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*From the President's Desk . . .*

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Dear Friends,

The uniform distribution function went off very well and the success of this function is because of you all. We have a detailed report inside.

The FIFA 2006.the quadrennial tournament which captured everybody's attention for a month came to an end on 9th of July when the Azzurris beat France in a penalty shoot out.The honour the Golden ball awardee Zidane had got from the whole world was lost in that one moment of madness in the 111th minute when he head-butted Materazzi. He may have been subject to indiscrete provocation, but his anger and frustration got the better of his coolness and composure, and it was an inexplicable fall from grace. The fact that reason resigns when emotion reigns was put to proof again.

On 17th of July, Our President APJ addressed the legislators of the state assembly in Bhopal on the occasion of Golden jubilee celebrations. But instead of taking him seriously, his lecture fell on deaf ears. The president had burnt the midnight oil and dwelt at length on women education, the legislators were seemingly catching up on their sleep. It is very unfortunate that the President's enthusiastic suggestions on making the state prosperous on health, education and infrastructure, were not shared by many legislators.

It's been 35 years of abjectness since India won in 1971. India's first win in Sabina Park, Kingston, Jamaica made us very happy as this was our First series win in WI for 35 years. Many of us would remember that on this ground in April 1976, the team was battered and bruised. The score line read 97 all out in the second innings but what is not revealed is the fact that five players were absent injured and many were badly hurt by the red cherry. Seen in this backlight, a series win even against a depleted WI brings many cheers.

Amidst this cheer, the heartless blasts at Mumbai were real reason for worry. The perpetrators of terrorism have been outrageously wounding the very fabric of our motherland at sinister frequencies. BLISS prays for eternal peace. During all these, the Vijay Diwas went unnoticed. The remembrance of those jawans with median age 19 to 35, who gave their today for our tomorrow went unsung. BLISS salutes those great soliders of Kargil war 1999. We will certainly remember July 26 in commemoration of those valiant jawans who sacrificed for the sake of the country.

**Yours friendly, T. J. RAMANI**

Gold winner

## வாழ்த்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்க முன்னாள் தலைவர் திரு.  
N. பட்டாபிராம் அவர்களது மகள் செளபாக்யவதி  
P. அம்பிகா அவர்களது திருமணம் 12.7.2006  
அன்று சிறப்பாக நடந்தேறியது.

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு.K.V. ரங்கராஜன்  
அவர்களது புதல்வர் சிரஞ்சீவி K.V.  
அனந்தகிருஷ்ணன் அவர்களது திருமணம்  
2.7.2006 அன்று சிறப்பாக நடந்தேறியது.

இவர்களின் திருமணத்திற்கு **BLISS** தனது  
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நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு. K.S.ஸ்ரீகாந்த்  
அவர்களின் தந்தையார் திரு K. ஸ்ரீனிவாசன்  
அவர்களின் சதாபிஷேகம், 3.7.2006 அன்று  
நடைபெற்றது. அன்னாருக்கு **BLISS**  
வணக்கங்களைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறது.

## என்று ஒழியும் இந்த தீவிரவாதம்?

Seven lethal bombs, seven Western Railway suburban trains. Seven explosions in just as many minutes beginning at 6.24 pm on Tuesday, July 11. Within moments, Mumbai had been brought to its knees. Nearly 1,000 innocent families suffered various personal tragedies; a bustling metropolis was scarred and battered once again. Terrorists had scripted the second major chapter of Mumbai's tryst with bombs.

Even as we hail the spirit of Mumbai as it recovers from Tuesday's horrific terrorist attacks that left about 200 people dead and many hundreds more injured, it is time to ask some tough questions.

Has India gone soft on terrorism? Have the hate-mongers interpreted India's restraint as impotence? Has the Government of India done enough to battle the monster of terrorism? India's refusal to look at any "tough options", can only mean that it will continue to bleed.

Terrorism in India can be attributed to India's many low intensity conflicts within its borders. If terrorism can be defined as "peacetime equivalent of war crime", then these sites of low intensity conflicts are prime spots for terrorism in India.. The perpetrators of terrorism have outrageously wounded the very fabric of India at sinister frequencies. These inhumane acts are condemnable outright and the persons responsible for these acts should be brought to book at the earliest.

**The city showed heart :** Even behind the scenes in the casualty ward there was no dearth of help. Mumbai is a teeming metropolis of contrasts, with glitzy high-rise office and apartment blocks standing side-by-side with slums and pavement dwellers. During the crisis, everyone chipped in - the pavement dwellers, shopkeepers, hawkers, residents of nearby buildings. In the chaotic crowd outside the hospitals, the Good Samaritans outnumbered the injured and their families. There were volunteers to control the volunteers. People queued up outside offering to donate blood.

Outside the gate, neighbourhood groups put up free tea stalls. A five-star hotel sent food packets for the injured, but the hospital authorities told them to distribute it to the relatives. Local medical shops refused to charge for the medicines that the hospital prescribed. Representatives of pharmaceutical companies came offering supplies. At Sion Hospital, a phone company had set up a van so that people could make free calls. A non-governmental organisation (NGO) offered counselling for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Several charitable groups had their representatives outside the wards offering different kinds of help.

Mumbai residents went out of their way to help fellow city dwellers, offering rides in cars, providing water, and biscuits as well as taking the dead and injured to hospitals.

It is ironical that the city which Readers Digest surveyed to be the rudest showed its most humane face. Volunteers with great presence of mind pulled out the padded seats in the first class compartment and used them to carry away people to the nearest platform.

Besides all these help, Mumbai limped back to normality soon. Millions of people packed trains and buses to get to work the next day itself. The act which was geared to disrupt the engine of India's resurgent economy was diffused.

BUT, 7/11 in Mumbai was not merely an expression of territorial desires by a disgruntled people. The scale and sophistication of the attacks suggest that they were aimed at a much large destruction. This definitely has the cross border backing and should remind us that vigilance across the borders can not be relaxed. The enemy will continue to adapt, change methods themselves and identify new soft spots amongst countries with common interests.

Simple deterrence doesn't work against an enemy that has no borders. Such sad days as of Mumbai should make us more determined to wipe away the last smudge of doubt for a coherent tough strategy against terror.

### Chronology of Major Incidents and human lives lost

- Feb 14,1998: serial blasts in Coimbatore -more than 50
- Oct 1, 2001 - Jammu-Kashmir assembly - about 35.
- Dec 13, 2001 - Parliament complex in New Delhi.
- Sep. 2002 - Akshardham temple in Gujarat, - about 31.
- May 14, 2003 - Army camp near Jammu - more than 30.
- Aug 25, 2003 - Car bombs in Mumbai- about 60.
- Aug 15, 2004 - Bomb explodes in Assam - about 16 people, mostly school children.
- Oct 29, 2005 - New Delhi - about Sixty-six people.
- Mar 7, 2006 - Three attacks in Varanasi - about 21
- Jul 11, 2006 - series of train bombing - about 183 people  
Also bombing at Srinagar on the same day.

The need of the hour is not mere denunciation but tough measures and stern action. The State need to be prepared to deal with the aftermath of acts of terror. Saving human lives is the first priority of any disaster management strategy. The immediate lesson of the Mumbai blasts from a disaster management perspective is the importance of keeping emergency medical services on alert.

Most disaster response mechanisms that are currently in place are set up to deal with natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, or disasters such as air and train crashes, or fires and building collapses in which human agency plays a major causative role. We need a national policy on terrorism as well.

Tackling terrorism requires an integrated strategy. What is required is not words but action, stronger & stern. Terrorism needs to be dealt with iron hands and curbed without any remorse. Only when the authorities are armed with firm laws and only when these criminals are punished, there could be some impact. Israelis have relied upon use of maximum force at source in a policy of instant retribution. Indian democracy should act tough on issues like curbing illegal immigrants, marshalling all resources in combating terrorism. These threats have to be met firmly, with determination and with a will to destroy them. Police forces have to be empowered.

Make no concession to terrorists and strikes no deals. Bring terrorists to justice for their crimes. Isolate and apply pressure on states that sponsor terrorism. Traditionally Bharath has been and should continue to be the land of peace. Anybody with sinister bent of mind towards terrorism must be wiped out without trace.

## கல்விப்பணியில் சைமா

The uniform distribution function was a grandiose function – neatly organized and smartly done. On 9th of July 2006, there was hectic activity at Sudarshan Hall of NKT Girls Higher Secy School, Triplicane. The function started on time with the invocation of God Saraswathi by Smt Prema Krishnamohan of Soundarya Rathnamala.

Dignataries Commodore UN Chitnavis, Dy Director General of the prestigious NCC, accompanied by his wife, Shri Hemanth Dugar, Managing Trustee of Rajastan Cosmo Club, Shri R Anand IPS, Director of Postal Services, Chennai Region and our motivator – Dr K Sridhar adorned the podium. Our President TJ Ramani welcomed the gathering while Vice President TA Sampathkumar compered the event.

Mr Hemanth Dugar praised our activities in his impressive speech and distributed financial assistance to 11 college students selected by us purely on economic criteria. Dr Sridhar who has been our motivating force all along, gave a motivational lecture for all the children. We had on stage the state rank holders - Ms Kavya & Vijay Varadharajan. Mementoes were given to them by Commodore UN Chitnavis. We have been honouring the toppers of various schools in Triplicane. Medal, certificate and cash award to these toppers were given by the State rankers & by the Commodore. NCC is a very high ranking institution with the motto of Unity and discipline which aims to develop qualities of character, courage, comradeship, discipline, leadership and the ideals of selfless service among the youth to make them useful citizens. This organization has been training and activating youth to provide leadership in all walks of life including the armed forces and is always available for the service of the nation. It was indeed SYMA's moment of pride to have high ranking official of NCC address the students which will go a long way in inculcating the right qualities and making them responsible citizens, which SYMA has been striving for.

SYMA over the years has been appreciating and recognizing those who have been making a difference to the society by their deeds by presenting SYMA Sewa awards. We always feel, that these dedicated persons who have been contributing immensely to the society are only doing us a favour by accepting the award. This year we had three persons who have been excelling in different spheres of life. Thiru Pooram Sathyamurthi lyengar despite his physical ill health has been teaching and propagating Vedas to many disciples. This person totally dedicated to the society and leading a saintly life was felicitated. Mr A.S. Sridharan an exponent in Yoga who has been teaching yoga free for the benefit of the residents of Triplicane was honoured. We also honoured Mr K Elangovan, a great sportsperson who has been coaching and nurturing many athletes, especially those from the economically poor strata of the society. These individuals were honoured with medals and citation handed over by Chief Guest Shri R Anand.

The young and suave Anand delivered a great lecture, tracing the origin of uniforms to the 16th century and how it evolved in various countries. He waxed eloquence in tamil also quoting many good poems inspiring the children. Vote of thanks was rendered by S Sampathkumar after which the uniforms were distributed.

We wish to place on record our deep sense of gratitude for all those without whose help we will not be in a position to serve the society in this magnitude. We are grateful to the dignitaries – Commodore UN Chitnavis, Mr R Anand and this person whom Thirukural aptly summarises in poem 978 ‘பணியுமாம் என்றும் பெருமை’ – Greatness humbly bends; the great will always humble themselves only the mean will exalt in self-admiration. A perfect living example of this was in our midst, it is none other than Dr Sridhar.

No words would be enough to praise the organization who have been performing wondrous social service – Rajasthan Cosmo Club – the Managing Trustee Shri Hemanth Dugar, their officials, especially Mr Bagath Singh. But for the support of RCC, we would not be in a position to distribute uniforms to so many. We look forward to having continued association with RCC.

We are thankful to Ms Kavya & TM Vijay Varadharajan for coming to the function and for showing the children what they should aspire to be. As already stated, the SYMA Sewa awardees have done us great honour by accepting the awards and we are thankful to them. Our thanks are due to Mr SAM Hussein, Ex MLA for the continued support and assistance. He has been another person with simplicity, very easily accessible, who has identified with SYMA and has attended many of our functions.

We place on record our thanks to Mr TA Ramachandran for instituting award to school toppers in memory of his mother, Sri Venkata Subramanian, the young advocate for the huge donation, Mangal Tirth Foundations, Shri Mukund and other donors. The dedicated work of our volunteers both in collection and in service deserve praise, especially J Venkatesan who has been collecting the maximum amount. We place on record our thanks to all those who donated – employees of Citi Bank, Royal Sundaram, Muscat Venkatraman, MK Ramanujam, Mafoi Management Consultants, Kumaran Stores, Happy Screens Ramesh, AN Sridhar, our member Ramesh (for the backdrop) and all those who actively involved themselves in the conduct of this function.

NKT Girls Higher Secy School Management have always been providing us the auditorium and we thank the Management / Principal and their staff for all their assistance.

Thanks giving would not be complete without special mention of the family members of our VP Mr Durai whose house was a veritable centre of activity in uniform distribution. Spl mention also needs to be made on the work of Sri BRP Sarathi, SRP Veeraraghavan, TAS, K Kesavan and host of others who has ensured prompt and proper distribution of the uniforms.

SYMA thanks all those good-hearted persons involved in our attempt to do something for the school children to attend school with dignity.

**Q :** On 15th July 2006 this occurrence, which is very similar to what those in city's southern suburb experienced on 30th June 2004 occurred, sentimentally hurting many. Can you relate these two dates or the occurrence?  
**(Ans.in Pg4)**

**ஸ்ரீநிவாஸ் இளைஞர்கள் நற்பணி சங்கம்**  
**அரிமா சங்கம் சென்னை வீனஸ்**  
**பம்மல் சங்கரா கண் மருத்துவமனை**  
**ஸ்ரீகாஞ்சி காமகோடி சங்கரா மருத்துவ அறக்கட்டளை**  
**ஸ்ரீ சீர்வி சமாஜ் பவன்**

**இலவச கண்புரை அறுவை சிகிச்சை முகாம்**

**இடம் :** ஸ்ரீ சீர்வி சமாஜ் பவன், டாக்டர் பெசன்ட் சாலை,  
 (ஐஸ் ஹவுஸ் பேருந்து நிலையம் எதிரில்) திருவல்லிக்கேணி, சென்னை - 5.  
**நாள் :** 15.8.2006, செவ்வாய் கிழமை  
**நேரம் :** காலை 9.00 மணி முதல் மதியம் 12.00 மணி வரை

முன்பதிவு செய்ய ஆகஸ்ட் 1 முதல் மாலை 5.00மணி முதல் 7.00 மணிக்குள்  
 சைமா மெடிக்கல் சென்டரில் தொடர்பு கொள்க.

**Ans to Q.in Pg.3**

The obvious connection was Southern Railway. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004, the Metre Gauge Electrical Motor Unit (EMU) or simply referred to as the Electric Train in Madras which had existed for more than 73 years entered into sheds, never to come out again, being replaced by BG lines.

Similar fate has befallen on the Tambaram-Rameswaram metre gauge train on 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, the train with more 200 passengers made its last journey on the historic Pamban rail bridge. The Madurai-Dhanushkodi and Tiruchi-Dhanushkodi sections of the Southern Railway are nearly 92 years old. Those were happier times when Sri Lanka and India had extensive bilateral cooperation. It was on the same metre gauge track, the SR operated boat mail to Chennai from Dhanushkodi. The SR also operated a ferry service called Irvin and Goschen, steamers, to take passengers from Dhanushkodi to Talaimannar in Sri Lanka.

However, the 1964 cyclone not only washed away Dhanushkodi but also vanished train track up to Rameswaram. However, the majestic Pamban Bridge commissioned in 1914 withstood the cyclone and continued to serve the metre gauge trains. Many octogenarians and septuagenarians, who had the experience of travelling in the boat mail in those days, lined up at various stations, including Ramanathapuram, Pamban and Rameswaram, on Saturday to bid adieu to the last train on the metre gauge.

On 24.6.2006, Saturday, Free Eye Camp was conducted at our Medical Centre. Experts from Rajan Eye Clinic conducted this camp. 70 persons were screened and were given medical advice.

We thank Rajan Eye Clinic for this service.

We also wish to thank Dr Madhuri S Balaji of Seshiah Diabetes Care & Research Institute for providing consultation to diabetic and general patients every month.

**வருந்துகிறோம்**

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு. P.K.நாராயணன் அவர்கள் (Swathy Gas Agency) 18.7.2006 அன்று இயற்கை எய்தினார். அன்னாரின் மறைவுக்கு **BLISS** தனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலைத் தெரிவிக்கிறது.

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