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From President's Desk . . .

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Dear (s)

The whole nation waited with bated breath and in a dramatic turn of fortunes after a suspense filled week, the maverick Prime Minister survived confidence vote. The trust vote was not merely about who governs the nation for how long. There were days of riotous and acrimonious debate in the Parliament punctuated by charges of bribery and wads of currency brought inside the people's house. All along the nation had little factual information on the Indian nuclear deal. There were abstentions and defections at the voting done by Electronic voting machine. In this melee, the spiralling prices, record high inflation, terrorist influence and host of unresolved issues went buried and trampled over.

Inflation, is an economic concept. The cause of inflation is not as important as the effect which the rise in prices. Inflation has risen to a new 13 year high, hitting shares and weakening the rupee. If some were to seek solace from past history, the Nation had experienced higher inflation before. It is stated that from 1973 to 75, the rate crossed 30 per cent and stayed in double digits for 18 months as the country reeled under the first oil shock. Prior to independence during the imperial regime, it is stated that the country suffered a higher % of inflation. There may not be any with memories of that shock.

The much touted Asia cup finals brought to fore one interesting aspect. Quite often, it is decried that players extend their career beyond their value but in the finals a 39 year old continued to torment India with a 125 off 114 balls. Viru's blistering onslaught was rendered irrelevant by a young fledgling Balapuwaduge Ajantha Winslo Mendis who sliced through to a 100 run victory. Way back in 1984 in the first edition held in Sharjah, India won the title with a ten wicket win over the then minnows Sri Lanka.

SYMA conducted the Uniform distribution function in a grand manner on 6th of July. Details in our next issue. Our Tuition centre was also launched at the same function by the City Policy Commissioner. We seek your continued support in establishing our ambitious project in uplifting the education standards of the children.

With regards – TA Sampathkumar.

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கல்விப் பணியில் சைமா

On 6th of July in the midst of hundreds of school children, City Policy Commissioner R Sekar launched "Growth" – SYMA's foray in to tutoring and guiding school children for a better future. On 12th of July, NKT Boys High School was abuzz with activity. We started the Tuition centre for + 2 (Science Group, English medium) and for 10th (Tamil medium). We intend running classes separately boys and girls around 30 in no. in each of these. Quality education is of utmost importance and none should be deprived of it.

For long, we have been discussing making a positive initiation in training school children and guiding them with better education. There are many children in our locality who struggle in their school curriculum and a proper study orientation would easily uplift them but they could ill afford private tuition due to their economic condition. We see a role for ourselves here. All of us need to realise the need and our role in this activity which we cherish to run in the years to come. The ripening of "Growth" will certainly ensure that no. of children are benefitted by our initiative in the years to come.

Article 21A of the Constitution of India (inserted by 86th amendment) is "Right to Education" which states that the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 in such manner as the State may, by law determine.

Education dispels ignorance. It is the only wealth that can be preserved without fear or loss. Liberation from ignorance which shrouds the mind starts with education and the importance of education needs no special emphasis. SYMA has avowed objective of improving the society and transformation of school children with quality education is uppermost in our mind.

Since ancient times, India has been a centre of excellence in the field of higher education. Nalanda, Vikramashila and Takshashila were few of the oldest universities in the world and were the most renowned seats of higher education during their time. Students' from far off countries came to study in these universities. The present system of higher education dates back to Mountstuart Elphinstone's minutes of 1823, which stressed on the need for establishing schools for teaching English and the European sciences.

In reality, not every one has an opportunity to receive good quality education. Unfortunately not all have the wherewithal to have this quality professional assistance – called private tuitions. The guidance at the right time will develop their self confidence, boost their morale and help them in understanding the text, score higher marks and eventually become responsible citizens earning well for their family and contributing to the national cause. SYMA sees a role in transfiguring the human personality in a

pattern of perfection through a synthetic process of nurturing, tutoring and enriching their mind and illumination of the spirit. Quality Education plays an important role in the progress of an individual's mind and country. Ignorance and poverty are major speed-breakers in the swift developing country and can be overcome easily through education.

Much of the country's woes can be controlled if all can have quality education. We have been dreaming to do something on this and this year we have launched our Tuition centre in right earnest.

It was very encouraging to see at the Tuition centre students frowning in concentration hearing with rapt attention the lecture of dedicated teachers. We are very happy to inform you all that the nos. enrolled reflects a happy position :

X Standard : Boys 27 ; Girls 27

XII Std : Boys 27 ; Girls 13

We place on record our sincere thanks for the Headmaster, Correspondent and administrators of the NK Thirumalachariar National Boys High School for allowing us to use the school premises for conduct of tuitions. We also place on record our thanks and appreciation for the following Educationists who have consented to conduct classes for the children:

Mr S Venkatadri, HM, NKT National Boys Higher Sec School ; Mrs KN Vijayalakshmi, Retd. HM, NKT National Boys Higher Sec School; Mrs S Vijaya, NKT National Girls Higher Secondary School ; Mr J Senthil Murugan, SIVET College, Gowrivakkam; Mr T Venkatesah, Hindu Senior Sec School; Mrs A Lakshmi, Hindu Senior Sec school, ; Mrs KS Kanthimathi

We also thank Mrs D Vijayashree who is the coordinator. We have a special committee comprising of R Vijayaraghavan, P Sampathkumar and KS Varadharajan for running this institution.

For ensuring continuity of this noble venture, we intend creating corpus and towards this all members are requested to contribute atleast Rs.1000/- towards this. Members are also requested to collect contributions from benevolent donors who have been helping us in all our endeavours.

Q: July 26, 1999 will go down in the annals of Indian history as a day when the determined Indian forces achieved a glorious victory over the retreating Pakistani army. Lets us not forget their sacrifices at any cost. Do you know the Param Vir Chakra Awardees

Ans in Pg 4

பொற்காலத்தின் வெள்ளிவிழா

25th June is a golden day in the annals of Indian Sports aka Cricket history. In our country cricket is a religion and the viewership perhaps went up further with IPL. Cricket is the king without throne of all the sports or games in India and so there is lot of money in this game now but that was not the scenario in the past. There were no commercial advertisements or product promotions for the players to earn a lot beside playing cricket.

Commentary on radio was very popular those days but the emergence of TV and the brilliance of camera work has driven it away. There were no colour televisions and Doordarshan gave live coverage of the Semi Finals and the Finals. In the night (Indian time) when the Windies were chasing there couple of disruptions and commentary went off for a short while. People were glued to the radio commentary which was very popular those days. Infact, in the league matches, there was no exclusive coverage and commentaries of different match partly would be on air on days where there were more than one matches. People walking on the road with transistors on their ear and huge crowds standing in the street around a radio were common sights.

The third edition as also the previous editions were sponsored by Prudential Assurance, a UK based financial services and insurance company. To those who have following India's cricket fortunes, it was a great moment to cherish when Kapil laid his hand on the most cherished piece of silverware. Those days the game was pretty different : day matches; players in white flannels; each innings played for 20 overs more than the total of the IPL match; lunch and tea breaks. No Coaches; no third umpires; no live coverage save for Semis & Finals.

For those of you who got enamoured by cricket in recent times and those of you who followed the misfortunes of the team in the recent episode of 2007 where we had a professional foreign coach but failed to reach round two having lost to Bangladesh & Sri Lanka, the information contained should be interesting !!

Coming into the third World Cup in England India were rated as rank outsiders at 66 to one. In two competitions, India had lost five games and won just one – against lowly East Africa. Hardly anyone gave the Indians a chance of making waves in the premier event and they arrived in London amidst no expectations at all back home.

The first match at Manchester against the mighty WI provided the correct start on 9th & 10th of June. Put into bat, helped by a splendid 89 by Yashpal, India scored 262/8 and restricted WI to 228. When play ended on 9th, WI were 67 for 2 in 22 overs. After defeating Zimbabwe, we lost to Australia with Trevor Chappell and Macleay taking 6 for 39.

In the next game – the return match against the West Indies – Viv blasted a century and Mohinder replied with a majestic 80 though he had many body blows. At this stage, the Indian challenge was fast fading. Early exit out of the competition looked imminent.

On June 18th at the little town of Turnbridge wells, history was to occur. The venue was deemed too small and the

match too irrelevant to merit a camera crew. Indians were crawling at 9 for 4 and in walked Kapil only to see Yashpal return at 17/5. he took on the bowlers to play the best of the one day knocks scripted, remained unbeaten with 175. 16 fours and 6 sixers flew from him.

An outstanding knock lifted the Indians from the floor and helped them win by 31 runs. They turn drubbed Aussie by 118 runs. Yashpal top scored with 40 and Aussies were all out at 129 with Madanlal and Binny capturing 4 apiece. The Underdogs mauled England to reach the finals for the first time. Upsets do not come much bigger.

In the memorable final, India lost the toss and were asked to bat first against a West Indies team that arguably boasted the world's best bowling attack. Andy Roberts shared the new ball the tall Joel Garner; followed by the fearsome Malcolm Marshall and Michael Holding. The West Indies had been dominating the cricket world in such a manner that a win against them was only a pipe dream for many. The batting line up boasted of mighty Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, great Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards, Larry Gomes, F Bacchus and the effable Clive Lloyd and Jeff Dujon. Compared to this ours was a lowly team with disastrous performances in the earlier editions. In the 1975 inaugural cup, India could beat the East Africans; losing out very badly to England and Newzealand. In the first match, Sunil played out the entire 60 overs remaining unbeaten with 36 to his discredit. In the 1979 edition, Indians lost all their three matches. Coming with this background, the entry into Semis itself surprised many pundits.

Put into bat- facing hostile attack, Gavaskar fell cheaply; the swash buckler Srikanth and the gutsy Mohinder offered significant resistance though the middle order was ripped by the fearsome foursome. Surprising rearguard action allowed India to compile 183 (all out, 54.4 overs). Only three sixes were hit in the Indian innings one by Krish; one by Sandeep and one by Madanlal. Most had written India off before they started bowling but there were great surprises in store. The bludgeon Greenidge after watching a couple of deliveries swaying out, shouldered arms to a beauty of Sandhu to have his stumps castled. In entered Vivian and straightway tormented the bowlers with Madan being easy fodder. It was an arrogant scoop over mid leg which saw the athletic Kapil covering 25 yards running backwards to cleanly take the skier, opening the sluice gates. The Indian bowlers exploited the weather and pitch conditions perfectly to bowl out the best batting lineup of the era for 140 from 52 overs in return, winning by 43 runs and completing one of the most stunning upsets in cricket history. Mohinder and Madanlal ended with 3 apiece; Jimmy was awarded the MoM in the Finals. There was no 'Man of the Series' awarded. The excitement was palpable and the Nation rejoined the whole night, recalling the events ball by ball – nay not on TV watching re telecasts, but describing and arguing with others on how the match turned out and how it was won. Yours Truly and host of the elder members of SYMA were certainly a part of those crowds, moving from one street to another, rejoicing with every known and unknown thousands of fans. The play and victory scenes are still etched in my memory. We have not had scented a victory of that magnitude thereafter is perhaps one of the reasons.....

வாழ்த்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்க முன்னாள் தலைவர் திரு. நா.பட்டாபிராம்-திருமதி எம்.எஸ். லலிதா அவர்களின் சஷ்டியப்த பூர்த்தி விழா, 22.06.2008 அன்று சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. அவர்களை BLISS வணங்குகிறது.

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We appreciate the efforts of R. Sanjeevi in keeping our website updated and also thank Mr. Chandrasekar, Creative Desk for the maintenance.

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அணுக வேண்டிய முகவரி : **சைமா** BLISS

சைமா மெடிக்கல் சென்டர்

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SYMA CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Date: **15.8.2008**, Friday, 8.00 a.m. at

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All are Welcome

Good news

SYMA gets nod from IT for 80G

Though SYMA's is 3 decades old, it was registered quite recently and another recognition has come from Income Tax Department. Now with the approval under 80 G (5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act 1961, donations to SYMA will be allowed exemption under 80 G subject to the limits prescribed therein.

This approval letter DIT (E) No.2(1589)07-08 dated 3/7/08 is valid for donations made to SYMA from 7.2.08 to 31.3.2009. The receipts issued by us after this date bear the relevant date. Incase, you are eligible, please contact us to enable our issuing a suitably worded letter.

We place on record our special thanks to Mr V. Murali Chartered Accountant who was instrumental in obtaining this approval.

Answer : Param Vir Chakra is the highest gallantry award for officers and other enlisted personnel of all military branches of India for the highest degree of valour in the presence of the enemy. The PVC was established on January 26, 1950, by the President of India, and is the second highest award after Bharat Ratna.

The medal was designed to symbolise Rishi Dadich who donated his thigh bones to gods for making Vajra and Shivaji's sword Bhawani. There have been 21 gallant winners thus far and four of them are of Kargil fame. They are :

Captain Vikram Batra – 13 JAK Rifles

Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey, – 11th Gorkha Rifles

Grenadier Yogender Singh Yadav – 18 Grenadiers

Rifleman Sanjay Kumar – 13 JAK Rifles.

To
