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From the President's Desk...

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Dear (s)

The rains just prior to Deepavali threw the city woefully out of gears bringing into focus the lack of preparedness. Muddy water to put it mildly, was stagnant everywhere and the residents experienced trouble in commuting to their places of work. Clearly the city is not planned for the modern day though the ill equipped employees of corporation struggle out in heavy rain or in pitch darkness in clearing fallen trees, clearing out silt from the choked drain or in such conservancy works & make way some temporary relief.

In the match at Mohali, Pakis surrendered abjectly to Proteas and crashed out of the tournament. Mohali geographically lies closer to the Wagah checkpost, the only Indo-Pak road crossing between Amritsar, India and Lahore, Pakistan. The security forces strain every nerve to prevent infiltration from across the border. In 2005 when a test match between India and Pak was hosted, thousands entered in and many of them have went missing thereafter and have not returned, perhaps infiltrating to other regions of the country. Though this is common knowledge, the Home Ministry granted visas to around 1,000 Pakistani visitors to watch the ICC Champions Trophy matches in India. Elsewhere at Mysore the Police arrested two Pakistani nationals suspected to be members of Al-Badr outfit. One of them reportedly had obtained a driving license from Chennai.

Whilst the cricket crazy nation went gaga, the Blue Billions crashed out of the tournament. Undeterred, We are gearing for the mega event – Child Fest. More details and invitations is on page 3

At the political front, whether due to the oil-for-food scandal, or paucity of resources in the upper echelons, the absence of a full-time External Affairs Minister for almost a year has cost the country dear. Thankfully, we have one now. India is an agrarian state and villages have been hailed high. But sadly besides poor productivity, there has been sickening reports about the death and suicide of farmers. The uncertainties of the agriculture have placed many poor agriculturists in debt-trap. Suicide is the only way by which they are finding relief. Of late, large industrial houses are taking a keen interest in agriculture. They are trying to bring about a dramatic paradigm change in Indian agriculture by embracing organised retail on a massive scale. This would perhaps help in areas like of storage of produce and improved food processing facilities. **Yours friendly, T. J. RAMANI**

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அறிவோம் நம் மாநகராட்சியை

Chennai Corporation is much maligned and is subjected to undue harsh criticism all the time. It is common for the public to comment that nothing moves in Govt. and people tend to relax leisurely. Many a times this is far from truth. When it was raining cat and dogs, with water stagnant everywhere, one could witness Corporation workers busy cleaning the roads, removing the fallen trees / debris / hoardings and what not, to mitigate the sufferings of the common man. How many of us realize that we are equally to blame for contributing to this mess. Whilst this not aimed to glorify Chennai Corporation, those who strive manfully struggling against all odds certainly deserve some appreciation. Recently, we met **Mr M. Ragupathy, AC of Zone 6**. Here are some insight about the activities of the Corporation.

Briefly, the Corporation of Chennai is the Oldest Municipal Institution in India established on the 29th September 1688. The Madras Municipal Corporation Act, 1919 (as amended) provides the basic Statutory authority for the administration now. The city has been growing in size and population and is bursting at seams unable to cope up with the ever growing populace. The Corporation renders multifarious civic services. For the sake of administrative convenience the Corporation area is divided into 10 Zones and each Zone is headed by a Zonal Officer.

Zone 6 comprises of 18 wards numbering from 79 to 96. Whilst Chepauk, Chintadripet, Thiruvallikeni are known names there are also other wards – Umarupulavar nagar, Azad nagar, Barathidasan nagar which form part of this Zone. This Zone has in it all – Schools of old lore, pristine colleges, many temples including the revered Sri Parthasarathi temple, churches and mosques, hospitals, bus terminus, railway station, slums, burial ground, beautiful beach and much more.

There are 1227 slums in Chennai City with immense demand for Preventive, Promotive & Curative Health services. For the people of the metropolis, the Corporation is responsible for : Health – maternity and child welfare, Family welfare, Prevention of communicable diseases like malaria, dengue, leptospirosis, Birth & death registration, maintenance of burial grounds, collection of property tax, maintenance of roads, street lights, debris/garbage removal, conservancy and solid waste management to name a few.

The Corporation maintains street lights. The street lamps were first introduced in 1785. Until 1910, the lighting of the City was done by Oil lights. Now we have Sodium vapour & Metal Halide lamps. Statistically it would bemuse to know that Zone 6 alone maintains 7625 street lights and has 16 high mast lights.

Removal of solid waste is another area of concern. In this Zone, the solid waste management has been privatized effec-

tive Mar 2000 and CES Onyx P Ltd is carrying out garbage clearance.

The corporation had taken the lead, propagated and helped implementing the rain water harvesting, the benefits of which is there to be seen. Chennai Corporation started installing Rain Water Harvesting structures from the year 2001-2002 in all the corporation owned buildings. Zone 6 has implemented rainwater harvesting with great success. Storm water drains have been built all over and the links provided to the temple tank have reaped rich. The temple tank not only presents beautiful sight, significantly the water table around has increased & the quality of ground water has improved. Chennai Corporation set its eye on the education front as early in 1912 with 40 primary schools. These schools cater to the Educational needs of the poorest of the poor especially in slums free of cost. There are many under Zone 6. With the concerted efforts, the standard of education offered by the Corporation schools has improved though the infrastructure needs lot of improvement.

In the times of disasters – whether it be fires in slums or natural like flood / tsunami, Corporation is in the forefront in rehabilitation. People are immediately accommodated in schools and their basic needs including food is taken care of.

We have on numerous occasions been witness to the speedy response of Zone 6 staff and officials. The alacrity and methodicity with which Mr T Soundaiah, the then AC acted during tsunami was indeed praise worthy. Now he has a worthy successor. You will be really surprised to know that these Officials are very much computer savvy and respond to complaints made on web also. All details of the zone are available at the Zonal Office – on the computer and on hard. They know every square inch of their zone.

The personnel are friendly and responsive to complaints. For complaints regarding – non burning of street lights, stagnant water, road maintenance, removal of fallen trees, spray for eradication of mosquitoes etc., residents can immediately contact the Zonal Office or make complaints on phone. For the easy reference of all the contact details of

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Q: All cricket lovers know that a 'hat-trick' occurs in cricket when a bowler dismisses three batsmen with consecutive deliveries. There have been 36 hat-tricks thus far, including two by Indian bowlers. But the two that occurred during 1988-89 are special. Do you know why ?

Answer in pg. 4

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A.I.R. and Doordarshan

Prize Distribution on 19.11.2006 6.30 p.m. **Dr. J. RADHAKRISHNAN I.A.S.**
Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj.

Sri. K. GOVINDARAJAN, Senior Vice-president and
Head Global special Projects and Administration, Polaris.

18th November 2006 - SATURDAY

S No.	Event	Timings
1.	Singing Competition (Preliminary)	08.45 a.m.
2.	Oratorical Competition (9th to 12th Std.)	08.45 a.m.
3.	Drawing Competition (9th to 12th Std.)	11.00 a.m.
4.	Quiz Competition (Preliminary / Final)	11.30 a.m.
5.	Fancy Dress Competition	
	□ Group - A (LKG, UKG and 1st Std.)	03.30 p.m.
	□ Group - B (2nd Std. to 5th Std.)	05.30 p.m.

19th November 2006 - SUNDAY

S No.	Event	Timings
1.	Drawing Competition (L.K.G. to 8th Std)	10.00 a.m
2.	Singing Competition (Finals)	12.00 Noon
3.	Dancing Competition	
	□ Group - A (LKG to 5th Std.)	02.30 p.m.
	□ Group - B (6th Std. to 12th Std.)	04.30 p.m.
4.	Prize Distribution	06.30 p.m.

**Seshadri R.
Sanjeevi R.**
Secretaries

T.J. Ramani
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பல வருடங்களாக நாம் சிறப்புடன் நடத்தி வரும் குழந்தைகள் விழாவிிற்கு அனைத்து உறுப்பினர்களும், தங்கள் குடும்பத்தினருடன், தவறாமல் வருமாறு வேண்டிக் கொள்கிறோம். விழா சிறப்புற நடைபெற தங்கள் ஒத்துழைப்பு மிக அவசியம். விழா நடைபெறும் இரண்டு தினங்களிலும், முன்னதாகவே வந்திருந்து சேவை புரியுமாறு வேண்டிக் கொள்கிறோம். ஓவியப்போட்டி மற்றும் மாறுவேடப்போட்டிகளில் குழந்தைகள் நேரடியாக விழா மைதானத்தில் பதிவு செய்து கொண்டு கலந்து கொள்ளலாம். மற்ற போட்டிகளுக்கு பள்ளிகள் மூலமாக மட்டுமே அனுமதி.

இரத்த தானம்

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர்கள் திருவாளர்கள் மணிகண்டன், D. ரவி, B. உத்தம்குமார், NKT. ஜெயகோபால் மற்றும் திருமதி சபாஷிணி வெங்கடேஷ் ஆகியோர் இரத்த தானம் செய்தனர். இவர்களை **BLISS** பாராட்டுகிறது.

இரத்த தானம் செய்ய விரும்புவோர் நமது இணையத்தில் பதிவு செய்து கொள்ளுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

மருத்துவ மையத்திற்கு உதவியாளர்

நமது மருத்துவ மையம் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்று வருகிறது. நோயாளிகள் அதிக அளவில் பயன் பெற்று வருகின்றனர். நாள்தவறாமல் நமது மருத்துவ மையத்தில் சமூகப்பணி ஆற்றி வரும் திரு. D.சாரநாதன் அவர்களைப் பாராட்டுகிறோம்.

சமூக உணர்வுடனும், சேவை மனப்பான்மையுடனும் பணியாற்ற விழைபவர்கள் தயை கூர்ந்து செயலரைத் தொடர்பு கொள்ளுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

சரண்யாவுக்கு நம் நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்

Triplicane has produced erudite scholars and people of pre eminence in many walks of life. Service to mankind runs in the soil and many social service organizations like SYMA have been inspiring people to do their wee bit to the society.

AP Saranya is only 18 but this confident & cheerful little girl has already made an impressive beginning by her deeds. Being brought up by a person dedicated to service has instilled in her the need for being a good citizen and in doing things necessary for the betterment of the society. Now she has the recognition conferred on her. This 12th standard student of Children's Garden Higher Secy. School is representing India in the International Youth Exchange Programme being organized by Japanese Red Cross Society. Students from nearly 30 other countries will partake in the Mega programme to be held at Tokyo in Nov. 06. Triplicane children should draw inspiration from her, not only for undertaking a 14 day trip abroad but more so as only two have been chosen for this trip by the Red Cross. The programme for students is aimed at inculcating in students principles such as neutrality, impartiality, unity, universality and independence.

She had been part of the Red Cross for good seven years and now she is an active participant in NSS as well. She helped in the rehabilitation process of those affected by the black Sunday tsunami, not only through Red cross but partook with keen interest in the activities of SYMA as well. She has been good academically; more importantly has been working in creating awareness of the need for civic amenities and keeping the environ clean. She has learned from every opportunity that has come her way. While she is planning to share her experience in welfare activities, she feels meeting students drawn from various countries will be a valuable experience in understanding the culture, the people and their way of life. Without batting eyelid, she said that the interaction would help in knowing how people fight disasters at various countries and the collective wisdom would be beneficial to all in catering to the needs of society better.

Saranya who is avidly planning the trip, humbly said that she owes her success to the School, HM, Correspondent & Convenor of Junior Red Cross. Children endowed with such attitude are certain to be of immense help to the future society. **BLISS** wishes this biomedical science aspirant a very good academic career & long life in social service.

வருந்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்கத்திற்கு பலவிதங்களில் உதவிவந்த ஸ்ரீவாதிகேசரி அழகிய மணவாள ராமானுஜ ஜீயர் 4.11.2006 அன்று பரமபதித்தார். இவரது மறைவு வைணவ சமூகத்திற்கும், நமக்கும் ஒரு பேரிழப்பாகும்.

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு. டி.என். ஸ்ரீனிவாசன் (குப்பண்ணா) அவர்களின் தாயார் திருமதி டி.என். சௌந்தரகோகிலம் 30.10.2006 அன்று இயற்கை எய்தினார். அன்னாரின் மறைவுக்கு **BLISS** தனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலைத் தெரிவிக்கிறது.

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Ans : : In the first 111 years of Test cricket, there were 17 hat-tricks, and all of them came in the same innings, although some of them involved two different overs. Then, at Brisbane in 1988-89, Courtney Walsh took a hat-trick for West Indies against Australia that was spread over two innings. Amazingly, in the very next Test at Perth, Australia's Merv Hughes did the same thing - and this time it involved part of three different overs. "Big Merv" had Curtly Ambrose caught behind with the last ball of his 36th over, then had last man Patrick Patterson caught from the first ball of his next over, which ended the innings. That meant he was on a hat-trick, which he completed late the following day by trapping Gordon Greenidge lbw with the first ball of the second innings. By the way, it is reported that a hat-trick can be spread over two innings like this, but not over two separate matches - I'm not quite sure why!

To
