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From Editor's Desk . . .

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After months of scorching heat, there was respite as it rained heavily. The downpour was not only a respite but inundated roads, caused traffic snarls and adversely hit the harvest of paddy crops in the delta region. The State is heavily dependant on monsoon – the NE monsoon turned vigorous and the persistence of low pressure poured rains. We had completed the cleaning of silt from the temple tank and the rains ensured that the tank is brimming with water again which is very heart warming.

There has been plenty for the cricket lovers. The T20 Champions League presented new dimensions. This format belongs more to batsmen and a team. A small island country from the Southern caribbean with an area of 5128 sq km and encountered by Christopher Columbus during 1498 enthralled the fans. It was the team from Trinidad & Tobago which was a hit in a format that belongs to batsmen. The much expected ODI tourney featuring Aussie did not go Indian way, though there was a great innings by Sachin who continues to glow 20 years after his debut.

The Ranji Trophy, India's premier domestic competition, is moving into its 76th year and it will be interesting to see whether this age-old competition manages to hold relevance in the era of the IPL and Champion League Twenty20. The State team had a semi final spot last year but were edged out by UP.

There has been palpable tension across the border. Along the Indo Bangla border in southern Tripura, Bangladesh Rifles troopers threatened to open fire at the labourers repairing the Indian Highway. This is a civilian highway connecting subdivisions of South Tripura – Belonia and Sabroom and the tiny tot Nation tries waging. The bigger Nation China had expressed strong dissatisfaction when Indian PM campaigned at Arunachal Pradesh wooing voters for the assembly elections. Beijing also protested to the visit by the Tibetan leader Dalai Lama. These protests and animosity have fuelled fears of military aggression prompting need for reinforcing the border. Arunachal is not a disputed territory but an integral part of the Nation.

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## திருக்குளத் தூய்மையில் சைமாவின் பங்கு

திருவல்லிக்கேணி ஸ்ரீபார்த்தரின் கைரவிணி புஷ்கரணி இன்று அழகுற மிளிக்கிறது. பல இடர்பாடுகளுக்கு இடையில் குளத்தினை தூய்மைப்படுத்தும் பணி முடிவடைந்தது. இத்திருக்குளம் நடுவில் சிமெண்ட் தளமும், சுற்றிலும் மண்பரப்பும் உள்ளது என்பது தெரிந்ததே. மண்பரப்பு எனில் சாதாரணமாக தூர் வார முடியும். இங்கே முதலில் நீரை மோட்டார் உதவி கொண்டு இறைத்தோம். அதற்கு முன் மீன் இனங்கள் வெளியேற்றப்பட்டன. அடிப்பரப்பு அதிக சேறும் சகதியுமாக இருந்தது. ஒரு கட்டத்தில் பெரிய பொக்லைன் இயந்திரத்தை குளத்தினில் இறக்கி சுத்தம் செய்தோம். இவ்வியந்திரம் இறங்க வசதியாக ஒரு பக்கக் படிக்கட்டுகளில் மணல் மூட்டைகள் பரப்பப்பட்டன. இயந்திரம் குப்பைகள் அகற்றியதும் பல ஆட்கள் அழுக்குகளைக் பெருக்கி, குவித்து கூடைகளில் வெளியேற்றினர். இவ்வாறு எடுக்கப்பட்ட கூளங்கள், சேறாய் குளக்கரையில் மலையாக குவிந்தன. மாநகராட்சி துப்புரவுப் பணியாளர்கள் உதவியுடன் இவையும் அப்புறப்படுத்தப்பட்டன.

நன்றாக, சுட்டெரித்த கதிரவனால் குளம் காய்ந்து செப்டம்பர் மாதம் முன் பகுதியில் கட்டாந்தரையாக, வெறுமையாக, சுத்தமாக காட்சி அளித்தது.

14.10.2009 அன்று தேவஸ்தானம் குளத்தில் புனருத்தாரண சம்ப்ரோக்ஷண யாகம் நடத்தினர். பெரியமுறை ஸ்ரீபார்த்தசாரதி பட்டாச்சாரியார் நடத்தி வைத்தார். கோவில் துணைஆணையர் திரு ஜெயராமன் தலைமையில் காலை இந்த பூஜை நடந்தது. இச்சமயம் கோயில் தலைமை அதிகாரி சைமாவின் பணிகளை பாராட்டிப் பேசினார். தூய்மைப்பணிகளை முன்னின்று

நடத்திய திரு.எஸ்.ஆர். பார்த்தசாரதி, திரு. வீரராகவன் பொன்னாடை போர்த்தி கவுரவிக்கப்பட்டனர். அவர்களது சிறந்த பணிகளைப் பாராட்டி சைமாவின் சார்பில் கேடயம் வழங்கப்பட்டது. திருக்குளத் தூய்மைப்பணியின் பல்வேறு நிலைகளை சித்தரிக்கும் புகைப்படங்களை நமது இணையதளத்தில் காண்க.

இம்மாத ஆரம்பத்தில் பருவ மழையாலும், குறைந்த காற்றழுத்த மண்டலத்தாலும் சில நாட்கள் இடைவிடாது பெய்த மழையால் திருக்குளம் நிரம்ப ஆரம்பித்தது. மழைநீர் சேகரிப்புத் திட்ட வெற்றியால் நீர் வீணாகாமல் குளத்தை வந்து அடைவதால் நான்கைந்து நாட்களிலேயே சிமெண்ட் தளப்பரப்பு முழுவதும் நீர் நிறைந்து, குளுமையாகக் காட்சியளிக்கிறது. மேலும் பெய்து வரும் மழையால் குளத்தில் நீர்மட்டம் உயர்ந்து கொண்டே வருகிறது. உள்ளே வரும் நீர், இயற்கை முறையில் சுத்தகரிக்கப்பட்டு அழுக்குகள் நீங்கி நல்ல நீராக இறங்க ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்து உள்ளோம்.

“வரப்புயர் நீர் உயரும். நீர் உயர் நெல் உயரும்.” என நீர்வளம் அனைவர்க்கும் நன்மை செய்யும். திருக்குளத்தின் நீர்வருகை சுற்றுப்புறத்தில் நீர்மட்ட அளவை அதிகரித்து வீடுகளுக்கு நிலத்தடி நீர் நன்னீராக கிடைக்க வழிவகுத்துள்ளது. திருக்குள பராமரிப்பு இறைபணி மட்டுமல்ல. சமுதாயப்பணி. சுத்தம், சுகாதாரம் காரணங்களும் கூட.

இப்பணியில் சிறப்பாக பணியாற்றிய திரு. எஸ்.ஆர். பார்த்தசாரதி, திரு. வீரராகவன் ஆகியோரைப் பாராட்டி இப்பணியில் செயல்பட அனுமதியளித்த திருக்கோயில் நிர்வாகிகளுக்கு நமது நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

### தீபாவளி கொண்டாட்டம்

Deepavali, the festival of lights easily is one of the most grand festivals in India. It had international splendour when Bharak Obama lighted the ceremonial lamp at the White House amidst chanting of Vedic mantras seeking world peace, becoming the first US President to personally grace the occasion. He said that it is fitting to begin the work in the week when some of the world's greatest faiths celebrate the triumph of good over evil. Several eminent members of the Indian community, nearly half a dozen members of his Cabinet and several Indian American members of his administration, the visiting Union Minister of Commerce, Anand Sharma, and Indian Ambassador to the US Meera Shankar graced the occasion. Pandit Narayanacharya Digalakote from the Sri Shiva Vishnu temple chanted Vedic mantras.

### மருத்துவப்பணியில் சைமா

SYMA cherishes the dream of eradication of diseases and healthy life for all. Asthma is a chronic lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways. It causes recurrence of wheezing, breathing trouble and coughing, especially in the morning or at night. Early detection and medication will help in having a good cure.

On 13/9/09, SYMA conducted Free Asthma & Allergy camp at NKT Boys High School, Triplicane, Chennai 5. This was organized along with CIPLA Ltd. Around 70 persons were screened and were provided free consultation and medicines.

## அருணாச்சலம் இந்தியாவின் ஒரு பகுதி தான்!

To add to the woes of cross border infiltration from Pakistan we have another neighbour continuously fomenting trouble. The Nation which virtually has border disputes with all its neighbours – India, Tibet, North Korea, Japan and Phillipines protested when the Indian PM visited an Indian State campaigning for the general elections. China had earlier fought bitterly for a literal no man's barren land in the high altitudes of Himalayas.

Arunachal Pradesh voted for the state Assembly Legislature on Oct 13, 2009. Although its a 60-member legislature, the polls were only to elect 57 members as three candidates were already declared elected unopposed including, CM Dorjee Kahndu. Congress won in 42 seats and formed Government. Here is something about Arunachal Pradesh which is an integral part of India. It is situated between latitude 26° 30' N and 29° 30' N and longitude 91° 30' E and 97° 30' E.

Much of Arunachal Pradesh is covered by the Himalayas. However, parts of Lohit, Changlang and Tirap are covered by the Patkai hills. Kangto, Nyegi Kangsang, the main Gorichen peak and the Eastern Gorichen peak are some of the highest peaks in this region of the Himalayas. It is also the Himalayan ranges extending on eastern side that separates it from China. It stretches from snow-capped mountains in the north to the plains of Brahmaputra valley in the south. Arunachal is the largest state area-wise in the north-east region, even larger than Assam which is the most populous. Arunachal Pradesh, shares international boundaries with Bhutan, Tibet, China and Myanmar to the west, north-east, north and east respectively, and the state boundaries with Assam and Nagaland. China has been disputing the McMahon line. Itanagar is the capital of the state. Arunachal Pradesh means "land of the dawn lit mountains" in Sanskrit. It is also known as "land of the rising sun". Most of the people native to and/or living in Arunachal Pradesh are of Tibeto-Burman origin. Part of the famous Ledo Burma Road, which was a lifeline to China during World War II, passes through the eastern part of the state.

Arunachal has an area or 83743 Sq.km and has a population of 1097968. There are many languages spoken with Monpa, Miji, Nyishi, Khanti, Nocte, Tangsa and Wancho being principal languages. Arunachal attained statehood on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1987. Its capital is Itanagar meaning fort of bricks is located at an altitude of 530 meters above sea level. The NEFA (North East Frontier Agency) became an integral part of the Union of India at the time of independence itself. Many exploration and excavations have identified the ruins as

dating approximately from the early Christian era. Modern history of Arunachal Pradesh begins with the inception of British rule in Assam after the treaty of Yandaboo, concluded on 24 February 1826. Before 1962, the area was popularly known as the NEFA, and was constitutionally a part of Assam. It was administered by the Ministry of External Affairs until 1965, and subsequently by the Ministry of Home Affairs, through the Governor of Assam. In 1972, the NEFA became a Union Territory when Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister and acquired the name of Arunachal Pradesh. After 3 years, in 1975, it acquired a legislature. And finally, on 20th February 1987 Statehood was conferred on Arunachal Pradesh when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister and it became the 25th State of the Union of India.

Broadly the people of this land can be divided into three cultural groups on the basis of their socio-religious affinities. The Monpas and Sherdukpens of Tawang and West Kameng districts follow the lamaistic tradition of Mahayana Buddhism. Largely agriculturists, they practice terrace cultivation and are also pastoral breeding herds of yak and mountain sheep. The villages of these communities have richly decorated Buddhist temples, locally called 'Gompas'. The second group of the people are Adis, Akas, Apatanis, Bangnis, Nishis, Mishmis, Mijis, Thongsas etc., who worship Sun and Moon God namely, Donyi-Polo and Abo-Tani, the original ancestors for most of these tribes. The third group comprises Noctes and Wanchos, adjoining Nagaland in the Tirap District. These are hardy people known for their strictly structured village society in which hereditary village chief still plays a vital role. The Noctes also practise elementary form of Vaishnavism.

When the British were ruling India, they had demarcated the boundaries between India and China by what is known as McMohan Line. This Line runs to a large extent through Arunachal Pradesh's 1030-km unfenced boundary with China. Beijing never recognised the McMohan Line and has been consistently accusing India of taking away 90,000 sq km of its land. But China shows amnesia when it comes to the north where it occupies a chunk of territory in Kashmir that India regards as its own and it runs in to 43,180 sq km of Jammu and Kashmir.

Q: During the Indian Emergency (1975-77) the Independence Day of 1975 was significant for Chennai and changed the way of the people in terms of entertainment. Can you recall the event inaugurated by Kodardas Kalidas Shah who was the Governor and VC Shukla, the Central Minister. **Ans : in Pg4**

## கலைமாமணி வீரமணி ராஜ்வுக்கு பாராட்டு

The power of music is soul stirring. Music can truly uplift, inspire, enlighten, soothe and entertain – all at the same time. There have been some great persons who have endeared themselves by rendering mellifluous devotional songs. Residents of Triplicane still remember Kalaimamani K Veeramani who adorned many stages alongwith his brother K Somu, a composer and lyricist. Iyyappa devotees will ever remember them for the song ‘Pallikattu Sabari Malaikku’.

Shri Raju was born on 2nd May 1961. He had his education at Hindu High School. Apart from the educational curriculum, hailing from the family of devotional singers, Raju was inclined to music and arts. In his early days, he was instrumental in organizing a group which conducted stage dramas on various themes drawn from Epics in which he was the star performer. Those dramas were also marked with great background music and devotional songs, some by the legendary DB Ramachandran as well.

They lived in TP Koil Street, near Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple and we had great acquaintance with Veeramani Raju, who turned into a famous devotional singer later. Shri Raju started his journey towards fulfilling the desire of K Veeramani in spreading devotional music. He has been performing from the young age of in 1971 and had sung in many stages alongwith his guru K Veeramani. He has inherited all the good qualities of guru as also the sound and sweet voice in rendering devotional songs in unique way. Apart from stage performances, he has given performances in many major temples across the country. Come November, the Sabarimala Season, you can hear the sweet voice of Veeramani Raju across in temples and in many devotional conglomerations. He has visited and rendered performance in various countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Srilanka and South Africa. He has also released many cassettes and CDs on various deities released by leading Companies.

Shri Raju was conferred with title ‘Irai Isai Thendral’ by Murugal Adiyargal, Triplicane, ‘Iyyappa Amirtha Gana Bhaskaran’ by Sri Sathguru Santhananda Swamigal; ‘Dheiveega Paadagar’ by Kachaleeswarar Temple Murugan Adiyar Thirukkootam. He has been nominated as ‘Asthana Vidhwan’ of Mari Amman Temple, Singapore.

This year he has been conferred with Kalaimamani Award, which is decided by Eyal Isai Nataka Manram and felicitated by the Chief Minister himself. The Kalaimamani award is recognition par excellence given to top performers in the field of Art and literature.

We feel very happy for the rightful honouring of Veeramani Raju and we are proud that he belongs to Triplicane.

Ans : On that day began the public broadcast of DD Chennai on an experimental basis from a makeshift studio at Chennai Doordarshan Kendra in Chennai as part of All India Radio. It started with 20 TV receivers in and around Chennai and transmitted one hour educational and developmental programs twice a week. People having access to multitudes of channels broadcasting throughout the day would find it very hard to believe that cinema songs in those days were telecast once in a week that too for half an hour titled ‘Oliyum and Olliyum’. 1976 saw the birth of a full fledged Doordarshan. At a National level this had started on 15/9/1959 as part of All India Radio.

### வருந்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்க ஆயுள் உறுப்பினர், திரு.ஏ.ஸ்ரீராம் அவர்களின் தாயார் திருமதி ஏ.கனகவல்லி (84) 23.9.2009 அன்று காலமானார். அன்னாருக்கு **BLISS** தனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறது.

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