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Dear (s)

Another year fledged past, SYMA looks forward to serving the Society more and not rest on any past laurels. We have printed a calendar incorporating important telephone nos. of utility services; they have been distributed to all our members, well-wishers and known persons in the locality.

The country that shares our borders and our history has never been kind with us. Pakistan Army capped its continued string of gross violations by crossing the LOC in the Mendhar sector and killing two jawans of the Indian Army and mutilating the body of one of the two killed Indian Army men. The two soldiers who laid down their lives have been identified as Lance Naik Hemraj and Lance Naik Sudhakar Singh. For the savagery, one of the Ministers spoke of 'proportionate reaction' to the act from India. There is no point in diplomacy and talks of confidence building measures, when our soldiers are bleeding, that too attack made inside our frontier and of course nothing as Cricket diplomacy.

Nirbhaya, sure had better plans and aspirations ~ all cut short on Dec 29 when she breathed her last at Singapore's Mount Elizabeth Hospital after battling for survival for 13 days. She has made the citizens flock to the square but Q always remains on whether the country will rise after this or will this be another forgotten story with no end? Nation does get reasonably angry, anger seethes when you read and hear of such incidents ~ but short lived and forgotten in a few days or till the next thing takes over. Remember that National Bravery Award for Indian children given each year were instituted in 1978, in the memory of Chopra children who laid their lives while confronting their kidnapers.

Read with concern an analysis which makes us ponder – what is development and where the Nation is heading for? Many parts of the Country are under acute water crisis, access to potable water is much less but mobile telephony is growing phenomenally. Goa grows most in vehicle per household, Tripura scores in banking services; Tamil Nadu registers highest growth in TV ownership.

Our annual Child Fest ~ the grand fete for school children is planned to be conducted on 27th Jan & 3rd Feb. Full details are on page 2. Request all our members to attend and help us in organizing the show.

Wishing you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and Pongal. .- **With Regards – S. Sampathkumar.**

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Gold Winner- SYMA Child Fest 2013.

Expectations are running high and calls have started pouring in Children are our future and inculcating good qualities in them and making them responsible citizens is the responsibility of the Society. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbibing discipline, commitment, mental strength, self-consciousness and other virtues. Child Fest is one such attempt aimed at imbibing in them the skill sets, confidence and more importantly competitiveness. Child Fest provides a competitive platform for showcasing talent in various fields. Over the years, this has become immensely popular with schools and with children, as the numbers are growing multifold year after year. The fete is a two day affair with individual participation in Drawing and Fancy Dress – the rest are representation through schools.

This year also the mega event is sponsored by Gold winner and will be known as “Gold Winner SYMA Child Fest 2013”. Learning from our experiences, we have been trying to improve the way we conduct this every year trying to cope up with the increasing no. of competitors. For the past few years, the 2 day event, is being held on successive Sundays.

The Drawing Competition in 6 Groups [Lkg to 12th Standard] will be held Sunday, 27th Jan 2013 and the venue will be the majestic red building of The Hindu High School, 149 Big Street, Triplicane, Chennai 5 where we have been conducting this for the past 2 years. The stage would then shift to NKT National Girls High School, Besant Road, Triplicane, Chennai 600 005 for the rest of the events to be held on Sunday, the 3rd of February 2013. The Events on Day 2 would be : Singing (Carnatic & Film); Quiz (6th to 9th ; 10th to 12th), Fancy Dress, Instrumental Fusion and Group dance events.

The brochures containing all details are being sent to schools. The Prize Distribution function will be held @ 0600 pm on 3rd Feb 2013 at NKT National Girls High School. We invite you all to the function.

27th January 2013

**Venue : The Hindu Higher Secondary School
Big Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 5**

Drawing Competitions, Open to all school children
Registration directly at the venue itself
Students are required to carry school Identity Card

09.00 a.m. - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th
11.00 a.m. - 3rd, 4th & 5th Std
1.30 p.m. - LKG, UKG, 1st & 2nd Std
3.15 p.m. - 6th, 7th, and 8th Std

3rd February 2013

**Venue : NKT National Girls Higher Secondary School
Triplicane, Chennai - 5**

9.00 a.m. - Singing Carnatic
11.00 a.m. - Singing Film Songs
11.00 a.m. Quiz Prelims
1.00 p.m. Quiz Competition Finals
2.30 p.m. - Instrumental Fusion
3.30 p.m. Dance (LKG to V Std)
5.00 p.m. - Fancy Dress (LKG to I Std)
6.30 p.m. - Prize Distribution Function

For Full and Complete details Please see www.syma.in

Welcoming You All and Wishing to be with you; All SYMA members are requested to associate themselves and help us in smooth conduct of the event. You are requested to contact the Programme Coordinator Mr R Sanjeevi, Secretary, SYMA @ 9940086026.

Sad another life was lost in a strange accident – kite thread cutting his life... Times View suggests ‘Kite flying as a pastime need not be banned, but it’s time we dealt with the ‘maanja’ as a weapon in the hands of unauthorised persons.’ The life of a 33 year old person was cut short while crossing a bridge on Pallavan Salai on a 2 wheeler with his wife and daughter. A stray line of ‘maanja’ slit his throat and brought a sad end to his life and hopes of his family.

The thread that flies the kite is called ‘maanja’ ~ the very word sends shivers down the spines of bikers in Chennai. This again is manufactured ! with skill ~ this bundled thread is a coated one, a coating of glass powder, colour, vajram [the adhesive] and more; the thread powerful enough to cut the thread of other kites, may be the wings of birds that come in the way, the hands of those flying and sadly sometimes the neck of those on road....

The recent killing sure was not the first of its kind..... such things do get reported in paper, perhaps not many care to read them even. Flying kite was indeed a pastime decades ago, where there was place on housetops, when roads were with less traffic, – a game, no longer when there is no space in the city and when it poses grave danger to people on road. It is no longer a game, a thing capable of endangering human life is very bad and it is time, it is stopped totally.

Q : People are looking forward to travelling in Metro Rail, which is underway. MRTS, was thought to be its precursor. Do you remember the timeline of the elevated railway or when was it inaugurated ? - **Ans in page 4**

மருத்துவ பணியில் சைமா

On 30th Dec 2012, SYMA in association with CIPLA conducted Asthma Awareness and detection camp at NKT National Boys High School, Triplicane.

Asthma is a disorder that causes the airways of the lungs to swell and narrow, leading to wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and coughing. Asthma is caused by inflammation in the airways. Many suffer from this chronic inflammatory disease and their suffering increases during winter. Around 50 people were treated in the camp. Besides physical examination, spirometry test for those who required testing was also conducted.

We are thankful to Dr Vinothkumar for the active support in conduct of this camp. We thank CIPLA for their cooperation. Special thanks are due to Mr S Venkatadri, HM and the management of National Boys High School for the premises and support. The camp was well coordinated by Sadagopan MA supported by other SYMA volunteers.



வாழ்த்துகிறோம்



நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் **ஸ்ரீமான் எஸ். ராஜாராம் பட்டாச்சார் - செள. ஜி. ரஜினி** தம்பதியர் அவர்களின் சஷ்டியப்த பூர்த்தி விழா 23.9.2012 அன்று விமரிசையாக நடைபெற்றது. தம்பதியரை **Bliss** வாழ்த்துகிறது.

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கல்விப் பணியில் சைமா

Our cherished initiatives in educating, uplifting their standards and making them responsible citizens ~ the SYMA Growth is going on well. For our progress and good quality education imparted to students, we are ever thankful to the NKT National Boys High School, Mr S Venkatadri, HM and all our teaching staff including : Mr. Senthil Murugan, Mr. KS Venkatakrishnan, Mr.Kannan, Mr. T Srinivasan, Mrs KN Vijayalakshmi, Mrs Subashini, Mrs. Lakshmi Arulalan, Mrs. Ganthimathi, Ms.M.Yogambal, Mr. Tamilvannan , Mr.Lakshmanan, Mr MK Sridharan, Mr. Shahul Hameed – for their care and attendance. Our Coordinator Mrs Thara and the team who assists her also deserve special appreciation.

Besides education, we have plans for the overall personality development of the students too. On 30th Nov. 12, students at SYMA Growth had a different experience as they listened and participated in a motivational training thanks to our member SR Ragunathan.

Ms Kirtanya Krishnamurthy, a young speaker, founder of Mind Fresh was at the school delivering an inspirational talk to our students.

MindFresh specialises in training the minds of our young population to skillfully handle their emotions, relationships, skills, attitudes, habits and to forever strive for excellence in their inner world as well as the outer. It was an hour when the students heard with rapt attention to the positive thinking and keeping the mind without prejudices intricately woven into their minds with the help of some good videos too. For the students this was a very different session and they thoroughly enjoyed the inspirational training.

A mid-year review through full-fledged tests is underway. We have been striving for uplifting the society by providing quality education to lesser privileged children. Our efforts are well supported by many of you. Recently, ITC provided 100 long note books which were distributed to students. We place on record our thanks to Ms Asma Fathema of ITC and our member Mr TP Srikanth for this.

Vaikunda Ekadasi is a very special day and thousands of people visit Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. On Vaikunda Ekadasi day, SYMA distributed food packets and water to the devotees standing in the Queue to have darshan of Lord Parthasarathi. The special efforts of SR Parthasarathi, KS Varadharajan, Meiyur Kannan, Mrs Prema, Mrs Shobhana Narasimhan is appreciated.

12th January marks the 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Triplicane has got a special connection as Swamiji stayed in Triplicane, immediately after coming from the West in 1897. On this special occasion SYMA pays floral tributes to Swamiji. Let us celebrate this year remembering Swamiji and dedicating ourselves to the great cause enunciated by Swamiji through his life.

காவல்துறை நமது நண்பன்

Those men in uniform are so important for the society for they make us live peacefully by enforcing law and order and protecting the property. They are the ones having the power of legitimized use of force. TN Police is known for their efficiency and have a long history. Chennai Police dates back to the days of Madraspatnam in 1659 when Chennai was nothing more than group of fishing villages.

The crime graph in Chennai is not high and fortunately Chennai is a peaceful place to live. The ever expanding cityline, the uncontrolled numbers of people visiting Chennai, poverty, unemployment, too many vehicular movements all pose a problem to policing. In tune with the changes everywhere, the City Police no longer zip around in Jeeps, they are now seen on Hyundai Accent, Bolero, Toyota Innova and more..... you get to see patrol vehicles often zipping along the road, controlling the trouble spots and reaching out to people.

Around Triplicane, we have some Police stations and the one at Ice House D3 has jurisdiction for better part of the Triplicane. It is but natural that there cannot be a police cop present on your street all the time, still you can easily reach the Police and ensure that your locality stays calm, trouble-free and crime-free. Mr R Dhalavoisamy, Inspector of Police, D3 PS recently held a meeting at his office with local residents at which SYMA was also represented.

Mr Dhalavoisamy briefed on the preparedness of the Police and on the efforts taken by them in ensuring law and order. He stated that the patrol vehicle would be stationed in front of National Girls High School at Besant road and would immediately respond to any call for help. Besides there would be at least 2 visible points where police presence would be permanently felt. He requested all the local residents to help themselves and cooperate by contacting Police authorities, whenever they apprehend trouble in any form. He urged the need for utilizing Police Helpline by calling '100' – all calls to this No. are monitored round the clock and responded to immediately. If every street can have at least 2 representatives, who keep vigil on their living place and contact the local Police station / Control room / Police Inspector himself – it would help the citizens in a big way, he said. Mr Dhalavoisamy has been leading from the front and his presence is always felt in the areas of Triplicane - his devoted efforts, definitely deserve appreciation. Anyone of you apprehending some trouble can immediately contact the D3 Police Station 28446588 @ or call 100 or in case of emergency, the Inspector Mr R Dhalavoisamy himself @ 9840976307.

வருந்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்க முன்னாள் செயலர் திரு. விட்டல் நாராயணன் அவர்களின் தந்தையார் திரு. ஆர். விட்டல் ராவ், 1.12.2012 அன்று இயற்கை எய்தினார். அவருக்கு வயது 87. அன்னாரின் மறைவுக்கு **Bliss** தனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலைத் தெரிவிக்கிறது.

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Ans to Q in pg 2: At that time it was a wonder, train running above the ground on elevated track. Chennai Mass Rapid Transit System [MRTS] now covers a distance of 19.34 km with 17 stations, between Beach to Velachery. Though the 1st phase was Beach to Thirumayilai, the first train was run between Chennai beach to Chepauk on 16th Nov 1995; then extended to Thirumayilai station in Mylapore in 1997. In a move to increase safety of women with study revealing that most crimes take place near stairs, exits, it has been decided that all Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) stations in the city will soon have only one entry and exit point.

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