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## From Editor's Desk . . .

The harvest festival of Pongal is one of the most significant festivals celebrated throughout India. Pongal means "overflow" or "boiling over" – SYMA wishes you all a Happy Pongal flowing with joy and wishes continued prosperity.

Much water has flown under the bridge. On 8th Nov night, our respected PM Shri Narendra Modi took the Nation by surprise, announcing demonetisation and ruling that currencies of denomination of Rs.500/- & Rs.1000/- would cease to be legal tender. Margazhi month in general would be calm, cool, a month of festivity and Carnatic singing. The State was saddened by the passing away of Hon'ble CM MsJayalalithaa. The shocked State reacted most sensibly as there were no violence or untoward incident in form of damage of public property, as lakhs queued to pay respect to departed leader. Noted political writer, actor, journalist, film director, lawyer, editor of Thuglak Cho Ramaswamy also passed away.

Decades ago, in 1964, a powerful cyclone made its landfall off Rameswaram and carried away a passenger train, killing in its wake thousands of people, making Dhanushkodi a ghost town. Every year, we hear about tropical cyclones – some making landfall in Cuddalore, most moving away to Andhra – Nellore, Ongloe, Masulipatnam, Kakinada and away. This year things experienced have been much different.

Cyclone Nada threatened, but weakened to a deep depression. Chennai were to experience more turmoil as Cyclone Vardah made a landfall in the city, leaving behind a trail of destruction, including a few deaths and massive damage to property. The city was shaken by its sheer velocity and devastation. By the next morning, the calm after the storm had settled over the city, though it took more days to resume normalcy. The gutsy winds uprooted thousands of trees, removed sheets on tops, felled hoardings and towers across the city, many of which fell on power lines and caused outages. Many places in the city were without electricity for a couple of days, while mobile connections and internet too were affected badly. The city has lost most of its green lung and there is need for replenishing trees.

On the political front, 17th Assembly elections are to be held in Uttar Pradesh, where the incumbent Samajwadi Party is in news for its leader squabbles. The elections are to be held in 7 phases in UP along with Goa, Manipur, Punjab and Uttarkhand.

On 28th & 29th Jan 2017, our 'Goldwinner – SYMA Childfest 2017' is to be held in a grand manner. This issue carries full details of the competition. Request you all to be there and assist us in conduct of the grand event for children.

With regards – S. Sampathkumar.

## வாழ்த்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்க துணைதலைவர் திரு. ஆர். சேஷாத்ரி (துரை) - திருமதி பிரேமா அவர்களின் சஷ்டியப்பதூர்த்தி 8.11.2016 அன்று விமரிசையாய் நடைபெற்றது. தம்பதியர்களை Bliss வணங்குகின்றது.

நமது உறுப்பினர் திரு. காஞ்சி கிருஷ்ணா (வி.பி.முகுந்தன்) தம்பதியரின் சஷ்டியப்பதூர்த்தி 10.11.2016 அன்று விமரிசையாய் நடைபெற்றது. தம்பதியர்களை Bliss வணங்குகின்றது.

சிரஞ்சீவி என். வெங்கடகிருஷ்ணன் - செள ஆர். அபிநயா அவர்களின் திருமணம் 1.12.2016 நடைபெற்றது. தம்பதிகள் எல்லா நலன்களும் பெற்றுவாழ் Bliss வாழ்த்துகிறது.

## GOLD WINNER - SYMA - CHILD FEST 2017

All roads in Triplicane will lead to NKT Girls Hr Sec School, the venue for - Goldwinner – SYMA Child Fest 2017. SYMA Childfest the grand Inter-school competitions is back again. Besides, our Medical Service and Educational Service, we conduct various activities that include providing free uniforms, educational aid, health camps, blood donation, environmental cleanliness, civic programmes and more.

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.

Conducted for over 2 decades now, SYMA Childfest, has become immensely popular with schools and with students, 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. Goldwinner has been the full event sponsor for the past few years and we are thankful to Goldwinner and Mr CR Sredhar for the support. This year, at Goldwinner- SYMA Childfest, We will have the following competitions, being held at NKT National Girs High School, Triplicane, Chennai 5.

The school, a landmark by itself is near Vivekananda House, Ice House Police Station and Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple on Dr Besant Road. This great educational institution was founded way back in 1944 by Shri N.K. Thirumalachariar, a leading Member of the Bar. Shri C.R. Pattabiraman, a doyen of the Bar was also one of the Founders of the Society. The trust is managing N.K. Thirumalachariar National Boys' High School Triplicane, N.K. Thirumalachariar National Girls' Higher Secondary School, and the Staff training college also. Childfest would be conducted on 2 days and here is the schedule of the competitions and some brief details of them.

### **Day 1 : Saturday, 28th Jan 2017**

**Group Singing @ 8.45 am (Group A) :** Team event open to students of 1st – 5th Std. One Team from School comprising a minimum 5 and max of 10 students. Accompaniments permitted, will have to be brought by the teams. Participants to sing mandatorily songs penned by Mahakavi Subramaniya Barathiyar or Barathidhasan only.

**Group Singing @ 8.45 am (Group B) :** Team event open to students of 6th to 12th Std. One Team from School comprising a minimum 5 and max of 10 students. Accompaniments permitted, will have to be brought by the teams. Participants can perform any song of their choice.

**Quiz Competition @ 11 am :** to be held in 2 Groups. Group A (6th to 9thStd) & Group B (10th to 12th). One entry per school in each group. Team to consist of 2 students. There will be a preliminary written round, top 4 teams (in respective group) will move to Finals.

**Art Work from Junk material @ 10am :** Team event aimed to promote creativity in making an art out of otherwise junk material. Open to students from 6th to 12th Standard. One team per school – comprising of min 3 students and not more than 5 students. No specific topic for the competition and waste material will have to brought by the participating teams.

**What an Idea Sirji @ 12 noon :** Team event aimed in promoting innovative thinking for students of 6th to 12thStd – team of 3 students. No specific topic.

**Powerpoint presentation @ 2 pm :** Team event open to students of 9th to 12th Standard. Entry restricted to 25 schools on first registration basis. 1 team per school – consisting of 2 students. Laptops will be provided at the venue and to be used. Topics are : Digital India, Women empowerment; Sports (other than Cricket); India in Space; Cyclone Vardah – rescue and relief efforts of civic society.

**Fancy Dress @ 5 pm :** Individual event open to children of Lkg, Ukg and 1st Standard. No dialogues / verses.

## Day 2 : Sunday, 29th Jan 2017.

**Drawing :** to be held in 5 groups. No topic. Charts will be provided by us.

LKG & UKG @ 09.30 am; 6th – 8thStd @ 10.30 am; 1st – 3rd @ 12 noon; 3rd – 5thStd @ 1.00 pm; 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th – 3.00 pm.

**Group dance @ 03.30 pm :** Team event open to students of Lkg to 5th Std. one team per school – team size minimum of 6 students and maximum of 10 students.

Over the years Childfest attracts more than 4000 students from over 125 schools in the city. For Drawing and Fancy Dress, being individual events, registration can be made at the Venue direct at least ½ an hour before the schedule event. Please present yourself with acceptable proof of study. For other events, registration through school and the format will have to be signed and stamped by School authorities.

Schools can send their entries by Courier / Post / e-mail. Individual events to be registered at the venue. In case, the forms have not reached your school, you can download the brochure from our website : [www.syma.in](http://www.syma.in). Please ensure your presence at the Venue at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the specified event.

The winners of all the events will receive awards at a function to be held at 0600 pm on 29th Jan 2017 at the venue itself. The Chief Guest will be Thiru. Rajesh Lakhoni, I.A.S., Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) & Principal Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The other dignitary is MsChinmayiSripada, famous Singer and CEO of Blue Elephant

For all enquiries about the event, do contact : 7338863050 / or e mail us at : [symatriplicane@gmail.com](mailto:symatriplicane@gmail.com). Coordinator for the event is MrsJayasudhaSanjeevi. Bliss wishes her and SYMA – all success for this mega event.

**Q :** 18th century was a period of turmoil and there were Mysore wars. Who fought the War in 1767 against the East India Company ? – and what happened to the Col. In charge of the war ??

**Ans : Page 4**

## கண்ணொளி

Human eye - slightly asymmetrical globe, about an inch in diameter is a marvel that reacts to light and pressure. It provides three dimensional, moving image, normally coloured in daylight. It can distinguish millions of colours and capable of detecting a single photon. Eye care is most important. On the most important day of the Nation, Aug 15th our Independence Day, every year, we celebrate by hoisting National flag followed by Eye camp.

Dr.M.Arumugham (Secretary,NKT National Educational Society) hoisted the National flag at our Centre and Sri. VMV Narasimhan( Trustee,Madras south Lions charitable Trust) was the special Guest. Mrs Premakrishnamohan of Soundarya Rathnamala Isaikuzhu sung nationalistic songs. At SirviSamaj Dr M Arumugham inaugurated Cataract detection camp. Mr VMV Narasimhan & J. Babu, Sankara eye Hospital, Pammal, Mr TJ Ramani, President; Mr SR Parthasarathi, Lions Club Chennai Venus, Mr KV Rangarajan& VB Mukundan of Brahmin Welfare Association were the guests. S. Sampathkumar, Secretary welcomed the gathering and V.Prasad proposed vote of thanks.

137 patients were screened in the camp; 11 requiring surgery were taken to Pammal Sankara eye hospital for cataract surgery performed on the next day. 31 persons were prescribed spectacles, which were distributed free on August 25th, in memory of our beloved member Late K.E.Raghavan.His brother Sri.K.E.Narayanan (Alamu Stores) was present on the occasion and contributed the cost of the spectacles.

We place on record our continued thanks to the Authorities, Doctors and staff of Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal, Sri Sirvi Samaj, Lions Club Chennai Venus and Brahmin Welfare Association for the camp. Our treasurer M.A.Sadagopan co-ordinated the camp. Syma thanks to all those graced the occasion and all our volunteers.

The neighbourhood search diary, a handbook with great details was also released on the occasion. Our Special appreciations to Sri T.A.Satyanarayanan and V. Nageswaran for the admirable work in organizing this booklet; we also thank Smt M.K.Prema & R.Kannan.

Syma thanks Mr.S.R.Parthasarathy, S.Parthasarathy (Triads), Mr. A.V. Kasturirangan& Axis Bank for the Advertisements. We also thank those involved in distribution of this booklet to all residents of Triplicane in various streets.

SYMA medical centre functions in its premises at 29 TP Kovil Street since 1989 and recently we celebrated Silver jubilee of our foray in medical Service which continues at a measly charge of Rs 2/-. We thank Dr K Sridhar who initiated us in this noble service and are continued to be guided and supported by him. We are looking for more spacious premises and appeal to philanthropists for providing a bigger area (either on rent or on lease) In our continued desire to provide quality and better medical service, we are experimenting with Specialist Consultation on Wednesdays. We place on record details of such Specialist activity and thank all those helping us in this endeavour. More detailed write-up on this will follow in next issue.

## NOBLE DONOR

SYMA over the years has been greatly supported by kind-hearted donors. The names of donors of Rs. 1 lakhand above stand etched on the façade of our Medical Centre the list is growing. This month, we have pleasure in announcing the addition of donor to Corpus Fund **Mr PT Srinivasan in memory of his father (late) Pakshi Rajagopalan**. SYMA thanks the donor for the support.

## வருந்துகிறோம்

Our patron **Mr KV Chandran** passed away on 8 9 2016. A scholar from Benares University, he retired as DGM in ONGC. He was 81. Bliss deeply condoles his death.

During our SYMA Educational Aid function, we had the satisfaction of honouring doyen of Nataga Thamizh **Sri NKT Muthu** with **SYMA Seva Award** appreciating his outstanding contributions in the field of Fine Arts and service to the society. Mr NKT who was instrumental in starting Thiruvateeswarar Sabha in 1952 was a well known philanthropist. SYMA condoles the sad passing away of Sri NKT Muthu on 29.12.2016. In his death, Triplicane has lost a strong son who supported Fine Arts and helped poor; SYMA grieves the death of a person who had supported SYMA since its inception.

**Answer :** In what is described as First Anglo – Mysore war that lasted 2 years, Hyder Ali fought the East India aided by Nizam of Hyderabad. For the British EIC, Col John Wood was active having been present at battle of Trenomallee and then at Athur. In 1768, he captured Danganicottah and Dharmapuri. Col Wood was later called back, subjected to nine charges against and Court-Martialled on charges including misappropriation of public stores and provisions ; misappropriation of public monies ; wilful neglect of duty in not laying up, being interested in the grain and necessaries of life brought to the bazaar, violence to persons who brought provisions to the camp, permitting or licensing pernicious spirits, Arrack, to be publicly distilled and sold in the camp, and receiving a large consideration for such permission.

## YOUR ARTICLES ARE INVITED

Bliss the voice of SYMA, the newsletter has hit a ton; Of late, I am not in a position to bring out in time every month, thus missing a few months. Sincerely regret the missing issues and look forward to the support / contribution of youngsters in ensuring that it hit the stands every month. SYMA would be truly benefitted if an youngster comes forward to be its Editor.

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