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From Editor's Desk . . .

Another year has fled past and 2018 has dawned with fresh hopes. The New Year celebrations around the World are far varied and widespread. In Australia spectacular New Year Eve fireworks were burst. Many other countries had massive pyrotechnic displays ~ incidentally none spoke of pollution, ozone layer depletion, affecting sleep and the like. People ventured to islands, went for sky walk, paraglide, party in Ships, night time bash in star hotels charging differently for couple and stags, champagne flowed unabated, DJs blared favourite tunes .. but sadly, in Chennai city (perhaps same situation in many other places including London) – it was a time of insane intoxication and road accidents. New Year festivities in the city and suburbs left five people dead and more than 300 injured, said police, who fanned out to contain the revelry. Doctors, who witnessed a sharp increase in trauma cases between 11pm and 2am, said accidents accounted for 80% of the cases. An official handling the 108 emergency ambulance service said in a span of three hours before midnight, 650 ambulances were dispatched across the state. “On a routine night, we require only 300,” said the official. There definitely is need for being more sane.

For Chennaites, Dec spelt fear recalling memories of floods in 2015 and cyclone Vardah in 2016. This year too, many experts predicted another disaster which fortunately was not to be. Severe cyclonic storm Ockhi, building from low pressure in gulf of Thailand caused havoc in southern parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala before moving to western coast. According to Met experts, this season had 3 named storms of which only one intensified.

The woes on tour continue for Indian team as it lost the 1st test at Newlands, Capetown by 72 runs. It was a great effort by the bowlers to bowl SA out twice, in fact 130 in their second essay. The batters frittered away the advantage of chasing a relatively low 208, missing a golden opportunity to win a game abroad. The innings of Hardik Pandya and the initial spell of Bhuvneshwar Kumar stood out. England lost another Ashes tour ~ while India has a new Ranji champion – Vidarbha, who lifted the prestigious domestic trophy for the first time in their 61st attempt by beating Delhi comprehensively in Indore on the first day of 2018. Overall, Vidarbha registered an impressive seven wins in nine matches and only drew against Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh.

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 New Year and Happy Pongal flowing with joy and wishes continued prosperity.

This year, we have planned to conduct Gold Winner SYMA Childfest 2018 in association with MangalTirth Estate Ltd at Spencer Plaza. Full details inside and all are invited.

Yours Truly – S. Sampathkumar, Editor.



**SYMA வின்
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வாழ்த்துக்கள்**



**We invite you all to Gold Winner
SYMA Childfest 2018
in association with Mangal Tirth Estates at
Spencer Plaza**

மாற்றும் முன்னேற்றம்

Veterans of SYMA fondly remember that day in July 2007 - with the blessings of our Emperuman; with the guidance of Dr K Sridhar, firmly supported by Sri KanchiKamakoti Foundation, we made one significant step forward of starting a full fledged clinical laboratory. The Lab is named after PV Rama lyengar& Smt. Suganthavalli – whose family members donated funds and medical equipments for the lab. Mr KV Kumar (KVK Builders) Mr Rajagopal of RR Construction helped us in creating necessary infrastructure for the lab.

On 8th July 2006, at the famed Mahakavi SubrahmanyaBharathiyarillam, our Educational aid function was conducted. The then Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai Mr Rajesh B Lakhoni, adorned the podium. The Chief guest was Mr Mohammed Abdul Ali Azim Jah, Prince of Arcot - and on the dais, our lab was inaugurated.

We have been providing medical assistance to poor charging a very low amount at this lab and have been supported by many philanthropists in running this. Now after a decade, we have taken another firm and positive step aimed at achieving more reliability and recognition in medical field.

Medall Healthcare Pvt. Ltd (MEDALL) is South India's largest chain of medical diagnostic services providing diagnostic services, both Pathology and Radiology imaging. This chain of diagnostic service enjoys great recognition by their service and quality.

We have now tied-up with Medall and from this month, the samples collected at our lab, will be tested and reported issued by Medall enhancing the reputation and reliability of the medical analysis. We wish to serve more patients in the years to come helping the poor with the low rates that we have been charging over the years. This shift means some more expenditure in administering the lab, yet we have happily taken the plunge.

The initial response is very encouraging. In Nov 205 patients utilised our services, while in Dec it was 273. The numbers are increasing and more importantly, the reports now issued by Medall have more acceptance and Doctors in the locality are accepting the lab reports. In the coming months, we expect Doctors directing the poor to utilise our services.

Our special thanks are due to our member Mr SayajiParthasarathi (Gill) for his initiative in bringing this about.

Subsequent to this strategic shift, the lab equipments updated recently would not be required and they were donated to Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal, doing yeoman service and also helping us with medical camps.

We conclude with thanks to Dr K Sridhar (and Mrs Pankajam Sridhar) for initiating us into medical service, supporting and guiding us in our medical service activities

நமது அங்கத்தினர்களின் கவனத்திற்கு

Srinivas Youngmens' Association has been doing yeoman service to the society from 1977. From a humble beginning to modern day, it has prospered adding new dimensions of committed service. From 1989, we have been in the field of medical service and from 2007 our Tuition Centre SYMA Growth has been endeavouring to change the lives of poor students. Over the years, we have been functioning from the premises at 29 TP Koil Street – we have outgrown and certainly require a better space for our medical centre and office. There is some pronounced exigency too to look for an alternative premises. We humbly request you all to scout for a suitable premises on rent / lease or even contemplate construction with the support of some philanthropists.

As the Organisation grows and diversifies, the work also increases manifold and we look forward to you all for increased voluntary participation in all our activities. Look forward to some regular volunteers at our Tuition centre and at our medical centre. Invite you all to Childfest. Please attend without fail and help us conduct the mega event. We place on record our appreciations for the great work of Mrs MK Premamami who besides coming regularly for the medical centre in the evening is now coming in the morning of all days too ensuring lab activities. Premamami has been coordinating and her presence makes the activities happen in a continued manner. Hearty thanks to her. We also appreciate the regular service of Mr NS Rangarajan& MA Sadagopan.

Question : The entire India anxiously watched the poll process of by-elections at RK Nagar. TTV Dhinakaran as an independent trounced all opponents and only combined ADMK could salvage their deposit. Do you know who was its first representative and some history of TN elections ?

Ans : in Page No.4

குழந்தைகள் திருவிழா

Chennaiites traverse this road almost daily – perhaps the most important arterial road is Mount Road [Anna Salai] running from Coovum creek, Island grounds to Kathipara flyover, Guindy. Sooner we will have Chennai Metro running underground along this stretch. One of the most prominent landmarks on this road is Spencer Plaza, a great mall, which perhaps most would have visited for shopping. Welcome to : Goldwinner – SYMA Child Fest 2018 – to be conducted at Spencer Plaza on 20th and 21st of Jan 2018 in association with MangalTirth Estate Ltd.

SYMA Childfest - is the grand Inter-school competitions being organized by us.

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 imbuing discipline, commitment, mental strength, self-consciousness and other virtues. Child Fest is one such attempt aimed at imbuing 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, at Goldwinner-SYMA Childfest, we will have the following competitions :-

Day 1 : 20th Jan 2018

1. Drawing Competition : (6 groups)

Lkg-Ukg (9.00 am); 1st & 2nd (11:00am); 3rd – 5th (1:00 noon); 6th – 8th (3:00pm); 9th & 10th; 11th & 12th (09.00 am) - Students can come direct to the Venue, register and participate. There is no topic; Chart for drawing would be provided by SYMA - participants have to bring pen, pencil, colouring material of their choice.

2. Group Dance (representing School) - @ 17.00 hrs - Team event open to students of L.Kg to 5th Standard Only

Day 2 : 21st Jan 2018

3. Fancy Dress Competition 09.30 am Students can come direct to the Venue, register and participate. No verses, dialogues, action allowed .
4. Quiz Competition 10.30 am in two groups ; one team per school in each group
5. Art work Competition using junk material 11.00 am - (team event open to students of 6th to 12th standard)
6. Innovative Thinking Competition 01.30 noon - Team event open to students of 6th to 12th standard. No given topic for this competition; Teams to choose of their choice, a project that will benefit the Society.
7. Instrumental Fusion Innovative Thinking Competition 01.30 noon- Team event open to students of 6th to 12th standard.
8. Group Singing @ 03.30 noon Team event open to students of 6th to 12th standard

The venue for the two day fete : “Spencer Plaza” is a famous shopping mall situate in the middle of Mount road (Anna Salai) – a landmark by itself. It dates back to the days of Spencer’s departmental store, and is perhaps the first biggest mall in City of Chennai. Its history can be traced to the origin of Spencers way back in 1863 established by Charles Durant and J. W. Spencer. The present Spencer Plaza constructed on site measuring about 10 acres opened in 1991, attracting thousands of visitors daily and has ample car parking. Our Co-sponsor for the event, MangalTirth Estate Limited, a property development company promoted this Spencer Plaza.

The winners of all the events will be awarded Prizes at a function to be held at 0600 pm on 21st Jan 2018 at the venue itself. For all further enquiries contact :

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மருத்துவபணியில் சைமா

Srinivas Youngmens Association (SYMA) has been doing service relentlessly since 1977. Of our many services, Medical services and Education services are our prime activities. Every year on our Independence Day, we hoist our National flag at our centre and proceed to have cataract detection camp. This year too, it was conducted in association with Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal. Their great work has resulted in providing vision to more than 2.50 lakhs of people. We are ever thankful to the ever helpful officials of the hospital and Mr J Babu for all their support.

We have come a long way since 1989 when our medical services were launched in a small street corner at Peyalwar Street many our volunteers have striven so hard ensuring that pleasant and quality service is extended to poor and needy. Of the many people involved – we recall and remember the passionate services of dear KE Raghavan who sadly left us for heavenly abode on 25.8.2007. Every year we remember

him on 25th of August – this year on Independence day - around 130 people were screened ~ 11 persons were selected, of them 9 were taken to Sri Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal on the same day. Cataract surgery was done free for them, later, they were brought back to Triplicane in a van arranged by SYMA. SYMA members went to the hospital a day later, met those who underwent eye surgery, providing them words of comfort.

Another significant thing in that camp was release of 'Syma Song' which our President and many other members have as caller tune. The song nicely describes our activities, penned by KV Sridhar, sung, conceptualised and set to music by Mr Rajamani, Mrs Aravindha Krishna, Gopi, recorded at Sri Vishnu Audio, Mylapore. We thank all those involved in this and request all SYMA members to participate and support us in all our activities.

வருந்துகிறோம்

The passing away of Mr N Ganapathi on 16.11.2017 came as a shock to all Triplicane residents. He has been associated with SYMA from its nascent times and he served as President during a crucial period. His interest in fine arts, drama and people made him popular. He was associated with Sri Parthasarathi Swami Sabha, Sri Thennacharya Sripadham thangigal and many other associations. As a President of SYMA 1997 - 2003 he steered the organisation to greater heights. He participated in all our events and would find nice things to express his appreciations. He has often appreciated the language and nice articles of Bliss too. He was ailing for some time. **We pray Lord for giving strength to his family to bear his irreparable loss.**

Answer for Q page 2 : Dr Radhakrishnan Nagar is part of Chennai North Loksabha constituency. The first legislative assembly election to Madras State in Independent India was held in Mar 1952 (though known as 1951 elections). No single party obtained simple majority and Indian National Congress assumed power after series of realignments with parties and independents. Madras state was to split to form Andhra in 1953. RK Nagar constituency was carved out in 1977 and in the election, film actor IsariVelan contesting on behalf of AIADMK was elected becoming its first elected representative. In the 14th assembly elections it was won by P Vetrivel who resigned paving way for Ms J Jayalalithaa who had returned as CM after acquittal. She won again in 2015 and necessity for election arose because of her death.

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