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Dear (s)

Our annual mega event, the Child Fest was conducted with much fanfare and our issue captures all the details of the event. SYMA has been celebrating the days of National importance and on Republic Day, National flag was hoisted by Mr S Parthasarathi. From the humble beginning in July 2008 to till date, SYMA Growth has been growing meaningfully changing the lives of some children. We conducted a Special pooja for our Growth students on 17th Feb 2013 ~ more details of the Pooja functions will be there in our next issue.

A 3-0 scoreline is boosting the sagging morale and ego of all Indian fans are happy for sure. The scoreline of Mohali would never represent the real story of the 4 day match and the tense closing overs. Shikhar Dhawan has emerged as a real hero with that stunning debut performance. There is extension for Duncan Fletcher surprising himself too. In the nearby Bangladesh, more tarnish to the game happened as Nadir Shah, the Bangladesh umpire, has been handed a ten-year ban by the BCB on charges of corruption alleged by a TV sting operation in 2012.

Emotions are running high in Tamilnadu, India must support the US resolution against Sri Lanka; but it is not a binding resolution and there are reports that the Indian Govt wants to water it down We have a hostile Pakistan, not so friendly Bangladesh, never to believe Sri Lanka then we have Italy reneging its assurances, which in many ways was our own making. The Nation was so generous in sending the Italian Marines for voting in their election even as the Italian ambassador stood guarantee and a bail bond of 4 crores was furnished. Now Italy says they will not return and questions jurisdiction et al. Pak repeated its gesture of responding bullets when we serve them bread. Pakistan Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf was on a pilgrimmage to India and the Nation hosted him sumptuous lunch. Ignoring the political fallout, Khurshid travelled all the way to Jaipur to make Ashraf's visit to Ajmer Sharif a peaceful and rewarding event. Three days later, Ashraf was leading his Parliament in a venomous attack on his gracious host for hanging a criminal who led the murderous assault on Indian Parliament. When will the Nation act tough ?

At the National level, the CBI has stated the names of individuals including former Air Chief S P Tyagi in the case relating to alleged kickbacks in the Rs 3,600 crore AgustaWestland VVIP helicopter ~ do read the report on our Republic Day celebrations which will outline the untold sufferings of people in obtaining freedom for the Nation.

- With Regards - S. Sampathkumar.

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## சுதந்திரப் போராட்டத்தில் பங்கேற்க முதியவருக்கு நம் வாழ்த்துக்கள்

At SYMA, we have been celebrating days of National significance and invite VIPs to hoist National flag at our Medical Centre. We follow it up with some medical camp or other social activities too. 26th Jan 2013 will remain etched in our memory ~ there could not have been a better person to hoist our National flag. The flag was hoisted by a nonagenarian Mr Mandayam S. Parthasarathi, 95 years bubbling with enthusiasm. Easily he is not only the oldest person in Triplicane, also rich history of freedom struggle is associated with this great person. Dr MA Venkatakishnan, a great Scholar and Adhyapakar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple was the other Guest on the occasion.

After 6 decades, generations have changed and many present day youngsters do not really know the freedom struggle and sacrifices made in obtaining freedom. Living closer to the place where the great Mahakavi lived, we have some acquaintance with history. Bharati's life was short; he pioneered modern poetry, was a great journalist, eternal optimist, fought British with flame, incensed people of the Nation. While Bharati's association with print media is history, the Nation and we need to know of the people who made this happen.

We have read about Bharati's writing covering wide spectrum and of a Tamil weekly 'India' launched in 1906 of which Bharati was the Editor. This magazine was owned by patriotic Mandyam Brothers—Tirumalachar and Srinivasachar—who were ready to spend their large inherited fortune in the cause of Indian Independence. Before I write anything further, the Chief Guest Sri S Parthasarathi is the son of Mandayam Srinivasachariyar of the magazine 'India' fame. When Bharathi started writing in this weekly, it angered the British Government who came down heavily in due course on these strong petrels in national politics. Although Bharatiyar edited India, the declared editor was M. Srinivasan, who was arrested and sentenced to five years rigorous imprisonment, for publishing what the British Government termed seditious articles.

We know that Bharati spent a decade in exile at Pondicherry; not so well known is the fact that the Mandyam Brothers also shifted themselves to Pondichery, shifted the office of their journal 'India' and continued its publication from there. It is stated that they dismantled the Heidelberg printing machinery and moved it manually in basket loads by Buckingham canal and by road. The Govt took punitive action by banning the entry of the journal to British India; the Weekly was strangulated and had to close down its operations in March 1910. Mandayam brothers fought the British and reportedly arrest warrant was pending against them.

Their family have Aurobindo connection as well as Mandayam Srinivasacharyar, Bharatiyar, and V.V.S. Iyer had philosophical discussions with Aurobindo. One of the relatives of our hero Sri Parthasarathi, Yogi Parthasarathy Iyengar, a great scholar with great vision and forethought, established Sri Saraswathi Bhandaram through which he supported many scholars and ensured publication of many sampradaya granthas for the first time. Sri Yogi Parthasarathi Iyengar was invited to present a paper in the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago in 1893; did not go and yes it was attended by Swami Vivekananda whose 150th birth centenary is presently being celebrated. Yet another relative Mr Alasinga Perumal helped and arranged the visit of Swami Vivekananda.

Sri S. Parthasarathi has contributed much and is guiding the Educational institutions of Hindu Sr Secondary School and century old Hindu Higher Secondary School, being a member in the Educational board of many other Institutions including MOP college. Mr Parthasarathi at ripe old age, is extremely brisk and active. He now lives alone in the house near Swami Nammalwar sannathi, the house known as 'Gautamasrama' which also has historic significance. "V.O. Chidambaram Pillai used to visit this house and when VOC started the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company, the Pondicherry brothers mortgaged all their property, and contributed one lakh rupees for the cause, a princely sum those days. There have been high profile visitors wedded to the cause of liberation of motherland to this house in Triplicane. It is stated that in 1907, when Bipin Chandra Pal gave lectures in Madras, he stayed in Gautamsarama for a week. Subramania Siva was a frequent visitor; Mahatma Gandhi and Lokmanya Tilakji also had visited Gautamasrama. The house also played its part in the Hindi movement in South India; as early in 1919 classes were launched with Sarojini Naidu singing 'Vande Mataram. Mr Parthasarathy Iyengar is an exceptionally organized person, was a student of library science, worked as librarian.

It is our duty to know, understand, realize and appreciate the greatness of the true services to the motherland rendered by such noble people. SYMA was so happy that this great person S Parthasarathi Iyengar visited our medical centre, spoke to us, hoisted the National Flag and blessed us. In fact, a couple days to Republic Day, we invited Dr MAV who accepted the invite, still suggested that SYMA calls Mr Parthasarathi. Dr MAV, a great Vaishnavite scholar is extremely popular person in Triplicane. People talk to and watch him with admiration, hear him on popular television and electronic media. He is a regular in the "Divya Prabandha goshti" of Thiruvallikkeni, Kanchipuram and many other Divyadesams. After a stint at Vivekananda College, he moved to Madras University and now heads the Department of Vaishnavism and has completed more than 26 years of meritorious service at Madras University. This traditional person doing great kainkaryam in Temples – is very adept in utilizing technology too.

## Gold Winner - SYMA Child Fest 2013.

At SYMA, we fully realize the need for inculcating good qualities in children as they only will shape the future of the Nation. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbining competitive spirit in children. Over the years, Child Fest has become immensely popular with schools and with children. This year also the event sponsor of 2 day Child Fest was Gold Winner [special thanks to CR Sredhar for the continued support].

On day 1 Drawing competition for 6 Groups [Lkg to 12th Standard] was held on 27th Jan 2013 at the majestic inspiring red walls of the famous The Hindu Higher Secondary School, 149 Big Street, Triplicane . At 08:45am, the Programme was inaugurated in the morning by Dr P Balasubramaniam, present Head Master of Hindu High School and by Mr R. Dhalavoisamy, Inspector of Police, D3. The programme started with traditional invocation to Lord and by lighting of 'kuthuvilakku' and prayer. Enthusiastic volunteers of SYMA, Soundarya Rathinamala, and students from Bharat Scouts ensured that everything was according to the plans drawn up earlier. The event was well coordinated by our Secretary R. Sanjeevi. Special thanks to Raghuraman for manning our office room. All the participating children were given prize and a Certificate commending their participation. We had close to 2000 students and the cooperation of the Hindu School authorities and staff ensured that we were able to accommodate all the students and provide proper seats to all of them easily. In the end, the children and parents left with happiness writ large in their faces.

The results were put up on our website [www.syma.in](http://www.syma.in) and voice of SYMA Mrs Vasudha Bakthisaran was active as usual. The talent and attitude of today's children is so encouraging and many of the drawings made us realize the innate talent that is present.

The shamiana covering the play grounds provided good shelter against the sweltering heat of Sun and parents really appreciated the care taken by us. Utilising the gathering, a CD detailing the activities of SYMA and propagating our ideals was played often. Vittal Narayanan deserves special appreciation for the beautiful capsule on SYMA ~ Yours Truly and Uthra Sarang added voice to the presentation, thereby making the ideals of SYMA reach more public.

A week later, the action shifted to the other venue – The NKT National Girls High School. Mylapore Fine

Arts Club. On 3rd Feb 2013, the venue was decked up and looked colourful. We had arranged for private security too, to ensure that everything is orderly. At around 0900 am, the day's events were inaugurated with lighting of kuthu vilakku by Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple, Mr M. Balasubramanyam and Mr B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan, Councillor 116 Ward, who has been doing good service at Triplicane

The First event was Singing of Carnatic songs; followed by Film songs. Culminating the event was the performance by the Judges with the exceptional flute performance making everyone engrossed. Alongside, the Quiz preliminary which was a written round consisting of 20 Questions was held. Most of the questions were topical and tested the knowledge of the events that captured headlines in newspapers. At 0100 noon – we had the finals of Quiz – first the A group, followed by Group B. The Quiz format was the brainchild of Brahma Associates - thanks to N Rajaram for the full support extended from Oman. The Quiz was conducted by Mr Sridhar Joshi and Yours Truly – the Editor S. Sampathkumar.

Variety of instruments accompanied by performers started pouring in and at 02.30 pm we had the competition 'Instrument Fusion' which was a team event of 4 students per team. Then came the most colourful performance of Group Dance – group of 6 forming a team. By the evening, the stage was set for a colourful evening. The crowd was filling in large numbers – everywhere one can see painted children and anxious mothers. There were beautifully decorated animals, Various Lords – Hanumar, Buddha and more, National leaders like Bharathiyar, Gandhiji - science equipments and more – yes all beautiful children dressed and decorated capturing the attention and eyes of all

Though we had planned to wind up by 6 pm, the large attendance pushed the events beyond the schedule and the Prize distribution had to start much later than planned. The Chief Guest for the evening was a person whose rich and emotive voice had entertained children in All India Radio for more than

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Q : Sure you would have adored the 'Barbie doll'. Barbie is a fashion doll much liked especially by girl children globally. Do you know who her boy friend is? **Ans : in page 4**

25 years. Pappa Malar anchored by him was once the most popularly heard programmed. It was the genial Mr Koothabiran, popularly known as 'Vanoli Anna'. The function started with a prayer. Secretary, S. Sampathkumar compered the programme, welcoming everyone and introducing the Chief Guests. T.A. Sampathkumar, President spoke on the various activities of SYMA and on the vision of SYMA. Formal Vote of thanks was rendered by Miss. Revathi.

SYMA places on record our thanks to the event sponsor Gold Winner and CR Sredhar of Media Associates. We thank our Chief Guest Vanoli Anna Koothapiran, and other Guests Dr P Balasubramaniam, Mr R Dhalavoisamy, Sri Rangasamy battar, Mr B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan for honouring us with their presence. We thank Mangal Tirth Estates and its director Mr Balasubramanyam, M/s Lucas TVS, United India Insurance, Indian Bank, Triad, Axis Bank, Punjab National Bank for sponsoring the event. Reynolds, Arun Ice Creams, for the assistance. Special thanks are due to the management of Hindu Higher Secondary School and Dr P Balasubramaniam as also Mrs Sarojini

Varadappan, Principal, Headmistress and staff of NKT National Girls High School - for providing us the venue. We thank Mr Av Kasturi Rangan and Mrs. Shobana Narasimhan for the coordination with the sponsors. The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning and work of our dedicated members and those of Soundarya Rathnamala led by Mrs Prema Krishnamohan. The work of our VP- R Seshadri @ Durai stands out in arrangement for distribution of the prizes and that of Mr SR Parthasarathi for all the outdoor work and Mr RV Narasimhan for arranging mementoes . We also thank Mr Chandrasekhar of Creativ for the web support and Mr Mani & Mr Narayanan of Swaraj Graphics for the print support. Special thanks are due to Mrs Vasudha Bakthisaran, our voice for answering all calls relating to the Child Fest (@ 28441078). We thank our photographers Mr RS Kannan and Revathi for the coverage. We thank the media, Mrs Lalitha Sai of The Hindu Downtown and Mr KV Srinivasan for press coverage. Special mention is made of the captivating video made by Mr Vittal Narayanan. The meeting ended with singing of "National Anthem" by all. SYMA thanks you all.

### வாழ்த்துக்கள்

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு. விட்டல் நாராயணன் அவர்களின் மகன் திரு. ஹரிபிரசாத்- செள.அஞ்சலி ராஜு, திருமணம் குருவாயூரில் 4.2.2013 அன்று சிறப்பாக நடந்தேறியது. தம்பதியரை **BLISS** வாழ்த்துகிறது.

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**Ans to Q in pg 2:** A: Barbie 'Barbara Millicent Roberts' was launched in Mar 1959 by American toy-company Mattel. Ruth Handler is credited with the creating the doll, watching her daughter Barbara play with paper dolls. Barbie has an on-off romantic relationship with her boyfriend Ken (Ken Carson) [not as popular as her] since 1961

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