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From Editor's Desk . . .

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At SYMA we have futuristic goals planned with broad vision. Besides our various monthly projects, we have our regular ongoing projects which are running our Medical Centre and Tuition centre. We are also preparing for succession plans and continuance of long term objectives. SYMA is democratically run and every year we have our Annual General Meeting attended by most members. This year it is scheduled on 29th of this month. Full details are on page 4.

In our Vedic Culture, Agni has special significance and many hymns in Rig veda are dedicated to Agni. The successful test firing of Agni-5, India's first Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) made all Indians happy and proud. It has the capability of carrying nuke warheads, sure we would never want to use them but they would help as a deterrent for any war monger.

Nature is beauty and all too powerful and can shake not only the earth but the psyche and confidence of mankind gets demonstrated once in a while. The powerful earthquake that struck off Indonesia on 11th April 2012 created more waves in many other parts of the World and Chennaites felt the earth shaking not once but twice. Fortunately there was to be no damage at all. At the economic front, the first rate cut in 3 years cheered investors and raised expectations of lower interest rates of Housing and vehicle loans. A growth percentage of above 7 is expected during this fiscal year which is good news. But there is continued concern from the agriculturists seeking more support after the improper stand on export of cotton and delay in export of sugar when the international market was ripe.

The long extravaganza IPL 5 reportedly is not attracting as many viewers as its earlier versions did. T20 is no doubt an innovation aimed at bringing more spectators who were drooping out of traditional Test matches. Elsewhere South Africa is to play five T20s against Zimbabwe in Harare in June and there are reports that those T20s may not be televised as Zimbabwe Cricket is unlikely to be able to afford the costs involved.

The Metro rail project has thrown out of gear the traffic system of the arterial Mount road and some other places as Chennaites grapple to find their way. It is hoped that the present trouble is only to alleviate the long term traffic control and soon Chennai should have a robust traffic management in place.

Request you all once again to attend our AGM without fail and continue to participate in all our projects

With regards – Editor



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நன்றி! நன்றி! நன்றி!

Syma has long term vision and to ensure continuance of good activities, we have instituted a Corpus Fund Scheme.

Shri AVM Saravanan Sir (M/s AVM Charities) has patronised us twice earlier. We were pleasantly surprised to receive another donation of Rs. 1 lakh to our Corpus Fund from him, recently.

We express our thanks and gratitude to Shri A.V.M. Saravan for his continued patronage and support to us. It is our duty to respect people who help us !



உயர்தரக்கல்வியும் தரமற்ற வழிமுறையும்

சில வருத்தம் தரும் நிகழ்வுகள் சமீபத்தில் நாளிதழ்களில் செய்தியாக வந்தன. அண்ணா பல்கலையில் பயின்று வந்த தைர்யலக்ஷ்மி என்ற மாணவியின் தற்கொலை. ஒரு விவசாய குடும்பத்தில் இருந்து அதிக மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்ற இம்மாணவி, நகரத்தின் ஆங்கில திட்டத்தில் படிக்கும் மாறுதலில் மனச்சோர்வும், அழுத்தமும் தாக்க இம்முடிவுக்குத் தள்ளப்பட்டதாக செய்திகள் கூறுகின்றன. கல்வி, பயில்விக்கும் இடம், கற்பிப்போர், சகமாணவ, மாணவியர் என எதுவாயினும் கடின சூழ்நிலையிலிருந்து வருவோரை ஊக்குவித்து, வளப்படுத்த வேண்டுமே தவிர மாணவரை தாக்கி அவர்களது தன்னம்பிக்கையை குறைக்கக்கூடாது.

கல்வி பெரும் வியாபாரமாக திகழும் காலமிது. இன்று நல்ல பெயருள்ள பள்ளிகளில் சேர்விக்க பெற்றோர் போட்டி போடுகின்றனர். அதிக மதிப்பெண்கள், அதிக வெற்றி சதவீதம் காட்டும் பள்ளிகள், அதிகமான கட்டண வசூல் செய்தாலும், வருமானம் குறைவாக உள்ளோர் கூட எப்பாடுபட்டாவது இது போன்ற பள்ளிகளில் தங்களது குழந்தைகளை சேர்க்கின்றனர். கல்வி நிறுவனம், நல்ல சூழ்நிலை, சிறந்த வசதிகள், தகுதியும், ஆர்வமும் உள்ள பயில்விப்போர், சிறந்த திட்டமிடல், நல்ல கண்காணிப்பு, பயிற்சி என நன்முறைகளில் மாணவரது அறிவுத்திறனை வளர்த்து அவர்களை அறிவாளிகளாகவும், சிறந்தவர்களாகவும் உருவாக்க வேண்டும். ஆனால் உயரத்தை அடைய

எவ்வழியையும் முயல்வோம் என வெளிக்காட்டி கேவலப் படுத்தியுள்ளது திருவண்ணாமலையில் உள்ள மெளண்ட் ஸென்ட் ஜோஸப் மெட்ரிகுலேஷன் பள்ளி.

இங்கே நிர்வாகமே உதவியுள்ள திட்டமிட்ட காப்பி அடித்தலை மாவட்ட கலெக்டர் தலைமையிலான குழு கண்டுபிடித்து ஆசிரியர்களையும், நிர்வாகியையும் கண்டித்துள்ளது. தேர்வு எழுதும் மாணவர்களுக்கு ஆசிரியர்கள் மூலமாக நிர்வாகமே பதில்கள் அடங்கிய நகல்களை விநியோகித்துள்ளது தேர்வு முறையையே கேலிக்கூத்தாக்கும் அவலமல்லவா?

மாணவ மணிகள் வருடம் முழுவதும் கடின பயிற்சி செய்து, இரவு கண்விழித்து, படித்து மதிப்பெண் பெற முயலும் வேளையில், வேலியே பயிரை மேய்ந்து தவறான பாதையில் தங்கள் பள்ளி மாணாக்கர்கள் மற்றவர்களை விட அதிக மதிப்பெண் பெற முயற்சித்த இவ்வழி வன்மையாக கண்டிக்கத் தக்கது. இது போன்று இன்னமும் எவ்வளவு தவறான வழிகள்? எவ்வளவு நிறுவனங்கள்? எவ்வளவு பேர்? என ஏராளமான கேள்விகள் மக்கள் மனதில் எழுந்துள்ளன!

கல்வி இயக்குனரகம் பள்ளியின் அங்கீகாரத்தை ரத்து செய்து, தவற்றுக்கு துணிபுரிந்தோர் மீது கடுமையான நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து கல்விதரத்தையும் மக்களின் நம்பிக்கையையும் பெறும் என நம்புவோமாக!

WISHING SUCCESS FOR 'SYMA GROWTH' STUDENTS

The Academic Year 2011-12 came to a close and we concluded the Tuition classes at our SYMA Growth by organizing Special pooja for the welfare of our students and to pray to Lord for their success in their examinations.

For the students of X11 Special pooja was organized in March 12. Mr N Ramesh, Corporate Manage Mentor and Strategic Advisor rendered motivational lecture to the students impressing upon the need for sharpening the memory and to remain focused on the examinations. He imparted healing techniques and exercises towards sharpening memory providing much needed confidence to the students.

For the students of X Std, special pooja was conducted on 18.3.12. Ms Sivaranjani Chandrasekaran, spoke to the students on 'Thoughts become things' raising their confidence levels and enabling them to concentrate on writing examinations. Pens, writing material and sweets were distributed to students. SYMA wishes the students grand success in their examinations.

FELICITATING SYMA

Yogakshema Trust is a religious body that propagates the Vedic principles and organizes Vedic Conferences and Yagnyams. In their Conference held on 18th Mar 2012, they honoured our Association conferring 'Yogakshema Ratna Award' given for excellence in multipronged constructive social Service. We thank Mr TE Raghava Simhan and the Trust for recognizing us.

Question : All of us do use lot of web based applications and often you would have encountered being asked to reproduce distorted letters of what you see on screen (mostly two words) stating that the system need to check if you are indeed human. Often these may be set of alphabets which cannot be classified as meaningful words such as .. nxorapt... vendmtur or the like. Do you know what they are and why they are used ?

Ans in Pg : 3

APPRECIATING BLOOD DONORS

Blood donation is noble and at SYMA we have been propagating the cause of blood donation for many years now. Many of our members are regular blood donors and regularly donate blood. Utilizing the World Cup Cricket fever in 2011 we organized Cricket Competition, which further swelled the list of donors.

In olden days you would have seen in cinemas of 'paid donors', people giving blood and taking money in return. Now, mostly it is voluntary donation by noble minded citizens. Many Organisations do conduct Camps to collect blood. Many others donate blood when there is particular requirement. The donated blood may be used for transfusions or it may be separated into individual components to be used as required. The latter procedure is called fractionation. Blood components have a very short shelf life, therefore, acquiring a steady supply

There is no substitute for human blood and the process of donation of blood is relatively easy and no pain – but do understand that the act of donation is altruistic noble gesture and those donate overcome practical difficulties without showing them in any manner.

In this busy World, everyone is preoccupied with work and often blood donation requires travelling across the crowded city which involves time and energy. Reaching the hospital itself would take away some hours of the donor's time, then finding out the recipient, waiting at the hospital, the process, coordination all count – thus some hours of activity

would be lost for the donor, not to speak of the money and time they spent in reaching there.

Anyone of us who requests the services of a donor, should understand that the person is donating voluntarily without any expectation but the very basic courtesy starts in thanking the donor profusely and welcoming them properly. The next is the coordination with the Hospital authorities – it is the duty of those closer to the recipient to organize things in the Hospital that the donor is well received, taken to the appropriate place, arranged to donate immediately upon reaching there, is spoken to nicely, and sent back with thanks and gratitude. It would be appropriate to arrange for transportation to and fro, though most of the donors seldom expect nor care about that, making their own arrangements.

Whenever blood is required for a surgery or transfusion or otherwise – One must ensure that the closest relatives and friends first donate. If we are not prepared to give blood for our close kith and kin, who else will? Going by the practice of Dharma, once you help others, sure you would receive help from even unknown source but everybody is duty-bound to protect dharma by offering help to others.

Respecting the donor is the very basic courtesy and let us ensure that a donor is never displeased – after all, it is that person who has on his own offered to help and if we disrespect or disregard even slightly, it is extremely wrong manners. In a civilized Society, we need to respect and co-exist others and it becomes our duty to respect those who have done us good.....

MEDICAL CAMP

- ◆ On Sunday, 11th March 2012, SYMA in association with Cipla organized 'Asthma detection camp' at Bharathiyar Illam. Around 125 patients were screened and were prescribed appropriate medicines by Dr Vinodkumar. We thank Dr Vinod Kumar & Cipla for their cooperation. We appreciate the efforts of Sadagopan MA in organizing this Camp.
- ◆ On 17th Mar 12, Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust organized medical camp for vedic pandits at Terapant Bhavan; followed by another General medical check up camp on 18th Mar 12 near the Temple premises. SYMA volunteers were at hand to help KKSMT organize the camp.

Ans : It is CAPTCHA – is a challenge used to ensure that response generated is by a person and not by any automated programme. It is an acronym for 'Completely Automated Public Turning Test' used to verify whether the user filling the info or using the service is a human or a computer. For humans this is simple but puzzle for computers. This is used to prevent spammers using fake accounts with help of automated run tasks. The term 'CAPTCHA' was coined in 2000 by Luis Von Ahn, Manuel Blum, Nicolas J Hopper and John Langford – all of Carnegie mellon University which could not however trademark this application.

SYMA - AGM

It is time again for us to meet and elect the Office bearers for the oncoming year. The Secretaries Report and Notice for the Annual General Body Meeting has been sent to all our Members.

The A.G.M. of our Association will be held at 10.00 A.M. on Sunday, the 29th April 2012 at N.K.T. National Boys High School, T.P. Koil St, Triplicane, Chennai-5 to transact the following business.

1) Presidential Address. 2) Presentation of Annual Report for the year 2011-2012 by Secretary. 3) Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2011-2012. 4) Appointment of Auditors for the year 2012-2013. 5) Election of Office Bearers for the year 2012-2013. 6) Any other matter. - Secretaries

We request all our Members to attend the AGM without fail.

A bigger gathering ensures success of all our efforts. Together, we will transform the society and the World around us.

Please do bring the enclosed Secretaries' Report and Balance Sheet to the AGM and please join us for the lunch at the end of the meeting.

புறந்தாய்மை பேணுவோம்

Cleanliness is next only to Godliness and SYMA has been endeavouring to promote the hygiene and cleanliness of the environ. Sri Parthasarathi Swami Temple attracts multitudes and there was a time when the surroundings of the temple were not maintained properly. Stench emanated as people were urinating on streets. SYMA took upon itself in providing viable solution and for the past decade and more, we have been maintaining a Public Convenience located opposite to the Temple tank. This facility is free for users and the expenses are borne by us. After this and the sustained efforts by authorities, the neatness of the surrounding has improved a lot.

Addressing the need for up keep in tune with changing times, the Public Convenience was renovated at a cost closer to Rs. 3 lakhs approx, of which a very major portion was funded by Ourselves. We place on record our sincere thanks to : Embar T.Govindarajan through Aspire Designer Tiles Pvt Ltd for the tiles; KV Srikanth for tiles; PR Ravi Sundar for good support and donation towards white washing and painting; LV Sukumar for the whitewashing materials; Prasad of Vasavi for the doors; Lions Club of Madras South. We also place on record our appreciation and thanks to the technical advice and supervision rendered by SR Parthasarathi.

From March onwards, we have engaged the services of AAY Associates who have earned name by their sincere and skilful maintenance of similar facilities at various places in a large scale. In not so olden days, there used to be dust bins in front of every street house and some bigger ones at designated places. Over a period of time, there are apartments housing multi flats but bins have disappeared. The ones in street corners are over flowing and with the limited Conservancy staff, these are not properly cleaned leading to unpleasant condition. It is the duty of citizens to put the waste only in dust bins or handover them to Conservancy staff when they come for collection.

We have been coordinating with the Agencies concerned and the Corporation in proper disposal of solid waste and in timely collection of household waste. Our Councillor Mr B Srinivasan @ MGR Vassan has been taking laudable steps in ensuring cleanliness. To create an example that can replicated and followed, we constructed a 'model bin' at South Tank Sq Street. The movable dust bin is kept inside an erected structure closed on top and on sides. Waste can be thrown in through the opening and the Collecting agency can easily remove the bin to ensure collection without spillage. This is appreciated by many residents.

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