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From Editor's Desk . . .

From the time when pre-Monsoon rain in India begins, all eyes are set on the sky to see the first signs of Monsoon. Monsoon rain in India is not only eagerly awaited by farmers who rely on rainwater for a productive season but by others as well who just wait to escape the oppressive summer heat by getting drenched in the heavy downpour. June is typically not a rainy month for Chennai ; but in May after remaining hot and dry for several days, Chennai experienced heavy rains. The rains attributed to cyclonic circulation prevailing in Bay of Bengal brought back memories of those wet days and havoc in Nov and Dec 2015. Rains are certainly needed, yet ..

May was also the time of 15th Assembly elections for the 234 assembly constituencies. In Nov 1920, by the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms, the existing structure of the legislative council was modified by the addition of elected members and the first elections were held in Dec 1920. The first Assembly elections for the State in Independent India was held in 1952. Sri . C. Rajagopalachari (Rajaji) became the Chief Minister. The incumbent Chief Minister Ms. J. Jayalalithaa led her party to a victory proving wrong exit polls. After 1984, no ruling party in the state has been able to win an election and form the government for a successive term.

Not only Indian newspapers, but most media across the globe carried pictures of Shri Modiji in US Capitol, the seat of US Congress on their front pages on Thursday, 9th June 2016. Shri Narendra Modi is not the first ! – he is the 5th Indian prime minister to address a joint session of US lawmakers, and from the packed audience it seemed as if they had momentarily put aside the intensely riveting politics and their upcoming elections. In his speech, our PM condemned global terrorism and said during a lengthy address to Congress on Wednesday that growing economic ties benefit both his country and the United States. One lost count of the number of times Modi received a standing ovation from the US Congressmen. The number of times they stood to applaud him, and the number of times they clapped and cheered could not just have been for courtesy.

Lot happening - SYMA had its AGM, new set of Office bearers. After U19 WC, Asia Cup and T20 WC, came the long IPL that had two new teams and expunction of team in yellow. TNPL is being floated. 15th edition of UEFA Euro 2016 involving 24 Nations got underway.

There is lull – after our Feb 2016 issue, Bliss could not be brought out due to personal preoccupations and Yours Truly sincerely apologises to you all for the same.

With regards – S. Sampathkumar.

சுட்டெரிக்கும் வெயிலில் தாகம் தீர்க்கும் SYMA

Chennai, in summer, seethes hot mid-day. People are thirsty ! – Thirst is the craving for fluids, resulting in the basic instinct to drink. It is an essential mechanism involved in fluid balance. Continuous dehydration can cause many problems, most often associated with renal problems and neurological problems such as seizures. When a person is thirsty, a drink of water can be very satisfying, but after the thirst has been quenched, drinking more can be unpleasant. Whether we know Science or not, we all feel thirsty and look for quality water when in hot ! ~ and Srinivas Youngmens Association, (SYMA) Triplicane, feels its duty to do something for common man. Providing water is not entirely new idea, political parties do with some fanfare every summer. Remember your school days.... [if you are 40+] there used to be rusted iron pipes from the water tank..... Students would line before the water tank [very thought would make modern day youngsters and mothers scary] life has changed since !! Water today is a hot selling commodity ..

Without dwelling more at length, SYMA thought it fit to arrange 'thanneer pandal' – providing quality drinking water to common man. It has been put to action and is running for a fortnight now. A RO plant has been put up and there is a water tap outside SYMA Office at 29 TP Koil Street, Opp to Barathiyar Illam, nearer Sri Azhagiya Singar sannathi, Thiruvallikkeni. Quality water is available to public right from 7 am in the morning till 7 pm in the evening. Even after SYMA medical facility is closed at around 7 pm, water would be available in the tap for an hour or so.

சைமாவின் கல்விப்பணி தொடர்கிறது

Monday, 6th June 2016 was another landmark for SYMA. SYMA has an unsaturated desire for serving the Society. In our sojourn, we understand the need for shaping the children and inculcating in them the good qualities, making them responsible citizens. In this beautiful World, most students are frightened to face the Public examination for the first time in X std. (SSLC) SYMA's vision is to provide good quality education, free of cost for those students who suffer for want of opportunities. On 6th July 2008, Mr R Sekar, IPS, Commissioner of Police launched our Tuition Centre 'Growth' and a right beginning was made. Every year since, we have been tasting grand success with very good results.

The 9th year of our Growth started with a pooja conducted by Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Chinnamurai mirasu Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. The Centre is run on all days from 6-8 pm in the evening and on Sundays @ 10-12 am. We have around 30 students each in +2 Commerce, + 2 Science Group; X standard – Tamil and X Std English medium – going by the demand, we are contemplating on putting another section in X English medium. Meantime, the activities for the Educational year 2016-17 have commenced. This year too, We distributed applications, scrutinized them, conducted personal interview, addressed the parents of aspirants in group emphasizing the standards of tuition, need for adherence to discipline, involvement of parents, attendance of students and all other aspects. The selection is primarily on economic criteria. It would be of interest to you to know that the selection was done on certain additional parameters : physically challenged, students of schools of lower fee structure, parents illiterate, parental occupation being manual labour / coolie and the like, orphans, children of destitute / single mother – all accorded some additional mark enabling that we select students who otherwise do not have access to quality tuition by paying fees.

After the pooja, there was a meeting with the parents and students. Secretary S. Sampathkumar welcomed the gathering, Sri R Vijayaraghavan, our donor spoke to the children. Ms Smruti Sinha, Manager Org. learning, ManpowerGroup India spoke at length on the importance of education and our Secretary, R. Sanjeevi, motivated the children highlighting the need for not procrastinating studies. Mr Durai @ Seshadri also addressed the students.

This academic year 2016-17 of SYMA Growth is fully sponsored by ManpowerGroup India under the Corporate Social responsibility. ManpowerGroup is the world leader in innovative workforce solutions, connecting human potential to the power of business. It has a worldwide network of offices in 80 countries. ManpowerGroup founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S., in 1948 by attorneys Elmer Winter and Aaron Scheinfeld, has grown to a \$22 billion business that works with 400,000 clients and 3.4 million associates each year. It is a Company that connects deep understanding of human potential to the ambitions of businesses, helping organizations and individuals achieve their goals we present the right person for the right job. In 2015, ManpowerGroup was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the fifth consecutive year and one of Fortune's Most Admired Companies. SYMA feels fortunate and proud in being associated with such a great company we heartily thank ManpowerGroup India and Sri. P.V. Venkatesan, Chief Human Resources Officer for this great support.

770 seconds of glory !

The entire flight lasted just 770 seconds, yet, Monday, 23rd May 2016 is a day to remember for on this day, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) embarked on a first-of-its-kind test — hoisting into space what is essentially a scale model of what would be India's indigenously designed space shuttle.

Indian space research has come along way since 1960 and our first satellite, 'Aryabhata' launched by the Soviet Union on 19 April in 1975. In what is a proud moment for India, seven metre (23-foot) scale model space shuttle blasted off in a crucial step to eventually developing a full-scale, reusable one to send up satellites in the future. The success of India's first winged body aerospace vehicle operating in hypersonic flight regime brings fame. Indian scientists hope that subsequent larger version, expected to be six times the size, will be launched over the next decade and will make it safely back to Earth.

Q : the first legislative assembly elections to the State in Independent India was held in 1952. Do you know, how many constituencies were there and who was the speaker of the house ? **Ans in Pg. 4**

SYMA GROWTH மாணவர்களின் வெற்றிப்பயணம்

For over two hundred years, posters have been displayed in public places all over the world. Visually striking, they have been designed to attract the attention of passers-by. A couple of decades ago, posters were the best source of reaching the masses. Most Fridays, new cinemas would be released and whole of Tamilnadu would see double-sized posters of the new release, attracting more people to the theatres. We live by the axiom that 'Education is the only tool which can uplift the Society and empower the lower echelons of the Society'. At SYMA Growth, our students are from the lower echelons of society and some of them are first generation students with no support in the family. - have you ever seen posters pertaining to education or ones hailing the performance of students ?

Examination results keeps us on tenterhooks. This year in +2 Commerce section of 29, we had 83.3% percent pass. 8 of our students obtained more than 1000 marks [83.3%]. 2 of Science students got more than 1000. Growth topper is R Devarajan with 1110 marks. In Science, there is a slight set-back as 4 out of 27 failed. In X English medium 50 passed out of 52. 15 students have secured more than 400 marks. In Tamil medium, which generally is marked by absenteeism at school level too, 19 passed out of 22; two of them secured more than 400. Growth topper is Ms Sandhya who got 469/500; in Tamil medium – it is V. Saranraj 466/500 including 100 in Social Science.

Every year at the time of inauguration, as a carrot for improved performance in studies, we tell our 'SYMA Growth' tuition centre students that we would print posters with photos of all students who score more than 400 out of 500 in X and more than 1000 out of 1200 in +2. This year 27 of them have their photos and achievements printed and displayed in all streets and bylanes of Triplicane. This is a grand achievement by our students considering the fact that most come from economically poor family, have none to guide them at home and the environ at home is not so conducive. We appreciate all those who have performed well and wish that they study well further and march towards a chosen successful career path.

No words can describe our gratitude to the management of NK Thirumalachariar Educational Trust and NKT Boys Higher School. We thank the NKT Management for providing us the infrastructure and all the support. We thank Head master of the School Mr S Venkatadri. We pray to Almighty for continued success of this project and look forward to continued support of you all. The success is due to the blessings of Lord Parthasarathi who guides us in all our steps. We must place on record our thanks and gratitude to those teachers who taught these students with great dedication, commitment and devotion. We thank all our teachers for their care and attendance. Our Coordinator Mrs Thara and the team who assisted her also deserve special appreciation. . A Big Thank you to all of you who have been supporting us in all our endeavours. Together We will strive to make the society better place for all of us.

பயணங்களும் - பாலங்களும்

The façade of Chennai is set to change totally – with Metro rail. Triplicane boasting the famous Marina beach, has a Railway station too ... 'Thiruvallikkeni' station on Chennai MRTS, opened to public in Oct 1997. The station is an elevated one built on the banks of the Buckingham Canal. It is the sixth station on the MRTS line to Velachery from Chennai beach station.

Parakkum rail (not the full path though!)~ unique elevated railway runs a distance of 19.34 km (12.02 mi) with 18 stations, from Beach to Velachery. the MRTS is not exactly overcrowded. The not-so-great patronage has many reasons, primary being that many are not on residential locality and remain not easily accessible. From its formative years, we have felt and represented to authorities that the way leading to the station should remain well-lit and clean. A visit to Thiruvallikkeni Railway station would also underline another feature. One has to walk around to reach – it certainly would have been better served, had the station been moved 20 or 30 meters enabling passengers board straight from Sunkuwar lane leading to Beach or the same 30 meters the other way, enabling boarding straight from Barathi Salai [Pycrofts Road].

One has to walk a few meters of not so well maintained road from Sunkuwar or take the dirty road between Marina cricket ground and Wenlock park to reach station. ... and suddenly something has happened without much fanfare, thanks to the efforts of Ward 116 councillor Mr B Srinivasan aka MGR Vasan and the Railway authorities. Recently a small bridge [of 30 meters approx] was opened connecting the railway station to the road from Canal bank over Buckingham canal, providing commuters easy access to Railway station. The new bridge connecting the station, is a good measure, will be of much use and greatly appreciated by Triplicanites.

தேர்தல் முடிவுகள்

Miles away, there is so much about the 58th Quadrennial US Presidential election scheduled in Nov. 2016. Voters will select presidential electors who in turn will elect a new president and vice president through the Electoral College. US Constitution prevents the incumbent President, Barack Obama, of the Democratic Party, from being elected to a third term.

Back home, in May there were five Assembly elections, and five different winners. Voters have not distributed their favours equitably. The Congress, the only party with a realistic chance of being part of a winning coalition in all the five elections, won only one, Puducherry. In Assam, it ceded ground to its principal rival at the national level, BJP, for the first time. In Kerala, where it headed a coalition government as the leading member of the United Democratic Front, it lost heavily to the Left Democratic Front led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist). In West Bengal, the party's incongruous alliance with the Left Front failed to enthuse voters, who saw it as devious and opportunistic. And in Tamil Nadu, AIADMK beat anti-incumbency and exit polls to return to power again. As found out in West Bengal, the arithmetics do not work in elections, and when there is an alliance, it does not always add 2 + 2 together. For the first time, there will be no red representative in Tamilnadu Assembly. Marxists like to believe that they read, and therefore understand, history.

At our own, SYMA AGM was conducted on 22nd May 2016. TA Sampathkumar, who has been our President since 2008 decided to opt out for personal reasons. The tall Sampath has taken SYMA to newer heights with his foresight and desire to expand big. He was instrumental in initiating our tuition centre and passionately striving towards SYMA public school and hospital. SYMA owes its glory to all its past Presidents, Office-bearers, founding members and all who have by their sincere efforts ensured placing the Organisation on a strong pedestal. For many years, TA Sampathkumar has procured highest amount of collection for SYMA, which has ensured expansion of social service activities. By becoming a Committee member, he has ensured that there will be continuity of thought and processes. Mr TJ Ramani, founding member and the central person of all our activities has accepted to becoming the President for another term. The other Office bearers are : Vice-Presidents : SR Parthasarathi & R Seshadri @ Durai; Secretaries : S. Sampathkumar @ R. Sanjeevi; Treasurers : Manivannan VP & Sadagopan MA. Committee : TA Sampathkumar, Vittal Nana, MK Sridharan, SR Ragunathan, KV Srikanth, S Parthasarathy, S Venkatesh, V Prasad, K Gururajan and Smt. MK Prema mami.

The office bearers met immediately, took oath and duties were allocated. In our Organisational set-up, it is always collective decisions put to action by the the sincere and committed volunteers that ensure implementation of social service measures. Together we will strive to make the society a better place. Office bearers pledge their resolve to continue to work in the same vein for SYMA and request you all to partake in all our activities.

Ans to Q : In first election in 1952 Madras state Sri Rajaji became the CM. At that time, Madras Legislative Assembly consisted of 375 seats – single member in 309 constituencies and 62 two-member constituencies. Jagannathan Shivashanmugam Pillai who had earlier been a Mayor became the first speaker of the Assembly

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