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The riches of Lord Ananthapadmanabha Swami is raging over. People tend to forget that Supreme Court ordered only preparation of inventory. The riches belong to the Lord and only to HIM. The King Marthanda Varma donated all his riches to the Lord and ruled their followers be the agents of Lord. The family's unflinching devotion and integrity in safeguarding the assets deserves greater appreciation.

The new Govt. in TN has revived the idea of monorail, the phase 1 of the Metro rail however will be completed – all towards multimodal transport solution for the city. The helmet rule is on and a stricter implementation sure will reduce the mortality rates. Elsewhere at the Capital, the Govt used force and swooped down on women, children, and old men, all led by a yoga guru who had never harmed anybody in his life but, on the contrary, brought happiness to hundreds of thousands of people. There are also attempts aimed at deflecting focus from the anti-corruption debate by indulging in accusations against Anna Hazare and his team. How the civil society wins remains to be seen; an effective Lokpal to rein in rampant corruption will certainly be in the interests of the Nation.

This is time when Educational institutions are reopening and SYMA's Educational Aid programme would be soon held. We have also revamped and launched our strategic initiative – SYMA Growth.

It is a matter of grave concern that some athletes have been tainted in the dope test. It is stated that out of 8, seven have tested positive for the same banned substance -methandienone, an anabolic steroid. What ails the system, is it the individuals, the dismissed Ukranian coach Yuri Ogorodonik or the system, needs to be analysed and any hope of medal in Olympics has vanished into thin air. The Indian team has done well at WI, though against a weakened team. After the first Test win at Sabina park where they were once battered and bruised, the second test win was denied to a combination of rain, bad weather and some poor umpiring. Hopefully, Indians will win the series in style.

Regards – S. Sampathkumar

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Dr K Sridhar, renowned Plastic Surgeon has been guiding and motivating SYMA and we owe a lot to him as we do our mite in the field of medical service.

SYMA feels proud and happy that Dr Sridhar has been appointed as Member of the State Planning Commission of which Ms Shantha Sheela Nair is the Vice-Chairman & the CM Ms Jayalalitha is the Chairman.

**BLISS greets Dr Sridhar
and shares our happiness**



VEERA VANCHI

Exactly 100 years ago (17th June) at a dusty Railway station something of National relevance occurred. Did the Nation remember its heroic son ? 624 km away from Chennai is Maniyachi station – now named 'Vanchi Maniyachi Junction'. 100 years back, at 10.30 in the morning pistol sounded – there was commotion as the only killing of British Official in South India occurred – few minutes later – there were sounds of pistol again – this time the martyrdom of a youth – hardly 25 years of age did the supreme sacrifice of his life for the motherland.

This is not to eulogise the killing but the martyrdom needs to be extolled. Inspired by the Surat Congress in Dec 1907 the man who pioneered shipping – VO Chidambaram Pillai organised political meetings in Tuticorin and Tirunelveli. There were fiery speeches by Subramania Siva. The Freedom struggle spread and on Feb 1908, around 1000 workers struck work in the Coral Mills of Tuticorin. The collector Robert William Escourt Ashe had imposed restriction by Sec 144 and the union of workers was not to his liking. When the patriotic leaders planned to celebrate release of Bipin Chanda Pal as Swarajya day – violence was unleashed by the Dist Admn. VOC, Siva, Padmanabha Iyengar were arrested in Mar 1908. There were riots in Tuticorin and Tirunelveli termed as incendiarism.

Robert Ashe had been born in 1872 in Ireland. In 1895, he arrived in India, where he began his career as an Assistant Collector and rose up to be District Magistrate and Collector. In 1907 he had his posting in Tirunelveli. To avenge for all the harms he posed, Ashe was shot dead point blank at 10.38 when rain halted at Maniyachi.

Vanchinathan belonged to Bharatha Matha Association. He was born in 1886 to Raghupathy Iyer and Rukmani Ammal. His actual name was Shankaran. He graduated in M.A. from Thiruvananthapuram. Even while in college, he married Ponnammal and got into a lucrative Government job. The timing of the assassination indicated a protest against the impending coronation. A massive manhunt followed the assassination. Sadly, it was reported that even his last rites were not performed. 14 persons were arrested and charged with conspiracy. More deaths were to follow as two committed suicide - Dharmaraja Aiyar took poison, while Venkateswara Aiyar slit his own throat. Madasamy, widely believed to be Vanchi's accomplice and who was seen running away after the assassination, was never traced. In a Court of Justice in the colonial context there were testimony of approvers who perhaps were threatened and there was panic amongst the freedom fighters as they feared strict action. What happened to the family of Veera Vanchinathan is not documented but there cannot be any doubt that his lineage would have suffered chill penury and were left uncared for – they would have been hounded by the British and after India obtained freedom, nobody ever cared for them.

Indians exhibited their loyalty immediately after the killing by erecting two memorials – one at the place where Ashe was interred and another a mantap at Great Cotton Road in Tuticorin – the subscription for this was collected from Indians.

The life history of the Great Patriot Vanchinathan is not found in any great detail in the history books and not many remember him. In his birthplace Sengottai [Shencottah] in the foothills of Western Ghats closer to Tenkasi / Courtallam, a statue was erected during the regime of CM MGR. In the movie Kappalottiya Tamizhan, Actor Balaji played the role of Vanchinathan. Long Live Bharat Mata and Long Live the Martyrs who gave everything to make us live the way that we are doing today.....

With tears thinking of the Great son of India and recalling his sacrifice for his wonderful motherland.

SYMA MEDICAL CAMP

We have organized various Medical camps but this one on 26th June 2011 was different. This time it was for school children. SYMA along with Nandalala Trust and Lions Club of South Madras organized a health camp at NKT National Boys High School.

Around 110 students were screened for ENT, Dental and Eye care. 6 of them were prescribed spectacles which were provided to them in the camp. The camp was well organized by Sadagopan MA ably assisted by all our volunteers.

We thank Lions Club of South Madras and Mr TS Sridharan, Mr VMV Narasimhan and P. Narasimhan. We place on record our special thanks to Dr V Shankar Kumar, Suraksha ENT Care, Unit of Nandalala Medical Foundation, Dr KM Vidhya and to all staff of Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal. Its CEO Mr J Babu has been of great help to us in many of our endeavours and we specially thank him for the assistance in conducting eye check-up.

SYMA GROWTH

A Social Service Organisation's objective is to help the society. We want better citizens. We want to inculcate in them great qualities and we felt the need for taking care of those students who are on the margin and would not succeed if no personal attention is provided. It is also a matter of fact, that many of these children hail from economically underprivileged sections and cannot afford to have private tuitions. Poverty, hunger, suffering are all the same – irrespective of caste, creed, community or religion. We have in our earlier years arranged for tuition closer to examinations to take care of those children who dreaded the examinations but any last minute work is only half good. We have been debating on this and contemplating on providing a secure solution.

Thus our idea of a professionally run tuition centre was born. Here we wanted to have Instructors who are in tune with the modern ways of teaching and are already in touch with the present day syllabus. We also wanted to select students who we felt were average or on the margin – just wanting to be nurtured and cared for.

A couple of years back on 6th July 2008, on a very auspicious day – SYMA Growth was born. It was inaugurated at NKT National Girls Higher Secondary School, Triplicane by Shri R Sekar, IPS, (the then) Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai. From that day onwards, lots of SYMA volunteers have strained themselves to ensure success of the project.

We are not buoyed by the pass % alone, every year is a learning experience in relentless pursuit of our goal. This year we felt the need to ensure total commitment of the students and involvement of the parents also. The applications were processed on economic criteria and individual screening of every aspirant was conducted. We emphasized the need for timely and regular attendance, developing competitive spirit, studying with ambition and developing the traits of discipline and responsibility. This was conducted with a view to kindle the aspirations of the students and make them realize that their family would reach greater heights when they study well. We want the parents to be in regular touch with the Centre knowing the progress of their children.

Besides school curriculum, we plan to have Yoga, games etc., for their overall personality development. To ensure that students attend classes properly, a caution deposit has been collected. This would be refunded when they attend classes properly. To make them study well, we propose to distribute cash awards for those students who score marks above some set levels. Thus for the upliftment for those who have not had enough opportunities, we have created the necessary infrastructure, have arranged for quality education. We look forward to the students to avail this facility, come out with flying colours not only by securing good marks also by developing into good responsible citizens.

No words can describe our gratitude to all our dedicated teachers, 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 Smt. Leela Sekhar, Secretary of NKT Trust and the Head master of the School Mr S Venkatadri.

Our Special thanks are also due to many of you who have donated to us in good measure. Together we will certainly make it happen.

EDUCATIONAL AID PROGRAMME

For over two decades now, we have been providing new uniforms to poor students. Last year around 1200 students received uniforms from us. Every year in our Function, besides distribution of uniforms we have been honouring the school toppers of various schools in Triplicane, extend financial assistance to some students and honour a good social worker with 'SYMA Sewa Award'.

The number of students who seek uniforms is increasing year after year and that requires more money. It is a hard truth that there are many school children who manage with just one set of uniform throughout the year, that too hard to come by. We strongly believe that we can make some difference to the way these unfortunate children attend their school. This year we plan to provide Uniforms to 1200 students for which we have evolved systems to ensure that the benefits reach properly.

For doing all these, We are constantly on the look out for sponsors. We look forward to your participation in any measure. The Uniform distribution function is scheduled to be held on 17th July 2011 [more details and the invitation is on page 4] Request SYMA volunteers to contribute and ensure collection from their near and dears. Cheques can be drawn in the name of "SRINIVAS YOUNGMENS ASSOCIATION" payable at Chennai. We will continue to strive for the betterment of Society.

Good gesture

Our Educational Projects are aimed at inculcating values in today's children and making them responsible citizens in the future.

There have been good feedback and appreciations which have enthused us to do better. Recently, a student who once was a recipient donated Rs.1000/- after receiving his first salary. An appreciable gesture and SYMA has reasons to feel happy that the thoughts that we inculcate have indeed started yielding fruits.

Ques: In days of yore, stories were passed down by word of mouth. Do you know which was the first published short story in Tamil and who the author was ?

Ans : Page 4



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Secretaries

Answer : This man was born in 1881 at Tiruchirapalli and was a revolutionary freedom fighter. He studied law and passed the Pleader but was in exile for a long part of his life, underwent untold sufferings for the mother land.

In 1912, he published an anthology of 5 stories – of these ‘Kulathangarai Arasamaram’ dealing with the problem of dowry is considered by many as the first tamil short story. It was Varahaneri Venkatesa Subramaniam Aiyar. (வ.வே.சு)

வாழ்த்துகிறோம்

Dr TS Ramaswamy a Senior lawyer and eminent person of Triplicane has been our patron. His sathabishegam was celebrated on 3rd & 4th July.

Many eminent persons felicitated TSR who has done yeoman service to Vaishnavism and to humanity. BLISS greets Dr TSR and prays for long life and continued service.

ரத்த தானம் செய்வீர். இன்னுயிர் காப்பீர். இம்மாதம் எம்.ஏ. நாராயணன் மற்றும் சடகோபன் எம்.ஏ அவர்கள் இரத்தம் தானம் செய்தனர். அவர்களை BLISS வாழ்த்துகிறது

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