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From Editor's Desk . . .

The AGM of SYMA was held on 10th May 2015 at NKT National Boys School and office bearers were elected unopposed. The new committee met immediately and rededicated themselves to serve the society with unswerving vigour. We have the humongous task of creating a corpus and finding a permanent place to ensure that our social service continues unabated for very many years. Our tuition centre re-opened in June and is doing well. We are gearing up to celebrate our 25th year of medical service. More details inside.

27th July shocked the entire Nation, as we heard the death news from Shillong of our beloved APJ – the former President, India's missile man had endeared himself to the masses. There was spontaneous response of people across the Nation grieving, shops and establishments getting closed with no hint of violence. Around the same time, another person sentenced and convicted for his role in 1993 Mumbai blasts that killed hundreds and maimed more was sent to gallows. While common man condemned, reviled the terrorism, a section of Press sought to put illogical arguments which even pushed to inside pages the homage to APJ and the other condemnable incident that occurred at Gurdaspur. Close on the heels of Gurdaspur, there was fresh infiltration, killing - but one of the two Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists involved was captured alive like Ajmal Kasab in the 2008 Mumbai terror strike. Mohammed Naved, resident of Faislabad town of Pakistan, along with another terrorist fired at a BSF convoy at Simroli. BSF jawans retaliated killing Noman while Naved was overpowered by villagers. The fresh infiltration of jihadis underlines Pakistan's determination to ferment trouble in India.

In this Cricket mad Nation, Apex Court appointed panel suspended IPL franchises Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Rajasthan Royals (RR) for two years after their officials were found guilty of illegally betting on games. Meantime, Sreesanth, Ankeet Chavan and Ajit Chandila have been acquitted though BCCI insisted their bans will stand despite the court clearing them of all charges. It is now over a year since the Mudgal Committee submitted a list of 13 names to the Supreme Court in a sealed envelope – it not yet known as to who they are and what is being done about them. All will be forgotten when 6th ICC WC T20 comes nearer.

Before concluding, my personal apologies for the missing issues of Bliss. Due to some personal constraints, unable to bring out the May, June, July issues of 2015. Look forward to support of our members in bringing out this continuously.

With regards – S. Sampathkumar.

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கல்விப் பணியில் சைமா

SYMA is wedded to the cause of social service – Educational Assistance has been our preferred field for long. Every children has the right to be educated. Only education will uplift them to higher echelons. Even in this rich metropolis, sadly there are many children who could ill-afford to have proper uniforms. We strongly believe that we can make some difference to the way these unfortunate children attend their school. For over two decades now, we have been providing new uniforms to poor students.

This year also we distributed applications, scrutinized and finalized at one stroke, the recipients based on economic criteria. The students came to the venue, had their applications completed and walked out with cards with which they collected the uniforms without hassle. Every year in our Function, we distribute uniforms, honour the school toppers of various schools in Triplicane, extend financial assistance to some students and honour a good social worker with 'SYMA Sewa Award'. That in essence is our Educational Aid programme. 11th July 2015 was the day and we held our Educational Aid Programme at 5 pm at NKT National Girls High School, Triplicane.

Our Secretary, S Sampathkumar compered the programme, welcomed the Guests and introduced those on stage. President TA Sampathkumar in his Presidential address spoke about our various activities, tracing the origin, and dwelt at length on our vision and ideals. Every year we have eminent people who have excelled in life – ensuring that students feel encouraged by great role-models.

This year the Chief Guest was Shri NK Ranganath, MD of GrundfosPumps India P Ltd, from its inception in 1988. An annual production of more than 16 million pumps makes Grundfos one of the World's leading pump manufacturers. A Mechanical Engineer from College of Engg, Guindy with Management from XLRI, Jamshedpur, he is a man with more than 3 decades of experience in multifarious fields. The Chief Guest of the day has been the past President of Madras Management Association, the past Chairman of TN Council of CII and past Chairman of AEEE. Presently, he is part of CII National Committees on Mfg., Water, CSR and Skill development. He is also on board of Indian Terrain Fashions and on the advisory board of 'the Banyan'.

Grundfos contributes towards energy and water conservation by reducing its own impact on the

environment. Its HQ in Chennai is India's first gold-rated green building and also received the Gold certification in 2011. Grundfos has launched a forum through social media titled 'Ekboondhpani' – meaning a drop of water, signifying the importance of each drop of water. Through this page, members share water conservation tips. It was indeed a great honour to have him on the podium.

The other guest was Shri R. Vijayaraghavan, well known to Triplicanites through his philanthropy. Not many of us know of his rich experience of 4 decades in health, critical care and hospital management. He had introduced new drugs in India and specialised in nephrology care. Over the years, he has established several dialysis centres all over the country and in Nepal offering quality care to thousands of kidney-failure patients with 300000 hemodialysis over 15 years. He has helped social organisations like Lions club to establish and run Hemodialysis at low costs. He is involved in promoting a retirement home titled 'Sri Anandha Nilayam' at Kanchi. He is also the Founder Trustee of AkshayaAthreya Trust which focusses on education, health and promotion of our heritage, Vedas and scriptures.

Our tuition centre SYMA Growth has been providing systematic support throughout the academic year to select students and our students have excelled this year too. We are fortunate to have dedicated teachers striving to provide quality education. This year the SYMA Seva award was conferred on Mrs KN Vijayalakshmi, who has been providing quality tuition at our Centre. More details on the recipient of the award in our next issue. We also honoured on stage Mr S Venkatadri, HM of NKT National Boys High School and Mr Shahul Hameed, HM of Muslim High School, Triplicane.

Triplicane has many educational institutions; some of them are century old. The toppers of various schools in Triplicane [in X Std and +2] were honoured on stage. This has been providing great encouragement and happiness to achievers. This award has been instituted by Mr TA Ramachandran in memory of his mother Mrs Rajalakshmi Padmanabhan. Another award is instituted in the name of Vai Mu Kothainayakiammal by Sri VM Narasimhan. The achievers of SYMA Growth were honoured too. The Growth Topper every year receives 'D Krishnan Memorial award' instituted by Ms. Bharathi Baskar.

Financial support to select students was given. Uniforms were distributed to select schools on stage. This year the distribution of uniforms on stage was symbolic and uniforms were distributed at NKT Boys High school on Sunday avoiding congestion, ensuring that the recipients got them without any hassle.

Our Secretary R. Sanjeevi proposed vote of thanks and meeting ended with National Anthem. The function went off very well, largely due to the meticulous planning in distribution of uniforms by our Vice President R Seshadri @ Durai ably assisted by Madhavan, D Veeraraghavan, S. Venkatesh and enthusiastic band of volunteers. In fact, Seshadri and KS Varadharajan went to Tirupur for selecting quality uniforms and special thanks to AMR Sundar in this endeavour. We express our gratitude and thanks to all those who have been supporting us. We owe our success in Social activities to the active participation, blessings, advices and donations of so many good willed, like minded persons. The list of large hearted, good minded people is long. The help is not measured by the amount of contributions alone but by the spontaneity, willingness and the kind heartedness. We would like to place on record, our special thanks to : all our donors, patrons and well-wishers. We place on record our special thanks to the management of NKT Management, Principal, Training college & Mr S Venkatadri. Special thanks are due to all our dedicated teachers. We thank all our donors and members with special reference Sri Balasubramaniam of MangalTirth Estates; Sri J Venkatesan; TS Lakshmanan, Mr CR Sridhar; Kumaran Dresses; Gemini Tailors, Swaraj Graphics. We also thank the Press especially the The Hindu and The Hindu-Tamil

Generally, most of our collections come at the time of Educational Aid programme. We request our volunteers to put in extra efforts for collecting more funds. Together we will strive to make the Society a better place to live in.

கலாமுக்கு நினைவஞ்சலி

The Nation revered Abdul Kalam for his many facets of - renowned aerospace engineer, Professor, Chancellor, President of India, man with a noble mind, clean habits, straight talks, his love to children, his inspirational writings and more. By awarding Bharat Ratna to him, the Nation rejoiced. In the passing away of the man who played a pivotal role in Pokhran II, our 11th President – Nation was saddened.

On 28th July, at Triplicane, SYMA organised homage – floral tribute – the response was spontaneous – large no. of Triplicanites participating. On the next day, students from schools of Triplicane came in large numbers. In an appreciable gesture to honour APJ, the Madras High Court announced that it would work 15 minutes extra every day for the rest of the week. Kalam had famously said: “Don’t declare a holiday on my death, instead work an extra day if you love me”.

தரமான கல்வி

In this beautiful World, most students are frightened to face the Public examinations. SYMA’s vision is to provide good quality education training free of cost for those students who suffer for want of opportunities; SYMA Growth was launched in July 2008. In our 8th year of SYMA Growth, we have started in right earnest selecting candidates on pure economic criterion giving weightage for those who have disability / parents not alive / parents not educated and the like. This year we have an additional section in X Std. Now we have 2 English medium sections in X std; 1 Tamil medium; +2 Commerce & +2 Science group – over all around 155 students. Last year, the results in +2 & X were excellent. We are ever thankful to management of NK Thirumalachariar Educational Trust and NKT Boys Higher School. We pray to Almighty for continued success of this project and look forward to continued support of you all.

நன்றி நவிலல்

The activities of SYMA are well supported by many donors. Mere words can seldom express our gratitude appropriately. A few years back, we initiated efforts in creating Corpus fund and the name(s) of donors of Rs. 1 lakh and above are etched in the facade of our premises. The list is growing !

Sri R Vijayaraghavan, who is doing great service in providing care for dialysis, has been supporting us in our many activities. We thankfully acknowledge the donation of Rs. 1,00,000/- to our Corpus Fund. The cheque was handed over to us on the dias of Educational Aid Function held on 11th July 2015.

Question : Have you heard of ‘Enola Gay’- Paul Tibbets and their connection with that infamous event that shook the World on 6th August ? it is still on display at Washington Dulles International Airport **Ans in Pg 4 3**

25 Years of Medical Service

Our Medical centre started on 16th August 1989 and we are planning to celebrate our 25 years of medical centre which still charges a measly Rs.2/- . Celebrating this grand occasion, we wish to release a souvenir during 3rd week of September which will contain details of medical services besides the medical utilities available in our area.

We intend honouring all our Doctors who have provided medical consultation at our Centre as also all our volunteers who have strived over the years rendering service with great commitment. We look forward to all our members and supporters to join us in this task. We also request you to contact the Medical dispensaries, shops and other establishments for advertisements in the souvenir and financial support.

Independency Day Celebrations

At SYMA, we have been celebrating days of National importance and 15th August is a Great day for the Nation. Our founding fathers created the first oasis in the desert of a colonized world nourished by democracy. Every year, the National flag is hoisted in front of our Medical centre and we celebrate the Day. This year Dr Ashok Rangarajan, Director, Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal is our Chief Geust for the occasion and will hoist the National flag. We invite you all for the function.



On the great day of our National Independence, SYMA has been conducting Eye camp for detection of Cataract for the past many years. Sri Seervi Samaj Bhavan has been the venue over the years. This year on 15th August, SYMA in association with Lions Club Chennai Veenus, Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal and Triplicane Permanent Fund is conducting the 'Eye camp for detection of cataract' at Triplicane Fund Kalyana Mantap, 8 Singarachari Street, Triplicane, Chennai 5. The camp will commence at 9.00 and will conclude by 12.30 am. Registrations have already commenced. Our Volunteers are requested to direct the needy to register at our Medical Centre – the contact nos. are 28445050 / 9444018914.

வாழ்த்துக்கள்

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு. V.B. முகுந்தன் என்கிற காஞ்சி கிருஷ்ணா அவர்களது புதல்வி செள. அபிநயா-சிரஞ். ஜி. யோகேஷ் திருமணம் 4.6.2015 அன்று சிறப்பாக நடந்தது. மணமக்களை Bliss வாழ்த்துகிறது.

நமது சங்கப் பொருளாளர் திரு. M.K. ஸ்ரீதர் (எ) மெய்யூர் கண்ணன் அவர்களது சஷ்டியத்தூர்த்தி 23.7.2015 அன்று அண்ணன் கோவில் திவ்யதேசத்தில் விமரிசையாய் நடைபெற்றது. Bliss அன்னாரை வணங்குகிறது.

Answer : A: Enola Gay is a Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber, named after the mother of the pilot, Colonel Paul Tibbets, 70 years ago, on 6th August 1945, during the final stages of World War II, it became the first aircraft to drop an atomic bomb. The bomb, code-named "Little Boy", targeted the city of Hiroshima, Japan, and caused unprecedented destruction. The killings were to continue – Hiroshima was to be followed by another disaster - originally scheduled for 11 August, but was brought forward by two days to 9 August owing to bad weather. The great disaster – the mindless killing of mankind, continues to be an exhibit in US

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