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From Editor's Desk . . .

Dear (s)

SYMA's long term project aimed at providing quality educational support to poor students, SYMA Growth is progressing well. We conducted our Educational Aid function in a grand manner providing uniforms, educational aid and more importantly honour to those students who performed exceeding well – first by appreciating them and by making others see them as role-models. As we foray on to our 25th year in Medical service, we rededicate ourselves with renewed commitment and vigour.

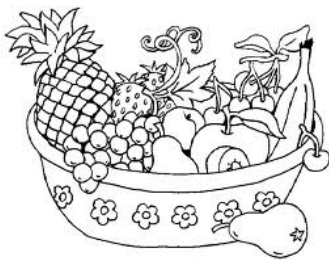
The world is full of paradoxes – people crowd fair price shops for bare essentials and elsewhere there is queue when a new phone model is released. There are basic requirements, essentials, things of utility value and more..... and there is one thing that people keep buying when they already have some and the newer is one is not required or does not add any further utility value; the basic model is called essential and improved version is called smart – it is fancy buying as people tend to continuously upgrade...it is the ubiquitous 'mobile phone' and what is claimed to be a novel safety feature went for a toss within almost 48 hours. Govt is hell-bent on making its Direct Cash transfer scheme a grand hit. To make it a success, Govt linked it to LPG scheme and subsidy and stated that LPG would be sold at market price and the subsidy would be credited to the bank accounts thus making the linkage between bank accounts and Aadhaar number. So, from the days of cycle delivery, it moved that for a refill, one would need - a Bank Account, Aadhar Unique No.; have link between the two – then pay the high price, later expect the subsidy to be transferred to their bank account. When we were worried of the deadline, comes the news of Apex Court ordering the government not to withhold any social benefits from those who are yet to get the Aadhar card and not to issue the unique identification card to illegal immigrants. There is cash crunch and there is fiscal deficit but that does not prevent the reformist duo of PM & FM announcing the formation of 7th Pay commission – lure of millions of votes.

The insane killings in a Nairobi mall takes the world to dark age of hatred ~ one shudders to think of the security of common man who could fall easy prey and sitting target for terrorists. Still there are enough things to motivate in our chosen path of helping the downtrodden and walk in our path of making the society a better place to live.

Extremely sorry for not being in a position to bring out July and August issues of our Bliss. I personally apologise for the same.

- With Regards – S. Sampathkumar.

Our Friend Mr CR Sredhar of Media Associates, a regular patron of SYMA was involved in an unfortunate road accident and is convalescing now. BLISS



prays for his complete and speedy recovery and wishes him to be back in

action soon.

As SYMA enters its 25th year of service in Medical Service, we thank Dr K Sridhar, Kanchi Sankara Medical Trust and other well wishers who initiated, guided and have been supporting us in this field.

We rededicate ourselves to do continued service to humanity with commitment and dedication.



கல்விப் பணியில் சைமா

Education is the right to children. Only education and knowledge will uplift them to higher echelons. Decades back, the system of Uniform was introduced to ensure that children do not suffer from any complex and that all those attending a school will look similar without disparity. Sadly, still there are many children who could not afford attending with neat 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. Every year more than 1000 students benefit from our scheme.

This year also we distributed applications, scrutinized and finalized the recipients based on economic criteria. It was neatly coordinated and organized by our Vice President Seshadri @ Durai that issuance, filling up and processing were all done at one stroke. 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'. That in essence is our Educational Aid programme.

This year our Educational Aid programme was held on 7th July 2013 and the venue was NKT National Girls High School, Dr Besant road, Triplicane, Chennai 5. The Chief Guest was Thiru T.N. Venkatesh I.A.S., Joint Commissioner (Education), Corporation of Chennai; the other Guests being Thiru Gururaja Rao, Executive Vice President, Axis Bank and Mr. B.S. Vasan @ MGR Vasan, Councillor, 116 Division.

The programme started with prayer. 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.

The Corporation of Chennai is the Oldest Municipal Institution in India established on the 29th September 1688. It traces its origin to a charter of East Indian Company. Shri T.N. Venkatesh IAS, is the Joint Commissioner (Education), Corporation of Chennai. He joined the IAS in 2001 and served as Joint Commissioner, Commercial Taxes and as District Collector of Karur. During his tenure in 2007, Karur was adjudged the Best

District for working towards the rehabilitation of the Differently Aabled. To him, two things important for success are hardwork and determination. There is no recipe for success without these two. It was really apt to have such a distinguished person on the podium as our Chief Guest.

Councillor of Ward 116 Mr BS Vasan [MGR Vasan], a good friend of SYMA has been doing great service in our locality. He spoke on the Aadhar scheme and the arrangements made by the State Government enabling the public complete the procedure for obtaining the Unique Identity card. Mr Gururaja Rao, the other Guest of the day is a person who has achieved many laurels in his long career. This kind person spoke a few words encouraging the students to study well and utilize the facilities available in the modern world. Thiru Venkatesh in his speech emphasized on the need for pursuing one's ambition with zeal and how hardwork coupled with determination and self-confidence would for sure uplift every individual. It was really a motivating speech which was heard with rapt attention.

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. The achievers of SYMA Growth were honoured too. The Growth Topper every year receives 'D Krishnan Memorial award' instituted by Ms. Bharathi Baskar. The topper in Maths receives the award instituted by Sri R. Kannan.

Financial support to select students was also 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 different dates avoiding congesting and ensuring that the recipients got them without any hassle.

SYMA as a socially responsible organization has been respecting and appreciating other organizations and individuals rendering service to the society. This year SYMA Sewa Award was conferred on Shri S. Venkateshan, who has been doing committed service without interruption at our Medical centre and as we step on our 25th year of medical service, it was apt to honour him.

சைமா கல்வி மையத்தின் விழா

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.

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 spontaniety, 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 thanks to Thiru T.N.Venkatesh I.A.S, Joint commissioner(Education) Corporation of Chennai, Thiru Gururaja Rao Exe Vice President ,Axis Bank, Mr.B.S.Vasan(Councillor 116 Division). Thanks are due to Mr AV Kasturirangan for fixing up Thiru Gururaja Rao and Mr.S.R.Raghunathan for fixing up Jt. Commissioner of CoC. We heartily thank all our donors and our members who have contributed / collected with special mention to TA Sampathkumar / J Venkatesan & S. Sampathkumar. We thank Mr Balasubramanian of Mangal Tirth Estate for his continued support. The Staff & management of NKT Girls higher secondary school, HM, Principal of NKT training college are thanked for providing us the premises. Special thanks are due to Mr S Venkatadri, HM NKT Boys High School and all Teachers who are helping us at SYMA Growth. We thank Swaraj Graphics for printing. The neat execution of distribution could be executed thanks to Mr Durai @ R Seshadri, assisted by a host of volunteers including Madhavan, Venkatesh, DV Raghavan, & Varsha. We thank TS. Lakshmanan and C.R. Sredhar for continued support and Kumaran Dresses for timely delivery of uniforms.

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.

Q: There are so many disputes between neighbouring Nations on frontier and pieces of land... do you know of a Port which was owned by a Nation for centuries but was fought by a Nation later in 1958 ? **Ans in Page 4**

SYMA Growth has ambled into its 6th year of its operation. SYMA has been planning meticulously its long term objectives of making the Society a better place. Education is the best of the riches that one can possess. With the primary aim of providing quality education to poor students, we started our dream project 'SYMA Growth' – a full fledged tuition centre in July 2008. From that day onwards, lots of SYMA volunteers have strained themselves to ensure success of the project. This year too we have scrutinized applications, have selected students on economic criterion and have been strategizing for providing quality education to the students. It is not only imparting education, we aim to make the students better citizens by developing their various skills, increasing their confidence and motivating them to do well in all aspects of life.

This year it was decided to provide guide books too and on 26.7.2013 office bearers and members of Canara Bank Employees Union, Tamilnadu State committee visited our Growth premises. There was a small meeting when the office-bearers shared their experience and provided positive advice to the students. Guides were distributed to students. Their spokesperson stated that every year they support social welfare activities by pooling their resources and this year the recipient is SYMA. We thank the Officebearers of Canara Bank Employees Union for their support. We also thank Mr S Viswanathan, Asst. Secy for this. Mr Viswanathan has been actively associated with SYMA being its former Vice-president. He has been a regular blood donor too. SYMA thanks them all.

சுதந்திர தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடுவோம்

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. The concept of holding their homeland high is present in many ethnic groups and provides the National identity. While many groups and Nations hail their native country as 'fatherland' or associate it primarily with paternal concepts in their native language, to us it is Motherland, the Bharat Matha, Mother India the national personification as 'Mother Goddess' usually depicted as a beautiful woman clad in saffron sari holding a flag and accompanied by a Lion.

The following phrase is a Sanskrit sloka uttered by Sri Rama Himself... "Janani Janma-bhoomi-scha Swargadapi Gariyasi" it translates to mean "Mother and Motherland are superior to Heaven".

On the great day of our National Independence, SYMA continues to dedicate itself to the service of the Nation, remember the patriotic deeds and sacrifices of so many, because of whom we are breathing free air. At 8.30 am, the National flag was hoisted by Dr R Parthasarathy, who has been associated with VHS and Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust. Dr Parthasarathy, who had the privilege of attending to the legendary MS Subbulakshmi has been known and associated with SYMA for many years and it was indeed a great occasion for us to cherish.

இடைவிடாத சேவை செய்தமைக்கு “சேவா விருது”

As a Service Organisation engaged in Social Service for three and half decades, SYMA feel its bounden duty to recognise those who have been rendering service to the Society without thinking of any recompense. SYMA has been honouring people who have excelled in the area of service to mankind and society by conferring SYMA SEVA AWARD.

SYMA's free medical centre is famous in Triplicane and its vicinity and ever since its inception 25 years ago, we have had this person attending with incomparable regularity and servicing the patients with care and concern. He is associated with Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical trust and he has been the fulcrum of our day to day activities at our Medical centre.

It is **Shri S. Venkateshan**, S/o S Sathyanarayanan, who never misses coming to the Medical centre, pleasantly organizes and ensures that everything is executed in a methodical manner His commitment, regularity and passion to serve are very admirable. Persons with such qualities are rare and there are lot of things, which every youngster should learn from people like him.

We at SYMA have been benefitted by his participation and work, especially our Medical camps held from time to time. SYMA considers him a good role model and has chosen bestowing him SYMA Seva Award for 2013. SYMA has been rendering service to the Society from 1977 and this year is significant to us as this marks the 25th year of our foray into medical service. In some ways, this award is to recognize a host of others who have been so regularly helping us at our Medical Centre. Sure SYMA will honour them too in due course.

வாழ்த்துக்கள்

நமது சங்க முன்னாள் செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர் திரு. வி.பி.மணிவண்ணன்-அமுதா மணிவண்ணன் தம்பதியரின் மகள் வி.பி. வர்ஷா-பி.கே. தீபக் வதூல் அவர்களின் திருமணம் 14.7.2013 அன்று வில்லிவாக்கத்தில் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. மணமக்களை **BLISS** வாழ்த்துகிறது.

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Ans for Question in Page 3 : Gwadar is a planned free trade port city situated in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, located at the apex of the Arabian Sea and at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, approximately 460 km (290 mi) west of Karachi. During the last century Gawadar was under Omani rule ~ Pakistan purchased the Gwadar enclave from Oman for \$3 million in Sept. 1958. In 2011, it was designated the winter capital of Balochistan province. When it was bought by Prince Karim Aga Khan, Gwadar was a small and underdeveloped fishing village with a population of a few thousands. It became part of Balochistan province in 1977. After years of conception of plan, the Govt began construction of Port in 2002 and was inaugurated in 2007.

வருந்துகிறோம்

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<p>அணுக வேண்டிய முகவரி : சைமா BLISS சைமா மெடிக்கல் சென்டர் 29, துளசிங்க பெருமாள் கோயில் தெரு திருவல்லிக்கேணி, சென்னை -600 005.போன்:28445050 © : T.A. Sampathkumar 9841078109 . S.Sampathkumar 9940086033 R. Sanjeevi 9940086026 E-mail : srinivasyoungmensassociation@yahoo.co.in. Website : www.syma.in</p>	<p>உறுப்பினர்களிடமிருந்து செய்திகள், துணுக்குகள் உபயோகக் குறிப்புகள் வரவேற்கப்படுகின்றன. To _____ _____ _____</p>
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