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From Editor's Desk . . .

2014 has fledted past as we are about to herald another fresh Year. The human mind is wired to detect and dwell on negative events and circumstances. Those who have ventured out have succeeded just as the cavemen who went out hunting and gathering food for their families. Those who survived did so because they were sharply attuned to possible attacks from saber-toothed tigers lurking in the bush. In modern times rather than the predators, one should throw out negative thoughts and look out with optimism and positivity. As you would have read, Social networking site Facebook apologised for the bad memories its new automated feature 'Year in Review' stirred up in people. Though the app was awesome to many, clearly none would like to relive bad memories.

Another bombblast at Bangalore, claimed the life of an innocent woman. In our neighbouring country, deep-rooted terrorism struck in ugliest manner claiming lives of innocent children at Peshavar. Over there, military courts were instituted because civilian courts rarely made headway in terrorism cases where judges themselves are terrorised. Meantime, Islamabad High Court suspended the notification for the detention of 26/11 accused Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi making many believe that they are not serious in such investigation.

Back home, e-commerce is blooming, fuelled by large investments in horizontal marketplaces and money seemingly flowing in 'festival sales' of Flipkart, Amazon, Snapdeal. The huge discounts proposed has shaken the retailers. The Nation made rapid strides with ISRO recently launching the first test flight of its newest rocket – the GSLV Mk.III successfully conducting a suborbital flight that also demonstrated a prototype crew capsule (CARE) for India's proposed manned missions. Earlier, India created history, becoming the first country in the world to succeed on its first Mars mission when ISRO's Mangalyaan slipped into Martian orbit. It is indeed a proud moment as a satellite into orbit around Mars was placed successfully.

In the health field, the Nation was certified polio-free by the World Health Organization after three years without an endemic case of polio. This year also saw an Indian (jointly) receiving the Nobel Peace Prize - Kailash Satyarthi and his vision of putting an end to child labour have been honoured.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2015 as we strive to make the Society a better place to live in.

With regards – S. Sampathkumar.

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SYMA GOLDWINNER CHILDFEST 2015

Come January, it is time for SYMA Goldwinner Childfest. Over the years, this has become immensely popular with schools and with children, as portrayed by the growing numbers. The fete is a two day affair with individual participation in Drawing and Fancy Dress – the rest are representation through schools. Initially when we started, we were conducting Childfest in November commemorating Childrens day. The incessant monsoon rains proved to be regular impediment which made us shift the event to January.

Children are our future and inculcating good qualities in them and making them responsible citizens is the responsibility of the Society. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbibing discipline, commitment, mental strength, self-consciousness and other virtues. Child Fest is one such attempt aimed at imbibing in them the skill sets, confidence and more importantly competitiveness. Child Fest provides a competitive platform for showcasing talent in various fields. This year we plan to have it on 24th & 25th of January 2015.

This year, Goldwinner- SYMA Childfest will be held at NK Tirumalachariyar National Girls Hr Sec School, Dr Besant Road, Triplicane, Chennai 5. Here is the schedule of events.

Individual Events on 24.1.2015

Drawing Competition

Group	Standard	Timing
E	9th and 10th	09.00 am
C	3rd, 4th & 5th	11.00 am
A	Lkg & Ukg	01.30 pm
B	1st & 2nd	01.30 pm
D	6th, 7th & 8th	3.15 pm

Fancy Dress Competition

Lkg Ukg & 1st Std

Time: 05.00 pm. No verses / dialogues allowed

Group Events on 25.1.2015

Entry through School Only

Singing Competition (Group event)

A	1st to 5th Std	09.00 am
B	6th to 12th Std	11.00 am

Quiz Competition (Group)

A	6th to 9th	11.00 am
B	10th, 11th & 12th	11.45 am

Preliminary written; followed by Finals

Art work Competition (Group) 11.00 am

6th to 12th (Min 3 - Max 6 per group)

Innovative Thinking Competition (Group) 02.00 pm

6th to 12th (3 members per group)

Dance Competition (Group)

Lkg to 5th (Min 6 - Max 10 per group) @ 04.00 pm

For more specific details, do visit our website www.syma.in. For all further enquiries contact : 9940086026 / or e mail us at : srinivasyoungmensassociation@yahoo.co.in. We request all our members to introduce sponsors for the event, attend the event without fail, assist us in organising the event ensuring its continued success.

வாழ்த்துக்கள்



சங்க செயல்வீரர் செள. எஸ். பவித்ரா - வி.ஸ்ரீகாந்த் அவர்களின் திருமணம் 2.11.2014 அன்று திருவல்லிக்கேணியில் விமரிசையாக நடந்தது. மணமக்களை Bliss வாழ்த்துகிறது.

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் ஸ்ரீ.ஆர். வீரராகவன் - ஆர் ராதா அவர்களின் சஷ்டியத்தூர்த்தி 27.11.2014 அன்று நடந்தேறியது. தம்பதிகளை Bliss வணங்குகிறது.

Q : Nation rejoiced when Nobel Peace Prize 2014 was awarded jointly to Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education". Do you know the person who declined the Nobel Peace Prize ? : **Ans in Pg 4**

சுத்தமான பூமி இங்கு உருவாக வேண்டும்

What it takes to keep the surroundings clean ? – have you ever wondered when you walk past any area which is untidy ! – other than blaming the system and expecting people to refrain from throwing litter everywhere – WE can make a difference to the place around us – all that is required is 'indomitable will, few leading from the front and people cooperating'

Civic activities and keeping the environment clean have been the founding platform of SYMA. On 7th Dec 2014, SYMA launched campaign to keep Triplicane clean titled 'திவ்யதேசத்தை திவ்யமான தேசமாக காப்போம்'. At a time when the Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a great beginning with his pet initiative - Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the Corporation of Chennai launching public campaign through various forums, including social networking sites, for a 'Clean Chennai' - SYMA has launched a pilot project.

On that Sunday morning, Triplicane residents spurred by SYMA swung into action. With brooms in their hands, pledge on their lips imbued with enthusiasm to make the Divyadesam, a model place – a clean, hygiene place – volunteers of SYMA and passionate residents went around the Streets launching cleanliness campaign around the Temple aiming to make it a 'Litter-free Zone'. The Campaign kicked off with an awareness rally. More than 200 residents representing various associations including : Sathananda Yoga, Soundarya RATHinamala Isaikuzhu, Mrs Lalitha of Pasumai Iyakkam, Nanbargal kuzhu participated. The Awareness procession was flagged off by Mr Thirugnana Sambandham, Project Director, Ramky. 116 ward Councillor Mr B Srinivasan@ MGR Vasan, uniformed students and teachers of Hindu Sr Secy School, Patel Scout Group, Corporation workers and SYMA volunteers participated. Immediately after the 'awareness rally' – volunteers swept the streets of Triplicane ensuring its cleanliness. The campaign was conceptualised and executed by Vittal Narayanan whose audio material ensured that the planning had its desired effect among the residents of Triplicane.

It certainly does not stop here ... more needs to be accomplished. In this pilot project, we have adopted South Mada Street, Thulasinga Perumal Kovil Street, Peyalwar Kovil Street and small portion of Car Street surrounding the temple. We have had rounds of interaction with Corporation Officials and Ramky, assisted by Mr MGR Vasan. We are creating the necessary infrastructure, spreading the awareness making the residents getting involved in keeping our place clean. There could be impediments, but together, we will ensure a neat, clean, hygiene environment – it starts with Us, our Family, our Street, our Area, Our Nation.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR GROWTH STUDENTS.

We live by the axiom that 'Education is the only tool which can uplift the Society and empower the lower echelons of the Society'. The foremost responsibility of a Social Service Organisation is to improve the society and help the underprivileged. From smaller experimentations to full-fledged quality educational assistance in the form of SYMA Growth was born in 2008. We have nicely moved along. At SYMA Growth, we have X Std Tamil Medium; X Std English Medium; +2 Commerce Group and +2 Science Group.

Besides education support, we have plans for the overall personality development of the students too. Recently, we elicited information from all our students by way of a simple questionnaire and are working on some of the finer aspects learnt. We have since made arrangements for some special classes on specified subjects to strengthen their fundamentals. Another observation from this exercise, is the need for making them mentally strong and addressing some of their fears and perceptions. Psychometrics is the field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement. Counseling psychology encompasses research and applied work in several broad domains.

The students were collectively and individually addressed to by a specialist. On 28th Dec 2014, the parents of our Growth students listened with rapt attention to the special lecture delivered by Mrs J. Sudhavalli. She dwelt at length on parenting and the positive impact that is required in creating necessary environ for the child to study. The parents appreciated the Guest speaker as also SYMA for this initiative. Our special thanks to Mrs J Sudhavalli for volunteering this initiative and supporting us.

மருத்துவப்பணியில் சைமா

SYMA Mission 25 : On 18th Sept. 2014, SYMA in association with Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal conducted 'eye check-up' camp at Raghavendra Primary School, Triplicane. A total of 211 students were screened. Two girl child were referred to hospital for further diagnosis, 9 students were prescribed spectacles.



On 30th Nov 2014 SYMA conducted a medical Camp exclusively for women. 82 persons participated of which 58 were below the age of 18 comprising mainly of SYMA Growth students. Dr Milly Mathews, Senior Consultant, Nephrology, Dr Deepika Gandhi, Senior Consultant, Paediatrics, Dr Sandhya Vasan, Constulant, Obst. & Gyn. –from SRM Institute of Medical Science provided consultation. Initially, the Doctors answered the questions of the participants clarifying various doubts on general health and later there was individual consultation. The camp was coordinated by Mrs Uthra Sarang, Mrs Shobhana Narasimhan and Mrs Prema. We thank Dr. K. Sridhar for the guidance and support in conducting this programme.

வருந்துகிறோம்

- ❑ **BR Parthasarathi** (affectionately Rao Sir) passed away on 7th Nov 2014 after battling cancer for sometime. He was 72. A very friendly person, pleasant to all, endeared to us all in SYMA by his attitude, financial support and passionate work. He was very active in Brahmanar Nala Sangam. His efforts in coordinating with schools in Triplicane during Childfest and more specifically during Educational Aid function would remain unmatched. His passing away is a great loss to SYMA and to all of us personally. We miss you Rao Sir and Bliss registers its heartfelt condolence to his bereaved family.
- ❑ **Mrs Janakiammal**, mother of our member S. Narasimhan passed away on 13.12.14. She was 97.
- ❑ **Mrs Nachiyar** aged 76, w/o Thiru Varadha Narayana Iyengar (mother of our member V Ramanujam) passed away on 17.11.14
- ❑ **T.A. Srikanth** brother of T.A. Srinath passed away on 21.11.14 at Australia

Ans to Q.Pg 2 : According to Nobel's will, Norwegian Parliament appoints the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which selects the Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee presents the Nobel Peace Prize in the presence of the King of Norway on 10 December each year (the anniversary of Nobel's death). Le Duc Tho, a Vietnamese revolutionary was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize jointly with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in 1973, but he declined it. They were jointly awarded for their efforts in negotiating the Paris Peace Accords. However, Tho declined to accept the award, claiming that peace had not yet been established.

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