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From Editor's Desk . . .

Solar Impulse is in news - the World's only 'no-fuel' solar-powered aircraft took off for Myanmar from Varanasi after overnight stopover, ending its weeklong journey in India as part of the round-the-world trip. It ranges between 50-160kmph, faster during days and slower at night to prevent batteries from draining quickly.


Back home, Swine flu is threatening as there are reports of increasing toll. The respiratory disease caused by viruses is expected to dip with the rise in mercury. In North and Western India, unseasonal rains and hailstorms have affected the crops. Government has promised to take all administrative and relief measures to help the affected farmers. In a land which has always preached respect towards elders, the Ministry of Personnel has launched an online platform 'Anubhav' for the retiring central government employees to showcase "commendable" work done by them during their service. All central government employees retiring within next six months have been asked to share experiences and good work done by them during their tenure.

The World Cup Fever is on – India has a golden run and has entered Semi finals. Generally, Western World would denounce sub-continent wickets for high scores. In this edition, 300+ [a couple of 400+] and 32 centuries before QF have all revealed the heavy tint towards batting which has made legendary pacer Curtly Ambrose state that rules favoured batsmen so much that teams might as well use bowling machines to send down deliveries. There have been retirements of top players – some went over the hill; few retired at peak. Brendan Taylor, Zimbabwe Captain is only, has played for 11 years and retired after scoring a fine century against India, because he has signed 'kolpak deal' with Nottinghamshire under which he has to compulsorily give up right to play for his country.

We care for children and always feel that imbibing goodness in them augurs well for the future society. This issue features in detail our Child Fest – the 2 day inter-school competition. We concluded the session for this year Tuition centre 'SYMA Growth' activities with pooja recently wishing good luck for our students. The examinations are now on and we pray that their well concerted efforts fructify and they progress well in their career. More details of the Pooja and the spontaneous support from people will be featured in our next issue.

With regards – S. Sampathkumar.

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குழந்தைகள் திருவிழா

SYMA has been rendering social service for close to 4 decades ~ besides our Medical and Educational projects, children are close to our heart. At SYMA, we fully realize the need for inculcating good qualities in children and have been striving to imbibe competitive spirit in children. Over the years, Child Fest has become immensely popular with students and schools. This year also the event sponsor of 2 day Child Fest was Gold Winner [special thanks to CR Sredhar for the continued support]. The venue was the famed seat of drama and education - NK Thirumalachariar Girls High School, Besant Road, Triplicane.

In its nascent days, SYMA Childfest was conducted in Nov commemorating Children's day. For varied reasons, with weather being a primary concern, it shifted and now we have it in January. This year it commenced on Saturday, 24th Jan 2015 ~ and in the morning at the appointed hour, it rained heavily albeit briefly. The wetness however did not dampen the spirits. The shamiana put up by Mr Ramesh withstood the onslaught of the rain. The function was inaugurated by Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Bhattachar of Sri Parthasarathy Swamy Temple and Sridhar Upadyaya of Sri Raghvendra Mutt.

The programme started with traditional invocation to Lord and by lighting of 'kuthuvilakku. Enthusiastic volunteers of SYMA, Soundarya Rathinamala, students MOP Vaishnav college, Patel Scouts Group – together ensured that everything was according to the plans drawn up earlier. The event was well coordinated by our Secretary R. Sanjeevi. Special appreciations to Mrs Jayasudha and Ms Saranya for managing our Office room and for their efforts in the conduct of the function. All the participating children were given prize and a Certificate commending their participation.

First it was Drawing competition held in various groups, where participation was at individual level. We had close to 2000 students. The cooperation of the N.K.T Girls Higher Secondary School authorities and staff ensured that we were able to accommodate all the students and provide proper seats to all of them easily. The talent and attitude of today's children is so encouraging and many of the drawings made us wonder and appreciate the precocious innate talent.

By the evening, the stage was set for the colourful fancy dress competition. The crowd was filling in large numbers – everywhere one could see flurry of decorated children and anxious mothers. There were beautifully decorated animals, Various Lords – Hanumar, Buddha and more, National leaders like Bharathiyar, Gandhiji – science equipments and more – yes all beautiful children dressed

and decorated capturing the attention and eyes of all. In our competition, it is a mere display of the fancy dress 'no slogans or speech'. In the end, the children and parents left with happiness writ large in their faces.

Day 2 was daringly different ~ this year we introduced two new categories – 'innovative thinking' and 'best out of waste'. First it was Group Singing – of Junior group followed by Seniors. The response and exhibition of talent was exceptional. At 11.30, the Quiz preliminary which was a written round consisting of 20 Questions was held. Most of the questions were topical and tested the awareness of the recent events that captured headlines in newspapers. At 0200 pm – we had the finals of Quiz – first the A group, followed by Group B. The Quiz format was the brainchild of Brahma Associates - Mr. N Rajaram extending the usual support from Oman. The Quiz was conducted by Mr. S. Sampathkumar.

In the Artwork competition, students exhibited their creative thinking and expanded thoughts in bringing best out of materials which would otherwise go waste. It was not only their creation but more of their thoughts and explanation that deserved appreciation. In the 'innovative thinking' – the work of a student who got the spark from the hazards faced by his father captured attention. In what can be construed as a gift to his father, a class XI student of MCC Hr Sec School, B Sendil Madhavan showcased a device that robotically checks the quality of welding. This won the first prize. The winner was to say that seeing the hard work of his father toil in a factory in Korattur and yet getting admonished hurt him and set him up the idea of f 'Weld Inspector Robot'.

The evening provided the perfect backdrop for appreciating the winners – the Prize Distribution function. The Chief Guest for the evening was the well known Industrialist and Philanthropist Sri Nalli Kuppaswami Chetti, a man who written books and has more books written on him. The man from 80+ year of silk business and jewellery is known for his penchant for quality and customer care. He is a recipient of the prestigious 'Padma Shri' and 'Kalaimamani'. The liberal donor for arts, culture and education, is on the governing body of many arts and cultural bodies and educational institutions. He was Chairman of Kapaleeswarar Temple and a member of Trust board of TTD. He is the President of many Sabhas which include the century old Sri Parthasarathi Swami Sabha. It was indeed a moment of pride for SYMA to have this man known for impeccable honesty, a man who delivers lectures at various business schools presiding the function.

The other guests were Sri VR Chari, Vice-Chairman, GH Induction India Pvt Ltd and Cine actor Delhi Ganesh.

Mr Chari born in 1942, is an Electrical Engineer by profession, has held various high positions and is now Vice Chairman. He has travelled far and wide and possesses rich experience in the field of induction heating. Sri Delhi Ganesh is no stranger to SYMA. This veteran actor of more than 400 movies starting from Pattina Pravesam in 1976. Some of his notable films include Nayagan, Apporva Sagodharargal, Michael Madana Kamarajan, Sindhu Bhairavi, Thenali. He was conferred Best Actor award in 1979 and is also a 'Kalaimamani'.

The function started with a prayer. Secretary, S. Sampathkumar welcomed all and introduced the distinguished guests. T.A. Sampathkumar, President spoke on the various activities of SYMA and on the vision of SYMA. Formal Vote of thanks was rendered by Mr. Sanjeevi Raghunathan, Secretary, SYMA.

We place on record our thanks to the event sponsor "Gold Winner" and special thanks to Sri CR Sredhar of Media Associates. We thank Mangal Tirth Estates and its director Mr M. Balasubramanyam, Sri Krishna Sweets and Shri N. Murali, M/s Lucas TVS, United India Insurance, Triad, Axis Bank, SMSO Nidhi, Star Health Insurance, Punjab National Bank, HDFC Bank for being associate sponsors. Special thanks are due to the Principal, Headmistress management and staff of NKT National Girls High School - for providing us the venue. We thank Mr. AV Kasturi Rangan, Mr. Bakthisaran, Mr. MA Sadagopan, Mr TJ Ramani, Sri Meiyur Kannan & Mr. D Sudarsan for

the coordination with the sponsors. Mr AV Kasthuri Rangan deserves special mention for placing the security guards. We record our thanks to Kumaran Dresses (for the Cups and Medals); Sri Raghavendra Mutt [for food], Mr N Rajaram, Brahma Associates [for Quiz].

The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning, and meticulous execution done by our dedicated volunteers under Sanjeevi and those of Soundarya Rathnamala led by Mrs Prema Krishnamohan, Volunteers with specific mention of Sri. V. Prasad, Sri Venkatesh, R Kannan & T A Sathyanarayanan. Sri Vittal Narayanan deserves special mention for the coordination of Stage, display of sponsor board, designing colourful leaflet and Stage management. Sri Krishna Sweets generously helped in certificate and medals. We place our thanks to the enthusiastic students of MOP Vaishnav college and of Patel Scout Group [Sri KL Ramesh]. The work of our Vice President- R Seshadri @ Durai stands out in arrangement for distribution of the prizes. Mr SR Parthasarathi took care of for all the outdoor work supported by Mr D Veeraraghavan. We thank Mr. Chandrasekhar of Creative desk for the web support; Mr. Mani & Mr. Narayanan of M/s Swaraj Graphics for the print support. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Vasudha Bakthisaran, our voice for answering all calls relating to the Child Fest (@ 28441078). Our thanks are also due to Thirumazhisai Kannan for the photography of the event. The program ended with singing of "National Anthem".

மருத்துவப்பணியில் சைமா

On 12th and 15th December 2014 a special Dental / Eye Camp for the students of the Hindu Senior Secondary School, Triplicane was conducted by Tamilnadu Dental College. Close to 2000 students were screened. Our Treasurer M.A. Sadagopan coordinated the camp. On the Republic Day of the Nation, SYMA conducted a camp for 'oral hygiene'. This Dental camp was conducted at NKT National Boys School, Triplicane, Chennai 5. Around 50 people benefitted in this camp. We thank the Doctors and staff of more than century old institution, Tamil Nadu Govt Dental College for the neat conduct of the camp.

We are grateful to **Dr.M.B.Aswath Narayanan**, Professor & HOD of the Dept. of Public Health Dentistry for the continued support. He was our Chief Guest and hoisted the National Flag at our Medical Centre earlier in the morning. The camp was coordinated by MA Sadagopan and well supported by Mrs Shobhana Narasimhan and Mrs M.K. Prema. We thank Dr. K. Sridhar for the guidance and support in conducting this programme.

Q : 26th Jan – the Indian Republic Day is a Great Day for the Nation. 65 years back, a salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic in 1950.

Every year, in the Parade, India has been hosting a Head of State or Government of another country as the state guest of honour for Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi. This year, it was a "genuine honour" for US President Barack Obama was Chief Guest. In the first year, it was the Indonesian President Mr Sukarno. Do you know who were the Chief Guests in 1955 and 1965 ? **Ans in Pg 4**

வருந்துகிறோம்

Our life member Mr. P.B.Sudarshan passed away on 25.1.2015. Bliss convey deep condolence to the members of the family

நல் முயற்சிக்கு பாராட்டுகள்

Much has been written about the bovine menace in the streets of Triplicane. Stray cattle, sometimes aggressive have threatened and harmed people, especially old aged. Children are afraid of walking alone, hurriedly cross the roads in the fear of these animals. Representations in various forums have so far not fructified. In Jan, when the US President Barack Obama visited the Capital to attend the Republic Parade, South Delhi's streets were cleared off stray cattle. The civic body sent many stray cattle to gaushalas paying the NGOs that run the shelters. Now there is hope and happiness for the residents of Triplicane.

Nearer Marina ground, Chennai Corporation has razed the ground and have provided an enclosure for cattle, where the owners can tie and rest their animals, instead of letting them out on the roads. The enclosure put up beneath the MRTS track has soil floors and fixed iron rings for tethering the cows and buffaloes. Corporation has made arrangement for borewells ensuring water supply for the animals and for keeping the enclosure clean. Some arrangements are being made for bringing the vegetable waste from the market and given to cattle.

Some owners have already started using the facility and there appears to be good response from them. Some of them say that the new facility is good for them as they did not have proper sheds for housing the cattle. The move certainly benefits the residents who have felt the free roaming cattle to cause disturbance and sometimes physical injuries.

SYMA has been taking up this cause through media and dialogue. Various representations had been made to Civic authorities including Chennai Corporation. WE appreciate this initiative and thank our Mayor Mr Saidai Duraisamy for his personal involvement in bringing this about. Special thanks are also to Mr B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan, Municipal Councillor, Ward no. 116 for his untiring efforts in bringing a peaceful resolution beneficial to all.

வாழ்த்துக்கள்

நமது செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர் செல்வன். வி. பிரசாத் - செள. சுப்ரியா திருமணம், 30.1.2015 அன்று பூங்காஹஸ்தியில் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. மணமக்களை Bliss வாழ்த்துகிறது.

நமது சங்க துணைத்தலைவர் திரு. வி.பி. துரை (எ) சேஷாத்தரி அவர்களின் குமாரர் சிரஞ்சீவி. எஸ். கிருஷ்ணகுமார் - செள- எஸ். அர்ச்சனா அவர்களின் திருமணம் 11.02.2015 அன்று சேலையூரில் விமரிசையாக நடந்தது. மணமக்களை Bliss வாழ்த்துகிறது.

Answer : Before India fought wars with China and Pakistan, leaders from these countries were invited as state guests for the Republic Day celebrations. In 1955 it was the third Governor General of Pakistan, Malik Ghulam Muhammad, a notable Chartered Accountant. In 1965, it was Pakistani Agriculture Minister Rana Abdul Hamid, a few days after which the Countries went on war.

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