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From Editor's Desk . . .

Gujarat – Gandhinagar; Orissa – Bhubaneswar; Jharkhand – Ranchi; Chattisgarh – Raipur; Himachal Pradesh – Shimla; Tripura – Agartala; Meghalaya – Shillong; Nagaland – Kohima no Quiz! this – you will read more on this inside.

The Annual General Body Meeting of SYMA is to be held on 4th May 2014 – full details are on page 4. Request all members to attend without fail.

After the WC T20, the more glitzy IPL is all set to start. Unlike the previous versions, you have Court appointed Chairman and there are news that sponsors aren't lining up to be part. IPL has been hit by the betting and spot-fixing scandals. Due to the elections, 20 matches are to be outside India, in UAE and of course fans would be lining up for the tickets and of course, the coveted passes are always in demand. To many brand IPL is more of entertainment. There is also news that CSK would play only 2 of their group matches at Chennai and some at Ranchi.

Indian General elections are scheduled to be held in nine phases from 7th Apr to 12th May to constitute the 16th Lok Sabha. It is the duty of every citizen to cast their votes and exercise their franchise. You have to be part of the system to being about any change. As the Nation gears up for a newly elected Govt., there are many areas of concern ranging from economic development to stability. Despite having a female prime minister as long ago as 1966, women in India have historically remained marginal in politics and political parties have made little effort to woo them. Female voter turnout has been steadily rising while male voter participation has remained unchanged over the past 50 years, a trend observers say can't be ignored as India holds its 16th general election. Something on the elections too, in the present issue on page 4.

SYMA elections on the other hand will be on a different plane. According to our bye-law, every member has the right to contest, subject to qualifying age criteria. The deposit to be made by the contesting member is only Rs.10/- At SYMA, it has always been continued service to humanity – the primary responsibility of Office bearers is to continue that service without diluting the ideals of SYMA, as we march on towards our 25th year of medical service.

With Regards – S. Sampathkumar.

This is our Silver Jubilee year - SYMA enters its 25th year in Medical Service, thanks to **Dr K Sridhar**, Kanchi Sankara Medical Trust and other well wishers who initiated, guided and have been supporting us in this field.

We invite you to be part of the initiative

Sponsor Rs.1000/- on your Special day taking care of a day's expenses.

சைமா உறுப்பினர்கள் கவனத்திற்கு...

ஜனநாயகம் என்பது மக்களே தேர்வு செய்யும் நமது அரசு.

ஒட்டளிப்பது நமது உரிமை மட்டும் அல்ல கடமையும் கூட!

தேர்தல் நாள் 24.4.2014

தவறாமல் வாக்கு அளிப்பீர்!!

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..... please read 1st para of 1st pagethat was no Quiz ... but imagine 2 elementary school kids (of N Samarao school) standing side by side on a big stage – one reeling out the States while other without breathing time telling the capital citythat breath-taking performance provided the perfect start to our Variety entertainment event on day 2 of Goldwinner SYMA Childfest 2014.

At SYMA, we fully realize the need for inculcating good qualities in children as they only will shape the future of the Nation. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbibing competitive spirit in children. Over the years, Child Fest has become immensely popular with schools and with children. 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 shifted back to the famed NK Thirumalachariar Girls High School, Besant Road, Triplicane. We erected a stage on the ground covered with Shamiana which became a big hit for those who thronged the venue.

On day 1 (25th Jan 2014) Drawing competition for 6 Groups [Lkg to 12th Standard] was held. Child Fest was inaugurated by Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. The programme started with traditional invocation of Lord and lighting of 'kuthuvilakku'. Enthusiastic volunteers of SYMA, Soundarya Rathinamala ensured that everything was according to the plans drawn up earlier. The event was well coordinated by our Secretary R. Sanjeevi. Special thanks to Raghuraman for manning our office room. All the participating children were given prize and a Certificate commending their participation. We had close to 2000 students for drawing alone. 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 realize the innate talent that is present.

By the evening, the stage was set for a colourful fancy dress competition. The crowd was filling in large numbers

– everywhere one can see differently 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 the end, the children and parents left with happiness writ large in their faces. The results were put up on our website www.syma.in and voice of SYMA Mrs Vasudha Bakthisaran was active as usual.

Day 2 was daringly different ~ this year we introduced a new event variety entertainment for 2 groups (1st to 5th Std and 6th to 12th Std). We received a good response for this new event. The start enraptured the audience; more was to follow including IPL spoof. The crowd was treated to entertainment at great length by the creativity of modern school children. Alongside, the Quiz preliminary which was a written round consisting of 20 Questions was held. Most of the questions were topical and tested the knowledge of the events that captured headlines in newspapers. At 0200 pm – we had the finals of Quiz – first the Group A, followed by Group B. The Quiz format was the brainchild of Brahma Associates - thanks to Mr. N Rajaram for the full support extended from Oman. The Quiz was conducted by Mr. S. Sampathkumar.

The evening provided the perfect backdrop for appreciating the winners – the Prize Distribution function. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mr.S.S. Gopalrathanam, Managing Director, Cholamandalam MS Insurance. The other guest was Lion D. Sridharan, Chief Executive, PV Hi Tech Systems. 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 CR Sredhar of Media Associates. We thank Mangal Tirth Estates and its director Mr Balasubramanyam, M/s Lucas TVS, United India Insurance, Triad, Axis Bank, SMSO, Dolphin Financials for TATA AIA, Star Health Insurance for sponsoring the event. 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. T.A. Bakthisaran, Mr. MA Sadagopan & Mr. D Sudarsan for the coordination with the sponsors. The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning, and meticulous execution done by our dedicated volunteers and those of Soundarya Rathnamala led by Mrs Prema Krishnamohan, Volunteers from Mafoi, Mr. R Kannan Mr. T A Sathyanarayanan. 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 and Mr RV Narasimhan arranged mementoes through M/s Kesar Gift Mart. 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 Mr. K V Srinivasan for arranging photographer and for wonderful coverage of the event. We thank Mr. Venkatesh for arranging video coverage of the second day event. The program ended with singing of "National Anthem".

மருத்துவப்பணியில் சைமா

SYMA is marching towards its silver jubilee in providing medical care. The Rs.2 hospital is famous in the locality and many magazines have appreciated our efforts ~ recently another article on our Medical Centre hailing our volunteers appeared in The Hindu downtown too.

We were initiated into this by our beloved Dr K Sridhar under the auspices of Kanchi Sankara Foundation. In recent years we are running the Centre and Lab independently with expert guidance from Dr Sridhar. We are happy that this year we were able to serve 7200 Patients at our Medical Centre and 2200 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab. In a new initiative, we have now arranged Dr Nagaiah Chetty to attend on all working days, instead of various Experts visiting at their convenience, which has gone well with the patients. We have also tied up with couple of local dispensaries for providing medicines through them. Our cherished dream of a SYMA hospital catering to the poor providing quality medical care would dawn to a reality one day.

In this beautiful land, awareness of disease and preventive medication is low. There is growing incidence of killer diseases and at stake are several thousands of lives, most of them in productive age groups. Grim statistics present the deadly reality of the spread of cancer and other diseases in India. One form of the dreaded disease is 'throat cancer'. It occurs when cells in throat develop genetic mutations. These mutations cause cells to grow uncontrollably and continue living after healthy cells would normally die. People who smoke or use tobacco or addicted to alcohol are at risk of developing throat cancer.

On 15th Feb 2014 we organized a Dental camp in association with Rotary Club of South, Down Town, Arch City Madras and Sri Ramachandra Dental College. We distributed pamphlets spreading awareness among specified groups which included many autorickshaw stands in our area. Around 100 people benefitted from this camp.

Thinking of our Students and praying for their welfare...

Education is the only tool which can uplift the Society and empower the lower echelons of the Society. 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. The Academic Year 2013-14 came to a close and we concluded the Tuition classes by organizing Special pooja in Feb 2014 for the welfare of our students and to pray to Lord for their success in their examinations. It was conducted at NKT National Boys High School, where our tuition centre has been functioning. We have imparted them education throughout the year and it was the time to instill more confidence, bless them and guide them. Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Chinnamurai mirasu Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple and Sri Devaraja battar conducted the pooja ; blessing the students & us.

Mr Prashant Singh, was there last year providing great inspiration; this year thoughtfully he had arranged for quality writing material, exam pads, pouches and more for our students. We are gladdened by this great gesture of remembrance. We place on record our gratitude to the Mrs Leela Sekhar, Secretary, Mr S Venkatadri HM, Management and Staff of NKT National Boys High School for providing us the venue and supporting us fully in this endeavour. The dedication and efforts of all our teaching staff need special commendation. The work of Ms Thara and the students helping her is appreciated. We thank Mr Prashant Singh for the continued support. We wish our students to perform well in the examinations.

SYMA AGM - 2014 - NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association will be held at 10.30 A.M. on Sunday, the 04th May 2014 at N.K.T. National Boys High School, T.P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005 to transact the following business.

1) Presidential Address.; 2) Presentation of Annual Report for the year 2013-2014 by Secretary.
3) Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2013-2014. ; 4) Appointment of Auditors for the year 2014-2015.; 5) Election of Office Bearers for the year 2014-2015. 6) Any other matter.;

Place : Chennai - 600 005, Date : 10.4.2014 S.Sampathkumar Sanjeevi Raghunathan, Secretaries

Note :

- ◆ From the humble beginning in 1977 to what we are today, we owe it all to you - the members. Your participation and work has ensured that we are now in a position to make meaningful contribution to the society. We request all our Members to attend the AGM without fail.
- ◆ The Activities of SYMA and all our projects are being intimated to members through our Newsletter BLISS, through our website www.syma.in, through e-mail and through SMS. Do provide your email ID and Mobile No. to us for the easy flow of information. We also fervently request you to participate in large number in all our activities. A bigger gathering ensures success of all our efforts. Together, we will transform the society and the World around us.
- ◆ Please do bring the enclosed Secretaries' Report and Balance Sheet to the AGM and please join us for the lunch at the end of the meeting.

A general election in nine phases might appear to be the longest election in the country's history as Voting will take place in all 543 parliamentary constituencies of India to elect members of parliament in the Lok Sabha. The result of this election will be declared on 16 May, before the 15th Lok Sabha completes its constitutional mandate.

Democracy took a giant step forward with the first general election held in 1951-52 over a four-month period. The biggest experiment in democracy held based on universal adult franchise, with all over 21 having the right to vote was participated by 173 million voters, most of them poor, illiterate, and rural, and having had no experience of elections. The First Lok Sabha was constituted on 15 April 1952 lasted its full tenure of five years and was dissolved on 4 April 1957. The first general election was for 489 seats in 401 constituencies, representing 26 Indian states. At that time, there were 314 constituencies with one seat, 86 with two seats and one with three seats. There were also 2 nominated Anglo-Indian members.

Before Independent India went to the polls, two former cabinet colleagues of Nehru established separate political parties to challenge the INC's supremacy. It was Shyama Prasad Mookerjee who founded Jana Sangh and B. R. Ambedkar reviving the Scheduled Castes Federation (which was later named the Republican Party). The first votes of this election were cast in the tehsil of Chini in Himachal Pradesh on 25 October 1951. For the rest it was in Feb 1952. Voters in the state of Himachal Pradesh were given the chance to vote in October 1951 because the heavy snowfall, primitive roads, and mountainous terrain of that state made it likely that polling stations would be largely unreachable during a February election.

According to the Election Commission of India, the electoral population in 2014 is 81.45 crores, the largest in the world. There is an increase of 20 crores newly eligible voters. This also will be the most expensive general election in the history of the country.

<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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