This Navaratri, Annapoorna offers decorative made from beads, quilling

This Mylaporean is now taking orders for the festival season

By Preeti Srivatsan

Annapoorna, C, a resident of Nadu Street, Mylapore, has been in the bag business for more than eight years.

Though her sale of bags dropped during the lockdown, she says business is slowly picking up. She also sells single and double layer masks, her Ikkat masks are sold at Rs. 25 for a single layer mask and Rs. 40 for a double layer mask.

Her designed purses, handbags, travel and medicine kits, pencil pouches and jute bags are priced from Rs. 30 to Rs. 400.

Annapoorna also accepts large orders and expects them now in the run-up to the festival season. Contact her at 9790923052 for details.

She says she has been a regular at the annual Mylapore Festival held in January, selling Ikkat and Kalamkari bags at her small stall which is usually set up close to Sri Kapali Temple tank.

This year, she says she has made plans for Navarathri by making decorative items, animals and dolls with beads.

She says, “I get the plastic beads from the George Town area. In addition to dolls, I also make dining table mats and car hangings with beads. I am also selling jewellery, such as jinkis and bangles, made with silk thread and decorative quilling miniatures.”

Mobile ration store service launched: MLA flags it off in Mylapore

The Tamil Nadu government has launched mobile ration stores to enable ration-card holders who reside some distance away from neighbourhood ration shops to get their rations locally.

In the Mylapore zone, coinciding with the launch by the state’s chief minister at the Secretariat, a symbolic event was held in Solaiyappan Street, Mylapore on Monday evening, Sept. 21.

A mini-lorry packed with all the dry foodstuff which is offered as rations – like rice, dhal and sugar – arrived at the street corner and set up a temporary shop. Some 20 ration card holders queued up to receive their rations.

The weighing, billing and card entry and payment was all carried out on the street.

Mylapore MLA, R. Nataraj was present to launch symbolically, this ration service in the Mylapore area.

Said one ration card-holder who was in the queue, “People from this area have to go all the way to a ration shop near Sri Mundagakanni Amman Temple. This service is helpful.”

The daily schedule of the mobile ration service catering to the Mylapore zone is still to be drawn up. A government staffer said that once the timetable is drawn, it will be publicised locally so ration-card holders can await the rations-serving lorry.

Restaurant at New Woodlands Hotel open for dining

The Krishna restaurant, inside the complex of New Woodlands Hotel on Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai is now open for dining.

Tiffin (dosa, sambhar idli, poori), snacks (mangalore bonda, cutlet/samosa) vegetarian meals, tea/coffee are some of the items available on its menu.

Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on all days. Takeaways are available. The restaurant takes necessary precautions to prevent virus spread.

At 72 – 75, Dr Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore. Ph: 28113111, 49113111.
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Motherhood women and children’s hospital on TTK Road, Alwarpet is open for consultation 24/7.

The hospital is also providing out-patient (OP) services from 10 am to 1 pm and from 4 pm to 5 pm on all days except Sundays.

Says K. Balachander, marketing executive at the hospital, “Paediatricians, gynaecologists, obstetricians and specialists in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) will be available during these OP timings.”

Besides, he says that duty doctors will be available for consultation 24/7. “Deliveries are also undertaken with utmost care.”

Several precautions too are taken at the hospital to prevent virus spread. People are requested to take appointments before dropping into the hospital.

At 542, TTK Road, Opposite Indian Terrain, Alwarpet. Ph: 08067238866.

Bhavans to hold its December Season music fest in open air in Kilpauk campus

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai plans to hold its annual music festival, timed for the famed December Season at its open-air premises in Bhavan’s Rajaji Vidyashram, Kilpauk.

The fest is to be held from November 28 to December 7.

The Bhavan says leading artistes have agreed to participate in this three-week-long festival which will feature vocal and instrumental music concerts and religious discourses.

The programmes will be from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm every day. Entry is free but on a first-come, first-serve basis.

K. N. Ramaswamy, director of Bhavans says, “Bearing in mind the on-going situation which necessitates physical distancing norms and do not allow cultural programmes to be hosted in closed door air-conditioned auditoriums, the Bhavan has decided to make use of its large open-air premises for live performances.

The premises will be suitably lit and decorated to give a festive look.”

He says the Bhavan will follow all safety norms for seating purposes.

Drive-in car facility will also be available for those who arrive in their own vehicles to enjoy the live concerts.

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Jottings

VINCENT D’SOUZA

The short breaks I take during my work-from-home schedule which has been so for much of the past five months now are slow walks around the campus where I live.

The variety of plants and shrubs provide for simple diversions that are self-induced. Buds, flowers, butterflies, creepers.

The beauty of hearing, some pruning, some touch and feel - and time passes by in quiet and you breathe easy!

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The phone numbers of officers making night rounds are posted on Facebook page Greater Chennai Police – GCP and Twitter page ‘Greater Chennai Police’ of city police, daily at around 7 pm. Alternatively, people can also call 100 to get help from them.
Madhuradhwani and Carnatica are presenting online, a series of ‘live’ classical music concerts. The festival which started on Sept. 18 and is themed ‘Unsung Heroes’ will be on till Oct.3.

The theme requires each evening’s main artiste who will perform for this fest (they are all young) to focus on a maestro of Carnatic music who had relatively less time in the spotlight in his or her music career in the past. Artistes like Calcutta Krishnamurthy, Trivandrum Venkatraman and Manakkal Rangarajan.

The concerts are being held at Arkay Centre in Luz, which is one of the popular destinations for Carnatic music rasikas. Rasikas are not allowed at the venue due to pandemic time regulations. They are web cast free from 6.15 p.m. Concerts can be watched on the Facebook pages of Carnatica or Arkay Convention Centre and on Arkay’s YouTube channel too.

The inaugural concert on Sept. 18 was dedicated to Vedaranyam Vedamurthy. It featured Mylai M Karthikeyan – nadaswaram, Koleri G Vinoth kumar – nadaswaram, Mangalam M K Aasan – tavil and Sivanvayil S M Rajarantham – tavil.

Overnight rain leaves many inner streets flooded with water:
what will happen during monsoon?

The heavy, steady rains across the Mylapore neighbourhood on Sept.18 ( last weekend) showed up not only the large amount of rain that this part of the city received but also the water stagnation that affected residents in many inner streets of Mylapore.

One section of Kesavaperumal Koil East Street was flooded with water and people who had to walk out to buy milk or shop early were forced to wade through rainwater here.

A whole section of Mundagakanni Amman Koil Street was also under water on Saturday morning with pedestrians forced to wade through ankle-deep water.

Elsewhere, in Abiramapuram’s Subramaniam Street, ankle-deep water remained stagnant on Saturday morning; there was no provision for the water to drain off here. This was the scene in a few other inner streets across the area. The Chennai Corporation playground on St Mary’s Road and the open ground in Pattinapakkam looked more like little lakes, filled with large sheets of rainwater.

Local children found the occasion just right to cycle through the water or run through it in these grounds. Last weekend’s rain did show up shortcomings in the drainage system in some areas of Mylapore. It also showed up the need to have more street level rainwater harvesting systems constructed to tap this water. Such RWH facilities were constructed in some street corners last year. Even the Mylapore MLA was closely involved in this project, carried out by Metrowater.

If this is the civic situation now, what will be the case during the north-east monsoon; that is what residents who live on streets where the rainwater stagnated are asking.

Affected by the rains? Mail a note on the civic situation in your area. Tell us what is wrong and what must be done now. Mail to - mylimesedit@gmail.com

This Carnatic music fest is dedicated to maestros: webcast every evening

The popular puttu shop ‘Royal Puttu’ is back to business at the pavement off North Mada Street, opposite Nitya Amirtham hotel in Mylapore. A variety of puttu made of items like kambu, kelveragu, and red rice will now be available for sale here from 4.30 pm to 8 pm.

Having closed the shop after lockdown, Govindaraju, who runs the joint along with sister Yamuna had ventured into farming to meet his family needs. However, Govindaraju, says that sales through Swiggy too were dull. “When the state announced some relaxations early this month, we re-started puttu business on the street. We hope customers will drop in as they used to in the pre-Covid times.”

He says they are taking necessary precautions. All their puttu varieties are priced at Rs. 50. Takeaways are available. Open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on all days. Ph: 8056203035/8124203035.
Children can take walks, exercise but must social distance, says Dr. Benny, paediatrician

With schools still closed, children have not had the opportunity to socialize with their friends or go out and play.

But a neighbourhood paediatrician has some tips for children for these times so that they remain active and safe.

Says Dr. Benny Benjamin, a paediatrician who runs a clinic at C. V. Raman Road, Alwarpet, “Now that things are slowly getting back to normal, they can exercise as long as they maintain social distancing.”

“He adds, “If parents are going to meet their relatives at their homes, probably a small group, children can be taken along.”

“Avoid containment zones and crowded places. Children can go for a walk or jog or cycling or whatever is feasible for the child. But whenever they go out, they must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.”

“Children need not wear masks when they are exercising and should be under parental supervision. If and when they stop to talk to someone they can wear a mask. As soon as they come home, they must have a good wash.”

Children, he says, should now be allowed to lead as normal a life as possible unless they have co-morbidities like uncontrolled chronic asthma, immuno-deficiencies or other co-morbidities.

THE DOC’s TIPS FOR YOUNG PARENTS
1. Maintain a positive attitude.
2. Understand your child’s needs and try to fulfill them as much as possible.
3. Discipline is important but provide for some leeway.
4. A schedule must be maintained and exercise should be a part of the schedule.
5. Home food is preferred but there is nothing wrong with children indulging in their favourite food sometimes.
6. Have healthy diet which includes fruits, vegetables and adequate proteins.

DMK cadres in neighbourhood campaign for new members

DMK cadres got busy this Sunday morning (Sept 20) to be part of the political party’s campaign to sign up new members. In various parts of the neighbourhood, as was the case across the state, cadres set up small, compact stall-like booths in busy colonies and solicited membership.

The DMK’s campaign comes in the run-up to elections to the state Assembly in 2021. This photo shows cadres at a booth set up in Yaleeswaran Thottam in R. A. Puram.

Special ‘vazhai ilai’ lunch at Thaligai restaurant served on weekends

Thaligai restaurant at Luz Church Road, Mylapore has reintroduced its popular weekend ‘vazhai ilai’ lunch – Kalyana Thaligai and ‘Alankara Thaligai’ in its menu.

Traditionally served on a banana leaf, ‘Kalyana Thaligai’ (Wedding lunch) will include 26 different delicacies including a welcome drink (panagam, lime juice), sweet pachadi, payasam, paruppu boli, two varieties of poriyal, thayir pachadi, sambhar, vathalkulambhu and more.

A grand lunch called ‘Alankara Thaligai’, that includes pakoda, medu vadai, and a variety of veggies will also be available on Saturdays or Sundays.

Says Nalina Kannan, owner of the restaurant, “Nowadays, as most weddings or other functions take place at homes, people may be missing the grand lunch, usually served during these occasions. In such cases, they can drop in to have Kalyana Thaligai at our restaurant.

All the dishes are made the traditional way, “Also, we serve food in a slow-paced manner, so that one can leisurely enjoy the taste of each dish. People can also interact with our staff to know the recipe of some of the dishes, while having food,” she says.

A ‘Kalyana Thaligai’ is priced at Rs 500 (excluding taxes). Available on all Saturdays and Sundays from 11.30 am to 3 pm. Necessary precautions are taken at the restaurant to prevent virus spread. At 60, Luz Church Road, Mylapore. Ph: 9791272888.

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This store arranges to re-paint old kolu dolls

ShoppeSeva, a unit of Sevalaya NGO that sells a range of handicrafts and home-decoration items is now offering a facility to re-paint old kolu dolls for Navaratri.

The NGO has tied up with traditional kolu doll re-painters near its shelter at Thirumuruvur village for this purpose.

Says Nagaraj Pavidi, who manages the shop, “In addition to re-painting dolls, the artisans will also mend small damages in the dolls.”

He says that it will take a minimum of 1 week to 10 days to re-paint a doll. “So people who wish to restore their dolls are requested to bring them early.” Price for re-painting will depend on the kind of dolls and painting required.

Their shop is also selling paper mache and clay dolls for Navaratri. Channapatna, Kondapalli, and handmade wooden dolls are some of the kolu bommai varieties available here.

Price of the dolls start from Rs 200. At 15/1, 11/1, East Mada Street, Mylapore. Ph: 7299564411.

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