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Props beside saplings and plants improve look of this colony in R. A. Puram

By Our Staff Reporter

The Eco Green movement in R. K. Nagar, a colony in R. A. Puram is growing, say its motivators.

More and more residents are out on the streets on Sunday for an hour to green the public spaces. Some people choose to plant saplings of their choice along their walls, some are bounding off saplings so they stay safe and grow well.

Some creative ones are using waste as props to make the sidewalks look smart. Recently, a discarded boat was moved into the area and the group intends to place potted plants on top of it.

With steady rains now and the monsoon not far away, this is the best time to green colonies.

IF YOUR COLONY is undertaking civic measures that improve local life, share that story with Mylapore Times. Mail a note and a photo to – mytimesedit@gmail.com

LET'S PLAY

Officially, the playground alongside P. S. School in Mylapore is now open to the public. The HR&CE Department took charge of the large plot which was leased out to the school and rental dues were mounting, as part of this department's drive to 'recover' all such temple lands. A few plans are on for this ground -



1 Neighbourhood youths can play here on all days, save on weekends as of now. But the ground needs levelling and weeds to be removed.

2 There are plans to rent the ground to the P. S. School if it is keen to use it exclusively for its students during its school hours.

3 Plans include setting up areas like badminton courts in one corner of this ground.

4 A walk path is also planned for Mylaporeans to sweat out and keep fit.

5 There seems to be talk of TNCA also considering using the ground on weekends for its league cricket matches.



Ten artistes awarded by Kartik Fine Arts at its annual day event

By Our Staff Reporter

Kartik Fine Arts (KFA) celebrated its 46th anniversary on Sept.30 and presented Kartik Lifetime Achievement Awards to Vilupattu exponent Subbu Arumugam, Namasankeerthanam exponent Udaiyalur Kalyanaraman, dancer and teacher Priyadarshini Govind and veteran theatre artiste Thambi K.Parthasarathy.

The Kartik Awards of Excellence were presented to violinist M.A.Krishnaswamy, dance guru and choreographer Madurai R.Muralidharan, dance music accompanist G. V. Bharadwaaj and theatre artistes V. P. S.Sriraman, Nanjil B Revathy and theatre technician Padma Stage R Kannan.

The event was held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's main hall, Mylapore and it was the first live event held after some 16 months at this venue, a disruption due to the pandemic.

Chief guest K.N.Ramaswamy, director, BVB released the sabha's souvenir and presented the awards. K. M. Narasimhan, president, KFA, presided.

The Kartik Lifetime Achievement award carried a purse of Rs.25000 while the Award of excellence Rs. 15000.

D. S. Rajagopalan, secretary, KFA crisply touched upon highlights of the journey of all ten awardees. R. Sekar, secretary and asst. secretary Ramanath also supported the event. D. S. Rajagopalan, proposed a vote of thanks.

Carnatic music courses by Narada Gana Sabha: apply now

Swami Haridhos Giri School of Music is run by Narada Gana Sabha Trust, Alwarpet.

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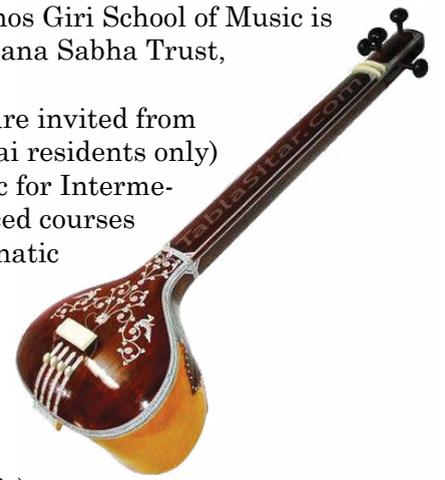
Students successfully completing the three years course will be eligible to join M.A.(Music)

course of the Madras University. Classes start on 14.10.2021 (Vijaya Dasami Day). In-person classes only are conducted in the evenings at the Sabha premises.

Applicants must be between the age of 12 and 35 years. Applicants should know a minimum 5 varnams.

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Kartik Fine Arts sabha to host December Season concerts online. No live fest.

By Our Staff Reporter

Kartik Fine Arts has decided to go the online way this December Season and not plan a live fest.



File photo

This sabha will conduct its 47th year Art Festival 2021 on a digital platform powered by Kalakendra.com 'on account of the present pandemic situation'.

The sabha says it has already recorded the concerts for the Art Festival. The concerts shall be premiered from December 1 to 12 and will be available on the kalakendra.com website for viewing up to December 31, 2021.

K. M. Narasimhan, president, Kartik Fine Arts says, "Senior musicians such as Vijay Siva, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, Malladi Brothers, Gayathri Venkataraghavan, Sheikh Mehaboob Subani & Kaleeshabi ehaboob, Abhishek Raghuram, Pantula Rama, Namasankeerthanam exponent Udaiyalur Kalyanaraman, Sangeetha Upanyasam exponent Vishaka Hari, violinists Mysore Brothers have already recorded their concerts among others."

There is also a segment of Bharathanatyam artiste and teacher Roja Kannan's lec-dem.

The sabha says it intends hosting concerts after Pongal 'by which time we hope things will be conducive for live programmes'.

The festival concerts will be available for free to KFA members and the public can enjoy the concerts against payments through kalakendra.com

Amavasya rituals held around temple tank despite restrictions

By Our Staff Reporter

Despite restrictions on the performance of Amavasya rituals at Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple tank, people went ahead and performed the rituals on their own on the R K Mutt road side of the tank.

There were a few policemen monitoring the early morning developments on South Mada Street. They informed the people about the restrictions. The gates to the tank were locked on all sides.



As the day progressed, a few priests conducted the rituals.

Last year, police were strict on this day.

The community at Pattinapakkam along the seaside arranged for their own Amavasya rituals that the local community could take part in this Wednesday morning on the seashore.

Shamianas were erected and a priest was in attendance and people took part in turns.

Report by S. Prabhu



Our Lady of Mylapore feast at Cathedral from Oct.18

By Our Staff Reporter

St Thomas Cathedral will celebrate the annual feast of Our Lady of Mylapore from Oct.18 to 21. This was decided by the parish council and clergy and will follow current protocols applicable to places of prayer.

This shortened form of the fest opens with the flag hoisting on Day One evening on the church campus.

The image of Mother Mary, now located on an altar in the south side of the cathedral is a vintage one and is said to have been installed a few centuries ago and saint Francis Xavier, when here was said to have prayed before it.

This Mary has now got the avatar of Mylapore Madha.

Obituary

N. G. Ravi of Ravi Book House

N G Ravi, a popular seller of text and notebooks and stationery in Mylapore passed away on Sept.27.



He was a partner of Ravi Book House of South Mada Street in Mylapore. The shop shut down at this location and moved to a space on Sundareswarar Street.

Ravi carried on this business that was started by his father.

He resided in V C Garden, near Sai Baba Temple.

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Rani Meyyammai girls were in TN team at national softball tourney in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

Athletes of Rani Meyyammai Girls Higher Secondary School in R. A. Puram impressed in the game of softball recently.

The students participated in a state level softball tournament held at Tharamangalam, Salem in early September. The Chennai team won the third place.

“Out of 12 students of our school who participated in that state level tournament five students were selected for the TN state softball team,” said a note from the school’s headmistress.

They were B. Esther, V. Sapna, M. P. Mahalakshmi, V. Janani and K. Kiruthiya Kanmani

They took part in the national level softball

tournament held at Lovely University, Jalandhar, Punjab recently.

The school management thanks the president R. Balamurugan, general secretary P. Biju Daniel, coach N. R. G. Barathwaj and the school PT teachers S. Bhayalakshmi and S. Srinivasan for providing opportunities to the school students.

Navaratri music concerts held daily from 5.30 a.m. Check it online.

R K Shriram Kumar and Arun Prakash perform the first concert on Thursday morning



By Our Staff Reporter

Sunaadalahari, the musical wing of Indira Ranganathan Trust based in Alwarpet plans to conduct a nine-day “Navaratri Suprabata Sangeetha Seva” at its open air venue on C P Ramaswamy Road.

Concerts will be on from the 7th to 15th of October, starting daily at 5.30 am.

Bharati Kamakoti, part of the hosting team says, “This time, we’ve planned for a Suprabata (early morning) seva where some of the musical compositions meant to be sung during Navaratri will be presented by the artistes. There will be a pooja between 3.30 am to 5 am followed by lighting of lamps.”

The amphitheatre at this venue has a gallery-like structure and the organiser plans to light up around 60-70 lamps spread across the flight of steps and the concert will happen simultaneously.

Interested rasikas may participate in the seva through the virtual mode, where selected portions of the musical program will be streamed live on Sunaadalahari’s Facebook page.