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Passionate about plants

- P. Vasuvedant



Mr. K Sivaji used to work as a joint secretary at the Home Department of the Govt. of India. He left his well secured government job just so that he could spend time with botanists understanding about plants and growing them. He then left to China in quest of gaining more knowledge in the art of growing Bonsais.

Mr. Sivaji started growing a variety of plants which includes almost over a 100 different varieties of roses. He also runs an institute where he teaches students how to grow bonsai plants. He has been doing this for 20 years now. He has a garden situated in Velachery. It is open to the public on Sundays to visit.

'Vardah won't keep us down'

- Simrah Syed

The Kotturpuram tree park was founded 7 years ago. This park was then a 5 acre rubbish dump found by the Public Works Department. They had approached Nizhal, an organization that promotes tree culture in the city to come up with a plan for this wasteland.

Nizhal devised and executed a plan to turn this 5 acre wasteland into a green environment and a housing space for trees.

Currently, there are 150 unique and naturalised TDEF tree species, and over 500 trees/shrubs. In addition, there are also many valuable medical herbs.



There also have been documentations of the birds and trees that reside there, which have been done by college students. This Tree Park is also used as

a tree Learning Centre by students. The Park has a pathway for jogging. Most of the tree-saplings are received from Forest Way Nursery, Tiruvannamalai, Auroville and other local nurseries from across Tamil Nadu. The Tree Park is also a wonderful place for an early morning stroll. The cool, fresh air that you breathe in is most likely to calm yourself

with only a few breaths.

Kotturpuram Tree Park is a beauty of Nature and it is definitely worthy of a visit.



Dear Readers

A group of nine young people who were eager to learn what journalism is all about, gathered reports, shot pictures, placed them on pages and produced this 12 page newspaper. All in a week's time.

The group got to walk down their neighbourhood and speak to people to write news stories for this issue. It was a lot of work in just five days.

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Garbage, Garbage everywhere

- Mekala Gopal

The cyclone Vardah that took place last December had affected the residents of Chennai in many ways. But, we are afraid to say that all pollution levels were terrible even before the December jinx began.

Chennai, being a metropolitan city, should definitely have a better garbage cleaning system. The garbage truck comes about in the daytime and most of the time they spill the garbage as they drive. Chennai is much more populated now than it used to be earlier that we need to use more manpower and machines. People do not understand that garbage must go *in* the bin not *around* it. Our own citizens, their pets and stray animals defecate wherever they want making the place unhygienic.

One of the solutions could be inserting more garbage bins and building of public toilets. Stray animals should be sent to shelters and owners of pets should clean their pets' mess. Sewage systems should be maintained properly and the dump-yard should be away from the city.

Water pollution is another major issue in Chennai. Many water bodies in Chennai are contaminated, trashed or nonexistent because they were drained to build a construction. People treat them like dustbins. The Cooum is a perfect example for this.



Industrial waste is also emitted into this water making it not only unusable but also but also poisonous.

To clear these problems, we could have the Swatch Bhaarth team or a team of willing people clean up the river with full protection to prevent diseases. Any takers?

Vandalism now welcome on the concrete of Chennai

For countless years, the walls in Chennai streets have been tarnished with film posters, political propaganda and other advertisements. People used to pay no heed to the 'Stick no bills' warnings. But now the arts students in the city have taken matters into their own hands. The compound walls of various educational institutions have been decorated with beautiful art by these students. They often carry a social message. This has so far been effective.

- Pooja Shree A & Mekala Gopal



1. Stella Maris college, Cathedral Road
2. AMM School, Kotturpuram
3. AMM School, Kotturpuram
4. Lady Andal School, Chetpet
5. AMM School, Kotturpuram



5-day old baby on the table

Dr. G. Balamurali speaks to Mekala Gopal about the surgery he performed on a 5-day-old baby on April 3, 2017

What were the problems that the pediatric department face when the baby was born?

When the baby was born, the pediatric department had difficulty in getting the baby to lie on its back. They were much worried about the size of the tumor and feeding the child, handling the baby was a problem.

How did the NICU deal with the baby for 5 days?

So, the NICU had difficulty in handling the baby for the first 5 days and they were very worried if the tumor would get infected or cause any problems.

Did the mother have any problems before or after the delivery that you know of?

No the mother had a normal delivery and the child was born pretty fine and cried immediately after being born.

Did the surgeons have any problems during the surgery due to the child's age?



Dr Bala: Yes because the child was very small and 2.5 kgs the surgery was technically very hard because we could not allow too much of blood loss. So, the surgery had to be very meticulous and took a long time to completely remove the tumor.

What was the role of the plastic surgeon in this surgery?

The role of the plastic surgeon in this surgery was to get good approximation and closure of the skin wound so the wound doesn't break down or get infected.

What was the disease concluded after the biopsy of the tumor?

After the tumor was removed and biopsied it came back negative for

cancer but positive for Fibro sarcoma a rare disease in baby.

What were the problems faced post surgery?

Post surgery the problem mainly was with regards to dressing and cleaning the wound and making sure the wound doesn't break down.

How was the surgery performed, financially, if the parents were poor?

The surgery was done under the Tamil nadu chief minister scheme, which is for underprivileged or poor people.

Is the baby prone to the recurrence of this disease in the future?

Yes this tumor has a chance of coming back so the child will undergo chemotherapy or radiotherapy.

How did the baby get this disease is it wasn't genetic? A child who has never been outside?

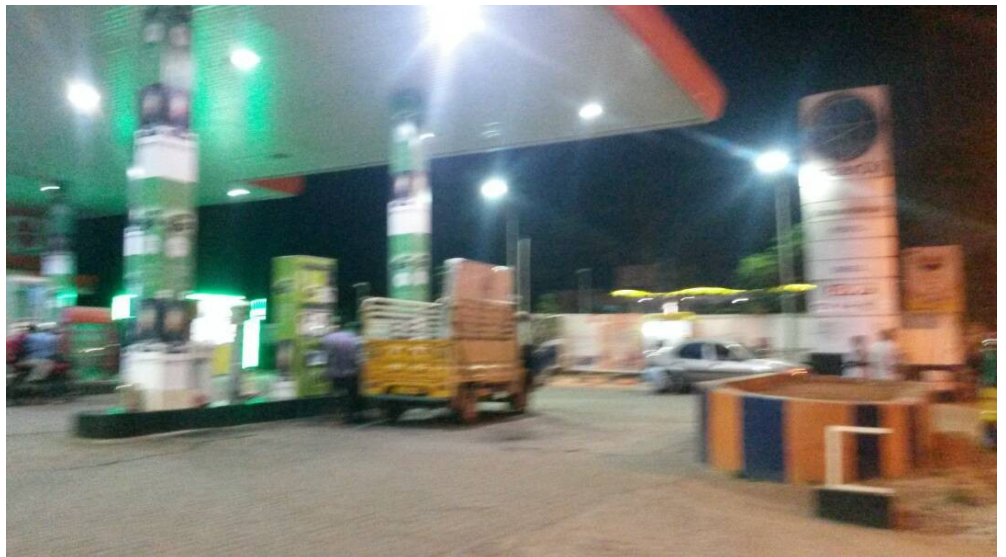
Tumors are very rare in the body and sometimes they are just genetic mutation changes in the body and the children are prone to the disease even if the parents did not have it. This isn't unusual. These are called congenital tumors and they were detected during pregnancy itself hence they grow.

Scarce Resource

- Shalini. S

The manager of a IOCL bunk In Thiruvanniyur, responded to a question about the news regarding the petrol bunks to be closed on Sundays.

He said that this news has only been circulated in media and there is no clarity in it yet. The bunk's contract says that they have to supply oil (petrol and diesel) throughout the year. Until and unless there is an update in the contract by the company itself, this idea cannot be implemented he claims. He also said that it would be a discomfort to people who generally fill their tanks on Sundays.



Dancing her way to glory

Radhika Shurajit, who has been learning dance since she was 7 and a half years old from the Dhananjayans speaks to Hamsini G about her passion.

When did you start learning dance?

I started learning dance when I was 7 and half years old. My two sisters and I went to dance class everyday without fail. We used to come home from school, have tiffin and directly go for dance class.

Whom did you learn dance from?

I learnt it from the Dhananjayans. They lived one street away and that was the time they had come out of Kalakshetra so my sisters and I were his first students.

When did you take dance as your profession?

Learning dance was always professional for me. It didn't matter to me whether I was going to take it up as a profession. I always wanted to put all my efforts and be professional while learning.



When you learn any art form, you should always learn it professionally even if you are not going to depend on it as a career.

When did you start

teaching?

I started teaching in 10th grade to Dhananjayans' students. I was performing by then. The Dhananjayans were busy performers, so I would teach their junior most students.

How do you feel when you see your students perform on stage?

I see a reflection of myself. It is a lovely feeling, because I see myself. I've not been performing for the last ten years due to health reasons.

Can you tell us something about your arengetram?

An interview with the Bharatanatyam dancer Radhika Shurajit

My *arengetram* was my 100th show. My sisters - Shobana and Gayatri and I were called the 'trio sisters' and we were very popular during that time.

What are your other hobbies?

My other hobbies are watching films and reading. I mostly read Tamil books.

What are the advantages of dancing?

It keeps you fit, both mentally and physically. It teaches you about our rich culture as most of the performances and songs talk about mythological stories. It helps you appreciate beauty.

What would you like to tell young budding dancers who aspire to be performers one day?

They should be ready to go through a lot of pain and sacrifices. There is no gain without any pain to excel in any field. Dance isn't easy. I broke my legs dancing for hours together. Nothing is easy for that matter. There is no shortcut to success. You have to work hard to achieve your goals.

Waiting for 'Breaking News'

- P. Vasuvedant

It was an unusual scene at an otherwise calm locality in Adyar, when a number of television broadcasting vans were parked one behind the other.



A View Outside TTV Dinakaran's house

The TV reporters were waiting for TTV Dinakaran to speak to them about the AIADMK party's decision on the RK Nagar elections. The reporters were seen moving with a camera man moving a live camera in all directions.

Water runs away

- Pooja Shree A

Chennai city that had to brave a severe flood in December 2015 now faces water scarcity in a severe bout of drought. The city seems to dwindle on the fine line between floods and droughts almost every year. But no action is taken by the government to soften the effects of either situation.

Chennai has a natural water system. But in spite of having the Adyar river and Cooum serving as important lifelines with 75 lakes and 450 *eris* flowing into them, the city still suffers from frequent water problems.

There has been a steady dip in the city's groundwater table over the past year, according to a study by the Chennai Metro Water. The major reason behind this, is the insufficient rainfall in the last year. Many places including Ambattur have been adversely affected.

When a similar situation occurred in the past, the water-needs were met by supply from the Veeranam lake via pipelines.

Refusal to share optimal amount of water by the states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh has also caused an impact. There has also been a decrease in water levels in the major reservoirs, Poondi, Red Hills, Chamberambakkam, Porur due to rise in temperature. The high levels of contamination of groundwater resources has further added to the problem as the present resources cannot be optimally used.

The city pins its hope for relief on the upcoming south west monsoon, which will hopefully bring rains and put an end to the water scarcity.



Even Blank pages can bring smiles

- Pooja Shree A

As the school year comes to an end, most of us either discard our books or sell them to a paper hawker for a small price to make space for new ones. We tend to discard the blank pages along with the used ones. By doing so, we could potentially be depriving an under privileged child of their opportunity at a well resourced education. Many people are unaware of the different ways through which paper can be conserved. Conservation of paper can, both help children who in spite of having a desire to be educated, lack resources and result in the conservation of trees.

Kora Kagaz is an initiative started by the students of Chinmaya vidyalaya, in 2011. 'Kora Kagaz', which literally means blank paper, strives to reduce the wastage of paper through meaningful use of it. The idea for the initiative came about when Shreya Sharma, a student, presented it in a round of the 'Teen of the year' competition. It was a small idea, but the judges recognised its potential and it was awarded a seed capital of Rs.5000.

Shreya Sharma along with her friends came together and formed a core team of 7 people. Initially, like any group of young entrepreneurs, they faced many challenges and hurdles but they remained fixed on achieving their goal, and eventually with the help of a few supportive schools they expanded.



Photo credit - Kora Kagaz

The volunteers of Kora Kagaz sought out schools, colleges and any other institution that uses paper regularly, in the vicinity, and reached to the management to explain their cause and gained their support. These institutions donated unused notebooks, half used notebooks and blank papers.

The used and unused pages are separated, segregated and the blank pages and complied by size and stitched into new books. For the compiling and sticking process they try to employ women, people with disabilities and small labourers on a temporary basis, aiming to provide the disadvantaged with employment opportunities.

The main objectives of 'Kora Kagaz' are to reduce carbon foot print, minimise the wastage of paper and to help under privileged children.

Along with the expansion of educational institutions, the demand for paper resources has also greatly increased. However the distribution of the resource is uneven. As a result some parts have a surplus of the resource which goes to waste and other parts are in desperate need of it. Kora Kagaz acts as a mediator between them, hence ensuring its distribution.

Though it started small, today several corporates, schools and colleges are lending their support to this initiative. In the year 2017, around 2450 notebooks were made, out of which 2200 were distributed among the schools in the villages of Chittamur, Nagamalai and Vendall with the help of social workers. Today it is being lead by the remaining founding member Gaurav Khemka along with Shilpa Suresh and Vanshika. Many people who wish to give back to the society participate as volunteers. Hundreds have benefitted and smiles have been brought upon the faces of countless children. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out can contact them via their email-

korakagaz7@yahoo.com

Fate 8

- P. Vasuvedant

The latest instalment of the Fast and the Furious franchise welcomes two Oscar-winning actors - Charlize Theron plays Cipher, the latest villain to torment Dominic Toretto and his crew, while Helen Mirren joins the cast after publicly lobbying for a role to sate her real-life love of racing. Fast 8 also stars Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson, Ludacris, Jordana Brewster, Kurt Russell, Elsa Pataky, Nathalie Emmanuel, Jason Statham, and Scott Eastwood. Directed by F. Gary Gray.



One area. Many worlds.

- Girdi Shankar V

Thiruvannmiyur is a residential area in South Chennai. Thiruvannmiyur's name is derived from Saint Valmiki, the author of Ramayana. It is famous for Marundeswar temple. It is believed that the temple was built in 11th century by the Cholas. Saint Valmiki is believed to have worshiped in the temple. So we can understand Thiruvannmiyur is an ancient locality. At that time it used to be a village not connected to present day Chennai.

Thiruvallur Nagar is located between RTO office in East Coast Road and the beach of Thiruvannmiyur. Before 1980 the area was undeveloped. As Chennai expanded, the area transformed into an urban residential area. Today the area is populated with middle class as well as rich people. Bungalows with sea view line up the beach and are much sought after by the rich.

The Thiruvannmiyur beach is a local attraction. It is 1 km long and has fishing villages on both sides. The fishing villages are as old as the temple.



Photo courtesy: Nallasivan V

People from nearby areas come and enjoy the sea breeze in the evenings. Though it is smaller than Marina and Besant Nagar beaches, it is cleaner. Other attractions include Nagathammal temple and the municipality park. The area is safe and peaceful. This is an attractive place for people of South Chennai to live in.

Camp YOCEE

- A First person account by Foram, one of the participants of the camp

It all started when I looked at the newspaper, an announcement about a course in journalism caught my eyes. But who knew the course, would just not be some other ordinary class, but a class full of learning, laughter, happiness and new friends.

I finally reached the destination, getting late for my first class. Ms. Revathi, invited me inside the house. She asked me to enter the News Room, when I saw a pair of eight eyes turning towards me, three boys, five girls. I sat down on the empty chair, a bit curious. Yocee provides a student with much needed information about Journalism, as well as a chance to communicate and be creative. I had made new eight friends as time went, and we laughed and enjoyed every class. So let me introduce you to the people in the group. The king of England Taahaa, Car lover Vedant, The silent Girdi, The soft sweet Simrah, Foram with a number 4, The girl with dangling



earrings Shalini, The happy Hamsini, The sweet-talkative Mekala, the playful Pooja.

Our instructors for the course were Ms. Revathi and Ms. Fairy. Each one of the children in the class were interesting, full of energy and humour, whether silent or talkative, each one

had his or her own charm.

The course dealt with different aspects of journalism, and we learnt much about it. Whether it was the everyday search for articles for the Yocee newspaper or the truth and dare game, everything was worth enjoying. Let us see what the other members would like to say about it.

"It was a very fun experience. We learned a lot about journalism and reporting." - Pooja

"It was a fun, interesting camp. We enjoyed it a lot." - Mekala

"It was a nice experience, I learnt a lot." - Hamsini

"This camp taught me a lot of concept related to journalism and gave me an amazing opportunity." - Shalini

"It was a nice camp and I enjoyed it a lot though it included homework." - Simrah

"Very socially enjoyable." - Girdi

"Yippee! it was amazing, fun !!!" - Vedant

"Very socially enjoyable." - Taahaa

We at Digi Sound Studio for a session in news reading



The Silent Lover

- Foram



The Silent lover is a real incident that depicts the stages of love and friendship between a dog and an old lady.

One evening, when I was returning from school, I saw not just one, two but three dogs barking. It was evident that they were unhealthy stray dogs, who had skin disease. But, then an old lady probably aged 45 or so, walked into the scenario, and she started playing with the stray dogs, for if it was any other person they probably would be disgusted by the dogs, then few minutes later, she brought some food. The food was not any dog food, but just left overs, but the dogs were happy.

The lady caught me staring at her, and called out for me and asked me how she could help me, I told her that I was surprised to see someone treat those dirty, stray dogs in such a manner. Her answer was simple that, they might have been street dogs, but they were her life, in spite of the ugly appearance of the

dogs. She felt "appearance could be deceptive".

She protected the dogs during the natural calamities, and in turn the dogs protected her house, and gave her the same affection, she gave them. By this it is almost truly to say that, "kindness is repaid with greater kindness" A simple act on the road can change your life forever, for you just need to look around and you shall definitely find peace, answers and solace.

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Dumping on the roads continues....

- Hamsini G

Overfilled garbage bins never seems to be cleaned in Shastri Nagar, Chennai

As the population increases, the amount of garbage produced also seems to be increasing. Lakshmi, a resident who lives near the dumping area in Adyar says that the garbage is hardly cleaned and most of the time the bins are left overflowing. Lakshmi also adds that the garbage dumped can be 'poisonous' for the people as it can spread diseases and make them fall sick. "When the bin becomes full, it starts overflowing and it comes on to the roads. The roads get blocked and it becomes very difficult for the residents of the street," says Lakshmi. She also says, "The residents of the street and the area want something to be done about this issue. It is becoming very disturbing and we would appreciate if the garbage is regularly cleaned and cleared."

Irresponsible act

- Shalini. S

The garbage bins in Ramaniyam Abhishek apartment complex are over flowing with garbage every Monday but today's overflow was highly noticeable.

This was noticed at around 1:30 p.m. on April 17, 2017. The person who collects the garbage from this apartment and disposes it in a local dustbin seems to not show up every Monday resulting in such a situation. Complaints of foul smell and increase of mosquitoes have also been reported.

The committee has not taken any step to solve this problem so far.



Nurturing Chennai's Tennis Love

Chennai is one of the best cities to learn tennis in India. The city has produced international professional players like Prajnesh Guneshwaran and Ramkumar Ramanathan. The city has many private tennis academies supporting this cause. In this interview, *Girishankar V* speaks to Mr. Srinivas Rao, head coach at Grand Slam Academy in Palavakkam about Tennis in Chennai and his journey as a tennis player and coach.

Born in Vijayawada, he started playing tennis at age of 12 (1989). He has played at state and national levels winning 26 trophies, before turning into a full time coach.

Tell us about your tennis journey

I come from a middle class family. Tennis coaching was expensive when I was a kid. I convinced my coach give me a chance and train me for six months. I played well and impressed him. So he agreed to coach me for 20 rupees a month. After some years I went to Odisha to assist my coach so that I can earn money while playing. Since I was good at coaching I turned into a full time coach. I started as a full time coach in Mumbai in 1997, where I coached many national level players.

What is your happiest moment in tennis?

The first time I reached the semifinals of an under 18 tournament. I was just 12 at that time.

Who is your favourite tennis player?

Roger Federer. He has the best technique in the game. He is mentally and physically tough. Younger players can generate more power but get injured easily. But Federer is injury-free because he has strong basics.

How is tennis scene in Chennai?

Chennai used to be the number one place for tennis coaching five years ago. Now Hyderabad has overtaken us. But Chennai is slowly picking up again. In the last six months our academy has increased its strength from 30 to 125 students.

Do you think Chennai can produce a grand slam winner?

Yes, but government needs to support young players. Students are pressurized to spend more time in studies so that



they will get good colleges. Higher sports quota in colleges will ease the pressure. Government provides food, equipment, accommodation and finance for the students but good coaches are lacking.

What is your dream as a coach?

I couldn't play at international level because of financial constraints. I have a five month old daughter now. I want her to be one of the top players in India.

Your advice for young players?

I always give only one advice: basics first. After that, concentrate on your fitness. Master your serve. Practice 300 serves every day. Serves win you matches.



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Adyar - the next Cooum

The Adyar River which runs to the length of about 42.5

kilometer contributes to the estuarine ecosystem of Chennai. Regardless of the pollution that is caused to the River, it is still being used for fishing and also boating. In the year 2012 the state government had already allotted Rs.3000 million towards the construction of sewage cleaning systems in the waterways in the city. Despite these efforts, the

part of the river which runs along Kotturpuram is still very contaminated due to garbage and rubble. Most of the water which is mixed with sewage is also being released into the River, which is very toxic to the whole River and



would cause diseases in the fish that would later be consumed by us humans. Due to urbanization around the River, the riverbank is used as a landfill causing more harm to the River.

- Simrah Syed

Break-In Breaks Trust

- Taahaa

Chennai, Kottur: An illegal entry was successfully made, angering the residents of a 3 storey building. The exact location and names are wanted to be kept classified for security reasons.

An 18 year old male, broke into an apartment on the first floor, claiming that his kite had crashed in there. The owner realized that someone was inside his residency and began yelling profanity.

"I was really terrified at first," says Dami (name changed) who was a resident on the second floor.



The police were called and the accused was taken into police custody.

The residents of the apartment blame the closeness of the buildings, without any security measures as the cause for this mishap.

Why Books must be your best friends ...

-Foram

Let's start from the cover of the books. The more you decide to buy a book depending on the cover, the more you shall be sure to get a wrong book for yourself. For someone once said, "Do not judge a book by its cover." Ask any book lover you know about picking a book, and the first thing they will tell you is to go by your genre.

Remember, different people love different genre and it is necessary to know what genre suits you, and you can do this by going through a set of different books, for example, you may like Jane Austen's Pride and

Prejudice, which has a Romantic novel genre, or instead you may like Da Vinci Code that is instead Detective genre. After choosing your genre, one must start reading the book. The first thing one will notice is connecting with the characters one by one. The development of the character depends on the

upcoming chapters that promises different emotions, like happy, sad, arrogance, and much more. Books not only boost learning but also encourage imagination.

Books give you the freedom, of experiencing the emotions of that of the characters, reliving in the era's gone, and you might as well end up

developing a new passion for reading regularly. It is always an option, to choose a book that goes as a series or just one singular book.

Both have advantages and are a feast to read. Books not only helps

you learn and experience, but also teaches you life lessons, which you might never be able to learn.

I'd like to conclude saying, books truly are your best friends, if you know how to love them, they will truly give you back something, worth reading.



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Sweat for a cause

Featuring Trisha who goes for a summer job

- Shalini. S

One of my close friends named Trisha who is currently studying in tenth grade, goes for a summer job to Mirra Charitable Trust in fourth Seaward Road in Thiruvannamiyur every Thursday. It is a three year program which aims to make a young citizen responsible and independent. The people who run the Trust are very kind and approachable claims Trisha. She goes there and observes the sessions taken, and takes

down notes, and teaches the kids how to talk about issues that they face.

Trisha personally had seen an impact after going to this trust and is very close to all of them. She was recommended by one of her mother's friend whose child also went there. When asked what makes her like the place so much, she said, "This place has become my second home and I learn a lot about issues people face and how to solve them there."



Book Review :

THE CURSED

- Giri Shankar V

Harry Potter and The Cursed Child is a play written by John Tiffany and Jack Thorne, based on a new story by J.K. Rowling. Harry Potter is one of the most famous fantasy series in the recent years. It has been 10 years since the last Harry Potter book. So the release of the new play had all the fans excited. The play was well received when it was staged in London and has received a record breaking nine awards including the new Best Play award in the 2017 Laurence Olivier awards.

The story of the new play is set nineteen years after the defeat of Voldemort, the main antagonist of the series. Harry is now 37 years old, married to Ginny Weasley and has 3 kids James, Albus and Lily Potter. Though the book bears Harry Potter's name in the title, Albus Potter is the real protagonist. He is the "Cursed Child" referred to, in the title. The curse on him, is the legacy of his father. As the son of someone who defeated the dark lord, the expectations on Albus is high. His problems start when he is put into Slytherin house in his school, which being the house of the dark lord himself and all his followers (death-eaters).

To overcome this constant pressure to live up to his dad's name, Albus decides to travel to the past to save Cedric Diggory, who Harry couldn't save himself. But things didn't not go as expected. How changing the past complicates the present is the rest of the plot.

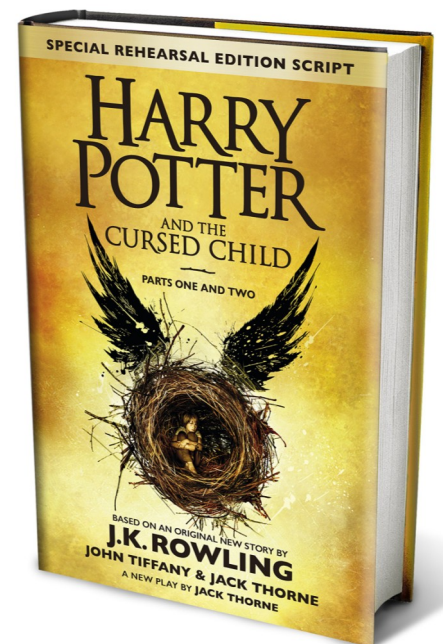
The story is a mix of old and new Harry Potter worlds. All the old characters including, Harry, Ron, Hermione, Snape and Draco Malfoy takes us on a nostalgic trip. While the new characters Albus, Scorpius (Draco Malfoy's son) and Delphi add an interesting new dimension to the Harry Potter world. The use of time turner challenges notions from the previous Harry Potter books.

For example, we don't expect that a good person like Cedric Diggory can turn into a death-eater. By this, JK Rowling forces to question our own beliefs of good and evil. The story, like others from the series, is full of surprising twists and makes for an suspenseful read.

Some of the fans have complained the inconsistent usage of time-turner. If time turner can be used to change major events, it could have been used by Voldemort to change all events in his favour. So, the use of time turner is not consistent across this series. But apart from this, the book is about father-son relationships. Both Albus and Scorpius hated their fathers for their legacy.

Albus, because he couldn't live up to Harry's name. Scorpius, because Draco was with the death-eaters.

The book explores the result of these troubled relationships. To summarize, even though it is different from the other Harry Potter books, it is an interesting read.



Library Like No Other

- Taahaa

Built on 8 acres of land, the 9-floor library houses a total area of 333,140 sq. ft. and has a capacity to accommodate 1.2 million books. ACL has planned to adopt an integrated library management system that includes automated issue and return of books, user smartcards, access controls, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology and self-check counters. The library is designed to accommodate a total of 1,250 persons. An auditorium of 50,000 sq. ft. with a seating capacity of 1,280, and an amphitheater on the terrace that can accommodate more than 800 persons and two conference halls with capacities of 151 and 30 persons respectively, are some of the facilities available. A dedicated children's section, spread over 15,000 sq. ft. has a fun-filled theme-based reading area with multimedia kits and storybooks. The library also boasts a high-tech section for the visually impaired, with talking books and Braille displays. Parking space exists for about 420 cars and 1,030 two-wheelers. A separate power substation with a capacity of 32 kV has been built on the premises. CCTV cameras have been installed in 493 locations in the building. A food court in the building is capable of serving 180 persons at any given point in time. The library was designed by C. N. Raghavendran.

The entrance to the building showcases a 5 ft. bronze statue of C.N. Annadurai. The library employs 200 staff, including 96 permanent and 40 contract



employees, and has a collection of 550,000 books. It is visited by about 2700 persons every day.

The library has a special section for Braille, children's books and manuscripts etc. The building is designed in such a way that the reading area receives good daylight. The western end is flanked by the service areas to prevent solar radiation. The seven-storey atrium allows in abundant natural light.

In July 2010, the library building received the LEED NC Gold rating from IGBC becoming the first library building in Asia to reach this. This project has achieved 43 LEED points,

highest amongst any government buildings in Tamil Nadu thus far.

The Anna Centenary Library (ACL) is an established state library of the Government of Tamil Nadu. It is located at Kotturpuram, Chennai. It is built at a cost of ₹172 crores (₹1,720 million). It is named after a former chief minister of Tamil Nadu, C. N. Annadurai. It was opened by the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M. Karunanidhi. The average number of persons who visited the library between January and October 2011 is around 26,500, compared to the monthly average of 20,000 in 2010.

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