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Six children from Chennai receive National Bal Shree Award



Nikila Raman studying in Class 11 in PSBB Millennium School receives the award for Creative writing



For Kamala Devi Linga Ravindranath, a class 11 student of PSBB, KK Nagar, the award goes for her talent in Classical dance.

Six children from Chennai have been selected to receive the prestigious National Bal Shree honour recently. Anupama Ravichandran and Nikila Raman (Student reporter of YOCEE) for Creative writing, Muthukumaraswamy and K. Deepa Rakshana for Creative art, Kamala Devi Linga Ravindranath and Anandhitha Ramachandran for Creative performance.

Every year National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi organise National Bal Shree Selection Camp in different streams for children of 9 to 16 years of age. This selection is organised in three levels viz., Local Level, Zonal Level and National Level.

The aim of awarding this honour is to recognise and tap creativity in children. The Bal Shree Scheme was conceived in 1993 and since then Bal Shree honours in Creative Performance, Creative Arts, Creative Scientific Innovations and Creative Writing are being



awarded.

The participants must be nominated by Bal Bhavans and Bal Kendras affiliated to National Bal Bhavan. The selection is in three age groups - 9 to 11 years, 11+ to 14 years and 14+ to 15 years. And the selection goes through three stages - Local, Zonal and National.

Nikila Raman is passionate about writing and has been writing serious articles, poems, fictions. She also interviews inspiring personalities. She has been a student reporter from 2012.

Kamala Devi is a student of Sridevi Nrityalaya, a dance academy run by guru Sheela Unnikrishnan. She has performed Bharatanatyam travelling extensively. She takes keen interest in the art.

K. Muthukumaraswamy (insert photo on the left here) is into arts, drawing and painting trained by his artist father. He has won many prizes from very young age.

YOCEE congratulates all the awardees.

>>> To know more about National Bal Shree honour, visit the website- <http://nationalbalbhavan.nic.in/>

This fortnight for you ...

Fireless cooking workshop April 26, 2014

Kitchen E Lazeez is organising a one day Fireless Cooking Workshop for Children. On April 26, 2014 from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Kids will learn to make Cupcakes with butter cream frosting, Chocolates, Mango Ice Cream, Butter Cookies with two variation.

The workshop is for children above 6 years of age. Kids will take home a goodies bag and a recipe booklet. They will also take home whatever they have made. Limited registration.

The Venue is No.68/1, Q Block, Annanagar East. Contact 9094500466, 7200978815

Cooking Fun April 13, 2014

Hansel & Gretel is conducting a cookery workshop for children above 4 years of age. It is a fireless cooking session to make Italiano baby potatoes and Choco nut shake.

The venue is Hansel & Gretel, 11, Jagadambal Street, T. Nagar. From 10.30 a.m to 12 noon.

Contact phones 43533073, 9840431549

Science & Math workshop April 16, 2014

Smart Kids, T. Nagar is conducting a workshop to make Science and math interesting. Simple Science experiments, math tricks and simple exercises in English will be part of the workshop.

For children of 9 to 13 years.
From 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
Contact on phone 9445316363

Baisakhi Mela April 13, 2014

Bamboola Butterflies Blast in association with Singh's is hosting a mela at its campus at 73, Venkata Krishna Road, R.A. Puram from 4 p.m to 9.30 p.m.

Food stalls of exclusive Punjabi snacks like Makkai roti, Kulcha, tandoor, jilebi, chat and lassi are part of the mela.

An evening to watch live dole artiste, bangra dancers in action. Visitors can learn Bangra dance at 5 p.m.

The event is ticketed. Contact Preeti at 9884001480 or Jayanthi at 9940042592

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India Elections for kids

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IN CHENNAI**

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For the enviro enthusiasts

The Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) is organising 'Project E.100,' a summer camp for students studying in class 6 to 10.

Participants will be given training in street theatre, creative writing and music. There will be sessions on recycling degradable waste at households.

A debate and a quiz will also be conducted.

All the events will be based on environmental issues such as wildlife



conservation and combating pollution.

The objective of the camp is to encourage more number of school students to volunteer for environmental conservation projects.

The camps will be held at Tambaram, Mylapore, Anna Nagar, Perambur and Thiruvanmiyur. EFI expects participation from

those who are interested in understanding environmental issues.

For details, contact Arun Krishnamurthy at 9940203871. Email: arun@indiaenvironment.org

Mythology, Art through stories

'Narrative Through Art' is a special summer storytelling programme for children that combines art practices and art periods in history.

The storyteller is Asha Sampath and Uma Krishnaswamy, the art historian for these sessions.

Module 1 - 'Ramayana for Children' (age group 8-12) will be held on April 20, 21, 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is Rs. 1,000.

Module 2 - 'The Story of Christ' for Children (age group 10 to 14) will be held on April 27, 28, 29 and 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is Rs. 1,000.

Module 3 - 'The Panchatantra' (age

group 4 to 8) will be held on May 4, 5, 6, and 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is Rs. 1,000.

Module 4,- a basic certificate programme (age group 10 and above), will teach the basics of origami and will be held on April 18, 19, 25, 26 and May 2 and 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is Rs. 1,500.

The sessions will be held at Apparao Galleries, Nungambakkam.

To register for the courses, contact 9941012385, 09686112078.



Exhibition on all things Specially handmade made



'Kalakkal Santhai' is the name they have come up with for this special initiative by Vidya Sagar (formerly Spastics Society of India) in Kotturpuram.

The fair has everything handmade by differently abled people from across the state. Gift articles, batik saris, embroidered dress materials, paper bags, pickles and preserved juice mixes are on sale at this fair.

Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m, the exhibition is held at Vidya Sagar, 1, Ranjith Road, Kotturpuram. On till April 13, 2014. Contact: Dipti Bhatia, deputy director, Vidya Sagar. Phone: 98409 17314

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SUMMER CAMPS in CHENNAI

List of camps that start this fortnight



Kodayil Thamizh Kondattam

What: Fun learning Tamil, traditions, playing ancient games, enjoy choral music

Where: Various centres at Mandaveli, R A Puram, Velachery, OMR, Vadapalani, Saligramam, Valasaravakkam, Perambur, Kolapakkam

When: Camp at Mandaveli begins on April 15 and R.A. Puram Camp begins on April 16.

Who: Thamizhmozhihoodam. Contact 92821 3333, 90928 90459, 044-42109486. Email: register@thamizhmozhi.com

Multi sport camp

What: Multi Sport Program for kids of 2.5 years to 8 years. Introducing children to Soccer, Cricket, Tennis, Volley Ball, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Basketball, Golf

Where: Adyar, OMR, Anna Nagar, ECR, Velachery, Mylapore

When: Start on any day.

Who: Sporty Beans. Contact Sophia@9841307716, 044-66044763. Email: adyar@sportybeans.com

Health, Mind Gym, Accelerated learning

What: Building Confidence and Character through easy-to-use learning

techniques and make children independent and responsible. Little Doctor – Health & Hygiene, Master Stroke – Accelerated Learning Techniques, Handwriting, Vedic Maths

Where: Shraddha, SI Shruti Lakshmi aptmts, 31 Prakasm Street, T. Nagar.

When: April 15, 2014 onwards

Who: Contact: 95000 42835, 98410 27276. Email – Sumathy.shraddha@gmail.com

Inquisitive Minds Camp

What: Logical Thinking, Problem Solving and Computation Skills through creative, fun-filled hands-on Activities and Projects. @ weeks programme. For children above 7 years.

Where: InquisitiveMinds, Nat West Vijay Apartments, Pallikaranai

When: In different batches according to convenience.

Who: Contact 9500046144. <https://www.facebook.com/InquisitiveMinds.Chennai>

Science & programming camps for teens and kids

What: Fun with electricity, simple machines, law of Physics, creative computing, design and developing Android apps. For children in various age groups from 6 years onwards

Where: 450/1, Lakshmanaswamy Salai,

KK Nagar.

When: April 21, 2014 onwards

Who: ThinkDiff S'kool. Contact Bhuvana K A. Phone. 80561 00293. Email: bhuvana.ka@thinkdiffskool.com

Baking and cake making

What: making cookies, cakes, chocolates for children of 8 to 18 years of age.

Where: D7, Pragati Apts, 36, Lock Street, Kottur.

When: Start anytime

Who: Bharani. Contact 9952093377

Kashmir to Kanyakumari

What: The program is a journey through India to experience the rich heritage and culture. A variety of activities, stories, games, public speaking competition and leadership and communication skills Children get to take part in the 'India Quiz' and win prizes. In two groups. Juniors – Age 4-8 years, Senior - Age 8-14 years.

Where: Dyna World Kids Club, 16, Vyasara Street, T.Nagar

When: April 14, 2014 onwards

Who: Contact 28151569, 7200823258. Email: dynaworld2010@gmail.com

Archery Camp

What: Archery classes for children of 6 years and above

Where: The Sun Smart Foundation, 123, Z block, 8th Avenue, Anna Nagar West.

When: From April 15, 2014

Who: Contact Dinesh 91506 27135

Science Camps by Curio Kids

What: Interactive science camps for children

Where: In KK Nagar, Saligramam, Ramapuram – From April 15 to 19 and from April 21 to 25; In Besant Nagar, Nungambakkam, Anna Nagar, Velachery – From April 28 to May 2; In T. Nagar, Kilpauk, Nolambur – From May 5 to 9.

When: April 15 onwards

Who: CurioKids. Contact 97898 54247, 99621 66650, 94447 81123

Arts & crafts camp

What: Arts & crafts, junk art, jewellery making, designing, cutting, pasting. In 4 batches. April 15 & 16, April 29 & 30. Five-day camps on April 21 to 25 and May 5 to 9, 2014. For children of 6 to 12 years old

Where: Loka, 14, 15 – 2nd Cross St, Ramappa Nagar, Perungudi

When: April 15 onwards

Who: Hema. Phone: 9551667771

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SUMMER CAMPS ...

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12 years.
Where: Alwarpet /CIT Colony
When: April 16 to 19, 2014
Who: Contact: 840118711

What: Language, music, drawing, yoga, personality development, creative and non conventional thinking, using E Blocks, a multi-sensory language learning tool which focuses on phonetics, vocabulary acquisition and communication skills.. For children of ages two and a half years to 15 years.
Where: Door no. 3/19, Rajeswari Nagar ist Cross St, Karambakkam, Porur.
When: April 15 to May 15, 2014
Who: The EB Club. Contact 99400 21334

Dancing, sports, colourplay

What: Bollywood dancing, sports activities, Brain train activities for children of 3 to 7 years.
Where: Sprouts Montessori House, 10, Luz Avenue, Bhaskarapuram, Mylapore
When: April 16 to 20, 2014
Who: Contact: 9940050697- Srividhya

Summer Residential Camp

What: Residential Camp for children in two batches. Batch 1 : April 18 to 27 and Batch 2 : May 2 to 11. Sports – Skating, Swimming, Tennis, Cricket, TT, Badminton, Basket Ball. Volley Ball, Foot Ball. Activities: Robotics, Animation, Music, Public Speaking, Fine Arts, Crafts, Dance.
Where: Velammal Knowledge Park, Ponneri (25 kms from Chennai)
When: From April 18, 2014
Who: Contact: 91597 05557, 72990 67906, 72990 87912, 72990 90862

Communication through arts, crafts

What: Arts, crafts, story, drama, fun with math & science
Where: 6/22, 2nd Cross Street, Raghavan Reddy Colony, Ashok Nagar
When: April 15 onwards
Who: Kriyative Kids. Contact 24744623, 9445359884

Electronics and Aeromodelling

What: Camp on science for students from Standard II to IX . Electronics and aeromodelling will be focus of the workshop.
Where: Eagle Aerosports, Pallavaram
When: April 15 to May 31, 2014
Who: Contact Vivekanand Ila. Phone: 9962028061. Email : vivekanand.ila@gmail.com

Kolam: the Pulli Mantra

What: Dance, Sing and Draw kolams, first on paper and then on the floor with Kolam Powder. Conducted by Dr.Gayathri Shankarnarayan, a researcher in Kolam & Carnatic music and Grace Gitadelila, dancer and drawing therapist. Camp for children of 6 to

Craft Camp

What: Learn 10 different items like party décor, home décor and fancy gifts like festive banners, pom-poms and magnetic name boards. For children of 10 years and above.
Where: D7, 3rd Floor, 76/81, Mukta Nirmaan Apts., Mt.Poonamalee Road, Porur
When: April 21 to 25, 2014
Who: The Nifty Crafter. Phone: 98407 12328

Variety of activities

What: Robotics , Aero- modelling, Theatre , Public Speaking, Creative

Writing ,Photography and Science. For children of 3 to 12 years old

Where: Hippocampus Children's Company, 4/11, 3rd Avenue, Indiranagar, Adyar

When: April 21 to May 31, 2014

Who: Contact 42116417, 24433544. Website: www.blog.hippocampus.in

Nature walks, Carpentry, Cooking

What: A series of hands-on workshops, Nature walk, science session, carpentry, math, cooking, campfire, documentary-making, dance and art, public speaking.

Where: 89, Bishop Garden, Greenways Road, R.A. Puram.

When: From April 21, 2014

Who: Vanilla Children Place. Contact: 42066660, 99400 12785

Theatre, dance, craft and creative writing

What: Various camps in the theatre, storytelling, dance, writing and crafts for children in two groups. 4 to 7 years and 8 to 14 years. Camp culminates into a performance on May 24.

Where: Adyar & KK Nagar

When: April 21 onwards

Who: Alchemy Kids. Contact Radhika Vijay – 98410 47620, Sumangali – 98413 27673 (For Adyar sessions), Sandhana – 89391 95919, Vidya – 89397 52980

Camp for special children

What: Music, dance, craft, camps, story and play time, photography for special children.

Where: Ekadaksha Learning Centre, 3, Jeth Nagar 1st Main Road, R.A.Puram

When: From April 21 to 30, 2014

Who: Contact 97909 12759. 99625 69285.

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Summer Journalism Training Course

Lead teacher is Vincent D' Souza, senior journalist

Annual Journalism training course hosted by the neighbourhood newspaper Mylapore Times will be on from April 21 to May 9, 2014.

The course is suitable for students of class 9 to 12. Selected participants will undergo training through lectures and practical assignments to report.

Course fee is Rs. 1500.

Venue is Mylapore Times office. Corporation Complex, 77, C. P. Ramaswamy Rd., Alwarpet. Course will be held on weekdays from 9 to 10.30 a.m.

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On April 20, 2014

10:30 am – 12:30 pm



CurioKidz, a Centre for Hands on Science in its pursuit to identify & nurture scientific talent is organising a Young researcher Meet for children from classes 3 – class 9 & their parents / teachers.

Children will get to hear from eminent speakers about regional, national, International science & research competitions. They will also get to know what it takes for an award winning project and learn about simple projects and inspiring ideas, say the organisers.

The event is held in association with IWMA, INSEF, IRIS, the leading organisations in the public & private sector, working on promoting scientific research in school children.

The Meet is held at HippoCampus, 3rd Avenue, Indiranagar, Adyar. Participation in the Meet is free. However, it is strictly by prior registration.

To register, contact on phone: 24433544, 42116417, 97898 54247

Fashion designing and sewing for teens

Smart Skills's Sewing School in Virugambakkam invites teens for full time and part time course in fashion designing. Applicants should have completed minimum 10th Std. to join the diploma courses.

Basics in tailoring, machine embroidery, aari and zardosi, making smocking, cushion covers, jute bags and chudidars will be part of the course.

Learning hours are flexible. For more details on the course, contact Smart Skills 257, Alagirisamy Salai, in K .K Nagar (Ph. 7401127223) or at 175, Arcot Road, Virugambakkam (Ph. 9092041560)



SUMMER CAMPS ...

Sports & Yoga

What: Cricket, TT, Badminton, Chess & Yoga. Morning sessions. 2 modules.

Where: The Children's Club Society, 213, V.M. Street, Mylapore

When: April 25 to May 21, 2014

Who: Contact 9444026237, 9962016632, 9841037373. Email: childrensclub1947@yahoo.com

Residential Camp at DakshinaChitra

What: Pottery, painting, beading, folk art, theatre art, cookery and traditional games and a visit to Crocodile Bank. For children of 8 to 14 years.

Where: DakshinaChitra, Muttukadu (ECR)

When: April 26 & 27, 2014

Who: Contact 98417 77779, 044 – 2446 2435, 2491 8943

Summer School by British Council English Language Centre

What: Fifth edition of Summer Intensive English Courses for Young Learners. Aimed at improve speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, grammar and vocabulary. For children of age groups 8 to 10, 11 to 12 and 13 to 15 years.

Where: British Council, 737, Anna Salai

When: April 28 to May 16, 2014

Who: Contact 044 – 4205 0610 Email: pooja.parasuraman@britishcouncil.org

Summer theatre training workshops

What: Theatre training programme for children of ages of 7 to 15. Basic acting, voice, story-telling, writing and poetry skills. Storytelling basics, Creating masks for the characters of story.

Batch 1: April 28 to May 10; Batch 2: May 19 to May 31.

Where: StudYo, Old No.35, New No.77, Mandaveli Street, Mandaveli.

When: From April 28, 2014

Who: Contact – 9884070796. Email – theatrey@gmail.com

Music, cooking, photography activities

What: Summer camp in Keyboard, Guitar, Robotics, Fireless cooking, Theatre, Art and Crafts, Pottery, Kung-fu, Photography. For kids in 2 different age groups – 4 – 10 years and 11 – 16 years.

Where: Velachery

When: April 28, 2014 onwards

Who: Contact 8438888984, 9042806148

Origami with recycled paper

What: Make origami flowers, boxes, clothes, animals, aeroplanes from recycled papers. For children over 12

years.

Where: Goli Soda, 33, Fifth Avenue, Besant Nagar.

When: April 21 to 25, 2014

Who: Origami Artist Philip Sathyaraj conducts. Contact 97910 88189

Scrapbooking camp

What: Learn to preserve memories in scrapbooks. For children of above 8 years.

Where: Hobby & Art (Global Art), Gandhi Nagar, Adyar

When: April 21 to 25, 2014

Who: Snapshot Memories. Contact 99401 46502, 98400 56218

Summer Camp at the farm - Outbound

What: Three-day camps at a farm. Hands on experience of planting a seed, milking a cow, tales around campfire, tree climbing and lots of fun. Starts on April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20.

Where: Semmancheri Village, OMR

When: April 15 onwards

Who: The Farm, Semmancheri. Contact: 99528 99393

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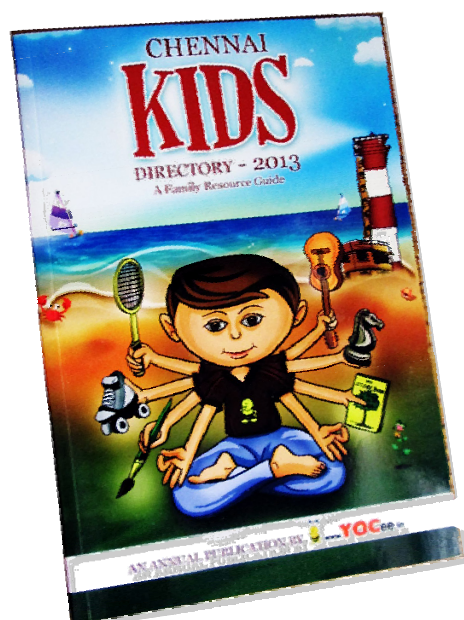
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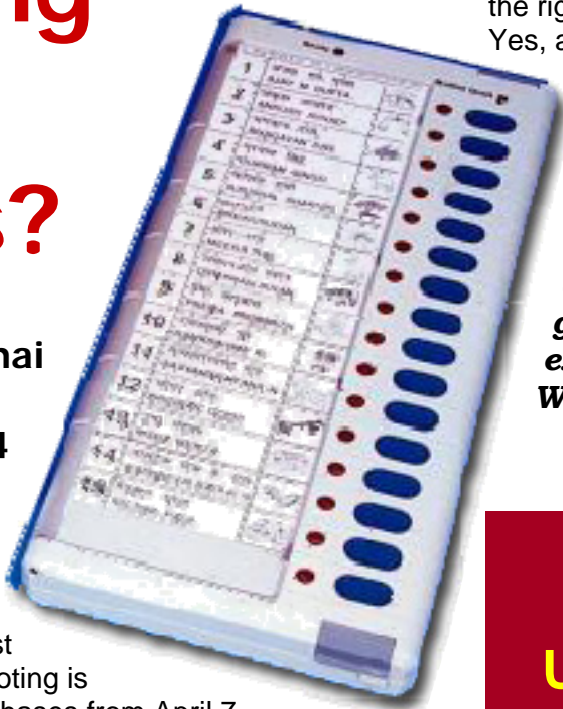
Polls in Chennai to be held on April 24, 2014

The elections to constitute the 16th Lok Sabha in India, world's largest democracy is on. Voting is being held in nine phases from April 7 to May 12, 2014. And Tamil Nadu goes to poll on a single day on April 24, 2014.

Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu has three constituencies - Chennai North, Chennai South and Chennai Central.

A few neighbourhoods fall in other constituencies close by. Poonamallee, Avadi, Madhavaram fall under Tiruvallur constituency. Ambattur, Alandur, Pallavaram, Tambaram in Sriperumpudur constituency.

The campaign by candidates affiliated to various parties and those fighting independent are in full swing now, as the nominations closed last Saturday. The Election commission has put a lot of restrictions on the



campaign. But the caravans are still on the roads and even inner streets and lanes.

So now, it is the turn of the eligible voters to exercise their rights and elect the suitable candidate in every constituency. Every vote counts, the Election Commission insists.

It is your duty to insist that your parents vote and then enjoy the holiday with the family. You can show them the right place where they can find all the information. Yes, all of them are available online.

Also, there is a mobile phone number to know the polling station to go. Check the box for the info.

>>> Tell us how did you influence and help your parents or grandparents vote. Mail your experience to editor@yocee.in. We will publish.

Useful links:

- Website of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu - <http://www.elections.tn.gov.in/>
- Phone number to know the voter's polling station - **9444123456**.
- Send SMS - **EPIC<SPACE><VOTER ID No.>**

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A new machine for cleaning the Velachery lake

Reported by Kaviya Dilip Student Reporter

Velachery lake along the by pass road is all set to be converted into a boating spot soon

For the past few months, workers are trying to clean the hyacinth present in the lake, with the help of Kiran cleaning machine, that has been put to use recently.

The machine was invented by N. Devaraj from Erode who is a college dropout.

Devaraj runs a lathe and also owns a fish farm. He spent about Rs. 25 lakhs and several months on the machine.

The aim of the machine is to clean the hyacinth present in the lake which causes a lot of problems in maintenance. The hyacinth blocks the dams, power generating pipes and turbines.

The hyacinth present in the lake was on over 200 acres of are and had been reduced to 75 acres. The work has been stopped because it is impossible to clean the hyacinth by just one machine alone.

Cleaning of the hyacinth is possible only with the help of 4 - 5 machines at the same time. Again, using only one

machine has caused the hyacinth spreading to over 200 acres.

After the cleaning of the hyacinth, the government has planned to vacate the slum dwellers nearby to construct a main road from Velachery bypass Road to St. homas



Mount. The city administration has also promised that the lake will be converted to a boating spot.

The city awaits good news.

>> If you have been to Velachery lake recently, mail us a picture of how it looks now! Mail to editor@yocee.in

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Watch this space in the next issue!

Spring time walks



When it is 'Chithirai', the Tamil month, many trees begin to blossom. It is the time people would like to walk under the shades as mercury begins to rise each day.

Nizhal, an organisation that cares for the trees is organising Chithirai Tree Walks in the city from April 20.

These will be conducted inside campuses and parks.

To know the schedule and details of the walks, contact program co-ordinator Usha Sreedhar at 97910 29568

If you love trees, nature and your environment, volunteer at Nizhal. Details on their website - <http://www.nizhaltn.org/>

Science workshop for children



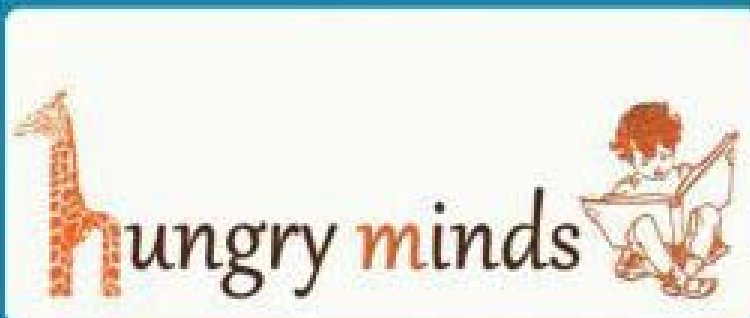
Royal Society of Chemistry in association with Nehru Children's Cultural Association will conduct a science workshop for students from Standard V to IX at the University of Madras, Guindy campus from April 19 to May 18, 2014

Professors T.S. Natarajan (physics), R. Sivaraman (mathematics), T.R. Mani (aptitude), E. Murugan (physical chemistry), P.T. Kalaichelvan (botany), M. Arumugam and S. Janarthanan (zoology), A.R. Ganesan (physics) will give a lecture demonstration.

For details, contact 8144416484.

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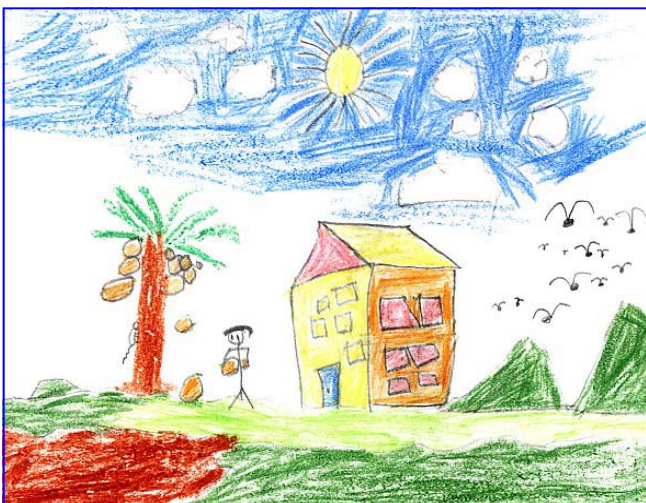
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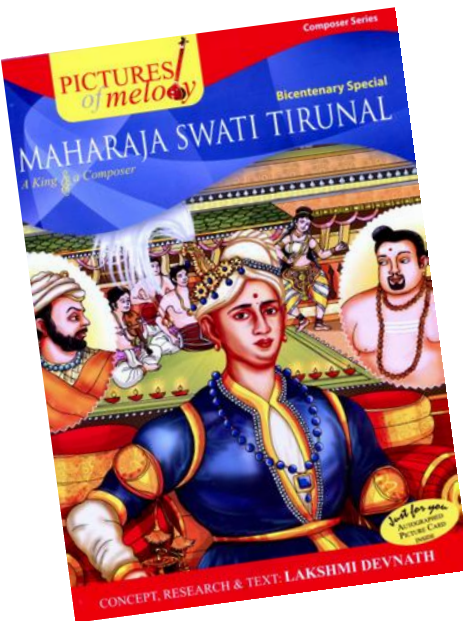
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Short Takes

Pictorial autobiography of a Carnatic composer

After a series of pictorial books on legendary Carnatic music singers, writer-researcher Lakshmi Devnath has added the composer Maharaja Swati Tirunal to her basket. She has launched this new title in her 'Picture of Melody' series of books on April 12.



Observing many children learning music and the books available on Carnatic musicians are for mature readers,

Lakshmi began working on the series of books that are in comic strip format.

The stories narrated in these books are in simple language and attractively illustrated.

In this series, books on M.S. Subbulakshmi, G.N. Balasubramaniam, Madurai Mani Iyer and T. Brinda, all yesteryear legends have already been published and are on sale. The latest on Swati Tirunal is the first in the series that is on a composer.

The books are priced at Rs. 125 and available in leading bookstores. They can be purchased online at <http://www.kalakendra.com>

J.K. Tripathy is new CoP of Chennai

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) T.K.



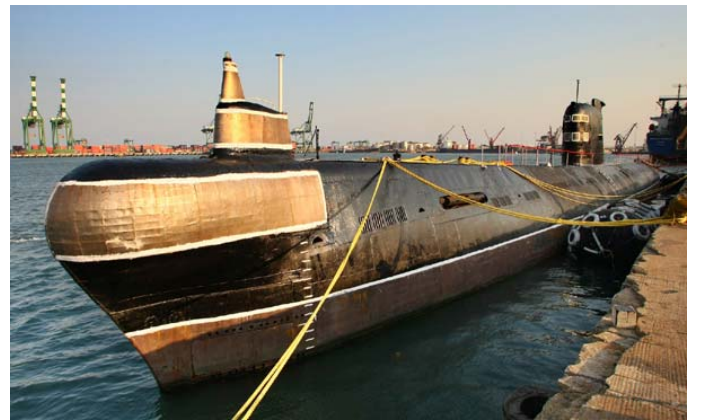
Tripathy has taken over as the 99th Commissioner of Police of Chennai city recently.

Tripathy took over charges from S. George who has assumed charge as ADGP of Tamil Nadu Prison Dept. The transfers were effected following the orders of the Election Commission of India.

Discommissioned INS Vagli reaches Mamallapuram

A maritime heritage museum is coming up

After 36 years of glorious service, INS Vagli, the oldest operational submarine of the Indian Navy that was decommissioned in Visakhapatnam in December 2010, is all set to become an added tourist attraction in



Mamallapuram. It was the last of the Foxtrot class, built by USSR.

The submarine which was towed in by the Navy from Visakhapatnam to Chennai Port in March 2013 finally reaches Mamallapuram.

This submarine will be beached at Mamallapuram on a specially erected platform. It will remain as a centrepiece of maritime heritage museum.

It will undergo certain modifications like air-conditioning, ventilation, power, mannequins and other display items. It will have facilities such as maritime heritage, marine technology, food courts, audio-visual studio, souvenir shops and aquarium.

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Quench the thirst of animals and birds this summer



In an effort to provide comfort to birds and homeless animals and save them from dehydration during summers, Blue Cross India, a volunteering organisation

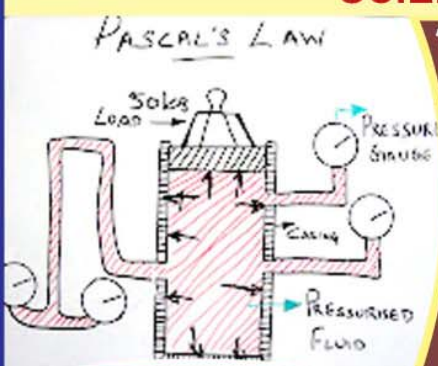
initiates Water Bowl Project every year. Under this project, Blue Cross provides cement water bowls to those who volunteer to provide this service in their homes. Each bowl is made of cement and has a capacity of 5 ltrs of water. These bowls are given for free to those interested. You have to strategically place the bowl in front of your house. Also you need to clean the bowl and refill with clean drinking water every day.

If you have a little more time, you could join them to volunteer to paint the bowls, deliver the water bowls and co-ordinate for your area.

To get a water bowl for your home, contact 9940062679 or register through the form provided online at <http://bluecrossofindia.org/WBP-2014.html>

You can also drop by to collect the bowls directly from Blue Cross of India, Velachery Road, Guindy.

SCIENCE CAMPS



TEENS AND PRETEENS: Laws of Physics Discovery camp

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Age: 10+ years
Timing: 10:00 to 12:30 pm

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Dates: April 28 - May 2
Age: 9 - 12 years
Timing: 10:00 to 12:30 pm



ElectriFUN Workshop for little tinkers



Little tinkers and makers with big ideas, craving for opportunities "to Design" and "to Build" - Hop onboard for ElectriFUN Adventure.... Learn the simple concepts in electricity as you design and build musical gift box, dancing doll and more..Get charged up and experiment with motors, solar panels, LEDs, Batteries and magical clay... Discover the secrets of solar power and get hands-on to build a solar powered house.

Dates: April 21 - 25
Age: 6 to 8 years
Timing: 10:00 to 12:30 pm

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Timing: 10:00 to 12:30



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