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## A revolution launched in Chennai

*Purna Subramanian*  
Student Reporter

Chetan Bhagat, the investment banker turned bestseller, read a few lines in Tamil, with his own Punjabi accent- while he addressed the 700 people, all assembled in the atrium of Chennai City Centre, for the launch of his recent bestseller flick "Revolution 2020".

Many enthusiastic fans, Press, even the elderly were given a chance to ask him questions, how he makes the characters so lively and realistic.

One in the audience had brought a Notebook, and flashed a page saying "Hi! Brother in law" (his wife being a resident of Chennai) to which Chetan Bhagat replied, "Haha! All of you are my in - laws!

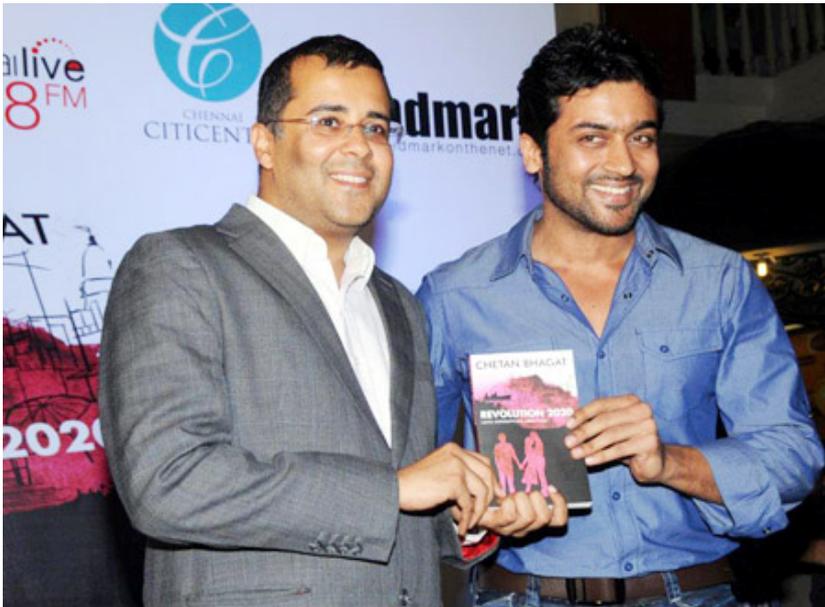
Then, the main reason of the crowd entered- Surya, the superstar. Apparently, due to traffic, he had to take a bike ride to Radhakrishnan Salai!

That added more to the love for his dedication and commitment to work! But he, looking fresh as ever, launched Chetan's book, expressed how much he loves his writing, how he made him a book-reader and they also revealed how they got to know each other.

Surya, after a short visit, bid adieu and Chetan made his fans the happiest in the world by signing their copies of his books!

It was a show full of energy, though a lot of brouhaha and commotion contributed by crazy fans of Chetan and Surya.

It was a treat to the Chennaiites, the bibliophiles and also for some people, who are entangled in the problems of Love, Ambition and Corruption!



The show started with the host Jane Jeyakumar, RJ of Chennai Live, who managed the pre - Chetan Bhagat's presence at the venue very well and also reminded the crowd-turning-curfew to be decent, to show that Chennai is the most hospitable city of India.

When Chetan Bhagat entered, the whole mall was shouting and yelling their love for him, his books and the way he writes.

He tried a few words in Tamil for his Chennai fans. "*Naan Chennai -kkaga oru book - 2 states yezhidirukken; enakku Chennai romba pudikkum; konjam than Tamil theriyum!*" (I have written a book called 2 STATES before, I love Chennai, I know a little Tamil, and Chennai is like my home.)"



## Events you may want to check . . .

### Interschool music contest



Dharmakesari Solar K.S. Subramaniya Iyer Trust, Mylapore, will be conducting the 13th interschool music competition at

Sri Dakshinamuthy Auditorium (opp. to Ramakrishna Mutt), P.S. High School on November 20, 2011.

The competition is based on the composition of Jayalakshmi Sudarshan on Lord Muruga and rendered by O.S. Thyagarajan under the titled 'Adi Va Murugaa' and 'Kumari Namamrudham' sung by Sudha Ragunathan and 'Innamudham Paruga Varungal' and 'Venkatesam Smarami' rendered by Delhi Prakash and V.S. Badrinarayanan.

The audios and CDs are available at Solar House, 34, South Mada Street, Mylapore.

The competition is open to school students. Participants will be classified into three levels: junior level (8 to 12 years) and senior level (13 to 17 years).

There will be three prizes and two consolation prizes for each category.

Each school is requested to send three participants from each category on or before November 15. For details, contact Chandra Ramani at phone nos. 2464 3024, 4234 7777, 98407 98456.

### Music, Drawing, Poetry and Elocution contests

Tiruvottiyur Barathi Pasarai, as part of the Children's Day celebration, will be conducting various contests for school students at Udayargal Thirumana Maaligai, Tiruvottiyur,



on November 19 at 2 p.m.

The competitions comprising music, drawing, poetry and elocution will be open for students of Classes 1 to 12.

The elocution contest will be on Bharathiyar (for Classes 1 to 5), environment disaster (Classes 6 to 8), corruption (Classes 9 and 10) and youth (Classes 11 and 12).

Interested candidates can send their entries to Ma. Ki. Ramanan, secretary, Barathi Pasarai, at 39/13, Village Street, Tiruvottiyur. Phone nos. 94442 98396, 93810 41157.

### Book launch and Storytelling

Spring & Zoom, the centre for literary arts in K.K. Nagar and Tulika Publishers are launching 'In Bon Bibi's Forest,' the latest in Tulika's Our Myths series, with a lively, interactive



storytelling session by the well-known storyteller Craig Jenkins.

Author Sandhya Rao and illustrator Proiti Roy will also be present at the launch. The event will be held at Hotel Green Park, NSK Salai, Vadapalani, on Nov. 16, 2011 at 6.15 p.m.

### Annual day entertainment

Kala Netri's Learning Academy at Balalok Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Virugambakkam celebrates its 8th Annual Day at Balalok Auditorium on Nov. 20, 2011 between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.



Winners of various competitions held by the academy in vocal music, drawing & painting, instrumental music, chess, bharatanatyam, abacus

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## Teaching fire safety for nursery kids

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Student reporter

Tiny tots are usually scared of sparklers. But the nursery students of D.A.V Nursery School, Gopalapuram, would be an exception to this.

Thanks to the special Fire Safety Awareness campaign that was conducted in the school premises in the third week of October.

Troops of firemen had come from the Tamil Nadu Fire Service Department to teach the Kinder Garden children fire safety measures .

This is the third consecutive year this awareness campaign has been held for the Nursery School.

The main purpose of creating this campaign was to make the tiny tots know about the safe usage of fire and fire crackers with live demonstrations.

The fire service crew had brought the Fire Extinguisher, at the sight of which children sprang up with joy as they had previously seen it only in books.

It was not only the Kinder Garden children who were excited but the high school children too.

The entire school jumped up with excitement when the crew sprayed water from the hose as a part of their

demonstrations. In addition to this, Being the Diwali week, the kinder



they also demonstrated various ways of saving a person during fire accidents.

Students and faculties were taught why not to panic and how to put off fire effectively using the extinguisher.

The programme, indeed, had a deep impact in the tender minds in terms of the understanding created during Diwali celebrations as well as general fire safety awareness.

garden children were taught how to celebrate a safe Diwali after which they were given small pamphlets containing pictures about the DOs and DON'Ts while bursting crackers.



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toppers, Hindi exam toppers, karate black belt achievers, trinity grade achievers in keyboard & guitar, outstanding performers will be felicitated during the event.

Entertainment by young performers & special gifts for kids attending the event are the highlights of the celebration.

Mrs. Meena Suresh, Principal of Balalok will preside over the function. Mrs. Nagamani K Rao, Secretary of Stree Seva Mandhir will be the Guest of Honour.

Open to all. For details, contact phone nos. 98402 23811, 93805 45423.

### Chess for the beginners



Hansel & Gretel activity centre will be launching new Chess sessions for the beginners in the age group of 4 to 8 years from Nov. 20, 2011.

The sessions will be held on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The children will learn from the Grand Master Arthie Ramaswamy, coach for the World Youth Chess Championship.

Contact Hansel & Gretel at 11, Jagadambal Street, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600017. Phone nos. 28152549, 9840431549

### Samskrutha Nataka Utsav and contests in Sanskrit

Dharmakesari Solar K.S. Subramaniya Iyer Trust, Mylapore will be organising another event



- Samskrutha Nataka Utsav - on Nov, 19, 2011.

This programme includes competitions in dance, sloka recitation, Sanskrit skit, kathakalakshepam and anthakshari.

For Sanskrit skit, the theme is Ramayana, Mahabharatha, Hitopadesha, environment, or any social issue. The number of characters should not exceed 15.

For the Kathakalakshepam, the theme is Ramayana, Mahabharatha or any topic in Sanskrit. About six students from each school can participate in this event.

In sloka anthakshari, no Vedic mantra will be permitted.

The dance competition is based on Sanskrit Krithis of Oothukadu Venkatakavi, Swathi Thirunal, and Dikshithar. A group of six students can participate in this event.

For Amarakosha event, sample question paper will be provided on request. Books will be available at Banarsedas, Mylapore.

All participants will be given a certificate. For more details, contact Chandra Ramani at phone nos. 2464 3024, 4234 7777, 98407 98456.

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