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Eco cabs, pedal rickshaws were launched in Chennai on Sep. 29 by Kiruthiga Udayanidhi, chairperson of Exnora's Five-ten Lights Out' campaign.

An initiative of Exnora International, the free eco cabs will be available for people walking from Tiruvannamiyur railway station to Tidel Park, from Anna Nagar arch to Roundtana, corporation school children, Anna University students and the disabled to begin with.

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sion Transport Simplicity, said M.B. Nirmal, the chairman of Exnora.

These vehicles will be sponsored by corporates who will also pay the salary to the drivers. The advertisements of these corporates will be carried on the vehicles, he disclosed the financial viability.

The vehicle will also be launched at the airport, Velacherry station, Thirumangalam-Mogappair stretch and at the Cancer Institute.

Escape the H1N1 Flu

Chennai witnessed a sudden spurt in H1N1flu cases of late.

The viruses are mostly present as a cold and cough with mild fever, but some people get to the high-risk category depending on their immunity system. So the need for treatment on time is felt in the city and now there is a designated centre for administering H1N1 vaccine in the city.

On Sep. 12, Tamil Nadu's Health Minister MRK Panneerselvam inaugurated an A(H1N1) vaccine camp at the King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy. The camp is open for public between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day.

Two vaccines Nasovac and Vaxiflu, are now being made available at a subsidised cost. Nasovac is administered as nasal drops and costs Rs.150. Vaxiflu, priced at Rs. 250,



is available as an injection.

This facility of administering of the vaccine is available at six of the city's diagnostic laboratories and at the Communicable Diseases Hospital, Tondiarpet.

This special camp at Guindy has been organised in view of the the upcoming rainy and cold season that might facilitate easy transmission of virus from person to person.

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In News

A huge reading place

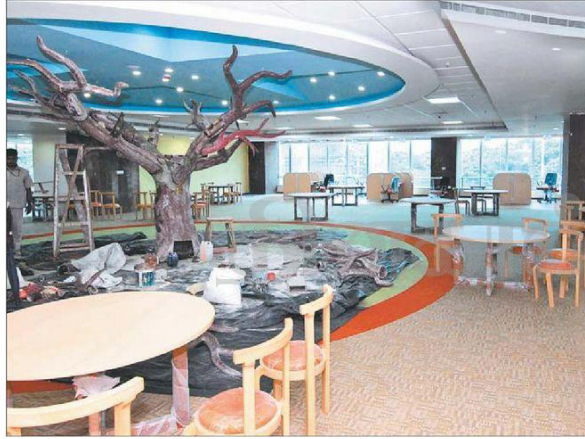
Chennai city now houses one of the biggest libraries in the world.

Anna Centenary Library in Kotturpuram inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu on Sep. 15 is now open to public.

This modern library built over 3.75 lakh sq. ft. is designed esthetically and has eight floors. It can house 1.20 million books. Madras University has donated 3.75 lakhs books to this library, which were collected through a campaign earlier.

The library has a Braille section for the visually impaired, a separate section for children's books with a huge replica of the 'Tree of Knowledge' rooted in its heart and a huge auditorium with a seating capacity of 1280.

The library, to be open to the public from 9 am to 8 pm, will be equipped with radio frequency identification (RFID) for self check-out of books



To add to the tech features, the entire building will have a GIS map to indicate on which floor and row a particular book is located. The library will have also books on all major languages, besides providing access to two lakh 'e-books' and 20,000 'e-journals'.



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Natural instinct

YOcee and DIGI Sound Studio, Adyar jointly screened the educational documentary film 'The Truth About Tigers' by Shekar Dattatri, award-winning wildlife and conservation filmmaker on Sep. 25, 2010.

The film that ran for 40 minutes provided useful pointers on how ordinary citizens can contribute towards saving the tiger.

The film has stunning footage shot by some of the world's leading wildlife cinematographers such as renowned tiger biologist, Dr. Ullas Karanth, of the Wildlife Conservation Society, and wildlife crime fighter, Belinda Wright of the Wildlife Protection Society of India.

The film which took the viewers through the tiger's life, from birth to death, illustrated how different human activities impact the conservation of this charismatic predator.

The event is co-ordinated by A. Maithily, a tiger enthusiast and an IT professional.



The film maker Shekar Dattatri answered questions emanated from the curious audience. The show run houseful and the late ones at the gate were disappointed. The organisers however decided to screen the film after the interaction session. That brought smiles on the nature enthusiasts. The two shows were educative experience for the young and the adults.

You too can get to screen the film in your local community hall or apartment complex. Log on to www.truthabouttigers.org

What's up in Chennai

For the budding scientists

If you are preparing for the upcoming Olympiads, here is something you should be part of.

The Children's Club, Mylapore is hosting a discussion of the papers of the International Chemistry Olympiad 2010 with Dr. Sunita Krishnan on Oct. 17.

There is a Maths Talent Test on Oct. 24 and a Physics Talent Test on Oct. 31. Both for students of class 11. Test your knowledge and win prizes too.

For more details contact The Children's Club on phone number 28474140

Navarathri special music concerts

Listen to some classical music by young people this Navarathri. And the music does not have any artificial effects!

Yes, they are mikeless concerts at the Nageswara Rao Park, Mylapore.

As part of their 'Kutcheri in the Park' series, Sundaram Finance is organising a special three day Classical music concerts on Oct. 8, 9 and 10.

On Oct. 8, Vidya, a class 8 student of AVM Rajeswari Mat. Higher Secondary School will present a Carnatic music performance. She will be accompanied on the violin by 11 year old Parur M.K. Ananth Lakshmi and on the mridangam by 15 year old D. Sivaraman.

On Oct. 9, V. Sreeraman, a class 8 student of Vidya Mandir, Mylapore will present a flute recital. He will be accompanied on the violin by Thiruvédaimarudur K Ganeshan and on the mridangam by 14 year old Nellai V. Sreekrishnan.

On October 10, Master Sarvajit Krishna and party will be present a Jugalbandi. M. Sarvajit Krishna and S. Subramanyam will be on the Mridangam, S. Srinath will play the Ganjira and S. Sasidaran will be on Ghatam.

All the concerts begin at 6.30 a.m. and goes on for an hour.

If you are under 15 years of age and want to display your musical talent, 94440 40748 or email to Sunday-kutcheri@gmail.com for audition to present a concert in the park.

Storytelling and Theatre Workshop

TheatreY in their nine day theatre training programme starting from Oct. 7 will focus on imparting the children with story telling skills, stage presentation, team building, puppetry ...

Organised by Wordly Wise, Kilpauk, the programme is for kids aged 3-7 years. The workshop will culminate into a final stage performance.

For details and registration, contact Wordly Wise, No. 4, Landons Road, Kilpauk. Phone - 98840 52220, 26413114

Walk with a Cam



Catch all the special views of the traditional Mada vedhis in Mylapore during Navarathri.

Dolls for the occasion, decorations for homes and puja room, gifts for visitors during the festive days ... all lined up and displayed all over the streets. Musical instruments getting a polish done and the grocery shops putting up the special lentils for 'sundal', all are scenes that are worth watching as well as capturing.

Bring along your cameras and walk with us. Put those pictures up in an online gallery with your captions, hosted by YOCee.

Exciting? Join us on the walk on Oct. 10. At 9 a.m.

Contact us at editor@yocee.in for registrations.

We will be closing down with 20 registration, as we want to spend exclusive times with each one of you guiding through the walk.

So hurry!

Filed by Student Reporters

The dream makers of Bala Vidya Mandir

By Ishan V.P. Student Reporter



The Bala Vidya Mandir Dramatics Society presented its 5th annual production, 'Nathu's Dream', written by the well known novelist, poet and playwright Shreekumar Varma.

The play was a musical and was held at the Sivagami Pethatchi auditorium on the Sep 7 and 9 in the evenings.

Neeta Srikanth, a BVM alumnus, directed the play. The Vanipriya Jayaraman composed music and dance was choreographed by Anjali Ariyanayagam.

The story revolves around Nathu, an orphan who works at a cobbler's shop and dreams of becoming a world famous sculptor.

Jay-Jay, his best friend, is the only one who can see the creators of this dream - The dream makers.

As it unfolds, the dream makers have to engage in a fight against the dream breakers, and the other children too face a mighty problem in the form of the superintendent at the shop. His friends, orphans too, soon learn that with every great dream, comes a great dreamer.

Theatre personality S. Krishna Kumar took up the role of the sound manager and lighting was done by Punya Srikanth.

The play explored the power of dreaming and gave the audience a fun-filled evening with song, dance and comic elements too.

Tejas, a new International master in Chess

By Nandini P.S., Student Reporter

Tejas Ravichandran, a Class 10 student of P.S. Senior Secondary School has won his first International master norm in the International Rating Tournament held in Dubai this June.

It was conducted by the Dubai Government in the Dubai Chess and Culture Club. The UAE Prince sponsored this world wide tournament in which 40 grandmasters and 30-40 international grandmasters participated.

A person has to win the International master norm 3 times to get the International Master title. Tejas scored 5 ½ points in the 9 round tournament.

He met grandmasters in the first 6 rounds. He met a Russian grandmaster in the 1st round, an UAE grandmaster in the 2nd round and a Spanish grandmaster in the 3rd round. He won against all of them.

In the 8th round itself he was confirmed of his International master norm, so the result of the 9th round didn't change the scenario much.

Asked about his chess coaching, he says that he has been learning from Vishweshwaran and C.J.Arvind for 5 years.

Recently he had participated in the Commonwealth Chess Championship 2008, and had won the gold medal in the Under14 category.



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Tejas had also represented his school in an All India level Modern School Tournament and had come first earlier.

Other than chess Tejas miraculously finds time to play cricket and score well in academics too. He is currently preparing for IIT- JEE. Tejas has also secured a black belt in karate.

Herbally special

By Sahana Lakshminarayanan, Student Reporter

The children at Sri Lalitha Learning Centre were engrossed in the project of Green Health and Environment Education, a special environment programme sponsored by Club Mahindra Holidays & Concern Chennai an NGO on Sep. 8.

The founder of the special school Lata Lakshminarayanan, explained her school children regarding the project and how it helps them.

Founder Secretary of Concern Chennai (NGO) Vasantha Soundarajan and Project coordinator Padma were present in Sri Lalitha Learning Centre, helping special children in planting herbal plantation.

Mrs. Soundararajan explained children the necessity of forming herb garden.

Sri Lalitha Learning Centre has just started a "Healthy Habits" program, incorporating physical activity into as many learning experiences as possible and encouraging kids to eat healthier. The school uses a variety of activities to keep kids in motion, including music therapy, yoga, jogging and obstacle courses.



The school has now made a garden, filling up plant beds, with the seeds of over 20 different organic vegetables and herbs. The garden project tackles two problems associated with children with special needs: poor nutrition and a lack of physical activity.

Leela Ranganathan well versed in herbal gardening was the guest of

honour. She cooks nutritional herbal food for her family and grand children

She also distributed participation certificates and a few seedlings to all students of Sri Lalitha Learning Centre for Special Children. Contact this centre at no. 12, 2nd second street, Athreyapuram, Choolaimedu.