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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (தலைவர் பக்கம்)

It's time for members to pay up their subscriptions. To save administrative costs, it is not the practice of the Samajam to send notice of subscription dues. However, please note that according to Article 5.4 of the Samajam rules "Any member who is in arrears of subscription for one month after the expiry of the year for which the subscription is due, shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Samajam". The Samajam will also not be sending the monthly circulars to any member who has not paid the subscriptions for two consecutive years.

In response to my request for suggestions to improve attendance at bhajanais, there were proposals that the bhajanai be held on Sunday mornings from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon followed by subscription lunch. This will be implemented on a trial basis for six months, if agreed to by the next Management Committee.

2. HON. SECRETARY'S COLUMN (கௌரவ செயலாளர் பக்கம்)

Please pass the Junior's Section, to your children. Members are more than welcome to contribute suitable articles for future issues of the Circular. You may send your articles to me by e-mail or by normal post. As part of the cost-savings program, we strongly encourage members to opt for the electronic version of circulars or even retrieve them at your own leisure from the Website.

3. THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

POURNAMI POOJA - பெளர்ணமி பூஜை -
- January 3 (ஜனவரி 3) -

The Pooja falls on January 3, 2007. Any member who wants to sponsor the poojai please contact the President/ Hon. Secretary. All members and their families are cordially invited to participate in the Pooja.

SAMOOHA BHAJANAI - சமூக பஜனை -

- February 24 , 2007 ((மார்ச் 24)

The February bhajanai will be held on Saturday February 24, 2007. This bhajanai will be sponsored by members in the PJ Section 14, 16, 17, Bandar Damansara and Bandar Utama area. All members and their families are cordially invited to participate in the bhajanai.

4. MISCELLANEOUS (பலவகைப்பட்ட செய்தி)

MAHA SHIVARATHRI POOJAI - - February 16, 2007 (பிப்ரவரி 16)

The Mahashivarathri poojai will be conducted at the Samajam premises on Friday February 16, 2007. There will be archana, abhishegam, recitation of rudram and poojas. Considering the fact that it fall on a Friday, we could in fact celebrate it throughout the whole night, provided there is a strong support from our community members. Members can also participate in the songs session. Those who are interested to participate, kindly forward your names and suggestions to Mr. VA Narayanan. Members and their families are invited to take part in the pooja.

- SRI RAMA NAVAMI - -

March 19 – March 28 , 2007 (மார்ச் 19–27,
2007)

The Annual Rama Navami celebrations will be held from March 19, 2007 to March 28, 2007 with Seetha Kalyanam on March 27, 2007 and Anjaneya Utsavam on March 28, 2007. Any member who wants to sponsor the daily ubhayams/poojas and/or render cultural programmes please contact the Hon. Secretary/President by February 20, 2007. The rates for the ubhayam are as follows:

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| Daily poojas | RM 300 |
| Seetha Kalyanam | RM 500 |
| Anjaneya Utsavam | RM 350 |

5. MEMBERS' COLUMN (அங்கத்தினர் பக்கம்)

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6. BAEF's NEWS - கல்வி நிதி -**Message from Chairman**

As we have come to the end of one year and the start of another, I am pleased to report that while two proposed activities were not carried out, the inaugural golf tournament for the Sankar Challenge Trophy was held on 5th October. Seasoned golfer Dato' A. Narayanan emerged as the champion from a field of 15 golfers. It has been proposed that this should become an annual event. We have received a record number of applications and nominees for the Annual Merit Awards in all categories. Decisions have been made and the ceremony will be held at the Samajam premises on the morning of **25th February 2007**. Award recipients will be notified soon. **Time: Starting from 0930 in the morning. Upstairs: Presentation, including cultural events. Downstairs: lunch.** Those wishing to participate in the cultural event may contact Chairman BAEF. I am also pleased to report that repayments from loan recipients are being made, and the Board should be able to report a healthy financial position for the year ended 2006. I wish to thank all Board members (Venkiteswaran Sankar, Subramaniam Sivaswamy and Subramaniam Sankar –co-opted) as well as the Samajam President and Management Committee members for their invaluable support.

Dr. Sankaran Ramanathan (Chairman, Education Fund Board)

MERIT AWARDS 2006

BAEF, on behalf of the Samajam, is proud to announce the names of the recipients of the following awards:

UPSR – Aravind s/o G. Subramaniam, Arjun s/o G. Subramaniam, Jaya Ram s/o Ashok Padmanabhan, Kharthik Chakravarthy, Praveena a/p Ravi.

PMR (Donor: B. Parthasarathy) – Ackshya Kannan, Dinesh a/l Suhoomaran, Sri Ram s/o Ashok Padmanabhan, Ashwin a/l Sooryanarayanan, Sasireka a/p Ravi, Vicknesh a/l Vegata Subramaniam, Vickram a/l A.R. Ramachandran

SPM (Donor: Jayaram Krishna) – Shriram Venugopal, Bharath Chidambar s/o P.C. Subramaniam, Vivek Kumaran a/l Vengata Subramaniam

A Levels (Donor: Datuk Dr. K.R. Ramaswami) – Mahesh Chakravarthy, Satyanarayana Venugopal, Sankaran Vaidheeswaran

STPM (Donor: Datuk Dr. K.R. Ramaswami) – Aishwarya Kannan

Bachelor's Degree (Donors: Justice Dato Gopal Sri Ram, Venkiteswaran Sankar, Ir. Prof. Dr. K.S. Kannan, Dato Dr. G. Sreenevasan) – Sukania d/o Narayanan, Dr. Sumanna Sankaran, Bharadwaj Swaminathan

Post-Graduate Degree – Dr. Prakash Kannan, Murali s/o Muthusubramaniam, S. Vijayalakshmi

Significant Achievements in Arts and Culture (Donor: S. Narayanaswami): Mrs. Radha Subramaniam

Youth Leadership (Donor: Mrs. Sulochana Somasundaram): Pradeesh Parameswaran (R. Somasundaram Award), Ashwin Sooryanarayanan, Bharath Chidambar s/o P.C. Subramaniam, Shalini Sooryanarayanan

Our congratulations to all recipients.

7. TEMPLE NEWS - ஆலய விபரங்கள் -

VTMA management welcomes all members to take part in the activities of the Temple such as Chathurthi Homam and prayers. Any member wishing to sponsor the events can contact V. Subramaniam (Temple Hon. Secretary) or N. Srinivasan (Temple Hon. Treasurer). Members are welcome to come to the temple to offer their prayers and get the blessings of Sumuga Vinayagar.

8. JUNIOR'S SECTION - சிறுவர் பக்கம்**Good Deeds are Always Rewarded**

Once upon a time, there lived a merchant in a far away village in India. The man owned a young donkey and as the animal was full of life and energy, he was put to the toughest tasks. Years after, the donkey had grown old and a little 'gaga' senile. Whilst he was looking down an empty well, he fell into it. He yelled for help. "Master! O! Master! Take me out! I have fallen into the well! The merchant came with his wife and his sons. They were followed by all the villagers who, moved by curiosity, did not want to miss the event. The merchant looked down the well and gasped: "There is no need to pull out the wretched animal; he is too old to be of any use; the well also is old and has dried up; let us fill the well with earth so that our children may not, by accident, fall into it; at the same time, we will bury the old donkey." "Master, please don't bury me alive! Remember all the work I performed for you, day and night.

I carried bundles and bundles of provision and luggage on my back, your wife to the market and your children to the village school” cried the heart-broken donkey. He could not, nonetheless, move the heart of his master. Well, ain’t it in the nature of some people to forget the seva that we render to them? Fortunately, God does not forget our good deeds at all. Good deeds are always rewarded. To come back to the story, the merchant, his wife, his sons and all the villagers got hold of a spade and they started to throw heaps of earth over the donkey. The donkey wept in silence, but in his heart, he kept repeating ‘Ram! Ram!’ (The name of God). As the earth fell over the donkey each time, it slipped over his old, weary back and dropped at his feet; instinctively, each time, he climbed on the heaps. He continued to climb until he finally reached the top of the well and walked off, under the flabbergasted eyes of all. By the Grace of God, he was saved! The morale of the story is God never forgets. Man may forget and even bury us alive with dirt and filth when we are of no use to them. God remembers always and the more people try to bury us alive, the more we climb up in our esteem because only God knows the goodness in us.

9. SOCIAL SECTION

ஸ்ரீ தியாகராஜ சுவாமிகளும் பஞ்சரத்ன கீர்த்தனைகளும்

By Puan Sri Vijayalakshmi Rama Iyer (Presentation at Sangeethalayam seminar held in conjunction with Thyagaraja Aradhanai, January 13, 2007).

இசை எனும் பெருங்கடலில் முக்குளித்து அரும்பெரும் பொக்கிஷங்களை இசை உலகிற்கு அளித்த மும்மூர்த்திகளில் ஒருவரான சத்குரு ஸ்ரீ தியாகராஜ சுவாமிகளின் ஆராதனை விழாவினை சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடி கொண்டிருக்கும் சங்கீதாலயத்திற்கு முதற்கண் என் வணக்கத்தினையும், பாராட்டுதல்களையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றேன். நடுவர் அவர்களுக்கும் ஏனைய தலைப்புகளில் பேசவிருக்கும் சொற்பொழிவாளர்களுக்கும், மற்றும் இங்கு கூடியிருக்கும் இசை ஆர்வலர்களுக்கும் என் மாலை வணக்கத்தினைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றேன்.

சங்கீதம் அல்லது இசை லலித கலைகளில் ஒன்று; நுட்பமானது. ஒவியம், சிற்பம், இலக்கியம், இசை ஆகிய கலைகள் மனிதனின் மென்மையான உணர்ச்சிகளை வெளிக் கொண்டு வருபவை. ஆனால், இசைக்கு ம்மற் கலைகளுக்கும் ஒரு வேறுபாடு உள்ளது. ஒவியம் போன்ற கலைகளை கண்களால் கண்டு ரசிக்கலாம்; மனதில் உறுதியாக நிலை நிறுத்திக்

கொள்ளலாம். திரும்ப திரும்ப பரிசீலனை செய்யலாம்; திருத்தி அமைக்கலாம். ஆனால், இசை அப்படிப்பட்டதல்ல. கண்ணுக்குப் புலப்படாதது; காற்றின் அலைகளில் கலந்து, செவி வழி இன்பம் தந்து காற்றிலேயே கலந்து அடையாளமற்று மறையக் கூடியது. முதன் முதலில் அறியப்பட்டது ஒலிதான். ஒரு பேரொலியில் உலகம் உண்டானது. ஒம் என்ற ஒன்காரநாதம் உலக உருண்டையை சுற்றி வருவதை நாம் விநாயகர் வடிவில் கண்டு தொழுகிறோம். ஒம் என்ற ஒலி முதல் ஒலி; விநாயகர் நாம் தொழும் முழுமுதற் கடவுள். அவர் ஒங்கார வடிவினர். (தொடரும்)

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11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS – சிறிய பஞ்சாங்கம் -

| Eng. ஆங் -கில | Tamil தமிழ் | Day கிழமை | Event சம்பவம் | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Feb '07 பிப்ரவரி '07 | | | Thai தை | |
| 1 | 18 | Thur; வியாழன் | THAI POOSAM; Pournami Poojai (7-9p.m.) | தை பூசம்; பெளர்ணமி பூஜை (மாலை 7 - 9). |
| 5 | 22 | Mon திங்கள் | Sankatahara Chathurthi | சங்கடஹர சதுர்த்தி |
| 8 | 25 | Thur; வியாழன் | Subha Muhurtham Naal | சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 9 | 26 | Fri வெள்ளி | Subha Muhurtham Naal | சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| | | | Maasi மாசி | |
| 13 | 1 | Tue; செவ்வாய் | Ekadasi | ஏகாதசி |
| 15 | 3 | Thur; வியாழன் | Pradosham; Subha Muhurtham Naal | பிரதோஷம்; சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 16 | 4 | Fri வெள்ளி | Maha Shivarathri | மஹா சிவராத்திரி |
| 17 | 5 | Sat சனி | Ammavasai | அமாவாசை |
| 21 | 9 | Wed; புதன் | Chathurthi Vrutham | சதுர்த்தி விரதம் |
| 22 | 10 | Thur; வியாழன் | Shasti Vrudham; Subha Muhurtham Naal | ஷஷ்டி விரதம்; சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 23 | 11 | Fri வெள்ளி | Krithigai Vrudham | கிருத்திகை விரதம்; |
| 25 | 13 | Sun ஞாயிறு | Subha Muhurtham Naal | சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 26 | 14 | Mon திங்கள் | Subha Muhurtham Naal | சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 27 | 15 | Tue; செவ்வாய் | Ekadasi | ஏகாதசி |
| Mar '07 மார்ச் '07 | | | | |
| 1 | 17 | Thur; | Pradosham | பிரதோஷம் |

| | | வியாழன் | | |
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| 3 | 19 | Sat சனி | Pournami Poojai (7-9p.m.) | பௌர்ணமி பூஜை (மாலை 7 - 9). மாசி மகம்; ஹோலி பண்டிகை |
| 5 | 21 | Mon திங்கள் | Subha Muhurtham Naal | சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 7 | 23 | Wed; புதன் | Sankatahara Chathurthi; Subha Muhurtham Naal | சங்கடஹர சதுர்த்தி; சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள் |
| 14 | 30 | Wed; புதன் | Kaaradaiyaar Noombu | காரடையார் நோன்பு |

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