

• Two pages celebrating Madras Week



Bus ride across city

The New Indian Express had arranged a ride to some landmarks of the city in a doubledecker bus starting from Vivekananda House.

Madras Week with Odyssey

Odyssey celebrated Madras Week with a series of events and displays celebrating the city and its authors. The book *After the Storm*, written by Lakshmy Ramanathan and published by HarperCollins India was released by Indian Film Actor Siddharth.



Chennai's Natural Heritage / Contest for schools

School teams had to study and present their ideas on a specific spot of natural heritage of this city in a contest titled Chennai's Natural Heritage held on August 21st at Sastri Hall, Luz.

The team of TI Matric, Ambattur won the first prize (it had studied the Korattur lake) and two consolation prizes went to teams from Vidya Mandir, Mylapore and PSBB, T. Nagar. Hemchandra Rao was one of the judges and he presented the prizes to the winners.



Madras Quiz 2018

The Madras Open Quiz 2018, the biggest open quiz on Madras, was back with a bang on August 19th this year! Hosted every year by The Murugappa Group in association with the Quiz Foundation of India. The quiz was open to quizzing enthusiasts from various age groups and was conducted by Ace quizmaster, Dr. Sumath C. Raman. Sumanth Raman this year offered soft questions mixed with real nut-crackers and visual posters to engage the six finalists as well as the audience at MMA Auditorium.



U.S. Consulate's Madras Week events

The office of the U.S. Consulate General Chennai, celebrated Madras Week by hosting two events. Event One: Screening of the documentary "An American in Madras". The documentary traces American born film-maker Ellis R. Dungan's years in India as a celebrated director in the Tamil film industry from 1935-50. The event was held on August 22, between 2:30 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. at the U.S. Consulate General Chennai (Auditorium). The film was introduced by Mohan Raman, actor and film historian, who was also featured in the documentary.

Event Two: Panel discussion on "We the People — Madras' Historic Ties with the United States" on August 23, between 3:30 p.m and 5:00 p.m. at Women's Christian College Auditorium, College Road. It featured author Chitra Veeraraghavan, Sriram V, historian and R Ramkumar, Executive Director, Cognizant Technology Solutions Limited, in conversation with Kathleen Hosie, Information Officer, US Consulate.

Walks during Madras Week



Walks Theosophical Society Campus

On 25th August, INTACH, Chennai Chapter hosted the Theosophical Society Walk covering the historical buildings and trees of the campus.



The Royal Madras Yacht Club organised a tour titled Madras from the sea. Over 90 participants went on the yacht *Shandavina* and listened to Sriram V. pointing out the history and heritage that was visible from the sea.



On Saturday, 25th August 2018, historian Sriram V led a free tour of Fort St. George between 7.00 and 9.30 am. Sriram, who penned a book on the Fort in 2016, took a 110-strong group through familiar and unknown landmarks within the precincts, combining the tour with his racy anecdotes of historic happenings.

Early History of the Buckingham Canal



Researcher-historian D. Hemchandra Rao led a group around Basin Bridge in North Chennai. The tour stopped at the Central Station zone and Madras University, besides walking around the Basin Bridge area, to have a closer look at key functions of this Canal in years gone by.

St. Thomas Church walk



On Aug 15 there was a walk at the 176 years-old CSI St Thomas English Church. The tour drew 45 people to this San Thome campus.

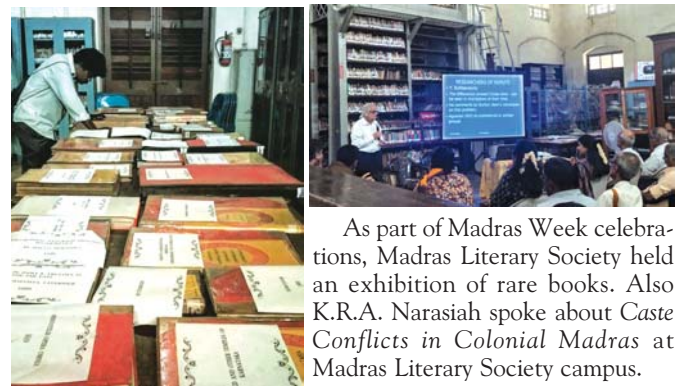
Anglo-Indian community too join in Madras Week Celebrations

The Anglo-Indian Crafts & Cuisine Fair was held at St. George's School campus, Poonamallee to showcase the Anglo-Indian Community's capabilities. The fair offered sales of craftworks and products of current Anglo-Indian entrepreneurs, mouth-watering food as cooked at homes in Royapuram,



Vepery and Perambur and of course, music. The event was hosted by the Forum of Anglo-Indian women, Chennai.

Events at Madras Literary Society



As part of Madras Week celebrations, Madras Literary Society held an exhibition of rare books. Also K.R.A. Narasiah spoke about *Caste Conflicts in Colonial Madras* at Madras Literary Society campus.

Events held at Anna Nagar



Progressive Painters' Association organised an exhibition of paintings and sculptures titled *Contemporary Art in Madras over the years* as a part of Madras Week celebrations at C.P. Art Centre campus. Art critic, Ashrafi Bhagat spoke on the occasion. On display were rare art works by D.P. Roy Choudhury from the private collection of C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar.