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FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK



Dear Probians,

Greetings to you all.

I hope and trust that you and all the members of your family are fine. It is my earnest request to you all to continue to stay at home and take due care of yourselves

by strictly following the safety norms against the spread of Corona prescribed by the Government of India

By the time this issue of newsletter reaches you could have celebrated the annual festival of Deepavali, with your near and dear happily. Tamilnadu Government had since lifted some restrictions imposed in lock down. What is more relevant to us in the present context is, "Social meetings can be held with one hundred persons from 16th Nov. 2020". *This

relaxation may help us in holding our E.C meetings and monthly (Breakfast) meetings, the same will not enable us to hold A.G.M and conduct elections. Hence we have to wait for further relaxations by the Government, increasing the number of persons who can attend such events. Then only, we will be able to hold our AGM and conduct Elections. This will happen soon.

Meanwhile, the state Government has stated that there is no bar in conducting A.G.M by societies virtually i.e through electronic platforms. In that clarification, there is no mention about elections. It seems there are some correspondence between the State Government and Registrar of Societies. We have also taken up the matter with Registrar. State Government has, however extended time for holding A G M till December 2020 only. Hence we may wait for some more days for taking final decision.

Last monthly meeting took place on 24th

October through Zoom App. It was a real joy that we could see one another through Zoom screen. The highlight of the meeting was a very exhilarating and enlightening speech of the guest speaker Shri N. Ananda Padhmanabhan, a veteran media person and an eminent writer.

Our secretary has sent a gentle reminder to some of our members who have not paid their annual subscriptions to pay immediately. During this difficult period of COVID 19, it is quite natural that such things will escape attention. Still the quick response is heartening. I am sure that more will follow suit by paying the subscriptions immediately.

If any fellow Probian comes across deserving senior citizens needing medical aid, kindly bring the matter to our notice, so that such cases may duly be considered under Silver Jubilee Senior Citizen Medical benefit fund of club.

Thank you in advance,

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY DEEPAVALI WITH YOUR FAMILY.

Looking forward to meeting you in person soon.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,

S. Gopalakrishnan

President – Probus Club of Chennai

NOTE: Later developments indicate that the permission given to have meetings with attendance of maximum 100 people stands cancelled. Hence kindly wait for further information from us.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Probians,

Loving Greetings to you and your family members.

The October Monthly ZOOM Meeting was held on Saturday, the 24th October, 2020.

Information about the Meeting was shared with all Probians via email, Whatsapp

group and Bulk SMS. In the meeting, two minutes silent homage was paid to the departed souls of Late Probian Sainath V (L-139; Dod 06 Oct 20), Probian Venkatakrisnan A (L-154; 06 Oct 20) and Mrs. Savithiri Ammal of Vishranthi. A brief details of the Savithri Ammal's services were also printed with her photo in our September, '20 Probuzz Newsletter.

After the prayer by Pn Varadarajan, our President welcomed all. The Guest Speaker Sri N. Anandapadmanabhan was introduced by IPP R.T.

Dear Probns,

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

We have reached the end of the tunnel. The process of conducting the Zoom meetings may be over from next month. Let us wait for the announcement by Tamilnadu Government followed by our leadership. The process of conducting the meetings with physical presence of all is in sight and let us hope for the best.

The festivals are over. Pooja and Deepavali and Miladi Nabi celebrations had their own galore which still linger in our mind. Really it was a wonder that people forgot their six month darkness due to Corona and celebrated the functions with crackers and sparklers. In fact, this year Deepavali was more grand than any other, perhaps the number of hours were restricted. Added to the above joy, we were pleasantly surprised to see our President's photo in the cover page of Kalaimagal, the celebrated Tamil monthly. (Ref Secretary's report).

Probians, though they are aged can achieve any thing.

With this festive spirit, let us welcome December.

Wishing you all good luck.

Until then, Good bye.

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Namasivayam who knew him personally as a Senior Media Person appearing the TV channels as a participant on discussions and a writer of repute. Sri N. Anandapadmanabhan, the Guest Speaker spoke on "Mudhumai Oru Varam" ("Old Age is a Boon"). He quoted extensively from Tamil and Sanskrit Literature. Avaiyar wanted Old Age appearance from the Lord. Old Age is a Golden Age to enjoy without worries and turn one's mind toward spirituality. However, one has to take care of his health through diet and exercise. The names of the Probian Birthday babies were announced and all wished them well. After the meeting, a fellowship of conversations between Probians through Zoom itself was encouraged.

The October month EC meeting also was held virtually using the Zoom app. on Second Saturday, the 10th October. Our President welcomed the members and said that the AGM and Elections would be held at the earliest possible time after the lock down when ban on meetings of old persons is lifted.

Under the Silver Jubilee Senior Citizen Medical Benefit Fund (SJSCMBF), the amount of ₹10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) disbursed to Mrs. B. Subbulakshmi aged 58 years for Medical Assistance was approved post-facto.

In the November issue of the Kalaimagal Magazine, our President Probus Fellow S. Gopalakrishnan's bust photo was published in the cover page. Our President is a doyan for Nidhi Companies. He has been writing and participating on TV debates on economic and financial issues for over 25 years and is a regular writer to Kalaimagal, a well respected Tamil Monthly Magazine which upholds Tamil Culture and Literature in a pristine manner. It is a real privilege that on the cover of such a magazine, our President's photo appeared. We are fortunate to have him as our President at this juncture and I am sure, you will all join me in congratulating him and wishing him well.

As you are aware, due to Covid19, the Probuzz Newsletter was published quarterly for the past two quarters. However, the Probuzz Newsletter is being

brought out as a monthly issue from its October, '20 issue.

For fighting loneliness, keeping cheerful and to ensure that you spend your time exchanging ideas and news, kindly Join the "Probus Friends' Whatsapp" group if you have not done so till now.. Also download ZOOM app in your smartphone and participate in the Monthly Meeting. **I request all of you to join the Monthly Meeting using ZOOM app in PC or Mobile, to be held on FOURTH SATURDAY, the 28th November, '20, 11.00 a.m., when Mrs. Aruna Subramaniam, Managing Trustee of Bhoomika Trust will speak on the Topic: "Disaster Management & Bhoomika Trust's Role."**

I am happy to write that this issue is fully sponsored by Probian S.P. Ambrose. I appeal to all Probians to consider sponsoring the Probuzz Newsletter Strip Advertisement by contributing ₹800/- for inner Page and ₹1,000/- for first and last Page.

Annual Members whose Annual Subscription is in arrears would have received the gentle reminder letter to remit the Annual Subscription. Many are responding. I request all the Annual Members who have not paid their Annual Subscription to do so immediately.

Once again, I request those of you who have completed 75 years, 80 years and 90 years of age and 50 years of wedded life in the preceding one year of 01st October, 2020 to send their photo to me to enable us to prepare the mementos.

With sad heart, I have to inform you, that we lost one more of our Members, viz., Late Krishnarathnam G, (L-312; Dod: 30 Oct 20), ex-AGM acting, SBI who was ailing for some time.

As the Covid19 is still strong, to safe guard ourselves, let us all practise the SMS, viz., Sanitising hands and clothes, Mask for the face and Social Distancing habit while moving in a crowd.

Wishing you all A SAFE, HAPPY, HEALTHY, COLOURFUL DEEPAVALI & KARTHIGAI.

B. Ranganathan
Secretary

MR OMNI, THE ROBOT (Part 2)

written by **Probn B.Sathyanarayanan**

(Story published by *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, selected by Kushwant Singh)

"The fall"

Dharmapal convened a meeting. He is known to the entire business community as Mr. Pal. The meeting was attended by many business magnates, political leaders and Government officials who were totally disturbed by the birth of Omni.

Mr. Pal began his address: "Dear Friends, time has come for us to act. Our existence is at stake because of Omni."

He was unable to continue.

Omni was present there. His eyes glowed red. It was the danger signal. Every-body was visibly afraid. After all, Life is more precious than anything else. Hence meeting came to an abrupt end.

Through Mr. Pal was unable to express anything in the meeting he was formulating certain plans to annihilate Omni.

If the secret about his existence is known, he can be destroyed once for all. Mr. Pal devised a master plan. He went to bed only after chalking out a scheme to annihilate not only Omni but also his creator, Ram Singh, so that there will not be any such creature who can obstruct his path of endless corruption.

Next morning, Mr. Pal was one of the early visitors to Ram Singh. In fact he was his close friend in young age. He garlanded and congratulated him for his achievement. Ram Singh enquired the cost of the garland and paid for it because garlanding is also punishable offence as per Omni's programme.

By making use of the past friendship, Mr. Pal accompanied Ram Singh wherever he went. He arranged meetings and dinner parties in big cities. The cost was calculated perfectly and payments were made strictly as per actual calculations.

Ram Singh was invited by the President to address some foreign scientists and to hold demonstration of Omni. Mr. Pal accompanied him. He used the opportunity to offer drinks to Ram Singh. Omni was

very much present in the first class compartment in which they were travelling. But he was unable to take any action because Mr. Pal calculated the exact cost and collected the bill from him.

He was introduced to a beautiful girl who gave him company for two days. She charged ₹2 lacs for 2 days.

Gradually Mr. Pal was in command of the situation. He capitalised on the scientist's weakness. In fact, the scientist was also over-confident that no wrong could be done because Omni was present. But he miscalculated Mr. Pal's intelligence.

Now the final enactment.

Mr. Pal had to find out the secret of Omni. Ram Singh began his drinking session by 7pm. The beautiful girl was assisting Ram Singh by sitting on his lap. Omni was also sitting in a nearby sofa. Mr. Pal was paying the bill in the hundi kept separately for each and every sip the scientist was taking.

Finally, when he took ₹1 lac from the scientist's purse to pay the girl the dissatisfaction was visible from his face. But he had to pay.

Then Mr. Pal asked, "Ramji, why are you so afraid of Omni?"

"You do not know his power? Had I not paid ₹1 lac, he might have killed me."

"Will he not spare you?"

"He will spare nobody. He is equivalent to a powerful army. He is watching everything. If the lady leaves without the money she demanded he will pounce upon me and kill me"

"Is there no end to it?"

"Why not? After all he is my creation. I have to energise him with electromagnetic powers once a year."

"Is it so?" Mr. Pal asked without expressing any anxiety. Omni was watching.

"I have to energise him for another year's life, tomorrow at midnight."

Mr. Pal had come to know the secret. He had to act on the next day.

The evening began as usual with the drinking session. Omni was able to sense danger. But he was unable to act.

"This is foreign Liquor. Very Costly. So pay me ₹50000," Mr. Pal demanded.

Ram Singh obliged.

At 11 pm, the girl entered the room. The Scientist was wonder struck. He had not seen such a beauty in his life.

"Mr. Ram Singh, She has come from abroad. Her charges are very high. ₹5 lacs per night. You pay and enjoy. You will be the luckiest man in the world."

"₹5 lacs?" the scientists felt gloomy. He did not wish to spend such a huge amount on her.

But, his new born weakness was aroused. He was very badly in need of such a beautiful dame. In fact, she was a blonde bonanza for him.

After half-an-hour Mr pal asked, "Mr. Ram Singh, have you decided?"

"Wait, we shall wait."

As the hands of the clock approached 12, it was clear that Omni was losing his Strength.

The distant church bell rang 12. Temple bells followed. So it was midnight. The scientist told Mr. pal "Give me ₹5 lacs. I will not energise Omni." And without waiting for Mr Pal's reply, he grabbed the briefcase and took out ₹5 lacs and threw it at the girl. He hugged and started to kiss her.

But, alas!

An unexpected thing took place; Omni, whom they thought dead, stood up. He approached his master, and placed his hands around his neck.

"Help, help me please!" the scientist cried.

The grip of Omni was so tight that within two minutes the scientist was dead.

Omni also fell down after losing all his energy.

Both the creator and the created were lying motionless because of the weakness of the creator. The weaknesses were 'Money, drinks and girls'

"Ha,ha,ha..." business magnate Pal laughed

"Mr. Ram Singh, you have totally underestimated me, why Omni, even if Lord Krishna Himself comes to Earth to eradicate corruption, I shall be able to annihilate the Lord. Come on Lily, we shall go out and enjoy with other partners."

"Sir, only one doubt. Will you please tell me Sir" Lily asked politely.

"How come all the clocks in the city were advanced by 30 minutes to misguide the scientist, Sir?"

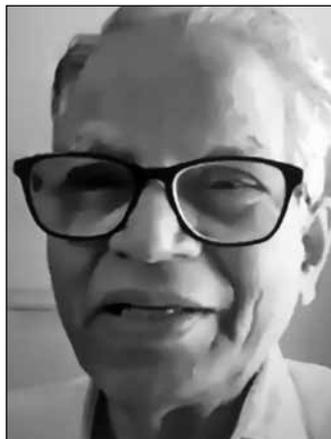
"It was my master plan to advance all the clocks by half-an-hour, tempt him to accept the bribe and fall victim to his own creation. You see his clock, that is also advanced by half an hour."

"How is it possible Sir?"

"Money. Money can do anything dear. Don't ask me more. Come on, let us celebrate."

An ecstatic Pal started dancing.

Photographs of E C meeting in Zoom App on 18.11.220



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We Wish A Very Happy Birthday To All Probian's having Birthdays December 2020

S.No.	DOB	Name	Mem No.	S.No.	DOB	Name	Mem No.
1	01-12-1943	Radhakrishnan S. Dr.	L-269	21	23-12-1940	Krishnamoorthy N. Capt.	A-189
2	01-12-1942	Rajagopalan N. Dr.	L-150	22	23-12-1931	Gopalakrishnan S.	PF 08-A
3	01-12-1944	Nalini Moorthy	L-114	23	26-12-1936	Sivagaminathan K.	L-151
4	02-12-1946	Mohan D. Menon	L-199B	24	26-12-1931	Kothandaraman A.V.	A-281
5	10-12-1939	Bhavani Shankar Joshi V.	L-130	25	26-12-1943	Pandian G.S.	L-050
6	10-12-1943	Ramaswamy N.	L-085	26	29-12-1940	Sivarajan J	L-315
7	12-12-1941	Mirza Ismail A.	A-199				
8	12-12-1941	Rao B.S.	A-310				
9	13-12-1936	Ramakrishnan R.	A-190				
10	15-12-1940	Rangaramanujam K.	A-292				
11	15-12-1934	Narayana Babu P.	A-309				
12	15-12-1936	Ganeshan V.R.	L-010				
13	17-12-1922	Srinivasan S.	A-132				
14	17-12-1947	Suganthi Premkumar Mrs.	A-291				
15	18-12-1957	Balasubramanian N	L-301				
16	19-12-1945	Natarajan S.	A-384				
17	20-12-1941	Subramanian V.	A-141				
18	20-12-1937	Indira Ramanathan Dr.	L-116				
19	21-12-1935	Govindasamy N.	A-350				
20	22-12-1941	Jamuna Ramasubramanian Dr.	L-070				

A Very Happy Anniversary To All Probian's Who Have Wedding Anniversaries During This Period

S. No.	Wed Dt	Name	Spouse
1	01-12-1974	Jagannathan K	Mrs. Pasupathi
2	01-12-1976	Pandian P.M.	Mrs. Radha Pandian
3	09-12-1994	Vivekanandan M.	Mrs. V. Kalpana
4	13-12-1975	Hiralal Jethwani	Mrs. Poonam H
5	29th Dec	Balakrishnaiah K.V.	Mrs. Radha

LET'S ILLUMINATE OUR INSIDE

Once, it so happened that Bhagwan Krishna was standing in front of the mirror decorating himself.

He was trying on different crowns on his head and putting on some fine jewellery while his charioteer waited outside with the chariot ready.

His charioteer waited and waited and thought to himself – usually, Krishna comes immediately, today he has still not come.

So, out of curiosity, he went inside to find out if the program was still on, because Krishna was very unpredictable, anytime anything could change.

So, the Charioteer went inside and he saw Bhagwan Krishna standing in front of the mirror admiring himself.

He politely asked, "My Dear Prabhu, tell me, why are you dressing up so much today. Where are we going?"

Bhagwan Krishna said, "I am going to meet Duryodhana."

The charioteer said, "You are dressing up so much to meet Duryodhana?"

Bhagwan Krishna then said, "He cannot see my inside, he can only appreciate my outside. So how I am dressed will impress him because he cannot see what is inside."

Then the charioteer asked, " Why are you going to Duryodhana? You should not go, he should come to you. This I cannot accept."

He continued to say, "This is not fair. Look at your status and look at him! You are the Bhagwan of the world. You should not go, let him come."

Bhagwan Krishna turned back, looked at him, smiled and said, "Darkness Does Not Come To Light, Light Has To Go To Darkness."_

May the coming festival of Deepavali illuminate us from within.

While we all light our houses, lets spend some time today to light a few lamps inside us.

Light the *First Lamp* inside you and let it *Burn Your Anger and Jealousy* that you may have for any one till date; see it melt away.

Light the *Second Lamp* and let it *Burn Away Unwanted Greed And Desires*, feel Happy and Contented with what you have been blessed with.

Light the *Third Lamp* and let it *Fade Away All Insecurities* That you may have in your mind related to financial matters or anything else; just believe that Ishwar has given you life and he will surely give you enough to survive.

Light the *Fourth Lamp* and *Carry That Lamp To Each Part Of Your Body*; let it burn away all your diseased cells or any disease in making. Feel healthy as this lamp travels to each body part and illuminates each organ.

The *Fifth Lamp* is a miniature of the Sun, nothing but the divine light, *Light It In The Centre Of Your Body And Let It Fill The Warmth And Love Inside Your Whole Body*, feel one with the Divine, let the love and warmth filled inside you *ooze out of you through your smile, eyes, speech, and body.*

Carry this love with you through out the day, you will find that everyone who meets you is happy and elated.

This is the biggest blessing that whoever meets you becomes *Happier After Meeting YOU*, this will also make you happier in return.

"There are lights everywhere except in the minds of the men." And mind is a jungle of cravings, greed and material desires

This Too Shall Pass,

Light These Five Lamps Each Morning, Carry The Positivity Wherever You Go

Deepavali, The Festival Of Lights Is A Good Time To Re-Examine Ways To Remove Darkness From Within

Let's Pray that the act of lighting a lamp this Deepavali may be seen by all as a great opportunity to light the lamp *Within Ourselves* as well.

Light Your Lamp Within & Stay Blessed Forever

- **Probn K.Panchalan**

LIST OF DONATION FOR OCTOBER 2020

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A.	PROBUZZ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	
2	Jayaraman N.,A-230	100
3	Lakshmanan E.R.	100
4	Mohanam T	100
5	Srinivasan G	100
6	Subramanian V.,A-141	100
7	Veeraraghavan K.V.	100
8	Venkataraman S.,A-156	100
GRAND TOTAL		800.00

DATES TO REMEMBER : NOVEMBER 2020

Breakfast Meeting: As gatherings are banned and RCSC or any others did not allow meetings in their premises, the Monthly Meeting for November, 2020 will also be held via ZOOM App on **Saturday, the 28th November 2020** (Virtual Video meeting with no Breakfast).

MONTHLY MEETING Fourth Saturday, 28th November, 2020. 11.00 AM onwards

Topic: **DISASTER MANAGEMENT & BHOMIKA TRUST**

Guest Speaker: **Mrs. Aruna Subramaniam**

Managing Trustee, Bhoomika Trust.

All are requested to Participate via **ZOOM APP**, which will be shared by WhatsApp group

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