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விற்பயக்கும் நற்பா லவை. (குறள் 659)**

பிறர் வருந்துமாறு செய்து பெற்ற பொருள் எல்லாம் பெற்றவன்  
வருந்துமாறு செய்து போய்விடும், நல்வழியில் வந்தவை  
இழக்கப்பட்டாலும் பிறகு பயன் தரும்.

All that has been obtained with tears (to the victim) will depart with  
tears (to himself); but what has been by fair means; though with loss  
at first, will afterwards yield fruit..

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Probians,

Loving Greetings to you  
and your family members.

In the last EC Meeting we  
paid homage to Pn Dr. S.  
Ponnuswamy who attained  
the Lotus Feet of Siva on 02  
Feb., '22. Floral tributes were  
paid to him in the Monthly  
Meeting and his son Sri

Senthilnathan and PPP Namasivayam R.T. spoke  
about him and his service to the Society. In the  
EC Meeting, SJCMBF assistance of Rs.10,000/-  
was sanctioned to Mr. M. Balachandran for treatment of  
his diabetic ulcer foot.

Pongal Day Celebrations were held at the Vinobha  
Hall, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, T. Nagar and it was  
disheartening to note that while Sri Senthilnathan  
was speaking about his deceased father, the  
members kept meeting the Chief Guest and talking  
to him in the front row. I appeal to all members to  
keep up the decorum and sanctity of silence while  
homage and tribute are paid to the late Probians.

In the Pongal Day Celebrations, the Chief Guest,  
Sri SP. Muthuraman, famous and repute Director of  
Tamil Films and TV Serials spoke about how entered  
the Film World and enchanted the audience as  
well as how he took more than 25 films with Actor  
Rajanikanth and 22 films with Kamal Hasan from his  
childhood. He appreciated the Thirukkural recited  
by Children and the cultural Programme of dance  
troupe. He stressed the need for self-discipline to  
be practised throughout life by all as in Thirukkural.  
Probus Thirukkural Virudhu along with a Cash Award  
of Rs.3,000/- was conferred on Pn Dr. S. Karuppasamy,  
Pulavar for his services to Tamil and Thirukkural.  
Calendar 2022 with monthly sheets provided by the  
Cauvery Hospital is distributed to members who  
attended the function.

The **Scholarship Disbursement Function is  
scheduled to be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, '22  
afternoon at the Ethiraja Kalayana Nilayam at TTK  
Road, Alwarpet.** This year onwards, the scholarship  
per student is increased from Rs.1,000/= per student  
to Rs.1,500/=. Mrs. D. Vani, Asst. Professor, Tamil from  
Madras University has agreed to come as our Chief  
Guest. All are welcome.

The **International Women's Day Function cum Monthly Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, '22 morning from 08.45 a.m. onwards at the Vinobha Hall, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, T. Nagar. Kalaimamani Ambika Kamesh will be the Chief Guest** and students of Kalaimamani Parvathi Balasubramanian will be performing a dance programme. **The Probus Woman's Award of Excellence will be conferred on Mrs. Aruna Subramanian, Managing Trustee of Bhoomika Trust who** came to our Club's Monthly Meeting earlier as Chief guest. **The Probus Woman Recognition Awards will be given to two Lady Probians, viz., Pn Suganthi Premkumar and Pn Dr. Senthamarai. Dr. V. Natarajan, famous Geriatrician** has kindly consented to come and conduct a **Q&A session with members on Geriatric Health Problems.** Kotak Mahindra who are behind the scenes of Policy Bazaar will be giving a 10-minute lecture about their schemes. Sowbhagya set will be distributed to all women who attend the function.

The Invitations to the Scholarship Disbursement Function as well as the International Women's Day Function would be sent to all members and **I request all of you to make it convenient to attend the functions as Covid is contained and its fear is gone.**

**I appeal to all who want to contribute for ESS-One Time for students to send Rs.1,500/- per student to our Club's Account or inform the Secretary in advance.** I also appeal to all of you to consider sponsoring full / a share of Breakfast cost for our Monthly Meetings.

In April, '22 we also propose to **celebrate the Tamil New Year with a family meet at a Kalayana Mandapam in Velachery** (site sponsored by Pn Mohan Sundarapandian) with Vehicular support from Velachery Railway Station and Vijay Nagar Bus Stand to the site along with Breakfast, Tea, Lunch, etc. **at a cost of Rs.200/- per head.** I am sure more than 200 participants will be interested to attend the family meet with cultural programmes, competitions, and skits. Interested persons can contact the Secretary / Treasurer.

The Annual Book distribution to all members is completed and I appeal to all Members who are interested to buy them for gifting / sale to your family and friends.

I request the members who are yet to send their Personal data, to send the same by email to PF Sadagopan G, Joint Secretary, without any further delay as the publication of the New Member Directory is delayed.

I sincerely thank Pn A. G. Madhava Rao, who has kindly sponsored this issue of Probuzz in full.

Expecting you all to make it convenient and grace your presence in our Physical Scholarship Disbursement Function on 24 March and the International Women's Day Function on 26 March,

**Wishing YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY TAMIL NEW YEAR "SUBHAKRUTHU,"**

I remain

With regards,  
Yours sincerely,

**Ranganathan B**

*President – Probus Club of Chennai*

**EDITOR'S**  
COLUMN

Dear Probus brothers and sisters,

Greetings to all my fellow Probians.

We trust you enjoyed going through the February 2022 issue of Probuzz.

This issue again carries a curated set of photos of the Pongal Vizha celebrated by Probus Club of Chennai on 28th February 2022. Considering the size limitation of Probuzz printed version, we have been compelled to include only a subset of the large photo collection of the day. However, a larger collection of photos has been uploaded on our website. We request all of you to visit our website ([www.probusclubchennai.com](http://www.probusclubchennai.com)) and view the larger collection.

This issue also includes a few contributions received through email from our fellow Probians. But the inflow of articles and other contributions from our members has slowed down in recent times. Perhaps the slew of festivals in December and January have caused this. We request you all to send in a steady flow of contributions for the forthcoming issues of Probuzz.

We also request our readers to visit our website ([www.probusclubchennai.com](http://www.probusclubchennai.com)) and send in their suggestions. All the recent issues of Probuzz (up to February 2022) are available on our website, in addition to a good collection of photos of the recent functions conducted by our Club. We request each one of you to not only visit the website but also encourage your friends, relatives and acquaintances too to visit our website.

Wish you Happy Probuzz reading,

EDITOR ([vijisbi@gmail.com](mailto:vijisbi@gmail.com))

# SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Probians,

Greetings to you, your family, and your friends. The vote of much obliged

EC committee meeting took place on Saturday, February 12th, 2022, at 10:35 am at Gandhi Gallery Thakkar Bapa

Vidyalaya, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar, Chennai. The universal prayer was recited by Pn NG John. The President, Pn B. Ranganathan, welcomed all in his welcome address. Additionally, he spoke about the Women's Day and Scholarship events. PF V. Balachander read the January 2022 treasurer report. The discussion was held regarding scholarships and Women's Day. Members discussed the update of the members' directory and PF G. Sadagopan was asked to complete it as soon as possible. The vote of thanks was proposed by Pn M. Annadhurai secretary.

**The February 2022 monthly meeting and Pongal Vizha** took place at Vinobha Hall, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar, Chennai on Saturday 26th February 2022. **The Chief Guest was Kalaimamani SP. Muthuraman, Film director.**

The topic of the discussion was "Cinimaavil Naan". The late Pn Dr S. Ponnusamy was honoured with floral tributes. Sri Senthilnathan, his son, spoke about him and his contributions to society. The students from Sangeetha dance academy performed a wonderful dance program. Mr Syed Nihas, senior care advisor, Primus life spaces Pvt Ltd, gave an informative presentation regarding their products. Everyone appreciated the recital of two Adhikarams of Thirukural with meaning by two students. The meeting began with a Universal Prayer sung by Pn Geetha Viswanathan. The Probus Anthem was played via mobile phone. Pn B. Ranganathan welcomed the Chief Guest Kalaimamani SP. Muthuraman, Thirukural Viruthu Awardee Pulavar Dr S. Karuppasamy, Major Donor Sri Shankar N. Swamy and all other Probians and friends. Pn M. Annadhurai presented his report as Secretary. Pn Dr A. Bhavani introduced Sri SP. Muthuraman as the Chief Guest. In his talk titled "Cinimaavil Naan," Sri SP. Muthuraman shared absorbing and many interesting facts about how he came to the film world. He emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline all along in one's life and encouraged everyone to practice it. Pn Pulavar TV Vijayalakshmi introduced the Probus Thirukural Viruthu Awardee. PF G. Sadagopan Joint Secretary read the Citation. Dr S. Karuppasamy was awarded the Probus Thirukural Viruthu award and a cash award of Rs.3,000/- by President Pn B. Ranganathan and Secretary Pn M. Annadhurai.

In his acceptance speech, Dr S. Karuppasamy emphasized the importance of everyone reading and understanding Thirukural daily. Sri SP. Muthuraman, the Chief Guest, then presented the wristwatches to two students, Ms H. Krithika of Ganapathy Iyer Girls School, and Master T. Stepinash of Gopalapuram Boys High School, Gopalapuram Chennai. Mrs Kalpagam T. Srinivasamurthy, wife of our Past President, sponsored the wristwatches. Probians received membership certificates, Elders' Day mementos and birthday gifts. The President honoured the Breakfast Sponsor, M/s Primus Life Spaces P Ltd. and the Lunch Sponsor Patron R. Vivekanandan, Pn Dr A Bhavani, Pn TV Vijayalakshmi, Pn Geetha Viswanathan and Mr P. Senthilnathan, son of late Pn Dr S. Ponnusamy. Vote of thanks proposed by the secretary.

**A draft policy for senior citizens** has been formulated by the Government of Tamilnadu and senior citizens have been invited to comment. To discuss, we have scheduled a Zoom meeting on 20.02.2022. A number of Probians attended the Zoom meeting, including former Administrators Sri AM Swaminathan IAS, Sri SP Ambrose IAS, and Sri PK Doraisamy IAS. IPP RT Namasivayam Spoke about the Draft policy. Several people offered suggestions. We have compiled the valid points and sent them to the Tamil Nadu Government by email.

We have donated Rs.10000.00 to Shri M. Balachandran from the **Silver Jubilee Senior Citizens Medical Benefit Fund segment**. A cheque was given to him by PF G Sadagopan Jr. Secy and Pn B. Ranganathan President.

**On the Home visit side**, during February 2022, President Pn B. Ranganathan, Jt. Sec PF G. Sadagopan, Pn V. Ramaraj visited Pn A. Balakrishnan on his 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The March 2022 issue of Probuzz Newsletter will be sponsored by Pn Dr Madhava Rao AG. He has donated Rs. 5000/-. I would like to thank him for his generous support.

Our Probus Club Annual Book 2021 has received favourable reviews in "The Hindu" and "Adyar Times". We are grateful to the editors and writers for their contributions.

It is requested that every Probian **sponsor the entire Probuzz Newsletter** by donating Rs.5,000/- or at least contribute to the advertisements by donating Rs.800/- for the inner pages and Rs.1,000/- for the first and last pages. We can publish your articles, jokes, and home events in our PROBUZZ newsletter if you send them to our PROBUZZ Editor or me.

Thanks for your continued support, Probians. All the best to you in the coming days.

**M. Annadhurai,**  
Secretary

## We Wish A Very Happy Birthday To All Probians having Birthdays in April 2022

S.No.	Title	Name	MemNo.	DOB	S.No.	Title	Name	MemNo.	DOB
1	PF	Ramalingam K. Dr.	PF-10	Apr 01	14	Probian	Raghavendra Rao J.	L-187	Apr 18
2	Probian	Venkateswaran C.N.	L-197	Apr 01	15	Probian	Ramakrishnan V.	A-211	Apr 19
3	Probian	Venkataraman S.	A-156	Apr 01	16	Probian	Manoharan S.	L-259	Apr 19
4	Probian	Abdul Khader M.M.	L-086	Apr 06	17	Probian	Sundararajan R.	A-330	Apr 20
5	Probian	Srinivasan S.	L-321	Apr 07	18	Probian	Harihara Sarma R. Prof.	L-111	Apr 20
6	Probian	Pranesan A.G.	L-342	Apr 07	19	Probian	Lakshminarayanan S.	L-193	Apr 21
7	Probian	Ambrose S.P.	L-002	Apr 11	20	Probian	Balambal V. Prof Dr. Mrs.	L-005	Apr 22
8	Probian	Rangabashyam P.G.	L-146A	Apr 11	21	Probian	Rajagopalan T.	A-274	Apr 24
9	Probian	Rama Prabhakaran Dr.	L-060	Apr 12	22	Probian	Rajagopal V.	L-170	Apr 24
10	Probian	Venkatesan R.	L-222	Apr 15	23	Probian	Kishore R.B.	L-019	Apr 25
11	Probian	Venkatasubramanian S.	L-064A	Apr 15	24	Probian	Ashok Kumar S	L-327	Apr 28
12	Probian	Sampath N.R.	L-165	Apr 15	25	Probian	Ravishankar R.V.	L-313	Apr 28
13	Probian	Ramachandran C.	L-003	Apr 18					

## A Very Happy Anniversary To All Probians Who Have Wedding Anniversaries During This Period

S.No.	Title	Name	Mem No.	Wed Dt.	Spouse Name
1	Probian	Ramasubramanian S.	L-056	Apr 07	Mrs. R. Jayalakshmi
2	Probian	Srinivasan T.G.	L-188	Apr 11	Mrs. Rajeswari Srinivasan
3	Probian	Mohan Sundar Pandian	L-035	Apr 15	Mrs. Padmavathy Pandian
4	Probian	Doraiswamy P.K.	L-113	Apr 15	Mrs. Uma
5	Probian	Uma Doraiswamy	L-258	Apr 15	Pn P.K. Doraiswamy
6	Probian	Lakshmi Natrajan Mrs.	L-179	Apr 20	Mr. S. Natrajan
7	Probian	Ramesh K.	L-119	Apr 20	Mrs. Lalitha Ramesh
8	Probian	Damodharan A.	L-244	Apr 21	Mrs.D.Vijayalakshmi
9	Probian	Sundaram G. Dr. (IAS-ret'd)	L-112	Apr 23	Mrs. Lakshmi Sundaram
10	Probian	Nagendra Prasad C	L-289	Apr 24	Mrs. C. Poshpalatha Prasad
11	Probian	Rajendra Kumar Jalan	L-146	Apr 28	Mrs. Anila Jalan
12	Probian	Venkataraman R	L-314	Apr 28	Mrs. Lalitha Venkataraman
13	Probian	Venkataraman S.	A-156	Apr 29	Mrs. Bageerathi Venkatraman
14	Probian	Madavamoorthy D	L-281	Apr 30	Mrs. M. Comady

LIST OF DONATIONS IN FEBRUARY '22		
S.No.	Name	Amount in Rupees
<b>A.</b>	<b>ANNUAL BOOK 2021:</b>	
1	Adyar Times	1,440.00
2	Annadhurai M	920.00
3	Badri C	336.00
4	Balachander V	500.00
5	Kannalursivasan	160.00
6	Krishnamoorthy	160.00
7	Manoharan S	1,100.00
8	Namasivayam R.T.	600.00
9	Ramaraj V	1,080.00
10	Venkatachari K	1,800.00
<b>B.</b>	<b>BREAKFAST SPONSOR</b>	
11	Primus Lifespaces, Blre	18,000.00
12	Vivekanandan R	18,000.00

LIST OF DONATIONS IN FEBRUARY '22		
S.No.	Name	Amount in Rupees
<b>C.</b>	<b>PROBUZZ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</b>	
13	Sathi Thomas	100.00
14	Veeraraghavan K.V.	100.00
<b>D.</b>	<b>SUNSHINE FUND</b>	
15	Keerthivanan K Dr	1,000.00
<b>E.</b>	<b>AGM GIFT (TC)</b>	
16	Jayashree Kishore	2,000.00
17	Vivekanandan R	4,800.00
<b>F.</b>	<b>ENDOWMENT: PONGAL DAY FUNCTION: Pulavar Virudhu</b>	
18	Singaraja M Capt	30,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>82,096.00</b>

# Pongal Vizha Probuzz 2022



# CHEYAR PROBUS CLUB – JANUARY 2021

(RECEIVED FROM MR. SIVAGNANAM SUNDARAM)



செய்யாறு புரோபஸ் கிளப் சார்பாக 2022 சனவரியில் சுற்றுலா செல்ல ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. உறுப்பினர்கள் 25 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். 2.1.22 இரவு 11 மணிக்கு செய்யாறில் இருந்து புறப்பட்டு 3.1.2022 காலை 5 மணிக்கு சுவாமிமலை சென்றனர். கும்பகோணம், திருச்சேறை, குடவாசல், கீழ்வேளூர், சிக்கல் ஆகிய தலங்களில் உள்ள கோயில்களை தரிசனம் செய்து நாகை கோரக்கர் ஜீவசமாதியில் தியானம் செய்தனர். மாலை 3 மணிக்கு அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி தரிசனம் செய்து கடலில் குளித்து மகிழ்ந்தனர். பின்னர் திருத்துறைப்பூண்டி, திருக்களர், கோட்டூர் ஆகிய தலங்களில் சிவ தரிசனம் கண்டு இரவு மன்னார்குடியில் தங்கினர்.

மறுநாள் 4.1.2022 அன்று மன்னார்குடி, வடுவூர், பரிதியப்பர்கோயில், தஞ்சாவூர், புன்னைநல்லூர் சிவ, விஷ்ணு ஆலயங்களை தரிசனம் செய்தனர். தஞ்சை அரண்மனை, ஒலி ஒளி காட்சி, கலைக்கூடம், தர்பார் மண்டபம், மியூசியம், சரஸ்வதி மஹால் கண்டு களித்தனர். மாலையில் திருவையாறு, திருமழபாடி, கீழ்ப்பழுவூர், அரியலூர் தலங்களில் உள்ள சிவ விஷ்ணு ஆலயங்களை தரிசனம் செய்தனர்.

இரவு 7 மணிக்கு அரியலூர் ஸ்ரீ சீனுவாசப்பெருமான் கோயில் வளாகத்தில் நடந்த சிறப்புக் கூட்டம் தலைவர் சு.சிவஞானம் தலைமையில் செயலர் மு. புகழேந்தி வரவேற்புரை ஆற்றினார். சுற்றுலாவின் நினைவுகளை உறுப்பினர்கள் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டனர். பொருளர் K. கந்தசாமி நன்றியுரை கூறினார். இரவு உணவிற்கு பின் புறப்பட்டு 11.50 pm செய்யாறு வந்தடைந்தனர்.



05.03.2022 – Visit to Probn A. Balakrishnan's house on the eve of his 94th birthday



Yesterday 28.02.22 we visited Mr. M. Balachandran's house at Slum Clearance Board Housing Project at Chemmancherry and handed over the Cheque for Rs.10,000 from our SJSCMBF on behalf of our club as Medical help for him.

## MADRAS - CHENNAI CITY: ORIGIN OF NAMES OF IMPORTANT PLACES

Compiled By **Pbn. Jayakumar Sambandam**

(Received by email dated 14 Feb 2022)

**Alwarpet** is named after Thirumangai Aalvaar.

**Chrompet** was either named after the chromium that was discharged from the leather tanneries in the area or the chrome leather factory established in 1912. The pollution destroyed Nagalkeni lake.

**Egmore** was originally Elumboor, which means the seventh village bought by the British.

**Kodambakkam** is the mispronunciation of Ghoda Bagh where the stables of the Nawab of Arcot were once located.

**Madras** has more than one origin. According to one theory, it was named after the village of Madrasapattinam where fort St George was situated. According to another, it was named after the Madra family, to which the girlfriend of Francis Day (the man who bought the land for the British) belonged.

**Mambalam** means ripe mango fruit (Mamb Palam).

**Mangadu** is named after the mango (Mangaa) trees.

**Mount Road** was named after St.Thomas mount, which was originally connected to fort St George by a dirt track called Mount Road.

**Mylapore** was named after the peacocks and peahens (Mayil in Tamil) that once roamed here. Parvathi also incarnated herself as a peahen to worship Shiva.

**Otteri** is the tank near Vepery, or Otha Yeri (single reservoir).

**Pallavaram** was originally Pallavapuram and is the oldest known settlement in Chennai going back to the paleolithic period.

**Parry's Corner** was named after Thomas Parry a trader, who landed in 1788.

**Perambur** means the place with a lot of affection. Per + Anbu means lots of affection.

**Pondy Bazaar** is named after W.P.A. Soundara Pandian of the self-respect movement.

**Pulicat** comes from Palaverkaadu, which means the forest of mangroves.

**Purasawalkam** was originally Purasaipakkam after the Purasu or flame of forest tree.

**Saidapet** is named after one Syed Khan, to whom the Nawab of Arcot gifted the land in 1730.

**Teynampet** is named after the coconut groves (Thennampattai) that once flourished here.

**Thirusulam** is derived from Suram (jungle path) and was the headquarters of Surathur Naadu in the past.

**Thiruverkaadu** is named after the vela or acacia tree.

**Thousand Lights Mosque** commemorates the assembly hall that once stood there and was lit by a thousand lamps during the Muslim observance of Muhurram.

**Triplicane** was originally Thiru – Alli – Keni named after the tank of the white lily.

**Vandalur** is a shortened version of the ancient Vandai Nagaram.

**Vepery** is named after the neem (Vembu in Tamil) trees on the banks of the Yeri (water reservoir) Vembu Yeri.

**Washermanpet** was the place where unprocessed cloth from the looms was washed and bleached.

## DATES TO REMEMBER: 24 MARCH 2022

**Scholarship Distribution Function** will be held on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 from 02:00 p.m. onwards at **Ethiraja Kalayana Nilayam at TTK Road, Alwarpet, Chennai 600018.**

**CHIEF GUEST: Mrs. D. Vani,**  
*Asst. Professor, Tamil, University of Madras*

## DATES TO REMEMBER: 26 MARCH 2022

**International Women's Day Function cum Monthly Meeting** will be held on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 from 08:45 a.m. onwards at **Vinobha Hall, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, T.Nagar, Chennai 600017.**

**CHIEF GUEST: Kalaimamani Ambika Kamesh**

**NOTE:** Letters to PROBUZZ on matters relating to PROBUZZ may kindly be addressed only to the editor.

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