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Monthly Newsletter From

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**எற்றென்று இரங்குவ செய்யற்க செய்வானேல்
மற்றன்ன செய்யாமை நன்று. (குறள் 655)**

ஏற்க முடியாததையும், இழிவானதையும் செய்யக்கூடாது. தவறி
செய்தாலும் மீண்டும் அதை செய்யாது தவிர்த்துவிடுவது நன்று.

Let a minister never do acts of which he would have to
grieve saying, "what is this I have done"; (but) should he do
(them), it were good that he grieved not.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Probians,

Loving Greetings to you
and your family members.

We were all hoping that
in November the State Govt.
would lift the lockdown for
social & cultural gatherings
and we could hold physical
meetings. However, as the Covid
has not vanished, we still have
to continue practising SMS
(Sanitiser, Masks, Social
distancing). I am hopeful that
our usual hall would be made
available to us for organising
physical meetings once the
lockdown is lifted and normal
life resumes.

During the recent past, we
could not hold any physical
function. In September I was
invited to Preside over a
physical meeting of Pavithram
where Pn Rammohan was
honoured. Encouraged by the
physical meeting, for the first
time, Pn Radhakrishnan S Dr.
organised walkathon on 02nd

October, 2021 in the Eco-park
Chetput. Kaveri Hospital
sponsored the caps for
Walkathon Probians and prizes
were arranged by the Secretary
out of the Late Probian G.
Viswanathan's memorial
walkathon Prize Funds
instituted by Pn Brig. George
Mathew. Altogether 32
Probians participated and it
was encouraging to see the
PPP Singaraja M Capt. and
Pn Jayakumar Sambandam
participate with lot of energy
and interest. PPP Singaraja
was honoured on the
International Day of Elderly
function by the Health
Minister of Tamil Nadu.
On the whole Probians
enjoyed the morning walk
though it looked it may not
happen due to heavy rains
early in the morning. All
enjoyed the hearty breakfast,
coffee at the end. A chapter
from Gandhiji's book was
read by the Secretary and
homage paid by all to
Gandhiji's photo. Thanks to
the organisers Pn Radhakrishnan
S Dr. and PF Vivekanandan
ASR.

The Financial Statements of
the club are audited by the
Statutory Auditor and signed.
These would be approved by
the E.C. in October. We will
also

convene the AGM in November after giving the required 21 days notice. The Secretary's report for the AGM would be finalised and sent to you all. The Annual Book 2021 is under publication and is likely to be released in the Elders Day function contemplated in November after the Elder competitions. The Secretary would send letters requesting for photos to all Probians who completed 75, 85 and 90 years of age as well as 50 years of married life in the past two years as no functions were held in 2020-21. I request all Probians who receive the letter to immediately send their photos so that Mementos to them could be prepared for distribution well in time. The steps for organising in December, the Scholarship Distribution Function, Children's Day Function as well as the Cultural Function to welcome the New Year 2022 also are likely.

On the Recognition front, PPP Singaraja M. Capt. got one more Award of participation certificate in the 6-day International Webinar on "Social Work Profession in Geriatric Care – Current Roles, Challenges and Emerging Trends organised by ten prestigious Universities in India, Heritage Foundation and the Madras School of Social Work.

We continued the home visits to Probians of age 80+, subject to their permitting the visit and

the details of home visits done in August are in the Secretary's Report. Meeting and felicitating the Senior Probians is a pleasure and spending time with them is valuable and helps us to fine-tune our activities. Some photos of the Home visits to felicitate Probians are elsewhere in this issue.

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 Jagadisan C.D. who has sponsored this issue of Probuzz during our Home Visit to felicitate him on his Birthday.

With Prayers for Covid19 wave to die down, enabling us to meet physically enjoying each other's company along with Breakfast at an early date,

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY DEEPAWALI WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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.

This time of the year is filled with many festivals. Also, the steady improvement in the pandemic situation and the continuing relaxation of the controls have brought in more enthusiasm and optimism in all of us. Naturally, compared to the muted celebrations last year, this year the festivities are ushering in more joy and happiness.

We have just finished celebrating Navaratri / Dussehra. We now look forward to Deepavali, the Festival of Lights. In all our celebrations, we should never lose sight of the fact that Covid is still with us and we should continue to exercise a lot of self-restraint. We, therefore, appeal to all Probians to encourage their younger friends and family members to celebrate Deepavali with traditional gaiety and fervour, but without compromising on the health-related guidelines.

Also, we need to be fully conscious of the environmental impact of the traditional way of celebrating Deepavali. We, Probians, should also guide them in striking a judicious balance between worsening the air pollution and aiding the economic well-being of scores of MSME units.

Continuing the trend started in the September issue of Probuzz, we have again included an interesting and informative piece shared by one of our fellow Probians in the Probus Friends WhatsApp Group. In this connection, we would like to see in our WhatsApp Group more original contributions from our fellow Probians and less of simple forwards. I am sure you will agree that this would also be a simple and nice way to keep our brains active and agile.

Wish you a Happy and Prosperous Deepavali and as usual Happy Probuzz reading,

With best wishes,
EDITOR (vijisbi@gmail.com)

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Probians,

My Kind Greetings to all of you, your family members and friends.

The month of October has a lot of significant dates to remember and celebrate, most notably Gandhi Jayanthi and the birthday of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second prime minister of India and International day of non-Violence. Gandhi, our father of the nation, is mostly responsible for the freedom we enjoy today. There has been a drastic decline in Covid-19 infections. In any case, we will follow the SMS concept

Our **EC meeting for September** took place on 11th Sep 2021. Twenty-five Probians, including office bearers, executive committee members, and special invitees attended. EC member Pn Mrs Lakshmi Natarajan rendered the Universal prayer. A warm welcome was extended by Pn B. Ranganathan, the president of the meeting. He appealed to members to donate liberally for insertion in our Annual Book which will be held in Nov 2021. PF V. Balachander, the Treasurer read his report for August. Joint Secretary PF G.Sadagopan explained to members about the Status of the Members Directory's Personal Data collection. Publication Subcommittee Coordinator Pn Dr PP. Ramaswami explained to members the status of Annual Book 2021. He informed that the committee chose the title of the 2021 Annual Book as **"Probus Way of Enlightened Living"**. He also informed that they have received 33 English Articles and 18 Tamil Articles. Our IPP and Fund mobilization subcommittee coordinator PF S. Gopalakrishnan and President Pbn B. Ranganathan spoke about the collection status of funds. Editor Pn A. Vijayakumar spoke about Probuzz Newsletter and Web status. The Secretary gave the vote of thanks.

The **September 2021 Monthly meeting** started with Universal Prayer rendered beautifully by Pbn Pulavar TV Vijayalakshmi on Sep 25th 2021 through Zoom. President Pbn B. Ranganathan welcomed the Guest Speaker Dr V. Kanagasabai and other members. He informed that so far, the collections for the Annual Book have been ₹5 lakhs and it may cross ₹6 lakhs. He appreciated the Award winners

PPP Captain M. Singaraja and Pbn Pulavar TV Vijayalakshmi. PF V Balachander introduced the Guest Speaker to our members.

The **Guest Speaker Dr V. Kanagasabai, Vice-Chancellor**, Bharath Institute of Higher Education of Research (Retd. Dean, Madras Medical College) addressed us on the topic of **"Living Will"** with a PowerPoint presentation. In his view, all citizens should have the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Indian constitution, allowing them to choose whether to accept therapy or not, and the right to make their own decisions regarding their future. According to the Quality of Death Index, the UK is ranked first, Australia is second, and New Zealand is third, while India is ranked 160th out of 180 countries. He reiterated that Choice must be allowed to all to Live and Die in dignity. He declared that 85% to 90% of deaths are predictable and it is foreseen some weeks/months before they occur. The Indian reality is that most people like to die at home without being bedridden and without troubling family members, but 70% to 80% end up dying in hospital.

A Living Will can be a useful tool that can ensure that we have a degree of control over the way we die and when we die. An individual of sound mind makes a Living Will by stating clearly their wishes for the end of their life. A Healthcare Power of Attorney or Surrogate decision-maker must be designated by the concerned individual. It is necessary to consult and convince the Family Doctor, the Family Members, the Care Givers, the Physiotherapist and the Health Care Power of Attorney. Upon all parties agreeing, the document will be signed by the individual in the presence of witnesses and by two witnesses. Living Will and Power of Attorney can be revoked instantly, orally. Essentially, the purpose of Living Will is to protect people from Intensive torture. Our Probians were happy to listen to this lecture and the question-and-answer session was very much useful. A happy birthday was wished to the September month's birthday babies. Secretary Pbn Annadhurai. M gave a vote of thanks.

In the **Home Visits programme**, we've been visiting Probians 80 years of age and older in their homes. President Pbn B Ranganathan, Secretary Pbn M Annadhurai, Treasurer PF Balachander, Jt. Secretary PF G. Sadagopan, EC Members Pbn V Ramaraj, Pbn Jayashree Kishore and PPP RT.

Namasivayam, Pbn GN Tharagaram, PPP KV. Chari, Pbn PM. Pandian and Pbn AG. Pranesan participated in Home visits. The members visited and greeted were Pbn KV. Veeraraghavan on 7th Sep, PPP Captain M. Singaraja on 10th Sep, Pbn Kalaimamani Ervadi S. Radhakrishnan on 13th Sep, Pbn K. Ranga Ramanujam on 14th Sep and Pbn AV. Kothandaraman on 22nd Sep on their Wedding Anniversary dates. The Home visit team visited Pbn S. Jayakumar on 8th Sep, Pbn AM Swaminathan IAS(Retd) on 11th Sep, Pbn N. Ramanan on 26th Sep and Pbn CD Jagadisan on 30th Sep 2021 on their Birthdays with Shawl and Fruits. The Home visit committee visits the Probians only after getting confirmations from them.

The Probus Club Covid-19 Relief activity was held at Velachery on 2nd September and at the Russian House in Chennai on 5th September. Rations were distributed to about 43 Poor Slum dweller families in Velachery and menial staff members of Russian House to the tune of ₹34,065/-

From SJSCMBF, a cheque of ₹10,000/- each paid to (1) Mrs D. Chandrika W/o Kalaimamani Durai (2) Mrs D. Vimala was forwarded by HelpAge India on 3rd Sep 2021 at Russian Centre for Science and Culture.

On the Rewards & Recognition segment, PPP Captain M. Singaraja got a Certificate of Participation

for participating in the “International Webinar on Social Work Profession on Geriatric care-Current Roles, Challenges and emerging Trends” organised by Heritage Foundation, Hyderabad.

On the Obituary front, I’m deeply saddened to report that we have lost two Probians. (1) Pbn A. Krishnan, L339, Dod 15th Sep 2021, aged 85 years. Formerly, he was Managing Director at State Bank of Mysore and (2) Pbn MK. Iqbal L253 Dod 20th Sep 2021, aged 86 years. He was a former Madras Ranji Cricket Player. MK. Iqbal also served as the director of the AVM Cricket Academy. Let their souls reach the Lotus Feet of God.

I urge every Probian to sponsor the entire **Probuzz Newsletter** by donating ₹5,000/- or at least donate for the advertisements by contributing ₹800/- for the inner Page and ₹1,000/- for the first and last Page. Please send articles, jokes, and your home events to our PROBUZZ Editor or me, so that they can be published in our newsletter. I sincerely thank **Pbn CD Jagadisan** for sponsoring the entire October month Probuzz newsletter by contributing ₹5000/-

Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank all Probians for their continued support. Wish you all very happy and cheerful days ahead.

M. Annadhurai,
Secretary

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

S.No.	Wed Day	Name	Spouse Name	Mem No.
1	02 Nov.	Jayaraman R.	Mrs. J. Saraswathi	L-030
2	06 Nov.	Balachander V	Mrs. Meera Balachander	PF 09
3	08 Nov.	Sugunaraj D.	Mrs. Vasantha	A-143
4	08 Nov.	Sivakumar C.	Mrs. Banumathi Sivakumar	A-117
5	09 Nov.	Kasturi Raja R Dr.	Mr. E. Balaraja	L-081A
6	09 Nov.	Natarajan S.	Mrs. N. Thangamani	A-384
7	10 Nov.	Sadasivam T.D.	Mrs. Prema Sadasivam	L-205
8	12 Nov.	Senthilnathan V.	Mrs. S. Shobana	L-288
9	13 Nov.	Jayakumar G.	Mrs. J. Nirmala	L-198
10	13 Nov.	Ramachandran A.	Mrs. Jayam	L-029
11	13 Nov.	Srithar M.	Mrs. S. Pushpa	L-103
12	14 Nov.	Gunasekaran S.	Mrs. G. Vimala	L-324
13	20 Nov.	Sreenivas V.	Mrs. Kantham Sreenivas	PF 07
14	23 Nov.	Hariharan V.	Mrs. Kamala	L-087
15	25 Nov.	Vivekanandan R.	Mrs. Padma Vivekanandan	PF-11 (old L-329)
16	26 Nov.	Ashok Galada K	Mrs. Shanti Devi Galada	L-166
17	29 Nov.	Subbu Sundaram	Mrs. Annapoorni	L-215
18	29 Nov.	Chelladurai S.	Mrs. Thamilchelvi	L-210

**We Wish A Very Happy Birthday To All
Probians having Birthdays in November 2021**

S.No.	DOB	Name	Mem No.
1	01 Nov.	Ramasubramanian S.	L-056
2	08 Nov.	Ramakumar Sankaran	L-232
3	10 Nov.	Pandian P.M.	L-200
4	11 Nov.	Gunasekaran S.	L-324
5	15 Nov.	Anantharaman V.V. Dr.	L-267
6	15 Nov.	Ramesh K.	L-119
7	19 Nov.	Ravi S.	L-261
8	19 Nov.	Tharakaram G.N.	L-189
9	21 Nov.	Kartik Dattatri Dore	L-135
10	21 Nov.	Ramachandran A.	L-029
11	25 Nov.	Nirmala Sethuraman Mrs.	L-155
12	26 Nov.	Manonmani K	L-285
13	27 Nov.	Ranganathan S.	L-190
14	29 Nov.	Srithar M.	L-103

CORRECTIONS

The last page of the September Issue of Probuzz was sponsored by **Pn Ranganatha Rao S (L-031)**. But the footer on the last page showed his name as Pn Ranganathan Rao S (L-031). We deeply regret the oversight and sincerely apologise for the same.

OBITUARIES

With profound grief and fond memories, we record the passing away of two of our very senior members: Pn A. Krishnan (L339) on 15 Sep 2021 (Aged 85 years, Former MD of State Bank of Mysore) and Pn MK. Iqbal (L253) on 20 Sep 2021 (Aged 86 years; Former Madras Ranji Cricket Player)

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13	Chelladurai S	3,000.00
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15	Hiralal Jethwani	3,000.00
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17	Jayakumar G	3,000.00
18	Jayashree Kishore	3,000.00
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27	Sunder Sankar	3,000.00
28	Thatikonda Vatsala Ramachandra Foundation	6,000.00

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29	Velumani S	3,000.00
30	Venkataraman S	3,000.00
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C.	AB21-Advt Colour Back Inner Page	
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D.	AB21-Advt Colour Back Inner Page	
34	Kauvery Hospital	21,000.00
E.	AB21-Advt Colour FP	
35	Rao BS & Janardhanam	13,000.00
36	Sadagopan G	12,000.00
37	Sampath S (h/s Jayalakshmi Sampath)	12,000.00
F.	AB21-Advt Colour HP	
38	Star Health & Allied Insurance	8,000.00
G.	AB21-ADVT STRIP ADVT	
39	Ashok Kumar R	1,500.00
40	Balambal V Dr.	1,500.00
41	Chandrasekaran J	1,500.00
42	Chandrasekaran P	1,500.00
43	Divakaran S	1,500.00
44	Dwarakanath J	1,500.00
45	Jayakumar Sambandam	1,500.00
46	Jayamani C	1,500.00
47	Kasturi Raja	1,500.00
48	Kumar N	1,500.00
49	Kumar T.S.S. Dr	1,500.00
50	Lakshmi Natrajan	1,500.00
51	Mahadevan A	1,500.00
52	Mirza Ismail A	1,500.00
53	Mohan A Auditor	1,500.00

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54	Mohan M	3,000.00
55	Mohanadoss R	1,500.00
56	Mohanadoss T	1,500.00
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58	Narendran CC	1,500.00
59	Nirmala Thyagarajan Dr.	1,500.00
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69	Ramavadhani J	1,500.00
70	Ramesh K	1,500.00
71	Rammohan N	1,500.00
72	Sami Aparna	1,500.00
73	Selvarani S	1,500.00
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75	Subramaniam V & Jayaraman N	3,000.00
76	Subramanian N.V.	1,500.00

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77	Suganthi Premkumar	1,500.00
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81	Suntharaam E.P.	1,500.00
82	Swaminathan A.M.	1,500.00
83	Tharakaram G.N.	1,500.00
84	Unnikrishnan Variath	1,500.00
85	Vasant K.N.	1,500.00
86	Veeraraghavan K.V.	2,011.00
87	Venkatesan R	1,500.00
H. Edl Sch Scheme - Additional		
88	Pushpavati Babulal Kamdar Ch Tst	15,000.00
I. Edl Sch Scheme - Deficit		
89	Badri C	750.00
J. Probuzz Annual Subscription		
90	Mirza Ismail A	100.00
91	Rangaramanujam K	100.00
K. Sunshine Fund		
92	Jayakumar Sambandam	860.00
93	Mahadevan A	500.00
GRAND TOTAL		3,46,172.00

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Pn Jayakumar S felicitated on his 86th Birthday on Wed 08th Sept Evening



Felicitations to Pn Swaminathan A.M. on his 85th Birthday



Felicitations to Pn C. D. Jagadisan on his Birthday



Felicitations to Pn Ramanan N on his 83rd Birthday

PROBUS COVID RELIEF ACTIVITIES



Probians group who participated in Russian Centre distribution with Sri Bhaskar, Manager, Russian Centre



Distribution of Covid relief at Russian House



Provision distributed to slum dwellers in Velachery as part of Covid Relief



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Felicitations to Pn Veeraghavan K. V. Couple on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary



Felicitations to PPP Singaraja M Capt. on his 57th Wedding Anniversary at his home



Home visit to Pn Rangaramanujam K on his Wedding Anniversary



Felicitations to Pn Kothandaraman A V on his 69th Wedding Anniversary



Felicitations to Pn Ervadi Rathakrishnan on his 50th Wedding Anniversary



Pavithram Awards Function

DATES TO REMEMBER : OCTOBER 2021

MONTHLY MEETING will be held via ZOOM on Saturday the 23th October, 2021. 11.00 AM onwards
(Link will be sent in email and WhatsApp)

GUEST SPEAKER: **Shri J A K. Krishna B.Pharma, MBA,**
Trading Member, National Stock Exchange

TOPIC: **"How to be Rich after Retirement"**

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

APPLE MAN OF HIMACHAL: SAMUEL STOKES

When Samuel Stokes left home in Philadelphia & set sail for India aged 22, his parents had hoped he would return home after a year or two. But this did not happen. Instead, Stokes made India his home.

Stokes worked closely with Mahatma Gandhi and took part in the Non-Cooperation Movement. He was imprisoned for six months for sedition in the Lahore jail & refused bail, the only American to be jailed in India's struggle for Independence.

He wore Khadi, married an Indian, learnt Sanskrit, became a Hindu, set up a school & introduced apples to Himachal Pradesh.

The hill state's most famous produce owes its origins to the apple cuttings Stokes had brought from America to persuade farmers to start apple cultivation.

Samuel Stokes renamed himself Satyanand and never went back to the US after a trip he made with his young wife in 1914. His family still maintains roots with Kotgarh in Himachal

Pradesh where Stokes started it all.

He died in 1946 & was cremated in the hills he loved so dearly. For some reason his contribution has largely been ignored. Few years ago, his granddaughter Asha Sharma, wrote a biography on Samuel Stokes, "An American in Khadi".

So next time you eat an apple from Himachal, do remember him for a moment.

Cheers

Posted on 07 Aug 2021 in "Probus Club Friends Group" by Pn. Namsivayam



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