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The Annual Convocation

The annual convocation of the University of Jaffna was conducted on Friday the 6th October 2000. Three eminent persons were given the honorary D.Litt. Degrees.

Professor Swaminathan Susinthrarajah was born in Myliddy in 1933. He obtained his PH.D from the Annamalai University in 1967. He taught at Jaffna College from 1967 to 1970 and then joined the University teaching staff. He retired as Professor in Physics from the University of Jaffna in 1998 and continues to serve the University as Visiting Lecturer.

Professor V. Arumugam had his education at Hartley College, Point Pedro and at Peradeniya University. He joined the teaching staff of the Peradeniya University in 1968. In 1980 he joined the University of Jaffna and served as the Head of the Department of Education. He continues to serve the University by serving in the University Council and in the Department of Graduate Studies. For the late Kandiah Kanagarajah (popularly known as Milkwhite Kanagarajah) the degree is awarded posthumously. He was deeply interested in the cultural advance and economic progress of Jaffna Peninsula. He contributed much for the maintenance of the Palmyrah trees in Jaffna. He had his education at Kilner College and became the Organizer of the Milk White Soap Company in Jaffna which gave employment to more than 100 people. He was born in 1927 and died at the age of 71.

University of Jaffna Convocation 2000

Degrees of Ph.D. ; M.Phil and M.Sc.

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Name	Subject
Selliah Yogarajah	Tamil
Murugadas Ammankili	Tamil
Appadurai Senthuran	Bio Chemistry
Balasubramaniam Rajeswaran	Geography

Degree of Master of Philosophy

Nadira Mariyasandanam	Tamil
Sivagnanamani Puncharajah	Siddha Medicine
Thambiyappah Kangesapillai	Education
Naalini Kanapathipillai	Education
Anushya Sathiyaseelan	Education
Srikala Jeganathan	Sanskrit
Packiyaluxmy Nadarajah	Music
Thaneswari Raveendran	Management

Degree of Master of Science

Ponnuthurai Ayngaranesan	Botany
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Prizes & Scholarships

1. Trincomalee Thambimuthupillai

Kanagasuntherampillai Memorial Prize:

The above prize is awarded to Mrs. Ammankili Murugadas for her highly commended thesis for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

2. Suppiramaniam Vithiyananthan Memorial Award:

The above award is awarded to Mr. Selliah Yogarajah for his best-researched thesis on Sri Lankan Tamil studies for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

3. Professor Kanagasabapathy Kailasapathy Memorial Award:

The above award is awarded to Miss. Nadira Mariyasandanam for her highly commended thesis for the Degree of Master of Philosophy.

Hundredth stride of a forward march:

We heartily welcome the Centenary Souvenir of Chundikuli Girls College, which had been released recently. It is a massive production with 364 pages and several coloured and black and white photographs. Miss. V. Sockalingam and Mrs. R.S. Sathiyathan are the joint editors.

A centenary magazine was published by the old girls sometime ago. Since it was not accessible to most of the present students, this publication has been made. 123 pages had been devoted to the articles of the present students and reports of the activities of the College. The first 22 pages carry the messages given by religious dignitaries and officers of the education department.

Compiling this magazine must have started many years ago. Some of those who gave the message had gone beyond the veil or have retired from service. This magazine as the editors point out was to rectify some omissions of the centenary number. We wish to acknowledge the devotion and contribution of some of the jubilarians in the last 30 years or so. An appreciation of their service could not be carried in the centenary number because of the lack of regular communication between Jaffna and Colombo during those difficult days and due to the loss of some materials sent to Colombo. Though we have tried to do our best, even here, there may be omissions for which we ask your pardon. The magazine gives the photographs of all its past managers, principals and vice principals. It has also recorded briefly the services rendered by the heads of the school. It remembers with thankful heart some of the ladies who had sacrificed their lives for the growth of the institution. A brief history in the form of milestones found on pages 89 to 120 will no doubt prove to be a boon to the future historians of Jaffna.

The editors must be congratulated for the excellent photographs, collection of data and the elegant printing. Anybody interested in the history of Jaffna will be grateful to the editors and to the principal who gave them a moral and financial support.

Donation to restore Mosque in Jaffna:

The Rehabilitation & Resettlement Authority for the North has allocated Rs. 250,000/= for the restoration of the Mohideen Jumma Mosque in Jaffna. This Mosque had been badly damaged after the departure of the Muslims in 1990 and the outbreak of hostilities in Jaffna. This Mosque is now restored for the worship of the Muslims re-settled in Jaffna.

350,000 Palmyrah Seeds to be planted:

The Palmyrah Development Board decided to plant 350,000 palmyrah seeds in Jaffna before the end of the year. Seeds will be bought from the public at the rate of fifty cents (-/50 cts) per seed. This plantation is done in order to replace the palmyrah trees destroyed because of the civil war.

Price of coconuts goes up:

The outbreak of hostilities in Thenmaradchy and the consequent closure of Kodikamam - Point Pedro Road has led to a sharp rise in the price of coconuts. Coconuts which were sold for Rs.3/= have gone up to Rs.20/= per unit.

Heart Patient seeks help



Papikala Sundaralingam was brought up at our Harriet Winslow Girls Home. She has to undergo a heart surgery according to Dr. Y. K. M. Lahie, Consultant Cardio Thoracic Surgeon attached to National Hospital, Colombo. In view of early attention this case has been forwarded to Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital, Kotte, Sri Lanka. Doctors have estimated that the child's surgery, the cost of drugs, post medication and nourishment would cost around Rupees Two Hundred Thousand (Rs. 200,000) which is beyond the resources of the family.

Tha Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India who has been fostering this child requests very earnestly to support to meet the expenses. Your generous contribution to this worthy cause will be very much appreciated.

Remittance may be made with Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd., Wellawatta, Colombo-06. Sri Lanka against JDCSI Papikala's Contribution Fund - A/c. No. 110000 1601

MR ERIC STEPHENS

The passing away of Mr. Eric Stephens on the 3rd of October 2000 removes from our midst one of the most loveable personalities that the Christian church has seen.

Two of his brothers, Sathian and Felix were my students at Jaffna College. His father popularly known as 'Uduvil Stephens' was a highly respected person in the church and in the community. Like his father, Eric loved God and God's people.

After my installation as Bishop in 1993, I began to move closely with members of the Colombo Church. I found Eric to be one of the persons with sterling qualities. He was a man of deep piety and great energy.

He participated in the Sunday morning worship with great joy. He enjoyed singing hymns and everybody could discern his confident bass voice. He would listen to the sermons carefully and tell his observations to the speaker at the end of the service. He took a genuine interest in the finances of the church with the conviction that **'A church's financial statement is a theological document'**. He was a churchman in every sense of the word.

Eric was a loyal alumnus of Uduvil. Whenever the students of Uduvil went to Colombo Eric went out of his way to make their stay safe and comfortable. He was proud that he had his primary education at Uduvil and belonged to Uduvil Church.

Eric loved God's people especially the sick and the marginalized. I wish to mention one incident. When Dr. Mohanraj Peter, the half blind teacher of T.T.S. Madurai came to conduct revival meetings in Colombo, Eric was extremely kind and courteous to him. Till Dr. Mohanraj Peter left the shores of the Island Eric did everything possible to make him happy. Dr. Mohanraj himself told me this, when I met him in Madurai
"Eric knew that the best way to be happy was to make others happy"

I met him last at the Ordination service at Colombo church on 3.9.2000. He was waiting at the entrance of the church when I was going with the procession of Pastors. As soon as he saw me he rushed to me, hugged and kissed me. I was wondering what he was trying to do when I was going in procession. Now my eyes become misty when I think of the gesture of this man who loved me so dearly.

In other circumstances than those now prevailing in Jaffna, I would have gone to Colombo and would have certainly conducted the funeral. But today at the Bishop's house, I am meditating and thanking God for the life of this godly man.

**" He shall keep my feet from falling
Mine eyes from tears
And my soul from Death"**

Bishop S. Jebanesan

JAFFNA COLLEGE PRIZE GIVING - 29-09-2000



Front Row (L-R) Prof. A. Sanmugadas, Mr. C. Jeyaratnam, Mr. N. A. Vimalendran, Bishop S. Jebanesan, Rev. A. A. Paul, Mrs. Luther Selvarajah

"The University act will improve the quality of tertiary Education in Sri Lanka". So said Prof. A. Sanmugathas, Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jaffna in his Prize Day address at Jaffna College Prize Giving on September 29th 2000

Two important issues highlighted in the Draft-act are the disadvantages of present quota system and long time lag between G.C.E. (A/L) Examination and University admission. Actions are being taken to do away with quota system and reduce the time lag, which has resulted in a huge waste of manpower, opportunity, costs and cycles of anxiety and frustration among the youth.

Some other changes suggested are removal of state monopoly on academic matters and harnessing private sector as strategic partner to bring Tertiary Education into the 21st century. Further, the Universities should not depend solely on Government funds. The Universities will have to prove their worth before their funds are decided.

He also said that Private Institutions like Jaffna College will be benefited by this policy decision and that quality of education will improve, when the suggestions made in the new University reforms are implemented.

The Prize Day function started at 10.00 a.m. with the procession of the staff and members of the Board of Directors led by Junior and Senior College Bands.

The Prize day function was held in the Ottley Hall.

The programme for the day was - Singing of hymn - Is There Hope for us? (C.S.I. Synod Theme Song) followed by prayer led by the Rev. G. Nadarajah, Chaplain of the College. Then the band played two songs. Welcome Speech was delivered by Miss. S. Thushitha, President of Primary School Council which followed a welcome dance by the Children of Primary School.

The Principal, The Rev. Anthony A. Paul then read the Report detailing the activities of the College during the year 1999. This was followed by English Speech by Mas. V. John Niroshan (Gold Medalist - English) and Tamil Speech by Miss. P. Kajani (Gold Medalist - Tamil).

Prof. A. Sanmugathas, Chief Guest then delivered the Prize Day address. Prizes were then distributed by Prof. Mrs. Navamany Selvarajah, Retired Prof. of Zoology, University of Jaffna and former lecturer in Zoology at Jaffna College.

Mas. R. Mayuran, President of the School Council proposed the vote of thanks and Mr. K. Sivaji, Principal of Skandarodaya College and Alumnus of the College seconded the vote of thanks.

The Prize Day function came to an end with the singing of the College Song.

EDITORIAL**Convocation of the University of Jaffna**

The University of Jaffna held its annual convocation on Friday the 6th of October at Kailasapathy Auditorium. Three persons were awarded the honorary Doctorate of Letters. Four obtained PH.D degrees. 87 received their M.B.B.S certificates. Large number of Science, Arts, Commerce, Business Administration, Music & Dance students also obtained their degrees.

The Vice Chancellor and the other officers of the University have to be congratulated for conducting the convocation ceremony so elegantly, in spite of the war situation. When the oriental band was playing to mark its opening, artillery shells were darting from Chunnakam to strike targets in the Thenmaradchy area. But there was absolutely no panic anywhere in the auditorium. Teachers and students remained calm and carried out the proceedings in the most dignified manner.

The University of Jaffna began as a Campus of the University of Sri Lanka in 1974. In 1979 this developed into full fledged separate autonomous University in terms of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. It became an institution that teaches and examines students in many branches of advanced learning, awarding degrees and providing facilities for academic research.

After the closing of the Cement Factory at Kankesanthurai the University became the institution with the largest number of employees in the North. Just before the racial riots of 1983 it had a very competent staff. Faculties of Medicine, Arts and Science had some of the most colourful personalities of South Asia. Much has happened since 1983. Many of the Scholars migrated to affluent countries. Some passed beyond the veil in their most productive period. Professors Saravanapavan, Kailasapathy, Selvanayagam, Kanagasabapathy to mention a few.

No doubt the political climate in Sri Lanka also has changed very much. The conditions are not conducive for full academic freedom. Dr. Zakir Hussain, a former President of India wrote:

"A University is to be regarded primarily as a community of scholars and students who should be treated as responsible members of a free academic society - free to think, free to express their thoughts, free to refuse, to confirm, free to be unorthodox, free even to err"

During times of civil war the University cannot afford to have all these freedoms. The students and teachers will be exposed to danger.

In the midst of all these challenges the University of Jaffna continues to be a beacon light in the Tamil homeland. While thousands of affluent parents were sending their children to the prestigious universities in U.K., U.S.A., Russia & India, Jaffna University continued to serve the poor and the marginalised. In spite of the severe hardship in transport and communication the members of the faculties are providing higher education to the best of their abilities. The students who have passed out of the University have performed magnificently in South Sri Lanka and in other parts of the world.

This is the greatest tribute to the Jaffna University and the youth of the North. We salute the University for its service to the poor providing higher education and facilities for academic research in the midst of war and for its secular character.

Jaffna College New Appointments:

Mr. C. Rajeswaran of the Mathematics Department has been appointed Supervisor of the Middle School.

Mr. G. Nadarajah was awarded the Special Post held by Miss. S. P. Gulasingham who retired from service at the end of the year 1999.

Mr. N.A. Vimalendran, Vice Principal has been made the Alumni Relations Officer.

These appointments were made at the meeting of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College held on Saturday the 7th October 2000.

Staff Representative to the Board:

Mr. R. Muthuratnanantham, Deputy General Manager of the Ceylon Electricity Board was elected as representative of the staff to the Board of Directors. He is the son of the late Rev. E.D. Rajaratnam and Mrs. E.D. Rajaratnam of Uduppiddy.

The Vice Principal to attend the Board of Trustees Meeting:

Mr. N.A. Vimalendran, Vice Principal of Jaffna College will attend the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled to take place in Boston on the 28th and 29th of October.

Dr. (Miss.) C.V. Selliah, Principal of Uduvil Girls' College and Mr. C.V. Bavincek, Deputy Principal of Christian Theological Seminary Maruthanamadam too will be attending the meeting this year.

EDITORIAL II**KNH SUNDAY**

Sunday 22nd October is observed as KNH Sunday in the Churches of Sri Lanka. KNH stands for KINDER NOT HELFE, which means children need help. This charity organization based in Duisburg, Germany is now helping 117000 children in 26 Third World Countries of the world. The motto of this organization is "whatever you have done for the least among these you have done for me (Mathew 25: 40)". The establishment and the growth of the KNH organization have many lessons for us. Many people in the third world countries believe in the Karma theory and think that each man is suffering because of his sins in the previous birth. But the Christianity had taught us not to investigate into the causes for a person's suffering, but to wipe away the tears of the suffering person (John 9:9). Mr. Karl Borman a Pastor of Germany had a vision. He felt that many children in the third world are undergoing much hardship without food, shelter, clothing and proper education. In the fifties Germany had fully recovered after the devastation of the Second World War. The people were prosperous and the German economy was flourishing. Mr. Karl Borman set apart one tenth of his income to help the needy children in the third world. He also encouraged his friends and relations to contribute for this noble cause. The KNH trust association was established and began to draw support from many philanthropists. This Trust association is administered by a committee of 58 members. It has four working directors who travel all over the world guiding KNH projects. Mr. Frank Bushwald is responsible for the activities of the KNH in Sri Lanka. Mr. Detlef Heller is director in charge for the running of the projects.

In Sri Lanka they are working through the organization called Sri Lanka Churches Child Care Association. The Methodist Conference of Sri Lanka, Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, Anglican Diocese of Colombo, Anglican Diocese of Kurunegala, Navajeevanam Paranthan and William Mather Memorial Women's Centre Maruthanamadam are members of this association.

Many remarkable men have served as Chairmen of this organization. The present Chairmen is Rt. Rev. K.M.J. Fernando, Bishop of Colombo. Rev. Pon Anandarajah a Methodist Pastor is serving as director. The Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India had helped thousands of children through their Homes supported by the KNH. The downtrodden, lowly and the lost found a place to live and continue their education. After their education some rose to very high position in our country. Some went to the University and excelled in academic work. Some were able to go to foreign countries and find lucrative jobs.

In this way the KNH can rest assured that they have fulfilled the command of their master "The king will reply, I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me". (Mathew 25:40)

IN MEMORIAM Late Bishop D. J. Ambalavanar

Born : 28-02-1928

Died : 10-10-1997

" Safe shall be my going
Secretly armed against all deaths - endeavours
Safe though all safety's lost, safe where men fail
And if these poor limbs die, safest of all"

- Rubert Brooke

TAMIL WISDOM:

From VETRI - VERKAI வெற்றிவேற்கை

1. மந்திரிக் கழக வரும்பொருளுரைத்தல்
To act with foresight is the virtue of a minister
2. தந்திரிக்கழக தறுகணாண்மை
To be brave and unshaken in any emergency is the virtue of the Captain
3. பெண்டிர்க்கழக எதிர் பேசாதிருத்தல்
Not to contradict their husbands is a virtue in women
4. குலமகட் கழகதன் கொழுநனைப் பேணுதல்
To nurse her husband is characteristic of the well born wife
5. பெரியோரெல்லாம் பெரியருமல்லர்
All old men are not great (wise)
6. சிறியோ ரெல்லாம் சிறியருமல்லர்
All young men are not small (unwise)
7. பெற்றோ ரெல்லாம் பிள்ளைகளல்லர்
All those begotten are not children
8. உற்றோ ரெல்லா முறவின ரல்லர்
All the kindred are not kinsmen
9. கொண்டோ ரெல்லாம் பெண்டிரு மல்லர்
All the married (women) are not wives
10. ஒரு நாட் பழகினும் பெரியோர் கேண்மை
இரு நிலம் பிளக்க வேர்வீழ்க் கும்மே
The friendship of the great, though for a day, strikes its roots deep (like a tree) splitting the centre of the earth.
11. நூறாண்டு பழகினும் மூர்க்கர் கேண்மை
நீர்க்குட் பாசிபோல் வேர்க்கொள்ளாதே
The friendship of the wicked, though a century old, strikes no root as the duck weed in a stream
12. கேளுங் கிளையுங் கெட்டோர்க்கில்லை
The fallen have neither friends nor kinsmen

புத்துயிர் பெறும் வன்னித்திருச்சபை பணி

நீண்டகால இடம் பெயர்வுகள் இடப்பாடுகள் மத்தியில் வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கும் வன்னியில் தென்னிந்தியத் திருச்சபைப் பணிகள் புத்துயிர் பெற்று வளரக்கூடிய சூழ்நிலை உருவாகி வருகிறது. 1996, 1997 ம் ஆண்டுகளுக்குப் பின்னர் "A - 09" பிரதான பாதையிலும் அதற்கு அண்மையிலும் அனைத்து சபைகளும் கட்டாய இடம் பெயர்வுக்குள்ளாகின. திருச்சபைகளின் கட்டிடங்கள் அனைத்தும் சேதமாக்கப்பட்டன. திருச்சபையால் செயற்படுத்தப்பட்ட அபிவிருத்திப் பணிகள் கூட பாதிப்புக்குள்ளாகின. ஆனால் 2000 ம் ஆண்டு ஏப்ரலுக்கு பின்னர் இந்நிலைமைகள் திருச்சபையினருக்கு புதிய உற்சாகத்தைக் கொடுத்துள்ளன.

"சலோம்" நகர் அபிவிருத்திப் பண்ணை கைவிடப்பட்டு கவனிப்பாற்று காடாகி இருந்தது. ஆனால் திட்டப் பணிப்பாளர் திரு. எஸ். இரத்தினவேல் அவர்களின் முயற்சியினால் கடந்த பூ.லை மாதத்திலிருந்து இப்பண்ணை உயிர் பெறத் தொடங்கியுள்ளது. காணி துப்பரவாக்கப்பட்டு அழகிய இரு கட்டிடங்கள் அமைக்கப்பட்டன. தற்காலிக கொட்டகையில் அக்கரையன் திருச்சபை வளாகத்தில் இடம் பெயர்ந்து செயற்பட்டு வந்த மாங்குளம் மற்றும் "சலோம்" நகர் ஆண்கள் இல்லங்கள் இப்போது இந்தப் புதிய கட்டிடத்தில் இயங்கி வருவது மகிழ்ச்சிக்கூரியதாகும். இப்பகுதியில் மக்கள் ஏராளமாகக் குடியிருக்கும் காரணத்தால் இப்பண்ணைக்கு முன்பாக இருந்து இடம் பெயர்ந்த பகல் பராமரிப்பு நிலையம் மீண்டும் சிறப்பாக செயற்பட தொடங்கியுள்ளது. பண்ணையில் இருந்த தென்னர் தோட்டம் பண்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது. அத்துடன் துப்பரவு செய்யப்பட்ட பண்ணை வளவில் ஆண்கள் இல்லப் பிள்ளைகள் வாழாத தோட்டம் மரக்கறித் தோட்டம் என்பவற்றை அமைத்துள்ளனர். மா மரங்கள் அனைத்தும் பூ.த்துள்ளன. சலோம் நகரில் தற்போது செயற்படுத்தப்படும் பணி அப் பிரதேச மக்களால் மெச்சப்படுகிறது. அதுமட்டுமல்லாது அப் பிரதேசத்தில் குடியேறும் மக்களுக்கு பாதுகாப்பு உணர்வையும் ஏற்படுத்துகிறது. ஞாயிறு ஆராதனைகள் பிரதி ஞாயிறு தோறும் காலை 8.45 ருக்கு நடத்தப்படுகிறது. கோணாவில் ஊழியன் அருட் திரு ஜோன் செல்வம் அவர்கள் இறையியல்க் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களின் துணையுடன் இவ்வாராதனைகளை நா.ராத்தி வருகிறார்.

கிளிநொச்சி:-

கிளிநொச்சி திருச்சபை வளவு மற்றும் குருமனை துப்பரவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. வளவிலிருந்த நிலக்கண்ணிகள் மற்றும் வெடிக்காத குண்டுகள் அப்புறப்படுத்தப்பட்டு பகல் பராமரிப்புக் கட்டிடத்தில் (சேதமாக்கப்படாமல் இருந்த கட்டிடம்) பகல் பராமரிப்பு நிலையம் செயற்பட ஆரம்பித்துள்ளது. ஆனாலும் மக்கள் இன்னும் முழுமையாக கிளிநொச்சிப் பிரதேசத்தில் குடியேறாத காரணத்தால் பிள்ளைகளின் வரவு குறைவாக உள்ளது.

பாரதிபுரம் :-

பாரதிபுரம் தென்னிந்திய பிரதேசத்திலிருந்து இடம் பெயர்ந்த மக்கள் இப்போ மீண்டும் அங்கு குடியேற ஆரம்பித்துள்ளனர். தற்போது சபையால் இல்லங்களில் வழிபாடுகள் நடத்தப்படுகின்றன. வெகு விரைவில் இங்கு ஞாயிறு வழிபாடுகள் ஆரம்பிக்கப் படவுள்ளன.

முறிகண்டி:-

முறிகண்டி தென்னிந்தியத் திருச்சபைப் பகல் பராமரிப்பு நிலையம் மீண்டும் முறிகண்டியிலே சிறப்பாக இயங்க ஆரம்பித்துள்ளது. முறிகண்டியில் ஏராளமான மக்கள் குடியேறி இருப்பதால் பகல் பராமரிப்புப் பணி மற்றும் திருச்சபைப் பணி என்பன சிறப்பாக நடைபெறுகின்றன. முறிகண்டியில் பணிகள் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட காலத்தில் வழிபாடு நடத்தப்பட்ட பழைய ஆலயம் புனரமைக்கப்பட்டு ஞாயிறு ஆராதனைகள் பிரதி ஞாயிறு தோறும் மாலை 4.00 மணிக்கு நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. மல்லாவி ஊழியன் அருட் திரு ஞானப்பிரகாசம் அவர்கள் இவ்வாராதனைகளை நடத்தி வருகிறார்.

மாங்குளம்:

மிக அண்மையில் மீள ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட திருச்சபை நிலையம் மாங்குளமாகும். இப்பகுதியிலும் மக்கள் மிக விரைவாகக் குடியேறி வருகின்றனர். முத்தக்கட்ட நடவடிக்கையாக தென்னிந்திய திருச்சபை ஓர் பகல் பராமரிப்பு நிலையத்தை மீள ஆரம்பித்துள்ளது. மாங்குளம் ஆண்கள் இல்லம் மீண்டும் மாங்குளத்தில் இயங்குவதற்கான முயற்சிகள் எடுக்கப்படுகின்றன.

மல்லாவி ஆலய பிரதிட்டை :-

கடந்த ஒக்டோபர் 01ம் திகதி மல்லாவித் திருச்சபை தனக்கென ஓர் ஆலயத்தை அமைத்துள்ளது. அழகிய சிறிய உறுதியான இவ்வாலயக் கட்டிடம் திரு. எஸ். இரத்தினவேல், அருட் திரு ஞானப்பிரகாசம் ஆகியோரின் முயற்சியால் உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. இவ்வாலயக் கட்டிடமானது அப்பகுதி மக்களின் விசுவாசத்தை மேலும் வளர்க்கும் என்பதில் சந்தேகமில்லை. ஒக்டோபர் 01ம் திகதி காலை 8.00 மணிக்கு இவ்வாலயம் கட்டிடமில் மகிமைக்கென பிரதிட்டை செய்யப்பட்டது. அருட் திரு அ. ஜெயகுமாரன் பிரதிட்டை ஜெபத்தை ஏற்றெக்க, திட்டப் பணிப்பாளர் திரு. எஸ். ரட்ணவேல் நாடாளை வெட்டி திறந்து வைத்தார். ஏராளமான மக்கள் கலந்து கொண்ட இவ்வாராதனையை அருட் திரு ஞானப்பிரகாசம், அருட் திரு E.P. சொலமன் திருவிருந்து ஆராதனையாக நடத்த அருட் திரு அ. ஜெயகுமாரன் அருட் செய்தியை வழங்கினார்.

தென்னிந்திய திருச்சபை நாள் நினைவு கூரப்பட்டது:-

ஒக்டோபர் மாதம் 27ம் திகதி தென்னிந்திய திருச்சபை நிறுவக நாளாகும். 1947ம் ஆண்டு செப். 27ம் திகதி உருவாக்கப்பட்ட இம் மனபெரும் ஐக்கியத்தை நினைவு கூர்ந்து நன்றி செலுத்தும் வண்ணமாக வன்னிப் பிரதேச அனைத்துத் திருச்சபைகளிலும், இறையியல் கல்லூரியிலும் சிறப்பு நன்றி செலுத்தும் திருவிருந்து வழியாக 27. 09. 2000 அன்று நடத்தப்பட்டது.

- ஜெயபுரத்தில் இயங்கும் கனிஸ்ட் இறையியல் கல்லூரியின் ஓராண்டு நிறைவு விழா எதிர்வரும் 26. 10. 2000 அன்று நடைபெறவுள்ளது.
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இதைப்பற்றிய விவரம் செய்திகள் அடுத்த இதழ்களில்

அருட் திரு. அ. ஜெயகுமாரன்