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Go Green this Diwali: The rise of eco-friendly fireworks

As Diwali approaches, fireworks are an inseparable part of the celebration. Yet, amidst growing concerns over pollution and safety, manufacturers are urging people to 'Go for Green' - a safer and more environmentally responsible way to celebrate the festival of lights.

Speaking to *Adyar Times*, Dilip Dhanasingh, Director of Standard Fireworks, explained what makes these Green Fireworks different.

"These are specially formulated firecrackers made in collaboration with IIT, industry experts, and government agencies," he said. "The key change lies in the chemical composition - we've eliminated Barium Nitrate, a banned substance that was once commonly used in fireworks, and substituted it with safer alternatives."

While Green Fireworks emit less smoke, sound, and brightness, thereby reducing air and noise pollution, they maintain the joy and spectacle of Diwali celebrations. "The performance is slightly toned down," admitted Dhanasingh, "but from an environmental standpoint, it's a big win."

These eco-friendly fireworks can be identified by a 'Green Label' approved by government authorities. Standard Fireworks has been manufacturing them for the past three to four years. Delhi and NCR, which had earlier banned bursting of crackers, have now permitted the sale of Green fireworks. "Now, more cities are joining in to buy these safe options," Dhanasingh added. "There are no subsidies yet, but awareness is growing. It's a small step toward a cleaner, healthier Diwali for everyone."

This year, celebrate responsibly - choose Green Fireworks and make the skies glow without the smog.



Medley Toastmasters Club marks 850th meeting milestone in Adyar



Medley Toastmasters Club, a vibrant 17-year-old fraternity located in Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, celebrated its 850th milestone meeting, underscoring its long-term dedication to communication and leadership development.

Established in 2008, the club is part of Toastmasters International, a global non-profit organisation that helps individuals sharpen their public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

The milestone celebration was highlighted by a keynote address from Dr. Ponmythili, The Power-Architect, who motivated the audience with

a talk on navigating workplace politics and building corporate power. The event was further graced by the presence of the Toastmasters International Director and District 120 leaders, who delivered inspiring

speeches.

The meeting featured the club's signature sessions, including prepared speeches, evaluations, and impromptu speeches (Table Topics), alongside fun activities. This land-

mark celebration served as a powerful reminder that every triumph begins with a single step, reflecting the thousands of hours members have dedicated to becoming confident speakers and empathetic leaders.

Medley Toastmasters Club meets every Saturday from 2.55 pm to 5 pm. Interested individuals can visit medleytoastmasters.com or contact TM K.Barath - President (90941 68977), or TM S.Jayashri - Vice President Membership (99529 49196), for details.

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Madurai Mani Rasikas Association Marks 113th Birth Anniversary

The Madurai Mani Iyer Rasikas Association will celebrate the 113th birthday of legendary Carnatic maestro Ganakaladhara Madurai Mani Iyer with a special listening session led by Vidwan S. Saketharaman. On Oct.25 from 4.15 pm - 7.15 pm at Vivekananda Hall, P.S. High School, Mylapore.

The session will revisit Mani Iyer's iconic renditions and honour his timeless contribution to Carnatic music. Ph: 98413 13527 (Chitti Venu), 91766 02716 (Parthasarathy). All are welcome.

KNT drama at Kanda Shashti Vizha

Koothapiran Navabharat Theatres (KNT) will be presenting their latest drama 'Surukku pai' at the Skanda Shashti Vizha by Sashtira Satsangh at the Sastra Chennai Campus at AVM Avenue, Vadapalani (Behind AVM Theater). On Oct.22 at 6.30 pm.

The play was inaugurated at the Kodai Nataka Vizha this year and won several accolades and awards.

EFI and Ford launch Hackathon on Waste Management

The Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI), in collaboration with Ford, presents Planet Action - a Hackathon focused on Waste Management for Chennai college students.

On Nov.7 from 9 am to 4 pm at Asha Nivas, Nungambakkam. Teams (up to five members) will undergo a workshop and present innovative engineering, social, or policy ideas for tackling India's waste crisis.

Top five teams will each receive Rs.3 lakh to implement their projects starting Dec.10, 2025. Last date to apply: Oct.30. For registration, scan the QR code.



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Programmes at Hare Krishna Movement, Thiruvannmiyur

Kala Madhuryam, an initiative promoting classical dance and music, continues at Dakshina Dwaraka Dham, Hare Krishna Movement Temple, 1st Seaward Road, Valmiki Nagar. Ph: 96003 30108. Programmes at 5.20 p.m. All are welcome.

● **Oct.19:** Classical dance by Saishishya Fine Arts Academy, Anakaputhur.

● **Oct.25:** Carnatic songs and bhajans by Vimurchana School of Music, Sholingnallur and Perumbakkam.

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Ahead of the Diwali rush, the Commissioner of Police has ordered a special drive against Omni buses charging excessive fares and mandated immediate steps to streamline traffic at toll plazas.

Traffic officials are directed to deploy Motor Vehicle Inspectors (MVIs) at toll gates to actively inspect all Omni buses (Tamil Nadu and inter-state) for valid permits and fare compliance. Any non-compliant vehicle will face immediate action.

To ensure swift movement for public transport, toll plaza officials must create a separate, dedicated lane

for government and express buses, with MVIs responsible for minimising any delays.

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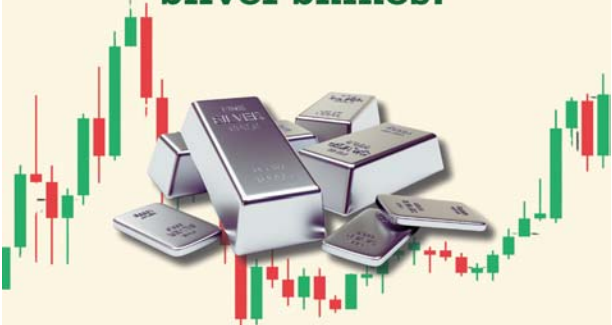
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Kolu Contest 2025 >

Adyar Times Kolu Contest 2025 concludes, celebrating tradition and community spirit



The prize distribution function of *Adyar Times* Kolu Contest 2025 was held on Oct.12, at Hamsadwani, Youth Hostel, Indira Nagar, concluding a vibrant community celebration of the Navaratri festival. The event, marked by a modest yet familial atmosphere, was presided over by Indrani Janakan, wife of Managing Editor J.P. Janakan.

The chief guest was Padma Ramachandran, wife of the late Hamsadhwani Founder Ramachandran, alongside Guests of Honour Revathy Venugopal (Cotton House) and Kalpana Vummidi (Prakruthi Vummidi Bangaru Store).

The ceremony began with a beautiful prayer song, followed by an excellent musical performance by the

trio Sahasra Rangarajan, Haripriya Kartik, and Maduraa, all students of Nithyasree Mahadevan.

Ten prize winners and two special prize winners were felicitated by the dignitaries with attractive gift hampers.

In her address, Indrani Janakan spoke about the spirit of the Kolu festival, drawing a heartfelt parallel to the 'Kudil' models from her childhood Christmas celebrations - miniature homes crafted from cut grass. She lauded the participants' patience, innovation, and artistic presentation.

Nonagenarian Padma Ramachandran reminisced about her childhood memories of Kolu, observing, "Kolu was once about socialising, learning, and enjoyment.

Today, it has become more of a show and less of socialising." She encouraged everyone to revive the festival's true essence of community and connection.

Kolu Contest Judge Rekha Sriram explained the judging criteria, noting that assessment began from the preparation stage and the adherence to the festival's spirit. "While innovation and modernisation are welcome, it is important not to lose sight of the festival's essence," she said, praising participants for their dedication and passion.

Kalpana Vummidi highlighted the most precious outcome of the contest: the strengthened family bonding and participation that Kolu promotes, calling it the "greatest gift from the older generation to Gen Z."

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CMRL launches dual contracts for urban development and metro expansion

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has advanced its urban development and Phase II expansion plans by awarding two significant contracts, focusing on transforming key public spaces and constructing essential metro infrastructure.

1. Urban Beautification and 'Place Making' DPR

CMRL has signed a 53 Lakh contract with the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to beautify and revitalise three major civic areas in Chennai:

● **Broken Bridge Area, Adyar:** The historic waterfront area (approx. 14,120 m2) is planned to become a landmark destination featuring an adventure/leisure zone, beachfront cafes, and a health loop.

● **Area Below the MRTS Line (Near Indira Nagar Railway Station):** This space (6,176 m2) will be redesigned as a multifunctional civic space, incorporating dynamic lighting, potential retail outlets, and children's play areas.

● **Area Below the Velachery Rail Over Bridge:** The area near the Velachery MRTS station (9,270 m2) will also be transformed into a multifunctional civic

space with similar features, including dynamic lighting and retail outlets.

The overall goal of the HUDCO study is to enhance public facilities, promote wellness, and boost tourism and economic activity.

2. Phase II Metro Entry/Exit Structures

CMRL also awarded a major construction contract, valued at 250.47 Crore, to M/s Bridge and Roof Company (India) Limited for its Phase II expansion:

● **Scope:** Design and construction of 17 Entry/Exit Structures across nine elevated stations in Corridor 3.

● **Stations Covered:** Nehru Nagar, Kandanchavadi, Perungudi, Thoraipakkam, Mettukuppam, PTC Colony, Okkiyampet, Karapakkam, and Okkiyam Thoraipakkam.

A strategic component of this contract involves developing transit-oriented property development spaces at most entrances.

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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, on Oct.11, presented the Kalaignar Awards at a ceremony organised by the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram (Tamil Nadu Arts, Music, and Drama Council) at Kalaivanar Arangam.

The Chief Minister honoured 90 artists with the Kalaipani Awards for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023, along with special All India Awards for distinguished art exponents.

Following a rigorous selection process involving expert committees across disciplines like Music, Dance, Drama, Cinema, and Folk Arts, the list of awardees was approved by the Manram's General Body. Each awardee received a 3-sovereign gold medal and a citation. The Chief Minister also presented special All India Awards named after cultural icons, who were honoured with a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a 3-sovereign gold medal.

Institutional Awards (Both the Best Institution and Best Drama Troupe) received a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh each.



Hemalatha Mani



She is an esteemed Veena artist from the illustrious Carnatic music tradition of Tanjore. She commenced her training on the instrument at age 10 and later received advanced tutelage for over a decade from maestro Dr. Chitti Babu in Chennai.

She holds a Sangeeta Vidwan qualification in Veena and Musicology and a Master of Fine Arts degree. A regular fixture in Chennai's prestigious December season, she has performed across India and internationally, including for the Chief Minister during the Thirukkural Festival. Her numerous accolades include the Veena Gana Vinodhini title and a Lifetime Achievement Award (2019). A dedicated guru, her disciples include her daughters, renowned singers Dr. Charulatha Mani and Srimathumitha. She continues to share her art through albums and her fast-growing YouTube channel.

Hemalatha is a resident of Valmiki Nagar, Thiruvannamiyur, and can be contacted at 24571744, 73586 32354, manihemalatha7@gmail.com.



Papanasam Ashok Ramani

Ashok Ramani is an accomplished Carnatic vocal musician with over 30 years of experience and the grandson of composer Brahmarshi Papanasam Sivan. He began his training with his mother, Dr. Rukmini Ramani (Sivan's daughter), and later received advanced tutelage of many stalwarts. An accomplished mridangam player as well, he has been a consistent performer at the prestigious Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana Festival since 1996, and at all major sabhas in Chennai and India.

Ramani is a celebrated artist, recently honoured with the 'Kalaimamani' Award by the Tamil Nadu government (for 2021), the 'Sangeetha Ratnakara' (2024), and 'Sangeetha Kala Sagaram' (2023) from the Cleveland Thyagaraja Committee, 'Sangeetha Kala Sarathy' by Sri Parthasarathy Swamy Sabha and Isai Peroli by Kartik Fine Arts.

He actively promotes his grandfather's compositions globally, organising Papanasam Sivan festivals across the USA, Singapore, and Malaysia since 2007.

Ashok Ramani says, "I am happy and proud to be receiving the 'Kalaimamani' award, which is considered one of the prestigious and highest awards for arts by the Tamilnadu government."



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The FFMA, developed in collaboration with INCOIS and Qualcomm Wireless Reach, translates ocean science into actionable information for coastal communities. The Android-based app provides fishers with crucial real-time data in nine languages across nine states.

Key Impact and Features

• **Conservation:** The app sends 'No-Fishing Zone' Alerts (7,031 alerts sent

to date) to guide fishers away from protected Olive Ridley habitats, aligning with Prof. M.S. Swaminathan's vision of "Biohappiness."

• **Safety & Livelihood:** With 1,22,000 registered users, the FFMA offers:

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• **Navigation via GPS.**

• **Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) alerts.**

• **Information on Government Schemes and market prices.**

Dr. S. Velvizhi, Area Director at MSSRF, stated, "This award reinforces our conviction that technology, when built with communities, can advance Prof. M.S. Swaminathan's vision of Biohappiness."

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A disaster waiting to happen



■ A structure for shade was erected near Ambika Appalam signal in Adyar. The shade has been removed now, possibly for use next summer. But one of the metal rods that supported the shade's weight is broken and rusted at the base. It could fall down at any time, potentially causing trouble for motorists waiting at the signal. I request the corporation to kindly do the needful.

- Kavitha Ravindran, Adyar.

Kasturba Nagar's Canal Bank Road now a hazard zone

■ I'm afraid that the increasing vehicles and population does not encourage anyone to walk on the roads, even on any urgent mission. Canal Bank Road in Kasturba Nagar sees the maximum traffic because all vehicles use this route to get to Sardar Patel Road.

Canal Bank Road now brims with heavy merchandise and vehicular parking. There are two huge garbage bins, which are overflowing onto the road. Those who stand and

discuss, supposedly on the sides of the road, invariably block the walkers. They speak quite animatedly with a lot of hand gesticulations, caring little about those who walk on the road. Today, I narrowly missed the whiz of an extended hand and almost escaped it hitting me, by a hair's breadth. I cannot question him because it is a 'public' road and he has 'every right' to behave the way he likes.

There are absolutely no pavements anywhere, and even if they are there, they are heavily damaged with several rickety parts. One cannot walk even close to the pavement as the vehicles whiz past you at high speed.

- G. Swaminathan, Kasturba Nagar.



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Godson Retna, Thiruvanimiyur.

Language

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Community >

St. Patrick's School concludes 150th Anniversary with grand celebrations



St. Patrick's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School, Adyar, concluded its year-long sesquicentennial celebration, marking 150 years of the Patrician Mission in India, which began in 1875. The landmark year featured several initiatives focused on service, including a Marathon, Blood donation camp, and a Green Crusade.

The festivities culminated in two key events. Gratitude Day, held on Oct.8, commemorated the arrival of the

pioneer Patrician Brothers in Chennai. Principal Bro. Pasca dedicated the event to preserving the Alumni spirit, hosting approximately 200 alumni from around the world alongside retired teachers and staff. Former Principal Bro. Vincent served as chief guest. The evening featured cultural performances and a moving reciprocal ceremony where both the school and alumni honoured their

former teachers, celebrating their strong, enduring bond.

The final event, the Sesquicentennial Annual Day, titled 'Legacy of Light — One Flame, One Dream', was a grand celebration of the school's history. Graced by the Congregation Leader, Rev. Bro. Paul O'Keeffe, the event saw the entire school, from KG to Class XII, participate in a magnificent theatrical production that blended music, dance, and drama.

Sastri Nagar residents reel under double diversion chaos

Sastri Nagar is witnessing a traffic nightmare — a diversion within a diversion — that has left residents anxious, inconvenienced, and increasingly frustrated.

Since September 2024, traffic from L.B. Road (Adyar to Thiruvannmiyur) has been diverted through 1st Main Road, Sastri Nagar, forcing a steady flow of speeding vehicles through the otherwise quiet residential area. The situation turned tragic in November last year when a fatal accident claimed one life and injured three pedestrians.

Now, matters have worsened. Earlier this week, the 1st Main Road (Near the overhead tank junction) was dug up, leading to a fresh diversion through the narrow interior lanes - 1st Cross, 11th Cross, and Ellaiaimman Koil Street. The sudden move has caused severe congestion, with residents calling it unbearable.

"We're unable to step out, take our vehicles out, or even walk safely!" voiced many residents unanimously. Resident G. Ramprasad expressed frustration over



the situation, saying, "The digging came without any prior notice. It's highly imprudent to channel all vehicles, including heavy vehicles, through such narrow streets."

A local doctor shared that during an emergency call, he was unable to drive out due to digging on one side and the confusion and gridlock on the other. The ongoing festival season has only compounded the problem, as shoppers flock to the multiple commercial avenues scattered throughout the locality. Residents are now urging authorities to act swiftly and restore order. "We just want our streets back," said one exhausted resident, hoping for a quick resolution to the ongoing traffic turmoil.

Lifestyle >

Celebrate Deepavali with timeless handwoven sarees at House of Tuhil

Celebrate the joy of Deepavali with creations that tell stories of tradition, heritage, and craftsmanship - at House of Tuhil, Sastri Nagar.

The store showcases a stunning collection of traditional, handwoven sarees that have been revived and recreated from vintage pieces, including heirlooms passed down over four generations by the founder's family, Varsha Kumar.

The collection features pure silk and pure zari sarees, elegant silk cottons, and the beautifully revived Koorainadu sarees, now woven in silk cotton with innovative yarn combinations. You'll also find cotton sarees adorned with

classic Kanchipuram motifs. Every piece has been thoughtfully researched, documented, and brought back to life by skilled artisans.

The festive lineup extends beyond sarees; discover handwoven short kurtas for men in cotton and silk cotton, charming kids' wear including pavadai-sattai and ethnic frocks for girls, and an array of home décor items perfect for gifting this season.

At No. 3, 1st Floor, M.G Road, Sastri Nagar, Adyar (Next to Kauvery Clinic).

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This Diwali, Drape yourself in timeless elegance

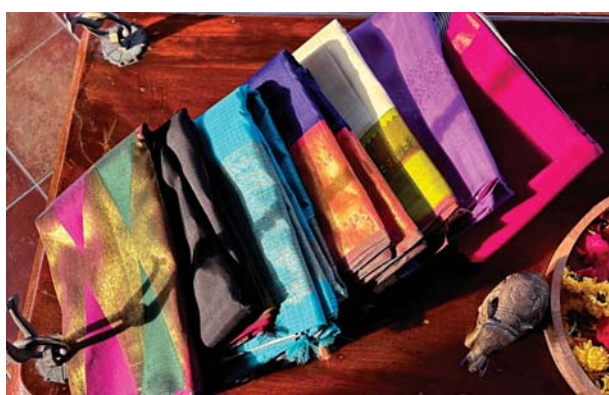
Celebrate this Diwali in style with Drape N Silk, Chennai's newest destination for exquisite silk sarees. Launched by Aphrodite's Drape, a reputed fashion studio founded in 2017, the boutique blends India's rich weaving heritage with contemporary design.

Discover a stunning collection of Kancheepuram, Kalasethra, Mysore, and Soft Silks, along with embroidery and Zari Kattam sarees - each piece a reflection of craftsmanship and grace.

This festive season, enjoy a special 5% discount on all sarees, perfect for personal wear or gifting.

Behind the venture is Aphrodite's Drape, known for its creative couture, uniforms, and home textiles, with design and production units in Perungudi and the newly launched AD-School of Fashion.

As the founder shares, "Our Diwali offer celebrates women who bring colour, strength, and grace into every



home."

At 44, 1st Main Road, Industrial Estate, Perungudi, OMR. Ph: 90872 07878, 90873 07878.

Swaagatham launches eco-friendly Diwali gift collection

With Deepavali just around the corner, Swaagatham.com, an eco-friendly online store, has launched its festive sale offering up to 20% off on a wide range of sustainable products.

The store is a one-stop destination for Deepavali return gifts, dry fruit boxes, gift trays, and a variety of eco-conscious packaging and décor options.

Designed to combine tradition with sustainability, their collection includes hand-made trays, fabric bags, bamboo boxes, and more. Perfect for thoughtful gifting this festive season. Customers can also customise bulk orders for corporate or personal gifting. For exclusive offers and bulk options, contact 88700 02184 or visit Swaagatham.com.

This Deepavali, celebrate with gifts that are beautiful, useful, and kind to the planet.



Artisans Bazaar brings forth pan-India craftsmanship



The Indian Artisans Bazaar, presented by Grand Flea Market, is currently running till Oct.19, bringing a vast and vibrant collection of arts, crafts, handloom, and lifestyle products to Chennai.

Billed as the biggest event of its kind, the exhibition at the CERC Campus Exhibition Ground, Kalakshetra Road, Thiruvannamiyur (Opposite Pamban Swamy Koil), features over 50 craftsmen across more than 90 stalls showcasing items direct from makers across India.

Visitors can experience a rare blend of traditional and contemporary forms, including Kanchipuram silk, raw silk, speciality prints like Kalamkari and Kota Doria, handcrafted jewellery, and unique home decor, reflecting the diverse cultural history of various states. Entry and parking are free, with the bazaar open daily from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm. For details, contact 63646 85716.

Nava Rasa Fusion Mahotsav

The Nava Rasa Fusion Mahotsav '25, a competitive event showcasing various art forms, is scheduled for Oct.26 at the Lakshmi Giri Convention Hall, Mylapore.

The competition is open to participants across a wide age range, who will perform in genres including Carnatic vocals and instruments, Bharatanatyam, western vocals, instruments, and light music. To register, contact via WhatsApp at 87544 85092.

Koothapiran Children Academy to Nurture Young Artists

The Koothapiran Children Academy is relaunching its operations, dedicated to immersing children in traditional Indian art forms.

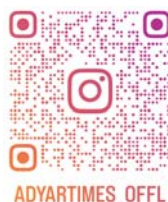
The academy's objective is to ensure children get involved in Indian Arts forms and provide opportunities to showcase their talents in Music, Dance, Drama, and other art forms. The return will be marked by an inaugural function on November 9, 2025, at Bhavans Mini Hall, Mylapore. To be part of this initiative and the 'children's world', contact: 94441 85013 (Ratnam Koothapiran), 99947 90068 (Meera Ratnam).

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Navaratri >

From Kolu to Hina Matsuri: How Japan's doll festival echoes Navaratri Traditions

By C.Namachivayam,
Venkatrathnam Nagar,
Adyar

The Navaratri festival has just gotten over, and at this juncture, here is some interesting information about the doll festival of Japan (Hina Matsuri), in that it resembles in many ways the 'Kolu' of our Navaratri festival. Hina Matsuri is celebrated for girls and is held on the 3rd of March every year. Families with girl children set up a display of dolls similar to 'Kolu' on

bright red carpeted steps in their homes. Meticulous attention and effort are invested in arranging and displaying the colourful and eye-catching dolls and figurines mounted on the beautiful steps.

The doll arrangement is a representation of a Heian-era wedding. The hierarchy of arrangement of the dolls on the steps adheres to the following protocol: The emperor and empress dolls are on the top-most step; the dolls of court ladies, musicians, and attendants are kept on the

lower steps; and bridal furnishings are on a lower tier. Each level of the steps has its symbolic meaning, from seasonal foods to ceremonial tools, weaving together the history, artistry, and cultural tradition. Guests are invited to homes to see the display. Visiting guests are offered delicacies (like our Sundal), Shiro-Zake (white sake wine with rice malt), Hishimochi (lozenge-shaped rice cakes) and peach blossoms. Many shrines also hold special ceremonies for the occasion. The dolls and

figurines on display are considered heirloom treasures handed over from generation to generation and preserved carefully for the festival, similar to the practice followed for our 'Kolu' festival.

► Doll Arrangement - Hina Matsuri doll display in Japan. Photo courtesy: Mori Seiichiro, Japan.



▼ The Indira Nagar Women's Association celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Vijayadashami with a pooja on Oct.2 at its premises. To mark the occasion, the association provided Annadhanam (free meal) to the public for Gandhi Jayanti, and new classes commenced at the same time. Teachers were honoured on Vijayadashami day.



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The event brought together community members to highlight practical, science-informed ways to maintain mental well-being amid hectic schedules. Lion Eka Pillai,

who is a corporate coach, an Ex-Faculty member of the Institute of Directors, and the author of the AI-themed book KalkAI, provided actionable methods for stress reduction, including short daily routines and workplace strategies.

He emphasised the power of consistency, stating, "Small daily practices compound into lasting calm," and advocated for increased community support and stigma-free conversations around mental health.

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