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Vijay Sankar, elected President of the Indian Chemical Council



Vijay Sankar after taking over the baton of ICC reigns from Ravi Kapoor, the outgoing President.



Vijay Sankar took over as the President, Indian Chemical Council (ICC) for a two-year period on 28 September 2018, at a function organised by the ICC at the Taj Mahal Palace & Towers Hotel, Mumbai.

Addressing the august audience, Vijay Sankar noted that for many years the industry had not got the prominence it deserves - either in the government or the media. "This sector needs very intense interface with the government and it is heartening to note that the dynamic new Chemicals Secretary at the helm has already initiated a dialogue with the industry and is also taking proactive steps to take along his colleagues from other departments in environment, commerce and finance," he commented.

Vijay reiterated ICC's commitment to 'Responsible Care' - the environmental, health, safety and security performance certification programme, which currently has around 50 members holding the 'Responsible Care' logo, while over 100 members are signatories to the programme.

"Even though the number of 'Responsible Care' companies have not gone up much beyond 50, ICC is very focussed on not handing over the logo to all and sundry. We are also keen on ensuring that the re-audits under this programme are also conducted diligently. We are putting more resources behind this important programme," he said.



Vijay Sankar added that the ICC had made a significant financial commitment to ensure success of its “Nicer Globe” initiative aimed at improving chemical transportation safety.

Speaking about the government’s “Make in India” initiative, the ICC President noted that the chemical industry is one of the most capital-

intensive sectors in the country and even though it was opened up for 100 per cent foreign direct investment in 1991, the track record in attracting foreign investments has not been good. “ICC is totally focussed on investments in India and willing to support any company wanting to invest in the country,” he added.

Vijay Sankar presenting a memento to the Chief Guest, P Raghavendra Rao, Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Govt. of India.



‘Responsible Care’ logo for Sanmar Speciality Chemicals and Cabot Sanmar

Sanmar Speciality Chemicals Limited (SSCL) and Cabot Sanmar have been granted the ‘Responsible Care’ Logo by the Indian Chemical Council for a period of three years, beginning April 2018 to March 2021. The Logo was presented at a function organised by the ICC at the Taj Mahal Palace & Towers Hotel, Mumbai on 28 September 2018.

Responsible Care, a global initiative that began in Canada in 1984, was enacted by the U.S. chemical industry in 1988, and is practised today in 68 economies around the world.

Responsible Care is the chemical manufacturing industry’s environmental, health, safety and security performance initiative. For

the past 30 years, Responsible Care has helped its member companies to significantly enhance their performance and improve the health and safety of their employees, the communities in which they operate and the environment as a whole.

Responsible Care comprises various codes of practices including process safety, product distribution, product stewardship, community awareness and emergency response.

Chemplast Sanmar has already been granted the RC logo since October 2015.

The above reiterates The Sanmar Group’s commitment to excellence in safety and sustainability.



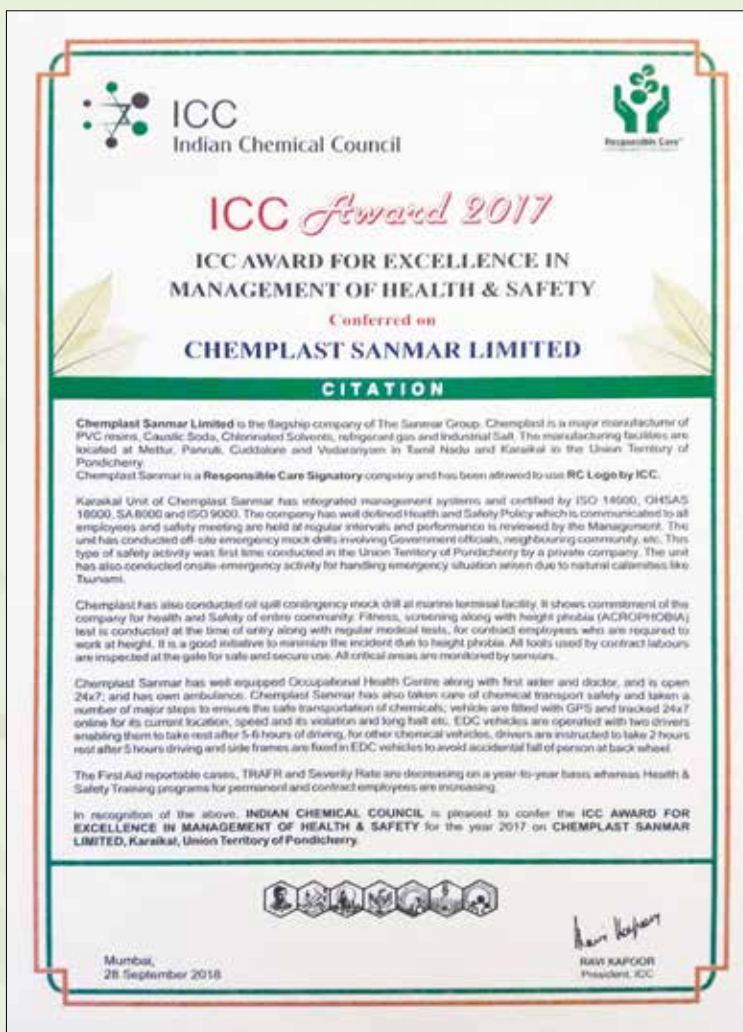
Yogeeswara Basappa Gowda receiving the Responsible Care logo on behalf of Sanmar Speciality Chemicals and Cabot Sanmar from Samir Kumar Biswas, Joint Secretary (Chemicals), Govt. of India.

Chemplast, Karaikal recognised with ICC Award for Excellence in Management of Health and Safety



N Palanisamy, Chemplast Sanmar, Karaikal, receiving the Certificate of Merit and Citation from P Raghavendra Rao.

Chemplast Sanmar, Karaikal won the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) award for Excellence in Management of Health and Safety 2017. Chemplast Karaikal has achieved 6.72 million accident free man hours as on 31 August 2018 through the stringent implementation of safety management system, strong commitment by the top management and effective employee participation. Being a Responsible Care logo holder, Safety Management System has been extended to the neighbouring community also through sensitisation programmes. The unit ensures optimum conditions to ensure no issues arise on employee health, with regular monitoring measures in place to evaluate occupational health.



“Opportunities and Challenges in the Chemical Industry” - Vijay Sankar’s special address at CII’s ChemVision

“With its favourable ecosystem and great legacy, Tamil Nadu should seize the opportunity to attract investments from chemical companies in Gujarat that are looking for an alternative base now,” said Vijay Sankar speaking at the 2nd edition of ChemVision conference organised by CII at Hotel Crowne Plaza in Chennai on 21 November 2018.

Addressing the CII seminar on “Opportunities and Challenges in the Chemical Industry”, Vijay Sankar pointed out, “Tamil Nadu has always been a pioneer in the chemical industry. It lost out in recent decades. However, things are changing, and the State has the potential to attract huge investments in chemicals because of domestic and international developments.”

“Many of the chemical companies in Gujarat that account for around 60 per cent of India’s chemical industry, are exploring a second manufacturing base outside of that State.

Tamil Nadu has immense scope to

attract them as the State has a huge coastline, the presence of capital goods equipment manufacturers and acknowledged talent pool – an ecosystem that fits for the chemical sector,” he added.

“In Ankleshwar-Vadodara area in Gujarat, there are about 2,000 chemical units/companies, which is significantly higher than the combined units in South India. Despite having an impressive legacy, Tamil Nadu accounts for just about five per cent of the chemical industry.”

“There is no reason why it should not be multiple times of the current share,” Vijay Sankar said.

He also discussed the challenges in terms of infrastructure faced by the Indian chemical industry though the sector’s pollution and environment challenges are nowhere near China’s. “India is developing the chemical industry in a sustainable way, unlike China,” he noted.

Tamil Nadu has three chemical clusters at Manali, Cuddalore and Thoothukudi. The familiarity with the industry for over eight decades, the abundance of skilled, educated manpower and the well-spread infrastructure can help tap the potential.





Ramkumar Shankar, Managing Director of Chemplast Sanmar and Convenor, CII Tamil Nadu Chemical Taskforce, said that the chemical industry with present size of around \$ 165 billion has been registering 8-10 per cent growth and is the sixth largest globally. With low levels of per capita consumption and fast economic growth, there is huge potential for growth.



N Krishnamoorthy, Executive Director - Commercial, Chemplast Sanmar, made a presentation on "Trade Challenges" focussing on free trade agreement and anti-dumping.



Tribute to Founder President KS Narayanan at the IACC Southern Regional Council Golden Jubilee

At the golden jubilee of the Southern Regional Council of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) on 26th October 2018 at Hotel Taj Connemara, Chennai, rich tributes were paid to



N Sankar receiving the memento from Robert G Burgess, US Consul General in Chennai in the presence of A Sakthivel, Chairman, IACC, Tamil Nadu.

its founder President, KS Narayanan (KSN) for his initiative to start the IACC Southern Regional Council in September 1969 and paving the way for its success.

KSN laid a strong foundation for a new chapter in Indo-American co-operation and under his mentorship, IACC made rapid strides towards the promotion of the twin fields of bilateral trade and investment between the two largest democracies of the world, India and the USA.

Accepting the memento on behalf of his father KSN, N Sankar shared his nostalgic memories of the inauguration of IACC Southern Regional Council at the majestic Rajaji Hall and his involvement with the Chamber activities. He also recalled the success of several joint ventures with American Corporations, including several joint ventures of The Sanmar Group. Both Sankar and his brother N Kumar have been past presidents of the chamber.



KS Narayanan with Kenneth B Keating, American Ambassador at the inauguration of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Southern Council.

TCI Sanmar's Project Expansion and Investments highlighted - Egyptian Government's Press Meet at Cairo



A Press Meeting was organised by H.E. Dr Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment & International Co-operation, Egypt, on the 17 September 2018 at Cairo, Egypt. Ms Yasmin Salah Al-din, Minister of Environment of Government of Egypt, also attended. During this occasion, PS Jayaraman, Chairman, TCI Sanmar Chemicals, spoke to

the Press in the presence of the Ministers and other dignitaries. Highlights of PS Jayaraman's speech:

- The Sanmar Group from India has invested approximately USD 1.50 billion so far in TCI Sanmar Chemicals S.A.E. and set up world class facilities to manufacture 400 KTPA of PVC, 275 KTPA of Caustic Soda and 130 KTPA of Calcium Chloride granules. This is the largest FDI from India into Egypt in any project.
- The Phase 2 expansion involving an investment of USD 280 million has been completed

successfully with no time and cost overrun. Production has started in September 2018.

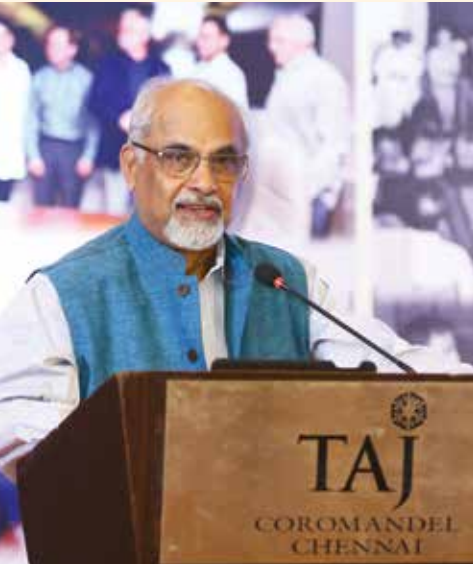
- TCI Sanmar facilities in Egypt are the largest in terms of capacity in the entire MENA region.
- 60 per cent of the production is exported to neighbouring countries, thus bringing valuable foreign exchange into the country. The products sold locally substitute imports, thus saves foreign exchange outgo of the country.
- The company is contemplating to undertake Phase 3 expansion involving an investment of USD 125 million in Port Said.
- TCI Sanmar involves itself in a number of CSR activities such as, providing ration to about 450 poor families living near the plant, providing vocational training to unemployed youth in Port Said, providing medical assistance to the local villagers, etc. Moving forward the company contemplates to increase the CSR activities substantially.



PS Jayaraman seen with Dr Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment & International Co-operation, Republic of Egypt at a dinner hosted at Cairo, Egypt.

The Sanmar Group

A time to look back and move forward



TN Ninan, Chairman, Business Standard.

An event that continues to make its mark in a new way year after year, the Group Annual Day this year hosted two voracious guest speakers, at the helm of business publications - TN Ninan, Chairman, Business Standard and Adit Jain, Editorial Director and Chairman of IMA India.

Addressing the subject, “Indian Economy and Politics,” Ninan began robustly on the Indian economy, “India is now the fastest growing large economy in the world, and has been so for a few years. It is likely to be so for the foreseeable future. We have tripled our per capital income since 1991. We will end up as the third largest economy on the planet.

The first and most immediate question is we have done 7.3 per cent average annual GDP growth, for the last

decade. 7.3 % for the 5 years of this government that will conclude and 7.3% of the previous government. So, 7.3% is a sort of average growth rate we have seen. This has to be compared with what other economies with a similar stage managed to do, if you look in particular at the East Asian economies, during their period of rapid acceleration.... The half century that I have projected for India, China has done in 30 years. So this is like a 400 metre race in which China is at the finishing line and we are still at the 250 metre mark.

On the infrastructure development, Ninan commented, “we have pumped huge sums of money, into the physical infrastructure...But much of this infrastructure investment has not generated a surplus. Many of the



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Adit Jain, Editorial Director and Chairman, IMA India.

projects are stuck, they had to be salvaged, they have led to loans going bad, so in terms of contributions to GDP, this is pretty much negative,” he said.

Commenting on politics and the coming elections Ninan observed, “I do not see any situation, where the BJP is not the single largest party in the Lok Sabha after the elections. If tradition is followed then the leader of the single largest party, will be called to form a government. There is some speculation that there could be a challenge to Mr. Modi’s leadership from someone like Nitin Gadkari, or others. I don’t subscribe to that. And I have little doubt that when the BJP parliamentary party meets they will elect Mr Modi as a leader. The question is, if the BJP does not do well and face a significant reverse, will they take the position that Rajiv Gandhi did in 1989, when he got a 190 odd seats?”

A typical story teller that he is, Adit Jain discussing on the topic,





Vijay Sankar

“Pieces of a Puzzle,” traced several chapters of history, post-cold war era, decoupling of United Nations with China, economics and the financial crisis.

Adit Jain shared his perspectives under six heads - a move away from the rules-based order, an effort to decouple the economies of the US and China, changing interest rate cycle and the next recession, adjustments in the global supply chain, realignment of geopolitical equations and changing business models - asset light structures, automation, and artificial intelligence, that will come in a big way.

On the present trend of companies looking for ways and means to be asset light, Adit said, “everybody cannot be zero asset, but companies are looking for ways and means to be asset light. Have a lighter balance sheet, use leasing arrangements, etc. So, Airbnb, Uber, cycle rentals in Europe are little examples that are indicative of what might become a wider trend. GE no longer sells aircraft engines; it actually leases them out to airlines and reduces the upfront cost and GE becomes a service provider and charges for the use of engines rather than a product seller.”

Both the speakers fielded a volley of questions from the discerning audience.

Vijay Sankar took the audience through the major trends that impacted business in the last decade from a Sanmar perspective. The global head-in and the financial crisis, legal challenges, reconfigured projects, serious challenges and instability in Egypt, restructuring businesses on the one hand, and the PVC industry turnaround, stability in Egypt after 2014, new investments in Chemplast, financial closure for Egypt projects, focus on product tankers and gas carriers in Shipping, and successfully restructuring the foundry business on the other – Vijay Sankar narrated the way in which the Group’s resilience stood in strong stead through a tough decade and weathered it all quite well.

Complimenting the people factor at Sanmar, Vijay said, “the important reason for us having overcome a fairly turbulent decade has been our people. This is Sanmar’s strength.”

“We have also lived up to our principles and value systems. We have not weathered it well at the cost of compromising our principles and value system. That is something for us to be proud of. We are also coming out with our reputation intact and our head held high,” he stated.

The business managers of various Sanmar businesses presented their outlook on the year that went and what lay ahead and highlighted key focus areas.

Sarada Jagan, who anchored the proceedings of the day and the previous evening, raised and discussed several internal issues. Ethics and Integrity being hallmarks Sanmar is known for, was the main thrust of her presentation.



N Sankar completes 50 years of exemplary service

“A passion for excellence and a relentless pursuit of perfection have been the hallmarks of his leadership,” - V Narayanan on N Sankar completing 50 milestone years at Sanmar.

This Annual Day was special, as it was an occasion to recognise N Sankar for completing 50 years of service with the Group.

V Narayanan, Independent Director, The Sanmar Group Corporate Board, felicitating Sankar on his 50 years of exemplary service said, “I have known Sankar as a friend and as a Business Associate for over 40 years. I have seen him evolve as an outstanding entrepreneur, astute businessman, socially responsible citizen and an iconic corporate leader. I have also seen him develop qualities and traits that endear him to people.”

“Sankar’s leadership has played a pivotal role in Sanmar’s rapid expansion and growth. A passion for excellence and the relentless ‘pursuit

of perfection’ have been the hallmarks of his leadership.”

“There are many facets to Sankar’s Leadership. However, I will focus only on two of them.

First he is a Proneurial leader - a Leader who combines the skills and competence of a professional manager with the vision and instincts of an entrepreneur is in American parlance Proneurial. Dave Ulrich, HR professor at Michigan has said ‘Proneurial leaders envision and execute; only they ensure long term Success.’ Proneurial Leaders like Sankar are thinkers and doers. They turn ideas into reality. They execute their magnetic vision with precision. They are a rare breed. India can do with more of them.

“Management is nothing but common sense. No bells and whistles.” - N Sankar

N Sankar receiving his 50 years award for exemplary service from V Narayanan, Independent Director, The Sanmar Group Corporate Board and N Kumar. Vijay Sankar is also present.



Second he is a People Centric Leader. People are the most valuable assets of any organisation. They, not Products deliver results. They form the vital link between strategy and implementation. People orientation is therefore, central to Sankar's Leadership. He spends time and money to recruit talented people and to train and develop them. Rewards and promotions are merit based. He has in place a sound succession plan.

Trust is the glue that binds people together in any organisation. In my view, it is trust which has united people in Sanmar to perform at peak levels and dedicate themselves to the corporate mission. All of you in the audience bear testimony to this statement.

Sanmar today is what Rosabeth Kanter of Harvard Business School calls a 5F Organisation – focused, flexible, friendly, fast and a fun place to work.”

“If I was asked to pick two reasons for succeeding, the reasons would be, first, good fortune with luck and second, and more important, people,” said N Sankar after receiving his 50-year award from V Narayanan.

“My approach has always been to surround myself with excellent people and stay out of their way and let them do their work. I have been blessed with a number of extraordinary people who had come to work for me and have stayed with me. To have people of this calibre in the senior management willing to stay with us for 30 years and 40 years means we must be doing something right. And we must be lucky to have such excellent people work with us. It is built on trust. That trust is something that we have tried to practice, and it is engendered to our advantage. People have responded to our trust very well.”

A time to recognise performance

Employees of the Year



Clockwise: S Sankaran, Ramkumar Shankar, Dr Krishna Kumar Rangachari and Narayan Sethuramon receiving their 'Employee of the year' award from N Sankar.

Long Service Awardees

Sanmar's long service awards commemorate the significant milestone years of service of an employee. It recognises 10, 20, 30, 35, 40 and above years - the long-term commitment and loyalty of employees.



Standing (L to R): B Natraj, Preety Kumar, Adit Jain, R Padmanabhan, Dr Krishna Kumar Rangachari, N Sankar, S Venkatesan, S Sankaran, V Narayanan, Vijay Sankar, Pradip N Kapadia, MK Sharma, Sanjay Bhandarkar, PS Jayaraman, N Kumar.



Standing (L to R): Raju K Davis, V Srinivasan, PL Alagappan, T Muralidharan, K Chandrasekaran, TS Muralidharan, Hemant S Dave, N Ramamoorthy, K Anandh, L Chirchabesan, N Sabaa Thanneermalai, K Karnan, M Ponnusamy, N Seshadri, R Srinivasan, K Ramachandran Nair, A Rokkennedy. Sitting: V Narayanan, PS Jayaraman, Pradip N Kapadia, Vijay Sankar, N Sankar, Sanjay Bhandarkar, Preety Kumar, B Natraj, MK Sharma.

The Sanmar Group Annual Safety Awards

As part of the Group's commitment to Safety, awards are given away every year to various plants, after a detailed review of their respective Safety practices and performances.

A Safety performance award is given to each business, based on safety metrics.

A Safety management practices award is given across the group based on a comprehensive review/audit of safety systems and practices.

Winners of Safety Performance Award 2017-18



Process Category: Coal Based Power Plant, Chemplast Sanmar, Mettur



Non Process Category: Xomox Sanmar – Pacific Valves Divn.



Foundry Category: Sanmar Matrix Metals, Investment Foundry



Shipping: Sanmar Stanza

Safety Management Practices Award



Chemplast Sanmar, Plant II, Mettur.

A time for camaraderie and fun

It was an evening for fun and games with the Sanmar families coming together. The decor, the games and the cuisine all spelt 'Parampara,' the theme of the evening.



'Challenges facing Chemicals Industry' -

10th Krishnaswamy Memorial Endowment Lecture - special address by Vijay Sankar



Dignitaries on stage with SN Pandey, Managing Director, CPCL, Vijay Sankar, MC Sampath, Minister of Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu, M Ponnuswami, Chairman and MD, CII, Tamil Nadu and N Venkateswaran, Chairman and Managing Director, Ram-Nath & Co and Former President of Chemical Industries Association.

The 10th Krishnaswamy Memorial Endowment Lecture organised by the Chemical Industries Association on 'Challenges facing Chemicals Industry' took place on 14 December 2018 at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Chennai. MC Sampath, Minister of Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu was the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Sankar as the President, Indian Chemical Council, said, "The Indian Chemical Industry has huge amount of opportunities, and the Chemicals Ministry has set itself \$ 1 trillion target, against our own estimate of close to \$ 370 billion if we grow it by 8% to 10% by the year 2025 from

the current \$ 150 to \$ 170 billion.

As I mentioned in my last talk at ChemVision as well, there is enormous opportunity for Tamil Nadu to capture share in the Indian Chemical Industry. I think the basic South Indian and Tamilian ethos of being compliant, allows us a far more sustainable future.

There are many areas where the Industry's growth depends on the State Government's initiative.

I recently took over as the President of Indian Chemical Council – leading Chemical Association of the Indian Chemical Industry and had extensive interactions with the Chemical Industry. As far as State is concerned, I am glad that the Tamil Nadu Government has gotten off to a very good start."

He felicitated N Venkateswaran, Chairman & Managing Director, Ram-Nath & Co and Former president of Chemical Industries Association on being conferred the "Rasa Udyog Ratna Award for 2018."

Sanmar Shipping at the International Marine Environmental Protection Committee

Sanmar Shipping's CPK Kashyap was nominated by the Institute of Marine Engineers India (IMEI), to attend the 73rd session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) at London between 22 and 26 October 2018, as part of the Indian Delegation.

This is the first time that a Sanmar Shipping executive has been nominated to one of the highest technical bodies—the International Marine Environmental Protection Committee, part of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under the aegis of UN.

The MEPC is one of the core committees of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). It consists of all Member States (Maritime Countries) and is one of

the two highest technical bodies alongside the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC).

Chaired by Hideaki Saito, Japan, and Vice Chairman of the Committee Harry Conway, Liberia, the session was widely attended by member states, associate members and representatives from UN programmes, specialised agencies and other invited entities.

During this session of the MEPC, some major issues were deliberated and some adopted, which are likely to be game changers within the Marine Shipping Industry going forward. Kashyap introduced the Indian paper on marine plastic litter from ships.



CPK Kashyap of Sanmar Shipping at the International Maritime Organization, London.



'Sanmartini' 2018

Employee engagement at

The Inter Business Group Competition - "Sanmartini, a cocktail of explosive games," was held this year between the months of August and November. To hone managerial skills, spot talent, and create a sense of belonging are some of the objectives of Sanmartini.

There were five events in all - Talk It Through (Debate), All Roads Lead to Rome (Variety Entertainment), Cricket Medley (Skill,



its best

Communication and Team Work Medley), Convince Me (Business Presentations) and Biz-Buzz (Business Quiz). Over eight hundred employees came together for the different events, from across locations, with team Midas (Sanmar Engineering, Karapakkam) clinching the championships. Team Atlas (Chemplast Sanmar, Mettur) came a close second having fought valiantly.



N Kumar presides Musicology Memorial Lecture

At the Dr SAK Durga Memorial Lecture, second edition, organised by the Centre for Ethnomusicology and The Study Circle on Musicology, Dr Ritha Rajan, academic coordinator, The Music Academy, Advanced School of Carnatic Music was honoured.

“Post institutionalising music that happened during the early 20th century, led to the rise in number of musicologists in India. However, I believe one should be a musician first and then a musicologist,”

she said, delivering a lecture on ‘Developing the future musician-musicologist — challenges and responses.’

N Kumar, Vice Chairman of The Sanmar Group presided over the function and presented the citation and cash award to Dr Ritha. Centre for Ethnomusicology Director, SA Murali Prasad, Convenor, Dr Shobana Swaminathan, The Music Academy Secretary, Dr Sumathi Krishnan, were present.

N Kumar presenting the citation to Dr Ritha Rajan in the presence of Centre for Ethnomusicology Director, SA Murali Prasad, Convenor, Dr Shobana Swaminathan, The Music Academy Secretary, and Dr Sumathi Krishnan.



At Chennai

'Electronic Eyes' to enhance City vigilance



The Sanmar Group has donated CCTV Cameras to the Chennai City Police to enhance the surveillance system in the city. This is in keeping with the Chennai City Police Commissioner AK Viswanathan's aim to monitor Law and Order and Crime with 'electronic eyes' by installing CCTV Cameras every 50 metres and with minimum police men on the road.

R Karthik handing over the cheque towards CCTV Camera to P Govindaraju, Asst. Commissioner of Police, Teynampet, Chennai.

At Chemplast Karaikal

Relief measure post cyclone Gaja

Post cyclone Gaja's trail of destruction along the coast of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, the towns are limping back to normalcy. As part of relief measure, Chemplast Sanmar distributed rice to the villages – Mudali Medu, Vadakku Vanjore and Keezha Vanjore – around Karaikal. 7.5 tonnes of rice was distributed to 750 families.



Sri Sankara Schools -

Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar

A student of class VI of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, Kanghanaa Karthik, clinched a gold and two silver medals in the Scholar's cup recently held at Yale university in debates and quizzing competitions.



Colourful cultural programmes consisting of classical and contemporary music performance, classical, fusion, western and contemporary dance and skits marked the Sri Sankara Schools Annual Day this year.

While historian and Trustee of the Indian Education Trust Sriram V was the chief guest at the Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School,

(L to R) Mita Venkatesh, Principal, Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, Sriram V receiving a memento from N Sankar, and N Kumar.



All round excellence

Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Tiruvanmiyur



Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Tiruvanmiyur was awarded the Best Interact Club Award for 2017-18 and a cash prize by the Rotary Club of Madras Dist. 3232 at a function held on 30 October 2018. The club also received the 'First Runner Up' award for the Four-way test competition conducted for schools for the year 2018-19 by the Rotary Club.

Day



Adyar Annual Day, Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar, Founder - Sneha and Trustee, of the Indian Education Trust was the chief guest at the Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Annual Day. Proficiency prizes were given away to meritorious students in the presence of N Sankar and N Kumar, trustees, the Indian Education Trust.

(L to R) Kalpalatha Mohan, Principal, Sri Sankara Vidyashramam, Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar receiving a memento from N Sankar, and N Kumar.



Madhuram Narayanan Centre



15th National Workshop on Intellectual and Associated Disabilities

Madhuram Narayanan Centre organised the 15th National Workshop on “Early Intervention for children with Intellectual Disability and Associated Conditions across Multiple Aspects of Development,” on 15 and 16 November 2018 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Hall, Chennai. Dr Himangshu Das, Director - National Institute of Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Tamil Nadu was the chief guest.

Prof Sridharan, Trustee and Yoga Therapist at Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram(KYM), Jyotsna Narayanan, disciple of TKV Desikachar at

KYM, and Bharatanatyam dancer from the Kalakshetra School, Paul Devasagayam, committed to the field of disability through the medium of physical education were the resource persons along with Senior teachers from MNC.

In the deliberations during the sessions at the Conference, MNC presented a sharing of experiences by experts who, with their immense repertoire of expertise in the area of multiple aspects of development, provided hands-on experience for all and in particular, to the service providers.

for Exceptional Children



29th Annual Day

The Madhuran Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children celebrated its 29th anniversary on 12 December 2018. Chief guest L Lakshman, Chairman Emeritus, Rane Holdings, spoke highly of the mothers of the children for their patience and perseverance in managing their wards despite disability.

The highlight of the day was the dance-drama presentation of MNC children with their parents, in keeping with the theme of the Annual Day being Mountains. A symbolic presentation of strong, steady and magnanimous glory of six mountain ranges was showcased to the delight of the audience.



(L to R) L Lakshman, Chairman Emeritus, Rane Holdings, N Kumar, N Sankar and Roy Kho, Consul General of Republic of Singapore in Chennai.



A feather in Chennai's heritage hat

Cricket, the sport is literally rooted in the country's psyche. From gully cricket to one of the finest stadium in India, Chennai has it all.

Cricket was introduced to India by European merchant sailors in the 18th century, and the first cricket club was established in Calcutta in 1792. Down south, Madras Cricket Club came into existence in 1846 when an Irish civil servant, under the British government, Sir Alexander J Arbuthnot wanted a space that could cater to his cricket addiction.

For Arbuthnot, cricket was his religion and the Madras Cricket Club was his Church. It was a club founded for the exclusive use of the expatriate Englishmen in Madras at the time, who would see it as a home away from home. Sir Henry Pottinger, the then Governor of Madras, was unanimously elected as the first President of the Club.

Being a Victorian men's club in the true sense of the term, the club had strict rules pertaining to dress and accessories, and did not allow native Indians on the premises till 1935. Kumararaja MA Muthiah Chettiar was admitted as the first Indian member, while Mary Clubwala Jadhav became the first Indian woman member in 1948. The distinction for being elected the first Indian President of Madras CC belongs to AMM Arunachalam, who was elected the President in 1959.



The 'Irwin' pavilion and its garden seen sometime after 1927, when the Hanbury clock was installed.

In 1860s, regular weekend cricket was being played on makeshift wickets laid out on The Island close to River Cooum. In early 1865, the Madras Cricket Club Committee had sent in a request to the local government to be allowed to use "a moveable fence" to enclose a portion of The Island, and to construct a more permanent cricket ground. The proposal was rejected by the then Chief Secretary to the Madras Government, AJ Arbuthnot.

On April 3, 1865, the newly elected Secretary of the club, Lt J Pennycuik, wrote another letter to Arbuthnot, this time requesting permission to enclose a parcel of land at Chepauk for the same purpose. Governor in Council had authorised the club to enclose a piece of ground on the Chepauk premises as a cricket ground.

The first half of the 20th century, was the finest years of the club. There were four men whom historian S Muthiah in his book calls the 'Four Musketeers,' who took all the efforts to bring the club to the forefront, but their names are not recognised anywhere in the history of Indian cricket. They are RD Richmond, RD Denniston, CP Johnstone and HP Ward. The game was introduced to the native Indians and so started a legacy of Indian players like M Buchi Babu Naidu, known as the Father of South Indian Cricket, in Madras.

The first pavilion was built according to the design created by the celebrated architect Robert Fellowes Chisholm at an expenditure of about Rs 3,700 and was inaugurated in 1866. The club house and pavilion of the 1840s were demolished in 1981. The reason being, in 1966, MCC gave the cricket field to the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) to construct the stadium. The ground and all the stands barring the pavilion belong to TNCA. Once the stadium came up, little was visible from the old pavilion. The two squash courts that were built in 1899 are now the oldest part of the club. The first floor of the lovely red billiards room, built in 1936, used to be the residential quarter of the secretary. 1940, Chepauk Grasshoppers – a club for the member's wives, children and lady members was started.



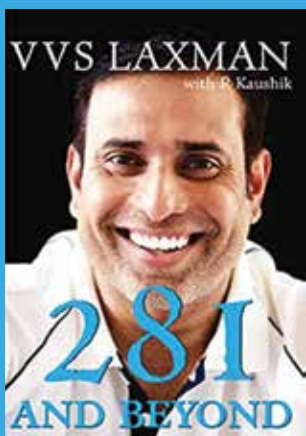
MCC Presidents vs Secretaries cricket match in connection with the 150th year celebrations. N Sankar and N Kumar were past presidents of the club.

As of now, the MCC has 822 voting members. The memberships usually open once in 10 years, the last in 2013. Madras Cricket Club also has 13 honorary members. Sunil Gavaskar was the first in 1983, followed by Kapil Dev, MS Dhoni and Sachin Tendulkar. The non-cricket playing ones include Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi, Viswanathan Anand, Anand and Vijay Amritraj and Pankaj Advani. There are many fourth-generation members in the club today. Sometimes there are visitors from Britain who come to see the club because their grandfathers were members.

The Madras Cricket Club has many firsts to its credit; it was the first to introduce tennis and squash in South India. Tennis was first played at MCC in 1883, and it was the first lawn tennis tournament in the south. The library in its premises is one of the oldest private libraries in the city. There are many national and international clubs affiliated to MCC. Hockey started at the club in 1894. The first athletics meet in the province was conducted by MCC in 1895. In 1997, the club celebrated its 150th year.

There are two air conditioned banquet facilities in the club. The Cricketer banquet hall can accommodate up to 60 people, while the smaller banquet hall, Silver duck, can hold up to 25 people and is suitable for hosting parties. For its members to spend their leisure time the club has a card room, massage centre, even a barber shop, and steam bath area. The Chambers at MCC provide a comprehensive range of facilities and amenities for leisure travellers. To add to all these top class facilities, MCC boasts of a state-of-the-art gymnasium, and international standard swimming pool, coaching a number of games and yoga to make it a desirable destination after a busy day's work.

'Cricket', the virulent orange tangy drink originated at the Madras Cricket Club and it goes well with Fish fingers - a hot favourite for almost a century at MCC. The kitchen here for the longest time served only Continental fare. Bouncer restaurant in the recent times has been known for serving lip smacking Pooris. An evening drink at 'the Pavilion' overlooking the ground is a visual treat to all sports lovers.



Indian cricket icon praises training camp at IIT-Chemplast cricket ground.

“We have had camps before and since, but the one at the IIT grounds in Chennai ahead of that Australian series was the best I have been a part of. To me, that camp was the game changer for Indian cricket. Previous camps had been about coming together, hitting the nets, going back home. This one was different, invigoratingly so.”

