

# THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, MADRAS ANNUAL REPORT 2016

## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2016



The Membership Campaign 2016 was inaugurated by Mr. A.D. Padmasingh Isaac, Chairman and Managing Director of Aachi Masala Foods (P) Ltd. He was the Campaign Commissioner which yielded a bumper collection of Rs. 1 Crore 41 Lakhs 24 thousand. The Royapettah Team won the Campaign Shield for highest Collection and the Kodambakkam Team won the cup for highest number of Members. Kottivakkam Team won the Best Performance Award. We record our thanks to all the Campaigners for their invaluable contribution.

## FOUNDER'S DAY & MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN AWARD NIGHT



On 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, we celebrated the Founder's day and Membership Campaign Award Night at YMCA Vepery Auditorium at 6.30 p.m. The celebrations started with opening prayer by Mr. B. Ravikumar David, Board of Director of YMCA Madras. President Er. M.M. Selvakumar welcomed the gathering and honoured the Chief Guests. Rt. Rev. Dr. J. George Stephen, Bishop and Rt. Rev. J. George Stephen, M.A. B.D., Bishop in Madras, CSI Madras Diocese was the Chief Guest and gave the Greetings Message. Campaign Commissioner Mr. A. Padmasingh Isaac, Founder & Chairman, Aachi Group of Companies honored the Campaigners and distributed the prizes.

## 126<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The 126<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebrations of YMCA Madras was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at YMCA Madras Vepery Youth Centre at 6.30 P.M. The programme commenced with Tamil Thai Vazhuthu and a word of prayer by Rev. Dr. Samuel Sudhakar. Er. M.M. Selvakumar, President of YMCA Madras welcomed the gathering and honored the Chief Guest Hon'ble Thiru. K. Pandiarajan, Minister for School Education, Archaeology, Youth Welfare & Sports Development Dept. and Guest of Honor Rev. Fr. Thisai Jerry. Dr. Vincent George, Vice-President of YMCA Madras introduced the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest address was given by Hon'ble Thiru. K. Pandiarajan and the Life time achievement awards were presented to Veteran YMCA Leaders for their service and dedication to YMCA Madras. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary proposed a vote of thanks towards the end of the programme.

## RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES



YMCA MADRAS Religious Activities Committee in association with Vedagama Nanban organized a Bible Expo from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at YMCA Royapettah. During the four days, it was open to the public and there were hundreds of visitors visited the Bible Expo. The Exhibition comprises of visual display in the form of models, dressed figures, ancient artifacts and took screens, which took visitors on a pictorial journey through the Bible, its history, its message and its contents.



## PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES



YMCA Madras Physical Activities Committee conducted State Level Open Karate Championship approved by Karate Association of India which was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8.00 a.m. at YMCA Royapettah Branch. The programme commenced with an Opening Prayer by Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras. Mr. M.J. Martin Kennedy, Chairman, Physical Activities Committee extended a warm Welcome to the gathering. Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras introduced the Chief Guest. Er. M.M. Selvakumar presented a memento to the Chief Guest. Shri B. Rajendran, Judge, High Court of Madras inaugurated the Tournament. There were around 650 Children from various Schools and different Karate Clubs who participated in this Tournament. Another Special Chief Guest Mr. Karate R.Thiyagarajan, President, Karate Association of India. The Prize distribution Program took place in the evening at 7.00 p.m. The Chief Guest Dr. Prateep V. Philip, IPS, Addl. Director General of Police, Economic Offences Wing, Tamil Nadu Police gave the Chief Guest address. Mr. P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras presented a memento to him. The Chief Guest distributed the Medals and certificates to Winners and Runners. The chairman appreciated Mr.Althaf Alam the General Secretary, RC, KAI and his team of judges for conducting this tournament. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Programme Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.



YMCA Madras Physical Activities Committee organized Cadet & Sub junior open Table Tennis Tournament held on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The Tournament was inaugurated at 9.00 a.m. at YMCA Vepery. The Program commenced with an opening prayer by Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras. Mr. M.J.Martin Kennedy, Chairman, Physical Activities Committee extended a warm Welcome to the gathering. Mr.S.M.Manoharan, Inspector of Matriculation Schools, Chennai inaugurated the tournament and lighting of Kuthuvilaku. Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras

presented a memento to the chief guest. There were around 217 children from various TT Clubs and Schools who participated in this Tournament. Another special chief guest was Mr.V.Chandrasekar, President, CDTTA & Arjuna Awardee, table tennis. The prize distribution program took place on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6.00p.m. in the evening. Mr. M.J. Martin Kennedy, Chairman, Pphysical Activities Committee extended a warm welcome to the gathering Mr.V.Chandrasekhar gave the chief guest address. The chief guest distributed the Trophies and certificates to winners and runners. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Programme Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. Programme concluded with prayer and benediction by Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board member, YMCA Madras.

## CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



YMCA MADRAS Cultural and Social Activities Committee conducted the Inter School Folk Dance Competition sponsored by T.N.Santhosh Trophy. It is one of the Annual memorable events of YMCA MADRAS and is being conducted for the past 31 years. This competition is being held with the purpose of motivating and thrilling the pupils to enjoy the glorious and undying Indian Folk Art in Music and Dance a unique culture exclusively our own. Also, this programme ushers in and enhances a spirit of oneness – “Unity in Diversity”; Strengthening and binding our hearts together “National Integration”. Around 35 schools participated in this competition. The Theme was Heritage of India and it was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at YMCA Vepey Auditorium from 9:30 A.M.

The Programme begun with a word of prayer by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary, YMCA MADRAS, then Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Chairman of Cultural and Social Activities Committee welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Kiruthiga Udhayanidhi, Film Director and Producer, inaugurated the folk-dance competition. The Judges for this dance competition were Mrs. K.R. Sudha, Artist and film Director, Smt. Dharani Ramakrishna, Director of Saraswathi Natyalaya, Mrs.Jayanthi Ramesh, Programme Executive, Doordarshan Kendra.

The performance of students was marvelous depicting the various cultures of different states from Tamil Nadu to Punjab. The First prize of Rs. 20,000/- cash was won by PSBB School K.K.Nagar. The Second prize of Rs. 15,000/- cash was won by B.S.Mootha Girls Senior Sec. School, West Mambalam. The Third Prize of Rs. 10,000/- cash was won by Jawahar Vidyalaya Senior Sec. School, Ashok Nagar. The consolation prizes of each Rs. 2,000/-cash was won by Nellai Nadar Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Kottivakkam, St.Annie’s Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Porur, St. Moses Matriculation School, T.V.K.Nagar. Special consolation prize was won by YMCA BOYS TOWN High School, Fort.

The prize distribution function was held at 4.30 pm. Mrs. Nandhini R Nair, IRS, Asst. Commissioner of Income Tax Chennai, was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes



to the winners. Mr. P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO, YMCA Madras, Er.M.M. Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras, Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar, Founder of T.N.Santhosh Trophy, Mr.Edwin Abraham, Addl. General Secretary, YMCA Madras presented the mementoes to Chief Guests and Judges. Mr.A. Anandakumar, Convener/Asst. Secretary Cultural and Social Activities proposed the vote of thanks.



YMCA Madras Cultural and Social Activities Committee in association with Tamilnadu Private School Association organized Dr.A.P.J.ABDUL KALAM AWARD For The Best Teacher -2016 on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at YMCA Auditorium, Vepery, Chennai - 7. The Programme begun with a word of prayer by Mr.T.Isaiah Kumar, Board of Director YMCA MADRAS, then Mr.M.J.Martin Kennedy, President TNPSA& Board of Director, YMCA Madras welcomed the gathering. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guests Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President of YMCA Madras, Mr.KulbhushanSharma, President of National Independent Schools Alliance, Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO of YMCA Madras, Fr. Pudhumai SDB, Prof. & HOD Dept of Canon Law, Salesion University Rome, Italy. The association leaders from various states and districts were attended the function. Er.M.M. Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras gave the felicitation to the Chief guests and the Award-winning teachers.

Dr.Bennet Benjamin, Chairman of Cultural and Social Activities Committee YMCA Madras addressed the gathering on Teachers Day and followed by the speeches and wishes to the award winning teachers by the dignitaries. There were around 1000 teachers from various Schools and associations took part in this programme. The aim of this programme is to motivate the teachers to do their service to the community in the best manner and also to fulfill the dream of our former President Dr.A.P.J.ABDUL KALAM.

The Award distribution was held at 12 p.m. and around 250 teachers received the Dr.A.P.J.ABDUL KALAM Award for the Best Teacher 2016. Finally Mr.A.Anandakumar, Convener/Asst. Secretary Cultural and Social Activities proposed the vote of thanks.



YMCA Madras Cultural and Social Activities Committee in association with K S Boxing Academy organized an Eye Donation Camp on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at R.C. Higher Secondary School, Sendivakkam, Kanchipuram. The Programme begun with a word of prayer by Mr.Edwin Abraham, Addl. General Secretary YMCA Madras, then Dr.Bennet Benjamin, Chairman of Cultural and Social Activities Committee welcomed the gathering.

The programme started with the paraiyattam dance performed by the Sendivakkam school students. Mr.T.N.Santhosh kumar, President, Paralympic committee, Pondicherry introduced the Chief Guest. Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO, YMCA Madras presented a memento to the Chief Guest Dr.V.Nandakumar IRS, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Dr.MP.Venkatesh, MD, Deepam Hospital, Chrompet, addressed the gathering on Eye Donation followed by an interaction session with the donors by our Chief Guest. Donors filled the forms and it was given to Mr. S. Samuel & Mr. P.S. Selwyn Devadoss, Board of Directors of YMCA Madras & then it was handed over to M N Eye Hospital representative. There were around 300 young sportsman donors from various boxing clubs and associations. The aim of this programme is to give the awareness to the people about eye donation. The donors received the acknowledgement card from the M N Eye hospital. Finally Mr.A.Anandakumar, Convener/Asst. Secretary, Cultural and Social Activities proposed the vote of thanks.

## BOYS ACTIVITIES





YMCA Madras Boys Activity Committee organized a Seminar on life skills on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 for school students at YMCA Kodambakkam. 150 Students from different schools in the city of Chennai participated in the programme. The participants were 10<sup>th</sup>, +1 & +2 Students. The programme commenced with prayer by **Pastor. Max Premson**. **Mr. J. Selvakumar**, Chairman of Boys Activities committee welcomed the gathering; **Mr. Bakthavathsalam** a senior Member of the Esplanade Branch introduced the Chief Guest. **Mr. Baskaran Krisna Murthy**, Income Tax officer was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the seminar. The Key note Address was delivered on the theme Leadership & Personality Development by **Prof S.Simon Aju Sudhakar** from Loyola College. The students were very much interested to know more about the life skills and lot of clarifications were made on the subject. **Mr. A.Denis Bezanio**, Asst Secretary proposed vote of thanks and closing prayer by **Rev. S.J.Raju**. The seminar concluded with a Lunch for all the Participants.

## STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES



The Students Activity Committee organized AIDS Awareness Programme on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at “**Positive Friends Welfare Association**”, Thiruvallur. More than 196 Positive patients are taken care by this association out of which 125 patients belong to the age group 3-18. On AIDS Day Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, Mr. Edwin Abraham, Addl. General Secretary, Mr. Samuel Swamikkan, CFO, Mr. T. Isaiiah Kumar (Chairman), Secretaries and other members of YMCA Madras visited the Positive Welfare Association patients. Mr. S. Edwin Abraham offered the opening prayer after which Ps. Reenu Kumar delivered the Lord’s message and distributed nutrition products (Dates, Honey and Health Mix Powder). At the end lunch was provided. Medical camp was conducted in association with Apollo Hospitals.



The Students Activity Committee organized Children camp at Nilshi Camp centre, Pune from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Around 96 students participated and they were accompanied by 22 teachers along with 2 Principal & Correspondent. Students were taken from Chennai to Pune by flight and the return journey was by train. Secretaries from Bombay YMCA conducted activities like Trekking, Rock Climbing, Swimming, Group Games, Rapling & Archery. Mr.S.Edwin Abraham, Addl General Secretary & Mr.Ravikumar David - Board Member, YMCA Madras took part in the final day programme.



The Students Activity Committee organized Children camp at Yelagiri Ymca from 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. Around 80 students participated and they were accompanied by 15 teachers & volunteers along with 3 Principal & Correspondent. Students were taken from Chennai to Yelagiri by Volvo bus. Activities like Trekking, Sports & Camp fire was conducted. Mr.Bennet Benjamin - Board Member, YMCA Madras was the Chief Guest for the camp. Children learnt about camping & they enjoyed the camp.

## **BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

### **ESPLANADE**

#### **REPUBLIC DAY PROGRAMME**

Republic Day programme was held on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 commenced with prayer by Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Branch Chairman. Mr.J.Eric Christopher, Secretary welcomed the gathering. Mr.B.Ravikumar David hoisted the National Flag. The Salute to the National Flag was followed by National Anthem. Breakfast was served to all the participants.



## **SUMMER COACHING CAMP FOR TABLE TENNIS**



Summer Coaching Camp for Table Tennis 2016 was held from 1st May 2016 to 31st May 2016. More than 12 trainees attended the Coaching Camp which was conducted by Mr. John Bosco, Table Tennis Coach.

## **INTER BRANCH TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT**



Inter Branch Table Tennis Tournament was conducted on 13th August 2016 at YMCA Esplanade in the following Categories.

Mini Cadet Boys  
Cadet Girls  
Men's Singles

Mini Cadet Girls  
Sub Junior Boys  
Veterans Singles

Cadet Boys  
Sub Junior Girls  
Veterans Doubles

The Tournament was inaugurated by Er. M.M.Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras. Mr. Maria Irudayam, Arjuna Awardee, (Carrom) was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. The programme commenced with Prayer and Mr. B.Ravikumar David, Branch Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members present. Mr. J.Eric Christopher, Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. We record our sincere thanks to Mr. John Bosco, Coach for his tremendous support to conduct this tournament successfully.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Independence Day celebration was held on 15/08/2016 at the Branch premises at 8.00 a.m. The function commenced with prayer by Mr. B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade Branch. He hoisted the National Flag. Mr. B.Ravikumar David delivered the Independence Day message. The salute to the National Flag was followed by National Anthem. The Trainees of Karate Master Mr. Venkateshwarulu performed a special Karate demonstration. Mr. J. Eric Christopher, Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

## 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF YMCA PATTIMANRAM



71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of YMCA Pattimanram of Esplanade YMCA was celebrated on Tuesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at YMCA Vepey Auditorium at 6 p.m. Mr.B.Ravikumar David, YMCA Board Member and Branch Chairman of Esplanade YMCA welcomed the gathering. Dr.Avvai Natarajan, President of Pattimanram presided and paid glowing tributes to YMCA Madras. Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President of YMCA Madras congratulated the team of Pattimanram including Dr.Avvai Natarajan (President), Mr.G.Bakthavathsalam (Hon.Secretary) for their dedicated service to the Tamil through the YMCA Pattimanram. He also felicitated Mr.G.Bakthavathsalam for his untiring efforts for the past 50 years to promote the Pattimanram at the Esplanade YMCA.

Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary honored the Chief Guest Dr.Nalli Kuppusamy and presented a memento on behalf of YMCA Madras. Professor Marai Malai Illakkuvanar, Vice-President of Pattimanram welcomed the gathering. Dr. B.Thamaraikkannan, Joint Secretary of Pattimanram read the Annual report of Pattimanram.

It was followed by a Special Pattimanram. The theme was “tho;f;if vd;gJ g+e;Njhl;lkh? Nghuhl;lkh? Mr. Suki.Sivam was the Judge. Prof.Sundara Aavudaiyappan and Mr.Mohanasundaram spoke for g+e;Njhl;lNk! While Mr.Manikandan and Advocate Sumathi spoke for Nghuhl;lNk! It was an interesting Pattimanram and covered by T.V. Channels. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Eric Christopher, Secretary of YMCA Esplanade.

## CARROM TOURNAMENT





The Annual YMCA Carrom Tournament conducted by YMCA Esplanade was inaugurated on Friday, 11/11/2016 at McConaughy Hall of YMCA Esplanade by Mr.A.Illangovan, Advocate, Madras High Court and Mr. Isaiah Kumar, Director, Chalcedony Controls & Instrumentation Pvt. Ltd., and Board Member of YMCA Madras in the presence of Chennai District Carrom Officials – Mr. Vincent (Hony.Asst.Secretary), Mr.R.Amudhavanan (Hony.Asst.Secretary) and Mr. G.Vijayaraj (Hony.Secretary, Tamil Nadu Carrom Association) and Mr.Dhananjayan, Asst.Chief Referee. The YMCA Madras Officials Mr.P.Asir Pandian (General Secretary) and Rev.Daniel S.Kumar, Board Representative for YMCA Esplanade were also present. The programme commenced with prayer by Rev.Daniel S.Kumar, Board Representative for YMCA Esplanade.

Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade, Board of Director of YMCA Madras, President of TNCA & CDCA welcomed the gathering. There were 62 entries in Men Singles and 12 entries in Women Singles. 8 Carrom Boards were installed and the matches were played on 11/11/2016 and 12/11/2016. Players from leading institutions and clubs like Air India, Chennai Port Trust, India Post, Periamet Carrom Promotion Centre, Grand Slam Carrom Academy, Indian Oil Corporation, AGORC, Lazar MCC, Defence Accounts Recreation Club etc. participated.

The Finals and Prize Distribution: The function started with Prayer by Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras was held on 12/11/2016, Saturday evening at the McConaughy Hall of YMCA Esplanade. Mr. D.Anandan, I.A.S., Joint Development Commissioner – MEPZ Special Economic Zone, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. Special Prizes were given to Slam Scorers – L.Vignesh and S.Stalin. Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade welcomed the gathering. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade proposed the vote of thanks.

## **WORLD YMCA/YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER AND WORLDFELLOWSHIP – PATTIMANRAM PROGRAMME**



YMCA Esplanade Pattimanram conducted World YMCA/YWCA Week of Prayer and World Fellowship programme on 15th November 2016 at 6.00 p.m. at Esplanade Branch.

Rev.Dr.S.T.Noah (American College, Madurai), Rev.Dr.J.P.Santiago (Gurukul Theological College, Chennai) and Mr.J.S.Anbu, Committee Member and former Chairman for YMCA Esplanade were the Speakers who spoke in Tamil on the theme “Leaving No One Behind” and they enlightened the participants in different aspects of the subject which was appreciated by everyone. The programme was well attended by the members. Earlier, the

programme commenced with Prayer by Ms.Sasikala Jayakar, President, YWCA. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade made all the arrangements for conducting this programme successfully.Mr. G. Bakthavathsalam, Secretary, Pattimanram extended a hearty welcome to the members present. Mr. B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade felicitated on the occasion. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. G.Bakthavathsalam, Secretary, Pattimanram.

## **WORLD YMCA/YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER** **COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING**



YMCA Esplanade conducted a Cottage Prayer meeting on 16th November 2016 at 6.30 p.m. at the residence of Dr.N.Paul Sunder Singh (Karunalaya Social Service Centre).

The programme commenced with prayer by Dr.N.Paul Sunder Singh, Director, Karunalaya Social Service and also a Committee Member of YMCA Esplanade Branch. Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade welcomed the gathering. Songs were sung by the Students and Volunteers of Karunalaya Social Service. Mrs.Gracia David gave the Message on the theme “Leaving No One Behind”. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade proposed the vote of thanks and the programme came to an end with a word of Prayer and Benediction by Mrs.Gracia David. High tea was served to the members.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS & DINNER PROGRAMME** **ON 16/12/2016**



YMCA Esplanade Branch conducted Christmas Carols and Dinner programme on 16th December 2016 at 7.00 p.m. at Esplanade Branch.

Pastor Max Premson, God’s Army Church was the Speaker and gave an inspiring message on Christmas and it was appreciated by everyone. The God’s Army Church Choir rendered Christmas Carols. The programme was well attended by the members. Earlier, the programme commenced with Prayer by Rev.Daniel S.Kumar, Board Representative, YMCA Esplanade and Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade extended a hearty



welcome to the members present. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade made all the arrangements for conducting this programme successfully. Closing prayer and benediction by Pastor Max Premson, God's Army Church. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade, proposed vote of thanks and also arranged dinner for the members.

## **ROYAPETTAH**

### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016:**

YMCA Royapettah Republic Day Celebration was held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Branch. The Programme commenced with Prayer by Mr. R. Jebakumar, Branch Vice-Chairman. Mr.Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Branch Chairman extended warm welcome to the members present and hoisted the National Flag. Rev.Peter Solomon, Branch Committee Member gave a message to the Nation and the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Branch Secretary. Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016:**

YMCA Royapettah Independence Day Celebration was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at the Branch. The Programme commenced with Prayer by Rev. Peter Solomon, Branch Committee Member. Mr.Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Branch Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members present and hoisted the National Flag. Mr. C. Nagendra Babu, Senior Member, Toast Master's Club gave the message. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Branch Secretary. Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion.



### **SUMMER CAMP - 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2016**

Royapettah YMCA conducted Summer Camp in Cricket, Table Tennis & Karate. The Summer Camp was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Participating members are as follows;

Cricket - 5 members, Table Tennis and Karate - one member each. Regular coaching Table Tennis Students – 16 members and Regular coaching Karate students - 9 members.

### **YMCA ROYAPETTAH BRANCH - FREE MEDICAL CAMP 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**2016:**YMCA Royapettah organized Free Medical Camp and Health Awareness programme on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 10.00 a.m. at YMCA Royapettah premises. The Programme commenced with prayer by Mr. Jeba kumar, Vice- Chairman. Mr. Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Branch Chairman extended warm welcome to the members present and introduced the Guests. Dr. G.Geevaprabhakaran, MD Physician, Chettinad Super Speciality Hospital inaugurated the Free Medical camp. Health Awareness programme was conducted for the neighboring underprivileged people. A large gathering from neighbour community benefited

through this camp. Special Testing related to Diabetes, Blood pressure and General check up was done by Chettinad Hospital Technicians. Thanks to Chettinad Super Speciality Hospital and LIC of India, CBO-14, T.Nagar Branch for coordinating this Medical Camp.



### **TENNIS COURT RENOVATION:**

The renovated tennis court was inaugurated by the YMCA President Er. M.M. Selvakumar in the presence of the General Secretary and other Committee members of Royapettah and it was held on 6.10.2016.



### **YMCA ROYAPETTAH BRANCH TOAST MASTERS CLUB INTER COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST-2016 :**

An Inter Collegiate Oratorical Contest under the Toast Masters Club was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at 10.00 a.m. at YMCA Royapettah. The contest was started with a word of Prayer by Mr. P.S. Selwyn Devadoss, Board Representative, YMCA Royapettah Branch. Mr. Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Branch Chairman, YMCA Royapettah extended welcome to the gatherings. Mr. M . Padmanabhan explained about the Role and function of Toast Masters Club. Mr. B. Parthasarathy, President, Toast Masters Club introduced the chief Guest and officials. . Er. M.M. Selvakumar, President , YMCA Madras presented a memento to the Chief Guest .Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, presented a memento to the Judges. The Chief Guest Ms. Shoba Menon, Founder & Trustee of NIZHAL distributed the Prizes to the winners and gave a special address.





**YMCA ROYAPETTAH BRANCH YMCA / YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING ON 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

YMCA Royapettah Branch conducted a Cottage prayer meeting in connection with week of Prayer YWCA/ YMCA on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 6.30 p.m. The meeting commenced with prayer by Mrs. Tamilarasi. Songs were sung by congregation. Message was delivered by Pastor. Asariya on the theme of Week of Prayer “Leaving no one behind”. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Secretary. Pastor. Asariya pronounce the Benediction. We are Thankful to Mr. Daniel Sudhakar and his family for hosting cottage prayer meeting at their residence. Refreshments were served to the members.

**YMCA ROYAPETTAH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016:**

YMCA Royapettah Christmas celebration was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.00p.m. The programme commenced with prayer by Mr. R. Jebakumar, Vice- Chairman, YMCA Royapettah Branch. Mr. Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Chairman, YMCA Royapettah Branch extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Bible portion were read by Ms. P. Tamilarasi. Christmas message was delivered by Pastor Daniel, A.G.Church, Kottivakkam. A special carols songs & dance was performed by St. Luke’s Church Sunday class children’s and Meston College students. Further adding to the Christian delight was the dancing of the Santa. Mr.A. Ananda Kumar, Secretary, YMCA Royapettah Branch proposed the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with Prayer and benediction by Pastor. Daniel. Dinner was arranged for the gathering.



## **VEPERY**

### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

The Republic Day Celebration 2016 was celebrated on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30. a.m at YMCA Vepery. Opening prayer by Mr. R. Samuel Devanand and welcome speech by Mr. Jasper Edwin Asir, Asst. Secretary, YMCA Vepery. Ps. Reenu Kumar, Chairman, YMCA Vepery Branch hoisted the National Flag and Mr. N.C. Williams, (Regional Chairman, NCYT) gave the Republic Day message. Rev.Suyambu, General Secretary, Madurai YMCA gave a special speech. Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras took part in it and Mr. Jasper Edwin Asir proposed the vote of thanks. Sweets were distributed to all the guests and Staff. Fellowship Breakfast was served to the members present.

### **SUMMER CAMP**

YMCA Vepery Branch, conducted summer camp coaching from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

The activities like Swimming, Shuttle, Table Tennis, Karate and Chess. There was good response from all the members.

**SWIMMING:** The Children showed more interest in swimming. They came happily along with their parents.



**SHUTTLE:** In order to encourage the children, an in-house Shuttle Tournament was conducted during the end of the camp i.e. on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. All the children participated in the tournament with lot of enthusiasm. The parents reported that the shuttle coaching was excellent.

**TABLE TENNIS:** The camp was conducted on all days (except Sunday) in the month of May. The camp was conducted under able guidance of Mr. M.S. Ashok Kumar former Indian Table Tennis Coach. He was assisted by Mr. N. Ganesh. Emphasis was given as the technical and tactical aspects of the sport. Physical fitness was also taken care during the camp.





**KARATE:** Children showed their interest for martial art. Parents suggested to continue in the next summer camp also.

**CHESS:** The chess coaching was good and children showed more interest in learning it.

**PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** The prize distribution function was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. Ps. Reenu Kumar, Chairman, YMCA Vepery kindly accepted to be the Chief Guest and gave away the prizes and medals. There was immense praise from all the parents and the Children.



**APPRECIATION:** It was a platform for children to know what a Summer Camp is all about. Parents and Members appreciated that YMCA Madras is showing much interest in physical activities. It is only because of Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras, encouragement given to all the children. With this exposure, children were very confident that YMCA Vepery will participate in the State Level & District level Tournament.

***INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS:*** The 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations was held at YMCA Vepery International Youth Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the presence of large gathering of committee members, guests, and the Chennai Challenge team. The programme commenced with prayer by the Branch Committee Chairman Pr. Reenu Kumar. The Branch Asst. Secretary Mr. Chriswright extended a warm welcome to the Chairman Pr. Reenu Kumar, Vice Chairman Mr. Max Premson, Guest of Honour Mr. N.C.Williams, committee members and to the members present. Pr. Reenu Kumar hoisted the tricolor national flag and the Independence Day message was given by Mr. N.C.Williams. It was an inspiring and thought provoking message. Mr. Chriswright proposed the Vote of Thanks followed by Fellowship Breakfast.



**INTER YMCA SNOOKER TOURNAMENT:** Inter YMCA Snooker Tournament was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at YMCA Vepery. The Tournament was inaugurated by our President Er. Selvakumar and our General Secretary Mr . P.Asir Pandian. Around 30 members participated in this tournament from all branches. The Chief Guest for the tournament was Mr.Joshua Clements- (Vice President MSYS Software Technology Pvt Ltd and President of Para Judo Association). He distributed the prizes. The Champion of the tournament was Mr.Vadivel from Kilpauk branch & Runner- up was Mr. Santhosh from Vepery branch. After prize distribution fellowship dinner was served. Secretary Mr.Eric Christopher proposed vote of thanks.



**STAFF & BOARD CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:** Staff & Board Christmas celebration was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at YMCA Vepery. The programme commenced with prayer by Er.M.M.Selvakumar,President-YMCA Madras. Mr. Ravikumar David, Board Member, YMCA Madras extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Special carol songs and dance were performed by Tones of Galilee, Cherubims, Jen Samuel, Canticles, Flocks, Rock Eternal Church. Gifts were distributed to staff children. Fellowship dinner was served.





## KILPAUK

**REPUBLIC DAY FUNCTION:** YMCA Kilpauk organized the Republic Day Function on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Programme commenced with prayer by Mr. David Arumugam. Mr. Rajjiv George, Branch Chairman Welcomed the gathering. Dr. Premanand Surender, Dy. Commissioner of Membership Campaign 2016 was the Chief Guest and hoisted the National Flag. Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Asso. General Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. Sweets and Breakfast was served to the members present.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The Vacation Bible School for children was conducted at branch premises from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016. There were about fifty children participated eagerly. During the session children were taught songs, Bible stories & Memory Verses. On the Final day a test was conducted and prizes & certificates were awarded to all the children. We record our thanks to Church of Christ for their support to conduct the VBS program for first time in Kilpauk Branch.



**YELAGIRI STUDENT CAMP:** The Yelagiri Student camp was organized at Yelagiri YMCA from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Around 20 students participated. The students enjoyed morning trekking and soon after breakfast the group was taken to the lake for boating and to the Nature Park. Followed by dinner the camp fire was organized. After the camp the students returned to Chennai with pleasant memories and they expressed their thanks for organizing such a trip.



**INTER BRANCH SHUTTLE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT – 2016:** The Inter Branch Badminton Tournament was conducted from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in categories of Men's Singles, Doubles A, Doubles B, Veterans Doubles and Under 15 singles. Members from different Branches participated and the final was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Mr. Deepak Shastri, Director, Chennai International Airport was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners. The Tournament was conducted in Memory of Arjun, who was a Life member and regular Badminton player of YMCA Kilpauk. We record our thanks to Mr.



Siva Subramanian and family for Sponsoring the Tournament for the ninth year in his son's name Mr. Arjun Bala Subramanian.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:** The Independence Day celebration was organized by YMCA Kilpauk Branch. The Opening prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Austin Lippert, Kilpauk member. Mr. Thomas T. Jacob, Vice-Chairman was the Chief Guest & hoisted the National Flag. He delivered the special address to the members gathered for the Event. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Asso. General Secretary. Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion.





**JUNIOR OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT-2016:** YMCA KILPAUK BRANCH organized Junior Open tennis tournament from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The finals were held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, at 4.00 pm. Prize distribution function was held in the same evening at YMCA Kilpauk Branch. Dr. M. Jayaraman, I.A.S. ( Rtd ) was the chief guest and gave away the trophies to all the Winners and Runners.

The tournament commenced with prayer by Mr. Churchil Joseph, member. Mr. Rajjiv George, Chairman YMCA Kilpauk, Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras, Mr. K. T. Kuruvilla Member in charge, Mr. Gerald Ebenezer, tournament Director and Chief referee Mr. S.P. Vengataraman, were some of those who attended the event. Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Branch Asso. General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.





**YMCA KILPAUK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER- 2016:** YMCA Kilpauk Christmas celebration was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.00p.m. The programme commenced with prayer by Mr. Eric Sundararaj, Member of YMCA Kilpauk Branch. Mr. Rajjiv George, Chairman, YMCA Kilpauk Branch extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Bible portion was read by Mr. Raju Ninan. The Chief Guest was Mr. Solomon Vasanthkumar, Manager I.O.B Bank. Christmas message delivered by Rev. Dr. J. Santhoshraj Jonathan founder of Link Ministries, Chennai. Special Choir songs were sung by Bethel School Students. A Special Song Number by Mr. Austin Lippert, Kilpauk Member. The Lucky Draw was conducted by Mrs. Swarna Solomon. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary presented the Mementos. Mr. R. Richard Ezekiel, Asso. General Secretary, YMCA Kilpauk Branch proposed the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with Prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. J. Santhoshraj Jonathan. Dinner was arranged for the gathering.



## **KODAMBAKKAM**

### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

The Republic Day celebration was held at branch premises on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 8.00 A.M. in the presence of large gathering of members. Function began with opening prayer by Mr. A. Denis Bezanio (Asst. Secretary). Er. Vincent Sahayaraj, Branch Chairman

hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day speech. Branch Asst. Secretary Mr. A. Denis Bezanio proposed the vote of thanks; at the end sweets were distributed.

### **SUMMER COACHING CAMP 2016:**

The summer coaching camp was held from April to May 2016. Around 150 children both boys and girls participated in shuttle badminton, table tennis, tennis, karate and Tae Kwon Do.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

The Vacation Bible School was organized from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016; around 150 children participated in the VBS. The final day program was organized by YMCA Madras Kodambakkam Branch on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2016 from 3 to 7 P.M, around 150 children and their parents and also the church members participated in the program. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel S. Kumar Board member YMCA Madras. The special VBS message was delivered by Rev. Daniel S. Kumar to the children and the gathering. The prizes were given to the children, teachers and volunteers. Final day the program came to an end with delicious dinner arranged by YMCA Madras Kodambakkam branch for children, teachers and volunteers.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:**

The Independence Day celebration was held at branch premises on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at 8.00 a.m. Function began with opening prayer by Rev. I.G. Daniel S. Kumar, Board representative of Kodambakkam branch. Er. Vincent Sahayaraj Branch Chairman hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. Branch Asst. Secretary Mr. Denis Bezanio proposed the vote of thanks, at the end sweets were distributed.

### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:**

YMCA Kodambakkam Christmas celebration was organized on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.00p.m. The programme commenced with prayer by Rev. I.G. Daniel S. Kumar, Board member. Christmas message was delivered by Mr. S. Edwin Abraham Addl. General Secretary, YMCA Madras. A special carols songs & dance was performed by Sunday class children. Further adding to the Christian delight was the dancing of the Santa. The programme concluded with Prayer and benediction by Mr. S. Edwin Abraham. Dinner was arranged for the gathering.



## ROYAPURAM

### **Republic day celebration:**

The Republic Day function was held at the branch premises on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 8 a.m. in the presence of our destitute home students. Function began with prayer and welcome addressed by Mr. S. Edwin Abraham, Correspondent followed by Er.M.M.Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day's message to our students. Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar, Auditor, Mrs.A.Beulah Selvakumar gave Republic day wishes to children. Our Branch Secretary Mr.A.Ananda Kumar gave vote of thanks.

**DHEENA BANDU SCRIPTURE QUIZ CONTEST:** YMCA Royapuram branch conducted the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual scripture quiz contest for Dheena Bandu Rolling Trophy 2016 for the Sunday schools and Institutions on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at CSI Ulaga Meetpar Alayam, Royapuram. The programme commenced with prayer by Ps.Daniel S.Kumar. The branch Chairman Mr.Reginald Raj, welcomed the gathering. The contest was inaugurated by Rev.Bagiyaselvan, Presbyter, CSI Ulaga Meetpar Alayam. Around 16 teams participated. Mrs.D.Sugirtha Christopher conducted the quiz for the children. Er.M.M.Selvakumar, YMCA Madras, greeted the gathering and distributed the prizes. YMCA Kodambakkam team won the First Prize, Trinity AG Church won the Second Prize and CSI Northwick Girls Hostel won the Third Prize. He also presented the Mometos to the Chief Guest. Rev.James Christian, Presbyter, CSI Peter's Church, Vyasarpadi, was the Chief Guest and distributed the Rolling Trophy to the winners. Mr.Arul Rabi, Committee Member, YMCA Madras proposed Vote of Thanks. Mr.Denis Bezanio, Organizing Secretary, Co-ordinated the programme. Mr.Mohan Paulraj's family sponsored the refreshments.



**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** YMCA Royapuram Christmas celebration was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 5:30pm at St.Mary's Nursery & Primary School, Cementry Road, Washermenpet. The programme commenced with prayer by Ps.Eliyas, Chief Pastor, Church of Jesus Christ. Mr. Arul Rabi, Committee Member, YMCA Royapuram extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Special carol songs and dance were performed by schools. To mention a few St.Mary's, Angel Babyland, Stella Maris, Moses & Santhosh. Around 80 students accompanied by 14 teachers took part in the celebration. Prizes were distributed for the students who performed on Stage. The Lord's message was delivered by Ps.Edwin, Aathuma Nesar Sabai. Gifts were given to people in need. Mr.Reginald Raj, Chairman, YMCA Royapuram proposed the vote of thanks. Mr.John Arokia Prabhu, Vice- Chairman, YMCA Royapuram, and Ps. Daniel co-ordinated the programme. The programme concluded with prayer by Mr.Selwyn Devadoss, Board Member, YMCA Madras.



## KOTTIVAKKAM

### **Republic day celebration:**

Republic Day function was held at the School premises on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 8.30 a.m. Function began with prayer by Pastor. Daniel and welcome addressed by Mr.A.Ananda Kumar, Branch Asst. Secretary. Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar, Auditor, Chairman of Para Olympic Association, Pondicherry hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day's message to our School Children. Our Branch Secretary gave Vote of thanks. Closing Prayer and Benediction done by our President Er.M.M.Selvakumar.

**SUMMER CAMP REPORT:** The aim of the summer camp is to Harness and develop all young cricketers, so they have the opportunity to contribute to the game of cricket at all levels, through the YMCA. Around 10 children & adults enrolled in these camp held during May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> organized by YMCA Kottivakkam. Mr.Thiyagarajan from bownser cricket academy was the head coach and Mr.Hari assisted him.





We conducted two sessions every day, one hour in the morning & evening. Participants were taught basic exercise, strengthening and basic cricket knowledge with technical skills in all areas. The participants attended the camp every day very enthusiastically and good spirit. Final day each participant gave their feedback and suggestion's for the improvements.



**Independence Day Celebrations – 2016:**The Independence Day function was held at the branch premises on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8 A.M. in the presence of our destitute home students. Function began with prayer and welcome address by our Chairman **Mr.S. Samuel**. **Mr. T.N. Santhosh Kumar** hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's message to our students. Addl. General Secretary **Mr.S.Edwin Abraham** concluded with Vote of thanks and closing Prayer.

### **DESTITUTE HOME**

**Dheenabandhu program 16/10/2016:** Dheena Bandhu program was conducted by Royapuram branch at Royapuram as we do every year. Many schools & Churches participated in the Bible quiz competitions. Our Kottivakkam Boys town Destitute Home students also participated.

**Jeevan Jothi Week of Prayer on 13/11/2016 & 19/11/2016:**The Jeevan Jothi program for our destitute Home students was conducted by YMCA & YWCA at Vepery.



### **WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL**

**Independence Day Celebrations – 2016:** The Independence Day function was held at the branch premises on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8.15 A.M. in the presence of our Ladies Hostel inmates. Function began with prayer by **Mr.S.Edwin Abraham**. **Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar**



hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's message to our inmates. Addl. General Secretary **Mr.S. Edwin Abraham** gave the vote of thanks.

## **FORT BOYS TOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

### **ANNUAL SPORTS MEET**

The Fort School Annual Sports Meet was conducted on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 9.15 A.M. at Pachaiyappa's College Higher Secondary School Grounds. Mr. M.M. Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras inaugurated the Sports Meet. The Sports Meet commenced with colorful march past of the four houses. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, Correspondent & General Secretary, Mr. S. Edwin Abraham, Addl. General Secretary, Pastor. Daniel S. Kumar, Chairman distributed prizes to the students who excelled in sports. Mrs. J. Swarna, Headmistress, proposed the vote of thanks.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**



Independence Day celebration was conducted at Fort Boys Town on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8.00 A.M. Pastor Daniel S. Kumar, Chairman was the Chief Guest and hoisted the National Flag. The Children delighted the audience with spectacular dances and cultural programmes. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, Correspondent, YMCA Boys Town, Fort, distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted by the school for the children.

### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**



The YMCA Boys Town Fort School celebrated the Christmas on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The School Children entertained the gathering with Christmas play and carols. Rev. Richard



Ambrose, Presbyter, St. Thomas English Church delivered the Christmas message. Mr. M.M. Selvakumar, President, YMCA Madras was the Chief Guest and Dr. Vincent George, Vice-President was the Guest of Honour. Mrs. Jemima Jaya, Dr. Vincent George, Vice-President, Mr. P. Asir Pandian, Correspondent and Pastor Daniel S. Kumar, Chairman distributed the cakes, gifts and prizes to the children. Earlier Mrs. J. Swarna, Headmistress welcomed the gathering. Mr. D. Justin Diraviam, Teacher proposed the vote of thanks.

### **KOTTIVAKKAM BOYS TOWN HR. SEC. SCHOOL**

#### **Sports Day Celebrations:**

School sports day was celebrated on 14.7.2016 in our school campus. Function started with prayer by our school Physical Education Teacher *Mr. A. Samuel*. School correspondent Mr. S. Edwin Abraham honored our Chief Guests *Er. M.M. Selva kumar*, President, Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary and Our Branch Chairman *Mr. S. Samuel*. Greetings delivered by our General Secretary *Mr. P. Asir Pandian*. After that Mass Drill, a group Dance and other cultural programs were performed by our school students. Prizes were distributed to the participants by the Chief Guests. *Mrs. B. Sundari*, Headmistress proposed vote of thanks. Final prayer and benediction was given by the correspondent Mr. S. Edwin Abraham. The Celebrations concluded with National Anthem.



#### **Independence Day Celebrations:**

The Independence Day function was held at the school premises on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 9.00 a.m. in the presence of our school students. Function began with prayer by our branch Chairman Mr. S. Samuel and hoisted the National Flag. At that time Chennai Challenge Team from UK took part in our patriotic celebrations. Branch Chairman Mr. S. Samuel delivered the Independence Day's message to our school students. Mrs. B. Sundari, Headmistress proposed the Vote of thanks.



### **Trip to MGM Theme Park by our school 05.08.2016**

Our school children and staff visited MGM Theme Park as School Tour under the guidance of our Secretary Mr.A. Ananda Kumar. Around 262 students and 15 teachers participated. The concession was given in Entry fee. All the students enjoyed the trip.

### **Christmas Celebration 22.12.2016**

The YMCA Boy's Town Higher Secondary School, Kottivakkam celebrated Christmas day in a grand manner at school premises on 22.12.2016. Chief Guest was Mr. Santhosh Kumar and Mr.Kathiresan. Mr. Santhosh Kumar gave a Special Speech about the Birth of Christ with prayer. Prizes were distributed by our honorable chief guest Mr. Santhosh Kumar. Cakes and sweets were distributed to the students. Special dinner was arranged for our staff. The Christmas celebrations concluded with prayer and benediction by our Correspondent Mr. S. Edwin Abraham.

