Transgenders Ready to Set up Juice Shops

by Sukanya Chellappa

Tiruchy: When life throws lemons at us, there are only a few who gather the strength to make lemonade out of it. And, as a testimony, a small band of transgenders from the city have set out to stand on their own feet.

A six-member team from Social Action for Emancipation (SAFE), an organisation for transgenders, have braced themselves to set up their own juice shops utilising the juicer machines they had received from Kollywood Actor Karthi Fan Association - Karthi Makkal Nala Mandram - to mark his birthday, here on Wednesday.

The beneficiaries comprised Rani, K Arthi, Malaiarasi, Rasiya, Sunaina and Sindhu. Each of them received a gift package complete with a modern juicer machine, igloo box, four stools and 10 glasses. "The package notched upto ₹8,000 per head", Kajol, president, SAFE, pointed out.

Rasiya (33), makes a living by carrying gunny bags and cleaning at Gandhi Market and Sindhu (25) weaves flowers into garlands in any temple that calls for her service. "On behalf of my association, I would like to affirm that we are committed to lend a helping hand to the people in need," said Jayaraj, president, Karthi Makkal Nala Mandram, Tiruchy District.

Jayaraj also said the association would buy the ingredients like fruits and sugar whenever the transgenders put up shops.

Yasodha, District Social Welfare Officer, urged the members to seize the opportunity offered to them by the government and welfare organisations.

"Earlier, I used to perform 'karagattam' at various events. But now I hardly get any offer and this has hit my sources of income. The juicer machines have come at the right time," said Rani (45), president, Tiruchy Distruct Transgender Jammath.

Yasodha, District Social Welfare Officer and Jayaraj, president, Karthi Makkal Nala Mandram, giving away juicer machines to the beneficiaries in Tiruchy on Wednesday | Express

The transgenders confess that they bear the brunt of social stigma and are viewed with suspicion, fear and hatred. "The callous attitude of the society has led our members to go astray and resort to extortion and begging. However, it would be unfair to generalise and paint all of us that way," said Kajol.

According to Kajol the beneficiaries will set up juice shops either at a rented premises or in a push-cart on their own whichever is affordable for them.

The likes of K Arthi (40) and Malaiarasi are charged with enthusiasm as they go through immense hardship. Arthi, a native of Mannachanallur, who makes a living by washing vessels, hopes that the juice shop idea will give her a fresh lease of life.

Malaiarasi (38), plays the role of a priest at a Mariamman temple near her house every Tuesday and Friday. "I do not have anyone to take care of me as my parents and brother were dead long ago. My sister-in-law and her two daughters are the anchor in my life. I hope to become financially independent and support my sister-in-law," said Malaiarasi.

Sunaina (23), who holds a Diploma in Computer Engineering, said the juice shop business would make a huge difference in her life.

"This is just a small step taken by our fraternity and I hope we will be able to inspire others to help themselves," said Kajol.

"Happy Birthday, Karthi", chorused the team as Actor Karthi is scheduled celebrate his birthday on May 25. The members also expressed gratitude to actor Sivakumar and Karthi who were instrumental in lending them succour.

ENGAGEMETNS

Bharathidasan University: Summer training programme on Geospatial technologies and applications, Keynote Address by M Ramalingam, Director, Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, K Meena, Vice-Chancellor, presides, 10.30 am

Anna Science Centre-Planetarium: Inauguration of new programme, 'Into the Deep...', Chief Guest: P V Vaidialingam, DRM, Southern Railway, 3.30 pm; summer camp for students, valediction, 10 am

St Joseph's College: Expo for Young Student Scientists-2012, Address by P Devadoss Manahoran, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, presides, 10 am

Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan: Programme on child safety at home, at play, address by Dr I Lakshminarayanan and Dr Hemalatha David, Lakshmipuram, Thennur High Road

Cauvery College of Engg & Tech: Health Club, inauguration, Perur, 2 pm

Gramalaya, Arghyam Bangalore & UNICEF: National workshop on appropriate toilet technology, type designs and options, Hotel Breeze, 10.30 am

Mariamman Temple: Panchaprakara Festival, Velli kedayam, Samayapuram, 10 am

Vocational Teachers to Protest on May 15

Express News Service

Tiruchy: Urging the state government to revise the pay scale and issue promotion orders for vocational teachers, Tamil Nadu Higher Secondary School Vocational Teachers Kazhagam have decided to organise a rally in Chennai on May 15.

This was decided at the Executive Committee's meeting of the Tamil Nadu Higher Secondary School Vocational Teachers Kazhagam held at the SM School, Woraiyur here on Wednesday.

Stating that vocational teachers were denied promotion for the last 32 years, they alleged that graduate (vocational) teachers were discriminated against.

Pointing out that the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court in a recent judgement, had stated that every vocational teacher is eligible for promotions. The vocational teachers demanded that the state government should implement the judgement issued by the High Court.

Since vocational teachers who have been working right from 1978 were still given only a consolidated pay, the teachers demanded that the state government should calculate their working period to decide the pension.

They also asked the state government to increase the selection grade pay scale to ₹5,400.

To press for the demands, the vocational teachers have decided take up a rally at Marina beach which will lead up to the secretariat, on May 15.

Besides, they would also submit a petition to Chief Minister, J Jayalalithaa, in this regard.

State General Secretary, SN Janarthanan, State Treasurer, S Renganathan, Additional General Secretary, T Thangapillai and others took part.

Over 1,000 to Receive Education Under RTE Act

by Janani Nadaraja

Tiruchy: Over 1,000 students will receive education under the the Right to Education Act in the Tiruchy district from the current academic year 2012-2013, according to Senthil Kumar, Media Documentation Officer, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)-Tiruchy.

Speaking to 'Express,' Senthil Kumar said that a project to count the number of dropouts for the current academic year was started by the SSA on April 9, 2012. As part of the project, a door-to-door survey was conducted in all the 16 blocks in the Tiruchy district, he said.

"A door-to-door survey was conducted by 245 teacher educators and 50 special teachers in all the 16 blocks of the district. Besides, Anganwadi workers, NGOs and Self Help Groups (SHGs), resource block teachers were also involved in the survey," said Senthil Kumar.

During the survey on school dropouts, the team identified 1,627 students including both school dropouts and children who have never enrolled.

"Though the parents are well aware of the importance of education, they neither enrolled their children in any school nor had plans to continue with their education. These students are identified as out of school students, due to their families' poor economic background," Senthil Kumar said. As an immediate measure, the students would now be admitted in the neighbourhood schools in their respective blocks by June, 2012, he assured.

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Once the students were admitted, he said, they would be given special training, to help them keep pace with the academic programmes.

"The special training will help the students to learn their subjects faster, as the school dropouts will be readmitted in the same standard in which they were studying," detailed Senthil Kumar. He further said, the training was offered in two different forms; residential and non residential special school training centres.

"As for the residential special school training centre, the students will be put into residential schools and will be provided with all facilities, whereas, in the non-residential special school training centre, students will stay in their own place and visit the training centre to receive education," said Senthil Kumar and added that the SSA would bear all the academic expenses of the students.

TAMIL VARSITY

Governor Rejects V-C's Resignation

Express News Service

Thanjavur: The week-long confusion that prevailed following the resignation of the Tamil University Vice-Chancellor, M Thirumalai, has come to an end with reports of Governor, K Rosaiah, rejecting the resignation.

Sources said the Governor had asked the V-C to continue, when the latter met him at Chennai recently.

It is also said Thirumalai also met Higher Education Minister, P Palaniappan, and Higher Education Department Secretary, TS Sridhar.

Thirumalai resigned his post on May 3, after a brief stint in office. His resignation sent shock waves among the students, as he assumed office only on February 10. Earlier, he was heading the Tamil Department at Madurai Kamarajar University.

His work was appreciated by both students and faculty, as he was instrumental in getting grants from the government and had announced several measures to develop the university into a world-class research institution. The students were conducting protests against his resignation for the last few days. Although, the reason behind the resignation is not known, it is said there was a clash between a workers union who wanted him to re-instate four workers whom he earlier dismissed.

Although, he had assured to place the issue in the syndicate meet, some union members are learnt to have stressed on immediate reinstatement of the workers.

GALE PLAYS HAVOC WITH BANANA PLANTATIONS

Pudukkottai: A gale that swept across the district on Tuesday afternoon, caused severe damage to banana raised on 200 acres of land, besides damaging maize and sugarcane cultivated on 50 acres each.

Banana had been extensively cultivated in the district in Manaviduthi, KammankaduKulavaipatti, Akkachipatti, Gandharvakottai, Annavasal, Ariyur, Vadakadu and Alangudi on 650 acres along with maize and sugarcane. On Tuesday, gale accompanied by rain struck the district, grounding the crops which were unable to withstand its brutality.

Krishnan, Kammankadu, Banana Farmers Association president, said that a similar gale had caused damages to crops during 2008-09. But then the crop damage was assessed only at firka level, The present damage should be assessed village-wise and relief distributed to the affected farmers. Overall damage could be around ₹2 crore, Krishnan further stated. ENS

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