

## Disrupting free movement of traffic



Two-wheelers parked under a 'No Parking' board on Poonamallee High Road near Rohini Silver Screens theatre. PHOTO: VEDHAN M

## Short films raise awareness on Alzheimer's

Eighty-three entries were received for the competition organised by Dignity Foundation



A selfie point at the award ceremony

A silent film on Alzheimer's; another film presenting the illness as a second childhood; and another film in the fray throwing light on the less-known facts about the disorder were among short films that won the top honours at the "1 minute movie making" competition organised by the Chennai chapter of Dignity Foundation.

The organisers received 83 one-minute short films on the theme 'Remember Alzheimer's', which was aimed to create awareness on dementia and Alzheimer's.

D Jayaprakash, an MBBS graduate, won the prize and a cash award of ₹25,000 for his film titled 'Aval Oru Mazhalai'. "I dwell on the less-spoken details to show memory loss in this neurological disorder, and I think the ending was the high point as love and care for such people is crucial," says Dr Jayaprakash, who loves creating short films on various aspects of health.

Sai Selavanand, who is pursuing visual

communication from SRM University, won the second prize for his silent film which he edited, wrote the script for and also acted in. "I also got help from many of my friends," says Sai, who titled the film 'The Old'.

T.Satheesh Kumar, who works for a public sector undertaking in the city, won the third prize and has a strong reason for giving the title 'My child'. "Being diagnosed with Alzheimer's is like a second childhood. In the film, I have my son playing the role of a child and only in the end do I reveal that he is actually a 60-year-old who has forgotten his past," says Satheesh.

Arfin Shaji from Bishop Heber College, Tiruchy was declared the best director for "65"; P Dhinesh and KM Krishnan from Avichi College were given adjudged best cinematographer and J Akash from Chennai the best editor, says a press release.

The jury comprised Rasi Azagappan, director and actor; and P Meganathan, MD, TAPAMS Group.

## GV Prakash interacts with visually-challenged singers

Nethrodaya organises its annual singing competition

Purushothaman from Tamil Nadu; Saleena from Kerala and T Manikandan from Puducherry were declared first, second and prize winners respectively at the South India singing competition for the visually-impaired organised by Nethrodaya. Participants from Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Puducherry, Telangana and Tamil Nadu competed for the title.

Chief guest and music composer GV Prakash gave away the prizes.



C Govindkrishnan, founder, Nethrodaya, said this annual event promoted the recommendations emphasised by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

ties to protect the Social, Cultural Rights and Dignity of Persons with disabilities.

Playback singers M L R Karthikeyan, Pawan and Prasanna spoke at the event.

## Dialysis centre in Otteri gets a new machine

Rotary Club of Chennai Mugappair and 12 other clubs of RI District 3232 donated hemodialysis machines to Shanthidevi Jawaharman Chandan Day Care and Dialysis Centre at Konnur High Road in Otteri recently. This initiative was taken under the

Rotary Foundation Global Grant with term gift of PDG Rtn Abirami Ramanathan.

Rotary members including HS Riseley, Bharat Pandya, Venkatesh, J Sridhar, Nandhakumar and hospital staff took part in the event.

## Women police and families gain insight on wellness

Along with the Greater Chennai Police, Lakme Academy Chennai hosted a seminar on 'Wellness for Women in Policing and for the Women of Police Families' on September 18, at Shri Krishnaswamy College for Women Auditorium in Anna Nagar.

The seminar was organised by S. Rajeswari, IPS-Joint Commissioner of Police, West Zone, Greater Chennai Police and P.Santhi Devi, Inspector of Police, Cyber Crime Police Station, West Zone, Greater Chennai Police.

Team from the Lakme Academy Chennai explained the importance of nutrition in their daily lives. They also demonstrated how to care for their skin and hair by performing a practical demonstration.

According to a release, the Academy trains people in technical skills to make them job ready.

## An initiative to make homes seniors-friendly

Dr K Elder Care, a unit of Dr.Kamakshi Memorial Hospitals, has dedicated the entire month of October for elder care assessment with their geriatricians visiting the homes of the elderly at their request. The visiting geriatrician would do a complete geriatric assessment including assessment of the home environment and suggest measures to make their environs elderly-friendly after discussions with the family members.

Medical assessments and advised investigations if any, will be done at a very subsidised cost, said a release. To register, call 99400 25000 or 044- 66 300 300

## Beautician course conducted at college in Anna Nagar

More than 50 students attended a workshop on beautician course conducted by the Rotary Club of Chennai Korattur at Krishnaswamy Women's College, Anna Nagar.

Charter president of both Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club of Adambakkam Malathy Gururajan said such courses offer job guarantee. Rotarians Healthlin and Sarala conducted the beautician course offering practical tips to the students. Rotary Club of Chennai Korattur president Anuradha and event coordinator Kavitha Rammohan were among those who took part.

## Calling nominations for CSR awards

The Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) is inviting applications from NGOs or corporates for the CSR awards. Instituted in 2018 to recognize CSR projects that are implemented collaboratively by corporates and NGOs, the theme for this year is 'Synergy for Resilience and Growth'. The extent of collaboration and the social impact of the projects will be the key factors for selection, said a release. Last date for receiving the applications is October 10. For details, visit [www.madraschamber.in](http://www.madraschamber.in) or contact 044 24349452.