

## Chennai's Nethra Kumanan selected in IFSG's 'Stars of Tomorrow'

The Indian Federation of Sports Gaming (IFSG), India's first sports gaming industry body committed to protect consumer interests through self-regulation, launched its athlete support programme, 'Stars of Tomorrow' (SOT), with an aim to identify and support India's future sporting talent in diverse set non-mainstream sports such as Sailing, Squash, Tennis, Swimming and Golf to name a few. Dream11 Foundation, the primary contributor to this programme, has pledged Rs.3 crores to support IFSG's cause. Nethra Kumanan, 21-year-old Sailor from Chennai, was one of the 13 chosen athletes. Nethra started her sailing journey at a summer camp that was organized by Tamil Nadu Sailing Association. In 2013, she started training professionally and later qualified for 2014 and 2018 Asian Games. Nethra's was felicitated and presented the certificate of 'Stars of Tomorrow' by Mary Kom, 6-time World Amateur Boxing Champion & Padma Bhushan Awardee, Prof. Ratnakar Shetty, ex-Chief Administration Officer - BCCI & Advisor - IFSG, and Harsh Jain, Director - Dream11 Foundation. Launching the Stars of Tomorrow programme, John Loffhagen, President, IFSG, said that IFSG was inspired by the Indian Sports Ministry's efforts in building India as a great sporting nation and wanted to facilitate and contribute towards the cause. Talking about the association with the initiative, Harsh Jain, Director - Dream11 Foundation, said, "We are proud to support IFSG's Stars of Tomorrow initiative as it resonates with our Foundation's objective of contributing towards building India as an even greater sporting nation. Felicitating the athletes at the event, Mary Kom, 6-time World Amateur Boxing Champion, said, "I am happy to be associated with IFSG's initiative as I



feel that for India to truly become a sporting nation and be seen as a strong contender in the international arena, support needs to be given not only for team sports but also to individual sports. IFSG's Stars of Tomorrow is another welcome step towards achieving national goals." For more on the programme and the athletes- <http://sot.ifsg.in/>.

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## Velammal Vidyalaya bestowed with “Best School using Technology Award”



Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam School, was awarded the “BEST SCHOOL USING TECHNOLOGY AWARD ” in the field of education. Ms. Gayathri Jagadees, Senior Headmistress received the award on 23rd December, 2018 from Dr. Attaullah Wahidyar, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Education, Afghanistan at the International School Awards 2018, Dubai, UAE. The management feels proud of the achievement.

## Velammal Bags Teaching Excellence Award 2018



Velammal Main School, Mogappair campus was bestowed with the TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD 2018 for its outstanding service in the field of education. Ms. Y Hemalatha, Principal, received the award on 23rd December, 2018 from Dr. Attaullah Wahidyar, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Education, Afghanistan at the International School Awards 2018, Dubai, UAE. The management feels proud of the achievement.

## ஊட்டச்சத்துள்ள வீட்டுத்தோட்டம் அமைத்தல் மற்றும் காளான் வளர்ப்பு பயிற்சி



தமிழ்நாடு வேளாண்மைப் பல்கலைக்கழக தகவல் மற்றும் பயிற்சி மையத்தில் வரும் வியாழக்கிழமை 03.01.2019 அன்று ஊட்டச்சத்துள்ள வீட்டுத்தோட்டம் அமைத்தல் பயிற்சியும், திங்கட்கிழமை 07.01.2019 அன்று காளான் வளர்ப்பு பயிற்சிகள் நடைபெறவுள்ளது. இப்பயிற்சியானது நகரவாசிகள், மகிளர், மாணவர்கள், சுய உதவிக் குழுக்கள், இளைஞர்கள், தொழில்முனைவோர் மற்றும் அனைத்து தரப்பினருக்கும் நல்ல வாய்ப்பாக அமையும். இப்பயிற்சியில் கலந்துக் கொள்ள விரும்புமுள்ளவர்கள் 044-26263484 என்ற தொலைபேசி எண்ணிற்கு தொடர்பு கொண்டு முன்பதிவு செய்து கொள்ளுமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறார்கள். பயிற்சி காலை 9.00 மணி முதல் மாலை 4.30 மணிவரை நடைபெறும். பயிற்சி பற்றிய குறிப்பேடு, கையேடு, மதிய உணவு மற்றும் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கப்படும்.



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# SIP All India Arithmetic Genius Contest



Chennai 23rd December 2018: The finals of the much awaited event in the Calendar of the Primary School Children across the country, SIP ALL INDIA ARITHMETIC GENIUS CONTEST, was held in a glittering function in a festive atmosphere in Hotel Green Park, Vadapalani, Chennai.

The 4th Edition of the Contest, conducted by the SIP Academy for students in Classes 2 to 4, saw a participation of a humongous 3 lakh children from more than 600 Top Schools from 20 States across the country. The 4-tier contest, with School Round, City Round, State Round

and the National Final Round, helps in building a solid foundation in the basics of Arithmetic and also fostering the competitive spirit in children. Attractive cash awards and trophies were given at the State level competition to the victorious children.

## FIITJEE Talent Reward Exam is a much awaited exam every year



The FIITJEE Talent Reward Exam (FTRE) is a much awaited exam every year. This year too the exam was held on the 23rd of December 2018 across all centres in India. The number of students who wrote the FTRE this year across the country is over 1.5 lakhs. This is a big jump from the last year's numbers. It goes to show how popular the exams have become every year. The exams showcase the logical thinking and scientific aptitude of the students. The students writing the exam range from class V to class XII. Students in class V and VI wrote one paper with objective type questions on Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Aptitude for a duration of 3 hours. Students from classes VII, VIII and IX wrote two papers for the duration of 3 hours each. Paper I gauges the current level of preparedness in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics while Paper II tests goal-oriented analytical skills in the same subjects. Students in classes X and XI wrote three papers of 3 hours each. The first paper is on Aptitude, Physics,

Chemistry and Mathematics and Biology. The second paper is on Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and the third paper on Biology. In TamilNadu and Kerala region alone the number of students who took the exam were over 9300 students. Most of the students found the exam challenging and expressed interesting views about the questions in the test papers. The results will be declared for different classes on different dates, between 5th January 2018 and 14th January 2018. This is the 26th year since FIITJEE opened its doors to quality education and it is generous in giving scholarships to deserving students. Cash scholarships and fee waivers worth about 10 crores are applicable to students studying in classes VIII onwards. Fee waivers and other benefits are also available for the deserving students. The students can enrol in any one of the FIITJEE programs across the country from 8th to 24th January 2018. In the Tamil Nadu region, access to all training Programs are available at Chennai, Coimbatore and Salem.

## India's first engine-less locomotive



India's first engine-less semi-high speed locomotive- "Train 18" by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) has been built at a cost of Rs 100 crore per rake with 80 per cent Indian component has been designed for a maximum operating speed of 160 kmph, officials said. This is the first long-distance train sans separate locomotive (engine) and was flagged off at the ICF premises by Railway Board Chairman Ashwani Lohani. The fully air-conditioned train, driven by a self-propulsion module, has the potential to become the country's fastest train provided the infrastructure was improved. Fitted with CCTV cameras, Train-18 would have two executive compartments in the middle with 52

seats each, whereas trailer coaches would have 78 seats each. It has diffused lighting, automatic doors and footsteps beside GPS-based passenger information system. The footsteps in the coaches of the doorways are designed in such a way that it would slide outward when the train stopped at a station enabling passengers to alight safely with comfort in view of the variation in height between a train's floor and the platform. ICF officials said the train was conceived, designed and developed in a record time of about 18 months, as against the industry demand of about 3 to 4 years. The ICF is understood to have spent Rs 1,600 crore on producing the first set of the train.

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nity to make up for these?

**MENU-** Barbeque Nation's 'The Last Blast 2018' will be a big bash with lots of fun, games, interactive sessions, raffle draws, song and dance and of course, a delicious spread of food and beverages. Some of the specials this year include Double Cheese Stuffed Mushroom, Chatkari Paneer Tikka, Spiced Grilled Veg, Spicy Garden Pineapple, Chilli Cheese Finger, Rogani Tangdi, Kashmiri Mutton Seekh, Barbequed Minty Prawns and more. **DATE-** Till 6th January 2019. **TIME-** Lunch and Dinner Hours. **VENUE-** Pan India. For bookings, call 1800 108 6060.

## ICWO received the Chennai NGOs Leadership Awards 2018



**I**ndian Community Welfare Organisation (ICWO) received the Chennai NGOs Leadership Awards 2018 on 11th December 2018 at Taj Club House. The award was presented by a prestigious organisation World CSR Day & World Sustainability Congress for the community development Strategic Perspective & Building Collaborate Relationships.

## Chetpet Eco Park is worth visiting



Chetpet Eco Park a wonderful spot for boating in Chennai city. The main gate is almost opposite to Ega theater, but a few meters further, towards Central. Entrance ticket cost is Rs. 25 per head, and boating ticket costs more. The Park is open from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., except on Tuesdays. There is a huge walkway around the lake and the area is decorated well with birds. There is a food court and also a play area for kids. Created and maintained by the Fisheries Department, the 16-acre large park, inaugurated by late Chief Minister, Jayalalithaa in February 2016, is located in the heart of the city making it a highly accessible place

## Local boy Arjun Kadhe gets wild card entry

Tata Open Maharashtra organisers announced wild-card entry for Arjun Kadhe in singles draw. The 24-year old will join Prajnesh Gunneswaran, Ramkumar Ramanathan as the third wild-card entrant in the season opener ATP World Tour event. Just a month ago, Kadhe beat Ramkumar Ramanathan in the first round of the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger. It was the local lad's best win in terms of beating a higher-ranked player. "Kadhe has shown a lot of promise and Pune being his home should certainly be an additional motivation to do well here. We wish all our wild-card entrants the best of luck," said Prashant Sutar, Tournament Director, Tata Open Maharashtra. The tournament will be played at the Mhalunge Balewadi Stadium, Pune from December 31, 2018 to January 5, 2019. Defending champion and World No. 30 Gilles Simon from France alongside World No. 6 Kevin Anderson from South Africa, World No. 25 Hyeon Chung from Korea and World No. 45 Malek Jaziri from Tunisia will play the season-opening event.

