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MANAVA SEVA MADHAVA SEVA

MOTHER BREAST FEEDING DAY

Held on 16th Aug. 2014 at *DMS* Centre



Dr.M.B.Badrinath examines a mother and her child



Session in Progress : students and mothers listening to the doctor



Annadaanam



Oratorical Contest on importance of Breast Feeding

him as a courtesy. Meena said they would be only too happy to meet him **and went there along with the boy's mother.**

It was then that the bomb shell was dropped. "How can you fix 12th June as the date of the marriage? It is not appropriate. Change it." He thundered.

Meena and her sister were at their wits' end.

"Sir, everything has been finalized including the hall for the marriage and full payment has been made."

"No, I cannot accept that. Change the date."

"But when we had discussed the date the boy's father had said everyone were okay with the date."

"No, I would never have said ok."

Matters got worse as the 'mentor' remarked that the dates given by the Kanchi Mutt were a mistake. He went on to say, 'Neenga pava kareyam panna poorael nan athukku satchiya iruka maatain' meaning that a sin would be committed by conducting the wedding on that day and that he will not be a party to that sinful act. He further added that if the girl's side had already made arrangements and cancellation would entail monetary loss they could go ahead with it but he would not participate in the function.

On returning to the boy's house the boy's father was apprised of the turn of events at the mentor's place. Even before Meena and her sister could say anything the boy's father remarked "Guru Mama will not compromise on the date and I will also not compromise, so please fix another date"

Seeing that the 'mentor' was vehement, Meena and her sister agreed to relook dates and try to fix a good marriage hall. But secretly they hoped that the boy's side would dismiss this almost impossible request since good marriage halls were booked almost a year in advance.

The Kanchi Mutt had recommended 12th June but then they did give two alternate dates. Meena took leave from office and spared no effort to locate a good hall. Predictably not a single good hall was available on those two other dates. The hall which they had booked for 12th June 2000, had been paid the entire fees of Rs. 35000 as advance and they refused to give any refund; the hall was also not available for the alternative dates and hence the advance could not be carried forward either.

Meena decided to surrender to Guruji.

When this subject was broached to the girl (bride-to-be), she became furious. She refused to permit any change in the venue of the marriage. When Meena finally rang up the boy's father saying no halls were available hoping to encash on his sympathy, he remarked "Let the wedding be conducted on the terrace of your residence".

Meena did have the deep faith that Guruji could solve this problem. She had already spent sleepless nights and if Guruji did not help to solve this issue, they would need to reconcile, very bitterly though, that the venue be shifted to a non-descript hall.

Needless to say, when a problem becomes serious and one takes it to Guruji expecting Guruji to wave His wand of grace and bring a solution, the exact opposite happens. The problem starts getting worse and your faith in Guruji gets tested.

Meena was posted at Kanchipuram those days and would proceed Monday mornings to travel to her work place. She had taken a day's off on Monday to search for alternate Kalyana Mandapams and left to Kancheepuram on Tuesday. **No sooner had she reached office, she got a telephone call from her younger niece, the younger sister of the bride-to-be who was at home since she was studying in the evening college.** "I got a call from the hall manager. He knew we were trying for another date. He said another party was interested in our hall for that date of 12th June and if we agreed, we could cancel our booking and they would refund after deducting Rs. 500."

Meena's heart was in her mouth. "Did you agree?" That would have been the last straw on the camel's back, paralyzing Meena and her sister completely.

"No, I said my elders were out to work and we would revert by evening." Meena got a new lease of life. "That was smart of you. Let us just ask for some more time to decide" she replied.

Meena again turned to Guruji and pleaded.

"Why can't You help us? We are so helpless. We were so keen to perform the marriage in an excellent hall. Please change the mind of the boy's mentor. Only You can do it."

When you pray very intensely, you get miraculous results!

A few hours later what happened cannot be explained with any logic. It seems the boy's father decided to make a unilateral attempt to recheck if the old date could be maintained. Being a Tuesday, 'rahu kalam' is from 3.00 to 4.30 p.m. and the 'mentor' used to do pooja during this period. The boy's father attended the pooja and at the end of it asked him whether the date of 12th June 2000 was acceptable.

At around 5.00 p.m Meena received a call from her younger niece once again. It seems the boy's father had called and had confirmed that Guru Mama had agreed for the wedding to be conducted on 12th June 2000. "No problems at all, just have some 'parikaaram' done." (Parikaaram is a term where you offset an inevitable negative action done by you by a specific activity such as a donation or pilgrimage etc.)

But the anti-climax of the episode was yet to come. The wedding was conducted as scheduled on 12th June 2000. The mentor attended the wedding and blessed the couple. After the wedding when Meena went upto him and asked him what 'parikaaram' should be done for doing the marriage on 12th June, he just brushed it aside saying that was not necessary!

DMS has been carrying out its Motto of Manava Seva Madhava Seva with your support. Now the funds position needs to be strengthened. We appeal to each Member to donate Rs. 10,000/- in the name of *DMS* Trust. This will place us very comfortably.

The demands on *DMS* which are essentially one-time are given below:

S.No.	Item	Expected Expense (Rs. / 000s)
1	Assisting girls/boys with single parent/orphans (at Centre)	200
2	Eye camp	20
3	Gadgets for Living room for guests (A/C, TV, Fridge etc)	100
4	Internet leased line connectivity	150
5	Moped for local purchases	20
	TOTAL	490

MATA KAMAKSHI

Holy sindoor from the temple of Lord Anjaneya at Varanasi (Sankat Vimochan temple) is sent along with this issue of Satsanga.

From the Doctor's Desk



Dr. M.B. Badrinath [MD (Ped), DCH] and Dr. Geetha Badrinath [MD (Ped), DCH] awarding one of the top three winners of best mother fed baby.

Report from Dr. Geetha Badrinath on World Breast Feeding Week Celebration

International Medical Corps is proud to mark World Breastfeeding Week, held in the first week of August. Celebrated in more than 170 countries, the week promotes the importance of breastfeeding for infant nutrition and health.

This year, world breast feeding week was celebrated on August 16th 2014 at our centre.

The chief guest for the occasion was Dr. M.B. Badrinath, a senior pediatrician from the city. 48 mothers and eighteen children under 2 years of age and another thirty children under 5 years of age took part in the celebration.

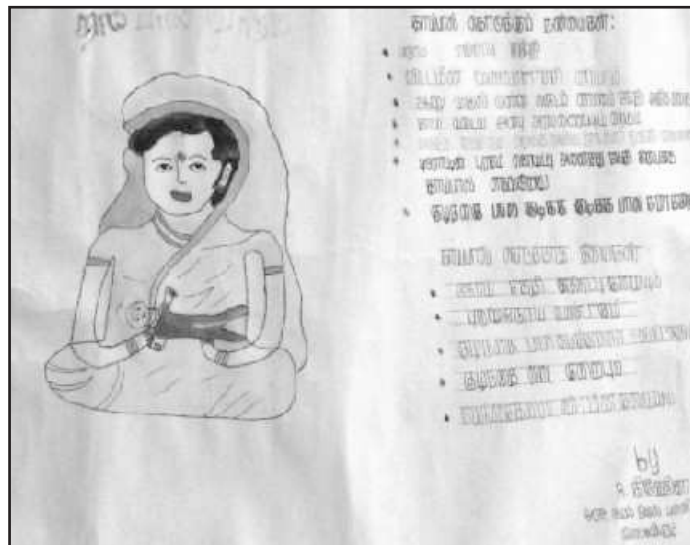
Exclusively mother fed babies were examined by the guest doctor and 3 best babies were chosen from among them based on certain criteria. These criteria were “exclusive” breast feeding, weight, time of introduction of solid food, spacing of birth, family planning and immunization.

Besides these, oratorical contests and painting contests for school children to highlight the importance of breast feeding were held. Best speakers and best posters were awarded prizes.

Our guest Dr. Badrinath addressed the mothers and students on the advantages of breast feeding. All the participants were presented gifts by Dr. Badrinath. Memento was presented to the chief guest.

All the participants - mothers, children, students and guests were served lunch (Annadaanam).

Best Picture Competition



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| N. Siva Karthick | 10th Std., Padiyanallur Govt. High School |
| R. Krithika | 10th Std., Laxmipuram Govt. High School |
| R. Scary | 10th Std., Padiyanallur Govt. High School |