

A Peep into the Past

K. M. Sharma

THIS SERIES FROM K. M. Sharma’s writings will bring you close to the various realities of the past and we shall understand & value the struggle with which Sarvodaya came into existence.

How the Idea Originated: K. M. Sharma was staying at M-281 in Vinay Nagar. Dr.T.Balan was his close neighbour. Dr. Balan introduced him to Mr.A.V.Raman, retired Under Secretary, from Ministry of Home affairs. The three discussed about the possibility of forming a ‘Cooperative House Building Society’ to secure their future.

Mr. Raman knew Mr. Jai Narain Singh, Registrar, sale deeds for South Delhi. Mr. Singh further introduced them to Pt. Jai Ram, Advocate and Mr. Amrit Prasad from Mehrauli and Munirka areas. All of them had the same concerns related to shortage of houses and poor civic amenities in Delhi. The discussions and meetings lead them to concretize the proposal to form a Housing Cooperative. **The Idea of working together for a common cause was thus born.** *...to be continued*

Know Your Neighbour

Centenary celebration of Shri. Subbudu

“Art is what an artist is, not the other way around”—Subuddu P.V. Subramaniam, popularly known as Subbudu, was a doyen among dance & music critics in India. Born on 27th March 1917, his career spanned over 50 years. Mr. Krishna Kumar, the son-in-law of Shri. Subbudu organised the centenary year celebrations in his memory through a **“Bhajan Sandhya”** on the 1st May, 2016 at the Sri Devi Kamakshi Mandir, New Delhi. The program commenced with invoking the blessings of Goddess Kamakshi by lighting of the lamp by eminent dancer, Shrimati Rama Vaidhyathan. Devotional songs by Subbudu’s family, called **“Nama Sankirthanam”** composed by Shri. Subbudu



himself enthralled the invitees.

The audience were mesmerised by the Abhang and Bhajan recitals by Subbudu’s family members.

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Thereafter, Smt. Lavanya Sundaram’s recital made the audience sway in ecstasy. The other singers were Mrs. Ragini Kumar, Mrs. Lekha Joshi, Mrs. Radha Ramasubramaniam, Mrs. Sita Gurunath and Mrs.Vidya Sundar.

Swachh Sarvodaya

Kunwar Narayan (Toto)

ON THE FEEDBACK of residents in the cleanliness meetings held in March, SERWA has 2 major initiatives:

- 1 Introduction of a network of dustbins all over the colony and
- 2 Recruiting a small SERWA cleaning staff for spot cleaning. Good progress has been made on both counts.

SERWA contracted Ms. Ozone Metallics, a leading provider of infrastructure solutions to civic bodies, to provide **35 high-quality dustbins** under their CSR funds & Swachh Bharat Initiative. Sample dustbins have been put in the market area, in front of SERWA office, and near the DMS booth, for trials. We expect to have this network of dustbins in place by July 2016. Various drives to bring behavioural change to use dustbins and cleanliness awareness will be initiated to keep the colony clean-Cool!!



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