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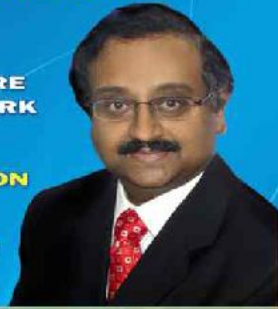


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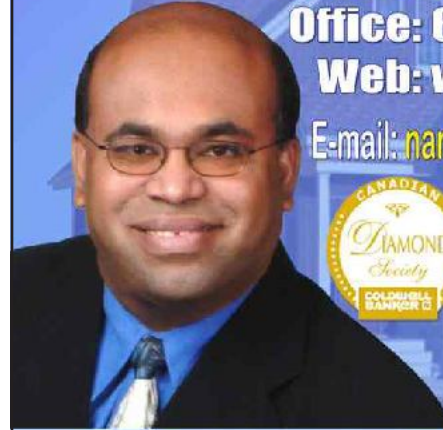
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அன்பான தோழர்களே,

தேசியத் தலைநகரத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் 2005 இல் ஆரம்பித்து எட்டு வருடங்கள் எவ்வளவு விரைவில் கடந்து விட்டன! புதிய ஆண்டான 2013 இல் உங்களை மீண்டும் சந்திப்பதில் நான் பெரு மகிழ்ச்சி அடைவதோடு எனது வணக்கத்தையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். எமது பிரபல நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் ஒன்றான குளிர்கால ஓன்று கூடலில் இந்த ஆண்டு முதலில் சந்திக்கிறோம்.

ஓட்டாவா நகரில் வதியும் எம் மக்களை மையமாகக் கொண்டு இயங்கும் இச் சங்கம், இலங்கையில் துயரங்களை அனுபவித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் எம் உறவுகளுக்காகவும் முடிந்த வரையில் உதவிகளைச் செய்தும், அவர் துயர் நீக்கப் பல முன்னெடுப்புகளை மேற்கொண்டும் வருகிறது. குறிப்பிட்டச் சொல்லக் கூடாதாக ஐயன் குளம் திட்டம், இறைவனின் குழந்தைகள் நாபனம் போன்றவை உள்ளன. அத்தோடு, அவர்கள் நிலை மேம்பாடு கண்டிய மற்றும் அனைத்துலக அரசுகள் செயற்படக்கூடிய வகையிலான நடவடிக்கைகளையும் நாம் செய்து வருகிறோம்.

அத்தோடு, எங்கள் எல்லோரையும் பெருந் துயராகி விட்ட "மே 2009 ஐ மறவோமே" என்ற நிகழ்வு சாரகையும் கடந்த வருடம் நாம் ஓட்டாவா தமிழ் முதியோர் சங்கத்துடன் இணைந்து நடாத்தத் தொடங்கியிருக்கிறோம். இந்த நிகழ்வின் போது, மக்களிடமிருந்து சேகரிக்கப்பட்ட அன்பளிப்பு உணவுப் பொருட்களை ஓட்டாவாவில் ஆதரவுற்றோருக்கு உணவளிக்கும் ஒரு தொண்டு நிறுவனத்திற்கு வழங்கியிருந்தோம். இதனை நாம் தொடர்வோம் என்பதையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

நாம் வாழும் இந் நாட்டிலும் இந் நகரிலும் பலதரப்பட்ட சமூகத் தொண்டு முயற்சிகளிலும் நாம் பங்கெடுத்தும் அவற்றை முன்னெடுக்கும் பிறருக்கும் ஆதரவும் அளித்து வருகிறோம். உணவு வங்கிக்கு உணவு சேர்த்தும், பணமாக நன்கொடை சேர்த்தும் பல வருடங்களாகக் கொடுத்து வருகிறோம். மேலும், புற்றுநோய்த் தடுப்புக்காக நிதி சேகரிக்கும் எம் மக்களின் முயற்சிக்குக் கைகொடுத்தும் வருகிறோம். பசி நீக்கும் பணிகள் போன்ற பல தொண்டு முயற்சிகளிலும் நாம் பங்கெடுத்து வருகிறோம்.

தனக்காகவும் தன் குடும்பத்தவர்களுக்காகவும் மட்டும் வாழாமல், சமுதாயத்திற்கும் சேவை செய்ய வேண்டுமென்ற உயரிய பண்பை எம்மிடையே வாழ்ந்து செய்து காட்டிய அமரர் சபா ரவிசங்கர் ஞாபகார்த்தமாக வழங்கப்படும் சிறந்த சமூக சேவைத் தலைமைத்துவ விருது, கடந்த வருடம் தொடங்கி, எம் மத்தியில் வாழும் ஒருவரைக் கௌரவித்து வழங்கும் நிகழ்வு தொடர்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

ஓட்டாவா நகரில் உயர்கல்வியை ஆரம்பிக்கும் தமிழ் இளைஞர்களைக் கௌரவிக்க முகமாகவும் அதன் மூலம் வளர்ந்து வரும் இளைஞர்களை ஊக்குவிக்க முகமாகவும், ஒரு புதிய நிகழ்ச்சியாக இரப்போசனமும் நடனமும் என்ற நிகழ்ச்சியை பாராட்டுடலும் பரிசுகளுடனும் நாம் தொடர்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். கடந்த வருடம், 2011 மற்றும் 2012 இல் தகமை அடைந்தவர்களுக்காக இரண்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகளை நடாத்தியிருந்தோம்.

கோடை விளையாட்டுப் போட்டி மிகப் பிரபலமாகி இப்பொழுது மூன்று நாட்கள் நடத்தப்பட வேண்டிய அளவுக்கு வளர்ந்துள்ளது என்பது ஒரு பெருமைப்பட வேண்டிய விடயம். எம் மக்கள் இந்தப் போட்டிகளில் ஆர்வமாகப் பங்குபற்றித் தம் விளையாட்டுத் திறன்களை காட்டும் ஒரு பெரிய நிகழ்ச்சியாக இது உள்ளது. மேலும், உள்ளூர்க் விளையாட்டுப் பயிற்சிகள், தொடர்ச்சியான யோகாசனப் பயிற்சிகள் என எம் திட்டங்கள் சிறப்பாக இயங்குகின்றன. அவற்றை நீங்கள் எல்லோரும் முழு அளவில் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ள வேண்டும் எனவும் சங்கத்தின் சார்பில் நான் வேண்டிக் கொள்கிறேன்.

வழமை போல் எங்கள் சங்கத்தின் நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் விளம்பரம் தந்து எமக்கு நிதி ஆதரவு நல்கும் எம் வர்த்தகர்களின் தொடர்ச்சியான பங்களிப்பிற்கு எங்கள் நன்றி என்ஹென்றும் உரித்தாகும்.

எங்கள் வருடாந்தப் பொதுக்கூட்டம் ஒவ்வொரு நவம்பர் மாதத்திலும் நிகழும் போது நீங்கள் தவறாது வந்திருந்து உங்கள் கருத்துகளைப் பகிர்ந்து சங்க வளர்ச்சிக்குத் துணையாக இருக்க வேண்டும். உங்கள் ஆலோசனைகளும் விமர்சனங்களும் இந்தச் சங்க நிர்வாகிகளிடம் சரியான முறையில் அடைய இந்தப் பொதுக் கூட்டம் ஒரு அரிய சந்தர்ப்பம் என்பதை மறவாதீர்கள்.

சங்கத்தின் பணிகள் செவ்வனே தொடரவும், புதுப் புது வேலைத் திட்டங்களை முன்னெடுக்கவும், மக்கள் தேவையறிந்து பணியாற்றவும், முதலில் சங்க அங்கத்துவம் பலமாக இருக்க வேண்டும். இதுவரை அங்கத்தவர்களாகியவர்களுக்கு நன்றி கூறும் அதே நேரத்தில், மற்றவர்களை அங்கத்தவர்களாகச் சேருமாறும், அத்தோடு நிறைவேற்றுப் பணியாளர்களாகவும் இணைந்து சேவையாற்ற முன் வருமாறும் உங்களை அன்புடன் வேண்டிக்கொண்டு உங்களைப்பற்றி விடை பெறுகிறேன்.

நன்றி.

**கந்தையா ஜெயபாலசிங்கம்**

(தலைவர், தேசியத் தலைநகரத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம்)

பெப்ரவரி 23, 2013

# Association President's Message

Dear Friends,

Eight years have quickly passed by since the inception of National Capital Region Tamil Association in 2005. I am very glad to meet you all with my greetings in the New Year 2013. We meet in this year's winter picnic which is one of our popular programs.

While the association functions mainly to serve the interests of people in Ottawa, it also focused on helping our kith and kin in Sri Lanka by supporting the humanitarian projects of IMHO and Gods Own Children Foundation. We are also active in advocacy work bringing the plight of our people to the international community and Canadian authorities in the hope of achieving some relief to our people.

In May of 2012, we observed "Lest we forget May 2009" event jointly with the Ottawa Tamil Seniors Association to remember the victims. We collected food items at this event and donated it to the Shepherds of Good Hope which feeds the less fortunate in the city. We will continue this in the future too.

We also expend some time to support the local charities that serve our city. Our activities include collecting food items and money for the Ottawa Food Bank, supporting the "Ride for Dad" charity program and donating to the Shepherds of Good Hope.

In memory of our friend late Saba Ravishankar who lived his life selflessly, serving fellow citizens and leading community activities, we continue to recognize an individual among us for community service and leadership.

A new initiative we started last year is to recognize and appreciate the Tamil students pursuing higher studies in Ottawa colleges and universities. We hosted two dinner and dance events for the 2011 and 2012 students respectively, which were well appreciated by the students. We will continue to recognize our youth for their success.

I am very proud to state that our summer sports meet has now grown into a three day event where enthusiastic community members demonstrate their athletic abilities. Moreover, we continue to organize indoor sports trainings and yoga sessions. On behalf of the association, I request you to make use of these sessions fully and benefit from them.

We are very thankful to our valued sponsors for their continued support for our events.

I implore you not to miss our annual general meetings which are held in November every year. In these meetings you have the opportunity to bring in your ideas, comments and feedback and share them with the elected executives and help grow your association.

In closing, while thanking our current members, I invite the others, who have not become members yet, to join NCRTA as members and consider becoming part of the executive committee to help the organization continue to serve our community.

Thank you.

**Kandiah Jeyapalasingham**

(President, National Capital Region Tamil Association)

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## Recap of NCRTA's activities 2012-2013

### NCRTA Children Cricket Clinic - 2012

The National Capital Region Tamil Association (NCRTA) held its 2012 Cricket Clinic for children with the support of Nepean Cricket Club (NCC) started from Sunday January 29, 2012 at Jockvale Elementary School Gym. Once again it was a successful session with the help of our own sport coordinator and Nepean Cricket Club and parents.

### NCRTA Yoga Lessons in Kanata - 2012

National Capital Region Tamil Association (NCRTA) continued to hold its Yoga sessions in Kanata in 2012. Again these sessions are well attended.

### NCRTA Seventh Annual Winter Picnic and Talent Show - 2012

National Capital Region Tamil Association (NCRTA) held its seventh annual winter picnic on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Mother Teresa High School Gym. One of the mostly anticipated events in NCRTA's calendar did provided very entraining talent shows and attended by very large number of NCRTA and community members. Awards committee recognized Mr. Samuel Lawrence for the "Saba Ravishankar Memorial Award for Community Leadership". NCRTA would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who made this event very success.

### NCRTA Seminar Series - Financial Seminar - 2012

NCRTA held a financial planning seminar on Saturday, April 07, 2012 at 2:30 PM in Walter Baker Centre, in Barrhaven. Mr. Dimitris Foss a wealth advisor from The Crawford Foss Group led the session and well attended.

### NCRTA Remembrance Prayer for May 2009

NCRTA and OTSA jointly held a multi faith prayer service in remembrance of "May 2009" victims on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2012. NCRTA declared a week of remembrance from May 11 to 18 2012 and attended by Honorable Rathika Sitsabaicsan MP, who lit the Remembrance candle and gave a very heartwarming speech about her own struggle and reminded the loss of life of thousands of people during the May 2009. During the event day members observed a fasting and collected money at the event and donated to Shepherds of Good Hope. This event was well attended by our community members.

### NCRTA Seventh Annual Summer Sports meet - 2012

National Capital Region Tamil Association (NCRTA) held its Seventh Annual Sports Tournament on Friday June 22nd 2012, Saturday June 23rd 2012 and Sunday June 24th 2012 in Ottawa. Several sports activities were conducted for all age groups from pre-school children to "above 40 years" adults with the main goal of the event as the friendly competition in a family type atmosphere. In addition to the sports activities, food and drinks were sold at the event on all three days by the volunteers and with your support; \$2100 was collected from both the food sales and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds have been handed over to the International Medical Health Organization (IMHO) to help out the war widowed women in Iyankulam near Mullaitivu.

### NCRTA second Annual Recognition and Appreciation Night for our Youngsters - 2012

The National Capital Region Tamil Association (NCRTA) held the Second Annual Youth Appreciation Night on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at The Ring reception hall. This is an annual event organized by NCRTA to celebrate the achievement of Tamil youth who have successfully completed their high school studies and are entering the universities and colleges to further their studies in the National Capital Region. The objective of this event is to show the youth that as a community we will be behind them to encourage and provide our support.

### NCRTA Mentoring Program: Mathematics Tutoring

NCRTA worked with volunteer Mr. Thamarajan Punniamoorthy, who was kindly agreed to volunteer a Mathematics mentoring session on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kanata Beaverbrook Public Library.

### NCRTA Food Bank Drive - 2012

NCRTA held another Food bank drive in Ottawa in December 2012. It was a very successful with the help of other Tamil organizations and schools, NCRTA collected around 5 boxes of food and \$372.00 in cash donations as well.

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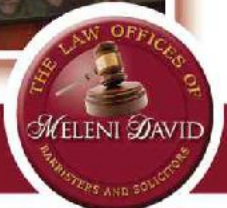
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# Program Schedule

## NCRTA Winter Picnic 2013

- 4:30 ➤ Check-in, coffee & snacks, seating
- 5:00 ➤ Welcome
- 5:05 ➤ Interactive program for kids
- 5:45 ➤ Ladies Dance
- 5:55 ➤ Interactive program for adults
- 6:25 ➤ Drama
- 6:45 ➤ President's speech
- 6:50 ➤ Saba Ravishankar award
- 7:00 ➤ Indoor sports recognition
- 7:10 ➤ Dinner, Raffle
- 8:00 ➤ Thank you note
- 8:05 ➤ Surprise dance
- 8:10 ➤ Paaddukkup paaddu
- 9:00 ➤ Close

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# NCRTA EVENTS OF 2012



Students recognized at the annual Youth appreciation dinner dance.



Volunteers raised more than \$2,000 in food sales during the sports event. This money was donated for improving the lives of people in the village of Iyanankulam in Sri Lanka.



Hon. Rathika Sitsabaiesan lights a candle at the May Remembrance prayer event commemorating the victims of May 2009.



Saba Ravishankar Community Service Award Winner Mr. Lawrence addresses the attendees at the annual winter picnic.



Food and cash collected from the Tamil community of Ottawa were handed over to the Ottawa Food Bank.



Graduates of the cricket clinic run by NCRTA and NCC.



# Saba Ravishankar

Memorial Award Recipient – 2012



*Mr. Samuel Lawrence*

Mr. Samuel Lawrence is a humanitarian worker and a pioneer in building a strong Tamil Canadian society in Canada. He has contributed to the betterment of Tamils throughout his life, especially, the last 35 years of his work on the political advocacy and humanitarian fronts. Throughout his life, he has proved himself to be a man of great strength, dedication and character.

Samuel was born in a small village called Murunkan in Mannar district of Sri Lanka. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Motham Santhan ensured that their son received good education with a focus on developing good communication skills.

Samuel immigrated to Canada in 1977. He joined and became an active member of the local chapter of Amnesty International. He was also one of the founding members of Felam Tamil Association of Alberta in 1977.

On the humanitarian front, Samuel spent countless hours helping Tamil refugees and newcomers in Canada by providing translation services in English, writing their appeals and statements and even accompanying students to exams where interpreters were allowed. Samuel was an important member of Felam Tamil Association and lobbied the Canadian government to allow victims of 1983 pogrom to settle peacefully in Canada.

His volunteerism continues into his retirement. He is a patron member of the Ottawa Tamil Seniors Association. He assists Tamil seniors regularly by accompanying them to meetings with government agencies and communicating with the agencies when they have issues that need to be resolved.

Samuel still supports the Amnesty's work globally and keeps in touch with the Canada's department of foreign affairs. He also appeared at the parliament press gallery on weekly basis during the final stages of Vanni war in 2009.

In addition to his work with Tamil Canadian community, he had taught English to international students through home-stay ESL programs in Edmonton and Ottawa. Through the United Church sponsorship he had been to China three times as a volunteer ESL teacher. One of his future goals is to establish an "English Language Learning Resource Centre" in his village. The leading student of the group is registered for an eight-week ESL course at Algonquin College in Ottawa.

Samuel's wife Mrs. Swarna Lawrence and his sons Christo and Ruban, have been behind him in every step of the way in supporting his great work.

Mr. Samuel Lawrence was awarded the Saba Ravishankar Community Service Award for 2012 in recognition of his continued community service spanning several decades.

# Saba Ravishankar Memorial Award for Community Leadership

NCRTA has been honouring individuals who have made significant contributions for the wellbeing and the advancement of our community.

NCRTA is proud to name this annual award after the Late Saba Ravishankar, who was instrumental in the formation of NCRTA in 2005 and was its first president. Even though he is no longer with us, he will be always remembered as a leader in the community, who loved and enjoyed participation in the community services and sports. In his personal life, he excelled in education and was a successful professional. He was a great role model for the young and the old in our community.

The Saba Ravishankar Memorial Award will recognize an outstanding individual every year whose contribution is well appreciated by the National Capital Region Tamil Canadian Community. The contributions may be in education, culture, community services, business or any other recognized fields over a significant period of time.

## **Award Selection Process:**

Each year at the beginning of the application process, NCRTA will form a selection committee comprising of five members from the community. The committee will review all submitted nominations and may make a selection based on the information in the nomination form. Interviews with the nominators, nominees, and other entities may be conducted as necessary. Once the selection is made, the committee will inform its decision to the NCRTA Board.

To ensure impartiality and integrity, the selection committee is the only body fully responsible for selecting the recipient of the award.

The recipient of this year's Saba Ravishankar Community Leadership Award will be honoured and presented with a plaque during the NCRTA winter picnic.



*Late Mr. Saba Ravishankar*



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Use the clues to find each number

Part A: The answers to these problems are all 2 digit numbers

1. I am the largest two-digit number whose ones digit divides the tens digit by 2. Who am I ?
2. The sum of my digits is the same as the product of my digits. Who am I ?
3. My digit product is 16. My tens digit is smaller than my ones digit. I am even. Who am I ?
4. The sum of my digits is 9. My tens digit is one less than my ones digit.  
Who am I ?
5. The sum of my digits is ten. Their difference is two. I am less than fifty.  
Who am I ?

Part B

1. I am a 4-digit number, greater than 8000. My tens digit is twice my hundreds digit. My ones digit is less than my tens digit. The sum of my digits is 20. What number am I ?
2. I am a number less than 40 000. All my digits are multiples of 2. My first, third, and fifth digits are the same. Both my thousands digit and my tens digit are 4 more than the others. What number am I ?
3. I am a 7-digit number. My millions digit 9 is 3 times my ten-thousands digit. My thousands digit is 2 times my ten-thousands digit. The sum of my digits is 18. What number am I ?
4. I am a 5-digit number less than 30 000. The digit in each place is 1 greater than the digit on its left. The sum of my digits is 20. What number am I ?
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Then Tom is giving half of the rest of the candies plus one half of one candy to Eva.

After that Tom has nothing left in the box.

Tom did not break any of the candy.

How many candies were there in the box???

## NCRTA helping Iyankulam project"

NCRTA's 3 day summer sports event afforded an opportunity for some volunteers in Ottawa to use an imaginative way of selling food to collect funds for a worthwhile cause in the Mullaithivu area of Northern Sri Lanka. With NCRTA's support these volunteers were able to prepare the food on the spot and sell it hot hot to collect \$2100 during the 3 days of the sports event. The crowd's appreciation of their culinary expertise was well evident from the long lines for the hot food they were serving up. The highlight of the food selling was the "Kothu Rotti" stand where they were dishing up freshly made mutton and egg "Kothus" to the eagerly, but patiently, waiting patrons.

The worthwhile cause that has been the focus of these volunteer group of individuals is the Iyanankulam upliftment project which was identified by IMHO Canada as a deserving project for support. Iyanankulam is a very remote village in the district of Mullaithivu where 200 families have made it their home after the war. Due to the effects of war and its remoteness without access to transportation has made the livelihood of people in this village very harsh. To date the group has collected a total of \$5,950 which has been handed over to IMHO Canada.

First phase of this project was the infrastructure development of a local school in Iyanankulam where part of the funds were used to install a solar powered water pump system to provide clean water to the students, and also to purchase a photo copier for daily use.

The second phase of the project is a micro loan scheme to help resettled families to establish a sustainable livelihood. IMHO, in collaboration with a local partner in Iyanankulam, identified 25 families who were severely affected by war and were living below the poverty line, and provided micro loan of Rs.20,000 to each of those families. Out of the 25 recipients, 11 of them are widows of war, seven of them have lost a limb in war and the rest of them are destitute because of family circumstances. The families requested the loans for starting small businesses such as cattle rearing, poultry farming, carpentry and setting up shops. It is encouraging and heartwarming to note that most of them have started their ventures successfully and 20 of them have already started to pay back their loans. The micro loan scheme is structured to reinvest the loans repaid into more loans to other deserving families.

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- 3) NCRTA organizes variety of **events throughout the year for all age groups**.
- 4) NCRTA encourages **youth involvement** in all programs. Since 2011, we have organized youth recognition & appreciation events to encourage students who enter colleges and universities.
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