

NSS celebrates Onam with pomp



Women dancing as part of the celebration

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Nair Service Society, Hyderabad celebrated Onam with pomp and gaiety at Mahendra Reddy Gardens in Secunderabad on Wednesday.

Popular Malayalam actor Prem Kumar was present at the event, who was received with the traditional "Thalappoli" by NSS ladies and children. Kumar and office-bearers of the NSS lighted the traditional lamp followed by 'Acharya Geetham' paying respects to NSS



Malayalam actor Prem Kumar along with office-bearers of NSS light the lamp at the event

founder Mannathu Padmanabhan. President of the NSS, CG Chandra Mohan explained the relevance of Onam in the life of Keralites and also spoke about the aims and social welfare activities of the NSS.

General Secretary of NSS, V Appukuttan Nair, lauded the services of the managing committee and executive committee members who toiled hard for the last few months to make the celebrations a grand success.

Kumar and others lauded the 'Onappukkalam'. Later, elders of the Community were honoured with shawls and mementoes by the actor. Merit Scholarships were distributed to students who secured high marks in

SSC and XII class. They were given cash prizes and mementoes.

A cultural programme started with the traditional Kaikottikkali by the ladies' wing of the NSS. This was followed by a mega show by Amma Music and Events, Kannur that included skits, ganamela, magical dance, figure show, mimicry etc by the Amma team led by Manoj which was repeatedly applauded by the packed audience.

Later the traditional Onam Feast (Onasadhya) started with all the traditional delicacies of Onam served in plantain leaves. It was a grand evening to remember for the NSS families of the city and other invitees.



Chandra Shekhara Reddy along with Vishnu Vardhan and participants of the workshop

Aspiring F&B entrepreneurs benefit at cookery workshop

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Freedom Refined Sunflower Oil in association with NTR Memorial Trust organised a "Freedom Self-employment Cookery Workshop" on Wednesday.

The programme had sessions on making sweets, Chinese products, breakfast and bakery items. The class provided hands on exposure in setting up and marketing a new F&B venture with inputs from renowned chefs, F&B outlet owners and internationally trained experts.

Speaking on the occasion P Chandra Shekhara Reddy, Vice President - Sales & Marketing, Freedom Refined Sunflower Oil said, "We are proud to associate with NTR Trust to organise this cookery workshop. It was a pleasure watching the participants cooking

various dishes and the amazing participation from the audience. We will be organising more such workshops across the two Telugu states."

T Vishnu Vardhan, Chief Executive Officer, NTR Memorial Trust added, "It is our mission to help and equip the people from all strata of the society to be self-reliant and be capable of providing employment to others. It is heartening to note that Freedom Refined Sunflower Oil has partnered with us to help in conducting this workshop for women and youth to learn new skills and set up their own venture and provide employment to others. We have received overwhelming response from the participants. We wish all the success to the participants of this batch and will provide them all possible support in setting up their F&B outlet."

Understanding comic art

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Comic Con India organised a workshop on 'How to create your own comic book' with illustrator, Saumin Suresh Patel at Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University recently.

At the workshop, Patel covered aspects of comic creation, story writing, and picture work. He explained the audience, how one can create their own characters, constructing a cover identity, and bringing to life the love interest.

The workshop became a knowl-



The illustration art



Illustrator Saumin Suresh Patel along with the participants of the workshop click a selfie

edge sharing platform and was of great assistance to people who had always dreamt of creating their own comics. In the short time, he covered a large range of topics - from making comic books, art to the business of comic books in India.

"This was one of the most fun interaction I've had in a long time on comics and I can only hope they enjoyed it as much as well!" said Patel.

The audience at the workshop seemed overwhelmed by Saumin's skills and were enlightened by the creative knowledge imparted by him. Arjun, a student, said, "Saumin made us see how our creativity can be moulded to suit imagination and inspiration to see a cleared path for future."

The workshop was a part of first 'Fandom Month' in India presented by Maruti Suzuki & Comic Con India.