

Gayathri's melodious park kutcheri

S. Gayathri, a student of PSBB K K Nagar, presented a lively 'Sunday Kutcheri in the Park' on February 5 at 6.30 a.m. at the Nageswara Rao Park in Mylapore. Gayathri is learning music from guru Padma Sandilyan. No mikes or speakers were used.



Accompanied on the mridangam by D. Sivaraman (guru T. Shyam Sundar) and on the violin by Parur K. Ananthalakshmi, Gayathri presented songs that included Papanasam Sivan's 'Vatapi Ganapathiy'e' (Sahana), 'Devi Neeye Thunai' (Keeravani) and 'Malmaruga Shanmuga' (Vasantha), Deekshithar's 'Sri lakshmi Varaham' (Abhogi) and 'Sri Ranganatham' (Poorna Chandrika), Puranadara Dasa's 'Dayamado Ranga' (Kalyani) and Oothukadu Venkata Subbaiyar's 'Aala Vadennalo' (Paras).

This is the 7th year that Sundaram Finance has been organising the monthly, mikeless, Sunday kutcheri in the park. The idea is to promote young, musical talent below 15 years and help them shed their inhibitions and give them the confidence to move up to the next level.

The focus is to make the Sundaram Finance Sunday Kutcheri in the Park a small stepping stone for young children to present their musical talent in front of an audience and to serve as a launch pad for these budding artistes. Over 500 children have presented the mikeless Kutcheri at Nageswara Rao Park.

Sundaram Finance conducts audition to select the artistes. For registration, please call 94450 34557 or 28521181