

Siblings K. Balakrishnan and Srividya Kannan perform at Sunday Park concert



CHENNAI, February 3: Sundaram Finance 'Sunday Kutcheri in the Park' for the first time saw a brother-sister duo combining to present a mikeless music concert at Nageswara Rao Park in Mylapore on the morning of Sunday last.

K Balakrishnan (thirteen years) and Srividhya Kannan (ten years), students from Jawahar Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar, performed at the Sunday Kutcheri. The siblings are learning music from Kalakkad Sitalakshmi. They were accompanied by Sowmayasree Chandramouli on the violin and Thirucherai Kaushik Rajagopal on the mridangam.

Their presentation of kritis such as Bo Shambho, Giridhara Gopala, Vasudey Vasudam Devam etc. drew special applause from the big early morning audience that had gathered at the Chess Square of the Nageswara Rao Park in Mylapore.

T. T. Srinivasaraghavan, Managing Director, Sundaram Finance, presented certificates and mementos to the performing artistes.

The Sunday Kutcheri in the Park, which began in February 2006, is now into its 4th year and is organised on the first Sunday of every month between 6.30am and 7.30am. The aim of the Sunday Kutcheri in the Park is to provide a platform for young children under the age of 15 years to display their musical talent. No mikes and speakers are used at the Sunday Kutcheri in the Park. Sundaram Finance conducts audition to select young artistes for the kutcheri.

T. T. Srinivasaraghavan, Managing Director, Sundaram Finance Ltd., said, 'Over 250 children have participated in the Kutcheri in the Park. The first Sunday of every month has become a regular feature in the calendar of many music lovers who turn up at the Nageswara Rao Park to encourage the artistes. Also, the morning walkers at the park stay back (after their walk) to enjoy the kutcheri and to appreciate the young children.'

On the completion of three years of the Sunday Kutcheri in the Park, Mr. Srinivasaraghavan said, 'Sundaram Finance Sunday Kutcheri in the Park was intended to provide a launch pad for young children. In these three years, children, who first performed here, have gone on to perform in Sabhas. A few have also cut their own CD Album. We have also had interested aspirants applying from the US and Dubai. We are quite pleased that those for whom we provided a platform through the Sunday Kutcheri in the Park have blossomed and moved on to the next stage.'

For registration and audition, contact: 94440 - 40748.