From fishing hamlets to podium finish, Nagai youth make a mark in sailing event

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@ Nagapattinam

FOR 14-year-old Sanjeevan A, high winds at sea were not something to fear but a thing to chase. After barely two months of training, the young sailor from Nagapattinam won the Optimist Green Fleet at the FOTNA Cup held on September 19 and 20, thriving when the winds picked up on the final day. "When the high wind arrived, I started hiking and it was thrilling. The competition was not in focus for me, but sailing," he said with a giggle.

"Everyone said we, the students from Nagapattinam, wouldn't win. But we proved them wrong. All those talks turned into praise. I felt happy that we could make Nagapattinam something people would talk about in such competing spaces," said Sanjeevan.

For 13-year-old Anushan S, who finished third, the open sea had initially been a source of fear. "I was scared of the open sea. I am a fisherman, but I had not gone into the sea with my father on a boat. When I went into the open sea on a yacht for the first time, it was scary, like I was all alone. Though I wore a life jacket, as the days went on and I kept practising, the sea became an excitement rather than fear," he said.

Sanjeevan and Anushan, who hail from the fishing communities of Akkaraipettai and Nambiyar Nagar, respectively, are both Class 9 students at government higher secondary schools. Krishivant P and Balachandran S also performed well, finishing fourth and sixth, respectively. They were among seven students selected from the Nagapattinam Yacht Club to participate in the FOTNA Cup based on their performance and progress during training.


Nagapattinam district administration & Nagapattinam Yacht Club, in association with Royal Madras Yacht Club, have been providing sailing training to school students below 15 at Nagapattinam port | EXPRESS

They were all trained by Shubham Pillai, 31, from Pune, a former Navy sailor and an Asian Championship Sailor. The Nagapattinam district administration and Nagapattinam Yacht Club, in association with the Royal Madras Yacht Club (RMYC), have been providing Optimist sailing training to school students aged below 15 at the Nagapattinam port for the past two and a half months.

The training is held on weekdays from 6 am to 8 am, and also on weekends, with qualified instructors providing regular coaching. Students from government schools are offered free coaching for two months and will pay ₹2,500 a month for sailing classes. Students from private schools will have to pay the same. Six of the 16 students currently training at the Nagapattinam Yacht Club were selected for the FOTNA Cup. For all six, the competition was their first major sailing event outside the district.

The FOTNA Cup, organised in association with the RMYC and named after the Flag Officer Commanding Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Area (FOTNA), features multiple sailing categories, including the Optimist class for young sailors. The competition gave the Nagapattinam trainees an opportunity to compete alongside young sailors from other institutions and training centres.

The sailing initiative aims to introduce the sport to young students in Nagapattinam and create opportunities for those with an aptitude for the sport to compete at higher levels. The Nagapattinam Yacht Club is being developed as a platform to identify and nurture young sailing talent in the district, with the long-term aim of taking students from grassroots training to State, national and higher-level competitions.

The sport has sparked ambitions in both Sanjeevan and Anushan, with the experience encouraging them to pursue sailing further. While Anushan dreams of becoming a ship captain, Sanjeevan hopes to balance academics and life with his passion for sports and sailing. Both now aspire to achieve greater heights in sailing.

(For further enquiries about classes, contact Veerathangamani at +91 6369 532 432)

Rat bite: HC tells corpn chief to inspect sanitation in MGMGH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madurai

AFTER hearing that a patient was allegedly bitten by a rat at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital in July, the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday directed the Tiruchy corporation commissioner and the dean of the hospital to immediately inspect the hospital premises and file a report to the court on the sanitation, security and basic facilities in the hospital.

A bench of justices CV Karthikeyan and R Sakthivel further directed the collector to examine the injuries suffered by the patient, R Tamilkodi (68), and take a decision regarding payment of compensation. The matter was adjourned to October 15. The directions were issued on a PIL filed by an advocate, S Jayashree of Tiruchy.

Jayashree stated that Tamilkodi underwent surgery for a leg fracture in the above hospital on July 20 and was shifted to the general ward for post-operative care. The following day, while she was resting, she was bitten by a rat on the big toe of her left leg. Though her son had already complained to the hospital staff about the rat menace three days before, no action had been taken to prevent the incident, Jayashree alleged.

Since Tamilkodi was aged and diabetic, her injury was more serious, she added, and requested the court to direct the government to pay compensation.

She further added that while visiting the hospital with other advocates after the incident, she found that the hospital also lacked hygiene and basic amenities.

The drainage water was overflowing and leaking in some areas, which could have led to the rodent infestation. The toilets were unhygienic, and most of them were devoid of proper doors, she claimed. Due to poor security arrangements, frequent theft of vehicles was also reported in the hospital, she said, and she wanted the court to direct the authorities to rectify the above issues.

Meal scheme to benefit 63K more students in Tiruchy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

THE Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme was extended to students of Classes 6 to 8 in 590 government schools in Tiruchy, 541 in Thanjavur, 557 in Pudukkottai, and 369 in Tiruvarur districts respectively on Tuesday.

In Tiruchy, HR & CE Minister S Ramesh launched the scheme at the Government Higher Secondary School in Tiruchendurai in Srirangam constituency. Rajya Sabha MP Christopher Tilak, Collector Pratik Tayal participated in the event. 63,157 students will benefitted through this scheme.

The menu includes ven pongal with sambar, rava khichdi with sambar, wheat pongal with sambar and semiya khichdi with sambar, while ragi semiya khichdi with sambar will be served on Fridays, officials said.

In Thanjavur, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare department Minister R Vinoth inaugurated the scheme at the at Kumbakonam Corporation Arignar Anna Higher Secondary school. An additional 53,200 students will benefitted, he said.


(L-R) HR & CE minister S Ramesh inaugurated Kamarajar breakfast extension scheme in Tiruchy; Agriculture Minister R Vinoth serving breakfast in Kumbakonam on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Later Vinoth distributed Mopeds with Ice box to 33 fishermen, who are members of fishermen cooperative societies.



In Pudukkottai, Labour Welfare Minister J Mohamed Farvas inaugurated the expanded scheme at Raniyar Government Girls Higher Secondary School.

The scheme will benefit 50,180 students in 557 schools, including 43,435 students in 518 rural schools and 4,727 students in 39 urban schools. In Tiruvarur, 23,583 students will benefit.

(With inputs from / Thanjavur/Pudukkottai/ Tiruvarur)

Min joins issue with Stalin

Addressing reporters after launching the breakfast scheme, Minister Ramesh criticised former Chief Minister M K Stalin, saying he was repeating material prepared for him at different public meetings. He also criticised the opposition over its remarks concerning VIP darshan during the Madurai Kumbabhishekam, adding the circumstances of a major religious event should not be compared with normal days. "You can compare an apple with an apple, but not an apple with an orange," Ramesh said.

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2) Supply, Installation, commissioning and Comprehensive Maintenance of analogue addressable fire alarm system. Tender No. KSNDMC/2025-26/IND0006. Last date for submission of bid is 05:00 PM of 03.10.2026. Further the tender document details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of GoK.

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JUNAITHA BEGUM
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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)] – Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

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