

Remembering the Revolutionary 'Mundaasu Kavi'! Bharathiyar Day Celebration-2020

'Bharathiyar Day', was celebrated with pride and fervour on the 15th of December 2020 by the students of PSBB Nungambakkam .Commemorating the 138th Birth anniversary of the legendary Tamil poet Bharathiyar on the 11th of December, the programme proved to be entertaining, educative and exciting, despite the constraints imposed due to the pandemic. The sheer love for the language and the poet Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiyar was evident throughout the programme.

Conducted through Zoom, the celebration commenced at 10 A.M. with the rendering of an introductory poem, praising Bharathi ,his poetry,patriotism and love of the language.This was followed by an auspicious Kali prayer song seeking the blessings of the Almighty and the revered founder of the institution, Dr. Mrs. Y. G. Parthasarathy.

Nissika J. Rakesh of Std X A, the compere of the event, welcomed the Chief guest Mr.R.S.Murali esteemed alumnus of PSBB Nungambakkam, and the virtual gathering- Heads of the PSBB group of schools,alumni of the school, teachers and students of Stds IX and X who studied Tamil as their second language. Sumukhi Subramanian, introduced the Chief Guest, Mr R. S. Murali, whose love for Tamil made him sponsor prizes for the winners of competitions at the program every year.

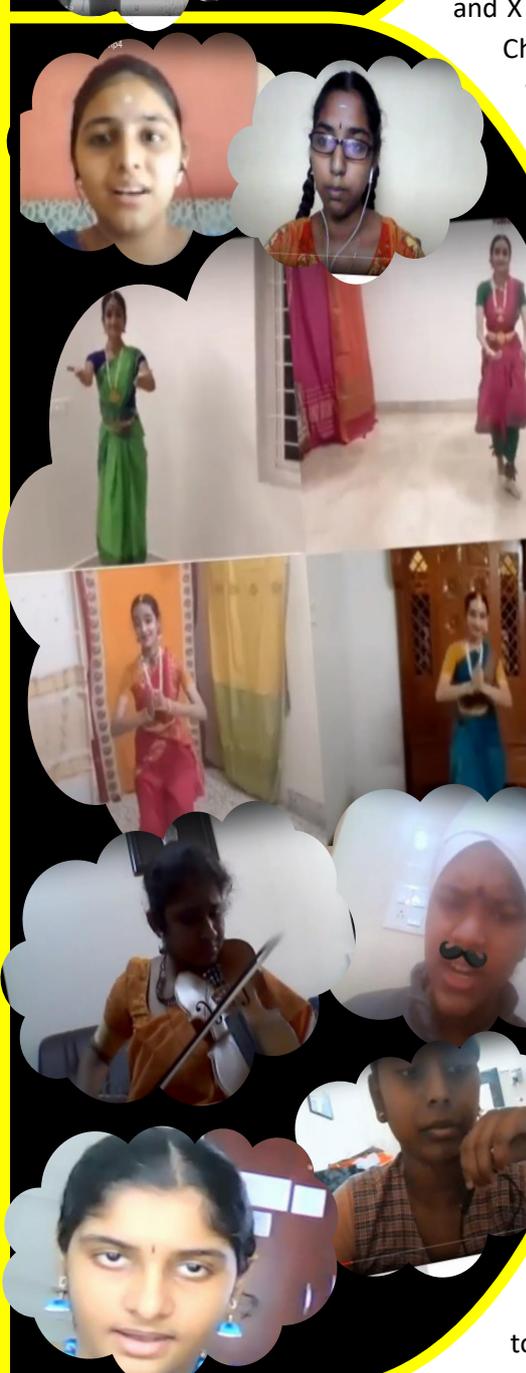
The cultural events were an array of 'Muththamizh', a medley of music, dance and drama. Ranjani Radha rendered the song 'Vande Maataram' with utmost patriotism; Yadhuree on the other hand enchanted the audience with her melodious voice, when she sang 'Kalai Siraginile Nandalala'. 'Ivargal Santhithal'(If they meet?) was a funny, but thought provoking skit ,with dialogues between Devi Kundavai Nachiyar and Nehaarika, depicting a fictional hypothesis of what might happen if Bharathiyar met a student of this day and age attending online classes !This was followed by a dance performance to the song 'Ninnai Sharanadainthen', a visual treat, presented by Shifa, Sumukhi Subramanian, B.Srinidhi and Shruti. A soulful rendition of 'Chinnan Chirukiliye Kannama' was performed by Adithi Ganesh in the form of a violin solo.

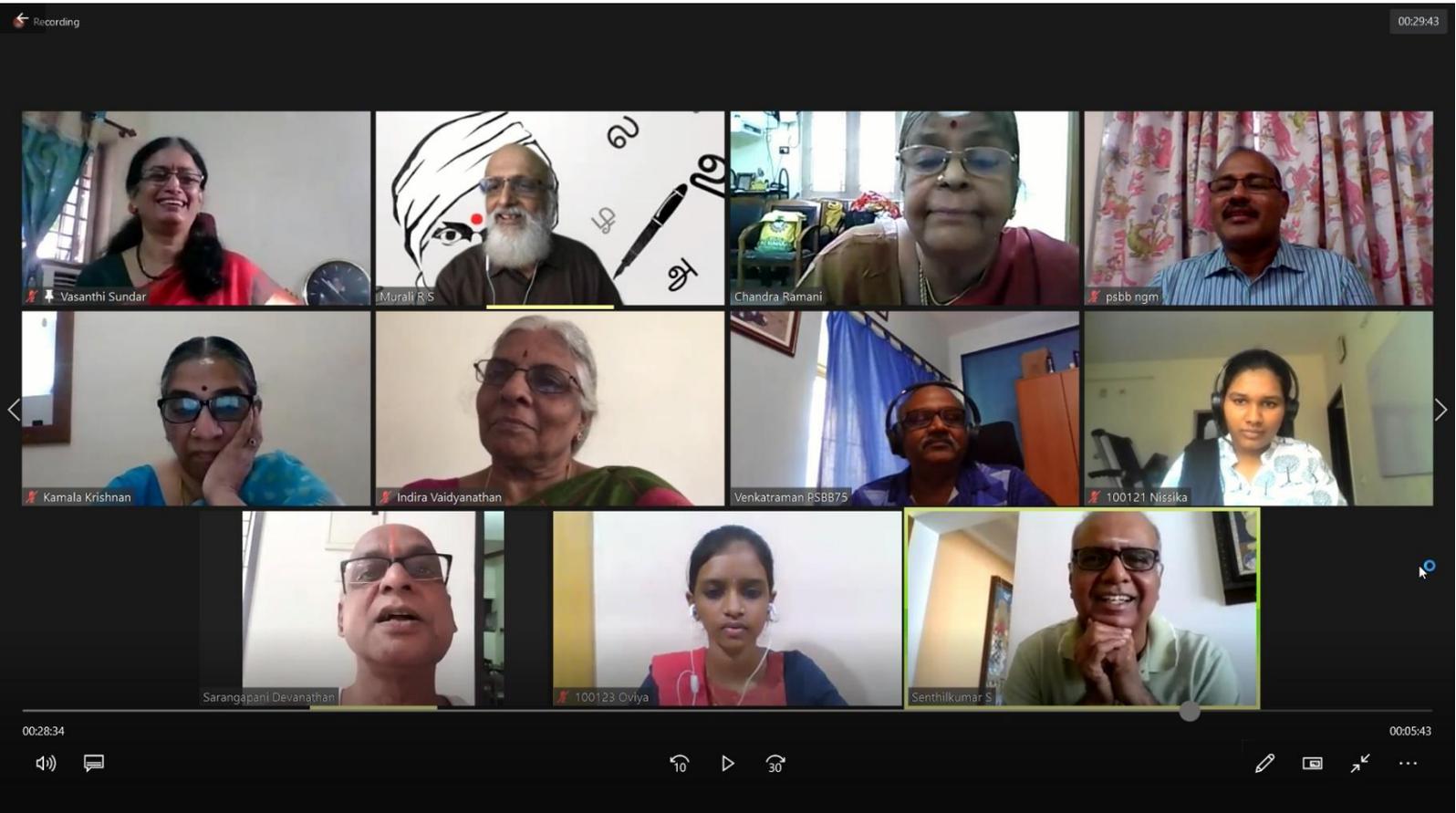
The drama titled 'Navina Bharathi', transported the audience into the world of imagination .It gave them the experience of how Bharathiyar would be able to comprehend the world during the pandemic, by bringing 'Bharathiyar' to Chennai using a time machine created by a female engineer.The tweaking of the classic song 'Achimillai Achimillai' to suit the current situation on how to tackle today's issues and motivate the public was both innovative and impressive!

The chief guest, Mr R. S. Murali and his friends,expressed their appreciation of the efforts put in by the students and praised the commendable efforts of the Tamil department . In his speech, Mr Murali stressed how Tamil could be cherished and appreciated further. "Poetry is the best way to appreciate the nuances of any language,to express yourself and your feelings." he stated and encouraged students to try their hand at it.

The Principal, Mrs Vasanthi Sunderajan congratulated the students and the Language Department on their efforts and encouraged "other language departments to take up similar assignments and celebrate the heritage and value of each and every language!" The vote of thanks was delivered by T.Oviya and to conclude the memorable and

inspiring event, Bharatiyaar's classic song, **வாழிய செந்தமிழ் வாழ்க நற்றமிழர் வாழிய பாரதமணி திருநாடு வந்தேமாதரம்** - 'Vaazhiya Chenthamizh Vazhga Natramizhar.....' was rendered melodiously by U N Shreeya.





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