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Virugambakkam MLA's first salary for poor students



B. Parthasarathy (DMDK), who has been elected to the Assembly from the newly created Virugambakkam constituency, will use the salary he draws for the first two months (amounting Rs. 1.2 lakh) to provide educational assistance for poor students, he told *Mambalam Times* on May 25.

He said that till he is able to set up an office in the constituency he will operate from his party offices in the area. Residents can contact him for assistance in phone 94442 15469.

Parthasarathy said that he will take steps to renovate the community hall of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board on Kamarajar Salai, Ashok Nagar which has remained unused for several years.



He said that during his election campaign residents raised issues like issue of pattas, drainage problems, new water connections and overhead power lines. He will attend to them step by step, he added.

The new constituency comprises Corporation Divisions 128 to 131 (MGR Nagar, Nesapakkam, Jaffer Khanpet, parts of K. K. Nagar and nearby areas) and 65 (Koyambedu).

While Division 128 was earlier in T. Nagar constituency,

Divisions 129 to 131 came and 65 was in Villivakkam constituency under Alandur constituency.

2 RTOs suspended on misappropriation charge

By Our Staff Reporter
 M. Sridhar (Regional Transport Officer (West), 1, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar, who earlier worked in Meenambakkam RTO, and V. Kandasamy, present Meenambakkam RTO, were suspended by the State Transport Department on May 27 for alleged misappropriation of tax revenue amounting to about Rs. 25 lakhs in Meenambakkam RTO.

Hasan Ali and Siva Vadivelan (Transport Superintendents), Riyasudeen (Personal Assistant to RTO), Karunanidhi, Paruthi, Natarajan, Nizhamudeen and Vijaya (Office Clerks), all working in Meenambakkam RTO, were transferred.

The annual audit found that a large number of tax payments had not been documented properly. The staff used to collect demand drafts from taxpayers and issue dummy receipts instead of computer generated ones. The demand drafts were later encashed to give credit to other taxpayers from whom they would have collected cash, according to an official.

According to audit unit officials, at least one-fourth of all tax bills were handled this way between 2008 and 2011. During this period, the officials collected tax from 25,000 vehicle users.

These included permit tax for goods vehicles, maxi cabs and education institution vehicles.

Sai bhajans on Saturdays

Sai bhajans are conducted at 6.15 p.m on Saturdays in Sri Sathya Sai Organization, Ashok Nagar Samithi (143, 101st Street, 15th Sector, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

More details can be had from T. S. Mani (Convenor) in phones 2489 7017 and 98843 92244.

In Bharathidasan Colony

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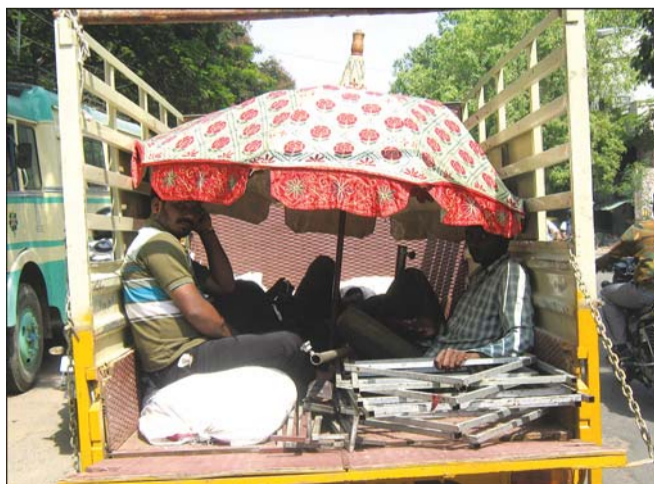
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This picture of workers on a van sheltering under a big garden umbrella was taken on Rajamannmar Salai, K.K. Nagar on May 25.

NO HOLDS BARRED

By M. A. SADANAND

Sprucing up good old Tihar with spit and polish and a wax polish swipe of Amitab's salt and pepper goatee would attract more visitors to the old den than sweet Kani's starched white saree in the infamous people's zoo in the capital which attracts more gallons of gall than drops of honey.

Goatee seems to be the major art work of post-Osama restoration of world art, if you can tuck in the ugly black structure in Omandurar Estate as a work of art, past, present and future. When you build mansions with money that does not belong to you, there is a purpose, namely, the destruction of the old and the rebuilding of a better one or something like the Taj Mahal that is immortal like Shajahan's alleged love for his nth wife.

Look at the magnificent old Ripon Building that has grabbed your small change for over a century, subject to correction by historian Muthiah. Omandurar would prefer to jump into the fetid Cooum than uglify the environs with a black twin of the historic Calcutta of good old Mamata.

Does progress mean the unbreathable air wafted across Chintadripet to mix with the unstinted godly grace from the Bay of Bengal, given unasked to the prince and the pauper? The mighty 'Hindu' building on the west, the colonial Banqueting Hall in the Government Estate, later named Rajaji Hall, and the wooded ambiance skirting the river added to the rarest element of life those days, which now oldies call Peace.

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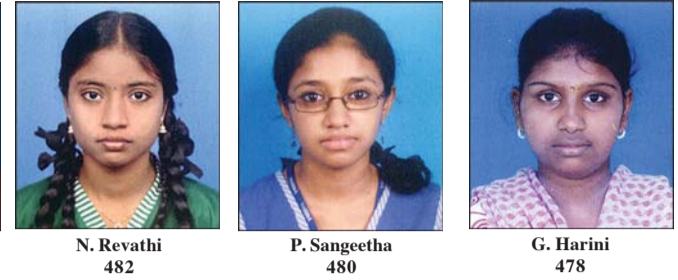
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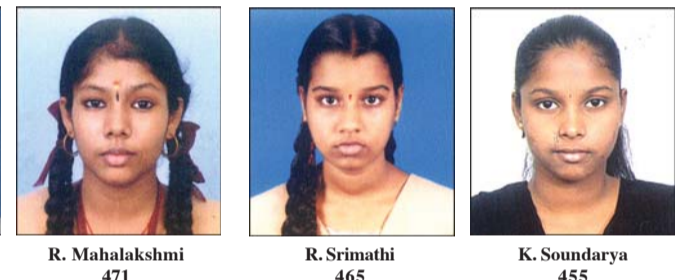
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Mambalam Times congratulates School Toppers

New DC warns pavement hawkers



By Our Staff Reporter

R. Thirunavukkarasu (Deputy Commissioner of Police, T. Nagar District), who paid a surprise visit to Ranganathan Street, Usman Road, Rameswaram Road and Railway Border Road on May 26, ordered

pavement hawkers to vacate the area immediately.

Thirunavukkarasu warned that they would be arrested if

they returned to the spots they had occupied earlier.

Thirunavukkarasu was accompanied by R. Manoharan

(Asst. Commissioner, T. Inspectors.

Nagar Range), K. Mahendran Thirunavukklarasu took charge last week. (Asst. Commissioner, Traffic, T. Nagar Sub-division) and

Your window to the entire neighbourhood of Ashok Nagar / K.K. Nagar? Mambalam Times!

Helmet rule back, but cops not strict on first day

Nama Sankirtan on Saturdays, Sundays



Picture at left was taken at Usman Road-Madley Road-Burkit Road junction at 4.30 p.m on May 27. The one at right was taken at the same junction at 1 p.m on May 28.

By Our Staff Reporter

Though police made wearing of helmets compulsory for 2-wheeler riders from May 28, they were not strict on the first day and let off offenders with a warning.

When those not wearing helmets were stopped by the police they feared the worst. But fears turned to relief when they were given pamphlets and allowed to go.

But the warning that the rule would be enforced strictly had some effect as many riders were seen sporting helmets on May 28.

According to a press release, the city traffic police will fine riders who fail to wear helmets in compliance with Section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. The Government order says

that all persons riding 2-wheelers and pillion riders (women and children on the pillion are exempted) should wear helmets of BIS standards.

Those not wearing helmets will be fined Rs. 50.

Police personnel have been given instructions to be polite with road users. In case of complaints, members of the public can contact 95661 00000 or 90031 30103.

Though the Tamilnadu Government had in 2007 issued an order to make the helmet rule compulsory, enforcement was slack as police and transport officials reportedly received oral instructions from the government not to be strict.

The 2007 order was challenged in the Madras High Court on the plea that helmets



disturbed the hair and caused headache and sinus problems but the court upheld the Government order. The police have also made it

mandatory to have proper number plates on vehicles and said that the officials will take action against those who display fancy number plates.



The actual registration number of this motorcycle is TN 09 BB 4123.



A rider trying out a helmet at a pavement shop.

Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam, West Mambalam (BVSN Moorthy School, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) conducts the following program on Sundays:

- 5 p.m: Veda paaranam
- 5.30 p.m: Ramana Maharishi's Aksharamanamalai.
- 6 p.m: Discourse.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94441 72623.

Special pooja is conducted and prasadam distributed among special children at 11.30 a.m on Ramana Maharishi's birth star day (Punarpoosam).

Ahobila Math School students bag State 2nd, 3rd ranks



Vasuki



Kousalya



Bhaskar

By Our Staff Reporter

S. A. Vasuki and S. Kousalya of Sri Ahobila Math Oriental Higher Secondary School, West Mambalam secured State 2nd rank with 475 out of 500 marks in the Std. 10 OSLC examinations the results of which were announced on May 27.

Vasuki secured 2nd rank and Kousalya the 3rd rank in Sanskrit.

R. Bhaskar secured the State 3rd rank.

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Chaithanaya Mahaprabhu Nama Biksha Kendra, there is Nama Sankirtan (chanting of Hare Rama) from 5 p.m to 6 p.m on Saturdays in Arulmigu Annai Bhuvaneswari Temple, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar, and from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m on Sundays in Jai Anjaneyar Temple, 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar.

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More details can be had in phone 2474 7495.

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Chicken pox virus spreading in city
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Carnatic music classes in Vani Mahal

By Our Staff Reporter

Vani Sangeeta Gurukulam (Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has invited applications from those interested in learning Carnatic music (advanced course) and becoming Carnatic applications.

Those knowing a few varnas may get application forms from the Sabha office between 10 a.m and 1 p.m and 4 p.m and 8 p.m. The last date for submission of applications is Tuesday, May 31. Students will be screened on June 4.

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More details can be had in phone 2815 2166.

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Snake rescued from residence



By Our Staff Reporter

Firemen from Ashok Nagar Fire & Rescue Station rescued a 5 1/2 ft long snake from the residence of Ramdas Menon at AP 600, 51st Street, 9th Sector, K. K. Nagar at 11 a.m on May 28.

C. Pradeep Kumar (Station Fire Officer) told *Mambalam Times* that the snake, which was slightly injured, was handed over to Guindy Snake Park.

He said that 6 firemen were involved in the operation.

With payment accepted online, many shun Metrowater cards



By Our Staff Reporter

40% of consumers in Corporation Area 8 are yet to collect the Metrowater consumer card for payment of water/sewerage tax/charges, K. Lakshmiathy (Senior Accounts Officer, Area 8) told *Mambalam Times*

He said that distribution of the cards, valid for 5 years (April 2011 to March 2015), began last year itself but only

60% of the 96,000 consumers had collected the new cards.

He said that since consumers can pay the charges online many of them had probably not bothered to collect the cards which are given free of cost. They can be collected from the respective depots from 8 a.m to 11.30 a.m from Monday to Saturday. More details can be had in phones 2815 3803 and 78450 61258.

Free yoga classes from next Sunday

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct free yoga classes for adults for 3 weeks from 5.30 a.m to 7 a.m from Sunday, June 5 in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School, 30, Vasudevapuram (between Chakrapani Street and Janakiraman Road subway).

The classes are conducted according to the curriculum of the Bihar School of Yoga. Asanas, pranayama pratyahara (sense withdrawal techniques), dharana (concentration), medi-

tation, mantra, value education, food habits, shat kriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) etc. are taught.

Doctors give lectures on alternative medicines.

Classes on stress management for corporate executives are also conducted.

Those interested can register their names in phones 94442 40383/94450 51015 or www.satyamyogatrust.net Swamiji offers counselling to his students.

Talk on Vallalar on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Vallalar Thondu Niruvanam (8/165, 10th Street, Annai Sathya Nagar, Nesapakkam), Dr. M. A. Hussain will give a talk on 'Thiru Arutpa - Oli tharum aakkai' at 6 p.m on Thursday, June 2.

The following is special program on June 5 (Poonsam day):

7 a.m: Arutperunjothi agaval paarayanam.

9.30 a.m: Sath vicharam.

6 p.m: Thiru Arutpa - Abaya

Thiran by K. Sivakumar.

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More details can be had in phone 94453 43706.

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