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Rangarajapuram subway to open by end of month

By Our Staff Reporter

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The pedestrian and two- Times on Jan. 16. wheeler subway below Ran- He said that only minor work ing Mambalam High Road and was built at a cost of Rs. 1.4 Rangarajapuram High Road crore and is 100 meters long. It will be inaugurated by the end will allow traffic in both direcof the month, 'LIC' M. Mani-tions. ckam (Chairman, Zone 10 ward

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committee) told Mambalam

garajapuram overbridge link- remains to be completed. It

The subway will allow users

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பாயசங்களுக்குன்னே தனி மரியாதை உண்டுங்க. கல்யாணம் கார்த்திகைக்குப் போயிட்டு வந்தவங்ககிட்டே 'என்ன சீரு? பொண்ணு பிள்ளை எப்படி இருந்தாங்க?'ன்னு கேக்கறதுக்கு முன்னாலே என்ன பாயசம்னுதான் அந்தக் காலத்திலே கேப் பாங்க. அவ்வளவு மரியாதை! என்னதான் மொரமொரன்னு மைசூர்பாகு, மேனாமினுக்கியா ரோஸ் ஜாங்கிரி, பாம்பே காஜா, பாதுஷா, கிண்ணுனு குஞ்சா லாடுன்னு ஸ்வீட்டுகள் இருந்தாலும் பாயசத்துக்கு அப்புறம் தானே அவங்க எல்லாம். மொத மரி யாதை எங்களுக்குத்தானுங்களே!

திளிப் பச்சை தஞ்சாவூரு தாட்டு இலையிலே தண்ணியைத் தெளிச்சு சாப்பிடப் போகிறவர் சம்பிரமாக உக்காந்த உடனே மொதமொதல்லே அரைக் கரண்டி இலையோட வலது கோடி தென் கிழக்கு மூலையிலே பரிமாறப்படுவது பாயசம்தாங்க. அது தான் வாஸ்து சாஸ்திரப் பிரகாரம் எங்களுக்கான சரியான இடங்க. மற்ற ஐட்டங்கள் லைனில் வந்து, அப்புறம் மல்லிப்பூ மாதிரி வெள்ளை வெளேர்னு சூடா அன்னம் பரிமாறப் பட்டு, நெய் விட்டு அன்னசுத்தி செஞ்சவுடன் நீங்க எல்லாம் முதலிலே சுவைக்கிறது பச்சடியா? ரஸவாங்கியா? கூட்டா? அவியலா? வடையா? எதுவும் இல்லையே! பாயசத்தைத்தானுங்க. ஏன்? ஏன்னு கேக்கறேன்? கொஞ்சம் சாப்பிட்ட உடனே

ஒரு அண்டா பாயசத்துக்கு ஒரு விரல் சுவையே பதம்னு சாப் பாட்டிலே சர்வீஸ் போட்ட நீங்க அதனோட தரம், மணம், குணம் எல்லாவற்றையும் ஸ்பாட்டிலேயே நிர்ணயித்து, பின் னால் ரசத்திற்கும் மோருக்கும் நடுவிலே பெருசா நாங்க வரும் போது எங்களுக்காக வயிற்றில் எவ்வளவு இடம் அட்வான்ஸா ரிசர்வ் செஞ்சுக்கணும்னு நிர்ணயம் செய்யத்தானே?

பெரிய கல்யாண விருந் திலே மற்ற ஐட்டங்களை எல்லாம் பரிசாரகர்களைப் பரிமாற அனுமதிக்கும் கல் யாணப் பெண்ணின் அப்பா தாய் மாமனோ லைனில் ரசம் தாண்டிப் பாயசம் வந்துவிட்டால், ஒரு பெரிய நமட்டுச் சிரிப்புட னும், அதை விடப் பெரிய சூடான பாயசம் தளும்பும் பக்கெட்டுடன் கோதாவில் இறங்கி விடுவார். கரண்டி கரண்டியாக இலையின் நடு– மத்தி – சென்டரில் பாலா றாகப் பாயசத்தை ஓட விடு வார். 'அடப் போறும்ணா,



கேளுங்கோ, போறும், போறும் நிறுத்துங்கோ' என்று நாகலிங்கப் பூவாக இலைமேல் வளைந்து 'நாதர் முடி மேலிருக்கும் நாகப் பாம்பே' புன்னகவராளிப் பாட்டிற்கு 'ஆடு பாம்பே, விளையாடு பாம்பே' இடத்தில் நர்த்தகி முன் உடல் குனிந்து இடமும் வலமு மாக வளைந்து ஆடுவது போல ஆடி எதிர்ப்பைப் பதிவு செய் தாலும், அது நாகரிகம் கருதி ஒரு பாசாங்கே என்று அனுபவத்தில் உணர்ந்த பாயச பக்கெட் வீரர், கரண்டியால் சைடில் கிடைக்கும் கால் விரல்கடையின் இடைவெளியின் ஊடே சட்டென்று மேலும் ஒரு உபரிக் கரண்டியை ஊற்றிவிடுவது விருந்தோம் பலின் உச்சம் அல்லவா? அவ்வாறாக இலையில் பாயச ஆறு ஓடினாலும், சிறிது நேரத்தில் கடும் கோடைக் கத்திரி வெய்யிலில் வற்றி விடும் குளம், குட்டை நீர்ப் பரப்பைப் போல அந்தப் பாயசப் பரப்பும் வற்றி விடுவது கண்கூடு. பாயசத்தை யாரேனும் மீதி வைப்பார்களா என்ன?

எங்களைப் பெரிசா மதிச்சு சாப்பிடற சிலருங்க அதுக்காகவே இலையிலே உக்காருவதுக்கு முன்னாலே ஒரு அங்க வஸ்திரத் தாலே இடுப்பைச் சுற்றி டைட்டாகக் கட்டிண்டுடுவாங்க. பாயசம் அருமையா, அட்டகாசமா, ஜிஞ்சாமிர்தமாக அமைஞ்சு போச்சுன்னா எத்தனை கரண்டியோட நிறுத்திக்கறதுன்னு ஒரு பிரச்னை வரும்போது அது பாட்டுக்கு ஓடட்டும்னு பாயசத்தை ஓட்விட்டு விட்டு எப்போ நிறுத்துவாங்க தெரியுமா? இடுப்பை சுத்திக் கட்டின வஸ்திரம் வயிற்றின் பாயச உப்புசத்தால் தளர்ந்து மடிமேல் 'என்னால் முடியவில்லை' என்று சோர்ந்து விழும் போதுதான்.

போதுதான. எங்களை நுகர்வதில் சர்வீஸ் போட்டவர்கள் அப்பளம் வரும் போது ஒன்றுக்கு இரண்டாகக் கொள்முதல் செய்து, இரண் டாவது அப்பளத்தைப் பாயசத்துக்குப் பக்க வாத்தியமாக ரிசர்வ் செய்து தக்க வைத்துவிடுவார்கள். வீராணம் போன்ற பாயசப் பரப்பின் மேல் நலுங்கில் மணமகன் மணமகள் தலையில் நறுங்கல் மணம்கள் மணம்கள் தனைகள் ஒடிப்பது போல பரந்து விரிந்து கிடக்கும் பாயச திரவப் பரப்பின் மேலே பொடிப் பொடியாக விழும்படி ஒடித்து, பாயசத்தை அப்பளத் துகள் களுடன் சேர்த்து விரும்பிப் புசிப்பது பாயசம் திகட்டாமல் இருக்க, அதன் கூடுதல் இனிப்பை சிறிது மழுங்கச் செய்து திகட்டாமல் இருப்பதற்குத்தான். இருப்பினும், இது போதாதென்று அவ்வப்போது வயலின்காரர் தன் விரலை எண்ணெயில் நனைத்துக் கொள்வதைப் போல, ஒரு விரலால் யைத் தீண்டி நாக்கின் நடுவே தொட்டு பாய்சம் திகட்டி விடாமல் இருக்கத்தான். இது போல இலையில் உள்ள பிரிதொறு ஐட்டத்திற்கு மரியாதை செய்யப்படுவதுண் டோ? இல்லை ஐயா.

இவ்வாறு கடந்த பொற்காலத்திற்குப் பிறகு இப்போது நடப் பது" என்ன? பாய்சத்தை இலையில்விட்டு நடுவில் பரவ விடு கிறார்களா? இல்லையே!! சவரக் கிண்ண சைஸில் இருக்கும் ஒரு காகிதக் கோப்பையில் அதல பாதாளத்தில் இருக்கும் அள வில் கடனுக்காக வைத்துவிட்டுப் போகிறார்களே. இதுவா எங்களுக்கு இழைக்கப் படும் மரியாதை?

காரணம் யாரென்று தெரியுமா? நம்மவர்களை சிக்கென்று பிடித்துக் கொண்ட டயாபடீஸ் என்கிற பிரம்ம ராட்சஸன்தான். அந்த நீரழிவு ராட்சஸனை வதம் செய்து, பாயசத்தை இந்த சவ்ரக் கிண்ண அவல நிலையிலிருந்து மீட்கப் பால் பாயசக் கடலில் மன்னிக்கவும் – பாற்கடலில் பள்ளிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் எம்பெருமான் நாராயணனை வேண்டிப் பிரார்த்திக்க எல்லா ஐயாமார்களும் திரண்டு வருவீர்களா?

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TTD (Chennai) invites upcoming musicians to perform in its temple

By Our Staff Reporter

TTD Devasthanam (Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) welcomes applications from upcoming musicians to give free performances in its temple auditorium.

Interested persons may email their details with contact number to sravanam chennai@gmail.com.

Hayagreeva homam for students by Karnataka Sangha tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Thamizhnadu Brahmin Association (Thambraas) will conduct Hayagreeva homam on Sunday, January 19, from of students taking public exams this year.

Other students are also welcome to participate in it.

Students interested in participating and performing sankalpam may contact Subramanyam in 95000 83650 or Vedic Ravi in 98407 87957.

Agaval paarayanam on Thursday

International Sanmarga Organization (30/46, Subramaniyam Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 96772 73727. 94442 73435) will conduct Vallalar's Agaval paarayanam at 10 a.m on Thursday, Jan. 23 in its premises.

All are welcome.

Shops close for Pongal





By Our Staff Reporter

A number of shops on normally bustling Ranganathan Street and other roads/streets in T. Nagar remained closed during Pongal holidays. Even traffic was dull. Those from villages who work in the city also went home to celebrate the festival with their families.

Book fair a huge draw

By Our Staff Reporter

About 5 lakh persons have 7.30 a.m to 11.30 a.m in Kar-visited the 37th edition of nataka Sangha (Habibullah $\,{\rm Chennai\,Book\,Fair}, {\rm organized}$ Road, T. Nagar) for the benefit by the Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI), since it opened on Jan. 10 in YMCA College of Physical Education, Nandanam, K. S. Pugalendhi (Secretary, Chennai Book Fair) told Mambalam Times on Jan.

He said that the figure is expected to touch about 10 lakh by the time the exhibition ends on Jan. 22.

More than 5 lakh books have been bought by visitors so far, he added.

Pugalendhi said that the book $fair, set \, up \, across \, 2 \, lakh \, square \quad Wheel chairs \, are \, available \, for \ \ p.m. \, and \, 8 \, p.m \, daily.$ feet, features 777 stalls selling the disabled. books in various languages and on different subjects.

children below 12 can enter ber of visitors had donated free. There is a food court.

ATM booths have been in- in the fair.

for emergencies.

The entry fee is Rs.10 but Pugalendhi said that a numing weekends.

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Book launches and lectures There is a resting area. are being conducted between 4

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Talk on 'Thiru **Arutpa' on Tuesday** By Our Staff Reporter

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Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmargasangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Sanmarga Arunagiri will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Sanmargam Petrane' on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar).

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By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Sanjeevinipeetam (5, Kavarai Street, West Mambalam) celebrated 'Sankaranthi' with special pooja and 'alangaaram' of Earikatha Anjenyar, Kan-

Mathaji (Founder) conducted More details can be had in bhajans and presented a discourse on the occasion.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 -**ALOOK BACK**

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 80

'Calcutta' N. Viswanathan, a college professor and theater figure, enjoyed a brief but bright innings in Tamil Cinema as character actor and his performance in every film was of of such high standard as is rarely seen in Tamil Cinema. Sadly, he was not used properly by the Tamil film world and he went back to Calcutta. His son Ashok Viswanathan is making waves as a bright filmmaker.

Even though "Antha Naal" won a Delhi Award it was not a box-office success. The Tamil moviegoer was not yet ready to accept that kind of a song-less dance-less film, which came ahead of its time. Frequently screened on television today, the film is now treated as a classic of Tamil Cinema.

(The successful and popular Tamil filmmaker 'Muktha' Srinivasan worked in this film as assistant director and he was credited in the titles as V. (for Venkatachari!) Srinivasan.)

Soon Balachander turned producer promoting his own company'SB Creations', a novel name for a movie company at that time. Under this banner he produced three memorable movies "Avana Ivan?" (1962), "Bommai" (1964) and "Nadu Iravil" (1970). All these films were inspired by Hollywood movies but suitably adapted by Balachander who wrote, directed and produced them besides composing the music. He also played the lead roles (except in "Bommai") with much impact.

"Avana Ivan?" was inspired by the Hollywood classic made by the celebrated filmmaker George Stevens" A Place In The Sun" (1951) which was based on the American classic novel by Theodore Dreiser,'An American Tragedy' which in turn was based on a sensational American murder case. Balachander blazed a new trail by bringing out a gramophone record of the title music in the movie which became popular and sold well. Even today such records of title music are rarely done.

"Bommai" was a rehash of an Alfred Hitchcock movie. The famed musician and cult figure K. J. Yesudas took his bow in Tamil Cinema as playback singer in this film with the song "Neeyum Bommai, Naanum Bommai" which became quite popular. Another song by L. R. Eswari, "ThatthiThatthi" also became a hit. In this film Balachander introduced another novelty by showing the technicians on screen, which had earlier been done by N. S. Krishnan in his hit"Mana Magal". That was not all. Balachander had the artistes sell tickets at the box office window in a Madras cinema! A first of its kind in cinema!

"Nadu Iravil" was a rehash of the Hollywood hit"And Then There Were None" (1945) which was an adaptation of the most popular novel of the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie 'Ten Little Niggers'. For obvious reasons this novel was called 'Ten Little Indians' in the United States. Interestingly this classic novel has been repeatedly filmed both for the big and small screen from time to time. But the 1945 version made by the famed French filmmaker Rene Clair tops the list and thrills viewers to this day even after repeated viewing.

After a hectic innings in cinema as actor, writer, director, music composer and producer Balachander gave up films, much to the regret of many and went back to the world of Classical Carnatic Music where he became a legend in his own lifetime as a Veena maestro.

A good friend of this writer and a source of encouragement the two worked for sometime on a thriller film project during the late 1980s. But sadly it did not take off mainly due to Balachander' s obsessive involvement in the world of music!

He created history of his own in Tamil Cinema and his exit is definitely an irreparable loss to the world of movies.

He passed away suddenly in 1990 when he was on a concert tour of northern India. The man may be gone but his movies shall live forever and be cherished by his innumerable fans and

(To be continued)

Mentally challenged woman missing for ten days

37-year-old Mannu is missing from her residence in L Block 30, Valaithoppu, West Mambalam, for the past ten

According to her brother Venkatesan, she is mentally challenged and went out of the house without anyone's knowledge, and has since not returned. He said that she was wearing a green top and a blue gown when she left the house.

Anyone who finds her or knows her whereabouts may contact Venkatesan in 95517 66016 / 97102 43022.



Road safety program conducted



Lions Club International plex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) of vehicles.

awareness program' in vari- next Sunday ous parts of the city on Jan. 11. By Our Staff Reporter

Justice P. Jothimani inaugurated the program by dis- Kamakshi Mandali Trust tributing pamphlets among autorickshaw drivers.

He presented awards to traffic wardens.

G. Manilal (District Gover-Governor), Madhukumar (Callam), binet Secretary) and T. Sripresent.

Club members pasted bull's District 324-A8 (VGP Com- eye stickers on the headlights Vidyodaya

Radha Kalyanam conducted a Road safety in Sankara Madam

Under the auspices of Sree (West Mambalam) and Sri Subbanarasimha Karunambal Trust, Srikanth Bhagavathar and group will perform "Radha Kalyanam" on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m in Sannor), K. Padmanabhan (Vice kara Madam (West Mamba-

Special poojas and bhajans dharan (Lions District Chair- will be conducted from Saturman, Road Safety) were day, Jan. 25, from 1 p.m onwards.

All are welcome.

reunion dinner on Jan. 26

By Our Staff Reporter

Vidyodaya Schools Alumni Association will have its Annual Reunion Dinner at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 26 in the school auditorium. The tradition has continued for 14

Scholarships of Rs. 9000 each will be given to 12 needy students of the 90-year-old school. The scholarships were instituted more than 8 years ago. There will be fun games on the occasion.

The school may be contacted in 2834 0202/5307 for dinner

Families including children are welcome too.

Students perform Namasankeerthanam in **Aachi Amman temple**

By Our Staff Reporter

Janaki Ramamani resident of 4/1 Chakrapani Street Extn. West Mampalam) and her 30 students performed Hari Naamasankeerthanam on Jan. 12 in Devi Sri Aachi Amman Tem-ple, T. Nagar, as part of Pongal celebrations in the temple.



Sai Seva Chakra conducts free Veda classes

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mamoalam) conducts free Veda, .30 p.m to 4.30 p.m.

es in the following venues.

Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar.

tension, 7th Avenue, Ashok Krishnan Karanai (near Thursdays from 8 p.m to 9 p.m day, Jan.23. in No 15, Bharathi Street, West

Exhibition of articles used by Shirdi Sai Baba tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sai Healing Center (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar. Ph: ohajans and sloka classes on 94444 53777) has organized fundays in its premises from an exhibition of idols/coins of Ganesha, Rama, Sita, Laksh-It also conducts these clas- mana and Hanuman presented by Shirdi Sai Baba to On Saturdays and Sundays devotees and articles like 'kafni' rom 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sri and 'chillum' used by him from 7 a.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 19 in Tag Auditorium, Sri Ramakrishna Mission School, On Mondays, Wednesdays Dhandapani Street, T. Nagar, and Tuesdays from 5 p.m to 6 from 8 a.m on Tuesday, Jan. o.m in Sarva Priya Ganapathi 21 in Sri Sai Healing Center Temple (Moorthy Street Ex- and in Sri Ramani's Sai Mandir, Nagar). On Mondays and Mahalingapuram) on Thurs-

Prof. T. Thiruvalluvan



tee, Sri Sai Healing Center) said Anjaneyar pooja; 12 noon: Sri that the idol of Ganesha was Lakshmi Kubera pooja; 1.30 gifted to Madhavrao Desh- p.m: Nama sankeerthanam; pande alias Shama by Shirdi 2.30 p.m: Silent prayer; 4 p.m: Sai Baba.

The coins engraved with the prayer; 6 p.m; Aarathi. Mambalam. All are welcome. (Founder and Managing Trus- images of Rama, Sita, Laksh-

mana and Hanuman received from Vaman Narverkar for blessing were also presented to Shama.

He said that Sai also gifted a 'kafni' presented to him by Bala Gangadhara Tilak to Shama.

The following are the other programs on Jan.19:

8a.m:LordVinayagarPooja; 9 a.m: Sri Vishnu Sahasranama paarayanam; 9.30 a.m: Dhuni pooja and mass prayer; 10.45 a.m: Lord Rama and Sai bhajans; 5 p.m: Mass

All are welcome.

Aid given to visually challenged persons

By Our Staff Reporter

 $Vallalar Thondu\,Niruvanam$ (8, 10th Street, Annai Sathya Nagar, Nesapakkam) distrib $uted\,walking\,sticks\,among\,100$ isually challenged persons during Thai poosam festival celebrated from Jan. 11 to 17. Vessels and bathing soaps were also given to them.

Hundreds of devotees participated in the Thiruvillaku pooja on Jan. 16.

Members provide lunch for physically and visually challenged persons, elderly persons, destitute and poor persons at 12.30 p.m daily.



Thursdays and Fridays mem- gars sitting outside temples, nating for 'annadhanam' may On Mondays, Tuesdays, bers give food packets to beg- orphans and others in areas contact phone 2474 1596.

between Nesapakkam and Thiruvotriyur.

They also provide lunch for inmates of the home for chal $lenged\, persons\, in\, Poon amallee$

The Trust was started by Kanniappa Swamigal.

Vallalar's Agaval Paarayanam is conducted at 7 a.m daily. There are discourses at 6 p.m on Thursdays and Poosam day.

Special programs are conducted on special days relating to Vallalar.

Devotees interested in do-

T.N. Krishnan's violin concert in TTD Devasthanam on Friday



By Our Staff Reporter

Renowned violinist T. N Krishnan will be presented the 'Gotovadyam Narayana Iyengar Award for Excellence' on Friday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m in Sravanam Hall, TT Devasthanam, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar.

He will then present a violin concert. There is no entry fee and all are welcome.

Corporation to build skating rinks in schools soon

Chennai Corporation will build skating rinks in its schools for enabling its students to participate in roller skating, on par with private schools.

Work on commissioning skating rinks in the playground of the schools started last week. Lighting facilities for the rinks will also likely be installed soon.

According to an official, enthus iastic students from NorthChennai are practicing in the rinks already existing in the civic department's playground in Anna Nagar and Shenoy Nagar. The present statistics collected by the civic department reveal that 1000 children are utilizing the rinks existing in the department's playgrounds on a daily basis. Usually the number increases during weekends.

The proposed facilities in Chennai Schools will promote roller skating among poor students as a recreational activity and sport on a regular ba-

Goshala cows taken in procession

By Our Staff Reporter

The cows in Goh Samrakshana Sala (a unit of Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Swamigal Trust, 13, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam, behind Sankara Mutt) were taken in procession on nearby streets on Jan. 15 as part of 37th year Maatu Pongal celebrations.

Hundreds of devotees performed gho-pooja in the go-

Saidai Sa. Duraisamy (Mayor) presided over the celebrations.

Traditional games mark



Govt. provides subsidized rooftop gardening kits for residents

By Our Staff Reporter

home and rooftop gardening in and Perambur.

application-do-yourself-kit/for sidy. registration.

The gardening scheme is to be implemented by the Dy. Director of Horticulture, suburban railway $Madhavaram-Chennai\,(2555$ 4443) in the near future with

The state government has nocrats stationed in Tiruvanallotted Rs. 5 crore to promote miyur, KKNagar, Anna Nagar

The department will also dis-Interested residents may tribute seeds and coco peat to bricks and polythene sheets to www.tnhorticulture.tn.gov.in/ raise seedlings at 50 % sub-

Digital caution boards in stations soon

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of initiative to prevent commuters from being run over on railway tracks near suburban stations, Govern $ment\,Railway\,Police\,(GRP)\,will$ install digital caution boards at the entry and exit points of railway stations that have been identified as accidentprone spots including Mambalam Railway Station.

The caution boards which will be bright and reflective in colour will be erected at a suitable distance before the stations, to enable the drivers to slow down to speeds of 20kmph and below as they approach the

The number of deaths recorded on Chennai Beach-Tambaram sector was 350 in 2013.

Pongal celebrated in temple



By Our Staff Reporter

About a hundred devotees of Bhagwan Sri Gokula Krishna Temple (Anna Main Road, MGR Nagar) prepared sweet pongal on Pongal Day (Jan. 15).

M. Annadurai (organizer) said that Pongal was celebrated in the traditional way. Gho pooja was also performed for the 5th The competitions included kolam, drawing and pot breaking. consecutive year.

Contrasting pictures tell a tale



By Our Staff Reporter

(West Mambalam) and residents celebrated Pongal with tra-

ditional games for children on Jan. 14.

Members of Sampangi Street Social Welfare Association



By Our Staff Reporter

While members of a family go sight-seeing on their bullock cart on Maatu Pongal day on Jan. 15 (photo taken on Natesan $Road, K.\ K.\ Nagar), abullock to ils for its owner on the same day without an off (photo taken on Anna Main Road, K.\ K.\ Nagar).$

Music contests for kids on Jan. 26

By Our Staff Reporter

Rao's Music (West Mambalam) will conduct a talent music program at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 26 in ABC Play School, behind Kali Bari Temple, West Mambalam.

Vocal, veena and violin contests will be conducted for children of all age groups.

Registration can be done through SMS to 98401 97914.

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Colourful kolams mark **Bhogi Day**



By Our Staff Reporter

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OBITUARY

S.V. BAGYALAKSHMI

S.V. Bagyalakshmi (resident of Chandra Flats, 12, Postal Colony 4th Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 98406 02249) passed away on Jan. 9.

She was 85 and had been a resident of

Mambalam for more than 40 years. She was the wife of late M. Kalyanaraman.

She is survived by daughters Mythili, Meena, Girija and Rama and grandchildren.

DR. N. K. SHANMUGAM

Dr. N. K. Shanmugam (resident of 6, 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar) passed away on Jan. 15.

He was 67 and had been a resident of Ashok Nagar for more than 35 years. Dr. Shanmugam's fam-

ily has been practicing natural medicine for 7 generations.

He had authored several books on siddha. He had participated in many international seminars and presented several papers. Dr. Shanmugam is survived by his wife Kalaichelvi, sons Dr. Mohana Krishnan and Vasanthakrishna (architect), daughter Divya and grandchildren.

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handled wrongly.

parents. Take them for a health check today. Tell them you are with them. Do not abandon them. Put yourself in their shoes, you will realize where and what you are. Never buy death. Let it come spontaneously. A precious life is given to us. Let's live it happily. Let's pass on that happiness to our next generation. Take care.

'Never buy death'

By Dr. Robin J Bensam

I felt like writing this article because I lost a very good friend at a

These days we lack health awareness. Remember 'Health is Wealth'.

The joy of good health can never be obtained by wealth. I can even say

excess wealth may also lead to trouble. When we talk about awareness

I would like to remind you of three common killer diseases - Blood

pressure, Diabetes, Heart Attack. Once blood pressure always blood

pressure throughout life. We commonly tackle this issue only with diet

control. Seldom can it be solved with diet control. Many people treat this

disease like they treat a simple fever. We just take medicine and stop

when the BP comes to normal. It is not right. Most of the time we need

to continue the medicine lifelong. I have come across many who are

scared of checking their BP. Both high and low blood pressure can lead

to problems. Salt is your first enemy. I still remember when an old lady

anded up in a coma when I was working in Apollo Hospital. We had

to put her on ventilator and were luckily able to revive her. We were

surprised to hear from her later that she hid a bottle of pickle in her

kitchen and happily ate it. We need to sacrifice something to live longer.

Diabetes has become very common in our country. I repeat, both high

and low sugar are dangerous. Happily, there are many sweets in the

market which do not increase the blood sugar level. Diabetes is a disease

which can destroy all parts of our body slowly from skin, nail to kidney

Heart attack is very common for those above 30. Cholesterol is the

major cause of heart disease. Almost all our dishes have coconut as a

major ingredient. Let's cut down on oil in our food. Never ever ignore

a chest discomfort, meaning discomfort in the middle of the chest, not

to the left as many think. Gastritis and cardiac pain may mimic each

other. I remember visiting a patient at midnight with chest discomfort

in Anna Nagar. He was an advocate. He told me, "Doc, I just had some

spicy food. It must be gastritis. I have taken Gelusil. It will be alright".

But I insisted on doing an ECG. We did the ECG and it revealed a

massive heart attack. We shifted him to hospital at once. He is living

happily today. I am also happy that I saved a life that day. We cannot

play with health. Anyone over 30 must get his/her health checked once

a year. A little bit of exercise will certainly help one keep fit. Getting a

Never self medicate. It's high time we all must know that self medi-

cation is like inviting ill health. Do you know that the simple Crocin

tablet we take every day is injurious to liver? One of my

friends invited death at a young age of 45. One day he told me, "Doc,

my sugar was 400. I brought it down to 90 in one shot. Little did I know

he was playing with insulin. Insulin is a very powerful drug which must

never be used without doctor's advice. Insulin can kill instantly if

Share your problems with your friends or family doctor. Every family

must have a doctor. Who is an ideal family doctor? The family doctor

must be accessible over phone at anytime. We must visit the doctor

when we are hale and healthy. Preventive health care is a very impor-

tant area we need to concentrate on. Allocate time for health. Music is a

good way to get rid of stress. Move away from your stressful work and

Lastly, I would like to talk about health insurance. Most of us will have

LIC policies because they sound very lucrative and help in saving tax.

Every person in the middle income group must have a mediclaim

policy. We do not know when a disease will knock at our door. We may

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WEST MAMBALAM, Mahadevan Street (State Bank Building), 2 Halls – Kamakshi Mini Hall A/c (100 guests), Kamakshi Hall A/c (200 guests). Ph: 4351 2233, 4351 2556, 99404 94450 www.kamakshihall.com

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K.K. NAGAR

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98411 45707 99413 01319

WEST MAMBALAM, Pushpaathi Ammal Street, near Public Health Centre, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 735 sq.ft, UDS 275 sq.ft. 8 years old, 2-wheeler parking price Rs. 55 lakhs. Ph: 91763 41000, 93813 22203

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RENTAL

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C.I.T. NAGAR (WEST), No. 28/6, Nandhi Loop Street, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 2nd floor flat, rent Rs. 8000, small vegetarian family, inspection on Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Ph: 99400 60478.

C.I.T. NAGAR (WEST), No. 7, Viswamothi, 1-D, 3rd Cross Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1150 sq.ft, 1st floor, car parking. Ph: 98841 62577

T. NAGAR, No. 12, Venkat Narayana Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1100 sq.ft, 3rd floor marble flooring, fully woodwork covered car park, 24 hours water lift, rent Rs. 25000 (negotiable) Palani. Ph: 98402 75147, 98417

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ASHOK NAGAR, Block No. No. 16B, Samiyar Garder Street, 7th Avenue, near GRT School, single bedroom, 1st floor 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 8000. Ph: 90032 37585.

C.I.T. NAGAR (WEST), Old No. 13, Kaveri Nagar, near Alpha Matriculation School, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, vasthu, 24 hours water, furnished, vegetarians. Ph: 99404 89737.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 19/ Janakiram Street, near Duraisamy Subway, double bedrooms, ground floor flat, 24 hours water, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 15000, advance Rs. 120000. Ph: 94442 41614, 94456

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K. K. NAGAR, Flat No. L8G, Bharathidasan Colony, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 600 sq.ft, 1st floor, pooja room, balcony rent Rs. 10000, Brahmins only no brokers. Ph: 94449 48125.

VADAPALANI, No. 96, Amman Koil Street, near Lakshman Sruthi. 2 bedrooms. hall, kitchen, ground floor, 2 attached bathrooms, 2-wheeler parking, family / bachelors, Ph: 98420 68408, 91506 51153.

T. NAGAR, No. 18, BBC Homes, South Boag Road, 745 sq.ft, 1st floor, rent Rs. 18000 (negotiable), open car park. Family/Bachelors/Guesthouse / Office. Ph: 93810 43102, 2435 9241, 2434 6778, 2435 1597. T. NAGAR, No. 52/17, Mahalakshmi Street, independent 300 sq.ft, ground floor portion, rent Rs. 5500, Brahmins only, contact owner on Sunday. Ph: 99629 44222.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 48/ 51. Moorthy Street, 1 bedroom hall, kitchen, independent 1st floor house, rent Rs. 10000, Brahmins only. Ramanamma. Ph: 90032

T. NAGAR, No. 3/3, Kaveri Apartment, Bagayandam Street 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 840 sg.ft. vegetarians only. Ph: 98843 68851, 98400 68851, 2435 1634

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SAIDAPET, Old No. 2, New No. 3, Gandhi Street, Cauvery Nagar, near C.I.T. Nagar, & Aranga-nathan Subway, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, newly built, 24 hours water, covered car park. immediate occupation, rent negotiable, Brahmins / vegetarians only. Ph: 89392 77497.

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T. NAGAR, No. 2, Old No. 3, Flat No. 3, Bharathi Nagar 3rd Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen 2 bathrooms, 1150 sq.ft, A/c in parking, strictly vegetarians only, no brokers. Ph: 94449 59295, 98100 04899

K. K. NAGAR, No. 55/ 767, 59th Street, 10th Sector, 2 bedrooms, independent ground floor, all facilities, rent Rs. 14000, advance 6 months. Ph: 97899 00887

T. NAGAR, Old No. 11/4, New No. 27/4, Rameshwaram Road, near Mambalam Railway Station single bedroom, hall, kitchen balcony, 600 sq.ft, 1st floor, A/c vegetarians only. Ph: 94449 63538, 80560 71849.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 24B. G1, Janakiraman Street, 2 ground floor flat, 2 toilets, covered cupboards, rent Rs. 15000 (negotiable). Ph: 98845 53278.

T. NAGAR, New No. 1, Old No. 9, Alacrity Apartment, Saradambal Street, off. Thirumalai nillai Road next to PSBR 8 Vidyodaya School, 2 bedrooms hall, kitchen, rent Rs. 18000. Ph 98846 03659

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 16 ake View Road, near Lake View Park Hotel, office place, 500 sq.ft ground floor, fan, lights, wall paper pasted, tiled flooring, A/c rent Rs. 8500, advance 10 months. Mohan. Ph: 98407

residential hall for orphaned children By Our Staff Reporter 33-year-old S. Selvakumar and his wife Malliga have been running Mother K. K. NAGAR, 6-C. MIG Flat Theresa Nursery & .T. Rajan Salai, 2 bedroom, hall

Primary School in Padiyanallur, near Red Hills, for poor students for the past 10

They are constructing a hall on its first floor to accommodate

orphaned students who do not have a home.

They are short of funds to complete the roofing which is to be completed by this month-end and are appealing to the readers of Mambalam Times for donations.

The school admits students up to Std. 5 and has eight teachers who educate 110 girls and 125 boys.

No fee is charged from orphaned children. For others, a monthly fee of oneday's earning is charged from the parents.

Selvakumar has completed M. Phil. in Tamil literature and is a part-time professor in a leading private college while Malliga manages the school's administration. The plot for the building the school was donated by Selvakumar's father who himself is a retired teacher.

To procure funds for day-to-day expenses, Selvakumar takes up various jobs like polishing shoes, catering service, house cleaning, part-time lectures and tuitions.

On weekends, he can often be seen sitting outside bus stops, railway stations and other public places in various towns of Tamilnadu polishing shoes.

He displays prominently behind him a poard explaining the motto of his mission.

He does not charge a fixed amount and accepts whatever is given to him. He said that on lucky day he could earn as much as Rs. 5000 from a 5-hour work shift.

Professor appeals for donation to build

Selvakumar's contact numbers are 98848 69566 and 3242 4357.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Foot-wide opening in storm water drain slab poses risk

Sir, A portion of the slab covering the storm water drain at the beginning of West CIT Nagar 2nd Cross Street, near Nandini statue, has

Sharp fall in sale of Bhogi drums



By Our Staff Reporter

who beat them while dancing around bonfires lit on Bhogi day, a day before Pongal, has witnessed a sharp decline in recent years in the wake of campaigns for 'smokeless' Bhogis. Another reason could be the steep rise in prices from a few rupees a decade ago to about Rs. 30 each now.

had remained unsold put a question mark on their and Sundays. return next vear.

This photo was taken on K. K. Salai, MGR Nagar on Jan. 16.



caved in, creating a foot-wide opening.

It poses a danger to pedestrians, especially the elderly and children, as there is a school nearby. Also it is invisible during dark hours, posing an added risk.

I request the concerned authorities to close the opening to avoid any untoward incidents. - R. Venkateswaran, 10/29 2nd Cross Street, West CIT Nagar

Sale of Bhogi drums, once popular among children Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

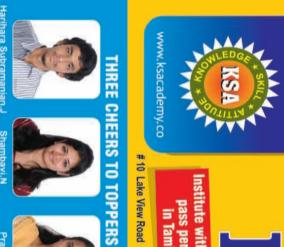
By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises.

T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told Mambalam Times that $Vendors\ said\ that\ the\ fact\ that\ a\ number\ of\ drums \\ \ mass\ spiritual\ healing\ is\ conducted\ at\ 7.30\ p.m\ on\ Thursdays$

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 2643 2323, 4212 5118 and 94444 53777.



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