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Pulse polio immunization drive today

By Our Staff Reporter
The second phase of oral polio vaccine for 2014 will be administered to children below 5 years on Sunday, Feb. 23, under the Pulse polio immunization program. Children under 5 should be immunized irrespective of their previous immunization status. Sick children, including those affected by diarrhea, can also be administered the polio drops.

Corporation Commissioner R. Nanthagopal said that the quality of oral vaccination has been certified by the World Health Organisation and it would not cause any side effects.

He said that the vaccine can be administered to children even if they had been given oral drops in recent past.

The vaccine will be administered at the following centers in Ashok Nagar and K. K. Nagar:

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Corporation Middle School, Erikkarai Street, Nesapakkam.
K. K. Nagar Health Post, 56th Street, Vijayaraghavapuram.

24-lakh capacity overhead water tank inaugurated in K.K. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter
A new overhead Metrowater tank with a storage capacity of 24 lakh liters constructed at a cost of Rs. 46.79 crores was inaugurated on Feb. 21 in the Metrowater depot on P. V. Rajamannar Salai, K. K. Nagar. The tank will serve the water needs for the residents of K. K. Nagar, Ashok Nagar and nearby areas.



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By M.A. SADANAND

JUSTICE IS ROPELESS

Chief Justice P.Sathasivam, Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S.K.Singh have earned my salute and, I am sure, the universal praise of the entire thinking Indians on deroping the killer trio who sent Rajiv packing from this beautiful world for no fault of his.

The killers have lived longer in the jail than outside and they are also perhaps safer in their cells than outside. Now that they are protected well by the loving government and well fed, I guess, there should be no worry in the world to make them lose their beauty sleep.

Dhanu, the human bomb, has already paid with her young life for a foolhardy picnic. The scores are therefore even.

Let this judgment rationalise the purpose of the Indian Penal Code which the marauder British Government imposed on the puny Indians through the febrile brain of Lord Macaulay whose brief was to wipe out as many subjects as possible through his confection of Penal Laws. He went hammer and tongs and manufactured this hanger I.P.C. which was fortunately seen through by Chief Justice Sathasivam, a man of peace and wisdom. He boldly with his two companion judges ignored the Macaulay call for blood and allowed the criminals to continue their tenancy of this beautiful world until kingdom come.

The Chief Justice of India is a good man. I knew him well when I was the Government Pleader in the Madras High Court and he was Special Government

Pleader. His elevation to the Madras Bench and further elevation to the Supreme Court were in aid of Justice as should be, and this is his signature judgment before he retires in April.

Fancy number plate on cop's bike



By Our Staff Reporter

The fancy number plate on this 'policeman's' 2-wheeler was spotted on Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar on Feb. 19. It grossly violates rules specified by the licensing authorities.

ISKCON programs in neighbourhood

By Our Staff Reporter

Residence of S. Sowjanya (A-International Society for 6, Ashok Vihar Apartments, Krishna Consciousness (ISK 21/20, 11th Avenue, Ashok CON) conducts programs in Nagar, Ph: 94452 12281): 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Tuesdays:

Residence of Priya (1075, 'Bhakti Vriksha'. Munuswamy Naidu Salai, K. Residence of Venkataraman K. Nagar, Ph: 94440 63643): 7 (D-1, Mangala Flats, 1st Floor, p.m to 9 p.m on Mondays: 5, 43rd Street, Ashok Nagar, 'Bhakti Vriksha'; 8.30 a.m to Ph: 96770 97338): 7 p.m to 9 9.30 a.m from Monday to p.m on Thursdays: 'Bhakti Saturday: Srimad Bhagava- Vriksha'.

dham classes. All are welcome.

OBITUARY

PADMASANI SESHADRI

Padmasani Seshadri (resident of 49/25, Thirumalai Pillai Road, T. Nagar) passed away on Feb.10.

She was 83 and had been a resident of T. Nagar for more than 64 years. She was the



wife of late S. Seshadri. She is survived by her sons S. Srinivasa Raghavan, S. Lakshminarayanan and S. Vasudevan, daughter Rama Gopalan, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Hepatitis screening camp conducted

By Our Staff Reporter

Daasya (NGO, 12th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) and Rotary Club of North West conducted a 'Hepatitis B & C screening camp' on Feb. 16 for inmates of Paradise Home (36, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar 1st Street, ECR, Kovalam. Ph: 2474 2432 and 93821 61804), a rehabilitation & training center for the mentally challenged.

P. Raman (President, Daasya) said that 150 students attended the camp of whom 6 will undergo treatment.

Paradise Home was started in 1991. It takes care of mentally challenged children and provides physiotherapy, speech therapy, yoga training and special education.

It also gives them training in screen printing, paper cover making, candle making and



handicraft making. Readers are welcome to celebrate special occasions like birthdays, marriage anniversaries and festivals with inmates.

Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

Sevas (50, Dharga Road, Rajaji Nagar, Pallavaram) sends volunteers for a week-long service to pilgrims in Tirumala starting on Mondays and ending on Sundays.

Men and women who are physically fit and are willing to stay in Tirumala for a week are welcome to offer their services for 6 hours everyday. The work will be of supervisory nature.

Accommodation, lunch and dinner will be provided free of cost. They can have special darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Traveling expense and the cost of breakfast must be borne by the volunteers. Those interested can call 94449 01138.

Woman pillion rider escapes unscathed as dupatta gets caught in wheel

A woman riding on the pillion of a 2-wheeler had a narrow escape when her dupatta (long scarf) worn around the neck got caught in rear axle of the vehicle at around 3 p.m on Rajachar Street, T. Nagar on Feb. 18.

The driver stopped the bike immediately after he was cautioned by another motorist who noticed the dupatta getting entwined on the axle.

She told the reporter that she was lucky as the dupatta could have either thrown her off the vehicle or strangled her. A mechanic had to be called to remove the cloth from the wheel.



Authorities address civic issues after report in Mambalam Times



Before

Following the report 'Open trench poses a danger on Bazullah Road' published in *Mambalam Times* in its issue dated Feb. 8-14, the trench was closed by Chennai Corporation workers by filling it up with sand on Feb. 18.

Similarly, following the report 'Dilapidated vehicle lying on road margin on South Road' published in the same issue, the vehicle was removed a couple of days ago.



After



Before



After

Evening concerts in Sravanam Hall

By Our Staff Reporter

TTD has arranged for Carnatic music concerts till Friday, Feb. 28 (except Tuesday) from 6 p.m to 8 p.m in Sravanam Hall (Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam (Venkatanaryana Road, T. Nagar).

Following are the concert details:

Saturday, Feb. 22: Group vocal concert by Bhagyalakshmi Suresh and her students

Sunday, Feb. 23: Vocal concert by Sindhuja

Monday, Feb. 24: Keyboard concert by B. Niveditha

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Group vocal concert by Neeraja and her students

Thursday, Feb. 27: Vocal concert by Meera Sankaran

Friday, Feb. 28: Violin concert by Varun

To promote Carnatic music, Sravanam Hall in is given free to upcoming musicians and music schools for giving performances.

K. Anandhakumar Reddy (President, TTD Local Advisory Committee) said the booking needs to be done in advance.

He said that interested persons may send their details by email to sravanamchennai@gmail.com.

Subway below overbridge opened

By Our Staff Reporter

The subway for pedestrians and two-wheelers below Rangarajapuram overbridge linking Mambalam High Road and Rangarajapuram High Road was inaugurated by J. Jayalalithaa (Chief Minister) on Feb. 21 through video link-up.

The two-way subway provides access to Mambalam and T. Nagar skirting the area with heavy traffic.



Residents appeal to augment facilities in Peripheral Hospital

During the open house meet on Feb. 15, residents of Ashok Nagar, K. K. Nagar and nearby areas appealed to V.P. Kalairajan (MLA, T. Nagar) to open a critical care wing in Peripheral Hospital (Anna Main Road, K. K. Nagar).

The meet was jointly organized by Ashok Nagar Exnora Innovators Club and Residents

Welfare Association (6th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

Senior officials from Metro-water, TNEB, Chennai Corporation and Police Dept. also attended the meet and heard the grievances.

According to a resident, Peripheral Hospital has been in existence for over 40 years. However, the facilities at this

hospital are minimal and therefore people with critical problems from economically weak backgrounds are forced to go to General Hospital or Royapettah Hospital for treatment.

Other issues raised included bad road conditions, traffic problems and renovation of the Corporation Park at the junction of 1st Avenue and 4th Avenue. A request was made to the traffic officials to restore two-way traffic near Ashok Pillar as the Metro Rail work in that sector has been completed.

Kalairajan later addressed the audience and said that due diligence will be given to the points raised during the meet and suitable action taken wherever necessary.

Unchavriti Bhajans today

Jayadeva Bala Baktha Bhajan Mandali, Youth Wing of Sri Rama Navami Mahotsava Kainkarya Sabha, will organize Unchavriti Bhajans in the following areas in West Mambalam to collect rice, dhal, jaggery and funds for conducting Sri Rama Navami Janana Mahotsavam and Sita Kalya-

na Vaibavams.

Feb. 23 (Sunday): Rukmani Street, Murthy Street, Mahadevan Street, K. V. Colony.

March 2 (Sunday): Samiyar Garden Street, Kamatchipuram, Postal Colony.

More details can be had from S. Krishnan in 94444 41800 / 23711365.

Thematic concert on Somaskanda Shiva in Infosys Hall today

By Our Staff Reporter

Thejus (a jewelry store at 94/85, Park View, 3rd floor, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 94440 88437) will hold a thematic concert by Gayathri Ganesh on Somaskanda Shiva on Sunday, Feb. 23, at



Poongulam Subramaniam (mridangam).

She will present the songs composed by Muthuswami Dikshitar, Thevaram hymns and compositions of Pattammal.

Somaskanda is a manifestation of Lord Shiva with Uma Devi and Skanda.

Gayathri will also provide a multimedia presentation on the various kshetras that depict the Somaskanda manifestation of Lord Shiva.

All are welcome.

62-year-old completes 11 km run

By Our Staff Reporter

62-year-old V. Sethuraman (a resident of 23, Pinjala Subramaniam Street, T. Nagar; Ph: 96001 88824) successfully participated in the 11 km run from Elliot's Beach (Besant Nagar) to M.G.R. Memorial (Marina Beach) on Feb. 16.

He completed the run in 86 minutes.

He had retired as a senior executive from BHEL.

The run was conducted by Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa's party's general secretary and Feb. 24.



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Maha Shivaratri celebrations in Chakra Vinayakar temple

Maha Shivaratri will be celebrated in Sri Chakra Vinayagar Temple (2, South Dhandapani Street, T. Nagar) with special homams on Thursday, Feb. 27, and Friday, Feb. 28.

There will also be special abhishekams and alangaarams to the presiding deities.

Following are the program details:

Feb. 27: 5 a.m to 6 a.m: Ganapathy Homam; 6 a.m to 7 a.m: Bhajans by M.K. Srinivasan; 7 p.m to 9 p.m: Rudra homam by Mohan (Editor, Kalyanamaalai); 9 p.m to 11 p.m: Uma Maheswara homam by Krishnan Radha.

Feb. 27, 11 p.m to Feb. 28, 1 a.m: Panchakshara Vilva homam by Rajalingam; 5 a.m to 7 a.m: Panchamuga Kedara Gowri homam and Maha Mriuthyunjaya homam by Rudhrakumar. Devotees can offer sanalpam. All are welcome.

Philanthropist donates Rs. 10 lakhs to National Heart Foundation



By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Krishnamachari (Managing Director, Tex Bioscience Pvt. Ltd, Textan House, 75, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) donated Rs. 10 lakhs to National Heart Foundation (12/6, T.S. Krishna Nagar Extension, Mogappair East) during a function held by Lions Club International in Egmore on Feb.16. This is the fifth consecutive year he has donated to the Foundation.

Dr. S. Rajan (Cardio Surgeon, Madras Medical Mission) founded National Heart Foundation in 2005 to help poor patients suffering from cardiac problems. The Foundation conducts free cardiac screening programs for the poor in slum areas. It also conducts public awareness seminars, courses and workshop on heart related diseases. It also provides scholarships and stipends to deserving medical students. The Foundation welcomes donations from philanthropists. Its contact numbers are 2656 0436 and 2656 1801.

Award for Radhatri Nethralaya director

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham, Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar) will get the 'Deccan Dhanvanthri' award from Sukar Markandeyan Charities during Dhanvanthri Day celebrations on Friday, Feb. 28, in Murugan Kalyana Mandapam (South Boag Road, T. Nagar).

The award is given in recognition of her work in the field of retina for 15 years.

Dr. Vasumathy is a consultant vitreoretinal surgeon. She worked as a retina consultant in Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai for 5 years and later did her fellowship in pediatric retina and electrophysiology in Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. She won 15 gold medals during her academic career. She is a member a number of ophthalmological societies in India and abroad.

She has received a number of awards in her field of work, which includes the Rakesh Sharma Memorial Award for her work in ocular trauma in India in 2005, Hanumantha Reddy Award for her work in pediatric ophthalmology and Indian Medical Association award two weeks ago.

She has also been acknowledged as one of the top 20 women ophthalmologists in India by Ophthalmology World Report.



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New taluk office for T. Nagar residents

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of T. Nagar now have to visit the Guindy Taluk office (Corporation Zone Office, 370, Anna Salai, Richards Park, Saidapet, near Panagal Building, Phone: 2433 1727) inaugurated by Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa on Feb. 13 through video link-up for their requirements.

They earlier had to go to Mambalam-Guindy Taluk office on Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar.

Mambalam Taluk office (Ph: 2489 1464) functioning on the same premises covers West Mambalam, Ashok Nagar, K. K. Nagar and nearby areas.

These offices are authorized to issue community, legal heir, income, nativity, residence,



field boundary, patta transfer, old age pension and scholarship documents. They will also disburse relief

Special poojas for Maha Shivaratri in Siva Vishnu temple

By Our Staff Reporter

There will be special poojas for Maha Shivaratri in Siva Vishnu Temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar) from Wednesday, Feb. 26 to Friday, February 28. Feb. 26: 7.30 a.m to noon: Maha Ganapathy homam and Purusha Suktha homam.

Feb. 27: 8.30 a.m to noon: Maha Ganapathy homam; 9 a.m to February 28, 5 a.m (next day): Akhanda Maha Rudra japam, Laksharchanai, Akhanda Maha abhishekam.

Akhanda bhajans by Vembu Bhagavathar and party. 8 a.m to noon: Rudra Homam, Vasordhara Homam and Poornahudhi. All are welcome.

Sai bhajans on Saturdays

By Our Staff Reporter

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 Bharathidasan Colony Bhajan Mandali (18-D, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar) conducts Sri Sathya Sai bhajans from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Saturdays in its premises. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94448 25183.

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Maha Shivaratri Akhandam in Arundale Hall

By Our Staff Reporter

To celebrate Maha Shivaratri, Naadhabrahmam (monthly music journal) has arranged for Akhandam (non-stop music concerts) from 6 p.m on Feb. 27 to 6 a.m on Feb. 28 in Rukmani Arundale Hall (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam).

The following are the concert details:

5.45 p.m: Lighting of the lamp by Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna.

6 p.m: Vocal concert by Gayathri Venkataragavan accompanied by M. Rajeev (violin) and R. Sankaranarayanan

Talk on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmargasangam (V.O. C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Kolapakkam Santhanam will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Uthara Gnana Chidhambara Maalai' on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Dhanvantari Day celebrations on Thursday, Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sukar Markandeyan Charities will conduct special Dhanvantari homams and poojas on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 27 and February 28, in Murugan Kalyana Mandapam (South Boag Road, T. Nagar). The poojas will begin at 6.30 a.m on Thursday and conclude with Dhanvantari homam at 7 a.m on Friday.

They will be followed by a spiritual discourse and maha abhishekam. All are welcome.

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

Free Veda classes thrice a week

By Our Staff Reporter

Kurichi Lakshminarasimhachariar (resident of 8, 2nd Main Road, CIT Nagar East, Nandanam) conducts free Veda and Suktham classes from 9 a.m to 10 a.m on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. More details can be had in phone 98406 40705.