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Heavy rush at tatkal booking counters



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She sells earthen lamps for a living



By Our Staff Reporter

V. Lakshmi, a resident of West Mambalam, has been selling earthen lamps and terracotta lamps for Deepavali and Karthigai from the pavement of Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam for a number of years. She buys her wares from Virudhachalam.

The lamps are priced from Rs. 1 to Rs. 25 depending on size and variety. She said that she earns close to Rs. 300 a day.

Train your dog to enjoy Deepavali

By Dr. K. A. Vijayaraghavan

Kids start firing crackers and sparklers a week before Deepavali and this continues upto Karthigai Deepam.

During this cracker season, your pets get frightened of the sounds, and tend to take shelter under the cots in dark rooms.

Some dogs are so scared of these sounds that they do not even come out for answering nature's calls, and some even go off during the Deepavali season.

Is it not a pity that, when you and your family are enjoying the lights and sounds, your pets should spend their time in isolation and in darkness?

It is possible for you to train your dog also to enjoy the lights and sounds, and also the good food during this festival season.

The best approach will be to hold the dog and make it watch while the sparklers and crackers go on, so that it will slowly cast off the fear for them. Do not at all allow it to go under the cot. Your holding it will help the dog give up its fear gradually.

This is very much like training your pet dog to walk on the road. If your pet had been mostly an indoor dog and if you take it out on the road all on sudden it will get scared of the vehicles and the crowd on the road.

If you take it out for short distances regularly, it will cast off the fear and start walking boldly on the road. So, what is needed is a gradual exposure of your pet dog to the lights and sounds associated with Deepavali. Do not feed your dog with too many sweets during the season. After giving a sweet or two, give it a raw carrot so that its teeth will get cleaned. If the dog allows it, clean its teeth with vinegar after it has consumed some sweets.

Talk on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspicious of Vallalar Sanmargasangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), M. Bala Subramanian will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Sath Vicharam' on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar). All are welcome.

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Lions Club of New Ashok Nagar donated clothes and sweets for Deepavali to the students of A.J. Nidhi School, (Guindy).

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Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

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 mass spiritual healing is conducted at 7.30 p.m on Thursdays and Sundays. All are welcome.

Daasya to conduct special Deepavali program for leprosy patients

By Our Staff Reporter

Daasya (an NGO on 12th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) has organized a special Deepavali event for more than 100 leprosy patients on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 8.30 a.m in Panigraha Kalayana Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

Free clothes, sanitary items, sweets and savouries will be distributed to the patients.

The program will start with Sai Bhajan, followed by a dance program by children.

Nandakumar (Joint Commissioner, Income Tax) and Swamiji of Ramakrishna Matt (Mylapore) will give talks.

P. Raman (Founder, Daasya) said that since year 2010, Daasya has been sponsoring lunch every Wednesday for leprosy out-patients at Government Hospital (Saidapet).

Those who are interested in supporting the free lunch scheme may contact Raman in 99406 38972.

Fire department gears up for Diwali, reinforces its arsenal

By Our Staff Reporter

Ahead of Diwali next week, the Tamilnadu Fire and Rescue Services (TNFRS) department has identified 53 locations in and around the city, including this neighbourhood, as being vulnerable to fire accidents.

About 15 fire tenders requisitioned from other districts will be positioned along with 50 Metrowater tanker lorries in some of these areas, including T. Nagar Bus Terminus, MGR Nagar (Nesapakkam) and Dr Ambedkar Salai (Ashok Nagar) in this neighbourhood. About 200 firemen from fire stations outside Chennai will also be deployed.

An official said that they have already conducted mock exercises to assess the response time and have made improvements to the system.

Rallies have been conducted with the help of student volunteers to create awareness. Pamphlets have also been distributed to shop owners and shoppers to create awareness. Fire fighters will be equipped with smaller vehicles to pump water and four bikes to gain access to the spot of a fire in congested areas, narrow alleys and slums.

Motorcycle-bore firemen will carry firefighting equipment in their backpacks. The 24-hour fire service helpline numbers are 101 and 102.

Illegally parked vehicles wheel-locked

By Our Staff Reporter

A number of cars and 2-wheelers parked in the road margins of no parking zones and on pavements were wheel-locked by traffic police.

An official said that with crowds increasing for Deepavali they are taking special initiatives to curb parking on road margins and pavements to ensure easy passage for the shoppers.

This photo was taken on Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar, on October 15.

The locks were removed after payment of fine by the vehicle owners.

A traffic official said that in



ments and no-parking sign boards, shoppers still resort to unauthorised parking thereby causing frequent traffic jams.

Photos of habitual thieves displayed at busy junctions to warn shoppers



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Police have affixed vinyl banners displaying photos of habitual thieves and pickpockets in busy shopping areas of T. Nagar to warn the shoppers who are expected to throng the commercial hub of T. Nagar and Mambalam in the coming days for Diwali.

Laksharchanai in Reddiapatti Swamigal temple next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

'Laksharchanai' will be performed on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m in Reddiapatti Swamigal Temple (6, Ranganathan Street, T. Nagar)

The following are details of the other poojas:

4 p.m: Special abishekam and aaradhanai.

6 p.m: Special alangaram for the presiding deity followed by bhajans.

All are welcome.

Lalita's vocal concert in Sraavanam Hall on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Lalita Santanam will give a Carnatic vocal concert on Monday, Oct. 20, from 6 p.m to 8 p.m, in Sraavanam Hall, TTD Center (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar).

She will be accompanied by Tirucheru Karthik on the violin and Janakivallabhan on the mirudangam.

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Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

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

5 p.m: Veda paarayanam

5.30 p.m: Ramana Maharishi's Aksharamanamalai.

6 p.m: Discourse on 'Bhakthi' by Dr. M.K. Srinivasan (President of Public Health Centre).

All are welcome.

More details can be had by calling 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).

ANNOUNCEMENT
Because of the holiday to the press on Oct. 24 on account of Deepavali, there will be no issue of *Mambalam Times* dated Oct. 25 to 31. Our next issue will be distributed on Nov. 1

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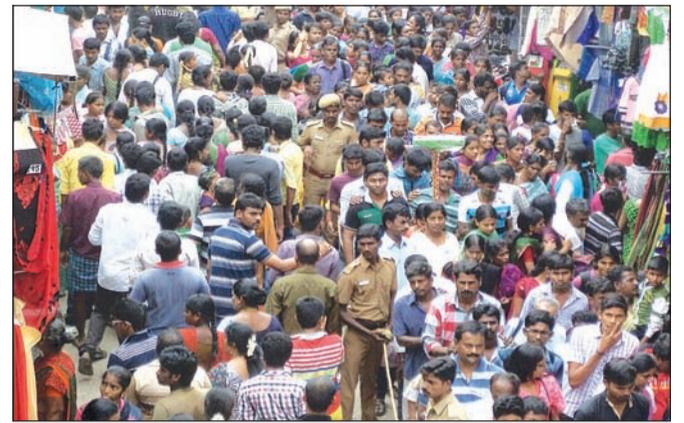
RPF intensifies check on passengers

By Our Staff Reporter

On account of Deepavali, Mambalam Railway Protection Force has intensified checking of baggage to catch passengers traveling with crackers on train. According to an official, carrying crackers and any inflammable items in moving trains, including suburban trains, is not only dangerous, but is also an offense.

To manage the ongoing festival rush, RPF assistance booths have been set up at the station. Apart from CCTV cameras, a tower has been erected at the foot over-bridge to monitor crowds.

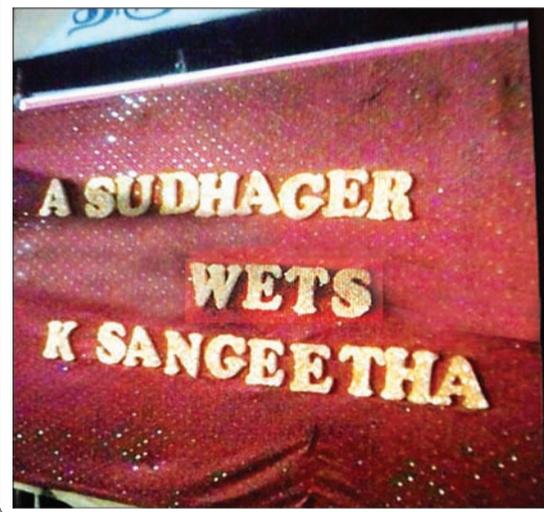
Deepavali shopping picks pace in T. Nagar



By Our Staff Reporter

After a slow beginning, Deepavali shopping picked pace in T. Nagar from last Sunday. Usman Road, Pandy Bazaar and the other shopping hubs attracted huge crowds as shoppers hunted from shop to shop for clothes, sweets and crackers.

Board in front of a Kalyana Mandapam in Washermanpet!



Online essay contest for students

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Memorial Trust, in association with Self Imposed Vigilance for Good Governance, is organising a nationwide online essay contest for students in the age group of 15 to 23 years.

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Madhavapeddi Murthy honoured with 'Nrithya Sadhana' title

By Our Staff Reporter Madhavapeddi Murthy (resi-Kuchipudi dance exponent dent of Lakshmi Colony, T.



Nagar) was honoured with the 'Nrithya Sadhana' title by All India Artists Association and Nrithyathi Kalakshetram (Bhilai) on Oct. 14.

He is a renowned artist and has given a number of performances in prestigious music festivals and sabhas in India and abroad.

He has received a number of awards in the past including the 'Kalaimamani Award' instituted by Govt. of Tamilnadu.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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33-year-old Thameem Baasha (the owner) told *Mambalam Times* that the shop is patronized by most of the tailoring shops in the neighbourhood.

He said that Diwali is his peak season when there is a huge demand for sharpening of scissors and other implements.

His father A. Chand Basha used to run a mobile sharpening business from his bicycle

before starting the shop in 1972.

Chand had started in a small way with hand mechanized tools and later upgraded to motorized sharpeners when business grew.

Thameem joined his father's business at the age of 13.

His customers are from a varied industry including tailoring unit, catering services, saloon shops, hotels, canteens, gardeners and households as well.

The shop is open on weekdays from 10 a.m to 7 p.m

Its contact numbers are 2371 0129 and 98401 03219.

Radhatri Nethralaya conducts workshop on treating eye injuries

By Our Staff Reporter

About 100 students and 30 teachers from neighborhood schools participated in a special Deepavali workshop 'First aid measurers following cracker injuries to the eye' conducted by Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 2431 1550) on October 14 in its premises. Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director), who conducted the workshop, gave a PowerPoint presentation, a demonstration and also conducted an interaction session with students. Dr. Vasumathy said that the students who participated in the workshop will conduct similar sessions in their schools to spread awareness.

She said that 10,000 pamphlets with messages on 'How to protect eyes' will be distributed in schools, colleges and public places.

Scholarships available for 1st year college students

By Our Staff Reporter

First year students pursuing graduation and professional courses in colleges can apply for a scholarship program of Tamil Nadu Educational Trustat the Trust office at 603, Rani Seethai Hall, Anna Salai.

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Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cow falls into sump and dies

Sir, In a tragic incident last week, a stray cow fell into an open sump in an apartment complex on Jubilee Road (West Mambalam) at night and died. Since it happened in the night, no



one noticed the incident nor could hear the cow's calls for help. The apartment owners only noticed it in the morning by which time the cow had died. Its dead body was later lifted out of the sump and taken away by Chennai Corporation workers as no one claimed ownership of the animal. I appeal to cattle owners not to let loose their cattle. I also appeal to apartment owners to always keep the opening of the sump closed for the safety of everyone. — N. Arul Balaji, Jubilee Road, West Mambalam

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STS opens 12 schools for tribal children

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the Single Teacher Schools Project (75, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar), 12 more schools have started functioning in Thandarai Village (Thirukazhukundran Road, Chengalpet) since Oct. 11.

Nearly 360 children belonging to the Irula tribe will attend these schools.

STS was a project started by Swami Dayananda Saraswati in 2006 in villages in Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts to empower poor students with extra classes after regular school.

Since its inception, such schools have been opened in more than 600 villages in Tamilnadu, educating more than 20,000 students from lower income groups and downtrodden families.

In 150 such villages, solar lamps have been installed to conduct classes without power interruption.

These schools function from 5.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m on weekdays.

For contributions to the cause, please contact STS at 4350 8290 / 4350 8281 / 94440 35615.

Do's and dont's for safe handling of crackers

During Deepavali celebrations children get injured due to careless handling of fireworks. Parents are indirectly responsible for these accidents as they fail to educate and guide the children on the correct ways of handling fireworks.

The Loss Prevention Association of India Ltd. (LPA), for the past few years, has been guiding children and elders on the proper ways of handling fireworks.

Simple rules of safety as described in the Safety Bulletin of the Loss Prevention Association are as follows:

Don't light crackers inside the house, or light candles and oil lamps near curtains or any other combustible material.

Hold sparklers away from the body.

Light rockets pointing them straight up.

Never light fireworks from balconies or near buildings: use open grounds.

Don't bend over fireworks while lighting them: light them from the side.

Don't wear long, loose, thin flowing dresses while playing with fireworks.

Never put fireworks in pockets.

Never light fireworks under confinement in a metal container.

Never light a flower pot by holding it.

Never store fireworks or unpack them near a flame or a heat source.

Never return to a firework once lit - it may explode in your face.

Pour water over burns and go to a doctor. Don't apply ointment, butter or any oily substance.

Show concern for infants, the aged and the sick. Don't light loud crackers near them.

Guard your eyes against damage when you burst crackers

By Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham

The incidence of fireworks-related injuries during Diwali is increasing each year. The hands (40%), eyes (20%), and the head and face (20%) are the body areas most often involved.

Of these, eye injuries are the most sensitive and difficult to cure and can often lead to complete loss of vision.

Lacerations, chemical injuries and embedding of foreign bodies are the most common injuries to the eye from fireworks, with approximately one third of the injuries resulting in permanent blindness.

Precautions to be taken:

1. Wear eye protection such as plain glass that covers the eyes up to the eyebrows while bursting crackers or watching fireworks.

2. Stock a first aid kit with a rigid eye shield and antibiotic eye drops. It is available in medical shops.

3. Ensure that children are allowed to fire crackers only under adult supervision.

4. Check the area before igniting fireworks and remove any flammable and combustible materials.

5. Always have a bucket of water at hand to extinguish any incipient fire or for rinsing the affected area of the body.

6. Follow all safety precautions mentioned in the packet of the firework.

7. Use a thick agarbathi (incense stick), specially made for firing crackers to ignite fireworks. It burns without an open flame, provides a safer distance between your hands and the fireworks and also makes the wick to ignite slowly thereby giving you time to move away before the firework bursts.

8. Do not treat even minor eye injury as harmless. When in doubt, consult an eye doctor immediately.

Chemical burns to the eye:

Following fall of chemicals into the eyes especially when rubbing eyes after touching crackers or gun powders, symptoms such as pain, sensitivity to light, severe watering of eyes, reddened eyeballs, and swollen eyelids can occur.

It is advisable to wash hands properly before handling the patient's eye.

Open the affected eyelids gently with your fingers.

Check if the eyeballs are intact or if there is a perforating injury with collapse of eyeballs.

If the eye ball is intact, flush the eye gently cool running cool water to help clean and cool the eye and prevent further chemical reaction. The best way to do it is to hold the eye under a shower, or pour water into the eye using a clean container. Keep the eye open and as wide for as long as possible while flushing with water. Continue flushing for at least 15 minutes.

Do not bandage the eye but apply a shield to it.

Take the patient to an eye doctor immediately after the first aid treatment.

As a general rule, in cases of severe pain, reduced vision, or discoloration (black eye), following a cracker injury, seek emergency medical care. Any of these symptoms could mean internal eye damage and might need emergency intervention for preservation of vision loss.

Dr. Vasumathy is a specialist eye surgeon in Radhatri Nethralaya (Hindi Prachar Sabha Street, T. Nagar). Her contact numbers are 2433 2229 and 2431 1550. For more details please visit the website www.radhatrinethralaya.com.

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