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Transgender kills self in front of police station

By Our Staff Reporter

A 38-year-old transgender, who set herself on fire in front of Pondy Bazaar Police Station, T. Nagar in the morning of Nov. 9, died in Kilpauk Medical College (KMC) Hospital an hour later.

Tara had alleged that policemen had harassed her after they detained her bike in the police station and refused to return it.

Jaya, a transgender, told *Mambalam Times* that she had received a distress call from Tara from the police station, and when a group of them rushed to help her, they found her lying near the median opposite the police station.

Tara was almost fully burnt. She was immediately rushed to KMC Hospital where she

died an hour later.

The transgenders gathered at the KMC hospital and protested on the road demanding that police personnel in Pondy Bazaar police station be booked for abetting the suicide of Tara.

The trouble escalated after a video of Tara's dying declaration was circulated on social media.

According to the police, Tara had come to the station in an inebriated condition and entered into an argument with them to return her seized vehicle.

When they asked her to come later, she left the police station, came back with petrol and set herself on fire.

Man attempts suicide in police station

By Our Staff Reporter

Kumar (30), a resident of Mambalam, tried to commit suicide by slitting his throat with a blade in a police station where he was brought for questioning on Nov. 9 following a complaint from his daughter.

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'எல்லோரும் சாப்பிட்டாச்சா?' என்ற கேள்விக்கு வீட்டுப் பூனை ரோமியோ உள்படக் குழுமி இருந்தவர்கள் தலையசைத்த பின் நடந்த கலந்துரையாடலைக் குடும்பத் தலைவர் அண்ணாசாமி தொகுத்து வழங்குகிறார்.

'நம் சங்கரனுக்குப் பெண்டாட்டியா வரத் தோதான பெண் யாருன்னு முடிவு பண்ணப் பேசினே இருக்கோம். சங்கரன் என் கிட்டே ஏற்கெனவே சொல்லிட்டான். 'கல்யாணம் எனக்குன்னாலும் நான் தலையிட்டு மாட்டிக்க மாட்டேன்பா. நீங்களா பார்த்து 'அடேய் சங்கரா! இந்தப் பொண்ணுக்குக் கட்டடா தாலியை'ன்னு சொன்னா கட்டிட்டுப் போறேன். 'குங்கட் உட்டானா'னு சொல்லு மாதிர் கல்யாணத்தின் போது தான் முகத்திரையை விலக்கிப் பார்க்கணும்னாலும் எனக்கு ஒ.கே. 'வந்தவ கொஞ்ச நாள் கழிச்சு விஸ்வரூபம் எடுத்து, நாக்கை நீட்டி, திமிர்ங்கிற குலத்தோட டேய்ய்ய்ய...னு' கத்தி சாமியாட ஆரம்பிச்சான்னா ஆளானுக்கு என்னை பலி ஆடா ஆக்க முடியாது. ஏன்னா அவ என்னுடைய செல்வன் இல்லையே'ன்னு சொன்னான். சொல்லிட்டு 'மணாளனே மங்கையின் பாக்கியம்' படத்தை ஃபிரெண்டு ஜில்லுவோட செகண்ட் ஷோ பார்க்கப் போயிட்டான்.

'அடுத்ததாக அவ னோட அம்மாக்காரி அன்னம். அவளுக்குத் தன்னோட தலைவலி, திருகுவலி, முட்டி வலிங் கிற வியாதிகளைப் பாராட்டறதுக்கே நேரம் போறதில்லை. இந்த மாதிர் நாலைந்து உபாதைகளை சேகரிச்சுண்டு முன்கற வியாதிக்கு 'அன்னம்மோலியா'ன்னு பெயர் வெச்சாலும் வெப்பாங்க. இப்போ கூட நீலகிரித் தைலம், குரு தைலம், பிண்ட தைலம்னு ஏதோ ஒண்ணை குடு பறக்கத் தேய்ச்சுண்டு தாம்புக் கயிறு மாதிரிச் சுருண்டு படுத்திண்டிருக்கா. சங்கரனோட கல்யாணத்தின் போது அந்தத் தைலங்களிலே ஒண்ணை அப்பிண்டு கல்யாண சத்திரத்தை டர்ப்பென்டைனா மணக்க வைப்பா. அன்னம்னு இல்லாம அவளுக்குத் தைலம்பான்னு பெயர் வெச்சிருக்கலாம்.'

'அடுத்ததாக சங்கரனோட தோப்பனாருங்கிற ஸ்தானத்திலே என்னுடைய பங்குக்குத் தேடிண்டிருக்கேன். என்னோட ஃபிரெண்டு 'லோன்' அம்பி, 'ஏன்டா கையிலே வெண்ணையை வெச்சுண்டு நெய்க்கு அலையறேன்னு?' கேட்டுட்டு அலையோட பெண் வேதத்தை சங்கரன் தலையிலே கட்டப் பார்க்கிறான். வேதத்திற்கும் படிப்பு வாசனைக்கும் ரொம்ப தூரம். எட்டாங் களானோட 'பவமான ரூபமுலகு' பாடிட்டா. 'என்னுடைய பிள்ளை பி.ஏ. ஹானர்ஸ் ஆச்சே?'ன்னு சொன்னேன். அதுக்கு 'அடப் போடா, பொம்மனாட்டிகளுக்குப் படிப்பு எதுக்கு? ரெண்டு 'ஆ' தெரிஞ்சா போறாதான்னு கேக்கறான். முதல் 'ஆ' ஆம்படையானுக்குக் கடிதாச எழுதத் தெரியனுமாம். ரெண்டாவது 'ஆ' ஆனந்த விகடன் படிக்க முடியனுமாம். சங்கரனுக்கு பூஜை, புனஸ்காரத்திலே எல்லாம் ஈடுபாடு கிடையாது. தூபத்துக்கும் தீபத்துக்கும் வித்தியாசம் தெரியாத சாம்பிராணி. அப்பேற்பட்டவனுக்கு வேதத்தைக் கட்டி வைக்கிறது சரியாகப் படலே. லோன் அம்பியோட தொல்லை தாங்காமல் காலங் காலமா ஜாதகம் பொருந்தலைங்கிற பிரம்மாஸ்திரத்தை எடுத்து விட்டேன். இப்போல்லாம் என்னைப் பார்த்தா பார்க்காத மாதிரிப் போயிடறான். அவ்வளவு கோபம்.'

'அடுத்ததாக சொர்ணம் பேசினா. 'அண்ணா, நான் பர்ஸ்ட் க்ளாலா ஒரு பொண்ணைப் பார்த்து வெச்சிருக்கேன். 'சேப்புன்னா அத்தனை சேப்பு. கோலாவைக் குடிச்சா அது தொண்டையிலே ஜில்லுனு இறங்கறது தெரியும். பொண்ணு வேறே யாரும் இல்லை. என்னுடைய மச்சினர் தசரதராமனோட பொண்ணு ருக்மணிதான். கல்கட்டாவிலே படிச்ச வளர்ந்தவ. இந்தி, பெங்காலி, இங்கிலீஷ், எல்லாத்தலேயும் வெளுத்து வாங்குவா. சித்திரம் வரைஞ்ச மாதிர் இருப்பா. க்ரோஷே, ரஃபோலி, ரபீந்திர சங்கீத்து வெளுத்து வாங்குவா. ஆனா நெஜத்தை சொல்லிட்டு. சுத்தமா தமிழ் எழுதப் படிக்க, ஏன் பேசக் கூட வராது. அது அவ தப்பில்லை. என்னுடைய மச்சினரும், அவருடைய பெண்டாட்டி ராதையும் வீட்டிலே இங்கிலீஷ், தப்பினா 'அமி போல்ச்சி, ஆச்சேன் பூச்சே'ன்னு பெங்காலியிலே பேசி ருக்மணிக்குத் தமிழ் வாசனையே தெரியாமப் பண்ணிட்டா. ருக்மணி நம்ம சங்கரனைப் பார்த்திருக்காளாம். புடிச்சிருக்காம். ஆனால் ரெண்டு கண்டிஷன் போட்டிருக்கா. கல்யாணத்துக்கு அப்புறம் சங்கரன் கல்கட்டாவிலே செட்டில் ஆகணுமாம். சமையலுக்குக் கடுகு எண்ணையைத் தான் சேத்துப்பாங்காளாம். கடுகு எண்ணெய் சங்கரனுக்கு சரிப்படுமா? தெரியலே.

'கடைசியா தம்பு பேசினான். 'அண்ணா, கும்மோணத்திலே நம்ம வீட்டிலே குடி இருக்கிற ஹென்ட்மாஸ்ட்ரோட பொண்ணு அமிர்தா படிச்சவ. ஓஹோன்னு அழகெல்லாம் கிடையாது. ஆனா நிகுநிக்குன்னு, முத்துச் சுடரை விட்டு எரியற குத்துவிளக்கு மாதிர் இருப்பா. ஒரே பொண்ணு. 'பாடும்மா'ன்னு கேட்டா, பிகு பண்ணிக்காமல் அட்சர சுத்தமா பாவத்தோட பாடுவா. நானே அவ கிட்ட சந்தேகத்தைக் கேட்டுத் தெரிஞ்சுக்கலாம். அப்படி சமைப்பா. ஜாதகம் பார்த்துட்டேன். ஜாடிக்கு மூடியா பொருந்தறது. அடக்கமான பொண்ணு. சங்கரனுக்குப் பொருத்தமாக இருப்பா. அப்புறம் ப்ராப்தம்னு ஒண்ணு இருக்கு.'

'சரி, ருக்மணியா, அமிர்தாவா'ன்னு சீட்டு போட்டுப் பார்த்து டறதுன்னு பூஜை ரூமுக்குப் போக அண்ணாசாமி எழுந்தார். அப்போ தான் அந்த அதிசயம் நடந்தது. அது வரை அமைதியா நாற்காலிக்குக் கீழே உட்கார்ந்திருந்த ரோமியோ விருட்டுன்னு எழுந்து தம்பு கிட்டே மியாவ் லாங்குவேஜிலே ஏதோ சேதி சொல்ல மாதிர் சொல்லித்து. தம்புவும் ஒத்துக் கொண்டு தலையை ஆட்டி ரோமியோவைத் தடவிக் கொடுத்தான்.

'அண்ணா, ஒரு நிமிஷம். சீட்டு, கிட்டெல்லாம் போட்டுப் பார்க்க வேணாம். தன்னையும் குடும்பத்தில் ஒண்ணா நினைச்ச அப்பப்போ குசுசுமா சேதி சொல்லு ரோமியோ, சங்கரனுக்கு ஏத்த ஜோடி அமிர்தா தான்னு சொல்லிடுச்சு. எனக்குப் பூனையோட மொழி தெரியும். எகிப்திலே பூனையைக் கடவுளா வழிபடுவாங்க. ஆகையால ரோமியோ சொல்லறது வேத வாக்காக இருக்கும்.

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Siesta in bus shelter



By Our Staff Reporter

Two men were seen taking an afternoon nap on the bench provided for commuters in the new MTC bus shelter erected near Sri Adikesava Perumal Temple, Govindan Road, West Mambalam on Nov. 4.

Evicted vendors sell wares in Corpn. office compound

By Our Staff Reporter

Pave-ment vendors evicted from U s m a n Road service lane, T. Nagar now sell their wares un-



der temporary shelters in the compound of the unused Corporation Office adjoining Siva-Vishnu Temple.

Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' next Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Vedanta Institute (Madras), R. Aravindan will give a free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m to 11.15 a.m in Hotel Pratap Plaza, 168, Kodambakkam High Road, Mahalingapuram.

He will speak on the concepts of fundamental values, work ethics, stress management, productivity, leadership and time management.

All are welcome.

For registration, contact Chithra Sundarajan in 98404 93904.

Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

Sevas (Plot No. 103, 10th Main Road, Vijaya Nagar, Velachery) sends volunteers for 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.

Travelling expense and the cost of breakfast must be borne by the volunteers.

Those interested can contact P. Sundaram (Ph: 98417 26695).

Keep your neighbourhood clean and green.

Workshop on human sketching/shading on Nov. 13 and 15

By Our Staff Reporter

Lavi's The Shades (5, Kavarai Street, West Mambalam) will conduct a workshop on 'Basic techniques of human sketching and shading' from 10 a.m to 11 a.m on Sunday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Nov. 15 in its premises.

Experts will demonstrate the technique of line drawing and shading according to the light. Entry is free.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98404 45633 / 98407 59761.

Siddhar Guru Pooja till Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu Theiveega Makkal Kuttaamaipu has organized Siddhar Thirumoolar Guru Pooja and 3000 Thirumandiram Maha Velvi till Nov. 14 in Sri Sakthi Vinayagar Temple, K. K. Salai, MGR Nagar. The program began on Nov. 11.

There is reciting of Thirumoolar Mandiram at 5 a.m, 11 a.m and 5 p.m.

There will be a procession of Meenakshi Sundarar and Thirumoolar in nearby streets at 7 p.m on Monday, Nov. 14.

All are welcome.

Sastrigal celebrates 103rd birthday

By Our Staff Reporter

Therkalathur V. Krishnamoorthy Sastrigal (resident of Nesapakkam) celebrated his 103rd birthday with his family on Nov. 6.

He is still active, manages daily chores on his own and recites Vishnu Sahasranaama Paarayanam every day.

K. Balu Sastrigal, his elder son, told *Mambalam Times* that his father had joined the gurukulam at the age of 7 and has since dedicated his life to the profession of Purohitam.

His wife Rukmini is 94 and they have been married for 82 years.

They have 3 sons, 2 daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Balu Sastrigal can be contacted in 98413 44555.

Free Veda classes on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Veda Vidhta Samithi, West Mambalam conducts free Veda and Surya Namaskaram classes at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in Murugasramam, Station Road. West Mambalam.

Previous knowledge of Veda or Sanskrit is not essential. Beginners will be guided through graded lessons. Interested persons can register at the venue.

All are welcome.

EB equipment blocks carriageway

By Our Staff Reporter

A huge EB transformer and ancillary equipment have been lying on the road margin outside the EB sub-station on Dr. Ramasamay Salai, K. K. Nagar for several days.

They are blocking a third of the carriageway causing obstruction to motorists and pedestrians. They also pose a grave danger to motorists as they are not visible in the dark.



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Special yagam in TTD for CM's recovery

By Our Staff Reporter

Praying for the quick recovery of ailing Chief Minister J. Jayalithaa, maha pushpa yagam was performed in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Tirumal Tirupati Devasthanam, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar on Nov. 7. The pooja, followed by Anna-



danam for 1000 poor persons, the birth star of Lord Balaji. About 10 tonnes of flowers of 32 varieties were used in the Charitable Trust, West Mambalam.

This annual pooja is performed by TTD to coincide with yagam.

Banks will function today

By Our Staff Reporter

Due to the continuing demand for exchange/deposit of demonetised Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 notes, RBI has announced that both public and private sector banks will function on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Free health camp conducted in Jeeva Park



By Our Staff Reporter

A team of doctors from Be Well Hospitals (Vijayaraghava Road, T. Nagar) examined more than 150 persons in a free health check-up program organized in Jeeva Park by Jeeva Park Walkers and Joggers Association, T. Nagar on Nov.

6. Doctors provided free consultation and blood sugar, BP, weight, BMI tests were conducted.

Associations interested in conducting free medical check-up camps may contact Be Well Hospital in 98415 43020 or 99404 93666.

Post double murder, 10000 register in senior citizen's helpline number

By Our Staff Reporter

The city police, which revived the enumeration of senior citizens in the wake of the double murder in T. Nagar last week, have so far enrolled close to 10,000 persons.

According to a police official, the enumeration will enable beat officers to ensure their safety.

He said that jurisdiction-wise list of those above 60 has been prepared and the same will be shared with other police stations.

According to S. George (City Police Commissioner), all beat officers have been ordered to

take up house visits and interact with senior citizens occasionally. A sub-inspector will be designated for each senior citizen, he said.

Once a person registers his/her details, the police will give the person a patta book to be signed once daily by a police personnel from the local station. The Police Department will also depute an officer to each police station to monitor the verification process and address any grievances in this regard.

Those staying alone may contact the toll-free number 1253 in case of emergency.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

When did the playback system come into vogue in Tamil Cinema?

In the 1930s, there were no technical facilities to pre-record songs in a sound-recording theater before the commencement of the film shoot as it is done today. Songs were recorded along with dialogues while the camera rolled. Consequently only artistes capable of singing with their own voices were chosen to act. While the actor sang, the members of the orchestra sat safely away from the camera range and played the background musical score. If the actor had to walk, the accompanying musicians too walked along with him carrying their instruments!

That's why only instruments that could be carried or strung round the necks were used in their music. Harmonium, flute, violin, clarinet, mridangam and such were commonly in use. No pianos or veenas, thank you!

In outdoor scenes, the instrument-players sat under trees or on mats or trolley and played happily. If any player committed a mistake in playing a note or a swaram in the last line or word, the full shot had to be taken afresh!

In one such song sequence, the famed hero and 'Stunt King' of Tamil Cinema of his day, P. S. Srinivasa Rao, playing the lead role of Lord Vishnu, was singing a song which was being shot. Being a trained classical musician and also the music composer of the film 'Srinivasa Kalyanam' (1934) he noticed a false off-key note being played by one of the instrumentalists. At once he yelled 'Cut', but the Director took no notice and went ahead with his work. Later, during the first show of the film at Crown Talkies, Mint Street, Madras, the audience howled with loud laughter when they heard Maha Vishnu yelling 'CUT!' in the middle of a song in poetic Tamil! An "SOS" message was at once sent to Srinivasa Cinetone Studio on Poonamallee High Road in Vepery, and a technician raced in a car to reach the cinema faster than wind, and he simply scissored off the offending frames in English. Surely, when the frames were removed there was a jump in the sound track and music flow in the picture, but nobody bothered about all that in those days!

In his later years, after retiring from movies, Srinivasa Rao had his 'bhajan music troupe' in Alwarpet, Madras, in which noted citizens like Dr. Mathangi Ramakrishnan, Thangam Aiyadurai, and Y. G. Sundar took part and they were his disciples. He also taught bhajans to M.S. Subbulakshmi.

The playback system came into existence in Calcutta during the mid-1930s and was used in Bengali and Hindi films. In Madras, the famed trio of film pioneers, Muthuswami Iyer (Murugadasa), K. Ramnoth and A. K. Sekhar, built a studio in Adayar, Madras named Kartikeya (circa 1937) and released ads in magazines of that day inviting producers to use the studio. And its facilities, according to the ad, included miniature photography and playback system.

The first film produced by the talented trio in this studio was 'Sundaramurthy Nayanar' (1937). But there is no positive evidence to prove that songs in this film were pre-recorded or sung while the shooting was in progress. However, the first known instance of the use of playback in Tamil cinema took place in 1938 in 'Nandakumar'. (To be continued)

Invitation to inscribe Hanuman chalisa in copper sheets



Hanuman Mathaji (Founder, Sanjeevini Peetam, 5, Kavarai Street, West Mambalam) has invited devotees to inscribe Sri Hanuman Chalisa in copper sheets in any language and present them to the Peetam by Dec. 31.

Devotees can collect the cop-

per sheets from Sanjeevini Peetam.

The inscribed sheets will be fixed on the 10-foot pedestal for the 27-ft Hanuman idol to be installed in Vaikunta Hanuman Temple, Kancheepuram. More details can be had in 98403 64567.

Award for doctor for service in palliative care

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder, RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, 13, Raghavaiah Road, T. Nagar. Ph: 93810 16558) was presented the 'Justice Shivaraj V. Patil Award for Service to Humanity' in Madurai for her service in the field of palliative care for terminally ill patients for several years.

The award was presented by Justice K. N. Basha (former Judge of Madras High Court).

Dr. Republica, after completing her MBBS from Sri Ramachandra University 19 years ago, started RMD Trust in a small way to provide pain relief treatment to terminally ill patients. Today, it has expanded into an 80-bed hospi-



tal with another branch in Chennai and two more in Madurai.

The services offered include in-patient and out-patient care, home care and palliative treatment. The Trust also provides hospice service to senior citizens from economically weak

background. She also conducts community based awareness programs on palliative care, tobacco abuse, cancer awareness and HIV.

She recently opened the 50-bed RMD Specialties Hospital for Palliative Care in Amarambedu village, Sriperumbudur for providing palliative care for senior citizens and patients with chronic and terminal illness.

The self-sustained, not-for-profit hospital serves a population of around 2.5 lakhs in 35 villages in its vicinity.

RMD Trust also provides professional training for nurses and social workers in the field of palliative and hospice care.

She is a consultant for a number of leading hospitals

including Adyar Cancer Institute and Ramachandra Medical College.

She is also the Secretary of the 'Chennai Association of Palliative Care' and a member of 'Women Empowerment Forum'.

She has won awards from institutions like Lions Club International, Need Trust and Dignity Foundation.

She is the daughter of R. M. Dave (ex-Sheriff of Madras). She is married to S. Sridhar (an actor) and they have a daughter.

She is constructing a hospital for palliative care in Amarambedu Village.

Those interested in offering donations may contact her in 2815 7373 / 93810 16588.

Rotary award for Dr. Natarajan



Dr. V. S. Natarajan, known as the Father of Geriatric Medicine in India, was presented 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by Rotary Club of Madras North in a function in Hotel Savera on Nov. 10.

Abhirami Ramanathan (President, Tamil Nadu Cine Theaters Association and Past District Governor of Rotary Club) presented the award. Ramanathan said that Dr. Natarajan had already won six Lifetime Achievement Awards from various bodies and this is the seventh, the first from Rotary Club.

Dr. Natarajan has won several other awards including Dr. B. C. Roy National Award and Padmashri.

A pocket-size booklet authored by Dr. Natarajan on 'ways to healthy ageing' was released on the occasion. He can be contacted in 95000 78740.

Slanting EB box set right after report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

Following the report 'Slanting EB junction box at the intersection of Kamala Bai Street and G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar poses a danger' (Oct. 1-7 issue), the EB box was set right last week.

Floating garbage removed from Adyar River



Corporation workers used boats to remove floating garbage and other rubbish from Adyar River, Jafferkanpet on Nov. 8.

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 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.

Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

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.

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).

Earns his livelihood by collecting waste

By S. Vidyaaakar

65-year-old Kuppan, a homeless person and native of Ooty, earns a living by selling waste items collected from dustbins and surrounding areas.

He lives on the pavement near Koyambedu Bus Terminus.

Every morning he sets out with empty gunny bags hung on his shoulders in search of waste items that he can collect and sell in the scrap market.

By the end of the day, his bags are usually full. Since he does not own a cart, he ties the bags together to a thick stick and drags the heavy load along the road to the scrap dealer's shop. He leads his life with dig-



nity by not resorting to begging but by clearing off waste from the surroundings and helping in recycling it.

It would really be of great help to him if some Good Samaritan could donate him a tri-

cycle to ease his daily burden of lugging the waste.

Anyone wishing to help Kuppan, may contact me in 99401 88011.

S. Vidyaaakar is the Founder of Udavum Karangal

Wins 2nd prize in chess tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

7-year-old R. Sananda won the 2nd prize in the Jaigopal Rapid Chess Tournament held on Nov. 6 in Chennai.

She has so far participated in 24 chess tournaments.

She represented Tamilnadu in the under-7 girls' category in the 30th National chess tournament. She also represents the Kancheepuram district team in chess tournaments.

Wins bronze in international skating tourney

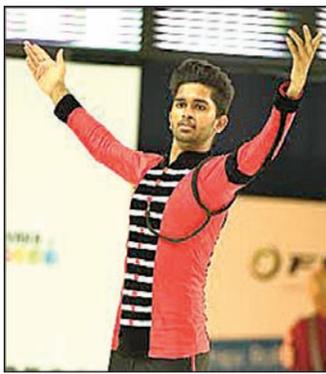
By Our Staff Reporter

Arun Sathianayanan (AP 1171, 75th Street, 12th Sector, K. K. Nagar, Ph: 95662 09320) won the bronze medal in the 17th Asian Roller Skating Championship-2016 held in Lishui City, China, recently.

The 18-year-old specialises in artistic roller skating and has so far won 31 gold, 34 silver and 9 bronze medals in district, state and national-level championships since 2006.

He has also represented India in world championships in 2012, 2013 and 2016.

"I visited Niagara Falls during my visit to US in 2005 and



saw many skating around. It kindled my interest and, after coming back to India, I joined a skating course in Marina", he said. He is coached by well-known skater Pavan Kumar Akula. Arun is a first year mechanical engineering student in SSN College of Engineering.

Painting/photography exhibition by special children from Nov. 16

Paintings of 8-year-old Abdul and 9-year-old Kameshwaran, differently-abled students in Arvind Foundation (387, 27th Street, 6th Sector, K. K. Nagar) will be displayed in the 'Colours in Conversation' exhibition to be held from 10 a.m to 5 p.m from Nov. 16 to 19 in Russian Center for Science and Culture (74, Kasturi Rangan Avenue, 1st Street, Kasturi Estate, Teynampet).

The exhibition, which will be inaugurated at 3 p.m on Nov. 15, will have paintings done and photographs taken by 12 differently-abled children.

The students are guided by well-known artist Augustine Thilak.

He told *Mambalam Times* that the artistic talents of these children are a way for them to



communicate their innermost feelings and emotions through colours and forms.

"The exhibition aims to showcase the unique potential of special children within the limi-

tation of their own developmental challenges", he said.

All are welcome. The Foundation's contact numbers are 72999 11022, 98416 15333 and 98410 34234.

Bharathanjali Trust to confer 'Virudu Patra' on Nov. 23

By Our Staff Reporter

Bharathanjali Trust (Rajabhadhar Street, T. Nagar) will confer 'Virudu Patra' on J. Krishnamachari (Secretary, Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha), Critics A. Boothalingam and Rajee Mani, K. N. Ramaswamy (Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan), M. Krishnamurthy (Secretary, Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha), Guru Chitra Muralidharan, Carnatic musician K. Gayathri and Narthaka Nidesh Kumar and Mithun Shyam in a function at 6.30 p.m on Nov. 23 in Vani Mahal, T. Nagar.

Guru Anitha Guha (Managing Trustee, Bharathanjali

Trust) said that Arangetram certificates will be given to Bharathanjali students who will also present a special cultural program.

More details can be had from S. Shivprasad in 2834 4876, 95516 82993.

Talk on 'Emotional wellbeing' today

Satya Pranava Yogi will give a talk on 'Emotional wellbeing' at 5 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 13 in Mahamayi Atma Mandir, 3rd Street, Postal Colony, West Mambalam. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 95000 64319.

Saraswathy Natyalaya students dance in Sai Temple



By Our Staff Reporter

Disciples of Dharani Ramakrishna (Founder, Sri Saraswathy Natyalaya, West Mambalam and Nespakkam) were felicitated in Sri Shirdi Sai Temple, Mylapore during

their performance on Nov. 6. The program was organized by Shobhana Ramesh. The students received certificates of appreciation.

The students of Saraswathy Natyalaya present programs

in temples, sabhas and other venues.

More details can be had in 98417 39168.

ISKCON program in Mambalam on Saturdays

By Our Staff Reporter

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Injambakkam, conducts 'Bakthi Vriksha' programs from 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Saturdays at 28, South K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam.

The program includes bhajans, congregational chanting and Bhagwad Gita classes.

More details can be had in phone 2371 3606 or from Ranga Krishna Das (2474 4900, 98400 27800).

All are welcome.

Online painting quiz for school students

Indian Paint Association (an association of major paint manufacturers in India) has organized an online quiz for Std. 10, 11 and 12 students on the topic 'Paint, Painting and its Eco-friendliness'.

The date of the contest, which will be announced online, will be held in the last week of this month or the 1st week of December.

Interested students can register for the contest and download the study material from the website www.ipastudentcontest.com. The first prize will be Rs. 15000, the 2nd Rs. 10000 and the 3rd Rs. 6000.

More details can be had from Gowri Shankar Mahalingal in 4952 4376 or 73582 82943 or by visiting the Facebook page www.facebook.com/ipastudentcontest or the above website.

Free Veda classes during weekends

Free Veda classes are conducted from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m on Saturdays and Sundays in Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar.

More details can be had in phone 98843 05676.

Rush to spend demonetised notes in petrol bunks

By Our Staff Reporter

Petrol bunks were crowded on Nov. 9 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of demonetisation of 500 and 1,000 rupee notes at the stroke of midnight on Nov. 8.

People were seen trying to spend the 500 and 1000 rupee notes by filling petrol, diesel and CNG in petrol pumps.



Slope along canal has no parapet

By Our Staff Reporter

There is no parapet on the slope along Mambalam Canal on Prakasam Street, T. Nagar, opposite the Office of Asst. Commissioner, Civil Supplies. There are offices along the other side.

It is almost a 20-ft drop from the slope to the canal through which sewage water flows.

Goats were seen standing near the edge of the slope. Both motorists and pedestrians are in danger, especially at night due to poor visibility.



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Vacant Corpn. building misused

By Our Staff Reporter
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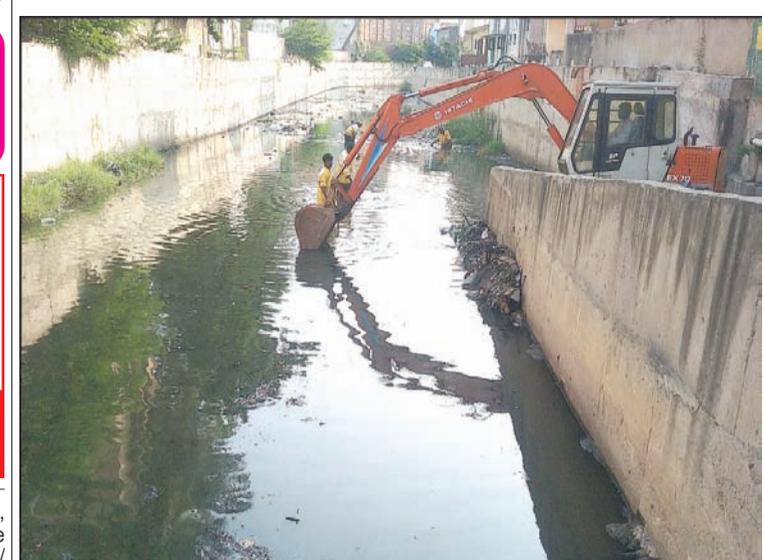
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Canal cleaned



By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers cleaned Mambalam Canal on North Road, CIT Nagar with the help of a JCP machine on Nov. 10 to allow free flow of water.

Leak in sewage line



By Our Staff Reporter

Metrowater workers dug a trench in Vaidyaraman Street, T. Nagar to attend to leaks in the sewage line following complaints from residents.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leaning streetlight poses danger

Sir, At the junction of 53rd and 55th Street, Ashok Nagar there is a lamp post which is leaning precariously towards the road.

Its base is corroded and it would have fallen but for the electric cable supporting it. Any strong wind can snap the cable and make the iron post topple over.

The spot is very close to a children's park and, unmindful of the impending danger, kids walk under the lamp post frequently.

I appeal to the TNEB officials to take immediate action to straighten the lamp post and strengthen its base to prevent any untoward incident. **Dr. K. R. Chidambara Kumarasamy, 40, 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar**

OBITUARY

N. PATTUAMMAL

N. Pattuammal, resident of 10, Mangesh Street, T. Nagar (Ph: 98408 43142) passed away on Nov. 6.

She was 97, and been a resident of T. Nagar for more than 52 years.

She was the wife of late N. Narayanaswamy Iyer. She is survived by 2 sons, 4 daughters, 15 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren.



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ASHOK NAGAR, No. 4/21, Raghava Reddy Colony 3rd Street, opposite R6 Kumaran Nagar Police Station, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, ground floor, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 12000 (negotiable). Ph: 98406 83271.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 66/1, J.K. Apartments, Thambaiah Road, Thiruvengadam Street Corner, single bedroom, ground floor, vegetarians only, no brokers, visit on Saturday & Sunday from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. Ph: 94429 50342.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 5/3, Bharathy Street, behind Ayodhya Mandapam, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 700 sq.ft, 2nd floor, no lift, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 15000, Hindu only, no brokers. Ph: 95000 39377, 97890 76220, 94444 03399.

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ASHOK NAGAR, No. 6, Sanjeevanam Flats, 61st Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1st floor, furnished, covered car park, rent Rs. 16500, maintenance Rs. 1500, no brokers. Ph: 99403 70991.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 3, Hanumar Koil Street, near Rama Anjaneyar Temple, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 650 sq.ft, ground floor flat, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 12500, Brahmins only. Ph: 98412 27817.

ASHOK NAGAR, No. 5, 11th Avenue, near KFC, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1000 sq.ft, 1st floor flat, open car park, 24 hours metro water, family / office / bachelors. Ph: 73053 44555.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 38/68, Balakrishnan Street Extension, behind Ayodhya Mandapam, 2bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 850sq.ft, ground floor flat, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 18000, Hindu only. Ph: 92837 86215, 94440 48759.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 32, Mallees Anugraha Apartment, Ellaiamman Koil Street, 2bedrooms, 750sq.ft, 1st floor, lift, car park, rent Rs. 16000 + maintenance, vegetarians. Ph: 99405 24556.

T. NAGAR, No. 37, Damodaran Street, opposite T. Nagar Bus Terminus, near Railway Station, office room, commercial complex, rent Rs. 5500, call between 10 a.m & 6 p.m. Ph: 78711 64733.

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'Anna Abishekam' in Siva Vishnu Temple

By Our Staff Reporter
'Anna Abishekam' for Lord Sri Kedhareeswar will be performed in Siva Vishnu Temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar) at 7 p.m on Pournami day on Monday, Nov. 14. All are welcome.

Dezire sells sugarless sweets

By Our Staff Reporter
Dezire (25, Burkit Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 73580 40224, 4212 1415) sells a wide range of diabetic-friendly sugarless sweets, sugarless jams, squashes and cookies. Dezire products are available in department stores. They can also be ordered online in www.deziregoodlife.com.

Free dental check-up for Corporation School students



By Our Staff Reporter
A team doctors from Government Dental Hospital examined the students. The camp was held under the supervision of R. C. Saraswathy (Headmistress) and P. Raman (President, Daasya).
More than 3,500 students of Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar underwent free dental check-up organized by Daasya (an NGO, Ashok Nagar) on Nov. 10.

Conductor's refusal to accept Rs. 500 note sparks protest



By Our Staff Reporter
A group of daily wage workers blocked an MTC bus for more than 15 minutes on North Usman Road near Ramakrishna Street, T. Nagar on Nov. 9 in protest against the conductor's refusal to accept a Rs. 500 note for tickets.

Admission open for Stds. 10 and 12 for special children

Admission is open for Stds. 10 and 12 for slow learners and children with learning disabilities like dyslexia in BVSN Moorthy Centre for Special Children, 27, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam. More details can be had in 2485 0211 between 10 a.m and 3 p.m.

Open drain in pavement poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter
A slab covering the storm water drain in the pavement outside R7 K. K. Nagar Police Station on P. T. Rajan Salai has been missing for several days. Casuarina poles have been placed to caution pedestrians.

Vedic chanting in homes

Vedic Ravi (Founder, Sri Bhuavenswari Vedic Center, Subba Colony, Dr. Munusamy Salai, K.K. Nagar) will organize Vedic chanting by Vedic Pandits and students of Veda Patashala in homes and other venues from Nov. 16 to Jan. 16 (next year) under the 'Vedu Thorum Veda Paarayanam' program.

Those interested may register their names in 98407 87957 and 91766 51942.

Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Venu Adigal will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Vuyir Irakkam' at 6 p.m on Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Closet dumped under flyover

By Our Staff Reporter

A closet from an unused urinal has been dumped in the 'No Parking' area under the Usman Road flyover near Muppathamman Temple in T. Nagar.



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Road safety awareness campaign next Sunday

To coincide with 'World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims', Thozhan (B65, Lal Bahadur Sastri Street, Jaffer Khanpet), in association with Chennai Traffic Police, will conduct a traffic and road safety awareness campaign on Sunday, Nov. 20, in busy junctions in the city including in T. Nagar. It has appealed for volunteers to participate in the campaign.

Persons interested in volunteering may contact Thozhan in 99411 42188 / 98849 66613. Sabarivas, a Thozhan member, said that they have been conducting such campaigns regularly. In the long run, they hope to make drivers more conscious of traffic rules, speeding and the importance of safety measures like wearing helmets.

Crowds mob banks, post offices to exchange currency

By Our Staff Reporter

There were serpentine queues outside banks, post offices and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) counters in the city including the neighbourhood since Nov. 10, to exchange or deposit Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 notes.

The banks provided additional counters for the increased footfall and kept branches open longer for the



benefit of the public.

The banks were shut on Nov. 9 after the announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 denomination notes would cease

to be legal tender from Nov. 8 midnight. Banks were shut to stock lower denomination notes and new notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000 denominations with enhanced security features.

Replacing Rs. 500, Rs. 1000 notes: Do's and don'ts

By Our Staff Reporter

Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 notes were demonetized by the Central Government on Nov. 9.

You won't lose out on the notes in hand if you follow these instructions from the Reserve Bank of India.

1. What is this scheme?

The legal tender character of the notes in denominations of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 stands withdrawn. The withdrawn old high denomination (OHD) notes cannot be used for transacting business or as a store of value. The OHD notes can be exchanged for value at any of the 19 offices of the Reserve Bank of India, any bank branch or head post office/sub-post office.

2. How much value will I get?

You will get the entire value for the volume of old notes exchanged.

3. Can I get all in cash?

No. You will get upto Rs. 4000 per person in cash irrespective of the size of tender and anything over and above that will be credited to your bank account.

4. Rs. 4000 cash is insufficient for my needs. What do I do?

You can use the balance in your bank accounts to pay for other requirements by cheque or through electronic means of payment such as internet banking, mobile wallets, IMPS, credit/debit cards etc.

5. I don't have a bank account?

You can always open a bank account with the necessary documents for fulfilling the KYC requirements.

6. Where can I exchange the notes?

The exchange facility is available at all issue offices of

the RBI and commercial banks/RRBS/UCBs/State Co-op banks or at any head post office or sub-post office.

7. Do I need to go to my bank branch only?

For exchange upto Rs. 4000 in cash you may go to any bank branch with valid identity proof. For exchange over Rs. 4000, which will be credited to the bank account, you have to go to the branch where you have an account or to any branch of the same bank. In case you go to a branch of any other bank where you don't have an account, you will have to furnish valid identity proof and bank account details for an electronic fund transfer to your account.

8. I have no account but my relative/friend has an account, can I get my notes exchanged into that account?

Yes, you can, if the relative/friend gives you written permission. You should provide the bank the written authorization and a valid identity proof.

9. Should I go to the bank personally or can I send the notes through my representative?

A personal visit to the branch is preferable. In case it is not possible you may send your representative with written authorization and a valid identity proof while tendering the notes.

10. Can I withdraw from ATM?

It may take a while for the banks to recalibrate their ATMs. Once the ATMs are functional, you can withdraw from ATMs upto a maximum of Rs. 2,000 per card per day upto Nov. 18. The limit will be raised to Rs. 4000 per day per card from Nov. 19.

11. Can I withdraw cash against cheque?

Yes, you can withdraw cash against withdrawal slip or cheque subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10,000 per day within an overall limit of Rs. 20,000 in a week (including withdrawals from ATMs) for the first fortnight i.e. upto Nov. 24.

12. Can I deposit withdrawn notes through ATMs, cash deposit machine or cash recycler?

Yes, demonetized notes can be deposited in cash deposit machines/cash recyclers.

13. Can I make use of electronic (NEFT/RTGS / IMPS/Internet Banking/ Mobile banking) mode?

You can use NEFT/RTGS/IMPS/Internet Banking/Mobile Banking or any other electronic/non-cash mode of payment.

14. How much time do I have to exchange the notes?

The scheme closes on Dec. 30, 2016. The demonetized bank notes can be exchanged at commercial bank branches, regional rural banks, urban cooperative banks, state cooperative banks and RBI till Dec. 30. For those who are unable to exchange their Old High Denomination Banknotes on or before Dec. 30, an opportunity will be given to them to do so at specified offices of the RBI.

15. I am right now not in India, what should I do?

If you have the demonetized banknotes in India, you may authorize in writing enabling a person in India to deposit the notes into your bank account. The person so authorized has to come to the bank branch with the demonetized bank notes, the authority letter given by you and a valid identity proof.

16. I am an NRI and hold an NRO account. Can the exchange value be deposited in my account?

Yes, you can deposit the demonetized bank notes to your NRO account.

17. I am a foreign tourist who has demonetized notes. What should I do?

You can purchase foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 5000 using the demonetized notes at airport exchange counters within 72 hours after the notification, provided you present proof of purchasing the demonetized notes.

18. I have emergency needs (hospitalisation, travel, life saving medicines) that require cash, what do I do?

You can use the demonetized notes for payment at government hospitals, purchasing bus tickets at government bus stands for travel by state government buses, train tickets at railway stations, and air tickets at airports within 72 hours after the notification.

19. What is valid proof of identity?

Any of the following: Aadhaar Card, Driving License, Voter ID Card, Passport, NREGA Card, PAN Card, Identity Card Issued by government departments or Public Sector Units to its Staff.

20. Where can I get more information on this scheme?

Further information is available on www.rbi.org.in or call the control room of RBI in 022-22602201 and 022-22602944.

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