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No more exchange of demonetised notes at banks/post offices

By Our Staff Reporter

The scheme of exchanging the demonetised Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 currency notes over the counter at banks and post-offices has been withdrawn from Nov. 25.

However those holding these notes can deposit them in their bank accounts or open one to deposit them till Dec. 30.

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Pre-2005 Rs. 500/1000 notes can be deposited in bank accounts

By Our Staff Reporter

Reserve Bank of India has clarified in its web site that Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 currency notes printed before 2005 can also be deposited in bank accounts till Dec. 30.

These notes do not have the year of printing mentioned at the bottom of the rear side.

Since July 1, 2016, these notes could only be exchanged in RBI. But after the government announced the demonetisation of Rs. 500/1000 rupees on Nov. 8, RBI has directed the scheduled banks also to accept them from their clients for deposit in their accounts.

Pensioners fear that banks may disburse only Rs. 2,000 notes

By Our Staff Reporter

Many senior citizens, totally dependent on their monthly pensions, are a worried lot since they apprehend that they may get only the new Rs. 2000 notes when they draw their pensions early next month.

Many of them do not have debit cards and, due to age, usually go only once a month to the bank to withdraw their pension to meet their monthly expenses.

According to K. Selvaraj (General Secretary, Tamilnadu Housing Board Pensioners' Welfare Association, L

Block, East Anna Nagar), it is going to be a struggle for senior citizens to manage their household expenses due to the shortage of smaller currency notes.

He said that several Pensioners' Associations have appealed to RBI and banks to factor their plight into account and disburse new Rs. 500 notes and smaller currencies to them.

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வைஷ்ணவப் பெரியவர்கள் சேவித்தவர்களை 'இன்னியிலே ருந்து நூறு வருஷங்கள் செளக்கியமா இரு!' என்று ஆசிரவதிப் பார்கள். இதற்குப் பல படிக்க மேலே போய் 'இந்த எபிசோடி லிருந்து இன்னும் 1000 எபிசோடுகளாக வளர்க' என்று தீவிர உபாசனிகளால் வாழ்த்தப் பட்டவை நம்மூர் சீரியல்கள். அவை களுக்கென்றே சில சம்பிரதாயங்கள் உண்டு. சில சாம்பிள்கள்:

1. மாமியார் பத்ரகாரியாக இருந்தால் மருமகள் சாந்த சக்குபாயாக இருக்க வேண்டும். 'சொய்' என்று தோசையைத் திருப்பிப் போட்டால், கருணையே உருவமாக மாமியார் இருந்தால், மருமகள் படையப்பா நீலாம்பரியாக இருக்க வேண்டும். இந்த சூத்திரத்தை சீரியல்களை விடாது பார்க்கும் கர்ப்பினியின் வயிற்றில் இருக்கும் சிசுவை சொல்லும்.

2. காலையில் தூங்கி எழுந்து பல் தேய்க்கப் போகும் எஜமானி பல கோடிகளைக் கரைத்து நடக்கும் கல்யாண ரிசப்ஷனுக்குக் குஜராத் வைர வியாபாரியின் மனைவி மாதிரி முழு மேக்கப்பில் மின்னுவார். நெற்றிப் பொட்டு ரங்கோலியாகத் துலங்கும். வீட்டில் வர்ண தேதில்லாது வெள்ளையாகவும், கருப்பாகவும் பணமிருந்தாலும் வேலைக்கார, காரிகள் இருக்க மாட்டார்கள். சாந்த சக்குபாய் தான் டி போட்டுக் கொண்டு வரவேண்டியிருக்கும்.

3. பாவப்பட்ட அப்பாக்களுக்கு அவ்வளவாக மரியாதைகள் இருக்காது. தவிர யார் அப்பா என்பதே சில சமயங்களில் கேள்வியாக அமைந்து இருக்கும். கை வைத்த வெள்ளை பனியன், வேட்டி சீருடைகளுடன்தான் அவர்கள் காட்சி அளிப்பார்கள். சிலர் கசங்கிய நீளம் போறாத சென்னிமலை கைத்தறித் துண்டை சால்வையாகப் போர்த்திக் கொண்டு இருப்பார்கள். ஸ்கிரிப்பில் இல்லாவிட்டாலும் பளார் பளார் என்று கன்னத்தில் அறை விடத் துடிக்கும் பாத்திரத்திலிருந்து சிலர் முன் ஜாக்கிரதையாகத் தள்ளி நிற்பார்கள்.

4. ஆபீஸ் சீன் என்ற ஒரு அவலம் இடம் பெறும். மேனேஜர் உள்ளே நுழையும் போது எல்லா ஊழியர்களும் எழுந்து நின்று குட்மார்னிங் ஸார் என்று கோரலாக முழங்குவார்கள். உயர் அதிகாரி ஸ்பைல் பார்க்கிறார் என்கிற ஒரு கொடுமை இடம் பெறும். பிளாஸ்டிக் கோப்பில் இரண்டு பேப்பர்களை மின்னல் வேகத்தில் திருப்பி விட்டு ஈசான்ய மூலையில் தோபி மார்க் போடுவதுபோல கிறுக்கிவிட்டு 'அந்த மன்னார் & கம்பெனிக்கு டெண்டர் போயாச்சா?' என்று கேட்டு விட்டால் வேலையைத் திறமையாக முடித்து விட்டதாக அர்த்தம்.

5. ஆட்டோவில் ஏறுபவர்கள் பதட்டத்துடன் 'டிரைவர் அண்ணே, சீக்கிரம் போங்க. இன்னும் சீக்கிரம் போங்கன்னு' ஹாய், டிர், டிர் என்று முண்டாக கட்டிய மாட்டு வண்டிக்காரர் காளைக்குத் தார்க்குச்சி போடும் ரீதியில் முடுக்கி விட்டுக் கொண்டு இருப்பார்கள். நடுத்தரவர்க்கக் குடும்பமானாலும் பி.எம். டபிள்யூ, ஆர்டி, ஆஸ்ட்டன், பென்ட்லி போன்ற பளபள பெட்ரோல் ரதங்களில்தான் பயணிப்பார்கள்.

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அல்லது கோவிலா? என்பதை முடிவு பண்ண, வேறு யார், சாலமன் பாப்பையாவின் தலைமையில் பட்டிமன்றம் நடத்தலாம். 'சரியாகச் சொன்னீர் அய்யா' என்று அவர் சம்மதிப்பார். விபத்தோ, மாரடைப்போ ஏற்பட்டு டிராலியில் நோயாளியை விசையுடன் கொண்டு போகும்போது ஐசியு எல்லை வரை கட்டாயம் ஓடி நர்ஸ் அல்லது வார்டுபாய் 'இனிமேல் நீங்க வரக் கூடாது' என்று தப்பாமல் தடுத்து நிறுத்த வேண்டும். குளுக்கோஸ் சலைனை ஏற்றுவதையும் ஸ்டெத்தஸ் கோப்பை வைத்து மருத்துவர் பார்ப்பதையும் தீவிர சகிச்சை அளிப்பதாக பாவிக்க வேண்டும். நீலக் கலர் அல்லது பச்சைக் கலர் பெட்ஷீட் போர்வைகள் உள்ள ஒரே மருத்துவ மனை எல்லா சீரியல்களிலும் காட்சி அளிக்கும்.

7. கோவிலில் பிள்ளையார் முன் பிராத்திக்கும் 'அழகை அரசி' என்கே விநாயகரின் காதுகளில் விழாமல் போய்விடப் போகிறதோ என்று எட்டு ஊருகளுக்குக் கேட்கும் வகையில் உணர்ச்சிப் பிழம்பாகக் கோரிக்கையை வைப்பார். பிள்ளையார் 'சரி, நான் பாத்துக்கிறேன்' என்று பதிலுக்கு உரத்த குரலில் பேசாமல் மணியை அடிக்க வைத்தோ அல்லது ஒரு பூவை விழ வைத்தோ குசுகமாகச் சொல்வார். கல்யாண மந்திரங்களை சொல்லும் ஐயர் 'ம்! பொண்ணை அழைச்சிண்டு வாங்கோ' என்பதை ஷூட்டிங்கில் தூக்கக் கலக்கத்துடன் சொன்னாலும் டப்பிங்கில் சரி செய்து விடுவார்கள். சுப்ரமணிய சுவாமி ரேஞ்சில் தாலியைப் பரவசத்துடன் கட்ட முயற்சிக்கும் போது பத்தில் ஒன்பது கேஸ்களில் 'நிறுத்து' என்கிற மிரட்டல் வரும்.

8. ஈ அடிச்சான் காப்பியாக 'துவம்சம்' சீரியலில் காப்பியில் விஷம் வைத்துக் கொல்லப் பார்த்தால் ரெண்டு வாரங்களில் 'புழுதியில் வீணை' சீரியலில் ஜூனில் விஷம் வைத்துக் கொல்ல முயற்சி நடக்கும். குடும்பங்களில் கங்கை நீர், ஓம் வாட்டர், இருமல் சிரப், விக்ஸ் இல்லாமல் இருக்கலாம். ஆனால் 'விஷம்' என்கிற லேபிளுடன் சமையல் அறை அலமாரியில் ஒரு பாட்டில் கட்டாயம் இருக்கும்.

9. சத்யஜித் ரே படம் ஒன்றில் டொக் டொக் என்று வாக்கிங் ஸ்டிக்கைத் தட்டிக் கொண்டு மாடி ஏறிப்போன வயோதிகர் இறந்து விட்டார் என்பதை அவருடைய வாக்கிங் ஸ்டிக் 'லொடக் லொடக் லொடக்' என்று மரப்படிக்களில் உருண்டு தரையில் சலனமற்று கிடப்பதைக் காட்டி உணர்த்தினார். ஆனால் நம் சீரியல்களில் தை வெள்ளிக்கிழமை அன்று விளக்கேற்றும் வேளையிலே கை, கால் விரல்களில் கட்டு, மூக்கில் பஞ்சு என்று ஆரம்பித்துத் தொடர்ந்து மண் பாண்டத்தை உடைத்து சிதையை மூட்டுவது வரை விஸ்தாரமாகக் காட்டி இறுதி யாத்திரையை நடத்துவது எப்படி என்று பிராக்டிகல் கிளாஸ் எடுப்பார்கள்.

(பின் குறிப்பு: 'ஹாலிவுட்டில் குப்பை கூளங்களை வெளியே கொட்டாமல் சீரியலாக ரீசைக்கிள் செஞ்சுடறாங்கன்னு அமெரிக்க சகலகலா வல்லவன் உடி ஆலன் கிண்டல் அடித்துள்ளார். சரி தான்! இக்கரைக்கு அக்கரை பச்சையா?) writerjrs@gmail.com

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Abandoned tempo blocks pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

An abandoned tempo in a damaged condition has been lying on its side on the pavement outside the noon meal center on Raghava Reddy Colony, Jafferkanpet for several months.

The tempo provides a cover for passersby using the spot as a urinal.

Nearby residents complained that the emanating stench is a health hazard. They have appealed to the traffic department and Corporation officials to remove the tempo from the spot.

Toll exempted on National Highways till Dec. 2

By Our Staff Reporter

The toll exemption on all National Highways including BOT (build-operate-transfer) and OMT (operate-maintain-transfer) highways has been extended till mid-night of Dec. 2.

The scrapped Rs 500 notes will be accepted at these toll plazas from midnight of Dec. 2 to Dec. 15.

The govt., in association with banks, has also taken steps to install debit/credit card swipe machines in the toll plazas to enable cashless transactions.

The decision has been taken to ensure smooth traffic flow across all National Highways due to shortage in small currency notes required for paying toll.

Block in sewage manhole cleared after report in Mambalam Times



The block in the sewage manhole on Bharathidasan Road leading to overflow was cleared by Metrowater officials after the report was published in *Mambalam Times* (November 20-26 issue).

Dismantled iron rods left on road margin



Iron rods used in erecting the now dismantled A/c police booth have been lying on the road margin at the junction of North Usman Road and Kodambakkam Road, T. Nagar for several days.

They are blocking 1/3rd of the carriageway causing hindrance to motorists.

Film director Subash passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

Film director K. Subash, a resident of Kolavizhi



Amman Street, T. Nagar, passed away on Nov. 23.

He was 57, and had been a longtime resident of T. Nagar.

Leading film personalities paid their last respects to the director.

Subash is the son of Krishnan, of the Krishnan-Panju fame which directed hits like 'Parasakthi' and 'Ratha Kanneer'.

He had directed 20 films in a career spanning 27 years. He began his career in 1987 as an assistant director to Maniratnam for the Tamil movie 'Nayagan'. His first directorial venture was 'Kaliyugam' in 1988 with Prabhu in the lead.

The high point of his career was the Vijayakanth-starrer 'Sathriyan' which became a hit. The last movie he directed was 'Insan' in Hindi in 2005.

He later switched to scripting movies and had penned recent releases in Hindi which included Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Chennai Express', 'Dilwale' and 'Housefull 3'.

Subash had worked with several leading actors including Ajith, Sathyaraj and Prabhu and directed films like 'Bramma', 'Pavithra', 'Ninaivirukkum Varai' and 'Suyamvaram'.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Clinic offers comprehensive diabetes check-up for Rs. 1,500

By Our Staff Reporter

Chendur Diabetes Specialty Centre (56, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) is conducting a comprehensive diabetes check-up camp till Dec. 14 to mark World Diabetes Day.

The package includes 32 tests for Rs. 1,500 per patient.

For appointments, call 2371 3030 or 2371 3300.

Rotary condolence meet for Balamuralikrishna

By Our Staff Reporter

Rotary President Club held a condolence meet for renowned Carnatic musician M. Balamuralikrishna who passed away on Nov. 22

It was attended by Mahaveer Bothra (President, and past President of Rotary Club of T. Nagar Madras) and its members.

They observed a minute's silence to pay respects to his departed soul.

Sewage water accumulation in by-lane affects residents

Sewage water has been overflowing from drains and stagnating in the by-lane between Jayachandran Street and Perumal Koil Street, off Mettupalayam Road, West Mambalam for several weeks.

It has contaminated water in sumps, hand pump water and borewells of houses adjoining the lane.

A resident told *Mambalam Times* that the lane passes along the rear of the houses and the stench is unbearable. He said that all the potable water sources are contaminated and the residents have been forced to buy water and store it in containers. There is also a nursery school adjoining the lane. The children are exposed to the health hazard.



"We are forced to keep the windows closed due to the offensive smell throughout the day and also due to the proliferation of mosquitoes".

He added that there has been no response to the complaints lodged with Metrowater officials.

Flyover at Vadapalani junction nearing completion



By Our Staff Reporter

The construction of the 600-meter-long flyover over Jawaharlal Nehru Road at Vadapalani junction is nearing completion. The flyover runs parallel to the Metro Rail track.

The flyover will ease the traffic congestion at Vadapalani junction.

Nikhil's vocal concert today

By Our Staff Reporter

To celebrate the 91st birthday of Rajalakshmi Parthasarathy (Founder and Dean, PSBB Group of Institutions, popularly known as Mrs. YGP), Nikhil Shankar will present a Carnatic vocal concert at 4 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 27 in Bharat Kalachar, Thirumalai Pillai Road, T. Nagar.

All are welcome.

Sai bhajan programs in T. Nagar and Mambalam

Sri Sathya Sai Samiti conducts Sai bhajans every week in the following venues in T. Nagar and Mambalam.

T. Nagar:

Sai Keshav Hall, 157, G. N. Chetty Road (near Panagal Park, Vijaya Bank building): Saturdays, 5 p.m.

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For registration, please call 94456 11333 or 94447 73926.

All are welcome.

The Samiti also sells books on Sai literature and CDs of Sai bhajans.

Renovated Corporation Park awaits opening



By Our Staff Reporter

The Corporation Park on 65th Street, Ashok Nagar, which was renovated several months back, is yet to be opened to public. The renovated park is equipped with new play equipment, walkers' path, workout equipment and other amenities.

The residents have appealed to the Corporation to open the park soon.

Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Thamizh Mudi will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Naanum Oruvan Anro' at 6 p.m on Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Residents' Association promotes community living through Whatsapp and Facebook

By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Raghavan Colony Residents' Welfare Association are actively campaigning to keep the colony clean, green and secure.

They have started a Whatsapp and Facebook group for residents to actively participate and interact with the members of the Association in the campaign.

It includes segregation of waste at source, a group initiative to plant and maintain trees and installation of CCTV cameras at strategic points to enhance security.

It has appealed to the residents of the colony to actively participate in the community activities.

For more details, contact Balaji Venkatesan in 94440 36924 or send email to racowa@gmail.com

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 32

Not many are aware that M. M. Dhandapani Desikar sang playback in a film for Chittoor V. Nagaiah who was himself an accomplished musician with a good voice and style of singing. Similarly, in the AVM production 'Penn', the comedian J. P. Chandrababu sang the hit song 'Kalyanam Kalyanam' for S. Balachandar, a musical genius and also a good singer himself. In a chat with this writer during the late 1970s, SB told him, "It was a comedy song and I felt that Babu could sing it better than I could, and you know the results! There was no ego problem at all, only the film mattered. You know, Randor, I am also a filmmaker!"

In the early years of playback singing, the gramophone discs did not carry the name of the singer. Instead the name of the character was printed on the label. For example, in a duet sung by P. Bhanumathi and T. A. Mothi in the Gemini Studios production, written and directed by Acharya (T. G. Raghavachari), 'Apoorva Sahothararga' (1949), the disc did not carry the name of Mothi (a well known playback singer of yesteryears). Instead the name of the character played by the star and fine actor, M. K. Radha, 'Vijay' was given on the label.

As the years rolled over the horizon, the playback system came to be accepted as normal and many singers entered the field. Today most actors and actresses do not sing with their voices. Some of them do not even speak either! Yet they receive awards for 'Best Acting'! Ridiculous? But that's the way it is in Indian cinema! And nobody cares. Neither the film folks nor the moviegoers! Happy situation indeed. Cheers!

MOVIES AND MUSICIANS - M. S. SUBBULAKSHMI

A living legend, an icon of the Music of India, international celebrity, charisma-plus person and charming lady of incredible humility and more. That's M. S. Subbulakshmi, affectionately known as 'MS' around the world. Blessed by the Muse, age did not dare to wither her mellifluous voice or her singing talents and skills.

However very few know that it was Tamil Cinema which catapulted her to limelight and stardom in many worlds. Her innings in cinema was short with only four films 'Seva Sadhanam' (1938), 'Sakunthalai' (1940), 'Savithri' (1941) and 'Meera' (1945). 'Meera' and 'Sakunthalai' are rightly and deservedly hailed as South Indian movie classics. The songs rendered by her in the four movies continue to be as popular as ever not only in India but also elsewhere in the world.

'Maa Ramanan Uma Ramanan' (Seva Sadhanam), 'Aanandam En Solvene', 'Engum Nirai Naadha Bramham', 'Enthan Idathu Tholum', 'Sukumaraa En Thaapam', 'Traivaa Naan Oar Pedhai', 'Manam Kulira' (Sakunthalai), 'Maname Kanamum Maravaadhe', 'Deviyai Poojai Seivai', 'Sollu Kuzhandaa', 'Bruhi Mukundehi' (Savithri), 'Kaatrinile Varum Geetham', 'Nandha Baalaa', 'Giridhara Gopala' and 'Brindavanathil Kannan Valarnadha' (Meera) are some of the immortal movie melodies of MS. The audio cassettes of her film songs are best -sellers to this day after more than half a century.

Madurai Shanmughavadivu Subbulakshmi was born in 1916 and inherited musical talents from her famed mother Shanmughavadivu, a noted veena exponent of her day. Blessed with a sparkingly melodious voice and good looks, young MS followed her mother's footsteps and made a mark in Madurai as star material even as a teenager. Besides vocal music, she learnt to play on the veena at which she acquired considerable expertise. She had many gurus besides her mother and one of them was the singer, stage and film actor and music composer S. V. Venkataraman who was then located in Madurai. In later years Venkataraman would compose many of her hit songs in films like 'Meera' and 'Sakunthalai'.

Interestingly he taught the young MS many Meera bhajans and both were then blissfully unaware that years later they would be involved in the making of the musical classic 'Meera'.

(To be continued)

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Video workshop on 'Competitive Management'

Madras Management Association has organized a video workshop on "Competitive Management - World of Opportunities" from 6 p.m to 7 p.m on Wednesday, Nov. 30 in Andhra Chamber of Commerce, CIT Nagar.

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More details can be had from R. Venkataraman (General Manager, Madras Management Association) in 2431 3757/4207 4220, 94447 00068.

Free yoga course from today

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct a month-long free yoga course for adults from 5.30 a.m to 7 a.m, from Sunday, Nov. 27, in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School (30, Vasudevapuram, near Doraiswamy Road subway).

The classes are conducted according to the curriculum of the Bihar School of Yoga.

Asanas, praanayama pratyahara (sense withdrawal techniques), dharana (concentration), meditation, mantra, value education, food habits and shat kriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) will be taught.

The classes will include sessions on anatomy and physiology for better understanding of the benefits of yoga.

Classes on stress management for corporate executives are also conducted. Doctors will give lectures on alternative medicines. Swamiji also offers counseling for his students.

For more details, call 94442 40383 / 94450 51015 or visit www.satyamyogatrust.net.

Veda Paarayanam tomorrow

Bhuvanewari Vedic Center has organized Kruthika Soma Vara Veda Paarayanam by Tapass Trust Veda Patasala Vidyaarthi from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m on Monday, Nov. 28 in 537, 20th Street, K. K. Nagar. More details can be had in 98407 87957.

All are welcome.

Trench in Govindan Road poses danger

By Our Staff Reporter

There is a foot wide and 10 ft long trench on the margin of Govindan Road, near its junction with Mettupalayam Road, West Mambalam.

It is not visible in the dark and poses a danger to motorists.

Clothes dried on traffic island

By Our Staff Reporter

The traffic island at the junction of Thirumalai Road and Kodabakkam High Road in T. Nagar is being used for drying clothes by slum dwellers which is an eyesore in the busy junction.

Awards galore for this old couple

By Our Staff Reporter

S. V. Varadharajan (82 years) and his wife Shantha Varadharajan (74 years), residents of Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam, have received several awards for their multi-faceted skills from various cultural organizations and Tamilnadu Government.

Varadharajan retired as Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and settled down in Chennai.

He has been writing from his working days and several of his articles have been published in leading magazines. After retirement, he has written the books 'Indian temples and festivals at a glance' and 'Nobles Lives - A brief collection of Indian saints'.

He is also an accomplished mridangam vidwan and has performed for All India Radio and Doordarshan in Delhi. He has also accompanied re-



nowned musicians in concerts in Delhi and Chennai. He has received around 20 awards for his literary works and musical accomplishments from various cultural organizations.

He is also an active member of Probus Club of Chennai, Dignity Foundation and United Retirees Association.

After coming to Chennai, Shantha at the age of 58, started to write poems and

compositions about Indian culture and philosophy in Tamil. She has so far written 400 compositions, 200 poems and 11 books.

She is also an artist and has held exhibition of her works in leading galleries.

Shantha is a recipient of the Kalaimamani award from the State Government.

Their contact numbers are 2489 8037 and 98844 43753.

Raids on eateries, shops



By Our Staff Reporter

Officials of Tamilnadu Food Safety Department made a surprise inspection of eateries and shops in Dr. Ramasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar on Nov.25.

The officials said that they seized plastic materials used for wrapping food and destroyed them.

Corporation to correct improper T. Nagar roads

By Our Staff Reporter

The Chennai Corporation has sought the assistance of Anna University to come up with a road design for 'smart' T. Nagar that will prevent flooding of streets during heavy rains.

It will use the help of the flood damage assessment technology developed by the Institute of Remote Sensing (IRS), Anna University. According to the official, the technology will help to fix the road camber in T. Nagar in accordance with the mean sea level.

The Corporation will execute the project under the 'Smart City' program for T. Nagar.

He said that because of faulty road design, storm water drains fail to collect runoff water due to disproportionate road camber and the varying height between the road surface and the openings to the drains.

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.

NO HOLDS BARRED

By M. A. SADANAND

Brain Chokes

The other day I dropped in at Grumpy's just as the TV applause was fading after the wizards had collected their fat cheques for being smart Alects in winning points over the lesser endowed in the quiz-war.

Grumpy, normally kind and courteous, did not even look at me but if looks were daggers his son would have been shredded. I asked his wife whether he had had one too many or had his pocket picked. She could hardly get a word out, choking as she was at the enormity of my levity when a major tragedy had struck at home.

"Come on, out with it. What is bothering Grumpy and why are you choking? Shall I call the doctor?" I had to do one more good deed for the day to earn my epaulets as a good Samaritan.

"This cretin, all of eighteen years, does not know why Hiuen Tsang started walking one fine morning towards India", Grumpy said

His wife beat her forehead with her fist, while Grumpy sank deeper into reverie.

"Is it important that he should know? How is it relevant to his medical studies?" I wanted to get to the bottom of this mystery, though I knew why that fool walked for three years to reach India.

"This chap has no general knowledge at all. The other day, at a class quiz, he was asked a simple question which a child of three can answer. He pouted and said he did not know nor wanted to know the name of the father-in-law of one of the pall bearers of Red Indian Chief Sitting Bull's 89th concubine. The quiz master even told him that the pall bearer at the right foot had the fellow's name tattooed in his right wrist".

Cretinsamy, the alleged nincompoop son, looked pleadingly at me and I complied. "Do you know, Grumpy, why Hiuen Tsang walked all the way to India? I bet even that oily guy on TV doesn't know. I know why. That fellows' father was a foot-doctor or, if you want a technical name, a 'podiatrist'. Hiuen, one day, woke up with his left foot itching like the dickens and the podiatrist prescribed a brisk walk. The chap walked and walked but the itch wouldn't go and the fellow did not have the common sense to return home. Telephones were, then, several centuries away. After he chewed a couple of balls of opium which was the in-thing those days in China, he did not care a fig where he was going and eventually arrived in India with a kilo of opium. That was the genesis of opium in India. Your Mister Slick on TV doesn't know this but is he worse off than I am with all this tripe?"

"Thank you, uncle! I am aiming to become a Neurosurgeon or Brainologist and I don't want to choke my brain with trivia; but every time my parents see some thick-lensed lizard names Cleopatra's fifty third deadly sin, I go down a rung in their estimation".

The father came to life with another barb. "Look here, friend. This fellow has submitted his head to the barber for the last eighteen years and he used to complain that his dresser never stopped talking right through. Couldn't he have talked shop with him and stored away some knowledge? No, he wouldn't do it. Can you believe that he doesn't know the name of Xenophon's barber and the branding of his hair cream!"

Cretinsamy, now close to tears, shot back at Grumpy, "But you have survived since 1963 without knowing what Jack Ruby whispered before he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's alleged killer."

"What did Ruby say? Come on. I'm curious. It is not recorded in any book or that quiz chap's concoctions."

"Ruby said in Swahili, a language he picked up in a Nairobi prison, 'pilipili'.

"Is it a curse or something?"

"Neither! It means 'chillies'. A young President gets shot. When his alleged killer also gets shot, nobody from the fourth estate cares to record what the killer's killer said! How cock-eyed the world is! And you considered me a zombie! I am, because I can't identify the music director of a millionth part of a tune whistled by Buffalo Bill when he was massacring a hundred Apaches! It is trivia, father, trivia," he wailed.

"You almost make me say, like one of Woodhouse's Russian characters, 'I spit me on these wasters'. Do you remember that character, son?"

"There you go again, like Jethmalani. I, like Rajiv, ignore the question".

Oriental Insurance donates medical equipment to palliative care hospital

By Our Staff Reporter

On behalf of Oriental Insurance Company, its DGM Ajit Kumar donated an 'Oxygen concentrator' and 'Pulse oxymeter' equipment worth Rs. 1.35 lakhs to Karuna Sagar, a palliative care hospital run by RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, T. Nagar, last week.



Garden makes way for parking space under flyover



The Corporation has removed the fenced garden under North Usman Road flyover and converted it into a parking space for 2-wheelers and 4-wheelers.

'Maths made easy' program for students today

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Rajalakshmi will conduct a free 'Maths made easy' program from 6 p.m to 7 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 27 in Smart Kids, 23, Pinjala Subramanian Street, T. Nagar.

According to her, the program will help students get over Maths phobia, improve mental calculation and learn tables in an easy way.

She has been conducting such seminars in schools and other academic institutions since 2008.

Her contact number is 94453 16363.

Near stampede at Hindi Prachara Sabha during convocation

By Our Staff Reporter

The organizers had a tough time managing a swelling crowd of almost 30000 on Nov. 20 during the special convocation function for students in Hindi Prachara Sabha, T. Nagar.

Students from Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu had come to the 99-year-old institution with their families to receive the certificates.

When the situation became difficult to handle, one of the organizers tried to leave, but the visitors blocked his car. Police had to intervene to disperse the crowd and move the man to safety.

Students and relatives were eligible to collect the completion certificates on producing the examination hall ticket at the counters set up at the venue.

Some 36,000 students had applied for the certificate, but only about 10,000 got it on the day.

Students complained that the organizers were unprepared for the event. There were not enough policemen to handle the crowd which had overflowed onto nearby Burkit Road.

An official said that there were only about 10,000 students. He said that the melee and commotion were mainly because each student was accompanied by four or five family members and friends.

JCP used to desilt storm water drain



By Our Staff Reporter

A Corporation contractor used a JCB to break open the slabs and de-silt the storm water drain adjoining MCN School, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar last week.

City Union Bank donates 15 lakhs to STS



By Our Staff Reporter

The City Union Bank Ltd. has adopted 30 of the Single Teacher Schools (STS) in Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts managed by Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society (Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar) and donated Rs.15 lakhs for the project on Nov. 24.

STS is a project started by Swami Dayananda Saraswati in 2006 in villages in Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts

to empower poor students through extra classes after regular school. Since their inception, such schools have been opened in more than 600 villages in Tamilnadu, educating more than 22,000 students from lower income groups and poor families.

N. Kamakodi (MD & CEO, The City Union Bank Ltd.) handed over the cheque to STS.

For more details, visit the website www.singleteacherschools.org

Storage levels precarious in city's reservoirs

By Our Staff Reporter

With the monsoon yet to set in, the storage levels in the city's reservoirs are precariously low now.

Compared to the total storage of 9404 mcft (million cubic feet) on the same date last year, the storage on Nov. 25 was only 763 mcft.

Poondi has a storage of 74 mcft as against its full capacity of 3231 mcft (2669 mcft on the same day last year); Cholavaram has 73 mcft as against its full capacity of 881 mcft (691 mcft last year); Red Hills has 326 mcft as against its full capacity of 3300 mcft (2853 mcft last year) and Chembarampakkam has 290 mcft against its full capacity of 3645 mcft (3191 mcft last year).

The water level situation was even worse the previous year on 7.11.2015 when the total capacity was only 387 mcft after which Chennai started receiving heavy spells of rain upto mid-December. From 387 mcft the water level rose to 9915 mcft (90% of total capacity) on Dec. 25 last year.

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).

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 Aksharamamalai.

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).

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OBITUARY

MALATHI CHAKRAPANI

Malathi Chakrapani, a resident of Annapoorna Flats, 9/17, Raju Naicken Street, West Mambalam, passed away on Nov. 20.

She was 65, and has been a resident of West Mambalam for 13 years.

She is survived by her husband C. R. Chakrapani (Ph: 4351 2120) and a daughter.



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Talk tomorrow on 'Emotional wellbeing'

By Our Staff Reporter

Satya Pranava Yogi will give a talk on 'Mind cleansing and emotional wellbeing' at 5 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 27 in Mahamayi Atma Mandir, 3rd Street, Postal Colony, West Mambalam.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 95000 64319.

Schools reluctant to upload details sought by CBSE

By Our Staff Reporter

A Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) circular instructing schools to compulsorily display information about their facilities online has not gone down well with school managements in the city.

Despite the extended deadline of Nov. 30, many schools have not uploaded the details so far. A number of these schools do not even have a website.

Schools have to provide information about faculty, infrastructure facilities, location, landmarks, affiliation, audited balance sheets, pass percentage of the last three years, fee structure, details of grievance redressal committee, sexual harassment committee, emergency contact person and pay scale of their staff on their website.

A major reason for the delay, say some schools, is the immense volume of information to be uploaded. Many others are reluctant to display all the information, especially the faculty salaries.

According to the principal of a local school, providing details of the NOC issuing authority and the date of issuance were pointless as CBSE affiliation would not be possible without an NOC.

Special trains to Tiruchi

By Our Staff Reporter

The Southern Railway has announced that special trains will be operated between

Chennai and Tiruchi to clear the extra rush of traffic.

The Tiruchi-Chennai Egmore special fare special (Train No. 06026) will leave Tiruchi at 3.15 p.m on Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7 and 14, and reach Chennai Egmore at 9.10 p.m the same day.

The Chennai Egmore-Tiruchi special fare special (Train No. 06025) will leave Chennai Egmore at 2.30 p.m on Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9 and 16, and reach Tiruchi at 8.10 p.m the same day.

The trains will stop at Ariyalur, Vriddhachalam, Villupuram, Chengalpattu and Tambaram.

Train No. 06026 will stop at Mambalam also.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Post box outside West Mambalam Post office damaged

Sir, The post box installed outside West Mambalam Post office is in a damaged condition.

Tape has been used to temporarily fix the broken top portion of the post box which includes the slot for posting letters.

Such a damaged and 'bandaged' post box right outside a major city post office is not good publicity for India Post and is also an eyesore.

Post boxes should be maintained properly as they carry thousands of communication. I appeal to the officials concerned to immediately replace the damaged box with a new one. **N. Ramasubramanian, West Mambalam**



Garbage accumulation in Vaidyarama Street



Sir, Conservancy workers are not clearing the garbage daily from Vaidyarama Street. It leads to overflowing of garbage bins and dumping/accumulation of garbage around the bins.

The pile-up is a health hazard and nearby residents are suffering from putrid smell throughout the day and also from the proliferation of mosquitoes.

I appeal to the officials concerned to ensure garbage is collected daily from Vaidyarama Street. **Madhusudhan, Vaidyarama Street, T. Nagar**

Open drains in narrow road hinder motorists

Sir, The narrow road near Kanchi Mutt and Kasi Viswanathar Temple is only 7 feet wide.

The road is in a bad condition and there are open drains in the margins.

It makes motoring risky for 2-wheeler riders.

Pedestrians are also forced to walk in the middle of the narrow road risking their lives.

I appeal to the Corporation to close the open drains in the road immediately for the benefit of road users. **Varsha, T. Nagar Police Quarters Road, T. Nagar.**

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WEST MAMBALAM, Old No. 19, Baroda Street, behind Jain School, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, both attached bathroom, 2-wheeler parking, small Brahmin family, no brokers, immediate occupation. Ph: 94449 09556.

K. K. NAGAR, No. 864A, 'Prajwal Vaishnavi', 64th Street, 10th Sector, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 835 sq.ft, ground floor, covered car park, woodwork, A/c, rent Rs. 18000, vegetarians. Ph: 95000 09849.

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T. NAGAR, Old No. 16/1, New No. 39/1, Soundara Rajan Street, near TTD, 2 bedroom, 950 sq.ft, ground floor, semi furnished, car park, small vegetarian family / bachelors, immediate occupation, no brokers. Ph: 94452 55716.

WEST MAMBALAM, Old No. 4, New No. 7, Babu Rajendra Prasad Street, large 2 bedroom, independent 1st floor house, rent Rs. 20000. Ph: 98415 43438.

ASHOK NAGAR, No. 10, Vedachala Nagar 1st Street, near Police Station, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, dining, pooja room, 960 sq.ft, independent ground floor house, 2-wheeler parking, Brahmins only. Ph: 87544 77178, 24723791.

T. NAGAR, No. 20, Kamakoti Nagar, Flat No. 18, Block-B, Rameswaram Road, near Railway Station & Bus Terminus, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 720 sq.ft. Ph: 2432 8934, 94425 60298.

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WEST MAMBALAM, No. 129, Lake View Road, near Public Health Centre, 2 bedrooms, 780 sq.ft, 3rd floor, no lift, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 12000 (negotiable), vegetarians only. Ph: 95000 49472.

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ASHOK NAGAR, D2, No. 14, 62nd Street, opp. Little Flower Convent, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 700 sq.ft, 3rd floor, lift, open car park, vegetarian only, no broker. Ph: 94448 22816

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WEST MAMBALAM, No. 18/26, South Kothandaramar Koil Street, near Srinivasa Theatre, portion, rent Rs. 8000, Brahmins only. Ph: 97901 13141.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 1, B-20, Manohar Apartment, Eswaran Koil Street, near Railway Station, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 905 sq.ft, 2nd floor, semi furnished, rent Rs. 16000, advance Rs. 96000. Ph: 90940 82348.

T. NAGAR, No. 9, Sambantham Street, single bedroom, 800 sq.ft, individual house. Kumar. Ph: 99401 03818.

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T. NAGAR, No. 10, South Boag Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1000 sq.ft, 1st floor, covered car park (200 sq.ft), rent Rs. 20000. Ph: 98410 86676.

ASHOK NAGAR, No. 21/22, 11th Avenue, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 650 sq.ft, ground floor apartment, open car park. Ph: 98412 86618.

WEST MAMBALAM, New No. 6, Old No. 62, Mahadevan Street, spacious 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 2nd floor, no lift, semi furnished, car park, vegetarians only. Ph: 99529 01064.

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WEST MAMBALAM, No. 3/2, Krishnamurthy Street, single bedroom, hall, kitchen, 1st floor flat, rent Rs. 9000, Brahmins only. Ph: 99415 99989, 2223 6576.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 7, Thiruchendur Flat, No. 15-A, Babu Rajendra Prasad 1st Street, 680 sq.ft, 2nd floor, rent Rs. 11000, advance 9 months. Ph: 98846 72444.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 14, Sri Vidya Apartment, Balakrishna Mudali Street, single bedroom, ground floor flat, Brahmins only. Ph: 4358 0242, 73582 26840.

T. NAGAR, 34, Thirumurthi Street, 2 bedrooms flat, 2nd floor, 1000 sq.ft, lift, car park, 24 hours water, for salaried vegetarian family, rent Rs. 20,000. Ph: 2834 4260, 98402 13896.

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WEST MAMBALAM, No. 26/37A, Chakrapani Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, dining, 1320 sq.ft, 1st floor flat, woodwork, metro & well water, car park, rent Rs. 22500 (negotiable), Brahmins only. Ph: 94448 82617.

T. NAGAR, No. 14, Dhandapani Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 3rd floor flat, no lift, semi furnished, A/c, 2-wheeler parking. Ph: 98941 68803.

WEST MAMBALAM, New No. 12/6, Arihant Flats, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, near Ayodhya Mandapam, single bedroom, 500 sq.ft, 1st floor, rent Rs. 10500, Brahmins only, inspection on Monday & Tuesday after 4 p.m. Ph: 85258 92293.

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K. K. NAGAR No. 843, 91st Street, behind RBI quarters 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, rent Rs. 15000, Brahmins only. 97907 57582

Krishna Sweets introduces buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Krishna Bhavan (unit of Sri Krishna Sweets) (53, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 99400 92950) has introduced Buffet Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner for customers.

Breakfast includes idly, vada, oothapam, vada curry, ghee pongal, poori masala, bread, butter and Jam, hot milk and coffee. Breakfast is served from 7 a.m to 10 a.m.

Lunch includes a combo of soup and toast, white sauce pasta, steamed rice served with pastes and podis, rasam rice, sambar rice, curd rice, Indian breads, dal fry, special gravy, pulao, desserts and chaat platter. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Dinner includes soup, vegetable parota, Indian breads, special gravy, vegetable noodles, Bisibelabath, curd rice, variety dosa, fried Idly, sweet boli, kara boli and desserts. Dinner is served from 7 p.m to 10 p.m.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are also available in the Egmore outlet (Shop No. 96, 8/7, Shivalaya Building, Ethiraj College Road, Egmore) and Ashok Nagar outlet (8, 10th Avenue, Near Ashok Pillar, opp. SBI).

More details can be had in Customer Care (1800 102 2343), E mail id: gmcom municationsks@gmail.com, Website: www .srikrishnasweets.com

700 attend seminar on 'Quality in products and services'

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 700 persons participated in the consumer awareness seminar on 'Quality in products and services' held on Nov. 25 in Indian Officers' Association Building, Royapettah.

It was inaugurated by A. M. Swaminathan (IAS ret'd.).

Senior officials from National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies, Bureau of Indian Standards and Consumer Association of India spoke at the meet and explained the rights of the consumer.

Service agencies, consumer activists and general public participated in the seminar.

Kumarappa's 125th birth anniversary celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of Gandhian Economist Dr. J. C. Kumarappa's 125th birth anniversary on Jan. 4, year-long celebrations are being planned at the national level and in Tamilnadu.

An audio visual lab dedicated to Kumarappa with systems sponsored by Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFG will be inaugurated at 9.30 a.m on Saturday, Nov. 26 in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, 58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar. Two senior Gandhians will address the press at 3 p.m the same day on the relevance of Gandhian Economics in the present-day scenario. More details can be had from P. Maruthi (Secretary) in 91766 24283.

Tailoring, beautician courses for women

By Our Staff Reporter

Jayalakshmi Ammal Education and Charitable Trust (SP.20, 3rd Street, 1st Sector, K. K. Nagar) will conduct 3-month tailoring and beautician courses exclusively for women from Dec. 1 in its premises.

Application forms can be collected from the Trust's office between 10 a.m and 5 p.m from Monday to Saturday.

A nominal fee is charged to support the Trust's activities.

Interested candidates may register their names in 2371 1184 and 2474 7728.

Rubbish dumped in vacant plot



By Our Staff Reporter

A vacant plot in Vazhathoppu in West Mambalam is being used as a dumping yard for rubbish posing a health hazard for nearby residents.

Public toilet in unsanitary condition

By Our Staff Reporter

The public convenience and urinals on Police Quarters Road adjoining MTC bus terminus are in an unsanitary condition. The users complained that the urinals are not cleaned daily and often there is shortage of water. Many have stopped using them due to the unhygienic condition.

They are also a health hazard to nearby residents.

Mixed response to mock test of pedestrian plaza

By Our Staff Reporter

On Nov. 20, as part of the proposed pedestrian plaza in T. Nagar, Chennai Corporation conducted a trial run that transformed Pandy Bazaar into a more lively space, especially for children, youngsters, families and the elderly.

While many residents and youngsters took part in the trial run, traders downed shutters as a mark of protest.

Activities including snake-and-ladder, drawing competition for children, carrom and chess, tug of war, street plays, folk music and dance performances were held right on the sides of Thyagaraya Road to the delight of the visitors.

Traffic was restricted during the trial on a 700-m stretch between Thanikachalam Road junction and Panagal Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This is an extremely bold



step by the Greater Chennai Corporation and the Chennai Traffic Police. A data and feedback-based analysis is being carried out to finalise the design of the public space," said Aswathy Dilip, manager, Advocacy and Communications, Institute for Transportation & Development Policy. Senior officials led by Corporation

Commissioner D. Karthikeyan assessed the traffic conditions and talked to visitors and traders. During the planning stage, there were discussions on how wide the road should be for buses and two-wheelers, 4 m or 7 m. The civic body is likely to offer a width of 4 m based on the results of the trial run.

There were fewer vehicles

and more space in one of the prime shopping destinations of the city, Traders, however, downed shutters objecting to the proposed pedestrian plaza.

"Our livelihood will be affected," said a trader. Corporation officials said they will sensitise the traders to the positive impact of the project on business.

Free seminar today on Vedic astrology

Vedic Astrology Association for Social Awakening and Change (VAASAAC) (West Mambalam) will conduct a free seminar on 'Predictive methods and techniques through horoscope' from 5 p.m to 7.45 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 27 in Auditorium Hall, Koviloor Madalayam, Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam.

It will be followed by an interactive session on astrology and spiritual matters. All are welcome. More details can be had from V. K. S. M. Sharma in 91763 59580 / 2474 1952.

Stalled flyover project may be revived

After a long wait, the Chennai Corporation is likely to revive the project on development of an 6.8-km integrated traffic corridor connecting Ega Theatre on Poonamalle High Road and Thirumalai Pillai Road near Valluvar Kottam.

A meeting to finalise the detailed project report and feasibility study after incorporating changes suggested by residents will be held soon. The civic body announced the project a few years ago to cope with traffic congestion in T. Nagar, Nungambakkam, Chetpet and Egmore. However, the project failed to take off owing to delay in funding. According to an official, the estimated cost of constructing the flyover is Rs. 683 crore and the cost of land acquisition is Rs.1,053 crore.

He said that more than 26,000 sq. m. of private land along the stretch has to be acquired for the project. The total land required for the project is 37,000 sq. m.

Patashala students to perform Veda gosham in homes

Manav Seva Trust (658/20, 47th Street, Sector 9, K.K. Nagar) has arranged for Veda gosham in homes by the students of Veda Patashala run by Tapas Trust in Mangadu. At present about 30 students are undergoing free Vedic education in the patashala. Apart from Vedic studies, the curriculum also includes Science, Sanskrit,

English and Mathematics. The students join between the ages of 7 and 12 years and, after 12 years of study, they are absorbed into priesthood for performing rituals in homes. Residents anywhere in the city interested in conducting Veda gosham in their homes may contact the Trust in 94456 47044 / 98406 28787 / 2366 1150.

STS builds 8 community toilets



By Our Staff Reporter
R. P. Krishnamachari (Honorary Secretary, Single Teacher Schools, 75, Textan House, Ashok Nagar) inaugurated 8 community toilets on Nov. 8 and handed over the key

of a new house to a beneficiary whose house was washed away during the floods last year in Sivakoodal. N. S. Sankar (International Lions Director) inaugurated the program.

Free dental check-up for children till Nov. 30

Vital Voyage, a dental health clinic in 71/73, CIT Nagar 1st Main Road, Nandanam is offering free dental check-up and teeth cleaning for children till Nov. 30 in its premises.

It is also offering special discounts on fillings, fluoride treatment and teeth alignment.

Other activities include contests for children in drawing, painting, poem writing and photo shoot. Gift hampers will be given to the winners.

For more details call 2464 3189 / 73959 56423,

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