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By Our Staff Reporter

The Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 announced it will soon put into circulation new Rs. 100 denomination notes with enlarged identification features.

"The Reserve Bank will shortly issue Rs. 100 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi Series-2005, without inset letter in both the numbering panels," RBI said in a press release.

The notes with '2016' printing year will be similar in design to the existing Rs. 100 notes in the Mahatma Gandhi Series-2005 having ascending size of numerals in the number panels, bleed lines, and enlarged identification mark, on the obverse.

RBI said it has already put into circulation Rs. 100 currency notes with the ascending size of numerals in the number panels but without bleed lines and enlarged identification mark.

These notes will remain in circulation concomitantly with the notes being issued now, it added. It has also announced that it will also issue Rs. 20 and Rs. 50 denomination notes.

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‘லார், ‘சந்தரி, செளந்தரி, நிரந்தரியே’ங்கிற பாட்டு உங்களுக்கு ஞாபகம் இருக்கா?’

‘தூக்குத் தூக்கி படத்திலே பி. லீலாவும், ஏ.பி. கோமளாவும், ஜி. ராமநாதன் இசையிலே பாடினதுதானே? யார் எழுதியதுங்கிற ஞாபகம் இல்லை’ என்றேன்.

தம்பையா எழுந்து நின்று சிரம் தாழ்த்தி இரு கைகளையும் பிரதமர் நரேந்திரமோடி பாணியில் அம்சமாகக் கூப்பி மரியாதை செய்துவிட்டு உட்கார்ந்தார்.

‘பரமேஸ்வரி, ராஜேஸ்வரி, ஜெகதீஸ்வரி, பாகேஸ்வரி நல் வாக்கு தருவாயடி?’ பாட்டு?

‘அடுத்த லைனை விட்டுட்டீரே ‘மண்டோதரி, குண்டோதரி, சிந்தாமணி, சூடாமணி, பெண் பார்க்க வருவேனடி’ இந்தப் பாட்டைப் பாடியது சசீலா, டி.எம்.எஸ்.காம்போ. படம் எங்க ஊர் ராஜா. கண்ணதாசனின் வரிகள். எம்.எஸ்.வி இசை. மறு பாடியும் கை கூப்பி மரியாதை செய்ய வேணாம். விடியற்காலை சொட்டுக் காபி கூட நாக்கை நனைக்காத வேளையிலே எதுக்கு இந்த சினிமாப்பாட்டு க்வீஸ்?’

‘அந்த மாதிரிப் பாட்டுகளெல்லாம் இப்போ வரதில்லையே!. பொழுது போக்கா சினிமாப் பாட்டைப் பாடினாலும் சாமி பேரைச் சொல்ல வெச்சாங்க. ஆனா இப்போ?’ வேணாம், வம்பு வரும். அதை விடுங்க. பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்கு மீனாட்சி, காமாட்சி, லட்சுமி, விசாலாட்சி, பார்வதி, லலிதா, ஞானம், சியாமளாங்கிற பேரெல்லாம் வெக்கிற காலம் மலை ஏறிப் போச்சு. என்னோட மருமகள் அபி கர்ப்பமா இருக்கா. சீமந்தம் ஆயிடுத்து. பெண் குழந்தைதான் வேணும். பிறக்கும்னு உறுதியா இருக்கிறவ கிட்டே இந்தப் பேரெல்லாம் சொன்னா ‘என்ன அங்கிள் இது. குட்டிப் பாப்பாக்கு ஸ்டைலா பேரை சொல் லுங்க’ன்னு கேட்டா. பெரியம்மா, சின்னம்மா, அத்தைன்னு வயசான முட்டி வலியோட முனங்கற மூதாட்டிகளோட பேரை யெல்லாம் பிஞ்சுக் குழந்தைகளுக்கு வைக்கச் சொல்றீங்களென்னு கேலி செய்யறா. நல்ல வேளை நாங்க செஞ்ச புண்ணியம் அவள் அடங்கின சரக்கு. இல்லாட்டி பத்ர காளியா மாறி, ‘டேய் யய்ய்னு’ நீளமா செளண்டு விட்டுக் கண்களைச் சுழட்டித் துணி உலர்த்தற அலுமினியக் கழியை சூலமா எடுத்துண்டு என்னை வதம் செஞ்சிருப்பா’.

தம்பையா தொடர்ந்தார். ‘உங்களுக்குத் தெரிஞ்சிருக்கும். நம்மூர் பெண்களின் பெயர்களை இங்க லீஷ்லே எழுதினா ஒண்ணு ‘உ’ இல் முடியும். இல்லாட்டி ‘ி’ இல் முடியும்.

வசந்தா, சாரதா, பிரியா, கிருத்திகா, வசந்தா. அப்புறம் பார்வதி, சங்கரி, லட்சுமின்னு சொல்லினீங்கே போகலாம். அபூர்வமா ராஜம், செங்கமலம்னு விதி விலக்கு உண்டு. என்னுடைய பெயன் அனந்துவும், அபியும் ஒரு மாதமா என்ன பேரை வைக்கிறதென்னு தீவிர ஆலோசனையில் இருக்கா. அது சரி, என்ன பேரு வைக்கலாம்னு சொன்னேனே, அந்த வரியிலே ஆரம்பிக்கிற பாட்டு ஒண்ணு உண்டு இல்லையா?’

‘என்ன பேரு வைக்கலாம், எப்படி அழைக்கலாம்’ங்கிற பாட்டு தானே? எங்கள் செல்வி படத்திலே எல். ஆர். ஈஸ்வரி, ஜமுனா ராணின்னு இரண்டு மூன்று பேர் கே.வி. மகாதேவன் இசையிலே பாடினது’.

தம்பையா இந்த முறை எனக்கு வானியம்பாடி ராவுத்தர் போல் சலாம் போட்டுவிட்டுத் தொடர்ந்தார். ‘அபி கோல்கத் தாவிப் பிறந்து, படித்து, வளர்ந்து தமிழ் நாட்டில் நாற்றாக நடவு செய்யப் பட்ட பொண்ணு. பெங்காலி, தமிழ், இங்கிலீஷ் எல்லா மொழிகளையும் அழகாகப் பேசக் கூடிய பெண். உங்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா? அனந்து ஒரு அட்வர்டைசிங் கம்பெனியிலே வேலையில் இருக்கான். பேச்சு வாக்கில் அவன் சொன்னான் ‘அப்பா, புதுசா ஒரு குளியல் சோப்பையோ, டிடர் ஜென்டையோ லாஞ்ச் பண்ணுக்கு முன்னாடி அதுக்கு அம்சமான மொழிகளில் விபரீத அர்த்தம் இருக்காணு தெரிஞ்சுக் கணும். அது முக்கியம். அதே மாதிரி நம்முடைய குழந்தைகளுக்கு வைக்கிற பெயர்களும் பிற்காலத்தில் அதை இம்சை பண்ணாமல் இருக்கும்படி அமையணும்.’

தம்பையா தொடர்ந்தார். ‘அனந்து சொன்னான். அபி, அனந்துங்கிற எங்க இரண்டு பேர்களுடைய பெயரின் ஆரம்ப எழுத்து ‘அ’ அதனாலே ‘அ’விலே ஆரம்பிக்கிற பெயரை வைக்கிறதா முடிவு பண்ணியிருக்கோம். அபிருக்கி, அபிக்ரூ, அகநா ஷினின்னு ஒரு ‘ஷார்ட்’ லிஸ்ட் ரெடி. எல்லாமே பெங்காலி மொழிப் பெயர்கள். அபிருக்கின்னா அழகின்னு அர்த்தம். அகநா ஷினின்னா பாவங்களை அழிப்பவன்னு அர்த்தம். அபிக்ரூன்னா ஞானம்னு அர்த்தம். நீங்கதான் இதிலே ஒண்ணை செலக்ட் பண்ணித் தரணும்னு சொன்ன போது எனக்கு அப்படியே ஜிவ்வுனு ஆகாசத்திலே பறக்கிறமாதிரி இருந்தது. என்னு கேட்டா சொல்றேன்’.

நான் ஏன்னு கேட்காவிட்டால் கூட சொல்வார். ‘என்னுடைய சாய்ஸ் அபிக்ரூதான்னு சொன்னேன். காரணம்? அபிக்ரூன்னா ஞானம், அதாவது wisdomனு அர்த்தம்னு சொல்லி யிருந்தான் இல்லையா? எங்கம்மா, அதாவது அனந்துவோட பாட்டியின் பெயர் ஞானம். அதே மாதிரி அபியின் பாட்டியின் பெயர் கூட ஞானம்தான். சம்பிரதாயமா பாட்டிகளின் பெயரைப் பெயர்த்திக்கு அதாவது பேத்திக்கு சூட்டறது வழக்கம். இரண்டு பக்கத்துக்குப் பாட்டிகளின் கர்நாடகப் பெயர் இது வரை கேட்டிராத வேற்று மொழியில் பழைய மது புது பாட்டிலிலே கிடைச்ச மாதிரி அமைஞ்சது கடவுளின் கிருபை இல்லையா?’

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### Hoardings block pavement



Hoardings, signboards and other equipment dismantled from police booths have been lying on the pavement of North Usman Road, near its junction with Bazullah Road, T. Nagar for several months causing inconvenience to pedestrians.

### Shell of car abandoned on road margin



The rusted outer frame of a car has been lying on the pavement of Anna Colony, South Boag Road, T. Nagar for several months. All the parts of the car have been removed. It is occupying the carriageway and causing obstruction to motorists and pedestrians.

### Poorly engineered concrete road in West CIT Nagar



West CIT Nagar was re-laid with concrete recently. However, the new road surface, which is almost 4 inches thick, has not been engineered properly.

The sides of the road have not been tapered causing nuisance to residents who are finding it difficult to take out their vehicles and also to motorists, especially 2-wheelers, who are likely to trip at the road edges.

There are 4 inch deep pits in the middle of the road in spots where there are openings to sewage manholes as these have not been raised to the new road level. 2-foot wide spaces left at the road sides for pedestrians are dirt paths and uneven in a number of places. Pedestrians are hence forced to walk in the road thereby risking their lives.

### Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

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).

### Underground metro rail line to be ready by April

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro Rail's first underground stretch between Nehru Park and Thirumangalam is expected to be fully operational by April 2017.

According to an official, the work on the underground metro line is in its final stages, with Chennai Metro Rail Ltd (CMRL) now looking for companies to provide security for stations along the 9 km. route.

He said that the line's extension, between Thirumangalam and Central, will be functional by June 2017.

CMRL plans to finalise security plans for the first underground line as part of its effort to have all other services required for the stations to be ready in time for the inauguration of the underground line on the stretch.

Officials of CMRL said that police will guard the stations and private security staff will frisk passengers, check their baggage and guide them to platforms.

He added that at least 20% of the staff posted for security in the stations and the depot will be women.

CMRL has floated tenders for security services to cover nine underground stations from Chennai Central to Thirumangalam.

These include seven underground stations from Nehru Park to Thirumangalam, where it is currently installing signalling systems and preparing for official inspections.

While the company has completed construction of the Egmore Metro Station, work is still on in Chennai Central Metro Station.

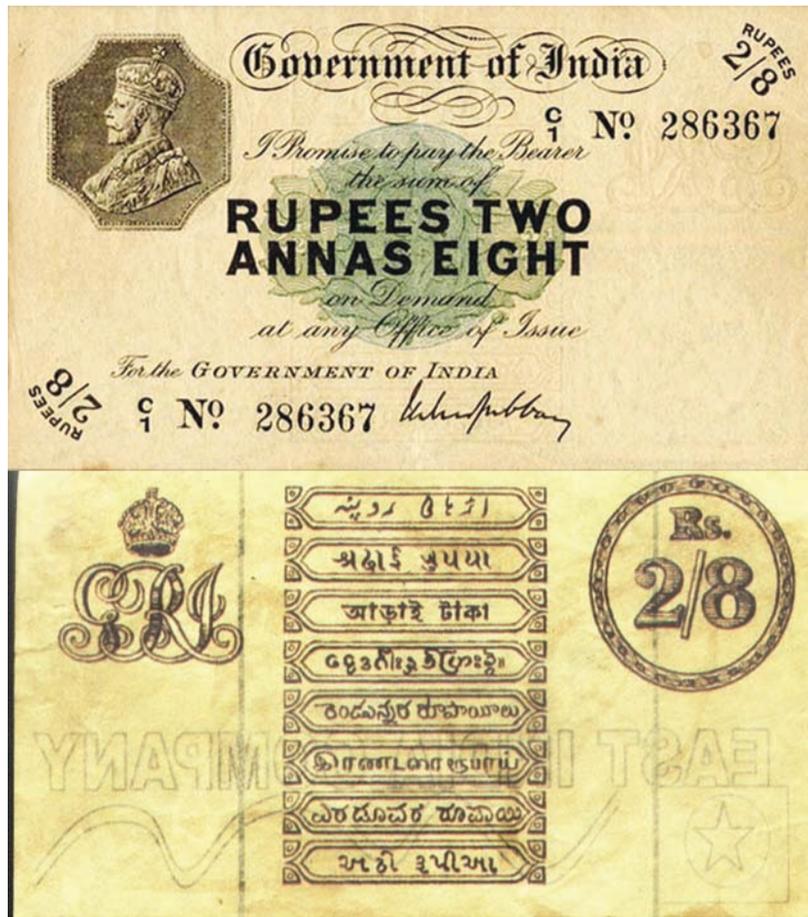
### Rs. 2 1/2 note is worth more than Rs. 2.5 lakhs today!

By Our Staff Reporter

Do you know that paper currency's worth need not always be mentioned in full numbers such as Re. 1, Rs. 2, Rs. 5, Rs. 10, Rs. 100, Rs. 500 or Rs. 1,000, and that there was a Rs. 2 1/2 rupee currency in India at one time?

The British Indian government had introduced such a currency in November 1917 because of scarcity of metal to issue coins during the First World War.

Because a rupee was worth 16 annas then, the note displayed a face value of 'RUPEES TWO ANNAS EIGHT' or 'Rs. 2/8'. The obverse of this note mentioned its value in 8 Indian languages. The Tamil version said "இரண்டு ரூபாயை". The further printing of this note was discontinued in January 1926.



### Blood donation camp today

A blood donation camp has been organized by Vivekanandapuram 1st Street Residents Welfare Association, along with HDFC Bank, from 9 a.m to 4 p.m on Sunday, Dec. 11 in Guha Flats, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, West Mambalam.

Anyone in good health and in the age group of 18 to 60 years can donate blood. The organizers have appealed to readers of Mambalam Times to donate blood. For more details call 97910 97191 / 99405 20195 / 90920 27555.

### Banks continue to face shortage of notes

By Our Staff Reporter

Since the announcement of demonetisation on Nov. 8, banks continue to face shortage of currency, especially lower denomination notes.

The manager of a public sector bank on Usman Road told Mambalam Times, "We are getting only Rs. 6 to Rs. 10 lakhs a day from the treasury for disbursement among our account holders. Though RBI has announced that an account holder can withdraw upto

Rs. 10000 at a time from his account, due to shortage of cash, we are forced to restrict it to Rs. 2,000 per day so that more customers can benefit.

"We are also not getting enough lower denomination notes which are in high demand and are mostly only issuing Rs. 2,000 notes. With RBI expected to release new Rs. 100 notes and also Rs. 50 and Rs. 20 notes, we are hoping the situation will stabilize," he explained.

### Krishna Sweets offers ghee appam for Karthigai Deepam

Sri Krishna Sweets (53, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) and its outlets in Ashok Nagar, Mylapore, Adyar and Velachery will sell special sweets including ghee appam for Karthigai Deepam on Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

It will offer a sweet box inscribed with a picture of Lord Muruga containing cashew, laddu, adhirasam, nel pori, ghee appam with earthen lamp and accessories as a complimentary. On Dec. 12, ghee appam, adai with butter and jaggery will be served in its outlets.

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### Barricades used to cover open storm water drain



By Our Staff Reporter

Barricades have been used to cover the open storm water drain in the junction of 41<sup>st</sup> Street and R. K. Shanmugam Salai, K. K. Nagar.

According to a nearby resident, the slab covering the drain caved in a month back, but has still not been replaced.

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## TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

### TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC 34

Others in the cast in 'Seva Sadanam' included Jayalakshmi, Varadachar, B. A.(Hons), Ram Pyari, K. N. Kamalam. G. Pattu Iyer, S. S. Mani Bhagavathar (a close relative of Papanasam Sivan) and 'Baby' Varalakshmi (later, known as S. Varalakshmi, noted Tamil and Telugu film star) and Seethalakshmi Ammal, a real-life Brahmin widow with shaven head and all, who played the cruel sister-in-law, an unusual and daring casting indeed by the visionary filmmaker! Not surprisingly, it created sensation in the Brahmin community of Thanjavur district!

Lyrics and music were by Papanasam Sivan and his brother P. Rajagopala Iyer (father of V. N. Janaki, latter-day movie star, Mrs. MGR in private life and also Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for a few days in 1980s). Rajagopala Iyer composed music on his own for some films and also played minor roles. Overshadowed by the gargantuan glory and fame of his brother, he is barely known today. Music direction, background score and orchestra arrangement were done by Mothi Babu.

Expectedly, most of the songs in this film were sung by MSS. Those included 'Shyama Sundara Kamala Vadana' (adapted from the Hindi song, 'Shyama Sundara Madana Mohana'), 'Aadharavatravarkatkellaam', 'Needhu Charana Pankaja' (Ragam Kalyani), 'Enna Seiven Enge Selven' (Ragam Sriranjani, adapted from the popular kirtanam 'Maarubalka'). And the most popular of them all, 'Maa Ramanan Uma Ramanan' (Ragam Hindolam).

'Maa Ramanan' is a favourite in Carnatic music concerts today. Not many are aware that this famous song was composed by Papanasam Sivan for 'Naveena Sadhaaram' (1935, K. Subramanyam) as an invocation at the start of the film. Sivan and S. S. Mani sang it off-screen.

During the 1930s, many Tamil films had such invocation songs in the first reel, off-screen, following the tradition of stage plays. The lyrics for these songs had words seeking god's blessings for the production company and the director. Even today many stage troupes sing in chorus the prayer song behind the curtain and break coconuts and burn camphor before the curtain rises on the play.

Regretfully no gramophone record of this rare rendering was made and is sadly lost forever. Of course, no print of the film exists. Sivan played Kuchela in the film. S. D. Subbulakshmi (Mrs. Subramanyam in private life) played the unusual double roles as Lord Krishna and Susheela, Kuchela's wife and mother of the brood of 27 children!

When most films in those days were shot in studios on sets, Subramanyam, in an innovative move, shot some scenes in a palatial bungalow on Venkatanarayana Road, Thyagaraya Nagar, Madras. It belonged to a successful medical practitioner of the city, Dr. U. L. Narayana Rao.

Interestingly Dr. Rao was involved in films for a short while as partner in the historic Kannada film, 'Bhaktha Dhruva' (1934, the first Kannada-talking film to be launched but released as the second a few months after Y. V. Rao's 'Sati Sulochana').

Large crowds of silk sari-diamond-and-gold studded 'madisaar' mamis of Mambalam, Mylapore, Triplicane and even distant George Town thronged the doctor's bungalow to get a 'close-up' view of MSS! The legend was already growing.....!

'Seva Sadanam' was a major hit of 1938 and MSS took the top honors as expected. Her star began to rise fast on the fame horizon. Interestingly, K. Subramanyam came in for brickbats too besides bouquets! The orthodox sections of the Brahmin community of Thanjavur took him to task for portraying the community in bad light and excommunicated him! He did not care a damn and felt only amused. A leading lawyer of Mylapore, hailing from Thanjavur, later a judge of the Supreme Court in Delhi, refused to share the same compartment with Subramanyam in the train to Delhi, canceled his ticket and went home! This incident happened decades after the film was released. Such was His Lordship's prejudice against the dynamic filmmaker!

(To be continued)

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## Encroachment under flyover evicted after report in Mambalam Times



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Space under Rangarajapuram flyover encroached' (Sept. 17-23 issue), Corporation officials have evicted the encroachers.

The space is now used for parking vehicles. A Corporation official told *Mambalam Times* that they are keeping a regular watch on the space to prevent future encroachment.

## Amudham store in Anna Main Road soon



By Our Staff Reporter

Amudham Department Store will be opened soon in the newly constructed shopping mart constructed by Chennai Corporation on Anna Main Road, K. K. Nagar adjoining Metrowater sewage plant.

## Road margin barricaded to prevent parking on pavement



Traffic police have cordoned off the road margin of Muthurangan Salai, T. Nagar, adjacent to Police Quarters to prevent parking of vehicles on the pavement. The tiled pavement on the stretch is not raised but at the road level. It makes it easy to park cars and heavy vehicles on the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

## Police deployed to regulate queue at ration shop



There was a long queue common in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of every month. "Petty quarrels are unavoidable under such circumstances and some consumers indulge in advance booking by placing stones and other items to mark their position in the queue", said an elderly gentleman standing in line.

## Cows rummage garbage, hinder traffic



Cows let loose by private owners are attracted by the garbage and food waste dumped near bins on Arya Gowda Road and other busy roads in the neighbourhood. They rummage through the garbage and scatter it around thereby leading to unsanitary conditions. Often, they also topple the bins as they search for food. They also stand in the middle of the road, occupy road margins and the pavement causing hindrance to road users including motorists. A nearby resident told *Mambalam Times* that the cows are a big nuisance to both motorists and pedestrians. He said that the owners let them loose on the road and the Corporation takes no action against them.

## Mini bus users rue lack of display of timings

Absence of information about departures and erratic operations have become an inconvenience for bus passengers, especially those using mini services.

For instance, passengers using the small buses on six routes from Ashok Nagar Metro Station connecting Valasaravakkam, Mahalingapuram, Defence Colony and Koyembedu are clueless about the timings due to lack of display boards in the area.

Nesapakkam resident Roselyn, who occasionally takes the Metro, said that she pays Rs. 100 for an autorickshaw in the absence of bus timings in Ashok Nagar Metro Station.

The situation is similar at Koyembedu Metro Station. As commuters are not aware of the availability of small bus services, they are at the mercy of autorickshaw drivers to reach their destinations. MTC operates more than 200 small buses on around 84 routes across the city linking several areas outside the Corporation's limits.

These services largely connect interior localities with bus terminuses and train stations and also link two important bus stops.

But irregular timings defeat the purpose of the initiative, which aims to reduce travel time. Rama, a 56-year-old domestic help, shuttles between Kotturpuram, Nandanam, Alwarpet and Greenways Road and uses small buses to get to these localities. "The service is very erratic. At times, I have to wait for nearly 90 minutes.

Though the bus drops me at my workplace in Greenways Road, it is hard to keep track of the timings," she said. When contacted, MTC officials said that they are taking steps to iron out problems.

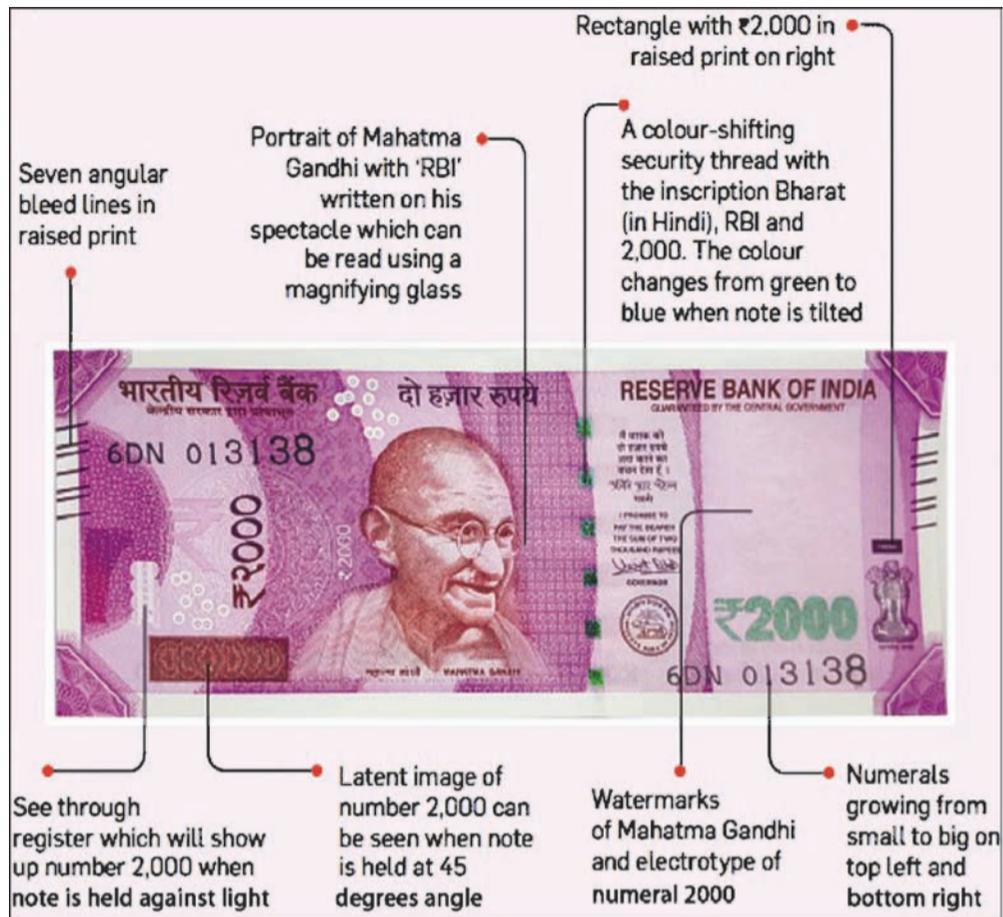
"We have approached Chennai Metro Rail Ltd to display the small bus timings at stations," an MTC official said.

## RBI introduces 8 security features in the Rs 2,000 note

By Our Staff Reporter

After the introduction of the new Rs 2,000 notes, there is much speculation about the security features in them.

Here are the 8 such features which can be checked by even lay persons with the naked eye.



## Lorry, car abandoned in vacant plot



By Our Staff Reporter

A lorry loaded with scrap and a condemned car have been lying in a vacant plot without compound wall in the junction of Andiappan Street and Govindan Road, West Mambalam for several months.

Construction debris has been dumped in the plot.

## Art of Living course for children

By Our Staff Reporter

'Art of Living' will conduct a special course for children in the age group of 8 to 13 years from 9 a.m to noon daily from Dec. 24 to 27 in 8, Thyagaraya Road, Kesari School, next to GRT Hotel, T. Nagar.

According to the organizers, the course will guide the children to gain confidence, acquire leadership skills and improve creativity and concentration.

They will also be taught simple breathing techniques to alleviate negative thoughts and channelize their energy in a positive way.

For registration, contact 99520 33674 or 92831 65544.

## Saplings, tree guards missing from pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

The saplings planted five months back by Chennai Corporation on the pavement of Pasumpon Muthura-malingar Devar Road, Nandanam along with the tree guards protecting them have gone missing.

Mambalam Times had reported the initiative taken by the Corporation to plant the saplings.

## Unauthorised temple being constructed in Postal Colony



A new temple is being constructed without any authorisation by a private person on the road margin right behind an EB junction box in Postal Colony, adjoining Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, West Mambalam.

A 2-ft high wall has been constructed around the temple and the slanting junction box.

## Garbage dumped in vacant plot Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays



By Our Staff Reporter

A vacant plot in Govidan Road, West Mambalam near Thiruveethi Amman Street is being used as a garbage dumping yard and public convenience.

Nearby residents are forced to put up with the mosquito menace and foul odour.

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ramana Bhaktha 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).

## Earthen lamps on sale for Karthigai Deepam

By Our Staff Reporter

P. Anand has been selling earthen lamps on the pavement of Arya Gowda Road, near Ayodya Man-dapam (West Mambalam) for Karthigai Dee-pam festival for many years.

He said that there are more than 30 varieties costing from Rs. 1 to Rs. 350 each.



He said that he buys the lamps from potters in Virudhachalam, Puducheri, Kumbakonam and other nearby districts. His contact numbers are 98403 70140 and 98408 53227

## 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.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Corporation acts swiftly on online complaint**

Sir, I wish to share a pleasant experience I had recently with Chennai Corporation.

Several months back, when I was travelling by suburban train, I noticed something amiss in the steps on one side of the Kodambakkam Road over-bridge.

There were no handrails to



prevent an accidental fall from such a height. Presuming that they were under construction, I watched out whenever I passed by in a train.

On Oct. 23, I went to the bridge by road and found it completed nicely with good quality granite steps but there were no signs of work to fix the hand rails. I also found that the steps on all the other three sides of the bridge had hand rails for safety.

I took photographs and uploaded the photos on the Chennai Corporation website under the "Online Public Grievance" section with a note that the steps without hand rails were dangerous for pedestrians.

To my pleasant surprise, the Corporation acted promptly by acknowledging my complaint and fixing the hand rails within a month of my complaint.

I thank the Corporation officials for the immediate action taken. **R. Venkatasubramanian, West Mambalam**

**Staff shortage in PDS shops**

Sir, It is an ordeal every month for cardholders to get their quota of items from the two ration shops near Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar. The two ration shops, numbered HC007 and HC009, are located close to one another and employ just one assistant and a helper.

From the day HC009 got re-located (in effect merged with HC007), it has become a Herculean task for cardholders to procure the commodities. With just two staff, it takes much longer to attend to each customer leading to serpentine queues with longer waiting time.

Since the stocks get depleted fast, most cardholders prefer to go to the shop at the beginning of the month and buy at one go.

On Dec. 8, one of the residents had to wait for nearly two hours to get the items. He was told by an official that Civil Supplies was only entrusted with the supply of goods to the PDS shops and staff deployment was the responsibility of TUCS.

Our Association took up the issue with Asst. Commissioner, Civil Supplies but no action has been taken to provide additional staff in the shops. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

**Damaged EB junction boxes, cables pose danger**

Sir, I thank you for publishing my letter in April 23 - 29, 2016 issue about two damaged EB junction boxes and live EB cables near my house in 18th Street and at the junction of 18th Street and 20th Street.

Till date no action has been taken by EB officials to replace the two damaged junction boxes and the damaged live cables.

They continue to pose a grave danger to unwary passersby and, with rains having started, there is likelihood of someone getting electrocuted if water stagnates over the cables. I once again appeal to the officials concerned to remedy the situation without further delay. **V. Jayarajan, 18th Street, 4th Sector, K. K. Nagar**

**Garbage dumped in road junction**

Sir, Garbage and other unhygienic waste are being dumped regularly in the junction of Venkatanarayana Road and Soundarapandiyan Street. The garbage is not cleared by the conservancy workers thereby leading to the piling up of garbage.

The whole area stinks due to the unhygienic condition. Cattle and other animals have a field day rummaging through the garbage.

I appeal to Corporation officials to take immediate action to ensure that the junction is not misused for dumping garbage. **Mani, Soundararajan Street, T. Nagar, 97910 45979**

**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), Sanmarga Arunagiri will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Sanmargamay Vazhkai' at 6 p.m on Tuesday, Dec. 13, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).

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**Pit with water in Corporation playground poses danger**

By Our Staff Reporter

Rainwater is stagnating in a huge pit in the Corporation Playground on Nandhanam 1<sup>st</sup> Main Road.

The deep and wide pit has not been barricaded and poses a danger to unwary visitors, especially children

It is producing a foul smell and provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Residents have appealed to Chennai Corporation to pump out the stagnant water and fill up the pit.



**Rain water stagnation in Ranganathan Street**

By Our Staff Reporter

After the mild to heavy showers on Dec. 1, rain water stagnated in Ranganathan Street and Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar causing hardship to shoppers and motorists.



**Unused TNHB complex in dilapidated condition**

By Our Staff Reporter

The unused Tamilnadu Housing Board Complex on Bharathidasan Road, K. K. Nagar is in a dilapidated condition.

All the shops have been vacated due to the precarious condition of the building.

The premise is misused for nefarious activities. The Merchants Association has appealed to the Corporation to demolish the building and construct a multi-storeyed one with more shops in its place.



**Tree topples over on Habibullah Road**



By Our Staff Reporter

A huge tree near MCN School on Habibullah Road, T. Nagar toppled across the road on Nov. 30.

The tree was already slanting and digging work for a drain weakened its roots resulting in it falling.

Corporation workers axed the branches to enable free flow traffic.

**Earth dumped in 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue**



Earth dug from a construction site has been lying on the margin of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar adjoining Government Peripheral Hospital for several days. Motorists say that with heavy rains expected, the mud will make the road slushy, slippery and dangerous.

**Man, lover get 7-year jail term for abetting wife's suicide**

A city court has sentenced a 38-year-old man and his lover to seven years rigorous imprisonment for abetting his wife's suicide.

According to the prosecution, Viji Henry Lavanya was a nurse when she entered into a relationship with D. Abraham, working in a private firm. They married in January 2006 despite opposition from her family and shifted to MGR Nagar. A daughter was born to them. Later, Abraham met Viji's relative, 28-year-old Princy Beaula, at a family function and began a relationship with her. Viji also heard him talking to several other women over phone at night and asked him to end all relationships.

Abraham ignored her pleas and, in July 2007, shifted out of their MGR Nagar residence to an unknown place. Despite the repeated requests of his wife, Abraham did not return. A dejected Viji committed suicide on Aug. 1, 2007, and her father Thangaraj filed a complaint with the Kumaran Nagar police.

Mahila court judge R. Kalaimathi said that the prosecution had proved the charges of abetment to suicide against Abraham and Beaula beyond reasonable doubt. She also fined them Rs. 13,000 each.

**TNSTC Maths test postponed to Dec. 18**

By Our Staff Reporter

The 'Maths Talent Test' for school students to be conducted by Tamilnadu Science and Technology Centre (TNSTC) (4, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Kotturpuram), originally scheduled for Dec. 4, has been postponed to Dec. 18.

The 90-minute test is open to students of Stds. 5, 6, 7 and 8. The questions in the test will be based on pattern recognition in numbers and figures.

The top winner will get a cash award of Rs. 5000 followed by Rs. 2000 for each of the next two winners, Rs. 1000 for each of the following three and Rs. 500 for each of the following 30.

Due to the postponement, students can still register for the test. For more details, contact P. Iyamperumalin phone 2441 0025.

**'Chokka Panai' pooja in Kasi Vishvanather Temple on Monday**

By Our Staff Reporter

'Chokka Panai' pooja for Karthigai Deepam has been organized at 6.30 p.m on Monday, Dec. 12 in Kasi Vishvanather Temple, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam.

Devotees can light earthen lamps.

All are welcome

**Homage paid to Jayalalithaa outside Sivan Park**

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents and park visitors paid homage to a large portrait of former Tamilnadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa placed outside Sivan Park, P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar on Dec. 6.

She passed away on Dec. 5

Photo shows a boy placing a candle in front of the portrait.

Similarly, members of the public offered homage to her portrait kept on Alagirisamy Salai, K. K. Nagar.



**Metrowater desilts manhole chambers**

By Our Staff Reporter

Metrowater sewage collection lorries fitted with super suckers were found waiting outside Metro-water sewage treatment plant on Munusamy Salai, K. K. Nagar for unloading on Dec. 6.

Metrowater has been



desilting, cleaning and removing blocks from manhole chambers in the neighbourhood with the super suckers to prevent water stagnation during heavy rains.

**Mobile traffic signals abandoned outside Sivan Park**



By Our Staff Reporter have been lying abandoned in a dilapidated condition on the pavement outside Sivan Park, A number of unused mobile electronic traffic signal posts

P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar for more than a year.

The mobile traffic lights were used as substitutes in busy junctions when the regular signals were not working.

**Central median outside R7 Police Station**



Corporation workers are constructing a 4-ft high, 30-ft long central median on P. T. Rajan Salai, outside R7 Police Station.

**Laksharchanai mahotsavam in Siva Vishnu temple**

The 60<sup>th</sup> year Sri Anjaneyar Laksharchanai Mahotsavam being conducted since Dec. 9 in Siva Vishnu temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar), will conclude on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The archanai ticket is priced at Rs. 250.

Thirupavada utsavam for Lord Srinivasa Perumal will be performed at noon on the concluding day.

All are welcome.

**Namasankeerthanam in Raju Naicken Street today**

By Our Staff Reporter

Anugraha Bhajan Mandali Trust (Giri Street, West Mambalam) will conduct special pujas from 4 a.m on Sunday, Dec. 11 in Ramakrishna Kalyana Mandapam, Raju Naicken Street, West Mambalam.

The following are the details: 4 a.m: Ganapathy Homam. 6 a.m: Abhishekam. 8.30 a.m: Sahasranaamam. 10.30 a.m: Namasankeerthanam by Erode Rajamani Bhagavathar & Party.

11 a.m: Pushpanjali.

12.30 p.m: Maha Deeparathanai.

1 p.m: Annadhanam

All are welcome

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