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ஜே. எஸ். ராகவன்  
'ரம்பா! ஸ்வாமி!'

கணவன் மனைவியையும், மனைவி கணவனையும் எவ்வாறு அழைத்துக் கொண்டார்கள், அழைத்துக் கொள்கிறார்கள், அழைத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்பது ஒரு ஆழ்ந்த ஆராய்ச்சியை கைபிடி உதவியுடன் செய்து முனைவர் பட்டம் வாங்கக் கூடிய பெரிய விஷயம் அல்ல. சம்மா ஜாலியாகப் பேசப் பட வேண்டிய மேட்டர்.

வாய்வுப் பிடிப்பால் முக்கி முனகி மெள்ள நகரும் நத்தையைவிட மெள்ள ஊர்ந்து கொண்டிருந்த ஒரு ஞாயிற்றுக் கிழமை மத்தியான வேளையில் அவ் கொடுத்த ('அவ' என்பது என் மனைவியாகும். பதில் மரியாதையாக என்னை 'அது' என்று அஃறிணையில் குறிப்பிட அனுமதி அளித்திருந்தேன்.) கொடுத்த சொர்ணக் குத்துமணிகளாக ஜோலித்த கரகர காராப் பூந்தியை கவைத்துக் கொண்டே எம்.கே.டி யின் பாடல்களைக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்த போது 'மன்மத லீலையை வென்றார் உண்டோ' என்கிற ஹரிதாஸ் படப் பாடலில் எம்.கே.டி பரவசத்துடன் 'ரம்பா' என்று கூப்பிட, டி.ஆர் ராஜகுமாரி பதி பக்தி யுடன் 'ஸ்வாமி' என்று பதிலளித்த போதுதான் இதை ஏன் ஆராயக் கூடாது என்று தோன்றியது.

ஒரு தமிழ்ப் படத்தில் (பெயர் ஞாபகம் இல்லை) முகத்தில் கவலை, துக்கம், அசாத்மியப் பொறுமை போன்ற எண்ணங்களைக் கூட்டாக டைட் க்ளோசுப்பில் வெளிப்படுத்தி, அவருக்கே உரிய குணாதிசயமான பெரு மூச்சு ஒன்றை நீ.எளமாக, ஆழமாக விட்டு அவசரமாக வேடம் தரித்த சித்தூர் நாகையா, தன் மனைவியை 'ராஜாராஜேஸ்வரி, ராஜ ராஜேஸ்வரி' என்று சேதாரம் எதுவும் இல்லாமல் தாடைகள் வலிக்க அடிக்கடி கூப்பிட்டது நினைவுக்கு வந்தது.

வேப்பங் கொழுந்தாகக் கசந்த கணிதத்துக்கு ட்யூஷன் எடுத்த ரங்குபதி லார் முதல் நாள் பாடத் தின்போது திடீர்னு 'ஏய்னு அடி வயற்றிலேயிருந்து சத்தம் போட்டார். உள்ளே நானு கால் பாய்ச்சலில் நுழையும் பசு மாட்டைத் தடுத்து நிற்க வைக்க சத்தம் போட்டார் என்று என்னை உஷார் படுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்த போது, அவரது மனைவி ஒரு சொம்பில் காப்பியைக் கொண்டு வந்து கொடுத்து சட்டென்று விலகிக் கொண்டாள். 'களக் களக்' என்று காப்பியைக் குரல்வளை மேலும் கீழுமாகத் தவளை போல் குதிக்கக் குடித்து விட்டு மறுபடியும் 'ஏய்னு சத்தம் போட்டவுடன் கணவனே கண் கண்ட தெய்வமாகக் கருதிய அந்த அம்மையார் விரைந்து வந்து சொம்பை வாங்கிக் கொண்டு போனார்.

என்னுடைய மைலாப்பூர் நந்து மாமா வெளியிலே கிளம்பும்போது கெத்தாக 'யார் அங்கே' என்று குரல் கொடுப்பார். உள்ளே அவர் மனைவியைத் தவிர மதன்பூர் மகாராஜாவின் அந்தப்புர ரேஞ்சில் கொத்துக் கொத்தாகப் பெண்டிர் இல்லை. இருக்க மாட்டார்கள் என்று தெரிந்தும் அப்படிக்கூப்பிடுவது அவரது பாணி. மாமி, அவருக்குத் தெரியாமல் முதுகைப் பார்த்து அழுகு காட்டுவார். பூந்தமல்லியில் இருந்த பலராமன் (இவர் பெயர் மற்றும் இவரது மனைவியின் பெயரும் மாற்றப் பட்டுள்ளன). அவருடைய மனைவி கண்காவுடன் இரண்டு வருஷங்களாக, ஒரே வீட்டில் இருந்தாலும் பேசிக் கொள்வது கிடையாது. ஆகையினாலே எப்படிக்கூப்பிடுவது என்ற பிரச்சனை வந்தது கிடையாது. இந்தத் தகவலை லீக் செய்த நமது விசேஷ நிருபர் சாரங்கள் ஒரு கோணல் சிரிப்புடன் 'ஆனால் போன வாரம் அவர்களுக்கு கொழுக்கு மொழுக்குன்னு ஒரு ஆண் வாரிசு பிறந்திருக்கு' என்று சொல்லி சம்பந்தமே இல்லாமல் என்னுடைய பின் பாகத்தை அழுத்திக் கிள்ளினார்.

தன் கணவனை 'அப்பா!' என்று கூப்பிடுவது ஒரு முறையற்ற முறை. குழந்தைகள் அப்பா என்று கூப்பிடுவதால் அந்தப் பழக்கம் தொத்தி யிருக்கும். ஆனால் டாடினனு கூப்பிட்டால் இந்த முறைக்கு அங்கீகாரம் கிடைக்காது. 'ஏன்னா! என்னங்க? உங்களைத் தானே? இதோ பாருங்க!' என்பதில் ஏதாவது ஒன்று காலம் காலமாகக் கை கொடுத்து வருகிறது. சில சமயங்களில் தொண்டையைக் கணைப்பதுவே கை கொடுக்கும்.

உடல் உபாதைகளை சம்பந்தப் படுத்தி மனைவியைக் கணவன் குறிப்பிடுவதும் உண்டு. வீட்டுக்கு வந்த நண்பன் 'டேய்! உன் தலைவலி எப்படி இருக்குடா?' என்று கேட்டால், குரலை ரகசிய வெவலுக்குக் குறைத்து 'சமையல் உள்ளே வேலையா இருக்கு' என்கிற பதில் வரலாம். தலை வலிக்கு மாற்றாகத் 'திருகுவலி' என்கிற பாட பேதமும் உண்டு என்று நகைச்சுவை அறிஞர்கள் கூறுவார்கள்.

ஆனால் இப்போதெல்லாம் இளைஞர்க்கு இளைஞன் 'டா' தான். ஆனால் அவன் அவருக்கு 'டீ' போட முடியாது. இது எந்த லாஜிக் கின் முறைப்படி என்று தெரிந்தவர்கள் என்னிடம் தயவு கூர்ந்து சொன்னால் அதைப் பிறவிப் பயன்களில் ஒன்றாகக் கருதுவேன்.

ஒரு சர்ச்சில் மோதிரம் மாற்றுவதற்கு முன்னால் மணமகன் மணமகளைப் பார்த்து 'நீ என்னுடைய பலாச்சகளை, மல்கோவா, ஸ்ட்ரா பெர்ரி, மாதுளை முத்து' என்று கொஞ்ச, பதிலுக்கு மணமகன் 'நீ என்னோட பிளம், பைனாப்பிள், பன்னீர் திராட்சை, சப்போட்டா' என்று காதல் மொழி பேச, நகைச்சுவை உணர்வு உள்ள கிருத்துவப் பாதிரியார் 'உங்களைக் கணவன் மனைவியாக அறிவிக்கிறேன்' என்ப தற்கு பதில் உங்கள் இருவரையும் 'ஓப்ரூட் சாலட்' என்று அறிவிக்கிறேன் என்று சொல்லிக் கண் சிமிட்டினாராம்.

எல்லப் பெயரால் மனைவி கணவனைக் கூப்பிடுவதை விடக் கணவன் மனைவியைக் கூப்பிடுவது தெரிந்ததே. நாகையா மாதிரி ராஜாராஜேஸ்வரி என்று நீட்டி முழக்கிக் கூப்பிடாமல் 'ராஜி' என்று ஒரு கிண்கிண்புடன் கூப்பிட்டிருக்கலாம். அந்த வகையில் கல்பனா 'கல்லு' ஆகிவிடும். சுலோசனா 'ஸ்லோ'வாகக் குறுகிவிடும். சசிகலா (வேண்டாம் இதை விட்டுவிடுகிறேன்). ஊர்மிளா ஊர் ஆகிவிடும். சியாமளா சாமு ஆகிவிடும். இருந்தாலும், கல்யாணமான புதிதில் 'ஹனி, ஹனி' என்று தேனாகத் தித்திக்கப் பிரேமையுடன் கூப்பிட்ட கணவன், பழகப் பழகப் பாலும் புளிக்கும் என்ற பழமொழிக்கேற்ப 'ஹனி, ஹனி' என்பதைக் காற்றில் பறக்கவிட்டு 'சனி, சனி' என்று கூப்பிட இதயம் பணித்தாலும் விவேகத்துடன் அப்படி செய்துவிடாமல் இருந்து விடுவார்கள் என்பது தான் நிதர்சனம்!

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## Carpenters repair school furniture free

Carpenters were seen busy on Dec. 23 repairing tables and benches in Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar. Student volunteers gave a helping hand. As part of the Fevicol Champions Club (FCC) pan-India community initiative 'Shramdaan Divas,' woodworkers and contractors donate a day's labour free to repair furniture in government schools, hospitals and other such institutions. Over 60,000 such FCC workers are believed to have participated across the country in the initiative this year.

"We came to this school more than two years ago," said S. Shankar as he poured heat proof adhesive on one of the mica sheets used for repairing the headmistress's table. "Other than tables and benches, we also fix doors and window panes that may have been damaged in the recent cyclone Vardah," Shankar, who is also FCC president, added.

In Chennai, 3000 carpenters visited 21 government school campuses. While schools in other districts of Tamilnadu were covered on Dec. 20, visits to Chennai schools were delayed due to the cyclone. And schools certainly welcome their visits. "Students cannot use writing pads for exams. So, any cracks or dents on the table have to be repaired ahead of their exams. There were also a number of shaky tables and benches which were repaired," said Krishnaveni, a teacher in the Ashok Nagar Government School.

The carpenters repaired 90 benches in the school and 600 sets across different schools besides doors and windows. Kishore, another carpenter, said, "Our motive is to provide assistance to the children to get basic education in a comfortable environment. Many institutions cannot afford the repair cost. This is our small contribution."

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Vallabha Ganapathy Temple, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam: Fridays, 6.30 p.m.

Murugashramam, Srinivasa Pillai Street, West Mambalam: Second Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

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.

## Quarrel over party name boards

There was a quarrel between party workers of AIADMK and Viduthalai Siruthaigal over installation of party name boards at the junction of 5th Avenue and 18th Street in Ashok Nagar on Dec. 27.

Police personnel from R3 Ashok Nagar police arrived at the spot and solved the problem.

## Free Veda classes on Sundays

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.

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**The Editor and Staff of**  
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## Chain-snatcher held

By Our Staff Reporter

K. K. Nagar Police arrested on Dec. 26 a youth working in a waste paper and scrap shop who entered the house of a woman and snatched her gold chain. A police team managed to nab the culprit within 12 hours of the crime with the help of CCTV footage collected from the area.

According to the police, the youth, identified as Murugan alias Balamurugan (23), a native of Pilliarnatham, Thoothukudi, approached Pushpakala, residing in CPWD Quarters, K. K. Nagar and asked her for a glass of water. When Pushpakala went inside the house to fetch water, the youth followed her and snatched her 5-sovereign chain. He escaped before she could alert the neighbours. Pushpakala's husband Satyanarayanan had gone out for work. She then lodged a complaint with K. K. Nagar police and a special team took up the investigation.

The team checked CCTV cameras in the locality and collected the image of the suspect. The police team later found him roaming in K. K. Nagar area and arrested him. They also recovered Pushpakala's gold chain.

Police said that Murugan had been working with a scrap dealer in Jafferkanpet about two years ago. He had left the job then and re-joined the same shop a few days ago. While trying to purchase waste paper, he realized that Pshpakala was alone and targeted her.

## Pay for LPG cylinders with cards

By Our Staff Reporter

From January 1, LPG customers can pay those delivering cylinders at their doorsteps with credit and debit cards. Deliverymen will be provided with swiping machines.

The move is part of the government's initiative to reduce the use of cash. Indian Oil Corporation officials said dealers will get point of sale (PoS) machines from banks.

"The move to introduce swiping machines is good but our worry is whether we will get tips since we carry the heavy load to flats in multistoried buildings and apartments,"

said M. Kumaran, an LPG deliveryman working with a distributor in West Mambalam.

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## TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By **RANDOR GUY**

**Tamil cinema music 35**

In the orchestra of 'Seva Sadhanam', the violin player was V. Govindasami. Later he emerged as a noted exponent of the stringed instrument under the name 'Madaras' (Madras, in Tamil!) V. Govindasami Naicker. He had his characteristic style of playing and frequently accompanied many top musicians of the day such as the inimitable legend Madurai Mani Iyer.

It is a matter of deep regret that no print of this historic film has been preserved. Only a few stills and fading memories remain. But, happily, the gramophone records of some songs by MSS are preserved and are also available on audio cassette tape today. Some consolation, that!

With the fast-galloping fame of MSS, her husband T. Sathasivam launched his family film production company 'Chandraprabha Cinetone'. With the financial backing of the famed Madurai-based producers and distributors, Rayal Talkie Distributors (producers of the super hit and musical classic of 1937 "Chintamani", and also the mega hit "Haridas" (1944)), he launched its maiden venture "Sakunthalai" (1940). It had MSS in the title role and G. N. Balasubramaniam (GNB) as King Dushyantha. Others in the cast included Serukalathur Sama (Sage Kanwa), the Sri Lankan silky seductive siren K. Thavamani Devi (Menaka), K. Sarangapani (King's jester), T. A. Mathuram (the heroine's companion), N. S. Krishnan and T. S. Durairaj (the fishermen who find the fish that had swallowed the all-important ring of Sakunthalai!). And the well known singer-actor P. G. Venkatesan (the 'Saigal of South India') acted as the cart-driver.

Not many are aware that the screenplay and dialogues of "Sakunthalai" were written by the successful Madras city lawyer-turned filmmaker, T. G. Raghavachari. As films were thought to be a dirty word in that era, he did not wish his name to appear in the film credits until 1943 when he directed the Gemini Studios hit "Mangamma Sapatham" in which his name appeared on screen as "Acharya"! Consequently there is no credit for the writer in "Sakunthalai".

The film was directed by the American Tamil filmmaker Ellis R Dungan. With lyrics by Papanasam Sivan, its music was composed by Sivan, Thuraiyur Rajagopala Sarma and also S. V. Venkataraman.

MSS sang many songs in "Sakunthalai" and all of them became popular, contributing to the success of the film. These included "Anandamen Solveyne", "Engum Nirai Naadhan Brahmam", "Miga Kuthuhalippathumeno", "Enthan Idathu Tholum", "Sukumaara", "Iraivaa Naan Oar Pedhai", "Manam Kulira", "Pannendum Naalai". Some of the songs were adaptations of popular Hindi film tunes of that period. MSS also sang two duets with GNB, "Manamohanaanga Anange" and "Premayil Yaavum Marandhome". GNB sang some songs in his inimitable style but sadly, for many reasons - personal and not very convincing - no discs of these songs were made. Regrettable indeed &..

"Sakunthalai" is today a South Indian film classic.

Then came "Savithri" (1941) in which film history was made by the famed filmmaker Y. V. Rao in more ways than one. MSS was cast in the male role as Sage Narada which *per se* made news. Till then no woman had played that role! That was not all. The noted Marathi and Hindi film star Shantha Apte was cast as Savithri. Though she did not know Tamil, she insisted that she would sing and speak only in Tamil, and a tutor spent nearly a year in Poona (now Pune) teaching her the lingo. Only then she took up her work. Such was her dedication. What a far cry from artistes of today!

"Savithri" was produced in Calcutta and, besides MSS and Shantha Apte, others in the cast were Y. V. Rao as the hero Satyavaan, the famous stage and screen star V. A. Chellappa as Lord Yama, and V. N. Janaki in an also-seen role as one of the heroine's companions. Papanasam Sivan wrote the lyrics and composed the music as usual, while Kamal Das Gupta was in charge of orchestration, arranging and fine tuning.

(To be continued)

### Validity of family cards extended

By **Our Staff Reporter**

Due to delay in the process of preparing smart cards, the Tamilnadu Government has extended the validity of family cards for a year till 31.12.17.

According to a press release, pasting of additional sheets can be done in the PDS shops.

The family cards were to be converted into smart cards last year.

### EB box resting on wall



By **Our Staff Reporter**

An EB pillar box, knocked down by a tree that was uprooted during the recent cyclone, is resting on an adjoining wall in Patel Street, West Mambalam.

### 'Margazhi Maatha Malar Velvi' today

By **Our Staff Reporter**

'Margazhi Maatha Malar Velvi' (Flower Pooja) will be performed at 4 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 1 in Devi Sri Aachi Amman Temple (Siddhi Vinayagar Koil Street, T. Nagar).

Devotees are welcome to offer flowers for the velvi pooja.

Special abishekam and aaradhanai will also be done in the morning and evening to mark the new year.

All are welcome.

### Darshan timings in TTD for New Year

By **Our Staff Reporter**

The following will be the darshan timings in Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (Ven-katanarayana Road, T. Nagar) on Jan. 1 (New Year Day):

Sarva darshan: 4 a.m to 10.30 a.m, 11.15 a.m to 5 p.m, 5.45 p.m to 1 p.m.

Naivedhyam: 10.30 a.m to 11.15 a.m, 5 p.m to 5.45 p.m.

Arrangements have been made for devotees to have darshan. All are welcome.

### Violin duet program on Monday

V. Deepika and V. Nandhika

(residents of Ashok Nagar), disciples of A. Kanyakumari, will present a violin duet from 5.45 p.m to 7 p.m on Monday, Jan. 2 in Arkay Convention Center, Oms Lakshnana, 3rd Floor, 146, Royapettah High Road, Mylapore in a program organized by Lalgudi Trust and Krutaganya. They will be accompanied by Keeranpai (mridangam) and H. Sivaramakrishnan (gha-tam).

They can be contacted in phones 93807 40072 and 93806 60978.

### Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' next Saturday

By **Our Staff Reporter**

(Madras), R. Aravindan will give a free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday, Jan. 7, 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 Sundarrajan in 98404 93904.

### Special pooja for New Year

By **Our Staff Reporter**

Om Shiri Gurusai Thathu Peedam (K. K. Nagar) has organized its 11<sup>th</sup> New Year special pooja from 9 a.m to 12 noon on Jan. 1 in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

The following is the program:

9 a.m: 'Sumangali pooja'. Those who want to participate must register their names.

10 a.m: Special pooja.

12 noon: Annadhanam.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 91767 03013 and 84284 31318.

### EB counter timing repainted following report



By **Our Staff Reporter**

The timing for bill payment in the EB counters in Singaravelu Street, T. Nagar, which had been scratched out on the notice board, was repainted properly following a report in *Mambalam Times* that counters were not opening at the fixed time of 8.30 a.m on working days which was causing inconvenience to consumers.

Miscreants had scratched the morning time from the notice board outside the EB office.

### 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), Kolapakkam Santhanam will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - Thiru Arutpavin Maatchimai' at 6 p.m on Tuesday, Jan. 3, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

### Plea for donations for temple festival

By **Our Staff Reporter**

Sri Azhwargal Acharyargal Kainkarya Sabha (13, Kasi Viswanathar Street, West Mambalam) will conduct its 17th annual 'Garuda Utsavam' in Thirunangur Divya Desam Temple (Thiruvalli-Thirunagari, near Sirkazhi) on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Thousands of devotees from all over Tamilnadu are expected to participate in the festival. The Sabha has appealed for donations in cash or

kind for the 'Annadhanam' for devotees during the festival.

For contributions, call 90251 11829 / 90428 13964.

### Vishnu Sahsaranamam chanting next Sunday

By **Our Staff Reporter**

Members of Sri Alarmelmanga Samedha Sri Prasana Venkatesa Perumal Vishnu Sahsaranama Mandali will chant avartis of Sri Vishnu Sahsaranamam from 6.30 a.m on Sunday, Jan. 8 in Sri Alarmelmanga Samedha Prasana Venkatesa Perumal Temple, Mettupalayam Road, West Mambalam on the occasion of International Sri Vishnu Sahsaranamam Day.

Those interested in participating in the parayanam may register their names by Jan. 6 in 98412 94449.

### 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, 101<sup>st</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**If anything interesting is happening in your neighbourhood please inform Mambalam Times.**

# Stagnant sewage water problem fixed after report



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report in *Mambalam Times* (Nov. 26-Dec. 2 issue) 'Sewage water accumulation in by-lane affects residents', the problem between Jayachandran Street and Perumal Koil Street, off Mettupalayam Road, West Mambalam was rectified after several weeks by Corporation workers who laid a concrete surface. Earlier, sewage water used to stagnate in the lane causing health hazards for residents.

## Motivational session for women today

Jaimaa Charitable Trust (1st floor, Vengesh Apartments, 16, Karuneggar Street, Vadapalani) has organized a motivational session on 'New Year successful resolution' for women by Dr. Jhansi Rani (Family Counsellor) at 10 a.m on Sunday, Jan.1 in its premises as part of New Year celebrations.

The session will consist of positive thoughts, handling family issues, stress relief, health tips and empowering women. There will be an interactive session too.

All are welcome.

More details can be had from S. Jayasundari (Secretary) in 98842 84348.

## Solar power system donated to Ashrama



R. P. Krishnamachari (Chairman, Tex Bioscience Private Limited, Textan House, 75, 4th Avenue, Ashok

Nagar and senior member, Lions Club of Mambalam) donated a 30KW solar power system worth Rs. 27.5 lakhs in the presence of R. Nataraj to Ramakrishna Mission (Mylapore MLA), Swami Ashrama (Maharajapuram Padmasthananda (Secretary, Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama) and Lions Club members. The solar power system was

## Title for Konakkol artiste



By Our Staff Reporter Andavan Sri Ranga Konakkol artiste Trichy R. Ramanuja Maha Desikan. There will be programs by renowned musicians from 4 p.m till Jan.1. More details can be had in 2489 1713.

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**CCTV cameras in streets**

Sir, A few of our members attended a meeting convened by Tanjore Road Residents' Welfare Association. The police official who presided stressed the need to install CCVT cameras in streets by resident associations in view of the spate of crimes like murder for gain and chain-snatching. He said that CCTVs in each street will help detect crimes and work as a deterrent. The official said that many associations in the neighbourhood are in the process of installing CCTVs.

While there is no second opinion on the need for CCTVs, the cost aspect needs to be taken into account. Aside from the initial cost, the residents need to reckon with the recurring expenditure towards such a project. Further, one needs to safeguard the equipment as these will be installed in the public place. The residents need to ensure that the system works even during power outage which will require additional investment. Though the total amount will be shared by the residents, managing the system will cost a fortune.

Despite the prohibitive cost, the residents will agree to the proposal provided they live in a colony where there is no access to outsiders as their safety and security becomes paramount. But in streets where other than the residents, the general public too will have access as it is a public place, the residents will think twice before agreeing to the proposal. Even considering that installation of CCTVs is carried out for the overall safety of the residents, many residents will not welcome the idea because of the high cost and the fact that the streets are frequented by all and sundry.

Considering that the State is duty bound to provide safety and security for the general public, one wonders why should not the government carry out the project in every street. If the government takes up the project, there is no need to seek approval for erecting poles in public places to install cameras. Hence the government must consider this. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

**The heroes in times of need**

Sir, That Cyclone Vardah left our roads blocked and parks in a mess is well known. One such road was South Boag Road, T. Nagar. With a crack like a whip, trees started toppling over. Even before the winds stopped howling, JCBs driven by Chennai Corporation workers ploughed in to remove the trees in the main roads to ease the flow of traffic but ended up blocking smaller streets due to unplanned clearance and shortage of time and personnel. Next to arrive on the scene were the Fire Service team which slogged the whole day to remove the trees blocking the entrance of Vaidyaraman Street.

They first chopped off the smaller branches from trees and then used chain saws to cut the bigger branches and trunks into small pieces for easy clearance. They worked tirelessly round the clock with support from the locals and police personnel towards the end of the day to heave the heavy logs onto pavements to be cleared later. Hats off to their relentless service in making roads accessible and getting our city back on its legs. **Divya, T. Nagar**

**Need to extend bus service**

Sir, The small buses on route no. S86 now operate between T. Nagar and Nesapakkam. I request the MTC authorities to extend the service from Nesapakkam to K. K. Nagar Sivan Park via Munusamy Salai and Rajamannar Salai. At present there is no bus connecting Rajamannar Salai. The areas around Rajamannar Salai are thickly populated without any bus connectivity. The extension of the small bus route S86 to T. Nagar will be a boon and to residents.

Additionally, I also request the MTC authorities to consider stops at Padma Seshadri School on Ramasamy Salai and Lakshmanasamy Salai for buses on route nos. 11H, 49A and 37D.

They will be of great help to school students, persons visiting the Sub-Registrar office, senior citizens/ pensioners visiting banks and local residents. **Jayarajan, V, K. K. Nagar**

**80-year-old woman dies of burns**

By Our Staff Reporter

Gracy, an 80-year-old woman residing in 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Dharmapuram, Kodambakkam, succumbed to burns on Dec. 26 after her gown caught fire as she was lighting a candle while offering prayers for Chistmas.

The woman, who lived alone, bent too low while lighting a candle and her gown, made of thin material, caught fire that spread quickly. Hearing her cries, neighbours rushed in and took her to Government Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital where she died. Doctors said that she had suffered more than 80% burns.

Pondy Bazaar police registered a case and are investigating.

Some neighbours told police that when they rushed to Gracy's house, her body was almost completely covered in flames. Police said she lived alone, while her children and grandchildren lived with their families elsewhere in the city and abroad.

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ASHOKNAGAR, 5, Pillaiyar Koil Street, near Kasi Theater Signal, single bedroom, hall, kitchen, 500 sq.ft, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 24 hours water, rent Rs. 7000, family/bachelors/office. Ph: 73053 44555.

a few elevated stations like Meenambakkam, OTA and Arumbakkam have come close to narrowing existing roads.

"In the Phase 2, we have made sure even the entry points to the underground stations do not encroach on roads," an official said.

"We hope the state government will clear the paper for Phase 2 within a month. It would then be submitted to the Centre," he said. If everything goes as planned, the initial paper work required for the project will be cleared in the first few months of 2017," he added.

**EB post lying on pavement**



An EB post, which toppled over, has been lying on the pavement of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue junction, Ashok Nagar for several days forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

**Gold hallmarking standard revised**

The Bureau of Indian Standards has revised the standard on gold hallmarking with effect from Jan. 1. Hallmarked gold jewellery will now be available in three grades of 14 carat, 18 carat and 22 carat. The caratage will also be marked on jewellery in addition to fineness for the convenience of buyers.

**Smaller stations for Metrorail in Phase 2**

By Our Staff Reporter

Metrorail stations to be built as part of the three-corridor Phase 2 of the project will have compact, smaller facilities than those beneath Anna Salai and Poonamallee High Road. More than 80% of the lines, which will also connect a part of OMR, will be underground.

A detailed project report by Chennai Metro Rail Ltd (CMRL) submitted to the state government suggests that stations will be 25% smaller than those built in Phase 1. The modification is based on the experience CMRL had during the design and construction of Phase 1's 45km. But space for passengers will not be reduced.

Metrorail officials said that smaller stations will cut down on cost, construction time and maintenance. The stations' size will be reduced by making modifications to space occupied by auxiliary systems like rooms for electrical, communications, control and ticketing.

CMRL will advise contractors to source modern equipment that is compact and easy to use in constricted space as world-over metro networks are shrinking to enable construction in the middle of busy streets and neighbourhoods.

"We'll play around with the length, breadth and the height of non-passenger areas," an official said. "Platform sizes will remain the same. Stations like Teynampet and Saidapet are around 220 to 230 metres long. We are looking at stations that would be around 150 metres in length for Phase 2." "CMRL will plan Phase 2 at an estimated cost of Rs. 44,000 crore, with three corridors spread over 104 km and 104 stations," he added.

Officials said that the idea of taking a major portion of the line underground was to avoid the delays that may arise due to land acquisition, which officials faced in Phase 1. Though construction of underground lines is expensive, it will help finish the project on time without getting stuck in legal procedures associated with acquiring private land.

It may cost around Rs. 300 to 500 crore to construct 1km of underground line while an elevated corridor of the same length could cost around Rs.150 crore to 200 crore.

Another reason to opt for underground lines is to prevent stations from encroaching on roads and obstructing traffic flow. In Phase 1,

**Illegally parked 2-wheelers removed**

By Our Staff Reporter

A number of 2-wheelers parked in the 'No parking' area on Bharathidasan Road, K. K. Nagar, near RTO office, were removed by traffic police on Dec. 26. The vehicles were taken to R2 Vadapalani police station.



**Hand pump 'provides' water through container**



A halfburied hand pump on Samiyar Garden Street, Ashok Nagar now serves as a stand for a bubble top container which provides water. This picture was taken on Dec.29

**Open drain poses danger to motorists**



An open storm water drain in Prakasam Street and Vidhyodaya 1<sup>st</sup> Main Road, T. Nagar has been posing a danger to motorists for several days.

**Discount on suburban rail tickets**

The Railway Board has issued orders that commuters in suburban trains who use digital means to buy season tickets will get a discount of 0.5%. This will be applicable for monthly, quarterly, half yearly and yearly tickets.

The payment will have to be made through debit and credit cards.

**Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays**

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 Maha-rishi'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).

**Free yoga course from Wednesday**

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct a month-long free yoga course for adults from 5.30 a.m to 7 a.m, from Wednesday, Jan. 4 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.

Swamiji also offers counseling for his students.

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

**Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala**

Sevas (Pallavaram) sends volunteers to Tirumala for a week-long free service starting on Mondays and ending on Sundays. Physically fit men and women below 60 years are welcome to volunteer.

The travelling expense has to be borne by the volunteers. Accommodation, lunch and dinner will be provided free of cost.

Those interested can call 78455 58334 or 94449 01138.

## Daasya conducted 103 welfare programs in 2016

By Our Staff Reporter

65-year-old P. Raman (President, Daasya, NGO and resident of Ashok Nagar) conducted 103 programs in the year 2016 even as the organization is entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year.

He has been rendering social service for the past 40 years but the trust was officially registered only in 2012.

Raman said that the trust's activities include assistance to leprosy patients, annadhanam in old age homes,



orphanages, homes for mentally retarded persons, temples and in other venues.

He said that medical camps are conducted in schools, colleges, slums and residential areas in rural and urban areas.

Raman said that all the trust's activities are conducted with the support of donations from friends and philanthropists.

Those who interested in supporting the trust's activities may contact him in 99406 38972.

## Felicitated for 'Thiruvagasam paarayanam'



Nirmala Ravi (resident of Mettupalayam, West Mambalam) was felicitated on Dec. 25 by Appar Arutpani Mandram for her 'Thiruvagasam paarayanam' on every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Arulmigu Thiripoorasundari Udanvurai

Soundareswara Temple (Saidapet) for the past 4 years.

Nirmala said that she and her troupe have been reciting 'Thiruvagasam' in temples and other venues for several years. She also recites Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam, Abhirami Anthathi, Thiru Puzhal and other spiritual songs. Nirmala said that initially she learnt proper pronunciation from Siva Andiyar. The full recital of 'Thiru-vasagam' takes 5 to 6 hours, she added. She said that she has been invited to many houses on special occasions for Thiruvagasam recitation.

Those interested in joining her group may contact her in phone 99417 55111.

## 4000-laddu garland for Anjenaya



By Our Staff Reporter

The idol of Lord Anjenaya installed in Ashok Nagar Anjenayar Baktha Sabha (53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ashok Nagar) was adorned with a garland made with more than 4000 laddus on Dec. 28 as part of Sri Hanumanth Jayanthi celebrations.

## 1 lakh-vada garland for Anjaneya



By Our Staff Reporter

The idol of Lord Anjaneya was adorned with a 1,00,008-vada garland in Sri Karumaari Thiripoorasundari Temple, 5, Samiyar Garden Street, Ashok Nagar on Dec. 29 as part of Sri Hanumanth Jayanthi mahotsavam.

## Mudhra's award function on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

The awards function of Mudhra's (26, Rama Street, Nungambakkam) 22nd Fine Arts Festival will be conducted on Monday, Jan. 2 at 5.30 p.m in Infosys Hall, Ramakrishna Mission School, 31, Krishna Street, T. Nagar.

B. Ramesh Babu (CGM, SBI) will inaugurate and present the Mudhra Award of Excellence to Ghatam Maestro Vikku Vinayakram for his outstanding contribution as Ghatam exponent, Composer and Guru.

Nalli Kuppaswami Chetti will preside and Haridwaramangalam A. K. Palanivel and Neyveli Santhanagopalan will felicitate. Competition winners will be presented Sangeetha Mudhra Award.

Anubhav Festival will be inaugurated on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. Prof. S. R. Janakiraman will inaugurate this festival.

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