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Facebook friendship ends in extortion, four held

By Our Staff Reporter

A man and his three friends have been arrested by Kumaran Nagar police, for allegedly blackmailing a woman and extorting Rs. 8 lakhs from her.

According to the police, the victim, a resident of West Saidapet, was an engineering college student.

In 2014, she befriended Amalesh (21) of Valasarawakkam through Facebook. Soon, they fell in love, started meeting each other and took many selfies. She also became friends with Ruthra, Gokul and Michael, who were staying with

Amalesh in his room.

After the relationship went sour, Amalesh and his friends started threatening that they would morph her pictures in an obscene manner and post them in the social media.

Fearing the consequences, the woman, over the next two years, gave away Rs. 8 lakhs in cash, valuables and a laptop to Amalesh. At one point of time, she confessed everything to her father, who filed a complaint with the Kumaran Nagar police. Following this, Amalesh and his friends Ruthra, Gokul and Michael were arrested.

Women conned, lose 18 sovereigns jewels

A woman on a busy street in West Mambalam was conned of 8 sovereigns of jewellery by a man posing as a policeman on the evening of May 24.

He approached the woman posing as a police officer and told her that the road was a popular haunt for chain snatchers and hence unsafe for women.

He then persuaded her to remove all the ornaments she was wearing and helped her to wrap them in a paper so that she could take them home

safely.

When she returned home, she realized she had been conned of her jewellery when she found only small stones in the paper packet.

In a similar incident the next day, an elderly couple returning home from a bank in Pondy Bazaar, was conned by 3 men posing as police officers. In this case they lost 10 sovereigns of jewellery.

Both the cases registered in Mambalam Police Station are under investigation.

Local resident to launch 'Magalir-Auto' app

By Our Staff Reporter

Magalir Auto or M-Auto is an app developed by Mansoor Ali Khan (a 28-year-old resident of West Mambalam), the man behind Makkal Auto launched in 2014.

It is undergoing trials and will be launched by mid June.

M-Auto is an online aggregator platform to which women auto drivers can link their profiles and undertake trips around the city.

"The idea behind M-Auto was to provide a platform to give women (especially the underprivileged or single mothers/widows or bread winners), an opportunity to be self-sufficient and also women passengers a sense of security", he said.

According to Anitha B. Jayadeepak (CEO, M-Auto), the app shares certain technological features with Makkal

Auto. For instance, the 'Panic Button' on the app can be used by both the driver and the passenger. When this button is pressed, two contacts on their contact list and the police will be notified.

"We have still not officially launched the app as it is undergoing trials and we are also identifying around 100 locations in the city to serve as stands. We are also testing the app with about 100 women drivers who are already registered under our earlier Makkal Auto app", she said.

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அந்தக் காலப் பெண் குழந்தைகள் சொப்பு, மரப்பாச்சி, கிலுகிலுப்பை, கோலாட்டக் கழி போன்றவைகளை விரும்பி வாயால் கவைக்க ஆசைப்படும். ஆனால், சரோசா தவழ்ந்து, தத்தக்கா பித்தக்கா என்று நடந்து சப்பாத்திக் கட்டையை தடுத்து யாரைப் பார்த்து அசாலட்டாகத் தாக்கலாம் என்று பயிற்சி பெற்ற தீவிரவாதி போல சிந்தித்து செயல்படுவாளாம். இதனால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவள் சரோசாவின் தங்கை ரேணுதான்.

சூலம், ஈட்டி, பட்டாக் கத்தி, வேல் என்று மகாகாளி போல் கைக்கு ஒன்று என்ற கணக்கில் ஆயுதம் தாங்கி, நாக்கை நீட்டி அச்சுறுத்தும் லெவலுக்குப் போகாமல் மரத்தாலோ, எவர்தில்வராலோ தயாரான சப்பாத்தி (பூரிக்கட்டை என்ற படபேதமும் உண்டு) கட்டையை தேவைப்பட்டால் சரோசாவுக்கு ஆயுதமாக எடுத்தாள உதவும். பரிமாண வளர்ச்சியில் நீண்டு, தடித்து, மலையாளக் கரையோர நேந்திரங்காய் போல் காட்சி அளித்த செல்ஃபோன் மெல்லிய 24 கேரட் தங்க பிஸ்கெட் லெவலுக்கு சுருங்கிக் கொண்டது போல சப்பாத்திக் கட்டைகள் உருவத்தில் சிறுந்தாலும், சரோசாவின் சாயல் பிடிமானத்தில் அடிக்க முடியாத ஆனால் அடிக்கத் தோதான சப்பாத்திக் கட்டையே.

அணுகுண்டை நாங்கள் எந்த நாட்டின் மீதும் வீசி சண்டையை ஆரம்பிக்க மாட்டோம். ஆனால் எங்கள் மீது வீசப்பட்டால் 'பதில் மரியாதையாக வீசத் தயங்க மாட்டோம் என்று வல்லரசு நாடுகள், சம்மிட் மீட்டிங்குகளில் சச்சுமமா உளவாக் காட்டிக்கு சூறையா எடுத்துக் கொள்வது உண்டு. ஆனால் தேவைப்பட்ட எந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்திலும் சப்பாத்திக் கட்டையை உபயோகிக்க சரோசா தயங்க மாட்டாள்.

அவளுடைய சிறப்பு ஆயத்தால் அடி வாங்கியவர்களில் லோக்கல் ரோமியோ தீனா, டீ விலரை வாகனமாகக் கொண்டு வீதிப் புறப்பாடாக வலம் வரும் சங்கிலித் திருடர்களில் வித்தகனான செயின் சேகர், பாவாடை தாவணிப் பருவத்தில் இருந்த தங்கை ரேணுவுக்கு ட்யூஷன் எடுக்க வந்து, ஒரு கணம் உணர்ச்சி வசப்பட்டு தொடை மாறித் தாளம் போட்ட பாட்டு வாத்தியார் ரங்குபதி ஆகியோர் சிலர்.

ஆசிரியர் கையில் இருக்கும் பிரம்பு, போலீஸ்காரர் கையில் இருக்கும் லத்தி, வேலைக்காரிகள் கையில் இருக்கும் வாருகோல் பிறிரிடம் ஒரு பய உணர்ச்சியை ஏற்படுத்த வேண்டியே என்னும் நியதியைப் போல சப்பாத்திக் கட்டை உபயோகத்தில் இருந்து என்றாலும் அந்த ஆயுதத்தைத் தோளிலிருந்து தொங்கும் ஜோல்னா பையில்ல்தான் வைத்திருப்பாள். மினகுத் துப்பாக்கி, மினி சைரன் போன்ற பெண்டிரின் தற்காப்பு ஆயுதங்கள் அந்தக் காலத்தில் இருந்திருந்தாலும் அவளுடைய ஓட்டு சப்பாத்திக் கட்டைக்கே!

சரோசாவின் தாய் மாமன் பொன்னுரங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்தபடி, சரோசாவைப் பெண் பார்க்க வந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் சப்பாத்திக் கட்டை இடம் பெற்ற கையை சொல்லியாக வேண்டும். எல்லோருக்கும் காப்பித் தண்ணி கொடுத்துவிட்டு சரோசா மாப்பிள்ளைப் பையன் தங்கராசுவை ஒரு முறை ஓரக் கண்ணால் பார்த்தவள் திருக்கிட்டாள். தங்கராசுவின் பார்வை அவளுடைய தங்கை ரேணு செல்லும் திக்கெல்லாம் தேடி வண்டாகத் தொடர்ந்து கொண்டு இருந்தது. 'டேய்...டேய்... பொண்ணு நாண்டா. பட்டுப் புடவை கட்டி இருக்கறது உன்னுடைய கண்ணுக்குத் தெரியலே? பொண்ணு பாவாடை மேலாக்கிலேயா வந்து நிக்கும்னு கருவிக் கொண்டவள், தாய் மாமன் பொன்னுரங்கத்தின் மீது வைத்திருந்த பெரு மதிப்பினால் கம்மென்று இருந்தாள்.

வந்தவர்களை அனுப்பிவிட்டு வந்த பொன்னுரங்கம் 'நான் அப்பவே சொன்னேனே. ரேணு அவங்க முன்னாலே வரக் கூடாதுன்னு. நீங்க கேக்கலையே. ரேணுன்னா தங்கராசுக்கு சம்மதமாம். அதோட மரிக்கொழுந்து சென்ட் வாசனையோட வந்த தங்கராசுவின் மீஞ்சூர் மாமாவுக்கு ரெண்டாம் தாரமா கட்டிக்க சரோசாவுக்கு சம்மதம்னா இரண்டு சம்பந்தத்திற்கும் வர வெள்ளிக்கிழமையே தட்டு மாத்திக்க லாமாம்.'

'என்னது...?ன்னு குரல் கொடுத்த சரோசா சிலிர்த்து எழுந்தாள். பொன்னுரங்கத்துக்கு உடுக்கு, பம்பை போன்ற வாத்தியங்கள் முழங்கும் சத்தம் மூட் மயூசிக்காகக் கேட்டது.

'அவங்க கிளம்பிப் போயிட்டாங்களா மாமா'ன்னு சரோசா கேட்டதுக்கு இப்பத்தான் இப்பத்தான் போறாப் போலேன்னு பொன்னுரங்கம் தயக்கத்துடன் சொன்னார்.

'மாமா, தங்கராசு ரேணுவைக் கட்டிக்க ஆசைப் பட்டதில் தப்பில்லே. ஆனா அந்த அரைக் கிழ மாமங்காரனுக்கு ரெண்டாம்தாரமா நான் கந்தை நீட்டினுமா? டேய், மீஞ்சூர் மாமா, நீ தொலைஞ்சேடா, தோ பார்.'

சரோசா வாசலுக்குப் புயலாக விரைந்து 'டாய்ய்ய்ய்ய்யு' குரல் கொடுத்து சப்பாத்திக் கட்டையை சர்ரென்று வீசினாள். காற்றைக் கிழித்துக் கொண்டு பறந்த அந்த ஆயுதம் குறி தவறாமல் மாமங்காரனின் அரை வழக்கைத் தலையை சொத்தென்று தாக்கியதைப் பற்றி இன்றும் தெருவாசிகள் ஆச்சர்யத்துடன் பேசிக்கொள்கிறார்கள்.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does T. Nagar really qualify for the Smart City project?

Sir, For more than three years, Chennai Corporation has been mooted the idea of implementing the Central Govt. 'Smart City' scheme in the city and has identified T. Nagar as the best area to start with.

It includes constructing multi-level parking lots, pedestrian plazas, wider storm water drains to name a few.

But T. Nagar does not qualify for such schemes in its present state for the following reasons:

1. There is water inundation even after mild showers and T. Nagar was among the worst affected areas during the floods last year.
2. Sewage overflow is a common issue as most of the drains have been constructed decades back and do not have the capacity to meet the requirements of the exponentially expanding neighbourhood
3. Age old storm water drains are not capable of carrying rain water leading to stagnation during monsoon. Most streets are narrow and hence there is limited scope for widening these drains.
4. Many colonies have not been getting piped drinking water supply for decades in spite of the existence of Metrowater lines. With the drought like situation prevailing in the city, the situation has gone from bad to worse.
5. Power outages are a common feature.
6. Encroachment of public places like pavements is a never ending problem in this neighbourhood.
7. Traffic snarls are a common feature due to encroachment of road margins and narrow roads
8. Air and noise pollution is only on the increase.
9. There is an unabated proliferation of commercial buildings under the very eyes of the authorities that are constructed in deviation of regulations and with poor safety mechanisms.
10. T. Nagar is a classic example of a neighbourhood where the rights of the residents (the prime stakeholders) are denied.
11. In spite of a number of active residents' welfare associations, several critical civic issues remain unsolved as officials turn a blind eye to the genuine concerns of the residents.

There are many more such issues and, without addressing them permanently, there is no point in implementing any of the schemes under the 'Smart City' project. It will be a complete waste of tax payers' money. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

Inform 100 before registering complaint at police station

Sir, This refers to the report about the suspension of a police inspector by the Commissioner of Police following the refusal of the former to register a complaint on the plea that the place of crime did not come under his jurisdiction.

It was stated that a techie was on her way home when two persons who followed her snatched her gold chain near Padi. In the struggle, the techie suffered bruises. She then headed to the nearby Thiruverkaadu Police Station to file a complaint.

But the Inspector (Crime) refused to entertain the complaint and directed her to approach Nollambur Police Station.

The techie then called up 100 (Police Control Room) and reported the incident. The Commissioner of Police took immediate action to suspend the Thiruverkaadu inspector for dereliction of duty.

Many a time, complainants often give up filing a complaint because they are made to run from one station to the other on flimsy grounds. While all the police officials cannot be painted with the same brush, to make sure that the complaint is taken on record, it would be better for the complainant to call up 100 prior to visiting the nearby police station. Once the complainant alerts 100, the message gets recorded.

Complaints made directly to the officials concerned over their mobile, sometimes do not bear fruit as these get glossed over. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

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CMRL sells 1.39 lakh travel cards after launch of underground section

The sale of travel cards on the metro rail has got a boost with the launch of the underground line from Thirumangalam to Nehru Park on May 14. According to sources in Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), since the inauguration of services on the underground line, a total of 1,38,943 smart cards have been sold upto May 25. The card sales have picked up primarily because point-to-point ticket tokens are not sold in stations on the underground line, with travel cards being the only option. With 28 km. of the line now open to the public and patronage going up, travel cards seem to have become the best option to travel as they offer discounts.

According to a senior official, CMRL is planning to switch over completely to travel cards in its entire stretch and do away with token system.

By Our Staff Reporter

The water vending machine installed in Mambalam Railway Station last November has become popular especially with the ongoing sizzling summer days as passengers need not carry bottles of water or shell out Rs.20 for a liter of water when just a glass will do.

Commuters can either buy a water bottle, or have their empty bottle refilled, or just drink a glass or two and the cost ranges from Re. 1 to Rs. 25, depending on the quantity of water.

The kiosk dispenses water and offers the option of refilling

Water kiosk in Mambalam Station popular



containers, all at low prices. The vending machines are functional from 6.30 a.m to 9.30 p.m. Water is sold at Re. 1 to Rs. 20, without a container (refilling) and from Rs. 2 to Rs. 25, with a container, depending on the quantity of water bought.

A vendor told *Mambalam Times* that in the vending machine, water cans are used instead of groundwater.

He said that the machines and water facility are frequently inspected by IRCTC officials.

Subsidized LED lights/fans to be sold at more TANGEDCO offices

By Our Staff Reporter

The Central Govt.'s Ujala scheme for sale of LED bulbs, tubelights and fans at subsidized rates, implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) (a JV under the administration of the Union Ministry of Power), will be extended to more TANGEDCO offices and collection centers from June 1.

The prices are Rs. 65 for a 9 watt LED bulb, Rs. 1,150 for a 50 watt energy efficient fan and Rs. 230 for a 20 watt tubelight. The LED bulbs and tubelights come with a 3-year free replacement warranty.

Currently, the scheme has been launched only in Chennai

and will soon be expanded to nearby districts.

According to an EECI official, LED bulbs have a lifetime of 25,000 hours and consume only 1/10th of the energy of filament bulbs.

Ceiling fans are 30% more energy efficient compared to conventional fans, and LED tubelights are 50% more energy efficient than conventional 40 watt tubelights.

During the distribution phase, warranty replacement can be done through any of the distribution counters at TANGEDCO cash collection centers. For more information, contact T. Ramesh (DGM, EESL) in 81248 98260.

Improperly filled pit in Raghavaiah Road poses danger

By Our Staff Reporter

A wide pit was formed at the junction of Raghavaiah Road and G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar recently when the road caved in.

It has not been filled properly and poses a danger to



motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders, especially during night due to poor visibility.

Motorists have appealed to the officials concerned to level the surface and patch it up with blue metal and tar.

Post box under transformer relocated after report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

After the report was published recently in *Mambalam Times*, the post box located under a TNEB transformer outside Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar was removed and reinstalled 10 ft away from the spot.

Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

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

Bloggers' poems published in book form

A poetry blog constituting poems of Aishwariya Ashok (a resident of West Mambalam) was released recently in Delhi.

The book of poems titled 'Whistling Silence' includes works of 46 other amateur poets who are members of 'Poignant Painter', a poetry blog on Quora (<https://poignantpainter.quora.com>). The book consists of 70 poems listed under various categories, which include life, love and musings. "The bloggers are from age groups ranging from 16 to 62 and belong to different states of India, and one member is from the Philippines," said Aishwariya.

She said that the 'Poignant Painter blog' was started a year back to bring amateur poets on a common platform.

"For me it has been a great learning experience to learn and interact with fellow poets who express their feelings and thoughts on different topics. I used to write predominantly on a quatrain structure, now I have learnt to expand my purview to different genres", she said. Aishwariya is a marketing professional in a multinational company. The book will soon be available for sale on Amazon, Flipkart and other bookstores.

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. All are welcome.

ISKCON program in Mambalam on Saturdays

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

The program includes bhajans, congregational chanting and Bhagwad Gita classes. More details can be had in phone 2371 3606 or from Ranga Krishna Das (2474 4900, 98400 27800).

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

Tamil Cinema & Music 54

Above all, 'Ambikapathi' made a name for a young American filmmaker in Madras named Ellis R. Dungan. The film, produced by noted silk merchants from Salem, was based on a romantic folk myth about Amaravathi, a blue-blooded princess and a commoner poet Ambikapathi.

With 'Chintamani' running to packed houses all over south India, establishing new box-office records, its hero M.K. Thyagaraja Bhagavathar was the automatic choice to play Ambikapathi, the poet-son of the legendary Tamil savant and poet Kambar, who wrote the immortal epic 'Ramayanam' in 9th Century A.D.

Along with Bhagavathar came the music composer Papanasam Sivan whose songs in 'Chintamani' were making waves wherever Tamil was spoken.

Elangovan, a Tamil scholar and writer who made a mark writing in the highbrow magazine 'Manikkodi', was commissioned to write the dialogues.

To play the heroine, M.R. Santhanalakshmi was contracted. She was from a Brahmin family like the Tamil film and stage star T.P. Rajalakshmi of an earlier era. She had also gone on stage to overcome crushing poverty and made her mark as a stage star. With her good looks, shapely figure and singing skills she had entered films in 1935 in C. K. Sachi's 'Radha Kalyanam' opposite Carnatic musician S. Rajam. This picture did not do well and her career took off only after 'Ambikapathi'.

'Ambikapathi' was shot in Calcutta at the East India Film Studio owned by B. M. Khemka. Many early Tamil films were made at this studio and Khemka had a lively interest in Tamil cinema.

(Khemka was anxious to make a Tamil film based on the famous work by Rabindranath Tagore, 'The Wreck' (Nauka Doobe). Dungan worked on a detailed screenplay for him. Dungan told this writer that the project was planned with either Bhagavathar or M.K. Radha in mind but nothing ever came of it. The story line of Tagore's was, however adapted later with great success by noted Indian filmmaker Tatineni Prakash Rao in his Tamil film, 'Maadharkula Maanickam' (1956). Other filmmakers have made use of the Tagore plot line in different forms.)

Khemka produced films like 'Ramayanam' (1932), 'Sati Anasuya' (1932), 'Pralhada' (1933), and 'Seetha Vanavasam' (1934), all under his East India banner, and 'Bhaktha Kuchela' (1936), which was made in partnership with K. Subramanyam.

Released during the latter half of 1937, 'Ambikapathi' was an instant success. Dungan's film was refreshingly cinematic and his treatment of the romantic love between Ambikapathi and Amaravathi thrilled south Indian moviegoers. The intimate love scenes between Thyagaraja Bhagavathar and Santhanalakshmi were considered daring for the day. When Bhagavathar winked at Santhanalakshmi in the film, viewers gasped in sensuous shock! Winking at the heroine became Bhagavathar's 'bit of business' and several screen heroes - as well as many youngsters soon imitated it. These were brilliant directorial touches by Dungan.

The music by Sivan was an additional factor in the success of the film. Songs like 'Chandra sooriyar' (sung by Bhagavathar and Santhanalakshmi), 'Ulaginil inbam verundo' (Bhagavathar), 'Satrey sarinda kuzhaley' (Bhagavathar) (This song was sung by many husbands with unmusical voices whenever their wives spent too much time doing their hair!), 'Aadhi paranjothi' (Santhanalakshmi)...all these became hits.

In 'Ambikapathi', two of Thyagaraja's well-known kritis, 'Nenendu vedha kudura' and 'Mokshamu galadhaa' were adapted by Papanasam Sivan.

Among other artistes in the film was P. B. Rangachari, a stage and screen actor who played the Chola king, Amaravathi's father. With his impressive personality he looked regal though his performance had a ring of theatre about it. Serukalathur Sama, the actor who directed and produced films, played the role of poet Kambar with great dignity. His hairstyle and flowing beard in the film were inspired by Rabindranath Tagore, a fine touch by Dungan who suggested it.

Slim and young, T. S. Balaiah, who made his debut in Dungan's 'Sathi Leelavathi', was the villain and attained popularity with this film. His mistress was played by a popular actress of her day, buxom and pretty S. S. Rajamani. T. A. Mathuram, as Amaravathi's handmaid, created a fine impact with her saucy air. The well-known Tamil film journalist 'Gundoosi' (P. R. S. Gopal) later told this writer that if Ambikapathi were a real man he would have opted for the maid because she was more desirable and delectable than the princess! (To be continued)

Entertainment programs for Hindu families on June 4

By Our Staff Reporter

Viveka Bharathi (T. Nagar) has organized a family based program 'Hindu Kuduba Sangamam - 2017' from 10 a.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, June 4 in Sri RKM Sarada Model School (45, Burkit Road, T Nagar).

R.B.V.S. Manian will present a discourse on the occasion.

Couples who have completed 50 years of wedlock will be felicitated.

The following are the other entertainment programs for family members to compete in:

1. Kolam competition for girls below 15 years.
2. Individual music and dance competitions.
3. Essay competition for women below 45 years on the topic 'I am a good mother'.
4. 'My space in my family' - an interactive session with adolescent children in the 12 to 16 age group.
5. 50:50 debate between middle aged family members.
6. Quiz on 'Hindu heritage and culture'.
7. 'Tug of war' game for couples.
8. Jam making competition for youth.
10. A game of identifying parents by blindfolded children below 7 years.

Families or individuals interested in participating may register their names in 98849 54869, 99529 59072 or 98849 45825.

Discourse on 'Periya Puranam' tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Panampattu Ravichandran Ganapathidasan will give a discourse on 'Periya Puranam - Sakkiya Nayanar' from 6.45 p.m to 8 p.m on Monday, May 29 in Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Kuppaiyah Street, West Mambalam).

All are welcome

More details can be had in 92836 00628.

Hearing impaired students excel in Std. 10 board exam



By Our Staff Reporter

Little Flower Convent for the Deaf (4, G. N. Chetty Road-Greaves Road) has achieved 100 per cent pass percentage in this year's Std. 10 board exam.

All the 19 students who appeared for the exam passed.

Its G. Tilakavathi topped the school with 370 marks out of 400. Jaya Shree, who emerged second, scored 362 marks. Barkavi was third with 365 marks.

3D art show in VGP Complex on ECR



By Our Staff Reporter

Tucked inside the vast VGP complex on East Coast Road in Chennai is India's first trick art museum.

The exhibits let one 'interact' with art, literally and figuratively. From sailing in Venice and fighting with Bruce Lee, to even clicking a selfie with a chimpanzee, the paintings exhibited in the museum create an illusion of the viewer also being a part of the painting.

The museum houses 24 paintings and is the brainchild of noted artist A. P. Sreethar.

Sreethar's works have been displayed in over 64 exhibitions around the world.

While the paintings are directly painted on the walls, there are markings on the floor for the viewer to stand. Each painting in the museum looks complete only when the viewer enters the frame, adding perspective to it.



Garbage dumped near EB transformer catches fire

By Our Staff Reporter

Garbage dumped around garbage bins placed close to a TNEB transformer on Rukmani Street, West Mambalam suddenly caught fire at around 3 p.m on May 25.

Nearby residents immediately doused the fire with water before it could spread to the live EB cables running near the transformer.

Residents have appealed to Chennai Corporation to shift the garbage bins from close to the transformer to prevent major fire accidents.



Portion of tree trunk on pavement a hindrance



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of a tree trunk lying on the pavement near the MTC bus stop at Lakshmanaswamy Salai-7th Sector junction in K. K. Nagar hinders road users.

Keep your neighbourhood clean and green.

Multilevel parking facility to precede pedestrian plaza

By Our Staff Reporter

After over 3 years of deliberation, Chennai Corporation has finalised a plan to first construct a multilevel vehicular parking facility before building a pedestrian plaza in T. Nagar, as part of the Centre's Smart Cities Mission.

According to an official, Chennai Smart City Ltd. approved the proposal on May 24 and the next step will be to float tenders.

"We would first like to decongest the traffic before embarking on other proposals like pedestrian plaza," he said.

The facility will be constructed at the junction of Thanikachalam Road and Thyagaraja Road.

The Rs. 36-crore facility will have space to park 250 cars and 500 two-wheelers at a time.

Sai Seva Chakra's anniversary celebrations today

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (West Mambalam) has been conducting free Veda classes in several places in the neighbourhood including Guha Apartments, Sri Murugasramam, Sri Sai Murugan Koil Trust (Kodambakkam) and Sarva Priya Ganapathi Temple (Murthy Street) for more than four years.

All the centers will celebrate the anniversary together from 6 a.m to 11 a.m on Sunday, May 28 in Sri Sai Murugan Koil, 19, Vathiyar Thottam Main Road, Kodambakkam.

The disciples will perform Mahanyasam and Pancha Suktams and take sankalpam individually.

To appease the rain Gods, there will be Varunajapam and Varuna Japa Veda chanting at 1.15 p.m.

Its guru 86-year-old R. BalaKrishnan will be honoured on the occasion.

He is affectionately called Saipremiji and has been propagating Veda for more than 40 years.

He is a Sanskrit scholar and an expert in rendering sampradaya Bhajan, Sai bhajan and nama sankeerthanam.

He was with Sathya Sai Baba for more than 40 years and has also penned Sai keerthanas.

He was a contemporary of Sri Haridas Giri and also a student disciple of Sri Gnanananda Giri. All are welcome.

For more details, call S. Vasudevan in 9444 034917.

Women Helpline
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PMK workers protest against removal of flag post

By Our Staff Reporter

PMK party workers staged a peaceful protest after Corporation workers removed the pole with the party flag installed outside Residency Towers hotel on Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar on May 25.

The protest was led by senior party member A. K. Moorthy. Hundreds of policemen were deployed to prevent untoward incidents. The protesters dispersed after a while.



Two orphaned pups available for adoption

By Our Staff Reporter

Uma Anandh (Social worker and resident of North Boag Road, T. Nagar) has appealed for adoption of two orphaned female pups.

According to her, their mother died in a road accident recently.

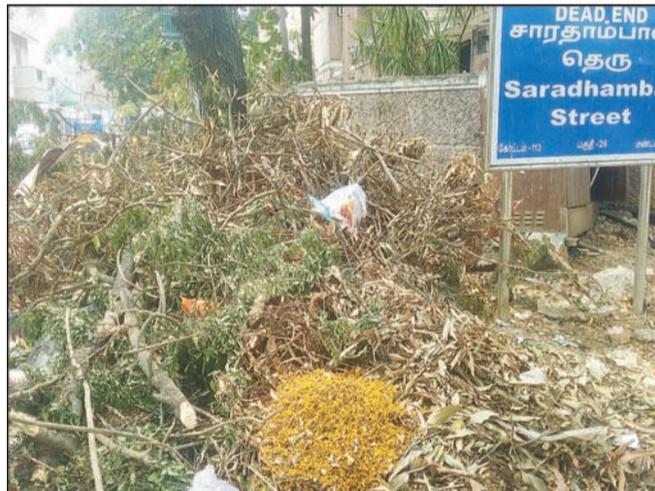
Of the total of seven pups (4 male and 3 female), five were adopted after the report was published in *Mambalam Times* a month back. She said that the last two female pups are still looking for a caring home.

The pups are under Uma's care and are playful and healthy, according to her.



Genuine dog lovers wishing to adopt them may contact Uma in 99406 58359.

Tree waste dumped in Saradambal Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Cut branches and leaves have been lying on the margin of Saradamabal Street, T. Nagar for several days.

Residents told this reporter that no tree branches were cut on the street recently and that some miscreant must have cut the tree elsewhere and dumped the pieces in their street.

Sastha Trust plea for donations to renovate temple

Villivakkam Sri Viswanatha Sarma Ashta Sastha Trust (G-2, SPL, Aishwarya Flats, 7/4, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) has organized Sri Sastha Thirukalyana mahotsavam on June 18 in Ayodhya Mandapam, West Mambalam, West Mambalam to create awareness of Ashta Sastha and also raise funds to complete the construction of the eight avatars in Sastha Temple (Veppampattu, Tiruvallur District).

The temple details are given in the blog <http://ashtasastha.blogspot.in>

Devotees interested in contributing for the construction may contact 99625 62067 or 94441 09431.

Free Veda classes on Saturdays and Sundays

Under the auspices of Veda Vidhya Samithi, free Veda classes for beginners will be held in two batches (7.15 a.m and 8.15 a.m) on Saturdays and Sundays in Guha Apartments, 30, 1st Street, Vivekanandapuram, West Mambalam. Sanskrit also will be taught to the participants. Anyone can join the class. For more details, call 2489 2890.

Thirumanjanam in Kothandaramar Temple from May 29 to 31

The recently constructed Vasantha mandapam was inaugurated last week in Kothandaramar Temple (K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam).

The temple will celebrate Vasantha utsavam from May 29 to 31.

There will be special alangaaram and thirumanjanam for the presiding deity at 7 a.m, 4.30 p.m, 7 p.m and 7.30 p.m on all the days.

All are welcome.

Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

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

5 p.m: Veda paarayanam

5.30 p.m: Ramana Maharishi's Aksharamanamalai.

6 p.m: Discourse.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 94441 72623. Special pooja is conducted and prasadam distributed among special children at 11.30 a.m on Ramana Maharishi's birth star day (Punarpoosam).

RMD appeals for help to treat terminally ill patients

By Our Staff Reporter

RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust (13, Raghavaiah Road, T. Nagar) has appealed for help to treat terminally ill patients undergoing treatment in its home Karuna Sagar in Maduravoyal.

Anyone willing to help can also adopt a patient of his/her choice to sponsor the treatment.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Medical Director and Managing

Trustee, RMD Trust) told *Mambalam Times* that free care, food and hospice living is provided for these patients.

"We have given shelter to many old persons abandoned by families and suffering from terminal illness", she said.

Donations can also be given in the form of medicines, diapers, nighties and medical consumables.

Republica's contact number is 93810 16588.

Residents complain of poor hygiene in dog shelter

By Our Staff Reporter

Some residents gathered outside Kannamma Paet Crematorium, New Boag Road, T. Nagar on May 22 and argued with the workers after two dead stray dogs packed in gunny bags were put out in the open in the dog shelter inside the compound.

The residents of nearby areas have been complaining that the pound, which was started in 2014, must be closed as it is not maintained hygienically and the conditions are prone to outbreak of infectious diseases.

The residents told this reporter that they have also sent a petition demanding closure through the local MLA to the officials concerned. A senior

veterinary doctor at the facility however said that the fears of the residents are unfounded as all care is taken to ensure that cleanliness is maintained.

"We have so far buried 400 dogs since 2014. It is true that two dead dogs were kept in the open last week as the workers were cleaning the kennels. The dogs were buried within an hour", he said. "Our facility is regularly monitored by animal welfare activists and also by health inspectors," he added.

The pound houses an operation theater, doctors' rooms, air-conditioned waiting hall and rooms to serve as a shelter for more than 100 dogs. It also has an ambulance, a team of dog catchers and special facilities to neuter dogs.

Free eye check on Friday

Jaimaa Trust (an NGO located in Vadapalani) and Tanjore Residents Welfare Association have jointly organized free eye check from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m, on Friday, June 2 in Sri Sai Nilayam, 17, Tanjore Road, T. Nagar, near Duraisamy Subway.

A team of doctors from Sankara Netralaya will examine the patients.

The check-up will include free eye screening, vision tests, eye pressure test, retinal imaging and other ocular problems.

Participants detected with cataract will be offered free surgery in Sankara Nethra-laya. All are welcome.

For more details, call 99400 30939.

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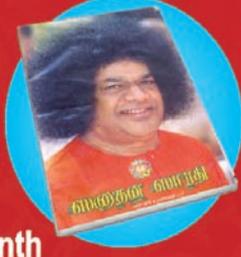
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Lec-dem on 'Rama Katha Sudha' today

M. Vijayalakshmi and 12 of her students will present 'Rama Katha Sudha', a lec-dem comprising songs describing the story of Lord Rama, from 6 p.m to 8 p.m, on Sunday, May 28, in Sivanthi Aditanar Memorial Hall, Poes Garden Teynampet. She is a resident of Nutech Vijaya Apartments, 11/5, Rajunaicken Street, West Mambalam and has been running her music school Vijaya Kalalaya from her residence for more than 30 years.

She has presented a number of lec-dems with her students in various temples in Chennai. Her contact number is 9884484860.

Sita Kalyanam performed by Krishnamurthy Street residents

Thirukalyanam of Devi Sita with Lord Rama was performed on May 21 in Krishnamoorthy Street, West Mambalam by the residents.

The celebrations started with Nama Sankeerthanam by Kumbakonam Anantha Narayana Bagavathar on May 18.

The residents including children participated with fervor and rendered group bhajans, laksharchanai, kritis, unjavrithi bhajans and kolattam on all the three days.

OBITUARY

R. SHIVAKUMAR

R. Shivakumar, a resident of 10/12, Rajaji Street, West Mambalam passed away on May 18. He was 57, and had been a resident of West Mambalam since birth.

His parents had moved to Mambalam in 1942. He was working with Safexpress Pvt. Ltd. and had been previously employed in Dunlop Tyres.

He is survived by his wife N. Banu Shivakumar, daughter S. Krithika Iyer, son S. Venkateshwaran and brothers R. Chandrashekar, R. Baskaran and R. Murali (Advocate) Krithika's contact number is 98408 24426 and Murali's 98415 99793.



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Sai bhajan programs in T. Nagar and Mambalam

By Our Staff Reporter

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.

Ayurvedasramam, 155, G. N. Chetty Road (near Panagal Park): Mondays, 6 p.m.

50/38, Motilal Street (opposite Ranganathan Street): Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Muthumaari Amman Temple, South Boag Road: Mondays, 6.30 p.m

West Mambalam:

12A/27, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam: Saturdays, 5.15 p.m.

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.

17% source segregation of waste by June 30

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has ordered its zonal officials to ensure that a minimum 17% of the waste generated in their jurisdiction is segregated by June 30.

The segregated waste is to be sent to compost pits or bi-methanation plants.

The fuel generated is being tested in running Amma can- teens and the manure is used in Corporation parks and the left-over sold for 20 a kg. "Compost pits in T. Nagar which generate lot of market waste, are able to generate more manure," said an official.

Resident installs CCTV cameras at road junction

By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Bhagavathi Raj (resi- dent of 1, P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar) installed three CCTV cameras on a high rise post on P. T. Rajan Salai, at its junction with Anna Main Road, K. K. Nagar last week.

They are controlled and moni- tored from the building under construction in his plot.

Grow more trees

Anusha Jayanthi mahotsavam of Maha Periyavar

By Our Staff Reporter

The 124th Maha Anusha Jayanthi mahotsavam of Maha Periyavar will be conducted from Wednesday, May 31 to Sunday, June 11 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

Avahanthi Ayushya, special abishekams, poojas and homams will be conducted in the morning on all days.

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Wins 'Mr. INDIA-Chennai' title in modelling contest

By Our Staff Reporter

20-year-old S. Aashish Chakravarthi (resident of 56, Madley 2nd Street, West Mambalam) won the 'Mr. INDIA-Chennai' title in the modelling competition conducted in Bangalore on May 14.

It was organized by Reliance Jewellers.

He has been selected to compete in the competition for 'Mr. INDIA' title to be held next month in Hyderabad.

He is a 2nd year engineering student in Vel's University and is an alumnus of Sri Ramakrishna Mission School, T. Nagar. He is also a good dancer. His contact number is 94443 82100.



Free seminar on 'Fine Arts' next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Annai Kamakshi Kalai-kudam (979, Lakshmanasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar) has organized a free seminar on 'Importance of Fine Arts' for all from 10 a.m to noon on Sunday, June 4 in its premises.

S. Venkatachalapathy alias artist Achalam will give a talk on the benefits of Fine Art in maintaining holistic health through practice of art and form.

Shobana Swaminathan (a leading veena artiste) will share her views on the topic.

Anyone above 12 years can attend the seminar.

A free drawing session will be held for children below 12.

To register, call 73587 60958 or 93810 24002

Chennai Sai Thunai Matrimonials launches website

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Sai Thunai Matrimonials (7(15/2), 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. Ph: 78109 81000), an exclusive marriage bureau for the differently abled (and those who wish to marry them), launched its website Saithunaimatri.com in a function on May 21 in Kamadhenu Kalyana Mandapam, Luz, Mylapore.

It was inaugurated by Justice P. Jyothimani (Judicial Member, Green Tribunal, Chennai). H. Ramakrishnan

(Former Director, Doordarshan) presided.

In his welcome address, N. Panchapakesan (Founder) explained the special features of the website and said that the service is free and open to all castes and religions.

Aavin Gopinath (General Secretary, Tamilnadu Udayikaram Association for the Welfare of Differently Abled), R. Govindaraj (Exnora), Indumathi (Novelist) and S. Udhayam Ram (Uratha Sindanai) were present.

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), Balasubramaniam will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - பண்ணிய தவம் பலித்தது' at 6 p.m on Tuesday, May 30, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

Siddha doctor found dead in home

By Our Staff Reporter

85-year-old A. Natarjan, a resident of Ramachandra Road, T. Nagar, was found dead in his apartment under mysterious circumstances on May 21. He was a Siddha practitioner and was running the Guru Siddha Vaidya Salai in Pondy Bazaar. He also claimed to be an astrologer who had several clients in the Tamil film industry in the past.

On the fateful day, his wife Mangaiyarkarasi and daughter Gnanaratham left for Ulundurpet to visit a temple. On their return the next morning, they found the main door open and Natarajan lying dead in the bathroom.

According to the police, the family suspects foul play as the doctor used to have clients from the cinema industry and there was a dispute with a small-time film producer over the transaction of a property in Bengaluru. Based on a complaint given by Gnanaratham, Pondy Bazaar Police registered a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

EB box at 18th Avenue-P. T. Rajan Salai junction poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

An EB junction box is located on the road margin exactly at 18th Avenue-P.T. Rajan Salai junction.

The box is so close to the turning that an unwary motorist, especially at night, can collide with the junction box while turning into P.T. Rajan Salai.

Motorists have appealed to the EB dept. to shift the junction box from the spot or at least fix reflectors on it to caution motorists.

Sai bhajans on Fridays

Sai bhajans are conducted on Fridays, from 6.15 p.m to 7.15 p.m in Sri Krishnan Temple, Thanikachalam Road, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar.

All are welcome.

Metrowater increases water supply through tankers

By Our Staff Reporter

With limited or almost no piped water supply in many areas of the neighbourhood, the demand for water through tanker lorries is on the rise.

Many have deepened their borewells to extract groundwater as the water table has gone

down. The photo taken on May 24 shows a number of metro water tankers lined up for refilling outside the Metro Water Depot on 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

The depot has provided 4 outlet points projecting into the road for refilling the tankers.



Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises.

T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told *Mambalam Times* that mass spiritual healing is conducted at 7.30 p.m on Thursdays and Sundays.

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