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Traffic rule violation on Rangarajapuram flyover leads to frequent jams

By Our Staff Reporter

The Y-shaped Rangarajapuram flyover connects Kodambakkam with T. Nagar.

The flyover that was constructed to ease traffic congestion has, instead, only worsened the situation due to violation of the 1-way rule by motorists.

The northern arm of the flyover lands on Station Border Road on Kodambakkam side which is already congested

due to encroachment by eateries and other roadside vendors and proximity to Kodambakkam suburban station.

Though only entry from Station Border Road is allowed on this arm of the flyover, vehicle drivers unabashedly violate the rule, and vehicles coming from Bazullah Road side use this one-way path instead of going via the southern arm of the flyover to save some distance.

During peak hours, the traffic almost comes to a standstill which then affects the traffic flow on the whole flyover and also on all the connecting roads of Station Border Road.

Further, both the arms of the flyover were designed for 1-way traffic and the lanes are narrow and not suited for 2-way traffic.

A number of minor accidents have been reported on this stretch due to the violation of the 1-way rule.

CMDA evades RTI query on illegal structures in T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

After the recent devastation of Chennai Silks building by fire, the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has declined to provide information under the Right to Information Act (RTI) on the action taken against seven other structures in T. Nagar which had violated building norms.

The petitioner, B. Kannan (Secretary, T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association), had sought details of action against the buildings, largely comprising textile and jewellery shops in T. Nagar, based on an order of the Madras High Court in 2016. According to Kannan, the CMDA had filed an affidavit in the High Court last year stating that action has been taken by issuing notices to the respective buildings and the exercise will be completed within four weeks. The planning authority was directed to file a compliance report in this regard on June 3, 2016, he said.

"Now a year later when I sought information under RTI about the current status and action initiated against the said buildings, the planning authority refused to give any information," said Kannan.

He said that in its reply to his RTI, CMDA has stated that as the compilation of information from various records and registers requires enormous time, it cannot be provided.

6 arrested for petrol bomb attack on Teynampet Police Station

By Our Staff Reporter

Six persons were arrested on July 16 in connection with the petrol bomb attack on Teynampet Police Station on July 13.

According to a police official, the images of the culprits captured by the CCTV cameras were blurred. But the dept. engaged the services of multimedia experts to enhance the images to identify the culprits.

During interrogation, they said that they attacked the police station as the cops repeatedly came in search of them following crimes committed within the station's limits.

J. Mani (23) (who has been attending court proceedings in a murder case) and Vinod (recently booked under the Goondas Act) had masterminded the plot and attacked the police station with the help of four friends.

The Teynampet police registered a case and arrested the six men. They have been remanded to judicial custody.

Teen on bike rams car, dies

By Our Staff Reporter

18-year-old Navateja was killed when the bike he was riding had a head-on collision with a car coming from the opposite direction on Kodambakkam flyover on July 18.

Witnesses told the police that Navateja was trying to overtake an MTC bus when he collided head-on with the car.

He was not wearing a helmet. He suffered severe head injuries and died on way to hospital.

His friend Vignesh, seated on the pillion, suffered severe injuries and was admitted to Government Royapettah Hospital.

According to police, enquiries revealed that Navateja and 5 friends were racing from Kodambakkam to Vadapalani on three bikes when the accident took place.

New portal soon for regularising unapproved buildings

By Our Staff Reporter

Owners of unapproved plots with constructions on them will have to seek regularisation of plots and buildings separately.

While the government launched a portal in May for owners to apply for regularisation of unapproved plots, another website will be launched soon for registration of unauthorised structures.

The government came out with a regularisation scheme to give relief for unauthorised structures by notifying Section 113-C of the Tamilnadu Town and Country Planning Act on June 22.

It mandates that owners of unauthorised buildings constructed before July 1, 2007 must apply for regularisation within six months of the notification.

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அறைக்குள் வந்த தம்பையாவின் முகம் தாமரை போல் மலர என் ணெஞ்சாரக் கட்டித் தழுவிக் கொண்டார். 'மன்க மன்க' என்று விலா எலும்புகள் நொறுங்குவதற்கு முன்னே அவருடைய கரடிப் பிடியிலிருந்து விடுவித்துக் கொண்டேன்.

'என்ன ஸார் இது?'

'ஸார், மன்னர் எப்படியோ பிரஜைகளும் அப்படி இருந்தாத்தானே அழகு. நான் இதுக்கு மேலே விளக்கனுமா என்ன? இருந்தாலும் சொல்றேன். எனக்குத் தெரிஞ்சு, இந்த கட்டிப் பிடிக்கிற அனுகு முறையின் கண்த அம்பாஸ்டர்கள் ரெண்டு பேர்கள். ஒன்னு நாரேந்திர மொடி. இரண்டு கமல் ஹாசன்.

'சீமோ ரெஸ்லர்களை விட்டுட்டமங்களே?' என்று சொல்ல நினைத் தேன். ஆனால் சொல்லவில்லை. மோடி கமலைப் பற்றியே தம்பையா நீளமாகப் பேசுவார். சீமோ ரெஸ்லர்களையும் சேர்த்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டுமா என்ன? விவேகத்துடன் விட்டுவிட்டேன்.

'ஸார், நீங்க வசூல் ராஜா எம்.பி.பி.எஸ் படம் பார்த்திருப்பீங்க... என்னது இல்லையா? அதனாலேன்ன, மேட்டர் என்னன்னா இப்போ இருக்கிற டாக்டர்களெல்லாம் பேஷன்டை மனம் திறந்து பேசவிட்டுப் பரிசோதித்து மருந்தைக் கொடுக்காமல், லாப் ரிப்போர்ட்டுகளை மேலெழுந்தவாரியாக நோட்டமிட்டு அதுக்குத்தான் சிகிச்சை கொடுக்கிறாங்க. அது தப்பு. பேஷன்டோட் ஒரு நெருக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்திப் பிரிஞ்சன்டா, அதுவே அவரோட ப்ராபளத்தை மேகம் மாதிரி விலக வெச்சிடும். இல்லையா?

'நம்ம மோடியை எடுத்துக்குங்க. நாடு விட்டு நாடு பாய்ந்து நேசக் கரத்தை நீட்டி இரண்டு நாடுகளுக்கும் இடையே ஒரு புரிதலை ஏற்படுத் தனும்மு வெறும் கைகுலுக்கலோட நிற்காமல் நாட்டின் முதல் சிட்டி சனைக் கட்டிக்கிறார் இல்லையா? அதிலோதான் சூட்சமம் இருக்கு. மொத மொத இல்லேருக்குப் போன இந்தியத் தலைவர்க்கிற முறை யிலே பிரதமார் நேதன்யாஹாவைக் கட்டின்டது சூப்பர் டிப்ளமசி இல்லையா?'

தம்பையா தொடர்ந்தார். 'அத னாலே, களினிக்கிலே இருமின்று, தும்மின்று, செருமின்று, முன கின்று இருக்கும் டோக்டரின் நம்பர் 73 அமிர்தாஞ்சனம் பெயின் பாம் வாசனையுடன் டாக்டரின் ரூமுக்கு வந்தவுடன் அவரை ராமபிரான் படகோட்டி குகளைக் கட்டின்டா மாதிரிக் கட்டின்று இன்று முதல் ஜவரானோம்கிற மாதிரி சகோதர பாசத்துடன் சொல்ல முடியுமா?'

காஃபியை அனு அனுவாகக் குட்டுது தம்பையா உற்சாகத்துடன் தொடர்ந்தார். 'ஆனால் கட்டிப் பிடிக்கிற வைத்தியத்தை எல்லோரிடமும் ப்ரயோகிக்க முடியாது. வந்த பேஷன்ட் பெண்ணாய் இருந்தால்?'

'சீமோ ரெஸ்லிங் உமக்குத் தெரியும். வேக வெச்ச அப்போதுதான் தோலியை உரிச்ச கொசல் உருளைக் கிழங்கு போலத் தோன்ற இரண்டு ஜப்பானிய வீரார்கள் குனிந்து ஒருவருக்கு ஒருவர் வணக்கம் தெரிவிச்சட்டு 'லபக்குனு பாய்ந்து கட்டிக் கொண்டு போடறது சன்னை பார்க்கிறது சுமார் அறுபது வருஷம் வேட்டி கட்டிக்கிறதிலே சர்வீஸ் போட்டிருந்தாலும் சமயத்திலே நமுவி, ஜயன் வள்ளுவர் 'உடுக்கை இழந்தவன் கை போல...'ன்னு உபமானமாகவோ உபமேயமாகவோ சொன்ன மாதிரி, அவங்க போட்டுண்டிருக்கிற லங்கோடு எப்படிக் கட்டுக்கோப்புடன் ஸ்தலத்திலே நமுவாமல், நகராமல், நெகிழ்ந்து விழுமால் இருக்கிற ஆச்சரியத்தைப் பார்க்கத்தான்.'

தம்பையா கட்டிப் பிடி வைத்தியத்திலிருந்து அடுத்த செக்மன்ட்டுக் குத் தாவினார். 'ட்ராக் தாண்டிப் போயிட்டேன். கட்டிப் பிடி வைத்தியம் மாதிரி நான் பரிந்துரைக்கிறது 'விட்டுப் பிடி' வைத்தியம்.'

'அப்பலென்னா?'

'விளக்கிறது சலபம். ஆனால் நடைமுறையிலே கொண்டு வர்த்து கல்லடம். 'உலகத்திலே இருக்கிற எல்லாக் குழந்தைகளும் காலையில் ஸ்கலுக்கு நடந்து போகும். மாலையில் உற்சாகத்துடன் ஓடி வரும்மு சொல்லறது. அப்படி விட்டுக்கு வந்த குழந்தையை விளையாடப் போக தோடே. ஹோம் ஓர்க் எழுது, தவணை படத்தைப் போடு. நெந்து எக்ஸ் காலன் போன பூண்டி ஏரியைப் பத்தி இருபது வருடங்கள் எழுதுவானா, கேக்க மாட்டாங்க. அம்மா என்ன சொல்லனும்? 'சிரிடா (இல்லாட்டு சரிடி) இன்னிக்கு இன்னும் ஜாலியா விளையாடுன்னு விட்டுப் பிடிக்க வேண்டும்.'

'பிரோ நிறையப் புடவைகள் அப்பளக் கட்டு போல அடுக்கி இருந்தாலும், கட்டிக்கப் பளிச்சன்னு ஒன்னும் இல்லை அறிக்கை விட்டு முக்கு கொடுவதில் குட்டிக் கண்ணனுக்கு எட்டாத உறியில் வெச்ச வெண்ணைச் சட்டி மாதிரித் தூக்கி வெச்க்கண்டா என்ன செய்யனும் தெரியுமா? என்று கேட்டு தம்பையா கண்களை சிமிட்டினார்.

சிவிர்த்து எழுந்து கொண்டேன். அடு! நமக்கு உபயோகப்படுமேன்னு காதுகளைத் தீட்டிக் கொண்டேன். மலேசியாவிலே நடக்கும் மாபெரும் திரையலக விழுவாலில் சிறந்த டெராக்ஷனுக்காகப் பரிசு பெறும் பெயரை அறிவிக்கும் தெலுங்கு நடிகை போல் தம்பையா சல்பெண்ஸ் கொடுத்தார்.

சிம்பிள் ஸார். என்ன சொல்லனும்னா, 'தடால்'னு அப்படி வாங்கி டாதே தீதா (அல்லது தீதா, ராதா, ஸ்வேதா, யசோதா) ஆற அமர யோசி. மொதல்லே மேலாப்பார, திந்கரான்னு பொறுமையா முடிவு பண்ணி அப்புறம் ராசியா, நல்லியா, குரான், சுந்தரியா, போத்திலா, தளாசியா, சன்னைச் சில்க்கா, ஆர்.எம்.கே.வியான்னு பார்த்துக்கோ. அதோட காஞ்சிப் பட்டா, சின்னான்.கே.பட்டா, மைக்குர் சில்க்கா, சின்தெட்க்கா, காட்டனா, டாங்காயிலான்னும் ஒரு தடவைக்கு ரெண்டு தடவையாக யோசி. உதவி தேவைனா உன்னோட தங்கையேடா ஆற அமர கலந்து ஆலோசி. அப்புறம் முடிவு வெடுத்து வாங்கு. அதிலே இன்னொரு முக்கியமான பாயின்ட் இருக்கு. ஆடி முடிஞ்சு உடனே, உன் அக்கா பொன்னுக்கு, அன்னை பேத்துக்குன்னு வெனா கல்யா னங்கள் வரது. கட்டாயம் உனக்குப் பட்டுப் புடவை உன்னு. உனக்கு வரப்போற புடவை என்ன கல்வர்னு உனக்குத் தெரியாதே. நீ இப்போ வாங்கின கல்வர்லேயே அந்த புடவைகளும் இருந்துட்டா? போச்சே! தம்பையா என் கருத்தைக் கேட்காமல் கின்மிடி விட்டார். என்னை விட்டுப் பிடிக்கிறார் என்று நினைத்துக் கொண்டேன்.

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Vehicles parked on cycle track

By Our Staff Reporter

A number of vehicles are found parked in the no parking zone along the cycle track in P. T. Rajan Salai a n d Lakshman-



asamay Salai in K. K. Nagar. Traffic police have installed 'No Parking' sign boards in several places along the cycle track.

A traffic official said that they impound vehicles and penalize the owners who park their vehicles on the dedicated bicycle track on these roads.

Van wheel gets stuck in trench



A rear wheel of a loaded van got stuck in an improperly filled trench dug by EB contract workers in the junction of South Dhandapani Street and South West Boag Road in T. Nagar at around 1 p.m. on July 22. There was heavy traffic congestion.

Residents plant saplings in Jafferkhanpet



A look at impact of GST on household expenses

By Our Staff Reporter

The tax system in India has seen an overhaul with the launch of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1.

Under GST, there are four tax slabs, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%, and an exempt and additional cess category.

In terms of impact for the common man, some household articles have seen a price increase, while the prices of many others have come down. A look at the overall impact of GST on basic household expenditure:

Food products: school education will remain under the 0-5% slab, while toiletries will be taxed 18%.

Groceries: while some grocery items like milk, bread, pulses, flour, fruits and vegetables, tea, coffee and basmati rice have been left outside the ambit of GST, other items like packaged curd, paneer, cheese, biscuits, cornflakes, shampoos, face creams, hair oils and medicines have become cheaper. Things which have become expensive

Entertainment expenses have come down as the tax has been reduced to 28% from 30% earlier.

Cabrides: service tax on cab hire has been reduced to 5% from 6%.

Telecommunication services: DTH and cable TV charges have become dearer as these services will charge 18 % GST instead of 15% service tax.

Education: Pre-school and higher education has

Luxury spending: stay in 5-star hotels and eating in air-conditioned restaurants have gone up with the implementation of GST. Luxury expenses are now taxed at 28%.

Air fares: economy class air fare has come down as the new tax regime levies 5% tax on air fare against the old rate of 9%

EB cable laying in full swing

By Our Staff Reporter

Laying of 230 KV EB cables is in full swing in South Dhandpani Street, T. Nagar which is creating heavy traffic congestion in the absence of a traffic policeman.



UIDAI launches 'mAadhaar' app for android phones

The 'mAadhaar' app launched recently by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) enables a person to carry his Aadhaar details on his smartphone.

To use the mAadhaar app, users must have their phone number registered with UIDAI.

Once the process is complete, they can download their details on the app, which will show the name, date of birth, gender, address and the individual's photograph within the app.

The app also enables the locking and unlocking of biometric data. With mAadhaar installed in his cell phone, there is no need for a person to carry a hard copy of his Aadhaar card.

The app is presently available for android phones and can be downloaded free from Google Playstore.

UIDAI had announced that the app is in its beta stage and more features will be added in due course, including a release for IOS based Apple phones.

Passport application rules eased

The Ministry of External Affairs has announced a new set of rules which has eased the passport application norms.

Some of the important changes are as follows:

- For proof of birth, birth certificate is no longer compulsory. An applicant can submit PAN card, Aadhar, driving license, voter ID card or policy issued by public life insurance companies.
- From now on, for minors, it is enough to mention the name of just one of the parents or the guardian. This makes it easier for children with single parents or orphans to apply for a passport.
- Documentation has been eased as the number of annexures has been reduced from 15 to 9.

4. Attestation of annexes by a Notary has been dispensed with and a self declaration clause has been added to each annexure. So it is enough if the applicant himself authenticates the annexes.

She offers beautician training to marginalised women



By Our Staff Reporter

S. Nagalakshmi (resident of Kaniga-puram 1st Street, K.K. Nagar), a beautician, has trained nearly 1500 students in the last 13 years.

She has given free training to a number of women from self-help groups, women entrepreneurs and other service organizations.

Nagalakshmi, who hails from Madurai, came Chennai after her marriage.

She completed her beautician course from a leading institute in Chennai.

She also holds a B.Sc. Nursing degree, and also has experience in physiotherapy and nutrition therapy.

She conducts short-term beautician courses in select skills like pedicure, manicure and waxing.

Her contact number is 90944 49715,

Lock your Aadhar number to prevent its misuse

By Our Staff Reporter

It is now possible to digitally lock one's Aadhar number to prevent its possible misuse by a third party.

UIDAI has provided a mechanism for the purpose.

It is first necessary to link a designated mobile number for each Aadhaar number to avail this service.

Following is the procedure to lock/unlock the Aadhar number.

- Visit <https://resident.uidai.gov.in/biometric-lock>
- Enter your Aadhaar number
- Enter the system-generated security code/captcha
- Receive the OTP in the Aadhaar-registered mobile number
- Lock your Aadhaar with a unique password

Once the number is locked, its use gets restricted and no one else will be able to authenticate it on any biometric device without unlocking it.

UIDAI has advised everyone to avail the service from a security point of view as Aadhaar is linked to bank accounts, PAN cards and is fast becoming mandatory for various other purposes.

Rotary Club elects students to Interact Club



By Our Staff Reporter

'Interact Rotary club of Chennai Towers' inducted students of Sri Tarachand Galada Jain Matriculation School (Madley 1st Street, T. Nagar),

as President, Vice President and Secretary of the Interact Club for 2017-18 on July 20.

R. Gopal (President of Rotaract Club of Chennai Towers), G. S. Prasad (Director of Ro-

tary Youth Club) and Sita Ranjith (School Principal) were present. The members of Interact Club will be guided by Rotary members in social service activities.

TTD closed on July 15, devotees return without darshan

By Our Staff Reporter

Many devotees visit Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, T. Nagar on Saturdays as it is considered auspicious to pray to Lord Venkateswara.

But on July 15, TTD remained closed without notice and many devotees had to return without getting darshan.

According to an administrator in TTD, the temple was kept closed as officials wanted to purify the premises after the visit of a nude Naga sadhu and his half-nude disciples (who are considered ardent devotees

of Lord Vishnu) the previous day.

Gita discourse in Tamil on Aug. 15

Raghunath Dass Maharaj is giving daily discourses on Bhagavat Gita in Tamil at 6.30 p.m. in State Bank Building, Prakasam Road, T. Nagar.

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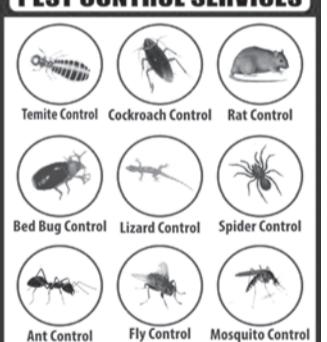
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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOKBACK

By RANDOR GUY

Tamil Cinema & Music 62

One of films with the same trio produced by the same company Chellam Talkies at the same studio was Alli Arjuna" (1935), again a slice of Hindu mythology. Directed an active filmmaker of 1930s, now sadly forgotten, H. S. Mehta (he signed his films as 'H. S. Mehta MBA(USA)'), Krishnamurthy played the lead role of Arjuna, the hero of the epic, Mahabharatham. A footnote of Tamil film history not known to many is P.S. Ratna Bai playing as many as four roles in this movie! One of them was the major role of a male, no less than Lord Krishna himself!

Not surprisingly perhaps she had the lions (or is it lioness?) share of the songs. Out of the 31 songs, Ratna Bai sang ten. Curiously, there are duets sung by Ratna Bai, one as the male Lord Krishna, and the other a female!

Puzzling? Confusing? However, she sang them all right! Regrettably that gramophone disc is not available today.

Krishnamurthy sang songs in ragas Kaanada, Neelambari, Thilang, Hindustan Bhairavi, Gaula, and a ragamalika.

No print of this film has survived and few remember it today.

As Krishnamurthy was popular on stage in mythological and folktale plays, he was cast in similar roles in films too. One such film was "Urvashi Saahasam" (1940) in which he was cast once again as Arjuna. The forgotten Tamil film pioneer 'Murugadasa' (Muthuswami Iyer) and G. Ramaseshan directed the film. The producers promoted the film as a bonanza of Krishnamurthy's melodious music.

Papanasam Sivan composed the songs (both lyrics and tunes) while Bhavani K. Sambamurthi did the background music score. A singing actor of his day, now forgotten, Sambamurthi played Narada in the film.

Out of the seventeen songs, Krishnamurthy sang seven in ragas Kunthalavarali, Shankarabharanam, Abhogi, Maund, Bhimplas and Ramapriya.

Nobody remembers this film today. It is indeed a matter of deep regret that, in that era, no attempt was made by anybody to preserve the films of the past. A callous neglect of our cultural heritage!

The making of Naam Iruvar, the patriotic film

Around 1946, a play being staged in Madras was making waves. Written by a patriotic journalist named Pa. Neelakantan, it was originally titled "Thyaga Ullam" and was renamed as 'Naam Iruvar ('We Two' in English) for the stage. It was put on stage by the NSK Nataka Sabha, a drama troupe named after the celebrated movie star, comedian, cult figure and hailed as the 'Charlie Chaplin of India,' N. S. Krishnan.

The renowned star was arrested for his alleged involvement in the sensational Lakshmi Kantham Murder Case, which shook not only south India but also other parts of India and neighbouring countries. He was then undergoing life sentence and fighting the appeal in far way London...

With Krishnan away in prison, his star wife and comedienne, T. A. Mathuram, and NSK's long time pal and close associate and talented stage and screen star, S. V. Sahasranamam ran the drama troupe to keep the show running and the pot boiling.

The years of the Second World War (1939-1945) had generated enormous quantities of 'paper money' and the Indian money market was flushed with easy money in circulation causing severe inflation. It also witnessed an active underground market where essential commodities were being sold at high undisclosed prices. Besides, it gave rise to a new expression 'the black market'. Indeed the British Indian Government in Delhi had to resort to severe and harsh fiscal measures to check the fast-trotting inflation. Demonetization of currency notes of one hundred rupees and above was introduced as a whiplash, which stunned and benumbed the Indian rich one cool January morning!

This fiscal fist-hit which a leading Madras English daily captioned in large capitals as "WAR ON BLACK MARKET" was woven into the story and it provided a dramatic twist to murder and the climax in the movie. Indeed the newspaper headlines were shown in the movie as inserts.

(To be continued)

Sai bhajans on Saturdays

Sai bhajans are conducted at 6.15 p.m on Saturdays in Sri Sathya Sai Organization, Ashok Nagar Samithi (143, 101st Street, 15th Sector, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

More details can be had from T. S. Mani (Convenor) in phones 2489 7017 and 98843 92244.

In Bharathidasan Colony

Bharathidasan Colony Bhajan Mandali (18-D, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar) conducts Sri Sathya Sai bhajans from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Saturdays in its premises. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94448 25183.

Day-long laksharchanai in Kuppaiah Street temple on Wednesday

There will be special laksharchanai for Aadi from 8 a.m to 8 p.m, on Wednesday, July 26 in Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Temple, Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam. All are welcome.

Discourse on Devi slokam and bhakthi ganam on Friday

Palakkad G. Ramanathan will present a musical discourse on Devi slokam and bhakthi ganam at 5.30 p.m, on Friday, July 28, in Sree Bhuvaneswari Temple, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar. All are welcome.

Student psychologist felicitated by Saveetha Law College

By Our Staff Reporter

Prof N. E. Raj Vasanthan (resident of Flat C, 20, REG Complex, 22, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) was honored by Saveetha Law College recently.

He is a certified Counseling Psychologist and gives awareness talks related to student issues in schools, colleges and other venues.

He is a fellow member of Cambridge Association of Entrepreneurs (England)

He is a honorary professor of Indian Institute of Human Rights (New Delhi) in its study center in Chennai.

He is also a guest lecturer in several colleges in the city.



He is the Founder Director of Human Values Foundation and a founder member of 'Litigants Grievance Counseling Centre', Chennai.

He is also associated with Voluntary Health and Educational and Rural Development Society', Chennai.

His contact number is 91765 26582.

Sai Baba Devotees Trust founder felicitated

By Our Staff Reporter

Preethi Sai (Founder-President of Shirdi Sai Baba Devotees Trust (33/11, United India Colony 1st Main Road, Kodambakkam) was felicitated by Rubal Agarwal (IAS and a Collector in Maharashtra) recently.

She has been providing medical and educational assistance for needy persons for several years. Preethi provides special care for cancer patients and arranges special trips for them and all devotees to Shirdi. She regularly organizes annadaanam in Baba temples. Her contact number is 96770 46777.



Long queue to register for PM's housing scheme



Hundreds of persons were seen standing in the long queue for registering under the Prime Minister's 'Awas Yojana' (Housing for all) scheme on Arya Gowda Road, T. Nagar on July 21.

A similar camp is being organized on Brindavan Street, West Mambalam and in nearby areas.

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Feeding room in T. Nagar bus terminus remains closed

By Our Staff Reporter

The breastfeeding room in T. Nagar bus terminus remains closed most of the time.

Lactating mothers complain that even when it is open, it is unhygienic and devoid of any facility except a chair.

A total of 39 breastfeeding rooms in bus terminals were opened across Chennai in 2015. As per the original plan, each feeding room was to be provided with facilities like baby washer, sterilising equipment, feeding pump and sanitiser.



Pre-GST discounts impact Aadi sales

According to retail outlets in the shopping hub of T. Nagar, discount of 50% and adding GST Aadi sales are yet to pick up. was higher by Rs. 250 than a

Most shopkeepers had offered heavy discounts to clear stocks by the end of June before the rollout of GST from week of June.

Many shops have also cut their inventory and preferred offering special Aadi discounts, to sell old stocks in a wait-and-shoppers say the effect of GST has offset the discount factor. impact of GST on their sales.

Vidya (a resident of Arya Gowda Road) told *Mambalam Times* that the price of a salwar kameez too has led to depletion of stocks in many shops including big showrooms.

College girl honoured for excelling in parasport

By Our Staff Reporter

A. Hindu (differently-abled sportswoman and resident of 57, Vandikaran Street, West Mambalam) was honoured and presented Rs. 10,000 in cash recently for her exemplary performances in the field of paraspot in a function in World Peace Friendship Council, Chennai.

Justice M. V. Muralidharan (Judge, Madras High Court) was the Chief Guest. G. Manilal (President, World Peace Friendship Council) was present. Hindu has won several prizes in shotput, javelin throw and wheel-chair basketball in State-level and National-level meets.

She is a final year student of B. A. Economics in A. M. Jain College. She has appealed for sponsors to help her to participate in future events in India and abroad.

Her contact number is 98417 58065.



Dengue awareness drive in Corporation schools

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has started a dengue awareness and prevention campaign in its schools.

On July 19, D. Karthikeyan (Corporation Commissioner) launched the drive in Chennai Corporation Middle School, T. Nagar in which more than 1,500 students participated.

Corporation health officials will cover 200 govt. run schools in the city, and has appointed more than 1,500 student ambassadors who will advise against self-medication in case of fever, and discard open containers, boxes and coconut shells that collect water and let mosquitoes breed.

Free Veda classes daily in Murugasramam

Veda Vidya Samithi conducts free Veda classes at 6.30 a.m daily in Om Murugasramam (12, Srinivasapillai Street, West Mambalam). Special classes are also held on Saturdays and Sundays. Upanishad, Navagraha and Mahanyaasam classes are also held twice a week.

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The following is the program:

Morning: 7 a.m.: Special pooja and aarathi; 7.30 a.m.: Bangles alangaaram and special darshan; 8 a.m.: Lalitha Sahasranaama archanai and annadaanam.

Evening: 5 p.m.: Maha abhishekham; 6 p.m.: Special bhajans by Radhakrishnan and group; 7 p.m.: Ambal kumkumam archanai and bangles pooja; 7.30 p.m.: Maha aarathi; 8 p.m.: Prasadham distribution; 9 p.m.: Shej aarathi. For more details contact 73972 38304, 4558 5850.

All are welcome

Concert of old Hindi songs on July 29

By Our Staff Reporter

Pramod Nair (resident of C-214, Coral Block Sudsun Gems Park, West Mogappair), the lead singer in the music troupe 'Satrangi', will present a concert of popular Hindi songs from movies directed by Hrishikesh Mukherjee from 6.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 in TAG Auditorium, Bhavans Rajaji Vidyashram, Kilpauk.

The songs, from Hrishikesh Mukherjee's movies including Anand, Mili, Golmaal, Abhimaan, Chupke Chupke, Guddi, Namak Haraam and others, will be presented by Pramod and Usha Raj.

For door delivery of tickets priced at Rs. 200, Rs. 300 and Rs. 500, call 98847 78073 or send email to pramod@satrangimusic.com.

Dyslexia Resource Room inaugurated in Sarada Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

A Dyslexia Resource Room was inaugurated last week in Sri Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School (Madley Street, T. Nagar).

S. Jayanthimala (Principal) told *Mambalam Times* that Durgadevi, a teacher of the school who has undergone training under Madras Dyslexia Association, explained and demonstrated the use of the resources in the room.

She said that the resource room provides a scientific approach to manage learning difficulties in children and the necessary solutions.

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, Ponds Bazaar, T. Nagar.

All are welcome

Compost pit in Indira Colony Park affects residents

By Our Staff Reporter

In the center of Indira Colony, Ashok Nagar, there is a small children's park-cum-playground with a walkers' path.

Over the years, the residents have planted a number of trees in the park to enhance the greenery.

It is popular among the residents and is maintained by Chennai Corporation.



The Corporation has now dug a huge manure pit in a corner of the playground.

On July 15, conservancy workers spread cow dung in the manure pit that produced an unbearable foul smell the whole day, causing immense discomfort to the residents.

A resident told *Mambalam Times* that the compost pit has become a health hazard for the surrounding residential colony.

Free eye check and dermatology consultation on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Shirdi Sai Baba Devotees Trust (Kodambakkam) and Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) have jointly organized free eye check-up and dermatology consultation from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Friday, July 28 in 33/11, United India Colony 1st Main Road Kodambakkam (near Sekar Emporium).

A team of doctors from Sankara Nethralaya will conduct eye check-up for vision problems, glaucoma, cataract and other related problems.

Free cataract surgery will be arranged for those diagnosed with the ailment.

Dr. R. Muthulakshmi (Skin Specialist and Medical Director of Skin and Cosmetology Clinic & Research Center, T. Nagar) will be available for consultation for skin related problems.

For registration, call 99400 30939, 96770 46777 or 89393 99990.

Mahotsavam concludes with Radha Kalyanam on July 30

By Our Staff Reporter

The 12th annual mahotsavam of Sri Asthika Seva Samithi (107, Natesan Nagar, Ramapuram), which started on July 21 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam), will conclude on Sunday, July 30.

As part of the mahotsavam, Paranur Sri Krishnapremi is giving daily discourses on Srimath Bhagavatam.

Maharudra Mahayagnam, paarayanam and chandi homam are being performed in the mornings.

The Thirukalyanam of Devi Radha with Lord Krishna will be performed at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 30. All are welcome.

Pension payment orders to be processed in one day

By Our Staff Reporter

Pension Payment Orders (PPO), which used to take weeks to get generated, will soon be processed in a single day. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on July 18 announced that it has taken measures to fast-track this process.

Now, members can avail the order on the day of their retirement on superannuation.

According to a senior official, for availing this, the contribution would have to be remitted by the employer in advance, and the member has to apply for the same 10 days prior to retirement day in order to get the benefits on the last working day.

A list of members who attained the age of 58 years for the current month will be available in employer login in EPFO's website http://www.epfindia.com/site_en/

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.

All are welcome.

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

Free Veda classes on weekdays

By Our Staff Reporter

During summer holidays, free Veda classes for boys are conducted from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. daily from Monday to Friday in Guha Apartments (30, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, West Mambalam). The course is conducted by Veda Vidhya Samithi. Interested boys can register in the venue.

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