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Inadequate facilities delay Aadhaar enrolment

By Our Staff Reporter

With Central Govt. mandating the possession of Aadhaar, the process of obtaining one or making corrections has become a tedious task.

In Ashok Nagar, there are two centers, but they do not have enough machines to meet the demand.

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***** 66 வயதிலும் 'சோர்ந்து' போகாமல் 'சேர்ந்து' சாதித்தது புருஷ லட்சணம் அல்லவா?
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***** காளி, பத்ரகாளி, மகாகாளி ரேஞ்சில் தக்காளி உக்கிரமாய் விட்டாளா?
- 5) 'மற்றக் கடைகளுக்குப் போய் ஏமாறாதீர்கள். எங்களிடம் வாருங்கள்' என்கிறது ஒரு விளம்பரம்.
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***** ரத்தினங்களை இப்படியா அவமதிப்பது? தூ! 'கஸ்டம்!' கஸ்டம்.



- 7) மூளை அறுவை சிகிச்சையின்போது கிடார் வாசித்து அசத்திய பெங்களூர் வாலிபர்.
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- 10) கேரள மாத்தூழி ஊழியர்களுக்கு மாதவிடாயின் முதல் நாள் விடுமுறையாம்.
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***** 'பட்டம்' என்றால் 'டீல்' போட வேண்டியதுதானே? அதிலே என்ன தப்பு?' என்பார்கள்.
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***** காஷ்மீரில் தனிக் கொடி 'ஜம்மு'னு பறக்கிறதே அது சரியா? என்று வாதிக்கலாம்.
- 14) 'இந்திய - சீனா எல்லை பற்றிய சர்ச்சையில் எல்லா நாடுகளும் நம் பக்கத்தில் உள்ளன' என்கிறார் அமைச்சர் சுஷ்மா ஸ்வராஜ்.
***** மந்திரிஜி, ஆனால் சீனா இல்லையே!
- 15) மண் வாசனை வீசும் புழல் ஏரி நீரைக் குடித்தாலும் பாதிப்பில்லை குடிநீர் வாரியம்.
***** 'கல்லைத்தான், மண்ணைத்தான், காய்ச்சித்தான் குடிக்கத்தான் கற்பித்தானா?' என்று வாரியத்தைக் கேட்க வேண்டும்.
- 16) மாதவரம் - சென்னை துறைமுகம் இடையே 18 கி.மீ தூரத்திற்குள் II இடங்களில் லஞ்சம் வாங்கும் போலீஸார்.
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***** 'லவ் ஆல்' என்று சொல்வதெல்லாம் ச்சம்மா விளையாட்டுக்கா? writerjsr@gmail.com

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Financier, two sons held for cheating hotel owner

By Our Staff Reporter

A 57-year-old financier from Sowcarpet and his two sons were arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on July 25 for allegedly cheating a hotel owner by lending money for usury and trying to take possession of his hotel in T. Nagar.

Based on a complaint by Senthil Ganapathy, owner of PRC International Hotels Private Ltd. (Vijayaraghava Road, T. Nagar), CCB police arrested S. Mukund Chand Bothra, and his sons Sandeep Bothra and Gagan Bothra. According to the police, in 2016, Senthil had approached Bothra, who runs a finance company, seeking Rs. 83.50 lakhs as loan to renovate and upgrade his hotel.

For this, Senthil was asked to transfer Rs. 4 lakhs to Bothra's account as interest for the loan. They also got signatures of Senthil on blank bond papers which they later filled stating that Senthil had sold the hotel to them. Also, they demanded Rs. 4.24 crores within 10 days.

After getting cheated and due to the constant threat from the trio, on June 15, Senthil Ganapathy lodged a complaint with Chennai City Police Commissioner. CCB investigated the complaint and arrested the trio.

Free Wi-Fi soon in elevated metro stations, lines

By Our Staff Reporter

The Chennai Metro Rail Ltd. (CMRL) has planned to provide free Wi-Fi facility in metro rail stations by the year-end and in trains by mid-2018.

According to CMRL officials, the services will be started in the elevated stretches initially and later extended in the underground stretches.

Free dance class for school students

By Our Staff Reporter

Jayathi Sundar will conduct a free dance class for students in the age group of 5 to 15 years from 10 a.m to 12.30 p.m, on Sunday, Aug. 6 in Circle Library, 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. More details can be had in 2371 9319.

ISKCON programs in the neighbourhood

By Our Staff Reporter

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) conducts its regular programs in the following centers in the neighbourhood:

1075, Munuswamy Naidu Salai, K. K. Nagar: Srimad Bhagavatam classes from Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 a.m to 9.30 a.m, Bhakti Vriksha classes on Mondays from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. Contact Priya (94440 63643) A-6, Ashok Vihar Apartments, 21/20, 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar: Bhakti Vriksha classes on Tuesdays from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. Contact S. Sowjanya (94452 12281) D-1, Mangala Flats, 1st Floor, 5, 43rd Street, Ashok Nagar: Bhakti Vriksha classes on Thursdays from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. Contact Venkataraman (96770 97338)

All are welcome.

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

New office-bearers for Vadapalani Annett's Club

By Our Staff Reporter

G. Sushmitha (resident of 2nd Street, 1st Sector, K. K. Nagar) was elected as President of Vadapalani Annett's Club (a wing of Rotary Club of Madras, Vadapalani) last week.

The other office-bearers elected are Harini Kannan (Secretary), and Swetha Shivakumar Anuranjan, Smrithi Senthilkumar and Shobith (Directors).

According to Sushmitha, the Club focuses on tree planting drives in the neighbourhood, conducting blood donation programs and free medical camps for girls from poor families.

Post Office conducts letter writing contest

By Our Staff Reporter

Department of Posts has announced a 'National Letter Writing' competition.

The topic of the contest is 'Dear Babu (Mahatma Gandhi), you inspire me'.

The letter, addressed to Mahatma Gandhi, can be written in English/Hindi/Tamil in an Inland letter (not more than 500 words) or in an A4 size sheet (not more than 1000 words) and sent by post or hand delivered to The Chief Postmaster General (Tamilnadu Circle, Chennai 2).

The last date for submission of the letter is Tuesday, Aug. 15.

The competition is open to

all age groups and winners will be selected in the under-18 and above-8 age categories.

Participants should mention full particulars of their name, date of birth, full address and contact number in the letter.

The top three winners in both the age categories at the all-India level will get cash awards of Rs. 50,000, Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively, and the top three winners in the Tamilnadu level will get cash awards of Rs. 25,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively. The top ten selected letters in the Tamilnadu Circle will be displayed in the philately exhibition to be held on Oct. 2 in GPO, Chennai.

New office-bearers for Bharat Vikas Parishad, Ashok Nagar

V. Ravichandran (resident of 1, Bank of India Colony, Ashok Nagar) was elected as President of Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) (27, 53rd Street, off 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) recently.

The other office-bearers are S. Srinivasan (Secretary) and B. Muthukumar (Treasurer).

BVP is involved in welfare activities for the needy. They include conducting medical camps, providing physical aids for disabled persons and giving educational support to students.

For more details, call BVP in 99413 76330.

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, Aug. 4, in Sree Bhuvanewari Temple, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar. All are welcome.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 63

With his innovative flair AV. Meiyappa Chettiar was eager to include the patriotic songs of Bharathiyar in 'Naam Iruvar'. One song had been included in the stage play and he was eager to have more in the movie.

Consequently, he wished to acquire the copyright of Bharathiar's works and, on enquiry, found that a well-known firm of jewellers and diamond merchants of Madras city, Surajmal Lalloobhai, owned it. This firm had had a short innings in the gramophone records business under the name and style of Broadcast Records with the rising sun and sparkling diamond as its logo. Broadcast was a British company and Surajmal had acquired the right to produce and market the records in India using that trade name under franchise. Such discs included songs rendered by the legendary M. S. Subbulakshmi, and music maestros Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar, violin wizard Kumbakonam Rajamanickam Pillai, celebrated Telugu stage star, Sthanam Narasimha Rao, and others. But, in spite of them all, the venture was not as successful as expected and after some time the business had closed down.

Meiyappan met the owners of the firm and negotiated the deal doing his best to drive a hard bargain. However, they proved tough nuts to handle and a good match for his business skills! The jewellers had bought the rights from the dead poet's family for a paltry sum of six hundred rupees. Such has been the penury of the family. However, the boss of Surajmal would not part with the rights for any amount less than Rs. 10,000, a fortune in the 1940s! Meiyappan, with his shrewd uncanny sense, had the exact sum in cash with him! And the copyright of Bharathiar's songs changed hands and Meiyappan became the proud owner of what is now an immortal national treasure in the public domain. A few years later, Meiyappan transferred his rights to the Government of Madras to be placed in the public domain for free use and publication by anyone.

Taking advantage of the jubilant patriotic mood of the nation awaiting freedom, Meiyappan introduced many elements of such spirit in this movie such as a mass spinning of the 'charkha' (the spinning wheel so dear to Mahatma Gandhi) in which the hero (T. R. Mahalingam) wearing a Congress-khadhi Gandhi white cap' and heroine (T. A. Jayalakshmi) take part.

Other elements included statues of Gandhi being shown frequently, characters greeting each other with 'Jai Hind!' and dance numbers by "Baby" Kamala to Bharathiar's patriotic songs. Kamala danced to the songs, 'Aduvome pallu paaduvomey' and 'Vetri ettu dhikkum etta'. These famed Bharathiyar songs highlighting the freedom spirit were sung off screen by the famous Classical Carnatic musician and top star, D. K. Pattammal. A much applauded and highly respected lady of culture and charm, she was one of the earliest women performers of standing and stature to sing as a voice-lending off-screen 'play-back' singer in Tamil Cinema. The credit of introducing such an eminent musician to movies goes to Meiyappan. Indeed, in the song sequence, an announcement is made over loudspeakers about her singing. It was a novel introduction during the 1940s in South Indian Cinema.

The music was composed by the AVM-in house music director, R. Sudarsanam, A person of much talent and skills with an excellent record of accomplishment, he is sadly underrated and his work and contribution to Indian Cinema need a reappraisal by film historians.

Kamala's dance numbers of both songs were choreographed by Vazhuvoor Ramaiah Pillai and the sequences not only proved to be the highlights of the film but also created film and cultural history - a cultural event in celluloid. The two Bharathiyar song-dance sequences became so popular that, to this day after sixty-plus years, on historic occasions like the Indian Independence Day - August 15 - Doordarshan (the government-owned TV channel of India) and other privately-run satellite TV channels telecast these scenes of Naam Iruvar" every year.

Kamala also had two song and dance numbers with lyrics written about Mahatma Gandhi, 'Karuna Moorthi Gandhi Mahatma &' and 'Mahaan, Gandhi Mahaan' which she sings and dances at home in front of a Gandhiji's statue. These two songs were rendered off screen by the popular 'baby-voiced' playback singer M. R. Rajeswari. However, the singer received no credit either in the film or in the gramophone discs in accordance with the practice prevailing during that period.

All such songs invested 'Naam Iruvar' with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit although the story had no direct link with the Indian Freedom Movement. Meiyappan contributed such elements, which paved the way to the enormous success of the film. 'Naam Iruvar' proved a big box-office success and money-spinner, and elevated Meiyappan to the big time league. It also established the AVM banner which would soon fly high all over the country.

(To be continued)

Open drain outside ATM closed after report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

The report 'Open drain outside ATM poses danger' was published in *Mambalam Times* (June 17-23 issue).

Following the report, Corporation workers re-laid the damaged platform in front of the ATM and also covered the open drain with a concrete slab on Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam last week.

Jawahar Vidyalaya students hold e-payment awareness rally

By Our Staff Reporter

The NCC students of the Jawahar Vidyalaya (4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) led by M. Vaithianathan (Troop Commander) conducted an e-payment awareness rally in and around the residential areas of the school on July 21.

The rally was flagged off by Uma



Prabhakrishnan (HOD, Economics). Prizes were given to the students who had designed the best placards. Vaithianathan's contact number is 98846 37477.

Vacant Health Center building misused



By Our Staff Reporter

The vacant Corporation Health Center building on Giriappa Street, T. Nagar is being misused by miscreants during night for anti-social activities which pose problems for nearby residents.

Exposed live EB cables pose danger



TNEB workers laid three new EB cables across the cycle track on P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar, near the EB sub-station by cutting the road last week.

After completing the work, they have not closed the narrow trench leaving the cables exposed.

The tar and blue metal cut from the road have also been dumped along the trench.

Vehicles moving over the ex-

posed cables can damage the insulation in the long run if the trench is left open. The exposed cables, the trench and the debris dumped in the middle of the road, not only block the way for cyclists, but the cables also pose danger of electrocution.

Will the officials take immediate steps to complete the work at the earliest and cover the trench and patch it with tar and blue metal?

Shasun Jain College students make 700 'seed balls'

'Shasun Prakriti', the environment club of Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women (Madley Road, T. Nagar), organized an activity of making 'seed balls' (an ancient technique of growing plants from seeds) on July 17 in the college premises, with the objective of increasing green cover.

Durai Sankar, a representative from the NGO



Thuvakkam, guided the participants in making the 'seed balls'. He told *Mambalam Times* that 'seed ball' is an innovative and economic way of growing plants. In the process, seeds are inserted into a mixture of cow dung and red soil rolled in the shape of a ball by adding a little water, and planted in pots. 60 members made more than 700 'seed balls'.

Music contests next month

By Our Staff Reporter

Nalaiya Sigarungal will conduct its 14th edition of singing contests in Carnatic music and film songs and playing musical instruments next month. The competitions will be held for different age groups ranging from 6 to 35 years.

The winners will be given an opportunity to perform in music shows conducted by it and will also be trained for participating in reality shows in popular TV channels.

The dates and venue will be announced later.

Interested persons may contact S. Raman in 94444 21264 soon for registration or by sending an email to nalaiyasigarungal@gmail.com or in person at 34, Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar between 10 a.m and 3 p.m.

Free Bhagavatham classes on Tuesdays

By Our Staff Reporter

Narmatha will conduct free Srimad Bhagavatham classes on Tuesdays from 11 a.m to 1 p.m in Sukalayam, 70/44, Burkit Road, T. Nagar.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 98406 03064.

Free class on 'Maths Made Easy' today

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Rajalakshmi will conduct a free class on 'Maths Made Easy' for children above 8 years from 6 p.m to 7 p.m on Sunday, July 30 in Smart Kids (23, Pinjala Subramanian Street, T. Nagar).

She told *Mambalam Times* that the class will help students to get rid of Maths phobia, learn tables in a rhythmic pattern, improve mental calculation, employ powerful answer verification tools and learn Science with simple experiments.

For free registration, call 94453 16363 / 812 40 23 222.

CMRL starts trial runs in Anna Salai

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has started initial test runs with locomotives on a 4-km. underground stretch along Anna Salai.

According to an official, though the trial runs have started, the AG-DMS to Little Mount stretch is likely to get operational only by April 2018.

He said that these are initial test runs to check the dimensions, track alignment and other related installations.

"Full-fledged trial runs with rakes to test all parameters including electrical and signal systems will start in October or November", he added.

Unused serving counter blocks pavement in Natesan Street

By Our Staff Reporter

The serving counter of a roadside eatery has been lying on its side on the pavement of Natesan Street, T. Nagar, off Usman Road for several months.

Garbage is found lying around it.

Nearby residents have complained that passers-by have converted the spot into an open urinal as the counter provides a cover.

One of the doors of an EB junction box close to it is missing and hence poses a danger to unwary pedestrians, especially school children.

Residents have appealed to Corporation officials to remove the counter from the spot and to TNEB officials to close the EB junction box.



Earth from trench blocks carriageway

By Our Staff Reporter

The earth removed from a trench dug by Metrowater workers to repair a sewage line has been dumped on the margin of Balakrishna Street, T. Nagar, near Dharmapuram.

Though the work has been completed and the trench closed, a big heap of earth is still lying on the street margin blocking the carriageway.



Metrowater tanker hits central median in B. N. Reddy Road

By Our Staff Reporter

The driver of a Metrowater tanker lorry lost control of the vehicle and hit the central median of B. N. Reddy Road, near its junction with Govindan Road at around 10 p.m on July 24. A portion of the median and the right front wheel with its axle were damaged in the accident.

The driver managed to apply

the brakes and prevented the vehicle from overturning.

The tanker was empty as it was returning to the filling station after supplying water to an apartment complex.

The vehicle was extricated with the help of a mini crane and later towed away.

Since it happened at night there was no traffic jam.

No one was injured.

Textbooks donated to college students

By Our Staff Reporter

The Senior Citizens Group Besant Nagar (SCGOBN) issues free textbooks to college students.

There is no compulsion for students to return the books.

Students can take any three books free on production of a xerox copy of their college ID card between 4 p.m and 6 p.m on Sundays.

The Book Bank has appealed to readers of *Mambalam Times* to pass on the information to deserving students from indigent families. Individuals and NGOs interested in donating books may contact Prof. V. Chandrasekhar in 98842 24480.

Thirukalyanam in Goshala on Aug. 6

By Our Staff Reporter

Thirukalyanam of Radha with Lord Krishna will be performed at 8.15 a.m on Sunday, Aug. 6 in Sri Narayana Kaingaraya Sabha Trust (13, Kasi Viswanathar Street, West Mambalam).

The thirukalyanam and the associated poojas will be performed by Brahmasri Chennai

A. Srikanth Baghavathar.

The following is the program: Saturday, Aug. 5: 6 p.m: Ashtapati; 6.30 p.m: Divyana nama sankeerthanam.

Aug. 6: 8 a.m: Unjavrithi; 8.15 a.m: Thirukalyanam; 1 p.m: Annadaanam.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 90251 11829.

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

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.

Sruuthi to act as Mrs. YGP in skit

By Our Staff Reporter

The centenary birth anniversary celebrations of Y. G. Parthasarathy (popularly called YGP) and the 60th anniversary of PSBB School, Ashok Nagar, which was started by him, will conclude on Saturday, July 29.

To commemorate the occasion, a humorous skit on YGP and Mrs. YGP - 'A good spouse is a blessing from God', in Tamil will be held on July 29.

Sruuthi (Std. 10 student of the school) will enact the role of Mrs. YGP in the skit.

Sruuthi (a resident of 44/21, Bhagirathi Ammal Street, West Mambalam) is the granddaughter of veteran actor R. S. Manohar. She has been acting since the age of 3, and has acted in a number of plays.

The school is managed by Mrs. YGP.

YGP had also started Bharat Kalachar, the cultural wing of PSBB School, to provide a holistic and fulfilling education for students.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How can sadhus taint a temple?

Sir, According to media reports, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) was kept closed on July 15 without notice, and many devotees had to return without darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

The reports said that the administrators had stated that the temple was kept closed to purify the premises after the visit of a nude Naga sadhu and his half-nude disciples the previous day.

Are sadhus too not ardent devotees? What is the necessity to purify the temple? Do not such acts of cleansing amount to irreverence to God? If their entry needed purification, the authorities could well have prevented them from entering the premises. Normally, any temple resorts to purification only when its sanctity is lost due to some immoral act or visits by those whose entry is banned. **V.S. Jayaraman, 31, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

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In case of death of the insurer in an accident, the benefits will go to the nominee. I appeal to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to approach their banks to better understand the scheme and avail of it at the earliest. **Venkataraman, Q16, MMDA Colony, Chennai 106, Ph: 2363 2049**

100 attend medical camp

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 100 persons attended the free eye and skin check-up camp organized by Rajammal Seshan Charitable Trust (West Mambalam) and Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) on July 22 in Sathya Mahal, Lake View Road, West Mambalam. Free medicines were provided for persons detected with ailments. Jaimaa Trust conducts such camps regularly in residential localities. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact 99400 30939.

TTDC organizes 4-day trip to 108 Amman temples

By Our Staff Reporter

Since 2011, Tamilnadu Tourism Development Corporation has been organizing 4-day tours covering 108 popular Amman temples in the State during Aadi. This year, the tours will be conducted on Mondays and Thursdays.

Each tour will cover important temples around Tanjore, Madurai and Trichy. The consolidated fare including boarding and lodging per person is as follows:

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Corporation dismantles 41 unauthorised shops on Anna Main Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Amidst tight police protection, Corporation officials evicted 41 unauthorised shops on Anna Main Road, K. K. Nagar opposite K. K. Nagar Bus Terminus on July 27.

The shopkeepers were given time to carry off their goods. The temporary sheds that were erected were dismantled and removed by Corporation workers.

According to an official, the entire exercise went off peacefully without any protest from shop owners.

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Rotary members felicitate special children of Mitr



By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Rotary Club of Chennai (K. K. Nagar) and Rotary Club of MCC spent a day with the special children and their parents in Mitr (a school for special children in Kalakshetra Colony, Besant Nagar) and encouraged them in their activities.

The Club members felicitated the students, made a generous contribution to Mitr and sponsored snacks. Jothi, a special child without eyesight, enthralled the Rotary members with her musical talent which included singing and playing a variety of instruments. She has recently sung for a yet unnamed Tamil film to be released soon.

Mitr is run by Vimala and her team of special educators.

The parents of the special children meet on Saturdays to encourage one another and the children

in craft and art work and food products made during the week by the students.

The products are packed and labelled by the children, guided by their parents in a collaborative effort, thus engaging them in some activities as well as fetching revenue.

The children are trained in sewing, printing, painting, pot making, craft making and preparing food products, which are purchased by a number of local residents and NGOs.

Vimala's contact number is 98409 31790.

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 - ஆருடைய அரசு அருண்மலர்வை' 6 p.m on Tuesday, Aug. 1, Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday

Under the auspices of Vedanta Institute (Madras), R. Aravindan will give a free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m to 11.15 a.m in Hotel Pratap Plaza, 168, Kodambakkam High Road, Mahalingapuram.

All are welcome. For registration, contact Chithra Sundarajan in 98404 93904.

Woman trapped in car after accident rescued

A woman trapped in the driver's seat inside a car after an accident on Anna Salai near Nandanam on July 25, was rescued by the police.

Eyewitnesses told the police that the woman hit the median while trying to turn left into T. Nagar while coming from Anna Salai near Nandanam. Her car was also hit by three other cars coming from behind.

The collisions jammed her front side doors and she got trapped in the seat. Immediately, police broke open the door and rescued her.

Traffic fines can be paid with credit/debit cards

Traffic police have been provided with credit and debit card swiping machines to enable officers to swipe the cards of offenders to collect spot fines for traffic rule violations. As part of a drive to modernise the force, Chennai police have, in collaboration with State Bank of India (SBI), given card swiping devices to 100 traffic inspectors in the city including inspectors in T. Nagar jurisdiction.

NSS students felicitated for donating hair

Members of Daasya (NGO, Ashok Nagar) felicitated 50 NSS students of Guntur Subbaiah Pillai Girls Higher Secondary School, T. Nagar for donating their hair for making wigs for cancer patients on July 22.

The donation drive was conducted by The Cherian Foundation, T. Nagar. Those interested in donating hair and supporting the project may contact 3927 8133/34.

Group chanting of Lalitha Sahasranaamam on Saturdays during Aadi

By Our Staff Reporter

Kanji Kamakoti Subhashini Mandalis, in association with World Shirdi Saibaba Organisation (India) has organized mass chanting of Lalitha Sahasranaamam from 5 p.m to 7 p.m, on Saturdays during Aadi in Saibaba Temple, Pinjala Subramanian Street, T. Nagar.

All are welcome. For more details, call 73972 38304.

Mass chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaamam on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Group of Vishnu Sahasranaamam Mandalis has organized mass chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaamam at 10 a.m, on Wednesday, Aug. 2 in Goshala (Sankara Madam, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam) on the occasion of Sri Kanchi Maha Periyavaa Anusham Day.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 95001 77505.

Free Veda classes in Saturdays

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Veda Vidya Samithi, free Veda classes are conducted at 6.30 a.m on Saturdays in Sai Murugan Trust (19, Vathiyar Thottam Main Road, Rangarajapuram, Kodambakkam).

Interested persons can register directly at the venue.

For more details, call Sai Murugan Trust in 2484 0773.

Videographer held for flying drone without permission

By Our Staff Reporter

Videographer S. Murugesan (29) (a resident of Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) was arrested by Tiruvannamalai police after he flew a drone over the Tiruvannamalai Collectorate at around noon on July 25.

After the police were alerted about a drone over the Collectorate, they chased it down and arrested its owner Murugesan.

Murugesan told the police that he was a videographer and was testing the drone for a wedding he had to cover, when it went out of control and flew over public space. The drone was seized from him and he was later released on bail.

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Raam's vocal concert today

By Our Staff Reporter

Raam Manikandan (a resident of T. Nagar) will present a Carnatic vocal concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30 in MOP Vaishnav College (behind Ispahani Center, Nungambakkam High Road).

He will be accompanied by Haritha Narayanan on the violin and Ajeet Sridhar on the mridangam.

Raam is a disciple of Prof. P. P. Ramakrishnan.

The concert has been organized by VDS Arts Academy (a wing of Muthukrishnan Memorial Club, 14, Tanjore Road, T. Nagar)

All are welcome.

Residents pay homage to Abdul Kalam on death anniversary

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of Ramkamathpuram, T. Nagar observed the 2nd death anniversary of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (former President of India) on July 27. They erected a stage with a large portrait of Kalam and decorated it with 10 feet by 6 feet floral arrangement.

Similarly, residents also paid their respects to Kalam's portrait, covered with Indian flags, kept outside Sivan Park, P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar.



Protruding grill on park wall poses danger

By Our Staff Reporter

A grill on the compound wall near the gate of Corporation Playground (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has got dislodged and is likely to fall any moment.

The sharp ends of the iron grill are protruding dangerously into the pavement and pose a danger to pedestrians, especially at night due to poor visibility.

The photo shows two students standing close by unwary

of the danger. The park authorities should take immediate steps to remount the grill on the compound wall to prevent untoward incidents.



Free month-long yoga course from today

By Our Staff Reporter

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct a month-long free yoga course for adults from 5.30 a.m. to 7 a.m., from Sunday, July 30 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, pranayama pratyahara (sense withdrawal techniques), dharana (concentration), meditation, mantra, value education, food habits and shat kriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) will be taught.

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

Classes on stress management for corporate executives are also conducted. Doctors give lectures on alternative medicines.

Swamiji also offers counseling for his students.

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

Free fun-filled evening for women next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

To commemorate its 22nd anniversary, Ashok Nagar Progressive Women's Association has organized a special program for women from 4 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 6 in Lakshmi Hall, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

Agynaecologist will offer free consultation, and free haemoglobin test will be conducted by

Indigo Women's Center.

The attractions include cinema quiz, fancy dress competition for 60+ women, 'mathi pesu game', cookery contest, fun games and drawing competition for kids. There is no entry fee and the last day for registration is Friday, Aug. 4.

More details can be had in 99410 18210 and 98414 05304.

British Council offers courses in English

By Our Staff Reporter

British Council's English Language Centre (767, Anna Salai) offers several courses in English for persons above 16 years. They include 'General English', 'Spoken English', 'Business English', 'IELTS Exam Training' and 'Adult Intensive Course'.

It also offers 'Young Achievers Course' for students 7 to 17 years old and 'Speak Out Write Right' course for students 11 to 17 years old.

The next term for all the above courses starts on Monday, Aug. 7 and the last date for registration is Sunday, Aug. 6.

Classes are organized according to the current language ability of students, which is determined by a level test. To book for the level test, visit the website www.bookeo.com/elcchn-britishcouncil. Apart from classroom learning, the students will be exposed to other learning tools like movies, English Club, storytelling sessions and reading books in the library.

More details can be had in 0120 456 9000 / 0120 668 4353 or by sending an email to inya.Suzanna@in.britishcouncil.org or SMS English to 567678.

Talk on significance of 'Rahu-Ketu' today

By Our Staff Reporter

Nannilam Vai Rajagopala Ganapadigal (publisher and editor of Vaithikasri, a Tamil magazine) will give a talk in Tamil on the significance of 'Rahu-Ketu' in astrology from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, in Sarovaram Enclave (28/875, Ramaswamy Road, K. K. Nagar).

It will be followed by an interactive session on spiritual matters.

All are welcome.

Radha Bhaskar's concert on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sarvani Sangeetha Sabha Trust (Vijayaghavachari Road, T. Nagar. Ph: 2815 1417), Dr. Radha Bhaskar will present a thematic vocal concert 'Devi Sthuthi' at 5.30 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 2 in Raga Sudha Hall (85/2, Luz Avenue Mylapore). She will be accompanied by Cuddalore S. J. Janany (vocal support), Mysore Sangeetha Dileep and Shradha Ravin-dran (violin), and Thillaistha-nam Suryanarayanan (mridangam).

Sarvani Sangeetha Sabha Trust has been promoting classical music and encouraging young talent since 1986.

All are welcome

Talk on 'ஆசிரியர்கள் அன்றும் இன்றும்' today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

In view of Guru Poornima, RBVS Manian will give a talk in Tamil on 'ஆசிரியர்கள் அன்றும் இன்றும்' at 5 p.m., on Sunday, July 30 in Guru Balaji Kalyana Mandapam (Sundram Street, T. Nagar).

All are welcome.

100 sovereigns burgled from locked house

By Our Staff Reporter

100 sovereigns of jewellery were burgled from a locked house in Kodambakkam on the morning of July 26.

After Rajendran (the house owner) left for work at around 8.30 a.m., his wife Renuka and daughter Vaishnavi went to a temple.

When they returned at around 11.30 a.m., they found the lock broken and the main door open.

When Renuka went inside, she found the cupboard also broken open and 100 sovereigns of jewellery kept in it missing.

A case filed in the police station is under investigation.

Rajendran works as an engineer with TNEB.

HC vacates stay on construction of Nadigar Sangam building

In a victory for Nadigar Sangam, the Madras High Court on July 25 removed the interim stay on the construction of the Association's building in T. Nagar.

The High Court had on May 6 imposed a stay on the construction. The order was vacated by the Division Bench of Justices N. Kirubakaran and V. Parthiban.

The issue pertains to a writ petition filed last May by K. M. Srirangan and R. Annamalai (both residents of Vidhyodaya Colony, T. Nagar).

It the petition, they had alleged that the Nadigar Sangam Charitable Trust and the South Indian Artistes Association had encroached upon a 33-foot public road connecting Habibullah Road and Prakasam Street which was an important access to the residents.

The petitioners submitted that the colony has two ap-

proach roads to reach Habibullah Road. One through Kodambakkam High Road and another connecting Habibullah Road and Prakasam Street. The second one being the shortest, most of the residents and school-going children use it to reach the colony.

They added that the colony, being a residential area, the association cannot be allowed to construct a multistoried mall or multiplex, which would suffocate the already choked roads. Subsequently, the court appointed an advocate commissioner to measure the property of Nadigar Sangam with the assistance of government authorities and submit a report.

After perusing the report and other documents produced by the association, the court observed that the petitioners had not made out a prima facie case and vacated the stay.

Meet for alumni in Madhuram Narayanan Centre today

By Our Staff Reporter

Madhuram Narayanan Centre (18, Prakasam Street, T. Nagar) provides early intervention services for differently-abled children up to 6 years.

It has organized its annual program 'Samyam' on Sunday, July 30 in its premises.

The objective of Samyam is to bring together newly enrolled students, exiting students and old students along with their parents.

According to Samyam staff, the get-together has the following objectives:

1. Creating a healthy interaction between the educators and parents to share ideas and views for further development of the children.

2. Maintain continuity of old students and their parents with the Centre for guidance and counseling.

3. Motivating new parents

by exposing them to the success stories of existing and old students to face the challenges in bringing up and training their own children.

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.

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