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காற்றுள்ளபோதே 'தூங்கி'க்கொள்

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மின்சார வசதி வந்து, அறைக்கு ஒன்றாக மின் விசிறிகள் போட்டிருந்தாலும், மின் வெட்டு, மெயின்டனன்ஸ், லோட் ஷெட்டிங், லோ வால்ட்டேஜ், அவுட்டேஜ் போன்ற ஒன்றைக் காரணம் காட்டி மின்சாரம் இல்லாமல் பார்த்துக் கொள்வார்கள். ஜெனரேட்டர், இன்வெர்ட்டர்களான ஆபத்பாந்தக் கருவிகள் வராதிருந்தபோது கை கொடுத்தவை அகல், சிம்னி, அரிக்கேன் லைட்டுகளும், பனை ஓலை விசிறிகளும் தான். முற்றத்தில் மெழுகுவர்த்தி வெளிச்சத்தில் தயிர் சாதம், எலுமிச்சை ஊறுகாய் காம்போவைச் சாப்பிட்டாலும் அதை 'கேண்டில் லைட் டின்னர்' என்று கேலியாக உயர்த்திச் சொல்லி சமாளிப்பார்கள்.

மெட்ராஸில் இருக்கும் நான்கு சீசன்களான சம்மர், சம்மர், சம்மர், சம்மர்களில் வீடுகளில் ஓலை விசிறிகளைக் கைக்கெட்டும் தூரத்தில் இருக்காமல் பார்த்துக் கொள்வதில் சில பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் சூரர்கள். குடும்பத் தலைவர் விசிறியைத் திருப்பி, அதன் காம்பைக் குற்றப் பத்திரிகை போல் முதற்கண் நீட்டி, சிங்கிள் டிஜிட் மார்க்குகளை வாங்கிய பையனை விளாசினாலும் விளாசலாம். ஆகவே, சில கிட்டு, ராமு, ரவி, ரமணிகள் ப்ராக்ரஸ் ரிப்போர்ட் வரும் கரிநாளில், வாக்கிங் ஸ்டிக், துணி உலர்த்துகிற கழி, அலுமினியப் பைப்புகள், பனை ஓலை விசிறிகள் போன்ற குடும்ப ஆயுதங்களைக் கண் மறைவாக வைத்து விடுவதும் உண்டு. 'அந்தக் காலத்திலே நான் எப்படிப் படிச்சேன் தெரியுமா?' என்று வெளிவரும் தகப்பனாரின் கலர் கலரான ரீல்கள், குடும்பத் தலைவரின் தமக்கையான நீலு அத்தையோ, கோமு அத்தையோ இருந்து விட்டால் மறைந்து போய்விடும். விதை ஒன்று போட, சுரை ஒன்று முளைக்குமா என்ன?'

கடும் வெயில் அடிக்கும் சித்திரை மாதத்தில் நவமியில் அவதரித்த ஸ்ரீராமனை வழிபட்டு இரண்டு வேத விற்பன்னர்களுக்குத் தித்திக்கும் பானகமும் ஜில்லென்று நீர்மோரும், உபரியாகப் பனை ஓலை விசிறியையும் கொடுப்பது வழக்கம். அந்த விசிறிகள் பல சமையலறைக்குப் போய் விறகு அடுப்புகள் 'மொல மொல' என்று எரியாமல் புகை கக்கி போல் மாறியிருந்தால், வாயு தேவனின் உந்துதலோடு எரியவைக்கும் சிலிண்டர், இண்டக்ஷன் ஸ்டவ், மைக்ரோவேவ் என்றாகி விட்டபின் ஓலையாவது, விசிறியாவது?

விசிறியைப் பற்றிப் பேசும்போது பூந்தமல்லி வெங்கீஸ்வரனைப் பற்றி சொல்லாமல் விட்டால் எப்படி? வெள்ளை மல் வேஷ்டி, ஜிப்பா அதற்கு மேல் ஒன்றரை இன்ச் அகலத்தில் லேயர் லேயராக மடித்துக் கஞ்சி போட்டு இஸ்திரி செய்த தும்பைப்பூ வெள்ளை அங்கவஸ்திரத்தை நாகாபரணம் போல் கழுத்தை சுற்றி அணிந்திருப்பார். ஒரு கம்பீரத்தைக் கொடுத்ததோடு, காற்றில்லாத சமயங்களில் தொங்கும் முனையை சுமார் ஆறு இன்ச் விட்டுப் பிடித்து விசிறியாக உபயோகிக்க உதவும் அது.

அந்தக் காலத்தில் பங்காக்கள் உண்டு. கலெக்டர்கள், முன்சீபுகள், மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட்டுகள் போன்ற பெரிய தலைகளுக்கு மேல் அகலவாக்கில் தொங்கும் பங்காக்களைக் கயிறு கட்டி இழுத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பார். காற்று தவழ்ந்து, சுருண்டு வரும். அவ்வாறு இழுப்பவர், கோர்ட் சேவகர் அடிக்கடி 'சைலன்ஸ், சைலன்ஸ்' என்று எழுப்பும் குரலால் தூங்கி சாமி ஆடாமல் விழித்து இருப்பார்.

கிண்டலடிப்பது எங்கள் பிறப்புரிமை என்று கங்கணம் கட்டிக் கொண்டு வெளிவந்த 'பஞ்ச்' ஆங்கிலப் பத்திரிகையில் வந்த கேலிச் சித்திரம் நினைவுக்கு வருகிறது. திண்டில் சாய்ந்து ஹூக்கா பிடித்துக் கொண்டு இருக்கும் சுல்தானுக்கு ஒரு அடிமை சாமரத்தை வீச, அவருக்கு (அடிமைக்கு) களைப்பு தட்டாமல், வியர்வை ஆறாக ஊற்றாமல் இருக்க ஒரு மின் விசிறி அவரை நோக்கி சுற்றிக் கொண்டிருக்கும்.

பூந்தமல்லி மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட் கோர்ட்டில் ஒரு வழக்கு. ஒரு வெள்ளாட்டையும், இரண்டு நாட்டுக் கோழிகளையும் திருடியதாகக் குற்றம் சாட்டப்பட்ட கோவூர் குப்பன், கனம் கோர்ட்டார் முன் நின்றிருந்தான். மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட்டின் தலைக்கு மேல் ஒரு கனத்த பங்கா கிழக்கும் மேற்குமாகப் போய் வந்து, அதை இழுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தவனின் ரிதமிற்கு ஏற்பக் காற்றை வீசிக் கொண்டிருந்தது.

வெள்ளாட்டையும், நாட்டுக் கோழிகளையும் கோர்ட்டில் ஆஜர் செய்யவில்லை. செய்திருக்கவும் முடியாது. காரணம்? அவைகள் கோவூர் குப்பனின் மகள் வளர்மதியின் மஞ்சள் நீராட்டு விழாவிற்காக வந்திருந்த சாதி சனங்களின் வயிற்றுக்குள் புதைக்கப்பட்டுப் போனதினால்தான்.

'....ஆகவே குற்றம் சாற்றப்பட்ட கோவூர் குப்பன் வெள்ளாட்டையும், இரு நாட்டுக் கோழிகளையும் திருடியதாக நிரூபணம் ஆனதால், அவருக்கு மூன்று மாத சிறை தண்டனை விதிக்கிறேன்' என்று தீர்ப்பளித்தார் மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட். செவிகளில் உள்ள கோளாறினால் வலது காதின் பின்னால் ஒரு கையை வைத்துக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்த கோவூர் குப்பனின் காதில் 3 வருடங்கள் என்று விழுந்திருந்ததால், சினம் பொங்கிக் கூண்டுக்கு அருகே இருந்த கனமான பித்தளைச் சொம்பை கையில் எடுத்து கனம் கோர்ட்டார் தலையை நோக்கிக் குரூரத்துடன் வீசி எறிந்தான். சொம்பு பங்காவால் தடுக்கப்பட்டு, கனம் கோர்ட்டாரின் தலையைத் தாக்காமல் கீழே விழுந்தாலும், அதில் இருந்த மொத்தத் தண்ணீரும் அவருடைய தலைமேல் ஒரு திவலை வீணாக்காமல் கொட்டியது.

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Daasya donates school bags

By Our Staff Reporter

Daasya (an NGO, Ashok Nagar) presented school bags to 75 students of Guntur Subbaiah Pillai Girls School, T. Nagar recently.

Without emergency care, T. Nagar resident dies in Ambur Govt. Hospital

Santhanam (70) (a resident of T. Nagar) died for want of medical care in the emergency ward of Ambur Govt. Hospital, where he was rushed for treatment after meeting with an accident near Ambur on Bengaluru-Chennai Highway on Aug. 13.

Santhanam and his friend Rajkumar were en route to Bengaluru in a car when the accident took place.

"I was at the wheel and a truck ahead took a sudden turn. I applied sudden brake, but lost control of the vehicle and rammed it on the median. In the impact, Santhanam sustained severe head injuries", said Rajkumar.

With the help of passers-by, Santhanam was rushed to the hospital at around 1 p.m and died there an hour later as there was no doctor on duty to give him emergency care. Neither did the hospital paramedical staff attend on him.

Rajkumar, who was waiting outside the emergency unit, presumed that his friend was being treated. After about half an hour, when he went inside the emergency unit, he found Santhanam fighting for life, with no medical staff near him.

"I quarreled with the nurses and other hospital staff to no avail and soon my friend passed away in front of my eyes", lamented Rajkumar.

Workshop on 'Increasing mind power' today

By Our Staff Reporter

All For Mind Power will conduct a workshop on 'Increa-sing mind power' on Sunday, Aug. 20 in Shankar Business Space, Nana Street, T. Nagar (near Head Post-office).

According to it, the works-hop will benefit students and employed/self-employed persons. Anyone above 13 years can participate in the workshop. The registration fee is Rs. 2500 which includes lunch and snacks. More details can be had in 80727 51588

Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Vedanta Institute (Madras), R. Aravindan will give a free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m to 11.15 a.m in Hotel Pratap Plaza (168, Kodam-bakkam High Road, Mahal-ingapuram).

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

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75 blood units collected from donors

By Our Staff Reporter

120 persons donated 75 units of blood in the blood donation program organized jointly by Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani, Interact Club and PTA of PSBB School (K. K. Nagar) in PSBB School (Ashok Nagar) on Aug. 15.

A team doctors from VHS Blood Bank collected the blood units.

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Man held for harassing ex-lover

By Our Staff Reporter

Valasaravakkam police arrested Anthony Rajeshkumar for allegedly harassing a woman colleague (both working in a textile showroom in West Mambalam) for refusing to marry him.

According to the police, the woman had entered into a relationship with Anthony, and later found that he was already married.

She then broke up with him and agreed to marry a groom her parents had chosen.

Angered by her move, Anthony put up their pictures on social media websites, leading to the cancellation of the marriage.

Based on a complaint filed by the woman's parents, Valasaravakkam police conducted an investigation and arrested Anthony.

He was remanded to judicial custody.

New road connects Lake View Road and Anna Main Road

By Our Staff Reporter

A new road connecting Lake View Road (Nesapakkam) and Anna Main Road (K. K. Nagar) was opened last week.

The 2-ft high central median has been painted with alternating bands of white and black. Small yellow reflectors have been fixed atop the median at 10-ft intervals.

The Ashok Nagar & K. K. Nagar edition of *Mambalam Times* can be accessed in www.mambalamtimes.in

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Footboard ride proves fatal for student

By Our Staff Reporter

17-year-old Subash (a school student) was killed when he hit a hospital pillar while clinging to the window bars of a bus and attempting to reach the footboard.

Two of his friends on the footboard who tried to help him also fell and suffered injuries. They were on their way to school in Kodambakkam.

According to the police, Subash and his friends were traveling on the footboard of a route 27C bus (Thiruverkadu-T. Nagar).

When it stopped at Ram Theater, Subash got down from the footboard to allow other passengers to alight. As the bus began to move, Subash, instead of jumping onto the bus, clung to the window bars near the footboard at the exit.

When the bus took a left turn near Koncept Hospital in Kodambakkam, Subash did not notice the pillar on the compound wall and ran straight into it. His friends L. Jeeva and K. Kartik fell down from the bus while attempting to save him.

The three injured students were immediately rushed to a private hospital where Subash was declared brought dead.

The accident was caught on a CCTV camera fitted in the private hospital.

Pondy Bazaar Traffic Investigation wing registered a case against the MTC bus driver Parthiban and arrested him.

Further investigation is on.

Aadhaar must for death certificates from Oct. 1

By Our Staff Reporter

In a notification issued on Aug. 4, the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, Ministry of Home Affairs, ordered that, with effect from Oct. 1, an Aadhaar number must be provided to obtain the death certificate of any deceased person.

This number will be required by the issuing authority for establishing the identity of a deceased.

In case a deceased person does not have an Aadhaar number, or the heir applying for the death certificate is not aware of the Aadhaar number or EID of the deceased, the applicant will have to provide a certificate that the deceased person does not possess an Aadhaar number to the best of his/her knowledge.

The applicant will also have to furnish his/her Aadhaar number along with the Aadhaar number of the spouse or parent.

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Stalker stabs woman in Burkit Road

By Our Staff Reporter

A stalker stabbed a 21-year-old woman in broad daylight and fled from the spot on Aug. 16 in Burkit Road, T. Nagar.

Passersby rushed her to a nearby hospital, where doctors said her condition was stable.

Within 2 hours of the attack, Mambalam police arrested the suspect R. Satyanarayanan (37), a resident of Kannagi Nagar. According to the police, Satyanarayanan was the woman's neighbour and had been stalking her for more than a month.

He had known the young woman's mother Sumathi for a decade and had been pestering her to allow him to marry her daughter. But both Sumathi and her daughter kept resisting the proposal. On Aug. 16, Satyan-arayanan stopped the daughter when she was walking along Burkit Road, and demanded that she marry him.

When she rejected the demand, Satyanarayanan pulled out a knife and stabbed her several times in the face and neck in full public view.

Before passers-by could intervene, he escaped from the spot.

On receiving information, Mambalam police arrived at the scene and, after initial investigation, arrested Satyanarayanan in his house.

Further investigation is on.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 66

Another film featuring M. R. Krishnamurthy directed by the famed American Tamil filmmaker Ellis R. Dungan was 'Seemanthani (1936). This was a folklore movie in which the heroine was the first star of Tamil cinema, T. P. Rajalakshmi.

During her day she was very popular and, besides being a top actress, she was also a producer, screenwriter and director. Indeed she was one of the early female directors of Indian Cinema.

With Krishnamurthy and Rajalakshmi in the cast, the film had expectedly melodious music. However the film was not as much a success as expected.

As the 1930s rolled over the horizon, Krishnamurthy acted in now-forgotten firms like "Pandurangan"(1939) and " Maya Machindra" (1939). In the former, T. A. Mathuram, who was already established as a comedienne and married to N. S. Krishnan, played the heroine, her only such role in cinema. During that period she was temporarily away from her husband for many a reason and the failure of this film proved that she was no heroine material. By then she had reconciled with her husband and went back to him to conquer new peaks of success in comedy together.

In the 1940s Krishnamurthy continued to be active but none of his films made a mark nor were successful at the box-office. Slowly he began to move away and almost retired from cinema due to failing health. He passed away during the late 1940s.

Like most movie stars he led a happy-go-lucky life tasting the aromatic liquors of stardom to the brim and more. Krishnamurthy is. hardly remembered today except by old-timers who think of him more as a brother of the legend of Carnatic music, Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer. His biggest success was of course "Bhama Vijayam" which is still remembered by lovers of vintage movies. Sadly no copy of this movie exists.

CHITTOOR V. NAGAIAH

"Balaa pasupu kumkuma", "Aada brathukey madhuram" ("Sumangali", Telugu, 1940), "Ennalundina ikasukamulalo", "Raavey raaavey bangaru paapaa" ("Devatha", Telugu, 1941), Oooo ohohohoho paavuramaa" ("Swargaseema", Telugu, 1945),"Vadhalajaalaaraa, "Andhalu chindheyte naa Jyotheee" ("Yogi Vemana", Telugu, 1947), "Vidhiyin vilaivaal anaadhai"), "Kanivudan thirumbhiye paarum", "Bhum chicka bhum" ("Ezhai Padum Paadu," Tamil, 1950).

All the above are some of the songs which were popular hits of Tamil and Telugu Cinema of 1940-1950s. Some of them are evergreen in public memory and still being hummed by many to this day. What do they have in common? All the songs were composed by the multi-faceted personality of South Indian Cinema, Chittoor V. Nagaiah. And many of them he sang himself besides composing.

Brilliant actor, talented music composer, trained musician and singer, filmmaker and above all a highly cultured wonderful man with the milk of human kindness filled to the brim in his heart. That was Nagaiah, one of the greatest character actors that Indian Cinema has seen since it began to speak in 1931.

The stormy petrel of Indian film journalism, Baburao Patel, the editor of the leading magazine of yesteryears, ' Filmindia described him as the 'Paul Muni of India.

He received training in Classical Carnatic music under legendary figures like Musiri Subramania Iyer and G. N. Balasubramaniam. His life was one of various vicissitudes, and adversity was his constant companion. Yet he fought a valiant battle winning laurels and lollipops. Some of the characters he created on screen during his long innings have achieved immortality and are still talked about to this day reverentially as models of perfect screen acting - Pothana, Thyagaia, Yogi Vemana and others. Such a performing artiste was Nagaiah.

Vuppalajadiyam Nagaiah, popularly known as Chittoor V. Nagaiah, was born in a Telugu-speaking Brahmin family in Repalle, the heartland of Andhra in 1904. Due to many mishaps in the family he was taken away to,Chittoor by his uncle where he studied with zeal and took his B. A degree. Blessed with good looks he also had a melodious voice and an inborn talent for music and theater. For a short while he worked as a clerk in a local government office in Chittoor but soon he gave it up as he found himself to be the proverbial square peg in a round hole

(To be continued)

Ahobila Math School tops Ramayanam recitation contest

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ahobila Math Oriental Higher Secondary School, West Mambalam came first in the Ramayanam recitation competition in Sanskrit conducted on Aug. 12 in its premises in memory of Late T. Ramaswami Iyengar (former Principal, Sri Ahobila Math Sanskrit College, Maduran-takam).

Its students won 27 prizes including five 1st prizes, four 2nd prizes, six 3rd prizes and 12 consolation prizes.

Sri Maharshi Vasudeva Vidyalaya and Sri Suprabatha Sabha (both from West Mambalam), shared the 2nd spot with 13 prizes.

392 students from 21 schools took part in the contests.

The next competition on Srimad Bhagavatam will be held on Sept. 17.

More details can be had in 2489 3224.

Neighbourhood teacher gets 'Karmaveerar Kamarajar' award

By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club of Wisdom (West Mambalam) presented 'Karmaveerar Kamarajar' award' to G. Vasundra (resident of Kodamb-akkam and PG Teacher/NSS Program Offi-cer in SKPD Boys Higher Secondary School, George Town) for her service to the cause of education and social initiatives on Aug.15.

She was earlier a teacher and NSS Program Officer in Sarada Vidyalaya Model School, T. Nagar.

She is also the recipient of 'Best Teacher' award from Tamilnadu Govt. in 2016 and several other awards from recognised institutions. She was part of the committee that drafted the syllabus for Samacheer kalvi. She conducts evening classes, especially for poor children.

As a NSS Program Officer, she has conducted campaigns on green environment and organized camps to help physically and visually challenged persons. Her contact number is 93828 33847.

Tree walk in Natesan Park today

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Nizhal (an NGO whose aim is to grow and save trees) will conduct a tree walk on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m in Natesan Park (Venkata-narayana Road, T. Nagar) to create awareness about trees, as part of Madras Day celebrations.

Those interested in participating in the walk may contact the program co-ordinators early in 97910 29568, 98406 27376 or 98404 44010 or email nizhal.shade @gmail.com.

Miscreants misuse vacant plot

By Our Staff Reporter

Miscreants have broken a portion of the fence to gain access to a vacant plot in Model House Road, CIT Nagar, and misuse it for nefarious activities.

There is an overgrowth of plants in the plot.

Madras Quotient Quiz on Sept. 9

By Our Staff Reporter

Murugappa Group will conduct its 7th edition of Murugappa Madras Quotient Quiz in English for Stds. 5 to 12 students on Sept. 9.

Teams should comprise 3 members from each school.

Six teams will be selected to compete in the final round based on the performance in an objective type written test in the preliminary round.

The venues will be announced later.

Teams can register online by visiting the website http://www.murugappa.com/murugappa-madras-quotient-quiz-mmq/registration/

The last date for registration is Sept. 6.

Banner blocks pavement/cycle track

By Our Staff Reporter

Poles used to erect a large political banner are blocking the pavement and the cycle track on P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar, opposite Sri Sakthi Vinayagar Temple.

The banner was erected by party workers in view of Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami's visit to the temple on Aug. 15.

The banner has still not been removed causing hardship to pedestrians and cyclists.

Trench filled with rain water

By Our Staff Reporter

The trench dug by EB workers in Lotus Colony 1st Street, Nandanam for cable work 3 months back is filled with water from the recent showers.

Residents said that the street has turned slushy making conditions difficult for motorists and pedestrians.

They have appealed to the officials concerned to complete the work soon.

Discourse on 'இளையான்குடி மாற நாயனார்' tomorrow

Panampattu Ravichandran Ganapathidasan will give a discourse on '*இளையான்குடி மாற நாயனார்*' from 6.45 p.m to 8.15 p.m on Monday, Aug. 21 in Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam).

All are welcome

More details can be had in 92836 00628.

'Sama Veda Upakarma' on Aug. 25

Under the auspices of Bhuvaneswari Vedic Center, 'Sama Veda Upakarma' will be conducted from 7.30 a.m on Friday, Aug. 25 in 19/A, Subha Colony, Dr. Munusamy Salai, K. K. Nagar. More details can be had from Vedic Ravi in 99403 81969 or 91766 51942.

Vinayaga Chathurthi programs in neighbourhood temples

By Our Staff Reporter

Special poojas, alangaarams, abhishekams and Annadhanam will be conducted for Vinayaka Chathurthi in neighbourhood Vinayaga temples.

There will also be vocal concerts, devotional programs and discourses.

The following are details:

Vallabha Maha Ganapthi Temple (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

Aug. 24: 4.30 p.m: Moola Mandiram, Veda paarayanam; 7.30 p.m: Thirumurai paarayanam and prasadam distribution.

Aug. 25: 4.30 a.m: Special homam; 6 a.m: Maha poornahuthi; 6.30 a.m: Special abhishekam, alangaaram and deeparaathanai; 8 p.m: procession.

Arulmigu Sri Selva Vina-yagar Temple(52, Burkit Road, T. Nagar)

Aug. 25: 6 a.m: Ganapathi homam; 7 a.m: Abhishekam, sahasranaamam archanai; 12 noon: Annadhanam; 6 p.m: Santhana kaapu alangaaram and maha deeparaathanai.

Sri Marthaadi Vinayagar Temple (Dr. Thomas Road and South Boag Road junction, T. Nagar).

Aug. 25: 6 a.m: Abhishekam and alangaaram; 1 p.m: Annadaanam

Sri Siddhi Vinayagar Temple, Hindi Prachara Sabha, Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar

Aug. 24: 5.30 a.m: Ganapathi homam and Navagraha Shanthi homam; 7 a.m: Abhishekam; 5.30 p.m: Silver kavacham alangaaram.

Aug. 25: 5.30 a.m: Ganapathi homam and Rudra homam; 7.30 a.m: Abhishekam; 8.45 a.m: Deeparaathanai; 6 p.m: Vibuthi alangaaram.

Aug. 26: 10.30 a.m: Milk pot procession and abhishekam; 5.30 p.m: Sanathana kaapu alangaaram.

Sri Arulsakthi Vinayagar Temple, Devar Salai, Nandanam

Aug. 25: 5.30 a.m: Ganapathi homam; 7 a.m: Maha abhishekam; 10 a.m: Procession; 1 p.m: Annadhanam.

Sri Sarvapriya Mahaganapathi Seva Samidhi (Moorthy Street Extn., West Mambalam)

Aug. 21 to 24: 4 p.m: Lakshaarchanai; 5.30 p.m: Veda paarayanam.

Aug. 22: 7 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by Visallur Radhakrishan Bhagavathar.

Aug. 23: 7 p.m: Musical discourse by Muthurkrishna Bhagavathar.

Aug. 24: 7 p.m: Devaram and Thirupugazh recitation by Visallur Mani.

Aug. 25: 6 a.m: Ganapathi homam; 6.30 p.m: Procession; 7 p.m: Discourse by Ravichandran Ganapathidasan.

Aug. 26: 12 noon: Annadhanam.

Sri Arulasi Vinayagar Vazhipaatu Maiyam (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar)

Aug. 25: 7 a.m: Special abhishekham; 7.30 a.m; Maha deeparathanai; 5.30 p.m: Thanga kavacham alangaaram; 6 p.m: Kailaas vaathiyam; 6.30 p.m: Procession.

Varasakthi Vinayagar Temple, Lake View Road, Nesapakkam

Aug. 25: 9 a.m: Ganapathi homam; 5 p.m: Santhana kaapu alangaram; 6 p.m: Procession.

Siddhi Vinayagar Temple, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar

Aug. 25: 5 a.m: Ganapathi homam; 7 a.m: Maha abhishekham; 8 a.m: Deeparathanai; 9 a.m: Prasadam distribution; 5 p.m: Annadhanam; 6 p.m: Special alangaaram; 6.30 p.m: Procession.

Lakshmi Ganapathi Temple, Vasudevan Nagar, Ashok Nagar

Aug. 25: 4.30 a.m: Maha Ganapathi homam; 7.30 a.m: Maha abhishekham; 12.30 p.m: Annandhanam; 4.30 p.m: Procession.

All are welcome.

Book on harmful effects of salt

By Our Staff Reporter

Asithar (Founder, Marabu Arakattalai and resident of Mettupalayam Road, West Mambalam) has written '**உப்பு கொலைகாரன்**', a book in Tamil on the harmful effects of consuming salt.

The 40-page book, with 46 topics, is priced at Rs. 50.

Anyone interested in buying a copy may contact Asithar in 81242 64844.

Krishna Sweets organizes dental check-up for differently-abled children

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Krishna Sweets (53, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has tied up with Baskar Dental Foundation, T. Nagar to conduct free dental check-ups through the year.

Under the initiative, last week it conducted free check-up in Mithra, a rehabilitation center for physically and mentally challenged children in Anna Nagar.

90 students including the staff of Mithra benefited from the program.

The doctors also distributed dental awareness brochures educating the inmates about common dental ailments, tooth decay, gum diseases and measures to prevent them.

All the participants were given a patient card, a report summary and the recommended treatment plan.

Cauvery Maha Pushkaram from Sept. 12 to 24

By Our Staff Reporter

Mahalakshmi Subramanian (a resident of T. Nagar) is the co-ordinator of Cauvery Pushkar Committee which has organized Maha Pushkaram from Sept. 12 to 24 on the ghats of the river Cauvery in Mayiladuthurai.

She told *Mambalam Times* that this year, Guru (Jupiter) shifts from Kanya to Thula, which is the rasi of Cauvery, and will be celebrated on a grand scale across the State, where the river flows. She said that the ghats at Mayiladuthurai are considered the most auspicious. "Since the phenomenon is happening after 144 years, it is called Maha Pushkar. Bathing in the river during the Pushkaram is considered holy", she said.

The heads of all the maths of Tamilnadu including Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam will be present during the 12-day festival. Several rituals and pujas will be conducted on the banks and in the temples around Mayiladuthurai.

The expected expenditure for conducting the Pushkaram is around Rs. 6 lakhs a day.

Devotees interested in participating and/or making donations may contact Mahalakshmi in 2815 2533 or 98400 53289.

Vinayaga idols sold on pavements

By Our Staff Reporter

Vinayaga idols are being sold on the pavements in the neighbourhood for Vinayaga Chathurthi on Aug. 25.

P. Anand, who has set up his shop on the pavement of Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam told *Mambalam Times* that he had bought the big idols from Kolakatta and the small ones from nearby districts. He said that this year the new attraction is Bahubali Vinayaga.

He sells idols made of papiermâché and clay. Prices variy from Rs. 50 to Rs. 5,000 depending on the size and design. His contact numbers are 98403 70140 and 98408 53227.

375 students dressed as Krishna take out procession

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Krishna Samaj (K. K. Nagar) celebrated Krishna Jayanthi in a grand manner by conducting a procession by 375 students dressed as Lord Krishna with 250 folk artistes along neighbourhood streets on Aug. 13.

K. Sethuraman (General Secretary, Sri Krishna Samaj) told *Mambalam Times* that the students were from several neighbourhood schools.

Chathurthi Mahotsavam in Ayodhya Mandapam

By Our Staff Reporter

Kshipraprasada Ganapathi Trust (G4, Sri Vidya Apartments, 14, Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam) has organ-ized 22nd Vinayaga Chathurthi Mahotsavam from Aug. 20 to 26 in Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

There will be upanyasam by Sholingapuram D. Kannamani Dikshithar at 7 p.m from Aug. 20 to 24.

The following is the program:

Aug. 20: 2.30 p.m: Devi Mahathimaiam paarayanam; 4 p.m: Veena concert by students.

Aug. 21: 6 p.m: Devotional songs by the disciples of Lalitha Bharathi.

Aug. 22: 6 p.m: Bhajans by Jai group students.

Aug. 23: 6 p.m: Bhajans by Sri Raghathvidayalaya students.

Aug. 24: 6 p.m: Devotional songs by Sri Radhe Sham group; 7 p.m: Vocal concert by Mumabi Shilpa.

Aug. 25: 6 a.m to 6 p.m: Abhishta Vardha Mandira Akanda Maha Ganapathi homam; 6.30 p.m: Maha poornahuthi; 7 p.m: Annadhanam.

Aug 26: 8 a.m: Sathachandi homam; 12 noon: Maha Poornahuthi; 12.30 p.m: Annadhanam; 6.30 p.m; Bharthanatyam dance performance by Sri Sai Nrithyalaya students and disciples of H. N. Nandhini Suresh. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98411 67443.

Vasantha Memorial Trust celebrates 9th anniversary today

By Our Staff Reporter

Vasantha Memorial Trust, which runs Vasantha Memorial Cancer Centre, Ashok Nagar, has treated more than 7000 patients in the last 9 years.

The Trust is celebrating its 9th anniversary at 6 p.m, on Sunday, Aug. 20 in Sivagami Pethachi Auditorium, MCTM School Campus, Mylapore.

V. Krishnamoorthy (Founder, Sri Matha Trust), B. Rangarajan and Anthony Sahayaraj (Shanthi Seva Dindugul), who have been associated with the Trust for several years and have contributed to its growth, will be felicitated during the function.

It will be followed by a Tamil comedy drama 'Rendum Onnum Nalu' written and directed by Ambareesh Raghavendra of Madras Naadaga Company. All are welcome.

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Corporation begins drive against dengue

The Chennai Corporation has intensified the drive to control mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue by hiring casual labourers. According to a health official, owing to shortage of workers in the Public Health Department, the civic body has been unable to carry out mosquito controlling operations for the past few months.

According to officials, 165 labourers will carry out vector control operations in the neighbourhood in the coming months.

They said that each worker has been assigned to cover 80 houses every day, screening overhead tanks, wells and other mosquito breeding spots and also undertake fogging operations. The Corporation has also started a special drive to clear waste from vacant plots which are major areas for mosquito breeding. It has sought the help of residents to report such mosquito breeding spots in their neighbourhood on Corporation helpline 1913.

Hundreds visit Lord Krishna exhibition

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of persons visited the exhibition on Lord Krishna in Tarachand Galada Jain School, T. Nagar on Aug. 18.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EB cables pose danger

Sir, Some houses in 47th Street, Ashok Nagar are getting power via EB posts though the cables are running underground from the base of the posts to the individual houses.

Three months back one of the posts fell down and TNEB workers gave temporary connection by running wires overground from the main cable to the affected houses. The temporary method of supplying power is continuing till date. Two months back EB workers left behind a new junction box in the spot which is yet to be installed and commissioned. The storm water drains in the spot do not have inlets which often results in inundation during heavy rains. With rains expected, there is a risk of fire due to short circuit and also a high risk of electrocution for unwary passersby, especially school children. Will the TNEB officials take immediate steps to install and route all the exposed cables through the junction box? Similarly, Chennai Corporation must desilt, clean and provide inlets for the storm water drains in the junction of 46th and 47th Streets to minimise the risk of flooding of a number of old houses which are at a low level due to increase in the road level after it was laid with concrete. *J. Shankarraman, Advocate, 30/36, 47th Street, Ashok Nagar, 94440 48925*

NIA cannot refuse reply to RTI query on Chennai Silks

Sir, The refusal to provide the information sought by the RTI applicant in respect of the fire insurance policy of Chennai Silks by the New Indian Assurance Co Ltd. is perplexing. After CMDA, now NIA has followed suit in not to divulging information to RTI applicants. NIA's reply that providing information would impinge upon the privacy of the firm is not a valid argument. Is NIA concealing more than revealing? As the national insurance companies owned by the Central Government are run on public money, NIA cannot abdicate its responsibility. How can an insurer agree to provide fire cover to a building without checking the basic data as to whether it has obtained the 'no objection' certificate from the Directorate of Fire and Rescue Services? *K. Harihar, T. Nagar*

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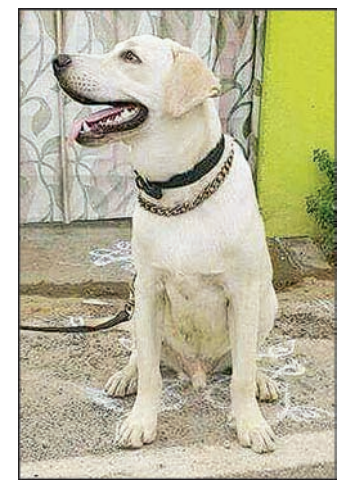

By Our Staff Reporter

Uma Anandh (Social worker and resident of North Boag Road, T. Nagar) has appealed for adoption of a 9-month-old male Labrador.

According to her, the dog is well trained and responds to the name 'Bittu'.

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

Pulicat heritage tour on Aug. 26

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of Madras Day celebrations, AARDE Foundation has organized 'Trace the origin of Madras' heritage tour to Pulicat on Saturday, Aug. 26.

The trip, costing Rs. 975 for a person, will include a visit to Pulicat Museum in Pazhaverkadu, guided walk around Pulicat, visit to lighthouse and lagoon walk.

The amount includes transportation by air-conditioned bus, lunch and snacks.

The bus will leave for Pulicat at 7 a.m from Loyola ICAM (Loyola College Campus, Nungambakkam) and return at around 5.30 p.m.

For registration, call 98846 33409 or send email to info@aarde.in/

Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

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All are welcome.

Sai bhajans on Fridays

By Our Staff Reporter

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ASHOK NAGAR, No. 7/15, 6th Avenue, opposite GRT School, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 750 sq.ft, 3rd floor, no lift, 2 toilets, open car park, rent Rs. 15000. Ph: 94449 01726.

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Concerts for Chathurthi in Srinivasa Street from today

By Our Staff Reporter

Vallaba Maha Ganapathy Temple Trust (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam) has organized concerts and spiritual programs from Aug. 20 to 26 near its temple on Srinivasa Street, West Mambalam to celebrate Vinayaga Chathurthi.

The following is the program:

Aug. 20: 3 p.m: Sastha Thirukalyanam by Sri Ayyappa Bhajana Sangam.

Aug. 21: 6 p.m: Bharatanatyam by Bhuvaneswari Vaidyanathan; 7 p.m: Keyboard concert by V. G. Vigneshwar; 8 p.m: Vocal concert by Suchitra Balasubramaniam accompanied by C. N. Srinivasamoorthy (violin), M. S. Venkat Subramaniam (mrid-angam) and Sivaramakrishnan (ghatam).

Aug. 22: 5.30 p.m: Keyboard concert by Varun Raman accompanied by C. N. Srinivasamoorthy (violin), Sri Vanchiyam Sriram (mridangam); 7 p.m: Bharatanatyam by the students of Thiruthialaya; 8 p.m: Vocal concert by Vijayalakshmi and R. Chitra (Mambalam Sisters) accompanied by Dr. R. Hemalatha (violin), B. Ganapathiram (mridangam) and K. S. Rangachari (ghatam).

Aug. 23: 6 p.m: Vocal concert by Swetha Srinivasan accompanied by Swetha Ananathasivan (violin) and Sai Raghavan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Vocal concert by R. Sai Vignesh accompanied by Swetha Ananthasivan (violin) and Ashwin Ramasamy (mridangam); 8 p.m: Discourse by Desa. Mangaiayarkarsi.

Aug. 24: 5 p.m: Devotional concert by Ramkumar accompanied by Karthikeyan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Vocal concert by Dhanush Anantharaman accompanied by Nandhinee (violin) and Sri Poolanur R. Viswanathan (mridangam); 8 p.m: Devotional songs by Sai Raja.

Aug. 25: 6 p.m: Bharatanatyam by Sikill Vasathakumari and her disciples; 7 p.m: Jandai melam by Alandur Sri Nishanthi; 8 p.m: Procession.

Aug. 26: 11 a.m: Annadhanam; 7.30 p.m: Light music concert by Sai Ganesh and Hari Sharmili.

All are welcome.

Athletics meet for differently-abled students today

By Our Staff Reporter

Arvind Foundation (a charitable organization for children and adults with special needs in 27th Street, 6th Sector, K. K. Nagar) has organized 'Aadukalam – 17', its 4th annual intra-center athletics meet from 9 a.m to 12.30 p.m, on Sunday, Aug. 20 in Police Parade Grounds (Police Training College, Ashok Nagar).

145 differently-abled students will compete in 25 field, 25 track, 2 indoor and 10 hand activity events.

The organizers told *Mambalam Times* that the selected students were given special training for a month.

They have appealed to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to attend the event and encourage the students.

For more details, call 9841034234 / 7299911022.

Pathayatra to Tirumla temple in October

By Our Staff Reporter

Tirumala Tirupathi Pathyathirai Trust (Aparana Apartments, 4/13, Balakrishna Mudali Street, West Mambalam) has organized a pathayatra to Tirumala Venkateswara Temple (Tirupathi) from West Mambalam on Oct. 6.

Devotees interested in participating can register their names for the religious induction which starts on Sunday, Aug. 27 in Goshala, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam.

S. L. Sriram (Organizer) told *Mambalam Times* that there is no fee and those interested may register their names in 99400 96168, 94441 45674 or 98412 41811.

He said that since participation is limited and the Trust needs to make arrangements, interested persons should register well in advance. He said that the yatris are expected to reach Tirumala by Oct. 10. Food and shelter along the way will be provided free for all the yatris, he added.

Donors who wish to contribute for the pathayatra may contact the Trust members.

Free class on 'Basics of Robotics' today

S. Krishnaraj (Mechanical Engineer) will conduct a free class on the 'Basics of Robotics' for school students from 10 a.m to 12.30 p.m, on Sunday, Aug. 20 in Circle Library (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar). For more details, call 2371 9319 or 98418 82138.

Blood donation program today morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony 4th Street, West Mambalam) has organized a blood donation program from 8.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 20 in its premises.

Doctors from VHS Blood Bank will collect the blood units. More details can be had in 2489 1713.

Tanker Foundation sponsors country-wide campaign on organ donation

Tamilnadu Kidney Research Foundation (Tanker Foundation, Flat 4D, 4th Floor, Ellora Apartments, 20, Thirumurthy Street, T. Nagar) is among several institutions supporting the cause of Lourd Vijay (a renowned dancer) who has embarked on a crosscountry drive to spread awareness about organ donation.

Vijay was diagnosed with kidney failure in Nov. 2013. He was on dialysis for 2 1/2 years and was lucky to get a kidney transplant through a deceased donor.

Vijay drives a Gypsy and will cover 13 cities, 17 towns and 18 villages in his campaign on organ donation. "I want to create awareness and sensitize families and help enrol more ambassadors for deceased organ donation," he said.

DaVita (a dialysis provider) and Mohan Foundation are among others supporting his campaign.

Free computer course for disabled persons from Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

The Stenographers Guild is offering a free computer course for persons with disabilities in the age group of 18 to 35 years from Monday, Aug. 21 in its premises in 1, Guild Street, T. Nagar, behind Siva Vishnu Temple.

The minimum qualification is 10th passed.

The Guild has appealed to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to refer deserving persons with disability to join the free course.

For more details, call S. R. Sivasubramanian (Hon. President) in 2434 2421 or 2433 7387.

Excels in National-level essay writing contest

By Our Staff Reporter

Shruti Jeyaraman, a Std. 10 student in PSBB School, K. K. Nagar, was among 15 students at the National-level to win the essay writing competition on National heritage conducted by Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). She was one of three students in the top 15. The contest was conducted across the country in which 12000 students competed.

The title of her essay was 'Symphony of the South' in which she wrote about the preservation of the Carnatic music heritage through music sabhas, patrons and music lovers. In the essay, she also described the Margazhi Music and Dance Festival and how it forms an integral part of the cultural heritage.

Shruti Jeyaraman and the other 14 winners were felicitated during an award ceremony in New Delhi recently.

They were also taken on a tour of prominent heritage sites and monuments in and around Delhi.

NCC cadets conduct awareness rally on food wastage

By Our Staff Reporter

The NCC cadets of Jawahar Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar conducted an awareness rally on food wastage in and around Ashok Nagar.

The rally was lead by Chief Officer M. Vaithiyanathan. The cadets carried placards stressing the importance of saving food and resources, and messages stressing the need to share excess food with the needy instead of throwing it in bins.

Annett's Club donates rice to Karuna Sagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani Annett's Club (2nd Street, 1st Sector, K. K. Nagar) donated rice bags to Karuna Sagar (Home for terminally ill patients) on Independence Day.

The Club members interacted with the inmates.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Managing Trustee) told *Mambalam Times* that Karuna Sagar is now providing palliative care for 52 terminally ill patients.

Wellwishers are welcome to spend their important days in the Home with the inmates and sponsor a meal or donate other needs like medicines and essentials. Her contact number is 93810 16558. For more details, visit the website www.rmdpainpallaitive.com

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Resident rescues injured stray dog

By Our Staff Reporter

A stray dog which was hit by an unidentified motorist on P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar at around 10.30 a.m on Aug. 17, was rescued by a Good Samaritan a couple of hours later.

As soon as Amusa (a resident of Sivalinga-puram, K. K. Nagar) learnt that a stray dog was lying injured on the road margin and howling with pain, she rushed to the spot to rescue it.

She found that it was not able to stand on its hind legs. She imme-diately took it to Nandanam Veterinary Hospital in an autori-ckshaw. Since its treatment might take a couple of months, she has decided to keep the dog in her home till it recovers and is able to manage on its own. Dog lovers interested in helping Amusa may contact her in 90030 14106.

Free Veda classes thrice a week

Kurichi Lakshminarasimhachariar (resident of 8, 2nd Main Road, CIT Nagar East, Nandanam) conducts free Veda and Suktham classes from 9 a.m to 10 a.m on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. More details can be had in phone 98406 40705.

Free month-long yoga course from Monday

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 Monday, Aug. 21 in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School (30, Vasudevapuram, near Doraiswamy Road subway).

The classes are conducted according to the curriculum of the Bihar School of Yoga.

Asanas, praanayama pratyahara (sense withdrawal techniques), dharana (concentration), meditation, mantra, value education, food habits and shat kriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) will be taught.

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

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.

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