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## தமாஷா வரிகள்

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அப்தியா!

(பாகம் 2)

(முன் கதை: புது மனைவியுடன் ரயிலில் போகும்போது தண்ணீர் பிடிக்க இறங்கிய தம்பையா, ரயில் கிளம்பிவிட்ட, திகைத்து வெள்ளிக் கூலாவை பிளாட்பாரத்தில் விட்டுவிட்டு ரயிலைப் பிடித்து விடுகிறார். கூலா எங்கே என்கிற மனைவியின் கேள்விக்கு பதில் சொல்ல முடியாமல் விழிக்கிறார்.)

'வலது இடது கைகளின் விரல்களை மூன்று முறை விரித்துப் பார்த்தேன். கூலா இல்லை. எப்படி இருக்கும்? 'ஸ்திரீகள் மட்டும்' என்று எழுதியிருந்த பிளாட்பார பெஞ்சில் அதை நிற்கதியாக விட்டு வந்துவிட்டேனே?'

'லட்சுமி! என்னை அப்படிப் பார்க்காதே. இந்த மாதிரி நான் எதையும் இதுவரை விட்டு வந்ததில்லை தெரியுமா?' என்றேன் அழாதகுறையாக.

லட்சுமி 'அப்தியா?' என்றாள் ஸ்பெஷல் இழுப்புடன்.

என் மாமனார் ராமசுப்பு சண்டைக் கோழியாகவும் சமாதானப் புறவாகவும் நொடியில் மாறிவிடுவார். அவருடைய பாலிவி எதையும் நாளைக்கு என்று ஒத்திப் போடக்கூடாது. ஆகவே நாங்கள் தூத்துக்குடிக்குக் கூலா இல்லாமல் போன மறுகணமே அவருடைய தம்பியையும் கூட்டாளியாக வைத்துக் கொண்டு புலன் விசாரணையை முடுக்கிவிட்டார். கூலாவை மறந்த என்னை ஏளனத்துடன் நொடிக்கு ஒருமுறை 'இவர் இப்படித் தான்னு லட்சுமி வாய் கூலாமல், அதாவது கூசாமல் விமர்சனம் பண்ணிண்டு இருந்தாள். அவ இருக்காளே...

அவருடைய தீவிர விசாரணையின்படி, சம்பவம் நடந்த அன்று 'ஸ்திரீகள் மட்டும்' என்று எழுதியிருந்த பெஞ்சில் அனாதையாக இருந்த குடும்ப வெள்ளி கூலாவை அபகரித்துப் போனது விருது நகர் புண்ணாக்கு வியாபாரி கோவிந்தனாம். மீசையின் வலது ஓரத்தின் மிக அருகில் ஒரு மச்சம், பின்னர் தேவைப்பட்டால் அடையாளம் கண்டு கொள்ளத் தோதாக இருந்தது. ஆள் யானைபோல பாரியாக இருந்தாலும் குரல் பூனையுடையதாக இருந்தது. இறைவனின் திரு உள்ளமாக இருந்திருக்க வேண்டும். ஆள் பண வசதியுடன் இருந்தாலும் மற்றவர்களின் உடைமை களைத் தேட்டை போடுவதில் அவருக்கு ஒரு கிக் இருந்தது. ஆங்கிலத்தில் கிளெப்டோமேனியாக்னு அதை சொல்றது என்று விஷய தானம் செய்தார்.

சமரசப் பேச்சு வார்த்தையின் உச்சத்தில் கித்தான் பையிலிருந்து கூலாவை கோவிந்தன் எடுத்துக் கொடுத்தார். அந்தக் கூலா வேறு என்று என் மாமனார் அடித்துச் சொல்ல, வார்த்தைகள் தடித்துப் போக கோர்ட்டில் பார்த்துக் கொள்ளலாம் என்று முடிவானது.

கேஸ் மெள்ள நகர்ந்து விசாரணைக்கு வந்தது. மாஜி ஸ்ட்ரீட் சிவஞானம் அவர்கள் வாதியையும், பிரதிவாதி வாதியையும் அவருடைய சேம்பருக்கு அழைத்து விசாரணை செய்தார். சுவற்றில் மாட்டியிருந்த தமிழ் அறிஞர்களின் படங்களும், மேஜையில் அடையாளச் சீட்டுகள் துருத்திக் கொண்டிருந்த சிலப்பதிகாரப் புத்தகமும், கனம் கோர்ட்டார் அவர்கள் இலக்கியத்தின்பால் கொண்ட காதலை வெளிப்படுத்திக் கொண்டிருந்தன. பிரதிவாதி கோவிந்தன் கொண்டு வந்த கூலா தக்கையாக 'பூ'ன்னு ஊதினால் பஞ்சாகப் பறந்துற மாதிரி இருந்தது. என் மாமனார் வீட்டு கூலா என்ன கனம்! என்ன காத்திரம்! என்ன அமைப்பு! என்ன வேலைப்பாடு! மயிலுக்கு முன்னாலே வான்கோழியா?

நீதிபதி சிவஞானம் அவர்கள், 'கல்யாண சீர் பாத்திரங்களின் மேல், குறிப்பாக வெள்ளிப் பாத்திரங்களில், கல்யாணப் பெண்ணின் பெயரை செதுக்கி விடறது வழக்கம். அதனாலே உங்க வீட்டுக் கூலாவின் மேலேயிருந்த பெயரை இந்த சீட்டில் எழுதித் தாங்க பார்க்கலாம்' என்றார். எழுதப்பட்டுக் கைக்கு வந்த சீட்டுகளைப் பார்வையிட்டு, தலையை இரண்டு முறைகள் ஆட்டிவிட்டு, தீர்ப்பை வழங்கினார்.

'நெஞ்சை அள்ளும் சிலப்பதிகாரத்தின் மேல் தீராத காதல் கொண்ட எனக்கு இப்போது விசாரணையில் இருக்கும் இந்த வழக்கு சீறந்ததுடன் பிராது கொடுத்த கண்ணகியின் வழக்குடன் ஓரளவு பொருந்துகிற மாயையை ஏற்படுத்தி உள்ளது. காப்பியத்தில் இடம்பெற்றது சிலம்பு. சிலம்பினுள் இருந்த பரல்கள் மாறுபட்டது. ஆனால் கூலாவின் இரண்டு உரிமையாளர்கள் கனம் 'லட்சுமி' என்ற ஒரே பெயரைக் கொண்டவர்களாக இருக்கிறார்கள். இருப்பினும் பிரதிவாதி கோவிந்தனின் சீட்டில் அந்தப் பெயரை லெச்சுமி என்று எழுதி இருக்க, வாதி ராமசுப்பு இலக்குமி என்று இலக்கண சுத்தமாக எழுதி இருக்கிறார்.

'பிரதிவாதி கோவிந்தன் ஒப்படைத்த கூலாவில் லெச்சுமி என்று இருப்பதை இந்தக் கோர்ட்டு அங்கீகரித்தாலும், அவர் பிளாட்பாரத்தில் 'ஸ்திரீகள் மட்டும்' என்கிற பெஞ்சிலிருந்து கவர்ந்த கூலா வேறு. விருதுநகர் காவல் துறை அதிகாரி முத்துப்பாண்டி, மின்னலாக வேலை செய்து, களவாடிய பொருட்களை வாங்கி விற்கும் பன்னாலால் சேட்டிடமிருந்து பறிமுதல் செய்த கூலா தான் பிரதிவாதி கோவிந்தன் அடகு வைத்திருந்த வாதியின் கூலா என்று புலனாகிறது.

பொய் சொன்ன கோவிந்தனுக்கு சட்டப்படி தண்டனை விதிக்க வேண்டியவரும் என்றாலும், கருணை உள்ளம் கொண்ட வாதி ராமசுப்புவின் வேண்டுகோளுக்கு இணங்க, அதை விடுத்து, புண்ணாக்கு மொத்த வியாபாரி கோவிந்தனுக்கு என்னுடைய நல் ஆசான் சேந்தமங்கலம் ஞானப்பிரகாச நாவலர் எளிய உரையுடன் (மற்றும் பிளாட்டிக் உரையுடன்) பதிப்பித்து இருக்கும் சிலப்பதிகார நூலின் நூற்று எட்டுப் பிரதிகளை வாங்கிப் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கு விநியோகிக்குமாறு தீர்ப்பை வழங்குகிறேன்.'

தம்பையா எழுந்து கொண்டார். 'ஸார், கூலா கதையைப் பொறுமையுடன் கேட்டீங்க. அதிலே வேடிக்கை என்னன்னா, என் மனைவி லட்சுமியும் மீட்கப்பட்ட கூலாவை ஒரு கொழுக்கு மொழுக்குக் குழந்தைபோல அணைச்சுண்டு கோர்ட்டில் நடந்ததைக் கேட்டாள். 'லட்சுமி, உன் அப்பாதான் மனுஷன். அவரை என் மாமனார்னு சொல்லிக்கிறதிலே ரொம்பப் பெருமைப்படறேன்னு சொன்னேன். அதுக்கு லட்சுமி என்ன சொன்னா தெரியுமோ?'

'அப்தியா? தானே? என்றேன்.

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## T. NAGAR BAZAAR

This column is intended to help small businesses in & around T.Nagar and West Mambalam to have a cost-effective advertisement medium. Advertisement in this section will be in standard panel sizes of 4 cm. x 1 column (costing only Rs. 600) and 4 cm. x 2 column (costing Rs. 1200)

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### Man caught after duping and robbing woman in ATM

By Our Staff Reporter

A man was caught by passersby after he tried to escape with the cash he had grabbed from an elderly woman in an ATM kiosk in MGR Nagar on Oct. 29.

The woman, Dilshath Begum, raised the alarm which alerted passersby who chased and caught the thief and handed him over to the MGR Nagar police.

The accused was identified as Vijayan (35). During interrogation, Vijayan told the police that he noticed Begum was struggling to withdraw cash from the ATM and offered to help her.

"Since he appeared to be meaning well, Begum handed over her debit card, divulged her PIN and asked him to withdraw Rs. 10,000," a police officer said.

As soon as he collected the money from the ATM, he pushed Begum aside and rushed out to escape.

Passersby heard Begum cry for help, chased Vijayan and caught him. They retrieved the cash and handed it over to Begum. Vijayan has been remanded to judicial custody.

### Protruding bolts in Duraisamy Subway pose danger



By Our Staff Reporter

Four protruding iron bolts are posing a danger to motorists and pedestrians in Duraisamy Subway, T. Nagar.

The bolts are embedded in the concrete foundation on which an iron post for holding an overhead barricade was fixed.

The post and the barricade were removed a couple of months back after the barricade was damaged by a heavy vehicle but the concrete foundation with the bolts was not removed.

### Damaged parapet wall reconstructed on G. N. Chetty Road



By Our Staff Reporter

The damaged parapet wall of the bridge on G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar under which a canal passes was demolished and reconstructed recently.

### Part of tree trunk not visible when dark

By Our Staff Reporter

A small portion of the trunk of a tree outside Jawahar Vidyalaya, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar near 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue is not visible in darkness.



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## Emergency services put on alert

By Our Staff Reporter

Various government agencies, including the police and fire personnel, have been put on alert to tackle any emergency that may arise during the northeast monsoon.

The State control room number 1077 will function 24x7 and residents can call it to make any rain-related complaint.

Residents can complain of water stagnation and tree fall to the Chennai Corporation's helpline 1913, 2536 7823, 2538 4965, 2538 3694 and 2561 9206.

Residents of housing areas that have come up very close to water bodies have been instructed to be prepared for evacuation in case the water body overflows or gets filled to the brim.

## Editor's mother passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

Neela Sundaram, wife of late R. Sundaram Iyer (Tahsildar, Ramanathapuram district) and mother of K. S. Ramakrishnan (retired IAS officer and Editor of *Mambalam Times*) passed away on Oct. 20 at Flat 4A, Al 55, Shanthi Colony, Anna Nagar.

She was 97, and had been a resident of Anna Nagar for over 25 years.

Her eyes were donated to Rajan Eye Bank.

She is survived by, apart from son Ramakrishnan, daughter Janaki Mahadevan, sons S. Balasubramanian (Retired Chairman, Company Law Board, New Delhi), S. Muralidharan (Retired General Manager, TVS & Sons, Madurai), Dr. S. Janakiraman (Professor, National University of Singapore) and Dr. Kishore Swaminathan (Chief Scientist, Accenture, Chicago), daughters-in-law

Santha Ramakrishnan, Padma Balasubramanian, Santha Muralidharan, Bhooma Janakiraman and Charu Swaminathan, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

G. Kannan (General Manager, Anna Nagar Times) is her grandson.

Phone numbers are 99406 61937 (KSR) and 98409 70091 (Kannan).



## Heavy rains cripple normal life, schools remain closed

By Our Staff Reporter

Heavy rain lashed the city for several hours from 5 p.m.

on Nov. 2 and 3 throwing normal life out of gear.

It caused flooding in several roads in the neighbourhood including the arterial G. N. Chetty Road, Usman Road and Bazullah Road in T. Nagar. Subways were closed due to risk of flooding and motorists found it difficult to drive in the heavy traffic due to poor illumination.

The State Govt. declared holidays for schools on both the days due to prediction of heavy rains.

There was a heavy crowd in Mambalam Station as all the trains were running late.

With a mostly sunny day on Nov. 3, many residents ventured out on their evening errands but were either forced to rush back or seek shelter as it started to rain heavily from 5

p.m. Nanda (a resident of Avvai Street) told *Mambalam Times* that he started for his evening tuition, but had to rush back as it started to pour suddenly.

There was a heavy demand for candles as many expected power failure and shutdown due to the rains.

"The memory of the flooding of 2015 is still fresh and I decided to stock essentials," said Vasantha (a resident of Lake View Road).

Many residents reported clogging and overflowing of sewer lines and sewage mixing with rainwater.

A Corporation official told *Mambalam Times* that they are making special efforts to clear garbage, clear blockages in drains and also act immediately to distress calls.

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## Somasundaram Corporation Playground flooded



By Our Staff Reporter

Somasundaram Corporation Playground, T. Nagar flooded with rain water.

## Trench filled with debris hinders motorists



By Our Staff Reporter

A trench filled with debris near the flyover on G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar is a hindrance to motorists.

## Cop falls to death while talking on mobile

Jawahar (27), an armed reserve constable in Avadi battalion posted in Police Training College, Ashok Nagar, fell to his death from the third floor of the college while talking on his mobile phone on Nov. 1. He hailed from Tiruvannamalai.

A colleague said that he saw Jawahar walking out of the lunch hall on the third floor of the building after receiving a phone call. Jawahar was walking down a staircase when he slipped and fell over the handrail to the floor below.

Policemen on guard duty who came rushing after hearing the loud thud found Jawahar lying on the ground bleeding profusely with deep injuries in his head.

He was taken to a nearby private hospital and later rushed to Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

K. K. Nagar police registered a case of accidental death and are investigating.

"We suspect that he was leaning over the railing while speaking on the phone and lost his balance. The floor was slippery and, moreover, he was wearing rubber sandals which could have led to the fall," said an investigating officer.

There have been several instances of people falling off the terrace as well as getting run over by suburban trains while using mobile phones. Railway authorities often have to grapple with people crossing the tracks while speaking on the phone or listening to music using handsfree ear plugs. "This is the main reason for runover deaths on the suburban line. We have conducted campaigns and sensitisation programs to prevent the practice," said a railway official.

## Jewels, cash stolen from milk dealer's house

Burglars stole 15 sovereigns of jewellery worth more than Rs. 3 lakhs and Rs. 5 lakhs in cash from the house of a milk dealer in T. Nagar on Nov. 1.

Police said that Senthil Kumar (38) had gone to meet another dealer when the incident took place. Senthil went out at 2.30 p.m after locking the door.

When he returned at 11.30 p.m, he found the door open and a safe broken open. "We have collected security camera footage from the scene," a police officer said.

## Thuvakkam members repaint noon meal center

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Thuvakkam (an NGO) cleaned and repainted the noon meal center in Kannigapuram 1<sup>st</sup> Street, K. K. Nagar as part of their project last week.

S. Ganesh (Member) said that they have done repainting in a number of schools to prevent disfigurement and maintain cleanliness.

He said that most of the members are professionals who do the repainting work after office hours. Ganesh said that they are ready to do this for needy schools and other institutions. He can be contacted in 99406 63236



## Cable drum placed over open drain



By Our Staff Reporter

A cable drum has been placed over the open drain in Vinayagam Street, West Mambalam opposite Mahalakshmi Apartments.

## International parcel service launched in T. Nagar Post Office

By Our Staff Reporter

The postal department recently opened an exclusive counter for receiving international parcels and mails in T. Nagar Head Post Office.

With this facility, articles can be sent to over 100 countries at a nominal tariff, officials said.

According to M. Sampath (Chief Postmaster General, Tamilnadu Circle), the public can use the international parcel packaging center to pack their parcels and to mail any article, since the tariff is very nominal.

He said that since the launch, the foreign parcel service dept. has generated a revenue of Rs. 6 lakhs.

He said that similar centers will soon be opened in Adyar and Thiruvannamalai.

The tariff for the service varies between Rs. 310 and Rs. 330 for the first 100 gm. and Rs. 25 to Rs. 45 for additional 100 gm. or part depending on the Asia-Pacific country to which the packet is being sent to.

## Condition of roads outside police station bad



By Our Staff Reporter

The recent showers have turned Madley Road and Guild Street in T. Nagar (outside Mambalam Police Station) slushy making movement for road users difficult.

## Headmistress gets 'Best Teacher' award

By Our Staff Reporter

A. Shanthi (Headmistress, Sri Sitaram Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, West Mambalam) was presented the 'Best Teacher' award by Redington India Ltd.

Redington, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, has adopted Sitaram Vidyalaya for attaining excellence in the board exams.

It also presented educational scholarship to 17 meritorious students studying in Stds. 10 and 12.

## Traffic jams on arterial roads as rain lashes city

The city has witnessed heavy to very heavy rainfall since Oct. 30.

Traffic, especially during peak hours, was badly affected on arterial roads including G. N. Chetty Road, North and South Usman Roads, Jawaharlal Nehru Road and Anna Main Road.

Traffic police faced a hard task in regulating the traffic.

Most call taxi services like Uber and Ola operated at peak fares due to high demand.

"I paid Rs. 280 to go from Ashok Nagar to Central Station which was almost twice the normal Ola fare," said Mahesh, a resident of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

## Rain water stagnates in subway



By Our Staff Reporter

Water leaking from openings in the walls of Madley Subway in T. Nagar due to heavy rain has stagnated in the subway.

## Tiff over TV volume results in death

By Our Staff Reporter

35-year-old Anil Kannan was killed by his friend Karthikeyan (34) (a resident of T. Nagar) over an argument while watching television in his apartment in Valasaravakkam on the night of Nov. 1.

Akil Kannan and Karthikeyan are both assistant directors in movies.

Anil lived with four other friends in the apartment. He was drunk and playing TV at a loud volume.

When the other friends requested him to reduce the volume, he refused and it resulted in a heated argument.

The argument soon turned violent and, in a fit of anger, Karthikeyan attacked Anil and rendered him unconscious with a blow to his head.

He was rushed to the nearest hospital where he succumbed to injuries the next morning.

Karthikeyan surrendered at the Valasaravakkam police station.

Akil is married and has two children, residing in their native town.

He worked as an assistant director in Annadurai which is yet to be released.

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More details can be had in 98407 87957.

**Concert of old Hindi songs on Nov. 11**

Satragi (a music troupe based in Mogappair) will present a concert of old Hindi songs from 7.30 p.m to 10 p.m on Saturday, Nov. 11 in TN Rajarathinam Auditorium, R.A. Puram.

The program titled 'Roshan Brothers' will feature songs composed by renowned music director Rajesh Roshan and also songs picturised on his actor brother Rakesh Roshan. The songs will be presented by Usha Raj, Anuradha Venkat and Pramod Nair.

They will include hit songs from the movies Julie, Kunwara Baap, Kaho Na Pyaar Hai, Yaarana, Swami, Khel Khel Mein, Kaamchor, Priyatama, Baaton Baaton Mein, Mr. Natwarlal and Paraya Dhan.

For door delivery of tickets priced at Rs. 300 and Rs. 600, call 98847 78073 or send an email to pramod@satrangimusic.com.

A part of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

**Adyar River threat to causeway**

By Our Staff Reporter

Following rains, the level of water has increased in Adyar River and the swiftly flowing water may submerge the causeway in Inner Ring Parallel Road, Jafferkanpet anytime. Corporation workers have placed concrete barricades on the margin of the causeway to prevent untoward incidents.

Hyacinth has also accumulated on the river surface.

**Ramakrishna Mutt honours Jaimaa Trust members**

By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Jaimaa Trust (Vadapalani) were honoured by Sri Ramakrishna Mutt (Mylapore) for supporting leprosy affected patients during the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Sister Nivedita (direct disciple of Swami Vivekananda) on Oct. 29.

The felicitation by Swami Vimurthanandha Maharaj (Manger, Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, Mylapore) was received by S. Jayasundari (Secretary, Jaimaa Trust).

The Mutt also honoured various NGOs on the occasion for supporting the cause.

The members of Jaimaa



Trust provide breakfast on Mondays for leprosy outpatients visiting Government Poonamallee Hospital. The Trust also conducts free medical camps and positive thoughts programs regularly. Those interested in volunteer services and supporting the Trust's activities may contact 99400 30939.

**Heavy rains affect public transport**

By Our Staff Reporter

Apart from crippling the city, heavy rains since Oct. 30 have caused operational delays in MTC services.

Some of the bus depots witnessed water logging making life difficult for both the commuters and MTC staff.

Commuters at T. Nagar bus depot complained of cancellation in services and overcrowding of buses.

According to an MTC official, though the drivers and conductors arrived on time for duty in the morning, many could not come on time for the afternoon schedule due to traffic jams.

Similarly, there was huge crowd in Mambalam Railway Station as even EMU services were hit.

**DC (L & O) uses technology for better delivery of services**

By Our Staff Reporter

31-year-old P. Aravindhan is the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) T. Nagar.

With his engineering background, he has been leveraging technology and information gateways for better delivery of services. He follows traffic-related complaints in his jurisdiction posted on his and his contacts Facebook page and attends to them.

After completing his B.E Computer Science, he had worked as a software professional in IBM.

He later passed the civil services exam and got selected for police service and was first posted as Asst. Superintendent of Police in Tenkasi and later as Superintendent of

Police in Virudhunagar.

Two years back, he came to Chennai to take charge as the DCP, Traffic (South) before taking charge as DCP, T. Nagar.

In his Tenkasi posting, he introduced an SMS-based system for passport verification to reduce bribery in police verification. In the 2016 Assembly elections in Virudhunagar, Aravindhan developed an SMS-based alert system that would send alerts from polling stations to the control room.

In his present post in T. Nagar, Aravindhan assigned beat officers to ensure that senior citizens stored the speed dial key 2, under the 'dial 2 system', so that they can quickly seek police help in case

of emergency. He was instrumental in installing 150 cameras with face detection technology in T. Nagar.

He diligently uses social media platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook for betterment of services.

"I pass on the complaints to the officer concerned and also crosscheck with the complainant if it has been resolved or was any action taken for follow-ups," he said.

"This mode of delivering government service reduces public fear of the police and makes the relationship better," Aravindhan added.

He has also formed internal WhatsApp groups to mentor young ASPs and clarifies their doubts. "For me introducing changes based on technology

has been both satisfying and challenging," he concluded.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Service providers insist on Aadhaar for new connection

Sir, Even as the legitimacy of linking Aadhaar to mobile connections, bank accounts and welfare benefits is still under the consideration of the Supreme Court, service providers are using coercive methods to do just that.

The deadline for the process has been extended to March 31, 2018 for those who don't have an Aadhaar card.

However, service providers are coercing, encouraging and cajoling mobile users into the Aadhaar regime.

Apart from this, most service providers are not giving fresh mobile connections without Aadhaar numbers.

Is it not illegal to insist on Aadhaar number even before the completion of hearing and passing of orders by the Supreme Court? **R. Sivaprakasam, Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam**

### Snatches chain, caught

Police caught Shankar (23), a waiter in a tea shop after he had snatched a 3-sovereign chain from a woman in T. Nagar on Nov. 1 night.

The woman, Durga (22), works in a grocery shop in the area. She was returning home from work at around 10.30 p.m when the incident took place on T. N. Road, police said.

An investigating officer said that Shankar followed Durga and snatched her chain after overpowering her.

The woman raised the alarm. A police patrol vehicle in the vicinity chased and caught Shankar.

"We recovered half of the chain. The remaining portion must have broken off," a police officer said.

Police said Shankar, a Class VII dropout, had been working in tea shop on Vijayaraghava Road, T. Nagar for the past 5 years. Police are interrogating him to find out if he was involved in similar or other offences in the city.

### Cash stolen from tea shop

Burglars broke open a tea shop on Bazullah Road in T. Nagar and decamped with Rs. 21,000 in cash on Nov. 1.

Police said that the owner shut the shop and returned next morning to find the lock broken and the cash stolen.

Police are checking CCTV footage. Police said that the miscreants used a crowbar to break open the lock and shutters of the shop. The burglars rummaged through the shop and broke open the cash box.

Since it was raining heavily on Nov. 1 night there were not many people in the area.

Police recovered fingerprints from the scene and are checking crime records to see if the burglars are repeat offenders. Neighbours told the police that it was raining and they did not hear any suspicious noise. T. Nagar police filed a case and are investigating.

## NO HOLDS BARRED

By M. A. SADANAND

### Expendable Government Counsel

When Mr. G. Ramaswamy, the top notch lawyer and Advocate General of the High Court, took one look at me and asked me, "When can you start as Government Pleader?", I replied, "Sir, I have already started".

That relationship lasted until I was sacked by the then CM who must have signed the sack order that pitch forked me from the Government Pleader's office to GR's office a few years later. G.R was more shocked than me but tried to make me feel at home by inviting me back to his office which had by then become a stable of about fifteen starlets.

These things happen as steps in progress.

I had loved the few years as the Government Pleader as it was honest, clean, apolitical work, but forces, political or otherwise, thought differently. I went to the A.G's office as usual the next day but only to unscrew my shiny brass name plate from the G.P's office door.

The stenographers shed copious tears as I left, and I reciprocated with mine. I understood the genuineness of the camaraderie that moment. It was a relaxing feeling to be one with fellow workers.

The Government had to wage a bush war to sieve out the next incumbent but it did and also appointed four of my deputies as Judges of various High Courts, one finally retiring as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and later as the Governor of Kerala where he had been reigning for three or four years! He is a good man.

The mass execution of four Additional Advocate Generals and Government Pleaders recently is in keeping with so many Chief Ministers and party chiefs of the hydra headed Ministry of the previous Government here. Plurality in leadership is BAD in Tamil Nadu! If one Attorney General can cater to the billion strong legal or illegal fraternity, why should Madras High Court have a sackful of A.Gs, Additional and other miscellany to drain the State of its purse?

## Hanumar Koil Street slushy after showers



By Our Staff Reporter

Following recent showers, Hanumar Koil Street in West Mambalam has turned slushy. The street has not been relaid after completion of sewage pipeline laying work.

The busy streets connects Mambalam Railway Station and nearby streets.

## Barricade placed near potholes



By Our Staff Reporter

A barricade has been placed near potholes in the service lane of Madley Subway in T. Nagar near Thukkaram Street to caution road users.

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**Probus Club publishes book for elders**

By Our Staff Reporter

Probus Club of Chennai released the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of its book on elders titled 'Probus Way to Pleasant Ageing' on Oct. 4 to commemorate the International Day of the Elderly.

The 256-page book is priced at Rs. 120. The book contains articles on health matters, tips on ageing in a healthy way, managing relationships, handling emergency medical situations, emotional wellbeing, crimes against elders and simple solutions to chronic ailments.

It also provides details of blood banks, home call doctors, hospitals, ambulance services, 24-hour pharmacies, subsidized dialysis units, trauma care, cremation grounds, old age homes, police stations and other such essential and utility services.

The book can be purchased from Mambalam Times office (7/3, Madley Road, T. Nagar) between 10.30 a.m and 5 p.m from Monday to Saturday or from P. P. Ramaswami (Member, Probus Club) by calling him in 98412 80256.

**EB drums lying on road**



By Our Staff Reporter

EB drums with cables have been lying on R. K. Shanumugam Salai and P. V. Rajamannar Salai, K. K. Nagar for several days.

**Portion of wall around playground collapses**



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of the compound wall of Police Training Academy playground on Dr. Natesan Road, T. Nagar collapsed recently. The gap has been covered with metal sheets.

There are a number of cracks in the rest of the wall which may also topple over across the road anytime.

**Police booth in dilapidated condition**



The police assistance booth on the pavement of Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar outside Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, is in a dilapidated condition.

**Discourse in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple**

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of TTD Dharmaprachara Sabha, Panampattu Ravichandran Ganapathidasan will give a discourse from 7 p.m to 8 p.m on Monday, Nov. 6 in Sarva Sakthi Vinayagar Temple, Indira Colony, Ashok Nagar. All are welcome

More details can be had in 92836 00628.

**Free infertility camp on Wednesday**

Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre will conduct a free infertility camp on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m to 1 p.m.

Consultation and some investigations will be done free and others at reduced rates for those registering on that date, a release from the hospital said.

Couples can bring any medical records they have. For details call 4592 8544.

**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), Dr. M. A. Hussain will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - திரு அருட்பா' Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

**Free cataract surgery for 10 persons**

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 100 persons attended the free eye screening camp organized by Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani and Jaimaa Trust in Thai Sathya Matriculation School, P. V. Rajamannar Salai, K. K. Nagar on Oct. 27. A team doctors from Sankara Nethralaya examined the patients and identified 10 persons for free cataract surgery.

Sudha Vijayakumar (Correspondent, Thai Sathya School), S. Jayasundari (Secretary, Jaimaa Trust), R. Kannan (President, Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani), Poongothai (Director, Youth Services) and P. S. Arunagiri (Trainer) were present.

**New health mix on sale**

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Vijayalakshmi (resident of LIG Flats, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar) prepares a health mix with micro-millets like 'varagu', 'thinai', 'samai', 'kuthiraivaali', 'cumbu', 'cholam' etc. The mix can be used to make porridge for breakfast. 'Dosai' and 'adai' can also be prepared using the mix.

Before starting this venture, Vijayalakshmi attended a training program on millet products conducted by Tamilnadu Agriculture University Information & Training Centre. "Micro-milletts are God's gift for diabetics and they are hypertension friendly too," she said.

Half and one kg. packs are available at her residence. She can be contacted in 97907 72370 / 2371 1835.

**Sai bhajans on Fridays**

By Our Staff Reporter

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

All are welcome.

# Rotary Club members visit shelter for homeless women

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Rotary Club of K. K. Nagar interacted with the inmates of Night Shelter for Homeless Women with Disability (10, 1st street, Kamdar Nagar, Nungambakkam, Ph: 2828 2238) recently.

Aiswarya Rao is the Director of the shelter which accommodates women of all ages and sends them for studies, job training and jobs too.

Dr. V. Balambal (Chairman-Public Relations RC KK Nagar) said that it was very motivational to know that all the women in the shelter are either studying, undergoing vocational training or are employed. There were engineering graduates, accountants, sales managers, beauticians and sportswomen among them.



# Road margin cleared to prevent waterlogging



By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers are busy removing silt accumulated on the margin of Madley Subway in T. Nagar and nearby roads to prevent waterlogging during rains.

# Kumbhabhishekham in Ganapathi Temple on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Maha Kumbhabhishekham will be performed in Sri Chandrasekarendra Ganapathi Temple (Thulasi Apartments, 11, Kuppasamy Street, T. Nagar) on Thursday, Nov. 9.

The following is the program:

Nov. 8: 7 a.m.: Sri Ganapathi Homam, Navagraha Homam; 4 p.m.: 1<sup>st</sup> Kaala pooja; 7 p.m.: Devotional music concert by Cuddalore Gopi Bhagavathar accompanied by T. K. R. Iyyappan and T. K. R. Meenakshi Sundaram (nadeswaram) and Thurumai Daasan (Oothuvar); 9 p.m.: Deeparathanai.

Nov. 9: 7 a.m.: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaala pooja; 9 p.m.: Kumbhabhishekham.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 99400 53289 and 91760 41402.

By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers have dumped debris to fill potholes in North Crescent Road, T. Nagar but residents want the road relaid, a long pending demand, for a permanent solution.

# Debris used to fill potholes



# 20 children sing bhajans in Rama Anjaneyar temple



By Our Staff Reporter

20 young students of Mythili Suresh sang bhajans during the 50th Kandha Sashti festival in Sri Rama Anjaneyar Temple, Lake View Road, West Mambalam on Oct. 25.

They were supported by Kamala on violin and Pragalathan on the mridangam. Mythili's contact number is 98403 40890.

# Congested streets in T. Nagar to get makeover

By Our Staff Reporter

Surveys of the congested streets in T. Nagar have been completed under the Chennai Smart City project.

According to sources in Chennai Smart City Ltd., tenders will soon be floated to redesign nearly 22.2 km. of the congested streets in the locality.

The redesigning will include widening of streets, building continuous footpaths, safe pedestrian crossings and separate bicycle tracks.

Plans are also afoot to reclaim walking spaces in all the major arterial streets in T. Nagar.

According to the sources, the design will also include 'mobility elements' such as footpaths, cycle tracks, carriageways while also including trees, bus stops, street furniture and organised vending spaces.

# 1,567 rain related complaints received

By Our Staff Reporter

Post the heavy rains on Oct. 30, Chennai Corporation received 1,567 complaints from residents of which 756 were about flooding.

However, since it did not rain that heavily the next day, most of the water from the roads drained away.

Heavy to very heavy spells of rain continued in the late evening and the nights of Nov. 2 and 3.

# Used raincoats sold on pavement



A pavement vendor makes a fast buck by selling used raincoats in good condition at Rs. 50 each on Ragavaiah Road, T. Nagar on Nov. 2.

# Vocal music contest in Vani Mahal on Nov. 19

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has invited entries for taking part in the vocal music competition in Tamil compositions to be conducted in memory of D. Pattammal at 10 a.m on Sunday, Nov. 19.

The competition is open to both male and female amateurs below 25 years. Out of 6 songs chosen by the competitor, two must be compositions of Pattammal and the rest can be compositions of Papanasam Sivan, Subramania Bharathi and Gopalakrishna Bharathi.

All the compositions of Pattammal are available in the website www.dpattammal.com and have been notated. Audio CDs of the

compositions are also available in Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (Vani Mahal, Ph: 2815 2166) and with A. Bhuvanewari (3rd Floor, Park View Building, 94, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, next to Jeeva Park).

Entry forms may be collected from Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha and Bhuvanewari. Entries should be submitted by Nov. 15.

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# Two held in land grabbing case

By Our Staff Reporter

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of the city police arrested K. Devaki (a resident of T. Nagar) and M. Udayakumar (30) of Semmanchery, who allegedly forged documents to sell land in Uthandi that belonged to a woman who lives in Bengaluru.

Lajibhai Prathaprao Patil had complained to the Chennai Police Commissioner seeking action against those who usurped her land measuring 5,312 sq. ft. worth around Rs. 3 crores in the VGP Golden Beach layout with forged documents and impersonation.

A special team of the CCB, after investigation, arrested Devaki and Udayakumar and is searching for others.

According to the police, Devaki posed as Lajibhai and created a fake document in her name.

The gang then took Rs. 1.5 crore from a buyer for the property.

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