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## HC upholds order to carry original driving license

By Our Staff Reporter

The Madras High Court has upheld the decision of the State government to make it mandatory for drivers to carry their original driving licenses

while driving.

The first bench of Chief Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice M. Sundar also upheld the validity of the Aug. 24 order of the ADGP (Additional Director-General of Police, State Traffic Planning Cell) giving effect to the decision of the government.

While dismissing a plea moved by All India Confederation of Goods Vehicle Owners' Association, the bench said "A policy decision taken by government authorities with a view to checking motor accidents caused by rash and negligent driving by unau-

thorised persons ought not to be interfered with in a so-called public interest litigation."

However, the bench clarified that accidental omission to carry original license might attract penalty or fine but not penal provisions or incarceration.

Only persons driving without a valid license would suffer such penal punishment, the bench added.

According to the petitioner, drivers of goods vehicles cannot be prosecuted for not carrying their driving licences. The same might, if required, be produced before the authority concerned later.

The Motor Vehicles Act and Rules do not contemplate prosecution of a person who carries duly attested true copies of the documents while driving, the association said.

To this, the bench said, "The act and rules make it absolutely clear that no person can drive a motor vehicle unless a driving licence is issued to him. When demanded, the necessary documents relating to registration, insurance and other connected papers should be produced to the authority along with the driving licence."

It further said, "A driver may not be in possession of a licence, inter alia, if he has made it over to the authorities concerned for renewal or otherwise or has applied for a duplicate on the loss of the original, in which case, he may carry the official receipts and authenticated photocopies when he is driving."

## Bhuvanewari Trust ready to conduct marriage of poor Brahmin couples

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Bhuvanewari Charitable Trust (K. K. Nagar) is willing to conduct the marriage of poor Brahmin couples whose marriage has already been fixed. Parents interested in availing of the service can email details to sbctrust@yahoo.com.

The Trust members will vet the applications and arrange for conducting the marriage of the deserving couple.

## Metrowater advises residents to clean sumps

With copious rains replenishing the city's reservoirs, Metrowater has increased the daily supply of piped metro water from 550 million litres per day (mld) to 650 mld.

In effect, Metrowater has reduced the supply through water tankers from 7,000 trips a day to 4,700 trips.

Since many areas in the city including this neighbourhood with piped connections did not receive water supply for several months, Metrowater has advised residents to clean the unused sumps.

In its press note, Metrowater has said that due to inundation in streets, rainwater has entered sumps in residential buildings. They have advised the residents to pump out the water and clean the sumps before opening the supply valve. Metrowater has also stopped tapping water from Porur lake, Sikkarayapuram quarries and agricultural fields in Tiruvallur.

The combined level of the four reservoirs in Chembambakkam, Poondi, Cholavaram and Red Hills on Nov. 17 was 40% of the total capacity.

## Corporation intensifies water testing at distribution points

With the increase in complaints of water contamination across the city after the recent rains, Metrowater has intensified chlorine testing of water at all its distribution points and also on all its main supply lines.

According to health officials, the water is being tested for nil residual chlorine using Chromoscope (a water-testing kit that contains a reagent and test tubes to test residual chlorine in the water). They said that due to the recent rains, there is an increase in the risk of water-borne diseases due to water contamination from leakage in sewage lines.

Ten water samples are tested by field staff in each division of the corporation. The WHO recommended safe levels of free chlorine in water is anywhere between 0.2 ppm (parts per million) and 0.5 ppm.

The reports are sent to the Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board so that wherever nil-RC supply is found, they can check the supply for rectification.

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'பஞ்ச' கல்யாணி!

(முன் குறிப்பு: இது 'தமாஷா வரிகளின் 777வது கட்டுரை. அந்த எண் விமானம் சம்பந்தப்பட்டதால் இதை போயிங் விமானங்களுக்கு அர்ப்பணிக்கிறேன்.)

ஓலா, யூப்ரீ கால் டாக்ஸிகள் கூப்பிட்ட குரலுக்கு டயரெடுத்து வைக்காத அந்தப் பழைய காலத்தில் நங்கநல்லூர் வீட்டு வாசலில் ஒரு குதிரை வண்டி இருட்டை இழுத்திப் போர்த்திக் கொண்டு வந்து நிற்கிறது. ஏழு குதிரைகள் பூட்டிய ரதத்தில் கதிரவன் புறப்பட இன்னும் நேரமிருக்கும் வைகறை. காகங்கள் கரைய ஆரம்பிக்கவில்லை. மணி நான்கு. பிரம்ம முகூர்த்தம். வெண்ணிறை ஆடை மூர்த்தியின் பாணியில் 'புரூர்' என்று குதிரை செளண்டு விடுகிறது. 'இந்த அகால வேளையில் என்னை சவாரிக்கு இழுக்கிறீர்களே, உங்களைக் கீழே தள்ளிக் குழியையும் பறிக்காவிட்டால் என் பெயர் பஞ்ச கல்யாணி இல்லை' என்று கறுவிக்கொள்கிறது. நெம்பர் டீ போகிறது.

'மாப்பிள்ளை வண்டி வந்தாச்சு.'  
ராமகப்புவின் குரல் கேட்டு ஜன்னல் வழியாக ஜெகன் எட்டிப் பார்க்கிறான்.

'மை காட்! கல்லூ, இதோ பாரு. உங்கப்பா நாம் ஏர்போர்ட் போக லேட்டஸ்ட் ரோல்ஸ் ராய்ஸ் விமோஸின் கொண்டு வந்திருக்கிறார்.'

'ஐய்! குதிரை வண்டி! ஜெகன், எங்கப்பவோட செயல்பாட்டைப் பார்த்தியா? சொல்லி வைத்திருந்த கார் வராதுன்னு டெலிஃபோன் வந்தவுடன், 'வேற கார் கிடைப்பது குதிரைக் கொம்பாச்சே'ன்னு கையை சப்பாத்தி மாவா பிசகுசின்னு நிக்காம, இந்த வேளையிலே ஒரு குதிரை வண்டியை அரேஞ்ச் பண்ணிட்டார். என் டாடின்னா டாடிதான்.'

'ரப்பிஷ்! நாலாவிலே வேலை பார்க்கிற மாப்பிள்ளைக்குக் குதிரை வண்டியை அரேஞ்ச் பண்ணுது?'

'ஜெகன், குதிரைக்கும், ரொமாண்டிக்கும் லகான் போட முடியாத பிணைப்பு உண்டுன்னு தெரியாதா? ப்ருத்விராஜ் லபக் குன்னு ராணி சமயுகையைத் தூக்கிண்டு போனது எதிலே? லாகின்வர் ஹெலனை அள்ளிக் கொண்டுபோனது எதிலே? குதிரை மேலே தானே? வாஸ்ட்டர் ஸ்காட்டின் பொய்யம் ஞாபகம் இருக்கா? 'ஓ யங் லாகின்வர் இஸ் கம் அவுட் ஆஃப் த வெஸ்ட்...'



'ஸ்டாப் இட், கல்லூ! எனக்குக் குதிரை வண்டின்னாலே அலர்ஜி. சின்ன வயசிலே ஸ்கலுக்கு அதிலேதான் போவேன். 'நீ படிக்கிற அழகுக்குக் குதிரைவண்டி வேற கேடா. 'கழுதை, கழுதை'ன்னு வரது ஸார் சொல்லி என் காதைத் திருகுவார்.' உயரமும் அகலமுமான கல்யாணியும், ஜெகனும் இக்ரூவில் நுழையும் எஸ்கிமோக்கள் போல் குதிரை வண்டியில் ஊர்ந்து கொள்ள, ராமகப்பு முன் பக்கப் படியில் தேரை, தவளை மாநிரி எகிறி ஏறிக் குதிரை வண்டிக்காரர் கபாலியின் பக்கத்தில் தொத்திக் கொண்டார்.

'அம்மா, நீங்க கொஞ்சம் முன்னாடி வாங்கம்மா... ஆ...ஆ... இன்னும் கொஞ்சம். மாப்பிள்ளை அய்யிரே சோத்துக்கைப் பக்க மா நகரணும். காலை நல்லா தொங்கப் போட்டுக்கணும். வண்டி பாலன்ஸ் ஆகத் தாவலே? அப்படியே இருங்க... ஏம்மா பஞ்ச கல்யாணி, போம்மா கண்ணு போம்மா, பறந்து போம்மா... டீர்ர். சாமி நீ பீச்சாங்கைப் பக்கமா கொஞ்சம்... அ அ போதும்... சிங்கிள் ஹார்ஸ் பவர் திறன் கொண்ட வண்டி நகர ஆரம்பித்தது.

'ஜெகன்! வண்டிக்காரர் உன்னைக் காலைத்தான் தொங்கப் போட்டுண்டு வரச் சொன்னார். மூஞ்சியை இல்லே!'

'கர்ம். ராக்கெட் விடற நாலா எஞ்சினியர் ஏற வண்டியா இது? முன் பாரமாம், பின் பாரமாம், தலையெழுத்து..'

கபாலி சாட்டைக் குச்சியை சுழற்றும் சக்கரத்துக்கு இடையே விட, எழும்பிய கடகடங்கிற சத்தத்தைக் கேட்ட பஞ்ச கல்யாணி பஞ்சாகப் பறந்தது. ஏர்போர்ட் சவாரி ஆச்சே!

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'அப்பா! எவ்வளவு பெரிசு!'

'உங்கப்பா அரேஞ்சு பண்ணின குதிரை வண்டி மாநிரிக் கிடையாது. பம்பாய்க்கு ஒண்ணரை மணியிலே போய்ச் சேர்ந்தும்.'

'ரியலி! ஒரு பெரிய மாளிகை மாநிரி இருக்கே. சீட்டெல்லாம் சூப்பர்.'

'பின்னே? குதிரை வண்டி மாநிரிப் பச்சைப் புல்லைப் பரப்பி வெச்சு அது மேலே கோணியைக் கபாலி மாநிரி விரிச்சிருப்பாங்கன்னு நினைச்சியா? அதிசயமா இன்னிக்கு ஸ்பூல் ஆகலே. நிறை யக் காலி சீட் இருக்கு. செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை, கரி நாள், அஷ்டமி, நவமி, சந்திராஷ்டமம், கக்ராஷ்டமம்னு ஏதானும் இருக்கும்.'

விமானத்தின் நடுப் பக்கத்தில் வந்து நின்று ஹோஸ்ட்ஸ் முகத்தில் பூத்திருந்த பிளாஸ்டிக் புன்னகை அழியாமல் செய்த அறிவிப்பைக் கேட்டு ஜெகன் எழுந்து கொண்டான்.

'ம், கல்லூ! எழுந்திரு, ஹாண்ட் பேகேஜை எடுத்துக்கோ. பின்பக்கம் போய் உட்காரலாம்.'

'ஏன்? இந்த இடம் செளகர்யமா இருக்கே. இதுக்கு என்ன குறைச்சல்?'

'உனக்குத் தெரியாது. இவ்வளவு பெரிய பாடி உள்ள ப்ளேனில் போதிய பாசஞ்சர் இல்லேன்னா சரியா பாலன்ஸ் ஆகாது. அதனாலே சிலரைப் பின்பக்கம் போய் உட்காரச் சொல்றாங்க.' கேள்விக் குறியாகத் தோன்றிய கல்யாணியின் கண்களில் குறும்பு கொப்பளித்தது.

'ஜெகன், இது என்ன வண்டி?'

'என்ன கேள்வி இது கல்லூ? ஏர் பஸ்... ஹைடெக் ஜெட்.'

'பைலட் ஹை, ஹைன்னு சொல்லிண்டு ஓட்ட மாட்டார் இல்லையா?'

'வாட் ரப்பிஷ்! இதென்ன குதிரை வண்டியா?'

'இல்லே, இதிலேயும் முன் பாரம், பின் பாரமெல்லாம் பார்க்க வேண்டியிருக்கே. அதனாலே மில்ல்டர் நாலா தாலா! நீ சகட்டு மேனிக்குக் கேலி பண்ணிண்டு இருந்த குதிரை வண்டியை ஜட்காணு சொல்ற மாநிரி இந்த பிரான்ஸ் தயாரிப்புக்குப் புதுசா பேர் சூட்டப் போறேன்.'

'என்ன பேர்?'

'ஜெட்-கா!'

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### Sewage water stagnation in Bharathi Nagar 1<sup>st</sup> Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Sewage water has been overflowing from a manhole chamber and stagnating in Bharathi Nagar 1<sup>st</sup> Street in T. Nagar for several days.

The residents complained to *Mambalam Times* that no action has been taken by Metrowater Dept. to rectify the problem.

They said, "We are exposed to severe health hazard and the offensive smell throughout the day is unbearable".

Pedestrians are having a harrowing time walking along the road.

### 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.

### Appeal for sewing machines to train differently-abled persons

Hope Public Shelter Home for Mentally Challenged Children (1, 1st Street, Muthu Irulandi Colony, Aminjikarai) has appealed for donation of manual or electric sewing machines (new or old) for giving training to differently-abled inmates of the Home.

V. Nagarani (Managing Trustee) told *Mambalam Times* that the Home is at present taking care of 55 inmates in the age group of 8 to 45 years suffering from dyslexia and other such mental conditions.

Donors may contact Nagarani in 73580 95515 or 74013 61771.

### 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.

### 3 Mongrel pups available for adoption

By Our Staff Reporter

3-week-old mongrel pups (2 female and 1 male) are available for adoption.

They are presently under the care of A. Rajalingam (7/15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Street, MH Colony, Aminjikarai).

Dog lovers can contact him in 95512 52964.

### Contests on kritis next Saturday, Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha will conduct a music competition on the kritis composed by Saint Thyagaraya and Syama Sastri at 10 a.m on Saturday, Nov. 25 in Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m, the contest will be held on the kritis composed by Muthuswami Dikshitar and Papanasam Sivan.

Those who are interested may register their names in 2815 2166.

## Drain slab broken to prevent water stagnation



By Our Staff Reporter

No inlets were provided in the storm water drain constructed in Guild Road, near its junction with Madley Road, T. Nagar.

During the heavy rains last week, this led to water stagnation in the street, forcing Corporation workers to break the slab of the drain to enable the water to flow from the road into the drain. The opening, being close to the junction, poses a danger to motorists and pedestrians as it is close to the turning.

## 25 to undergo free cataract surgery



By Our Staff Reporter

25 persons detected with cataract during the special eye camp organised jointly by Jaima Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) and Sri Bhuvaneshwari Charitable Trust (K. K. Nagar) on Nov. 17 will undergo free surgery in Sankara Nethralaya.

75 persons having vision problems were given free spectacles

Doctors from Sankara

Nethralaya examined the participants. The spectacles were sponsored by Larsen & Toubro Ltd. under its CSR project.

Sudha Vijayakumar (Correspondent, Thai Sathya Matriculation School, K. K. Nagar), Vedic Ravi (Founder, Sri Bhuvaneshwari Charitable Trust) and S. Jayasundari (Secretary, Jaima Trust) were present in the camp.

Anyone interested in join-

ing Jaima Trust as a volunteer may contact 99400 30939.

## Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

Sevas (Plot No. 103, 10th Main Road, Vijaya Nagar, Velachery) sends volunteers for weeklong service to pilgrims in Tirumala starting on Mondays and ending on Sundays.

Men and women who are physically fit and are willing to stay in Tirumala for a week are welcome to offer their services for 6 hours everyday. The work will be of supervisory nature. Accommodation, lunch and dinner will be provided free of cost. They can have special darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Travelling expense and the cost of breakfast must be borne by the volunteers. Those interested can contact P. Sundaram (Ph: 98417 26695).

## Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' next 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, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m to 11.15 a.m in Hotel Pratap Plaza, 168, Kodam-bakkam High Road, Mahalin-gapuram. All are welcome. For registration, contact Chithra Sundarajan in 98404 93904.

## Centenary celebrations of Vidyatirtha Swamigal from Nov. 25

By Our Staff Reporter

The centenary celebrations of Jagadguru Sri Abhinava Vidyatirtha Mahaswamigal will be conducted from Nov. 25 to Nov. 29 at 6 p.m in Tattvaloka Auditorium (76, Eldams Road, Teynampet. Ph: 2432 8124).

The following is the program:

Nov. 25: Talk on Guru Mahimai by Prema Pandurang

Nov. 26: Musical discourse on Sringeri by Chitra Mahadevan and Vijayalakshmi Subramaniam

Nov. 27: Talk on Abhinava Vidyatirtha Vaibhavam by Kalpagam Ramakrishnan

Nov. 28: Group dance recital by students of Sri Sai Nrithyalaya

Nov. 29: Talk on the virtues of Vidyatirtha Swamigal by Vidyashankar Saraswati Swami of Nerur.

All are welcome.

Vidyatirtha Swamigal was born as Srinivasa in 1917 in Bangalore and while in school excelled in Maths and came up with thought provoking interpretations of Sanskrit verses.

Srinivasa caught the attention of Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal who chose him as his successor in 1931.

He was initiated into the holy order at a tender age and was named Abhinava Vidyatirtha. He was the Jagadguru of the math from 1954 to 1989.

## Cultural programs in Sastha Sangam till Nov. 24

By Our Staff Reporter

Cultural programs will be held daily at 5.30 in Sri Sastha Sangam Ayyappa Temple, Poonambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar till Nov. 24

The following is the program:

Nov. 18: Devotional songs by Sastha Dasan.

Nov. 19: Bharathanatyam by members of Malar Cultural Association.

Nov. 20: Devotional songs by Sri Sabrinathan Ennisai Kuzhu.

Nov. 21: Devotional songs by Kalaivani In Ragangal.

Nov. 22: Flute recital by Athulkumar & party; 7.30 p.m: Music program by Swaralaya.

Nov. 23: Bhajans by Periyannayaki Mandali; 7.30 p.m: Keyboard concert by Sanskriti.

Nov. 24: Vishnu Keerthanam, Ayyappa Songs, Devi sthuthi by Palghat G. Ramanathan; 7.30 p.m: Bharathanatyam recital by Sindhu Shyam.

All are welcome

## Krishnamachari donates Rs. 5 lakhs to school



By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Krishnamachari (Managing Director, Tex Bio Sciences Pvt. Ltd., 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) donated Rs. 5 lakhs to the Children Garden School Society, Mylapore.

The Society was started 80 years back by Ellan Sharma and Dr. V. N. Sharma to provide quality education for poor students. The amount will be utilized to set up a science lab. Picturi shows Shankunthala Sharma (Correspondent) receiving the cheque from Krishnamachari.

## State Aquatic Assn. wants compulsory swimming classes in schools

By Our Staff Reporter

The new team of office-bearers of Tamilnadu State Aquatic Association has called for making swimming classes compulsory in schools.

The new office-bearers were elected for a period of 3 years on Nov. 12.

Dr. Sadayavel Kailasam was elected as President.

The new team has resolved to conduct Asian Age Group Tournament in Tamilnadu.

Sadayavel told *Mambalam Times* that the Association will also take steps to

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## NO HOLDS BARRED

By M. A. SADANAND

### MY PARKER 51 GOLD CAP PEN

When I joined the Presidency College way back in 1950 I was attracted by the gold cap pen that our English lecturer, the beautiful Sharada Nair, used to carry and flaunt on her desk. The Parker with its gold cap used to gleam holding us enthralled.

What I had was a dull "Black Bird", but this marvel used to attract my attention and I pestered my mother that I too must have a Parker Gold Cap. She took a month to get father's assent from Nairobi since, in those snail mail days, there was no network or Facebook. So, a month after her letter crossed the Arabian Sea to Nairobi where father was an officer working for the British government, the Parker Gold Cap materialized! I felt on top of Everest and on level with Sharada Nair, pen wise!

It was my first lesson that there is nothing that cannot be realized if you try for it. The Parker 51 and I became inseparable and wherever I went, like Mary's little lamb, it also went with me. I sought the help of Gem & Co, the Madras penologist, to make it self-filling as the suction technology had trickled in by then.

I am writing this pen-history in its 66th year. It had failed me only once when, its black ink having run dry, I attended the IPS interview without it at Presidency College, carrying a substitute pen. The interviewers asked me to jump into the Marina sea where Amma now sleeps! That was a benevolent miss, because you cannot imagine a more non-policing person than good old Sadanand.

The pen will last as long as I do and I want to hand it over as an heirloom to my son Devanand who will use it for a hundred years before he leaves it to his son to carry on the Parker Empire.

Sharada Nair, my inspirational English lecturer, is now the Managing Director of Parker Pen Company in heaven, having shifted there four years ago. She was as beautiful a person as her Parker 51 Gold Cap was. Her tea-tycoon son Prabhat told me when he was in Chennai last year that she had died in her home in Assam. She was a great soul. Lakshmi and I had, some years back, visited her home in Assam where her medical doctor husband ran, in his spare time, a large tea factory. We saw a herd of rhinoceroses in their habitat. On the trip back from Assam to Calcutta we went by air, our first flight! It was really a memorable trip.

Thank you, Parker, which I will leave to my son who is an ad man and his wife Monisha who deciphers my hieroglyphics and sends off the stuff to Anna Nagar Times through a laptop.

## Food stalls in underground metro stations

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro Rail plans food kiosks and stalls in metro stations. Officials said commuters and even passers-by can stop for a quick bite.

A metrorail official said that the food stalls will come up in the non-paid area in the ticketing or concourse level of the underground stations by the end of December or beginning of January.

The 9-km underground line from Nehru Park to Thirumangalam was inaugurated on May 14, 2017.

A few well-known brands already have outlets in elevated stations like those in Alandur, Koyambedu and Vadapalani that have been seeing good footfalls. They are in the non-paid area of the ticketing level or close to the entrance of the stations.

Officials said that in the underground section, stations like Thirumangalam, Shenoy Nagar and Anna Nagar East witness good footfalls with the average number of commuters taking the metro going up from 12,000 to 24,000 a day.

Unlike elevated stations that have space on the surface area and in the concourse level, CMRL officials said that every underground station has an average space of about 60 to 100 sqm. only in the non-paid area of the ticketing level that is left for commercial purpose.

## Sharp edged base of light post poses danger

By Our Staff Reporter

An iron street light post on the margin of North Usman Road, near its junction with Bazullah Road, T. Nagar was cut and removed several years back.

Its base



with sharp edges has still not been removed and poses a danger to passersby. It is not visible at night and can trip or cause grave injury to anyone who accidentally steps on it.

## Cover missing from sewer manhole in Ramakrishna Street

By Our Staff Reporter

The cover is missing from the sewer manhole at the junction of Ramakrishna Street and Mambalam High Road, opposite the Police Booth, T. Nagar.

A plastic sheet and a couple of broken



slabs have been used to partly cover the opening. Traffic police have placed a barricade in front of the opening to caution motorists. A foul smell is emanating from the drain and it also poses a health hazard as it serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

## Akhanda bhajan on Nov. 23 for Sathya Sai Baba birth anniversary

By Our Staff Reporter

The 92<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Bhagwan Sathya Sai Baba will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 23 in 'Sai Deepalaya', 20, Giri Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 4351 2424.

There will be non-stop akhanda bhajan from 8.45 a.m to 6 p.m. All are welcome to join in the singing of bhajan.

The following is the program:

- 5.30 a.m: Suprabatham.
  - 6 a.m: Veda paayanam.
  - 7.30 a.m: Asthotharam and Sahasranamam.
  - 8.30 a.m: Sai Gayathri Mantra chanting.
  - 11 a.m: Sampradhya Bhajan.
  - 12.30 p.m: Narayana Seva.
  - 3 p.m: Divine discourse.
  - 6 p.m: Mangala arathi.
- All are welcome.

## Compound wall of W25 All-woman Police Station likely to fall



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of the compound wall on one side of W-25 All-woman Police Station, Madley Road, T. Nagar collapsed recently. The wall on the other side, which was linked to the toppled portion, is also in a precarious condition and likely to collapse anytime.

There is an overgrowth of bushes inside the compound and the area is in an unhygienic condition.

The equipment in the children's play area adjacent to the police station is damaged.

## Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (5, Maharaja Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will give a discourse on Bhagavad Gita in Tamil at 5.30 p.m, on Sunday, Nov. 19 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

For more details, call 2814 3896.

## Free counselling for personal problems

By Our Staff Reporter

Happy Life Counselling (AP30, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Anna Nagar Western Extn.) offers free counseling for stress, depression, anxiety, alcoholism and other personal issues including marital problems.

For appointments, call 98407 12010.

## 4000 perform 'Irumudi pooja' in Ayyappan temple

Special pooja was conducted for 4000 devotees going on a yatra to Sabarimalai on Nov. 17 (the first day of Karthigai month) in Sri Ayyappan Temple (Sastha Sangam, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar). The devotees, after the irumudi ritual, were given garlands kept at the feet of the Lord.

Committee members of Sastha Sangam said that hundreds of devotees are visiting the temple daily for wearing the mala for Sabarimala pilgrimage. K. P. Ravindranath (temple member) said that any devotee wishing to go to Sabarimalai can perform the irumudi pooja between 5.30 a.m and 10.45 a.m and between 5 p.m and 8.20 p.m on all days. The devotees can either bring their pooja items or buy them at the temple office. For more details call the temple office in 2366 2395.

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## Road caves in, damages water line in Alagirisamy Salai

By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of Alagirisamy Salai, near Lakshmanasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar caved in and damaged an underground Metrowater line on Nov. 10.

Work is under way to repair the damaged pipeline. A Metrowater contractor employed an excavator to dig the road to access the pipeline and repair it.



The work is in progress and is expected to be completed in a week.

## 'Plastic waste campaign futile,' say Corporation officials

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation earmarked Wednesday as 'Plastic waste collection day' and installed bins at different places including one outside Corporation Office on Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan Road, T. Nagar.

But, according to Corporation officials, it has evoked poor response from the public.

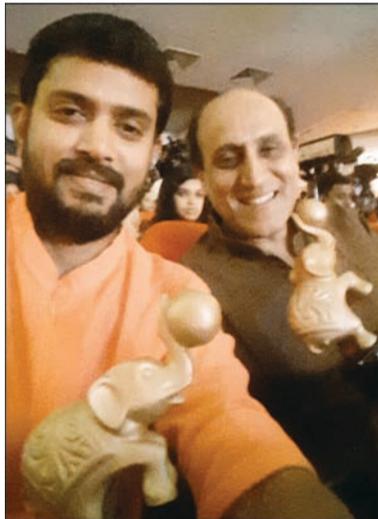
The campaign, they said, was started several months back and wide publicity was given through TV and news media.



## Tamil short film wins international award

By Our Staff Reporter

'Stamp Album', a Tamil short film directed by B. Sivakumar (resident of Jagadeeswaran Street, T. Nagar) and produced by M. V. N. Murthy (11/8, Lakshmi Colony, T. Nagar) won the 'Best Short Film' and 'Jury Award' under the 'Asian Panorama Short Film Category' in The Golden Elephant Festival organized by International Children Film Festival of India in Hyderabad on Nov. 14.



There were 1409 entries from 109 countries of which 317 films were screened and 10 films shortlisted for the final competition. The other members of the team are Sundaram Ramasamy (Story), Vijay Shankar (Music) and Thangaraj (Editor). The theme behind 'Stamp Album' is that each stamp has a history behind it.

The story hovers around 9-year-old Rajappa, who starts collecting stamps as a hobby. He painstakingly works on creating concept-based stamp albums and becomes popular in his village.

When one of his friends also starts collecting stamps and betters him, it leads to jealousy and enmity and Rajappa's popularity also starts to dwindle putting him under mental stress.

How Rajappa overcomes the situation and restores the friendship forms the remaining part of the story.

Sivakumar also won National and International awards for his debut short film 'Aayeeshaa' in 2001. It was screened at the International Children Film Festival held in Hyderabad in 2001.

## PSBB student selected for State basketball team

By Our Staff Reporter

Shyam Raja (Std. 8 student of Padma Seshadri

Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School, T. Nagar) has been selected as a member of the Tamilnadu State basketball team.

He was selected based on his excellent performance in the State championship held in Tiruvannamalai in the Under-14 category recently. The team finished 4th in the tournament.

Shyam also participated in the 44th Basketball Nationals which held in Rajasthan in the Under-14 category.

The Tamilnadu team finished 9th in the Nationals out of 30 teams.



## Mass chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaamam today

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Group of Vishnu Sahasranaama Mandalis has organized mass chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranaamam in Goshala, Sankara Math, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam at 10 a.m on Sunday, Nov. 19 on the occasion of Sri Kanchi Maha Periyavaa birth star day (Anusham).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 95001 77505.

## Appeal to fix leaning junction box in Sarangapani Street



By Our Staff Reporter

The large distribution box housing the control panel, belonging to a private tele-com company, on the pavement of Sarangapani Street, T. Nagar is leaning towards the road and is likely to fall anytime.

Residents have appealed to the company to fix it to prevent any untoward incident.

The photo showing the precarious condition of the junction box was taken on Nov. 15

## TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

### Tamil Cinema & Music - 77

The noted Tamil writer Kalki (Ra. Krishnamurthi) wrote that, in India, there may be places where the wind did not enter but there was no place where Saigal's songs did not! Such was the popularity of this gifted singer and many of his film songs have been bestowed with immortality. They thrilled the nation in the times gone by and are still remembered, heard, and sung by many seventy and more years later.

(Recently there has been a revival of interest in Saigal's music and certain singers have built for themselves fame and name by singing his songs in his style. Many of his melodies were copied and sung in many films in other languages.)

As 'Ithu Nijama?' did not do as well as expected at the box-office, the experimental songs, composed and rendered by Balachandar, did not become popular and receive the acclaim and attention they richly deserved.

S. Soundararajan of Tamil Nadu Talkies, being a compulsive talent-scout, recognized the multi-faceted talents of Balachandar and engaged him to score music for his folk myth film 'Thulasidas' (1947). This film had the famous Mysore State Classical Carnatic musician and Kannada stage actor, B. S. Raja Ayyangar. He played the hero with the well-known musician Lakshmi Shankar as the female lead.

(Raja Ayyangar became an immortal in Carnatic Music with his excellent rendering of the legendary Karnataka music composer Purandharadasa's famous song 'Jagadodharana' in which the accompanying musical instrument was not violin but harmonium. In recent years, this song has come into fashion again, being rendered regularly in Carnatic Music concerts by legends like M. S. Subbulakshmi, Balamuralikrishna, Kadri Gopalnath and several others.)

While Balachandar was working at the Ranjith Studio in Dadar, Bombay 'Ithu Nijama?', many onlookers watching the shooting were immensely impressed by his multi-faceted talents. His interest, involvement, effervescent enthusiasm and ebullience won him many admirers including the managing partners of the studio, Chandulal Shah and Gohar Bai. These two were famous during the bygone decades as director-producer and actress. Indeed Shah and Gohar contributed in a large measure playing a major role in the development of Hindi Cinema during its early decades.

The impression that Balachandar created in Bombay film circles was so great that a producer engaged him to direct a Tamil film at Ranjith Studio. 'En Kanavar' (1948) was a family melodrama which Balachandar directed. He played the lead role in it and composed music besides supervising the production. Considering that he was only twenty-one years old at that time, it speaks volumes of his creative genius. 'En Kanavar' did not do well and is hardly remembered today.

(This writer had the pleasure of shooting a docu-drama about 'Domestic Labor' called 'Help the Helping Hands' (1980) in Ranjith Studio. At that time part of the studio had been converted into apartments. However, the famous Ranjith emblem - the warrior seated on a horse - was still intact on the main gate)

With the dawn of the 1950s, Balachander moved to Coimbatore to work for Jupiter Pictures at the Central Studios. He played the lead role in 'Rani' (1952) in which P. Bhanumathi was the heroine. Directed by the leading Indian filmmaker L. V. Prasad, the film was a rehash of a famous Hollywood movie, 'Loves of Carmen' which had the top stars of the period Rita Hayworth and Glenn Ford in the lead roles. The Tamil version, duly adapted to native ambiance, was written by the well-known Tamil filmmaker, A. S. A. Sami. Even though it was lavishly produced both in Tamil and Hindi, the film did not do well.

Surprisingly, in a television interview some years ago, the director Prasad did not even remember the film and made no mention of it!

The Jupiter bosses M. Somasundaram and S. K. Mohideen signed Balachandar to make a crime thriller film 'Kaithi' (1951) for them. Based on a not so well known Hollywood movie 'Dark Passage' (1947) with the celebrated cult figure and super star Humphrey Bogart in the lead and Lauren Bacall and Agnes Moorehead, it was changed and adapted to suit local conditions and written by Balachandar. Besides directing this film and composing the music, he also played the lead role in it.

It told a taut tale of suspense of an unemployed young man caught in a murder trap - an excellent example of the crime film genre so rarely done in Tamil Cinema.

(To be continued)

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Govt. callous to RTI applicants**

Sir, I sought certain details from the Public Information Officer, Zone 10, Greater Chennai Corporation under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI), vide letter dated July 17, 2017.

While a reply to a RTI letter should come within 30 days, since I did not get any reply even after appealing to the Appellate Officer, that is the Zonal Officer, Zone 10, I sent a mail to the Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, on Sept.7, attaching the letter dated July 17.

The mail to the Commissioner had its effect in that I received a reply on Oct. 15. The reply was sent by the PIO in a cover under ordinary post, affixing postal stamps of Rs. 5. Since the stamp value was insufficient, the Postal Department charged an additional Rs. 10 from me for delivering the letter.

I could have refused to accept the letter, but accepted it by paying the due.

From the above, I infer the following:

1. The reluctance of the Corporation to send replies to the RTI letters which is tantamount to showing disregard for the RTI Act.

2. How can the Corporation send replies to the RTI under ordinary post? It just shows that its officers are either not in favour of RTI or are not serious about its implications.

3. Even if it so, how can the Corporation send letters without affixing the correct value of postal stamps? With so many letters being received and dispatched daily, does its staff not know what value of stamp to affix, or is the financial condition of the Corporation so appalling. In that case, how does it meet its monthly commitment to its staff? **V. S. Jayaraman, 31, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

**Unauthorised slums in 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue hinder residents**

Sir, We are residents of Kala Flats in 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar. Opposite our apartment complex there are 21 unauthorised huts occupying the 80-ft road for the past 18 years. They are a hindrance to us and the public in general. They have occupied 50% of the carriageway of the road.

In this connection, we have made several representations at all levels in Chennai Corporation to point out that this encroachment is illegal and should be evicted. *Mambalam Times* had also published this 4 years back, but no action has been initiated till date.

After our continued efforts with the Collector (Chennai District), he called for a report from Tashildar (Mambalam Taluk). He has replied in writing that the encroachments come under poramboke land and the 21 houses have en-

croached illegally. The slum dwellers are causing a lot of nuisance apart from living in unhygienic conditions. Some dwellers also repair autos and 2-wheelers creating noise pollution through horn testing and racing of engines. They wash and bathe in the open and have also converted the location into an open urinal. They play games and gamble outside our apartment complex while some sleep on the platform. Many are also engaged in peddling contraband. To add to our woes, they also dump daily cooking waste and household garbage in the storm water drains.

18 years is a very long wait for the aggrieved residents and I hope our prayers are answered at the earliest and the slums are cleared and the inmates relocated. **Kala Flat Residents Association, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar**

**Smart card distribution cannot be completed by Dec. 15**

Sir, A press release by the Tamilnadu Government stated that the distribution of smart ration cards to cardholders will be completed by Dec. 15, and that those who have not received the smart ration cards should approach the Civil Supplies Department with the necessary documents. While many cardholders have not received the cards, those who have received cards with incorrect details, are still awaiting receipt of the corrected ones.

There are others who have been told to fill up the forms again with photographs for processing. In such a scenario, where the smart cards are yet to be received by all cardholders, how can the department state that the job is

completed?

What is the guarantee that the remaining cards it proposes to distribute by Dec.15, will be error-free? The government cannot rest on its laurels when it completes the distribution of smart cards as the job has not been done with perfection. Since it will take years for the department to redress the inadequacies in the smart cards, and the government cannot deny supply to those who have not received the same, one can safely say that the conventional ration card will remain in force. This will mean that the department will have no option but to provide a separate sheet to attach to the paper card for the ensuing year. **K. Harihar, T. Nagar**

**Mobile tower rental fraud**

Sir, I was moved by the fate which befell the resident of Ashok Nagar who lost Rs.71,000 in the mobile tower rental fraud as was published last week in *Mambalam Times*.

Under no stretch of imagination can I fathom how the resident paid so much money without checking the antecedents of the representatives of the so called cell phone company.

Even if one decides to lease out a space for erecting a cell phone tower or whatever, it is for the lessee to meet all the expenditure towards registration and documentation charges.

Even considering that the lessee persuades the lessor to foot the expenditure, how can the latter go ahead without getting any token advance, given the whopping rental value?

Why did he make the payment instead of telling the representatives that he be paid the rental advance after deducting the initial expenses? It appears that the resident was attracted by the huge lease amount and accepted all conditions and was taken for a ride.

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**Musical discourses on Vishnu, Ayyappa, Devi Stuthi on Nov. 24**

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Palakkad G. Ramanathan (resident of Kothari Nagar, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Ramapuram) will present musical discourses on Vishnu Keerthanam, Ayyappa Ganam and Devi Stuthi at 5.30 p.m on Friday, Nov. 24 in Sri Sasthasangam, 89, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar. All are welcome.

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1 BHK - 600 sq.ft, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 10000.  
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WEST MAMBALAM, 3/3, Hanumar Koil Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 900 sq.ft, 1st floor flat, 2-wheeler parking, 24 hours water, rent Rs. 15000, advance Rs. 1 lakh, bank lease also accepted, Brahmins only. Ph: 86677 82532, 2474 3245.

T. NAGAR, 5, Flat No. 3, Krishnasamy Street, near Jain Cars (North Usman Road), 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 850 sq.ft, ground floor, above 5 feet, 3 balconies. Ph: 98416 24450, 98413 89345.

WEST MAMBALAM, 9, K. R. Koil Street, 250 sq.ft, space available, 2nd floor, suitable for office / tuition centre. Ph: 99406 64278.

WEST MAMBALAM, 39, Janakiraman Street, single bedroom, ground floor flat, 2-wheeler parking, vegetarians only, no brokers. Ph: 94452 59656.

T. NAGAR, 25, Nathamuni Street, 1 room, 1 hall, 800 sq.ft, ground floor, attached bathroom, rent Rs. 27000 (negotiable), complex for office use only. Ph: 2815 6447.

WEST MAMBALAM, 21/11, Moorthy Street, near Ayodhya Mandapam, 2 bedrooms, 1050 sq.ft, 2nd floor, no lift, car park, rent Rs. 18000, advance 5 months, Brahmins / vegetarians only, commercial also. Ph: 73583 16851, 4857 2486.

WEST MAMBALAM, 24/60, Thambaiah Road, 200 sq.ft, 1st floor, attached Western toilet, rent Rs. 6000, advance 10 months (negotiable), ideal for office / working person / bachelors / students / aged person. Ph: 94448 69379, 98402 12230.

**WEST MAMBALAM**  
Vijayashanti Apartment, 1, Easwaran Koil Street, opp. Narayan Mission School, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, 2-wheeler parking, no brokers.  
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T. NAGAR, 8, Alacrity Flat, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, study room, 3rd floor, lift, open car park, rent Rs. 32000, vegetarian family. Ph: 94446 26187.

K. K. NAGAR, 123, 6th Street, 1st Sector, near Saravana Bhavan, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 950 sq.ft, 1st floor, good ventilation, no water problem. Ph: 98414 28078.

WEST MAMBALAM, 33 (10), K. R. Koil Street (South), 2 bedrooms, hall, 1st floor, lift, covered car park, rent Rs. 17000, advance Rs. 1 lakh, vegetarians only. Ph: 98406 82147, 2371 6919.

ASHOKNAGAR, 2/2, Bank of India Colony, near GRT School, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 15000. Ph: 96001 92285.

WEST MAMBALAM, 5, Kala Flat, Perumal Koil Street, near Govindan Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 800 sq.ft, 1st floor, 2-wheeler parking, electrical fittings, rent Rs. 15000, Brahmins only, no brokers. Ph: 89391 10528.

K. K. NAGAR, 1218, Bobbili Raja Road, 1 bedroom, spacious hall, kitchen, sit-out, 590 sq.ft, independent 1st floor house, breezy open space, Brahmins family only. Ph: 98401 41583, 2366 3251.

WEST MAMBALAM, 70, Lake View Road, opposite Rama Anjaneyar Temple, single bedroom, area about 400 sq.ft, ground floor, rent Rs. 7000, domestic accommodation. Ph: 94446 39700, 2474 9376.

KODAMBAKKAM, 15, Aziz Nagar 1st Street, near Raga-vendra Kalyana Mandapam, 4 rooms, 2 halls, 2 kitchen, 1660 sq.ft, independent ground floor house, no car park, vegetarians only. Ph: 2472 7888, 98416 15465.

KODAMBAKKAM, 25/14, Trustpuram 2nd Cross Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, car park, rent Rs. 18000, Brahmins / vegetarians only, visit on Sunday from 2 p.m to 4.30 p.m. Ph: 98840 64036, 98719 44957.

T. NAGAR, 5, Muthukrishnan Street, near Pandy Bazaar, 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1200 sq.ft, 4th floor, lift, no car park, family / office. Ph: 2815 1132, 99402 92191.

WEST MAMBALAM, 19/6, Postal Colony 4th Street, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 550 sq.ft, 1st floor flat, small vegetarian only, no brokers. Ph: 99411 30837.

WEST MAMBALAM, 14-C, Srinivasa Iyengar 1st Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 600 sq.ft, 1st floor, separate EB, 24 hours water, rent Rs. 11000, Brahmin family / bachelors only. Ph: 93805 56756, 72996 54241.

WEST MAMBALAM, 10/15, Hanumar Koil Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 12000, vegetarian family. Ph: 98412 50043.

ASHOK NAGAR, 94, 10th Avenue, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1000 sq.ft, 1st floor, lift, car park, 24 hours water, rent Rs. 17000 + maintenance, advance 5 months, family / bachelors / office. Ph: 73053 44555.

**ASHOK NAGAR, 15-A, Sarvamangala Colony, 6th Avenue, behind Canara Bank, 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1440 sq.ft, ground floor, open car park, rent Rs. 20000, preferably vegetarians. Ph: 98406 96906.**

T. NAGAR, 32, Srinivasa Reddy Street, near Bus Terminus, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 2nd floor flat, rent Rs. 12000 (negotiable), vegetarian family / working professional, no brokers. Ph: 99529 01365.

WEST MAMBALAM, 7, Badani Complex, Kuppaiyah Street, near Railway Station, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 800 sq.ft, 1st floor flat, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 16500, vegetarians only. Ph: 98412 27817.

WEST MAMBALAM, 27, Krupasankari Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 950 sq.ft, 2nd floor, no car park, vitrified tiles, security, rent Rs. 18000 (negotiable), maintenance Rs. 1000. Ph: 96001 83678.

WEST MAMBALAM, 16/11, Rajagopal Chetty Street, behind Ayodhya Mandapam, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 700 sq.ft, ground floor, rent Rs. 10500, Brahmins / vegetarians only. Ph: 96000 39898.

WEWT MAMBALAM, 19, Dhanasekharan Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1200 sq.ft, spacious, independent 1st floor house, no lift, car park, vegetarians only, immediate occupation. Ph: 80560 12173.

WEST MAMBALAM, 18/9, Guru Flat, Balakrishna Naickan Street Extension, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, rent Rs. 11000, advance Rs. 40000, vegetarian family / bachelors. Ph: 99404 50528.

CIT NAGAR, 20, Main Road, near Nandhi Status, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 700 sq.ft, 2nd floor, rent Rs. 12000, bachelors / office. Ph: 97890 70085, 99621 98322.

**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), P. Dhandapani will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa - சாகாகக் கலை வித்தகர்' Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).  
All are welcome.

**Special poojas till Jan. 15 in Sastha Sangam**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Special poojas will be performed daily till Jan. 15 in Sri Ayyappan Temple (Sastha Sangam, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar)  
The following are the details  
4.30 a.m: Abhishekam; 5.40 a.m: Ganapathi pooja; 7 a.m: Pantheeradi pooja; 9 a.m: Annadaanam; 10 a.m: Sarva abhishekam; 7 p.m: Deeparathanai; 7.30 p.m: Karpooa jothi; 7.40 p.m: Cultural program.  
All are welcome.  
More details can be had in 2366 2395.

**Metro rail to construct malls near its stations**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Chennai Metro Rail Limited will soon float tenders to construct malls at Ekattuthangal and Arumbakkam metro stations.

The malls will house both shops and offices. A CMRL official told *Mambalam Times* that the tenders will be floated as soon as approvals are received from CMDA.

He said that these malls with office complexes will generate additional revenue and also increase footfalls in the stations.

A 9-storey building with more than 50,000 sqft. of lease space has been planned at Ekattuthangal and a 4-storey building with 30,000 sqft. space at Arumbakkam.

The buildings will connect to the concourse level of the stations. The lower levels will have retail space and the upper levels will have offices.

Malls will also be constructed at Nehru Park, Shenoy Nagar and Thirumangalam metro stations, he added.

**Online vegetable/fruit store offers freebies**

By Our Staff Reporter  
FAACART (Y2855, Y Block 3rd Street, off 12th Main Road, Anna Nagar), an online vegetable and fruit store was launched recently. Customer can place orders on its website www.faacart.com or over phone in 95667 26659.

It offers door delivery within 90 minutes of placing the order.

As an inaugural offer, on minimum purchase of 1kg of fruit or vegetable, FAACART will offer 1kg of any fruit or vegetable of its choice. The offer concludes on Sunday, Nov. 19

P. M. Faisal (Proprietor) told *Mambalam Times* that it sources fresh organic vegetables from farm houses in and around the outskirts of Chennai and regular vegetables and fruits from wholesale markets.

**Portion of tree trunk lying on pavement**

A portion of the trunk of a tree which was recently uprooted is lying on the pavement of Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam near Jubilee Road.  
It is hindering movement of pedestrians and is not visible at night.



## Women's Association celebrates annual day with charity

By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Apoorva Women's Association (T. Nagar) donated tricycles and wal-kers to disabled persons, sewing machines to four underprivileged women to set up their own tailoring establishments and marriage gifts to a bride during its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day celebrations on Nov. 11.

Radha Krishna-moorthy (President) told *Mambalam Times* that cash donations were also made to Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation (unit of Radhatri Nethralaya), RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, Jaimaa Trust and an orphanage home.

She said that the Association has 15 active members and the funding is primarily from well settled kin of the members and other philanthropists.



## Free laptops given to school students

By Our Staff Reporter

Free laptops under the 'Tamilnadu Governments Free Laptop Scheme' were distributed last week among higher secondary students of RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Girls' Higher Secondary School, T.Nagar.

B. Sathyanarayanan (T. Nagar MLA) handed over the laptops to the students. R. Govindaraj (President, Exnora Greater Chennai) was also present.

N. Shanthi (Headmistress) welcomed the gathering.



## Grill around EB transformer missing



By Our Staff Reporter

The grill constructed around the EB transformer to prevent anyone from venturing near it on Balaji Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, T. Nagar is missing. According

to nearby resi-dents, it was stolen on the night of Nov. 7. A junction box without doors and in a damaged condition is found lying on the pavement in front of the transformer.

Residents complain that passers-by have converted the spot into an open urinal. They have appealed to EB to install a new grill or build a wall around the transformer.

## Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

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

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

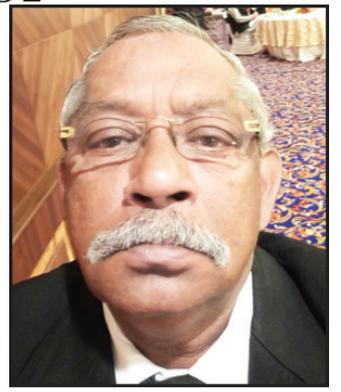
More details can be had in phones 2643 2323, 4212 5118 and 94444 53777.

## Resident meets Central Ministers regarding GST

By Our Staff Reporter

K. Vaitheeswaran (resident of Safire Apartments, 16, 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) is a GST consultant.

He represented the Tamilnadu Plastic Manufacturers Association and recently met Arun Jaitley (Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs) along with Nirmala Seetharaman



(Defence Minister) to discuss issues regarding GST and its implementation. He also handed over a written request from the Association to reduce GST rates in the plastic manufacturing and trading sector.

His contact numbers are 90420 86163 and 2489 1633.

## 'Swayamvara Parvathi' homam in Sankara Math on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sarvajana Raksha Samithi (9A, Madley Road, T. Nagar) will conduct 'Swayamvara Parvathi' homam from 10 a.m to noon on Friday, Nov. 24 in Sankara Math (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

It will start with Ganapathi puja.

Sankalpam will be conducted from 8.30 a.m to 10 a.m. The fee is Rs. 500 per person.

Those whose marriages are getting delayed or who have not been able to find a suitable bride or groom can benefit from the homam.

The homam will conclude with poornahuthi and prasadam distribution.

For more details call 91760 76065.

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## Free model exam for NEET and JEE aspirants

Aim100 (Division of Akilan Institute) will conduct a free model exam for NEET and JEE aspirants from 10 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 26 in K.K. Nagar and Anna Nagar.

Both Std. 11 and 12 students can appear for the exam. The papers are designed by well experienced teachers.

Cash awards will be given to the top 3 students with 100% waiver in tuition fee to the top 100 for the crash course to be conducted by the institute. Students can register in advance or at the venue.

For more details, call 81241 00100.

## Free Veda classes on weekdays

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

For more details, contact Venkatraman in 98403 20005 or mayurvenkat@gmail.com.