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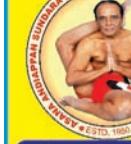
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Lakshadeepam in Kasi Viswanathar Temple on Monday

Lakshadeepam will be celebrated in Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) at 6 p.m on Monday, Dec.11 (the last Somavaram Day of Krithigai month).

Devotees can invoke the blessing of the Lord by lighting earthen lamps in the temple.

All are welcome.

Metro rides in city second most expensive in country

Metro rail passengers in Chennai pay between Rs. 5 and Rs. 30 more for travelling distances in excess of 8 km. than those using metro rail services in any other city in the country with the exception of Mumbai..

While CMRL has capped the maximum fare at Rs. 70, metro rail fares in cities like Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kochi and Delhi have a maximum price of Rs. 40 to 60.

A 11 km. line in Mumbai operated by Metro One Operation Private Limited, a joint venture between two France-based transport operators and Reliance Infrastructure, is the costliest in the country, charging commuters a maximum fare of Rs. 110 for a single journey.

For a ride from Nehru Park to the airport covering a distance of about 21 km., commuters have to spend Rs. 60. Travelling the same distance would save commuters between Rs.10 and 30 on other metro rails like those in Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kochi and Delhi. A 14-km. metro train ride from Koyambedu to the airport, which costs Rs. 50, is more expensive by Rs. 5 to 20 over the same distance on other metro services.

Metro rail officials said that the board of directors of CMRL decided on the fares, which could be maintained for the coming years even when the network expands.

"The fares were decided based on affordability, because hiking fares once the service is thrown open to the public is a difficult process and commuters will not welcome the move," an official said.

A retired railway official said that while the high fare may not bring any profit for the service providers, the metro rail service in the city has spent more on construction, as most of the line runs underground.

Officials said that it costs around Rs. 650 crores to build 1 km. of underground metro rail line and about Rs. 250 crores for the same distance on an elevated corridor. A total of 24 km. of the 45 km. phase-1 project is underground. "Maintenance of these stretches is also expensive.

If we have to fix fares based on construction and maintenance cost, then a ticket would cost Rs. 500," the official said.

Alert cops save motorist suffering from cardiac arrest

By Our Staff Reporter

C. K. Ravi, a traffic police inspector, acted swiftly when he noticed a driver waving for help from a parked car on the margin of OMR Road, near Tidel Park on Dec. 1

On approaching the car, he found the man sweating profusely and struggling to breathe. Seeing him very ill, he immediately called constable Sampath who was standing close by for help.

The man said his name was Vikas Goel and he was a resident of T. Nagar.

They moved Vikas to the back seat and Sampath got in with him while Ravi got behind the wheel and sped towards Adyar Hospital. Sampath kept Vikas engaged in conversation.

On reaching the hospital, the doctors rushed him to emergency care and saved his life.

They said that Vikas had suffered from a cardiac arrest and commended the policemen who acted swiftly and ensured that Vikas did not go into unconsciousness by keeping him engaged in conversation till they reached the hospital.

They added that, had Vikas become unconscious, it would have been difficult to save him.

The two policemen were commended for their quick action by higher officials.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOKBACK

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 80

'Calcutta' N. Viswanathan, a college professor and theater figure, enjoyed a brief but bright innings in Tamil Cinema as character actor and his performance in every film was of such high standard as is rarely seen in Tamil Cinema. Sadly, he was not used properly by the Tamil film world and he went back to Calcutta. His son Ashok Viswanathan is making waves as a bright filmmaker.

Even though "Antha Naal" won a Delhi Award it was not a box-office success. The Tamil moviegoer was not yet ready to accept that kind of a song-less dance-less film, which came ahead of its time. Frequently screened on television today, the film is now treated as a classic of Tamil Cinema.

(The successful and popular Tamil filmmaker 'Muktha' Srinivasan worked in this film as assistant director and he was credited in the titles as V. (for Venkatachari!) Srinivasan.)

Soon Balachander turned producer promoting his own company 'SB Creations', a novel name for a movie company at that time. Under this banner he produced three memorable movies "Avana Ivan?" (1962), "Bommai" (1964) and "Nadu Iravil" (1970). All these films were inspired by Hollywood movies but suitably adapted by Balachander who wrote, directed and produced them besides composing the music. He also played the lead roles (except in "Bommai") with much impact.

"Avana Ivan?" was inspired by the Hollywood classic made by the celebrated filmmaker George Stevens' "A Place In The Sun" (1951) which was based on the American classic novel by Theodore Dreiser, 'An American Tragedy' which in turn was based on a sensational American murder case. Balachander blazed a new trail by bringing out a gramophone record of the title music in the movie which became popular and sold well. Even today such records of title music are rarely done.

"Bommai" was a rehash of an Alfred Hitchcock movie. The famed musician and cult figure K. J. Yesudas took his bow in Tamil Cinema as playback singer in this film with the song "Neeyum Bommai, Naanum Bommai" which became quite popular. Another song by L. R. Eswari, "Thatthi Thatthi" also became a hit. In this film Balachander introduced another novelty by showing the technicians on screen, which had earlier been done by N. S. Krishnan in his hit "Mana Magal". That was not all. Balachander had the artistes sell tickets at the box-office window in a Madras cinema! A first of its kind in cinema! "Nadu Iravil" was a rehash of the Hollywood hit "And Then There Were None" (1945) which was an adaptation of the most popular novel of the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie 'Ten Little Niggers'. For obvious reasons this novel was called 'Ten Little Indians' in the United States. Interestingly this classic novel has been repeatedly filmed both for the big and small screen from time to time. But the 1945 version made by the famed French filmmaker Rene Clair tops the list and thrills viewers to this day even after repeated viewing.

After a hectic innings in cinema as actor, writer, director, music composer and producer Balachander gave up films, much to the regret of many and went back to the world of Classical Carnatic Music where he became a legend in his own lifetime as a Veena maestro.

A good friend of this writer and a source of encouragement, the two worked for sometime on a thriller film project during the late 1980s. But sadly it did not take off mainly due to Balachander's obsessive involvement in the world of music!

He created history of his own in Tamil Cinema and his exit is definitely an irreparable loss to the world of movies.

He passed away suddenly in 1990 when he was on a concert tour of northern India. The man may be gone but his movies shall live forever and be cherished by his innumerable fans and admirers.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

A. M. DHARMALENGA DEVAR

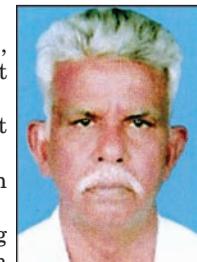
A. M. Dharmalinga Devar (resident of 33, Babu Rajendra Prasad 1st Street, West Mambalam) passed away on Dec. 6.

He was 75, and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 60 years.

He was a businessman and owned a shop in Station Road.

He was also the President of Station Road Big Shop Merchants Association, West Mambalam

He is survived by his wife Saroja and sons Kannan (Ph: 98843 95183) and Raja.



Students conduct rally on 'World Aids Day'

The students of Thai Sathyam Matriculation School (P. V. Rajamannar Salai, K. K. Nagar) conducted an awareness program on 'AIDS' on the occasion of 'World Aids Day' on Dec. 4. They held placards and marched along 80 Feet Road and nearby streets.



Talk on 'Brahma Sutras' in English today

By Our Staff Reporter

Swamini Satyavratananda Saraswati will give a talk on 'Brahma Sutras' in English from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m on Sunday, Dec. 10 in Kesari High School (Pondy Bazaar Extension, next to GRT Grand Days, T. Nagar). All are welcome

For more details, call Vani (Akshara Vidya Trust) in 2432 8087.

Laksharchanai, namasankeerthanam in Raju Street today

By Our Staff Reporter

Anugraha Bhajan Mandali Trust will perform Laksharchanai to Lord Ayyappan followed by namasankeerthanam by Sengottai Hari Bhagavathar on Sunday, Dec. 10 in Ramakrishna Kalyana Mandapam (Raju Street, West Mambalam).

For more details, call V. Natarajan (Managing Trustee, Anugraha Bhajan Mandali) in 98408 64801.

Thirupavadai utsavam in Usman Road temple today

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Anjaneyar laksharchanai being performed since Dec. 7 in Siva Vishnu temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar) will conclude at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10.

There will be Thirupavadai Utsavam to Lord Perumal on the same day at noon.

All are welcome

Krishna Sweets launches outdoor catering service

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Krishna Sweets (20, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar), known for 6 decades for high quality sweets and savouries, has launched Sri Krishna Bhavan, an outdoor catering service.

According to a senior member of the staff, Sri Krishna Bhavan offers outdoor catering service to suit all budgets and the menus are designed as per traditional tastes.

He said that the food is freshly and hygienically prepared and of good quality and taste.

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He added that breakfast, lunch and dinner can also be customized as per the customer's needs.

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For bookings and more details, call Sri Krishna Bhavan in 98407 69093 or 1800 1022 343.

Pit in Alagirisamy Salai closed with debris



By Our Staff Reporter

A large pit was formed in Alagirisamy Salai, K. K. Nagar, near PSBB School after the recent rains.

It was causing hindrance to motorists.

The pit has been temporarily filled and levelled with construction debris. Motorists have appealed for patching of the damaged portion of the road.

Free eye screening on Dec. 16

By Our Staff Reporter

Daasya (NGO, Ashok Nagar) and Sankara Nethralaya have jointly organized free eye screening from 9 a.m to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

The participants will be examined for eye related problems including visual assessment, diabetic retinopathy, eye pressure and retinal imaging.

Free surgery will be done for persons detected with cataract.

More details can be had in 99406 38972.

Children invited to recite Bharatiyaar's 'Odi Vilayadu Pappa'

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Aravinda Bharati has organised special programs from 4 p.m to 6 p.m on Sunday, Dec. 10 in Sister Subbalakshmi School (Guild Street, T. Nagar, behind Siva Vishnu Temple) as part of homage to Mahakavi Bharathiyan.

Students from Std. 1 to 5 are welcome to sing Bharathi's popular poem 'Odi Vilayadu Pappa'.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 94451 15876.

Talk on 'Navagraham' today

By Our Staff Reporter

Nannilam Vai Rajagopala Ganapadigal (Publisher and Editor of Vaithikasri, a Tamil magazine) will give a talk in Tamil on the significance of 'Navagraham' from 3 p.m to 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Dec. 10, in Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

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

All are welcome.

Open manhole closed after report in Mambalam Times



By Our Staff Reporter

The open manhole in Ramakrishna Street, T. Nagar was properly covered after a report was published in *Mambalam Times* (November 18-24 issue). Earlier, the opening had been covered with a plastic sheet.



Special alangaaram, cultural programs for Hanumanth Jayanthi from Dec. 15 to 24

By Our Staff Reporter

Ashok Nagar Anjaneyar Baktha Sabha (53rd Street, alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Bharatnatyam performance by 'Sri Hanumanth Jayanthi' Sikkil Vasantha Kumari group.

There will be special alangaaram in the morning and a cultural program in the evening on all the days. The following details:

Dec. 15: 5 a.m.: Special alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Bharatnatyam performance by Bharatha Seshathira students.

Dec. 16: 5 a.m.: Laddu alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Bharatnatyam by Aparna Sankar (disciple of Besant Nagar Bhagyasri Sathish).

Dec. 17: 7 a.m.: Silver kavacham alangaaram and ekadhina laksharchanai.

Dec. 18: 7 a.m.: Special alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Bhajans by Lalitha Kannan of Thiruvananthapuram Radha krishna Bhajana Mandali.

Dec. 19: 7 a.m.: Special alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Radha Kalyanam bhajans by O. S. Mohan.

Dec. 20: 7 a.m.: Special alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Devotional songs by Ashok Nagar Anjaneyar Baktha Sabha Navami Group.

Dec. 21: 7 a.m.: Vetrilai malai alangaaram; 6.30 p.m.: Devotional songs by Veeramani

Raju.

Dec. 22: 7 a.m.: Vada maalai (149, Lake View Road, West Mambalam), a furniture shop, is conducting an exhibition-cum-discount sale till Dec. 25 in Rajeswari Hall (64, Lake View Road, opp. Anjaneyar Temple, West Mambalam).

Furniture includes cots, sofas, tables etc. are sold at discounted prices in the exhibition. EMI scheme from Bajaj Finance with 0% interest is available. Old sofas and beds are exchanged for new ones under exchange offer.

It has a branch in Rama Rama Nama mahimai by puram on Valluvar Salai. For more details call 2474 8487 / 73388 08403.

All are welcome.

Consecration of Shirdi Sai Baba idol on Dec. 14

By Our Staff Reporter

Saravajana Raksha Samithi will install an idol of Shirdi Sai Baba by chanting Vedic scriptures at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 in its Meditation Centre at 9A, Madley Road, T. Nagar.

Daily poojas with arathi are held in the meditation center. Sai Bhajans are held on Thursdays. All are welcome.

Talk on 'Prevention of Sports/Lifestyle injury' for students

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Kavitha Varadaraj (Sports Physiotherapist, Indian Olympic Team) will conduct a free program on 'Prevention of Sports/Lifestyle injury' for students in the age group of 5 years to 15 years from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, on Sunday, Dec. 10 in Circle Library (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

More details can be had in 2371 9319 or 98418 82138.

Protruding bolts on pavement pose danger

By Our Staff Reporter

Four protruding iron bolts in a rusted condition in the middle of the pavement of Jeeva Park on G. N. Chettty Road, T. Nagar pose a danger to pedestrians.

The bolts were left behind when a bus stop shelter was dismantled and removed a couple of years back.



Residents suffering from water contamination in Srinivasa Iyengar 1st Street



By Our Staff Reporter

The residents of Srinivasa Iyengar 1st Street, West Mambalam near Puspavathi Ammal Street have been suffering for several months from contamination of metro water supplied through the pipeline. They said that they are unable to use the drinking water even from the hand pump installed in the street.

that due to leakage in the sewage line, sewage water is mixing with the metro water supplied through the pipeline. We have permanently closed the inlets to the sump," said a resident.

The street has not been relaid for more than a decade and is in a damaged condition. Picture shows a resident displaying the contaminated water in a bottle.

"We are dependent on water

Exhibition-cum-discount sale of furniture

By Our Staff Reporter

Sree Senthil Enterprises (149, Lake View Road, West Mambalam), a furniture shop, is conducting an exhibition-cum-discount sale till Dec. 25 in Rajeswari Hall (64, Lake View Road, opp. Anjaneyar Temple, West Mambalam).

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3 juveniles rob woman on flyover, held within 24 hours

By Our Staff Reporter

A 5-sovereign chain was snatched from Amutha Manoharan (a resident of Ashok Nagar) while she was with going her uncle on a bike over Koyambedu flyover on Jawaharlal Nehru Road at around 8 p.m. on Dec. 1.

In her complaint to the police, she said that when she was traveling in the pillion of the motorcycle driven by her uncle, three men in a bike deliberately hit their vehicle from behind. In the impact, she fell off the bike and one of

the three men snatched her gold chain and the three raced away.

In the fall, Amutha also suffered a hair-line fracture in her right shoulder. The next day, police arrested three juveniles in this connection and a Juvenile Justice Board magistrate sent them to the correction facility in Kellys.

Amutha, who runs a beauty parlour at Erikkarai in Maduravoyal, was going with her uncle Nagaraj, who runs a computer accessories sales business in Maduravoyal.

Police said that Amutha struggled and managed to retain a part of the chain. After the suspects sped away, passersby took Amutha to a hospital in Shanthi Colony, Anna Nagar for treatment.

Police said that robbers have been targeting victims on flyovers as there are no CCTV cameras. "We intend to correct this situation by installing CCTV cameras atop flyovers," said a police officer.

A day after the incident, police narrowed their search to suspects roaming on the stretch on bikes. During questioning of the three, police found that they were involved in the robbery on the Koyambedu flyover.

Police recovered the stolen jewellery from the three juveniles, and seized the bike used to commit the offence.

"In a sudden and unexpected rage, the dog grabbed my mother's hand with its teeth and refused to let go in spite of her screams of pain. I tried to use force and even kicked him, but he would not let go of my mother's hand. I had no other option but to spray some perfume to blind and irritate his eyes in the hope that he would let go of my mother's hand," he said

He said that it luckily worked and the dog let go of his mother's hand and she escaped with a couple of deep wounds.

He added that as the dog was tied, it could not attack them further but kept barking in a menacing fashion for some more time before calming down.

"As I did not want to risk a similar situation as my mother often stays alone at home, I abandoned the dog far away from home," he added.

Students risk life by traveling on footboard

By Our Staff Reporter

In spite of several awareness campaigns conducted by traffic police, NGOs and school authorities, school and college students continue to risk their lives by traveling on the footboard of buses in spite of enough space inside the bus.

Traffic police have erected huge banners at several vantage locations in the neighbourhood to create awareness about the fatality of footboard traveling.

ISKCON program in Mambalam on Saturdays

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Injambakkam, conducts 'Bakthi Vriksha' programs from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays at 28, South K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam. The program includes bhajans, congregational chanting and Bhagavad Gita classes.

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Appeal to resume supply of Tuvar Dal in ration shops

Sir, While the supply of Urud Dal (Black gram) has been stopped by Civil Supply Dept., the supply of Tuvar Dal (split Red Gram) has also been suspended. Instead, only Masoor Dal (Red Lentil) is being supplied which aggravates gastric problems. In spite of repeated appeals to R. Kamaraj (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies) through letters/media, the supply of Tuvar Dal has not been restored.

The sugar supplied of late is poor in quality and the moisture content is high leading to considerable weight loss for the consumers. It seems that the food items were not stored in rain safe conditions in the godowns. Smart card issue is also getting unduly delayed. N. Vijayaraghavan, 18th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Ph: 99626 6476.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Junction converted into garbage dump?

Sir, The junction on one side of Arcot Street and Krishna Street, T. Nagar has been converted into a garbage dump. Heaps of household garbage and food waste are dumped right under the street name board. The apartment complex that I live in is close to this spot and the foul smell from the rotting waste is affecting the residents. It is also a health hazard and a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

We so easily complain about the inefficiency of Chennai Corporation when we ourselves are responsible for lapses in our civic duties. It is a pathetic situation happening daily in the street that also houses MGR Nilavu Illam close by.

I appeal to Corporation officials to view the footage of the security camera installed in the street corner and take action against those who are dumping the garbage. Sabarethnam Muthiah, Vasanth Apartments, Krishna Street, T. Nagar

Cycle track misused for parking vehicles

Sir, This letter is with reference to the dedicated cycle track developed by the Chennai Corporation in K. K. Nagar at a cost of around Rs. 3 crores.

When the scheme was announced, there were reservations that it could lead to traffic congestion in the area which has now become a reality. Though the track has been thrown open, there are several issues that need to be addressed.

The track provides safety for cyclists, especially the numerous school students who use it daily to avoid riding in the traffic-ridden road. As the track is misused for parking vehicles, cyclists are forced to ride on the road, defeating the very purpose of developing the track.

Also, due to elevation of the road after developing the cycle track, there is water logging on the inner streets during heavy rains.

I hope with so much money invested in developing the track, the authorities concerned take immediate steps to maintain it and ensure that the track is not misused for parking vehicles. S. Muralidharan, K. K. Nagar

No use sending SMS minutes before power outage

Sir, I received an SMS from TANGEDCO at 00.36 hrs on Dec. 8 stating that there will be outage of power in my area from 00.38 hrs to 01.38 hrs due to a possible failure to the feeder line. I noticed the message only at 6 a.m by which time power had gone and come back.

Oftale, TANGEDCO has been sending SMS to consumers informing about the possible power outage in advance so that they are aware of the same and take necessary steps.

While this is a welcome step, in the instant case, the message was sent only a few minutes before the outage in anticipation of a failure in the system. While TANGEDCO cautions the consumers in advance in respect of planned power shutdown for maintenance or other such work, one wonders, how they are able to predict feeder failure? Many a time, power supply gets interrupted due to tripping or any other sudden occurrences for which no advance information can be sent.

If the Electricity Department has procured advanced gadgets which can detect feeder or any such failures in advance, this is something fantastic. If that is so, why not it send out messages in advance like it does when it takes up maintenance work and not a few seconds before the happening so that the consumers can plan their work accordingly? V. S. Jayaraman, Motolal Street, T. Nagar

Senior citizens' denied discount on tickets bought with reward points

Sir, SBI IRCTC credit card has some good features and privileges. But encashing of the reward points is a little cumbersome procedure to understand and requires guidance from the SBI/Railway authorities. But I recently noticed a shocking feature while buying train tickets with reward points. Senior citizens' discount cannot be availed of while buying tickets with reward points. It appears to be a strange exclusion. This fact was never explained when I applied for the card.

Apart from depriving senior citizens of their rightful entitlement, this also seems to be unconstitutional.

May I request the authorities concerned to change this system and allow senior citizens to use the reward points with concessions permitted by the Government? V. R. Sridhar, Swathi Kanaka Flats, 23/11, Veerasami Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 98845 68963

I enjoy Randor Guy and J. S. Raghavan columns

Sir, Kindly convey my appreciation to Randor Guy for his deep knowledge of films of yester-years and for writing in a very interesting way.

In his column in the *Mambalam Times* (Dec. 3-9 issue), while writing about director S. Balachander, he has also mentioned a song called 'Baby, it's cold outside' sung by Red Skeleton in the film 'Neptune's Daughter' released in 1949. I saw the film several times in Midland Theatre just to enjoy that song. The same song was sung by Frank Sinatra earlier in a separate album. And I remember that the same song was sung by Gene Kelly (or was it Sinatra?) in the film 'Take me out to the Ball Game' starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Jules Munshin and Esther Williams.

I equally enjoy reading J. S. Raghavan's column in your paper and special appreciation for his interesting stories every week.

I wish both of them my very best and hope that they continue to write their columns in *Mambalam Times* and keep enthraling fans like me. Sankaranarayanan, K. K. Nagar

CUG for TTEs is welcome move by Railways

Sir, The Railway Board, in a recent circular, stated that it will provide closed user group (CUG) mobile connections for Traveling Ticket Examiners (TTEs) so that passengers can contact them in case of an emergency or any untoward incident. The circular further emphasized that TTEs are the frontline staff, and are the first available staff of the Railways. TTEs are supposed to provide first aid to sick passengers, and remain vigilant to deal with security related issues.

Given the problems that passengers have to face on certain occasions, the decision of the Railways is most welcome. Whilst on the above, I wish to recall the ordeal of a friend while traveling in an A/c coach to Trichy recently. The air-conditioning failed and as windows cannot be opened in such bogies, the passengers, especially the elderly, had to put up with the torrid situation of poor air circulation. The TTE could not remedy the situation.

When my friend called me up, I told him to pull the chain when it reached the next station so that the authorities there could provide the necessary relief. I rang up several Railway helpline numbers and the relief came after almost 4 hours of arduous journey for the passengers.

While such situations can occur in spite of proper maintenance and checking of parameters before a train departs, it is for the TTE, who is the points-man for passengers, to take the call and arrange for relief.

In this regard, the decision of the Railways to provide CUG connection will be of immense help to passengers in case of distress.

Railways should paint these numbers inside each compartment for the awareness of passengers. V. S. Jayaraman, Motolal Street, T. Nagar

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+Free eye check-up on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) and Sri Bhuvaneswari Charitable Trust (K.K. Nagar) have jointly organized free eye screening from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Friday, Dec. 15 in MCN School, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar opposite Sharma Park.

A team of doctors and paramedical staff from Sankara Nethralaya will examine the participants for eye related problems including visual assessment, eye pressure and retinal imaging.

Free surgery will be done for persons detected with cataract. For registration, call 99400 30939 or 98407 87957.

Daily discourse on Srimath Bhagavatham from Dec. 16

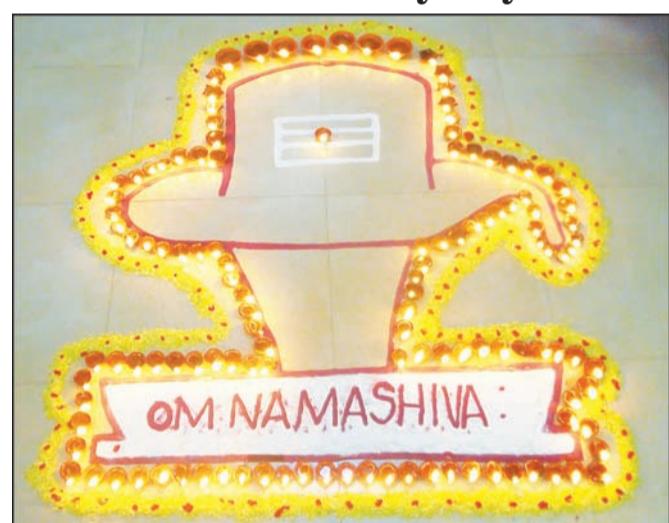
By Our Staff Reporter

R. B. V. S. Manian will give discourses on 'Srimath Bhagavatham' from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m from Dec. 16 to 22 in Guru Balaji Kalyana Mandapam (3, Sundaram Street, T. Nagar, near Agasthiyar Temple and Natesan Park).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 91767 42958 and 95529 59072.

Siva Lingam shape created with earthen lamps in Sarada Vidyalaya



By Our Staff Reporter

The students and staff of Sri RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Matriculation School (Muthurangan Salai, T. Nagar) created a large Siva Lingam design using earthen lamps in the school ground on Dec. 2 as part of Karthigai Deepam celebrations.

7-day beautician course from Dec. 13 for women

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) will conduct its 7-day Beautician Certificate Course for the 2nd batch of women from Wednesday, Dec. 13 in 46A, Kannigapuram 1st Street, K. K. Nagar, behind Sivan Park.

The participants will be given training in threading, waxing, pedicure, manicure, facial, head massage, aroma facial, hot oil massage, head massage, three hair cut styles, bleaching and dandruff treatment, and saree wrapping.

The classes will be conducted on weekdays from 10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. Candidates can also choose flexible timings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to suit their needs.

A nominal fee is charged for financing the Trust's activities.

For more details, call 99400 30939 or 90944 49715.

Students risk life playing near Kothandaramar Temple tank

By Our Staff Reporter

Kothandaramar Temple tank is filled to the brim with rain water. The water surface is covered with floating algae.

Students jump over the compound wall of the tank and play on its banks oblivious of the danger of accidentally falling in and drowning.



Presented gold medal for excelling in M. Tech course

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Krishika Iyer (resident of 10/12 Rajaji Street, West Mambalam) was presented a gold medal for academic excellence in the convocation held recently in SRM University Campus, Kattankulathur.

The medal was presented by Venkaiah Naidu (Vice-President).

Krishika did her Master of Technology in Solar Energy course in SRM University. During the program, she worked on various projects related to solar energy, one of which was tracking of solar radiation using MPPT Controller which was published in a popular science journal.

She is an alumni of Shree BS Mootha Girls' Senior Secondary School, West Mambalam. Her contact number is 98408 24426.



PHC equipped for advanced dental surgery

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Yuvaraj (Oral Surgeon) has joined the Dental Department of Public Health Center (174, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) which is headed by Dr. C. G. Narayanan. Dr. Yuvaraj is a specialist in dental surgery.

He recently performed a surgery to extract an infected impaction tooth under general anesthesia on a 70-year-old cardiac patient with respiratory problems. The patient was completely cured.

Similarly, on another patient hailing from Ludwigs Angina, he successfully performed Mandibular Impaction Surgery under general anesthesia.

Public Health Centre offers all treatment including dental treatment at affordable rates.

For more details and appointments, contact PHC in 2489 3101.

New beauty parlour-cum-designer boutique in Ashok Nagar

Bommis Parlour and Designer Boutique (10, 80th Street, 18th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) offers beauty and tailoring services for women under one roof.

The shop has attractive combo offers for women utilizing both the services. For Christmas and New Year, the shop is offering 50% discount on beauty services.

The shop also offers these services at your doorstep. For more details, call 99401 48844.

Tower clocks in Jeeva Park not working



By Our Staff Reporter

The clocks in the 15-foot tall tower in Jeeva Park at the junction of 1st Avenue and 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar have not been working for several days. Each of the static clocks shows a different time.

A Corporation worker said that the mechanical fault will be rectified soon.

Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

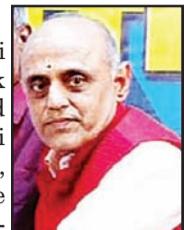
Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises.

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

Panchapakesan gets 'Sanjeevi Seva' award for matrimonial services

By Our Staff Reporter

N. Panchapakesan (Founder, Chennai Sai Sankara Group of Matrimonials, Ashok Nagar) was presented 'Sanjeevi Seva' award by Tamilnadu Brahmin Association (Chennai District) on Nov. 19 in Everwin School, Kolathur in recognition of his services in the field of matrimony with special focus on differently-abled persons. The award was presented by Dr. H. V. Hande. His contact number is 98403 30531



Free eye check conducted for terminally ill patients



Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229 / 2431 1550) conducted free eye screening for the inmates of Karuna Sagar (Home for palliative care for terminally ill and cancer patients) on Dec. 7.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director) told *Mambalam Times* that the doctors carried mobile equipment to conduct the tests at the patient's bedside due to their poor medical condition. She said that 5 persons diagnosed for cataract will undergo free surgery in the hospital.

Zebra crossing signboard upside down



The zebra crossing signboard is found upside down at the junction of Panneerselvam Salai and P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar. Do the traffic officials expect pedestrians to walk on their heads or in the air?

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