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# தமாஷா வரிகள்

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## எமனுக்கு ஒரு கோவில்!

ஐயாமார்களே! அம்மாமார்களே! மெய்யாலுமே நம்ம யமதர்ம ராசாவுக்கு ஒரு கோவில் இருக்குதாம். எங்கேன்னு கேக்கறீங் களா? அட இருங்க, ஏன் அவசரப்படறீங்க? யாராச்சியும் எமன் கிட்டே சீக்கிரம் போவணும்னு நினைப்பாங்களா? வேண்டிப் பாங்களா? அவருதான் மருந்து பாட்டிலுங்க, அட்டைங்க மேலே காலாவதியாகிற தேதின்னு போட்டிருப்பாங்களே. அதே கணக்கா நம்ம உச்சாந்தலை மேலே அந்த பிரம்மா கையாலே படைக்கும்போது எளுதி இருக்கிற தேதி வாரியா கொண்டுபோக வருவாரே! என்னிக்குன்னு நமக்குத் தெரிஞ்சா போச்சே! 'தோ, இன்னும் ஆறு மாசத்திலே ரிடையர் ஆகப் போறதை நினைச் சாலே நடுக்கமா இருக்கு. சம்பளம் நின்னுடுமே. பொண்சாதி மதிக்கமாட்டாளே, கொத்தமல்லி கறிவேப்பிலை வாங்க தெருக்கோடிக் கடைக்குப் போயிட்டு வாங்கன்னு அதிகாரம் பண்ணுவாளே, என்ன செய்யப்போறேன்னு தெரியலே'ன்னு ஆபீஸ் மேட்டரிலேயே நடுங்கும்போது, 'மார்ச் 31ம் தேதி காலை எட்டுமணிக்கு மரண யோகத்திலே உன்னோட ஆயுள் க்ளோஸ்'னு ஒருத்தர் தெரிஞ்சிண்டு இருந்தா வாழ்க்கையே நரக மாயிடுமே! என்னிக்குப் போப்பறோம்னு தெரியாம இருக்கிறதே சொர்க்கம்னு சொல்லுவாங்க. 'விடு! அந்த களுதை வரும்போது வரட்டும். இப்போ என்ன?'ன்னு நடப்பு ஜோலிகளைப் பார்க் கணும் இல்லியா?

தஞ்சாவூர்லே ஒரு கிராமத்திலே அவருக்கு ஒரு பளைய கோவில் இருக்குதாமில்லே? நம்ம சகலை ஏளுமலை சொன்னாப் போலே. அவுருக்குத்தான் தமிழ்நாட்டிலே மூலை முடுக்கிலே இருக்கற எல்லாக் கோவில்களைப் பத்தியும் அத்துப்படி. எம னோட கோவில் ரொம்பப் பளசாம். அதைப் புதுசாக்க ஒண்ணு ரெண்டு ரூபா இல்லே, மூணரைக் கோடி ரூபா யாரோ ஒதுக்கி இருக்காங்களாம். எமன்தான் எமகாதகனாச்சே! எம்மாம் பெருசு தொகை பாத்தீங்களா! ஆனா இப்போ எல்லாம் கோடிங்கிறது சிலருக்குக் கீரை விக்கிற ஆயாவோட சுருக்குப் பையிலே இருக் கிற சில்லரை மாதிரி ஆயிப்போச்சி. மூணரைக் கோடியை வெச் சிண்டு என்னென்ன செய்யப் போறாங்க? நம்ம கையிலே கேக்க வா போறாங்க? மாட்டாங்க. அதாலே நாமே சொல்லிடுவோ மேன்னு சொல்றேன்.

எமன் கோவில்னாலே ஒரு முத்திரை இருக்கணும். கோவிலுக் குள்ளே எப்போவுமே வெளிச்சம் குறைவா இருக்கணும். வவ்வா லுங்க கோஷ்டி கோஷ்டியா குறுக்கேயும் நெடுக்கேயும் பறந்து சீலிங்குலே ஒட்டடை மாதிரித் தொங்கிண்டு இருக்கணும். அப் புறம் நம்ம ஆந்தைங்க! அதுக்குப் பறவை இனத்துப் பேராசிரி யர்னு நெனப்பு. ஏதோ பைனாகுலர் வழியா பாக்கிறமாதிரி ஆடாம அசையாம மரத்திலே உக்காந்து ஆந்தையாருங்க அடிக் கடி அலறணும். அப்புறம் நாயிங்க! நாயிங்க ரொம்ப முக்கியம். உடம்பை விறைச்சிண்டு ஆகாசத்தைப் பார்த்து ஈனக்குரல்லே நீளமா அழணும். இந்த மாதிரி சத்தங்கள் இருந்தால்தான் கோவிலுக்கு அளகு. ஆனா இத்தோட பேய் பிசாசு சீரியல்லே ரத்தத்தை உறைய வெக்கிற சத்தங்களைப் பதிவு பண்ணி லௌடு ஸ்பீக்கரிலே விட்டுவிட்டுப் போடணும்.

சாவுங்கிறது எல்லாருக்கும் வர வேண்டியதுதான். ஆனா அது எப்போன்னு தெரியறதில்லே. 'கண்டவர் விண்டிலர், விண்டவர் கண்டிலர்'னு என்னோட நைனா அடிக்கடி சொல்லுவாரு. 'எப்பா! புரியலியே! அதுக்கு இன்னா அர்த்தம்'னு ஒரு தபா கேட்டேன். அவுரு சொன்னாரு. 'அடேய்! ஒரு மனுஷன் செத்த துக்கு அப்புறம் என்ன நடக்குதுன்னு செத்துப் போனவங்க நம்ம கையிலே சொன்னது கிடையாது. உயிரோட இருக்கிறவங்க அதைப் பத்திச் சொன்னது, சொல்றது சும்மா கதை. கட்டுக் கதை. உடான்ஸ்!' அப்படின்னு சொல்லி இருக்கார். சர்தானே? ஏதோ கருட புராணமாமே அதப் படின்னு சொல்லி இருக்கார். எங்கே அதுக்கெல்லாம் டயம்? இருக்கிற வேலைப் பளுவிலே உயிர் போவுது. கருடனாவது? புராணமாவது?

எமதர்மராசாவோட வாகனம் எல்லாருக்கும் தெரியும். நம்ம எருமையார் ஆச்சே. பின் பக்கமா வளைஞ்ச கொம்புங்க, தாட்டியா உடம்பு, ஏளனப் பார்வை. பிரேக் இன்ஸ்பெக்டருங்கிற கிண்டல் பேரோட 'யாரையும் நாம லட்சியம் பண்ண வேண்டா'ங்கிற கெத்தோட 'ஹாய், டிர், டிர்'னு கனமா குரல் கொடுத்தாகூட ஆடி அசைஞ்சிண்டு நடந்து போற அழிச்சாட்டியம் இருக்கே, அது எருமைகிட்டேதான் இருக்கும். ராஜஸ்தானிலே எலிக் கோயில்னு ஒண்ணு இருக்காம். அது மாதிரி நம்ம எமனோட கோயிலிலே எருமைங்க இங்கேயும் அங்கேயுமா பெரிய பணக்காரங்க வீட்டு லாயத்திலே நிக்கிற காருங்க மாதிரி வாகனங்களா நிக்கணும்.

மக்களோட பாவ, புண்ணிய, ஆயுள் ரெக்கார்டுங்களை வெச் சிருக்கிற கணக்குப் பிள்ளை சித்திரகுப்தனை விட்டுட முடியு மா? தப்பு தப்பு! ஆனா அவர் கணக்கிலே தப்பு வராது. அவருக் குன்னு தனி சன்னதி இருக்கணும். தடிதடியான லெட்ஜருங்க எல்லாம் போய்க் கணினி வந்துடுச்சு இல்லையா? ஆகையி னாலே அவர் மடியிலே நம்ம அஞ்சரைப் பொட்டி மாதிரி ஒரு லாப்டாப்பை வெச்சிருக்கணும். அப்புறம் கோயில்னா பூசாரி இருக்கணுமே. ஆனா சாமி வரம் கொடுத்தாலும் இந்தப் பூசாரி கொடுக்கலைன்னா 'அப்பா! பொழச்சேன்னு' மூச்சை விட் டுண்டு இருக்கலாம். சரிதானே?

எமனோட கையிலே இருக்கிற பாசக்கயிறு மாதிரி சின்னதா பூசாரி கையிலே ஒரு கயிறு இருக்கணும். கோயிலுக்கு வர பக்தர்களுக்காக அர்ச்சனை செஞ்ச அப்புறம் பூசாரி அந்தக் கயிறை பாவனையா எமனோட சிலையை நோக்கி வீசிடணும். அதுக்கு என்ன அர்த்தம்னா 'டிக்கெட்டை'க் கொடுக்கிற சாமி, உன்னோட பாசக் கயிறு வீச்சு இப்போ வேணாம். தள்ளிப் போடுங்கன்னு தீவிரமா வேண்டிண்டா எமன் கேக்க மாட்டானா? சாவித்திரியோட வேண்டுதலைக் கேட்டு சத்தியவானை விட்டுடலையா? அது மாதிரி செய்வாருங்கிற நம்பிக்கைதான்!

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## Collapsed Corporation School compound wall yet to be reconstructed

*By Our Staff Reporter*

The 10-ft long portion of the compound wall on the rear side of Corporation Chennai Middle School (Dharmapuram Main Road, T. Nagar), which collapsed a few months back, is yet to be reconstructed.

Antisocial elements are misusing the school compound for nefarious activities at night.

The staff told *Mambalam Times* that passers-by also enter the compound and misuse it as an open urinal. They said that cattle and dogs also enter the compound and cause nuisance.

The small building housing the noon meal center is in a dilapidated condition.

## Free storytelling session tomorrow

Srividya Veeraragavan (a noted story teller) will conduct a free 'Storytelling' session for students in the age group of 5 years to 15 years from 10 a.m to noon on Sunday, Feb. 4 in Circle library (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

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

## Chandi Homam in Sankara Mutt on Wednesday

'Krishna Paksha Chandi Homam' will be performed at 5 p.m on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Sankara Mutt (West Mambalam).

For more details, contact R. Sridharan Iyer in 98410 97300.All are welcome.

## Discourse on Gita tomorrow

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, Feb. 4 in the Ashram's premises.All are welcome.

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## Foundation stone laid for multilevel parking complex

The foundation stone for the Rs. 36.54 crore multilevel car parking complex at the junction of Thanikachalam Road and Theyagaraya Road in T. Nagar, to be constructed by Greater Chennai Corporation under the Chennai Smart City Project, was laid on Jan. 2.

The car parking lot will have high-end robotic equipment that will reduce the time taken for parking and retrieval of vehicles. It is expected to come up in one year against the earlier estimate of two years.

"The robotic equipment will be imported. Once a car is placed at the designated spot, the system will detect a vacant slot and put the vehicle in that slot in the shortest possible time," said an official. Similarly, retrieval of the vehicle will also be done quickly using the equipment, he added.

The parking lot will have space for 252 cars and 560 motorcycles, saving roadside space for parking at premium charges.

"We have planned to collect Rs. 20 for each car. The new Corporation Council may reduce the charge if motorists demand a reduction," said an official.

As all the Rs. 36 crores for development of the parking lot is mobilised under the Smart City Mission, the civic body may examine the option of levying lower parking charges.

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# BSNL withdraws Sunday free calls facility for landlines

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. has withdrawn the unlimited Sunday free calls facility for landlines from Feb. 1.

It had launched the pan-India scheme in Aug. 2016 to increase its subscription base for landlines.

According to a BSNL official, the scheme was not successful due to the penetration of mobile phones.

It has also reduced the free night calls period on all days by 2 1/2 hours. Free unlimited night calls can be made between 10.30 p.m and 6 a.m instead of from 9 p.m to 7 a.m. BSNL has about 6 lakh landline connections in Chennai Circle.

# Free spoken Sanskrit classes from Monday

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Samskrita Bharati will conduct free 10-day Spoken Sanskrit classes from 11 a.m to 1 p.m daily, from Feb. 5 to 14 in 1st Floor, 72, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar. It is open to all. No prior knowledge of Sanskrit is necessary. For registration, call 98848 62846

# Mass chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaamam on Friday

Chennai Group of Sri Vishnu Sahasranaamam Mandalis has organized mass chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranaamam at 10 a.m on Friday, Feb. 9 in Goshala, Sankara Madam, Kasi Viswanthar Koil Street, West Mambalam on the occasion of Sri Kanchi Maha Periyavaa Birth Star Day (Anusham).

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

# Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Prof. Aranga Ramalingam will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa – *சத்திய விண்ணப்பம்*' on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

# Donates provisions for feeding leprosy patients

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Raman (Giants Group of Chennai) donated provisions worth Rs. 1,000 to Jaimaa Charitable Trust on Jan. 29 for its free breakfast scheme on Mondays for leprosy patients in Govt. Poonamallee Hospital.

S. Jayasundari (Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that 40 to 50 leprosy affected persons from villages in and around Poonamallee visit the hospital for treatment on Mondays.

She has appealed to readers of *Mambalam Times* to support the Trust in helping the leprosy affected patients.

Donors and volunteers may contact her in 99400 30939.

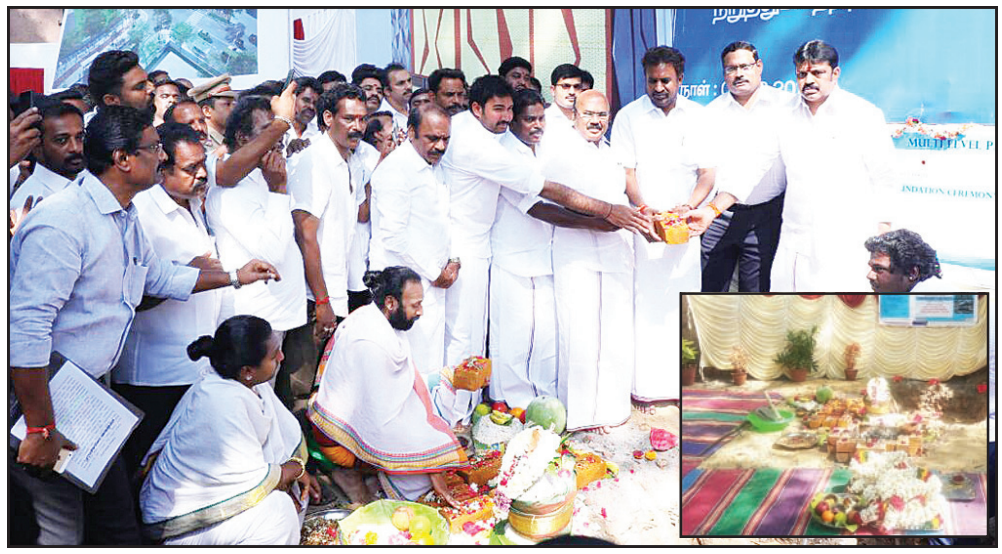
# Unused sewage tankers parked in Mambalam High Road

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Three unused sewage tankers fitted with sucker machines have remained parked on Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar for several months.

The vehicles are used to remove blocks and water stagnation in manholes, storm water drains, roads and sewage canals.

# Foundation stone laid for multilevel parking complex



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However, the Corporation will increase the parking charges along most of the roads in T. Nagar, collecting a premium charge of Rs. 40 per hour to reduce congestion. Currently, the parking charge is just Rs. 5 per hour for cars while three-wheelers and motorcycles can be parked free of cost.

The parking lot will have ground floor plus six floors and two basements. "In order to make it sustainable, we may have to increase the parking charges elsewhere," said an official.

The Greater Chennai Corporation's Special Project Department has also finalised the tenders for the construction of a multi-level parking lot in ward 136 in Kodambakkam zone under the Chennai Smart City scheme after a series of negotiations.

The cost has been reduced from 30% more than that of the official rate to 15%, sources said.

"The Corporation intends to move away from short-term measures to an area development approach with a long-term perspective. Thyagaraya Nagar has been selected for Area Based Development. This proposal aims at catering to the parking demand in Thyagaraya Road and adjacent roads. The objective is to achieve smooth flow of traffic in the area while supporting the pedestrian plaza project that is proposed on Thyagaraya road," said an official.

# Damaged manhole cover replaced after report in *Mambalam Times*

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*By Our Staff Reporter*

Following a report published in *Mambalam Times* (Issue dated January 20-26, 2018), the damaged cover of the manhole chamber in the middle of Station Road, West Mambalam was replaced on Jan. 30. The open manhole was posing a danger to motorists.

# A siesta under bus shelter

*By Our Staff Reporter*

A couple of persons were seen taking an afternoon nap on the long bench installed for the benefit of commuters in the bus stop shelter on Govindan Road, West Mambalam near 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar on Jan. 30.

# Sets wife's mother, brother on fire

Fazalur Rahman (37) (a resident of Arumbakkam employed in a college) was arrested on Jan. 28 for attempting to kill his in-laws by setting them on fire as they objected to his taking his wife and children back to his house.

According to the police, due to continued domestic violence, Beena Begum, the wife of Fazulur Rahman, had come with her children to her mother Rafyath's house in Otteri.

A couple of days later, Fazalur came to his in-laws' house to take back his wife and children. When Rafiyath and Baburaj (brother-in-law) refused to send them, it infuriated Fazalur.

In a fit of rage, he poured petrol on his in-laws and set them afire. Neighbours rushed to put out the fire and also managed to nab Fazalur before he escaped. The victims are undergoing treatment for 3rd degree burns. Fazalur was arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

# Sports meet conducted for Balavikas students, parents

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, (West Mambalam Samithi) organized a sports meet for its Balvikas students on Jan. 28 in Corporation Playground (Bhakthavatsalam Street, West Mambalam).

Vaidehi Krishnan (Principal, GRT Mahalakshmi Vidyalaya) was the Chief Guest.

The program started with Veda chanting followed by several competitions.

The program concluded with mangala arathi for Sri Sathya Sai Baba and distribution of prizes to the winners.

Around 90 Balvikas students and 30 parents participated in the sports meet.

The Samithi's contact number is 94447 73926.

# Corporation to re-float tenders for smart parking, cycle-sharing projects

The Chennai Corporation is to re-float tenders for the smart parking management and cycle-sharing system as each received only a single bidder when tenders were floated in December last year. To be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 4.2 crores, T. Nagar, Anna Salai, Anna Nagar, Guindy, Marina beach, Adyar, Royapuram and Washermenpet were initially identified as areas where the parking system would prove beneficial.

Similarly, the bicycle-sharing system, aimed at providing last-mile connectivity from bus stops and railway stations in the city, was to be taken up in Egmore, Mylapore, Thousand Lights, Kamarajar Salai and Royapettah.

# Talk on 'Palmistry' tomorrow evening

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Nannilam Vai Rajagopala Ganapadigal (publisher and editor of *Vaithikasri*, a Tamil magazine) will give a talk in Tamil on the 'Palmistry' from 3 p.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 4, in Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam. It will be followed by an interactive session on spiritual matters. All are welcome.

# Man held for molesting teenage girl

*By Our Staff Reporter*

The Pondy Bazaar Police arrested Ilamaran (30) for sexual harassment of a 17-year-old girl staying alone in her house in T. Nagar when her parents were away in Kerala.

According to the police, Ilamaran was known to her family.

He visited her house on some pretext and molested her.

She immediately informed her parents who rushed back to Chennai and lodged a police complaint against Ilamaran.

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# Contests during 'Meet for Families' next Sunday

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Hindu Kudumba Sanga-mam-2018 (Hindu Family get-together) will be conducted on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Dharmapura Aadhina Nilayam (158, North Usman Road, T. Nagar).

There will be competitions on music, dance, singing, oratory and other such talent contests for children.

The event will conclude with a discourse in Tamil on 'Nammai Sutri Natappathai Arivoma' by RBVS Manian.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

For registration, call or send SMS to 98849 54869 / 98849 45825. All are welcome.

# Father, daughter win prizes in cultural contest

*By Our Staff Reporter*

56-year-old S. Shivpprasadh and his daughter S. Sruuthi won prizes in the cultural contests conducted as part of 'Members Day' celebrations by Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha in Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar on Jan. 26.

He and Sruuthi won prizes for enacting the roles of 'Thiruppanalwar' and 'Andal' respectively.

Sruuthi also won prizes in sports events.

They are residents of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar

Sruthi is a Std. 10 student in PSBB School.

A fancy dress competition was held for different age groups.

An 85-year-old grandmother acted as a 'Dhadha' in the competition by sporting a long moustache with a cigar in h and and wearing a lungi and T-shirt.

# Bharathi birth anniversary celebrations in Vani Mahal today

Shriram Bharathi Kalai Ilakkiya Kazhagam (a wing of Shriram Group of Companies) will celebrate Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar's 136th birth anniversary for the 30th consecutive year from 6 p.m on Saturday, Feb. 3 in Krishna Gana Sabha, Maha-rajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar.

The Kazhagam presents awards every year to scholars, Tamil savants, eminent *litterateurs* and social workers who involve themselves in glorifying the poet's writings and thinking.

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## Debris dumped under Sivasailam Street name board

Construction debris has been dumped under the name board of Sivasailam Street, at its junction with Solaiappan Street, T. Nagar.

A damaged car is also found abandoned next to the name board. Nearby residents complained to the reporter that the street is also misused for parking vehicles by outsiders thereby narrowing its width.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Are commercial complexes following safety norms?

Sir, I recently read a report about a 4-year-old boy falling through a gap between the staircase and an escalator that was covered using a wooden plank in a commercial complex. The plank collapsed under the weight of the boy who suffered grievous injuries and is now recuperating in a private hospital.

The family of the injured boy did not file a police complaint as the commercial complex owner agreed to foot the medical bill for the boy.

The incident shows how reckless the owners of commercial establishments are in terms of providing safety and security for the shoppers .It is not known if the fire and rescue department has issued no objection certificate for the showroom. As per the lift rules and lift act, a building owner needs to obtain permission prior to installing escalator/lift and the same should be renewed periodically. Also, prior to opening the showroom for the public, it needs to be inspected thoroughly to confirm that it is safe and secure. Why are the authorities not ensuring such checks? Are the lives of the shoppers not important? **K. Harihar, T. Nagar**

### Re-check validity under 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana'

Sir, The govt. had launched the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana in 2015 which can be availed of by all bank account holders.

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The next year when I went for renewal, I was surprised to hear from my bank that they do not have any details of the insurance and cannot renew the policy. I do not know if mine is an isolated case or there are more persons facing a similar problem. So I advise anyone who has availed of the insurance to immediately crosscheck the details with their bankers. **V. S. Narayanaswamy, T. Nagar**

### BSNL can challenge competitors

Sir, This refers to the decision by BSNL to withdraw its 'Free calls on Sundays' and reduce the number of free calling hours at night.

When BSNL was ruling the roost, it had a field day dictating terms to customers. Many had to wait for years to get a landline connection even after paying the initial deposit. With liberalization and the entry of private players offering better services, BSNL started to lose its monopoly and marker share rapidly. The above decision, one is afraid, will prompt may subscribers to cancel their BSNL connection. With a wide network, infrastructure and technology as its strengths, BSNL can definitely compete with the best in the world by offering services in a more professional way. **Rajeswari Jayaraman, T. Nagar.**

### Pavement near T. Nagar Post Office misused as urinal

Sir, The pavement near T. Nagar Head Post Office at the junction of Nana Street and Sivagnanam Street is being misused as an open urinal. Women passing by are embarrassed by men urinating in the open. The staff and visitors to the post office face a health hazard due to the unhygienic condition of the pavement and the foul smell emanating from the place. The best solution is to construct a public toilet or install a couple of e-toilets at the spot and ensure proper maintenance. They may be made 'Pay and use' toilets. Will the authorities do the needful as soon as possible? **V. R. Sridhar, Flat 4, Swathi Kanaka Flats, 23/11, Veerasami Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 98845 68963**

### A knee-jerk reaction

Sir, As per media reports, after the steep increase in MTC fares, a number of daily commuters have switched to suburban trains with the Railways reporting an increase of Rs. 2 crores in collection during the following week. I wonder if many of the commuters chose to travel by train by choice or in silent protest against the fare hike which, I think, was more a knee-jerk reaction. Similarly, ration card holders too must boycott purchase for a month to register their protest against the sub-standard quality of the foodgrains being supplied by ration shops and insist on supply of Thuvar Dhal instead of the unhealthy Masoor Dhal. **N. Vijayaraghavan, 18th Avenue Ashok Nagar, Ph: 99626 64766**

### Plea for 5 more free bus tickets for senior citizens

Sir, The recent hike in bus fares has affected senior citizens like me. Not all senior citizens have permanent monthly income. Many are living a dependent life under the care of their children. While I am thankful to MTC for helping senior citizens by providing 5 free tickets (to and fro) per month, I also appeal to the authorities to consider giving 5 more tickets per month to compensate to some extent the hike in fare. **V. S. Narayanaswamy, T. Nagar**

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## Pani Lingam/ Jyotirlingam darshan in Valluvar Kottam from Feb. 9

*By Our Staff Reporter*

On the occasion of its 82nd Trimurti Shiva Jayanthi Vizha, Brahma Kumaris has organized special darshan of Amarnath Pani Lingam and 12 Jyotirlingam from Friday, Feb. 9 to Wednesday, Feb.14 in Valluvar Kottam (Nungambakkam).

Apart from the darshan, it has also organized the following events:

Feb. 9: 4 p.m: Kuthuvilakku dhyanam for women

Feb. 10: 10 a.m: Special meditation for transgenders; 4 p.m: Talk on 'How to face exam' for students

Feb. 11: 10 a.m. Meeting for Tamil scholars; 4 p.m: Meditation session

Feb. 12 10 a.m.: Religious discourses; 4 p.m: Special meditation for media professionals

Feb. 13 10 a.m: Talk on 'Aging gracefully'; 4 p.m: Tips on meditation

All are welcome.

## Burkit Road resident celebrates 100th birthday

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Meenakshmi Ammal (resident of 4, Burkit Road, T. Nagar) celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan. 31.

She has been a resident of T. Nagar for the past 60 years and was born in Thanjavur district.

According to her son V. Balasubramaniam, she is still very active and manages her daily routine on her own. He said that she was even active in the kitchen till last year, but has since given it up on the insistence of family members.

Her husband Venkataraman and two sons Viswanathan and Ramasamy are no more.

She also has three daughters, S. Vasantha, Baby and V. Banumathi, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Balasubramaniam (Ph: 98408 24960) is President of Siva Vishnu Temple (T. Nagar) and former MLA of Mylapore.

## Alumni meet held after 30 years

*By Our Staff Reporter*

More than 40 students from the 1987 batch of Jawahar Vidyalaya (Ashok Nagar) held an 'Alumni meeting' last month in Hotel Green Park, Vadapalani.

Teachers and the Principal from the 1987 batch also participated in the meeting.

It was the first alumni meet of the batch.

The ex-students had flown in from all over India and also from other countries including Singapore, Switzerland, USA and Canada to attend the get-together.

1987 batch students who could attend the meeting can register for future meetings by sending an email to jv87alumni @gmail.com.

## Painting contest for students tomorrow

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Vasantha Memorial Trust (33, 35th Street, Ashok Nagar) will conduct a 'Painting Contest' on the theme of cancer for school students at 10 a.m on Sunday, Feb. 4 in Rosary Matriculation Higher Secondary School (11, Papanasam Sivan Road, Santhome).

The themes for the contests are for the following categories:

Std. 1 to 4: A fruit a day keeps cancer away

Std. 5 to 8: Fast food is fast track to cancer

Std. 9 to 12: No hunger or taste for 3 weeks can be a sign of cancer

Dr. Ramanathan Jayaraman told *Mambalam Times* that the contest is being conducted to spread awareness among students about the role of food/diet and lifestyle in causing cancer.

The contest will be judged by Surendra (Cartoonist, *The Hindu*), S. Elayaraja (Noted artiste) and Usha Elan-govan (Art teacher).

For registration, call 2471 7871 or 97910 48379.

## Leaning compound wall of Police Station collapses

*By Our Staff Reporter*

A portion of the compound wall of All Women Police Station at the junction of Police Quarters Road and Madley Road, T. Nagar collapsed inwards last week.

*Mambalam Times* had recently reported that the compound wall was likely to topple over as it had been leaning precariously.

No one was injured in the incident.


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