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Central, Saidapet underground metro rail stretches opened

By Our Staff Reporter

Edappadi K. Palaniswami (Chief Minister) and Hardeep Singh Puri (Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs) together inaugurated the metro rail stretches of Nehru Park-Central (2.7 km.) and Saidapet-AG-DMS (4 km.), at Egmore station on May 25.

Commuters can now travel directly from Central/Egmore stations to two key transport hubs, CMBT and airport. Similarly, commuters can travel from Central Metro to DMS or St. Thomas Mount via Alandur.

At Central, only the upper track level connecting stations on Poonamallee High Road have been opened. The lower track linking Anna Salai is not ready.

According to an official, there is a train every five



minutes from Central to the airport and from Central to St.

Thomas Mount.

"If the number of users goes up, we may increase the frequency to two and half minutes," he said.

The fare from Central to airport is Rs. 60 and from Central to DMS (the longest stretch as of now) is Rs. 70.

While the Saidapet Metro station is located close to Panagal Maligai, the AG-DMS station is near the Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services.

There was a delay of two years in opening both the stretches. Work in the Anna

Salai line was stalled for a year after a Russian contractor, who was building tunnels and stations between May Day Park and Saidapet, abandoned work citing financial crisis. This forced the government to open bids again and award contracts in small packages to firms to finish the pending work.

The final inspections of the stations and tunnels were carried out last week.

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*** விழாவில் மகுடி தானே மங்கல வாத்தியம்?

(2) போக்குவரத்துக் கழகங்களுக்கு தினமும் ரூ.8 கோடி நஷ்டமாம்.

*** அவ்வளவு பேர்களா ஓசியிலே போறாங்க?

(3) அரிய தபால் தலை சேகரித்தால் ரூ. 8000 கல்வி உதவித் தொகையாம்.

*** இமெயில் காலத்திலே தபாலாவது? தலையாவது?

(4) சென்னையில் டி.ஜி.பி அலுவலகத்திலேயே வாக்கி டாக்கி மாயம்.

*** 'கபாலி! கில்லாடியா நீ! அங்கேயிருந்தே அடிச்சுட்டையா? ஓவர்'னு பேசிப்பாங்களா?

(5) திருப்பதி அர்ச்சகர்களுக்கும் தேவஸ்தான அதிகாரிகளுக்கும் மிடையே மோதல். அர்ச்சகருக்கு நோட்டீஸ்.

*** 'தினம் இரண்டு மணி நேரம்தான் தூங்க விடறாங்க. இனிமே அப்பவும் முழிச்சிண்டு இருக்கனுமா' என்று பெருமாள் பொருமலாம்.

(6) ஏர் இந்தியா விமானம் அமெரிக்காவில் பயணிகளை நான்கு மணி நேரத்துக்கு மேல் காக்க வைத்ததால் ரூ. 57 கோடி அபராதம்.

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(7) 'கோலமாவு கோகிலா' படக் கதைப்படி நயன்தாரா குடும்ப வருமானத்தை அதிகரிக்க போதைப் பொருளை விற்கிறாராம்.

*** விற்பவர் நயன்தாராவாச்சே! வியாபாரம் கட்டாயமாகத் தள்ளாடாது.

(8) பெண்கள் நீண்ட கால்களை உடைய ஆண்களை அதிகம் நேசிக்கிறார்களாம்.

*** நீண்ட ஜேபிகள் இருந்தால் மேலும் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைவார்கள்.

(9) ஆட்சிக் கட்டிலில் அமர்ந்த எ(ன்)டியூரப்பாவுக்கு பதில் குமாரசாமி.

*** குமாரசாமி பெயர் 'அம்மா'வுக்குத்தான் ராசி. 'அப்பா'வுக்கு இல்லை போலிருக்கு.

(10) பிரிட் டிஷ் இளவரசர் ஹாரி-மெர்க்கல் திருமணச் செலவு சுமார் 300 கோடி ரூபாயாம். சம்பிரதாயத்தை மீறி அன்று பாங்கு களுக்கு விடு முறை விடவில்லையாம்.

*** பின்னே சட்னு மேலே பணம் தேவைப்பட்டால் எடுத்து வரத் திறந்திருக்க வேணாமா?

(11) ராஜஸ்தான் நாத்தவாரா கிருஷ்ணன் கோவிலில் இரவு நிவேதனம் செய்யப்பட்ட பீடா பிரசாதமாக வழங்கப்படுகிறதாம்.

*** சுவாமி 'பான்'(pan)டு ரங்கன் அல்லவா?

(12) பஸ்மாசுர அரக்கன் எரிந்து சாம்பலான இடத்தில் உள்ள கோயிலில் நடக்கும் திருமணங்களில் ஹோமம் வளர்ப்பதில்லை.

*** ஹோமம் இல்லை என்றால் புகை இல்லை. மணப்பெண் கண்களைக் கசக்க சான்லே இல்லை.

(13) விக் வைத்து ஏமாற்றி மணம் புரிந்த மாப்பிள்ளை மீது மாமியார் போலீஸில் புகார்.

*** 'தீவுளிக்கு மருமகன் தலை முடியிலே எண்ணை வைக்கத் தாவலே? ஏமாத்திட்டாரே' என்றா?

(14) சென்னை தலைமை செயலகத்தில் பெட்டிக் கடைகளுக்கு இனி அனுமதி இல்லையாம்.

*** வால்மார்ட் லெவலில் அங்கேயே மால்கள் முளைக்குமா?

(15) எதிர்கட்சிக் கூட்டங்களுக்குச் சென்றால் மஞ்சகாமாலை வந்து அழிவீர்கள் - உ.பி அமைச்சரின் கர்ஜனை.

*** சாப விமோசனமாகக் கோடிகள் தட்சணையுடன் அவருடைய காலிலே விழுணுமா?

(16) கரடிக்கு ஐஸ்கிரீம் வாங்கிக் கொடுக்க வெளியே அழைத்துச் சென்ற கனடா மிருகக் காட்சிசாலை நிர்வாகிகளுக்கு அபராதம்.

*** அம்மா கரடிக்குத் தெரியாமல் 'பெண்ணை'த் தள்ளிக் கொண்டு போனார்களா?

(17) ஜப்பானிய விஞ்ஞானிகள் மரத்திலிருந்து மது தயாரித்துக் காட்டி அசத்தினர்.

*** நம்மூர் ஆட்களுக்குத் தெரிந்தால் ஒரு மரத்தை பாக்கி விடமாட்டார்கள்.

(18) உலகப் படங்களிலிருந்து நியூஸிலாண்டை விட்டு விடுகிறார்களாம் - பிரதமரின் புலம்பல்.

*** அடி மட்டத்தில் இருந்தாலும் நாங்கள் அடி மட்டமில்லை என்கிறாரா?

(19) கர்ண கடுரக் குரலில் பாடும் ஆங்கிலேயருக்கு நீதிமன்றம் இனி பாடத் தடை.

*** நம்மூர் நீதிபதிகளும் இதே சேவையைச் செய்ய வேண்டும் என்று சுப்படு இருந்தால் சொல்லியிருப்பார்.

(20) விலை சரிவினால் சாலையில் கொட்டப்பட்ட தக்காளிகள் கால்நடைகளுக்கு இரையாகிறதாம்.

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Tree stump blocks Jubilee Road pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers cut and removed a dead tree from the pavement of Jubilee Road, near Lake View Street junction, West Mambalam a few months back but left behind the stump which is obstructing pedestrians.

Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

Sevas (Pallavaram) sends volunteers to Tirumala for a week-long free service starting on Mondays and ending on Sundays. Physically fit men and women below 60 years are welcome to volunteer.

The travelling expense has to be borne by the volunteers.

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ISKCON programs in neighbourhood

By Our Staff Reporter

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The Corporation will soon finalise the fine to be levied for various violations.

Apart from solid waste, action will be taken against those who handle plastic, biomedical, construction, electronic waste and hazardous waste.

According to civic officials, residents in big apartment complexes have not agreed to set up in-house waste processing plants. "Nobody wants to have waste near the home. We have to sensitise them," said an official.

Commercial complexes which generate bulk waste in areas such as T. Nagar, George Town, Anna Nagar, Royapuram and Adyar have pointed to lack of space for waste processing.

"Inadequate space is another challenge," the official said. Despite the Solid Waste Management Rules coming into force in 2016, the civic body has not intensified penal action against the violators, including educational institutions.

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.

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All are welcome.

The Samiti also sells books on Sai literature and CDs of Sai bhajans.

Saplings around Kothandaramar temple tank withering



By Our Staff Reporter

Most of the saplings planted three months back around Kothandaramar Temple tank, adjoining Kittu Park, Ellaianman Koil Street, West Mambalam have started to wither and many have died as they are not being watered daily. The saplings are protected by tree guards.

Plea to hasten civic work at Station Road-Lake View Road junction



By Our Staff Reporter

Storm water drain construction at the junction of Station Road and Lake View Road, West Mambalam is progressing at a slow pace which is causing heavy traffic congestion during peak hours.

Residents have appealed to Chennai Corporation to complete the work on a war footing.

Day-long 'Thirupugazh Maanadu' in North Usman Road today

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of the 9th Thiru-pugazh Maanadu, Ganapa-thidasan will give a discourse on 'Thirupugazh Perumai' at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday May 27 in Dharmapura Aadhina Samya Prachara Nilayam (158, North Usman Road, T. Nagar).

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The Maanadu has been organized by S. Vaithyanathaswamy and devotees of Vilangalpattu.

All are welcome.

Maha Periyava Jayanthi mahotsavam from today

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Gnana Sudha Charitable Trust (3, Dabir Middle Street, Kumbakonam) has organized Maha Periyava Jayanthi mahotsavam from Sunday, May 27 to Tuesday, May 29 in its premises.

Special poojas, paara-yanam, gho pooja and religious discourses will be conducted on all the three days.

The mahotsavam will conclude with suhasini pooja at 8.30 a.m on May 29.

Devotees are welcome to donate for the daily Anna-dhanam. For more details contact 94433 44685 / 94867 67841.

GRE and GMAT lessons rendered free

By Our Staff Reporter

American Education Aids, established in 1980 in AD 79, Anna Nagar to offer postal coaching for GRE and GMAT (entrance examinations for admission in American Universities), has decided to offer its outstanding lessons to students everywhere free of cost.

The Institute was established by K. S. Ramakrishnan (retired IAS officer and presently Editor of *Mambalam Times*), and has so far helped over 20,000 students from middle classes to secure admission as well as financial assistance in reputed US Universities such as Harvard, MIT and Stanford.

A number of its students have achieved centum scores in these examinations.

"I had put in hundreds of man hours in writing these lessons single-handed, and I want the fruits of that effort to continue to be available even after me. Today's technology allows students from all over the world to download the lessons from the Internet, and I have decided to offer them free of cost", he said.

"The uniqueness of these lessons is that they contain analysis of over 4,000 actual questions asked in GRE and GMAT of earlier years which are still relevant", he said. There are sets of 12 books each for GRE and GMAT, each set running into over 1,500 pages.

After he made the announcement about a month back, nearly 8,400 students from a number of countries have downloaded the books.

The books are available in www.grebest.com and www.gmatbest.com.

Readers are requested to inform their relatives and friends planning to take GRE or GMAT of this free opportunity.

4-ft high central median installed in South Usman Road

By Our Staff Reporter

4-ft high steel railings have been installed as barricades on the central median in South Usman Road between CIT Nagar and New Boag Road junctions, T. Nagar.

The barricades were installed to prevent motorists from taking U-turns anywhere on the road by driving over the low median.



7-day discourses on Kamba Ramayanam from May 30

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) and SRM Kalakendra have jointly organized 7-day discourses on Kamba Ramayanam by Trichy Kalyanaraman from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m daily, from Wednesday, May 30 to Tuesday, June 5 in SRM Nightingale School, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam.

The following are the topics:
 May 30: Kamban perumai.
 May 31: Rama Avathar.
 June 1: Vaamana Avathar.
 June 2: Koorma Avathar.
 June 3: Agalikai Padalam.
 June 4: Breaking of Shiva Dhanush.
 June 5: Seetha Kalyanam.
 All are welcome.
 More details can be had in 99400 30939.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m on *Fridays & Sundays*: Kesari School, Dr. Giriappa Road (near Teynampet Signal).

Parking charges to go up in city

By Our Staff Reporter

To control congestion, Chennai Corporation will soon hike parking charges in several areas in the city depending on the level of demand/congestion. It has started a study to identify stretches with traffic congestion to increase parking charges in designated parking slots.

An official said: "We expect the hike in charges to be a disincentive to take vehicles to the area and make people use public transport or walk. We will collect four times the parking charges as fine for violating rules framed in accordance with the Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act."

CCTV cameras and automatic number plate recognition systems will be installed in the parking lots to trace vehicles that violate rules.

Currently, Chennai Corporation does not collect fine from motorists who fail to pay parking charges. The existing charges are 5 per hour for cars. Motorcycles and autorickshaws are now exempt from parking charges but not under the new system.

According to preliminary estimates, at least 3000

parking slots in congested areas such as T. Nagar are expected to have higher charges.

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By M. A. SADANAND

Wedding Video

Acres of concrete made a hill near the heart of an undulating spread of dull city buildings. In the middle of this rose the Prince Towers like a phoenix from the rubble of the Dasaprakash Hotel which was once part of the old Chennai cityscape. That was where my daughter got married in 1987 on a hot balmy Chennai summer day.

I was of course at the wedding, being the father of the bride, but actually missed most of it. This is the case with most Nair weddings which are blink-and-miss affairs of a few minutes. As for the people present in the front row, many of them complained to me later that all they could see were the posterior views of the videographers and still-photographers who were capturing the event for posterity. All I could do was sympathize with them and promise to show them the wedding video later.

A good 31 years after the event, my grandson Manu got the old fungus-ridden VHS tapes converted into digital format. He played it for me on his laptop, and on its screen unfolded so many wonderful sights and sounds that I had forgotten over the years. It was almost like I was watching the wedding for the first time. Seeing my old bungalow which has now been converted to an apartment building, seeing people who have passed on, people who are still there but have changed almost unrecognizably, a parade of my sisters and brothers-in-law, all of whom have departed for heavenly shores and a whole group of my friends who are either dead or have drifted away over the years, brought about a mixture of joy and sorrow. Watching my dear departed wife at her animated best, smilingly welcoming all the guests at her daughter's wedding, made me wish the videographer had spent more time focusing on her than anyone else.

Realization dawned then that, although videographers can seem like a nuisance to people attending a wedding, it is really worth the botheration since, decades later, one can choose to relive the past over and over again at the push of a button. What more can an old man like me ask for!

Free lung function test today

By Our Staff Reporter

New Sunflower Trust has organised free spirometry tests (lung function tests) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, May 27 in Nellai Pharmacy Complex (126, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

Dr. S. Chandrasekaran (Senior Pulmonologist) will be available for consultation. Persons with previous history of lung problems should bring recent medical records.

For registration, call 98847 89937 or 81447 10413.

Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Vedanta Institute (Madras), R. Aravindan will give a free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 2 in Hotel Pratap Plaza (168, Kodambakkam High Road, Mahalingapuram).

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

T. Nagar police get rid of unwanted documents

The 11 police stations in T. Nagar Police District, which include those in Mambalam, Pandy Bazaar, Teynampet, Kodambakkam, Valasaravakkam and Ashok Nagar, are in the process of getting rid of old documents no longer required.

These old papers and documents are being shredded and recycled. Following a GO passed several years ago, A. K. Viswanathan (City Police Commissioner) directed all police stations in Greater Chennai to identify such documents and destroy them through a safe recycling process.

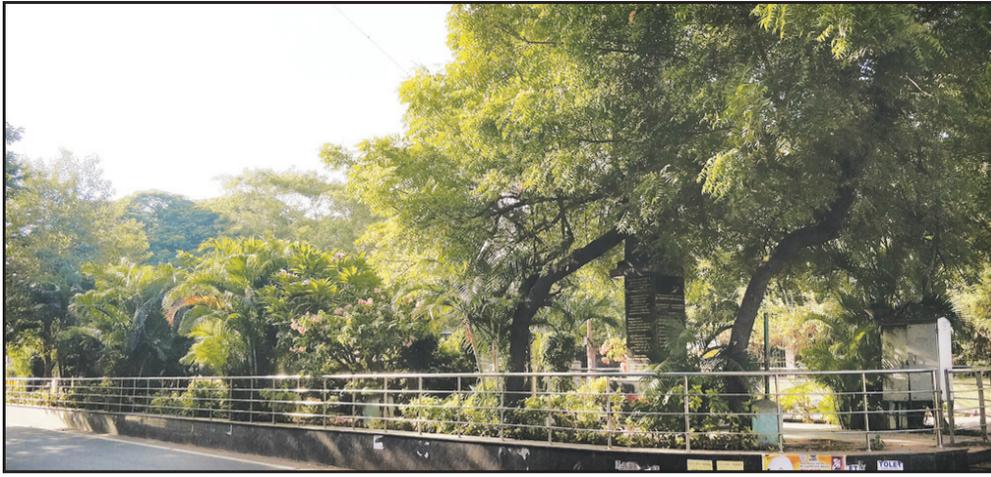
T. Maheshwari (Inspector, All-Woman Police Station, T. Nagar) headed the team which undertook the exercise.

She said that the head-constable in each of the 11 police stations was given the task of identifying records over the last decade and earlier.

Documents like village roster with a retention period of two years, general police diaries, notebooks, general memos and written complaints were all segregated for recycling.

Around 16,890 kg. of old records were bartered with TNPL in exchange for A4 size papers which were distributed among the 11 police stations.

Traffic island on 4th Avenue well maintained



By Our Staff Reporter

The traffic island on 4th Avenue near its junction with 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar is being maintained well by the Corporation. It is protected by a 6-ft tall fence.

There are a number of flowering plants and well pruned ornamental plants, and trees on the island.

Chain snatchers rob women in K. K. Nagar and Vadapalani

By Our Staff Reporter

On May 19, two chain snatching incidents were reported in one hour in K. K. Nagar and Vadapalani.

Police suspect the same motorcycle-borne youths in both the incidents.

At around 6 p.m., an 8-sovereign chain was snatched from a 67-year-old woman walking with her husband in P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar.

Within an hour, a 5-sovereign chain was snatched from a woman, again by two motorcycle-borne youths, in Arcot Road, Vadapalani.

According to the police, both the incidents happened in public glare and not on desolated streets.

Though both the women raised the alarm, the culprits managed to escape though they were chased by passersby.

Police obtained footage of the two youths along with the registration number of the bike from a nearby CCTV camera in the K. K. Nagar incident. The rider was seen masking his face with his helmet in the footage while the pillion rider was wearing a blue shirt. K. K. Nagar police have formed special teams to track the men with the help of the CCTV grabs.

The bike registration number led to a dead end as the bike had been stolen, said a police officer.

Huge cracks in parapet wall of Madley subway



By Our Staff Reporter

A section of the parapet wall along the service lane of Madley subway, T. Nagar is in a bad condition.

There are huge cracks in the wall and a large concrete block which has almost dislodged itself, is likely to fall into the subway posing a grave danger to motorists.

The dislodged concrete block has been loosely held in place with a hanging wooden beam tied to the concrete railing of the wall.

Seized vehicles block pavement in Muthurangan Salai

Vehicles seized by police for traffic and other offences are occupying the pavement of Muthurangan Salai, T. Nagar near Mambalam Police Station. Most of these vehicles are in a badly damaged condition.

The residents have appealed to the Police Dept. to remove the vehicles so that the pavement can be used by pedestrians.



Mountain of debris cleared after report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

Construction debris occupying almost 20 feet of the road margin and piled to a height of 15 feet was dumped at the junction of Mooparappan Street and South Boag Road, T. Nagar.

After it was reported in *Mambalam Times*, Corporation workers removed the debris from the spot last week.

Mass chanting of Sahasranamam on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Group of Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam Mandalis has organized mass chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29 in Goshala (Sankara Madam, Kasi Viswanathan Kovil Street, West Mambalam) to celebrate Kanchi Maha Periyavaa birth star day (Anusham).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 95001 77505.

Free Narayaneeyam classes for women from June 4

By Our Staff Reporter

Jayabai Srinivasan (Guru Mami of Narayaneeyam Mahila Mandali) will conduct free daily Narayaneeyam classes for women from Monday, June 4 in 5/9, Srinivasan Street, West Mambalam. For timings and other details, call Jayabai in 90030 16160 or 2489 3400.

Free eye check-up next Sunday

Radhatri Nethralaya (Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar) and JCI Chennai Royal have jointly organised free eye screening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 3 in Sri Tarachand Galada Jain School, 1st Street, Madley Road, T. Nagar.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98401 51080 and 94454 38681.

TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 86 PALAYAMKOTTAI OR BAI SISTERS

(P. S. RATNA BAI - P. S. SARASWATHI BAI)

Another rich and influential Naattukottai Nagarathar, P. S. Sathappa Chettiar, a mill-owner of Coimbatore, acquired Meenakshi Cinetone Studio in Adyar and renamed it as 'Sundaram Sound Studio'. He was the patron of the famous sisters P. S. Ratna Bai and P. S. Saraswathi Bai, known as the 'Bai Sisters' or 'Palayamkottai Sisters'.

The sisters were leading stars of the stage and household names in the Madras Presidency and surrounding areas. They entered movies thanks to Chettiar and acted in many films during 1930-1940, mostly made in Sundaram Sound Studio. They always acted together, Ratna as heroine and Saraswathi as vamp. Rarely did they act for outsiders and, when they did, they charged a fee of Rs. 25,000, a fortune in the 1930s. They would work only for 45 days and if the work spilled over for the 46th day they had to be paid extra in advance! If the producer failed to pay, the two would vanish in the night leaving no trace of even their perfume!

These Telugu-speaking Brahmin sisters of Tinnevely (now Thirunelveli) were indeed tough 'guys'! One of the few films they did for outsiders was 'Ratnavali' (1935), an early AV. Meiyappan production made in Calcutta.

One of the major hits made by P. S. Sathappa Chettiar with the Bai Sisters in partnership with another noted Coimbatore-based producer of the 1930s, A. N. Maruthachalam Chettiar, was 'Bhama Vijayam' (1934). A super bonanza, it introduced the Carnatic music legend G. N. Balasubramaniam - GNB - to cinema as Sage Narada.

In the film credits, his name appeared as 'Hutchins Plate Fame Sangeetha Vidwan' (Hutchins was a well known gramophone recording company of that period and 78 rpm discs were then colloquially known as 'plates'). Made at a cost of Rs. 80,000, the movie earned Rs. 10 lakhs, a mega fortune in the early 1930s.

M. R. Krishnamurthy, popular singing stage and screen star of the 1930s, played Lord Krishna in this movie. He was the brother of the legendary Carnatic musician Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer. Ratna Bai was Rukmini, while her sister Saraswathi Bai played Sathyabhama. 'Bhama Vijayam' had 59 songs - quite a common feature in that period - and GNB sang 10 of them. (One film of that period, 'Sangeetha Lava Kusa' had 63 songs!)

In his review in Ananda Vikatan, 'Kalki' Ra. Krishnamurthy said that the film was not a 'talkie' but a 'paattie' - a brilliant wordplay on 'talkie' and 'paattu' (song in Tamil), (Till December 1940, Kalki worked for the S. S. Vasanth-owned magazine.)

Interestingly, GNB's first song as Narada was "Balakanakamaya..." said to be the first composition of Saint Thyagaraja in raga Atana! That was not all. Narada and Krishna sang a duet, again a composition by Thyagaraja in raga Thodi, "Kotinadhulu Dhanushkotilo..."

Then came the icing on the cake. The film ended with all characters singing in chorus "Jana Gana Mana...!", the first time that the latter day National Anthem was sung on screen! Narada and Krishna singing the compositions of Thyagaraja and Rabindranath Tagore! Anachronism? Maybe, but nobody cared about such literary niceties then nor do they even today in Indian Cinema.

For the 'Jana Gana Mana' song there was a very valid reason - to arouse and awaken the Indian to fight for freedom. With a rigid scissors-sharp film censorship in force, the filmmaker had to resort to subtle and ingenious ways and means to spread the message to the masses.

'Bhama Vijayam' was produced under the banner of 'Chellam Talkies', a well-known name in those days. ('Chellam' was the pet name of Maruthachalam Chettiar!). The director was Manik Lal Tandon. Sadly forgotten today, M. L. Tandon was a successful Tamil filmmaker of the yester-decades and the first Tamil filmmaker to receive formal training in cinema in America. He studied filmmaking at the famous USC (University of Southern California), Los Angeles.

He also worked in some of the major Hollywood studios and was 'Indian Affairs Consultant' for Universal Studios and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. His classmate and intimate pal at USC was Ellis R. Dungan whom he 'imported' into India! (Dungan passed away some years ago in the U.S when he was ninetythree.) (To be continued)

Seva volunteers prepare lunch for Karuna Sagar inmates

By Our Staff Reporter

Volunteers of Seva prepared lunch and 'chat' items, and served them to inmates of Karuna Sagar (a home for terminally ill patients, advanced cancer patients and palliative care patients, Maduravoyal run by RMD Trust, T. Nagar) recently.

Yokesh (program coordinator) said that under the project of 'pop-up', they



cooked more than 10 dishes in the kitchen of Karuna Sagar. This was a new experience for the inmates, he added.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder, RMD Trust) said that there are more than 50 inmates. Anyone can visit Karuna Sagar to celebrate special occasions with the inmates. She can be contacted in phone 93810 16588.

Special school offers scholarships

By Our Staff Reporter

Ananya Learning and Research Centre (ALRC) (1st lane, Vijayaraghava Road, T. Nagar, Opp Anjuman School), which offers special education to children with learning difficulties, will reopen after the summer holidays next month.

Admissions are open with scholarships offered.

ALRC is also a remediation centre for children in the 6-12 years age group who are taken out of mainstream schools.

According to a faculty member, the remediation program is conducted by a team of dedicated and trained special edu-

cators focused on building skills, channelizing energies and nurturing innate talents of the child to ensure a smooth transition to the mainstream school as a confident and positive individual. He said that admission to the remediation program is done after an assessment of the child's strengths and weaknesses using global standardised assessment tools.

The program is offered for a period of one to two years depending on the child's need, before initiation into a regular school. An Individual Education Program (IEP) is prepared for the child based on his/her

strengths and needs. It consists of skill building, need based and activity oriented learning. Apart from academics, the school focuses on the holistic development of the child through creative activities, arts and crafts, yoga, movement therapy, sensory integration, developing concentration and more.

Periodic meetings are conducted with parents where they are updated on the child's progress and briefed on how to monitor the child's home work and assignments.

For more details, call ALRC in 99406 21463.

Special pujas in Goshala on Monday, Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Gho Samrakshana Sala (13, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam) has organized special programs on May 28 and 29 in Goshala as part of Sri Maha Periyava 125th Jayanthi celebrations.

The following is the program:

May 28: 6 a.m: Sri Maha Ganapathi poojai; 8 a.m onwards: Maha Rudra Japam and Yogam; 12 noon: Pooranahuthi; 12.30 p.m: Deeparathanai; 1 p.m: Prasadam distribution,

May 29: 5 a.m: Sri Maha Ganapathi homam, Sri Avahanthi homam, special abhishekam to Sri Maya Periyava; 8 a.m: Gho pooja; 9 a.m: Sri Navachandi yagam; 12 noon: Pooranahuthi; 12.30 p.m: Special abhishekam and deeparathanai to Sri Maha Periyava; 1 p.m: Prasadam distribution.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98842 90540, 99520 89661 and 98400 46649.

Sai bhajans on Fridays

By Our Staff Reporter

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

Banyan tree outside railway station provides shade



By Our Staff Reporter

The 40-year-old banyan tree with a wide girth at the entrance of the 2-wheeler parking stand outside Mambalam Railway Station on Station Road provides shade for persons from the sweltering heat. Many persons take rest under the tree in the afternoon to escape from the hot sun.

Program to bust myths on menstruation today

By Our Staff Reporter

To commemorate 'Menstrual Hygiene Day', Aval (the women empowerment wing of Dhagam Foundation) has arranged a special program to clear the traditional myths about menstruation, especially among men.

The program, titled 'Who are all men', will be held from 10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Sunday, May 27 in CD Nayagam Thyagaraya Nagar School, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar.

All are welcome.

For more details, call S. Meenakshi (Secretary, Dhagam Foundation) in 99401 12116 or Govind Murugan (Convener) in 88702 62513.

Now, a health mix with sprouted grains

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Vijayalakshmi (resident of LIG Flats, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar), who markets a health mix, has introduced a new one with sprouted grains (ragi, wheat, cumbu, moong dhal), almond, cashewnut etc. The mix can be used to make porridge for breakfast.

She has been selling health mix with millets for three years. "Our customers who buy millet health mix want the product with sprouted ingredients like ragi, wheat etc. So I have introduced the sprouted mix," she told *Mambalam Times*.

Vijayalakshmi earlier attended a training program on millet products conducted by Tamilnadu Agriculture University Information & Training Centre.

"Millets are God's gift for diabetics and they are hypertension-friendly too," she said.

300 gm. and 500 gm. packs are available at her residence. She can be contacted in 97907 72370 / 2371 1835.

Damaged slabs block carriageway in Dhandapani Street



Damaged interlocking slabs and debris removed from pavements have been dumped in a heap at the junction of Pinjala Subramaniam Street and Dhandapani Street, T. Nagar.

They are blocking almost one half of the carriageway causing obstruction to motorists and pedestrians.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help Corporation maintain cleanliness

Sir, Chennai Corporation has placed garbage bins in each street for the residents to dump waste. The waste from the bins is transferred through compactor lorries to a dumping yard for segregation and solid waste management.

As per the Chennai Corporation website, everyday 4500 tonnes of garbage is collected and removed from Chennai. Night conservancy is being carried out in all important roads and commercial areas of the city apart from the door to door collection of garbage.

It is every resident's responsibility to extend co-operation, help and support to Chennai Corporation by dumping the daily waste only in the garbage bins.

If the households and shop owners can segregate plastic waste, it will be of great help. Residents and store owners, in their own interest and in the interest of a pollution free environment, must ensure that their neighbourhood is kept clean and green. It is rightly said that 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'.

The photo shows the unhygienic condition of Guild Street, T. Nagar with garbage dumped on the roadside, though the Corporation has kept two bins in the street.

I fervently appeal to Chennai Corporation to run awareness campaigns in residential areas, and also to introduce a system of fines like in Singapore for improper dumping of waste. **V. S. Narayanaswamy. Motilal Street, T. Nagar.**

Plea on 'Kids Section' timing in Circle Library

Sir, The 'Kids section' in Circle Library (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) is open from 10 a.m to 5 p.m which is not convenient for children.

On school days, the children return home from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. The ideal time for them to visit the library will be after 5 p.m. Similarly, during the summer holidays, the preferred time is after 4 p.m due to the scorching heat in the afternoon.

In view of the above, I request the library authorities to keep the 'Kids Section' open at least till 7 p.m. **K. Srinivasan, K 76, CBI Staff Quarters, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar, Ph: 99620 80127**

Pat for Mambalam Times

Sir, I am delighted that *Mambalam Times* has completed 23 years of service to the residents of T. Nagar and West Mambalam and has so far distributed over 3.50 crore free copies.

This is a great achievement. I appreciate the yeoman service offered to the neighbourhood residents by *Mambalam Times* and wish it the very best in the years to come in its continued quest for courageous, tireless and selfless journalism. **V. S. Narayanaswamy Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Open manhole in Madley Road poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

The cover of the sewer manhole outside Madley Apartments, Madley Road, T. Nagar, near Madley subway has caved in.

An old telephone post and tree branches have been placed in the opening to caution motorists and pedestrians.

It poses a danger to road users due to poor visibility at night.

Residents protest demanding eviction of encroachments

To protest against the rampant encroachment of roads and footpaths, a section of T. Nagar residents led by members of the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) staged a road blockade on Masilamani Street on May 21.

The protesters met Corporation officials in T. Nagar and submitted a petition demanding the removal of encroachments from government lands, roads and footpaths.

"We are unable to walk on the pavements due to the increasing encroachments. We had submitted a petition to the officials earlier but no action was taken. The delay in clearing the encroachments forced us to stage the road blockade," said V. Arumugam, a PMK functionary who took part in the agitation.

He said that roads and footpaths near Natesan Park are full of encroachments. Residents have complained about the encroachments on Kannadasan Street and Venkatanarayana Road as well, but there has been no response from officials, he added.

OBITUARY

T. R. RAJAGOPALAN

T. R. Rajagopalan (resident of 6/1, Thulukkanam Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 2484 4626) passed away on May 22. He was 91, and had been a resident of Mambalam for 46 years.

He had retired from Southern Railway.

He is survived by his wife, 3 sons, 6 daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



SAMPATHMALSA CHORDIA

Sampathmalsa Chordia (resident of 8, Nana Street, T. Nagar) passed away on May 17. He was 71, and had been a resident of T. Nagar for 4 years.

He is survived by his elder brothers Sardarmal and Ranjithmal, sons Pannalal and Gumbhir, and grandchildren.

N. RAMASWAMY

N. Ramaswamy (resident of 159, 94th Street, 15th Sector, K. K. Nagar) passed away on May 16.

He was 84, and had been a resident of K. K. Nagar since 1969. He retired as Audit Officer of AG's office.

He was a member of Rotary Club of K. K. Nagar.

He is survived by his wife V. Balambal (Former Professor of History, University of Madras), son Rajkumar, daughter Nandini Rajshekar and grandchildren.



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Mambalam Police Station gets solar panels

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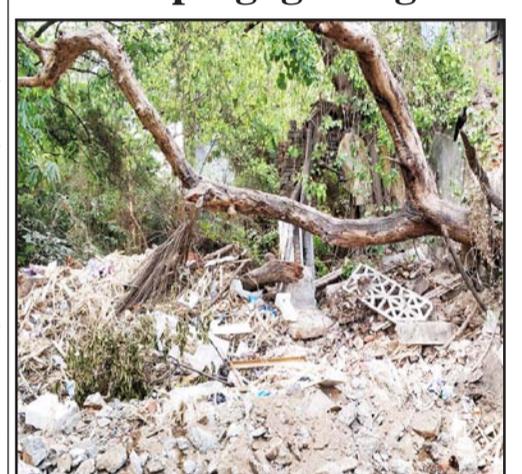
Discourse on Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter
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, May 27 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. For more details, call 2814 3896.

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), Dhanalakshmi Sathishraj will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa-ஜீவ காருண்யம்' on Tuesday, May 29, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Vacant plot misused for dumping garbage



By Our Staff Reporter
A vacant plot near the bus stop on Burkit Road, T. Nagar is being misused as a dumping ground for garbage. Some nearby residents complained that the plot has also been converted into an open toilet and its unhygienic condition poses a danger to them.

Busy junction in K. K. Nagar remains unpaved

The busy Alagirisamy Salai and Lakshmanasamy Salai junction in K. K. Nagar remains unpaved even after the Metrowater Dept. completed its work three months back. It had dug the road to replace damaged underground pipes. After the work was completed, the trench was not closed properly. The uneven surface, with loose gravel and potholes, is causing problems for motorists.

"I try and avoid the junction and take a detour," said Ramesh, a resident of 6th Avenue. The junction is not only dangerous to ride on, but has also become a dust bowl, he added.

Will the Corporation officials take immediate steps to relay the junction?

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Free eye check-up on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) and Sri Bhuvanewari Charitable Trust (K.K.Nagar) have jointly organized free eye check-up from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Friday, June 1 in Sathya Mahal (Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

Doctors from Sankara Nethralaya will examine the patients. Participants will undergo vision, eye pressure and retinal imaging tests.

Those detected with cataract can avail of free surgery

For registration, call 99400 30939 or 98407 87957.

Vendors back outside Corporation Girls School

By Our Staff Reporter

Vendors have again started encroaching on the road margin next to the entrance to Corporation Girls School (Usman Road, T. Nagar). It is causing inconvenience to the students and staff of the school during opening and closing hours.

P. Padma (Headmistress) told *Mambalam Times* that

the encroachments outside the school were evicted recently, and the defaced school walls were repainted with slogans.



Even barricades were installed on the pavement to prevent encroachment.

But the encroachments

have started to reappear.

She has requested the officials concerned to take immediate action and evict the encroachments.

Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

By Our Staff Reporter

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.

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Shops down shutters in support of bandh



By Our Staff Reporter

Most shops remained closed in the neighbourhood on May 25 following the State-wide dawn-to-dusk bandh called by DMK and other parties in pro-

test against police action in Tuticorin this week in which 13 persons were killed and several injured.

Almost all the shops in Ranganathan Street, Usman

Road and Pondy Bazaar remained closed. No untoward incidents were reported.

This photo was taken outside the MTC terminus on Usman Road.

Kittu Park renovation nearing completion

By Our Staff Reporter

Kittu Park (Ellai-amman Koil Street, West Mambalam) has remained closed for close to 6 months as renovation is in progress.

A Corporation official told *Mambalam Times* that it will be reopened soon.



He said that the walkers' path has been relaid with railings on both sides.

The other work carried out includes improving children's play area and fitness zone with new apparatus, enhancing greenery, improving security by installing CCTV cameras, and beautifying the walls with paintings of birds and animals

According to a nearby resident, most of the regular park users now go to other nearby parks for daily morning and evening exercises.

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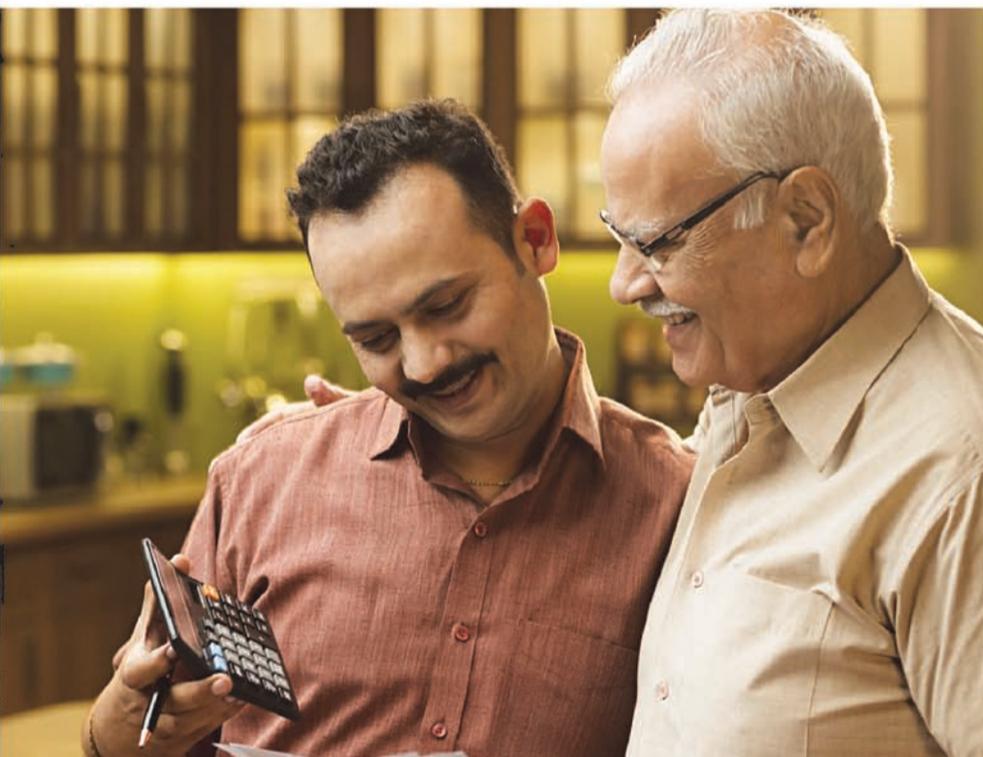
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