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(7) நாய் காணவில்லை போஸ்டர்கள் அம்பத்தூரில் ஓட்டப் படுகின்றனவாம்.

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(8) தீபாவளி முன் இரவு 50,000 பக்தர்களுக்குத் திருப்பதி தேவஸ்தானத்தால் நல்லெண்ணெய் இலவசமாக வழங்கப்படுகிறதாம்.

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(9) மடியில் உட்கார வைத்த குரங்கால் பஸ்ஸை ஓட்டிய டிரைவர் டிஸ்மிஸ்.

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(10) ரெட் அலர்ட் நாளில் அதிக மழை பெய்யாமல் வெயில் கொளுத்தியது.

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(11) ம.பியில் டாக்டர்களுக்குக் கையெழுத்துப் பயிற்சி.

*** அசைன்மென்ட்டுகளை பார்மனியில் உள்ள விற்பனை யாளர்கள் படித்து, தான் திருத்த வேண்டி இருக்கும்.

(12) இந்த வருட கொலுவுக்குக் கும்பகர்ணன் பொம்மை வந்திருக்கிறது.

*** இது நிற்காமல் படுத்துத் தூங்கும் நிலையில்தான் இருக்கும்.

(13) இட நெருக்கடியால் கிரீ காடுகளில் சிங்கங்கள் மடிவதால் 80 சிங்கங்களை ரூ. 65 கோடி செலவில் இடமாற்றம் செய்யப் போகிறார்கள்.

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(14) மழை நீர் தலையில் விழாமல் இருக்க அரசுப் பேருந்து ஓட்டுனர்கள் தலைக்கு மேல் குடைகளைப் பொருத்தி இருக்கிறார்களாம்.

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(15) மாலைகளைக் கட்டி விற்க வெளி ஆட்களை அமர்த்தி நரிக்குறவர்கள் வியாபாரத்தைப் பன்மடங்கு பெருக்கி வருகிறார்களாம்.

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(16) ராஜஸ்தான் மாநில அமைச்சர் ஷாம்பு சிங், திறந்தவெளியில் தூய்மை இந்தியா போஸ்டர் அருகே சிறுநீர் கழித்ததற்கு சப்பைக் கட்டு கட்டியுள்ளார்.

*** அடுத்த இறக்குமதியையும் செய்யாமல் இருந்தேனே என்றுதானே?

(17) விமானி ஆனதைக் கொண்டாட தன் கிராம முதியவர்கள் 22 பேரை சொந்தச் செலவில் விமானத்தில் ஏற்றிச் சென்று ஊர் சுற்றிக் காட்டிய விகாஸ் ஜியானி.

*** இவருடைய 'பறந்த' உள்ளத்தைப் பாராட்ட வேண்டும்.

(18) மழையால் சின்ன வெங்காயம் அழுகி வருகிறதாம்.

*** பெரிய வெங்காயம் பாசத்துடன் கண்ணீர் விடுகிறதா?

(19) விமான நிலையப் பாதுகாப்புப் படையினரைப் பணியின்போது சிரித்த முகத்துடன் இருக்க வேண்டாம் என்று புதிய உத்தரவு.

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(20) சபரிமலை விவகாரத்தில் ஊரே கூடி எதிர்ப்பதால் பினராயி விஜயன் பீதி.

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Rods in unfinished drain pose danger for road users



By Our Staff Reporter

Iron rods in the still to be completed storm water drain in Habibullah Road and Prakasam Road in T. Nagar are posing a danger for road users as they are invisible during night.

Sai bhajan programs in T. Nagar and Mambalam

By Our Staff Reporter

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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, Thanika-chalam Road, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar. All are welcome.

Response to report on MGR Canal work

In response to the report 'Civic body paid firm Rs. 22 crores for unfinished work on MGR Canal' in Mambalam Times last week, SPL Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (15, Kasturi Rangan Road, Alwarpet) has sent the following clarification:

We wish to bring to your notice that, under the caption 'Civic body paid firm Rs. 22 crores for unfinished work on MGR Canal', it has been mentioned that the project was carried out by SPL Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, a company based in T. Nagar and had been paid for the unfinished work which is quite surprising.

In this connection, we would like to clarify that the 3-chamber configuration of the drain work is not part of the site work taken up by us in MGR Canal. It is true that the work was awarded to us in 2011-12 and, as per the contract, the drain was executed by us in a single box configuration and not the three compartment drain.

It is further clarified that during the course of the execution of the work, deviations were ordered by Corporation of Chennai in the width of the drain according to the availability of site in the alignment of MGR Canal. In some areas a larger width than the one contemplated in the contract has been carried out.

In some of the locations where the site was not available freehold, the work was not commenced from our end. We have repeatedly addressed the civic authorities to make available the site freehold. Unfortunately due to rehabilitation and resettlement issues the site was not handed over. Since the contract period was prolonging, we have sought for foreclosing the contract by settling the accounts for the work executed as on date. In view of the fact that there was no positive response from the Corporation in rehabilitation and resettlement issues, we have treated the same as a dispute and evoked the Arbitration clause and appointment of Adjudicator.

It is on record that finding no improvement in site availability, the Corporation settled our amount by passing the final bill dated June 7, 2016. The payment of Rs. 22 crores covers the additional or variation items executed in MGR Canal, Chellamal Canal, Jafferhanpet Canal, Guindy Industrial Estate Canal. We categorically state that the payment has not been made for the entire length as alluded in the news item. We have received the payment only for the items of work executed.

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Residents concerned over inundation during monsoon

By Our Staff Reporter a number of roads and streets including bus route roads in T. Nagar and West Mambalam to very heavy waterlogging in as the storm water drains had

not been desilted and rainwater harvesting structures (RWHS) in a number of streets in the neighbourhood, as envisaged under the Smart City projects, are not in place.

According to Corporation officials, of the 25 roads identified in the neighbourhood under the Smart City project, RWHS have been built on both the sides of 15 important roads.

There is waterlogging after a downpour even in commercial areas like Pondy Bazaar, parts of Usman Road and its bylanes forcing shoppers to wade through filthy kneedeep water, said a resident.

With the festive season and monsoon around the corner, T. Nagar will continue to be a challenge for both shoppers and shopkeepers.

In spite of several announcements over the past couple of years, there has been no progress in improving the infrastructure like laying storm water drains, installing RWHS or removing encroachments and preventing dumping of

waste into drains, said Lakshmanan (a longtime resident of Velu Street)

According to a Corporation official, at intervals of 50 meters in the storm water drain network in the city including this neighbourhood, 200 mm PVC pipes filled with blue metal have been sunk for water percolation during rains to both prevent waterlogging in streets and improve the ground water level. Metrowater Board has taken steps to clean and refurbish the RWHS in all its 353 buildings in the city, and is also conducting door-to-door inspection and awareness programs on rain water harvesting in houses.

Girl abandoned in Mambalam railway station rescued

By Our Staff Reporter

A 13-year-old girl, abandoned by her aunt in Mambalam railway station, was rescued by the city police and sent to a government-run home for children in Shenoy Nagar.

According to the police, a couple of passengers noticed the young girl sitting alone on the platform with her belongings. They informed the Railway police at the station.

When the police enquired, she told them that her aunt Devi had left her in the station saying her father Jayaraman would come and pick her up. When her father did not turn up for a long time, police made further enquiries which revealed that the girl had been living with her aunt ever since her mother had committed suicide three years back. The father had abandoned the family long back.

She also told the police that her aunt often tortured her and made her do all the household work. Police said the girl had burn scars all over her hand.

Mambalam police are trying to locate her aunt as the girl is not aware of her address.

Rs. 2 lakhs robbed from TASMAC shop

By Our Staff Reporter

Burglars robbed Rs. 2 lakhs from a locked TASMAC shop in Jafferkanpet on the night of Oct. 15.

The burglary was noticed the next morning when Madan (an employee) came to open the shop and found the main lock broken. When he pulled up the shutters, he noticed the locker broken open and the cash kept in it missing.

He lodged a complaint in MGR Nagar Police station. Sniffer dogs were brought to the spot and fingerprints were lifted from the scene. The police have obtained footage from nearby CCTV cameras to identify the culprits. "We are also questioning the store employees," said a police official.

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Van wheel gets caught in trench



By Our Staff Reporter

The front wheel of a loaded vehicle got caught in a storm water drain trench in Rukmani Street, West K. K. Nagar at around 11 a.m on Oct. 19. Members of the public struggled for more than 20 minutes to move the vehicle from the spot.

Upcoming musicians felicitated



Vedic Ravi (Founder, Sri Bhuvanewari Charitable Trust, K. K. Nagar) has felicitated upcoming Carnatic musicians for their programs during Navarathri celebrations in Sri Sardhambal Temple in Meenakshi college for Women, Kodambakkam. He can be contacted in 98407 87957.

Axed tree branches lying on road



Low lying tree branches on Vinayagam Street in West Mambalam axed by Corporation workers have been lying on the road margin for several days.

Track work on North Chennai metro line begins, to be ready by 2020

Work to install ballastless tracks on a section of the North Chennai metro line has begun, and commuters will be able to travel up to Wimco Nagar in 18 months. The Phase-1 extension line between Washermenpet and Wimco Nagar, which is expected to be ready by March 2020, connects a 9 km. stretch through seven stations. Metro rail officials said that construction work in the underground stations in Theagaraya College and Korukkupet and five elevated stations is under way. A Chennai Metro Rail Ltd. (CMRL) official said, "Work on the elevated corridor is steadily progressing. Track and electrical work is on in the underground section. After the tracks are laid, OHE cables for power supply to operate trains will be installed." Once the 9 km. line is ready, commuters can travel from Wimco Nagar in Tiruvottiyur to the airport in less than 60 minutes through the underground section in Anna Salai. They will also be able to reach CMBT bus terminus in Koyambedu by switching corridors in the transit hub in Central Metro. CMRL managing director Pankaj Kumar Bansal said all tenders, including those required to build trains, install electrical, communication and other systems had been finalised except for signal software. "The company which is to provide software for the Anna Salai line, has not given us a proposal so far," he said.

Construction on the extension line began in July 2016. Tunnels for the upline and the downline for a distance of about 2 km. from Washermenpet to Korukkupet were completed last year, well ahead of the deadline. According to CMRL officials, the soil condition on the stretch was favourable unlike the location between High Court and Central and the portion on Anna Salai, where engineers hit rocky strata and slowed down, stalling work. Initially, CMRL said it expected to complete construction of the line by March 2019, but the deadline has been pushed by a year.

75-year-old converts house into kolu exhibition on 26 themes

By Our Staff Reporter

75-year-old Banumathi (a resident of A2, 2nd Floor, Mahalakshmi Flats, 29/1, Vishvanathapuram Main Road, Kodambakkam) has converted all the rooms in her house except the kitchen to display a mega kolu based on 26 themes including 'Thamirabarani maha pushkaram'.

There are more than 2000 dolls on display.

The themes covered by her include divinity, Hindu religious practices and festivals, Puranic history, social themes like women achievers and empowerment, park, zoo, epics like Ramayanam, avatars like Krishna, Murugan and more.

She also has an international section where she has kept a number of dolls purchased in foreign countries to display the culture of those countries.

She has pasted charts on all the walls as part of the display. It took her a month to plan the kolu. She was helped by her maid servant and her regular auto driver to arrange the kolu display.

"My son and daughter are settled abroad and I had returned after visiting them a month back. So I had only a short time to finalise the display," she said.

She is a post-graduate in Mathematics, and was an education consultant.

Her house is a popular destination for a number of nearby residents and relatives during Navarathri.

She will dismantle the kolu on Monday, Oct. 22.

Anyone interested in visiting her house to view the kolu may contact her in 93803 29629.



Trench closed following report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

Following the report 'EB workers drain out water from trench' published in Mambalam Times last week, workers have closed the trench in Munusamy Salai, K. K. Nagar.

Freezer box free for needy families

Uthamar Abdul Kalam Podhu Nala Mandram (Brindavan Street, West Mambalam) has launched a project to provide a freezer box charge-free for needy families. The service was launched on Oct. 15 as part of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (Former President) birthday celebration.

B. Kaarmegam (President) said that association was formed to render service to needy people. The first freezer box was bought with contributions from members and philanthropists. He said that anyone who needs the freezer box may contact 97870 00936, 94444 33386 and 98848 31044.



Breast cancer screening camp on Oct. 28

By Our Staff Reporter
Dr. Aarthi (General Surgeon) will conduct a free breast cancer screening camp on Sunday, Oct. 28 in Flat 10 Arihant Flats, Subramani Street, West Mambalam. Women aged 30 and above can attend the camp. For more details call Dr.Aarthi in 97908 20565.

Annabhishekam in Siva-Vishnu Temple on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter
On account of Pournami, Annabhishekam will be conducted for Sri Kedareeswarar and Kasi Viswanathar on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m in Siva-Vishnu Temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar). The deities will be adorned with eatables which will be distributed among devotees as prasadam. All are welcome.

Special kids make dolls for kolu

Arvind Foundation (a charitable organization for children with special needs, 6th Sector, K. K. Nagar) celebrated Navarathri with a kolu with dolls made by special children using clay. Modelling clay is flexible and strong, making it ideal for fine motor practice for special children. Fine motor ability is essential for special children for the development of hand-writingskills, and is supported with activities that help strengthen and coordinate children's hands and fingers. More details can be had in 98842 15257 and www.arvindfoundation.org

'Book Kolu' till today

Kuvikam Illam (Flat No. 6, 3rd Floor, A Wing, Siverpark Aptments, 24 Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar) has organized a 'Book Kolu' which can be visited from 5 p.m to 7 p.m till Sunday, Oct. 21. The kolu was opened on Oct. 19. About 350 books on all topics have been exhibited. More details can be had in 97910 69435 or 89396 04745

T. Nagar resident publicises PM's schemes

By Our Staff Reporter

G. A. Prithiv (resident of T. Nagar and Social Worker) has been creating awareness about the Prime Minister's Ujjwala Yojana schemes door-to-door for several days. He met the schemes' beneficiaries in South Chennai and organised a quiz program on the schemes. Those who are in need of assistance or information about the schemes may contact 74010 31764,



'Sandalee', a play on the struggles of women, today evening



By Our Staff Reporter
Dhagam Foundation, which has been championing women empowerment, will stage the play 'Sandalee', based on challenges faced by women, by Yaazh Arts Team at 5 p.m and 6.45 p.m on Saturday, Oct. 20 in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar). Tickets priced at Rs. 200 can be purchased online from the website <https://in.bookmyshow.com/chennai>. The play is about the lives of women who struggle in silence. It will feature the struggle of women and how they circumvent it in problems related to

menstruation, access to clean toilets, and social pressures as a spinster, wife, mother, divorcee and widow. The play will also portray empowered women who face up to the challenges and how society responds to such women.

Bengal Association's eco-friendly Durga Pooja dinner

By Our Staff Reporter

This year, The Bengal Association (T. Nagar) organised an eco-friendly food arrangement during Durga pooja festival. According to Soumya Guha (Secretary), dinner used to be the biggest generator of plastic waste during the festive season. "But this year, though it increased our cost substantially, we decided to minimize the use of non-biodegradable waste during the poojas. We switched from plastic to thermocol for cutlery and palm leaf and sugarcane fiber plates for serving and distributing food packets. We also used cloth bags instead of plastic bags for visitors to take away the food packets," he said.

Free Veda classes

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free Veda, bhajans and sloka classes on Fridays from 5 p.m to 6 p.m and on Sundays from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m in its premises. It also conducts the classes at the following venues:
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On Saturdays from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha (Maharajapuram Sant-hanam Salai, T. Nagar) and from 8 a.m to 9 a.m in Guha Apartments (29, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, West Mambalam). All are welcome.

Plea to donate new clothes for homes

By Our Staff Reporter

Seethalakshmi Mahadevan (social worker residing in Shiree Niketan Apartments, 41/5, R. K. Shanmugam Salai, K. K. Nagar) has appealed for new clothes for inmates of various homes caring for orphans, mentally retarded persons, destitutes, senior citizens and special children for Deepavalli. She has been collecting clothes for the festival for more than 20 years. This year, she plans to present new clothes to 700 children including special children and senior citizens with contributions from philanthropists. Seethalakshmi said that she collects dhotis, saris and innerwear for senior citizens and good clothes for children and others to be handed over to homes in Chennai, Villupuram, Maduranthakam, Chengalpattu, Thirumazhisai and other areas. Those interested in donating in cash or kind may contact 98417 65222.

Prayer walk by Ayyappa devotees

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees and supporters participated in the prayer walk organized by Chennai Ayyappa Seva Sangam on Oct. 13 in protest against the Supreme Court order allowing women of all ages to enter Sabarimala Temple. The walk began in Arya Gowda Road (near Vallaba Vinayagar Temple, West Mambalam) and ended at Anjanyar Temple (53rd Street, Ashok Nagar). It passed along Postal Colony (West Mambalam) and 7th Avenue (Ashok Nagar). More details can be had in 94444 51533 and 94441 09431.



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High Court bans online sale of crackers till Nov. 15

By Our Staff Reporter

The Madras High Court has banned the sale of crackers online till Nov. 15. Deepavali is on Nov. 6.

Justice S. Vaidyanathan passed the interim order on Oct. 16, after admitting a PIL moved by M. Shaik Abdullah of Chennai to prohibit retail sale of firecrackers online.

The court also ordered notice to the Deputy Chief Controller of Explosives, Chennai City Commissioner of Police and Chennai Corporation Commissioner.

The petitioner, a firecracker trader for the past 15 years, said that he was in business after obtaining necessary licenses under the Explosives Act. Claiming that online sale of firecrackers had increased recently, he contended that all such sale through numerous websites was illegal, as the sellers did not possess valid license to sell firecrackers.

While there was restriction on sellers like him to sell only indigenous firecrackers, such restrictions were not imposed for online sales and the Controller of Explosives had failed to issue prohibitory orders against such online sales, he said.

He further pointed out that the inaction of the authorities led to sale of banned Chinese firecrackers online.

"If such sale is allowed to continue, it would lead to violation of provisions of the explosives rules and regulations," he said. He further submitted that the authorities had failed to respond to a representation from him regarding the issue prompting him to approach the High Court.

He wanted the court to direct the authorities to consider his representation and issue prohibitory orders against online sale of firecrackers.

Garbage lorry breaks down in middle of road



A Corporation garbage lorry broke down in the middle of the road at around 8 a.m on Arya Gowda Road in West Mambalam causing traffic congestion for 15 minutes. The driver restarted the vehicle after several attempts.

Discourse on Gita today

Under the auspices of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (5, Maharaja Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will give a discourse on Bhagavad Gita in Tamil at 5.30 p.m, on Sunday, Oct. 21 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. For more details, call 2814 3896.

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No consistency in revision of property tax

Sir, The upward revision in property tax rates has been made in an irrational and unfair manner.

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There are deviations even within the same apartment building that I reside in as given below.

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|---------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 800 | Rented | 1016 | 1900 |
| 790 | Owner | 1000 | 1870 |
| 896 | Owner | 1137 | 2125 |
| 730 | Rented | 1286 | 1730 |
| 896 | Rented | 1821 | 2125 |
| 730 | Owner | 934 | 1730 |

I appeal to the officials concerned to have a re-look at the rate revision and make it consistent across the board. **Dr. R. Narasimhan, T. Nagar**

School compound wall in Raman Street beautified with paintings

Sir, The compound wall of a school located at the junction of Raman Street and Nair Road has been beautified with thematic paintings by the local Residents' Welfare Association to deter passersby from misusing the spot as an open urinal.

The junction was in an unsanitary condition as passersby had converted it into an open urinal.

After the intervention of the residents of the area and coverage in *Mambalam Times*, Chennai Corporation recently cleaned the location and laid tiles on the pavement under its Smart City project.

The Association then beautified the compound wall.

The work was organised by Dayalini (Ph: 94443 87877) and Sarojini Thomas (Ph: 94442 21638), residents of Raman Street.

Residents' Welfare Associations are welcome to contact them to organize similar initiatives in their areas. **Jayaraman, 50, Raman Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 98841 63199**

Plea for better illumination near temple

Sir, Muppathamman Temple, located in Mahalingapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar, is popular among devotees.

There crowd is more on Tuesdays, Fridays and festival days.

Its approach road from Usman Road side is not well illuminated, thereby posing a security risk to devotees. With chain snatching incidents on the rise, the devotees are a vulnerable target.

I appeal to EB officials to improve the illumination on the stretch. **V. S. Narayanaswamy, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Quick action by EB official

Sir, On Oct. 14, there was total blackout at 5 a.m in 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar.

I immediately contacted the Asst. Engineer in charge of the area on his mobile number 94458 20504. Within minutes, electricity was restored.

Before I could call back to thank him, he called me and said that the problem of outage had been resolved. He also said I could call him at anytime within an hour of power failure.

I appreciate his commitment to the job in the public service domain. **Dr. K. R. Chidambaram Kumarasamy, 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar**

A silent social worker in our midst

Sir, I stay in Ashok Nagar, and read *Mambalam Times* regularly wherein you feature neighbourhood news, achievers, social activists and other meritorious individuals.

In this regard, I would like to share information about a gentleman named Ravi Shankar Nagarajan, residing in 11th Sector, K. K. Nagar, who has been silently doing yeoman service for several years.

Some years back, when there was no E-Seva Kendra, he coordinated with UIDIA authorities and organized two camps in his residence in which Aadhaar cards were processed for 600 nearby residents. Similarly, he is the go-to person in case of long standing problems with EB, BSNL, CMDA and Metrowater in the area.

He took the help of the law to restore a Corporation park which had been encroached upon by some individuals. He offers free counseling to married couples and has helped a number of underprivileged graduate students to secure education loans from banks.

I know an incident where he helped an orphaned girl living with her grandmother to pursue higher studies to become an Aeronautical Engineer. In my humble opinion, these are the kind of persons who need to be spoken about, as their selfless achievements can motivate the youth of today. His contact number is 90808 74097 and email id sn22ravishankar@outlook.com. **Subramaniam Ganapathy, Ashok Nagar, email: subbugca@aol.com**

Street lights not burning

Sir, I live in Kala Flats, 7, 9th Avenue, near Govt. Girls' School, Ashok Nagar. There is an EB transformer in front of our flat complex with two street lights adjacent to it.

The fused bulbs in the posts have not been replaced for a long time in spite of repeated complaints to the officials concerned.

The stretch of the road in front of the complex is in darkness.

I appeal to EB to replace the fused bulbs. **Gnana Prakasam**

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ASHOK NAGAR, 14, 7th Avenue, near Anjaneyar Koil Bus Stop, 2 bedrooms apartment, hall, kitchen, balcony, bath attached, 1st floor, wood work, lift, car park, rent Rs. 15000. Ph: 98403 60785, 98411 93685.

T. NAGAR, 11, Gopal Street, near Bus Terminus, 1000 sq.ft, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, road facing, deluxe, 3rd floor flat, no lift, vegetarian family/office/bachelors. Ph: 93810 23010, 99620 42349.

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WEST MAMBALAM, 26/33, Postal Colony 1st Street, 1500 sq.ft, 1st floor, rent Rs. 60 per sq.ft. Contact: Mr. Bharath, Ph: 72000 89884, 98403 89884.

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Residents remove garbage

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of Nandanam 9th Street have taken the initiative to remove garbage dumped in their street and have placed pots with plants in the spots to prevent further dumping of garbage.



Smart electricity, water meters in T. Nagar soon

1.25 lakh residents of T. Nagar are soon to benefit from the installation of 'smart electricity meters' and 'smart water meters' under the Smart City initiative.

The total cost of equipment with installation is estimated at Rs 112.75 crores for the electricity meters and Rs. 75 crores for the water meters.

According to an official of Tamilnadu Electricity Board (TNEB), the use of smart meters will help in more efficient management of supply and minimize overloading of the grid.

For TNEB, the smart meters will result in:

- Reduction in meter reading expenditure
- Faster detection of dead meters
- Real time energy auditing
- Faster outage detection and restoration

For consumers, the benefits include:

- Faster restoration in case of outages
 - Error-free bills
 - Savings on power consumption
 - Ability to monitor and manage power consumption
- According to a Metrowater official, Automated Meter Reading (AMR), which will be net enabled, will automatically feed data directly to gateways, then to cloud and to the system without any human intervention. He said that water will be supplied 24x7 to houses fitted with AMRs.

Wins veteran singles table tennis fixture



By Our Staff Reporter

The team of C. N. Sridhar, A. R. Nagabushan, Sadasivam and Elangovan won the Table Tennis Veteran Team Championship held in YMCA Kodambakkam, 6th Avenue, Ashok Nagar on Oct. 13.

Sridhar (resident of 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) won the singles fixture. More details can be had in 90030 25867.

TANKER Foundation invites nominations for awards for doctors

By Our Staff Reporter

TANKER Foundation (Flat 4D, 4th Floor, Ellora Apartments, 20, Thirumurthy Street, T. Nagar) has invited nominations for the following two annual awards to be presented to qualified doctors for achievements in research and community service.

The nominees must be citizens and residents of India.

- 'The Renny Abraham Love for Service Award'
- The award is given for outstanding achievement in community service.

It carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a citation, and a gold medallion. There is no age limit, and the minimum qualifying period of community service is 5 years.

- 'K.V. George Kottukulam Memorial Young Investigator Award'

The award this year will be presented to a doctor for outstanding research in Nephrology in India.

It carries a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakhs, a citation, and a gold medallion. The nominee must be below 45 years of age, and must be the primary contributor to the research work done in India. The research must not have been presented elsewhere.

Nominees must submit a detailed report of the type of community work carried out by them and send 5 copies to the Foundation and one copy by email for review by the screening committee. The last date for filing nominations is Dec. 15.

The awards will be presented on Jan. 25, 2019.

For more details, call TANKER Foundation in 2834 1635 or 4309 0998 or send e-mail to tankerawards@gmail.com, or visit the website www.tankerfoundation.org.

Free Pre-KG, LKG admission in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

Following Vijaya Dasami, free admission for Pre-KG and LKG is going on in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar).

The last date for admission is Friday, Oct. 26.

The school now has classes till Std. 5.

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, started by Mahatma Gandhi in 1946, also offers free job-oriented vocational courses for persons from underprivileged sections.

For more details, call P. Maruthi (Secretary and Correspondent) in 91766 24283 or 2434 3302.

Vans parked on newly laid pavement



A number of delivery vans are found parked on the newly laid pavement of Muthurangan Salai, T. Nagar.

Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), M. B. Babu will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Metrorail to begin soil tests in Lighthouse-Kodambakkam stretch

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metrorail Limited will soon begin conducting soil tests for an 8-km. line in corridor 4 connecting Lighthouse on Marina Beach with Kodambakkam.

It has floated tenders to conduct the tests. Soil tests are going on in the 50-km. stretch across corridors 3 and 5 of Metrorail Phase 2.

The stretch between the Lighthouse and Meenakshi College (Kodambakkam) will pass via Foreshore Estate, Mylapore, Alwarpet, Nandanam and T. Nagar.

Corridor 4 will further link with the rest of the four corridors in phases 1 and 2.

Work is also underway to prepare a detailed project report to extend the corridor by another 15 km. upto Poonamallee.

Officials said that the soil tests will be completed in 8 to 10 months and the results will go into preparing the preliminary design of the alignment and stations.

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.

All are welcome.

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

Navarathri prasadam in Ilayaraja's house

By Our Staff Reporter

Daily at 12.15 p.m. during Navarathri days, prasadam in the form of tamarind rice or savouries is served to more than 100 persons in music director Ilayaraja's house in Murgesan Street, T. Nagar. They include auto drivers, housemaids, delivery

boys, sweepers from the locality and some neighbourhood residents.

"I have been doing this since the beginning of the 1980s as part of Navaratri celebrations. It was my wife's idea," said Ilayaraja, sitting in the hall of his house with a grand kolu arrangement, besides images of Hindu deities.

There is a moving story behind why the family started this practice.

In 1968, Ilayaraja, his brother and a few friends took a bus to Chennai, looking for a career in the film world. It was far from easy going to start with.

They were forced to live in a portion of a house at the end of Gangai Amman Koil Street, opposite Ram Theater in

Kodambakkam, after being evicted from a mansion as only three people were allowed to stay there.

Kamala, a singer in his troupe, arranged for their stay in the outhouse and they kept their musical instruments in her house.

"Farming activities were still on in the area. Whenever I wanted to meet Dhanraj Master, I would take a 12B bus and the conductor, whose name was Fiddle, would not charge me. If a ticket checker entered the bus, he would immediately give me a ticket," recalled Ilayaraja.

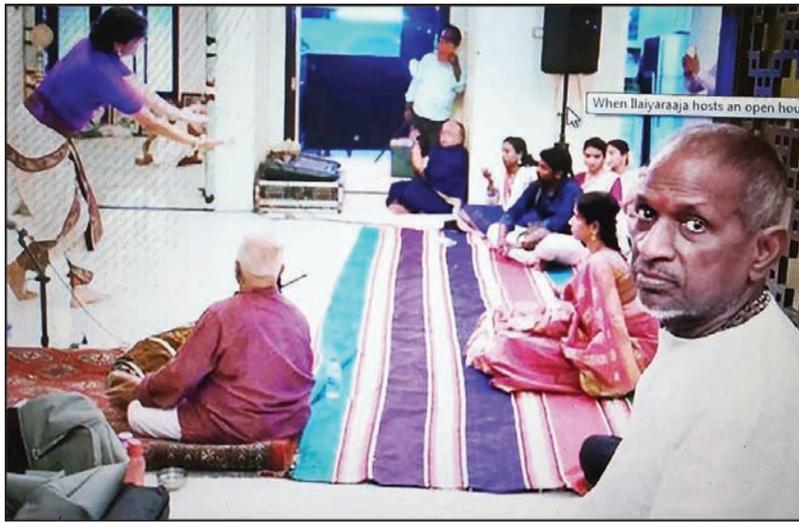
That year, there was heavy rain during Navarathri and it made life miserable. "There was waist-deep water and we did not have anything to eat. So, Bharathiraja, my brother Baskar and I subsisted on puffed rice, 'pottu kadalai' and water for three days," he said.

When he narrated the story to his wife, she suggested that they serve food for 10 days in their house.

As long as his wife Jeeva was alive, she took care of the kolu. After her death in 2011, it was left to daughter-in-law Rajarajeswari to manage the event.

Evenings are marked by Carnatic music concerts by upcoming musicians.

He said that the late 'Mandolin' Srinivas first performed in his house.



Garbage bins found damaged



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of garbage bins are found damaged in residential areas. These photos were taken in Dhandapani Street and Ramanujam Street in T. Nagar.

Corpn. workers remove barricades outside school

By Our Staff Reporter

Without apparently any reason, Corporation workers removed the barricades along the pavement outside Government Girls High School, Usman Road, T. Nagar on Oct. 6.

P. Padma (Headmistress) said that to prevent encroachment and nuisance by vendors outside the school premises, barricades were installed with contributions from donors a few months back.

But at midnight on Oct. 6 Corporation workers removed the barricades with a JCP machine and dumped them in the Corporation office compound in a damaged condition, she added.

Padma said that as there was no response from local



Corporation officials regarding the action, she has complained to higher officials and appealed to them to reinstall the barricades along the pavement. She said that vendors have reoccupied the pavement outside the school premises which is causing inconvenience to students and staff.

ISKCON programs in neighbourhood

By Our Staff Reporter

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) conducts programs in the following venues:

Residence of Priya (1075, Munuswamy Naidu Salai, K. K. Nagar, Ph: 94440 63643): 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Mondays: 'Bhakti Vriksha'; 8.30 a.m to 9.30 a.m from Monday to Saturday: Srimad Bhagavadham classes.

Residence of S. Sowjanya (A-6, Ashok Vihar Apartments, 21/20, 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Ph: 94452 12281): 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Tuesdays: 'Bhakti Vriksha'.

Residence of Venkataraman (D-1, Mangala Flats, 1st Floor, 5, 43rd Street, Ashok Nagar, Ph: 96770 97338): 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Thursdays: 'Bhakti Vriksha'.

All are welcome.

Tanker strike causes shutdown of shop complexes

The strike by private water tanker owners led to the closure of some big commercial complexes in the neighbourhood, while several hotels in the city turned away guests.

Several shops located in the commercial complexes remained shut on Oct. 16 and 17, and opened again after the strike was called off on Oct. 18.

Express Avenue Mall, one of the biggest in the city, was also shut down on Oct. 17.

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