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Hundreds fall victim to Rs. 300 crore jewellery loan scam

By Our Staff Reporter

A major loan scam involving Ruby Gold Jewellers (Duraiswamy Road, T. Nagar) is unfolding with 1,500 persons so far lodging complaints with the city police

According to the police, the scam could be worth hundreds of crores as the accused is estimated to have collected some 1,000 kg. of gold worth more than Rs. 300 crores from more than 3,000 persons over the

past three years.

The owner of the jewellery showroom, Syed Ibrahim, had not returned the gold jewellery they had pledged to get interest-free loans.

Over the past week, hundreds of victims have been queuing up in front of the Police Commissioner's office demanding action against Ibrahim, who has locked his shop and house and fled.

Ibrahim portrayed himself as a pious Muslim who refrained from charging interest. He would lend money, which would be one third the value of the gold pledged, for three months, six months or one year.

The case has been transferred to Economic Offences Wing.

For more than a year, there were complaints that he was not returning the gold jewellery even after the persons returned the sums borrowed.

But no one took legal action until rumours spread in the last few days that Ibrahim was planning to file for insolvency.

Three days back, he absconded after locking his shop and house.

Automated CCTV system to fine traffic rule offenders

By Our Staff Reporter

The city traffic police have installed cameras with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) software on several roads in T. Nagar, West Mambalam, Ashok Nagar and K. K. Nagar to identify and penalise traffic rule offenders.

The cameras have been installed on Usman Road, in Pondy Bazaar, on Bazullah Road, Venkatanarayana Road, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Anna Main Road and other roads.

The system enables policemen to identify traffic rule violators without being present at the spot.

The cameras are monitored from a central control room.

The automated system will capture the scene of violation and send the image along with the fine challan to the address of the offender.

The fines can be paid online.

Six unreserved ticket counters opened in Central Station

Southern Railway opened a new booking office with 6 unreserved counters in Central Station on Wall Tax Road side on May 6. Passengers can book unreserved tickets for long distance trains, and also for suburban trains.

Commuters coming from the western and northern suburbs by EMU trains can continue to book tickets in the counters in Moore Market Complex station.

Southern Railway refurbishes 25+ year old EMU rakes

By Our Staff Reporter

Southern Railway has embarked on a project to refurbish the running EMU rakes which are more than 25 years old.

The refurbishing includes redoing/repairing the interiors, redoing the floor in stainless steel for better grip, sun-film on windows, installation of smoke detectors, fixing CCTV cameras in ladies' coaches, affixing route maps and providing fans with longer blades for better air circulation.

According to a railway official, one 12-car rake from Tambaram which goes via Mambalam station, one 9-car rake from Avadi and another 9-car rake from Velachery have so far been refurbished.

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வாசலில் இருக்கும் வேப்பமரப் பட்சிகளான குயில்களும், கிளிகளும் உற்சாகத்துடன் ஆர்ப்பரித்துக் கொண்டிருந்த காலை வேளையில் வந்த தம்பையா, அன்றைய சேதியை சொல்லத் தயாராக இருந்தார். கேட்க நான் தயாராக இருப்பேனா, மாட்டேனா என்பதைப் பற்றி அவருக்குக் கிஞ்சித்தும் சுவலை இருப்பதில்லை. நம்மிடம் உத்தரவு வாங்கிக் கொண்டா ஒற்றைத் தும்மல்கள் வருகின்றன? இல்லையே!

என் தம்பி பையன் கைலாசநாதன் சேலையூரிலே ஒரு வீடு கட்டியிருக்கான். குடி இருக்க வாடகைக்கு வேணும்னு கேட்டுத் தலைகீழாக நீங்க நின்னாலும் தரமாட்டான்... அது சீரியல் ஷூட்டிங்கிற்கு மாத்திரம்தான். ஏன் என்பதைக் கடைசியிலே சொல்றேன்.

வீட்டை நேத்து அழைச்சுண்டு போய்க் காமிச்சான். அநேகமாக அந்த வீட்டை நீங்க சில சீரியலிலே பார்த்திருப்பீங்க. உள்ளே நழைஞ்ச உடனே ஒரு பெரிய ஹால். ஹாலிலிருந்து மாடிப்படி பரவலாகக் கிளம்பி ஒரு லாண்டிங்கோட வளைஞ்சு, திரும்பி மேலே போகும். ஹாலில் உட்கார்ந்து எட்டு ஊருக்குக் கேட்கற குரலிலே ரகசியம் பேசறதை சீரியல் சகுனிப் பெண்களில் ஒருத்தி சம்பிரதாயப்படி மறைஞ்சு நின்று கேக்க அந்த லாண்டிங் வசதியாக இருக்கும். தொடர்ந்து ஆடி வெள்ளிக்கிழமை, தை

அமாவாசை, வரலட்சுமி பூஜை நாட்களின் விளக்கு வைக்கும் நேரத்தில் 'அடியே! நீ நன்னா இருக்க மாட்டேடி.... நாசமாகத் தான் போவே? பார்த்துண்டே இரு, உன் பொண்ணு கழுத்திலே தாலி ஏற அன்னிக்கு உன் கழுத்திலேயிருந்து தாலி இறங்கும். அதைப் பார்த்து நான் கொட்டிச் சிரிப்பேன். இது சத்தியம்டி. சாமி பேர்லே சத்தியம்னு மங்களகரமாக வசனம் பேசி, சீனின் வீச்சை அதிகரிக்க, மனமளவென்று சீறறதுடன் ஏறும் காட்சியைப் பஞ்சுடன் முடிக்கப் படிக்கட்டுகள் வசதியாக இருக்கும்.

முதலாம் குலோத்துங்க சோழன் காலத்துக்கு முன்னாடியிலிருந்தே ஓடிக்கொண்டிருப்பதைப் போல ஒரு மாயையைக் காட்டற 'வாடகைத் தாலி' சீரியல்னா பழுப்பு நிற சோபா செட். நரசிம்ம பல்லவன் காலத்திலிருந்து ஒளிபரப்பு ஆகிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் வளைகாப்புக்கு ஆப்பு சீரியல்னா மிட்டாயக் கலர் செட் மாற்றி மாற்றிப் போடப்படுவது. இந்த மாதிரி விஷயங்களைக் கூர்மையாக கவனித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் ஆர்வலர்களின் கண்களில் மட்டும்தான்.

பூஜை அறை சுவற்றில் ஏதோ செயற்குழு கூட்டத்திற்குக் கூடியது போல சாமி படங்கள் அணிவகுத்து இருக்கும். நிலப் பத்திரங்கள், நகைகள், லட்சங்கள் திணிக்கப்பட்ட பண உறைகள் அசாஸ்ட்டாக வைக்கப்பட்டு நடு நிதியில் குடும்ப சகுனிப் பெண்களில் ஒருத்தியால் திருடத்தோதாக இருக்கும். அந்த ஐட்டங்கள் கண்களில் படும்படி இருக்க ஒரு மேடை கட்டாயம் இருக்கும். கொத்தமல்லி, கறிவேப்பிலை, விருது நகர் கடலைமிட்டாய், அசோகா ககந்த பாக்குப் பொட்டலம் போன்றவைகளை சட்

டென்று வாங்க வைத்திருக்கும் சில்லறையையே பிரோவில் வைத்துப் பூட்டுபவர்களுக்கு அதிர்ச்சியாக இருக்கும் என்றாலும் இந்த வகை மகா (அல்லது மெகா) அஜாக்ரகைகள் கதை நத்தையாக நகர சில மொக்கைத் திருப்பங்களை அமைத்துக் கொடுக்கும்.

வீட்டின் கேட் மிக அவசியம். இரண்டு குடும்பங்களின் பிரச்சனைகள் பற்றிய தொடர் என்றால் வீடுகளின் கேட்டைக் காட்டி சீனின் கனத்தை இனம் கண்டுகொள்ள வைப்பது மரபு. இது சூரிய உதய ஷூட்டிற்குப் பிறகு வரும். காலம் காலமாக கேட்டைப் பார்த்தவர்களில் பலர் அசாஸ்ட்டாக பேப்பர் பென்சிலை எடுத்து அந்த டிசைனைத் தப்பில்லாமல் நெளிவு சுளிவுகளோடு போட்டுவிடுவார்கள்.

சமையல் அறை, ஐலண்டு கிச்சன் எனப்படும் வகையில் நடு மத்திசென்ட்ரில் நவக்கிரக பீடமாக இருக்கும். அப்போதுதான் சதி சாவித்திரி, பக்த சக்குபாய், அபலை அனுசுயா ரேஞ்சில் தன்னைத்தானே அழுது கரைத்து அழித்துக் கொள்ளும் மருமகர்களை முழுமையாகக் கரைத்துவிட மாமியாரோ, நாத்தனாரோ பாலில் விஷத்தைக் கலக்கும் காட்சியைக் காட்ட வசதியாக இருக்கும். மாத மளிகையை மஞ்சள் பொடிக்கு பதில் விஷத்தோடுதான் ஆரம்பிப்பார்கள் போலிருக்கு. கதாசிரியரின் நெஞ்சம் விஷம் வைத்துக் கொள்ளும் அளவிற்குப் பாறையாக இறுகாது இருந்தால் குறைந்த பட்ச தண்டனையாக மருமகளின் காலைப் புடலங்காய் போல் மளக்கென்று ஓடிக்க, வழுவழு மாற்பொனைத் தரையில் மீனவர் வலையை வீசுவது போலக் கொட்டுவதற்கு விளக்கெண்ணெய் உள்ளிட்ட செக்கில் ஆட்டிய எண்ணெய் பாட்டில்களை வரிசையாக வைக்க ஒரு அலமாரி பக்கத்திலேயே இருக்கும்.

மாட்டர்னாகக் குளியல் அறை இருந்தாலும் அங்கே ஸ்விட்ச் போடாட்டவுடன் ஷாக் அடிக்கும் செயல் திறன் உடைய ஹைதர் அலி காலத்து போட்டு ஒன்று இருக்க வேண்டும். வீட்டில் பலர் இருந்தாலும் கதாநாயகி குளிக்கப் போகும்முன் அந்த ஸ்விட்சை ஷாக் அடிக்கும்படி நொடிப் பொழுதில் மாமியார் சொற்படி ஒரு எலெக்ட்ரீஷியன் திரிசமம் செய்துவிட்டுப் போக வசதியாக அந்த மின்சார ஆட்கொல்லி இருக்கும்.

நாளையைத் தவறவிட்டால் அடுத்த இரண்டு மாதங்களில் சுபமுகூர்த்தம் இல்லை என்று ஐயர் சொல்லிவிட்டதால் ஸ்திரீ லோலனான தன் தம்பியை விட்டு முதல் தாரத்தின் பெண்ணுக்குக் கட்டாயத் தாலி கட்ட வைக்க வேண்டிய சூழ்நிலை வந்தாலும் வழக்கமாக இருக்கும் வீடு வேறு ஒரு சீரியலின் ஷூட்டிங்கினால் தள்ளிப்போனால் கூட மற்றொரு வீட்டைத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்து அங்கே கல்யாணக் காட்சியை எடுக்க மாட்டார்கள். ஏனென்றால் தடங்கலுக்கு ராசியான வீடாகத்தான் அது இருக்கும்.

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Cable drums on North Crescent Road a safety hazard



Two large empty EB cable drums have been lying on the margin of North Crescent Road, T. Nagar for several months.

They are not visible at night, and pose a danger to motorists.

M. Shamugavel (a nearby resident) told *Mambalam Times* that a school student who was returning on his bicycle from tuition on the night of May 6, hit one of the rollers after being forced to the road margin by an overtaking tanker lorry. The boy escaped with bruises after falling on the pavement. He had a narrow escape, as he could have come under the wheels of the tanker had he fallen on the road, he said.

He has appealed to EB to remove the cable drums.

Passenger held for duping auto driver and stealing vehicle

By Our Staff Reporter

Thyagarajan (35) of Thiruvallur was arrested by Thirumangalam police on April 26 for duping auto driver Venkatesan (a resident of Ashok Nagar) and stealing his vehicle while riding as a passenger.

According to the police, Thyagarajan hired Venkatesan's auto near Nathamuni Signal, Villivakkam and asked him to take him to an address in Anna Nagar.

After reaching a location in Anna Nagar, he asked the driver to stop and gave him Rs. 500 to fetch food from a hotel nearby. When Venkatesan returned after getting the food, he found the auto missing from the spot.

Realizing he had been duped, he lodged a complaint in Anna Nagar police station.

He told the police that he made the mistake of leaving the key in the vehicle.

The police managed to trace the auto the same day and arrested Thyagarajan.

Snake Park offers 2-day training on snake handling

Chennai Snake Park (Guindy) will conduct training on handling snakes from 9.30 a.m to 1.30 p.m on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 in its premises. It is open to all above 16 years of age. Apart from handling snakes, the participants will also be educated about identifying the species, locomotion, adaptation, behavioral observation and handling snake bites. According to Dipankar Ghose (Activity Coordinator), students interested in pursuing a career in forestry can also benefit from the training. He said the program is aimed at equipping the general public with the skill to catch/handle snakes found in human habitat and rescue them without causing injury. He added that the training will also train the participants to isolate venomous and aggressive species of snakes, till professional help arrives to catch and rehabilitate them.

The participation fee is Rs. 350. For registration, call Dipankar in 73959 17040.

Premature infant from Bangladesh treated for impending blindness in Radhatri Nethralaya

By Our Staff Reporter

A prematurely born infant named Ayat from Bangladesh with a blinding eye disorder called 'Aggressive Posterior Retinopathy', was successfully treated in Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 94454 38681) last month.

According to Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director), the infant had a very rare retinopathy which could have led to total blindness if not treated within a short period.

"Though the standard treatment is laser, in this case, weighing the condition of the premature infant, a recently launched medicine was injected into both the eyes to treat the



condition successfully", she said. The injection has so far helped 30 infants with similar complications, she added.

She said that the results of

treatment of the first 23 babies will be published in the forthcoming issue of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology.

Debris blocks pavement on G. N. Chetty Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers have dumped the debris collected from demolishing a pavement elsewhere, on the pavement of G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar near Giri Street.

It is blocking the way for pedestrians and also causing dust pollution.

They have appealed to the Corporation to remove the debris from the spot.



Wins prizes in vocal and dance

V.G. Yuvalakshmi (student of Chinakkuyilgal Children Orchestra, 14th Sector,



K. K. Nagar, Ph: 97908 20194) won the 1st prizes in vocal classical solo and classical solo Bhara-thanatyam in the State-level competition organized by Thrillers Dance Academy in Chennai last week. Film actor Dhamu presented the prizes. She is a disciple of Isaac Newton (Founder, Chinakkuyilgal Children Orchestra). She is a resident of West Mambalam.

9 undergo free cataract surgery



By Our Staff Reporter

About 120 persons attended the free eye screening camp organized by Jaimaa Trust

(Vadapalani) in Ramapuram on May 4

40 persons with vision problems were given free spectacles and 9 persons detected with cataract underwent free surgery in Sankara Nethralaya.

Anyone interested in supporting the Trust, may contact 99400 30939.

Free spoken English classes on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Kamal Haasan Narpani Mandram will conduct free spoken English classes on Sundays from 7.30 a.m to 8.30 a.m in Flat B6, LG Flats, 240, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, near GRT School.

The classes will be conducted by Jeeva Kamal.

For registration, call Padmini Narasimhan in 98402 17551 or Jeeva Kamal in 90803 41025

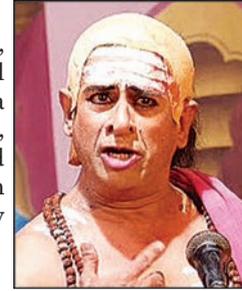
Shivappasadh to present three free plays this week

By Our Staff Reporter

Shivappasadh (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will present the plays, 'Chanakya Sabadham' on Wednesday, May 15, 'Dhronar' on Thursday, May 16 and 'Manasaatchi' on Friday, May 17 in Korattur Cultural Academy (Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Korattur).

There is no entry fee. All are welcome.

Shivappasadh is the nephew of thespian R. S. Manohar and heads the drama troupe Nxgs.



He will don the lead character in the plays. His daughter Sruuthi will handle the stage props.

His contact numbers are 2834 4876 / 73586 96613.

'Respect to Mother' program in Bengal Association tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Sree Venkatesan (Founder, Devotional Center, Thilak Street, T. Nagar) has organised a special program titled 'Respect to Mother' to commemorate 'Mother's Day' on Sunday, May 12 from 9 a.m to 11 a.m in Bengal Association (Giri Road, T. Nagar).

Leading film personalities like Ghantasala Ratankumar (Writer & Dubbing Artiste), Kandepi Satyanarayana (Pro-

ducer), M. Rajasekher Reddy (Writer) and G. Balasubramanyam (Producer) will participate.

All are welcome.

For details, contact G. Madhu Mohan in 93846 40053 or S. Rajeswara Rao in 96000 63653.

Day-long paaraayanam in Sayee temple on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

The 8th year 'Dharshan Day' will be celebrated with Sri Sarithra paaraayanam from 7 a.m to 7 p.m on Monday, May 13 in Green Sayee Baba Dharshan Center (8, BRP 2nd Street, West Mambalam).

It will start with Vigneshwara pooja/Ashtothra pooja at 6.30 a.m.

There will be Annadhaanam at 1 p.m.

All are welcome.

Kalasa abhishekam in Thiruvencatam Street on May 19

On the occasion of Ramanuja Jayanthi, Srimath Ramanujas (28/27, Chakrapani Street, Kodambakkam, Ph: 9841502313) will perform 108 Sri Chakra Kalasa abhishekam from 10 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, May 19 in Srinath Mandapam (Thiruvencatam Street, West Mambalam).

All are welcome.

Free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' next Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Vedanta Institute (Madras), R. Aravindan will give a free talk on 'Governing Business and Relationship' on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m to 11.15 a.m in Hotel Pratap Plaza (168, Kodambakkam High Road, Mahalingapuram).

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Young trees wither under scorching sun



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of young trees on the roadside have started to wither under the scorching sun.

According to an official of the Forest Dept., saplings planted a year back in several places in the neighbourhood had grown into young trees.

But as the ground water level has receded drastically in the past couple of months, the roots of these trees are not deep enough to extract the nutrients, and are starting to wither.

He added that arrangements are being made to water them at least twice a week.

This photo was taken outside Police Quarters, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar.

Sale of organic farm products tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Organic Farmers Market has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of produce by farmers on Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 32/44, Madhavan Nair Road, Mahalingapuram, near Ayyappan Temple.

On sale will be indigenous rice varieties including kichli samba hand pounded boiled and raw rice, sona masuri hand pounded raw rice, kullakar boiled rice and aromatic rice, thooyamalli, pulses, sweeteners, salt and cooking oil.

Anand (Organizer) told *Mambalam Times* that they have aggregated a number of small and marginal farmers who cultivate only food crops. No middle men are involved and the sale proceeds go directly to the farmers to help them get the maximum benefit.

He added that most of farmers participating in the sale own less than 2 acres of cultivable land and, in spite of failing monsoon, inadequate support from family members and lack of welfare schemes, are still passionate and rooted to the traditional method of farming.

For more details, call Anand in 98405 25516 or 99622 25225

Tips on maintaining school uniforms

By Our Staff Reporter

Sugan is a well known brand for stitching school uniforms.

It has branches in T. Nagar, Anna Nagar, Adyar, Porur, Kilpauk and Velachery.

Its T. Nagar branch is located at 121, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar, Ph: 2435 8787.

According to Dipesh of Sugan, students must get the uniforms stitched properly in time for the new academic year.

"Sugan uses the best quality fabric which has colour fastness, is comfortable and easy to maintain," he said.

He provides the following tips for making uniforms last longer though they are worn almost daily and subject to rough use.

1. Extra attention should be given while washing areas more exposed to sweat such as neckline and under arms. Apply extra detergent in these areas before putting the clothes in the washing machine.

2. Soak soiled uniforms immediately on removal to get rid of stains more effectively.

3. Use good quality stain remover and detergent to help the fabric last longer without fading.

4. Wash white and light coloured uniforms in warm water, and dark coloured uniforms in cold water.

5. Do not dry clothes under direct sunlight.

6. Iron in low heat setting to enhance the life of the fabric.

For further details, contact Sugan in 98841 32626 or visit the website www.sugan.in.

Debris dumped in Adyar River in Jafferkhanpet



By Our Staff Reporter

Debris and garbage are being dumped in Adyar River flowing under Inner Ring Parallel Road in Jafferkhanpet. They block the flow of water, causing a strong stench.

According to residents who live in the vicinity, the stench is unbearable and they are also troubled by the increase in mosquito population. It is a serious health hazard to persons living in the surroundings. They told this reporter that a number of private lorries dump the debris removed from construction sites in the river at night.

Making paper bags alleviates suffering of terminally ill patients



The members of Jothi Madhar Sangam (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) conducted free training on making paper bags and covers for the inmates of Karuna Sagar (Home for terminally ill patients in Maduravoyal) on May 8.

Lakshmi Raghukumar (President, Ph: 98411 58018) told *Mambalam Times* that the pain/suffering is alleviated to some extent when the patients concentrate on the work and engage in the group activity. It also gives them some self-

esteem of having made something on their own which is useful for the society. The paper bags and covers are sold to generate funds for the Trust.

The Home is run by RMD Trust (T. Nagar, Ph: 93810 16588).

'Kathri Veyil' begins

The peak of the summer season referred to as 'Kathri Veyil' in Tamil, started on May 4 and will end on May 29. The mercury touched 40 degrees Celsius in Nungam-bakkam and 42 degrees Celsius in Meenam-bakkam on May 2, and remained above 40 on May 3 also. According to Met. officials, the cyclonic storm Fani, which hit coastal Odisha on May 3, took away the moisture. This has brought dry, westerly winds into the region. Lesser cloud cover and more sunshine have also led to escalating day temperature. Doctors have advised people not to venture out between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun will be at its harshest.

OBITUARY

KAMALA SUBRAMANIAN

Kamala Subramanian (resident of 13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar) passed away on May 8.

She was 82, and had been a resident of T. Nagar for than 20 years.

Kamala was the wife of late R. Subramanian.

She was teaching Carnatic music in Kalashetra and had trained more than 600 students.

She was the sister of renowned vocalist late T. R. Subramaniam (popularly known as TRS).

She is survived by her sons S. Thiagarajan and S. Sreedharan, daughter Geetha Murali and grandchildren.



If anything interesting is happening in your neighbourhood please inform Mambalam Times.

Free month-long yoga course from tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct a month-long free yoga course for adults from 5.30 a.m. to 7 a.m., from Sunday, May 12 in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School (30, Vasudevapuram, near Doraiswamy Road subway).

The classes are conducted according to the curriculum of the Bihar School of Yoga.

Asanas, pranayama pratyahara (sense withdrawal techniques), dharana (concentration), meditation, mantra, value education, food habits and shatkriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) will be taught.

The classes will include sessions on anatomy and physiology for better understanding of the benefits of yoga.

Classes on stress management for corporate executives are also conducted. Doctors give lectures on alternative medicines.

Swamiji also offers counseling for his students.

For more details, call 63830 08358 or visit www.satyam.yogatrust.net.

Free Silambam classes from tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

B. Jayasri (3rd year B. Com student in Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women, Madley Road, T. Nagar) will conduct free Silambam classes from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the college premises from May 12.

Anyone including students can attend the classes.

She has encouraged school students to utilize the summer holidays to learn the art.

She said apart from learning the art from self-defence point of view, Silambam will also improve concentration and mental and physical health.

She said that interested persons can join on any Sunday.

Those who are interested may contact her in 98414 75566. She has been conducting Silambam classes for the past 3 years.

Jungle trail for school students in Snake Park on May 13

Snake Park (Guindy) is organising a jungle trail for school students in the age group of 5 to 16 years, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Monday, May 13. It will be an educational trip covering the snakes, reptiles, birds and animals kept in the Park and also their forest habitat, behavior and care.

The fee is Rs. 350 per student. Parents are advised to drop the children by 9 a.m. and send with them food and snacks.

Registration will be on first-come-first-served basis. For more details, call Dipankar Ghose in 73959 17040.

This young Karate champion aims to win Olympic medals

By Our Staff Reporter

V. Tharun (resident of 4A, Sreenath Tower, 30/55, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) has been excelling in Karate at both State and National levels for the past four years.

He won a gold medal in the Kumite event in the 1st WSKF South Asian Karate Tournament held in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on May 4 and 5, organised by The World Shotokan Karate Do Federation of India.

Earlier this year, he won two gold medals in the State-level Karate tournament held in Cuddalore organized by the Indian Karate Federation.

This was followed by a gold and silver medal each in the Kumite and Kata events in the Indo-Malaysia Karate Tournament held in Tuticorin



2018 and has won several competitions at district, State and National levels since 2015.

He is a member of the World Karate Federation and Sport Accord and International World Games Association.

He hails from a potter's family. His father Velan is a small time vendor, and mother Lavanya a housewife.

He is also good in other sports including carrom, kho-kho, athletics and football.

"All my achievements are only because of the support given by my parents, relatives, teachers and my friends. I want to join the Indian Army as an officer and serve the country," he said. "I want to win medals for the country in Olympics and Asian Games", he added

His contact number is 94883 86526.

and an International Karate Tournament held in Visakhapatnam in which karatekas from 9 countries participated.

He started learning Karate in 2014 and is coached by Kyoshi Rajkumar (Technical Director, All India Kenshukai Isshinryu Karate Club, Chennai).

He received his black belt in

PHC honours Founder, staff on Annual Day

By Our Staff Reporter

The 26th annual M. C. Subrahmanyam Memorial Day function was held in Public Health Centre



(PHC), West Mambalam on Manna Group of Companies) May 3.

S. A. K. Nazar (Chairman, Srinivasan (President and

Medical Director of PHC) presided over the function.

K. S. Ramamurthy (one of the Founders of PHC) was honoured.

While speaking at the meeting, Srinivasan appreciated the media support provided by Mambalam Times by highlighting the activities of PHC and said it also had an impact on neighbourhood journalism.

Doctors, paramedical staff, technicians and assistants with many years of service in PHC were also honoured.

Book on 'Ramana Maharishi' to be released tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of the 69th Aradhanai celebrations, Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam (West Mambalam) will release a book on 'Ramana Maharishi' compiled by its members, titled 'Commentary on Sri Ramana Sarana Pallandu' at 9.15 a.m on Sunday, May 12 in KRS Auditorium (Meenakashi College for Women, Kodambakkam).

Banvarilal Purohit (Governor) will release the book.

The felicitation will be done by Revathi Ramachandran (Director, Kalakshetra Foundation). All are welcome.

High mast lamp post on Dr. Munusamy Salai may topple over



By Our Staff Reporter

The concrete foundation of the high mast lamp post at the junction of Dr. Munusamy Salai and Lake View Link Road was damaged after it was hit by a heavy vehicle 6 months back, according to nearby residents.

The base of the lamp post is also rusted.

Motorists and nearby residents have appealed to EB to repair the foundation and re-position the lamp post immediately as it is a safety hazard.

No play equipment installed in Kittu Park after renovation



By Our Staff Reporter

Kittu Park (Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam) was recently re-opened after renovation. But there is no play equipment for children like swings and see-saw.

Children are using the equipment installed in the open gym to entertain themselves.

Due to lack of water supply, most of the plants in the park have withered.

The renovation included repair and repainting of the compound wall, relaying of the walkers' path and beautification. Additional benches have been provided for the visitors to relax and the illumination has been improved.



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Water wasted at pumping stations

Sir, This refers to Metrowater's bucket list to combat water crisis.

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Vertical garden on G. N. Chetty Road flyover not maintained properly

Sir, The vertical garden set up by Chennai Corporation on the pillars of G. N. Chetty Road flyover under the Smart City mission project seems to be a waste of tax payers' money. It was set up just one month back at a cost of Rs. 30 lakhs with a condition that the contractor would maintain it for one year. But most of the saplings have withered and died due to lack of water and maintenance.



The pot-like structures containing the dried saplings are now an eye sore.

Will the officials concerned take immediate steps to restore the vertical garden or simply drop further investment in this project in the remaining pillars and save the tax payers' money? **Sooryan Basheer, Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar**

Garbage dumped under transformer in CIT Nagar



Sir, I am a resident of South Road, CIT Nagar. Nearby residents dump household garbage under the transformer installed opposite my house on the road. There is a risk of the garbage catching fire in case of a short in the cable, which could then lead to a major fire in the junction box or the transformer.

The garbage piles up as it is not removed regularly by the conservancy workers. As the foul smell emanating from the garbage pile is unbearable we are forced to keep our windows closed all the time. The conservancy workers are also put to risk as they are forced to remove the putrefying waste with their bare hands. The hazardous surroundings are a health risk to the residents and passers-by. As food waste is also dumped, dogs and cattle frequent the spot causing nuisance to the pedestrians. They further dirty the surroundings and a number of these stray dogs have made the street their permanent home.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to install a bin a little away from the transformer for the residents to dump the waste. **Arunachalam Rajasekaran, Flat 302, 3rd Floor, South Road, CIT Nagar, Ph: 98403 96930**

Apartment owners suffer under 'Dial for Water' scheme

Sir, Due to the huge demand under the 'Dial for Water' scheme of Metrowater, its officials are forced to limit the bookings by bringing in new regulations.

It now seeks additional details like building type (single or multi-storied), number of blocks and number of flats per block and more.

Such consumers are allowed to book only 9000-liter water tankers. Even after providing these details, the consumers continue to get SMS informing them of the cancellation of the bookings because of the multiple bookings from the same apartment complex.

In respect of apartment complexes, Metrowater provides only one water connection but collects water charges from every flat owner.

When the Board can collect water charges from each flat owner and justify the same, then it does not have any right to cancel the bookings on the plea that multiple bookings have emanated from the same apartment complex. Under the circumstances, the Board can, at best, only defer the supply as per the waiting list. It is also incorrect on the part of Metrowater to close the option of booking water in small capacity tankers for those residing in apartments as most of these buildings do not have space to build large capacity sumps.

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Damaged vehicles block parking area outside Panagal Park



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of cars and 2-wheelers in run-down condition have been dumped outside Panagal Park, Bashyam Road, T. Nagar.

They are not only an eye-sore but also block the parking space for visitors

According to a traffic official, most of these vehicles were seized in cases related to accidents/crimes. He said that arrangements are being made to remove such vehicles left for years together on public roads in the neighbourhood.

Half of P. V. Rajamannar Salai unmotorable



By Our Staff Reporter

One half of the entire stretch of P. V. Rajamannar Salai in K. K. Nagar is unmotorable.

One half of the road which was dug up for laying pipes has not been levelled and blacktopped.

The trench, which was filled with earth and debris, remains uneven and unsafe for motorists.

The loose earth throws up a heavy dust cloud every time a bus or heavy vehicle passes.

The pedestrians are forced to walk on the dirt track as the pavement was also damaged during digging of the road.

Recently, a fatal accident took place on the damaged stretch.

Will Chennai Corporation take immediate steps to level the surface and blacktop it?

Pedestrians have appealed for relaying of the pavement.

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), T. Thirumavalavan and P. Dhandapani will give a discourse on "Thiru Arutpa" on Tuesday, May 14, at 6 p.m. in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

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Garbage woes on Sadullah Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Garbage, plastic and food waste are being dumped by roadside vendors and outsiders on Sadhullah Road, T. Nagar.

It is a health hazard for residents living in the vicinity.

Cattle not only scatter the garbage all over, but are also a nuisance for motorists and pedestrians as they block the way and often squat on the road or the pavements.

The nearby residents have appealed to the Corporation to install a garbage bin on the road.



Award for local resident for work on population

By Our Staff Reporter

Population expert and founder of the United Writers Association (Mylapore) K. Thiagarajan (a resident of West Mambalam), was presented an award in recognition of his services during the deliberations of the 5th Frank Moraes Oration Lecture on May 8.

The award was handed over by the Chief Guest Montek Singh Ahluwalia (Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission).

Thiagarajan retired as Professor from Presidency College, Chennai. His contact number is 93810 46094.



Varuna japam in Velu Street tomorrow morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Srimath Ramanujas (28/27, Chakrapani Street, Kodambakkam, Ph: 9841502313) will perform Varuna japam to invoke the Rain Gods at 8 a.m on Sunday, May 12 in Veena Garden (Velu Street, West Mambalam).

After the japam, the vessel containing the holy water (theertha paatram) will be taken to Ayodya Mandapam, and from there through the nearby streets and offered as prasadam to the residents.

The organisers have appealed to the residents to participate in large number to appease the Rain Gods.

For more details, call 98415 02313.

All are welcome.

Free career guidance session

By Our Staff Reporter

RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust and RMD Academy for Health has jointly organized a free career guidance session for students studying nursing, critical care, palliative care and paramedical courses from May 15 to 25.

Persons aged 18 to 35 years including SSLC dropouts can also attend the session.

Experts will guide them on choosing courses and also brief them on job opportunities.

More details can be had in 93810 16588.

Discourse on Gita tomorrow

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 12 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 2814 3896.

RMD Trust offers course on palliative care

By Our Staff Reporter

The T. Nagar branch of RMD Academy for Health (unit of RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust) was inaugurated in RMD Nursing Home (Ragha-

vaiah Road, T. Nagar) on April 25.

It conducted a free career guidance session last week for persons interested in pursuing a career in palliative care.

It will conduct a free 10-day course on palliative care from May 15 to 25. It will also conduct free classes on palliative care for underprivileged women. Dr. Republica told *Mambalam Times* that Std.12 students (passed or otherwise) are eligible to join the job-oriented course. She said that it will also be beneficial for nurses, caregivers and anyone interested in pursuing a career in palliative care. Her contact number is 93810 16588.

Devotees to pull temple chariot on Wednesday

Devotees of Arulmigu Kothandramar Temple, K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam will be pull the temple chariot from 5 a.m on Wednesday, May 15 as part of Bramhotsavam festival. The chariot will be pulled along K. R. Koil Street, Aranganathan Street, Ellaianman Koil Street, Gandhi Street and Easwaran Koil Street. All are welcome.

Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises. T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told *Mambalam Times* that mass spiritual healing is conducted at 7.30 p.m on Thursdays and Sundays.

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STS provides 80 more toilets in backward villages

By Our Staff Reporter

Under its 'Village Sanitation Project', Single Teacher Schools (STS) (75, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) has built 80 toilet-cum-bath-rooms in 9 backward villages in Kancheepuram and Thiruvallur districts.



R. P. Krishnamaachari (Honorary Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that the cost of the project was Rs. 32 lakhs, which was funded by Lions Club.

He had contributed Rs.13 lakhs for the project.

Krishnamaachari, senior members of Lions Club and Sri Vedantam (Founder, Single Teacher Schools) participated in the meeting held in one of the villages to launch the facility.

STS has so far built 700 toilets in several backward villages in Tamilnadu. 65 more toilets are under construction and will be ready for use in two months.

Krishnamaachari said that the maintenance and upkeep of the toilets are monitored through volunteers chosen from the villages.

He said that the project is aimed at eradicating open defecation in villages from the State.

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