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Gang held for attacking cop

By Our Staff Reporter

Kodambakkam police arrested four men for attacking Karthikeyan, a policeman on duty on Kodambakkam High Road a week back.

They were identified as M. Mohammed Rizwan (35) of Seven Wells, K. Mohammed Nowshad Ali (31) of Mannadi, D. Sulaiman (33) of Seven Wells and M. Afsar Hussain (36) of Royapuram.

Karthikeyan is a head constable in Pondy Bazaar police station.

When he was on patrol duty near Liberty flyover around midnight, he spotted four men in a car talking to a transgender.

When he asked them to disperse, the men snatched his lathi and beat him with it, inflicting injuries on his chest. They tore his shirt, snatched his walkie-talkie and threw it away.

Karthikeyan's colleague who, by then had reached the spot, alerted a police patrol and took him to Government Royapettah Hospital. The four persons were arrested before they could escape.

A passerby shot a video of the incident that was widely circulated on social media.

Held for duping investors of Rs. 3.6 crores

R. Balachandar (42) of Saidapet has been arrested for cheating a number of persons to the tune of Rs. 3.6 crores on the pretext of investing their money in the share market.

Police said, Balachandar, B.Com. graduate, was running a firm called Assured Capital Service in Nandanam since 2015 along with friends Shahul Hamid and Selvakumar.

They collected money from several investors with the assurance of doubling the investment in 134 days by investing in the stock market.

A number of persons fell in the trap and invested their money. However, the three men misappropriated the funds and spent it lavishly.

In February, they shut the firm without notice and absconded.

Following several police complaints filed by the investors, the Central Crime Branch conducted investigation and arrested Balachandar. He was remanded to judicial custody.

Police are searching for the two accomplices involved in the fraud.

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ஜாங்கிரிபோலப் பின்னிப் பிணைந்த பிராட்வே சந்துகள் ஒன்றில் பக்கத்துக் கட்டிடங்களுடன் நெருக்கி உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும் கல்யாண சத்திரம். வாசலிலிருந்து கொல்லைப்புறம் வரை நீளவாக்கு அமைப்பு. நடுவில் முற்றம். சுற்றித் தாழ்வாரம். அதற்கு இணையாக முதல் மாடியில் கம்பிகள் தடுப்பு வழியாக டாப் ஆங்கிளிலிருந்து கீழே குழுமி உள்ள ஆண்களின் சந்திர, சூரிய பிரபை உச்சி மண்டைகளை தரிசிக்கவும், கெட்டிமேளம் முழங்கும்போது தேவர்கள்போலப் பூ மாரி பொழியவும் மூன்று பக்கக் குறுகிய தாழ்வாரங்கள்.

நடந்து முடிந்தது எங்கள் குடும்பக் கல்யாணம். மாப்பிள்ளைக்குக் கல்கத்தா. ஆகவே சம்பந்தி மனிதர்கள் ஆஷுமன், போஷுமன், அமி போல்ச்சி, பூஜ்லம், பூஜ்லம் என்று பெங்காலியில் பேசிக் கொண்டு மிரள வைத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். சம்பந்தி மாமா ஒரு சைபீரியன் கொக்கு மாதிரி நின்று கொண்டிருந்தார்.

பெங்காலியில் பேசிக் கொள்வதை 'போடா பொக்கே' என்று சாமி மாமா நக்கலடித்தார். அதென்ன பெங்காலி? 'ஏண்டா லே'ன்னு கூப்பிட்டுப் பேசினால் எப்படி கெத்தாக இருக்கும்! அதை விட்டுவிட்டு என்ன இது என்று பொருமிக் கொண்டு உட்கார்ந்திருந்தார். அடுத்த ரௌண்டு வெற்றிலை சீவல் போட்டுத் தன்னைத் தானே தேற்றிக் கொண்டார்.

சாமி மாமாவுக்குப் பூர்வீகம் நீடாமங்கலம். ஆள் நீளமும், அகலமுமாக இருப்பார். சிவப்பு நிறம், நெற்றியில் இழை கோலமே ஜம்மென்று போடலாம். அவ்வளவு அகலம். ராஜாஜி மூக்கு, தீர்க்கமான கண்கள். பார்வையில் 'நமக்கினி பயமேது?' என்கிற தோரணை. இலை போட்டால் எட்டு இட்லி, இரண்டு வடை, மூன்று தோசை சாப்பிட்டு அரைச் சொம்பு காபியால் அவைகளைக் குளிப்பாட்டி, சிற்றுண்டி வழங்கிய பெண்மணிக்கு நீண்ட ஏப்பம்விட்டு பதில் மரியாதை செய்வார்.

அந்தக் காலங்களில் கல்யாண சண்டைகள் வருவதுண்டு. 'எனக்குப் போட்ட வாழை இலை இளசு, ஈசானிய மூலையிலே கிழிசல். மாத்துடான்னு சொன்னால் பரிசாரகன் 'இதோ அண்ணா, இதோன்'னு சொன்னானே தவிர மாத்து இலையைக் கண்ணிலே காமிக்கலை. இருக்கட்டும், இருக்கட்டும். பொண்ணு கழுத்திலே எப்படித் தாலி ஏறதுன்னு பார்த்துடறேன்' என்று சண்டை பிடிக்கும் மூஞ்சூறு முகப் பிரகிருதிகளை சமாளிப்பதிலேயிருந்து 'புஸ்' என்று பிரகாசமாக எரியவேண்டிய பெட்ரோமாக்ஸ் விளக்கு 'பக் பக்' என்று மக்கர் பண்ணினால் எரிய வைக்கத் தெரிந்த சூட்சமும் தெரிந்தவர். எங்கள் குடும்பக் கல்யாணங்கள் விக்னம் இல்லாமல் நடக்கப் பிள்ளையாரால் அனுப்பப்படும் விசேஷ பிரதிநிதி.

அந்தக் காலக் கல்யாணங்களில் அநேகமாக சாமி மாமா போன்ற செயல்வீரர்களுக்குத் தாலி கட்டிய மறுநாள் தொண்டை கட்டிக் கொள்ளும். 'ஏண்டா நாராயணா, ஸ்டோர் ரூம் சாவி எங்கேடா? ஏய் அவசரக் குடுக்கை, இப்படியா சம்பந்தி மாமா மேலே சூடான காப்பியைக் கொட்டறது? அடேய்! இப்படி ஓடி வந்து மோதறியே அந்தத் தாத்தா கீழே விழுந்துட்டார் பாரு...'ன்னு போட்ட சப்தங்களே காரணம் என்பது தெரிந்ததே.

ஹாலில் சப்பரமாக சம்மணமிட்டு உட்கார்ந்திருந்த மாமா 'என்னடா ஆச்சு? எல்லாம் சரியாகப் போயிண்டு இருக்கோல்லியோ?' என்று கேட்டார். பாட்டி வைத்தியத்தினால் சவுண்டு பாக்ஸ் சரியாக இருந்தது. ஏதானும் பிராப்ளம் அவர் 'கச்சேரி'க்கு வரவில்லை என்றால் அவருக்குத் தூக்கம் வராது.

'இல்லே மாமா. சமையல் பாத்திரங்கள் எல்லாம் திருப்பிண்டு இருக்கோம். சத்திர மேனேஜர் நிறைய ஐட்டங்கள் காணாமல் போயிருக்குன்னு சொல்லிப் பாத்திர வாடகையோடு பெரிய பில்லைக் கொடுத்திருக்கார். குக் ராஜாமணி நாங்க கையெழுத்துப் போட்டு வாங்கிண்ட பாத்திரங்கள் எல்லாம் இங்கேதான் இருக்கணும். ஒரு நெய் கரண்டி கூட வெளியே போகலே'ன்னு கலவரத்தோட சொல்றார்.

'அப்படியா சேதி? இதோ வரேண்டா' என்று சொல்லி எழுந்தவர் சத்திரம் முழுக்க சுத்தியடித்துப் பார்த்துவிட்டு கொல்லைப் புறம் சென்று ஒரு நோட்டம் விட்டார்.

'அடேய், அதோ இருக்கிற தாம்புக் கயிறைக் கொண்டா' என்றார்.

'ஏன்? என்ன? எதுக்கு?' சத்திர மேனேஜர் குரலைக் கலவரத்துடன் உயர்த்திக் கேட்டார்.

'சும்மா இரும்' என்று அவரைப் பார்வையினாலேயே அடக்கி விட்டு, எட்டு முழ வேட்டியை ஏர் பிடிக்கும் விவசாயி போலக் கீழ்ப்பாச்சு கட்டிக் கொண்டார். தாம்புக் கயிற்றின் ஒரு முனையைக் கிணற்றின் குறுக்கே ஓடிய சட்டத்தின் மேல் கட்டி விட்டு மறு முனையைப் பிடித்துக் கொண்டு காலைப் பரப்பி சுவற்றில் இருக்கும் வளைய அமைப்பின் மேல் லாவகமாக காலை வைத்துத் தத்தித் தத்திப் படிப்படியாக இறங்கினார்.

நீர் மட்டத்துக்கு வந்தவர் ராட்டினம் வழியாக செலுத்தப்பட்ட மற்றொரு கயிற்றை கீழே விடச் சொன்னார். விட்டேன். மறுமுனைக் கூடையும் கீழே இறங்கியது. நாலைந்து முறை தூத்துக்குடியில் முத்து எடுப்பவர்கள் ரேஞ்சில் முழுகி எழுந்தவர் கூடைக்குள் மூக்குச் சட்டி, தோண்டி, கரண்டி, டம்ப்ளர், டவரா, ஸ்பூன் என்று வித விதமாக எடுத்துப் போட்டுவிட்டு 'தூக்குடா' என்று குரல் கொடுத்தவுடன் கயிற்றை இழுத்தேன். காணாமல்போன சாமான்கள் ஒன்று விடாமல் வந்தன.

'இது எப்படி? எனக்குத் தெரியாது? சத்தியமாக எனக்குத் தெரியவே தெரியாது' என்று மேனேஜர் சாதித்தார்.

சொட்டச் சொட்ட மேலே வந்த மாமாவின் உள்ளத்திலும் ஈரம் இருந்தது.

'போலீஸைக் கூப்பிட்டால் அவங்க வந்து கண்டுபிடிச்சுட்டுப் போறாங்க. ஆனால் இப்போதான் மங்களகரமாக ஒரு கல்யாணம் முடிஞ்சிருக்கு. சினிமா கடைசி சீன்லே பூட்ஸ் காலோட வர மாதிரிப் போலீஸ் எதுக்கு? உங்களுக்கு இந்த அவமானம் தேவையா?'

'மாமா, சம்பந்தி மாமியோட பேரக் குழந்தை எட்டணா காசை முழுங்கித் திக்கித் தின்றதாம். என்ன பண்றதுன்னு கையைக் பிசைஞ்சுண்டு நிக்கறா' என்று என் தங்கை ஓடி வந்து சொன்னாள்.

'இதோ ஒரு நிமிஷத்திலே வரேன்' என்று ஈர வேஷ்டியுடன் சாமி மாமா உள்ளே ஓடினார். அவருக்கு இதெல்லாம் சில்லரை சமாச்சாரம்.

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Big branch falls on Habibullah Road after downpour

By Our Staff Reporter

After the heavy rains on the night of June 26, a thick branch of an avenue tree broke off and fell outside Sri Sai Villas Apartments, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar in the early hours of June 27.

No one was injured in the incident.

Corporation workers cut the branch and removed the pieces.

Yoga session in Karuna Sagar

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Jayasundari (Jaimaa Trust, Vadapalani, 99400 30939) conducted a yoga session for the staff and inmates of Karuna Sagar (a home for terminally ill, advanced cancer patients, mentally retarded in Maduravoyal run by RMD Trust, T. Nagar) on June 24 as part of International Yoga Day celebrations.

Those interested in interacting with the patients and supporting the trust's activities may contact 93810 16588.

Transformer burst in Muthurangan Salai causes 10-hour blackout

Residents of Muthurangan Salai, Madley Road, Thukkaram 1st, 2nd and 3rd Streets and Railway Border Road in T. Nagar went without power for more than 10 hours on June 25, after two transformers burst because of short circuit.

According to an EB official, it was initially thought the problem was caused by the heavy rain late at night, but on inspection it was found to be due to an electrical short circuit.

International Yoga Day celebrated in Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya

More than 500 students of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony 4th Street, West Mambalam) performed group asanas to commemorate International Yoga Day on June 21 in the school's premises.

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.

All are welcome.

Sale of organic farm products tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Organic Farmers Market has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of produce of farmers on Sunday, June 30 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

Discourses on Ramayanam till July 7

Under the auspices of Jaimaa Chairtable Trust and SRM Kalakendra (West Mambalam), Trichy Kalyanaraman (Asthana vidwan, Kanchi Kama Koti Peetam) will present discourses on 'Sundara Kandam and Ramar Pattabishekham' from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m daily till Sunday, July 7 at SRM Matriculation Higher Secondary School (Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam).

The following are details:

June 29 and 30: Kanden Deviyai

July 1: Vibhishanan Upadesam

July 2 and 3: Prahlada Charitram

June 4: Vibhishanan Saranakathi

June 5: Angadhan Thoodhu

June 6: Kumbhakarnan Sagaptham

June 7: Sri Ramar Pattabhishekham. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 99400 30939.

Discourse on Gita today evening

Lavanya Ramgopal (disciple of Swami Brahmayogananda, Founder, Archarya, Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam, West Mambalam) will present her 100th discourse on Bhagavad Gita from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Saturday, June 29 in Sri Sarva Sakthi Vinayagar Aalayam (Indra Colony, Ashok Nagar). All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98840 24046.

'R. K. Swamy Scholar' award for former Principal of Sanskrit College

Left to Right: R. Parthasarathy, Ramani Guruji, Br. Dr. K.V. Seshadrinathan Sastrigal, Kumaar Guruji, Natarajan

By Our Staff Reporter

Suka Brahma Maharishi Ashrama (8/22, Arulambal Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2834 2483) honoured K. V. Seshadrinatha Sastrigal (Former Principal of Sanskrit College, Mylapore) with 'R. K. Swamy Scholar' award on June 21 in JYM Kalyana Mandapam, T. Nagar for his lifelong contribution to Sanskrit language.

The award was presented by Raman Guruji (Founder, Suka Brahma Maharishi Ashrama). The Ashrama celebrated Suka Brahma Maharishi jayanthi from June 19 to 22 with a number of religious programs.

Vidyodaya Girls School wins hockey tourney

The team of Vidyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar) won the hockey tournament at junior level by defeating Nellai Nadar School (Kottivakkam) in the Hockey League 2019 for school and college students conducted jointly by Rotary Club of Chennai City and Chennai District Women's Hockey Association on June 23 in SDAT Mayor Radhakrishna Stadium, Egmore.

In the senior category, MOP Vaishnav College triumphed over Ethiraj College in the final. The trophy and the prizes were presented by Babu Peram (District Governor. Rotary 3232) in presence of Sekar J. Manohar (President, Hockey Unit of Tamilnadu) and others.

New sub-station on Thanikachalam Road

By Our Staff Reporter

A new sub-station is under construction on Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar.

According to an EB official, the additional sub-station will meet the extra power demand.

The 110 kv sub-station will be ready in 15 months, he said.

Plea to reopen SETC reservation counter

By Our Staff Reporter

Passengers want the State Express Transport Corporation's reservation counter in the MTC terminus in T. Nagar to be reopened.

According to an MTC official, the facility was closed three months ago as tickets can also be booked online. However, the T. Nagar terminus continues to be listed as one of the reservation centers on the website of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC).

Talk on 'அக்னிஹோத்ர ஹோமம்' tomorrow

Nannilam Vai Rajagopala Ganapadigal (publisher and editor of Vaithikasri, a Tamil magazine) will give a talk in Tamil on 'அக்னிஹோத்ர ஹோமம்' from 3 p.m to 4.30 p.m on Sunday, June 30 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam, Ph: 2489 3077).

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

All are welcome.

EB junction box on K. R. Koil Street likely to topple over

By Our Staff Reporter

The base of the EB junction box outside V. S. Apartments, K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam is damaged.

The bottom of the junction box is also rusted.

It has been temporarily held in place with a concrete slab.

It is likely to topple over any time posing a danger for unwary passersby.

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Protruding barricade over open drain poses danger

By Our Staff Reporter

A barricade placed over an open drain at the junction of Masilamani Street and Thankichalam Road (T. Nagar) to caution motorists and pedestrians, is itself a safety hazard.

A portion of the barricade is extending into the carriageway, thereby posing a risk to motorists due to poor visibility at night.

Also, as the drain is at the road junction, the barricade is not immediately visible to motorists taking a turn at the junction.

Water flowing from cracks in subway walls

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains on June 26, water was seen gushing out from a large hole in the wall of Madley Subway, T. Nagar and flooding the road causing hardship to motorists.

Similarly, there was seepage from many sections of the wall which has developed cracks.

Open drain poses danger on Hindi Prachara Sabha Street

By Our Staff Reporter

A 1 ft x 1 ft opening in the storm water drain on the pavement of Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, near its junction with Venkatanarayana Road, poses a danger to pedestrians.

A broken tree branch has been inserted into the opening to caution road users.

50 attend free yoga camp for senior citizens

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 50 senior citizens attended the free yoga camp conducted from June 17 to 24 by Patanjali Yoga Samiti (Chennai) in Ashok Nagar Anjaneyar Temple.

Dr. S. Kalaichelvi (Yoga Master) told *Mambalam Times* that a woman and a man aged above 85 also participated in the camp. Participants were taught simple asanas to maintain good health and get rid of chronic ailments and bone related ailments like arthritis.

Free yoga classes for all age groups are conducted daily from 6 a.m to 7 a.m in the same venue. More details can be had in 99409 97147.

Garbage woes outside Corporation Park in Ashok Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Garbage has been overflowing from the bin kept outside Corporation Park on 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar for several days.

Cattle and street dogs rummage through the garbage and strew it all over the place.

Park visitors are also hassled by the cattle that frequently squat outside the entrance and block the way. They also complained that the cows dirty the surroundings and the dogs enter the park and pose a threat to park users, especially senior citizens and children.

Many visit the park as free daily yoga classes and other activities are conducted.

They have appealed to Chennai Corporation to clear the garbage daily to maintain hygiene and prevent the nuisance created by the cows and the dogs.

House covered with betel leaves

By Our Staff Reporter

An independent house in Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam, covered with the vines and leaves of betel plants, gives a pleasing look. The leaves cover almost two-thirds of the frontage of the building.

Thirukkural contest for students

Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam (the literary wing of Shriram Group) will conduct the preliminary rounds of the State-level 'Thirukkural Elocution Contest' for school and college students from July 27 to Aug. 25 in Chennai and nine other cities in Tamilnadu and Pondicherry. The contest is split into three groups, Juniors (Stds. 6-8), Seniors (Stds. 9-12) and college students.

The entry form, rules of the competition and topics for the elocution and drawing contests can be downloaded from the webpage https://shriramchits.com/css/Thirukkural_Elocution___Drawing_Contest_2019_-_Application_Form.pdf

The preliminary rounds in Chennai will be held on July 27 in Dr. MGR Janaki College for Women (Raja Annamalaipuram). The final will be held in September in Chennai. The top three from each group will get cash awards of Rs. 10,000, Rs. 7,500 and Rs. 5,000 respectively. The last date for entries is July 20.

Anna Nagar residents can collect the entry form from Shriram Chits (F 41, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, East Anna Nagar) or from any of its branches, or download it from the website www.shriramchits.com. For more details, call P. Amarnath in 4027 2106 or 98418 25081.

PSBB team wins 'Adapt Tunes' contest

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) partnered her classmate Vishnu Lakshmi (both Std, 12 students in PSBB School, K. K. Nagar) to win the 2nd prize in 'Adapt Tunes' competition in the Kalanjali Cultural Inter-School Competition conducted by Bala Vidya Mandir, Adyar on June 22.

Teams from 25 schools participated in the contest.

Rs. 18 lakhs fine collected for violating plastic ban

Chennai Corporation has collected Rs. 18.15 lakhs in one week by penalising those violating the plastic ban. It has seized 9,194 kg. of banned items from those storing, transporting and selling them.

The highest seizures were made in Kodambakkam and Royapuram.

Corporation officials said besides levying penalties, they are sensitizing small vendors to stop using plastic items.

Rain brings cheer for residents

There was heavy rain for close to 3 hours in several parts of Chennai including this neighbourhood on the night of June 26.

There was heavy traffic jam on several main roads including Jawaharlal Nehru Road at its junctions with Kodambakkam High Road, 6th Avenue and near Ashok Pillar. Nungambakkam weather station recorded 9.5 mm rain till 5.30 p.m. According to the weather bureau, more rains are expected till June 30.

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), Aruna Sivakami will give a discourse on "Thiru Arutpa" on Tuesday, July 2, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

Man held for running brothel in T. Nagar

Suthan (24) of Kanyakumari was arrested in Masilamani Street, T. Nagar last week, for running a brothel under the guise of a massage parlour.

The police also rescued four women who were forced into the trade by Suthan.

Following a tip-off, a police inspector posing as a customer, met Suthan in Masilamani Street, collected evidence and arrested him.

T. Nagar police have registered a case.

Discourses to raise funds for social cause

Guru Lokopakara Trust and Guru Vittal Seva Trust and have jointly organised week-long spiritual discourses by Govindapuram Shri Balaji Bhagavathar on the spiritual life of 'Shri Krishna Chaithanya Maha Prabhu' in Infosys Hall (Ramakrishna Mission School, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar) from 6 p.m to 8.30 p.m till Tuesday, July 2. The discourses have been organised to raise funds for Lokopakara Trust's social projects in Govindapuram Village in Kumbakonam.

The Trust has constructed Sadhguru Shri Gnanananda Padhuka Mandapam (a spiritual cener) in Govindapuram with a shrine for Sadhguru Shri Gnanananda Giri Swamiji.

The Trust provides free food, clothing and educational assistance for the children of the villagers with the Mandapam as the base. The Trust wants to expand the Mandapam to improve the facilities. It has appealed to devotees and philanthropists to donate funds for the project. For more details, contact Gnaneshwar Bhagavathar (97899 87038), Chandramouli (99401 32254) or Jayaraman (98408 54708).

100 children take part in talent contests

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 100 primary school students participated in the 'Bala Mela' program organized by Tamilnadu Brahmin Association, T. Nagar on June 22 in Sri Balanandam Vidyalaya, T. Nagar.

Lakshmi Raghukumar (President) told *Mambalam Times* that the concept of the event was to create awareness among children about the richness of Indian culture, traditions and the importance of a clean environment.

The participants showcased their talents in drawing, sloka recitation, music, religious quiz and more. The winners were awarded prizes.

She also thanked *Mambalam Times* for giving publicity to the event in last week's issue.

Banner against drug abuse kept outside Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

The students of Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (T. Nagar) and T. T. K. Hospital (Adyar) displayed a huge banner outside the school and hospital, with colourful hand imprints to commemorate 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' on June 26.

Gayathri homam in Sankara Mutt tomorrow

The monthly Samashti Gayathri homam will be performed from 6 a.m on Sunday, June 30 in Sankara Mutt (West Mambalam).

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

Discourse on Gita tomorrow

Under the auspices of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (5, Maharaja Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satya-prabhananda will give a discourse on Bhagavad Gita in Tamil at 5.30 p.m, on Sunday, June 30 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. For more details, call 2814 3896.

Abandoned cars block carriageway in Chari Street

By Our Staff Reporter

Two Ambassador cars abandoned on the road margin of Chari Street, T. Nagar, are blocking the carriageway.

According to nearby residents, the vehicles do not belong to any of the residents of the street and have been lying there for more than 6 months.

They also complained that passersby have converted the stretch of pavement next to the cars into an open urinal as the vehicles provide cover.

They have appealed to the traffic police to remove the vehicles.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open EB junction box safety hazard

Sir, The doors are missing from the rusted EB junction box on 1st Cross Street, West CIT Nagar since 2015. EB officials have taken no steps to replace the missing doors in spite of numerous complaints. The live terminals and cables inside the junction box are exposed.

It is a safety hazard as there is a risk of unwary pedestrians being electrocuted, especially children. Even stray animals like dogs and cattle face this danger.

I appeal to the officials concerned to take immediate action to repair the junction box or replace it. **Ram, Sri Krupa Flats, 1st Cross Street, West CIT Nagar**

Metrowater not giving delivery date

Sir, After piped Metrowater supply has almost come to a standstill in many areas, the residents depend on borewells, or are forced to buy water from Metrowater at moderate rates or from private tanker owners at exorbitant rates. With ground water levels depleting, many borewells have also gone dry.

However, as many cannot afford to buy from private tankers regularly, planning can be done if Metrowater can indicate the likely date of delivery at the time of booking.

At present Metrowater is not giving the specific dates of delivery and the status is reflected online as 'Pending'.

I appeal to Metrowater to provide the date of delivery for consumers to monitor consumption and schedule ordering. **P.K. Subramanian, Aishwarya Apartments, Gandhi Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 98402 93321**

Revive and save water bodies

Sir, It is well known and has been reported several times in the media by experts that the conversion of water bodies into real estate is one of the primary reasons for the severe water crisis in the city in spite of heavy floods in 2015. With most of the water bodies converted into housing complexes, and failure of monsoon over the past two years, it is now important for the authorities to deepen, desilt and clean all the reservoirs, canals and the remaining water bodies to ensure that whatever rain we get this monsoon is stored in abundance. Similarly, both the govt. and the public should take immediate steps to improve the rain water harvesting structures to ensure that the water table also improves.

The govt. should also tighten norms to save the remaining water bodies and create new ones to mitigate any water crisis in the future. **N. Vijayaraghavan, 59/1, Muthalamman Koil Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 9962 664766**

Roads not milled before relaying

Sir, As per road laying norms, the surface has to be milled before relaying, to prevent its level increasing.

But I have seen this practice rarely followed by the Corporation contractors.

In many roads in West Mambalam, the houses are below the road level, which leads to water inundation during rains. The problem also exists in Motilal Street, where I reside. A number of houses and apartments are at a lower level.

I appeal to the Corporation officials to conduct inspections to ensure that the road is milled before relaying and penalize those not doing so. **V. S. Narayanaswamy, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Garbage woes in West CIT Nagar

Sir, As garbage is not collected daily from the households on 1st Cross Street, West CIT Nagar. the residents are forced to dump the plastic bags filled with garbage on the street margin. In our flat complex, the daily household waste is put in a plastic container kept near the gate, but the conservancy workers do not clear it regularly. It leads to overflowing of garbage which is a health hazard. The photo shows garbage bags which have been lying on the street margin opposite our flat complex for more than 4 days.

I appeal to the officers of Chennai Corporation to make an inspection and ensure that the conservancy workers assigned to our area collect the garbage on a daily basis. **Ram, Sree Krupa Flats, 13, 1st Cross Street, West CIT Nagar**

'Crazy' Mohan was a humble soul

Sir, The sudden passing away of Mohan Rangachari (popularly known as 'Crazy' Mohan), the founder of the drama troupe 'Crazy Creations', has created a big void for his troupe members to fill.

At this moment of grief to his family, friends, fans and the film/drama fraternity, I need to offer interesting information which would show his trait of not seeking undue publicity.

When the movie 'Chinna Mappillai' with Prabhu in the lead was released in January 1993, I observed Mohan's name as playwright mentioned in all the banners at Udayam Theater, but not at Shanthi Theater. When I mentioned this to Mohan while attending his play that evening, he just waved his hand stating that such things happen sometimes and requested me not to make it an issue. Such was his humility. He never craved for publicity and allowed his work to speak for itself.

He donned varied hats as an accomplished dramatist, playwright, poet and even an artiste. His celebrity status came due to his talent, hard work, simplicity and leadership qualities in keeping his troupe together. His script work with all age groups encompasses the outlook of the changing generations.

Though he has left a huge void, I am sure other stalwarts of the troupe like Kanthan and Balaji will keep the flag flying and continue to enthrall audiences. **N. Vijaya-raghavan 59/1, Muthalamman Koil Street, West Mambalam**

Lax security check in metro stations

Sir, It is estimated that more than 1 lakh passengers utilize the metro rail services daily.

I am one of them, and commute daily by metro to office and back.

But, of late, I have noticed laxity in the security system in metro stations.

Often, the security personnel in Ashok Pillar and Vadapalani stations do not check baggage or frisk the commuters. It is a serious security lapse. What is the purpose of installing baggage scanning machines in the stations if they are not used at all times.

I have also noticed the outsourced security personnel missing from their posts, even during peak hours. With increasing crowds in Metro stations, it is important that security measures are strengthened.

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WEST MAMBALAM, 43/113, Arya Gowda Road, near Jai Bajaj Showroom, 1st floor, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, rent Rs. 16000. Contact from Monday, 8 a.m to 12 noon & 5 p.m to 8 p.m, Ph: 98410 05443.

T. NAGAR, 52, Rajabather Street, Pondy Bazaar, 1st floor, 150 sq.ft (approx), office purpose (suitable back office/admin office). Ph: 944520 90971, 90943 46824.

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Vans transport small water tanks

By Our Staff Reporter

Metrowater has hired small vans to deliver water in 3000-liter tanks to houses in narrow streets in the city including this neighbourhood. More than 20 such vehicles are being operated frim K. K. Nagar Metrowater Depot.

Raghunandan Panshikar presents concert in Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony, West Mambalam) and Vishwa Hindu Parishad jointly celebrated 'World Music Day' on June 22 in the premises of the school.

Raghunandan Panshikar (accomplished Hindustani classical vocalist) presented a concert, accompanied by Bharath Kamath on the tabla, Suyaka Kundalkar Panshikar on the harmonium and Sriprasath on the flute.

Vedantham Ji (Founder, Viswa Hindu Parishad), Girija Seshadri (General Secretary) and Uma Maheshwari (Principal, JGHV School) attended the event.

The students of the school presented cultural programs.

Maha Samrakshanam in Venugopala Swamy Temple next Sunday

Jeernodhara Astabandhana Maha Samrakshanam will be performed on Sunday, July 7 in Sri Rukmani Nayika Sametha Sri Venugopala Swamy Thirukoil (48, Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar).

All are welcome.

Private vendors increase water rates 3-fold

With the water crisis worsening in the city, many are dependent on private vendors, who have increased prices by three times over that last two months. "From Rs. 1,600 (for 12,000 liters of water) in April, the cost went up to Rs. 3,500 in May and now it has been increased to Rs 5,000 per load.

Metrowater charges Rs. 1,000 for 12,000 liters but the waiting time is close to a month.

Metrowater is unable to meet the city's water needs independently. As against more than 1000 bookings a day, only 600 deliveries are made. According to a Metrowater official, piped water supply in the city has been cut by 80%, leaving the residents dependent on Metrowater tankers or private suppliers.

To try and find a way out, some residents have dug deep borewells at high cost, often in vain, as the groundwater levels have receded to alarming levels.

Discourses in English today, tomorrow, Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Akshara Vidya Trust, Swamini Satyavratananda Saraswati will give religious discourses in English at 7 p.m in Kesari High School, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar.

The following are details:

Saturday, June 29: Vicharasagara

Sunday, June 30: Brahma Sutras

Tuesday, July 2: Bhagavad Gita

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'Kadaga Mutharaiyan' to be staged this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

To commemorate the 95th birth anniversary of thespian R.S. Manohar, the Tamil drama troupe R.S. Manohar's Nxgs headed by S. Shivpprasadh (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will present the Tamil play 'Kadaga Mutharaiyan' at 6.45 p.m on Saturday, June 29 in Mylapore Fine Arts Club (Musri Subramianiam Road, Mylapore).

The play has been written by veteran playwright Madurai Thirumaran.

Shivpprasadh, who is the nephew of R. S. Manohar, will play the lead role.

His daughter S. Sruuthi has designed the stage props.

Shivpprasadh's contact numbers are 2834 4876 / 73586 96613.

Special darshan in Annai Dhyana Maiyam on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Annai Dhyana Maiyam (14, Bakthavatchalam Street, West Mambalam) has organised special 'Balcony Darshan' at 6.30 a.m on Monday, July 1 as part of Prosperity Day celebrations.

Sri Annai Adigal will give a spiritual talk at 6 p.m.

Mass prayers are conducted daily at 7 p.m and satsang on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

All are welcome.

Sri Annai Adigal (Founder, Sri Aurobindo Trust) provides counseling on personal problems, marital issues and other matters.

More details can be had in 98414 25456.

Errant auto driver hits bus, passenger hurt

By Our Staff Reporter

An errant autorickshaw driver left his passenger seriously injured when he hit a speeding MTC bus while driving on the wrong side of the road in Saidapet.

In the impact, the passenger was thrown out and suffered severe head injuries.

The police said that the bus driver applied the brake in time to avoid the passenger coming under the wheels.

Passersby caught the autorickshaw driver who tried to run away.

The passenger was admitted in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital.

Police identified the auto driver as Anandan from Poonamallee and have registered a case of negligent driving against him.

Local social activist gets doctorate

By Our Staff Reporter

K. Gopinath (a social worker and resident of 103rd Street, 14th Sector, K. K. Nagar), who is physically challenged, was awarded Doctorate Degree in Social Work by Global Peace University, USA last week in Kamarajar Arangam.

He is the State General Secretary of Tamilnadu Udavikkaram Association for the Welfare of the Differently-Abled.

He has been working for the welfare of the disabled for more than three decades. He arranges free aids like tricycles, artificial limbs, wheelchairs, hearing aids and more for poor and deserving persons.

He also conducts vocational and job-oriented training programs for the disabled and helps them to get employment or set up their own business.

He has received several awards in the past, including the 'Best Social Worker' award from Tamilnadu Government in 2008 and the Ascendas Excellence award. He is a qualified engineer who also holds a Master's degree in Social Work.

His contact numbers are 97908 20194 and 94448 91338.

Driving tests held on slippery ground

After the heavy downpour on the night of June 26, the open space where the driving tests for 2-wheeler riders are conducted became slushy in RTO Office, Dr. Munusamy Salai, K. K. Nagar. In spite of the slippery condition, the tests were conducted the next morning. The approach road to the RTO Office, which is in a bad condition, was also unsafe for motorists as stagnant water hid the potholes and the uneven surface.

Construction debris dumped on Mambalam High Road

By Our Staff Reporter

A large pile of construction debris has been dumped along the railway compound wall on Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar.

It is blocking 1/3rd of the carriageway of the busy road, causing hindrance to motorists.

Workshop on assessing 'education' through horoscope tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

The Vedic Astrology Association for Social Awakening and Change (Subba Reddy Street, West Mambalam) will conduct a free seminar/interactive session on assessing 'Prospects of Higher Education' through horoscopes from 5 p.m to 7.45 p.m on Sunday, June 30 in Auditorium Hall, Koviloor Madalayam, Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam. All are welcome.

More details can be had from VKSM Sharmaji (Founder President) in 91763 59580 / 88381 58072 / 2474 1952.

Lions Blood Bank award for Krishnammachari

By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Krishnammachari (Managing Director, Tex Bioscience Private Ltd. 75, Textan House, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) was presented the 'Privileged Patron' award on June 16 on the occasion of the inauguration of the new office building of Lions Blood Bank and Research Foundation in Ambattur.

He is the Founder Trustee of the Blood Bank, and contributed Rs. 10 lakhs on the occasion.

He has contributed close to Rs. 1 crore over the years since its launch in 1984.

Free cancer screening on July 6

By Our Staff Reporter

Shasun Abhushan Cancer Care, Educational and Research Foundation (SACCREF) (a Chennai based NGO working towards improving the quality of life of cancer patients), has organised a free cancer screening camp in association with Nanolife Multi Speciality Centre (NMSC) from 10 a.m to 7 p.m on Saturday, July 6 in 8/34, Neelakanta Mehta Street, T. Nagar.

Qualified Ayurveda doctors Dr. Abhishek Lulla, Dr. Kishore Kanuga and Dr. Mounika will examine the patients and offer free consultation. Cancer patients attending the camp are requested to carry their latest reports. According to Dr. Abhishek, green nanotechnology, which has no side effects, is employed to treat cancer along with other modalities.

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