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New Corporation Park in Jaffer Khanpet nearing completion

By Our Staff Reporter

The new Corporation Park being developed in Pillayar Koil Street, Jaffer Khanpet is nearing completion.

Earlier, this place was used as a dumping yard.

After repeated requests by the residents, the Corporation started developing the park.

The walkers' path has been completed. A number of saplings have been planted.

Benches have been provided for the visitors to relax and a portion has been earmarked for installing play equipment for children.



Garbage dumped on cycle track in K. K. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

The cycle track developed on Dr. Lakshmanasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar, near 12th Sector is littered with garbage and debris.

The bollards erected to block parking of cars are damaged in several places.



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தமாஷா வரிகள்

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‘முந்திரி’ குமாரி!

(கிளியூர் இளவரசன் வசந்த சேனன் கவிதை புனைந்து கொண்டு இருக்கையில் குழலிசை வல்லபி வாயை மென்றுக் கொண்டே வருகிறாள்.)

வசந்த: (தனக்குள்) முந்திரி, முந்திரி, தந்திரி, எந்திரி எல்லாம் கவிதையில் வந்துவிட்டன. (உரக்க) அட்டே! அதிருபு சந்திரியும் வந்தாச்சே!

குழலி: (நாணத்துடன்) பொய். சுத்தரிக்கப்பட்ட அப்பமுக்கில் லாத பொய். நான் அவ்வளவு அழகா என்ன?

வசந்த: கற்கண்டே! நம்பினால் நம்பு, நம்பாவிட்டால் போ. உன்னை இங்கு வரச் சொன்னதன் காரணம் என்ன தெரியுமா?

குழலி: எப்படித் தெரியும்? முந்திரிக் கொட்டையாக நான் ஏதோ சொல்லப் போக உங்கள் கேலிக்கு அல்லவோ ஆளாக நேரிடும்?

வசந்த: உவமானத்திலும் முந்திரியா? வாயில் என்ன? கையில் என்ன?

குழலி: பசு நெய்யில் பொன்னிறமாக வறுத்து, உப்பு, மிளகாய்ப் பொடியைப் பொலபொலவென்று சன்னமாகத் தூவி, மொறுமொறு முந்திரியை வெள்ளிப் பேலாவில் கொண்டு வந்திருக்கிறேன். ஈழம், யவனம், ஜாவா, சுமித்ரா, டமாரம், தவறு, தவறு... கடாரம் நாடுகளுக்கு என் தந்தையால் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்படும் அரிய முந்திரி இது. இந்த அல்லித் தடாகம் அருகே உட்கார்ந்து எனக்கு ஒன்று, உனக்கு ஒன்று என்று எடுத்துக் கொறிக்கலாமே. ஆனால் பேலாவில் மிஞ்சும் கடைசி முந்திரி எனக்குத்தான்.

வசந்த: (பெருமூச்சுவிட்டு) அன்பே! நம் காதலுக்குத் தடையாக அமையப்போவது எது தெரியுமா? முந்திரிதான்.

குழலி: (திடுக்கிட்டு) இளவரசே! முந்திரியா?

வசந்த: ஆம் அன்பே. என் பாசமிடு அன்னையார் முத்துச் செல்வி நாச்சியாருக்குப் பருவப் பெண்கள் கொடியிடையாக இருப்பதே பிடிக்கும். அந்தப்புரத்தில் உள்ள பாதுகாப்பு சோதனை வாசல் வழியாகத் தடையின்றி நுழைய முடியாமல் பக்கவாட்டில் நெளிந்து நகர ஆரம்பிக்கும் பெண்கள் பணி நீக்கம் செய்யப்படுவார்கள் என்கிற ரகசிய உத்தரவைப் போட்டிருக்கிறார். நீளவாக்கில் பிளந்த புடலங்காய் போலக் கன்னியர் இருப்பதே அவருக்குப் பிடிக்கும். ஆகவே...

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குழலி: (கலவரத்துடன்) எ..ன்..ன..து? என் இதயம்

முந்திரிபோல் இரண்டாகப் பிளந்துவிடும் போலிருக்கிறதே.

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(அம்சதுளிகா மஞ்சத்தில் குழலி ஓயிலாக சாய்ந்து கொண்டு

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கொண்டிருக்கிறாள்.)

குழலி: (விசும்பி) வாணி, என் நிலைமையைப் பார்த்தியா?

முந்திரி சாம்ராஜ்யத்தின் செல்ல வாரிசு. கேவலம் ஒரு முந்

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விட்டன. முந்திரி இல்லாத வாழ்வு ஒரு வாழ்வா? ஆ! வாணி,

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வாணி: (அவசரமாக) பதறாதே குழலி. காற்று உன் பக்கம் வீச

என்ன செய்யலாம் என்று யோசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறேன். சகுனி

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(தாமணி மாடத்தில் சுற்றும் விளக்கெரிய வசந்த சேனனும்,

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வசந்த: குழலி மெள்ள, மெள்ள. கிணற்று நீரை ஆற்று

வெள்ளமா கொண்டு போகப் போகிறா?

குழலி: (நாணி) நாதா, என்ன சொல்ல வருகிறீர்கள்?

வசந்த: முந்திரிகளை அள்ளித் தின்னாதே என்றுதான். சே!

அரண்மனை தலைமை வைத்தியர் சுக்குமித்திரனின் சூழ்ச்சியை

அம்பலப்படுத்திய உன் தோழி வாணிக்கு எவ்வளவு வைர



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குழலி: (மேலும் ஒரு முந்திரியைத் தின்றகொண்டே) நன்று

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வசந்த: முந்திரி சாப்பிடுவதை சற்றே நிறுத்தி, அதை மீண்டும்

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குழலி: ‘முந்திரியை சாப்பிடுவது கெடுதல்’ என்று அறிவிக்கச்

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Health mix on sale

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Vijayalakshmi (resident of LIG Flats, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) prepares a health mix with micro-millet like ‘varagu’, ‘thinai’, ‘samai’, ‘kuthiraivaali’, ‘cumbu’, ‘cholam’ etc.

The mix can be used to make porridge for breakfast. ‘Dosai’ and ‘adaai’ can also be prepared using the mix.

Before starting this venture, Vijayalakshmi attended a training program on millet products conducted by Tamilnadu Agriculture University Information & Training Centre. “Micro-milletts are God’s gift for diabetics and they are hypertension friendly too,” she said.

Half and one kg. packs are available at her residence.

She can be contacted in 97907 72370 / 2371 1835.

Donate drawing materials to beautify public walls

The Candles (1305, 2nd Street, Golden Colony, Mogappair) has appealed for donation of painting materials to beautify the compound walls of crematoriums, Corporation schools and Government buildings under its ‘Varnam’ project. V. Prabhu (Director) told *Mambalam Times* that the heads of Government and Corporation Schools can call the NGO if they are interested in beautifying the walls of their schools.

Donors may call Prabhu in 86105 93038.

Chennai Metro to install more signage around stations

To increase patronage, Chennai Metro plans to put up more signage in areas near the stations. According to officials, they will start a survey to identify the spots where the signage will be the most visible.

“We will fix the signage in a radius of about 500 meters around the stations, giving directions to the nearest station,” he said.

In underground stations, Chennai Metro has begun fixing additional signage.

ISKCON program in Mambalam on Saturdays

By Our Staff Reporter

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Injambakkam, conducts ‘Bakthi Vriksha’ programs from 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Saturdays at 28, South K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam.

The program includes bhajans, congregational chanting and Bhagwad Gita classes.

More details can be had in phone 2371 3606 or from Ranga Krishna Das (2474 4900, 98400 27800). All are welcome.

Udavum Karangal offers distance education courses

By Our Staff Reporter

Udavum Karangal (NGO with an office in 41, Kannadasan Salai, T. Nagar), has launched ‘Jeevan Centre for Education’ in its Home in Thiruverkadu to offer distance learning courses in Arts and Science.

It has signed an MOU with Alagappa University (Karaikudi) to offer 66 Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Diploma courses.

For more details, contact Jeevan Centre for Education in 98410 35511 or 73580 57405.

Its main office is located in 460, NSK Nagar, Arumbakkam.

Textbooks loaned to college students

Jaigopal Garodia Charitable Book Bank (U6, U Block 7th Street, Anna Nagar) issues textbooks on loan to college students.

Students can collect the application form from the above address on weekdays between 10 a.m and 4 p.m or download it from the website www.jgvvbookbank.org. According to K. S. Kesavan (Co-ordinator), the book bank has more than 36,000 books in 600 titles covering engineering, science, commerce, arts and management courses. He said that students from other cities can also apply.

No money is collected from the students, but they should return the books after writing their final exams. He said that the book bank has been functioning for 19 years and more than 1 lakh students have benefited from it. More details can be had in 2620 6261.

Cashless payment soon at Metro parking lots

Chennai Metro on July 4 announced that commuters can soon use smart travel cards to pay the parking fee at metro stations.

In the initial phase, the facility of accepting payment through smart travel cards with ‘Point of Sale’ terminals will be implemented in 11 metro stations including Ashok Nagar.

Brahmotsavam from Aug. 2 in 500-year-old Saidapet temple

By Our Staff Reporter

Brahmotsavam will be conducted from Friday, Aug. 2 in the 500-year-old Kadumbadi Chinnamman Temple in Jayaraman Street, Saidapet.

The temple was managed by Vaniyar Chettiers for more than 150 years.

In 1947, it came under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department.

The temple's specialty is the 400-year-old anthill where many devotees offer milk and eggs. Some of the special occasions celebrated in the temple are Aadi Brahmotsavam, Maasi Mayana Kollai Vizha and Navarathri.

Apart from the main sanctum for Goddess Kadumbadi Chinnamman, there are sanctums for Varasiddhi Vinayagar and Durgai Amman.

Aadi Brahmotsavam has been taking place for more than 150 years. Kumbhabhishekam will be performed next year, 38 years after it was last performed in 1982.

The temple is open on all days from 6 a.m to 11 a.m and from 5 p.m to 9 p.m.

For more details, contact Gajapathi in 98403 88773

'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' in K. K. Nagar temple on Friday

ISKCON and Tamilnadu Brahmin Association have jointly organized 'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' from 6.30 p.m to 8 p.m on Friday, July 26 in Muthumaari Amman Temple, Dr. Ramasamy Road, K. K. Nagar. All are welcome. More details can be had in 91766 51942 and 94441 56169.

50% of houses inspected lack rain water harvesting structures

By Our Staff Reporter
In an inspection of 53,847 houses last month by a joint team of Chennai Corporation and Metrowater officials, only 50% of the houses were found to have proper rainwater harvesting structures.

24,699 households did not have rain water harvesting structures, and in at least 4,240 houses, the structures were in disrepair. All these residences have been asked to set things right, an official said.

On June 17, the rural and municipal administration minister had announced that Metrowater and Corporation officials will undertake joint inspection of houses in the city to check rainwater harvesting structures.

A team of officials comprising engineers and zonal officers of the two bodies was given a target of 1,000 houses in every ward. The plan is to cover two lakh households by the end of October.

Vysar Street inundated after rains



By Our Staff Reporter

Due to blocks in the recently laid storm water drain network, the entire stretch of Vysar Street was inundated following the heavy rains on the night of July 15.

There was water stagnation for two days.

Corporation workers finally removed the blocks in the drain on July 17 and the stagnant water flowed into the drain.

Meditation, satsang in South Boag Road on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra will celebrate Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Divas on Thursday, July 25 in its center in 14A/31, South Boag Road, T. Nagar.

It is celebrated every year to mark the day when Paramahansa Yogananda (Founder of Yogoda Satsanga Society of India) had the divine darshan of Mahavatar Babaji in his home in Kolkata.

The Kendra propagates Kriya Yoga.

The following is the program: 7 a.m to 9 a.m: Meditation 5 p.m to 7.30 p.m: Satsang

The program will include devotional chanting, inspirational reading and pushpanjali.

Prasadam will be distributed on both the days.

All are welcome. For more details, call 4332 5440 or 73058 61965.

Organic store conducts workshop on healthy cooking

By Our Staff Reporter

Mannvasanai (a organic food store in 7/7, Padmanaban Street, Kodambakkam) and Semparuthi Nature Health Group conducted a 2-day session on the health benefits of cooking with traditional rice varieties and preparing home remedies with kitchen ingredients for housewives.

On the first day, the participants learnt healthy cooking with traditional rice varieties like thooyamalli, karuthakkaar, maplai samba, kichili samba, poongar and kuzhivedichaa.

Day two of the workshop focused on methods to make herbal tooth powder, utensil cleaning powder, organic sanitary napkins and 15 other organic products.

According to Menaka (Founder, Mannvasanai), there are about 100 types of rice and only 30 are commonly cultivated.

"My late husband studied these varieties in detail for over 10 years, and we have preserved 100 varieties in our shop," she said.

"This is an effort to remind housewives of the healthier options available," said Maria Belsin, Founder of Semparuthi Nature Health Group.

Talent fest for women today

By Our Staff Reporter

Ashok Nagar Progressive Women Association (Ashok Nagar) has organized a talent festival for women from 3 p.m to 5 p.m on Saturday, July 20, in Lakshmi Hall, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar as part of its 24th anniversary celebrations.

There will be an acupuncture camp, talent show, cookery contest, murukku suthal contest, quiz and games.

More details can be had in 99410 18210 and 95661 41764.

Govt. hospitals to offer multidisciplinary trauma care soon

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of its attempt to bring down fatalities in road accidents, Tamilnadu Govt. is planning to set up multidisciplinary critical care units in government hospitals across the State.

Under the proposal, the State will upgrade infrastructure in Government Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine in K. K. Nagar at a cost of Rs. 40 crores.

Rehabilitation care will be offered in the upgraded center to ensure that persons discharged after trauma lead a normal life.

The multidisciplinary ICUs will have specialists from departments such as neurology, pulmonology, nephrology, cardiology, anaesthesiology and intensivists, who will manage the patients or care for them after an emergency surgery.

Once patients recover, they will be sent to the specialty wards for further care.

Interactive session for differently-abled children today

By Our Staff Reporter

Madhuram Narayanan Centre (18, Prakasam Street, T. Nagar) provides early intervention services for differently-abled children up to 6 years.

It will conduct its annual program 'Samyam' on Saturday, July 20 in its premises.

The objective of Samyam is to bring together newly enrolled students, exiting students and old students along with their parents with the following objectives:

1. Creating a healthy interaction between the educators and parents to share ideas and views for further development of the children.

2. Maintain continuity of old students and their parents with the Centre for guidance and counseling.

3. Motivating new parents by exposing them to the success stories of existing and old students to face the challenges in bringing up and training their own children.

Special paraayanam on Friday in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam

By Our Staff Reporter

Daasya (Ashok Nagar) has organized 'Chatru Samhara Subramanya Trishati' paraayanam from 8 a.m on Friday, July 26 in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

108 devotees can take part in the paraayanam on a first-come-first-served basis.

Interested persons may register in 99406 38972.

Free storytelling session today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

KinderNest has organised a free storytelling session for children from 4.30 p.m to 5.30 p.m on Saturday, July 20 in 44/2, 102nd Street, 14th Sector, K. K. Nagar.

For more details, call 98403 55410.

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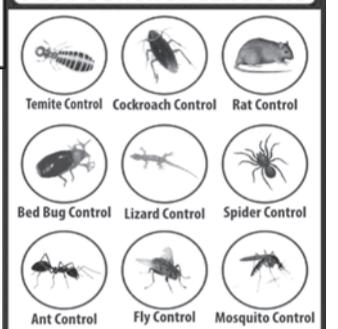
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OBITUARY Smt. NIRMALA DORAISWAMY Smt. Nirmala Doraiswamy (resident of T.Nagar for 34 years) left for her heavenly abode on 13th July 2019. She was 69 and was the Ex-Senior Principal of Sri Sitaram Vidyalaya Matric Hr Sec School, West Mambalam. She will be fondly remembered as a dutiful wife, a loving mother, a dynamic leader, an exemplary teacher and an inspiration to many. She is deeply mourned by her husband (M.Doraiswamy), son (D.Mohanababu), daughter (Dr.D.Anusha) and grandchildren (T.Kiranraj and T.Nikitha).

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Damaged barricades removed after report in Mambalam Times



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Following the report 'Leaning barricades on Dr. Nair Road pose danger' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 14 - 20 issue), the barricades fixed to the concrete median on the road were removed. There is now a 10-foot breach in the median. Vehicles are taking advantage of the opening to take U-turn, which poses a danger to other motorists.

Boy from poor family excels in karate



By Our Staff Reporter
15-year-old V. Tharun (resident of 4A, Sreenath Tower, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) won the first place in Kata and Kumite events in the Senior National-Level Karate Tournament organised by School Games and Activity Development Foundation and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Govt. of India) in New Delhi from July 12 to 14.

He is a Std. 10 student in Alpha School, Nandanam.

He hails from a poor family. He is trained by Kyoshi Rajkumar (Chief Examiner and Technical Director of Kenshukai Isshinryu Karate School).

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

He plays a number of other games including boxing, carrom, football, shotput and kho-kho.

Anyone wishing to lend him support, may contact Tharun in 94883 86526.

Humour Club meets today

By Our Staff Reporter
Humour Club of T. Nagar (1, Guild Street, T. Nagar, behind Siva Vishnu Temple) will hold its monthly meeting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 21 in its premises.

Sirippanadha (Founder President, Humour Club, Ambattur) will be present.

All are welcome to attend and share their jokes.

Entry is free.

For membership, contact S. Sekar (Founder) in 97907 75571.

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

Earth being dumped in vacant TNHB plot in Ashok Nagar



Earth collected from several places is being dumped regularly in the vacant TNHB plot on 10th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. Nearby residents told this reporter that the heap of dumped earth is now more than 10 feet high which is almost the level of the 1st floor of nearby houses. "The fine sand from the earth rises in the air causing dust pollution and we are forced to keep our windows closed," said a resident. As the land is not protected, it has also been converted into an open toilet and for parking commercial vehicles. The residents have appealed to TNHB to remove the earth from the plot and build a fence around it to protect it from misuse.

Rajini Makkal Mandram provides water



By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Rajini Makkal Mandram distributed drinking water free through a private tanker to underprivileged families residing in West Mambalam, Ashok Nagar and nearby localities on July 17.

This photo was taken outside LIG Flats, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

Residents protest on Arcot Road demanding water



At around 10 a.m. on July 19, around 100 residents of Kodambakkam, most of them women, resorted to road roko on Arcot Road demanding regular water supply through tankers, as piped water supply was stopped two months back. After a police officer spoke to the protestors, they moved to the road margin, but continued raising their demand.

He then spoke to Metrowater officials who assured supply of water through tankers by evening. The crowd then dispersed.

500 more cops to catch traffic rule violators

As the Centre is set to recommend changes to the Motor Vehicle Act by hiking fine for drunk driving to Rs, 10,000 and making punishment for other traffic rule violations harsher, the Chennai City police plans to strengthen its force by recruiting 500 more traffic policemen.

They will monitor strategic locations round the clock to nab violators.

A senior police officer said, "There are around 100 static vehicle check points and 75 movable vehicle check points in the city. The additional strength deployed will be fully utilised to conduct checks for traffic rule violations."

Talk on 'Super Mind' on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Annai Dhyana Maiyam (Bakthavatchalam Street, West Mambalam) has organized a talk on 'Super Mind' by A. V. Ramesh Kumar at 6 p.m and meditation at 7 p.m on Thursday, July 25.

All are welcome.

Those interested in performing Pushpanjali or need personal counseling may contact Annai Adigal (Founder) in 98414 25456.

Satsang in Pandian Hall today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Mambalam Yogi Ram-surat Kumar satsang will be held from 4 p.m to 7 p.m on Sunday, July 21 in Pandian Hall (Station Road, West Mambalam).

It will start with guru naama japam and Rama japam.

It will be followed by Thirupugazh presented by Vijayalakshmi group.

T. L. Kumaramurthy will present Guru anupavam followed by ashtothram, aarathi and prasadam distribution.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 98847 24271.

Year-long free course in Malayalam from July 28

By Our Staff Reporter

Akshara Malayalee Cultural Association (44, Dr. Ramaswami Salai, K. K. Nagar) and Malayalam Mission (Government of Kerala) will jointly conduct a free 1-year-long certificate course in Malayalam from Sunday, July 28 in its premises. The classes will be conducted on Sundays from 10 a.m to 12 noon. One can join the course on any Sunday till the end of August.

At the end of the course, the students should pass a written exam conducted by Government of Kerala to receive the certificate.

For registration, contact V. Prabhakaran (President, Ph: 94444 80814), K. K. Saidharan (General Secretary, Ph: 98847 2156) or K. Velayutham (Treasurer, Ph: 94441 49633).

Penalised for drawing metro water through pumps

By Our Staff Reporter

Metrowater officials seized small pumpsets from more than 70 houses in the neighbourhood last week, which were being used to draw water directly from the Metrowater pipeline supplying water to their sumps. As a penalty, the piped water supply to the houses/apartment complexes have been cut for one year and the owners will also be fined Rs. 10,000.

Wins singles title in YMCA TT tourney



C N Sridhar, in the centre, flanked by Louis Sundar (left) and Arunachalam(right)

By Our Staff Reporter

C. N. Sridhar (resident of Ashok Nagar) won the singles title in the YMCA Table Tennis Tournament conducted in YMCA (Ashok Nagar Chapter) on July 13.

He defeated Louis Sundar in the final in straight sets. He defeated Arunachalam in the semi-finals.

He also topped his group at the end of the league matches with 11 points.

He will participate in the North Eastern Regional Masters Tournament in Shillong next month.

Damaged car blocks margin of G. N. Chetty Road



By Our Staff Reporter

A car in damaged condition is blocking the carriageway in G. N. Chetty Road, near Jain Temple, T. Nagar.

It was initially parked on the pavement but was shifted by Chennai Corporation workers to the road margin to facilitate storm water drain work.

9th Avenue playground not maintained well



The Corporation Playground on 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar is not maintained well. Tree branches are lying all over the playground which is not cleaned regularly. At night miscreants misuse the playground for consuming liquor. Empty bottles are found in the playing area which is frequented by barefooted students. There are cracks in several places in the compound wall, and most of the children's play equipment is damaged.

Woman held in fake cryptocurrency case

More than a year after Anna Nagar police registered a case against a gang cheating people in the name of cryptocurrency, the main accused, Padmaj Bommushetty Srinivasalu, was caught by immigration officials at Chennai airport and handed over to the police.

She was remanded to judicial custody. Police had issued a look-out notice against the accused who was about to board a flight to Malaysia to participate in a cryptocurrency-related conference when she was stopped by immigration officials. A hunt is on for her accomplices, Aarthi Bommushetty and Joseph Clint Rodrigues. Police registered an FIR after Lakshanika alias Indrani, a pharmacist in T. Nagar, lost Rs. 18 lakhs to the gang. She had become acquainted with Madhesh on Facebook in 2017 who told her about investing in 'Wow Coin' and asked her to meet the suspects. She was told that the invested amount will multiply in six months. Lakshanika allegedly transferred Rs. 18 lakhs to their bank account in 2018.

CCU, nanotechnology center opened in RMD Nursing Home

By Our Staff Reporter

Marumai Critical Care Unit and Nanolife Speciality Integrated Medical Center of Green Nanotechnology were inaugurated in RMD



Nursing Home (T. Nagar) on July 17.

The critical care unit will provide subsidized health care support for needy patients.

The medical equipment for the unit was donated by Shiriram Life Insurance.

The Nanolife unit offers

treatment for cancer.

The critical care unit was inaugurated by Dr. Akhila Srinivasan (Managing Director, Shiriram Group) in the presence of Dr. Karthick (Athulya Assisted Living) and Dr. Republica Sridhar (Medical Director, RMD Nursing Home).

The Nanolife Center was inaugurated by Dr. Kattesh V. Katti (Father of Green Nanotechnology, University of Missouri) in the presence of S. Abhaya Kumar Jain (Founder, Shasun Pharmaceuticals Limited).

More details can be had in 93810 16588.

Cancer screening for women at nominal cost next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai District of THAMBRAS (75, C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer Road, Alwarpet) has organized a cancer awareness program for women at 9 a.m on Sunday, July 28 in Gurubalaji Wedding Hall (3, Sundaram Street, T. Nagar, near Natesan Park).

Mammographic screening for breast cancer and pap smear screening for cervical cancer will be done at a nominal charge of Rs. 500 each.

Cancer specialists will be available for consultation.

More details can be had in 96001 28212 or 91764 62232.

Students felicitated for reciting whole of Thirukkural

By Our Staff Reporter

In a program organised by Tamilnadu Thiruvalluvar Kazhagam (Founded by Vai Ma Kumar, a longtime resident of West Mambalam), 30 students from different schools in Chennai recited all the 1,330 couplets of Thirukkural non-stop in Anjuham School (Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) last week. The forum also felicitated over 170 students from across the State who had recited the whole of Thirukkural continuously last year.

Anandiammal, a social activist who is involved in cremation of unclaimed bodies, and Natarajan (Director, Jawahar Vidyalaya School) also participated in the program. For details, contact 80729 20579.

Silt left on roadside mixes with rain water in Duraisamy Subway

By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation contractors desilted the storm water drain in Duraisamy Subway in T. Nagar to prevent water stagnation last week.

As the silt collected in bags was not removed immediately, it spread onto the road after the heavy rains on July 15 causing hardship to motorists as the road became slushy and slippery after the silt got mixed with the rain water.



Daasya distributes drinking water in MGR Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Daasya (NGO, Ashok Nagar) provides drinking water free at regular intervals for slum dwellers in MGR Nagar, Ashok Nagar and nearby areas.

Water in bubble top cans is taken in a van to the areas and distributed among the residents who have been given tokens.

According to P. Raman (Founder), Metrowater supply through tankers to these areas where there is no piped water has been irregular. He said that even the hand pumps have gone dry. His contact number is 99406 38972.



Tree trunk blocks pavement on Varadappan Street



By Our Staff Reporter

The branches of a tree which fell during the heavy rains on the night of July 15 on Varadappan Street was cut and removed by workers of Chennai Corporation but the trunk was left behind.

The residents want the trunk also removed as it is blocking the pavement.

Burglars escape with 80 sovereigns of jewels

By Our Staff Reporter

Burglars struck at a central government employee's house in T. Nagar and escaped with 80 sovereigns of jewellery, Rs 1 lakh in cash, silver items and a mobile phone on July 13.

The robbery happened when the inmates were visiting relatives in Thirumullaivoyal.

According to the police, the burglars broke in through the back door and looted the valuables.

The family, which returned in the evening, alerted police.

The police are scanning the footage from the CCTV camera installed at the road junction for clues to identify the burglars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pavement of Rajabather Street damaged



Sir, The pavement of Rajabather Street, Pondy Bazaar, near Hotel Aruna International is damaged.

The pavement is uneven with some slabs broken and some missing.

Pedestrians, especially senior citizens, avoid walking on it due to the risk of falling and discomfort and, instead, are forced to walk on the road.

As most of the time vehicles are parked on the roadside, they are forced to walk in the middle of the road. **Darshan Jani, T. Nagar**

Sewage discharged into storm water drain on Bazullah Road



Sir, Sewage water is being discharged into the storm water drain on Bazullah Road, T. Nagar for several months.

Often, due to blocks in the drain, the sewage overflows and collects on the road.

It is a serious lapse and a health hazard.

Metrowater or Corporation officials are not taking any action against this illegal discharge of sewage into the storm water drain.

I appeal to the officials concerned to take immediate action to stop the discharge and clean the storm water drain **R. Satyamurti, T. Nagar**

Lack of inspection leads to civic lapses

Sir, Due to the lack of coordination between civic departments and the apathy in inspection of work entrusted to the contractors, it is a common sight to see major civic lapses like open trenches, poor quality roads, open EB junction boxes and sewage overflow on the streets.

Though hundreds of engineers are employed by all the civic departments, only a few carry out field work to ensure that the works are being executed properly by the contractors.

The officials must be made accountable for proper execution of work entrusted to them. Armchair officials are a bane to good governance. **K. Vaidyanathan, 15/1, North Usman Road, T. Nagar, Ph. 2815 6891**

Low hanging cables pose danger



Sir, A power cable, hanging from the transformer on Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam, poses a danger to pedestrians.

Similarly, a low hanging broadband cable is also blocking the way on the road margin next to a shop adjacent to the transformer.

I appeal to EB officials to remove the offending cables for the safety of pedestrians. **R. Krishnamurthy, 12/35, Velu Street, West Mambalam**

Vans block margin of Muthalamman Koil Street

Sir, Often, vehicles that carry heavy loads for supply to neighbourhood shops are parked for long hours on Muthalamman Koil Street (West Mambalam), causing hindrance to the residents.

Last week, a van overloaded with vegetable bags was parked for more than 8 hours close to the gate of my flat complex. It was removed by the driver only after I lodged a complaint with the traffic police. Often, to make space on the road margin, these drivers move the dust bins kept on the road for the residents to dump their daily garbage. It then leads to garbage problem as residents then throw the waste on the roadside, which accumulates and leads to unsanitary conditions.

I appeal to the traffic department to take strict action against the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. **N. Vijayaaghavan, 58/1, Muthalamman Koil St. West Mambalam, Ph: 99626 64766**

Garbage collection needs improvement

Sir, First of all, my heartiest congratulations to *Mambalam Times* for achieving Silver Jubilee. Your paper has been providing very useful local information besides area updates every week. Though I am a resident of Visakhapatnam, I regularly visit my ailing mother-in-law who lives in Thambiah Road, and make it a point to read *Mambalam Times* including all the back issues. I wish to report about the garbage problem prevalent in a number of places in Mambalam and T. Nagar. During my morning walk, I often see garbage dumped on road margins and under public utilities likes EB transformers and overflowing bins. It is not only an eyesore, but a serious health hazard and the stench is at times unbearable.

In contrast, Visakhapatnam is a clean and well maintained city. The residents are also socially conscious and do not litter garbage, and the local municipality is also strict in levying Rs. 100 on-the-spot fine for littering.

I hope Chennai Corporation and the local residents take a leaf out of their book and endeavor to keep the neighbourhood neat and clean. **R. Sekar, Flat 1, Swati Swarnam, 7, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam**

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Heavy rains lash parts of Chennai

Residents of Chennai rejoiced as heavy showers lashed many parts of the city on the evening of July 15.

From around 7.30 p.m., heavy rains lashed T. Nagar, Anna Nagar, Ayanavaram, Abhiramapuram, Arumbakkam, Kilpauk, CMBT, Royapuram, Chintadripet and Royapettah for more than 4 hours.

According to Met officials, more rains are expected in the next few days.

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A number of persons attended the free eye screening camp organized by Jaimaa Charitable Trust in Sri Kamatchi Amman Temple, Saidapet on July 19.

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Those who want to support the program may contact 99400 30939

Sale of organic farm products today

Organic Farmers Market has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of produce by farmers on Sunday, July 21 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 99622 25225 or 95661 29298.

Two women killed in accident near Nandanam

Two women riding pillion on a bike were killed after an MTC bus ran over them on Anna Salai near Nandanam on the morning of July 16.

Siva, who was riding the bike, suffered injuries and was admitted in Government Royapettah Hospital.

According to the police, when Siva neared YMCA, Nandanam, his bike brushed against a car overtaking them. In the impact, Siva and the two women fell on the road, and the MTC bus coming from behind ran over the two women.

Saidapet Traffic Police detained the bus driver Gunasekaran. Following this, traffic was affected for more than two hours on the arterial roads in and around Nandanam.

Siva and the two women (all from Andhra Pradesh) were undergoing 3-month IT training in a local firm.

Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

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 23, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam, West Mambalam (BVSN Moorthy School, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) conducts the following program on Sundays:

- 5 p.m: Veda paarayanam
 - 5.30 p.m: Ramana Maharishi's Aksharamanamalai.
 - 6 p.m: Discourse. All are welcome.
- More details can be had in phone 94441 72623. Special pooja is conducted and prasadam distributed among special children at 11.30 a.m on Ramana Maharishi's birth star day (Punarpoosam).

Free Aadhar enrolment on July 26, 27

Ashok Nagar Post Office (Ashok Pillar Road, Ashok Nagar) has organized a special Aadhar enrolment camp from 9 a.m to 6 p.m on July 26 and 27 in it's premises.

The service for new enrolment is free and Rs. 50 will be charged if existing holders want any change.

Satsang in K. K. Nagar today evening

Sri Sarada Devi Seva Sangh, K. K. Nagar has organised its monthly satsang at 6 p.m on Saturday, July 20 in Plot No. 106, Dr. Lakshmanasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar.

Swami Vimurtanandaji Maharaj (Manager, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai), will conduct the satsang.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 98407 07601 and 97909 16060.

Talk in Tamil on 'Leading a Spiritual Life'

Nannilam Vai Rajagopala Ganapadigal (Publisher and Editor of *Vaithikasri*, a Tamil magazine) will give a talk in Tamil on 'Leading a Spiritual Life' from 3.30 p.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, July 21 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

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

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, July 21 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome. For more details, call 2814 3896.

Sruuthi gets award for her prowess in acting

S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) got



the 'YGP Golden Jubilee' award for her prowess in acting and 'Class All Rounder' award from her school last week.

She is a Std. 12 student in PSBB School, K. K. Nagar.

She recently started the drama troupe 'Naatya Naadha Nataka Sangamam' with the money she has earned over the years by winning several cultural competitions and acting in dramas. The troupe staged its first play 'Manidham Punidham' last month. She is the daughter of S. Shivprasadh (Founder of the drama troupe R.S. Manohar Nxgs) and granddaughter of thespian R. S. Manohar.

She started acting on stage at the age of 3. She has acted in several of her father's home productions including Vydhiyar Mappillai, Kanchi Kamakshi Amman, Satya Sai Baba Arpudangal, Sri Ranganathar Swami Mahimai and Manas-sathchi. She is proficient in Carnatic music. Her contact number is 2834 4876.

Chandi homam in Sankara Mutt on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Krishna Paksha Chandi homam will be conducted at 5 p.m on Wednesday, July 24 in Sankara Mutt (West Mambalam). All are welcome. For more details, call R. Sridharan Sharma in 98410 97300.

Encroachments of shopkeepers on Govindan Street removed



A number of encroachments of shopkeepers on the pavement outside their shops on Govindan Road (West Mambalam) were removed by

Chennai Corporation workers on July 16 using JCP machines. They included temporary structures and name boards on the pavement

The permanent concrete structures on the pavements were also demolished. A police team provided protection for the workers.

Sewage water stagnates in trench dug in Venkatanarayana Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Sewage water has been stagnating in the 5-ft-wide and 6-ft-deep trench dug for constructing a storm water drain in Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar, outside JYM Kalyana Mandapam or several weeks.



The open trench is also a safety hazard for passersby. Live EB cables are submerged in the water and pose the grave danger of short circuit and electrocution.

It is also a health hazard and nearby shopkeepers have requested Chennai Corporation to remove the sewage water by pumping it into a tanker.

Rain water harvesting helps many tackle water crisis

By Our Staff Reporter

Properly maintained rain water harvesting (RWH) structures are helping a number of residents to tide over the water crisis.

The Thiru Nagar Residents' Welfare Association in Jafferkanpet has been implementing RWH for the last 10 years and the terraces of most of the apartments and houses are connected to wells or small pits near their borewells.

A. Parthiban (President) told *Mambalam Times* that they have been employing RWH systems and planting trees for the last 10 years. Along with Vasudhevan Colony and Sapthagiri Colony, they started the Green City project. The aim of the project is to develop RWH in every household and plant trees in the locality. They had achieved this when residents all over the city are struggling to meet their water needs, he pointed out.

He said, "Our borewells never run dry and the groundwater is increasing. Water is available at 70-80 ft for borewells. The parks and playgrounds in the locality are equipped with RWH and our Association is taking care of it with periodic checks."

Similar systems have been implemented in 2nd and 4th Sector, K. K. Nagar and also in Bharadhidasan Colony where there are 642 houses.

Use Twitter or Facebook to lodge complaints with Metrowater

Residents can now send complaints to Metrowater on its Twitter account "@CHN_Metro_Water" or write on their Facebook page.

According to a Metrowater official, in two days, the Twitter handle has garnered 1,421 followers as well as dozens of complaints by residents. He said that a dedicated team has been set up to handle the social media complaints.

It will forward the queries and grievances to the appropriate area engineers.

He added that many tweeted about waterlogging in their areas after the heavy rains on July 15.

Demand for plastic pots



By Our Staff Reporter

With water scarcity increasing in Chennai, plastic pots are in great demand.

Photo shows a van loaded with plastic pots on Madley Road in T. Nagar on July 16.

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