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(1) ஆவின் பால் கவரின் தலைப் பகுதியின் இடது பக்க ஓரத்தில்தான் ஐந்து சென்ட்டிமீட்டர் நீளத்திற்கு மிகாமல் கத்திரிக் கோலால் வெட்டியிருக்க வேண்டும். தூக்கக் கலக்கத்தில் அடிப்பகுதியில் அதுவும் வலது பக்க ஓரத்தில் கத்திரித்திருந்தால் பிலுபிலு என்று பிடித்துக் கொள்வார். கத்திரிக்கோலின் இரண்டு கூரான கால்களும் சேர்ந்திருக்க வைத்து அதற்கான ஆணியில் தொங்க விடப்பட்டிருக்க வேண்டும்.

(2) 'சொத்' என்று காலை வேளையில் வாசலில் போடப்படும் பேப்பர்களை எடுத்து வாசிக்கும் முன் எவ்வளவு பக்கங்கள் என்று குறிப்பிட்டிருக்கிறதோ அவ்வளவு பக்கங்கள் இருக்கின்றனவா என்று சரிபார்த்து முதல் பக்கத்தில் பென்சிலால் டிக் அடிக்க வேண்டும். இடைச்செருகலாக வைக்கப்பட்டு 'பொல பொல' என்று கீழே விழும் இலவச விளம்பர நோட்டீஸ்களை கவனமாக எடுத்து அதற்கென்று வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் துணிப் பையில் போட்டு ஆணியில் மாட்டிவிட வேண்டும். ஒரு பக்கம் மட்டும் அச்சடிக்கப்பட்டு இருந்தால் அவைகளுக்குத் தனி பை. பின் பக்கம் மளிகை சாமான்கள் வாங்க, இன்னும் பிற செய்ய வேண்டிய காரியங்களை எழுத உபயோகமாக இருக்குமாம். அப்படி ஒரு வடிக்கட்டின கஞ்சத்தனம்.

(3) சமையல் எரிவாயு சிலிண்டருக்கு அவர் காட்டும் மரியாதை என்னை மிரள வைக்கும். அதற்காக அவர் தயாரித்து வைத்த கட்டம் போட்ட செக் லிஸ்டில் சிலிண்டருக்கு ஃபோன் செய்த தேதி, வந்த நேரம், சிலிண்டர் விலை மற்றும் கொண்டு வந்தவருக்கு 'எழுத' வேண்டிய மொய்ப் பணம், சிலிண்டரை முடுக்கி அடுப்பு எரிகிறதா என்று சரி பார்த்ததா (ஆம் அல்லது இல்லை) போன்ற விவரங்களைப் பதிவுசெய்து, அந்த சிகப்பக் குண்டனின் பின்னால் பிய்ந்து வராமல் ஓட்டிவிட வேண்டும். வாரத்திற்கு ஒருமுறை அவர் செய்யும் ஆடிட்டில் பிடிபட்டால் சாமி வந்த அங்காள பரமேஸ்வரி அம்மன் கோயில் பூசாரியாக பூமிக்கும் ஆகாசத்துக்குமாக எகிறிக் குதிப்பார்.

(4) உணவு மியூசியமாகக் கருதப்படும் குளிர்சாதனப் பெட்டியில் வைக்கப்படும் பாத்திரங்களில் A, B, C, D என்று குறியிடப்பட்டு அதில் வைக்கப்பட்ட உணவுப் பதார்த்தங்கள், சமைத்த தேதி, கொடாமல் இருக்க வேண்டிய தேதி போன்ற விவரங்கள், அதற்கு ண்டான சார்ட்டில் குறிக் கப்பட்டு சமையலறை சுவற் றில் களிப் பலகையில் பொருத்தியிருக்க வேண் டும். 'உணவே மருந்து' என்று மருத்துவர் ரகுரா மன் போன்றவர்கள் சொல் வதால் மாத்திரை டப்பாக் களின் மேல் தயாரிப்பு தேதி, காலாவதியாகும் தேதிகள் அச்சடித்து இருப்பதுபோல பாத்திரங்களின் மேலும் இருக்க வேண்டும்.

(5) அணிந்த பின் வெளியே தெரியாத உடைகளில் A, B, C, D என்று சலவைக் குறி மாதிரிப் போட்டிருக்க வேண்டும். A குறியிட்டது கல்யாணம், கார்த்திகை போன்ற முக்கியமான விசேஷங்களுக்குப் போக, B குறியிட்டது அன்றாடம் ஆபீஸ் போய் வர, C குறியிட்டது லோக்கலாக கறிவேப்பிலை, கொத்த மல்லி, புதினா வாங்க மார்க்கெட் போய்வர உபயோகிக்க வேண்டியது. தற்போது தைக்கப்படும் உடைகள் அந்தக் காலம் போலக் கிழிந்து விடாமல் இருப்பதால், D உடைகள் கருணை இல்லங்களுக்குக் கொடுத்துவிட வேண்டியவையாகத் தனித்த அடையாளம் பெற்று இருக்கும். காலப்போக்கில் A Bயாகவும், B Cயாகவும், C Dயாகவும் நிலை மாறிவிடும். அவசரத்தில் உடையை மாற்றிக் கொடுத்துவிட்டால் பூக்கம் வெடிக்கும். இரண்டு நாட்களுக்குத் தொடர்ந்து கத்துவார்.

(6) வீட்டில் கிழக்குப் பார்த்து நிற்கும் பீரோவின் லாக்கரில் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் ரூபாய் நோட்டுகள் 2000, 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 என்று இனம் இனத்தோடு சேர்ந்திருக்கும்படி வைக்கப் பட்டிருக்க வேண்டும். தவிர தேசத் தந்தை காந்தி சிரித்திருக்கும் பட ஓரங்கள் வரிசையாக வரவேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால் கோபம் பொத்துக் கொண்டு வந்துவிடும். ஒரு காந்தி நேராகவும் மற்றொரு காந்தி தலைகீழாகவும் இருக்கக் கூடாதாம்.

(7) இரண்டு மாதங்களுக்கு முன்னே அவருக்கு நாற்பது வயது ஆயிற்று. அன்று வீட்டிற்கு ஒரு வெள்ளைப் பாம்பேனியன் நாயை வாங்கிக் கொண்டு வந்தார். பெண் நாயாம். ஜூலி, ஜூலி என்று கூப்பிட்டுக் கொஞ்சிக் கொண்டு இருக்கிறார். அதன் பிஸ்கெட் தீர்ந்துவிட்டதால் சாதாரண பிஸ்கெட்டைப் போட்டேன். அதற்கு ஒரு ஓட்டன் துள்ளல் நாட்டியம் ஆடினார். அதற்கு ஒத்துக்காதாம். சே! நாய்க்கு இவ்வளவு இடமா? அதுவும் பெண் நாய்க்கு! பழமொழி சொல்லுமாப்போலே அவருக்கு நாயுடைய நாய் குணமும் வந்துவிட்டது. இதுவரை சொன்னவைகளும், சொல்லாமல் விடப்பட்டவையும் ஒவ்வொன்றாக முளைத்துப் பாடாய்ப் படுத்துகிறது. தொடர்ந்து என்னால் சகித்துக் கொண்டிருக்க முடியாது என்று சொல்லி என்னை இந்தக் கணவன்மனைவி பந்தத்திலிருந்து விடுவிக்க கனம் கோர்ட்டார் உத்திரவிட வேண்டும் என்று கோருகிறேன். தட்ஸ் ஆல் யுவர் ஆனர். jsraghavan@yahoo.com

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Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ramana Baktha 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.
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Free 10-day spoken Sanskrit classes from Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sanskrita Bharati will conduct free 10-day spoken Sanskrit classes from 4.30 p.m to 5.30 p.m from Monday, Aug. 5 to Wednesday, Aug. 14 in Vasanth Apartments, 28, Dr. Thomas Road, opposite GRT Grand Days Hotel, T. Nagar. No previous knowledge of Sanskrit is necessary.

There is no age limit. For registration, contact Sumathi in 98410 04694.

Blood donation camp today morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony, 4th Street, West Mambalam) has organised blood donation for the 37th consecutive year from 8.30 a.m to 12 noon on Sunday, August 4 in it's premises. A team from VHS Blood Bank will collect the blood units. More details can be had in 2489 1713.

Free Gita classes on Saturdays

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) conducts free Bhagavad Gita classes for all on Saturdays from 5.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m in 24/3, Indira Colony 3rd Street, near Ashok Pillar, Ashok Nagar.

The participants will be taught Mantra Meditation (Bhakti Yoga), Harinaama Sankeerthanam, application of Gita teachings in daily life and spiritual solutions to material problems. For more details, call Vijayanthi in 97911 61439.

'Manidham Punidham' play to be staged on Friday

The drama troupe Naatya Naadha Naataka Sangamam, floated by S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will stage the play 'Manidham Punidham' written and directed by K. S. N. Sundar on Aug. 9, at 6.30 p.m in Bapalal Bhavan (15, 1st Seaward Road, Valmiki Nagar, Thiruvanniyur).

It is a socially relevant play where a temple property is sought to be usurped by a person due to vested interests. She is the granddaughter of late R. S. Manohar and daughter of dramatist S. Shivprasad.

Her contact numbers are 2834 4876 / 73586 96613.

Earth dumped on P. V. Rajamannar Salai



A tipper lorry was seen unloading earth dug from a construction site on the margin of P. V. Rajamannar Salai, K. K. Nagar.

Earth is found heaped on a 20-ft stretch of the road margin. A dustbin kept on the road margin has been moved to the carriageway to make way for the debris.

The residents of the street have appealed to Chennai Corporation to remove the debris immediately.

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Banks of Mambalam Canal to be beautified

By Our Staff Reporter

Within two years, Chennai Corporation proposes to beautify the banks of the 5.8-km Mambalam Canal, by laying a footpath along the entire stretch and developing parks and other recreation facilities.

Mambalam Canal starts near Valluvar Kottam and passes through T. Nagar and CIT Nagar before draining into the Adyar river near Nandanam golf course.

It is one of the 15 canals in the city maintained by the Corporation.

According to an official, indigenous trees such as vilvam and neem will be planted along the stretch.

He said sewage treatment plants will be set up along the canal to treat waste water from houses.

Breastfeeding room in T. Nagar bus terminus not well maintained

By Our Staff Reporter

The room reserved for lactating mothers to breastfeed their babies in T. Nagar bus terminus is not well maintained.

The room is kept locked and a notice on the door says that the key can be obtained from the timekeeper's office.

When this reporter checked the room, he found that it was dusty and there was no water supply.

Sub-inspector suspended for violating helmet rule

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Madhan Kumar (Sub-inspector, Mambalam Police station), who was spotted riding a 2-wheeler without wearing a helmet on Usman Road, was placed under suspension last week.

The suspension order was issued by Joint Commissioner of Police, South Zone.

A photograph of Madhan riding the two-wheeler without wearing a helmet had been received on the GCTP (Greater Chennai Traffic Police) citizen services app.

2-way traffic on LIC-Thousand Lights stretch from today

By Our Staff Reporter

After seven years, two-way traffic on LIC-Thousand Lights stretch of Anna Salai will resume on Saturday, Aug. 3.

Once the stretch becomes two-way, motorists may no longer have to take the circuitous route along General Patters Road and Whites Road to drive from Broadway to DMS.

Traffic changes made on several roads including General Patters Road, Whites Road, Woods Road and Pattulaos Road will be restored to their original pattern.

The stretch from General Patters Road-Anna Salai junction to Whites Road-Anna Salai junction and several other bylanes between Periyar Salai and AG-DMS were made one-way in 2012 when CMRL began construction for the underground corridor.

LIC and Thousand Lights stations were part of the 10-km stretch from Washermenpet and AG-DMS which was thrown open for public use on Feb. 10.

Proposal for flyovers at Teynampet, Nandanam junctions hits roadblocks

By Our Staff Reporter

A year after the State Govt. sanctioned overbridges at Teynampet and Nandanam junctions, both are yet to take off.

The tender for the Rs.122.8-crore overbridge, proposed to connect Eldams Road and Anna Salai at Teynampet junction, found no takers.

The other overbridge to link Venkatanarayana Road and Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Salai failed to secure an NOC from the metro rail as it has designed a corridor on the same stretch.

The CMRL will also construct subways there. Both the projects were announced under the Smart City Mission.

"We had called for tenders for the 1.2-km Teynampet junction overbridge but not many companies came forward. We will call for tenders again this week," said an engineer from the bridges department.

The project cost, estimated at Rs. 98 crores last year, has now escalated to Rs. 122 crores.

Youth awarded 10 years RI for stabbing woman

By Our Staff Reporter

A Mahila Court sentenced R. Ragunath (a 25-year-old engineer) to 10 years rigorous imprisonment after convicting him for stabbing Suchi Smitha Chatterjee (32) near a women's hostel in T. Nagar two years back.

Ragunath was an ex-colleague of Suchi in Ashok Leyland. He had been stalking her and had lost his job after she complained to his superiors at work.

This infuriated Ragunath who, on March 23, 2017, confronted her outside her hostel and stabbed her.

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Uniforms presented to 225 auto drivers



By Our Staff Reporter

All India Human Puratchi Organisation and Welfare (West Mambalam) conducted its 225th seminar last week.

R. Sundaramurthy (Founder) distributed uniforms and awareness stickers among 225 autorickshaw drivers.

The program was hosted by K. Gopinath (President, Chennai District). Anyone wishing to become a member may contact Gopinath in 86673 27700.

Protruding rods endanger pedestrians



By Our Staff Reporter

Several iron rods used to construct a storm water drain in Habibullah Road, T. Nagar are protruding by about 2 feet near Prakasam Street junction.

These pose a danger to pedestrians, especially at night due to poor visibility.

Manhole chamber not raised when road relaid



By Our Staff Reporter

The sewage manhole chamber at the junction of Station Road and Kuppiah Road in T. Nagar is now a few inches below the level of the road as it was not raised when the road was relaid. This poses a danger to motorists to caution whom a plastic barricade has been placed in it.

Discourse on Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (5, Maharaja Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will give a discourse on Bhagavad Gita in Tamil at 5.30 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 4 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 2814 3896.

Chennai Metro starts soil tests in Mambalam High Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro has begun soil tests for its phase 2 project at the junction of Mambalam High Road and Bazullah Road in T. Nagar.

Barricades have been placed around the area to caution motorists.

The tests were started in Venkatanarayana Road two months back.

There will be 5 stations in the neighbourhood, namely Nandanam, Panagal Park, Kodambakkam, Meenakshi College and Power House.



'Kavadi' procession for Aadi

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 200 devotees of a local Amman temple took out a 'Kavadi' procession along Lake View Road, West Mambalam to celebrate Aadi on July 30.



Inspector counsels helmetless riders



By Our Staff Reporter

2-wheeler riders stopped for not wearing helmets were counselled by M. Selvam (Traffic Inspector, Ashok Nagar) at Ashok Pillar Junction, Jawaharlal Nehru Road on July 28.

He explained to them the importance of wearing helmets for safety.

Seized vehicles block pavement outside police station



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of vehicles including 2-wheelers and 4-wheelers seized by R4 Soundarapandi Anganwadi Police are parked on the newly laid pavement outside the police station.

Discourse on 'Thiruppavai Amutham' on Wednesday

Under the auspices of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Panampattu Ravichandran Ganapathidasan will give a discourse on 'Thiruppavai Amutham' at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7 in TTD Information Centre, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar.

All are welcome

More details can be had in 92836 00628.

Sale of organic farm products today

By Our Staff Reporter

Organic Farmers Market has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of produce of farmers on Sunday, Aug. 4 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 sambhandpounded 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

Chennai industries to get treated sewage water

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai will become the first Indian city to recycle sewage water and supply it for industrial purposes.

The new treatment plant being built in Kodungaiyur will become operational by Aug. 7.

This plant will supply recycled sewage water to industries, thereby ensuring that fresh drinking water is reserved for residential use.

Another treatment plant, under construction in Koyambedu, is likely to become operational in September.

Together, these two plants can treat 90 million liters of sewage water per day using the reverse osmosis technique.

The plant in Kodungaiyur will initially treat 15 MLD, which will gradually be increased to 35 MLD, and then to its full capacity of 45 MLD. Industries will benefit from this project as they will get 50 MLD treated water, an official said.

SBI ATM on Ramasamy Street damaged

By Our Staff Reporter

The ATM in the SBI kiosk on Ramasamy Street is partly damaged.

According to a bank customer, a 6-inch wide portion of the machine's front adjacent to the card slot is broken and the interior is exposed.

He added that there is no guard at the ATM.



400 families benefit from RO booth on New Boag Road

By Our Staff Reporter

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Disabled elderly woman runs catering service from home

By Our Staff Reporter

72-year-old R. Mythili (resident of G2, Kamakoti Flats, 127/62, Kamakoti Street, West Mambalam), who is physically challenged, runs a catering service from home.

She also makes and sells varieties of appalams, vadaams and pickles.

Mythili told *Mambalam Times* that she started the business after her

husband passed away 20 years back.

Due to some illness, she lost mobility in both legs, she said. She got the idea to start the catering business after she first cooked for 20 persons to help her neighbour who had a function at home. Since then the business has grown well mainly through word of mouth and references, she said. She has a number of regular customers and cooks for small functions.

"I have been helped by several of my customers who have appreciated my courage to run the business in spite of my age and disability by donating disabled-friendly scooter, refrigerator, washing machine, culinary items and more", she said.

"I do all the cooking and cleaning, and employ an assistant for general help and delivering the food. I will continue with the business as long as my body allows me to or till my last breath if I remain healthy," she added.

She also conducts cooking classes for interested persons. Her contact number is 99625 35977.

Wheels locked for violating 'no parking' rule



By Our Staff Reporter

In a special drive conducted on July 31, the traffic police locked the wheels of cars parked in the 'No Parking Zone' on Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar. The locks were removed after the vehicle owners paid the fine.

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Indian breed dog show on Aug. 15

By Our Staff Reporter

Indian breed dog show organized by Blue Cross of India (Chennai) will be held from 4 p.m on Thursday, Aug. 15 in Phoenic Marketcity (142, Velachery Main Road, Indira Gandhi Nagar, Velachery).

According to Arpitha Rao (Manager, Communication), the highlight of the show will be the special section, where the dogs will be judged on categories like 'waggiest tail', 'best smile' and 'craziest name'.

An adoption drive will also take place for abandoned or orphaned puppies, kittens and dogs.

She said that this show will also help raise funds for Blue Cross.

For more details, call 89393 91301.

'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' in Ramasamy Road temple on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON and Tamilnadu Brahmani Association have jointly organized 'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' from 6.30 p.m to 8 p.m on Friday, Aug.9 in Arulmigu Muthumaari Amman Temple (Dr. Ramasamy Road, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome. More details can be had in 91766 51942 and 94441 56169.

Reiki awareness program on Wednesday

R. Sri Devi (President, Reiki Centre of India, 17th Street, 4th Sector, K. K. Nagar) will conduct a Reiki session from 12 noon to 2 p.m on Wednesday, Aug. 7 in Shasun Jain College for Women (Madley Road, T. Nagar). She said that Reiki is a cost effective and non-invasive method to treat chronic ailments.

There will be speeches and a free demonstration of Reiki.

The registration fee is Rs.100.

For more details, call her in 97904 12266 or 96299 61030

Owner arrested for driving away seized vehicle

Natarajan (28) of Velachery, whose 2-wheeler was seized for drunken driving by K. K. Nagar traffic police on the night of Aug. 1, sneaked into the police station at around 2 a.m and drove away the vehicle using a duplicate key.

When the police found the impounded vehicle missing, they checked the CCTV camera footage and saw the bike being taken away by Natarajan. Police used the registration number to trace the owner and arrest him.

According to the police, Natarajan's vehicle impounded, and he was asked to pay a fine of Rs. 2,500 in the court and claim the bike after producing the receipt.

Rig and Yajur Veda Upakarma on Aug. 15

By Our Staff Reporter

Rig and Yajur Veda Upakarma will be conducted from 7.30 a.m to 11 a.m on Thursday, Aug. 15 in Vena Garden, 36, Velu Street, West Mambalam. Vigneswara pooja, Maha sankalpam, kalasa pooja and homam will be performed.

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More details can be had from Murali Devathanswamy in 98415 02313.

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Stolen Golden Retriever abandoned near owner's house after 4 days

By Our Staff Reporter

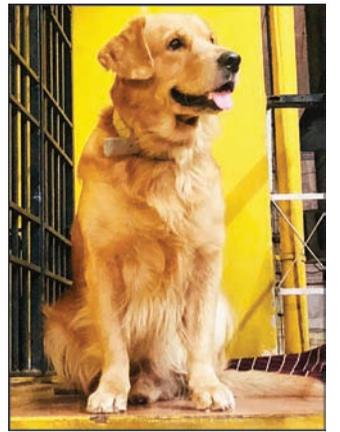
A 5-year-old Golden Retriever dog stolen from outside a house on Usman Road (T. Nagar) on July 26, was found abandoned near the house on July 30.

After returning from office, Sharath Ravi (a bank employee) found his dog Jackie missing and the CCTV footage showing a couple taking it away in a call taxi from near his house.

The family lodged a complaint with Pondy Bazaar police.

CCTV footage showed that the couple had meticulously surveyed the stretch of North Usman Road where Sharath's house is located. After noticing that the pet was roaming free, they lured it by offering biscuits and befriended it.

"We searched all over the neighbourhood, and also circulated the CCTV footage on social media networks along with a photo of the dog. Early on July 20, the dog was found abandoned on a street near our house by a transgender living nearby. Since she was aware of our enquiries about the dog, she brought our pet home," he said.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open manhole in pavement poses danger



Sir, The open manhole in the pavement of Tirumalai Pillai Road, near Habibulla Road junction, T. Nagar, near Vasanth Apartments poses a danger to pedestrians. **Sundararaman, T. Nagar**

Post Office campaigns for savings schemes



Sir, T. Nagar Head Post Office recently conducted a week-long campaign on post office saving schemes in Kamakodi Flats (Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar). The staff, led by J. Sathyanarayanan (Public Relations Inspector), conducted the campaign. More than 50 residents opened savings accounts.

Individuals and Resident Associations who want to organize such campaigns in their premises, may contact Sathyanarayanan in 98847 25071. **Sooryan Basheer, Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar**

Mambalam Times popular abroad too

Sir, I am a resident of T. Nagar, now on a visit to Singapore.

Even on my trips abroad, I read *Mambalam Times* every week thanks to your uploading the soft copy of the edition on your website www.mambalamtimes.in. I thank you for the same as I do not miss out on the local news and happenings even though stationed thousands of miles away. However, what I want to relate here is my chance meeting with some persons from T. Nagar during my morning walk. It transpired that they also read *Mambalam Times* every week online. This shows the popularity of your paper even abroad and wish to thank you for providing this facility.

I am sure it must be having a wide coverage elsewhere also, particularly among deep rooted Chennaites like me. **P. K. Subramanian, Aishwarya Apartments, Gandhi Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 98402 93321**

Residents' Welfare Association strives to e-connect residents

Motilal Street Residents' Welfare Association (31/57, Motilal Street, T. Nagar) has appealed to residents to share their email address and WhatsApp number to make it easy for the Association to disseminate information of interest and cause for complaint at one go. The Association will also create a dedicated WhatsApp group with the shared numbers. Residents may send the details by email to motilalstreetresidents@gmail.com

Appeal to increase ceiling on Senior Citizen Deposit Scheme

Sir, The present ceiling of Rs.15 lakhs per individual under Senior Citizen Deposit Scheme (SCSS) was fixed some years back.

With the cost of living going up periodically, I request the Government to increase the ceiling to Rs.25 lakhs without reduction in the rate of interest. This will help many senior citizens to meet the increase in the cost of living, which includes high increase in the expenses like premium on mediclaim policies.

This will also dissuade senior citizens from investing in high risk investment plans for getting higher returns.

Will the authorities concerned look into this aspect? **V. R. Sridhar, 23/11, Veerasami Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 98845 68963**

MLA replies to letter in Mambalam Times

In prompt response to my letter published in *Mambalam Times* last week regarding the civic problems in the neighbourhood and the need to use the increase in MLAs' constituency development fund to solve them, the T. Nagar MLA has said, "the pending work in this constituency will be attended to as per the requirements of the people. I have utilised the funds to the best of my ability."

My appreciation. **V.S. Narayanaswamy, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Temple encroaches on road junction in Ashok Nagar

Sir, It was recently highlighted in a leading daily with a photo that a Vinayagar temple is located in the middle of Raghav Reddy Road and 11th Avenue junction in Ashok Nagar.

I wish to point out that a number of local residents and Resident Associations have been appealing to Chennai Corporation to remove/relocate the shrine for the past several years as it is causing hardship to motorists, especially on auspicious days when the temple gets crowded, and the road margins also get blocked by the vehicles of the devotees.

No action has been taken all these years, and the temple is also being renovated now. While there are similar encroachments in many parts of the city, most are small temples occupying pavements. But this temple is almost blocking half the road junction.

I hope that the officials concerned take quick steps to remove the shrine from the junction. **R. Elangovan, 11th Avenue, K.K. Nagar**

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Colour stickers to mark buildings having rain harvesting

Corporation workers are pasting blue stickers outside buildings found to have rain water harvesting systems.

Those which install the structure after the recent inspections will be given green stickers to help identify the old rainwater structures and new ones. "So far we have not given stickers of any colour to non-complying buildings," said a Corporation official.

He said that after inspecting 1.4 lakh independent houses and apartment complexes, and finding that 41,000 of them do not have rain water harvesting structures, Chennai Corporation started colour-coding buildings to differentiate the compliant ones from the others.

The colour coding will help it assess the progress and achieve the goal.

"For those who do not have rain water harvesting structures, we will provide technical advice and use Resident Associations to spread awareness," the official said.

MTC launches 12M route from Poonamallee to Luz via T. Nagar

MTC has introduced new bus route number 12M from Poonamallee to Luz via K. K. Nagar, West Mambalam and T. Nagar.

It replaces 49A route and covers more localities such as Teynampet, Alwarpet and Mylapore.

The bus plies via Mount Poonamallee Road (Karayanchavadi, Kumananchavadi, Kattupakkam, Iyappathangal, Porur); Arcot Road (Valasarawakkam, Alwarthirunagar, Virugambakkam, Saligramam); K. K. Nagar (N.S.K. Salai, West Vijayaraghavapuram, P. V. Rajamannar Salai, Munuswamy Salai, Anna Main Road); Ashok Nagar (1st Avenue, 11th Avenue, 7th Avenue, 49th Street, metro station); West Mambalam (Postal Colony 3rd Street, Arya Gowda Road, Brindavan Street, Duraiswamy Road); T. Nagar (Usman Road, Prakasam Road, Thyagaraya Road), Teynampet metro station, Alwarpet (T.T.K. Road); and Mylapore (Musiri Subramanian Road and Karpagambal Nagar).

14 buses with a frequency of 20 minutes are operated on this route. The first and last service from Poonamallee terminus is 4.30 a.m. and 7.45 p.m. respectively.

Cine and Carnatic music contest on Aug. 18

Nalaiya Sigarangal (2/41, 11th Cross Street, Mahalakshmi Nagar, Adambakkam) will conduct its 18th music competition on Sunday, Aug. 18 in Ramakrishna Mission High School (Dhandapani Street, T. Nagar). The contest will be held in Carnatic, cine music and musical instruments. The winners will get an opportunity to perform in Nalaiya Sigarangal's upcoming music shows. Those interested in participating, may contact A. S. Raman in 94444 21264 or 73974 76349 for registration, or sending an email with full particulars to nalaiyasigarangal@gmail.com

Two-way traffic resumes at Nandanam junction

A section of Anna Salai from Nandanam Junction to Gemini flyover has finally been made two-way, eight years after it was made one-way to facilitate construction of the Chennai Metro.

Since 2011, barring MTC buses, vehicles from Saidapet proceeding to Teynampet had to turn left at Nandanam junction to take Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan Salai and Boag Road to reach Gemini flyover.

But henceforth, this arrangement will change. Vehicles coming from Saidapet side, can head straight to Teynampet, turn right for Chamiers Road and will be allowed a free left towards Venkatanarayana Road. Also, vehicles coming from Chamiers Road can head straight towards Venkatnarayana Road or take a right turn towards Anna Salai or left turn to reach Saidapet. Vehicles coming from Venkatnarayana Road can go straight to Chamiers Road, or turn right towards Saidapet or left towards Teynampet.

3 Corporation School students create portable voting system

Three students, Pradeep Kumar, M. V. Jebin and P. Jayachandar, of Pathipaga Chemmal K. Ganapathy Government Higher Secondary School (Kodambakkam) have created a portable biometric voting system that can help voters to exercise their fundamental right anytime and anywhere. "This year's election recorded the highest voter turnout of 67.11%. We want to ensure that the number is 100% and even those living in remote villages and have trouble accessing polling booths cast their votes using this machine," said 14-year-old Pradeep (a Std. 10 student). "We were brainstorming on scientific inventions that can help solve national issues. We thought of child safety, women's safety, preserving water and then while following the recent assembly elections, we zeroed in on this," said Jebin (studying in Std. 11). Unlike the traditional method, where voters have to carry identity documents, in this system they do not have to. The system will be linked with an IOT (internet of things) software, which will in turn be fed with the Aadhaar details of voters. All that a person has to do is get his/her fingerprints and retina scanned in the machine and cast his/her vote. The machine will not accept a second attempt to vote; it will show 'already voted'.

The machine can be placed outside any public office in any part of the country and can be accessed by voters who live in far off places, but struggle to get to the booths.

Parking inhibits civic work under Smart City project

By Our Staff Reporter

While the work on the Pedestrian Plaza project in Pondy Bazaar is in full swing, new pavements are also under construction under the Smart City project in Venkatanarayana Road and G. N. Chetty Road.

On these two roads, drains are also under construction to make provision for laying storm water drains and separate channels for utilities like EB and broadband cables so that the pavements or roads need not be dug for repairs or maintenance.

But the work is getting inhibited by parking of vehicles on both sides of the road.

The authorities should enforce 'No Parking' in locations where the drains are coming up to speed up the work.

1,008 devotees on padayatra to Melmaruvathur

By Our Staff Reporter

1008 devotees have started their pilgrimage by foot from Bazullah Road (T. Nagar) to participate in the Aadi Pooram festival to be held till Aug. 5 in Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam (Melmaruvathur).

The yatra has been organised by Perambur Adhiparasakthi Vazhipaadu Mandram.

Venkatasamy (Adhiparasakthi temple treasurer), Natarajan (Founder, Elders Welfare Association) and Murugaya (Retired Police Officer) are participating in the yatra.

Woman ends life following police interrogation

By Our Staff Reporter

46-year-old Parvathy was found dead on the morning of July 31 in her house in T. Nagar, soon after she was detained and interrogated by police in a case relating to a year-old burglary of gold and cash from former Union minister P. Chidambaram's house in Chennai.

According to her relative, the police had been repeatedly questioning her and her family members for over 3 months in connection with the burglary.

The burglary case dates back to July 8, 2018, when around Rs 1.5 lakh in cash and an unspecified quantity of gold jewelry went missing from Chidambaram's house in Khader Nawaz Khan Road, Nungambakkam.

According to the police, the suspect Viji (housemaid) had given a bag with gold jewels to Parvathy's son-in-law Subash and Subash had kept it in Parvathy's house for safety. Later, Subash returned the bag to Viji, but she claims around 300 sovereigns in the bag were missing.

It is said that on July 28, Parvathy and her family members were detained by the police for interrogation and were let off around 1.30 a.m.

Frustrated over this, she killed herself in the wee hours.

Further investigation is on.

Water table rises after recent rains

By Our Staff Reporter

Groundwater levels have improved marginally in some parts of the city including this neighbourhood after the thundershowers in mid-July, according to a study by Rain Centre, a voluntary organisation in the city.

The groundwater level in West Mambalam has improved from a depth of 8.1 m in June to 7.4 m in July.

According to the study, the recent showers have also arrested rapid depletion in the groundwater table in areas such as T. Nagar.

A number of neighbourhood residents who have wells or borewells, have stopped buying water from Metrowater or private tanker suppliers in the last couple of weeks.

Sekar Raghavan (Director, Rain Centre) said several residents are now ready to harness rainwater as it mitigated water shortage.

Rains breathe life into vertical garden on G. N. Chetty flyover



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

After the recent showers, the vertical garden on the pillars of G. N. Chetty Road flyover under the Smart City Mission is giving a pleasing look.

The plants, which had started to wither two months back, are growing well and are spread out evenly.

Lukewarm response to bicycle hiring scheme, pavements blocked



By Our Staff Reporter

The response to the bicycle hiring scheme launched by Chennai Corporation in T. Nagar two weeks back has evoked poor response.

On the contrary, with bikes not being hired, they are blocking the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

Civic activists are demanding dedicated spaces for these bicycles.

The scheme has been launched in several locations in the neighbourhood.

The long boards with 'Smart Bike' stickers are also blocking the pavement in addition to the bikes parked in front of them.

M. Shyamala (a student of a local college) told *Mambalam Times* that the roads are not bicycle friendly. "I live in Lake View Road and own a bicycle, but prefer to commute by public transport due to safety and convenience. My parents are against my cycling except for small errands", she said.

The photo shows bicycles under the scheme parked on the pavement of Thyagaraya Road in T. Nagar.

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Appeal for offline payment option for booking water tankers

By Our Staff Reporter

Many residents, especially senior citizens, have appealed for cash payment option for of Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam) said he has to booked under the new 'Dial for Water 2.0' scheme launched online as he does not have a debit or credit card.

At present, cash payment option is available only for 3000-liter tankers. R. Lakshmanan (a resident of Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam) said he has to booked under the new 'Dial for Water 2.0' scheme launched online as he does not have a debit or credit card. According to Prabhu Shankar (ED, Metrowater), online payment was made mandatory to reduce fake or multiple bookings.

He said that more than 6000 bookings were made in the first five days under the new scheme. 2200 bookings were made on the first day and an average of 1000 on the next 4 days.

Of the 12,000 trips a day, 2,500 trips are for its dial for water scheme.

Vishnu Sahasranaamam chanting in goshala on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Group of Sri Vishnu Sahasranaamam Mandalis has organised mass chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranaamam at 10 a.m on Friday, Aug. 9 in Goshala (Sankara Mutt, Kasi Viswanathar Kovil Street, West Mambalam) on the occasion of the birth star day of Kanchi Sri Maha Periyavaa (Anusham).

All are welcome. More details can be had in 95001 77505.

Talk on 'Super Mind' in Annai Dhyana Maiyam

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Annai Dhyana Maiyam (Bakthavatchalam Street, West Mambalam) has organised a special talk on 'Super Mind' by A. V. Ramesh Kumar at 6 p.m and meditation at 7 p.m on Thursday, Aug. 8.

All are welcome. Those interested in performing pushpanjali or need personal counselling may contact Annai Adigal (Founder) in 98414 25456.

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), M. B. Babu will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

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