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டாக்டரிடம் பேச வக்கீலா?

டாக்டருக்காக கிளினிக்கில் காத்திருந்தேன். 'ஸார், சௌக்கியமா?' 'என்ன கேள்வி இது? சௌக்கியமாக இருந்தால் ஏன் டாக்டருக்காக உட்கார்ந்து இருக்கப் போறீங்க?' என்று பதிலையும் ஒரு அசட்டு சிரிப்போடு சொல்லிக்கொண்டு பக்கத்தில் வந்து உட்கார்ந்தார் பரமு. பரமு எங்கள் தெருக்காரர். ஒரு வயதைத் தாண்டியவுடன் அப்படியே அதிலேயே உறைந்து போய்விடும் மாறாத உருவம் கொண்டவர். அடுத்த ரௌண்டு அத்திர வரதர் 2059ல் வரும்போதும் இப்படியேதான் இருப்பார் என்பது என்னுடைய கணிப்பு.

இரண்டு முறைகள் இருமி, தொண்டையை செருமிக் கொண்டு உடல் உபாதையின் தடயங்களைக் கோடி காண்பித்தேன். 'இருமலா? இப்போ எல்லாருக்கும் வருது' என்று சொல்லி சாமி புறப்பாட்டிற்காகப் போடப்படும் அதிர் வேட்டு சத்த ரேஞ்சில் ஒற்றைப் படையாக மூன்று முறைகள் தும்மிக் காண்பித்தார். பரஸ்பரம் சிரித்துக் கொண்டோம்.

கிளினிக்கில் கூண்டுக்குள் சிறைபட்டுத் திறப்பு வழியாக சீட்டு எழுதிக் கொடுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்த பெண்மணியிடமிருந்து டாக்டர் வர இன்னும் அரை மணி நேரம் ஆகும் என்று தெரிந்து கொண்ட பரமு, என் கைகளைப் பிடித்துக் கொண்டு பேச ஆரம்பித்தார். அவருடைய பழக்கமே அதுதான். அவரிடம் பிடிபட்டவர் எழுந்து போய்விடாமல் இருக்க ஒரு முன்னேற்பாடு.

'ஸார், முன்னெல்லாம் ஒருத்தருக்கு உடம்பு சரியாக இல்லையாங்கிறது பார்த்தால் பளிச்சுனு தெரியும். தொகையலுக்காகக் குமுட்டி அடுப்பில் சுட்ட நாட்டுக் கத்திரிக்காயைப் போல சுருங்கின முகம். நலுங்கின வேஷ்டி. கசங்கின சொக்காய். தலையைச் சுற்றி, பிளானல் துணியால் போடப்பட்ட மார்கழி பஜனை முக்காடு, கையில் ஒரு சீசா, பக்கத்தில் தாத்தாவை டாக்டர்கிட்டே 'ஜாக்கிரதையாக' அழைச்சிண்டு போக வந்த ஒரு வாண்டு. அவன் ரொம்ப குஷியாக இருப்பான். காரணம்? டாக்டர் ஊசி போடப்போறது அவனுடைய பின்பக்கத்தில் இல்லை. தாத்தாவுக்குத்தான்.

'இப்போ எல்லாம் பேஷன்டுக்கும் கூட வற அட்டெண்டருக்கும் வித்தியாசம் தெரியறதில்லை. ரூமுக்குள்ளே நுழையற இரண்டு பேரைப் பார்த்து பல டாக்டர்கள் அவங்களிலே யாரு பேஷன்ட்டுன்னு கேட்டுதான் தெரிஞ்சிக்க வேண்டியிருக்கு.

'ம், சொல்லுங்க. என்ன பண்றது?'ன்னு டாக்டர் கேட்டால் 'அதை ஏன் கேக்கறீங்க டாக்டர்? நாலு நாளாக உடம்பெல்லாம் வலி. மூட்டுக்கு மூட்டு வலிக்கிறது. இருமல்னா அப்படி ஒரு இருமல். உடம்புக்குள்ளே ஒரு ராட்சஸன் புகுந்துண்டு தகர உண்டியை கிலுகிலுப்பையாக குலுக்கிற மாதிரி சத்தம் வருது. தூக்கமே கிடையாது'ன்னு சொல்றவரை, எங்கே வாயைத் திறங்க, நாக்கை நீட்டுங்கன்னு கேட்டால் 'உடம்பு எனக்கு இல்லே டாக்டர், இவருக்குத்தான்'னு பக்கத்திலே தேமேன்னு நிக்கிறவரைக் கை காமித்து விட்டுடுவார்.'

பரமு பரம உற்சாகத்தில் இருந்தார். 'இன்னிக்குத்தான் அதிசயமாக நான் தனியே வந்திருக்கேன். எப்பவுமே என்கூட சுசீ வருவா. சுசீ என் பெண்டாட்டி ஸார். என்னுடைய ஸ்போக்ஸ்மன். என்னைப் பற்றி என்னைவிட அதிகம் தெரிஞ்சுண்டவள். அதுவும் ஜுரம் வர மாதிரி, வயிறு வலிக்கிற மாதிரி, கை கால் குடையற மாதிரி சில சிம்ப்டங்கள் எனக்குள்ள தோணித் தெரிய ஆரம்பிக்கிறதுக்கு முன்னாலே அவளுக்குத் தெரிஞ்சிடும். போன தடவை வழக்கம்போல என்கூட கிளினிக்குக்கு வந்தாள். டாக்டருக்குத் தெரியாதா? என்னை அவர் ஒரு பொருட்டாகவே மதிக்காமல் 'என்னம்மா? ஸாருக்கு என்ன பிராப்ளம்'னு கேட்டார்.

கோர்ட்டிலே வக்கீலை வெச்சு வாதாடும்போது கட்சிக்காரர் பேச வேண்டாமே. அதே கதைதான். பக்கத்திலே அவள் இருக்கும்போது நான் வாயைத் திறக்க வேண்டிய அவசியமே இல்லை. அவளே கோர்வையாக சொல்லிடுவா. எப்படின்னு சொல்றேன் கேட்டுக்கோங்கோ.'

'இரண்டு நாளா ஜுரம் டாக்டர். உடம்பெல்லாம் வலி. எதுக்கும் இருக்கட்டுமேன்னு ஒரு குரோஸினை போட்டுண்டது. ஆனால் பிரயோஜனம் இல்லை. தெர்மா மீட்டர் 101 காமிச்சது. இரண்டு மூணு வாட்டி உதறி உதறி எடுத்துப் பார்த்தால் 101 லேயே நின்னுண்டு இருந்தது. புரியவே இல்லை. Cold வேற இருந்ததாலே விக்ஸ் ஆவி பிடிக்கச் சொன்னேன். பிசாசைக் கண்டு பயப்படற மாதிரி அலறினார். ஏன்னா போன தடவை பிளாஸ்டிக் மக்கிலே கொதிக்கிற வெந்நீரிலே விக்ஸ்ஸைப் போட்டுட்டுக் கருப்பு கம்பளியாலே தலையை மூடிண்டு, அந்தக் களேபரத்திலே பிளாஸ்டிக் மக்கைத் தட்டி விட்டுட்டு, மூக்கை நன்னா சுட்டுண்டார். மூக்கு ஊட்டி தக்காளி கலர்லே வீங்கிடுச்சு. இப்படி எல்லாம் பண்ணினால் எப்படி? அதிலேயிருந்து விக்ஸ் ஆவின்னா கொலை நடுக்கம். அப்புறம் வாந்தியை விட்டுட்டேனே. அது வர மாதிரியும் இருக்கு. வராத மாதிரியும் இருக்கு. விதவிதமாக ராத்திரி பதினோரு மணி பேய் சீரியல் ஸ்பெஷல் ஊ..ஊ..ஊ.. முனகல் சத்தம் கூட வரும். இவங்க குலத்துக்கே மாசத்துக்கு இரண்டு தடவையாவது வாந்தி எடுத்தாகணும். சொந்த ஊர் எது தெரியுமா வந்தவாசி. என்னைக் கேட்டால் அது ஸ்பெல்லிங் மிஸ்டேக்னு சொல்வேன். அதை 'வாந்திவாசி'ன்னுதான் சொல்லணும்...'

உற்சாகம் பீறிட ஏதோ சாவி கொடுத்த மாதிரிப் பேசிக் கொண்டிருந்த பரமு திடீரென்று பிரேக் போட்டு நிறுத்தினார். 'ஸார், அதோ கூண்டிலிருந்து அந்த அம்மையார் என்னை அடுத்ததாக உள்ளே போகச் சொல்லி சைகை காட்டறார். இன்னிக்கு நானே தனியாகப் போய் என் உடம்பைப் பத்தி சொல்லப்போறேன். கையிலே பார்த்துப் படிக்க சின்ன சின்னத் துண்டு சீட்டுகூட கிடையாது. சுயமாக சொல்லணும். வரட்டுமா?'

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124 donate 105 blood units

By Our Staff Reporter

105 blood units were collected from 124 donors in the blood donation camp organised in Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, Postal Colony, West Mambalam last week.

VHS Blood Bank collected the blood units.

Independence Day celebrated in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of Independence Day celebrations, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) organised an exhibition on Aug. 16 of clothing stitched by the women/girl students from underprivileged families who recently completed the free tailoring course.

The course was sponsored by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

Certificates were issued to all the students.

P. Maruthi (Secretary, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya) and Malathi Vijayalakshmi (DGM, CPCL) attended the program.

Illegal parking causes traffic problems in Ramanujam Street

The perpetual problem of parked cars and 2-wheelers, mostly of outsiders, on both sides of the 40-foot-wide Ramanujam Street, T. Nagar is not only causing traffic congestion, but is also becoming unsafe for motorists to use the street. With the street width almost reduced by half, it is almost like a 1-way street.

The residents of the road have appealed to traffic police to prevent parking of vehicles on the street.

Talk on 'Speciality of Tamil Literature' today

By Our Staff Reporter

Chitra Balasubramanian (well-known journalist) will speak on 'Speciality of Tamil Literature' at 5 p.m on Sunday, Aug.18 in Kuvikam Illam (Flat 6, 3rd floor, A-Wing, Silver Park Apartments, Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 97910 69435.

'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' in Dr. Ramasamy Road temple on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON and Tamilnadu Brahmin Association have jointly organised 'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' from 6.30 p.m to 8 p.m on Friday, Aug. 23 in Muthumaari Amman Temple (Dr. Ramasamy Road, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

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

Drop your e-waste in Corporation offices

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has urged residents to leave their electronic waste (e-waste) in proper way by making use of the e-waste collection drive launched by it.

Residents can drop unused computers, laptops, mobile phones, tablets, headphones, cables, printers, cameras and other appliances such as hair driers and microwave ovens in the e-waste collection bins kept in the zonal headquarters in each of the 15 zones.

The waste will be sent to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board-approved e-waste recycling centers.

Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

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

5 p.m: Veda paarayanam

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Couple held for snatching phones

By Our Staff Reporter

A couple was arrested on Aug. 14 in connection with a mobile snatching case.

S. Swathi (20), a final year visual communication student from Karur, was riding pillion with her friend, P. Raju (24), of Choolaimedu, when he snatched the phone of a woman out for a morning walk in Teynampet.

CCTV camera footage showed the two riding up behind S. Prasanna Lipsha (42), of Teynampet, who owns a beauty parlour, while she was walking on G. N. Chetty Road with a friend around 7.30 a.m on Aug. 12.

Raju, who was riding the two-wheeler wearing a helmet, snatched Lipsha's mobile phone and sped away. CCTV footage then shows him handing the phone to Swathi, who was not wearing a helmet.

Police traced the two-wheeler's registration number and found it had been stolen from Velachery two weeks back. On a tip-off, police apprehended Raju and Swathi.

During interrogation, they confessed to stealing mobile phones from two other women also in Ashok Nagar.

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Man held for posing as cop and robbing elderly man

By Our Staff Reporter

A 50-year-old man was arrested for posing as a policeman and robbing an elderly person in Ashok Nagar of Rs. 13,000 cash and a gold ring.

According to the police, in the afternoon of Aug.1, S. Kuppananthanm (67), was walking back home after withdrawing Rs, 13,000 from a bank, when a man in an autorickshaw intercepted him. The man, sitting in the passenger seat, introduced himself as a policeman and offered to drop Kuppananthan home.

Once he had got in, the 'policeman' grabbed his gold ring and cash, dropped him near

Valluvar Kottam and drove off.

Kuppanathan lodged a complaint in K. K. Nagar police station.

Based on surveillance footage, police arrested S. Mahendran of Tirunindravur.

Similar cases against him had also been filed in Korattur, J. J. Nagar and Puzhal police stations.

Glitches in booking under the 'Dial for Water 2.0' scheme

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents are finding it difficult to book water tankers under the 'Dial for Water 2.0' scheme due to the glitches in completing the online transactions.

As the number of bookings is limited to 250 slots per day, there is a heavy demand, especially for 6,000 liters and 9,000 liters.

Added to this, problems in bank payment gateways, delays in OTP validation and transaction time-out issues are also creating problems for the consumers.

A Metrowater official said that they are trying to improve the server issues by bringing down the transaction session to about 15 minutes.

Rs. 1,000 fine for riding without helmet

By Our Staff Reporter

With higher penalties for traffic violations such as riding without a helmet and drunken driving, the revised fines for traffic offences is all set to be implemented in Chennai this week.

For those riding without helmets, the fine will be Rs.1,000 and a three-month suspension of license.

The revised system will focus on underage motorists. In case of accidents involving such riders or drivers, the guardian or owner of the vehicle will be held responsible.

They will have to pay Rs. 25,000 as penalty or undergo three years' imprisonment.

The amended act provides for a penalty of Rs. 10,000 on anyone blocking the way of an ambulance. Bikers who engage in racing will have to pay a penalty of Rs. 5,000.

Officials who earlier had powers to impound documents can now cancel licenses.

Workers spotted cleaning drain without safety gear

By Our Staff Reporter

On Aug. 8, workers hired by a contractor attached to Chennai Corporation were seen clearing sewage for Integrated Storm Water Drain work on Venkatanarayana Road in T. Nagar.

One of the workers, an elderly man, had not been provided safety gear by the private contractor who had engaged them.

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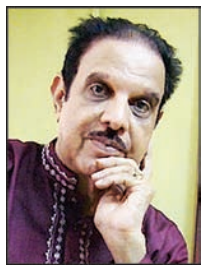
3 from neighbourhood get 'Kalaimamani' awards

By Our Staff Reporter

Pandit Janardan Mitta (world-renowned sitar player), Puliyur Saroja (renowned choreographer of Tamil cinema) and Vidya Subramanian (Carnatic vocalist), all residents of the neighbourhood, were among the 201 artistes from 72 fields of art presented 'Kalaimamani award' and other awards by Tamilnadu Govt. in a function on Aug. 13

Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami presented the awards. The awards, which were announced in March this year, were conferred after a gap of eight years.

Pandit Janardan Mitta (resident of Habibullah Road, T. Nagar), who hails from a family of musicians of Hyderabad, came to Chennai in 1959 and has since been living in T. Nagar.



Janardan Mitta

Puliyur Saroja

Vidya Subramanian

He started playing sitar at a very young age and started learning on his own initially. While pursuing engineering studies, he became a student of Pandit Ravi Shankar. He performed as a child artiste in Deccan Radio and was later selected by the First Audition Committee of All India Radio in 1952. He has performed in all leading sabhas in India and abroad. He has performed with legendary Hindustani, Carnatic and foreign musicians in several corroborative concerts. He has also played in a number of film songs in South Indian languages, Bengali, Oriya, Sinhalese and English. He has composed music for award winning movies, experimental films, docu-mentaries and has collaborated in fusion music.

Mitta was the President of Cine Musicians' Union and Convener of its Trust for 3 years. Along with some likeminded friends, he founded Viswa Kala Sangama for the promotion and propagation of fine arts, and encouraging upcoming artistes.

He has received numerous awards for his achievements including Life Time Achievement award from American Telugu Association (USA), Special Jury Award from Radio Mirchi, Sangeet Kala Bharati award from Bharat Kalachar and Viswakala Puraskar award from Tamilnadu Govt. He is an 'Asthana Vidwan' in Sharada Peetam (Sringeri) and Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam (Kancheepuram). He is the first Hindustani musician to perform in Thiruvaiyaru in 1976.

Puliyur Saroja (a long time resident of Ashok Nagar), a well-known choreographer in Tamil cinema, has worked with all leading Directors and choreographed dance sequences for leading artistes like MGR, Sivaji Ganesan, Kamal Hassan and Rajnikanth. She has received a number of other prestigious

Students celebrate Independence Day with cancer patients

By Our Staff Reporter

Students of various schools visited and interacted with inmates of Karuna Sagar (Home for terminally ill cancer patients) in Maduravoyal on Aug. 15 as part of Independence Day celebrations.

Similarly, social workers and philanthropists also visited Karuna Sagar on the occasion.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder and Medical Director of RMD Trust) has invited residents to celebrate spend their special occasions like birthdays and wedding anniversaries with the ailing patients in Karuna Sagar.

She said that such interaction acts as a succour to the suffering patients.

There are more than 50 inmates in Karuna Sagar and those who want to support the Trust's activities, may call 93810 16588.

Free spoken English, chess, carrom classes on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Free spoken English, chess and carrom classes are conducted from 6.30 a.m to 9 a.m on Sundays by MNM NarpaniIyakkam in its premises in LIG Colony, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, opposite Pudur High School.

For registration, send a Whatsapp message to 98840 48372.

Pushpanjali performed for Aurobindo in Annai Dhyana Maiyam

By Our Staff Reporter

Pushpanjali was performed in Sri Aravindar Annai Dhyana Maiyam (Bakthavatchalam Street, West Mambalam) on Aug.15 to commemorate the 147th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo.

Darshan can be had from 8 a.m to 12 noon and from 5 p.m to 8 p.m on all days.

Those who are interested to performing pushpanjali or need personal counselling, may contact Sri Annai Adigal (Founder) in 98414 25456.

Talk on 'The Erased History of India' on Wednesday

The Life Vision Academy (Giri Road, T. Nagar) has organised a talk by Dr. Raj Vedam from USA on the topic, 'The Erased History of India', from 5.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Wednesday, Aug. 21 in Podhigai Hall (Aayakar Bhavan, 121, Uthamar Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam),. The talk will cover astronomy, genetics and archaeology.

All are welcome. More details can be had from S. Chandramouli (Founder, The Life Vision Academy) in 72999 70475.

Ungalukkagha Trust donates stationery to poor students

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Suneel (Founder, Ungalukkagha Charitable Trust) distributed notebooks and stationery among needy students during the Independence Day celebrations in his office.

He conducts free medical camps and provides assistance to physically challenged and underprivileged persons.

For more details about the Trust, visit the website www.ungalukagha.org.

Local resident grows herbal plants

By Our Staff Reporter

Sumathi Rangarajan (resident of Giri Street, West Mambalam) uses coconut peat as a medium to grow herbal plants.

She told *Mambalam Times* that coir is an organic medium and needs less water for nutrition.

She is growing 50 herbal plants in her house and also creates awareness among the residents on gardening.

She also sells coir-based products like wall hanging baskets, ceiling bowls, pole stand, coco pots and coconut shell wall hangings. The products are priced between Rs. 60 and Rs. 400. Her contact number is 77085 11853.

Sale of organic farm products today

Organic Farmers Market has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of produce of farmers on Sunday, Aug. 18 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

Cardiac equipment worth Rs. 8 lakhs donated to PHC

Jaya Srinivasan (Retd. Joint Industrial Advisor, Indian Investment Centre, Govt of India) donated a 'Cardiac Patient Monitor' worth Rs. 8 lakhs to Public Health Center on Aug. 13.

According to Dr. M. B. Naresh Kumar and Dr. P. S. Sreemathi (Cardiologists), the equipment will monitor several vital parameters of cardiac patients like heart rate, BP, heart pressure and oxygen during surgery and while recuperating.

R. Kannan (Hon. Secretary) and Dr. M. K. Srinivasan (President and Medical Director, PHC) together received the cheque.

Jaya Srinivasan, who also presents regular discourses on Ramayana, is the Founder of Sri Rama Charitable Trust.

The Trust gets contributions only from family members and donates regularly to Cancer Institute, Sankara Nethralaya, VHS, Bharat Blind School and an orphanage in Noida.

Discourse on 'இடங்கழி நாயனார்' on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Panampattu Ravichandran Ganapathidasan will give a discourse on 'இடங்கழி நாயனார்' from 6.45 p.m to 8.15 p.m on Monday, Aug. 19 in Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam). All are welcome

More details can be had in 92836 00628.

Construction debris blocks pavement on Jubilee Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Construction debris and discarded sanitary items, dumped on the pavement outside a house on Jubilee Road, West Mambalam several days back are still to be removed.

Prathishta Day celebrations in Sai Seva Samaj

By Our Staff Reporter

Prathishta Day will be celebrated in Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) from 6.30 a.m on Sunday, Aug. 18. There will be other programs on Saturday, Aug. 17.

S. Dheenadhayalan (Member, Tamilnadu State Law Commission), S. Balaraman (Deputy Secretary, Government of Tamillnadu), K. V. Ramani (Founder President, Shirdi Sai Trust and Founder Chancellor, Sai University) and others will be present.

The following are the programs:

Aug.17: 7.30 a.m: Sundarakandam paaraayanam; 4.30 p.m: Maha Ganapathy pooja, Kalasa pooja, Navagraha homam, Sri Sai Baba Prathishta homam; 7 p.m: Vishnu Sahasranaamam archanai for Sundara Kanda kalasam; 7.30 p.m: Bhajans, Poornahuthi and prasadam distribution.

Aug.18: 6.30 a.m: Gho pooja, Maha Ganapathy homam, Navagraha homam, Sudharshana homam, Mrithunjaya homam, Mahalakshmi homam, Avahanthi homam, Sri Sai Baba Prathishta homam; 10.30 a.m: Maha Poornahuthi, Kalasa abhishekam, special deepaaradhanai; 7 p.m: Music concert by Veeramani Raju and Abhishek Raju.

All are welcome.

Seized vehicles block pavement on Bashyam Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Vehicles seized by R4 Soundarapandianar Police Station in connection with criminal cases have been dumped on the pavement of Bashyam Road, T. Nagar that was newly laid under the Smart City project.

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R. JAYALAKSHMI w/o late Poundarikapuram S. Ranganathan (resident of Aacharya Hrudhayam, 10/26, Ramakrishnapuram 2nd Street, West Mambalam, Ch – 33) passed away on Aug. 8th, 2019 after sudden cardiac arrest.

She was 82 and had been a resident of Mambalam for more than 50 years.

She is survived by her sons Kannan, Sridharan, Keshavan, Balaji, Murali, Ravi Kashyap and her grandchildren.

Contact 93607 11722 70928 09280

Axed branches and foliage heaped on road margin

Heaps of garden waste, axed branches of trees and dried foliage are lying on the margin of Ramakrishnapuram 3rd Street in West Mambalam.

They are blocking the way for pedestrians.

Krishna Jayanthi mahotsavam in Sankara Math from Aug. 23

By Our Staff Reporter

Krishna Jayanthi mahotsavam will be conducted from Friday, Aug. 23 to Monday, Aug. 26 in Sankara Math (38, Krupasankari Street, West Mambalam).

As a prelude to the mahotsavam, U. Ve. M. V. Anantha Padmanabhachariar will present daily discourse on Garga Baghavatam from Monday, Aug. 19 to Thursday, Aug. 22.

The following is the program:

Friday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m: Parama Purusha aaradhanai and mahaabhishekam to Navaneethakrishnar, special pooja and deepaaradhanai; 8.30 p.m: Special pooja and deepaaradhanai

Saturday, Aug. 24: 7.30 p.m: Uriyadi utsavam

Sunday, Aug. 25: 7 p.m: Kolattam utsavam

Monday, Aug. 26: 7.30 pm: Vocal concert by Gayathri Girish, accompanied by B. Anantha Krishnan (violin), Vijai B. Natesan (mridangam) and H. Sivaramakrishnan (ghatam).

All are welcome.

Free Naraayaneeyam classes from Wednesday

B. Namagiri Lakshmi (resident of Kuppaiah Chetty Street, West Mambalam) will conduct free Naraayaneeyam classes at 10 a.m from Wednesday, Aug. 21.

She has been conducting free classes for the past 15 years.

She also conducts free Naraayaneeyam paaraayanam in houses of devotees and other venues.

She also conducts Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatham, Sri Stuthi, Divya Prabhandam, Vishnu Sahasranaamam and other such spiritual classes.

Her contact numbers are 90943 54169 and 2371 2218.

Free Veda classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free Veda, bhajans and sloka classes on Fridays from 5 p.m to 6 p.m and on Sundays from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m in its premises. It also conducts the classes at the following venues:

From Monday to Friday from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sai Murugan Trust Temple (Vadhiyar Thottam, Rangarajapuram).

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Tuesdays from 4 p.m to 5 p.m in Sarva Priya Ganapathi Temple (Moorthy Street Extension, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

On Saturdays from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) and from 8 a.m to 9 a.m in Guha Apartments (29, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, West Mambalam). All are welcome.

Humour Club meets today

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, Aug. 18 in its premises. Senthil (Mimicry artiste, Raj TV Aahaa Fame) will be present. All are welcome to attend and share their jokes.

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

Pensioners' meet today forenoon

By Our Staff Reporter

The All India Central Government Pensioners Association (Radhakrishnan Street, T. Nagar) will hold its 51st General Body Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 9 a.m to 1 p.m, in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar).

Dr. Sargunam (Former Director, Child Welfare Department) will be the chief guest.

Problems affecting pensioners and elders, and 7th Central Pay Commission will be discussed.

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, Aug. 18 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. For more details, call 2814 3896.

Chandi homam in Sankara Mutt on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Krishna Paksha Chandi homam will be conducted at 5 p.m on Friday, Aug. 23 in Sankara Mutt (West Mambalam). All are welcome.

For more details, call R. Sridharan Sharma in 98410 97300.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tribute to Sadanand

Sir, This letter refers to the passing away of M. A. Sadanand. As I extend my condolences to the bereaved family, I pray for the departed soul to rest in peace.

Sadanand's 'No Holds Barred' column in *Mambalam Times / Anna Nagar Times* was a treat to those who loved his writing.

A prolific writer, he dealt with many subjects in his weekly column. Bowled over by the flowery and fiery writing style of the former Supreme Court Judge, the Late V. R. Krishna Iyer, Sadanand wondered in one of his columns how Iyer was comfortable with words which forced one to frequently refer to the dictionary to understand their meaning.

No doubt, the late Iyer, whose legal acumen was unquestionable, had the knack of writing articles interspersed with words which one never would have come across. That said, Sadanand too practiced such a kind of writing forcing the readers to run to the dictionary.

Sadanand was one of the regular contributors to the 'Letters to the Editor' column of *The Indian Express*. He switched over to and stayed with *Indian Express* after he failed to get his letters continuously published in *The Hindu* despite initial success. Sadanand, in fact, had, with a tinge of grief, recalled this in one of his columns. **V. S. Jayaraman, 31, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Civic woes still affect T. Nagar residents

Sir, Even as the country celebrated its 73rd Independence Day, the residentsof T. Nagar like me continue to be affected by a number of unsolved civic woes.

With most of the streets in T. Nagar in general and side streets of Usman Road in particular becoming parking areas for shoppers' vehicles, the movement of the residents is restricted. Footpaths are pedestrian unfriendly with hardly any space to walk on, as they have been taken over by hawkers/vendors and commercial establishments to display their wares.

As the roads are not milled before relaying of surface, their level has gone up over the years leading to inundation of houses lying below the road level during heavy rains. The storm water drains remain dysfunctional as they are not cleaned and desilted regularly. Further, most roadside eateries and restaurants are openly letting their kitchen waste into the drains. With commercial establishments expanding into residential colonies, the public utilities are unable to take the load, and this results in overflow of sewage in many streets.

The rights of residents are severely crippled. Will the Corporation ever wake up to the travails of the residents of T. Nagar? .**K. Harihar**

Appeal to lay water line in Muthalamman Koil Street

Sir, I am a resident of Muthalamman Koil Street, West Mambalam.

There is no Metrowater line in the street though all the nearby streets get water through pipeline.

The residents have been relentlessly following up the issue for the past 15 months, but to no avail.

All the residents have been regular in paying property and Metrowater taxes.

I hope that the work is at least completed before the onset of North East Monsoon which I hope solves the severe water crisis faced by the city. **N. Vijayaraghavan**

Appeal cash payment for booking water tankers

Sir, I am a senior citizen living in Motilal Street, T. Nagar. There are 28 flats in our complex.

Since our borewell went dry, we are buying water from Metrowater, but the revised booking system is causing us inconvenience.

Our Building Association members are senior citizens, and find it difficult to do online booking as often the server of Metrowater and the payment gateway of the bank are slow.

Instead of introducing customer friendly system, I am unable to understand why Metrowater is forcing us to make online payments, when the cash-on-delivery system was working perfectly.

Metrowater was not supplying water to those who have arrears and were also ensuring there were no multiple bookings. Then why this switchover to the online system which is tough on senior citizens?

I appeal to Metrowater to also introduce 'Cash on Delivery' system for water booking. **V. S. Narayanaswamy, Shreebagh Flat Owners' Association, 57, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

De-silt storm water drains well ahead of monsoon

Sir, The torrential rain that continues to lash various States causing floods, loss of lives and property, forces one to think what will be the fate of Tamilnadu if rains of such intensity were to occur in the State, and more particularly in cities like Chennai due to the improper maintenance and no regular de-silting of the storm water drains.

The authorities call for tenders every year to appoint contactors to de-silt the drains only when the monsoon is about to begin causing endemic problems to the public.

In most areas in Chennai, residential apartment complexes are lower than the road levels which adds to the problem of inundation during heavy rains if the storm water drains remain clogged.

Corporation should also rope in Residential Welfare Associations to monitor the work. A complete overhaul of drains is a must in the streets abutting Usman Road and other streets in T. Nagar in view of the fact that most of the these drains are being used by the shops/ commercial establishments and mobile eateries to dump garbage, food and waste. The civic body should also take stringent action against those who let sewage into the drains.

We appeal to Chennai Corporation to desilt all the major canals and the storm water drains in the city go on a war footing. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Unused junction box blocks carriageway

By Our Staff Reporter

An unused EB junction box has been lying on the road at the junction of Bagirathiammal Street and Arulambal Street, T. Nagar for several days.

As it is not visible at night, it poses a danger for motorists.

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T.NAGAR, 18/40, Ramanujam Street, independent house, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, attached bathrooms, 850 sq.ft, ground floor, car parking, 24 hours water. Ph: 24341080.

WEST MAMBALAM, 7, Jai Shankar Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, balcony, independent 1st floor, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 17000, Brahmins/vegetarians only. Ph: 9884696090, 9940044800.

WEST MAMBALAM, 13/27, Velu Street, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 1st floor flat, rent Rs. 11500, including maintenance, advance Rs. 80000, Brahmins only. Ph: 9283140700, 9940411780.

T.NAGAR, 13, Rajachar Street, Krishna Apartments, spacious 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 2nd floor, lift, reserved car parking, no brokers, Ph: 9551601050.

T.NAGAR, 5, Vyasar Street, prime location, 900 sq.ft, ground floor, room type, suitable any commercial office, rent Rs. 27000. Babuji Ph: 8939872345.

WEST MAMBALAM, 167, Lake View Road, Opp. Public Health Centre, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 3rd floor, lift, 1000 sq.ft, rent Rs. 16500 + maintenance, vegetarians only, available from 1st September. Ph: 9003265237, 9840960349.

WEST MAMBALAM, 16, Ragavan Colony, near Adikesava Perumal Koil, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, balcony, wood work, 2nd floor, covered car park, rent Rs. 16000, vegetarians only. Contact: Lakshmi, Ph: 9789314307.

T. NAGAR, 12/12 Madley 2nd Street, near Bus Terminus & Mambalam Railway Station, 300 sq.ft portion, 1st floor, 2-wheeler parking, family, working bachelors, rent Rs. 8000. Ph: 9283783944.

T. NAGAR, 12/12, Madley 2nd Street, 1st floor, 1000 sq.ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, verandah, tiles flooring, for family or bachelor (working in IT), 2 wheeler parking, rent Rs. 19000. Ph: 9283783944.

ASHOK NAGAR, 30, 4th Avenue, near Jawahar Vidyalaya School Signal, 1000 sq.ft, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, marble floor, 2nd floor, car park, semi furnished, 24 hours water, rent Rs. 17000, family/bachelors/office. Ph: 7305344555.

WEST MAMBALAM, 1/6, Rajaji Street, Ganapathy Illam, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, rent Rs. 9500, security deposit Rs. 40000, 1st floor. Ph: 7283180834, 4865 3505.

T.NAGAR, 9, Sivasailam Street, 2 bedrooms compact flat, car parking, north facing, 2nd floor, no lift, 24 hours water, suitable for small family, rent Rs. 15000. Contact: Babuji Ph: 8939872345.

KODAMBAKKAM, 16/2, Subramania Nagar, 1700 sq.ft, 1st floor, 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, covered car park, vegetarian family only, rent Rs. 28000 + maintenance. Ph: 98841 84004/98407 83748.

T. NAGAR, 9/9, Venkatraman Street, 1000 sq.ft, 2 bedrooms flat, hall, kitchen, 3rd floor, no lift, suitable for bachelors/office (without board), rent Rs. 25000. Contact: Babuji Ph: 8939872345.

T.NAGAR, 4, Govindu Street, near Panagal Park, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, lift covered car park, wood work, Brahmins/ vegetarians only. Contact: V. Muniswaran Ph: 9444326699, 7904654043.

T.NAGAR, 21, Sarangapani Street, very posh locality, 2900 sq.ft, 3 bedrooms apartment, all, kitchen, very specious, centralized A/c, covered car park, no brokers. Ph: 9444894484, 9884180711.

Talk on 'Srimad Bhagavatham' tomorrow

Nannilam Vai Rajagopala Ganapadigal (publisher and editor of *Vaithikasri*, a Tamil magazine) will give a talk in Tamil on 'Srimad Bhagavatham' from 3.30 p.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 18 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.

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Cine/Carnatic music contest today

Nalaiya Sigarangal will conduct its 18th music competitions in cine/carnatic vocal and instrumental for various age groups on Sunday, Aug. 18 in Ramakrisha Mission School (Dhandapani Street, T.Nagar). The winners of the competitions will get a chance to perform in Nalaiya Sigarangal's upcoming music shows. For more details call 94444 21264/73974 76349.

Colourful Krishna idols on sale in neighbourhood

By Our Staff Reporter

Colourful Lord Krishna idols are being sold on the pavement of Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam, 11th Avenue (Ashok Nagar) and P. T. Rajan Salai and P. V. Rajamannar Salai (K. K. Nagar) on the occasion of Krishna Jayanthi on Aug. 25.

There are more than 50 types of Krishna idols including Pot Krishna, Gokula Krishna and Radhe Krishna.

The dolls are of clay or papiermâché.

Prices range from Rs. 80 to Rs. 400 depending on the height which varies from 6 inches to 3 feet.

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Overhead barricade without crossbar serves no purpose

By Our Staff Reporter

The damaged crossbar of an overhead barricade at the entrance to the bridge across Duraisamy Subway (T. Nagar) was removed a year back.

But it has not been replaced and heavy vehicles are entering the service lane to take a U-turn over the bridge.

The crossbar at the other end of the bridge is also damaged.

According to nearby residents and some vendors, the bridge was not designed to withstand the load of heavy vehicles and their regular plying over it may weaken the bridge.

They have appealed to Chennai Corporation to install the missing crossbar and also replace the damaged one immediately.

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Satsang in Pandian Hall today

Yogi Ramsurathkumar Satsang will hold its monthly satsang at 4 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 18 in Pandian Hall (Station Road, West Mambalam). There will be yogi naama chanting, followed by Guru anubhavam, naamasankeertanam, bhajans, padha pooja, ashtothraarathi and prasadam distribution. Prem Lingaiya (Cinematographer) will attend the satsang.

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