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## Police keep watch on Deepavali shoppers



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**wish you Happy Deepavali!**

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Policemen are monitoring the crowds of Deepavali shoppers which are expected to swell on the eve of the festival.

Police in watch towers keep an eye on them through binoculars and CCTV cameras installed in assistance booths on Madley Road, Usman Road, under the Usman Road flyover and in Pondy Bazaar.

## Bursting of crackers restricted to 4 hours on Deepavali

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Based on the Supreme Court order passed in 2018, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board (TPCB) has announced that crackers can be burst only for 4 hours, from 6 a.m to 7 a.m and from 7 p.m to 8 p.m on Deepavali day on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Police will take action against those who violate the rule.

TNPCB has appealed to the public to obey the rule to reduce the effect of pollution caused by bursting crackers.

## Hefty fine for poor sanitation leading to mosquito breeding

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
As per the orders of Chennai Corporation Commissioner G. Prakash, fines from Rs.10,000 to Rs.10 lakhs will be imposed on places and buildings with poor sanitation that can lead to water stagnation and facilitate the breeding of mosquitoes.

The fines will be as follows:  
Construction sites: Rs.10,000 to Rs.10 lakhs;  
Educational institutions: Rs. 5,000 to Rs.1 lakh;  
Government buildings: Rs. 10,000 to Rs.1 lakh

## 11,000 extra buses to clear Diwali rush

**By Our Staff Reporter**

10,940 special bus services will be operated from Oct. 24 to 26 by various State Transport Corporations to clear the extra rush for Diwali holidays.

The special services will be operated from CMBT (Koyambedu), KK Nagar, Tambaram Sanatorium, Tambaram Railway Station, Madhavaram and Poonamallee bus terminals.

Unlike in previous years, special services to Andhra Pradesh will not start from Anna Nagar West Bus Depot, and the passengers will have to board these buses from Madhavaram bus terminus.

Similarly, on these 3 days, a number of regular destinations operated from CMBT including the specials services to these destinations, have been diverted to the other bus terminals. Even those who have reserved in advance with boarding point mentioned as CMBT will have to board the buses from the respective bus terminals.

Feeder services will be operated by MTC from CMBT to all these terminals.

For full details of route diversions, visit the webpage <https://www.tnstc.in/deepavaliBusOperation.html> or call 24794709

## Corporation gears up for monsoon

**By Our Staff Reporter**

According to a senior Corporation official, 60 high power pumps, 570 motor pumps, 30 mobile generators, 16 power saws, 108 JCPs, 109 boats, 126 lorries and other equipment have been kept ready to face any crisis situation caused by either flood or cyclone during the monsoon.

Residents can contact the Corporation helplines 2538 4520, 2538 4530 or 2538 4540 in case of any crisis during monsoon.

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### விரலுக்குத் தலை தீபாவளி!

மாப்பிள்ளைகளுடன் சமையல்கட்டின் கதவின் பின்னாலிருந்து மரியாதை கலந்த நாணத்துடன் தடுமாறி ஓரிரு வார்த்தைகள் மட்டும் மாமியார்கள் பேசிக் கொண்டிருந்த அந்தக் கற்காலத்தில் தலை தீபாவளிக்கு வாங்க வேண்டிய ஜட்டங்களில் தலையானதாகக் கருதப்பட்டது மோதிரம்தான்.

மோதிரம் தங்கத்தில்தான் இருக்க வேண்டும் என்பது எழுதப்படாத நியதி ஆகும். நிதி நிலைமை கருதி வெள்ளி என்று தரத்தில் சறுக்குவது வேண்டற்பாற்றன்று. அது சரி, அது ஏன் தங்கம்? காரணம்? தங்கம்தான் குணம் மாறாதது. எவ்வளவு உஷ்ணத்தில் வருத்தினாலும், சம்மட்டியால் அடித்தாலும், தகடாக நீட்டினாலும், கம்பியாக இழுத்தாலும் குணம் மாறாது. உடலில் மோதிரமாக (அல்லது செயினாக, காப்பாக, கடுக்கனாக) அணிந்திருந்தால் அதனுடைய குணம் மாப்பிள்ளையை அடைந்து, சேர்ந்து அவரை குணத்தில் தங்கக் கம்பியாக ஆக்கிவிடும் என்பது ஒரு ஐதீகம். இருந்தாலும் நினைப்பதெல்லாம் நடந்துவிட்டால் தெய்வம் ஏதுமில்லை என்பதாச்சே! சில 'கவரிங்' மாப்பிள்ளைகள் ஆரம்பத்தில் 'தங்கமானவராகத் தோன்றினாலும் காலப்போக்கில் பித்தளையாக இனித்துவிடுவதும் உண்டு. நிதி மிகுந்தவர்களுக்கு மோதிரம் என்றாலே வைரம்தான். என்றாலும் வைரத்தைத் தாங்கி இருப்பது தங்கம்தானே ஐயா?

முன்யோசனை உடைய சில மாமனார்கள் கல்யாணத்தின் போது மாப்பிள்ளைக்கு மோதிரம் அணிவித்து அழகு பார்த்திருந்தாலும் (அது என்ன அழகு பார்ப்பது? சில மாப்பிள்ளைகள் அழகு பார்க்கும்படி இருக்க மாட்டார்கள். 'வெவ்வவ்வே' என்று அழகு காட்டுமபடி வேண்டுமானால் இருந்து திகழ்வார்கள்) தீபாவளிக்கு முன் பிளாஸ்டிக்கில் அளவு மோதிரம் கேட்டு வாங்கிக் கொள்வது, தலையோடு மோதிர விரலும் வீங்கி விடுவதை எதிர்பார்த்துத்தான்.

மோதிரத்துக்கு ஜோடியாக மாப்பிள்ளைகளுக்கு அணிவித்து சிறப்பு செய்வது கைக்கடி காரம்தான். அதுவும் அந்தக் காலத்தில் பிரசித்தி பெற்ற பெண்களுர் தயாரிப்பான கதேசி எச்.எம். டி கடிக்காரம். ஆரம்ப விலை தொண்ணூற்றி ஒன்பது ரூபாய்தான் என்று நினைவு. தீபாவளி காலையில் கங்காஸ்நானம் ஆன பின் புத்தாடை உடுத்தி மாமனார் பெருமையுடன் அளித்த பளபளக்கும் மோதிரமும், தங்கச் செயின் பூட்டிய கைக்கடிகாரமும் அணிந்து மினுக்குவது ஒரு பந்தா. 'மாப்பிள்ளை எப்போடி பன் சாப்பிடப் போறேன்?' என்று கதவு பின்னாலிருந்து குரல் கேட்டால் இடது கையை கெத்துடன் திருப்பி மணி பார்த்து 'எய்ட் தர்ட்டிக்கு' என்றும், 'அத்திம்பேர், ஸ்பெஷல் வெடிகளை எப்போ வெடிக் கலாம்?' என்று மைத்துனப் பட்டாளங்கள் கேட்டால் இடது மணிக்கட்டைத் திருப்பிப் பார்த்து 'சரியாக டென் தர்ட்டிக்கு' என்றும் கெத்துடன் சொல்வார். ஆனால் 'அக்கா உங்களைக் கூப்பிடறா' என்று தகவல் வந்தால் வாட்சைப் பார்க்காமல் இன்ப லாகிரியுடன் 'இதோ' என்று சொல்லிக் கொண்டு விரைந்து செல்வது இயற்கை. இடையிடையே கையிலுள்ள மோதிரத்தை வலது கையால் பிரதட்சணமாகவும், அப்பிரதட்சணமாகவும் திருப்பித் திருப்பி, அந்தப் புத்தம் புதிய ஆபரணத்தை விரலில் செட்டில் ஆகப் பயிற்சி கொடுத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பார். வந்த மாமனாரின் உறவினர்களிடம் கடந்த தேர்தலில் ஓட்டுப் போட்ட மை அடையாளத்தைத் தேர்தல் சமயத்தில் பெருமையுடன் நீட்டிக் காண்பிப்பது போலக் காட்டி மகிழ்வார்.

தீபாவளி முடிந்து, அதனால் உண்டான அஜீரணங்களுக்கும் குணமாகி, வெடிக் காயங்களும் ஆறி, மாமனாரின் ஊரிலிருந்து தாயகம் திரும்பியவுடன் தலை தீபாவளியை 'விசாரிக்க' வரும் விசிடர்களிடம் கையையும், கை சார்ந்த மோதிரத்தையும், கடிக்காரத்தையும் பெருமையுடன் காட்ட வேண்டியது ஒரு சம்பிரதாயம்.

'ம்? மோதிரம் எவ்வளவு பவுன்? என்னது இரண்டு பவுனா? காத்திரமா இல்லையே?' என்று உள்ளங்கையில் வாங்கி மேலும் கீழும் ஆட்டி எடை போடும் விமர்சகர்களையும், 'வாட்சின் டயல் வெள்ளியில் இருந்திருக்கலாம். ரோமன் நம்பர்களைப் பார்த்து டயல் தெரிஞ்சிக்கிறது சிக்கல் இல்லையா?' என்கிற கருத்துக்களையும் சிரித்து மழுப்பி ஜீரணிக்க வேண்டும்.

எனக்குத் தெரிந்த ஒரு மாதுமீ தலை தீபாவளிக்குப் பையனுடன் கும்பகோணம் போய்த் திரும்பி, மறுநாள் ஒரு கல்யாணத்திற்குப் போனவர் அங்கு கும்பகோண சம்பந்தி மாப்பிள்ளைக்குத் தலை தீபாவளிக்காக செய்த சீர்செனத்தியில் ஒன்றான டால் அடிக்கும் வைர மோதிரத்தை யாரும் பார்க்காமல் விட்டுவிடப்போகிறார்களே என்று செய்த உபாயம் விநோதம். வரலாறு காணாதது. ஒரு பழுத்த எழுமிச்சம் பழுத்தை அவனுடைய இடது கை நடு விரலில் இல்லாத நகச் சுத்திக்குப் பாட்டி வைத்தியமாகச் சொருகிவிட்டு, அந்த கவன ஈர்ப்பை அருகில் உள்ள வைர மோதிரத்தின் மேலும் பரவவிட்டார்.

அது மட்டும் இல்லாது போனவாக அடிக்கடி இருமி, சொருமி, தும்பி, களைத்து மற்றவர்களின் கவனத்தைப் பிள்ளையின் கல்யாணத்திற்காகக் கணவனின் தலையில் மிளகாயை அரைத்து வாங்கி அணிந்திருந்த வைர அட்டிகை மேலும் பரவும்படி செய்து பூரிப்புடன் வளைய வந்தார். ஒரு பெண்மணியின் முகச் சுருக்கங்களை மறைத்து விடுவது நகை நட்டுகள்தான் என்று வயசாளி மாமிக்குத் தெரியாதா என்ன?

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## First of 10 new metro trains for north Chennai line arrives

As the 9-km metro rail corridor in North Chennai takes shape, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) received the first of the 10 new trains for the line on Oct. 19. CMRL managing director Pankaj Kumar Bansal flagged off the first train from Alstom Transport factory in Sri City, Andhra Pradesh.

The line between Washermenpet and Wimco Nagar will be completed by June 2020.

Metro rail officials said that after the first train is brought to CMRL's depot in Koyambedu, it will undergo a series of tests before it is used for commercial operations.

"The remaining nine train sets are expected to be delivered by the end of February 2020," an official said.

Before being handed over, the train underwent a number of tests at the manufacturing facility including car body dimension checks, water tightness check, static routine traction and brake tests. The tests were conducted in the presence of CMRL officials, who approved it for delivery.

On arrival at the CMRL depot, officials said slow and high speed routine tests both at the depot and on the main line will be conducted. These tests may take two weeks to a month before the trains are deployed. A 2 km underground section linking Washermenpet, Tondiarpet and Korukkupet is getting electrified, with cables required for train operation being installed. "By April, we may conduct the first trial with the new metro trains," an official said.

At present, CMRL has a fleet of 42 trains, the majority of which were manufactured in Alstom's Sri City facility.

Officials said that manufacturing of the 10 new trains commenced in February after CMRL awarded a Rs. 200-crore contract to supply rakes with the same configuration and specifications as those in the trains operating now in the phase-1 corridors.

## Govt. develops mobile app to display bus location

By Our Staff Reporter

The State Transport Corporation is developing a new mobile app which will let the public live track its buses and help them plan trips.

The App, named 'Locate and Access My Bus' (LAMB), will be available free both on Android and iOS platforms.

The App will show live location of buses and list the nearest bus stops to the user on Google Maps.

Once the location of a bus stop is entered, the app provides the estimated time of arrival of the next five buses at the stop along with their route numbers.

Searches pertaining to a specific route will also be available.

Accuracy will be within a deviation margin of 1 minute or 10% of predicted time.

The app will provide real-time data of 21,800 buses including 3,300 MTC buses in the city.

Changes pertaining to bus timings and route diversions will be regularly updated.

A unique code has been created for each of the bus stops by geocoding them.

This data will be provided to the private firm which will fix GPS devices on all government buses.

## Plea to donate for differently-abled to celebrate Deepavali

By Our Staff Reporter

Vela institution for social action and development (4/12, Postal Colony Cross Street, West Mambalam) runs a free school for speech/ hearing impaired and intellectually disabled children in Saibaba Nagar, Gingee Main Road, Lakshmiapuram, Orathur Village, Villupuram district.

The school, which was started in 1992, has 153 students of varying disabilities with hostel facilities.

It provides vocational training too.

A.G. Mohan (founder secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that free trips are arranged for devotees in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of every month to Sankara Mutt, Villupuram (birth place of Maha Periyavaa).

He appealed to *Mambalam Times* readers to donate in kind like dress material, sweets and crackers for Deepavali.

Hearing aids, notebooks, furniture and other related material are also accepted.

More details can be had in 98423 10390/ 2489 0390.

## Vishnu Sahasranaamam chanting on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Group of Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam Mandalis has organized mass chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranaamam at 10 a.m on Wednesday, Oct. 30 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.

For more details contact call 95001 77505.

## Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises.

T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told *Mambalam Times* that mass spiritual healing is conducted at 7.30 p.m on Thursdays and Sundays.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 2643 2323, 4212 5118 and 94444 53777.

### Vocal contest in Vani Mahal on Nov. 3

Entries have been invited for the vocal competition in Tamil compositions conducted in memory of D. Pattammal.

The vocal competition is open to amateurs below 25 years and will be conducted on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m.

Competitors should sing 6 Tamil songs out of which two must be compositions of Pattammal and four may be compositions of Papanasam Sivan, Subramania Bharathi and Goplakrishna Bharathi.

All the compositions of Pattammal are available in her website. www.dpattammal.com. Audio CDs of the renditions of the compositions of Patta-mmam are also available in Vani Mahal (Ph. 2815 2166). Entries should be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 31.

### Potholes in Usman Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Potholes can be seen in Usman Road in T. Nagar near Ranganathan Street .

### 'Paal Kavadi Pooja' next Saturday

On the occasion of Skandha Sashti, 'Paal Kavadi Pooja' will be performed for Lord Muruga on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 a.m. in Sri Rama Anjaneyar Temple (Lake View Road, West Mambalam). Laksharchanai is being performed daily in the morning and evening.

Devotees who want to take part in 'Paal Kavadi' procession should register their

names. Mythili and Suresh will present a devotional music concert at 6.30 p.m.

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### B. S. Mootha School students visit ISRO

As part of the World Space Week program, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was opened to visitors, especially students. Students from B. S. Mootha Girls Senior Secondary School, West Mambalam were among them.

ISRO was responsible for design, development, assembly and integration of communication, navigation, remote sensing, and scientific and small satellite machines. It launched Rohini200 (RH200), which was witnessed by the school's students.

They saw the two major launch pads in ISRO visited aw the ISRO museum which had models of rockets and information about space and astronauts.



### Shivprasadh, team honoured

S. Shivprasadh (Creative Head, R. S. Manohar's NXGS) and his team members were honoured by Nalli Kuppaswami Chettiyar, Veteran Dramatist Kathadi Ramamurthy, former TV News Reader and Veteran Dramatist T. V. Varadharajen with Ponnadais and mementos at a function recently.

### Cracker shops expect rush on Deepavali-eve



By Our Staff Reporter

Cracker shops in the neighbourhood are expecting a rush of buyers on the eve of Deepavali. This photo was taken in 21st Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

### Open drain in Venkatanarayana Road



Bunches of twigs have been laid on the grating on top of an open storm water drain near Indianoil petrol bunk on Venkatanarayana Road in T. Nagar.

Construction of the drain has been going on for several months.

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காலை 7.00 மணி ஸ்ரீ மஹா கணபதி பூஜை, மஹா சங்கல்பம், கலச ஆவாஹனம்  
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## Resident's garden has 350+ rare plants

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaswant Singh's 'green' house in Mogappair never faced any problem with water even during the water-starved days this year. The groundwater table in his garden has never ran dry, and he even distributed water free to his water-starved neighbours.

This has been possible since Singh has nurtured a mini forest in his compound over the past 35 years.

The vegetation spans over 10,000 square feet (including the terrace and a floor) and houses a large number of plants including 350 rare species which he has painstakingly collected from all over India in over three decades.

The 58-year-old civil engineer who owns a construction business has knowledge of each plant species in his garden.

Born and brought up in Chennai, Singh can recite all 1,330 couplets from Thirukkural. He has engraved an image of Thiruvalluvar on the trunk of a mango tree in his garden.

He started gardening at the age of 19 by planting a Tulasi shrub.

His collection includes Brahma Kamalam from the Himalayas which blooms once in 12 years, the rare Thillai from Chidambaram which has medicinal values, the Crescentia or Beggars Bowl, Flame Lily (poisonous, but an antidote for some snake venoms), sandalwood, Borneo Camphor, Stevia (an alternative for sugar for diabetic patients).

He also grows many varieties of fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs. Part of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of his house is reserved for growing vegetables, and the well-ventilated 2<sup>nd</sup> floor terrace has been developed as a fruit orchard that has been simulated to resemble a forest ecosystem.

He has also let a horde of lovebirds and other small birds live freely in the fruit orchard. Some of these trees also have nests indicating that the birds have taken to the mini habitat.

He has also built a tree house on one his oldest trees.

He has set up drip irrigation throughout the area, and condensed water from the air-conditioner is redirected to water the plants through these pipes.

He also practises apiculture and has kept boxes where honeybees build hives. The bees help in natural pollination.

Singh powers his sustainable home by 1.5 kilowatt-worth solar panels



fixed on the roof. All the lights are LED, saving up to 60 per cent of energy consumption.

The sprinklers on his lawn and the drip irrigation pipes on his terrace gardens are all improvised to save water. For instance, the water is automatically adjusted as per the seasonal requirement.

The house has a large composting pit which supplies biogas for up to 90 minutes every day, aside from providing green manure and vermicompost ingredients.

Food is prepared not only from the ingredients that come fresh from his garden, but is also cooked in sustainable vessels over an earthen hearth.

Singh often provides a guided tour of his extensive garden, accompanied with his

captivating stories and plants and other interested visitors.

His wife Geeta and his son University who visit for a hands-on experience with the

## Train your dog to enjoy Deepavali

By Dr. K. A. Vijayaraghavan

Kids start firing crackers and sparklers a week before Deepavali and this continues upto Karthigai Deepam.

During this cracker season, your pets get frightened of the sounds, and tend to take shelter under the cots in dark rooms.

Some dogs are so scared of these sounds that they do not even come out for answering nature's calls, and some even go off during the Deepavali season.

Is it not a pity that, when you and your family are enjoying the lights and sounds, your pets should spend their time in isolation and in darkness?

It is possible for you to train your dog also to enjoy the lights and sounds, and also the good food during this festival season.

The best approach will be to hold the dog and make it watch while the sparklers and crackers go on, so that it will slowly cast off the fear for them. Do not at all allow it to go under the cot. Your holding it will help the dog give up its fear gradually.

## Guard your eyes against damage when you burst crackers

By Dr. A. Azim Siraj, Specialist Eye Surgeon

Children are often injured when they burst crackers during Deepavali.

Sometimes injuries occur in the eyes which, if not treated, may prove serious.

The following precautions should be taken in the event of an open eye injury:

\* Just apply a plastic cup over the eye with a clean handkerchief without pressing the eye and rush to an eye specialist immediately.

\* Do not apply household medicines like human milk, eye drops – they may cause further infection.

\* Do not feed the victim – he/she may be having a hidden tear in the eye which may require anesthesia for stitching and anesthesia cannot be given for approximately three hours after the last feed. This delay could be costly to the patient's vision.

How are these injuries usually treated?

\* Remember, such injuries are emergencies.

\* The eye specialist will first examine the eye in detail to ascertain the extent of damage and then plan treatment.

\* In mild cases, a simple wash to clear the gun powder and soot and antibiotic drops are advised.

\* In moderate cases, associated with scratches (abrasions) and partial tears, patching the eye with antibiotics usually helps.

\* In more severe cases, surgery may be added, usually under anesthesia and the patient may need to be hospitalised. A specialist eye surgeon (Vitreoretinal Surgeon) usually repairs such injuries.

But remember, the eye is like a delicate glass doll - once broken, even if the best glue is used to fix it back, the originality is lost. So, 'Prevention is better than cure'.

Follow these simple tips to enjoy an 'eye-safe' Deepavali.

## Do's and don't's for safe handling of crackers

During Deepavali celebrations children get injured due to careless handling of fireworks. Parents are indirectly responsible for these accidents as they fail to educate and guide the children on the correct ways of handling fireworks.

The Loss Prevention Association of India Ltd. (LPA), for the past few years, has been guiding children and elders on the proper ways of handling fireworks.

Simple rules of safety as described in the Safety Bulletin of the Loss Prevention Association are as follows:

Don't light crackers inside the house, or light candles and oil lamps near curtains or any other combustible material.

Hold sparklers away from the body.

Light rockets pointing them straight up.

Never light fireworks from balconies or near buildings: use open grounds.

Don't bend over fireworks while lighting them: light them from the side.

Don't wear long, loose, thin flowing dresses while playing with fireworks.

Never put fireworks in pockets.

Never light fireworks under confinement in a metal container.

Never light a flower pot by holding it.

Never store fireworks or unpack them near a flame or a heat source.

Never return to a firework once lit – it may explode in your face.

Pour water over burns and go to a doctor. Don't apply ointment, butter or any oily substance.

Show concern for infants, the aged and the sick. Don't light loud crackers near them.

This is very much like training your pet dog to walk on the road. If your pet had been mostly an indoor dog and if you take it out on the road all on sudden it will get scared of the vehicles and the crowd on the road.

If you take it out for short distances regularly, it will cast off the fear and start walking boldly on the road.

So, what is needed is a gradual exposure of your pet dog to the lights and sounds associated with Deepavali.

Do not feed your dog with too many sweets during the season. After giving a sweet or two, give it a raw carrot so that its teeth will get cleaned. If the dog allows it, clean its teeth with vinegar after it has consumed some sweets.

The T. Nagar - Mambalam edition of Mambalam Times can be accessed in [www.mambalamtimes.in](http://www.mambalamtimes.in)

## 'Pink signal' for trains



By Our Staff Reporter

Packets of cotton candy tied to a pole by a vendor in Mambalam Railway station, appear like a pink signal for trains on Oct.22.

## Clothes, sweets presented to leprosy patients



By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Sri Bhuvanewari Charitable Trust (K. K.Nagar) and Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani) distributed new shirts, dhotis, sarees and sweets among leprosy out-patients in Government Hospital, Poonamallee on Oct. 21 as part of Deepavali celebrations.

Vedic Ravi (Managing Trustee, Sri Bhuvanewari Charitable Trust), S. contact 99400 30939.

Jayasundari (Jaimaa Trust) and others were present. Volunteers from Sri Ramakrishna Mutt (Mylapore) provide dressing for leprosy patients on Mondays. Jaimaa Trust provides breakfast for them with donations from philanthropists. Those interested in supporting the project may contact 99400 30939.

## Hundreds of Deepavali shoppers arrive in trains



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of Deepavali shoppers are arriving in trains in Mambalam Station. RPF and State police are controlling the crowds.

## Aid given to students in Ramakrishna Mutt



By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Sri Sardhadevi Sathsangam (K. K. Nagar) celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary by providing aid for the inmates of the students'

home in Sri Ramakrishna Mahalakshmi Subramaniam Mutt, Mylapore as part of Deepavali celebrations.

Swami Gauthamanandh Maharaj (Vice President of Sri Ramakrishna Mutt) distributed the assistance. More details can be had in Swami Vimurthanandh Maharaj (Manager) and 16060.

## Plea near 'Recharging wells' to save water



Corporation workers are installing sign boards near 'Recharging wells' appealing to residents to save water. This picture was taken on Madley Road in T. Nagar.

## Anbu Karangal appeal for donations to celebrate Deepavali

By Our Staff Reporter

M. R. S. Lakshmi (resident of 31, Lake View Road, West Mambalam), who runs Anbu Karangal (an orphanage and old age home in 1/216, Vivekanander Street, Kottivakkam), has appealed for donations to celebrate Deepavali on Oct. 27.

Anbu Karangal provides free shelter, food, education and medical assistances for its inmates.

Lakshmi said that Anbu Karangal, which was started in 1996, is run with donations from individuals, organizations, past inmates and philanthropists.

She said that several of its past inmates are well settled in jobs and many have families.

She may be contacted in 2492 8282/8383, 2474 1003 or 98404 03750.

## Tailoring, beautician courses for women

Jayalakshmi Ammal Educational and Charitable Trust (SP. 20, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Sector, K. K. Nagar) has invited applications for its embroidery, tailoring and beautician courses exclusively for women.

The courses will commence in the first week of November and classes will be conducted on three days a week.

The course completion certificate will be given after the practical and theory exams.

Anominal fee will be charged for the trust's activities.

Interested candidates may register their names in 2371 1184, 2474 7728 and 90948 65691.

## 'Nilavembu' water for devotees visiting Sai Baba temple



By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (Jaisankar Street, West Mambalam) are serving 'Hot nilavembu' water, which prevents diseases, to devotees visiting the temple from 7 a.m to 7.30 p.m daily.

Hundreds of devotees are benefiting under this project. The 'nilavembu' water is prepared in the temple itself.

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

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON and Tamilnadu Brahmin Association have jointly organized 'Harinaama Sankeerthanam' from 6.30 p.m to 8 p.m on Friday, Nov.1 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.

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## Electronic media degree left out in TRB recruitment process

Postgraduates in electronic media have complained that their subject was left out in the online application form for assistant professors' recruitment by the Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB). MSc (Visual Communication), a course similar to electronic media, has been included.

TRB notified 2,331 vacancies in government arts and science colleges and commenced online application this month. There are 21 vacancies in visual communications and 11 in journalism and mass communication. "Madras University has accepted MSc electronic media as qualification to teach visual communication. The UGC has allowed electronic media students to clear National Eligibility Test in mass communication and journalism. But, I could not apply for the assistant professor's post notified by TRB," said a candidate working in a city college for more than 10 years.

Another candidate said, "Though Anna University has been offering the course from 2002, the department of media sciences is yet to obtain the equivalent certificate. This will affect our chances in getting the job. Authorities say certification will take months."

"We will give a representation to the government asking for equivalence to be given for a PG in electronic media with a PG degree in visual communication," said Prof. G. Ravindran (Head, Department of journalism and communication, Madras University). "The TRB inadvertently left out electronic media from the application form. It should have been given along with visual communication," said Prof. I. Arul Aram (Department of media sciences, Anna University).

The board is open to include eligible candidates. "We have included equivalence orders in the revised notification. So far, we have not received any representation in this regard," an official said.

## Garbage removed after report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Garbage not cleared' published in Mambalam Times (Sept. 29-Oct. 6 issue), the garbage and garden waste dumped on the margin of Lotus Colony 1st Street and Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Devar Road (Nandanam), lying uncleared for more than 15 days, were by removed by workers of Chennai Corporation.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Raise Deposit Insurance Scheme amount

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**EB cables shifted after report in *Mambalam Times***



Before



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By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Exposed EB cables pose danger on South Dhandapani Street' published in *Mambalam Times* (October 12-18 issue), they were shifted.

**Velammal to felicitate its World Chess Champion player**

By Our Staff Reporter

The World Youth Chess Champion R. Pragganandhaa (Std. 9 student in Velammal Main School, Mogappair) will receive a grand felicitation from the school on his return on Oct. 30.

5000 students will form a human chain to depict a chess board with chessmen and his face above it to honour the World Champion.

His portrait made by the art students will be gifted to him.

The school will also conduct a contest in which other chess players of the school will get to play against him.

**Now, a health mix with sprouted grains**

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Vijayalakshmi (resident of LIG Flats, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar), who markets a health mix, has introduced a new one with sprouted grains (ragi, wheat, cumbu, moong dhal), almond, cashewnut etc. The mix can be used to make porridge for breakfast. She has been selling health mix with millets for three years.

"Our customers who buy millet health mix want the product with sprouted ingredients like ragi, wheat etc. So I have introduced the sprouted mix," she told *Mambalam Times*. Vijayalakshmi earlier attended a training program on millet products conducted by Tamilnadu Agriculture University Information & Training Centre.

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She can be contacted in 97907 72370 / 2371 1835.

**Free Tally classes in Ramakrishna Home from Friday**

Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home (66, Sivasami Salai, Mylapore), in collaboration with HCL Foundation, has been conducting free classes for Tally.ERP 9 course. Classes for the next batch will commence on Friday, Nov.1.

Seats are available for the 6 p.m- 8 p.m batch only.

More details can be had in 98840 28298.

**Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday**

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Mozhiarasi Asokan will give a discourse on "Thiru Arutpa" on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.



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## Earthen lamps sold on pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

Various types of earthen lamps are being sold on the pavement of Arya Gowda Road in West Mambalam for Deepavalli and Karthigadeepam celebrations.

## Long queues in Mambalam Station



By Our Staff Reporter

As Deepavali approaches, long queues of passengers extending up to the overhead stairs waiting to book tickets can be seen in Mambalam Railway Station.

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## Guru Peyarchi Mahayagam on Monday, Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri V. Narayana Iyer Memorial Trust, in association with Arulamudham Publications (Ph: 94442 56421, 98401 49913), has organized Guru Peyarchi Mahayagam on Monday, Oct. 28 and Tuesday, Oct. 29 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

The following is the program:

Oct. 28

3.45 p.m: Maha Ganapathi pooja, Sankalpam

4.30 p.m: Avahanam with 61 kalasangal

5.30 p.m: Paarayanam and aarathi

7 p.m: Religious discourse on 'Vithi, Mathi, Kathiyil Guru Bhagavan' by Arulamudham R. Parthasarathi

Oct. 29

7 a.m: Ganapathi pooja, Sankalpam, Kalasa Avahanam

8 a.m: Sankalpam, Japam and Paarayanam

9.30 a.m: Guru Peyarachi Homam.

6.30 p.m: Discourse on Guru Peryarachi by Arulamudham R. Parthasarathi

Devotees are welcome to give donations for annadhanam and poojas.

All are welcome.

## Fewer Deepavali shoppers this year



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of shoppers are visiting Ranganathan Street and nearby streets in T. Nagar for Deepavali purchases but many shopkeepers said that the crowds are lesser than in previous years.

## Hundreds attend free eye camp



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of persons including school students participated in the free eye screening camp organized by

Innerwheel Club of Chennai Symphony, Sri Bhuvaneshwari Charitable Trust and Jaimaa in Government Girls High School, Usman Road, T. Nagar on Oct. 18 as part of A. P. J.

Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary celebrations.

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## Prosperity Day celebrations in Annai Dhyanam Maiyam

By Our Staff Reporter

There will be Mother's balcony darshan at 6.30 a.m on Friday, Nov.1 as part of Prosperity Day celebrations in Sri Annai Dhyanam Maiyam, Bakhavatchalam Street, West Mambalam.

There will be a special speech at 6 p.m on the same day.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98414 25456.

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