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## ANNOUNCEMENT

In view of the Coronavirus threat, we are suspending the publication and distribution of the print edition of *Mambalam Times* until further notice. The internet edition will be uploaded as usual - General Manager

### COVID cases in Tamilnadu cross 6,000

By Our Staff Reporter

A day after recording an all-time high of 771 cases of COVID-19, the State reported 600 fresh cases on May 8, with Chennai alone accounting for 399 patients.

Tamilnadu's tally of COVID-19 cases crossed the 6,000 mark reaching 6,009, an increase of 2,000 over 3 days

The total number of samples tested increased to 2.02 lakh; the day's sample count stood at 14,195.

Two men undergoing treatment for the pandemic in Chennai passed away.

31 other persons were discharged from hospital, taking the total number of persons cured in the State to 1,547. There were 4,821 active cases in the State.

The number of persons admitted to isolation wards of various hospitals with symptoms stands at 4,135.

Twentytwo districts have reported fresh cases, the majority of which are linked to the Koyambedu cluster.

Most of these districts have been reporting cases from the cluster after daily wage labourers working in the market returned to their native districts.

With 399 cases, Chennai accounted for a total of 3,043 COVID-19 cases.

Nineteen more children aged up to 12 years have tested positive. This takes the total number of children affected in the State to 273.

The State has tested 2,02,436 samples and 1,92,574 individuals.

### COVID-19 CASES AS ON MAY 8

Area	Confirmed	Recovered	Deaths
Worldwide	39,32,984	13,49,699	2,71,029
India	56,516	16,867	1,895
Tamilnadu	6,009	1,546	41
Chennai	3,043	340	23

### Corona cases in India likely to reach 75,000 in next 5 days

By Our Staff Reporter

The number of reported coronavirus cases in India has risen by 14% over the past two days on May 6 and 7 to reach 56,342. This is a slower rate of increase compared to the previous 48 hours, when the reported case count rose 16% to 49,391.

At the current rate of compounded daily growth, the number of cases will rise to 75,000 in five days.

Although India's coronavirus trajectory has tapered since last month, it continues to be steeper compared to Japan, Singapore, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Compared to Western nations where the virus has claimed more lives, the trajectories of most Asian countries, including India, have been flatter.

India's case count is now roughly double what it was eleven days back.

If this trajectory continues beyond that period, it could overwhelm India's hospital capacity and strain an already overburdened health system.

At 3,825 active cases, Tamilnadu has the fourth-highest number of active cases. The top five states together account for 75 percent of the active cases nationally, and the top ten states account for 94 percent of all cases.

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## Fire destroys appliances in flat on North Boag Road

By Our Staff Reporter

A short-circuit led to fire in a flat in TVH Boag Villa Apartments (North Boag Road, T. Nagar) at around 2 a.m on May 2.

As the residents exited the flat immediately, no one was injured in the incident.

Most of the furniture, appliances and electronic items were destroyed in the fire.

The firemen brought the fire under control before it could spread to adjacent flats.



## No hair raising problem this!

With salons closed, residents are left with no other option except to get their hair cut at home (probably with the help of a reluctant family member) and dump the packet of cut hair in the rubbish bin.

But the rubbish collectors are not happy handling these packets more perhaps because the contents fall out and scatter if



loosely packed.

One of them seen on Veerasamy Street (West Mambalam) on May 7 complained to this reporter, opened a packet and spread its contents on the road (picture) for his benefit.

Will bachelors living away from their families and staying in groups help one another?

## Koyambedu merchants await opening of market in Thirumazhisai

By Our Staff Reporter

Traders in Koyambedu wholesale market suspended trade from May 2, and now await the opening of the market at Thirumazhisai.

This, however, has impacted the availability of vegetables, resulting in price rise of the essentials.

Since May 2, the influx of 5,000 kg. of vegetables to the market has stopped as trade has been halted.

The Market Association wants the new site in Thirumazhisai to ensure basic infrastructure, including toilets, parking, and accommodation for labourers and security men.

The Associations has formed a 7-member committee to hold talks with the government regarding the facilities at the makeshift market where 200 wholesale shops are being set up.

## COVID isolation wards, screening in Shasun Jain College



By Our Staff Reporter

Coronavirus screening and isolation wards were set up in Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women, T. Nagar last week.

The Corporation has also identified a number of schools and marriage halls in the neighbourhood to treat COVID patients and house migrant workers stranded in the city.

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## Online summer camp for kids

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) will conduct a month-long online summer camp for children in the age group of 6-12 years from Monday, May 11.

The camp will include a virtual tour of ten fascinating temples of India.

Professional storyteller Lavanya Srinivas will narrate moral stories and stories about the temples.

The children will also be taught slokas, devotional songs, bhajans,

## Floating garbage impedes flow in canal



By Our Staff Reporter

A large quantity of floating garbage including plastic waste is blocking the free flow of water in the canal along North Road (West CIT Nagar).

It is also causing an awful stench and poses a health hazard to residents living in the vicinity.

mantras, meditation drawing and craft work. There will also be fun games.

Lessons and stories will be sent through WhatsApp audios and videos. There will be interactive online zoom sessions in English or Tamil.

Online completion certificate will be given to all the participants.

Parents are encouraged to admit their children to the online classes.

Course fee of Rs.1,000 will be used for the charitable activities of ISKCON.

To register, call Varuna in 97899 21942 or Mohana in 92821 57776.

## BJP felicitates women staff of Amma canteen



By Our Staff Reporter

Bharatiya Janata Party (Division 135) felicitated the women employees of Amma Canteen (Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) on May 1 (Labour Day).

Party member K. Ramanathan told *Mambalam Times* that Amma canteens across the state have been serving lakhs of people, mostly from the lower economic strata of society during the lockdown.

The canteens employ a number of women who have been working tirelessly though they are at the frontline of exposure to the pandemic due to proximity with customers visiting the canteen for food.

## Essentials given to disabled women



By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Jothi Madhar Sangam distributed groceries among 15 physically challenged women living in the Society for Rights of All Women with Disability (Kotturpuram) on May 4.

Lakshmi Ragukumar (President) said that the groceries were sponsored by Narayanan and Ashok (residents of Burkit Road, T. Nagar).

## Velammal School organises online art contest for students

By Our Staff Reporter

Velammal School (West Mogappair) has organised an online art contest 'Go Corona 2020' for children in the age group of 5 to 15 years.

The last date for online registration is Tuesday, May 19. Participants need to scan and post their art online by Wednesday, May 27.

The results will be announced on June 17 with 600 plus prizes.

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a cash award of Rs. 25,000, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rs. 15,000 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rs. 10,000.

There is no registration fee.

For registration and other details, visit the website [www.velammalnexus.com](http://www.velammalnexus.com) or call 73583 90402.

## Lions Club gives essentials to needy families



By Our Staff Reporter

The members of the Lions Club of Guindy (District 3248B) distributed vegetables, groceries and face masks among needy families in T. Nagar on May 4.

The aid items were distributed by B. Ganapathi (District Governor) and Dr. G. Manilal (Past District Governor).

A Constable ensured that the beneficiaries maintained social distancing while collecting the essentials.

## City records 316 new cases on May 7

Tamilnadu reported 580 COVID-19 cases on May 7, with 316 of them in Chennai.

Most of them are linked to the Koyambedu cluster.

The total number of cases in the State has reached 5,409.

31 persons were discharged from various hospitals in the state on May 7 while 3,822 patients were still undergoing treatment.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Legendary recordist Sampath passes away

Sir, Veteran sound recordist K. Sampath passed away on May 1.

He was the President of Cine Audiographers Association of South India since 2010. He had magnanimously allowed its office to function in his own residence.

He had been a jury member in the National Awards Films Selection Committee in 2002.

He had won three State awards and one National award.

He was born in 1934 in Trichy. After completing diploma in Cinematography and Sound Engineering, he joined AVM studios in 1955.

As AVM also hired out its recording studio, Sampath was able to gain experience.

He closely worked with renowned recordists from across India including the legendary Mukul Bose.

Under Mukul Bose, he learnt multiple track recording system.

His career as an independent recordist spiraled from the success of the film Parthiban Kanavu.

He also worked as an associate with sound engineers S. P. Ramanathan and C. D. Viswanathan.

Sampath secured a credit title in hundreds of hit movies. He has recorded more than 5,000 songs and done re-recording and final mixing for more than 1000 films under veteran directors and music directors.

He also worked for a number of TV serials between 1999 and 2009.

He was a tireless worker, and often worked without break from 6 a.m to late into the night for days continuously for days to meet the workload.

His dedication to work was so unprecedented that even on the day of his daughter's marriage, he went to work after the main wedding and returned just before the reception in the evening.

Sampath has left a huge void on the technical side of the film industry. **S. Shivprasadh, West Mambalam**

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## Madley subway service lanes barricaded



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the setting up of COVID-19 isolation wards in Shashun Jain College (Madley Road, T. Nagar) the entrances to the service lanes of Madley subway have been barricaded by the police.

The entrance to the bridge over the subway has also been blocked to prevent vehicles from entering from Ranganathan Street side.

Similarly, the entrance to Muthurangan Road at Madley Road junction has also been barricaded.

## Amma Canteens start charging

By Our Staff Reporter

Since May 4, the Corporation has stopped providing free food in Amma Canteens.

According to a Corporation official, directions were issued to the canteen employees to collect money from customers.

"Some canteens are still getting money from volunteers. In those canteens, we continue to provide free food," he said.

"I came to Amma Canteen thinking that the food is provided free. Now, I have to arrange for money," said Rajasekar, a customer waiting at an Amma Canteen in T. Nagar.

From April 23, the civic body was providing free food after collecting money from volunteers. This proved to be of great help for migrant workers, stranded persons and the poor during the lockdown period.

The civic body was earning around Rs. 6.5 lakhs per day before the lockdown, which went up to more than Rs. 11 lakhs after the canteens started collecting contributions from volunteers. The 407 Amma Canteens in the city are now serving around 4.5 lakh persons.

## Pre-symptomatic, mild cases can stay home

By Our Staff Reporter

On May 5, the Tamilnadu government issued an order stating that individuals with very mild symptoms of coronavirus disease or pre-symptomatic persons can home quarantine themselves.

The GO stated that individuals will be clinically classified as very mild/mild, moderate or severe for this purpose and treated accordingly.

It also noted that for home isolation, the individual displaying mild symptoms or if pre-symptomatic will have to have access to a well-ventilated room preferably with attached or separate toilet.

To be eligible for home isolation, a medical officer must ascertain that an individual is showing no symptoms or has extremely mild symptoms (such as a sore throat and cold but no fever).

A caregiver must be available at home 24x7, who will be able to act as the point of contact between the hospital and the individual during the entire home isolation period. Caregivers will be started on Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) as a precaution, as prescribed by the doctor. Both patients and caregivers must be given zinc, vitamin C and multivitamin supplements in addition to Nilavembu kudineer and Kabasura kudineer for 10 days.

## Corpn issuing passes for domestic help

By Our Staff Reporter

Domestic helpers can go to work as the Corporation has started issuing e-passes for them.

Either the domestic helpers or their employers can apply for the passes by visiting

<http://tnepasses.tnega.org>.

Meanwhile, Commissioner G. Prakash clarified that persons who want to travel to other districts and other states should apply for passes via <http://tnepass.tnega.org>.

"For travel inside the city, the Corporation will issue passes to eligible persons. We will also simplify the process," he said.

## Legendary sound recordist Sampath passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

86-year-old veteran sound recordist 'AVM' K. Sampath (a past resident of T. Nagar) passed away on May 1 in his daughter's house in Mylapore.

Sampath was associated with the AVM Studio for over five decades without a break and hence came to be known as 'AVM' Sampath.

He recorded over 6000 songs.

He had seen cinema and sound engineering evolve from direct film recording, magnetic recording, four-track, multi-track, DSR to digital recording.

He won State awards for the Tamil films Sindhoora Poove, Seran Pandian and Yejamaan & Sethupathi IPS, and National award for the Malayalam film Yennu Swantham Janaki Kutty.

Sampath had worked for several Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Hindi and Sinhalese films.

He was the President of Cine Audiographers Association of South India since 2010.

He is survived by his wife Padmavathi, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter.



## Govt hospitals in city running out of beds

By Our Staff Reporter

With beds for COVID-19 patients in most of the government hospitals in the city almost filled, the hospital authorities are shifting asymptomatic patients to educational institutions to make space for critical cases.

The government hospitals including Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital and Stanley Medical College and Hospital have about 400 beds each allocated for the patients, while around 500 beds were allocated for the treatment of patients in Omandurar Government General Multispecialty Hospital.

However, more than 70 percent beds in most of these hospitals are already full and the remaining are filling up fast, said officials.

Priority is being given for patients who are elderly and critical.

The hospital authorities are also making arrangements for more wards.

Asymptomatic patients admitted in Stanley Medical College and Hospital are reportedly being sent to an Arts College to ensure that beds and medical care facilities in the hospital premises are available for critical patients.

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## Factors behind spike in coronavirus cases in city

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai has continued to remain the epicenter for coronavirus cases in Tamilnadu accounting for almost 50% of them.

What began as a single case on March 9, has snowballed into a growing crisis.

The daily number of cases has also seen a steady increase in the last 10 days.

Here are some factors that have led to this sudden rise in the number of positive cases  
Population density and not adhering to lockdown norms

Many localities including Royapuram and Thiru Vi Ka Nagar are densely populated leading to quick spread of the pandemic from affected persons. The public at large have also behaved irresponsibly by flouting the norms of the lockdown, leading to the spread of the infection.

Currently there are 357 areas in the city that are under containment.

A health official stated that at least 25% of the residents in containment zones are not wearing masks and venture within the zone. When the zone is within a congested area, infections rapidly increase.

Failure to regulate crowd in Koyambedu Wholesale Market:

The Koyambedu market, spread over 200 acres, with some 3,000 shops, has become the latest hotspot in the city. In the past 10 days close to 80% of the new cases have risen out of persons visiting this market or/and their subsequent contacts.

It has so far accounted for more than 600 cases of infection, spreading across almost half the state. And, unlike in the case of the Tablighi Jamaat cluster, contact tracing has proven to be challenging for health officials.

Flaws in planning by splitting the market and moving it to different areas have come back to haunt the city and neighbouring districts. By the time the market was shut, the infections had spiraled with no way of contact tracing.

Frontline workers not protected

Over the period of the lockdown, both doctors and sanitary workers have alleged that protective gear has been in short supply. Several doctors have complained that while staff in the COVID-19 wards received personal protective equipment (PPE), those in other departments and in the out-patient department were forced to make do with their own equipment or had to work without them.

Many health workers, policemen and sanitation staff have tested positive for the virus, and with failure to test them initially, and many being asymptomatic, they have also been the seeds to spread the pandemic.

4-day total lockdown from April 26

While the rest of the country was under lockdown, Chennai was under double lockdown from April 26 to April 29. This was done to stop the spread of coronavirus. However, the move backfired as people resorted to panic buying on April 25. Huge crowds were witnessed in the market where cases of coronavirus were confirmed later.

Large clusters leading to outbreak

The outbreak was mainly on account of clusters. The 1<sup>st</sup> spike in the city was from the Tablighi Jamaat event in Delhi in which a number of persons from Chennai who participated tested positive. This was followed by the cluster from Koyambedu market, a prayer meet by residents in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and a regional media outlet which reported over 30 cases of coronavirus. The persons who travelled abroad and returned have also added to the number of coronavirus cases.

Rise in asymptomatic cases

Nearly 98% of cases in the city have been asymptomatic and that has proved to be a serious challenge for authorities. This has forced the Corporation to do door-to-door screening in every containment zone to identify all those who may have coronavirus before it led to community transmission.

Extensive testing

On a positive note, this has resulted in higher number of tests, which, in turn, has led to more coronavirus cases being detected.

## Crowds outside Tasmac shops a major concern

By Our Staff Reporter

Chaos has been prevailing in most Tasmac outlets which opened across the State except in Chennai on May 7.

Health officials fear that it could lead to the another major cluster for increase in coronavirus and the tracing the source is also going to get very difficult.

Police struggled to ensure that physical distancing norms were followed, and stressed the need for more counters in liquor shops

Some outlets in cities like Trichy and Coimbatore witnessed more than 500 persons standing in serpentine queues.

With shops opening after almost 45 days, crowds gathered from 3 a.m.

Shops in containment zones remained closed.

Police sources said that checking of Aadhar card was not done properly by Tasmac staff in some places before issuing tokens. Hence many from Chennai managed to purchase alcohol from shops in border districts.

## Daily online satsang at 8.45 a.m

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam is conducting online satsang daily from 8.45 a.m to 10.15 a.m.

Devotees can join the satsang by logging online on their computer or smart phone at the following page

<https://meetingsapac14.webex.com/meetingsapac14/j.php?MTID=med4580f7-f8ba54d43e-446a569c4dce88>

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## COVID-19 cases reported in Lake View Road, Janakiammal Street

By Our Staff Reporter



Janakiammal Street (West Mambalam)



21st Avenue (Ashok Nagar)

Lake View Road and Janakiammal Street (West Mambalam) were brought under containment zone last week due to presence of positive coronavirus cases.

All the by-lanes leading to the road and street have also been barricaded.

The residents are not allowed to leave the streets.

Containment activities including disinfection, daily door-to-door survey and testing of all residents are underway.

Similarly, entrance to 21st Avenue (Ashok Nagar) has been blocked after a resident got infected on May 3. Sand bags and pipes have been used as a barricade temporarily.

## Autos parked along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue



By Our Staff Reporter

As autorickshaws are not allowed to ply during the lockdown, more than 30 autos have remained parked along the margin of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Ashok Nagar) for several weeks.

## Corpn to convert marriage halls into COVID-19 care centers

By Our Staff Reporter

In a move to increase the number of COVID-19 care centers in the city, the Corporation has ordered the owners of marriage halls to hand over the facilities to the civic body.

G. Prakash (Corporation Commissioner) said that there are 747 marriage halls across the city and orders were issued under the Disaster Management Act.

“We are planning to create around 50,000 bed spaces to treat asymptomatic COVID-19 patients. Asymptomatic patients do not need intensive medical care and they can recover with proper rest. In Chennai, more than 95 per cent cases are asymptomatic cases. We will move the asymptomatic cases to the COVID-19 care centers to make space for critical patients in hospitals,” he said.

He added that the 4,800 beds were ready as on May 5 and the Health department had already moved some of the asymptomatic patients to DG Vaishnav College (Arumbakkam) where a COVID-19 care center has been created.

## With no supply, vegetable shops closed



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of vegetable shops and pavement shops selling vegetables in the neighbourhood have remained closed since May 3 due to non-availability of vegetables as the Koyambedu market has been shut down to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The price of vegetables has doubled due to the shortage.

The photo shows shops closed on Madley Road (T. Nagar) on May 6.

## Traffic signals functioning from May 4



By Our Staff Reporter

All the major traffic signals in the city including this neighbourhood have started functioning from May 4 as more vehicles have started plying after the relaxation of the lockdown rules.

This photo was taken at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue junction in Ashok Nagar.

## Quarantine facilities readied for Tamils returning from abroad

By Our Staff Reporter

At least 1,600 'clinically-efficient' rooms in 10 star hotels in Chennai have been readied to accommodate non-resident Tamils expected to fly back home.

Thousands of workers, students and tourists from the state have been stranded in different countries since the fourth week of March when the lockdown began and was subsequently extended twice.

Now, around 50,000 Tamils, mostly workers and businessmen from the Gulf countries like the UAE and Oman, have registered on www.nonresidenttamil.org, created to facilitate their return.

Around 2,000 will return by special flights in the next one week. Applicants were prioritised after evaluating the reasons they mentioned in the portal and logistics.

On landing, they will be tested at the airport and in case they test positive, they will be referred to hospitals.

Those who do not test positive will have to be in self-quarantine either at home, if they have a separate room with a toilet attached, or in government facilities with basic amenities. Arrangements have been made in Tambaram Sanatorium, Air Force Station and a few other locations to accommodate over 70,000 persons, the official added.

For those seeking better facilities and some privacy, rooms in 10 star hotels have been modified to offer quarantine services.

All returnees will have to pay for their stay in hotels which have reduced rates by 50%. The government will not reimburse the cost. In case the number of returnees increases, more hotels will be roped in, said government officials.

## Many step out after relaxation of lockdown, police increase vigil

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds hit the roads making a beeline for mechanic shops, AC repair shops and other service providers on May 4.

The barricades had been pulled aside, shops opened, and cars were on the roads.

Vehicle movement was high in commercial hubs — Purasawalkam, Triplicane, T. Nagar, and Velachery. Autos were seen with passengers though they are still banned. Bike riders were also carrying pillion passengers despite rules saying only one person can ride a bike. Most important, the traffic signals were on again.

The police continued to keep a strict vigil. They hired vehicles to make announcements. "Vehicles of those roaming on roads without a purpose will be seized," the recorded announcement said. Around 20 shops that failed to offer essential services across the city were sealed. Tea shops and restaurants that allowed people to eat in their premises were also sealed.

Police said that as many were producing fake vehicle passes to escape check posts steps will be taken to prevent this.

"The traffic wing will continue to monitor vehicular movement

while the law and order wing personnel will be deployed for monitoring public movement at shops," a senior police officer said.

"As per the Government Order for the third phase of lockdown, certain shops and establishments were permitted to function. We will monitor these areas to ensure that people are maintaining social distancing," he added.

"Since Section 144 is still in effect, any gathering of over five persons will be dealt with severely according to law," the officer added.

## Protests across State as many oppose reopening of liquor shops

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamilnadu government has come under attack from various quarters for reopening its Tasmac shops on May 7 as many fear that it could lead to large clusters of corona infection.

Barring Chennai, all its outlets in Tamilnadu except those within containment zones are open from 10 a.m to 5 p.m.

A petition demanding closure of the shops filed in the High Court has been reserved for hearing on May 14.

In a novel protest, 5 children decided to walk about 30 km. from Padur on Old Mahabalipuram Road to the official residence of Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on May 6, demanding that the government rethink the move.

But they could not proceed as police stopped them at Karapakkam and sent them back home. 7-year-old Akash, the leader of the pack, has participated in many social activities like creating awareness on wearing helmets and ill-effects of liquor in the past.

Protests were made through social media platforms and on govt's twitter handle.

Opposition parties including DMK, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi and the CPI (M) condemned the decision. Its leaders and part men stood outside their homes wearing black badges for 15 minutes.

## Shop owners wary of spike in coronavirus cases

By Our Staff Reporter

Most of the standalone shops in Chennai remain closed in spite of the relaxation of lockdown that was put in place to control the spread of coronavirus.

The shopkeepers said that the spike in number of COVID-19-related infections in the city had forced them to remain shut despite facing loss of business during the 45-day lockdown.

"I am scared because of the spread of the virus. We would not know if we are dealing with someone who has contracted the virus," said a hardware merchant in Arya Gowda Road.

Many standalone establishments also remained shut as the Corporation did not permit use of airconditioners citing spread of the virus..

## Public Health Center resumes OP services

By Our Staff Reporter

Public Health Centre (West Mambalam) has resumed out-patient services.

To know the timings of the doctors, call 2489 3101.

Public Health Centre, which was started in 1953, is a community medical organisation run by Public Health and Welfare Society, a voluntary social body.

## Long queues still outside Amma canteens



By Our Staff Reporter

Though Amma canteens have started to charge for food served since May 4, the long queues at the canteens still continue.

Most customers who frequent the canteen are daily wage workers, elders, civic workers on duty and migrant labourers stranded in the city.

Though the lockdown norms have been relaxed, many of the daily wage workers are still jobless as most builders and manufacturing units are yet to resume operations.

## 24 test positive in Pudur 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashok Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

In yet another case of an emerging cluster in the city, more than 24 persons tested positive in Pudur 11th Street (Ashok Nagar) on May 3.

Corporation officials said that a majority of the cases comprised contacts who played carom or ludo with the primary sources.

The primary sources were two persons aged 40 and 25 years, who took to selling vegetables during the lockdown.

Both had visited the Koyambedu market from where they are suspected to have contracted the virus.

Corporation officials said that one of them is a construction worker who took to selling vegetables as there was no construction activity in the city for the past 45 days.

After showing symptoms, the two tested positive on May 1, after which the street was brought under containment and their immediate family and other contacts were traced.

It was then that the officials realised that apart from selling vegetables, the two had also played carom and ludo with friends in their street to kill time. Samples were taken from 50 of them, of whom 22 tested positive, said an official.

Ashok Nagar falls under Kodambakkam zone (Zone 10).

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## 10 EB workers test positive

By Our Staff Reporter

At least 10 Tangedco staff from the same office in the city tested positive for COVID-19 on May 6. Apart from frontline workers such as police, sanitary workers, healthcare workers and civic body staff, the electricity board staff are among the few government employees who are working during the lockdown.

According to the Tangedco Engineers' Association, this is the first instance of a department worker testing positive in the city.

Last month, an assistant executive engineer outside the city had tested positive, according to a senior official.

Corporation officials suspect that the electricity board workers had contracted the virus from one of the civic body's field survey staff who had tested positive. "We have taken samples from 17, of which ten have returned positive. We are in the process of tracing their contacts including colleagues and family members," said a Corporation official.

According to a Tangedco engineer, the affected include field workers foremen and linemen, and contract workers engaged as drivers.

## Shops reopen, many decide to wait and watch

By Our Staff Reporter

Even after the lockdown rules were relaxed to allow standalone shops in non-containment zones to open from April 4, many shop owners have decided to wait till the situation returns to near-normal before opening up. Some who braved the risk, on the other hand, said that they hardly had any customers.

There was some crowd at Mercy Electronic in T. Nagar, which reopened after 44 days. The shop manager said that the demand was mainly for computer spares, memory cards and printing accessories.

He said that they ensured social distancing and refused to entertain customers who did not wear masks.

Many other shopkeepers including hardware and electrical stores said that they received very few customers.

After bleak sales over the first two days, most mobile phone shops and service outlets have remained closed.

Meanwhile, the shops in Richie Street, the hub of electronic equipment that is one of the most crowded retail areas in the city, have decided to open only after the lockdown ends, according to the Chennai Electronic Association.

## 7 zones account for most cases

By Our Staff Reporter

The Corporation has identified seven zones that have reported a majority of COVID-19 positive cases.

On May 7, 316 positive cases were reported in the city.

451 containment zones have been created to prevent the spread of infection.

Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, Royapuram, Kodambakkam, Anna Nagar, Teynampet, Tondiarpet and Valasaravakkam zones has reported most of the positive cases.

50% of the cases have been reported in 20 wards out of the 200 wards in the city limits.

## Retirement age of govt employees, teachers raised to 59

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamilnadu government on May 7 increased the retirement age of its employees, teachers and others from 58 years to 59 years with immediate effect.

The order is for all types of employees, government school teachers, college teachers as well as state government-owned company employees.

This will benefit thousands of employees.

Retiring employees will have to be paid provident fund, gratuity and other payments.

This entire burden is being postponed for one year as the government has lost huge revenue due to the lockdown.

## Govt defers opening of liquor outlets in city

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamilnadu government has deferred the opening of Tasmac outlets that fall within the Corporation limits.

An official said of the 300 and more liquor outlets in the city alone, one-third of the shops are located in most COVID-19 affected areas of north and south Chennai.

He added that the authorities have also found 50% of liquor shops situated near containment areas.

The state government on May 4 had announced that it would open the liquor outlets on May 7, but on May 5 it stated that Tasmac shops in Chennai will continue to remain closed till a fresh date for their reopening is announced.

There are over 5,300 Tasmac liquor outlets in the state contributing about Rs. 30,000 crores of tax revenue to the state exchequer.

## 'Kathri Veyil' till May 28

By Our Staff Reporter

The peak of the summer season, referred to as 'Kathri Veyil' in Tamil, began on May 4 and will end on May 28.

Though 'Kathri' is known to be the hottest period in Chennai, this year the heat wave started in mid-April with day temperatures touching 38 deg. Celsius.

The Met. department has announced that the temperature may hover around 40 deg. Celsius during the 'Agni Nakshatram' period.

Heat wave conditions witnessed in April will continue.

Though the lockdown is in force and many are indoors, doctors have advised people not to venture out between 11 a.m and 4 p.m when the sun will be at its hottest. They have also advised consumption of adequate liquids.

## Petrol, diesel prices hiked in Tamil Nadu

By Our Staff Reporter

The prices of petrol and diesel in the State, has gone up by Rs. 3.25 and Rs. 2.50 per litre respectively.

The hike is a sequel to changes made by the State government in the tax structure for petroleum products.

The structure of State-level Value Added Tax (VAT) for the petroleum products has been changed from a pure ad valorem tax rate to a combination of quantum and the absolute figure of the tax rates.

In respect of petrol, the structure has been changed from 34% to a sum of 15% and Rs. 13.02 per litre. Likewise, in the case of diesel, it is the aggregate of 11% and Rs. 9.62 per litre from 25%.

The changes have been made in anticipation of reduction in retail selling prices to be carried out by the Central authorities in the days to come.

The continuance in the existing rate structure in the event of the reduction would lead to a "steep fall" in the revenue of the State government.

Before the Centre announces the decrease, the State government has tweaked the rate structure so that it can protect its revenue, explained senior officials of the State government, which hopes to get an additional revenue of Rs. 250 crores a month.

## Metrowater increases supply to 700 MLD

By Our Staff Reporter

1,000 streets in the city, which were being supplied water through tankers, will receive piped water supply as the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Metrowater) has decided to increase supply to 700 MLD (Million liters per day) from 650 MLD.

The move will prevent unwanted crowding and ensure social distancing.

The increased supply will continue till the end of the year.

The move was taken after the Corporation said that the virus had spread among the residents while fetching water from tanker lorries.

Several persons had contracted the virus in Ambattur while crowding near water tankers.

## Online registration soon for engineering courses

By Our Staff Reporter

The evaluation of the Std. 12 State Board exam papers is getting delayed due to the lockdown.

The State Education Department is, therefore, planning to start online registration of applications to avoid the delay in counseling for engineering and medical courses, when the evaluation of answer scripts begins.

Meanwhile, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has extended dates for granting approval to new institutions and to institutions seeking to start new courses or reduce intake.

As per the new schedule, approval will be given before June 15 and universities can provide affiliation till June 30. The notification said it would initiate the process for applications after getting approval from the Supreme Court for extending dates.

For the first time, the AICTE will use online meeting platforms such as Microsoft Teams to scrutinize applications.

## EB clarifies on billing, payment

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) has decided to charge the same amount as in the previous billing cycle for the present cycle as well, and offer some relief to those running commercial operations.

If your bi-monthly electricity bill is much less than you anticipated during the lockdown, this is the reason and here is what you need to know.

*Why is the bill amount due the same as the previous cycle?*

For the billing cycle that falls during the lockdown, TNEB has decided to charge customers the same amount that they paid during the last cycle. This is because the EB staff have been unable to visit houses for meter reading during the lockdown period.

*Does this mean the remainder of the bill amount has been waived?*

No. The concession is only applicable during the lockdown. After the lockdown, the accurate meter readings for this billing cycle will be determined and the amount due will be adjusted with the payment that has already been made. The revised bill will be added to the next billing cycle after deduction of subsidy for 100 units for each cycle.

*How can electricity bills be paid during the lockdown?*

The officials of TNEB have encouraged residents to avoid visiting their offices as much as possible and pay the dues online. Those who are unable to pay online may visit the office, but they are advised to pursue this only as a last resort.

*Can you set up online payment for EB now?*

Yes. The online payment option can be activated by visiting the website of TNEB by following the steps listed there.

*Can advance payment be made in order to avoid paying a huge amount in the next cycle?*

Yes. After you have cleared the current dues, the website offers an option to pay in advance for the coming cycle. The amount paid will be adjusted with the actual dues when the next billing cycle is completed.

*Does this apply to both residential and commercial connection holders?*

The change in the billing method is applicable only to residential connection holders. Since most commercial establishments were shut due to the lockdown, their dues are likely to be much less than the amount paid in the previous billing cycle.

*Will power connections be snapped if dues are not cleared?*

Authorities from the TNEB say that since the beginning of the lockdown, no power connection has been cut even if payment could not be made due to the difficult circumstances faced by the people; this consideration will continue until the lockdown is lifted.

*How can those living in containment zones pay the bill?*

Those living in Chennai's 300+ containment streets have been advised to avoid stepping out. If a resident of the containment zone wishes to pay the electricity bill, he/she may do so online.

If online payment is not an option, residents may contact corporation officials in their zone for assistance.

Embrace online payment

For clarification and assistance may be sought from Asst. Engineers in respective areas.

## Special group to study community spread

In a statement issued after chairing a review meeting of District Secretaries, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami said that the teams to detect the contacts of COVID-19 patients will be strengthened and a special group will be formed to study whether there is community spread in the city.

He said that arrangements for supply of essentials will be made for people in the containment zones in the city.

According to him, the District Collectors have to send a report to the government on the industries that could be allowed to restart, based on the level of COVID-19 spread there.

The Collectors will have to send a report on the number of migrant labourers in their districts and also ensure that the relief materials reach them.

The following are to be implemented with immediate effect:

- MNREGA work should be carried out maintaining social distancing and workers wearing masks
- Steps to be taken on war footing to convert red and orange zones into green zones which include sanitisation of the containment zones twice a day, arrangement of mobile toilets in containment zone, supply of masks and hand sanitizers and increasing testing and containment of positive cases
- Ensure continued supply of food through Amma canteens and community kitchens to about nine lakh persons daily
- Maintenance of social distancing norms in public places and shops selling essentials

# Corona cases may peak in June-July, says AIIMS Director

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Randeep Guleria (Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences) on May 7 said that the country has not yet reached the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic and it is likely that highest number of cases will emerge during June-July.

"There are many modeling data and according to this data it is likely that peak can come in June and July. But there are many variables and with time only we will know how much they are effective and the effect of extending the lockdown," noted Dr Guleria.

He stated that the impact of the extended lockdown and other measures adopted to restrict the spread of the pandemic will be evident in the coming days.

"But based on present data and evidence of how cases are doubling it seems June and July will see the peak of COVID-19 cases in India," he said.

# Builders fear cost escalation due to shortage of labour

By Our Staff Reporter

With construction workers returning or planning to return to their home towns, builders fear further stalling of projects for want of adequate labour.

"The entire construction industry in Tamilnadu is dependent on migrant workers. Since they are returning home due to lockdown-related issues, the projects will get delayed. Further, the State has no manpower to meet the demand for construction workers," said Ram Prabhu, Treasurer, Builders Association of India (South).

He said that there is a possibility that projects which are underway will not be completed with the estimated cost. "In the present situation, the projects may become costlier. Every big agreement has an escalation clause, which is a change in agreement price due to a particular factor beyond the control of either party. Usually, 10 to 20 per cent can be adjusted by the builder but if it goes beyond that, buyers should bear the cost," Ram Prabhu added.

# High Court orders closure of Tasmac shops

By Our Staff Reporter

The Madras High Court on May 8 ordered the closure of all state-run TASMALC liquor shops in Tamil Nadu while allowing online sales only. The court order comes after the violation of social distancing norms at the liquor shops after they opened on May 7.

The government has also hiked the price of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) by Rs. 10 to Rs. 20.

With a 15% increase in excise duty on IMFL, the retail price of a 180 ml normal liquor bottle will increase by Rs. 10 whereas retail price of medium and premium liquor of the same quantity will increase by upto Rs. 20.

The State-owned Tasmac has over 5,300 outlets in the State, contributing about Rs 30,000 crores of tax revenue to the state exchequer.

The hike is expected to bring in additional revenue of Rs. 3,000 crores.

# State to organise phased return of migrant workers

By Our Staff Reporter

50,000 migrant workers from different parts of the country are stranded in Tamilnadu.

Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami on May 5 said that sending them back to their home states will be taken up in a phased manner within a week.

He stated that since certain lockdown restrictions have been lifted by the Union government, a list will be prepared by a team of officials who will be visiting camp sites.

This list will be used to implement phased ferrying of migrant workers in special trains from the state.

Since May 4, some industrial units have been permitted to restart operations with limited workforce and construction sites outside containment zones to resume work, if the workers are already available on site. He said that those migrant workers wanting to stay back and resume work can do so. Those wanting to go back to their home states will be sent back.

# Kodambakkam zone 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in corona cases in the city

By Our Staff Reporter

The Koyambedu cluster has pushed Kodambakkam to number two on the list of Corporation zones with the most COVID-19 positive cases, behind only Thiru-Vi-Ka Nagar and surpassing Royapuram.

On April 22, Kodambakkam had 35 cases, while Royapuram zone had 116. As on May 5, the zones have 387 and 375 cases respectively.

About 245 positive cases were reported from Kodambakkam zone from May 2 to 5, while Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and Royapuram reported 122 and 123 cases respectively in the same period.

Besides Koyambedu market, Kodambakkam zone comprises some of the city's core residential neighbourhoods such as Ashok Nagar, K. K. Nagar, and T. Nagar.

In one instance, two residents from Pudur (Ashok Nagar) who purchased vegetables from Koyambedu to sell in their neighbourhood, infected 24 persons in one street.

Areas like Chinmaya Nagar, Saligramam and Vadapalani, which fall under this zone, are close to Koyambedu market and they too have similar cases, an official said.

The cases have increased as the Corporation has also intensified the door-to-door survey and increased testing in all these red zones.

At least four doctors from a government hospital in K. K. Nagar and TNEB staff and workers which fall under this zone have also tested positive.

# Extension of payment date for LT customers

The time for payment of all Low Tension (LT) and Low Tension Current Transformer (LTCT) consumers whose due dates fall between March 25 and May 17, has been extended to May 22 without levy of additional charges, TANGEDCO announced on May 7.

An official statement by TANGEDCO said LT industrial and commercial consumers who have been billed under Previous Month Billing (PMC) can make payment upto May 22 based on PMC or by way of revised bill for actual consumption by furnishing the self assessment reading.

Also, in case of LT domestic consumers wherever billing is made under PMC due to COVID-19, the next reading will be taken only on the next due date.



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