

தமாஷா வரிகள்

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முகநூல் முத்துக்கள்

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சின்னக் காஞ்சி சீனு: மொரமொர மலபார் அடைக்கு உப்பிட்ட வெண்ணெய் வெல்லக்கட்டி, சண்டைக்காய் வெத்தக குழம்புக்கு சுட்ட அப்பளம், ரவா உப்புமாவிற்கு எலுமிக்கை ஊறுகாய், வெண் பொங்கல்-உஞ்சு வடைக்குக் கொத்சு, குழா புட்டுக்குக் கடலைக் கறி, ஆப்பத்திற்குத் தேங்காய்ப் பால், தயிர் சாதத்திற்கு ஜாடியில் ஜாலியாக ஊறிய நத்தம் மாவடு போன்ற வைகளைப் பக்கவாத்தியமாக அளிக்கத் தவறிய மனைவியிடமிருந்து கூறாமல் சன்னியாசம் கொள்ளும் என்னம் ஒரு ரசனை யுள்ள கணவனுக்கு ஏற்படுவது இயற்கையே அதில் குற்றமில்லை.

துரைசாமி ராமசாமி: மணவிகள் சில சமயங்களில் கணவனின் முன்னால் அச்சப்பிச்சாக நடந்து கொள்வதை விரும்பாங்கள்னு ஹாலிவுட் நட்கை சோபியா லாரனே சொல்லி யிருக்காங்க. சோபியாவை விடுங்க. நம்ம் வீட்டுக்கு வந்தால், 'ஏதுவுமே உக்கு சட்டு புரியாது, இரண்டு மூன்று நேற்று தடவைகள் விளக்கிச் சொல்லனும்' நேற்று என்மனைவிகிட்டே காலரைத் தூக்கிவிட்டுக் கொண்டு சொல்லேன். அவ சொன்னா, 'சொல்லட்டுமா?' அதுக்கு mansplainingனு (man+explain) புது வார்த்தையே கண்டுபிடிச்சு ஆக்ஸ்போடு அகராதியிலே சேர்த்து ருக்காங்க. இந்த மாதிரி இரண்டு வார்த்தைகளை சேர்த்துப் பிறந்த சொல்லிற்கு Portmanteau Wordsன்னு சொல்லது. உதாரணம் வேணுமா? Motel (Motor+Hotel), Brunch (Breakfast+Lunch). சாமி! என் மீசையிலே மண்ணு இல்லே சேறே பசக்குன்னு அப்பிக்கிச்சு.

மயிலை ரங்குபதி: அந்தக் கால ஓட்டல்களில் இப்போது மாதிரி சட்டினி சாம்பாரை தாராளமாக வழங்கமாட்டார்கள். தேங்காய் சட்டினி நீர்த்து இருக்கும். இலையில் விட்டால் 'டேய்! பிடி, பிடி'ன்னு கத்தி ஒடித் தூரத்திப் பிடிக்க வேண்டியிருக்கும். ஒரு நாள் என்னுடைய சண்டைக் கோழி தாய்மானுடன் பிராட்வேயில் இருக்கும் ஓட்டலுக்குப் போனேன். இட்லிக்கு கெட்டி சட்டினி கேட்ட அவரிடம் சப்ளையர் குறாராகப் பார்சு வுக்குத்தான் தரப்படும் என்றார். விடுவாரா மாமா? 'அப்போ இரண்டு இட்லி பார்சல் கொண்டு வா' என்று சொன்னார். கடுப்புடன் கொண்டு வரப்பட்ட பார்சலை அங்கேயே பிரித்து இட்லியை கெட்டிச் சட்டினியிடுன் சாப்பிட்டார். சப்ளையர் காதில் இருந்த பெங்கில் எனக்குப் பூவாக மாறியதாகத் தோன்றியது.

ஜான் ஆரோக்யசாமி: தமிழ்நாடு நோயாளிகள் சங்கம் (பதிவு) சமீபத்தில் செய்த ஆய்வின்படி ரூ.1000க்குக் குறைவாக செலவு செய்து பெற்ற மருத்துவ ரிப்போர்ட்டை 2 செகண்டும், ரூ. 5000 வேறு செலவு வைத்த ரிப்போர்ட்டை 3 செகண்டும், ரூ. 10,000க்கு மேல் செலவு வைத்த ரிப்போர்ட்டை 5 செகண்டும்தான் பட்டம் பெற்ற அக்மார்க் மருத்துவர் பார்ப்பார். அதற்கு மேல் அவர் நேரத்தை செலவு செய்து ஆராய்ந்தால் அவருடைய மருத்துவ சான்றிதழ் போலியாக இருக்க நேரிடும்.

கல்யாணி கந்தசாமி: பூக்காரிகள் (பணக்காரிகள்) கைகளில் இப்போது ஸ்மார்ட் ஹீபோன்கள். ப்ளை டேத் வேறு. தொடுத்த மல்லி, கதம்பசரங்களை முழுத்துக்கு இருப்பது, முப்பதுன்னு விலை சொல்லி மிரளை வைக்கிறாங்க. 'முப்பது சைபா மூன்று முழும்'னு ஒரு சினிமா பாட்டு இருந்தது தெரிய மான்னு வாடிக்கைப் பூக்காரம் மாவைக் கேட்டால் 'அடப்போம்மா சாதா தொசைகூடத்தான் இரண்டனாவுக்குக் கிடச்சுது'ன்னு பதிலடி கொடுக்கநா. ஆனால் பூவை அளக்கிறதுக்கு மட்டும் கருவி ஒண்ணும் கிடையாது. ஆதி காலத்திய முழங்கைதான். அதுவும் பாதி நாளைக்கு பூக்காரம்மாவோட தக்கனுண்டு சின்னப் பொன்னுதான் கடையிலே தனியா உட்காரும். நியாயமா இது? டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் ஆப் பெயிட்ஸ் அண்டு மெஷ்ரஸ் என்ன செய்யாங்க?

தனபால் தர்மவிளக்கம்: நண்பர் ராமலிங்கத்தின் வீட்டிற்கு நேற்றுப் போயிருந்தேன். கல்யாணம் ஆகாதவர். ஒற்றைத் தலைவலியால் அவதிப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தார். தலையில் கைக்குட்டைப் பரிவட்டம். தலைவலி வருவதற்கான காரணங்களை விலாவாரியாகச் சொன்னேன். அருமை நண்பராச்சே! தமிழ்நாட்டின் வட மேற்கே ஜாதிக்கா மலைச்சாரலில் போன நூற்றாண்டில் குகை ஒன்றில் வாழ்ந்து மறைந்த நேரவுச் சித்தரின் கட்டளைக் கலித்துறையில் அமைந்த பாடலில் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்த நிவாரணத்தையும் விவரமாக ராகம் போட்டு சொன்னேன். என்ன ஆச்சரியம்! நண்பர் ராமலிங்கம் பற்களை நறநறவென்று கடித்து, கைகளால் தலையை சீசாவின் மூடியைத் திருக்குவதுபோல பாவனை செய்தார். பிறகு வருகிறேன் என்று கிளம்பிவிட்டேன்.

கரேஷ் ரங்கநாதன்: நேற்று ரிலீஸான 'ஏன்ரா ஏகா' படத்தில் இடம் பெற்றிருக்கும் இரண்டாவது குத்துப் பாட்டின் நடனம் ஆப்பிரிக்க அம்புலுகுலு ஆதிவாசிகள் இடுப்பில் சொற்பாகத் தழைகளைக் கட்டிக் கொண்டு மழையில் ஆடும் நடனத்தின் அப்பட்ட காப்பி டியூனில் அந்த நாட்டு குபேஸாவோ காட்டுவாசிகளின் தலைவர் குழுசிவிசூசியின் சமீபத்திய இருப்பத்தி ஏழாவது திருமண நலங்கின்போது அவரது என்னற் பெரிய, சின்ன மாமியார்கள் குழுவாகச் சேர்ந்து பாடிய பாட்டின் சாயல் தெரிந்தது. இது நியாயமா? தமிழ்த் திரைப்பட ரசிகர்கள் எமாளிகள் இல்லை என்று படத் தயாரிப்பாளர்கள் புரிந்து கொண்டால் சரி.

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Photo book captures Chennai's iconic structures

L. Ramachandran (a long-time resident of T. Nagar) is a professional photographer and has travelled globally, gaining exposure on styles and methods of photography.

On Aug. 21, he released a 480-page photo book in two volumes capturing some of the iconic structures of the city which has both historical and architectural importance. He had captured most of the pictures during the lockdown period when roads free of traffic and people. "I was also sitting at home during the initial days of the lockdown. Later, I stepped out and realised that the city was calm and composed without people around. The beauty and uniqueness of each monument can be felt as you look at it. It radiates positivity to accept the change of quietness. Every monument from different eras in the city has its history and identity resonating," he said. The purpose of this book is to take the readers through a visual journey of the iconic structures with followed explanations of their significance, he said. For more details, visit his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lramachandranphotographer/> or contact him in 99622 55664.

Ramachandran is a photographer of international repute and has won a number of international awards.



1-lakh e-passes issued daily after norms eased

By Our Staff Reporter

After the e-pass norms were relaxed on Aug. 17, more than 1 lakh passes are being issued daily.

For the last four months, a strict e-pass system had been in place to control people from travelling to other districts and spreading the virus. As the spread has come down in recent weeks and several complaints from the public about their request for e-passes being rejected, the government revised the guidelines.

As per the new rules, it was decided to issue e-pass to any applicant who submitted Aadhaar or ration card along with contact numbers.

With the government relaxing the norms for e-passes for travel within the State, Chennai Corporation has requested people to use the facility for genuine purposes only and help the Government curb the pandemic situation.

பழைய பட்டின்தலை வாந்தயம்போம்

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Private agency cons air passengers promising quarantine stay

On Aug. 18, passengers arriving on a special flight in the middle of the night from abroad staged a protest when the officials at the airport asked them to pay the tariff for 14-day quarantine in hotels.

According to airport officials, these passengers had arrived on a special flight which was arranged by a private agency. After the flight landed in Chennai, officials asked the passengers to pay for hotels as free stay was not available.

But the passengers replied that they had already paid the private agency a hefty sum which included accommodation during the quarantine period. They claimed that the agency had charged Rs. 65,000 from each of them for the stay. Shocked and angry that they had to pay again, the passengers staged a protest inside the airport.

The officials then conducted enquiries and found that the agency had not booked any hotels for these passengers. Also, none from the firm turned up at the airport to pick up the passengers, officials said.

When the passengers said that they could not pay again, the officials arranged accommodation for them in a private college in Avadi.

Of them, 280 passengers decided to stay in the college while 29 preferred to pay up and went to a hotel.

Drainage chamber being constructed



By Our Staff Reporter

A big drainage chamber is being constructed under the Usman Road flyover in T. Nagar near Prakasam Road to prevent sewage overflowing on to the road.

JGHV School provides groceries for conservancy workers



By Our Staff Reporter

Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, West Mambalam felicitated and provided groceries for conservancy workers and autorickshaw drivers during Independence Day celebrations on Aug. 15. The groceries were distributed by Vedantam Ji (Founder, Vishwa Hindu Vidy Kendra). Dr. Girija Seshadri (Correspondent) and others were present.

Independence Day was celebrated this year without students.

Free online course on Gita from today

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) is starting a free online course on Bhagavad Gita in Tamil, English and Hindi on Saturday, Aug. 22. The course is divided into 4 sessions, and the classes will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The audio/video sessions will include lessons, moral stories and slokas and their practical applications.

For more details, contact over WhatsApp 82200 17695 (for English and Tamil), and 89395 39041 for Telugu.

Chennai has 18 containment zones

As per data released by the Corporation on Aug. 18, there are 18 containment zones in the city. A containment zone is an area that has been barricaded by the civic body disallowing entry and exit due to a cluster of COVID-19 cases.

There are two containment zones in Ambattur, one each in Anna Nagar and Kodambakkam, seven in Valasaravakkam, one in Alandur, two in Adyar, one in Perungudi and three in Sholliganallur Zones of the city.

Polytechnics to start online classes

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamilnadu government has decided to allow all polytechnic colleges to conduct online classes by following State guidelines.

The government's decision comes after several requests from parents and managements of the institutions.

The Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), which monitors all polytechnic colleges in the State, has instructed principals of the institutions to commence virtual mode classes.

It is expected to benefit more than two lakh polytechnic students across the State, but the students will need access to computers and internet.

A total of 720 video modules, which were recently prepared through the Educational Multimedia Research Centre of Anna University, have also been uploaded to the DoTE site.

In addition to the online classes, the digital format of the course material for the new academic year has also been uploaded for the benefit of the students.

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After the lukewarm response to sale of Krishna idols for Janmashtami, many

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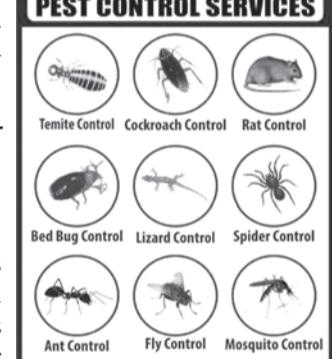
The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) was again adjudged the top Innovative Educational Institute in India for the second consecutive year by the Union Government.

It topped 674 Institutions which participated in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) rankings this year.

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vendors were skeptical about the sale of Vinayaga idols for Vinayaga Chathurthi which falls on Aug. 22.

But a number of roadside sellers on Arya Gowda Road, Station Road and other streets said that there has been good response and many residents are buying the idols though the preference is for smaller and cheaper idols.

Vinayaga idols themed on agriculture, education, victory and prosperity, and eco-friendly idols are selling well, said a vendor.

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+ Velammal Main School excels in Std 10 exams



**Naeem Lokesh Kannan
By Our Staff Reporter**

Velammal Main School, Mogappair East Campus, produced 100% pass in the SSLC Board Examinations 2019-20, the results of which were declared on Aug. 10. All 1183 students who appeared passed.

L. Naeem, M. Lokesh Kannan, V. Swaroopa and P. Divya scored 497 marks out of 500. Three students scored 495 marks. Online admission for Std. 11 has begun. Details can be had in 80567 71790.



Divya

Mini bus removed following report in *Mambalam Times*



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Mini bus blocks pavement on North Boag Road' published in *Mambalam Times* (August 8-14 issue), it was removed from the pavement.

Tasmac shops see poor sales on opening day

By Our Staff Reporter

It was expected that large crowds would throng the Tasmac shops when they reopened for business on Aug. 18, after more than 4 months. Instead, the response was lukewarm.

Most outlets including those in the neighbourhood saw just a handful of customers waiting in line in the morning and, though sales picked up in the evening, they were nowhere near the levels expected.

Expecting large crowds, the government had made elaborate preparations, hiring extra staff and building barricades in front of its outlets.

It had also provided additional police force to ensure social distancing and to control the crowds.

On subsequent days, though business picked up, it has remained well below the average daily sales registered before lockdown.

Street relaid but debris not cleared



By Our Staff Reporter

Ganapathy Street, West Mambalam, was dug up when the street was relaid but the debris has been dumped on the street and remains uncleared.

Signboard lying on pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

An uprooted signboard lying on the pavement of Bashyam Road in T. Nagar is hindering movement of pedestrians.

Police booth being built under flyover



By Our Staff Reporter

A police assistance booth is under construction below the G. N. Chetty Road flyover in T. Nagar

4 students design sanitiser spraying robot from scrap

Four college students from the city have designed a mini sanitiser spraying robot from almost 80% scrap salvaged from junkyards.

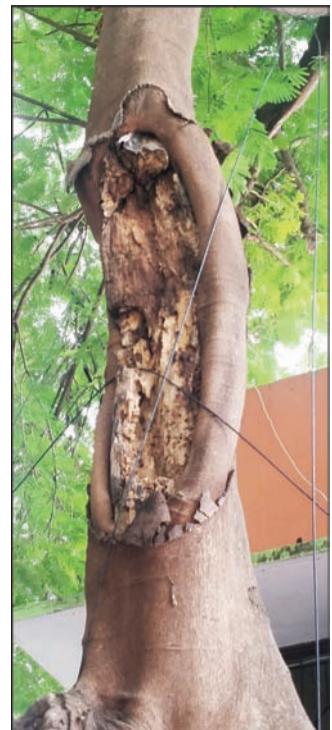
Named 'CooRo' (portmanteau of corona and robot), it was demonstrated by them outside Tiruvallur police station on Aug. 15. Speaking to this reporter, one of the students S. Santosh Kumar (a resident of Old Y Block, Anna Nagar) said that they also developed a mobile application to control the robot from within 20 feet.

The idea is to spray sanitiser in front of the containment zones/houses and narrow streets instead of employing conservancy workers, he said.

The others in the team are E. Gokul, R. Navin and K. Sunil Kumar.

The four have already designed a drone and have been shortlisted at South India level by ISRO for their prototype Tsunami Alert Alarm.

Termites infested tree on Jaisankar Street



By Our Staff Reporter

A tree on Jaisankar Street, West Mambalam has been infested with termites.

Turnout at fever camps down by 50 percent

By Our Staff Reporter

Even as Chennai Corporation's COVID-19 fever camps have largely been successful in bringing out symptomatic cases, survey staff and zonal officials said that they find it challenging to bring elderly people to the camps.

From about 30,000 persons attending the fever camps during the third week of July, only 13,822 have attended as of Aug. 16.

According to Corporation officials, senior citizens, especially those with comorbidities, are usually apprehensive about attending these camps as they fear catching the pandemic.

"Since our survey staffers have been checking the temperature and health status daily since May, we have a record of each resident in the street. So we convince the doctors and officials to conduct a mobile camp in a specific street but the residents avoid the camps, saying they are fine or they go to private doctors," they said.

"Normally, a good number of parents bring their children with cold or cough to the camps for getting tablets. Otherwise, it's just people mostly in the 20-40 years age group who attend the camps," said a surveyor.

Till now, 18.69 lakh people have attended the fever camps in the city.

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



No huge Vinayaga idols in neighbourhood this Chathurthi

By Our Staff Reporter

Due to restrictions on account of COVID-19, resident associations and other organizations which used to install huge Vinayaga idols in several places in the neighbourhood, have not been given permission this year.

Kutti Ganesan (General Secretary, Vinayagar Chaturthi Vizha Kuzhu) told *Mambalam Times* that, for the first time in 30 years, the Kuzhu will not be able to celebrate Chathurthi in a grandly by installing a huge idol on Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar.

"We have been doing this over the years with different themes, but this time around the COVID-19 pandemic has put a halt to the daily poojas followed by immersion", he said.

Below are photos of some idols installed in the neighbourhood last year.

Stray cattle occupy playground



By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation Playground (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has become a refuge for stray cattle for the past few days

BJP Women's Wing performs Bharath Matha pooja



Members of the BJP Women's Wing performed Bharath Matha pooja in Kannadasan Street, Kodambakkam on Aug. 15 as part of Independence Day celebrations.

Premila Sampat (State Treasurer, Mahila Morcha, BJP) performed the pooja. T. Chakravarthy (RSS Zonal President, Vidhya Bharati, Tamilnadu and Puducherry) was present.

Relief for 6,000 underprivileged families

The Covid Slum Relief Project was launched by Rajan Eye Care Hospital (5, Vidyodaya East 2nd Street, T. Nagar) and Chennai Vision Charitable Trust in 2020.

The CSR project was set up with an aim to provide groceries, food, medical check-up and supplies, face masks and other essentials to ensure the slum dwellers in the city were safe and protected from infection. The campaign will cover around 250 slums with 75,000 families in the next two months.

In the past six weeks, the project achieved the following milestones:

More than 6,000 families in 25 slums in Badrikari, Gangaikaraipuram, Sikh Temple area, Dharmapuram, Giriappa Road, Ventuvangeni North & East, Thorapakkam, M. K. Radha Nagar, T P Chatram, Naduvangarai, Kakan Colony, Besant Nagar, SS Puram, Kodambakkam Market and Taramani have been covered for relief.

3M goggles, sanitizers, N-95 masks and face shields have been given to more than 2,000 policemen on COVID-19 duty.

Rice, wheat, bread, and masks have been given to Corporation and sanitary workers, Metrowater drivers, cleaners and staff members.

Readers of *Mambalam Times* can donate to the project.

Account details: Chennai Vision Charitable Trust, Indian Bank Account No. 430991295, IFSC Code: IDIB000N033.

Contribution to wedding expenses

T. Nagar Thambras presented Rs. 5000 to Saikumar and Vijaya as a contribution towards the expenses for their daughter's wedding on Aug. 23.

Unit President V. S. Kylas, Vice President D. R. Chandramouli, General Secretary S. Chandrasekaran and Committee member M. Chandrasekhar were present.

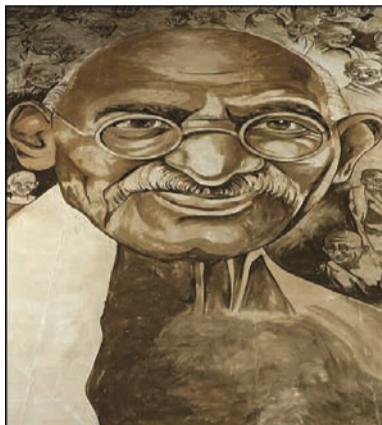


City artist attempts Guinness record with Gandhi's portrait in coffee

By Our Staff Reporter

City-based artist Sivaraman Rajalingam tried to break the Guinness World Record for the largest coffee painting by drawing 74 faces of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of 74th Independence Day.

His painting, done



with 22 kg. of coffee powder record, an official confirmation of Aug. 15 to coincide with Independence Day. It is awaited. He is an art teacher past its expiry date, measures is awaited. He is an art teacher 2020 square feet in keeping in Hindustan International with the year and it is not one School, Guindy.

giant figure but a huge amalgamation of 74 faces of Gandhiji. "I made the painting to create awareness among the students about India's struggle

Ish his huge artwork in 22 hours 30 minutes.

The current record for the largest painting made using coffee is held by Alex Dzagigian of Cyprus, which measures 1704 sq.ft.

While Sivaraman has most likely broken the existing world

Pedestrian plaza popular with morning walkers

By Our Staff Reporter

With all the public parks in the neighbourhood closed including popular Natesan Park, Jeeva Park and Panagal Park, many regular walkers are either walking on the terrace of their houses or taking to the road to catch some fresh air.

The Pedestrian Plaza in Pondy Bazaar, constructed recently under the Smart City Mission, has become popular with walkers as it also boasts exercising equipment.

As the morning unfolds, it becomes a haven for walkers and runners, and later turns into a busy commercial hub.

Some can also be seen playing badminton on the wide pavement and the empty road while youngsters dribble a football.

The plaza is lined with a number of benches for the walkers to relax and chat with friends.

CMDA pulled up on false information to RTI query

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamil Nadu Information Commission has issued a showcause notice to Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) for providing false information to a query under Right to Information Act regarding MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chepauk.

The RTI application of Y. Akbar Ahamed sought to know the action initiated by the CMDA on the unauthorised construction of I, J and K spectator stands after the Supreme Court's order in 2015.

The CMDA said in its reply that demolition notice has been issued to the stadium authority, but did not divulge the regularisation plan claiming that the stadium authorities have not applied for regularisation under Town and Country Planning Act.

As the reply was unsatisfactory even after the second appeal, Akbar approached the Tamil Nadu Information Commission, after which the latter posed five queries to CMDA. In its reply to the commission, CMDA had reportedly mentioned that planning permission has been issued to the stadium, though it did not mention it earlier for the first two RTI queries.

Following the appeal of the activist to initiate action against the Public Information Officer of CMDA for giving false information to queries under RTI Act, a showcause notice has been issued to the authority seeking explanation for the irregularity committed.

Debris not cleared on Valmiki Street

By Our Staff Reporter

Debris dumped on Valmiki Street, T. Nagar has not been cleared for several days and is hindering motorists.



Drain cover damaged at street junction

By Our Staff Reporter

The cover of a storm water drain at the Lake View Road-Lakshmi Street Service Lane junction in West Mambalam was damaged a few days back.

The stench emanating from the open drain is a health hazard.





Traders seek reopening of markets, announce stir

By Our Staff Reporter

Demanding the immediate opening of the Koyambedu market complex and other markets elsewhere in the State which were closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Tamil Nadu Vanigar Sangangalin Peramaippu has announced a State-wide strike by traders Koyambedu wholesale market on Aug. 10.

The office-bearers of the traders' body along with the shop owners from Koyambedu Wholesale Vegetable, Fruit, Flower and Grains Market held a meeting on Aug. 3 to discuss the closure of the market that has caused hardship to thousands of traders dealing in vegetables, fruits and flowers, besides leading to tonnes of perishable goods going waste every day in the makeshift market in Tirumazhisai.

Added to this, the grocery merchants have also been affected as they have not been provided space in Tirumazhisai.

Last week, CMDA had announced that it had floated tenders to revamp Koyambedu market and planned to reopen it in October.

Challenging CMDA's announcement, A. M. Vikramaraja (President, Vanigar Sangangalin Peramaippu) stated that the market must be opened without further delay and has sought the support of all traders' associations in the State to make the strike total.

He said that all the markets in the Koyambedu complex have same entry, which leads to congestion, and added that it needs to be addressed. But nothing happened beyond that," he said. The traders will adhere to the social distancing norms strictly when the market reopens, he added.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debris dumped on street

Sir, Thanks for publishing my letter about garbage being dumped at the corner of Bala Muthukrishnan Street and Sivasailam Street.

A building is being constructed in the same area. Trees on the plot have been cut and thrown around the spot along with construction debris.

I requested the owner not to use the area as a dumping ground. Though he agreed he continues to misuse the area.

Garbage collectors say that there is not enough space in their trucks to accommodate the debris. The dumping of garbage and debris has made the stretch of the street narrower and accident-prone due to limited view of oncoming vehicles. **R. Chandrasekaran, President, Sivasailam Padmanabha Street Exnora. Ph. 99415 66930**

Welcome back!

Sir, I was pleasantly surprised to get the print version of *Mambalam Times* door-delivered on Aug. 15, Independence Day, after a long hiatus. *Mambalam Times* has thus conveyed to its readers that it is out of 'quarantine'.

That the weekly was made available online during the intervening period, thanks to technological advancement, was indeed gratifying. However, reading the print version is like eating a sumptuous meal squatting on the floor and there can be no comparison.

As a long time reader, I welcome the 'return' of *Mambalam Times* and am sure that it will continue to give its readers its usual dose of news and views. **V. S. Jayarama, 31, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Install smart meters soon

Sir, Under the Smart City project, T. Nagar is supposed to get smart electricity meters. A recent report stated that around 1.41 lakh smart meters have been procured but installation in the premises of consumers has been delayed due to COVID-19.

Now that the government has relaxed lockdown regulations, Tangedco should immediately take up the installation of smart meters and finish the process before the onset of monsoon. Most of the residences in many streets in T. Nagar are decades old and prone to flooding during the monsoon as they are below street level. Since the electricity meters have been installed at the ground level in these dwellings, during rainy season, the rain water from the road flows into apartment complexes, causing inundation. This forces residents to switch off power till the water recedes to avoid electrocution. This factor should be taken into

consideration when smart meters are installed. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

Amma canteens see more customers on Sundays



By Our Staff Reporter

There are huge crowds at Amma canteens on Sundays as hotels and eateries remain closed because of the total lockdown. A canteen worker said that while 400 persons usually turn up daily, the figure is much higher on Sundays.

She said that breakfast, lunch and dinner are available at low prices on all days.

Follow-up clinic for recovered COVID-19 patients in GH

By Our Staff Reporter

With a large number of patients who have recovered complaining of several ailments due to side effects of the medication and co-morbidities, Health Minister C. Vijaya Baskar on Aug. 19, inaugurated a COVID-19 follow-up clinic in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital

The clinic functions from Monday to Friday.

It has laboratory testing, diagnostic services, counselling services, yoga room and other facilities.

All the drugs and treatment will be provided in the clinic," the Minister said. The clinic also has a registration counter for plasma donation for recovered patients.

According to health officials, several of those who have recovered keep returning to hospital with issues of paralysis, heart problems, difficulty in breathing and fatigue.

Doctors in RGGH said that the health concerns post COVID are different across different age groups and as per co-morbidities.

"Thus, the follow-up care also differs based on the health condition," said a senior doctor.

"There are patients who even die even after turning negative for COVID-19 because they have very low immunity. We have also seen asymptomatic patients develop hypoxia later and succumb. There are even those in the age group of 30-40 years developing lung disorders and respiratory issues. Thus, follow-up care is required even for asymptomatic patients who have been in institutional quarantine or home isolation and develop symptoms post discharge," said Dr. G. Kadhiravan (Senior Consultant, Trauma Care).

Drive to improve strength in Corporation schools

By Our Staff Reporter

The Corporation has taken a move to increase the student strength in the schools run by it. On Aug. 19, it sent a circular to all its 281 schools in the city to start an initiative to improve admission.

According to a Corporation official, only 83,000 students are studying in the 281 schools whereas the infrastructure can accommodate more than 1 lakh students.

It also instructed the Headmasters to collect details of students who had dropped out and children who have not enrolled in schools.

As per the instruction, the teachers have to do a door-to-door survey in the neighbouring streets and identify students apart from persuading parents to admit their children by explaining the facilities provided in Corporation schools and their past achievements. After the admission for the next academic year opened on Aug. 17, 5,000 students have been admitted to Corporation schools.

Women Helpline 1091

App helps customise religious functions with help of priests

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Aswin, Sandeep Chandrasekaran and Deepak Subramanian have together developed a mobile application called Parampara to help customise religious functions and rituals with the guidance of priests.

According to Aswin, they consulted several Hindu priests to make this platform possible.

This is how it works: users can select the festival or ritual they wish to perform, fill a form with information about what they need for the pooja, and submit it through the app.

The app will then customise the requirement and display it as a video with guided instructions, which can be played back by the user while performing the pooja.

"We launched the app for Avani Avittam and more than 250 downloaded and used the app," he said.

The team is updating the database to include the rituals for Gokulashtami and Ganesh Chaturthi.

They have presently customised the most common Tamil way of doing it and wish to add the other ways depending on the State/culture in the coming months.

The 'Parampara' application can be downloaded from Google PlayStore.

Free education in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya upto Std. 5

By Our Staff Reporter

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has commenced admission from kindergarten to Std. 5 classes for free education as advised by the Union Government.

More details can be had in 91766 24283, 89397 71592 and 99529 52686.

Swiggy delivery executives stage protest

By Our Staff Reporter

Delivery executives of Swiggy took to the street in several areas in the city including this neighbourhood, protesting against the new pay-per-order changes, with each order now fetching them only Rs. 15 as against Rs. 35 earlier.

Delivery executives across apps share the same woes, with local executives working with apps like Zomato and Dunzo reporting similar issues.

R. Saravanan, who distributed in West Mambalam and K. Nagar areas, said that he began earning nearly Rs. 7,000 in the first week of May, which steadily declined to less than Rs. 3,000.

"It is not enough to meet fuel expenses and sustain my family. So I left the job and am now hunting for another," he added.

A Dunzo delivery boy said that the App now offers only Rs. 20 against Rs 30 per order earlier.

The other major complaint they made was the working hours and the stress.

"I wake up at 6 a.m and slog until the shops close between 8 and 9 p.m. While we were initially given single-use masks and sanitizers, we were not compensated to buy safety gear later," said Abdul.

Volunteers to receive next Covaxin shot

By Our Staff Reporter

SRM Medical College and Hospital, where Covaxin trials are underway, will give another shot of the vaccine to volunteers in the next couple of weeks. The volunteers who have received the first dose of the vaccine are doing well and phase 2 of the trials are expected to begin by next week on 100 volunteers.

The team of doctors and scientists headed by Dr Sathyajit Mohapatra is conducting the trials.

In the Phase-1 trial the vaccine was administered to 30 healthy participants in the 18-55 years age group to ensure that the vaccine has no side-effects.

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Official honoured for COVID-19 duty, transferred within 48 hours

By Our Staff Reporter

Within 48 hours of receiving an award for her meritorious work related to controlling COVID-19, Jayachitra (Tahsildar, Kundrathur and a resident of Mogappair) was shunted out of her post for throwing a lavish party for her colleagues by violating lockdown norms.

After the video of her throwing the biriyani party for more than 100 officials in a guest house near Chembarabakkam lake went viral, she was transferred from the post of Superintendent of Chennai-Bengaluru National Highway scheme.

She was one of the three officials from the Revenue and Disaster Management Department from across the State to have won the special award that was handed over by Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami during the Independence Day celebrations on Aug. 15.

Upaakarma online today morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Bhuvaneswari Vedic Center will conduct 'Sama Veda Upaakarma' from 7.30 a.m to 10.30 a.m on Saturday, Aug. 22 through Zoom App.

The program will be conducted by Sri Ramakrishna Sasthrigal (West Mambalam) and includes Bhramma Yagnam, Maha Sankalpam, Panchakavyam prachanam, Yagnopaveetham, Deva Rishi Pithru Tharpanam, Veda Arambam and Raksha pandanam.

More details can be had in 98407 87957.

Roof collapses, kills woman watching TV

34-year-old J. Sathy, who was working in a mall in Kodambakkam, died after the roof of her rented house collapsed on her in Saligramam on Aug. 18.

She was living with her mother Lakshmi (60).

According to the police, at around 2.30 p.m, when the mother and daughter were watching TV, a portion of the concrete slab in the room came off and fell on Sathy's head causing severe injuries. Her mother took her to a private hospital where she was declared brought dead.

Lakshmi told the police that they were planning to shift to a new house in September.

Based on a complaint by Lakshmi, the police registered a case and booked owner K. Jeyasankar.

Police said that it is a 30-year-old building with six dwellings, and is in a dilapidated condition.

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+Man posing as buyer drives away car, nabbed

By Our Staff Reporter

Nearly a month after he posed as a prospective buyer and drove away a car leaving the owner stranded on the road in Maduravoyal, police arrested the suspect and recovered the vehicle from him.

The victim, Sai Balasubramani of Selaiyur, is employed in a mobile phone-based education platform.

He used to stay with friends in Villivakkam to prepare for the Company Secretary examination.

After the lockdown, Sai returned to Selaiyur, leaving his car in Villivakkam which he planned to sell.

When he posted an ad on OLX, a person who identified himself as Paulraj contacted him. They met in Villivakkam on July 6, and Paulraj wanted to test-drive the car.

He told Sai that his friend was waiting near Maduravoyal with cash and took him there. "The accused parked the car and pointed to a person and told Sai it was his friend. When Sai got down to collect cash from him as told, the accused drove away," said inspector Ravindran.

Maduravoyal police tracked Paulraj's mobile phone which he had used to contact Sai. Investigation revealed that his actual name is M. Rajapandian alias Chandru of Pozhichalur, who has a similar case pending against him.

6-year-old falls to death from third floor

By Our Staff Reporter

A six-year-old boy slipped and fell to his death from the 3rd floor of an apartment block in Z Block, 6th Avenue, Anna Nagar on the afternoon of Aug. 18.

Police, who identified him as Ashish, suspect he may have been leaning over the sill and lost his balance. His father Prem, a native of Nepal, works as a security guard in the same complex, and was on duty.

At around 4 p.m., residents living on the ground floor heard a loud thud on the rear portion of the complex.

When they stepped out, they found Ashish lying unconscious.

The boy was taken to Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital where he was declared brought dead.

The boy's mother Yashika works as a domestic help and was away when the accident took place.

Prem lives with his wife and two sons in a room allotted to him on the 3rd floor of the apartment complex.

A cake shop occupies the first and second floors.

Police registered a case of death caused by an accidental fall and are investigating.

La Ganesan visits Karuna Sagar

By Our Staff Reporter

La Ganesan (BJP leader, former MP and resident of T. Nagar) provided food and spent time with the inmates of Karuna Sagar (home run by RMD Trust which provides palliative care for terminally ill patients) on the occasion of Independence Day on Aug. 15.

He also felicitated nurses, paramedical staff, maintenance staff and others for caring for the inmates round the clock. Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder, Karuna Sagar) was present. There are more than



50 inmates in Karuna Sagar. Those interested in extending medical assistance and

providing provisions and other essentials may contact 93810 16588.

Groceries given to transgenders

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaimaa Charitable Trust, Vadapalani (Ph: 9345665918) and Sri Bhuvaneswari Charitable Trust distributed groceries among transgender members of Born to Win, (Saidapet) on Aug. 15 as part of Independence Day celebrations. Swetha (Founder-Director of Born to Win) said that Born2Win Social Welfare Trust is an organization for empowerment of transgenders. The trust raises funds for providing education and vocational training for members and finds jobs for them.

She said that the commu-

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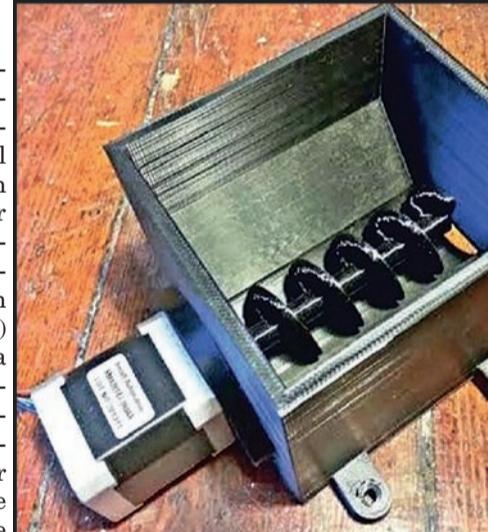
Automatic 'prasadam' dispenser for temples

By Our Staff Reporter

With the government relaxing norms to reopen small temples, Pavan Hari (a 3rd year mechanical engineering student residing in Mogappair)) has developed a unique eco-friendly automatic 'prasadam' dispenser to reduce the spread of the virus among devotees. The device, with a built-in Infra-Red (IR) sensor, dispenses a small quantity of 'Viboothi' (sacred ash) or 'Kungumam' (vermilion) onto the palms of devotees. He said that the contraption is enclosed in a 3D printed container.

Pavan said that a box containing either 'Viboothi' or 'Kungumam' is fitted atop the machine and the equipment sucks a minimum of 1 gm of 'prasadam' which is released onto the devotee's palm. A small microcontroller is used to trigger the output device, Pavan explained.

He said that two devices can be installed on the wall, one for 'Viboothi' and the other for 'Kungumam'. He said that the device costs Rs. 900 and the capacity can be increased.



Velammal Nexus begins free virtual ayurveda clinic

By Our Staff Reporter

Velammal Nexus has organised a free virtual ayurveda clinic, open to all, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

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