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அபி: சீனா! ஸ்கை புரூ, டெனிம் பேன்ட், சிவப்பி டிஷர்ட்டிலே கலக்கறேடா.

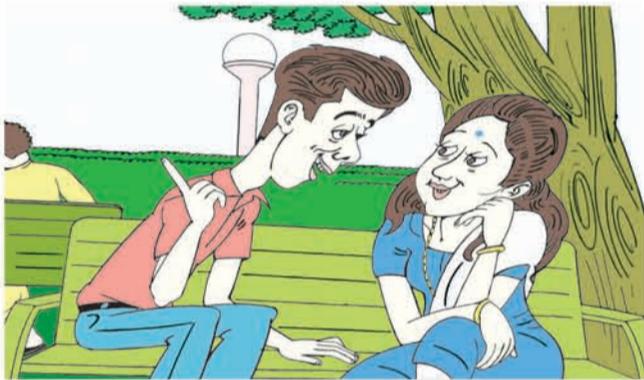
சீனு: (சிலிர்த்து) அபி, என்னை சீனானனு கூப்பிடாதேன்னு கிளிப்பிள்ளையா சொல்லியிருக்கேன். சீனாவா? சீச்...சி! நான் சீனா இல்லை! இல்லை, இல்லவே இல்லை! அண்டர்ஸ் டாண்டர்? நான் சீனு. சீனாவைப் புறக்கணிப்பதிலே படு தீவிரமாக இருக்கேன். உனக்குத் தெரியுமா? வீட்டு அட்லஸில் சீனா பக்கத்தைக் கிழித்து தூரக் கடாசிட்டேன். கிச்சனிலிருந்த போன் (bone) சைனா டின்னர் செட்டுகளை குரைத் தேங்காயாக வீசி சுக்கு நூறாக உடைச்சுட்டேன்.

அபி: சீனாவை விடு. உங்கிட்டே நான் ஒண்ணை சொல்லி யாகணும். முதல்லே முக்க கவசத்தை மோவாய்க்குக் கீழே இறக்கி, நீ நீதான்னு நிரூபிச்சுக் காட்டு. ஆள் அடையாளமே தெரிய மாட்டேங்கிறது.

சீனு: அப்படியே செஞ்சுட்டாப் போறது. ராமாயண காலத்திலே கோவிட் வந்திருந்தால் உப்பரிகை சின்லே முகமுடிக்க கவசத்தை அண்ணலும் இறக்கினான், அவளும் இறக்கினாள்னு கம்பர் பாடியிருப்பார். இறக்கியாச்சா? இப்போ தைரியமாக சொல்லலாம். அதுக்கு முன்னாடி சீனாவின் கம்யூனிஸ்ட் பிதாமகர் மா சே துங்கைப் பற்றிய தமாஷ் ஒண்ணை சொல்றேன் கேட்கிறியா?

அபி: ம், சொல்லு சொல்லு கேட்போம்.

சீனு: அமெரிக்க ஜனாதிபதி கென்னடி சுடப்பட்டு இறந்ததாலே கணவனை இழந்த பேரழகி ஜாக்குலினைக் கப்பல் கப்பல்களாக வைச்சிருந்த கிரேக்க பணத் திமிங்கில அரிஸ்டாடிஸ் ஓனாவின் கல்யாணம் பண்ணினீடார். உனக்குத் தெரியும் இல்லை?



அபி: எனக்கு இன்விடேஷன் வரலே. ஆனாலும் தெரியும், மேலே கொ.

சீனு: கென்னடிக்கு பதில் ரஷ்யாவின் குருஷ்சேவ் சுடப்பட்டு இறந்து போயிருந்தால் உலக அரசியலில் என்ன விளைவுகள் நேர்ந்திருக்கும்னு மா சே துங்கை நிரூபர்கள் கேட்டாங்களாம். ரொம்ப நேரம் ஆழ்ந்து யோசித்த அந்த சீனப் பெருந்தகை மர்மமாகச் சிரித்து, 'அப்படி ஆயிருந்தால் என்ன? குருஷ்சேவ் மனைவியை ஓனாவின் கட்டாயம் கல்யாணம் பண்ணிக் கொண்டு இருக்க மாட்டார்' என்றாராம்.

அபி: சீனு ரஷ்யா, சைனாவெல்லாம் விட்டுவிட்டு நம்ம சமாச்சாரத்துக்கு வரலாம். எனக்கு ஒரு தாய்மாமா இருக்கார். பேரு ராமன். அவர் மாமாவா ரொம்ப காலமாக இருக்காரே தவிர அவருக்கு மாமி இல்லை. என்ன சொல்ல வரேன்னா அம்பது வயசாகியும் ராமன் அங்கின் கல்யாணம் பண்ணிக்கலே. காரணம்? தெரியாது. அது குடும்ப ரகசியம். எங்க அப்பா, 'ராமன் அதிர்ஷ்டக்காரன்டா. காலிலே விழுந்து நமஸ்காரம் பண்ணினும்னு அடிக்கடி சொல்வார். பெண்டாட்டி, பிள்ளை, குட்டினு ஒரு புடுங்கலும் இல்லை. இஷ்டத்துக்கு சுத்தலாம். கேட்பாரில்லே'னு சொல்வார்.

சீனு: ரியலி? பதில் மரியாதையாக நானும் சொல்லணும். என் வீட்டிலேயும் என்னுடைய அத்தை இருக்கா. வயசு நாற்பத்தி அஞ்சு. ஜானகி அத்தைனு கூப்பிடறது. இன்னும் கல்யாணம் பண்ணிக்கலை. காரணம்? இதுவும் சிதம்பர ரகசியம். ஹரிகதா காலட்சேபம், ராதா கல்யாணம், அகண்ட பஜனை, ஆருத்ரா தரிசனம், அஷ்டபந்தன கும்பாபிஷேகம்னு கையிலே ஒரு மஞ்சப் பையை எடுத்துண்டு கிளம்பிடுவார். சுண்டல், மிளகு வடை, வெண்பொங்கலு ருசியான பிரசாதங்களைக் கொண்டு வந்து கொடுப்பார். கைவசம் எப்பவுமே விக்ஸ், அமிர்தாஞ்சன், க்ரோசின் வைச்சிருந்து முதலுதவி வைத்தியம் செய்வார். நெத்தி யிலே தடவிவிட்டு மயிலிறகா நீவிவிடும்போது சொகமாயி ருக்கும். வீட்டைவிட்டு வெளியே கிளம்பாதவ கொஞ்ச நாளை சாயந்திர வேளையிலே வாக்கிங் போறா. எங்கே தெரியுமா? அதுவும் இந்தப் பார்க்கிலே. அதோ பார், அந்த மூலையிலே பெஞ்சில் உட்கார்ந்து இருக்கா பாரு.

அபி: சிவப்பு சுரிதார் லேடிதானே? கமலா ஹாரிஸ் ஜாடையா இருக்காங்க.

சீனு: அட, ஆமா. பெஞ்சிலே கொரோனா இடைவெளி விட்டு பக்கத்திலே உட்கார்ந்து இருக்கிறது யாருன்னு நினைக்கிறே?

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### Amma Mini Clinic functioning near Duraisamy subway



The free Amma Mini Clinic started by the State government two months back on Mambalam High Road, adjoining the railway compound wall, near Duraisamy Subway is open on all days except Saturday. It is open from 7 a.m to 12 noon and from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. A nurse and a general physician are available to examine patients. Basic check-ups are done in the clinic and patients are also provided with free medicines. The clinic is functioning in a 250 sq.ft room and the waiting section can accommodate four patients at a time.

The nurse told this reporter that on weekdays, they see 20 to 30 patients and around 50 on Sundays.

### Seized vehicles dumped on pavements

The Pondy Bazaar police's traffic investigation wing has dumped vehicles seized in accident cases on the pavement and encroached on the parking lot opposite Panagal Park in T. Nagar.

Damaged vehicles have been dumped in a heap and those intact have been parked outside the police station on parking space meant for public use.

Commissioner of police Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal has instructed officers to keep police station premises clean. He has asked deputy commissioners to visit every police station once a month for inspection. Even then, confiscated vehicles and damaged barricades have been dumped outside inconveniencing the public.

"I used to visit Panagal Park for my evening walk. I stopped using the pavement in front of a cafeteria on G. N. Chetty Road because of the dumped vehicles," said Sri Ram, a data analyst.

A security guard at a hotel on G. N. Chetty Road said, "I park my bicycle amid the mangled vehicles dumped on the platform. It does not have a lock but no one touches it even late in the night."

A Chennai Corporation official said that the civic body had removed vehicles dumped on the roadside while laying the pavement. "We did not receive any specific complaint now. We will look into the issue and resolve it," the official added.

The traffic investigation wing police have sought court permission to dispose of vehicles whose cases have concluded, said an officer.

There is also a plan to locate the original owners of abandoned vehicles and return them.

### Additional tax levied for under-assessed properties

Many residents of T. Nagar and other areas in the city were in for a surprise when they checked their latest property tax bills. Though they had all paid taxes till March 2021, they still had some dues which had been added to October-November period of 2020. An online complaint revealed that these properties were under-assessed and the civic body had found out about them after a Geographical Information System survey.

Of 12.5 lakh properties, at least 2 lakh had been under-assessed.

"We have not increased any tax. We have only charged those who have been evading taxes showing under-assessed properties" said an official.

All these properties were inspected by tax surveyors. Also, for some others, the increase is due to the rollback of owner rebate that was offered in 2018. "After the tax revision was rolled back, the owner rebate was also rolled back," said the official.

Krishnamurthy (a resident of G. N. Chetty Road) said that it was unfair that the Corporation was doing this without any notice or tax demand.

"If we hadn't checked our bills, we would have known about these dues only after March when we would have made payment for the next half year. Also, this GIS survey is not uniform," he said.

### Online talent search program for students

The talent search program for students of Stds. 9 to 12 will be conducted online for the first time in the state.

The objective of the program is to adopt a child-centered approach to build up the overall personality of students and improve academic excellence.

Under the original plan, the program was to have been conducted a few months ago but not be conducted due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Though the number of coronavirus cases has gone down, the talent search event will be conducted online, an official from the School Education Department said.

From the 6,173 government and aided high schools, two students each from Stds. 9 and 10 will be selected to participate in online competitions. Similarly, two students each from Stds. 11 and 12 will be chosen from 3,056 higher secondary schools across the state.

After selecting the candidates, all schools will organise five rounds of inter-group online competitions and debates on various topics. The first round of competitions will start on Feb. 19, and the last phase will be conducted on Feb. 25.

As the competitions are being held online, the headmasters and teachers should ensure that all students taking part have access to either desktop or laptop computers with internet connection, the official said.

The department has earmarked more than Rs. 30 lakhs for the program.

## Kumbhaabhishekam in Moopathamman Temple today

By Our Staff Reporter

Kumbhaabhishekam will be performed in Sri Moopathamman Temple (Maharajauram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) from 7 a.m on Sunday, Feb. 21.

It will start with Ganapathy homam followed by mangala isai, maha poornahuthi, kumbam procession and kumbhaabhishekam.

There will be Annadhaanam after the main function at around 12 noon.

The 48-day 'Mandala pooja with abhishekam' will be performed at 7 a.m from Feb.22.

The temple has been renovated with a new Rajagopuram and the sanctum sanatoriums for Lord Vinayagar, Subramaniyar, Dharmasastha, Vishnu Durgai, Anjaneyar and navagraha have also been refurbished.



## Protruding rods of damaged gate endangers pedestrians



By Our Staff Reporter

The rods of a damaged and rusted grille gate of Sabari Flats (52, South Boag Road, T. Nagar) are protruding towards the pavement and posing a danger to pedestrians.

The risk is further compounded at night due to poor visibility.

## Cycle track in K. K. Nagar dysfunctional



By Laasya Shekhar

Three years back, the 3.8-km exclusive bicycle track along P. T. Rajan Salai, Lakshmanswamy Salai and Ramaswamy Salai in K. K. Nagar was launched at a cost of Rs. 3 crores.

The first dedicated space for non-motorised transport (NMT) users in Chennai is today in shambles due to non-maintenance and encroachments.

Soon after the launch it garnered favourable response from the young and old, housewives and college-goers, fitness freaks and amateur cyclists. But as time lapsed, encroachments started to block the way for cyclists and the track was also misused for parking vehicles.

Further, due to non-maintenance, the track is also riddled with potholes and the surface has been washed away in several stretches following the heavy rains last December.

Roadside vendors misuse the track for displaying and selling their wares, with Corporation officials taking no action to remove them. Except for a few walkers during evenings, the track almost lies abandoned.

What deters cyclists?

"Following the lockdown, there has been a considerable increase in the number of people cycling in the city prompted by the traffic-free roads. A lot of those who started it as a hobby want to continue with it as a habit, though the roads are now congested again," said T. Karunakaran, a cyclist.

There is also a significant percentage of cyclists who quit because of the poor infrastructure in the city. According to a survey conducted by Corporation and Chennai Smart City Limited (CSCL), 44% of women and 49% of men felt that pedestrians and parked vehicles are the biggest barriers to comfortable cycling in the city. Traffic congestion was a demotivating factor for 56% of women and 58% of men.

These numbers underline the fact that there are many passionate and budding cyclists in the city but the absence of cycle-friendly infrastructure puts them off.

Of the many infrastructure projects meant for cyclists in



Chennai, barely one or two are a hit. The pedestrian plaza in Pondy Bazaar is one such example. Though the facility is meant for pedestrians, cyclists use the wide, well-lit plaza in the evenings.

Why do the projects fail?

It took not more than a month for the K. K. Nagar cycle track to start showing signs of degradation. Blame it largely on lack of enforcement and proper planning.

Departments including the Electricity Board dug up the road after the track was opened up for use.

If students has been sensitised to take up cycling, the track would have seen more takers. It would then become the responsibility of the community to protect the infrastructure.

Unless the focus is shifted to proper enforcement, infrastructure projects for cyclists will not serve the purpose.

After all, there have been several announcements or launches of cycle-friendly infrastructure in Chennai. What is missing is sustained follow-up, maintenance and enforcement of rules.

Laasya Shekhar is a freelance writer.

## 'Rama Nama Japa Velvi' in Lakshmi Street ends on Friday

R. Sridhar (13, Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam) has been conducting 'Rama Nama Japa Velvi' from 6 a.m to 2 p.m from Feb. 15, and it will conclude on Friday, Feb. 26. Homam, japam, bhajans and gho pooja are conducted daily. There is also annadhaanam.

Since October 2020, in the Rama nama writing yagna initiated by Sridhar, more than 1500 devotees have participated and written Rama naamam 6 crore times. He told *Mambalam Times* that the initiative was taken to appease the Gods for world peace that has been gravely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 6 crore writings will be given to the Ram Temple under construction in Ayodhya.

For more details, call 99623 21954 and 94444 12947.



## Fan forum to celebrate MTC's golden jubilee

By Our Staff Reporter

Ahead of the Golden Jubilee Year of Metropolitan Transport Corporation, TNSTC Enthusiasts - a locomotive fan forum, has launched a calendar and a series of miniatures to commemorate it.

The forum hopes to organise several events to mark the 50th year.

On Feb. 19, its members presented cakes and chocolates to bus crews in all major bus depots including T. Nagar bus depot. "We have around 40,000 followers on our Facebook page," said Santhapriyan Kamaraj, who started the FB group in 2017.

The group released a calendar featuring buses from the MTC and TNSTC this year.

On Jan. 23, the group presented seven miniatures of the MTC double-decker bus to the Transport Corporation.

It is also working with the departments concerned to set up a transport museum featuring old models of buses.

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## Live EB cable lying on road margin



By Our Staff Reporter

The coils of a live EB cable connected to a transformer are lying under the transformer and a portion of the cable is lying on the margin of the road at the junction of Srinivasa Iyer Street and Vinayagam Street in West Mambalam. The cable poses a danger to residents and motorists.

## Local resident's website collates information on aviation industry

V. Arvind Kris-hna (a resident of A 11, 3rd floor, Appa-samy Towers, Thyagaraya Road T. Nagar) is an aviation enthusiast, an avid plane spot-ter and a photo-grapher. He has been interested in aviation from a very young age.

He has completed his engineering and is now running a leather business.

He launched the website Aerowanderer



in 2020 with the aim of collating and offering information with exclusive pictures related to aviation.

He also has an Instagram, Facebook and YouTube channel for Aerowanderer other than a Twitter handle.

He has been capturing all the latest aircraft that visit Chennai. His Youtube channel has videos of various aircraft and airlines operating to Chennai and flight reviews on flights he has taken.

His website provides the latest global news on aviation, analysis and blogs, airport and flight reviews plus some exclusive pictures of aircraft and airports.

He has given an interview on aviation photography on Suriyan FM. He said that his interest and passion for aviation propelled him into photography which later led to the creation of Aerowanderer.

"In the years to come I want Aerowanderer to be a brand people can relate to in terms of aviation not just in India but on a global level," Arvind said.

His contact number is 99622 77590.

More information can be got through any of his social media channels.

## Local resident held for selling sacred stones online

A team of Uttar Pradesh police, helped by Ashok Nagar police, arrested Prem Kumar (40), a Kodambakkam resident, for allegedly placing online advertisements announcing sale of auspicious stones from Govardhan Hill, a sacred Hindu site in Mathura district of the northern state.

He is a native of Andhra Pradesh residing in Rangarajapuram (Kodambakkam).

Based on a complaint filed by a social worker, Keshav Mukhia, at Govardhan police station (UP), the police registered a case under Sections 295 (punishment for injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class) of IPC and Section 66D (cheating by personation using computer resource) of the IT Act. The website was also taken down.

## Velammal basketball team wins gold



The boys basketball team of Velammal Main School, Mogappair campus, bagged the gold medal in the Annai Violet Interschool Basketball Tournament 2021 in the U-19 category, conducted in Annai Violet Arts and Science College, Ambattur on Feb.18 and 19. The team defeated T. A. K. Palaniswami Hr. Sec. School, Royapuram 56-36 in the final. Teams from 23 schools participated in the tournament.

M. Mithun (Class 9) was declared the best player of the tournament.

## Humour Club meets this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Humour Club of T. Nagar will meet conduct its monthly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m in The Stenographers Guild, Guild Street, T. Nagar (behind Siva Vishnu Temple).

P. K. Govindarajan (Stage artiste and Tamil poet) will be the chief guest.

Entry is free.

All are welcome.

## Govt begins distribution of gold coins as marriage assistance

By Our Staff Reporter

The Social Welfare Department started distribution of gold coins weighing 8 grams each under the State government's marriage assistance scheme among unmarried women from economically weaker sections. The district-wise distribution is being carried out by identifying beneficiaries in each district based on seniority.

There are five marriage assistance schemes for financially weaker women, orphaned girls, widows who re-marry, marriage of widows' daughters and inter-caste couples.

Under the scheme, graduate women are also being granted Rs. 50,000, while non-graduates get Rs. 25,000.

The bride should have passed Std. 10 in case of general caste and should have studied up to Std. 5 if belonging to Scheduled Tribe.

Students who graduated from regular colleges, through distance education and government recognised open universities are eligible, while others who hold a diploma should have qualified from an institution recognised by the Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Tamilnadu.

While the cash assistance is transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries, gold coins are handed over in person.

## Abandoned car blocks Nandanam 1<sup>st</sup> Main Road



By Our Staff Reporter

A Maruti car (TN-09 /B3107) is lying on the margin of Nandanam 1<sup>st</sup> Main Road, adjoining Corporation playground, for several months.

It is occupying portion of the carriageway.

## Silt removed from road after report in Mambalam Times



Following the report 'Earth from bore dug for well dumped on the street' published in *Mambalam Times* last week, the silt dumped on Manickam Street (West Mambalam) was removed. A couple of accidents had occurred as the stretch was slushy and slippery. The residents have appealed to the Corporation to relay the stretch as it is also badly damaged.

## Veteran actor Parthibhan passes away



Veteran actor C. R. Parthibhan, a longtime resident of West Mambalam, passed away in his home in Madipakkam on Jan. 25. He was 90 years old. He had acted in more than 120 films.

His portrayal of Jackson Durai (a British General) in the film *Veerapandiya Kattabomman* made him popular. He had acted with a number of leading actors including Sivaji Ganesan (16 films) M. G. Ramachandran (10 films).

His other popular roles were as a judge in *Kappalottiya Thamizhan* and as police chief in *Moondru Mugam* and *Thangamagan*.

## Homeopathy clinic reopens in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

The Homeopathy Clinic in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar), which was closed after the lockdown, reopened on Feb. 15.

It functions from 10 a.m to 4 p.m from Monday to Saturday.

Dr. Sriraksha (Dr. Koppiakar's Foundation for Homeopathy) is available for consultation.

For more details, call P. Maruthi (Secretary) in 91766 24283.

## Drawing contest for children today

By Our Staff Reporter

Hepsibah Trust (MGR Nagar) will conduct a drawing competition for children in the age group of 6 -12 years from 10 a.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 21 in Sundaram Matriculation School, Pari Vallal Street, MGR Nagar.

The entry fee is Rs. 20.

More details can be had in 9381008253.

## Held for stealing ATM batteries

By Our Staff Reporter

Basha (22) of West Saidapet has been arrested for stealing 15 batteries from ATMs in the city. Police said that he was a previous offender.

On Feb. 7, Sekar, in charge of a private bank on Jones Road, lodged a complaint that eight batteries from the ATM there were missing. The Kumar Nagar police probing the case skimmed through the CCTV camera footage and identified Basha as the thief. His two-wheeler's registration number helped police nab him.

During inquiry, Basha confessed to having stolen batteries from two ATMs on Jones Road. "He chose ATMs where the security guard was either sleeping or away. But he mainly targeted ones without guards," said a police officer. Basha stole for money to buy booze and ganja, police said.

"Stealing the batteries is relatively easy and a battery fetches up to Rs. 5,000 in the black market," the officer said. He sold the batteries through agents who sold them to shops buying used spares. Police seized 15 batteries, a mobile phone and the bike used for the crime from Basha.

He was remanded to judicial custody.

## Balakrishna Street-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue junction in battered condition



By Our Staff Reporter

The junction of Balakrishna Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (West Mambalam) is in bad condition. The surface is battered and the loose gravel makes the road slippery for motorists.

Frequent accidents have been reported at the junction.

Nearby residents also complained of air pollution as the loose gravel throws up dust every time a vehicle passes by.

They have appealed to the Corporation to relay the road soon.

## Portable echocardiography machine donated to PHC

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. V. Viswanathan, a well-known pediatric neurologist, donated a portable GE Echocardiography machine costing Rs. 15.5 lakhs to Public Health Centre (West Mambalam) last week. Dr. Srimathi (Cardiac Surgeon) was also present at the function. Viswanathan is a consultant in a number of leading hospitals and runs a clinic in 15, Shafee Mohammed Road, Thousand Lights.



## Garbage woes at road junction



Due to infrequent clearance, garbage has been accumulating at the junction of Perumal Koil Street and Mettupalayam Road (West Mambalam) for several days.

Nearby residents told this reporter that foul smell emanates from the garbage which is hazardous to their health.

## Only 2 of 10 ticket counters open in Mambalam station

By Our Staff Reporter

Only two of the 10 ticket counters in Mambalam railway station are operating with the result long queues of both commuters for suburban trains and long-distance travellers can be seen at the two counters.

Railway officials cite staff shortage for keeping the other counters locked. "They could operate more counters at least during the rush hour," said S. Vignesh, a resident of West Mambalam.

Railway officials said that around 140 suburban trains stop at the station every day. Despite its importance, the station lacks basic facilities including proper lighting, adequate seating arrangements, time boards and ramps for the differently-abled.

Further, the staircases are occupied by hawkers.

A Southern Railway official said, "Steps will be taken to operate the remaining ticket counters. Other basic facilities will also be provided at the station soon".

## Multi-level parking facility to open this month

By Our Staff Reporter

The multi-level parking facility on Sir Theagaraya Road (between Thanikachalam Road and Singaravelar Street, T. Nagar) is slated to open this month after several delays.

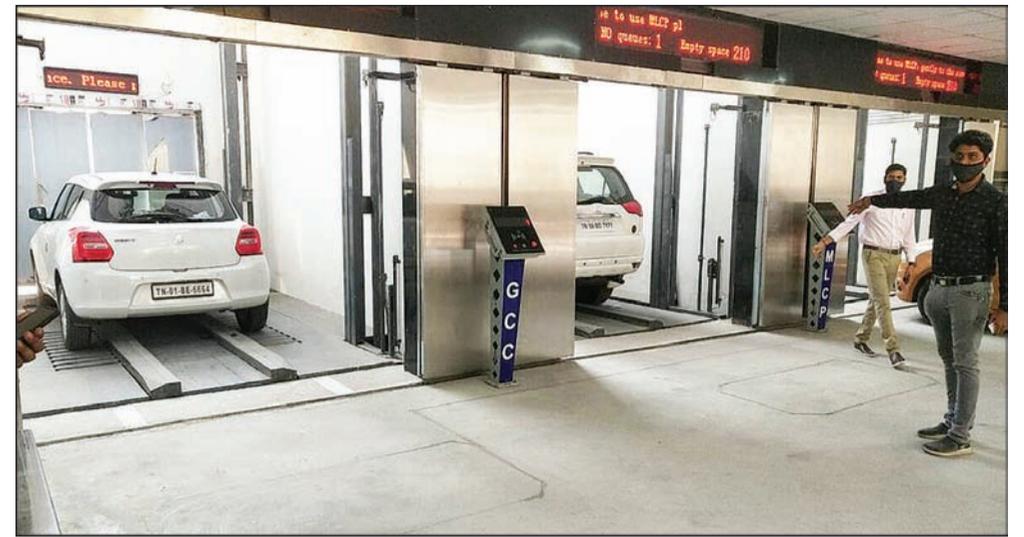
Construction began in 2018 and 80% of the work was completed before the lockdown was announced in March last year. In September, when work was resumed post lockdown, it was announced that it would be opened in December which then got delayed to mid-January and now the Corporation officials have stated that it will open by the end of this month.

The 6-floor facility, developed under the Smart City plan in 8,826 sq m, can accommodate 222 cars and 500 two-wheelers.

The robotic multi-level parking with minimal human intervention is expected to reduce parking issues in the commercial hub of T. Nagar.

It can accommodate all types of cars up to 5.1 meters long including SUVs.

According to a Corporation official, the structure has been designed as a sustainable



building using minimal power and maximum natural lighting and ventilation. He said that it incorporates solar panels for electricity through solar energy. Valet facility, visitors' lounge, room for drivers, restrooms and baby feeding area are some of the facilities available.

He said that the facility has been designed in such a way that embarking and disembarking can be done within 90 seconds irrespective of the location of the parking lot.

The parking fee is likely to be Rs. 20 per hour for cars and

Rs. 5 per hour for two-wheelers.

The testing of the facility is in progress and will be completed within a week..

The parking will be permitted only through GCC Smart Parking App.

After its inauguration, the facility will be integrated with the command and control center in Ripon Buildings to facilitate analytics. The study of parking demand in various roads will be carried out based on this integration.

Camera feed will be monitored by the control

centre for all roads before making a decision on parking lots. The decision on identifying spaces for premium parking lots will also be made soon using the command and control center.

In T. Nagar, the civic body has not identified any parking lot for collection of premium parking charge, which is Rs. 40 an hour.

Construction began in 2018 and the project was supposed to be inaugurated in January 2021, but finishing touches were delayed due to the pandemic.

## Road safety campaign conducted



By Our Staff Reporter

The students of Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) conducted a road safety campaign by holding up placards outside their school on Feb.13 on the occasion of National Road Safety Month. S. Muthupalaniappan (District Governor 3232, Rotary International), Kannan (Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic) and others were present.

## Local club installs solar panel in hostel for underprivileged



By Our Staff Reporter

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai (West Mambalam) installed a solar panel costing Rs. 1 lakh in the boys' hostel in Siragu Montessori School (Avadi). The school is a unit of Suyam, started in 2003 for children of pavement dwellers and mendicants. There are now 400 children, 105 of whom are living in the hostel. It has 13 teachers. Sujatha Shanker (President of Inner Wheel Club and a resident of West Mambalam) and other members of the club raised the funds for the solar panel and accessories.

Usha Sarogi (District Chairman) inaugurated the panel.

## Gita discourse in Uthandi on Feb. 27, 28

By Our Staff Reporter

Manav Seva Trust (Sri Sankara Nilayam, 658/20, 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Sector 9, K. K. Nagar) has organised Gita discourses by Swami Buddhatmananda Saraswati on Feb 27 and 28 in Uthandi (Kanchipuram). The 2-day residential program will include boarding, lodging, yoga sessions on the beach with sightseeing options.

The registration is limited to 25 persons on first-cum-first-served basis.

Interested persons may register in 2366 1150, 97899 60556, 98406 28787, 73585 08513.

## Hayagrivar, Anusha pooja on March 5

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu Brahmin Association (20/5, Jawahar Street Extension, K. K. Nagar) has organized Sri Hayagrivar and Anusha pooja from 5 p.m to 8 p.m on Friday, March 5 in Maariamman Temple, Dr. Ramasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar.

Those interested in participating may register their names for sankalpam in 91766 51942, 98402 29741, 98403 81969. All are welcome.

## Register by Feb. 28 for special Women's Day programs

Jothi Madhar Sangam (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) has organised special programs for Women's Day from 10 a.m to 3 p.m on Wednesday, March 3 in The Stenographer's Guild (1, Guild Street T. Nagar, behind Siva Vishnu Temple). The programs includes bhajans, kolattam, skits, games, quiz and music. Those interested in participating should register their names in 98405 40850 by Feb. 28.

## Encroachments hinder shoppers on Usman Road

Though Corporation officials are taking steps to curb roadside vendors on the service lane on North Usman Road (T. Nagar), there is no let-up in their activities which are hampering motorists and shoppers. In addition to this, shop owners are also misusing the pavement space in front of their shops to display banners and their wares.

Shoppers and motorists are put to hardship as they jostle for space in the narrowed stretches along the pavements and the service lanes on both sides of the road.

## Shops, hotels take over on-street parking space

By Our Staff Reporter

Ever since Chennai Corporation implemented the on-street parking system, commercial establishments are blocking parking space on the road, purportedly for their customers, and preventing others from parking there, complained motorists in the city.

Selvakumar, a resident of Kodambakkam, said that big hotels are occupying space in T. Nagar. "When we try to park our vehicles, they refuse to allow us claiming that they had booked the parking space for their guests," he said. Balaji, another city resident, took to social media to allege that an entire stretch that could accommodate about 30 cars had been allotted to a hotel on G. N. Chetty Road though it was a 'pay and park' facility for the public. "Was Smart City meant for this," he asked.

When contacted, a representative of the private firm that operates the on-street parking system said that no one can block parking spaces for a long time as the system is dynamic.

"We have launched a smartphone application named GCC Smart Parking using which the users can book parking space and pay. Vehicle owners can block the parking space only when they enter a 500-meter radius. We have not allowed blocking of parking spaces by commercial establishments," he claimed. He also promised that action will be taken against such practices.

The civic body implemented the on-street parking system on 35 major roads covering more than 9,000 car spaces. As per the plan, nine more streets will soon have the system to create a total of more than 12,000 car spaces. Vehicle owners should pay to park their vehicles based on the period they occupy the space.

## Integrated helpline number 1100 launched

Within a few hours of the integrated public grievance management system being announced, the toll free helpline 1100 received a number of calls.

"I had to redial 10 times before my call went through," said Jayanth (a resident of Burkit Road, T. Nagar).

"I wanted to file a complaint about misuse of parking space by Usman Road shop owners on the road near my house. The person I spoke to was polite and promptly registered a complaint after asking questions about which zone and ward the area falls under", Jayanth explained.

Many residents called to register complaints on the upward revision of property tax based on property reassessment.

The callers also got an SMS on their mobile numbers with the complaint number for future follow-up.

## New fence demarcates service lane on Usman Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers are installing a 4-foot-high iron fence along the service lane of Usman Road (T. Nagar, near Ranganathan Street) after demolishing the damaged wall.

Pedestrians and 2-wheeler riders had been misusing the breaches in the damaged wall to cross over, thereby endangering their lives.



## Pavement damaged, live EB cables exposed

By Our Staff Reporter

A foot-wide trench has formed on the storm water drain which also serves as the pavement near Usman Road flyover on North Usman Road (T. Nagar).

Live underground EB cables have got exposed and are now partly lying on the pavement.

The iron rods from the damaged drain are protruding dangerously, posing danger to unwary pedestrians.



## Govindan Road relaid without milling



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Potholes in Govindan Road' published in *Mambalam Times* (January 24-30 issue), the road was relaid last week. But as the road was not milled before relaying, its level has gone up.

The residents also complained that the road has not been re-laid properly and may not last long as heavy vehicles ply daily.

## Pavement garden removed, trees pruned

By Our Staff Reporter

Following repeated complaints from a resident of 29/14, Venkataraman Street, T. Nagar, Corporation workers removed the pavement garden adjoining the compound wall of the apartment complex as it was encroaching on public space.

On the resident's request, they also pruned the branches of two trees adjoining the complex as they were blocking the illumination from the street light. Policemen accompanied Corporation officials and the workers as some other residents of the complex were objecting to removal of the roadside garden and pruning of the tree branches.



## Aerial roots of banyan tree block road margin



The aerial roots of a decades old banyan tree are blocking the margin of Vijayaraghava Road, T. Nagar outside Andhra Club. They should be pruned as they are not visible at night and are hazardous for motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### No transparency in revision of tax on underassessed properties

Sir, I am a resident of Ramasamy Street (T. Nagar). Last week, I was surprised to note that though I had paid my property tax till March, my latest property tax bills showed some dues. Only after reading media reports did I surmise that it was possibly due to the new levy based on the underassessed properties of which no announcement has been made by the Corporation.

I wonder how it can add it to our bills without serving a demand notice and explaining how it had been calculated.

I read that after a Geographical Information System survey of nearly 12.5 lakh properties, at least 2 lakh had been underassessed and the all these owners will have to shell out additional tax as per the new valuation each half-year.

There is also no clarity on what basis the underassessment has been done. With scores of petitions already submitted by owners and still pending with the authorities with regard to the disproportionate revision in 2018, I am sure more petitions will be submitted with respect of the fresh underassessment revision. I sincerely hope that the Corporation will be totally transparent and fair in this new assessment of additional tax. **N. Ramasamy**

### Property tax revision

Sir, Following the decision of the State Government to put on hold the general revision in property tax effected for the period 2018-19, residents thought that they had been rid of the tax burden, sadly for some, the relief was shortlived.

The Corporation has now effected a steep revision with no reference to the property owners surreptitiously.

The unannounced revision reflects only while browsing the property tax status in the Corporation website.

The Corporation has revised the property tax from 2018-19 in some cases and from 2020-21 for others.

Many owners affected by the revision had either nil dues or 'paid in excess' status till last month. When our Association took up the issue of the sudden and unannounced revision with revenue officials in Zone 10, we were told that it was based on the GIS Survey undertaken by the Corporation, as it has re-measured some of the properties in all Zones and effected revision in the property tax accordingly.

Though it is mandatory to serve a demand notice on property owners whenever it increases the property tax, this time around, it has not issued the same.

Coming at a time when life is slowly limping back to normalcy following the lockdown, the revision will be a financial burden for many, especially retired persons. The steep revision is arbitrary, uncalled for and deserves to be rolled back.

The residents should register their complaints against the revision by email ([cmhelpline@tn.gov.in](mailto:cmhelpline@tn.gov.in)) and also on the portal [cmhelpline.tnega.org](http://cmhelpline.tnega.org). **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

## OBITUARY

P. CHELLAMMAL

P. Chellammal (resident of 36, Corporation Colony 3<sup>rd</sup> street, T. Nagar) passed away on Feb. 13. She was 87, and had been a resident of T. Nagar for 20 years.

She was the wife of late N. Ponrangam. She is survived by her son P. Gopal, daughter Lakshmi and grandchildren.

The family can be reached in 94455 50977.



GEETHA SAMPATH KUMAR

Geetha Sampath Kumar (resident of 36, Mahadevan Street West Mambalam) passed away on Feb. 17.

She was 62, and had been a long-time resident of West Mambalam.

She is survived by her husband Sampath Kumar (Ph: 98404 49460), daughter Harini, son-in-law Prakash and grandchildren.



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WEST MAMBALAM, 26/48, Subramanian Street, near Indian Bank, Arya Gowda Road, independent house, single bedroom, ground floor, 2-wheeler parking, maximum 3 persons, rent Rs. 9500, vegetarians and Brahmins only, visit from Monday. Ph: 97910 53168.

ASHOK NAGAR, 54<sup>th</sup> Lane, near 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, lift, new flat, covered car park, rent Rs. 30000+maintenance. Ph: 94444 77330, 94440 88327.

WEST MAMBALAM, 34/12, Baroda Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 400 sq.ft, vegetarians only, rent Rs. 10000 + maintenance, 6 months advance. Ph: 97893 62714.

**WEST MAMBALAM, Nakeeran Street, 2 bedrooms flat, car park space, rent Rs. 21000, inspection on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, from 10 a.m until 2 p.m. Ph: 98410 05463.**

WEST MAMBALAM, 32/10, Postal Colony 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, furnished flat, 2 baths/toilets, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 24 hours water, lift, car park, immediate occupation, vegetarians only, no brokers. Ph: 80722 93570, 93810 36306.

ASHOK NAGAR, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1300 sq.ft, ground floor, 3 bedrooms, independent house, preferred company/bank lease. Ph: 98417 14157, 98417 14156.

WEST MAMBALAM, Subramanian Street, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath rooms, 2 wheeler parking, rent Rs. 17000, maintenance Rs. 1500, advance Rs. 50000, Available from February 5<sup>th</sup>. Ph: 93810 52652, 4301 5913.

WEST MAMBALAM, 19, Vivekanandapuram 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 3 bedrooms house, hall, kitchen, 950 sq.ft, open car park, available from 1<sup>st</sup> February, rent Rs. 22000. Ph: 98842 98578.

WEST MAMBALAM, Thiruvalluvar Street, Mettupalayam, near Amma Park, newly constructed, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1050 sq.ft, ground floor, semi-furnished, car park. Ph: 93807 03284.

T. NAGAR, Sri Devi Apartment, 4/26, Gopalakrishna Street, near Pandy Bazaar, 540 sq.ft, single bedroom, hall, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, ground floor, 2-wheeler parking, employed bachelors preferred, nobrokers. Ph: 94451 64797.

GUNIDY, 56, Tiny Sector, Industrial Estate, for commercial purpose, 1488 sq.ft, G+3, (12x31=371). Ph: 97893 62714.

ASHOK NAGAR, 7, Raghavan Colony, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3 bedrooms house, hall, kitchen, 1000 sq.ft, ground floor, nearby all amenities, 24x7 water supply, rent Rs. 21000 (negotiable), 2 & 4 wheeler parking, immediate possession. Ph: 98407 11818.

ASHOK NAGAR, 11<sup>th</sup> Main Road, 6500 sq.ft, for commercial purpose, rent Rs. 7 lakhs. Ph: 98842 35599.

T. NAGAR, Rams Flats, 78, Rameswaram Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, rent Rs. 12000, vegetarians only. 24 hours water/security, 2-wheeler parking, no brokers. Ph: 96292 47700, 98409 88522.

ASHOK NAGAR, 86<sup>th</sup> Street, near 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, independent house, 24 hours water, tree surrounding area, nearby all public utilities, open car park. Ph: 4320 4136, 94440 04136.

WEST MAMBALAM, 3/2, Lakshmi Street, ground floor, 900 sq.ft, 2 bedrooms, hall, modular kitchen, pooja room, closed wardrobes, loft, 2 wheeler parking only, vegetarians only, rent Rs. 20000, no brokers. Ph: 98400 69237.

WEST MAMBALAM, Motilal Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, open car park. Contact: K.V. Kumar Ph: 99401 64779.

WEST MAMBALAM, BRP 1<sup>st</sup> Street, compound wall, walking distance to Mambalam Railway Station, bus stand, market, independent house, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, independent entry, 2 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large hall, kitchen, dining, pooja, 1590 sq.ft, rent Rs. 22000. Ph: 2461 6525.

ASHOK NAGAR, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 8B, Royal Princess, opp. Imayam TV, near Lakshman Sruthi, ground floor, 1050 sq.ft, 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, covered car park, semi furnished, rent Rs. 20000, Brahmins preferred. Ph: 97898 33338.

WEST MAMBALAM, Srinivasa Iyer Street, close to all amenities & Ayodhya Mandapam, 1 bedroom flat, hall, kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 2 wheeler parking, rent Rs. 12000 negotiable, advance Rs. 60000. Ph: 94452 25055.

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

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.

300 gm. and 500 gm. packs are available at her residence.

She can be contacted in 97907 72370.

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### New building for Nolambur registration dept inaugurated

Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Feb. 13 opened the new building for Nolambur registration department constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.5 crores.

The new complex will cover the four revenue areas and help the public to avail of hassle-free service covering Anna Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Virugambakkam and Villivakkam.

### New gate for Corporation playground on 9th Avenue



The damaged gate of the Avenue, Ashok Nagar near Corporation playground (9th Manthope Colony) is being

replaced with a new one.

The damaged arch and the old foundation holding the gate have also been rebuilt.

Provision has also been made for a smaller gate adjacent to the main gate.

### Book fair from Wednesday

The annual Chennai Book Fair will be conducted from Feb. 24 to March 9 in YMCA grounds, according to the Book Sellers' and Publishers' Association of South India (BAPASI) which organises the fair every year.

The fair will be open from 11 a.m to 8 p.m.

K. Nagarajan (Vice President of BAPASI) said, "We will ensure all COVID-19 protocols are in place including wider pathways. Other than that, everything including the ticket system will be the same."

The fair is usually conducted in January.

### Open drain filled with sewage water



By Our Staff Reporter

A slab covering the opening in the storm water drain has broken and dropped into the drain at the junction of Bhagirathiammal Street and Arulambal Street (T. Nagar).

The drain is filled with

sewage water and poses a danger to unwary pedestrians as it is not visible clearly when dark.

### 3-month courses in air-conditioning, refrigeration, welding

By Our Staff Reporter

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has invited applications for its 3-month skill development ITI courses in air-conditioning, refrigeration and welding.

A nominal fee will be collected for the courses and scholarships will be offered to deserving students.

The courses will commence in March.

For registration and more details, call 8838551832/99622 90610 or 91766 24283.

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya was started by Mahatma Gandhiji under the tutelage of Harijan Seva Sangh more than 70 years back.

It runs technical courses recognised by the National Council for Vocational Training (electrician/fitter/wireman), courses affiliated to the State Government (AC mechanic/carpenter) and its own courses (welding/tailoring).

It runs a working women's hostel and a primary school with free boarding and lodging.

The institution is run on public contributions and endowments help to give prizes and scholarships.

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