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ANNOUNCEMENT

Until the lockdown is lifted substantially, there will be no print edition of Mambalam Times.

Containment areas down by 90%

As on June 9, the number of containment areas in the city declined to 81, which is 10% of the number as on May 24 of 765. On May 31, the number had fallen to 365.

Containment areas are streets which have 10 or more active Covid cases. According to Chennai Corporation officials, the accelerating rate of fall indicates a sharp decrease in the spread of Covid due to the lockdown measures, containment activities to curb the spread and the three fold increase in testing from the pre lockdown period. The number of streets with active cases has also dropped by 50% from 4,400 to 2,140

Teynampet Zone is one of the four zones that has recorded nearly 60% drop in the streets with active cases since May 24. Kodambakkam Zone has recorded a 52% drop in the same period.

Lockdown extended till June 21 with more relaxations

On June 11, Tamilnadu Government extended the lockdown by another week ending at 6 a.m. on June 21 with the following new relaxations from June 14.

- Beauty parlours, salons and spas can function without air-conditioning with 50% occupancy between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Corporation parks and playgrounds will be opened for the public between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m only for walks and physical exercises.
- Optical shops, electronic and electrical service centers, cell phone shops and shops selling construction material and home appliances can operate between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Schools, Colleges and Universities can commence administrative work relating to admissions.
- Tasmac shops can operate from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Export units and vendor units can continue with 50% workforce following Standard Operating Procedures.
- The rest of the industries are allowed to function with 33% workforce.
- Housing finance companies, non-banking financial companies and all insurance corporations are allowed to function with 33% workforce.

50% fall in active Covid cases

By Our Staff Reporter

Between May 31 and June 10, the number of active Covid cases in Kodambakkam and Teynampet Zones has gone down from more than 4,000 to less than 2,500.

On May 31, the city had 49,236 active cases. Kodambakkam and Teynampet had 4,843 and 4,322 active cases respectively.

One June 10, the total active cases in the city came down to 24,290 of which Kodambakkam had 2,346 cases and Teynampet 2,076 cases.

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Ranganathan Street presents an empty look



By Our Staff Reporter

With all the shops closed due to the lockdown restrictions, the usually bustling Ranganathan Street (T. Nagar) presents an empty look.

The photo taken on June 10 shows cars parked on the empty street.

Damaged barricades block carriageway on flyover



By Our Staff Reporter

Damaged barricades removed from the central median of the Y-shaped flyover (Bazullah Road, T. Nagar) are resting against the parapet wall of the flyover.

A couple of concrete slabs removed from the median are also lying on the road margin, blocking the way for motorists.

Smart meters to be installed after the lockdown

Last year, TNEB had purchased 1.4 lakh smart meters at the cost of Rs. 137 crores to be installed in the households in T. Nagar and West Mambalam under the Smart City project.

Of this it has so far installed only 15000 metres. The smart meters would eliminate human intervention for fetching meter data and to facilitate disconnections or reconnection remotely making use of the meters with radio frequency-based communication technology.

A TNEB official told this reporter that the work had to be stalled due to second wave of Covid. He said that many consumers are also apprehensive over allowing the workers to enter the premises to install the smart meters.

“The installation would be completed once the situation becomes normal”, he said.

V. Jayaraman (President, T. Nagar Residents’ Welfare Association) said that they have been waiting for the smart meters to be installed at their homes.

He said that even after the purchase of the meters was made more than a year back, the installation is getting delayed under the excuse of Covid.

Rajan Eye Care donates 2,000 vials of mouthwash to govt. hospital

Rajan Eye Care and Rotary (T. Nagar) donated 2,000 vials of mouthwash to the Omandurar Medical College Hospital last week.

Last month, in association with Rotary Club of Madras T. Nagar, Rajan Eye Care had proposed to donate an oxygen generator plant worth Rs. 90 lakhs to Omandurar Hospital.

In the 1st phase, 300 oxygen cylinders, concentrators and flow meters were donated. A week back, 100 oxygen flow meters were donated to the Namakkal Government General Hospital. It also plans to donate oxygen flow meters to Stanley Medical College Hospital, General Hospital and Kilpauk Medical Hospital.

The organisations have called for donations for the purpose. Those interested may send cheques or demand drafts in favour of Rotary Club of Madras T. Nagar Charitable Trust.

Donations can also be sent to Canara Bank, Current Account Number 1281101034735, IFS Code: CNRBOOO1281.

Lions Club donates essentials to fishermen

By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club International (VGP Complex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) donated provision and other essentials to more than 100 fishermen impacted by Covid on June 4.

They also provided free lunch to the patients and paramedical staff at Government Royapettah Hospital.



Shops sell groceries through mobile vans



By Our Staff Reporter

Several shops in the neighbourhood continue to sell groceries and other items through mobile vans though they have been allowed to open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A shop owner told this reporter that the service has received good response as many residents, especially the elderly are still scared to venture out of their homes and prefer to buy from vendors are doorsteps. This photo was taken on 21st Avenue, Ashok Nagar on June 8.

Tree branch falls across road



By Our Staff Reporter

A big worn-out branch of an avenue tree broke and fell across Balakrishna Street (West Mambalam) at around 6 a.m. on June 8. No one was injured in the incident. Corporation workers cut and removed the fallen branch within two hours.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Debris dumped on road margin



Sir, Debris removed from a construction site has been dumped in front of my house on 45, Mahalakshmi Street, West Mambalam for the past several days.

Protruding iron rods from the debris are a safety hazard to pedestrians. **R. Kesavan, Mahalakshmi Street, West Mambalam.**

Free ITI course for children of Covid victims

By Our Staff Reporter

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) offers free ITI courses recognised by National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) for children of Covid victims.

Eligible students can register by mentioning the preferred course, their name, mobile number and address through SMS or WhatsApp to the number 91766 24283 or by email to e-mailtbvs1933@gmail.com/tbvtc@gmail.com.

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The Vidyalaya also conducts 6-month Tailoring course for women sponsored by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. for minimum Std. 8 passed/failed candidates. The courses will begin after the lockdown is lifted.

Youth injured in accident

By Our Staff Reporter

A 20-year-old youth working as a food delivery executive was injured in an accident on 2nd Avenue (Ashok Nagar) at around 2 p.m. on June 6.

He was admitted in a private hospital with injuries on his head and legs.

According to the police, the accident happened when the youth lost his balance and fell off the bike while trying to overtake a car.

Free online Abacus classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Persi Amitkumar (Teacher in a private school and resident of AF Block, Anna Nagar) conducts free online classes on arithmetic using Abacus for Std. 6 to 8 students.

The classes are held from 11 a.m to 2 p.m on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more details and registration, contact Persi in 91762 18763.

Udavum Karangal donates equipment worth Rs. 12 lakhs to KMC

Udavum Karangal (41, Kannadasan Street, T. Nagar), NGO providing care for destitute in its home in Thiruverkadu, donated medical equipment worth Rs. 12.78 lakhs on June 7 to Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital for the benefit of Covid patients.

It comprises of 20 glucometers and test strips, 250 CPAP machines, 50 flow meters, 50 thermal scanners, 10 stainless steel wheel chairs and 1500 3-ply surgical masks.

The items were handed over by S. Vidyaaakar (Founder, Udavum Karangal) to Dr. R. Santhimalar (Dean, KMC) in the presence of Dr. R. Narayana Babu (Director of Medical Education) and Dr. Thirunavukarasu (Medical Superintendent).

Kodambakkam and Teynampet register fall in Covid cases

From a peak of over 7,500 cases a day in mid-May, the number of Covid cases reported daily in Chennai has consistently and sharply declined to less than 2,000 now. In the past two weeks, the average number of cases reported daily declined by 34% in the city.

In Kodambakkam Zone, the average number of cases reported daily reduced by nearly 40% to 205 last week from 287 the earlier week as compared to the city average of 34%.

The active cases have also come down by 42% in the last one month in both the zones.

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Self-portrait to narrate quarantine experience

By Our Staff Reporter

Many, who were infected by Covid and were under quarantine, have taken to various mediums to express their experiences.

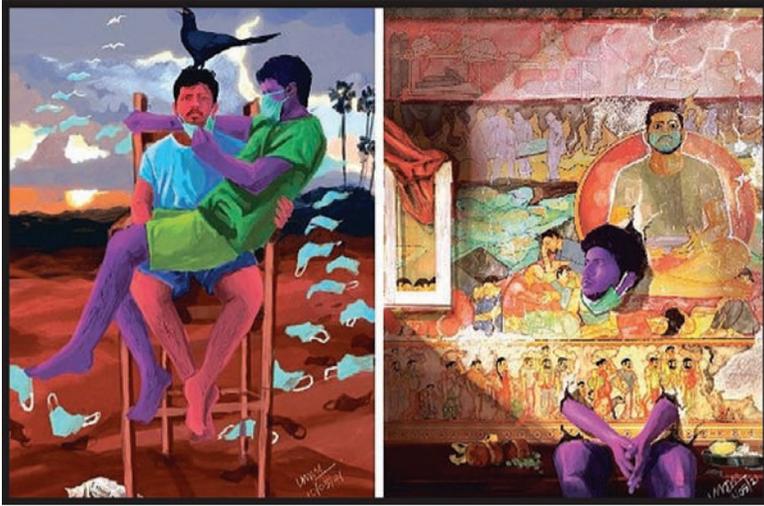
While some penned their feelings via blogs and social media platforms, others shared it through videos.

When art director Bala Govind Kumar (a resident of 7th

Avenue, Ashok Nagar) tested positive in April, he decided to document his feelings and experience through digital art and made a quarantine art series.

"I illustrated six self-portrait digital art that conveyed what I was going through and my emotions during the 14-day quarantine. I was isolated in a room and documenting the journey through art helped me stay sane. As an artist, I felt that doing self-portrait series to interpret the situation is the best way to express myself," Bala said

Bala is presently working as Assistant Art Director for the web series "Misplaced Goats", which is under production.



IIT alumni donate 2 million USD for Covid relief

By Our Staff Reporter

The Alumni Association of The Indian Institute of Technology - Madras has donated more than 2 million USD towards Covid relief efforts in India that are being coordinated by their alma mater.

The fundraising was coordinated by the Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations (ACR), IIT Madras, in association with IIT Madras Alumni Association of North America and IITM Foundation in the US.

Last week, IIT Madras handed over 200 oxygen concentrators and 74 BiPAP units to Chennai Corporation.

Corporation plans to repair roads by October

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation will resume repaving of over 2,500 roads once the restrictions under the lockdown are lifted and proposes to complete the work by end October.

The repairs which were to resume after the results of the Assembly election have been stalled due to the second wave of Covid and the restrictions imposed by lockdown.

A number of roads got damaged when underground power cables, metro water pipelines and optic fibre cables were laid.

A majority of the interior roads to be repaved are in Anna Nagar, Teynampet, Tondiarpet, Royapuram, Thiru-Vi-Ka Nagar, Kodambakkam and Adyar.

According to a Corporation official, though they have permission to carry out road repairs during the lockdown, they do not have the needed workforce in hand as many have been deputed for Covid-related duties.

"Instead we have embarked on a mass cleaning drive of the streets as they fall under the Covid relief measures", he said.

No entrance test for Std. 11 admissions

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamil Nadu government has taken a u-turn on the decision to hold entrance tests for Std. 11 admission, by revoking its earlier decision on June 8 and canceling the order.

The government has also ordered that the number of seats be increased by 10% to 15% in government and government-aided schools.

On June 8, it had permitted schools to conduct entrance tests for Std. 11 admissions for allotting groups based on the marks scored in the entrance test. The decision was taken as board exams were cancelled this year for Std. 10 students and all of them were declared as pass.

The proposal had received widespread disapproval from educationists, parents and students.

Corporation to develop park for pets

Under the Singara Chennai 2.0 project, Chennai Corporation has decided to develop a park where pet owners can play and spend time with their pets.

The park will have pet-friendly features and play equipment. It will also have a pet clinic, pet shops and other facilities. The location for the exclusive park is yet to be decided.

Test positivity rate falls below 5%

For the first time since the second wave of Covid began more than 2 months back, the test positivity rate (TPR) in Chennai dropped below the 5% mark on June 9.

As per Chennai Corporation data, of the 32,168 samples tested on June 9, 1,345 positive cases were detected registering a TPR rate of 4.2%. In the last 90 days, the lowest TPR rate recorded was 4.1% on March 26 but the number of daily tests conducted was 50% lower at around 15,000.

After the number of cases started to increase in April the number daily tests was also escalated. Since May 15, Corporation has been testing more than 30,000 samples daily. When the cases peaked in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of May, the TPR rate went beyond 20%.

Vets allay fears, say chances of Covid in pets low

Reports about mammals like lions and elephants testing positive for Covid have left cattle and pet owners worried that the virus could spread among cattle and pets also.

But veterinary doctors have allayed the fears stating the risk of transmission is very low for animals.

S. Thangavelu (resident of TP Chatram) owns four cows and supplies milk daily to several household in Anna Nagar.

"To ensure that my cows do not catch the infection, I wear gloves and masks while feeding and milking them. Before I used to allow them to roam the streets, but now they remain tied in the shed and I clean and sanitise the shed twice a day", he said.

According to a doctor at Tamilnadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Vepery), they have so far not diagnosed any cases of Covid among cattle or pets. Dr. Priya (Senior Veterinarian, Kilpauk) said that since Covid surfaced a year back, she has not diagnosed even one Covid case in any pet including those where the owners have got infected.

She advised that if owners are infected with Covid, they should be cautious and should not go near their pets.

Vehicles fill roads on Day 1 of lockdown relaxation

By Our Staff Reporter

On June 7, the first day of the relaxation of the lockdown, the city was seemingly back to normal as vehicles filled the roads after over a month.

The city police conducted checks at important junctions around the city by placing barricades and making special lanes for ambulances and other emergency services.

There were long queues at petrol bunks as motorists came out of their houses after a long time to refill the vehicle tanks.

There was crowd at stationary shops and vehicle service centers also witnessed good business.

S. Bala (Proprietor, India Motors, Shenoy Nagar) told *Anna Nagar Times* that a number of his customers called to enquire regarding vehicle service, but he could not accommodate many due to shortage of staff. "50% of my workforce have gone back to their hometown and are likely to return only by end June" Bala said. But the crowds started to dwindle by noon and the roads started to present an empty look.

On the following days of the week, not much traffic could be seen as most preferred to remain indoors and only ventured to nearby shops to buy essentials.

Chennai Corporation turns attention to infra projects

By Our Staff Reporter

With the number of active Covid cases in the city steadily declining, Chennai Corporation has begun preparations to resume major infrastructure projects.

In view of this, Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi on June 9 and 10 inspected some major infra projects in the city including the T. Nagar Smart City project, storm water drain construction and other civic works.

He also inspected the multi-level parking facility and on-street parking on Thyagaraya Road (T. Nagar) and the skywalk project connecting T. Nagar bus terminus with Mambalam railway station.

The 600-metre long skywalk is being constructed at a cost of Rs 28.45 crore.

Most of these projects were stalled due to Covid-related reasons.

The skywalk project was stalled due to the shortage in oxygen required for welding work as the supplies were prioritized to hospitals for treating Covid patients.

Now that oxygen issues have been rectified, work will restart, said an official.

Damaged manhole cover replaced after report in Mambalam Times



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Sand bags placed on damaged manhole cover' published in *Mambalam Times* (May 9-15 issue), Corporation workers removed the sand bags and replaced the damaged manhole cover in Postal Colony 4th Street (West Mambalam) last week.

65% in the 45+ age group get first dose of vaccine

By Our Staff Reporter

As per the data released by Chennai Corporation on June 8, around 65% of the residents of Chennai in the 45+ age group have received the 1st dose of Covid vaccine.

According to an official, to prevent Covid clusters, Corporation has focused on vaccinating workers and traders in wholesale markets in Koyambedu, Chintadripet and Kasimedu which were allowed to function during the lockdown and has so far vaccinated 7,663 persons.

In the +45 age group, 13,46,080 people have received the 1st dose of vaccine, which constitutes nearly 66% of the +45 population of 20,45,447.

Of these, close to 6-lakh have been given the second dose.

Anna Nagar Zone has administered vaccine to the highest number of 1,55,960 people (total population 2,07,425), followed by Teynampet 1,53,353 (2,35,436), Royapuram 1,50,055 (2,09,788), Kodambakkam 1,47,426 (2,31,163), and Adyar 1,28,309 (1,75,216).

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18-day online course on Bhagavad Gita from Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON Chennai and Studygita.com have started a 18-day free online course in English and Tamil on Bhagavad Gita titled 'Gita Made Easy'. The course which is open to all will commence on Friday, June 18 and will be held daily from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The classes will be conducted by Amarendra Gaura Das and his wife Sukirti Madhavi Dasi who have over 20 years of teaching experience.

After completion of the course, participants will be awarded certificates. For registration, visit the website www.studygita.com/register or send a WhatsApp message to the number 98402 29226.

Free online session on 'Black Fungus' on Saturday

The Community Services Department of Sundaram Medical Foundation has organised a free online session on 'Mucormycosis (Black Fungus)' on Saturday, June 19 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to raise awareness about fungus infection related to Covid.

A panel of doctors will discuss about the infection from a layman's point of view. For registration, call 99141 00768, 2614 4560, 2628 4256 between 10 a.m and 6 p.m

Bus travel free for persons with disabilities

After making bus travel free for women, the Tamilnadu government has now extended the benefit to persons with disabilities. In an order released on June 9, the government said that persons with disabilities can travel in state-owned buses free of cost, both in urban and rural regions.

The person traveling with the disabled person for assistance can also travel free.

The disabled persons will have to show their government issued identity card to the bus conductor to avail the benefit.

Artists raise fund for Covid relief

By Our Staff Reporter

Several artists have joined hands to raise funds for Covid relief by selling their works through online platforms.

Prasanna Pandian (a resident of T. Nagar) sketches portraits during his leisure time. But he never sold them till he came across a colleague's social media account selling digital portraits to raise funds.

It inspired him to do the same and donate the money to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

"Besides portraits, I have been selling building sketches and customisable WhatsApp stickers," Prasanna said.

In less than a month, he sketched around 25 portraits and collected Rs 53,000.

Photographer and creative artist R.S. Arun (resident of Z Block, Anna Nagar) has donated more than Rs. 40,000 by selling his creations on Instagram. Arun said that several artists have linked via various social media platforms to sell their creations to raise money for Covid relief.

Price cap on items declared as Covid essentials

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu government on June 8 declared 15 items as essential amid the Covid situation and has fixed the maximum retail price for these items.

The 15 essential items include face masks, face shields, hand sanitisers, surgical masks and PPE kits.

The Maximum Retail Prices are as follows:

- 200 ml sanitizer: Rs. 110
- N95 mask: Rs. 22 each
- Surgical Face Mask (2 ply): Rs. 3 each
- Surgical Face Mask (3 ply): Rs. 4 each
- PPE Kit: Rs. 273
- Sterile Gloves: Rs. 15 pair
- Oxygen Mask: Rs. 54 each
- Pulse Oximeter: Rs. 1,500
- Face Shield: Rs. 21 each
- Flowmeter with Humidifier: Rs. 1,520

Two arrested for robbery

By Our Staff Reporter

Akash (20) and Abinash (21) of Ashok Nagar were arrested by Nandambakkam police on the charge of robbing Arshad (28) from Kolapakkam of cash and mobile phone on June 9.

According to the police, when Arshad was returning home on his two-wheeler, the accused intercepted and threatened him to hand over valuables.

When Arshad tried to stave them off, they attacked him with a sickle and snatched his purse and mobile phone.

Arshad, who was admitted to a private hospital, filed a complaint at the police control room.

The accused were caught by Nandambakkam police at a check post.

The officials recovered the phone and purse and seized their bike.

Volunteers sought for tree mapping project



City-based organisation Nizhal is inviting residents to join its tree mapping project during the lockdown.

"Earlier, we have done tree mapping in the Adyar-Besant Nagar area and wanted to do it across the city", said Dr. T.D. Babu (Trustee, Nizhal). Following the Covid situation, Chennai Corporation has for the time being dropped the tree inventory project, so we have decided to take it up with the help of volunteers, Babu said. The main objective of the tree mapping initiative is to identify the various tree species and their numbers and to explore the possibilities of planting more species across the city.

Those interested can apply on the website www.nizhaltm.org and be part of the tree survey.

Velammal student wins online Chess tourney

V. Pranav (Std. 10 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanbakkam) won the Tamilnadu State Online Open Chess Tournament in the Under-18 category organised by Golden Night Chess Academy on June 2 an 3. He scored 8.5 out of 9 points.

He has been selected to represent the Tamilnadu team in the National Chess Championship in the Under-18 category to be held next month. 182 students took part in the tournament.



Corporation to open tele-counselling centre

In a move to help the citizens in depression and stress, Chennai Corporation will soon set up a permanent tele-counselling centre at Ripon Buildings.

The centre will function permanently unlike the temporary center opened to help Covid patients.

Covid patients in need of counseling can call the 24x7 helpline numbers 4612 2300 or 2538 4520.

Trench filled with sewage water



By Our Staff Reporter

A trench dug by Chennai Corporation to lay storm water drain on Ramachandra Street (T. Nagar) is filled with sewage water and garbage.

Kodambakkam leads with 2,320 active cases

By Our Staff Reporter

The number of fresh Covid cases in the city is on the downslide in all zones except Royapuram as per the latest data released by Chennai Corporation.

On the whole, active cases have dropped from 38,680 to 24,290.

Currently, the maximum number of active cases is in Kodambakkam Zone at 2,320 cases. Anna Nagar comes a close second with 2,258 cases and Valasaravakkam is third with 2,154 cases.

Two other zones, Adyar (2093) and Teynampet (2076), have more than 2,000 active cases.

As regards to case fatality rate (CRF), Teynampet leads with 1.8%, followed by Kodambakkam (1.7%) and Anna Nagar (1.6%).

Anna Nagar has the highest number of Covid-related deaths in the city at 868, followed by Kodambakkam (862) and Teynampet (860).

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The 15 essential items include face masks, face shields, hand sanitisers, surgical masks and PPE kits.

The Maximum Retail Prices are as follows:

- 200 ml sanitizer: Rs. 110
- N95 mask: Rs. 22 each
- Surgical Face Mask (2 ply): Rs. 3 each
- Surgical Face Mask (3 ply): Rs. 4 each
- PPE Kit: Rs. 273
- Sterile Gloves: Rs. 15 pair
- Oxygen Mask: Rs. 54 each
- Pulse Oximeter: Rs. 1,500
- Face Shield: Rs. 21 each
- Flowmeter with Humidifier: Rs. 1,520

Two arrested for robbery

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Akash (20) and Abinash (21) of Ashok Nagar were arrested by Nandambakkam police on the charge of robbing Arshad (28) from Kolapakkam of cash and mobile phone on June 9.

According to the police, when Arshad was returning home on his two-wheeler, the accused intercepted and threatened him to hand over valuables.

When Arshad tried to stave them off, they attacked him with a sickle and snatched his purse and mobile phone.

Arshad, who was admitted to a private hospital, filed a complaint at the police control room.

The accused were caught by Nandambakkam police at a check post.

The officials recovered the phone and purse and seized their bike.

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