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இரு வரிக் கதைகள்!

(1) விருது: 'இந்த வருஷ விருது உங்களுக்குத்தான் என்பதை அறிவிப்பு வரும் வரை உங்கள் மனைவி கிட்டே கூட சொல்ல வேண்டாம்' என்று ஆத்ம நண்பர் காதோடு காதாகச் சொன்னார். 'எந்த மனைவிகிட்டே?' என்று கவலையுடன் கேட்டார் பிரமுகர்.

(2) போட்டி: 'லிங்கா புத்தகத்தில் உங்க பெயர் வரும்படி இந்த வருஷ இடலி சாப்பிடும் போட்டியில் புதிய சாணை படைச்சு சாதிக்கணும்' என்று ஆர்கனைஸர் சொன்னார். 'எத்தனை ஈடு?' என்று ஆவலுடன் கேட்டார் சென்ற வருஷ சாம்பியன்.

(3) ஈட்டி: 'கல்யாண ஊஞ்சலின்போது கலர் உருண்டைகளை சுற்றிப் போடற அந்த ஒல்லி மாமி மாத்திரம் அவ்வளவு தூரம் வீசி எறிகிறாரே அது எப்படி?' என்று கேட்டார் ஒரு பெண் மணி. 'அவருடைய பிள்ளையாண்டன் இந்த வருஷ ஜாவலின் திரோ போட்டியில் சாம்பியனாம்' என்று பதில் வந்தது.

(4) தொகுதி: கடத்திக்கொண்டு போய் நம்ம ஊர் எல்லையிலே விட்டுவிட்டால் கூட நம்ம தெருவுக்கு வரத் தெரியாமல் முழிப்பாருங்கிறயே யாருப்பா அவர்?' என்று கேட்டார் சபாபதி. 'வேறு யாரு நம் வார்டு கவுன்சிலர்தான்.'

(5) குப்பை: 'ஏம்மா புஷ்பா, இவ்வளவு சுத்தமா வீடு பூராவும் பெருக்கறியே கட்டில், மேஜை, பெஞ்சுக்குக் கீழே மாத்திரம் ஏன் தொடப்பம் போக மாட்டேங்கிறது?' என்று எஜமானி கோபத்துடன் கேட்டார். 'அங்கெல்லாம் கூட்டக் கூடாதுங்கறது எங்க சங்கத்திலே போட்ட தீர்மானங்க, அதான்.'

(6) பாயசம்: 'ஏன்யா! அடிபிடிச்ச பாயசத்தைப் பரிமாறு கிறாயே, கொஞ்சமாவது மனசாட்சி வேண்டாம்?' என்று கோபத்துடன் எகிறினார் இரண்டாம் பந்தி இலைக்காரர். 'சும்மா இரும். போன பந்தியிலே சண்டெலி விழுந்த பாயசத்தை பரிமாறினதைப் பற்றி யாராவது மூச்சு விட்டாங்களா, இல்லையே' என்று அசாஸ்டாக பதில் வந்தது.

(7) காய்மா காய்: 'வளக்கமா அம்மாதானே கறிகா வாங்க வருவாங்க. இன்னிக்கு ஐயா நீங்களே வந்திருக்கீங்களே?' என்று தள்ளு வண்டிக்காரர் கேட்டார் ஆர்வத்துடன். 'ம், கறிகாய் வாங்கறது அவளா நாலும் சமையல் நான் தானே' என்றார் அகப்பையுடன் வந்த கணவர் சலிப்புடன்.

(8) ஸ்விக்கி: 'ஸார், இதுதானே பத்ரி ஸார் வீடு? பீட்டா, பராத்தா, பன்னீர் பட்டர் மசாலா, கலாட்டா ஐஸ் க்ரீம் ஆர்டர் பண்ணினது?' என்று கேட்டார் டெலிவரி ஆள். 'அன்னண்டை போ. இந்தப் பேரைக் கேட்டாலே என்னுடைய கொலஸ்ட்ரால் எகிறிடும்' என்றார் ராமகப்பு, கதவை மடால் என்று சாத்தியபடி.

(9) ஜோஷியர்: 'எடிட்டர் ஸார், என்ன இது? நான் நாலு வாரத்துக்கு எழுதின கடைசி வார ராசிபலனை முதல் வாரத்துக்குப் போட்டிருக்கீங்க' என்று கோபத்துடன் கேட்டார் ஜோஷியர் சிம்மம் காண்டிப சர்மா. 'சும்மா இரும். இந்த வாரம்தான் ரொம்பப் பொருத்தமா இருக்குன்னு ஃபோன் கால்கள் வந்துண்டே இருக்கு' என்றார் எடிட்டர்.

(10) டப்பா: 'இப்படி அழுத்தமா முடினா எப்படித் திறக்கிறது?' என்று கணவர் சலித்துக் கொண்டே மனைவியிடம் டப்பாவை நீட்டினார். ஒருமுறை முறைத்துவிட்டு, ஒரு சுழற்சியில் முடியைத் திறந்து அலட்சியத்துடன் கணவர் புருஸ்லியிடம் கொடுத்தார் அவருடைய மனைவி.

(11) ஆப்பு: 'உலகப் போலீஸ்கார அமெரிக்காவுக்கே ஆப் கானிஸ்தான் தண்ணி காட்டிடுத்தே. அதுக்கு வேற ஏதாவது பேரு வைக்கலாமாடா பாலு?' 'ஆப்பு-கானிஸ்தான் என்று வைத்தால் பொருத்தமா இருக்கும்' என்றான் பாலு.

(12) மியாவ்: நம்ம வீட்டிலே புருந்த பூனை குட்டி போட்டினாலே சீக்கிரமே வீட்டைக் காலி பண்ணிடும்' என்று மனைவியிடம் சந்தோஷத்துடன் சொன்னார். 'நம்ம காயத்திரியும் உண்டாயிருக்கிறதாலே நாமும் காலி பண்ணிண்டு பெரிய வீட்டுக்குப் போகணும்' என்றான் பங்கஜம் பூரிப்புடன்.

(13) பாக்கி: நேத்து வடபழனியிலே கல்யாணம் கட்டிக்கிட்ட நடிக்கை மேனகாழியை பேட்டி கண்டியே, ஏதாவது இன்ட் ரஸ்டிங் நியூஸ் உண்டா?' என்று கேட்டார் சினிமினி இதழின் ஆசிரியர். 'அவருக்கு இது அஞ்சாவது, எனக்கு இது முணாவதுங்கிறினாலே அரியர்லை சீக்கிரமே கிளியர் பண்ணணும்' என்று சிரிச்சுக்கிட்டே சொன்னாங்க என்றார் நிருபர்.

(14) வாடகைக்காரர்: 'ஏங்க, மைனர் கோவாலு, நேத்து ராத்திரி வண்டி சவாரிக்கு வருமானு கேட்டதுக்கு முடியாதன்னு சொல்லிட்டீரே ஏன்?' 'பின்னே, கல்யாண ஊர்வலத்துக்காகப் போற நம்ம ஸ்பெஷல் வண்டியிலே மைனருடைய பலான சமாச்சாரங்களுக்காகவா ஓட்டறது?'

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### Chennai Metro collects Rs. 48,000 fine for mask norm violation

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro has collected Rs. 48,400 as penalty from passengers for violating Covid norms after restarting its service from June.

According to an official, a penalty of Rs. 200 is imposed for not wearing or not properly wearing face masks in metro trains and metro stations.

A total of 242 passengers have been fined from June 21 to August 31 for the violation.

Chennai Metro is operating its rakes at 50 percent capacity as per government norms.

The patronage has been increasing as Covid norms are being relaxed and normalcy is returning to the city.

While 18.46 lakhs passengers used metro service in July, it increased to 22.74 lakhs in August.

### Corporation releases e-book on career guidance

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has released an e-book on career guidance for Std. 12 students.

The book was released during a Zoom meet on Sept. 2 in which Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi also participated along with Professors from Madras University.

The book contains details about various courses and employment opportunities covering such courses.

It can be downloaded from the Corporation's portal.

### Police caution against video chats with strangers

In early August, a 54-year-old resident of T. Nagar got a video call from an unknown number with the profile picture of a woman on his WhatsApp messenger. He played along and noticed a nude woman in the video. A few minutes after the call ended, he began receiving threats that the video would be posted on social media tagging his friends if he did not pay up.

The T. Nagar resident was forced to part with Rs. 17 lakhs.

Similar cases of sextortion have been reported in the past two months in which a retired Professor, a doctor and some college students have been trapped and later blackmailed for money.

The gangs, a cyber crime wing officer said, zero in on their targets, all men, through Instagram, Facebook or WhatsApp chats from fake accounts. After texting for a while, a woman member of the gang makes a video call to the victim and starts stripping while encouraging him to do the same.

The man, with no idea that the call is being recorded, gives in.

Then, with his naked video recordings as evidence, the gang blackmails him, threatening to upload the photos all over social media and send them to his friends and relatives. Besides social media platforms, these gangs also make video calls on random numbers using women as traps. Police say very few victims lodge complaints, embarrassed by the way they were trapped. S. Balu, a retired additional superintendent of police who is now president of the Cyber Society of India, said that people should be cautious as the digital world is always dangerous. Many victims slip into depression, with some displaying suicidal tendencies, he said, adding that victims should not hesitate to lodge a complaint.

### Post-offices sell gold bonds

By Our Staff Reporter

Post-offices under the Chennai City Central division, including in T. Nagar are selling sovereign gold bonds.

According to a press release, customers may invest a minimum of one gram to a maximum of 4 kg. in the scheme for the fiscal and they would earn an annual interest of 2.5 percent.

The tenure of the bond is eight years.

Customers may get the bond by submitting an application along with copies of documents like Aadhaar card and PAN card.

## S. Suthahar improved infrastructure of MCN Higher Secondary School

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Suthahar took charge as Principal of MCN Higher Secondary School (Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) in 2014.

Since then, he has improved the infrastructure with a computer lab, smart classrooms and RO system with the assistance of NGOs, corporates, old students and philanthropists.



He holds a postgraduate degree in Physics and M.Ed. Started in 1948, this was the 1<sup>st</sup> school in T.Nagar to be upgraded as a Higher Secondary School by the Education Department in 1978. His contact number is 94448 38031.

## Complex brain surgery performed in Gayathri Hospital

By S. Vidyaaakar

Gayathri Charitable Hospital (Thiruverkadu), run by Udavum Karangal, successfully performed a complex neurosurgery on a 37-year-old patient from Bengaluru on Aug. 21.



On Aug. 19, one Kanimozhi after speaking to me over phone, came to the hospital with her ailing husband in serious condition as she could not afford the treatment cost of Rs. 7 lakhs quoted by hospitals in Bengaluru.

Her husband R. Selvam is an alcoholic and had suffered head injury in a fall and was suffering from constant migraine, nasal discharge and was frequently vomiting blood.

CT Scan revealed that he had a stress fracture at the base of the skull leading to leakage of cerebral fluids.

After assessing all parameters, Dr. Krishnakumar and Dr. Abhinav (Neurosurgeons) and Dr. Vinod (Oro Maxillofacial surgeon) jointly performed an intricate 5-hour brain surgery to treat the fracture.

The patient is recovering well and will be discharged by Sep. 10. Kanimozhi thanked the doctors and paramedical staff for saving her husband and Udavum Karangal for subsidizing the treatment cost. She has been advised to admit Selvam in a de-addiction center to cure him of alcoholism.

A week back, the Hospital had successfully performed a major surgery on a 92-year-old woman.

The Hospital's contact number is 73587 86893. (Vidyaaakar is the Founder of Udavum Karangal, NGO with office on Kannadasan Street, T. Nagar)

## New flyover to decongest Usman Road, CIT Nagar junctions

By Our Staff Reporter

Three busy junctions in T. Nagar will soon be decongested as Chennai Corporation has decided to construct a flyover connecting South Usman Road and CIT Nagar.

According to a Corporation official, the new flyover will decongest South Usman Road-Burkit Road-Madley Road junction near T. Nagar bus terminus; South Usman Road-South West Boag Road and New Boag junction and CIT Nagar First Main Road-CIT Nagar North Road junction.

The construction of the foot overbridge connecting Mambalam railway station and T.Nagar bus stand is underway.

## Corporation to set up 'sponge park'

To improve the groundwater table and prevent flooding, Chennai Corporation has proposed to set up a 'sponge park' with artificial pond and rain gardens in Kargil Nagar flood water pumping station in Manali zone.

The project, under the Integrated Stormwater Project in Kosasthalaiyar Basin, will replicate Tanner Park in Portland, US, where storm water drain run-off is stored in ponds.

Earlier proposals for a concrete tank to collect water from storm water drains and a pumping solution for Buckingham Canal were given up due to the high cost.

The current proposal, an official said, is for an urban space with a permanent pond that can be a park during the dry months along with a rain garden, a wetland and storage pond using water eco blocks. It will have compartments of gravel, soil filters and blocks to help large quantities of water seep into the ground in a short time. A similar concept linked to storm water drain network was earlier implemented in Vadapalani temple tank and reduced water stagnation on roads, an official said.

## Coin released to mark 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of ISKCON Founder

By Our Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sept. 1 released a Rs. 125 coin to commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Swami Prabhupada (Founder, ISKCON - International Society for Krishna Consciousness).

ISKCON has a global following with over 600 Lord Krishna temples spread across 60 countries, and spreads the teachings of Bhagavad Gita and on Indian culture.

ISKCON also engages in social initiatives and has distributed 25 crore food packets among the needy during the lockdown periods.



## Metrowater conducts rainwater harvesting awareness drive



By Our Staff Reporter

In just two days since an awareness drive on rainwater harvesting was launched, 'water volunteers' from Metrowater have visited more than 7,000 streets.

According to a Metrowater release, the teams visited 2,81,747 buildings on 7,026 streets across the city.

The drive is to create awareness among residents of all the 10.91 lakh buildings in the city in 35,000 streets.

## Corporation takes steps to recover property tax arrears

By Our Staff Reporter

During the last 15 days, Chennai Corporation has collected around Rs. 100 crores of the total of Rs. 230 crores in property tax arrears till 2018.

As per Corporation data, around 10,000 buildings in the city had a default totalling Rs. 230 crores up to 2018.

The revenue officials have started a drive to collect tax arrears from high-value defaulters, those who owe more than Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh.

On Aug. 30, a restaurant on G. N. Chetty Road (T. Nagar) was issued a notice to pay up arrears of several lakhs.

The outlet was also sealed

Teams of 'water volunteers' formed from women self-help groups have been formed in each of the 15 zones. They are visiting households to distribute awareness pamphlets.

"They also interact with members of the public to sensitise them on rainwater harvesting," the release added.

Also, two help desks have been set up in each of the 200 Metrowater depots to create awareness on rainwater harvesting and provide the details to the public.

Apart from creating awareness, the volunteers also provide technical details about rainwater harvesting structures based on the type of building, water and sewage connections.

## No public display of idols for Vinayaka Chaturthi

The government announced on Aug. 30 that beaches will be closed on Sundays and public display of idols for Vinayaka Chaturthi festival will not be permitted. The government made the announcement while extending the Covid lockdown till Sept. 15. As hundreds of people throng Marina Beach on Sundays, the government barred the public from going to the beach on all Sundays from Sept. 5.

Restrictions on visiting places of worship will continue on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Conducting of religious festivals is also banned. The government has barred the installation of Vinayaka idols in public places and also barred congregations for the immersion of idols.

The order further stated that the public and religious organisations are barred from idol immersion in the sea and between the stretches of Napier Bridge and Santhome on Sept. 10. Subsequently, to prevent people from gathering, the order confirmed that residents will be allowed to leave idols at temples and they will be collected by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) department.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fruit vendor encroaches on pavement



Sir, For over 20 years, a fruit vendor has been doing business, blocking the pavement and parking area opposite Jeeva Park on G. N. Chetty Road (T. Nagar).

I appeal to the officers of Chennai Corporation to evict the encroacher. **Suri Srivilas, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar**

## Rain water stagnates in Somasundaram Ground



Sir, Due to an inadequate drain mechanism, after rain, water stagnates in Somasundaram Ground (Somasundaram Street, T. Nagar).

It takes a day or two of sunshine for the ground to dry up. It also turns the ground slushy and becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The photo was taken an hour after the rains on Sept. 1. I appeal to the park officers to improve the drainage system. **V. Subramanian, 26, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar**

## Railings along pavement bent



By Our Staff Reporter

The railings installed along the pavement on Tanjore Street, T. Nagar are bent inwards as they are often hit by vehicles reversing.

## Pharmacist, assistant held for misappropriating Rs. 5 lakhs

By Our Staff Reporter

Pharmacist M. Subashini (43) of Karapakkam and her assistant S. Christopher (45) (a resident of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, K. K. Nagar) were arrested for misappropriating Rs. 5 lakhs cash from sales proceeds in the Amma Marunthagam in Porur.

The misappropriation came to light during a routine audit of the accounts by officers of the Audit Department of Chennai Corporation.

G. Devarajan (President, Corporation Cooperative Stores) lodged a police complaint.

On questioning, the police found that the duo had committed the crime by showing an increase in the available stock.

## Walkers' Association felicitates members

By Our Staff Reporter

The Jeeva Walkers' and Joggers' Association (T. Nagar) felicitated members who have been visiting the park regularly during the lockdown.

Design (Senior Member) told this reporter that the members were felicitated to encourage more senior members to start using the park and maintain good health.



## Vacant apartment complex on Thirumalai Road in bad condition

By Our Staff Reporter

The unoccupied Aswani Swathi Apartments (Thirumalai Road, T. Nagar, near Habibullah Road junction) is in a bad condition.

Residents living nearby told *Mambalam Times* that rainwater often stagnates in the basement of the building and becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes, a health hazard for them.

"Only after several complaints do the Metrowater officials arrange to pump out the water," they said.

Residents living nearby are also put to risk as the building, which has weakened, may collapse at any time.

They have appealed to officers of Chennai Corporation to pull down the structure.



## Open drain covered with plywood structure

By Our Staff Reporter

One of the covers is missing from the storm water drain in the pavement of Habibullah Road, T. Nagar, near Thirumalai Road junction.

A plywood structure has been used to temporarily cover the opening.



## Five zones have less than 100 active Covid cases

By Our Staff Reporter

As on Sept. 1, six out of the 15 Corporation Zones had less than 100 active cases.

Of this, Kodambakkam Zone had the highest of 191 cases, followed by Alandur (188) and Anna Nagar and Adyar Zones, 169 each.

There are concerns over Corporation Zones in southern and central Chennai still having higher number of cases, as most of the city

colleges are located in these zones.

Experts said unless all the students are vaccinated and Covid protocols are followed, chances of cases rising exist.

Deputy Commissioner of Health Dr. Manish Narnaware said that tracing of index cases and treating the patients have been the methodologies of Chennai Corporation and they would be continued even in the

future. According to Corporation data, out of 3,328 faculty members of colleges in the city, 2,999 have been given the first dose and 2,014 have received the second dose.

Out of 2,002 non-teaching staff, 1,688 have received the first dose and 759 the second.

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## Cop killed in road accident



By Our Staff Reporter

Police Constable D. Manojkumar (24) was run over by an SUV after the bike he was riding skidded on a sandy patch of the road in Govindan Road (West Mambalam) on Aug. 27 night.

The policeman, who was attached to Royala Nagar police station, was returning home from duty.

He was the driver of Additional Commissioner of Traffic Prathip Kumar.

He was taken to Government Royapettah Hospital where he was declared brought dead.

The driver of the SUV D. Thirugnanasambandham was arrested and his vehicle seized.

## Two held for burgling shops

By Our Staff Reporter

Nearly a week after several burglaries in shops in Kodambakkam and Vadapalani, police arrested two men and seized 1.5 kg of silver articles, 10 mobile phones, bronze idols, perfumes and groceries from them.

The accused, A. Vijay (26) of Pulianthope and S. Surya Prakash (21) of Minjur, were secured during a vehicle check on Aug. 30, said police. Investigation revealed that the duo had carried out similar thefts in Valasaravakkam, Kotturpuram, MKB Nagar and Teynampet.

Police said that the accused became friends in prison and decided to loot shops at night.

On Aug. 24, at least eight shops were broken open and valuables were stolen in Kodambakkam. CCTV footage showed a man standing outside the shop while the other person looted the shop.

In one footage, they were seen hiding behind a banner after halting their looting when police night patrol passed.

## LPG price hiked again by Rs. 25

LPG cooking gas prices were hiked once again by Rs. 25 on Sept. 1 after repeated hikes over the past two months. Due to the recent revision, the price of a 14.2 kg cylinder in Chennai is Rs 900.50. In July the price was hiked by Rs. 25.50 and in August by Rs. 25.

The price of a 19 kg. commercial LPG cylinder has increased to Rs. 1,725.50 after a hike of Rs. 75.

## Girija Seshadri – a successful educationalist



By Our Staff Reporter

Girija Seshadri is the General Secretary of Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya MHSS (Postal Colony, West Mambalam) founded in 1975 by S. Vedantam.

Lakhs of students hailing from lower to middle income group families have passed out from the school since its inception.

Under the stewardship of Girija, 9 fineart forms and yoga have been included in the curriculum for overall development of the students.

The school also engages in social initiatives. It contributed Rs. 10 lakhs to CM's Relief Fund and Rs. 5 lakhs to the PM Relief Fund for combating Covid.

It also conducts blood donation camps, engages students in cleaning ponds and other environmental activities.

Many of its students have won accolades in State and National-level education projects and sports.

Girija is an academician, educationist, social worker and a sportswoman. She regularly participates in car rallies.

She did a thesis on Modern Indian Education for her Doctorate. Her son and daughter are settled in the US.

## Local boy wins 500 Euros in chess tourney

Grandmaster D. Gukesh (Std. 10 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam) won a cash award of 500 Euros (around Rs. 45,000) for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Braganca Open Chess Tournament held in Portugal last month. He scored 8 out of 9 points in the final round.



The achievement fetched him 25 ELO points, taking his FIDE rating to 2603, the highest by an Indian at the age of 15.

## Vidyodaya School records 100% attendance in Class 12

City schools, which reopened on Sept. 1, registered 85% to 100% attendance. Colleges recorded 60% to 70% attendance.

Schools and colleges had made elaborate arrangements to follow social distancing on the campus. Students were not allowed to mingle and only 20 students were allowed in a classroom.

Vidyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School in T. Nagar recorded nearly 100% attendance among Class 12 students. "Except for one student who is in post-Covid care, all 121 attended physical classes," said headmistress V. Shanthi.

"The school will conduct classes in hybrid mode for other classes. We have called 50% of students of Classes 9 and 10 for physical classes on alternate days. The remaining students can view live the classes from their houses," she added.

P. Hari Priya from Nungambakkam was so eager to return to school that she came 15 minutes early. Seeing her friends after a long gap, she said that they looked different – some had grown their hair, others had lost weight. They pulled each other's legs, but did not hug or shake hands. At the end of the first day, she could not catch up with her friends, as her class was split into two, and had little time to speak to them.

Shivani K P from Adyar said that even the classroom and school environment looked so different after prolonged online classes. "Even our teachers were so happy to see us and conduct classes. I find I relate to topics better in offline classes compared to online classes," she said.

## Schools reopen for Stds. 9 to 12 students

As announced, schools reopened for Stds. 9 to 12 students on Sept. 1 with strict Covid protocols in place.

On the first day at Guntur Subbiah Girls' School (T. Nagar), teachers were stationed near the gates to instruct parents and students about the safety norms to be followed.

The teachers also welcomed the students with sweets and distributed new notebooks among them.

Their temperatures were also checked.

At MCN Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar), free reusable face masks were gifted to the students.

Muthuraj (Senior Official, Velammal Main School, Mogappair) told *Mambalam Times* that all possible safety measures as mandated by the government are being followed to keep the student environment safe and secure.

All classrooms, restrooms and sensitive areas are sanitized before and after school hours. Wearing of masks and social distancing is mandatory for students and staff.

Students and staff members were educated about the norms well in advance through online sessions, Muthuraj said.

## Food packets distributed among leprosy patients



By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Inner Wheel of Chennai Presidency distributed food packets among leprosy outpatients in Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital on Aug. 31.

The program was coordinated by Jaimaa Charitable Trust (Vadapalani). Those who are interested in supporting the activities of the Trust may contact in 93456 65918.

## Chennai received 14 cm excess rain in last 3 months

The city weather station has from June 1 to Sept. 1 recorded 465.8 mm of rain, an excess of 144.7 mm over the normal of 321.1 mm.

During the same period, Meenambakkam weather station, which covers the southern suburbs, recorded 384.8 mm, a surplus of 29.4 mm over the normal of 355.4 mm.

The average rainfall for the June-September season for Nungambakkam is 440 mm and 480 mm for Meenambakkam. N. Puviarasan (Director of the Area Cyclone Warning Centre) said the current rainfall activity in the city and state was due to the weak southwest monsoon currents creating favourable conditions for convective activity. "Unlike last year, when the southwest monsoon brought good rainfall in states like Kerala and the Western Ghats, this year, the rainfall in Kerala in June and July has been deficient. August too did not see much rain. That was why we had been seeing rainfall in Tamilnadu," he explained.

He said that more rains are expected in the coming days.

## MLA accepts complaints over WhatsApp



By Our Staff Reporter

Residents can send their civic complaints or pending issues directly over WhatsApp to J. Karunanithi (MLA, T. Nagar).

His party members have been distributing his card with his photo and WhatsApp number and email address among residents of his constituency.

Residents can send their complaints by WhatsApp to 9790569056 or by email to jkarunanithimla@gmail.com.

## Pit to repair drain hazardous for motorists

By Our Staff Reporter

Metrowater workers have dug a pit at the junction of Hindi Prachara Sabha Street and Venkatanarayana Road (T. Nagar) to repair a sewage chamber.

No barricades have been placed around the pit to caution road users. It poses a danger, especially at night due to poor visibility.



## Postcard series roots locality names to its native plants, trees

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of the Madras Week celebrations, city-based design company Design Foundry has come up with a postcard series that roots the city's locality names to its native plants and trees.

According to Anita Mahadevan (Co-Founder of Design Foundry) toponymists (a person who studies place names) were storytellers and poets who waxed eloquent about the beauty of a place and its soul through the flora and fauna that thrived there.

They crafted poems and built myths around the fruits and flowers that the land bore.

"In Chennai too, this tradition lives on through the names of its many streets. We have illustrated a few postcards to honour our city's legacy of nurturing nature," Anita said.

"It is believed that a lot of jasmine flowers used to grow in Poonamallee. Likewise, Pulianthope had a tamarind grove and Mangadu had a mango forest. Through the postcard series, we wanted to find out more such details about Madras. We are going beyond what is popularised already," she added.

The postcard illustrations include places like Pelathope, Mangadu, Mambalam, Triplicane, Teynampet, Purasawalkam, Veperiy, Koyyathoppu, Panayur, Athipet, Perambur, Alandur, Thiruvallangadu, Iluppai Thoppu, Irumbuliyur, Thiruverkadu and Thirumullaivoyal.

## Two held within hour of snatching taxi driver's tablet

By Our Staff Reporter

Two youngsters, one of them a college student, who snatched a tablet computer from an Ola driver after taking a trip in his taxi in the wee hours of Aug. 28, were arrested by Tirumullaivoyal police within an hour.

A. Senthil Kumar of Kodambakkam, who drives an Ola taxi, accepted a trip at around 2 a.m. The two men who boarded the car got down at Tirumullaivoyal, and allegedly argued with Senthil Kumar over payment.

They suddenly snatched the tablet provided for him by the taxi aggregator and fled the spot. After he alerted the police control room, the night patrol team launched a hunt for the duo and secured them within an hour. The tablet was seized and the two, identified as B. Saran (21) and R. Sanjiv (21), were remanded to judicial custody.

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## Cable drum blocks pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

A huge empty EB cable drum is lying on the pavement outside Sri RKM Ashram on Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar. Sandbags have been placed to prevent it from rolling. It is not only blocking the way for pedestrians, but is also in danger of rolling if the sandbags move away.

## Headmistress helps students' families during Covid crisis



By Our Staff Reporter

D. Malligai Selvi (Headmistress, Sri Sarada Middle School, Madley Road, West Mambalam) has helped families of her students who were financially hit by the lockdown.

She is a post-graduate in Tamil and has over 3 decades of teaching experience.

She had worked as a Tamil teacher in Sri Saraswathi Primary School (Saidapet) for 17 years before joining Sarada School. Her contact number is 98407 61338.

## Crematoriums to be redeveloped

41 crematoriums in the city are to be taken up for redevelopment which includes improving infrastructure and facilities and giving them a facelift. Of the 41 crematoriums selected for the project, 37 are electric crematoriums.

Chennai Corporation has invited national and international level architects to design the landscaping of the exteriors. CSR Funds will be utilized for redevelopment.

Major crematoriums under the project include the ones in Kannamapet, Villivakkam, Velangadu, Arumbakkam, Nungambakkam and Mylapore.

## Rs. 25 crores allotted to repair 372 roads

Chennai Corporation has allotted Rs. 25 crores to repair 372 interior roads in Teynampet, Kodambakkam, Mogappair (Ambattur Zone) and Adyar Zones.

According to an official, most of these roads were damaged mainly due to improvements work carried out by TNEB, Metrowater and telecom companies.

Around 90 percent of the amount will be provided by Tamilnadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited and the rest will be from Corporation funds.

## DGP orders piled up vehicles removal from police stations

The Deputy Commissioner of Police C. Sylendra Babu has ordered officials to take steps to clear piled up vehicles from police stations.

The officials have been asked to hand over the vehicles to the genuine owners or auction them. The officer noted that a large number of vehicles involved in criminal cases and accidents have been lying idle in police station premises or on the road margin near the station for a long time.

They not only occupy a large space but also create unhygienic conditions around the station premises.

## Multi-specialty veterinary hospital to come up in Nandanam

The Government plans to develop a multi-specialty veterinary hospital and research centre in Nandanam at a cost of Rs 7.99 crores. The centre will conduct research on pet animals, diseases affecting them, and provide world-class treatment, an official said.

A dog breeding unit to popularize native breeds has already been established in Saidapet.

## Damaged junction boxes dumped on pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of damaged and dismantled EB pillar boxes have lying on the pavement behind Sri RKM playground (Rajamannar Street, T. Nagar) for several months.

The rusted metal boxes with sharp edges are hazardous to pedestrians. Nearby residents have appealed to officers of the Electricity Board to remove the junction boxes from the spot.

## Awareness program on eye donation



By Our Staff Reporter

Sri RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Model Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar), Lions Club of Central Madras and ExNoRa Greater Chennai jointly organised an awareness program on 'Need and Necessity for Eye Donation' on Aug. 31 in T. Nagar.

V. Ravichandran (Past President, ExNoRa) and President, Lions Club of Thiruvannamiyur), Lakshmi Narayanan (Manager, C. U. President), J. Fatheraj Jain Shah Eye Bank, Sankara (North Chennai Secretary), Nethralaya), V. Sasikumar Karunakaran (E. C. Member), (President, Lions Club of Jayanthi (Headmistress) and Central Madras), S. N. Hari Narayanan (Project Chair- the awareness program and man), Thirumalai (Past tree plantation activity).

## New Giri Street in battered condition

By Our Staff Reporter

New Giri Street (off Giri Road, near G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) is in bad condition.

The surface was washed away following heavy rains, leaving the road slushy and slippery.

The residents of the street have appealed to Chennai Corporation to relay the road.

A resident told this reporter that the road is also repeatedly dug up by Metrowater and TNEB for carrying out repair work, but the pits and trenches are not closed properly and the surface relaid after the works are completed.



## Police retrieve cash bag forgotten in restaurant

By Our Staff Reporter

Sarveswaran, a businessman from Salem, had come to the city on a business visit and had dinner in a hotel in Saidapet on Aug. 30.

While returning the next day, Sarveswaran realized when he was near Chengalpattu that his money bag was missing. He immediately called Saidapet police station.

A police team went to the hotel where he had had dinner the previous night and found the money bag safe on the chair.

They handed it over to Sarveswaran after checking his identity.

## Abhiramapuram to come under Teynampet police limits

By Our Staff Reporter

Even as steps are under way to bifurcate the Greater Chennai Police with a separate Commissionerate for suburban areas, a proposal has been put forth to reorganise a few police ranges in the core of the city.

One of the proposed changes is to bring Abhiramapuram police station under Teynampet police range by disbanding Kotturpuram range.

Also, Teynampet range that comes under the jurisdiction of T. Nagar Deputy Commissioner will be added to Mylapore police district and controlled by the respective Deputy Commissioner.

## Advance screening to detect Covid

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has launched Viral Sign, an advanced screening system to detect Covid infection accurately through certain indicators even before the onset of symptoms.

According to a Health Department official, the screening system has more than 96 percent accuracy.

He said that the process works by capturing and interpreting a comprehensive thermal signature of the face to identify patterns consistent with the presence of flu-like illness, including Covid.

A green colour signal indicates that the screen did not identify the presence of virus, orange indicates that the potential for pre-symptomatic presence of virus, prior to the onset of fever are present. In case of a red colour indication, pre-symptomatic and symptomatic (fever) indications for the presence of virus are reflected.

Viral Sign is a SaaS based solution and not based on temperature check, which distinguishes it from other screening devices like thermometers and thermal cameras.

As the system is contactless and identifies pre-symptomatic indicators, it provides triage to undergo appropriate tests for the diagnosis of the virus at an early stage.

## Special vaccination camps for teachers, staff

By Our Staff Reporter

With schools reopening, the Government has started special vaccination camps for teaching and non-teaching staff and their family members.

According to a Corporation official, 81% of non-teaching and nearly 90% of teaching staff have been vaccinated in the city.

These camps will also help many of them get their second dose, the official said.

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# Golden Eagle Alliance renders public service



By Our Staff Reporter

Golden Eagle Alliance International (North Usman Road, T. Nagar), which was opened recently, renders service to the public and also creates awareness on social issues.

The program was inaugurated by Dr.M.Kalazhagar (Charter District Governor). Dr.V.K. Nandakumar (Charter President), J. Saravanan (Vice District Governor), Dr.P. Mohan (Charter Secretary) and S. BoopeshMadhanmohan (Charter Treasurer) were present

# Ela Ganesan appointed Governor of Manipur

By Our Staff Reporter

Former Rajya Sabha member and BJP leader ELA Ganesan (resident of Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) was sworn in as the 17th Governor of Manipur on Aug.27.

Chief Minister Nongt-hombam Biren Singh and other senior officials attended the swearing-in ceremony.

Ganesan is a prolific writer and orator.

He had served as General Secretary (Tamilnadu BJP Unit), and as National Secretary and later Vice President of BJP at the national level.



# Rajalakshmi – a multi-faceted personality

By Our Staff Reporter

R. Rajalakshmi (Headmistress, Guntur Subbiah Pillai T. Nagar Girls Hr. Sec. School, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has completed 30 years of service in teaching and eight years as headmistress. She has a string of degrees to her name including some doctorates. During her years of teaching she has produced centum result in her subject (zoology). Under her guidance, the school has been achieving centum result continuously in Stds. 10 and 12 board exams.

She has presented nine research papers in international conferences, two research papers in national conferences and three in state-level conferences. She was awarded 'Best Teacher Dr.

Radhakrishnan Award' by the government of Tamilnadu in 2017, and also received 32 awards from various reputed organizations.

Her services during the 'Vardha cyclone' and 'Covid pandemic' for her school students and members of the public were highly appreciated. She was presented 'Best Humanitarian' award by Jaimaa Charitable Trust.

She gives importance to physical Education, Yoga, Meditation and club activities in the school. She started the 'GSPT Environment Project' in April 2019 to inculcate the value of nature in her students.

She initiated the Eco Club



which enabled students to plant 2000 saplings in and around Chennai. She initiated 'aids awareness programs' in different districts of Tamilnadu and 'Hair donation campaign' by her school students for cancer patients.

Under her guidance, students participated in National-level essay competition and also secured the first place which carried a cash award of Rs. 40,000. She encouraged her students to participate in national-level tournaments in tennis, volleyball and tennikoit. A Kavitha, a Std. 11 student, secured 1st position in the National level tennikoit competition conducted by

School Games Federation of India and received Rs. 2 lakhs from the Government of Tamilnadu.

A majority of her students belong to underprivileged families and most of them are first generation learners. With the help of the management and donors she provides economic and moral support to the students. To prevent them from dropping out, special coaching is given to improve their academic performance and support them to pursue higher studies. She said that the tremendous support of the management and good co-operation of staff is the secret of her achievements.

# Two held for running brothel

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Parashmal Joshi (45) of K. K. Nagar and S. Senthilkumar (52) were arrested on Sept. 1 for running a brothel in Tirumullaivoyal.

Two women from Andhra forced into prostitution were rescued.

Following a tip-off, the police raided an apartment in a complex on Sundar Street and arrested the duo.

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P. Maruthi (Secretary, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya) told Mambalam Times that on Sept. 3, a free homeopathy camp was held in the Vidyalaya in which doctors from Dr. Koppikar's Foundation examined the patients.

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