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Aranganathan subway beautified



By Our Staff Reporter

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Resident has collection of 600 Vinayaga idols



By Our Staff Reporter

V.Raman (resident of 1st floor, Rangasri Apartments, 10/22 Srinivasan Pillai Street, West Mambalam, opposite Sathya Narayana Perumal Koil, and Chief Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Central Office) has a collection of 600 Vinayaga idols.

They are made of stone, clay, marble, shells, terracotta, navathaniyam, papiermache, wood, gun metal, white metal, crystal, glass, coconut shell, betelnut etc. and are in various forms.

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All are welcome to view the collection.

Raman can be contacted in 9443689279.

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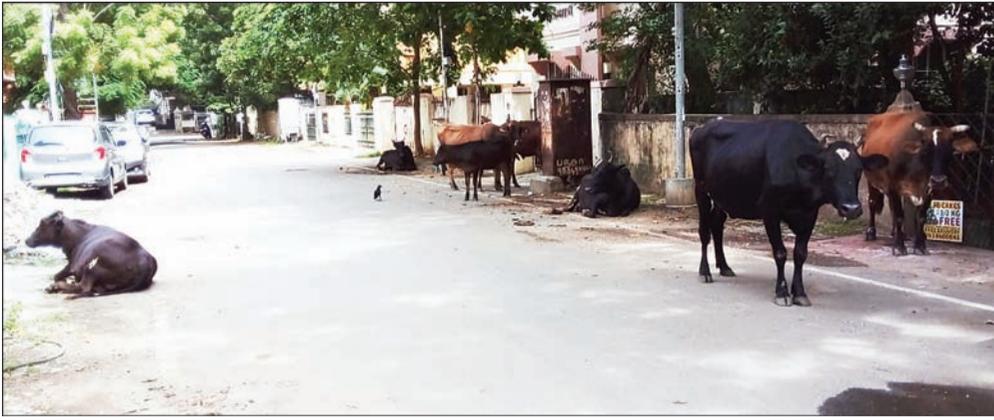
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cattle menace persists



Sir, Cattle continue to occupy Gandhi Street, Cart Track Road and surroundings. There seems to be no end in sight for this long-standing problem.

The cows squat on the road making it difficult for pedestrians to walk not to speak of their dung strewn all over. A couple of cases of the cows attacking pedestrians and causing injuries have also been reported. The problem has been highlighted in your columns in the past.

We do take up the issue now and then with the authorities but nothing seems to happen apart from a very brief and temporary relief for a few days.

When will the authorities treat this issue seriously and put a permanent end to the menace?
P. K. Subramanian, Aishwarya Apartments, Gandhi Street, T. Nagar. Ph: 98402 93321

Mambalam Times report prompts removal of EB box from pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'EB box lying on pavement' published in *Mambalam Times* (August 22-28 issue), the EB pillar box lying on the pavement of Habibullah Road in T. Nagar near Bharathi Nagar MTC stop was removed.

Man held for harassing woman

By Our Staff Reporter

34-year-old Karthick (a resident of Mogappair) was arrested by Anna Nagar police under Tamilnadu Prohibition of Woman Harassment Act for accosting a woman journalist on 2nd Avenue (Anna Nagar).

According to the police, the accused, who works as a software engineer, had returned from the US.

The victim, who works at a web news portal, took to Twitter to narrate the ordeal she had to go through. She was crossing a junction in Anna Nagar on her two-wheeler when a car tried to stop her.

The man inside allegedly told her that he wanted to speak to her, but when she ignored him and moved ahead, the car followed her and stopped her again and the man started conversing with her again.

While the car sped away after she clicked the number plate of the car on her phone, she stated that the traffic police were of no help. Later, she complained to Anna Nagar police and a complaint was registered. After investigation, Karthik was secured and remanded to judicial custody.

Survey finds rainwater harvesting structures neglected

By Our Staff Reporter

Ahead of the Northeast monsoon, a Metrowater inspection of rainwater harvesting (RWH) structures, including those in government schools that often face water shortage, has found that the structures are not being maintained properly.

More than six lakh buildings have been surveyed so far.

"Though all government schools are equipped with RWH facilities, they are completely blocked due to poor maintenance. Due to this, rainwater is not being collected at all despite bountiful rains over the last year. We have now instructed them to desilt all RWH structures," said a Metrowater official involved in the awareness drive in Teynampet zone.

Over the last four days, 6,44,240 households in 16,106 streets were inspected. "We observed that residential complexes maintained them better than commercial buildings. Most of the people were not even aware that RWH structures had to be desilted before rains," the official said.

He said that while most opt for percolation pits, it is better to go for recharge wells. "Percolation pit is a simple hole dug into the ground that allows water to flow in through a pipe. The problem is that this process works only for a year or two. As soil gets accumulated, which is natural with rainwater, the pipes get clogged and stop working. It is not possible to clean these pits," he explained.

A rainwater harvesting awareness drive started on Aug. 30 aims to cover all 10.19 lakh buildings within Corporation limits.

Traffic diversions to facilitate phase-2 work



By Our Staff Reporter

With work starting on Chennai Metro Phase-2, traffic police have rerouting traffic on several arterial and main roads which is likely to slow down traffic.

Phase-2 lines are going to be built on busy junctions known for traffic congestion, shopping and IT hubs and above grade separators and narrow roads which could bring more traffic snarls.

Junctions and hubs like T.

Nagar, Nandanam, Kodambakkam, Nungambakkam, Porur, Poonamallee, Purasawalkam and OMR may see traffic changes as much of the road space will be taken up for the construction.

Metro officials said that motorists can expect changes in traffic movement only in narrow roads when the construction is underway while portions of wider roads, like between Porur and Poonamallee, may still be open

for traffic without any diversions.

"At the five-road junction in Panagal Park where an underground line and a station are planned, we may have decking where we may allow traffic on one side of the road when work is underway on the other side. When we shift the work to the other side of the road, we will allow traffic on the side where we previously worked," an official said.

Tree branches dumped on street margin



By Our Staff Reporter

Tree branches have been dumped on the margin of Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam near 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

Sethu Foundation empowers govt. school students

By Our Staff Reporter

The voluntary organisation Sethu Foundation runs a multi-skills development program for the students of Corporation High School (Eldams Road, Teynampet).

It includes training them in photography and chess and teaching them spoken English and good handwriting techniques.

It has also started driving classes for the mothers of the students so that they can financially support their families.

Car in bad condition lying on street



By Our Staff Reporter

A car in broken down condition has been lying on Neelakanta Mehta Street, T. Nagar for several months.

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Poles in potholes a danger to motorists



By Our Staff Reporter

Big poles placed in potholes in Brindavan Street, West Mambalam near Duraisamy Subway to caution motorists are more a danger to them in darkness than the potholes themselves. Rainwater has filled the potholes.

Groceries donated to Manasu Trust



By Our Staff Reporter

Adhi Raksha Welfare Trust (YT Nagar), with the support of donors, presented groceries worth Rs. 25000 to Manasu Trust (Tirusulam) on Sept.5.

Manasu Home currently has 29 mentally affected inmates rescued from streets in and

around Chennai. All are destitute.

A few of the inmates are mentally ill while the others are in a state of stress and depression due to various reasons including cheating, non-employment and being thrown out of the family.

All inmates practise yoga daily and do gardening.

They are given medical care and are being provided counselling daily.

Dr. Ramalingam Suresh Kannan (President, Adhi Raksha Welfare Trust) can be contacted in 98844 00422.

Bicycles gifted to workers hit by the lockdown

In an attempt to promote cycling to commute, a group of enthusiasts in the city donated bicycles to nine individuals who were struggling to travel to work during the Covid-induced lockdown.

72-year-old Babu, a cobbler, lives in Perumbakkam and travels to T. Nagar daily to reach his shop.

"With no public transport, the commute was very difficult during the lockdown. I had to walk 20 km to reach my workplace as it was my only source of income. The situation would have been worse if the shop remained closed," Babu said.

His plight came to the notice of We are Chennai Cycling



Group (WCCG), which launched Project Annamalai in August 2020.

"We have a dedicated team to identify beneficiaries. They noticed some people forced to

walk to their workplace daily and gifted bicycles to help them ease their commute," Lokesh Ashokan (Senior Member of WCCG) said.

Similarly, Murugesan, a plumber, was another beneficiary who was forced to walk several kilometers daily to earn his livelihood

They have so far identified around 50 beneficiaries and will be gifting them bicycles.

Campaign helps Corporation school improve strength

By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation High School (Eldams Road, Teynampet) improved its student strength from 307 to 457 this academic year.

According to K. Revathy (Headmistress), its teachers distributed pamphlets and undertook door-to-door campaigning from March in nearby residences to create awareness about the school and the initiatives taken by its staff to promote the schemes provided by the Government to improve quality of education.

She said that there is a misconception about Government schools among the parents and they prefer to admit their children to private schools in spite of exorbitant fees.

She said that even those from economically weaker backgrounds borrow money at high interest to admit their children to private schools when they can get free education here.

There are a number of free schemes provided by the state government to promote education and co-curricular activities in its schools, most of which have been implemented in her school, she said.

Restaurant specializes in dosai

By Our Staff Reporter

D-Osai With a Twist (58A, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar. Ph: 99401 47611) opened in April this year.

The restaurant has been themed around Tamil film songs, with special focus on late 1960s, 1970s and early 1980s. Pictures of SP Balasubramaniam, Kannadasan, MSV, Ilayaraja and A. R. Rahman adorn the walls.

There is a 'Humour corner', which can accommodate 8-9 persons, with a puzzle based on comedy scenes from old Tamil films which customers can solve in 5-10 minutes.

During lock-down the restaurant offered a special protein rich menu for patients and their families.

Saturday evenings are reserved for discussions on old films/songs by knowledgeable people from the industry. Entry is by ticket. Tea with snacks and a light dinner are served. Pre-booking is necessary and entrants can observe/participate in the discussions. The restaurant can accommodate 25 customers. Prices of dosai, adai, aappam and pesarattu range from Rs. 75 to 120. It offers 'kanjis' made of different types of lentils and millets.

During the lockdown, the teachers made sure that underprivileged students in the tenth grade had a mobile device and data to attend online classes.

Around 30 students from Grade 10 were identified as requiring this assistance. Teachers passed the hat around and also sought the generosity of their friends and relatives to get used mobiles.

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Free vaccination camp today

By Our Staff Reporter

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ஸ்டூடியோவில் முகம் துடைத்து, தலைவாரிப் பவுடர் போட்டுக் கொள்ளும் வசதிகள்கூடக் கிடையாது. டை, கோட்டு இருக்காது. பரம பாமர ஸ்டூடியோ.

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எனக்குத் தெரிந்து ஒரு பையன் கொழுக்கு மொழுக்கு என்று அப்போதுதான் குக்கரில் வேக வைத்து எடுத்த ஊட்டி உருளைக்கிழங்கு போல் செழிப்பாக இருப்பான். ஆனால் மேல் படிப்பைத் தொடர்ந்து படிக்க வசதி இல்லாதது டில்லிக்கோ, எங்கேயோ அப்பனை பண்ண வேண்டியபோது இவருடைய கடையில் படம் எடுக்கப் பரிந்துரை செய்தேன். அங்கு எடுத்த படம் உள்ளத்தைப் பாகாக உருக்குவதாக அமைந்துவிடும். தற்போது வழக்கில் வந்துவிட்ட விவேக்கின் ‘எப்படி இருந்த நான் இப்படி ஆயிட்டேன்’ என்ற சொல்வடை அந்தக் காலத்தில் இருந்திருந்தால் அதை அவன் உபயோகித்திருக்கலாம். அப்படி ஒரு மாயை செய்திருப்பார். புஸூ, புஸூ என்று உப்பிய மைதா மாவு பூரி மாதிரி இருந்த கன்னங்கள் பஞ்சத்தில் அடிப்பட்ட எதியோப்பியச் சிறுவனின் வயிறு போல ஓட்டியிருந்தது. கண்களில் அப்படி ஒரு சோகம். எப்படித்தான் அந்த முக பாவத்தைக் கொண்டு வந்தாரோ அந்தக் கலைஞன். எதிர் பார்க்காத முழு ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கிடைத்துவிட்டது. பின்னே? ஷைலக் போன்ற உலக மகா கஞ்சன்கள் பார்த்தால் கூட விம்மி அழுது ‘கிரான்ட்’ ரப்பர் ஸ்டாம்ப்பை மனுவில் குத்தி இருப்பார்கள்.

நவீன மயமாக்கப்பட்டுத் தற்போது தனியார் துறையிடம் ஒப்படைக்கப்பட்ட காரியாலயத்தில் கடவுச்சீட்டு எனப்படும் பாஸ்போர்ட்டைப் புதுப் பிக்க தம்பதி சமேதராய்ப் போயிருந்தோம். பளபள கட்டிடம், வசதிகள் அமர்க்களம், அப்பாயின்ட்மென்ட் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு கோஷ்டி கோஷ்டியாகப் புறவளாகத்தில் உட்கார வைக்கப்பட்டோம். நொறுக்குத் தீனிகளும், பானங்களும் அங்கேயே கிடைத்தன. அழைப்பு வந்தவுடன் உள்ளே சென்ற எங்களை (அதாவது 75 பிளஸ் சீனியர் சிடிஸன்களை) பிரித்து, வரவேற்று பச்சை சேனல் வழியாக கர்ப்பக்கிருகத்திற்கு நொடியில் அனுப்பினார்கள். அதுவரை சந்தோஷத்தில் மிதந்தேன். அங்கு பணி செய்து கொண்டிருந்த பெண் சிப்பந்தி, ‘ஸார், நேராக இதைப் பாருங்க’ என்று ஒரு இயந்திர ஆந்தைக் கண்ணைக் காட்டி கிளிக் செய்தார். படத்தைக் காண்பித்த போது நான் முகரக் கட்டையில் சொத்தென்று ‘ரவுண்டு ஹவுஸ் பஞ்ச’ வாங்கிய குத்துச் சண்டை வீரனைப்போல் தள்ளாடினேன். சரியாமல் இருக்க நாற்காலியைப் பிடித்துக் கொண்டேன். ‘மேடம், இது நானில்லை வேறு யாரோ. வேற்று கிரஹ மனிதராக இருக்கும்’ என்றதற்கு அவர் சிரித்தார். ‘நீங்கதான் ஸார் இது’ என்றார். பத்து வருஷங்களுக்கு இந்த அதிசந்தர முகத்தைக் காட்டிக் கொண்டா அமெரிக்கா, இங்கிலாந்து, இலங்கை, சிங்கப்பூர், மலேசியா போன்ற நாடுகளுக்கெல்லாம் போய் வரணும்? அந்த நவீன காமிராவிற்கு ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் புகழ் ஃபோட்டோக்களை எடுத்த விட்டோபா (அல்லது கிட்டப்பா) பி.சி. ஸ்ரீராமாகத் தோன்றினார்.

கொடுமைகள் முடியவில்லை. ஆதார், ஆதார் எனப்படும் வாழ்வாதார அட்டைக்காக அலைந்தது இன்றுகூடக் கெட்ட சொப்பனமாக நடுநிசியில் வந்து பனங்காட்டு நரிபோல் உளறி அடித்துக் கொண்டு எழுந்திருப்பேன். ஒரு மாமாங்க காலம் இல்லாத காதல் கிளிபோல் காத்திருந்து அழைப்பு வந்தபோது ‘ஆடுவோமே பள்ளுப் பாடுவோமே’ என்று முண்டாக்கக் கவி போல் பாடி, துள்ளிக் குதித்து ஆவணங்களை சமர்ப்பித்துவிட்டு ஃபோட்டோவிற்காக உட்கார்ந்தோம். ஃபோட்டோ பிடித்த இளம்பெண் எடுத்த படத்தைக் காட்டியவுடன் நான் மல்லாக்க விழுவேன் என்று எதிர்பார்த்த மற்றொரு இளம்பெண் முன்னேற்பாடாக என் பின்னால் நின்றாள். மருத்துவமனையில் டில்சார்ஜ் சமயத்தில் கொழுத்த பில்லைக் கொடுக்கும்போது நர்ஸுகள்தான் அவ்வாறு நிற்பார்கள்.

‘என்னம்மா இது? யார் இவர்?’ என்றேன்.

‘நீங்க தான் ஸார்’.

‘நானா? இதுவா? இதுவா என் ஆதார் அட்டையில் இருக்கப் போறது?’ என்று கேட்டேன்.

‘பின்னே?’

‘கண்ணீர் அஞ்சலி ஃபோட்டோ மாதிரி இருக்கே’ என்றேன்.

துணுக்குற்ற அவள் கண்கள் திடீரென்று குளமாயின. ‘அப்படி அமங்கலமா சொல்லாதீங்க ஸார். நூறு வருஷம் இருப்பீங்க’ என்று ஆசி வழங்கினாள். அருகிலிருந்த பெண்ணும் உணர்ச்சிப் பெருக்குடன் தலையை ஆட்டினாள்.

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Errors in vaccination certificates affect students

By Our Staff Reporter

Several students who have been vaccinated against Covid, are reportedly not being allowed inside their colleges as they are unable to download their vaccination certificates from CoWin portal owing to issues like erroneous contact number, name, age, and same dates for first and second doses.

“I got the first dose in the local Urban Health Care Center in July. I have not received SMS or any other confirmation about the administration of the vaccine.

“As I could not produce the certificate, the college barred my entry till I got a temporary certificate from the doctor in the Urban Center,” said Sundari, a student of Shashun Jain College (T. Nagar).

She also said that the college is not accepting the vaccination card issued at the centre at the time of vaccination as proof.

Vaccination certificates are being insisted upon to ensure everyone in the college is safe, especially in the backdrop of numerous cases erupting in schools across the State, said a college principal.

The Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has instructed the health department officials to establish a help desk in State and Health, Unit and District levels to sort out issues raised by citizens on Covid vaccination, including non-issue of vaccination certificate, certificate correction, merging of certificates, and others.

The Tamilnadu government had said that Covid vaccination is not mandatory to attend physical classes in colleges across the State.

How to make corrections in certificates?

The Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has instructed the health department officials to help residents with vaccination-related issues.

To lodge complaints, the public can visit www.cowin.gov.in, click on register/sign in, enter mobile number, click on ‘Get OTP’, enter OTP, and click on ‘Verify’. After entering the account page, click on the ‘Raise an Issue’ tab

Metrowater grievance meetings on second Saturdays

Metrowater has resumed open house grievance meetings from Sept. 11.

It had stopped conducting the grievance meetings since April last year owing to the outbreak of Covid. According to a senior official, open house grievance meetings will be held on second Saturdays in the 15 area offices from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. Residents can raise complaints pertaining to water and sewage connections, tax and other issues at the meetings.

Metrowater officers will also create awareness about rainwater harvesting at the meetings.

Man electrocuted after stepping into puddle

A 37-year-old man was electrocuted after he stepped into a pool of rainwater in Kilpauk on Sept. 5 night.

Police said that there was leakage from underground live cables.

The deceased Krishnayah (a gardener and resident of Ashok Nagar) was staying in a house provided by his employer in Chetpet.

The incident happened around 8 p.m when he was returning home from work on foot.

As Krishnayah took a turn to enter Millers Road, he stepped in the stagnant rain water and suffered an electric shock. When he collapsed on the spot, passersby alerted the police control room. The Kilpauk police rushed to the spot and tried to rescue him. Tangedco officials were alerted and the power supply was suspended to remove the body. It was sent to Kilpauk Medical College Hospital for post-mortem.

A case has been registered and further investigation is on.

The cable was replaced the next day.

Pipes to prevent parking on Giri Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Huge pipes are being placed to prevent parking of cars on the margin of Giri Road, T. Nagar

Potholes in Arcot Street



By Our Staff Reporter

There are a number of potholes in Arcot Street, T. Nagar which are now full of rain water.

Car removed following report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Car abandoned under North Usman Road flyover' in *Mambalam Times* (July 25-31 issue), the black Skoda car (TN01AE2847), with flat tyres and covered with dust, abandoned under the flyover at its junction with Porur Somasundaram Street, T. Nagar, was removed from the spot recently.

Visually challenged person prepares, sells organic sweets



By Our Staff Reporter

P. Saraswathy, who is visually challenged, is the proprietor of Prakasham Organic Millets (Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam).

She made organic and eco-friendly dolls of Lord Vinayaga and uploaded details on YouTube channel 'Touch and feel' (<https://youtu.be/18P5oavNLAk>) which received good response from viewers.

In 'Touch and feel', she demonstrates how to prepare sweets with the help of Braille.

She prepares and sells organic millet sweets in her shop with the help of her parents

She is a History graduate. She is also proficient in keyboard and violin.

She aspires to become an IAS officer.

Her contact numbers are 72999 32733 and 98417 32733.

Vaccination camp for teachers in Meenakshi College

By Our Staff Reporter

Health Minister Ma Subramanian inaugurated a Covid vaccination camp for the teachers and non-teaching staff of Meenakshi Engineering College (Kodambakkam) on Sept. 7.

He appealed to teachers to create awareness about vaccination on Sunday, Sept. 12, the day 10,000 camps will be conducted in the State.

42,45,359 persons have been vaccinated in the city and among them 29,07,554 have received the first dose and 13,37,805 both the doses.

7,929 teaching and non-teaching staff and 3,906 college students have also been vaccinated till date.

Arun scalps 8 wickets as UFCC clinch five points

By Our Staff Reporter

B. Arun of The United Friends Cricket Club (T. Nagar) bagged career-best figures of 8 wickets for 40 runs in an innings to help his team draw the 3rd round 2-day cricket match in the TNCC First Division (2021-22) tournament against Nelson CC.

Nelson CC was bowled out for 212 while replying to UFCC's first total of 252. Arun returned his best-ever figures of 17.5-6-40-8.

While UFCC scored 5 points, Nelson got 1 point.



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Tree branch snaps but none hurt



By Our Staff Reporter

A big branch broke off from avenue tree on 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar near Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam on Sept.9 but no one was injured.

New skin & hair, bone & joint clinic



SM Clinic (6, Sivagnanam Street, T. Nagar. Ph: 98412 79000 / 984079 3842) opened on Sept. 10.

The sophisticated skin and hair, bone and joint clinic was inaugurated by Paraman Pachaimuthu (Founder, 'Malarchi' organization and editor, 'Valarchi' magazine). Dr. Meenakshi, consultant dermatologist and trichologist, has undergone specialized training for skin, hair and aesthetic care. She has 8 years' experience in the field of dermatology and cosmetology.

Dr.Soundar, consultant

orthopaedician, specialist in hip, knee surgery and fracture care, is attached to MGM Healthcare. He has worked in renowned institutions like Apollo Hospitals and MIOT Hospitals. He has 11 years of experience in the field.

Meenakshi Somasundaram, father of Dr. Meenakshi, a resident of Raja Street, T. Nagar, is the past president of Booksellers and Publishers Association.

He is the proprietor of Manivasagar Pathi-pagam, publisher of books on Tamil literature and 'VETRI' guides for school students.

Bill mandating seating for workers welcomed

A state government bill mandating that all shops and establishments should provide seating arrangements for their workers and staff has brought relief to them.

Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development C. V. Ganesan introduced a bill in the Assembly on Sept. 6 to amend the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947 to this effect. Women workers in big shopping centres like those in T. Nagar and Purasawalkam are happy over the announcement. For those with health issues, standing for hours at a stretch takes a toll on their health, doctors said.

Dr. N. Sekar, former president, Vascular Society of India, said that a common health ailment in persons who stand for long hours is varicose vein, found among traffic cops, sales persons, waiters and those working in factory units.

Dr. Sekar explained that blood tends to stagnate in the leg for those who stand for long hours. Since veins in the calf region have to push the blood back to the heart, there has to be a movement of muscles. If left unattended, blood vessels start enlarging leading to ulcers, blood clots or chronic inflammation on legs. "As a vascular surgeon, I feel happy about the government's move. It provides me immense happiness that workers will be offered dignity and respect in their workplace. My hope is that other states adopt it too," said Dr. J. Amalorpavanathan, Director of Vascular Surgery (Retd), Madras Medical College and member, Planning commission of Tamil Nadu. In 2018, neighbouring Kerala passed a legislation mandating seating arrangements after women workers protested lack of such arrangements.

Residents sponsor dividers to solve parking problem

By Our Staff Reporter

Till seven months back, residents of Seethamma Extension in Teynampet found it difficult to drive in and out of their colony due to haphazard parking of vehicles by outsiders and encroachments near KB Dasan Road junction.

Though traffic police acted swiftly to clear the traffic, the problem continues.

To find a permanent solution to the problem, the residents sponsored plastic road dividers to ensure vehicles are not parked haphazardly near the junctions.

S. Manisekaran (a resident of Seethamma Extension) told *Mambalam Times* that haphazard parking is a big problem, especially at street ends that cut into main roads, because the junction is a convenient spot for food carts and autorickshaws as it gives them good visibility. "Even 2-wheelers block the carriageway on narrow streets which are only 35 to 40 feet wide", Manisekaran added.



Pit filled following report in *Mambalam Times*



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Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Pit to repair drain hazardous for motorists' published in *Mambalam Times* last week, Metrowater workers have filled the pit dug at the junction of Hindi Prachara Sabha Street and Venkatanarayana Road (T. Nagar) to repair a sewage chamber. No barricades had been placed around the pit to caution road users. As the pit has now been filled temporarily with debris residents have appealed to the officials concerned to fill the trench properly.

'Loocafe' project to debut in city

By Our Staff Reporter

After a delay of over a year, two cafes of the much-hyped 'Loocafe' project are set to open by the month end.

They will be open near Panagal Park in T. Nagar and near Besant Nagar Beach in Velachery.

Each unit will cost around Rs. 14 lakhs. The 'luxury' toilets adjoining the snack cafes will be airconditioned and can be used free of charge by city residents.

The project was revived in March last year after the Corporation issued work orders. Hyderabad-based firm Ixora Corporate Service will bear the cost of installation and maintenance of these toilets under a public-private partnership (PPP) mode.

The Loocafes will have child-friendly toilets, free WiFi, CCTV surveillance, hand driers, vertical gardens and



central air freshener dispensing machines.

The units will sell packed food and beverages, and will be accessible to elderly and also have advertising space.

Corporation concentrates on vaccinating 60+

By Our Staff Reporter

As the turnout of those above 60 is the lowest, State Health Department and Chennai Corporation volunteers have commenced a door-to-door drive to get senior citizens vaccinated.

"We are going to the localities that are close to our vaccination centers. As many elderly people, especially those living in slums, have misconceptions about side effects, we talk to them and convince them," a healthcare worker said.

"Door-to-door vaccination will help them become aware of its benefits," he added.

Action against women's hostels functioning without license

Chennai district collector J. Vijaya Rani has issued a warning to working women's hostels in the city of action if they function without valid licenses. In a statement, she pointed the Tamil Nadu Hostels and Homes for Women and Children (Regulation) Act, 2014 contains certain regulations.

In January 2019, a meeting was held with the owners of children and women's hostels in the city. Following the meeting, only 26 hostels approached the Chennai district collector for licenses. Complaints pertaining to unhygienic conditions, poor quality food to residents and collection of exorbitant amount as advance payment are pouring in. She also warned the those running women's hostels in rented houses without proper facilities and without licenses of stringent action.

According to the Act, sanitation certificate, fire and safety certificate, building stability certificate and others are a must for obtaining license and the hostels should be run in a permitted building. CCTV cameras should be installed except in bathrooms and changing rooms. Security personnel should have no-objection certificate from police and residents should be provided minimum 120 sqft for residing.

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Three escape after assaulting man outside Tasmac shop

By Our Staff Reporter

The Ashok Nagar police are searching for a three-member gang which assaulted a 24-year-old man in West Mambalam.

The police said Pramod, working in a private company, was buying liquor at a Tasmac shop located on Bhaktavatsalam Street (West Mambalam) when three persons accidentally broke his bottle. This led to a quarrel.

One of them bit his ear, and the trio fled the spot.

Pramod was taken to a private hospital.

Based on the complaint filed by him, Ashok Nagar police are inspecting footage from CCTV cameras installed near the shop.

OBITUARY
V. JANAKIRAMAN

V. Janakiraman alias Kannan (resident of Devanthan Colony, West Mambalam) passed away Sept. 4.

He was 70 and had been a resident of West Mambalam since birth.

He was a businessman. He is survived by four sisters.



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Darshan from outside Vinayaga temples



Devotees outside Sri Vallaba Ganapathy Temple, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

Devotees celebrating Vinayaga Chaturthi on Friday,



Sept. 9 had darshan from outside Vinayaga temples in view of Government restrictions on visiting temples on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Devotees performed special

poojas in small temples in apartment complexes, streets and other venues. Vinayaga doll vendors said that there were a number of shops this year but sales was very dull.

Drains cleaned but silt in bags left on street



Chennai Corporation workers cleaned the storm water drains in Mahalakshmi Street, T. Nagar last week.

They collected the silt in bags which they dumped on the street margin but did not take away.

Residents have appealed to Corporation officials to remove the bags.

24-hour vaccination centers opened in all zones

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has opened 24-hour vaccination centers in 15 of its hospitals, one in each of the 15 zones.

The State Health Department has already opened similar 24-hour vaccination centers in government medical college hospitals in the city and also in DMS premises in Teynampet.

As on date, 41,45,452 doses of Covid vaccines have been administered in the city including the second dose.

Earlier, the Corporation was running only 45 vaccination camps (3 for each zone).

Now, the number of camps has been increased to 200, one each in all 200 divisions.

Special camps are being run for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, persons with comorbidities and for teachers and lecturers of schools and colleges.



The following are the two centers close to this neighbourhood:

- Zone 9 (Teynampet): Ward 119: Mirsahibpet Urban Community Health Centre
- Zone 10 (Kodambakkam): Ward 134: Vadapalani Urban Community Health Centre
- The vaccination centers in other zones:
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- Zone 3 (Madhavaram) Ward

- 23: Puzhal Urban Community Health Centre
- Zone 4 (Tondiarpet) Ward 47: RK Nagar Urban Community Health Centre
- Zone 5 (Royapuram) Ward 58: Perumalpet Emergency Maternity Hospital
- Zone 6 (Thiru Vi Ka Nagar) Ward 73: Puliathope Urban Community Health Centre
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- Zone 11 (Valasaravakkam)

- Ward 151: Porur Urban Community Health Centre
- Zone 12 (Alandur) Ward 160: Alandur Urban Community Health Centre
- Zone 13 (Adyar) Ward 175: Adyar Urban Community Health Centre
- Zone 14 (Perungudi) Ward 184: Perungudi Urban Community Health Centre

Free vaccination camp today

By Our Staff Reporter

A mega free vaccination camp will be conducted from 7 a.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, Sept.12 in Shiri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun College for Women, Madley Road, T. Nagar.

Both Covishield and Covaxin will be available and can be taken either as first or second dose.

Participants have to produce aadhaar card.

Mass vaccination drive today

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has organised a mass vaccination drive on Sunday, Sept. 12 by organising 600 camps.

It is estimated that around three lakh persons will be vaccinated on the day.

600 nurses and 600 doctors will be deployed.

The drive will be concentrated in high-risk areas such as urban slums and fishermen colonies.

On Aug. 26, the Corporation organised a similar drive in which 1.35 lakh persons were vaccinated in 400 camps..

Presently, Corporation runs camps in 200 locations in each of its 200 divisions and will also deploy two mobile camps in each of division.

New cable lying in subway



By Our Staff Reporter

A thick EB cable is being laid to connect Brindavan Street and Duraisamy Subway.

While it has been laid in Brindavan Street, it has been lying in the open in the subway for several days much to the inconvenience of motorists.

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