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MLA visits flooded areas

By Our Staff Reporter
J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) inspected flooded areas in T. Nagar, West Mambalam and nearby areas. He said that he is interacting with officials to solve waterlogging problems and keeping ministers concerned informed. He is also arranging for pumps to remove rain water from houses and distributing assistance among needy persons.



Mambalam Canal desilted



Following repeated appeals from nearby residents, for permission from officials Mambalam Canal was desilted before beginning the work. on Nov.9. The residents said After protests by residents that the JCP brought for the the operator began desilting operation remained parked the canal.

Rs. 2,500 crores spent, but more waterlogged spots than in 2015

By Our Staff Reporter
Though Chennai Corporation has spent around Rs. 2,500 crores since the 2015 floods to prevent flooding in the city, the number of waterlogged locations in the last three days of rains, is higher than the waterlogged locations identified during the 2015 floods

Data shows that water stagnation incidents were reported in more than 450 spots across the city till Nov. 11 while in 2015, waterlogging was reported in only 306 locations.

A few of the worst-hit areas this year included T. Nagar and Kodambakkam.

Motorists complained that the entire Usman Road stretch was flooded making riding dangerous.

Also, Azeez Nagar near Kodambakkam railway station was entirely under water forcing the civic body to distribute food packets among residents.

Of the Rs. 2,500 crores, Rs 1,385 crores has been spent to create and renew stormwater drains in Cooum and Adyar river basins. Rs. 200 crores on drain projects in T. Nagar and Rs. 200 crores on widening works in Mambalam Canal

The social activist group Arappor Iyakkam has pointed out that the reason for floods is corruption in constructing stormwater drains and urged the civic body to release the stormwater drain master plan for public view.

Local residents fume over official apathy over flooding

By Our Staff Reporter
The residents of many interior streets in T. Nagar went through a nightmarish experience due to the heavy rainfall that the city received since Nov. 6 night.

Many blamed Chennai Corporation for failing to take any steps ahead of the monsoon, which resulted in flooding in the locality.

V. S. Jayaraman (resident of Motilal Street and senior member of T. Nagar Residents Welfare Association) said that when their houses were built about 40 years back, the road was well below their level. However, due to re-laying of roads without milling the top surface, the top of roads has reached the floor level of their houses.

“Even a mild shower brings water into the premises leading to inundation. Electrical equipment like EB meter and generators are kept on the ground floor, and get damaged when submerged in flood water. To avoid electrocution, we urge the Electricity Department to cut off power. Thus, we are forced to survive without water and power during every rainy season,” Jayaraman added.

Jayaraman said that this time his apartment complex was surrounded by sewage too and he had to shift to Chromepet. “They kept pumping water but it kept resurfacing. We had no idea what the reason was,” he added.

Many others too have vacated homes as there has been no solution to water-logging.

Residents also complained that the storm water drains in the locality were dysfunctional and rain water was not going into them. According to them, no official has visited the spot in the last three days despite repeated requests to clean the storm water drains.

How can T. Nagar be termed as part of ‘Smart City’ after constructing the Pedestrian Plaza in Pondy Bazaar when the entire area is flooded and people are surviving without power, food or water,” asked M. Balachander (President of a local resident association).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rain water stagnation in flat complexes



Sir, Rain water stagnates to a depth of 4-5 feet in Kokila Apartments complex on Melony Road T. Nagar. Raj Impex, Oakland Apartments, Swarnalok Apartments and Vasanth Apartments complexes also suffer similar flooding.

Residents of ground floor apartments dread the constant threat of rain water entering their houses.

Chennai Corporation officials have suggested digging of rain water wells in the road for each apartment complex from Kokila Apartments to Vasanth Apartments but the work is yet to start. Meanwhile, rain water is stagnating on this stretch making residents, motorists and pedestrians to suffer.

We hope this letter will prompt the Corporation to take immediate steps to commence work on the wells. **Kokila Apartments Residents Association**

Scrap Smart City project

Sir, We appeal to the Tamilnadu government to immediately scrap the Smart City project in T. Nagar as it has only increased flooding. What is the point in beautifying a city which does not have a proper drainage system. With no coordination between various departments, the crores spent on the project have literally gone down the drain and exposed the 'smartness' of officials involved in the project. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, T. Nagar**

Drainage water overflowing in Rajaji Street

Sir, Drainage water is overflowing in Rajaji Street, West Mambalam, and entering sumpsin most of the houses depriving residents of drinking water.

The authorities should take immediate steps to find a solution. **Krishnamurthy, West Mambalam**

Pensioners' life certificate

Sir, Pensioners should submit Life Certificate (Jeevan Pramaan Patra) to prove that they are alive and to ensure that they continue to receive their pension.

Since the validity of the certificate is one year, it is required to be submitted every November. As this has been digitized, the process has become simple. One can either visit the Provident Fund Offices or the designated branches of the banks where the pension amount is credited to carry out the process of biometric authentication. **V. S. Jayaraman, 31, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Boys catch fish in street



By Our Staff Reporter

Boys catching fish in rain water using a net on Brindavan Street, West Mambalam on Nov.11.

Rain water fills temple tank



By Our Staff Reporter

Rain water has filled the Sri Kothandaramar Temple tank adjoining Kittu Park (EllaiammanKoil Street, West Mambalam).

Cars parked on flyover



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of cars were found parked on G. N. Chetty flyover, T. Nagar on Nov.11 by their owners who feared that the vehicles would get immersed in rain water flooding residential areas.

Ambulance stalls on flooded road



By Our Staff Reporter

An ambulance stalled in flooded Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar on Nov. 9. A two-wheeler rider helped others to push the vehicle whose engine sprung to life a short distance away.

Karur Vysya Bank distributes relief



As part of goodwill gesture, Karur Vysya Bank officials distributed water bottles, food packets and other essential items among persons affected by rains/floods in various parts of the city on Nov. 12.

Velammal student excels in Taekwondo tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

R. Chahana (Std. 10 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam) won three gold medals in the junior group- Poomsae competition in the Thiruvallur District Taekwondo Championship 2021 conducted in Ramachandra Thirumana Mahal, Poonamallee, on Nov. 7.

The event was organised by Taekwondo Sports Club, affiliated to Taekwondo Federation of India.

More than 5000 complaints flood helplines

By Our Staff Reporter

Helplines for flood relief opened by Chennai Corporation registered more than 5,000 complaints till Nov. 11 as core areas of the city including T. Nagar, Ashok Nagar, K. K. Nagar and Teynampet were among the localities flooded.

Chennai Corporation recorded 502 waterlogged streets, over a hundred more than the total number since the onset of the monsoon.

The 1913 helpline was upgraded from 9 to 30 lines following complaints that it was becoming busy.

Police personnel and Corporation workers conducted rescue operations by evacuating residents in boats from flooded areas in and around 18th Avenue (Ashok Nagar) and G. N. Chetty Road and side lanes in T. Nagar and other lowlying areas.

More than 20 avenue trees that fell in the neighbourhood were axed and removed by Corporation workers.

Many residents complained that there was no response when they called the helplines.

Man held under POCSO Act

By Our Staff Reporter

Teynampet police arrested 49-year-old M. Siva Adithya of Adyar under the POCSO Act for attempting to sexually harass a nine-year-old girl.

The man was arrested after the girl's mother filed a police complaint.

She alleged that the man was a relative and often visited their house in Teynampet.

He was remanded to judicial custody.

ChildLine operates a toll-free helpline for children in distress -1098.

Closed subways stump motorists



Duraisamy Subway



Madley Subway

By Our Staff Reporter

Following closure of Madley Road, Duraisamy Road and Rangarajapuram subways due to flooding, motorists found it difficult to reach their destinations on Nov. 12. The Y-shaped flyover in Rangajapuram connects West Mambalam, T. Nagar and Kodambakkam.

Rain water stagnating in bus terminus



By Our Staff Reporter

Rain water from the road is flowing into T. Nagar bus terminus on Madley Road due to heavy showers on Nov. 12. Buses were parked outside the terminus due to the water stagnation. Commuters found it difficult unable to board buses.

Peripheral Hospital flooded after heavy rains

By Our Staff Reporter

The heavy rains that lashed the city on Nov. 10 night inundated Government Peripheral Hospital (Anna Main Road, K. K. Nagar).

As water entered the old blocks of the hospital, the authorities were forced to move the patients there to the new block that has been built on relatively higher ground

R. Santosh's wife was among the patients who were shifted.

He said that his wife had breathing problems and chest pain and was admitted to the hospital on Nov. 9.

"There was no food or water inside the hospital. So, I had to go out in almost waist deep water to buy food and water. It was a harrowing experience to walk in deep water with fear of open manholes. Though I had a couple of falls and injured my hands, I made my way back to the hospital," Santosh said. Dr. Shakeela (Hospital Chief) said that water seeped into the ground floor of the older of the two blocks in the hospital.

"Though three motors were deployed to pump out the



water from the premises, the the main road outside the level did not recede much for hospital was also rising," she two days as the water level on said.

Houses flooded, cars submerged in Ashok Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Waist to knee-deep water remained for two to three days in streets in several parts of Ashok Nagar, and many ground floor residents complained that it entered their homes/flats, forcing them to shift out.

18th Avenue and its side roads were among the most affected. Water mixed with sewage entered several houses and apartment complexes and contaminated the Metro water sumps, rendering the water unusable.

There was power outage for more than 48 hours, forcing many residents to shift to houses of relatives and friends. Some families shifted to nearby hotels paying as much as Rs. 3,000 per day.

Apartment owners also complained of overflowing toilets. Water mixed with garbage and muck flowed into low lying houses every time a vehicle passed.

In several apartment complexes, flooding of the basement submerged cars parked there.

Food packets for the needy

By Our Staff Reporter

Vasu Mama of Sri Narayana Kanigaraya Sabha (West Mambalam) prepares and distributes food packets among needy persons affected by the heavy rain.

He said that this is being done with the support of volunteers and philanthropists.

He can be contacted in 90251 11829.



Pumps used to remove water from road



By Our Staff Reporter

Fire servicemen used motor pumps to remove out water stagnating in Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar on Nov. 12.

Rain water stagnation in North Usman Road



Rain water stagnating in North Usman Road, T. Nagar caused heavy traffic congestion on Nov. 9. Vehicle drivers struggled to reach the flyover.

Power supply suspended in several areas

By Our Staff Reporter

There was no power supply for more than 48 hours in several areas in T. Nagar, West Mambalam and Ashok Nagar following heavy rains, leading to flooding of streets.

TNEB was forced to suspend power supply as a precautionary measure.

"Since morning there has been no power supply in our locality. I tried calling the call centre numbers to complain several times and every time I heard the recorded voice saying that you are the caller number 101, 96, 85 and later the line got disconnected," a resident of G. N. Chetty Road said.

According to V. Senthilbalaji (Minister for Electricity), out of about 44.50 lakh power connections in the city, power supply was stopped for 12,297 connections for safety reasons.

The supply was restored after water levels started to recede.

Rain water enters houses

By Our Staff Reporter

Rain water has entered and collected in a number of houses and flat complexes. Pumps are being used to drain out the water.

Picture shows an operation on Bazullah Road, T. Nagar.



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உட்கார்ந்தவுடன் ஒரு தட்டில் அதில் இரண்டு ஸ்பூன்களும் சைனீஸ் சாப்ஸ்டிக் பாணியில் வைக்கப்படும். ஆவி பறக்கும் இடலியுடன் வரும் சப்ளையர் இரண்டு இடலிகளைத் தட்டில் பரிமாறி நிற்பார். போதும் என்று சைகை செய்தவுடன் பிற்தொருவர் கையில் கனத்த மூக்கு வாளியுடன் வருவார். ஸ்பூன்களைக் கையில் எடுத்து வைத்துக் கொண்டவுடன் வாளியில் உள்ள சாம்பாரைப் பிரதோஷ மாலையில் குருக்கள் நந்திகேஸ்வரருக்கு அபிஷேகம் செய்வதுபோல் பரவலாக சமர்ப்பிப்பார். எப்போது நிறுத்த வேண்டும் என்பது அவருக்கு அத்துபடி. சாம்பார் தட்டின் விளிம்பைத் தாண்டி மழைக் கால செம்பரம்பாக்கம் ஏரியைப் போல கலங்கலாக வழிந்து இம்மி அளவுகூட மேஜையில் விழுந்து சேதாரமாகாமல் இருக்க அவரது கைகள் புரோக்ராம் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

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வாயில் போட்டுக் கண்களை மூடி சுவைக்க ஆரம்பித்துவிடுவார்கள். ஆனால் அயன் 'ரத்னாரத்தினங்கள்' இடலிகளை சளைக்காமல் டக்-டக்-டக்-டக் என்று நெடுநேரம் ஸ்பூன்களால் துண்டுகளாக வெட்டி அவைகளைப் பூச்சு வேலை செய்யும் கொத்தனாரைப் போல வலது பக்கமாகவும், இடது பக்கமாகவும் கிளறி பின்னர் சுழற்சியை மாற்றி இடது பக்கமாகவும் வலது பக்கமாகவும் கிளறி அந்தக் காலத்தில் சனிக்கிழமை தோறும் ஆண்கள் எண்ணெய் தேய்த்துக் கொண்டு ஊறுவதுபோல இடலி-சாம்பார் கலவையைப் பதமாக ஊறு வைப்பார்கள்.

ஜிஜ்ஜிம்பா மறுபடியும் அருகில் தோன்றி மூக்கு தூக்கைத் தூக்கி மேலும் சாம்பாரை விடுவார். அதிலிருந்து விழுந்த சின்ன வெங்காய ரத்தினங்கள் அந்தக் கலவைக்கு அணிகலனாகத் திகழ்ந்து மின்னி உங்களை ஈர்க்கும். இருந்தாலும் அவசரப்பட மாட்டீர்கள். சாப்பிடலாம் என்று மூளை ஆக்கை கொடுத்தவுடன் மறுபடியும் ஒரு ஸ்பூனால் கிளறிவிட்டு ஒவ்வொரு துண்டாக எடுத்து வாயில் போட்டு சுவைப்பீர்கள். இந்தக் கலவைக்கு மேலும் சுவையூட்ட நாக்கு ஏங்கினால் அதற்காக உருக்கிய நெய்யும் கேட்டால் ஊற்றப்படும். அதற்குக் கட்டணம் தனி.

'இறைக்கிற ஊற்றே சுரக்கும்' என்று சொல்வதைப் போல சாம்பார் அளவு ஈர்க்கப் படப்பட அதற்கு ஈடான அல்லது மேலான சாம்பார் நீங்கள் கேட்காமலேயே வந்து சேரும். ரத்னா கபேயில் இடலிக்குத் தொட்டுக் கொள்ள சாம்பார் கிடையாது. சாம்பாருக்குத் தொட்டுக் கொள்ளத்தான் இடலி என்பது நியதி. 'டேபிளுக்கு சாம்பார் பைப் கனெக்ஷன் வைத்தால் கூடத் தேவலை' என்று சில வெறியர்கள் சொல்லிக் கேட்டதுண்டு.

ரத்னா கபேயில் சர்வரை 'சட்னி கிடையாதா?' என்று கேட்டால் கேட்டவரை நாங்கூர்ப் புழுவைப் போலப் பார்க்க நேரிடலாம். அந்தக் காலத்தில் ரங்கநாதன் தெருவைக் கடந்து இடது பக்கம் திரும்பினால் நாதன்ஸ் கபே என்ற ஓட்டல் வரும். அங்கு சுவையான தேங்காய் சட்னி பேமஸ். தப்பித் தவறி, 'ஏம்பா தொட்டுக்க சாம்பார் கிடையாதா?' என்று கேட்பவரும் ஒரு நாங்கூர்ப் புழுவாகிவிடுவார்.

கேள்விகளை ஜாக்கிரதையாகக் கேட்க வேண்டும் என்பதை நாதன்ஸ் கபேதான் போதித்தது. அங்கே கீழ்த்தளம், மாடி என்று இரண்டு நிலைகள் உண்டு. மாடிக்குப் போக ஹால் நடுவிலிருந்தே படிக்கள் செல்லும். ஒருநாள் மாலையில் கீழே மேஜைகள் காலியாக இல்லாததால் படிக்கட்டுக்கு அருகில் நாலு முழ வேட்டியை டப்பா கட்டு கட்டிக் கொண்டு ஒரு மார்க்கமாக நின்றவரை, 'மேலே சர்வீஸ் உண்டா?' என்று கேட்டேன். அவர் 'என்னைக் கேட்டால்?' என்று பசித்த சிறுத்தைபோல் உறுமியவுடன் நடுங்கிவிட்டேன். பின்னே என்னை மாதிரி டேபிளுக்கு காத்திருந்தவரைப் போய்க் கேட்டது பிசகு. அவருக்கு நெற்றிக் கண் இருந்து அதைத் திறந்து என்னை கட்டெரித்து இருந்தால் நான் பல்பமாகி, இந்த சாம்பார், சட்னி கட்டுரையைத் தயாரித்து வழங்காமல் அன்றைக்கே நாதன்ஸ் கபே படிக்கள் ஏறாமலேயே இன்னும் மேலே போயிருப்பேன். சுயிலை 'நாதன்' அருளால் தப்பித்தேன். jsraghavan@gmail.com

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Tree slanting across street



By Our Staff Reporter

A tall tree on the pavement of Vasan Street, T. Nagar is slanting across the street and may topple over any moment due to rain.

41 boats deployed for evacuation

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has deployed 41 boats in various areas of the city for rescue operations.

Rescue operations were carried out in several areas in the neighbourhood where water had entered houses.

A newly married couple and 30 guests were evacuated using boats from a wedding hall in Teynampet after it was inundated with waist-deep water.

Portion of street caves in



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of Hindi Prachar Sabha Street in T. Nagar caved in last week. Residents placed twigs with leaves in it to caution road users.

Inquiry Commission proposed to probe flooding in T. Nagar

T. Nagar, where work under the Smart City Mission is being carried out, was one of the worst flooded areas in the city.

On Nov. 9, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin indicated that an Inquiry Commission will be constituted to probe if improper work under the Smart City plan by the previous government was the main cause of flooding.

According to an official, Chennai Corporation spent over Rs. 100 crores between 2019 and 2021 to construct stormwater drains.

The arterial G. N. Chetty Road, which also comes under the area-based revamping of T. Nagar under the Smart City Mission, was severely waterlogged. Similarly, the plan to revamp Mambalam Canal as part of the area-based development of T. Nagar under the Smart City project has also reportedly been in vain.

Following flooding, the Corporation on Nov. 10 and 11 removed the recently constructed bunds to allow water to drain. The Chief Minister's allegation comes just a day after the Madras High Court asked the Department of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption to complete within ten weeks its investigation of a corruption case involving former Municipal Administration Minister SP Velumani. The case pertains to alleged irregularities in the awarding of tenders by the Chennai and Coimbatore corporations during his tenure. The FIR had been registered based on a complaint by NGO Arappor Iyakkam.

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Tree falls near police station



By Our Staff Reporter

An old tree in the vacant plot belonging to the Fire & Rescue Station on G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar (behind R4 Soundarapandiyar Angadi Police Station) toppled over and fell very near the police station.

Tree topples over



By Our Staff Reporter

An avenue tree toppled across Bakthavatchalam Street, West Mambalam due to strong winds. It was cut up by Corporation workers.

Debris dumped in Mambalam Canal causes flooding

By Our Staff Reporter

Debris dumped in Mambalam Canal was a major cause for flooding in several areas in T. Nagar including G. N. Chetty Road, Usman Road and Boag Roads.

According to Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi, contractors and officials engaged in Mambalam Canal improvement work had dumped debris in the canal to enable them to move heavy equipment to lay concrete slabs above the canal, and also to desilt the water body.

It was this debris, dumped in a stretch of 1.7 km, from Valluvar Kottam to T. Nagar, that caused blocks when 20 cm of rain fell on Nov. 6 and 7, Bedi said.

The issue came to light when the Commissioner noticed a lot of debris blocking many inlets during flood inspection. "After we worked overnight and removed all debris from the canal, water began to recede," Bedi said.

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Slush removed from subway



By Our Staff Reporter

Conservancy workers removed slush left by stagnant rain water in Aranganathansubway between Kuppam Road, West Mambalam and 70 Feet Road, Saidapet on Nov. 12.

Cave-in causes traffic congestion

By Our Staff Reporter

The surface of South West Boag Road in T. Nagar has caved in near Hindi Prachara Sabha Street and is causing traffic congestion.

Debris has been dumped to fill the pit.



Poornam Viswanathan's centenary celebrations tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

The birth centenary of Poornam Viswanathan (Veteran stage, TV and film artiste, story, screenplay and dialogue writer) Poornam Viswanathan, a resident of T. Nagar for decades, will be celebrated at 6 p.m on Monday, Nov. 15 in Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore.

A documentary on Poornam Viswanathan, produced by Mudhra, will be screened on the occasion.

The Poornam Viswanathan Centenary Award will be presented to theater artiste T. D. Sundararajan by former DGP R. Nataraj.

The celebrations will conclude with a short play by Gurukulam titled 'Vandhavan' written by Sujatha and directed by Poornam Viswanathan.

The event can be seen on <http://www.avslive.in/poornamviswanathan100>.

More details can be had from S. Shivprasad in 2834 4876/73586 96613.

Inflow higher than outflow in reservoirs

From Nov. 6 onwards, despite continuous discharge of water from the five reservoirs supplying water to the city, the inflow was much higher than the discharge due to the heavy rains.

On Nov. 10, Poondi reservoir received 7,973 cusecs of water while only 5,195 cusecs were released as of 6 a.m. By 9 a.m the discharge rate from the lake was increased to around 6,000 cusecs. At 6 a.m on Nov. 10, the Red Hills reservoir was seeing an inflow of 10,690 cusecs and a discharge of 2218 cusecs, while the respective figures for the Cholavaram reservoir were 6737

cusecs and 2015 cusecs. In Chembarambakkam, officials said that there was an inflow of 5,240 cusecs and a discharge of 2,151 cusecs.

Cholavaram, Red Hills, Chembarambakkam and Thervoykandigal lakes received 220 mm, 180 mm, 149 mm and 106 mm rain respectively.

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