

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water logging in Brindavan Street

Sir, After rains there is frequent water logging in Brindavan Street, between Arya Gowda Road junction and Shyamala Vadhana Street (near Axis Bank).

As the stretch is low-lying and the drains are blocked, it takes a long time for the water to recede, causing hardship to nearby residents and motorists.

Water also enters the houses which are below the road level. It is unfortunate that the Corporation has not found a solution in spite of repeated complaints. **Sriram, 2/5, Brindavan Street Extension, West Mambalam**



Water being diverted to Ramachandra Street



Sir, Water stagnating in other areas is being pumped out and diverted to Ramachandra Street by Chennai Corporation workers. Ramachandra Street is an almost dead-end street on the other side with just a 2-foot pathway connecting Anandan Street.

Anandan Street takes a detour leading to North Usman Road. This is the exit route for water pumped from one side of Ramachandra Street (near railway tracks). The flowing water stagnates at the other end as it is a lowlying area and water cannot flow out freely resulting in water flowing into houses.

It is unfortunate that the Corporation has not found a solution in spite of repeated complaints. **Natesh Ganasa Sharma**

Contaminated water stagnating in street



Sir, One can enter Brindhavan I Cross Street from the west through Ambedkar Road or from the south through Brindhavan Extension.

The rain water harvesting system in our street has been working wonderfully for years. Even during the 2015 floods water had stagnated in our street only for a couple of days.

But, since Deepavali, sewage-contaminated water has been stagnating in the street after the heavy rains.

When Ambedkar Road was relaid recently it was done without milling resulting in the level increasing higher than that of our street. Therefore, all the water collecting near R3 police station flows all the way to our small street which just cannot take all of it. We have been complaining to the MLA's office, Corporation and Metrowater but no action has been. Even a message to the MLA's Whatsapp number has not evoked any response except for an acknowledgment that our problem will be fixed. **V. Ramkumar.**

Unused EB junction box blocks street margin



By Our Staff Reporter

A dismantled EB junction box in rusted condition has been dumped on Rama Street T. Nagar, near a Police Assistance Booth).

According to nearby residents, it has been lying at the spot for more than a month. They have appealed to TNEB to remove the junction box from the spot.

Water gushing out of cracks in Madley subway walls



By Our Staff Reporter

Madley subway was cleaned and reopened to traffic on Nov. 24.

But even after the rains have receded, water continues to gush out of the cracks in the walls of the subway.

It has turned the road slippery and hazardous for motorists.

Axed branches heaped on Usman Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Axed branches have been heaped on the pavement of South Usman Road T. Nagar, near Nandhi Loop Street.

They are being used as firewood for cooking by contract workers of Tamil Nadu Housing Board.

Broken tree branch blocks carriageway



By Our Staff Reporter

A thick 15-foot long branch of a tree has been blocking half of Bhagirathiammal Street, near its junction with Thirumalai Road (T. Nagar) for several days blocking the way for motorists and pedestrians.

Udavum Karangal provides essentials for rain-affected families

By Our Staff Reporter

Due to inundation, 35 families of Irular community living in Sadayankuppam (Manali) were shifted to a government shelter on Nov. 23.

When S. Vidyaakar (Founder, Udavum Karangal, Thiruverkadu) was approached for help, he supplied essential provisions including 25 kg rice bags, cooking oil and biscuit packets to the affected families.

Since Nov. 11, Udavum Karangal has been distributing food packets among 100 flood-affected families of Naruvar community, who have been provided shelter in a community hall in Amma Nagar (Poonamalle).

Donors who wish to help Udavum Karangal in its social endeavours can contact Vidyaakar in 99401 88011 or 98410 35511. The NGO has an office in Kannadasan Street, T. Nagar (Ph: 2434 3668).

Sewage water enters houses on Srinivasa Iyengar Street



Sir, Following the heavy rains on Nov. 26, rainwater mixed with sewage entered the ground floor houses on Srinivasa Iyengar Street (near Pushpavathi Ammal Street, West Mambalam).

As the street is narrow, desilting vehicles could not enter the street to remove the blocks in the sewage chambers, leading to inundation of the street and the houses.

In spite of several complaints, Metrowater and Chennai Corporation officials did not take steps to remove the stagnant water and clear the blocks in the sewage lines.

The residents were forced to hire heavy duty motor pumps to remove the water from the street and clean the sumps of houses that had got contaminated with sewage water. **S. Nagendran, Srinivasa Iyengar Street, West Mambalam**

Sewage water stagnating in Rams Maruti Complex

Sir, After the heavy downpour on Nov. 28, knee-deep water mixed with sewage is stagnating in the compound of Rams Maruti Complex (24, Muthalamman Koil Street, West Mambalam).

It is causing lot of hardship to the residents.

In spite of reminders, Chennai Corporation has not taken steps to pump out the water.

The residents are suffering due to the nauseating smell, overflow of sewage and increased mosquito population.

If immediate action is not taken, there is risk of exposure to diseases like dengue and malaria.

We appeal to the officers of Chennai Corporation to take immediate action to remove the stagnant water. **Residents of Rams Maruti Complex, 24, Muthalamman Koil Street, Ram Colony, West Mambalam**

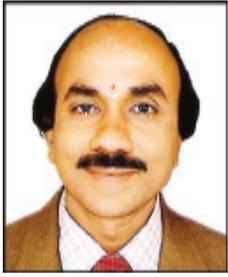


Mambalam resident heads research project on 'Sanathana Dharma'

By Our Staff Reporter

The Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute of Mylapore recently instituted a Chair for conducting research in Sanskrit on 'Sanathana Dharma'.

Dr. R. Thiagarajan (former Professor and Head of the Postgraduate and Research Department of Sanskrit, Presidency College), a long-time resident of West Mambalam, has been appointed as the Honorary Professor of Vedic Studies by Kantaloor Sala (an institute for higher learning and research on Ancient Indian Wisdom), Thiruvananthapuram.



Dr. Thiagarajan, has attended many international and national conferences and has travelled to many countries. He is a prolific writer and orator. He is the author of several books in Sanskrit, English and Tamil. He has guided 23 Ph.D students and 80 M.Phil students in Sanskrit. He has bagged many awards and accolades from reputed institutions abroad and in India. He has also contributed his skills to a few Tamil films. He has presented many TV and Youtube programs propagating the merits of Sanskrit. He can be contacted in 98403 16797 or email: visvasanti@gmail.com

Dr. Thiagarajan has contributed a lot to Sanskrit. He is the president of Sri Yajnavalkya Sabha, Pallavaram. He is also the Director of Vedic and Spiritual Science and Spiritual Science in Astroved.com a US based corporate company. He is the visiting professor of many universities. He is Board of Studies member in the Dept. of Vedic and Spiritual Science, Wellness University, Florida, US. He is the Chairman of Sri Dayananda Digital Library functioning in Express Avenue Chennai. He has been appointed as the Chief

Professor for the Chair. The appointment is for three years and he is expected to finish a project on 'Charitable and Religious Endowment' as gleaned from ancient scriptures and texts in classical literature in Sanskrit and inscriptions.

He has been appointed as the Chief

Ashok Nagar Govt. Girls School gets 4 classrooms



By Our Staff Reporter

Four classrooms were constructed at a cost of Rs. 82 lakhs from the constituency fund of Thamizhachi Thangapandian (South Chennai MP)

in Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School (Ashok Nagar) recently. Anbil Mahesh Poyyazhchi (Education Minister), Ma. Subramanian (Health Minister), Udhayanidhi Stalin (Chepauk MLA) and R.C. Saraswathy (Headmistress) were present. The school has 4221 students.

City received 1038 mm rain in November

By Our Staff Reporter

With the northeast monsoon (October to December) bringing heavy rains in November, Tamilnadu registered about 75 percent excess rainfall till Nov. 30.

Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 2, Chennai received 1153.2 mm rain of which 1038 mm was in November that witnessed rain for 24 days.

It is for the third time in nearly 100 years, Chennai has recorded more than 1000 mm rain in November as against the normal rainfall of 87 cm for the entire northeast monsoon.

Meteorologists said that the city observatory recorded the highest rainfall of 1080 mm in November in 1918 and 1050 mm in 2015.

In October, Chennai received 215 mm of rain which was deficit by 22%. But, in November, the rain picked up and has now resulted in Chennai recording 79% excess rain.

Stagnant sewage water pumped into storm water drain



By Our Staff Reporter

Fire personnel and Metrowater workers are pumping out the knee-deep sewage water stagnating in Thirumalai Pillai Road using motor pumps and diverting it into the storm water drain in G. N. Chetty Road.

A fire tender was parked at the junction of Thirumalai Road and Bazullah Road (T. Nagar) to handle any emergency.

Velammal student in team excelling in swim meet

By Our Staff Reporter

S. V. Hasini (Std. 7 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam) was a member of the team which came 2nd in the 4 x 100 meters medley relay in the 47th Junior Tamilnadu State Aquatic Meet held in SDAT Aquatic Complex (Velachery) recently.

She is a student of SDAT Dolphin Swimming Academy (Mogappair).



Metrowater clears blocks in sewage chambers



By Our Staff Reporter

Metrowater is clearing blocks in underground sewage chambers on a war footing to allow free flow of water. Following the heavy rains

leading to waterlogging on several streets in the neighbourhood last month, Chennai Corporation was forced to drain the water into sewage chambers.

This had led to blocks in the chambers leading to overflow of sewage water on the road and back flow in toilets of ground floor tenements in several areas

Photo shows Metrowater workers using a desilting machine to remove the block in the sewage chamber at the junction of Melony Road and South West Boag Road (T. Nagar) on Dec.2.

Kartik Fine Arts festival till Dec. 12



Kartik Fine Arts' 47th Year Art Festival titled 'Musically Margazhi' was inaugurated in Vani Mahal Main Hall on Nov. 28. It premiered on digital platform www.kalakendra.com on Dec. 1 and will conclude on Dec. 12. It can be viewed till Dec. 31. It is being compered by S. Sruuthi. More details can be had from S. Shivprasadh in 2834 4876/ 73586 96613.

Udavum Karangal presents mobility aids to 5 persons

Udavum Karangal presented mobility aids (5 wheelchairs and 5 crutches costing Rs.40,000) to differently abled persons on the occasion of World Disability Day on Dec. 3 at a function in Rajiv Gandhi General Hospital organized by the Health Department.

Mohan and Jayaveeran (Social workers of Udavum Karangal) presented the aids. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Ma. Subramanian was present.

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வீட்டை ஸ்ரீரங்கம்போல் தண்ணீர் வளைத்துப் போட்டிருந்த போதிலும் தம்பையா வந்து சேர்ந்தார். படகில் வந்திருப்பார் போலும். முக்காடாகத் தலையை மறைக்கும் கருப்பு ரெயின்கோட்டு அணிந்திருந்தார்.

'மழை போறாமா' என்ற பாமரக் கேள்வியைக் கேட்டார். 'போறாது' என்று சொன்னால் கொசுறா பத்து சென்டிமீட்டர் அனுப்பப் போறேனா?' என்று குடாகக் கேட்க நினைத்தேன். கேட்கவில்லை.

கேள்விகளைக் கேட்பாரே தவிர தம்பையா பதிலை எதிர் பார்த்துப் படுத்த மாட்டார். ஸ்கூல் வாத்தியாராக இருந்திருந்தால் குழந்தைகளுக்குக் குதூகலமாக இருந்திருக்கும்.

'பால் கவர் வந்தாச்சா?' என்று அடுத்த விசாரணையில் இறங்கினார். குடான டிகிரி காபி கிடைக்காமல் போய்விடப் போறதே என்கிற பீதியினால் தான். ஆவி பறக்கும் காபி வந்தது. பங்க்கில் பெட்ரோல் போட்டு உற்சாக உறமலுடன் கிளம்பும் யமாஹா வைப் போல் மழையாகக் கொட்டினார்.

'இந்தக் கரும் மழை, வெள்ளம், குளிர் சூழலிலே ஒரு மனுஷனுக்கு முக்கியமான தேவை எது?' என்று கேட்டார். 'இப்படித் தொண்டொண்ட பார்ட்டி ஒன்று வராமல், பாதாதி கேசம் உறுத்தாத பிளாஸ்டிக் போர்வையை இறுக்கப் போத்திண்டு, மஹாலட்சுமிபோல் மனைவி கால்களை இதமாகப் பிடித்துவிட்டு, அனந்த சயனமாகப் படுக்கையில் சன்னமாகக் குறட்டை விட்டுண்டு தூங்குதுதான்' என்று சொல்ல நினைத்தேன். ஆனால் சொல்லவில்லை. 'குடுதான் ஸார் முக்கியத் தேவை. சூட்டிலே எத்தனை விதம்? தூங்கி எழுந்தவுடன் இரண்டு உள்ளக் கைகளையும் சிக்கிமுக்கிக் கல்லாகத் தேய்த்துக் கன்னக் கதுப்பு களில் ஒத்திக் கொள்வது சுகம். வெந்நீரில் பல் தேய்க்கிறது சுகம். காலிலே விட்டுக்கொள்வது சுகம். சூடா ஆனியன் பஜ்ஜியோ, பக்கோடாவோ சாப்பிடறது சுகமனு சொல்லிக் கொண்டு போகலாம்.'

'என் கல்யாணத்துக்கு மாமனார் இரண்டு பித்தளை பாய்லரை சீராகக் கொடுத்தார். பளபளன்னு வாளிப்பாயிருக்கும். மூடியைத் திறந்து டாங்க்கில் தண்ணீரைவிட்டு அடிப்பாகத்திலே சிப்பல் தட்டு மாதிரி இருக்கிறதிலே தணல்களைப் போட்டால் ஆச்சு. குழாயைத் திறந்தால் வெந்நீர் கொட்டும். அது சரி ஏன் இரண்டு பாய்லராகக் கொடுத்தார் தெரியுமா?'

'மாப்பிள்ளைக்கு வேலை போயிட்டால் அச்சுதன் நாயர் மாதிரிக் கடைத் தெருவிலே சாயா கடை வைத்துப் பொழச்சுக் கலாமேன்னு இருக்கும்னு நினைச்சுண்டாரோ என்னவோ?'னு நினைத்தேன். ஆனால் வாயைத் திறக்கவில்லை. தம்பையாவே சொன்னார். 'குடும்பம் விருத்தியாகி ஆட்கள் பெருகினாலும் வெந்நீர்க்காக சண்டை வரக்கூடாது இல்லையா? அப்புறம் இம்மர்ஷன் ஹீட்டர்னு ஒன்று வந்தது. தெரிஞ்சிருக்கும்.'

எப்படித் தெரியாமல் இருக்கும்? எங்க வீட்டுக் கல்யாணத்துக்கு வந்த சம்பந்தியின் பிரகஸ்பதி பாம்பே மாப்பிள்ளை முகூர்த்தம் நடந்துகொண்டு இருக்கும்போது பாத்தலில் இம்மர்ஷன் ஹீட்டரை ஆஃப் பண்ணாமல் இருப்பு வாளியில் கையை விட்டுப் பார்த்தவர் அடுத்த கணம் சுவற்றைப் பார்த்து எறியப்பட்டு அங்கு உடம்பு மாதிரி ஒட்டிக்கொண்டு இருந்தார். 230 வோல்ட், மூணு சைக்கிள் ஏ.சி சப்ளை. நல்ல வேளை உயிருக்கு ஆபத்திலலை. ஏதானும் எசுகு பிசகாக ஆகியிருந்தால் நடந்துகொண்டு இருக்கும் காயத்ரி கல்யாணம் என்ன ஆகியிருக்கும் என்று அவருடைய பெண்டாட்டி ஹிந்தியிலே பத்து நிமிஷத்துக்குத் திட்டிய குடான வார்த்தைகள் எதற்குமே எனக்கு அப்பொழுது அர்த்தம் புரியவில்லை. இந்த சம்பவத்தை நான் அவரிடம் சொல்லவில்லை.

தம்பையா தொடர்ந்தார். 'வெந்நீருன்னா என்னுடைய கஸின் அப்புவைத் தான் சொல்லணும். சகாரா, காலஹாரி, கொலராடோ, தார் பாலைவனத்திலே வாழ நேர்ந்தால்கூட வெந்நீரைத் தான் குடிப்பான். வெந்நீரில்தான் சவரம் பண்ணிப்பான், குளிப்பான். ஒரு தடவை கோடை கத்திரி வெயிலில் மத்தியானம் பன்னிரண்டு மணிக்கு வேம்புலி அம்மன் கோவிலிலே அப்போதுதான் தீமிதிச்சுட்டு வந்தவன் மாதிரி குடுகுன்னு நெருப்புக் கோழியோட பரபரப்புடன் பாஞ்சுண்டு வந்தான். நாக்கு மேலண்ணத்திலே ஒட்டிண்டு பேச முடியலை. தண்ணீர் வேணும்னு பரிதாபமாக சைகை காட்டினான். பிரிட்டிஷைத் திறந்து ஜில்லுனு இருந்த மினரல் வாட்டர் பாட்டிலைத் தந்தேன். கட்டுவிரியன், கண்ணாடி விரியன், கொம்பேறிமூக்கன் பாம்பைப் பார்த்த மாதிரி உட்கார்ந்த நிலையிலேயே தவளை மாதிரி செங்குத்தாக எகிறி நாலைத் தள்ளி பின்பக்கமாகப் புலம்பெயர்ந்து உட்கார்ந்தான். முகத்தில் கலவரம். 'இது வேண்டாம். வெந்நீர், வெந்நீர், குடான வெந்நீர் தாங்கோனு கேட்டு என்னை மிரளவைத்தான். பத்து நிமிஷத்தில் பொங்கப் பொங்க வந்த வெந்நீரை மாற்றி மாற்றி, ஆற்றி ஆற்றி, டம்பளரை சுழற்றிச் சுழற்றி, கனக் கனக்குனு தொண்டைக் குழி மேலேயும் கீழேயுமாகப் போகக் குடித்துவிட்டு 'ஸ்வப்பாடா' என்று நீராவி எஞ்சின்போலப் பெருமூச்சுவிட்டான்.

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Three molest woman in moving car, one held

Police arrested Gautham (28) (resident of 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) on the charge of molesting a 28-year-old woman in a moving car in the early hours of Nov. 25.

Police are searching for two accomplices involved in the crime.

When the car was passing a checkpoint on Nelson Manickam Road at around 2.30 a.m., the policemen heard a woman screaming and waving for help from the back seat of the car.

They gave chase and intercepted the car.

While Gautham was caught by the police, two more men in the car managed to escape. The woman, who is from Arumbakkam, told the police that she was an entrepreneur and had business dealings with the accused.

Since she knew them well, she accepted their offer to drop her at home after attending a late night party in a hotel in Nungambakkam.

Ravaged parks closed for maintenance

Rains have ravaged most parks in the city, rendering them unusable by the public.

Waterlogging, fallen trees and broken equipment are a common sight in most parks including Panagal Park (T. Nagar) and Sivan Park (K. K. Nagar).

A Corporation official said that work is on to clean both the parks, but it is short of staff as most are on rain duty.

"The parks are kept closed for public safety as the wet condition of the walkers' path and other areas could lead to accidents," the official said.

With more rains expected in the coming days, the parks will be opened after all the maintenance work including cleaning is completed, he added.

Chennai Metro patronage not affected much by rains

By Our Staff Reporter

In spite of heavy rains in November, there was only a 1.5% drop in the number of those who traveled by Chennai Metro as compared to October. According to a senior official, in November, 29.24 lakh passengers travelled in metro trains as against 29.69 lakh passengers in October, a fall of 45,000.

Following the resumption of services on June 21 post Covid lockdown, Chennai Metro witnessed patronage of 18.46 lakh passengers in July which went up to 22.74 lakh in August, registering a growth of 23 percent.

In September, the patronage increased by 18 percent to 26.86 lakh and by 10 percent in October to 29.69 lakh.

A total of 1.30 crore passengers used the Chennai Metro service since June 21.

Low-lying houses suffer most during rains

During the heavy rains last month, water entered several ground floor houses and flats in T. Nagar and West Mambalam as they were below the road level.

Several residents complained that Chennai Corporation has been relaying roads without milling, which resulted in their level increasing over the years.

Due to this, rain water enters the compounds of houses that are below the road level instead of entering the storm water drains.

One example is Kannadasan Road (Parthasarathipuram, T. Nagar) where the residents living in ground floor houses were forced to move out as knee-deep water entered their homes.

"When the houses were built years back, they were at the road level. Now, the roads have risen 4-5 feet. That we don't have proper storm water drain inlets on our street worsens the situation," Seshadri Sukumar, a resident, said.

Catherine (a resident of Somasundaram Street) had to wade through ankle-deep water to go to work every day.

Crematorium for pets in Blue Cross



By Our Staff Reporter

A dual chamber gasifier crematorium for pets, built at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs, was opened in Blue Cross of India (72, Velachery Road, Guindy) on Oct. 30.

Of the two chambers, the smaller one is for cats while the bigger one can accommodate up to seven dogs at a time.

Three operators conduct the cremation.

There is a shrine behind the facility if pet owners wish to perform their pets' last rites.

According to Aravind (Manager, Blue Cross) the ashes are either handed over to the pet owners on request or used as manure. The fee for cremation is Rs.2,500.

The crematorium is open from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

For booking, visit bit.ly/animalcremation

Residents' association seeks Rs. 11.55 lakhs compensation for expenses due to flooding



Shreebagh Flat Owners' Association (Motilal Street, T. Nagar) has asked the government for a compensation of Rs. 11.55 lakhs for the losses its residents suffered due to flooding.

It blamed Chennai Corporation for the rising road levels near their building over the years, and dysfunctional storm water drains, which led to inundation in their building.

In its letter to the Corporation, the Association stated that it had to spend Rs. 1.75 lakh to pump out all the water from the well in its compound and the sumps due to contamination by sewage water.

Besides, as there are 28 flats in the building, the residents sought compensation of Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 each, for the expenses incurred as they had to relocate because of the floods. With this, the total compensation demanded amounts to Rs. 11.55 lakhs. According to the Association, the complex, which is around 25 years old, initially had a floor level four feet above the road level.

The relaying of the roads without milling over the years led to the road level going above the floor level of the flat complex, causing floods, a senior member of the Association said.

He said that various modifications will have to be done to the building, like raising the main switches and the electricity meters on the ground floor which were submerged in the rains, which would further cost Rs 5 to 6 lakhs.

"In view of the fact that we face this situation due to the gross negligence of the civic agencies, we seek the above relief immediately," the Association said in its letter.

CM inspects relief work in rain-affected areas



By Our Staff Reporter

Chief Minister M. K. Stalin visited flood-affected areas in T. Nagar, West Mambalam and other parts of the city on Nov. 27.

Amidst downpour, Stalin inspected ongoing relief works in rain-affected areas and directed officials concerned to drain stagnated water on a war footing. He inspected the work in Vijayaraghavachari Road, G. N. Chetty Road and Bazullah Road in T. Nagar.

He was accompanied by senior ministers and officials of Chennai Corporation.

Corporation workers remove car casses of street dogs

By Our Staff Reporter

Following heavy rains since Nov. 13, 18 car casses of street dogs were removed by Corporation sanitary workers from several areas in this neighbourhood.

A Corporation official told *Mambalam Times* that, of these, 9 were from T. Nagar and West Mambalam, 5 from Ashok Nagar and 4 from Kodambakkam.

Stray dogs suffered hardship due to the incessant rains and waterlogging in several areas.

Photo shows street dogs taking shelter from rain outside a shop in Pondy Bazaar.



Experts warn of dengue outbreak

By Our Staff Reporter

Experts have warned of a dengue outbreak in the city and surrounding areas as the mosquito larvae are likely to multiply in puddles left over after incessant rains.

According to Dr. Rajani M. Nambiar (expert in Community Medicine) the puddles of water and waterlogging in several parts of the city would lead to the multiplication of mosquito larvae and, unless Chennai Corporation takes preventive measures, the city is in for a dengue outbreak.

She said that fumigation and spraying of larvicide has to be intensified.

It has been found that larvae of Aedes mosquito can grow even in sewage water and that is a matter of concern, Rajani said.

She said that the vector monitoring app of the Corporation is also not being used and even the drones are also not being used to spray larvicide.

Since Nov. 13, several cases related to dengue have been reported from almost all the wards of the Corporation and the adjoining areas.

Rains damage roads



Nair Road, T. Nagar



Madley Road, T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

A number of roads have been damaged by the recent rains making them dangerous for motorists. They include Brindavan Street Extension, Madley Road and Nair Road.



Brindavan Street Extension, West Mambalam

Calendar, diary with info on Parkinson's Disease

Parivarthan for Parkinson's, an Anna Nagar based not-for-profit peer support group for patients suffering from Parkinson's and other mobility disorders, has brought out the following products to support its activities.

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Exhibition-cum-sale of religious paintings till Dec. 14

An exhibition-cum-sale of religious paintings is being held in DOT School of Design (10/7, 3rd Main Road, Off Chennai Bye Pass Road, South Phase, Ambattur Industrial Estate) since Nov. 20. It is on till Dec. 14

A. R. Raam (Director) told *Mambalam Times* that the paintings in wooden frames depict Hindu temples, gods and goddesses.

Most of the paintings are by 80-year-old A. Manivelu of Nagapattinum. The exhibition is open daily from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. There is no entry fee. For more details, call 95000 12021 or 76670 67592.

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Rangarajapuram subway reopened



Following the heavy rains on Nov. 20, the 2-wheeler Rangarajapuram Subway was again closed due to flooding. After the rains abated, the stagnant water was pumped out from the subway, and it was reopened to traffic on Nov. 24.

Channels cut in roads to divert stagnant water



Shallow channels were cut in several roads in the neighbourhood to divert stagnant water into nearby storm water drains and sewage manhole chambers following the heavy rains. Photo shows a channel cut at the junction of Rajan Street and Thirumoorthy Street (T. Nagar) to divert the water stagnating on one side of Rajan Street.

Tractors with pumps used to drain water

By Our Staff Reporter

Tractors equipped with pumping motors played a vital role in removing water stagnating in roads, apartment complexes and other establishments.

Huge pipes connected to the motors pump out the water into drains.

Such tractors can be seen parked in many areas waiting to be hired.



Corporation takes steps to clear waterlogging

Chennai Corporation has identified critically affected areas and taken measures to pump out stagnant water from the streets in those areas.

They include Bazullah Road (T. Nagar), Anna Main Road (K. K. Nagar) and several inner streets in T. Nagar, West Mambalam, K. K. Nagar and Ashok Nagar. "102 pumps of different capacities were deployed to remove water from the identified areas," an official said.

Madley subway cleaned and reopened



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains on Nov. 20, Madley Subway (T. Nagar) was again closed due to flooding for three days. After the rains abated, the stagnant water was pumped out of the subway, and reopened to traffic on Nov. 24. Corporation workers removed the slush and cleaned the subway before opening it to traffic.

Madley subway, Duraisamy subway and Rangarajapuram subway had been closed on Nov. 12 for a week due to flooding following heavy rains. Photo shows Corporation workers cleaning the subway on Nov. 23.



AIDS awareness program for migrant workers



Under the sponsorship of TATA Projects Limited, RMD Specialty Hospital, Sriperumbudur (unit of RMD Trust, T. Nagar) conducted an AIDS awareness program for 120 migrant workers in its premises on Dec. 1 on the occasion of World AIDS Day.

The hospital has been conducting free awareness programs on cancer, nutrition and other health issues in schools, colleges and corporate companies.

More details can be had in 93810 16588.

150 undergo free diabetes check-up

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 150 persons attended the free diabetes check-up camp organised jointly by Lions Club of T. Nagar, Exnora Greater Chennai and SJN Jain Diabetes Center in Sri RKM Sarada Model School (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) on Dec. 2. After the check-up, Dr. Anbazhagan (Diabetologist) conducted a workshop on diabetes for the students.



J. Karunanithi (T. Nagar MLA) inaugurated the program in the presence of Jayanthi (Headmistress), R. Govindaraj (President, ExNoRa), Anand Laxman (President, Lions Club of T. Nagar) and A. Tamilmani (Administrative Officer, Jain Medical Society).

More details can be had in 99410 07058

Corporation looks for new ways to curb waterlogging

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has appointed six engineers to come up with solutions to prevent heavy waterlogging witnessed in six core spots in the city including G. N. Chetty Road and Bazullah Road in T. Nagar.

On G. N. Chetty Road, the Corporation has started checking for utilities blocking drains. In another move, 600mm Hume pipes were laid below road level to carry excess rainwater to Mambalam Canal from Bazullah Road, Vijayaraghava Road and G. N. Chetty Road on Nov. 24

An official told *Mambalam Times* that the pipes were laid on a war footing within 48 hours using JCPs and other heavy duty equipment.

Corporation officials are also looking at multiple disposal points for drains in such inundated locations as a long-term solution.

According to an official, in some areas in West Mambalam, it was found that waterlogging was caused as water from Ashok Nagar and Kodambakkam areas was drained into the Mambalam Canal instead of the canal in Trustpuram that is connected to Cooum River.

Talk on Arunachaleshwara Temple this morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Chithra Madhavan will give a talk on 'Arunachaleshwara Temple, Thiruvannamalai' at 10 a.m on Sunday, Dec. 5 in Vani Mahal (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

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