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Stalin visits waterlogged areas in T. Nagar



Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inspected parts of T. Nagar including G.N. Chetty Road, Brindavan Street and other waterlogged areas on Dec.31. J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) and senior officials of Chennai Corporation and Metrowater, who accompanied him, gave details of the measures taken to mitigate the problems caused by the rains.

New Covid cluster in Ashok Nagar

19th Street (LGGS Colony, Ashok Nagar) was brought under containment on Dec. 29 after a cluster of 10 Covid cases emerged in the area.

Health officials said that the affected were not found to have been in contact with one another. Health Minister Ma Subramanian, Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi and Health Secretary J. Radhakrishnan visited the street the same day.

The first case from the cluster was reported on Dec. 20, when a woman who was attending to her hospitalised husband tested positive for the virus. Since then, nine other cases have been reported from the street. According to officials, while entry and exit to the street have been restricted, tight containment measures implemented during lockdown have not been enforced due to lack of manpower

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Metro extended services till midnight on Dec. 30

Owing to heavy rainfall and to enable passengers to reach their homes safely, Chennai Metro Rail on Dec. 30 extended its services by 1 hour from 11 p.m to 12 a.m.

"With heavy traffic jams on roads due to waterlogging, many living near metro stations, preferred to use our service," an official said.

"I left my car in the office parking lot and took a metro from Alandur to reach home in K. K. Nagar. Had I taken the road, it could have taken more than 3 hours," said Arunesh

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Award conferred on Dr. Vasumathy

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya, 12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar) was conferred 'The Inspiration in Retina' award by All-India Women Ophthalmology Society at its annual conference on Dec. 29.



Dr. Vasumathy was conferred the award for her expertise in the field of retinal disorders, particularly diabetic retinopathy (defective vision in diabetics), age related macular degeneration (the blinding disease affecting the elderly) and retinopathy of prematurity (a condition causing blindness in preterm babies).

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Vasumathy showcased videos of several complex Vitreoretinal surgeries. She can be contacted in 2433 2229, 2431 1550 and 94454 38681.

Damaged Brindavan Street inundated following rains



By Our Staff Reporter

Brindavan Street was damaged badly between its junction with Duraisamy Subway and Thambiah Road (T. Nagar) following the heavy rains last month.

Chennai Corporation partly milled the road for relaying it last week.

After the heavy rains on Dec. 30, the milled road, riddled with potholes, has become unmotorable. Added to this,

there is heavy water stagnation in the street.

To avoid the stretch, 2-wheelers and autos are using narrow Giri Road to reach Thambiah Road. It is causing severe traffic jam and hard-

ship to the residents of the street.

Residents have appealed to Chennai Corporation to relay Brindavan Street at the earliest to prevent motorists from using Giri Street.

Hundreds participate in Sastha Thirukalyanam

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees participated in the 37th year Sri Dharma Sastha Thirukalyanam in Sri Krishnasamy Kalyana Mandapam, South Boag Road, T. Nagar, on Dec. 26.



Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peedam Aasthana Vidwan T. Nagar Sivasubramanian Bhagavathar conducted the bhajans.

Agri Kannan Gurusamy (resident of T. Nagar) organised the program. More details can be had in 98403 05141.

Velammal campaign to reduce marine litter



By Our Staff Reporter

Velammal Main School, Mogappair Campus, recently organised 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan Signature Campaign' to raise awareness about the need to reduce marine litter on the beaches of Chennai. About 3000 students participated in the campaign recently. For details, contact 80560 63519.

Online meet on Reiki next Sunday

Reiki Center of India will celebrate World Reiki Day through an online meeting from 10 a.m to 1.30 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 9. Dr. K. Girish (Consultant Physician, Neurosurgeon) will be the Chief Guest.

Dr. P. S. Laitha (Founder) will hold an interactive session on 'Reiki-The Shield for Humanity' with R. Sridevi (President), Vasanth Karthik (Secretary) and Saraswathi Kalyanasundaram (Treasurer).

To obtain the weblink for the meet, contact Reiki Center of India in 98406 41393, 93805 71682 or 75980 55193.

Cars parked on flyovers



By Our Staff Reporter

Due to fear of waterlogging, a number of residents have been parking their cars on G. N. Chetty Road flyover (T. Nagar) and Y-shaped Bazullah Road flyover (West Mambalam).

The photo, taken at 4 p.m on Dec. 31, shows cars parked on G. N. Chetty Road flyover.

Water stagnation in several areas



Madley Road, T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of West Mambalam, Ashok Nagar, T. Nagar and nearby areas are suffering from water stagnation following heavy rain on Dec. 30 and corporation workers have been deployed with pumps to drain out the water.

Residents said that water pumped out from Ashok Nagar areas is entering lowlying areas in West Mambalam including Postal Colony, Arya Gowda Road, Station Road, BRP Street, and Madley Road subway.

They appealed to the officials concerned to find a permanent solution to prevent stagnation during the rainy season.

Water also stagnated in Madley Road (outside Mambalam Police Station), North Usman Road and streets off Bazullah Road and Thirumalai Road.



North Usman Road, T. Nagar



6th Avenue, Ashok Nagar

Free hearing tests for elders

Dr. V. S. Natarajan Geriatric Foundation has joined hands with Madras ENT Research Foundation (MERF) to provide comprehensive support to elders with hearing problems.

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It will coordinate with MERF and organise to get the tests done.

Tests for elders, who can travel, will be done at the MERF facilities in RA Puram and Mandaveli.

Elders who are bedridden or with limited mobility can undergo the tests in the comfort of their homes.

Based on the reports, further treatment and hearing aids, if needed, will be provided at a subsidised cost or free for poor/ needy elders. Dr. Natarajan is a renowned geriatrician and resident of Q 16, Q Block 17th Street, Anna Nagar.

City received 2174mm rainfall in 2021

With heavy rains lashing the city on Dec. 30, the annual rainfall touched 2,174 mm which is the 3rd highest recorded of all time.

The years in which the annual rainfall crossed 2000mm is as follows:

- 2005 - 2566 mm
- 1996 - 2451 mm
- 2021 - 2174 mm till 5.30 pm on Dec. 30
- 1943 - 2111 mm
- 2015 - 2095 mm
- 1847 - 2052 mm
- 1997 - 2035 mm

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மேஷம்: எந்த ஜோக்குக்கும் மீன, மேஷம் பார்த்துவிட்டுத் தான் நிதானமாக சிரிக்கும் மேஷ ராசி அன்பர்களே! திரௌபதி சிரித்ததால்தான் மகாபாரதப் போர் நிகழ்ந்தது என்பதை அறிந்த நீங்கள் போன வருஷம் கேட்டபடித்த தமாஷாக்கு இந்த வருஷம் தான் மெல்ல சிரிப்பீர்கள். குபீர் சிரிப்பு, அவுட்டு சிரிப்பு, ஆணவ சிரிப்பு, நழுட்டு சிரிப்பு, கெக்கபிக்கே சிரிப்பு, கிக்கிக்கி சிரிப்பு களுக்கு நீங்கள் எதிர். 'பொம்பளை சிரிச்சா போச்சு' என்றால் 'ஆம்பளை சிரிச்சால் போயே போச்சு' என்பீர்கள். உங்கள் ஜென்மப் பகைவரான அடுத்த வீட்டு அல்பமான அண்ணாசாமி சாலையில் வாழைப்பழத் தோலில் இளம் பெண்களின் முன்னால் சறுக்கி விழுந்து முகரையை சிதறு தேங்காயாகப் பேர்த்துக் கொண்டாலும், மறைந்த பிரதமர் பமுலபார்த்தி வெங்கடநரசிம்ம காரூ பாணியில் பாறையான முகத்தை உம்மென்று மேலும் இறுக்கிக் கொள்வீர்கள். துப்பாக்கி கிடைத்தால் ஒரு மாதிரி சிரிக்கும் கழுதைப் புலியைக் குறி பார்த்து கட இச்சைப்படுவீர்கள்.

ரிஷபம்: மதன்பாபு பாணியில் அடுக்கு அடுக்காக சிரித்துத் தள்ளும் ரிஷப ராசி அன்பர்களே! 'ராக்கி மியூஸிக் வருமா? குத்தாட்டம் போடுவியா? சாட் ஐட்டங்களை சமைக்கத் தெரியுமா?' என்று பெண் பார்க்கப் போனால் கேட்காமல், 'உனக்கு சிரிக்கத் தெரியுமா?' என்று கேட்டு சில ஜோக்குகளை அவிழ்த்துவிட்டுப் பெண் சிரித்தால்தான், 'சிரித்தாள் தங்கப் பதுமை, அட்டா அட்டா என்ன புதுமை' என்று பாடி சொஜ்ஜி, பஜ்ஜி, காபியைத் தொடுவீர்கள். கேசரியை கேசிரி என்றதான் உச்சரிப்பீர்கள். பிறந்த சிக சிரிக்காமல் அழுதால் ஒரு பாவமும் அறியாத மனைவியின் மேல் விபரீதமாக சந்தேகப்படுவீர்கள். ஒவ்வொரு ராகமும் ஒவ்வொரு விதமான நோயை குணப்படுத்தும் என்று மியூசிக் தெரபி சொல்வதுபோல சிரிப்புகளில் எவை கவலை, கடுப்பு, துக்கம், பொறாமை, ஏமாற்றம், சோம்பல், ரௌத்திரம் போன்றவைகளைத் துரத்தும் என்று ஆராய்ச்சியில் ஈடுபட்டு முனைவர் பட்டம் பெறுவீர்கள். சிரித்து வாழ வேண்டும் என்ற கொள்கையுடன் வாழும் நீங்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் சிரிப்பதை சாய்ஸில் விட்டவர்களைப் பார்த்து உலகம் சிரிப்பாய் சிரிக்கும் என்பீர்கள்.

மிதுனம்: நடிகை பண்டரிபாய்போல் 'ஹூஹூ ஹும்' என்று மெல்ல சிரித்தோ அல்லது 'அடைந்தால் மகாதேவி இல்லையேல் மரணதேவி' வசன புகழ் வீரப்பாபோல் இடிச்சிரிப்பு சிரித்துப் பேச ஆரம்பிக்கும் மிதுன ராசியாளர்களே! உங்களுடைய சோதனைச்சாலை ரிப்போர்ட்களில் விபிட், சர்க்கரை, சோடியம், பொட்டாசியம் மேலும் செப்பு, தாமிரம்,

இண்டாலுமினியம், பிளாட்டினம் போன்ற உலோக அளவுகள் இருக்க வேண்டிய அளவுகளின் கண்ணாடி பிம்பம் போலக் காட்சி அளிப்பதைப் பார்த்து சில ஏமாந்த போலி மருத்துவர்கள் 'வடை போச்சே' என்று உள்ளுக்குள் அழலாம். கொரோனா, டெல்டா, ஓமைக்ரான் போன்ற தீநுண் கிருமிகள் உங்களிடம் மர்மப் புன்னகை பூக்க வைக்கும். அடிக்கடி எதையோ நினைத்துக் கொண்டு குறுநகை புரிவீர்கள். அணுக்கர்கள் உங்களைக் கவலையோடு பார்க்க நேரிடலாம்.

கடகம்: பிறரை கேலி செய்து சிரிக்க வைக்கும் உங்களை யாரேனும் பதில் மரியாதையாக கேலி செய்தால் கோபித்துக் கொள்ளும் கடக ராசி நண்பர்களே! 'அவங்களுக்கு உவ்வவ்வே அழகு காட்டு' என்று பாப்பாவை ஏவிவிட்டு ரசிக்கும் தாயார்களிடமிருந்து தள்ளி நிற்பீர்கள். அல்லது பதிலுக்கு உங்கள் முகத்தை அஷ்டக்காணலாக மாற்றிக் குழந்தையை அலற வைப்பீர்கள். உங்களிடம் ஸ்டாண்ட்அப் காமெடியைத் தனியனாக நின்று பலரை சிரிக்க வைக்கும் ஆற்றல் ஒளிந்திருக்கும். ஜோக் சொல்லிவிட்டு எழும் சிரிப்பலைகளில் நீங்களும் கலந்து கொள்ளாமல் சிலையாக நிற்பீர்கள். காரியாலயத்தில் உங்கள் தமாஷ்களுக்கு சிரிக்காமல் இருக்கும் ஊழியர்களை வர்மத்துடன் பார்ப்பதைத் தவிர்க்கவும்.

சிம்மம்: பூங்காக்களுக்குப் போய் ஹூஹூ சிரிப்பு இடிகளைத் தலைமை தாங்கி சிரித்து, சிரிக்க வைக்கும் திறமையுடைய சிம்மராசி அன்பர்களே! அந்தக் காலத்தில் பணமுடை வந்த சங்கீத வித்வான்கள், தனவந்தரிடம் தங்களின் ஸ்பெஷலிட்டி ராகமான தோடியையோ, மோகனத்தையோ அடகு வைத்து விட்டுக் கடனைத் தீர்க்கும் வரை அதைப் பாட மாட்டேன் என்று ஒப்பந்தம் செய்து கொள்வார்களாம். அதே ரீதியில் நீங்கள் அளிக்கும் ஹூஹூ சிரிப்பு பயிற்சியை அடகு வைத்துக் கடன் பெற்றுக் கொள்ள நினைப்பீர்கள். உங்களில் சிலர் சங்கீதத்தைத் கேட்ட தாவரங்களின் வளர்ச்சி அதிகமாகும் என்று ஜகதீஸ் சந்திரபோஸ் கண்டுபிடித்ததுபோல மொட்டை மாடித் தோட்டத்தில் அமர்ந்து அங்கு இருக்கும் காய்கறி, புஷ்பச் செடிகொடிகள் செழிப்பாக வளர அவைகளைப் பார்த்து மணிக்கணக்கில் சிரிக்கலாம் என்றாலும் உங்கள் அண்டை வீட்டு உம்மணாமுஞ்சி மேஷ ராசிக்காரர் அவருடைய மொட்டை மாடியில் மறைந்திருந்து அரைச் செங்கல்களை உங்கள் கபாலத்தைக் குறி பார்த்து நீர்ஜ் சோப்ராபோல் சர்சர் என்று வீசி எறியலாம், ஜாக்கிரதை.

(பி.கு: எனக்கு நேரமில்லாததால் விட்டுப் போன ராசிக்காரர்கள் கண்களை மூடிக்கொண்டு மேலே கூறிய ராசிபலன்களில் ஒன்றைத் தொட்டு அதையே தங்களுடைய ராசி பலனாக எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவும்.)
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நமது நிருபர்

அண்ணா நகர் டைம்ஸ், மாம்பலம் டைம்ஸ் பத்திரிகைகளில் 18 ஆண்டுகளாகத் தொடர்ந்து ஜே.எஸ். ராகவன் எழுதி வரும் 'தமாஷா வரிகள்' கட்டுரைகளின் 4 தொகுப்புகளை 'குஷிப் பணியாரம்', 'கோபுர வஸ்து', 'பட்டுக் குஞ்சலம்', 'மைனர் மாமனர்' என்ற தலைப்புகளில் அல்லயன்ஸ் நிறுவனம் சென்ற வாரம் வெளியிட்டுள்ளது.

முதல் 3 புத்தகங்களின் விலை தலா 150 ரூபாய். கடைசிப் புத்தகத்தின் விலை 110 ரூபாய்.

950க்கும் மேற்பட்ட 'தமாஷா வரிகள்' கட்டுரைகள் இது வரை 30 தொகுப்புகளாக வெளி வந்து பல்லாயிரக்கணக்கில் விற்பனையாகி வாசகர்களிடம் மிகப்பெரும் வரவேற்பைப் பெற்றுள்ளன.

இந்தக் கட்டுரைகளை முதலில் பிரசுரித்ததில் மாம்பலம் டைம்ஸ் பெருமை கொள்கிறது.

Unauthorised portions of commercial building sealed in T. Nagar

Unauthorised constructions of a commercial building in Nageswara Rao Road (T. Nagar) were sealed on Dec. 28. While planning permission was issued for construction of basement floor (parking) and ground + three floors for a shopping complex, one more floor was added to the structure. The planning permission was issued 25 years back in 1996.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) and Chennai Corporation initiated action by locking and sealing the unauthorised portions on the basement floor and the entire fourth floor.

While the regularisation application of the building was rejected in 2016, the Madras High Court had directed the petitioner to appeal before the appellate authority of the state housing and urban development department. The appeal was disposed by the state government with a direction to CMDA to pursue necessary enforcement action, which was followed by locking and sealing of the unauthorised portions.

T. Nagar inundated as area receives heavy rainfall

By Our Staff Reporter

T. Nagar that saw severe inundation during the heavy rains last month, got water logged after the sudden downpour for more than 5 hours on Dec. 30.

A resident of Pinjala subramaniam Street (North Usman Road) told *Mambalam Times* that within an hour of torrential rain, water entered the compound of his house.

TNEB was forced to cut off power supply and residents were without power the whole night. "We suffered badly in November also as there is no proper storm water drain in this street and water seeps in," she said.

Another T. Nagar resident who lives on Mothilal Street also said that water is flowing in from the road. "If these rains continue the water will come into the ground floor soon. My 90-year-old mother had to be carried to the first floor as a precautionary measure. I've been making SOS calls but no one has come. In November the flooding was just as bad along with which we didn't have power. Fortunately, we moved the main board higher up. So for now the electricity connection has not been cut," he said,

Doctors advise raising vigil against Omicron

By Our Staff Reporter

Government Corona Hospital in King Institute (Guindy) treated 23 confirmed cases of Omicron till Dec. 28.

The doctors in the hospital have warned that people need to be extra careful against the variant because of its high transmissibility, though the severity is less.

"We haven't seen any Omicron patient with severe symptoms so far. No one has in fact required oxygen support. They have only mild symptoms like cold, sore throat, and cough. This has been the case even among the unvaccinated," said Dr. M. Malarvizhi (Asst. Professor). She said there is no need to panic.

"Get vaccinated, wear face masks properly, wash hands frequently, maintain social distancing and avoid crowds to mitigate the chance of infection," Malarvizhi said. She however warned that if there is a rise in caseload, the severity of the disease might also increase as those with comorbidities and are immunocompromised will get affected.

Equitas Bank officials visit Karuna Sagar



Senior officials of Equitas Bank visited and interacted with the inmates of Karuna Sagar, home for terminally ill and cancer patients, Maduravoyal, run by RMD Trust, T. Nagar on Dec. 30 as part of Christmas and New Year

celebrations. S. Immanuel (Chief Operations Officer, RMD Hospitals) said that the inmates were happy to interact and share their memories with the visitors.

He said that there are about 50 inmates in Karuna Sagar

under treatment. They include terminally ill, patients with advanced cancer, bedridden and destitute ones.

Those interested in visiting Karuna Sagar or supporting its activities may contact 93810 16588.

Free one-week beautician course



By Our Staff Reporter

Star Arts & Beauty Academy (791, Dr. Ramasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar) was opened recently.

It was inaugurated by AMV. Prabhakar Raja (Virugambakkam MLA) and will conduct training programs for women.

Dr. M. Mohanalakshmi (Director, Star Arts & Beauty

Academy) and M. Seethalakshmi (Co-Director) said that they will conduct a free one-week beautician course in the first week of January exclusively for women.

The course will cover eyebrow threading, facial,

bleach, pedicure, manicure and haircut. Participants will

have to pay for materials.

Course completion certificates will be given to the participants.

There will be regular programs on women entrepreneurship and empowerment.

More details can be had in 91500 25912 and 91500 25913.

Rasika Fine Arts music festival inaugurated



Rasika Fine Arts 18th annual music festival was inaugurated in Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, West Mambalam on Dec. 25.

This year marks the centenary of Mahakavi Sri Subramania Bharathiyar.

The pictures of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin

Rawat and other defence personnel, who died in a helicopter crash, were also kept on the stage and tributes paid to them. Two minutes of silence was observed. The Rasika Kala Bharathi Bridhu, which carries a cash award of Rs. 75,000, was conferred on Mridangam

exponent Guruvayoor Durai and Vocalist Rama Ravi.

Shanta Narayanan (President, Rotary Club of Madras Temple City) was the chief guest. S. Vedantam Ji (President, Rasika Fine Arts), Cleveland V. Sundaram and Pradeep Bhandari (industrialist) were also present.

Dr. Girija Seshadri (Secretary, Rasika Fine Arts) welcomed the gathering.

Corporation to fix missing links in storm water drain network

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation will soon begin work on fixing missing links in the storm water drain network in 144 locations identified across the city. The project will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 crores.

Locations that were waterlogged in the recent rains and have a history of inundation have been identified in seven of the 15 Corporation Zones namely Tondiarpet, Royapuram, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, Anna Nagar, Teynampet, Kodambakkam and Adyar.

Following the identification of critical areas, Corporation officials have decided to construct the missing links on the recommendation of engineers and experts.

"Contracts have been finalised and work orders have been issued to take up construction of missing links in these 144 areas. Work is set to begin soon," stated a Corporation release on Dec. 25.

The total length of SWDs to be constructed under the project is 45 km.

15-year-old boy run over by truck

By Our Staff Reporter

15-year-old K. Vinay Kumar (resident of West Mambalam) died on the spot when he was run over by a truck on Poonamallee High Road (near Minjur) on Dec. 27.

According to police, the boy was riding pillion on the scooter driven by his sister Varsha (22).

When the bike neared Minjur junction, Varsha applied sudden brakes to prevent a collision with another bike coming from the opposite direction.

In the impact, Vinay was thrown off and a truck going towards Poonamallee ran over him. Poonamallee traffic police sent the body for post mortem and booked the truck driver for rash driving and causing death by negligence.

Award for Tamil news reader

R. Gayathiri (resident of West K. K. Nagar) was presented 'Kalpana Chawla Award' by United National Peace Council on Dec. 26 in a program in Puducherry for achievements in her career. Gayathiri is a Tamil news reader in Podigai TV now. She has been working as a news reader for the past 13 years and has worked in several other channels like Kalaingar TV, Mega TV, Win TV and Moon TV.

She has acted in movies, web series and commercial advertisements. Gayathiri conducts photo shoots and corporate event programs. She also coordinates casting of newcomers and experienced artistes

She has received an honorary doctorate from World Tamil University, Media personality award from Rotary Club of Rising Star and Aram Foundation.

She can be contacted in 99400 57321.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ramachandra Iyer Street residents suffer due to waterlogging



Sir, Even after light showers, water stagnates in Ramachandra Iyer Street (West Mambalam). On Dec. 30, when it poured heavily for more than 5 hours from 3 p.m., wa-

ter entered several low-lying houses on the street. The problem was further accentuated by water that was pumped out from Rangarajapuram Subway which is close



to our street. Mambalam High Road was also flooded by the water that flows onto the road from the big pipeline underneath the railway tracks. I am attaching two photos, one showing the street flooded, and the other showing water stagnating in the compound of an apartment complex. **S. Balachander, West Mambalam**

Tree branches, garbage dumped on street



By Our Staff Reporter

Tree branches and other garbage have been dumped on the margin of Vaidyaraman Street, T. Nagar and have remained uncleared for several days.

Flooding in Motilal Street

Sir, The rains that lashed the city from the morning of Dec. 30 flooded Motilal Street, T. Nagar. Water from the street entered Shreebagh Flats (Anand Flats, 31/57 Motilal Street). We had called up the Asst. Engineer, Corporation Division 136, Zone 10, several times from Nov. 7 to clear the blocks in the street. There was no response. The same was the case with the Zonal Officer, Zone 10. We sent messages to the Regional Deputy Commissioner, Central, apprising him of the position.



We want to know why no inspection was carried out to check the condition of the storm water drains in Motilal Street. Was it because of the assumption that there would be no rain in December? Even then, the Corporation should have completely overhauled the SWD system. Smart city is in tatters, thanks to the total inefficiency of Greater Chennai Corporation! Shameful indeed! **V. S. Jayaraman, 31 Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Drinking water contaminated

Sir, It was shocking to find water being supplied by Metrowater to Thambiah Roa and Giri Street areas contaminated by drain water. Though Metrowater officials have been informed, no action has been taken. The water samples taken by them contained black particles the consumption of which unknowingly in the initial period led to some residents suffering vomiting and dysentery. I request the authorities to take action on a priority basis as it is a matter of drinking water and dried borewells in these areas. **R. Sekar, 7/3, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam**

Bees from hive posing danger

Sir, Bees from a hive on a branch of a tree on Habibullah Road, T. Nagar (next to Jain Housing Complex, 96, Habibullah Road) are posing a danger to passersby, especially children, and residents.



No steps have been taken to remove the hive in spite of complaints to Fire & Rescue Service and Chennai Corporation. **Yegnaraman K, T. Nagar**

Why pay property tax promptly?

Sir, The website of Greater Chennai Corporation [GCC] says, 'Pay your property tax arrears immediately to GCC for better services'. While there are many in arrears for years together, those who pay promptly have a right to ask what service does the GCC provide for them. We have been witnessing water stagnation and flooding every monsoon, despite many streets having storm water drains.

Many streets/roads are non-navigable due to pot holes. Relaying of roads/streets without removing their existing surface has resulted in their level becoming higher than the floor levels of houses in almost all streets and make them prone to flooding during monsoons.

The rains have exposed the inefficiency of the systems that the GCC claims to have put in place at heavy cost to the public exchequer. The residents have a right to ask the GCC why they should pay property tax when the GCC is unable to even provide the bare minimum requirements. **K. Harihar, T. Nagar**

Several areas flooded in T. Nagar



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains on Dec. 30, several streets in T. Nagar and its neighbourhood were flooded.

Photo taken on Dec. 31 shows water stagnating in Kothandaramar Koil Street (West Mambalam) and a man pushing a disabled person in a tricycle to help him cross the road.

As the storm water drains were clogged, Corporation workers were forced to remove the covers of the sewage manhole chambers in the middle of the road to drain the water.

Residents said that the storm water drain is more than 30 years old and does not have the capacity to carry the excess water during heavy rains.

Firemen rescue cobra from house

By Our Staff Reporter

Firemen from Teynampet Fire & Rescue Station rescued a small 'Spectacled Cobra' from a house on K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam at around 8.30 a.m on Dec. 31. Residents thanked the firemen for their quick response following a phone call.



Residents cut road to drain rain water



By Our Staff Reporter

Due to several waterlogging after the rains on Dec. 30, some residents of Kamaraj Colony (T. Nagar) were forced to cut the road to drain the water into the storm water drain at the junction of Muthurangan Salai the next morning.

Weakened portion of Thambiah Road barricaded



By Our Staff Reporter

As a portion of Thambiah Road (West Mambalam, near Jubilee Road junction) has started to sink, it has been barricaded to prevent any untoward incident.

Circles has been drawn to mark the area and barricades have been placed around it

Two weeks back, a portion of the road at the junction of Brindavan Street and Thambiah Road had caved-in.

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70-year-old woman reunited with family after 13 years

By Our Staff Reporter
70-year-old Neelam Kumari, who had been found begging in the streets in Ambattur, was rescued by Udavum Karangal and reunited with her family living in Bihar on Dec. 26.

S. Vidyaakar (Founder, Udavum Karangal) told *Anna Nagar Times* that the woman was living in an abject condition on the streets.

On receiving a distress call on Oct. 22, social worker Jacob rescued her and brought her to the NGO's rehabilitation home 'Karunai Illam' in Thiruverkadu.

After psychiatric treatment and counselling for 4 weeks, the woman said that her name is Neelam Kumari, wife of Sumith Prasad from Noorpur Village in Bihar.



She also said that she has a son by name Anmol and her parents also lived in the same village. When efforts to reach the family became futile, Vidyaakar contacted Nathnagar police station situated near the village. The policeman contacted Anmol. Anmol called Vidyaakar and informed him that his mother had been missing since 2007 and he had lost all hopes of

seeing her again. He came to Chennai on Dec. 26 to take back his mother after an emotional reunion. Vidyaakar arranged a small farewell party for Neelam and advised Anmol to continue her psychiatric treatment. Vidyaakar appeals to the readers of *Anna Nagar Times* to inform the NGO in case of finding any destitute in distress. His contact numbers are 99401 88011 and 9841035511/

Sudden downpour paralyzes normal life

By Our Staff Reporter
Following the sudden and heavy rain from around 3 p.m on Dec. 30, many areas in the city were faced with heavy waterlogging including T. Nagar, Mylapore, Teynampet and Nungambakkam.

As predicted by the weather bureau, the sudden downpour left thousands of commuters stranded and flooded many areas.

It started as a cloudy day with drizzle. By 3 p.m, heavy rains started lashing the heart of the city for a few hours with MRC Nagar receiving the maximum of 13 cm.

This was followed by Nungambakkam receiving 12 cm of rain and YMCA Nandanam 8 cm.

While Meenambakkam and ACS College recorded 5 cm of rain each, Anna University got 4 cm.

Traffic came to a standstill

on many roads and the worst affected areas were T. Nagar, West Mambalam, K. K. Nagar, Nandanam and Saidapet in the neighbourhood.

With many roads being inundated in T. Nagar, vehicles including ambulances got stuck on G. N. Chetty Road, North Boag Road, South Usman Road and North Usman Road.

Police had to barricade Duraiswamy and Madley subways due to waterlogging.

"The interaction of the east-

erly winds at lower level and westerly winds at upper level has brought rains to the city. The rains in the city will continue till Jan. 3," S. Balachandran (Deputy Director General of Meteorology) said.

Though rains were predicted, the quantum was not expected as it was a cloud-burst.

"This is a highly localised event and it is very difficult to predict such short heavy spells of this intensity," Balachandran added.

With spike in new Covid cases, 5 streets under containment

After a gap of several months, daily Covid cases in the city spiked by over 50 percent in a day on Dec. 29 as 294 fresh cases were reported, taking the total number of active cases to 1689.

On Dec. 28, the city had only 194 new cases. Dr. Prabhdeep Kaur (Deputy Director of the National Institute of Epidemiology) said that it is an indication of an increasing trend in the number of cases in the city. Chennai has the highest number of active Omicron cases at eight.

With the increase in cases, Chennai Corporation classified five streets as containment zones. Of them, four have 6 to 10 positive cases and one street has 10 to 25 positive cases. In total, 507 streets have positive cases, of which 429 have less than 3 active cases.

Man held for stealing bikes

Police arrested Karthik (23) of Kattupakkam on Dec. 23 for stealing two motorcycles from K. K. Nagar in the past week. He was apprehended during a vehicle check in Porur.

Police became suspicious when he could not produce the papers for the vehicle and gave devious answers.

On questioning, he told them that he had stolen the motorcycle which had been parked near Peripheral Hospital (Anna Main Road, K. K. Nagar). The owner of the vehicle Vishwanathan had filed a complaint in K. K. Nagar police station. He also confessed to stealing one more bike from 2nd Avenue, K. K. Nagar.

Both the bikes were seized from him.

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Madley, Rangarajapuram subways closed



By Our Staff Reporter

Madley Road and Rangarajapuram 2-wheeler subways have been closed due to water stagnation following heavy rain on Dec. 30. Duraisamy subway and Aranganathan subway are open for traffic.

Residents said that water overflowing from Kothandaramar Temple tank and nearby streets had been pumped into Madley Subway and water stagnating in nearby streets into Rangarajapuram subway.

Corporation workers are using motor pumps attached to tractors to drain water from the streets into subways.

Motorists are struggling to drive on roads where water is stagnating.

Talk on Chittoor Nagaiah this morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has organized a special talk by Historian V. Sriram on 'Talk on life and times of Chittoor V. Nagaiah' at 10 a.m on Sunday, Jan. 2 in its premises during 42nd Isai Iyal Nataka Vizha and 32nd Bharatham Festival. All are welcome.

'Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukalyanam' on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

'Nataka Kavalal' R. S. Manohar's 'Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukalyanam', produced and directed by S. Sruthi, his grand-daughter, will be staged at 6.45 p.m on Thursday, Jan. 6 in RR Sabha Auditorium, Mylapore.

She will also play the title role of Madurai Meenakshi. All are welcome.

19-year-old Sruthi began acting on stage at the age of 3. She became adept in bhathanatyam, Carnatic vocal and at deliver-



ing religious discourses at the age of 5. She enacted a 30-minute short play as 'Kumaragurubarar' continuously for four hours in Narada Gana Sabha Main Hall. Former President of India A. P. J Abdul Kalam and Tamilnadu Governors K. Rosaiah and Banwarilal Purohit have witnessed her performances.

While the Tamilnadu Government conferred the title of 'Kalai Ilamani' for Theater on her for 2016-2017, Mylapore Academy honoured her with the Roll of Honour for designing scene backdrops for her plays.

Hanuman Jayanthi celebrations in Ashok Nagar temple

By Our Staff Reporter

A big laddu garland adorned the presiding deity, Lord Hanuman, in Ashok Nagar Anjaneyar Baktha Sabha Temple (53rd Street, Ashok Nagar) on Dec. 31 as part of Hanuman Jayanthi celebrations.

The following is the program on other days:

Jan. 2: Special silver kavacham alangaaram and lakshaarchanai.

Jan. 3: Special alangaaram.

Jan. 4: Special alangaaram.

Jan. 5: Special alangaaram.

Jan. 6: Vadamalal alangaaram.

Jan. 7: Special alangaaram.

Jan. 8: Special fruits alangaaram.

Jan. 9: Special Chenduram alangaaram. All are welcome.

The temple will remain open from 5 a.m to 11.30 a.m and 5 p.m to 8.30 p.m on all days.

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