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## Garbage removed following report in *Mambalam Times*



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*By Our Staff Reporter*

Following the report 'Tree branches, garbage dumped on street' published in *Mambalam Times* last week, the tree branches and other garbage dumped on the margin of Vaidyaraman Street, T. Nagar were removed.

## Metrowater workers repair road where it caved in



*By Our Staff Reporter*

The road had caved in at the junction of Thambaiyah Road and Brindavan Street in West Mambalam where Metrowater workers had dug a trench to lay a pipe. They carried out repairs on the road on Jan.6.

Pipelining work is in progress in Brindavan Street where the trench was filled with water following rains.

## Gold price jumps by Rs. 154, silver by Rs. 352

Following the surge in international rates of precious metals, the price of gold on Jan. 5 increased by Rs. 154 to reach Rs. 46,969 per 10 gm and that of silver increased by Rs. 352 to reach Rs. 60,373 per kg.

According to investment analysts, the demand for gold is going up as many investors are moving their funds from the stock market to the bullion market in fear of economic downturn due to global surge in Covid cases.

## K. R. Temple tank overflowing



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Water from the overflowing Kothandaramar Temple tank adjoining Kittu Park, Ellaiaimman Koil Street, West Mambalam, is flowing into storm water drain nearby to which it is connected. Residents in nearby streets said that the water from the temple tank is also flowing towards the streets and stagnating.

The temple tank is under renovation but the work has been suspended due to the rains.

## 59 families of pavement dwellers allotted houses

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Families of 37 pavement dwellers living near Mambalam railway station were allotted houses in KP Park on Jan. 4.

They were evicted a year back from their unauthorised tenements along Adyar River in Jaffer Khanpet.

According to official sources, the beneficiaries can move to the tenements any time as the houses are ready.

The tenements have an area of 400 sq. ft.



## 100 attend free medical camp

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Sanju Women's Association and Chennai Liver Foundation conducted a free medical camp for residents of Ashok Nagar recently.

Tambaram Police Inspector Rani (a resident of Ashok Nagar Police Quarters) inaugurated the camp. About 100 residents of Ashok Nagar and members of Sanju Women's Association attended the camp. Blood sugar, BP, liver check, and eye check-up

was done. Dr. Akash (General physician, RPS Hospital, Korattur) was available for consultation.

Those who want to organize free medical camps can contact 90946 86187.

Sanju Women's Association president Shanthi Socrates can be contacted in 91769 28485.



## Sewage fills pits dug for Skywalk project

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Ongoing work on Chennai Corporation's Skywalk bridge project has led to creation of sewage pools outside T. Nagar bus terminus at Madley Road junction.

In a bid to expedite the work on the long-pending Rs. 30-crore 'Smart City' Skywalk bridge project that connects T. Nagar bus terminus and Mambalam Railway Station, the civic body dug up three areas outside T. Nagar bus terminus to erect pillars connecting to the bridge weeks ago.



Ward-level engineers said that while digging, they had to open sewage lines which resulted in non-stop flow of sewage into the pits.

"Only after pumping out a considerable amount of sewage, can we close the entry point," said a ward engineer. The stench in the area has inconvenienced both motorists as well as bus passengers. The pits also pose a threat to pedestrians who may fall into

## 1.55 lakh cases filed against number plate violators

*By Our Staff Reporter*

In the last 6 months, about 1.55 lakh cases have been filed against vehicle owners found using unauthorised or damaged number plates including around 8,500 cases in T. Nagar and West Mambalam "In addition to this, we have filed about 4,456 cases for using banned lights and 4,657 cases for installing tinted glass in windows of cars," a police officer said.

He said that every month, special drives are conducted to check and fine traffic rule offenders.

While hearing a petition with respect to traffic violations last month, Justice Subramaniam had directed police to take action against former MPs, MLAs, retired judges and other officers using the national emblem on their cars.

## 2.53 crore passengers travelled in metro trains last year

About 2.53 crore passengers travelled in metro trains in 2021 despite the suspension of services between May and June due to the Covid-imposed lockdown and enforcement of social distancing norms throughout the year.

According to a Chennai Metro official, more than 9.80 crore passengers have used the services since the first line began operations in June 2015.

"In 2021, the footfall doubled when compared to 1.18 crore passengers, who travelled in 2020. However, the last year's footfall was 22 percent less than in 2019 when it recorded an all-time high of 3.28 crore passengers travelling in the metro. The fall in patronage was mainly due to the suspension of services between March 2020 and September 2020 and May 2021 and June 2021 due to the lockdown," he said.

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The sewage flowing from Usman Road through Madley Road is now entering the pits at the junction. The skywalk pillars erected on Usman Road are right on the stormwater drain, breaking the structure as well. All the shop owners on Usman Road have placed wooden boards for visitors to enter their stores.

The Corporation's smart city officials said that works on Skywalk project were started post-Covid lockdown in 2020.

"We are expecting to complete them by 2022 end. The sewage overflow from nearby drains will be plugged soon once the pits are cleared," the official said.

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In view of the total lockdown on Sundays, *Mambalam Times* will be delivered on Saturday mornings. Classified Ads will be accepted till Friday 1 p.m

Because of Pongal holidays, there will be no issue of *Mambalam Times* next week

## 3-day closure for temples



By Our Staff Reporter

Temples will remain closed for devotees on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, according to a Government announcement as part of Covid prevention measures.

Photos show TTD Temple, T. Nagar, and Ayodhya Mandapam, West Mambalam.



## New case loads higher in Kodambakkam and Teynampet

The highest number of active Covid cases in the city is in Adyar, Kodambakkam and Teynampet Zones.

Meanwhile, Chennai Corporation has reopened 15 of its screening centers, where those infected would be screened before being guided to the next course of treatment.

## Full lockdown on Sunday

To curb rising Covid cases, the Tamilnadu Government has imposed a full lockdown on Sunday, Jan. 9, and night curfew since Jan. 6 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m till further notice.

Devotees will not be permitted in places of worship on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and offline classes will not be allowed for Stds. 1 to 9.

Barring medical and paramedical colleges, all colleges will remain closed till Jan. 20. Training and coaching centres, creches and nurseries will not be allowed to function.

Essential goods, medical services remain exempted Other curbs are as follows:

Employees of IT companies have been advised to work from home. All restaurants, eateries and commercial establishments must remain closed during night curfew and on Sundays. On other days, they can operate with 50% occupancy. But takeaways are allowed from 7 a.m to 10 p.m.

There will be no metro rail services or other public transport on Sundays. Passengers must carry a copy of their tickets to commute to the airport/railway stations.

On weekdays, inter-state public and private transport is allowed with standard protocols.

All Pongal celebrations and functions organised by the state will be postponed, along with exhibitions and book fairs.

The beaches will be open only for walkers.

Exemption has been granted to trucks carrying essential goods, petrol, diesel and LPG vehicles.

ATMs can remain open. Medical services, ambulances, newspapers, medical shops and hospitals are allowed to function. Entertainment/amusement parks will be closed. Vegetable and fish stalls will be set up in several places to avoid overcrowding. Clubs, gyms, theaters, multiplexes, beauty parlours and salons can have only 50% occupancy.

Sporting events will be permitted on open grounds with adequate precautions. In closed stadiums only 50% occupancy is allowed.

Drivers, conductors and employees of service centres such as shops, private organisations, banks, commercial establishments and theaters must be double vaccinated.

## Active Covid cases double in a week

As Chennai Corporation has increased the number of samples tested, the number of active cases in the city has also doubled in just a week.

According to Corporation data, the city had 5,593 active cases on Jan. 5 morning as against 2,403 active cases on Dec. 31.

Of the 15 zones, Adyar and Teynampet zones had 718 and 702 active cases. Kodambakkam, Anna Nagar and Royapuram had 646, 559

and 556 respectively. While Valasaravakkam had 370 active cases, Thiru VI Ka Nagar had 341, Tondiarpet 368, Ambattur 367, Alandur 247, Perungudi 208, Sholinganallur 18, Tiruvottiyur 122, Madavaram 116 and Manali 33.

Since the outbreak of the disease, the city has reported more than 5.66 lakh Covid cases, of which 5.52 lakh have been recovered.

The data shows that the number of active cases is higher in the central region and lower in the northern zones.

**Corporation to increase Covid testing to 30,000 per day**  
By Our Staff Reporter  
As daily Covid cases are increasing, Chennai Corporation will ramp up testing from 22,000 to 30,000 per day.

Commissioner Gagan Singh Bedi has issued a circular stating that employees of commercial establishments, banks, restaurants, government and private offices will be tested once in every 15 days and in other possible places where there are possibilities of crowding.

The circular further stated that only those fully vaccinated should be allowed to work in these places.

It has opened 15 screening centres for testing patients with Covid symptoms. A 1,000-bed Covid care centre will be opened in Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam.

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(9) சேனல் நிறுவன முதல்வராகும் இந்திய லீலா நாயர் அந்தப் பதவியில் மினிர் வார் என்கிறார் பெப்ளியின் முன்னாள் முதல்வர் இந்திரா நாயி.

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(10) கோவிடுக்கு அஞ்சி ராணி எலிசபெத் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் தொடர்பாக நடக்கும் குடும்ப பார்ட்டியை ரத்து செய்தாராம்.

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(11) மகாராஷ்டிராவில் மாட்டு வண்டிப் பந்தயம் நடத்த உச்சநீதி மன்றம் அனுமதி.

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(12) பாலியல் கொடுமையைத் தவிர்க்க முடியாதென்றால் ரிலாக்ஸாக அதை அனுபவிப்புகள் - கர்நாடக காங்கிரஸ் எம்.எல்.ஏ.யின் அறிவுரை.

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(13) சில நாட்கள் மட்டும் கூடி வாழ்ந்தது லிவ்இன் உறவு ஆகாது. பஞ்சாப்-ஹரியானா உச்ச நீதிமன்றம்.

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(17) ரூ.76 லட்சம் பரிசு பெற்ற அமெரிக்கர் அடுத்ததாக ரூ.7.6 கோடி ஜாக்பாட் பரிசைப் பெற்றிருக்கிறார்.

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(18) கிரிக்கெட் வீரர் ஸ்ரிசாந்த் நயன்தாராவுடன் ஒரு தமிழ்ப் படத்தில் நடிக்கிறாராம்.

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### Award for K. K. Nagar Thambraas President

S. Satish Kumar (resident of K. K. Nagar and General Secretary, Chennai District Thaminadu Brahmin Association) was presented 'Brahmana Seva Bhushan' award by N. Narayanan (Thambraas State President) at its annual general body meeting in Thiruvanamalai conducted recently.

Satish Kumar is also President of Thambraas K. K. Nagar unit and is involved in various activities like monthly Anusham pooja (Maha Periyavaa Star), Shri Rudhra Ekadshi Japam on Pradosam days in Sri Muthumari Amman Koil, Ramaswamy Salai K. K. Nagar, and Haragrivar Homam and 'Yajur Veda Avani Avittam' in PSBB School, K. K. Nagar, every year. Further details can be had in 91766 51942.

### EB box may topple over



By Our Staff Reporter

The EB pillar box outside the All-Woman Police Station, Madley Road, T. Nagar, may topple over any moment as its concrete base is damaged.

### Male kitten available for adoption



By Our Staff Reporter

A 6-week-old male kitten, separated from its mother, was rescued on Jan.2.

It is playful, toilet trained and is in good health. Animal lovers willing to adopt it may contact Kannan in 98409 70091.

### Lamp-posts lying on pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of unused concrete lamp posts have been lying on the pavement of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar behind Government Girls School and near Circle Library for several days.

The area is being misused as a public convenience by passersby.

### 904-bed Covid care facility in Chennai Trade Centre

By Our Staff Reporter

A 904-bed Covid Care Centre is coming up in Chennai Trade Centre (CTC) soon.

Chief Minister M. K. Stalin visited the centre on Jan. 4 and inspected the ongoing work. The facility will have 11 kiloliter of oxygen storage. 504 of the beds will have bedside oxygen facility.

On Jan. 5, 45 car ambulances were launched to transport Covid patients to hospital. Chennai Corporation has appointed five Covid volunteers for each of the 200 wards to provide support and monitor Covid patients in home quarantine.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Why Aadhaar copy from job applicants?

Sir, An advertisement by a leading chain of stores based in T. Nagar inviting applications for various posts asked applicants to provide copies of their credentials and also a copy of their Aadhaar card. While it is normal for a company to seek copies of certificates, why does it need an Aadhaar copy? With every entity eyeing for Aadhaar copy for all and sundry purposes, the Unique Identity has become the butt of ridicule. With little or no resistance from the public against its submission even for the purposes for which it should not be sought, Aadhaar has lost its 'uniqueness' providing enough room for its misuse. **V. S. Jayaraman, 31, Motilal Street, T.Nagar**

### 3 streets in Teynampet remain flooded for 5 days

Sir, Even after rains stopped from Jan. 1, Muthiah Street, Babu Street and Elliamman Kovil Street in Teynampet (behind Stella Maris College) remained flooded for five days.

Apart from the stagnant rain water, the reverse flow of sewage has added to the woes of about 5,000 families living in these streets.

There was ankle-deep water mixed with sewage.

My elderly parents living on Muthiah Street could not step out to even buy vegetables and groceries, fearing diseases, potholes and electrocution. As I live in West Mambalam, I could go there and help them tide over the 5 days.

After several complaints, Corporation officials deployed two pumps only on Jan. 4 to drain the water into the storm water drains along Cathedral Road through long hose pipes.

The officials stated that the storm water drains built in the streets do not have proper gradient for the water to flow, leading to stagnation in the streets.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to rebuild the storm water drain to prevent water stagnation after rains. **R. Shyamala, Lake View Road, West Mambalam**

## Recycling temple waste is his daily routine

52-year-old A. K. Kannan (resident of Choolaimedu) visits around 25 temples daily in the morning including six temples in T. Nagar and West Mambalam to collect dried flowers, coconut shells and other items used for worship for solid waste management. The waste is segregated and sent to the earmarked place for recycling. He works as Asst. Engineer in Prasar Bharati and started this social venture in 2012 while he was posted in Madurai. He is continuing it after being transferred to Chennai in 2014.

He starts daily at 6.30 a.m and collects the waste from select temples in Choolaimedu, Nungambakkam, T. Nagar, West Mambalam, Saidapet, Mylapore and deposits them in the compost yard in Kutchery Road (Mylapore) or Arunachalam Street (Chintadripet) before heading for his office.

"I spend around Rs. 3,000 a month. I get the largest collection daily from Karneeswarar Temple (Saidapet). The coconut shells are used for making ropes and the earthen lamps as material for making paver blocks for road-laying", Kannan said. "My family supports me in the endeavor and at times friends and colleagues chipe in to collect waste," Kannan added.

## Tree trunk lying in Natesan Park



*By Our Staff Reporter*

The trunk of an uprooted tree in Natesan Park, T. Nagar has been lying at the spot for the past few months.

Park visitors have appealed to the officials concerned to remove the trunk and plant saplings in its place.

**Women Helpline 1091**

## Stalin distributes masks



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Commuters on Anna Salai were in for a surprise on Jan. 4 as Chief Minister M. K. Stalin personally handed over face masks to them and highlighted the need for wearing masks to contain the spread of Covid.

He distributed masks among passersby near Tamilnadu Government Multi Super Specialty Hospital on Anna Salai and later in areas near Cosmopolitan Club, Ethiraj Salai junction, near Spencer Plaza, Thousand Lights, Chepauk, Siddhi Vinayagar Koil Street in Teynampet and outside SIET College.

## Those not wearing mask fined



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Policemen are fining persons not wearing face masks on roads and streets. This photo was taken when they were charging a motorist not using a face mask while riding at around 11 a.m on Jan.5 on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar near Postal Colony 1<sup>st</sup> Street, West Mambalam.

## Water stagnating in North Crescent Road



*By Our Staff Reporter*

A portion of North Crescent Road, T. Nagar near G. N. Chetty Road flyover lane has been damaged due to heavy water stagnation after the recent rains. It is hindering motorists and other road users.

## Four more reservoirs with 8 TMC capacity for Chennai

Though the rains were bountiful in 2021, nearly 38.87 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) had to be released into the city's waterways due to lack of storage capacity in the five reservoirs.

Owing to this, Water Reservoir Department (WRD) has planned to set up four new reservoirs in and around Chennai with a combined capacity of 8 thousand million cubic feet (TMC).

WRD has identified locations in Tiruttani and Gummidipoondi to set up the two reservoirs and build check dams.

## Madley subway wall being reconstructed



*By Our Staff Reporter*

The wall of Madley Subway in T. Nagar, which was demolished to facilitate installation of pillars for the Skywalk project to connect Mambalam Railway Station and T. Nagar bus terminus, is being reconstructed. Work on the Skywalk project is also in full swing.

## Water diverted to Madley subway contaminated



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Water stagnating in roads and storm water drains is being diverted to Madley subway through a path dug for the purpose. The water is contaminated with sewage water which is posing a health hazard.

## Trunk of big tree not removed



*By Our Staff Reporter*

The trunk of a big tree has been lying outside 4/3, South Road, West CIT Nagar for several days. It has not been removed in spite of repeated complaints from residents.

## No barricades around open drain



*By Our Staff Reporter*

No barricades to caution road users have been placed around an open storm water drain at the junction of Habibullah Road and G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar. The drain has remained open for several days.

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**Drains being interconnected**



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Metrowater workers are interconnecting stormwater drains not connected with the help of pipes to out drain water. They are doing this work in several roads/streets including Tilak Street and Dr. Sadasivam Road in T. Nagar but in Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar the water from the drain is being pumped onto the road itself which is posing health hazards.



**33.46 lakh children to be vaccinated in 15 days**

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Following the rapid spike in Covid cases, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, on Jan. 3, launched a scheme to administer Covaxin for children in the 15-18 years group in Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School (Saidapet). Under the scheme, 33.46 lakh children will be administered the vaccine in 15 days and, out of them, 25 lakh will be school students. The Health Department will coordinate with the School Education, Higher Education and Social Welfare Departments to cover all children. After launching the vaccination drive, Stalin said that at a time when the State had recovered from economic decline due to the second wave, Omicron had started to threaten. Quoting media reports, Stalin said that 46 percent of Covid affected persons are in Chennai and infections are increasing on a daily basis. He advised the public not to let their guard down and follow all Covid-related protocols. He said that vaccination camps have been set up in all schools and vaccination for all the 33.46 lakh children will be covered in 15 days.

**Tamilnadu Government ramps up vaccination drive**

During the 17th mega vaccination camp on Jan. 2, more than 15 lakh persons were vaccinated in Tamilnadu taking the total number of vaccinations in the state to more than 8.5 crores. On Jan. 2, 4,20,098 persons received the first dose and 10,96,706 persons the second dose. As per data released by Chennai Corporation, so far, 5,03,33,915 (86.95%) persons have received the first dose and 3,51,48,468 (60.71%) the second dose. It has been planned to launch the booster shots for those aged above 60 from Jan. 10 in Sir Pitty Thyagaraya Hall (T. Nagar). Among the target beneficiaries are 20,83,800 senior citizens; 5,65,618 healthcare workers; and 9,78,023 frontline workers.

**Vaccination drive in areas with high case load**

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
With Covid clusters on the rise, Chennai Corporation has directed its health staff to set up vaccination camps in places with more case loads. Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan Salai in T. Nagar has 10 active cases and there are around 15 cases in two streets in Ashok Nagar. Officials said that they are currently focusing on zones where active cases are high such as Adyar, Teynampet, Kodambakkam, Anna Nagar and Royapuram. "While we are containing the roads with more than ten cases, we are aiming at double vaccination to reduce the spread. The vaccination camps will also focus on slum areas and informal settlements, where hesitancy still remains high," an official said.

**Only 35% in city wear masks, finds survey**

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi inspected the Covid screening center in Teynampet on Jan. 4. He said that the new Omicron variant is spreading much faster than last year's Delta variant. "A survey, taken 10 days back in the city, revealed that only 35 percent of the people are wearing face masks properly. The virus is spreading rapidly and people should compulsorily wear masks in public places to safeguard themselves and prevent the spread," Bedi said. The Commissioner advised the public to get tested in Urban Primary Health Centres if they have a cold or throat pain. He said that the Corporation has appointed 1,000 focus volunteers for 200 divisions at the rate of five per division to assist Covid patients in home isolation.

**Schools call only 50% students to avoid over-crowding**

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Due to a spike in cases, Tamilnadu Government has reversed its decision to resume normal classes for Stds. 9 to 12 from Jan. 3, apart from barring physical classes for Stds. 1 to 8 till Jan. 10. Schools have been told to maintain protocols like 20 students per classroom, face masks and staggered breaks. Due to non-availability of space and teachers, some schools are planning to call students in batches while others are planning to call 50% students to avoid over-crowding.

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## Distribution of Pongal gifts begins



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) inaugurated the distribution of Pongal gift hampers, provided by the state government for ration card holders, in many TUCS shops on Jan. 3. Each gift hamper contains 21 grocery items including 1kg each of raw rice, sugar and jaggery. Packets of cashew, raisins and cardamom were

also given apart from a length of sugarcane. Particular ration card holders got a saree and dhoti each. Tokens mentioning the date and time to collect the Pongal gifts were distributed among card holders last month. Photo was taken at a TUCS shop at the junction of Bazullah Road and Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar.

## Rs. 25 lakhs donated for welfare of families of Army martyrs



Octogenarian V. Sriraman (Rotarian) and his wife Akhila Sriraman donated Rs. 25 lakhs as advance towards the welfare of families of Army martyrs in an event organised by Rotary Club of Chennai Prestige (RCCP) on Jan. 2. The couple handed over the cheque to Lt. Gen. A. Arun (GOC, Dakshin Bharat). Sriraman said that he would give Rs. 75 lakhs in July for the same cause as he wanted to give a total of Rs. 1 crore for the welfare of Army martyrs' families. Sriraman said that the decision to contribute the am-

ount was taken after the helicopter carrying General Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika and 12 others crashed near Coonoor in the Nilgiris on Dec. 8. Sriraman, who has served as president for two terms in Rotary Club of Madras. Downtown, was instrumental in carrying out several projects including development of Science Block of JGVV School and providing drinking water in Corporation schools. The program was attended by Rotarians, their families and army personnel who paid rich tribute to those who had laid their down lives for the nation.

## Now, eat 'healthy' idly containing millet

S. Vijayalakshmi (resident of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar) recently started using cumbu (pearl millet) and kezhvaragu

(finger millet) as ingredients along with ulundu to prepare idly batter she has been marketing for some time.

She has been selling her popular millet health mix for several years. She told *Mambalam Times* that millet is very good for the health but millet-based dishes are not easy to prepare. Neither are they very delicious or palatable. But making it an ingredient of idly solved this problem to a very great extent.

She said that the suggestion to make millet an ingredient came from a number of regular customers who buy her health mix. She also said that she has been receiving a number of enquiries including from stores about her new product.

Her phone number is 97907 72370.

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## Creating awareness for 'smoke-free Bhogi'



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Students and staff of Guntur Subbaiah T. Nagar Girls Higher Secondary School (Bagavatham Street, T. Nagar) created awareness for a 'Smoke-free Bhogi' by holding placards and raising slogans outside their school premises. R. Rajalakshmi (Headmistress) said that the students participated enthusiastically.

## Pongal pots on sale



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
A woman was seen giving finishing touches to colorful Pongal pots on sale on Kodambakkam High Road, near Dharampuram in T. Nagar. The prices of the pots range from Rs.30 to 1200 depending on the size.

## Potholes in subway being filled



Corporation workers are filling the potholes created by rains in Duraisamy Subway, T. Nagar and Brindavan Street, West Mambalam. There is traffic congestion during peak hours due to damaged roads.

## Gap in wall of school still not closed



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
A portion of the compound wall of Government Higher Secondary School, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar toppled over a few months back but it has still not been rebuilt. Neither has the gap in the wall been closed as a temporary measure. Miscreants are entering the premises through the gap at night for antisocial activities. The rain water that has stagnated in the school premises has not been drained out.

## Malar Velvi in Achi Amman Temple on Friday

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Malar Velvi will be performed at 5.30 p.m for the presiding deity of Devi Sri Achi Amman (Siddhi Vinayagar Koil Street, T. Nagar). There will be special abhishekam from 7 a.m on Friday, Jan.14 as part of Pongal celebrations. Those interested may register their names for sankalpam in 99400 70888.

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