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'கல்யாணத்தன்னிக்கு எவ்வளவு மாமா! அங்கிக்கென்னாத படி எங்கே பார்த்தாலும் அங்கிள்! நவராத்திரி படத்துலே கடைசி சீனலே ஒன்பது சிவாஜி சேர்ல உட்கார்ந்திருக்கிற மாதிரி ஒன்பது மாமாவும் சேர்ல பாத பூஜைக்கு உட்கார்ந்துட்டாங்க. வரிசையா கால் தெரியுது. ஆயிரம் கால் மண்டபம் மாதிரி.'

'சும்மா இருங்க. கல்யாணத்துல எவ்வளவு வேலையை இழுத்துப் போட்டு செஞ்சாங்க தெரியுமா?'

'தெரியுமே! கல்யாணப் பந்தியிலே மசால் வடைக்கு ஒரு மாமா இன்சார்ட். மோர்க் குழம்புக்கு ஒரு மாமா இன்சார்ட். நல்லவேளை மொத்தம் ஒன்பது ஐட்டம்தான் இருந்தது. பத்தாவது ஐட்டம் இருந்திருந்தா புதுசா ஒரு மாமாவைத் தத் தெடுக்கிறாப்பா உன் பாட்டி.'

'இப்போ பழைய கதை எல்லாம் வேணாம். வரப்போற மாமாவை உபசரிக்கிற வழியைப் பாருங்க.'

'எப்படி உபசரிக்கணும்?'

'போய் வேட்டி துண்டு வாங்கிட்டு வாங்க. வர்ரவங்களுக்கு எப்பவும் ஞாபகம் இருக்கிற மாதிரி ஏதாவது செய்யணும். வெறும் கையோடு அனுப்ப முடியுமா?'

'அவங்க கையிலே தோசைக் கரண்டியால் ஒரு குடு போட்டு அனுப்பு. எப்பவும் மறக்க மாட்டாங்க.'

'உங்களுக்கு எப்பவும் குதர்க் கப் பேச்சுதான்.'

மறநாள் மாமா வந்துவிட்டார். குண்டாக சொட்டைத் தலையுடன் இருந்தார்.

'என்ன அப்படிப் பார்க்கிறீங்க மாப்பிளே? நான் ஒரு காலத்துல அவ்வளவு அழகா இருப்பேன்.'

'எப்போ? பொறக்கறதுக்கு முன்னாலயா?'

'மாப்பிளே, ராத்திரி என்னை ரத்தா கபே கூட்டிண்டு போறீங்களா? இட்லி சாம்பார் சாப்பிடணும்.'

'எப்படி மாமா? இங்கேயிருந்து ரொம்ப தூரம் ஆச்சே.'

'தெரியும். இங்கேயிருந்து சாப்பிடணும்னா கை எட்டாது. அங்கே போய்த்தான் சாப்பிடணும்.'

வேண்டா வெறுப்பாக அவரை ரத்தா கபேக்குக் கூட்டிக் கொண்டு போனான்.

இரண்டு வாரங்கள் கழித்து இன்னொரு மாமா வந்தார்.

'என்னை மகாபலிபுரத்துக்குக் கூட்டிண்டு போறியா?'

'ஏன் மணல் சாப்பிடப் போறீங்களா?'

'இல்லை மாப்பிளே. பஞ்ச பாண்டவர் ரதம் பார்க்கணும்.'

வேகாத வெயிலில் அவரை மகாபலிபுரத்திற்குக் கூட்டிக் கொண்டு போனான்.

'மாப்பிளே, ஒண்ணு தெரியுமா? கௌரவர்கள் எல்லாரும் வில்லன்களா போயிட்டாங்க. மாமல்ல பல்லவர் தப்பிச்சாரு. அவங்க நல்லவங்களா இருந்திருந்தா நூறு ரதம் குடைஞ்சிருக்கணும்' கூறிவிட்டு பலமாக சிரித்தார்.

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'இதோ பார், எல்லா மாமாவும் ஒரு ரவுண்டு வந்தாச்சு. வாங்கின வேட்டி எல்லாம் காலியாயிடுச்சு. இனிமே நோ மோர் மாமாஸ்.'

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Buttermilk distributed



Members of Sri Narayana Kaingaraya Sabha started distributing buttermilk outside Sri Sankara Mutt, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam May 12.

Those interested in supporting the program can contact 90251 11829.

Youth held under POCSO Act

20-year-old S. Umapathi (resident of Pallavaram) was arrested by Teynampet police on May 11 for cheating and molesting a 13-year-old girl.

According to police, the accused had befriended the girl on Instagram and used to chat with her regularly. He told her that he earned a huge salary, and hid the fact from her that he was employed in a timber shop in T. Nagar.

The accused used to appreciate the girl's posts and photos on Instagram. Believing his words, the girl fell for him and chatted with him often during odd hours. Last week, she disappeared from her house in Teynampet. Her parents came to know through her friends that she was active on Instagram and often chatted with a man online. Her parents filed a complaint in Teynampet All-Woman Police Station.

Police traced the girl's mobile number, and rescued the girl from Umapathi's house in Pallavaram. Inquiries revealed that the accused had persuaded the girl to go with him under the pretext of marrying her and abused her physically.

Drama festival in Krishna Gana Sabha from May 18

By Saashwati Prabhu
In the era of virtual dominance and pandemic scare, most of us prefer to be on our comfortable sofas — except the fans of performing arts who crave a realistic experience.

The Summer Theatre Festival, which will be conducted in Krishna Gana Sabha (KGS) (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) from May 18 to 22, will come as a relief to art-lovers. KGS, which has been conducting theatre festivals every year for more than five decades, has never failed to impress its audience. This year, the festival features both English and Tamil plays and will be conducted in Dr. NalliGanaVihar Auditorium in its premises.

The festival this year includes English theatre too, featuring three gripping plays apart from two engrossing Tamil plays — all ranging from themes of comedy, sentiment to thrillers. This is a step to reach audiences far and wide, and encourage theatre as an art form to continue and thrive. Contemporary theatre is being introduced for the first time in the fest, which is the highlight of this year. Every year, the institute prepares throughout the year researching what plays to feature and which artistes to invite.

We filter the plays both theme-wise and production-wise. The main thing is that it is going to cater to all kinds of audiences. The play, Buy One Get One Free, is adapted from an English comedy Parabel.

ATM by Kathadi Ramamurthy provides a family-friendly comedy. Every play featured lies somewhere in the middle of heavy and light, entertaining and captivating both the serious and light-hearted. I am sure the audiences can take away a good message from these plays.

KGS aims at connecting with the audience and putting out the live synergy as a festival. This year's plays include Title by Ohio Productions, Mini Tiffin by Chennai Art Theatre and Sons by Masquerade. Tickets are available at BookMyShow and at the venue, starting from Rs. 200.

Saashwati Prabhu is the CEO of Krishna Gana Sabha

Award for Sarada Vidyalaya Headmistress

By Our Staff Reporter

B. M. Jayanthi (Headmistress, Sri RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Model Higher Secondary School, Burkit Road, T. Nagar) was recently presented 'Excellence in Teaching Award' by Lions Club of Central Madras and Exnora Greater Chennai.

The award was presented by P. Jyothimani (Former Judge, Madras High Court, Chairperson, Monitoring Committee, Solid Waste Management, Tamilnadu).

Dr. Santhakumari (Chairman, Health Committee, Greater Chennai Corporation), Dr. T.G. Srinivasan (Health Education Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation), M.S. Sasikumar (President, Lions Club of



Central Madras) and R. Govindaraj (President, Exnora Greater Chennai) were present. Jayanthi has been teaching for 37 years including 25 years of service.

The Chennai District Collector presented her 'Best Teacher' certificate during Republic Day celebrations in 2020.

She received a certificate of appreciation for 100% result in Std.10 in 2017-2018.

Book on managing money released

By Our Staff Reporter

Raghukumar PLN (resident of 70/44, Burkit Road, T. Nagar) released his second book 'Manage your money' in TILT 2022 Global Convention meet organized by 'Teachers are learning community' in Mahalingapuram recently.



The 160-page book is priced at Rs.400.

Raghukumar's first book

was 'Dasavatham of Success'.

He can be contacted in 94443 58882.

Drama festival in Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha from May 21 to 27

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha will conduct its mid-year drama series from May 21 to 27 at 6.45 p.m daily in Vani Mahal (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

The following is the program: May 21: PMG Mayurapriya presents 'Panchavadi' written by P. Muthukumar

May 22: Oho Productions presents 'Title' written by V. Sreevathson.

May 23: Koothapiran Navabharath Theatre presents 'Seethapathi' written by Ratnam Koothapiran

May 24: Sathya Sai Creations presents 'Mama Mapilai 2.0' written by Ezhichur Aravindan in which the lead role is played by Mapilai Ganesh.

May 25: Stage Creations presents 'ATM' written by S.L.Naanu in which the lead role is played by Kathadi Ramamurthy.

May 26: Mali Stage presents 'Gnanapeetam' written by Kudanthai Mali.

May 27: Komal Theatre presents 'Aval Peyar Sakthi' written by Dharini Komal.

This festival has been organised to promote stage artistes whose livelihood was severely impacted by the lockdowns owing to Covid.

There is no entry fee. All are welcome.

Rains bring respite from heat wave

By Our Staff Reporter

Even as the city was reeling under a heat wave for more than a month, cyclone Asani, which brought good rains on May 9 night, brought respite to the residents.

As the rains continued intermittently throughout the day, traffic was affected on arterial roads including Anna Salai at Nandanam junction, Usman Road, Pandy Bazaar, Arcot Road and G.N. Chetty Road.

On the positive side, there was no water stagnation in several roads where flooding was reported during last monsoon.

Book exhibition in Vijaya Mahal concludes today

By Our Staff Reporter

The book exhibition organised by Bookchor.com from May 9 in Vijaya Mahal (Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar) will conclude on Sunday, May 15.

According to Nikhil Verma (Business Development Manager), a unique way to buy books is on offer.

One not need to pay for individual books, but for a box provided and carry home all the books one can fit in it.

"Not limited by the number of books and genre, one can explore over 10 lakh books from across the world in the exhibition. We have till now sold 1000 boxes. Every day, we replenish the books so that readers can get the best of the market's content," Nikhil said. Booklovers also have an opportunity to sell their old books of all languages at attractive prices for cash.



Free water booth opened on Arya Gowda Road



By Our Staff Reporter

AIADMK party workers put up a free water booth on Arya Gowda Road (West Mambalam) on May 9 to provide drinking water for the thirsty. It was inaugurated by B.Sathyanarayanan (former T. Nagar MLA). Slices of watermelon were also distributed among passersby on the occasion.

Transport Dept. warns of action against illegal usage of 'G' in number plate

The Transport Commissioner has warned of action against vehicles owned by State-owned companies, public sector companies and welfare boards which illegally affix the letter 'G' on their number plate. An official release of the Transport Commissioner said that there are complaints that non-government vehicles across the State are illegally affixing the letters 'G' or 'அ' on the number plate.

According to Section 3 (K) of the Tamilnadu Motor Vehicle Act, a government vehicle means a Government of Tamilnadu vehicle only. "Government vehicles are exempted from road tax and insurance. Therefore, the letters 'G' or 'அ' should be used only on vehicles of the Government of Tamilnadu which are eligible for the relevant tax and insurance exemption," the release said.

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27 th May 2022 Friday, 6.45 pm	Komal Theatre presents "AVAL PEYAR SAKTHI" by Ms. Dharini Komal

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gap in median on Usman Road should be closed



Sir, Pedestrians are using the space between the median and wall on Usman Road flyover on Usman Road, T. Nagar to cross the road risking their lives as there is heavy traffic throughout the day.

Chennai Corporation should take immediate steps to close the gap. **V. Jayaraman, 31, Motilal Street, T. Nagar.**

Raised manhole cover unsafe for pedestrians



Sir, The improperly fixed manhole cover of the storm water drain in Magesh Street (T. Nagar) is unsafe for pedestrians.

As it is jutting on one side, unwary pedestrians can trip and fall, especially at night due to poor visibility.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to refix the cover properly. **Natesan Munusamy, T. Nagar.**

Call '112' in case of emergency

By Our Staff Reporter

Other than helpline numbers 100 (Police), 101 (Fire) and 108 (Health), public can also call the 24-hour universal helpline number 112 in case of any emergency.

After collecting details from the caller, the control room creates a docket which is sent via SMS to the complainant and also to the nearest police station or fire station depending on the type of emergency.

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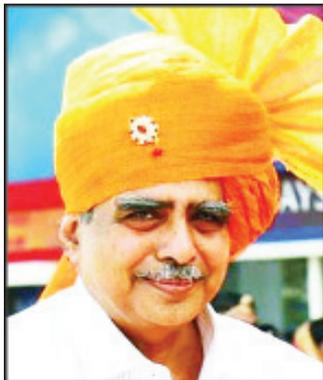
GYAN CHAND MUNOTH

Gyan Chand Munoth (resident of 101, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) passed away on May 9.

He was 70 and had been a resident of T. Nagar for over 2 decades.

He was a businessman.

He is survived by his wife Khamma Bai, son Rajesh Munoth, daughter Harsha and grandchildren.



Tulsi plants distributed

By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of Mohini Ekadashi, Tulsi plants were distributed in Arulmigu Kothandaramar

Temple, West Mambalam by Parampara Tulsi Seva, Alwarpet. Mohini was the female incarnation of Lord Maha Vishnu during the Samudra Manthan, to

distract the Asuras from the pot of 'Amrith'. The day is celebrated as Mohini Ekadashi. Parampara Tulsi Seva has so far distributed 25 lakh Tulsi saplings.



Thiruvassagam discourse today

By Our Staff Reporter

Nirmala Ravi and her troupe will present a musical discourse on Thiruvassagam from 8.30 a.m to 1.30 p.m on Sunday, May 15 in Siva Vishnu Temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

For more details, contact 9941755111.

Special cells formed to tackle increase in cybercrime

By Our Staff Reporter

The number of cybercrime complaints, which was 748 in 2011, has touched 13,077 in 2021 in Chennai according to a policy note on the police department tabled by Chief Minister M. K. Stalin recently.

The process of digitisation, internet penetration, and widespread use of mobile phones had virtually resulted in the steady increase of cybercrimes in the recent past, the note said.

The increase in the number of complaints over a decade adds up to 1,648 percent.

The challenges faced in cybercrime cases are that the accused are mostly from foreign countries which complicates the process of investigation, arrest of the accused and the recovery of property.

To tackle this problem, Cybercrime teams were formed in all 11 police districts of Greater Chennai Police in addition to the 5 cyber crime police stations, each in all the 4 zones and one in CCB.

By the seamless efforts of the squad, Rs.6.75 crores have been redeemed back to the complainants in the last couple of months itself," the policy note added.

Though the bank accounts of the accused are frozen, the process of recovering the money of complainants is unduly delayed due to cumbersome legal procedures, the note further said.

To investigate scientific lines, a cyber forensic lab has been set up with a high-end forensic work station, disc forensic, mobile forensic and social media tool at Rs 6.90 crores under the safe city project.

Students vaccinated



215 students of Guntur Subbiah Pillai Girls Higher Secondary School, T. Nagar in the 12-14 years age group were vaccinated against Covid infection by health officials from Chennai Corporation recently.

Tamilnadu Government to pay for injured student's treatment

The Tamilnadu Government will bear the treatment cost of bed-ridden Std. 12 student S. Sindhu of T. Nagar and help her realise her dream of playing volleyball again, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin announced on May 12.

She is a commerce student in Vidyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar).

She underwent ten surgeries last year after she fell from the third floor of a building in December 2020 that left her bedridden. As the surgery on her right leg was botched up, despite several operations she still has an open wound and cannot walk.

The district-level volleyball player now needs assistance to sit. The fall cost the 17-year-old all her teeth. She had to undergo extensive reconstructive surgery.

"I am very happy and thankful to the Chief Minister. My father is happier as he struggled to pay for my treatment with his meagre income," Sindhu said.

The pandemic forced the world to adapt to new realities. The girl, who dreamt of joining the Army, has adapted to hers too. "I wanted to become a professional volleyball player and my aim was to join the army," Sindhu said.

"Though joining the army is ruled out, I still hope to pursue volleyball if I am able to walk again," she said.

She lives in a rented single-room house with her parents and younger brother. Her father S. Shakti is a tea seller and her mother Devi is a housewife.

"Our daughter is resilient and the consequences of the accident have not deterred her determination to succeed in life. She is hard working and has a positive outlook to life", Shakti said.

Her teachers and a relative have been very helpful. They take turns to visit the bedridden Sindhu to help her prepare for her exams and clarify any doubts she has after listening to recordings of the classes that she gets on WhatsApp.

She attended practical exams last week assisted by her parents. Sindhu donated her hair for cancer patients a few days before her accident.

She was interested in voluntary services. The whole school observed a mass prayer recently for Sindhu and the teachers pooled Rs. 50,000 for her treatment when she was in hospital.

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Free Devaram classes on May 19, 26

Under the auspices of Thirumani Kanta Sivachariar, Thirukutralam Subramaniyaodhuvar will conduct free Devaram classes on May 19 and 26 in Sivagama Peedam (19/10, Vivekanandapuram First Street, West Mambalam).

All are welcome. For more details call organisers Sekar and Ganapathidasan in 9952012972/9283600628.

Man stalks woman rider, attempts to rob her

An unidentified man on a bike stalked a woman rider from Ashok Pillar (Ashok Nagar) to Adambakkam late at night on May 9 and tried to rob her phone and molest her in a secluded spot. The woman Nivetha Jessica (25) is a well-known racer and has won two National championships.

She filed a complaint in Adambakkam police station.

The incident happened when she was returning home after visiting a friend in Anna Nagar.

She noticed that a young man with a white shirt was following her on another bike from Ashok Pillar. At around 12.40 a.m when she was on the Karuneegar Street in Adambakkam, he intercepted her and tried to snatch her mobile phone and also attempted to misbehave with her.

Police are scanning the footage of CCTV cameras to identify the person.

New flyover in Koyambedu to be beautified

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has decided to beautify the newly built flyover near the CMBT in Koyambedu.

According to a Corporation official, a tender has been floated to create landscaping under the bridge for Rs 26.50 lakhs. It will include greenery under the bridge and artwork on the pillars.

Native trees will be planted and a walking path will be laid under the bridge.

Shops provide seats to counter staff

The Tamilnadu Assembly in September 2021, amended the Tamilnadu Shops and Establishment Act, 1947, making it mandatory under Section 22-A to provide seating facility to salesmen and working staff in shops, store-fronts and commercial establishments.

Under the 'Right to Sit' rule, a number of shops in the neighbourhood, including textile shops, pharmacies, electronic stores, jewellery shops and mobile showrooms have provided chairs to their counter staff.

The shops have also been told to paste a sticker in the shop stating that it is abiding by the 'Right to Sit' rule.

Sruuthi's play wins 5 awards



The play 'Tharai Mel Pirakka Vaithan', produced by R. S. Manohars's Arts and Crafts (headed by S. Sruuthi, resident of 44/21, Baghirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar), has been selected for 5 awards by Kartik Fine Arts to be presented on June 1 in Narada Gana Sabha (TTK Road, Teynampet).

It was staged recently in the 31st Kodai Nataka Vizha conducted in the same venue in which 11 major drama troupes competed.

The 5 awards are in the categories of Best Character Actor (S. Shivprasad, father of Sruuthi), Best Character Actor (T. V. Radhakrishnan), Special Actress Prize (Sruuthi), Best Props Using Advanced Technology (LEDs) (Sruuthi) and Best Supporting Artist (M. Rajamansingh)

Shivprasad and Radhakrishnan will be awarded the 'Rolling Trophy' instituted by Karthick Fine Arts for their contributions to the field of Tamil drama. Sruuthi's contact numbers are 2834 4876, 73586 96613, 95516 82993.

Gukesh wins another international tourney

After winning La Roda and Menorca Open Chess Tournaments last month, Grandmaster D. Gukesh (Std. 11 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam) won the title in the Sunway Formentera Open chess tournament conducted in Punta Prima (Spain) on May 8.



He drew the final match with Grandmaster Haik M. Martirosyan of Armenia to score the highest number of 8 points from 10 games. With this victory, Gukesh has earned 16 ELO international rating points to rise to the 64th position in world rankings.

Damaged EB junction box lying on Ramasamy Street



By Our Staff Reporter

An EB junction box in damaged condition is seen lying on the margin of Ramasamy Street, near Usman Road junction, T. Nagar under an overhead transformer.

A nearby resident told *Mambalam Times* that the damaged junction box was left 3 months back.

Educational assistance provided



Vimala Foundation Trust (West Mambalam) donated Rs.44,000 as educational assistance for students of Sitaram Vidyalaya, West Mambalam on May 9.

The cheque was handed over by M. Sathyamoorthy (Trustee, Vimala Foundation) to the Principal.

Krishnammachari donates Rs. 10 lakhs for school construction

By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Krishnammachari (Managing Director, Tex Biosciences Private Limited, Ashok Nagar) gifted Rs.10 lakhs for the ongoing construction of Rajalakshmi Ammal Matriculation School in Thakkalai (Nagercoil).

He handed over the cheque to S. Vedantam (Founder, Vishwa Hindu Vidya Kendra, Postal Colony, West Mambalam) last week.

He has so far contributed Rs. 1.9 crores for the construction.



Road damaged at Thambiah Road-Jubilee Road junction



By Our Staff Reporter

The junction of Thambiah Road and Jubilee Road (West Mambalam) is in a battered condition. The surface is damaged and the loose gravel makes riding slippery for 2-wheelers.

As bikers try to avoid the damaged portion, the road width at the junction is reduced causing congestion during peak hours. Pedestrians are also put to risk as the drivers are forced to drive along the road margin to avoid the damaged stretch in the middle.

Two months back the portion where the road is now damaged had caved in and was repaired.

Buttermilk distributed outside Ramakrishna Mission Asharama

By Our Staff Reporter

Ramakrishna Mission Asharama (Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar) has been distributing buttermilk to the thirsty from 11 a.m to 3 p.m since May 1.

The buttermilk is prepared with 100 liters of milk and the quantity will be increased based on the demand.

A member told *Mambalam Times*

that the free distribution will continue till the end of June and will benefit around 1000 persons a day.



CMDA launches single window system for plan approvals

Availing of building planning permission approvals from Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has been made easy as the planning authority has finally rolled out a single window system for plan approvals.

Under the new system, applicants (builders or individuals) need not run from pillar to post to get no-objection certificates from various departments. Once the application is uploaded with requisite details, the planning authority will coordinate with 21 other departments to get no-objection certificates.

There was already an online system to avail of planning permission approvals.

However, under the old system, applicants had to get no-objection certificates from other departments. S. Ram Prabhu (Past President of Builders Association of India), while welcoming the move, pointed out that only CMDA has successfully rolled out the new system. "Other authorities like DTCP and local bodies should also expedite the rollout. With the new system, CMDA will give approvals within 60 days," he added.

CMDA has already conducted trial of the new online system and conducted workshops for builders to apprise them of the features included in the documents. The planning authority will not accept manual applications and manual drawings and other documents.

Panlin offers customized footwear for diabetic, orthopaedic feet

By Our Staff Reporter

Panlin Footwear (46, Postal Colony 3rd Street, West Mambalam, opposite Canara Bank), which was started in 2013, meets the requirements of customers with orthopaedic and diabetic

According to its Manager, Panlin meets the needs of customers who have requirements of orthopaedic and diabetic footwear.

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Panlin is open from 10 a.m to 8 p.m on all days including Sunday. Its contact numbers are 98400 92661 (also for WhatsApp enquiries and orders) and 4359 2661.

For more details, visit the website www.panlinfootwear.in

Free sugar offer on purchase of coffee powder

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Venkateswara Coffee (4/58, Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam) is offering free sugar equivalent weight of coffee powder purchased (500 gm. and 1 kg.).

According to its proprietor, it sources export quality coffee seeds from Chickmagalur, Karnataka.

Free home delivery is available for orders of 500 gm. and above. Homemade vathal, vadam, pickles and appalams are also available. The shop's phone numbers are 98415 50670 and 89397 28670.

Its factory is located in 61, 12th Avenue, Ashok Nagar (near Devi Karumariyamman Temple).

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, May 15 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 2814 3896/3514/2014

Temple car procession



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees pulled the temple car of Arulmigu Kothandaramar Temple, K.R.Koil Street, West Mambalam on May 13 as part of Bramhotsavam festival.

The temple car was pulled along K. R. Koil Street, Arangappan Street, Ellaiamman Koil Street, Easwaran Koil Street and Madley Subway Service lane.

Parking woes on Pinjala Subramaniam Street



By Our Staff Reporter

As vehicle are parked on both sides of Pinjala Subramaniam Street (T. Nagar), the width of the street has been reduced to half creating traffic congestion during peak hours.

Photo shows nearly half of the road blocked by a parked bus belonging to GRT College of Nursing. The photo also shows two pedestrians forced to walk in the middle of the street thereby risking their lives as vehicles are seen passing close to them.

Vegetable prices surge by 20 percent

Vegetable prices in the city surged by 20 percent following a shortage in supply due to summer rains in the interior districts of Tamilnadu and neighboring states.

Traders said that at least 40 percent of sales were reduced after the rates increased.

As only 400 truckloads of vegetables arrived at Koyambedu wholesale market on May 10, prices surged by 20 percent," said P. Sukumaran (Treasurer, Koyambedu Wholesale Merchants' Association). Currently, tomato is sold at Rs. 50-60 per kg, beans at Rs. 80- 90, peas at Rs. 200, broad beans at Rs. 40-50, carrots at Rs. 25-40, onion and potato Rs. 15-25, and chowchow and cucumber at Rs. 25-30.

Segregate waste or pay fine of Rs. 100

Residents of the city will soon have to pay a fine of Rs. 100 for failing to segregate domestic waste as Chennai Corporation has decided to implement the provision under the Solid Waste Management By-Laws, 2019.

This move is being considered to improve segregation at source, an important step in reducing waste sent to dumpyards.

As per Schedule V of Solid Waste Management By-Laws, the civic body can fine individual houses Rs. 100 for non-segregation.

The fine is Rs. 1,000 for apartment complexes and group households and Rs. 5,000 for bulk waste generators.

According to officials, 5,200 tonnes of waste is collected across 15 zones in the city per day. It is collected by conservancy workers from 95% of houses and less than half of the households segregate waste.

"Residents who are not segregating waste will be served a notice with instructions and given 15 days time. If they continue to give non-segregated waste, they will be fined accordingly," said an official.

While segregated waste is sent to decentralised processing centers, non-segregated waste is sent to resource recovery centers. From there, non-degradable dry waste is given to recyclers while wet waste is used to manufacture manure and bio-CNG. Plastic bales are sent to cement factories and the rest of the waste is sent to dumpyards in Perungudi and Kodungaiyur.

From April 4 to May 5, officials fined 35 bulk generators Rs 1.5 lakh for non-segregation.

HC to hear plea against metro works on Phase 2

The Madras High Court will on May 17 hear a petition filed by three litigants seeking an interim injunction restraining Chennai Metro from implementing Phase-II works in corridor four between Light House and Poonamallee.

The petitioners said that several temples in the project sites are heritage structures as all are more than 100 years old and but not covered by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL).

A vacation bench of Justice G.R. Swaminathan and Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy will hear the matter.

"Mylai Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Vadapalani Sri Murugan Temple, Vadapalani Sri Vengeeswarar Temple, Vadapalani Sri Alagar Perumal Temple, Virugambakkam Sri Sundaravardharaja Perumal Temple, Valasaravakkam Sri Velveeswarar Temple, Poonamallee Sri Thirukachi Nambigal and Sri Varadaraja Perumal Temple, Poonamallee Sri Thirukachi Nambigal and Sri Varadaraja Perumal Temple Tank are 100 years old. These heritage sites are not covered by the EIA report of the CMRL for implementing corridor four metro rail works under phase -II," the petition filed by G.Gouthaman, P. R. Ramanan, and S. Vijay Narayanan read.

The petitioners further submitted that as per the Venice Charter 1964 and the order of Madras HC dated June 7, 2021, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) should inspect and declare structures which are 100 years old as monuments.

"Therefore, the above-mentioned temples and temple tanks, which are 100 years old, should also have been considered as the monuments/ heritage structures under the Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. However, these temples have not been considered by the CMRL in its Environmental Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment," the petitioners submitted.

Thirukural contest conducted



By Our Staff Reporter

Sarva Vidya conducted a Thirukural reciting competition for students of RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Model Girls Higher Secondary School, RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Matriculation Girls Higher Secondary School, RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Middle School and RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Model Primary School in November last year. Bharathiyar Kavidhai and Aathichoodi competitions were also conducted. Prizes were distributed among the winners of the competitions on May 5.

Two toilets being built in Ashok Nagar



By Our Staff Reporter

Yazhini (Ward 135 Councillor) on May 13 laid the foundations for constructing new public toilet on 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar (near Corporation Park) and 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar (near Circle Library) at a cost of Rs. 19.5 lakhs from Corporation funds.

Yazhini said that the toilets are being constructed following appeals from residents. Residents of Ward 135 are welcome to call her regarding civic issues in 9445467135.

Termite-ridden tree may topple over



By Our Staff Reporter

A huge termite-ridden avenue tree on Bhagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar, near Arulambal Road, is in danger of toppling across the road.

Debris dumped near transformer



By Our Staff Reporter

Concrete debris has been dumped near the EB transformer on Guild Street, T. Nagar.

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Man held for locking up mother and nephew

By Our Staff Reporter
 60-year-old Amala and her daughter's child, who were held against their will by her son, were rescued by Kodambakkam police on April 25.

Her son Satish Kumar was arrested. According to the police, Sathish attacked Amala and her grandson during an argument. Later he locked them inside a room.

After Amala called police control room for assistance, Head Constable Perumal and Constable Selvaganesh went to the house to check the complaint and met Sathish.

During questioning, Sathish attacked Perumal but was overpowered and arrested. Chennai Police Commissioner Shankar Jiwali felicitated Perumal and Selvaganesh for rescuing the elderly woman and child.

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CBI books Saravana Stores (Gold Palace) for cheating Indian Bank

The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against Saravana Stores (Gold Palace) (T. Nagar) and its partners on charges of cheating Indian Bank of Rs. 312.13 crores.

Acting on a complaint lodged by the bank, the agency's Economic Offences Wing booked the company and its partners P. Sujatha, Y.P. Shiravan and others. The allegation is that the partners conspired with certain public servants and others in pursuance of the criminal conspiracy to cheat the bank.

They availed of a term loan of Rs. 150 crores for purchase of a commercial showroom and Open Cash Credit of Rs.90 crores as working capital. The loans were sanctioned in 2017.

According to the First Information Report, the accused persons overstated the inventory, transferred assets without the knowledge of the bank, used Open Cash Credit limits to repay the term loan, misappropriated and diverted the funds for purposes not sanctioned by the bank. This resulted in a wrongful loss to the tune of Rs. 312.13 crores. The account was declared as fraud on April 29, 2021.

Since accusations were also made against unknown public servants, the CBI also invoked provisions under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against the accused persons.

12 undergo free cataract surgery



By Our Staff Reporter

12 persons suffering from cataract underwent free eye surgery in Arvind Eye Hospital on May 8.

They were among the 20 persons diagnosed with cataract during the free eye check-up organised recently by Jaimaa Charitable Trust in Circle Library (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

The remaining 8 will also undergo free cataract surgery soon.

175 persons underwent eye check-up during the camp. Those with vision problems were provided free spectacles.

J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) was the Chief Guest.

K. Elumalai and Yazhini (Ward Councillors), S. Elango Chandra Kumar (District Library Officer), M. Sathamoorthy (Trustee, Vimala Foundation),

Dr. Ragunathan (Founder, Aayalan (Librarian) were also Kalpavriksha Trust, West present. The contact number of Mambalam) and K. Dheen- Jaimaa Trust is 98842 84348.

Sruuthi excels in inter-college talent contests

By Our Staff Reporter



S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Baghirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) won the 'Miss Talented' award on May 8 for excelling in several talent contests in the Inter-College Ethnic Day Competition conducted in MOP Vaishnav College (Nungambakkam).

She is a 2nd year B. Com student in the college.

She recently won the 'Overall Proficiency' award for her performance in 1st year B.Com.

On April 18, she won the 3rd place in the 'Stress interview' event in the inter-departmental cultural show titled 'Tinseltown' conducted by her college. Her contact numbers are 2834 4876, 73586 96613, 95516 82993.

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