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தொன்னையில் கொடுத்த சர்க்கரைப் பொங்கலை சாப்பிட்டு விட்டு விரல்களுக்கு ஃபினிஷிங் டீச் கொடுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார் ரகுவரன்.

'இப்படி விரலை நக்கிறீர்களே... வெட்கமா இல்லை?' என்றாள் மனைவி.

'சும்மா இரு. பத்தே பத்து விரல் தானே இருக்குன்னு நானே கவலைப்பட்டிருக்கிறீர்கள். இருபது விரல் இருந்தா எவ்வளவு நல்லா இருக்கும்!'

'ஐயோ', எனத் தன்னுடைய விரல்களைப் பின்னால் மறைத்துக் கொண்டாள் ராதிகா.

'வணக்கம்' என்ற குரல் கேட்டது. திரும்பினார் ரகுவரன். வெள்ளை ஜிப்பாவுடன் ஒருவர் இருந்தார். பார்ப்பதற்கு அப்பாவி மாதிரித் தெரிந்தார்.

'நான் உங்க தெருவுக்குப் புதுசா குடி வந்திருக்கேன். உங்க வீட்டுக்கு எதிர்க்க இருக்கேன்' என்றார் ஜிப்பாவி.

'எங்க வீட்டுக்கு எதிர்க்கக் குப்பைத் தொட்டிதான் இருக்கு.' 'கொஞ்சம் கோணலா பார்த்தா என் வீடு தெரியும்.'

'அடுத்த தடவை வாசலுக்கு வந்தா கோணலா பார்க்கறேன்.' 'என் பேர் சாம்பமுர்த்தி. எல்லாரும் ஷார்ட்டா மூர்த்தின்னு கூப்பிடுவா.'

'நான் ஷார்ட்டா சாம்பார்னு கூப்பிட்டீர்மா?'

'வள வளா ஆசாமிகளைத் தான் சாம்பார்னு கூப்படுவாங்க. நான் ரொம்பத் தெளிவு.'

தெளிவா? அப்போ ரசம்னு கூப்பிட்டீர்ன்.'



'எங்கே போறீங்க? வீட்டுக்குத் தானே?'

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'ஆமாம். நான் இப்படியே நடந்துடுவேன்.'

'நக்கிகிட்டேவா?'

'அதில்லை, பொடி நடையா நடந்துடுவேன்' என்றார் ரகுவரன்.

'நானும் வீட்டுக்குத் தான் போறேன். ஆட்டோல போகலாம் வாங்க. எதிர் எதிர் வீட்ட இருந்துகிட்டு ஆட்டோல சேர்ந்து போகலென்னா எப்படி?'

ரகுவரன் யோசித்தார். அவர்களோ கணவன் மனைவி இரண்டு பேர். எதிர் வீட்டுக்காரரோ ஒருத்தர். ஆட்டோவில் சேர்ந்து போனால் மெஜாரிட்டியான அவர்கள் வாடகை கொடுப்பதுதான் நியாயம். இந்த நியாயம் ரகுவரனுக்குப் பிடிக்கவில்லை.

'இல்லை, நீங்க ஆட்டோல போங்க. நான் எங்கே போனாலும் நடக்கணும்னு டாக்டர் சொல்லியிருக்கார்.'

'எங்கே போனாலும் தனியா போகாதீங்கன்னு என் டாக்டர் சொல்லியிருக்கார்.'

'என்னங்க...?' என்று ரகுவரனை அழைத்தாள் ராதிகா.

'ஆட்டோலயே போகலாங்க' என்றாள்.

'அந்த ஆளுக்கும் சேர்த்து நாம் ஆட்டோ காசு கொடுக்கணும். வேணாம்.'

'நான் ஒரு ஐடியா சொல்றேன். ஆட்டோவிலே ஏறி நாம் ரெண்டு பேரும் முதல் உட்கார்ந்துடலாம். அந்த மூர்த்தி இடது ஓரம் உட்காருவாரு. இடத்துக்குப் போய் சேர்ந்தவுடனே அவர் தான் முதலிலே இறங்குவாரு. ஆட்டோமேட்டிக்கா காசைக் கொடுத்திருவாரு. முதல் இறங்கறவன் தான் காசு கொடுக்கணும்னு ஆட்டோ சாஸ்திரம் சொல்லுது.'

'அப்படியா? நல்ல ஐடியாதான்' என்ற ரகுவரன் 'சரி ஸார், ஆட்டோலயே போலாம்' என்றார் மூர்த்தியைப் பார்த்து.

ஒரு ஆட்டோவை நிறுத்தினார் மூர்த்தி.

'நீங்க ரெண்டு பேரும் சௌகரியமா உள்ளே உட்காருங்க. நான் இப்படி இடது ஓரமா உட்கார்ந்துக்கறேன். இறங்க வசதியா இருக்கும்' என்றார்.

'வாடகையே பேசாமல் ஆட்டோவில் உட்காருகிறோமே!' பயமாக இருந்தது ராதிகாவுக்கு.

'உனக்கென்ன? அவன்தானே வாடகை கொடுக்கப் போறான்' என்றார் ரகுவரன்.

ஆட்டோவில் ஏறி இடது புற ஓரத்தில் அமர்ந்த மூர்த்தி கேட்டார்.

'ரெண்டாவது சிக்னலுக்குப் போகணும். எவ்வளவுப்பா வாடகை?'

'எண்பது ரூபா கொடு ஸார்.'

'ஏம்பா சிக்னல் கைக்கெட்டின தூரத்துல தானே இருக்கு?'

'உங்க செல்ஃபோன் சிக்னல்தான் கைக்கெட்டின தூரத்துல இருக்கு. டிராபிக் சிக்னல் எங்கேயோ இருக்கு. நூறு கார், இரு நூறு பைக், பத்து பஸ் தாண்டிப் போகணும். எண்பது ரூபா கொடு ஸார்.'

'அப்படியா? சரி போ.'

தன் பர்ஸைத் திறந்து பணத்தை எடுத்தார் மூர்த்தி. சரியாக எண்பது ரூபாயை எடுத்து மேல் பாக்கெட்டில் வைத்துக்கொண்டார். ஐந்து நிமிடத்தில் ஆட்டோ அவர்களுடைய தெருவை நெருங்கியது. வலது பக்கம் திரும்பி இருநூறு அடி போனால் அவர்கள் வீடு. இதிரே மூர்த்தி வீடு.

'கொஞ்சம் ஆட்டோவை நிறுத்துப்பா' என்றார் மூர்த்தி.

ஆட்டோ நின்று. கீழே இறங்கினார். சட்டைப் பையிலிருந்து எண்பது ரூபாயை எடுத்துப் பார்த்தவர் மறுபடியும் சட்டைப் பையில் வைத்துக் கொண்டார்.

'ஆட்டோ, நீங்க போங்க. எனக்கு இங்கே மளிகைக்கடையிலே ஒரு பர்ச்சேஸ் இருக்கு' என்றவர் தன் மனைவியை ஃபோனில் கூப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

'அரைக் கிலோ துவரம் பருப்பு தானே வாங்கிட்டு வரணும்? இதோ சட்டைப் பையிலே எண்பது ரூபா ரெடியா எடுத்து வைச்சிட்டேன்' என்று பேசிக் கொண்டே கடையை நோக்கி நடக்க ஆரம்பித்தார்.

திடீரெனத் திரும்பி வந்தவர் ரகுவரனைப் பார்த்து சொன்னார்.

'உங்களுக்குப் பெண்டாட்டி வரதுக்கு ரெண்டு வருஷம் முன்னாலேயே எனக்குப் பெண்டாட்டி வந்துட்டா. அவளுக்கும் அட்வைஸ் பண்ணத் தெரியும்.'

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### Bank manager dies as tree crashes on car

57-year-old Vani Kabilan, a bank manager, died on the spot when a tree crashed on her car on Lakshmanaswamy Salai in K. K. Nagar on June 24. Her sister, who was travelling with her, sustained injuries while the driver allegedly fled from the spot. The accident happened when the car was approaching PT Rajan Salai. Chennai corporation authorities denied allegations that excavation work for a stormwater drain may have led to the tree falling.

Vani was a resident of Porur and mother of a journalist. She was the manager of the Indian Overseas Bank branch in K. K. Nagar. Upon information, police rushed to the spot, recovered Vani's body and sent it to the Government Royapettah Hospital for postmortem. Her sister Ezhilarasi was admitted to a private hospital for treatment. Police said driver Karthi (35) has absconded. A case has been registered and investigation is on. Ashok Nagar fire station personnel removed the tree. Meanwhile, the Corporation has ordered a probe into the incident. "No stormwater drain work was carried out in the last two days at the accident site. Digging work was stopped on June 22. There's at least a 10-ft gap between the work site and the place where the tree stood," the civic body said in a press release.

"As per our initial investigation, the tree could have fallen due to increase in soil moisture after the rain. The corporation commissioner has also ordered the deputy commissioner (works) and regional deputy commissioner (central region) to carry out a detailed investigation," the press release said.



### Traffic diversions at four junctions

The traffic police have introduced diversions at Nandanam, EVR Salai-Dasaprakash junction, Chetpet junction and Kasi Theater point to reduce traffic congestion.

Nandanam: Vehicles from Venkatanarayana Road going towards Chamiers Road take a left turn at Anna Salai junction. Vehicles from Cenotaph Road and Bharathi Dasan Road going towards Teynampet also take a left turn. The diversions will be permanent in Nandanam.

EVR Salai-Dasaprakash junction: Dr. Alagappa Road is one way from 9 a.m to 11 a.m from Raja Annamalai Salai junction to EVR Salai junction.

Chetpet junction: Vehicles from Harrington Road going towards Spurtank Road turn right into Valluvarkottam High Road.

Kasi Theaterpoint: Vehicles from MGR Nagar going along Pillaiyar Koil Street intending to go to Jaffer Khanpet and Guindy take a left turn at Kasi point junction. Heavy vehicles from Ashok Nagar 12th Avenue take a right turn along Nagathamman Koil Street and turn left along 11th Avenue.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Appeal for storm water drain in Krupa Colony

Sir, The residents of Krupa Colony (44<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashok Nagar) dread monsoons as they cause severe waterlogging.

The ground floor houses often get inundated and residents are exposed to diseases due to sewage overflow, blocked drains, reverse flow in toilets and metrowater contamination. What causes this problem is the lack of storm water drain in 44th Street which is caught between two big roads namely 100-foot wide 1st Avenue and 4th Avenue. While cleaning and widening of drains have started in several parts of the city including T. Nagar and West Mambalam, there is no sign of such an initiative in Ashok Nagar. I appeal to Chennai Corporation to build storm water drain in our street before the onset of the northeast monsoon in October. **M. R. Anand, M16A, Krupa Colony, 44th Street, Ashok Nagar**



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## Free classes on 'Panniru Thirumurai' on Thursday

Sekar Dharmapuram Ganapathi Dasan will conduct classes on 'Panniru Thirumurai' on Thursday, June 30 in 19/18, Vivekanandapuram 1<sup>st</sup> Street, West Mambalam.

For more details and registration contact Ganapathidasan in 92836 00628.

## Velammal students excel in board exams

By Our Staff Reporter

M. Lokesh Kannan (Std. 12 student in Velammal School, East Mogappair) scored 597 out of 600 marks in the Std. 12 State Board exams, the results of which were declared on June 22.

He scored centum in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science.

The school produced 100% result as all 1482 students who appeared for the exams, passed.



## Rs. 25,000 offered to finder of missing dog

By Our Staff Reporter

A 3-month-old mongrel called Lillima owned by G. Devaraj (resident of 111/6, Rajaji Street, West Mambalam) has been missing since June 10.

He has announced a reward of Rs.25,000 for anyone who finds it. He can be contacted in 92831 80834.



## MasterChef winner to open restaurant in T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Renowned chef Sashi Cheliah will open a restaurant called Pandan Club on Bazullah Road (T. Nagar) in August.

He was the winner of the popular MasterChef Australia International Cooking competition in 2018. Pandan Club will serve Peranakan or Nonya cuisine.



Four years after winning MasterChef Australia, his days are filled with events around the world, managing his restaurant Gaja by Sashi back in home in Adelaide and giving final touches to his first cookbook, Kampong Boy, which will be out later this year. But the Singapore-born chef with roots in Madurai said that his most exciting project of the year is the restaurant in Chennai.

"The food will be fairly traditional, with some wok stations, grills and barbeques," he said, adding, "We also have some cocktails, with lemongrass, pandan leaves and blue pea flowers."

## No major waterlogging during recent rains

By Our Staff Reporter

Despite stormwater drain work being only half completed in most places, the city's arterial roads and most interior roads escaped waterlogging after the recent rains.

The Corporation recently intensified stormwater drain work by taking up reconstruction of old drains and constructing new ones in 266 streets.

"The work is only 40-60% complete across the city, but there has been no major reports of waterlogging, except one or two places. When the work is complete, there will not be any waterlogging," said a senior corporation official.

However, the situation may not remain the same if rains continue. "The draining has been quick because the current network was able to handle the quantum and some runoff also drains into the sewage lines. But, if rains continue, we may have to pump water out in some areas," said a local Corporation engineer.

Residents of T. Nagar said areas, including the bus stand, were waterlogged in the morning on June 21.

"Here, the situation has not changed much because the stormwater drain work is not complete," said S. Jayaram, a resident.

## Corporation aims for 75% segregation at source

Chennai Corporation has set a target of achieving 75% source segregation of waste in all zones.

In the last fortnight, the city recorded 68% source segregation with Kodambakkam Zone topping the chart with 78% and Villivakkam finishing at the bottom with 58%.

Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi has directed all conservancy workers, including those working for private contractors, to collect only segregated waste from households and take it for composting or to resource recovery centers.

The Commissioner has instructed the zonal officers to prepare a streetwise route chart for battery-operated vehicles with time and disposal in micro composting facilities, resource recovery centers, material recovery facilities or compactor bins. The zonal



officers will allocate duty to the workers to distribute pamphlets on source segregation among households, the official said.

On average, over 800 tonnes of garbage has been taken for composting every day in the last fortnight and more than Rs. 61 lakhs has been appor-

tioned among the workers for processing dry waste in resource recovery centers, the officials said. Segregated wet waste should be deposited in green bins and dry waste in blue bins.

The collected wet waste will go to bio CNG plants and micro composting centers.

Dry waste will go to resource recovery centers, material recovery facilities, incinerator plants and baling machines.

The introduction of battery-operated vehicles to collect waste has increased efficiency and will help in improving source segregation.

## Book on village temples released



By Our Staff Reporter

R.B.V.S. Manian (resident of 7, Rajambal Street, West Mambalam) has authored a book, 'Gamma Devathai Kovilgal', which was released at a function in T. Nagar on June 19.

The book is about famous village temples in Tamilnadu. The 280-page book, priced at Rs.150, was published by L.K. Publications (10, Ramachandra Street, T.Nagar). More details can be had in 93806 48475

## 3% fever cases test positive for Covid

By Our Staff Reporter

Amidst the latest spike in Covid cases, Chennai Corporation has identified nearly 2297 influenza-like illness cases reported from private hospitals.

Among them, only 68 persons have tested positive for Covid which is a 3% incidence.

The civic body had a few days back informed all private hospitals to notify it about fever patients who come for check-up.

Based on the details provided, Corporation staff visited the houses of residents for swab samples.

During the third wave, nearly one-third of the fever cases turned out to be Covid positive. City Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi said, at present, most of the cases are having mild to moderate symptoms.

City health officer Dr. the M. Jagadeesan said patients with sore throat, cough, tastelessness and fever should get tested for Covid as it will help in early isolation and treatment.

"We have given two vehicles to zonal officials in Anna Nagar, Teynampet, Kodambakkam and Adyar for collecting field samples. This is in addition to the existing system of sample collection," he said.

In case of fever cases identified during the field visit, they will be referred to nearest UPHC or, if more numbers are found, a sample collection team will be sent for collection.

The Corporation has started distributing medicine kits and yellow bags for separate garbage collection, to everyone under home-isolation.

## Playground flooded following rains



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains on June 20 and 21, knee-deep water stagnated in the Chennai Corporation playground on Somasundaram Street (T. Nagar).

It has been a perennial problem caused by the improper drain mechanism. Even after the rains abated on June 23, the playground remains unusable as it has turned slushy.

## Apollo Hospital launches Easy Check-Breast test

Breast cancer has now surpassed lung cancer as the leading cause of global cancer incidence, with an estimated 2.3 million new cases per year.

For early detection of breast cancer, Apollo Group of Hospitals on June 22 launched the EasyCheck-Breast test. According to Dr. Preetha Reddy (Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals) it enables easy identification of breast cancer.

The kit is available in all Apollo Hospitals and clinics.

## Sruuthi to receive 'Young Achiever' award



S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will be presented 'Young Achiever' award by Rotary Club of Madras Mid-Town on Monday, July 27 for her academic and cultural achievements. The award will be presented by M. Sessa Sai (Honorary Consul General for Republic of Seychelles).

She is the daughter of S. Shivprasad (dramatist and founder of drama troupe RS Manohar Nxgs) and granddaughter of thespian late R. S. Manohar. Sruuthi, a B. Com student in MOP Vaishnav College, a multi-talented person, has been acting in plays from a very young age and has started her own drama troupe.

She is also a singer and an accomplished bharatanatyam dancer and has won prizes in several inter-college cultural and talent competitions.

Through cultural shows, she creates awareness on social evils like child marriage, child abuse, female infanticide, child labour and manual scavenging. She has been conducting online classes in spoken English for underprivileged children. Her contact numbers are 2834 4876 and 73586 96613.

## Fallen tree branch blocks pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains on June 21, a big branch of a tree broke and fell across Thirumalai Road T. Nagar, near New Giri Road junction.

It has been dumped on the pavement and is blocking the way for pedestrians.

## Tree topples on Thiruvengadam Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the rain on June 22, an avenue tree toppled across the pavement of Thiruvengadam Street, West Mambalam. No one was injured in the incident.

It was cut and removed by workers of Chennai Corporation the next morning.

## Udavum Karangal's school produces 100% pass in board exams

By Our Staff Reporter

Ramakrishna Vidhya Niketan Higher Secondary School (Thiruverkadu), run by Udavum Karangal (NGO with office on Dhandapani Street, West Mambalam) has produced 100% pass in the Std. 10 and 12 exams. All 110 students in Std. 12 and 104 students in Std. 10 passed the exams.

K. Shanmugapriya (582/600 marks) topped in Std. 12 and P. Saranya (484/500) in Std. 10.

Eight students (Std. 12) and four students (Std. 10), orphaned at birth and living from then in Udavum Karangal, secured more than 90%.

The NGO awarded cash prizes to the meritorious students. While education is entirely free for the residents, a nominal fee is charged for the other students.

## Surface damaged, sewage overflow at street junction

By Our Staff Reporter

The area around the opening of the sewage manhole chamber at the junction of Brindavan Street Extension and ShymalaVadhana Street (West Mambalam) is damaged.

The uneven surface is hazardous for motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders.

According to nearby residents, the surface was damaged by frequent stagnation of sewage water overflowing from the manhole chamber.

The residents have appealed to Chennai Corporation to repair the road and Metro-water to remove the block in the chamber.



## Battered Sambasivam Street turns slushy



By Our Staff Reporter

A 200-meter stretch of Sambasivam Street (from Raghaviah Road junction, T. Nagar) is in battered condition. Following the heavy rains, it has turned slushy and unmotorable.

Pedestrians are also put to risk due to the slippery condition.

The residents of the road have appealed to Chennai Corporation to relay the road soon.

## Maharajapuram Santhanam memorial event conducted

By Our Staff Reporter

The 30th memorial event of renowned musician Maharajapuram Santhanam was conducted by Maharajapuram Santhanam Rasikas Trust (Alagirisamy Salai, K. K. Nagar), founded by his disciple Dr. R. Ganesh, on June 23 in association with Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan in



Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan Hall, North Mada Street, Mylapore.

The function began with a talent promotion concert by Anirudh Subramanian and party.

99-year-old Mridangam Maestro T. K. Murthy recalled his association with Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer and Maharajapuram Santhanam. He praised Ganesh for getting Griffith Road in T. Nagar renamed as Maharajapuram Santhanam Road.

K. Ramkumar of Ashok Leyland and K. N. Ramaswamy (Director, Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan) paid rich tributes to Maharajapuram Santhanam.

The trust honoured Nadaswara Vidwan Ambukovil Nallakumar, Namasankeerthana Vidwan Ravishankar Joshi and carnatic music teacher Srividhya for their service to the field of carnatic music.

The Trust also presented Mediclaim Policies to 18 deserving families of artistes. The program was followed by a vocal concert by Kunnakudi Balamurali Krishna who sang some of the hits of Maharajapuram Santhanam.

## Stop line violation: 6,037 cases booked in 2 days

By Our Staff Reporter

During a special drive conducted on June 22 and 23, 6,037 cases were registered against stop line violations in the city.

The move is to sensitise motorists and will continue, police said.

In addition, police personnel at the junctions photograph the violators and send challans to them.

At most of the junctions, motorists are violating the traffic stop line, causing obstruction as well as nuisance to other road users and pedestrians.

## Awareness program on traffic rule violation in schools

By Our Staff Reporter

An awareness campaign on traffic rules was conducted in more than 255 schools in the city on June 21.

A special enforcement drive was conducted on June 22 during which 983 cases were booked.

Autorickshaws and private vehicles carrying school children found violating traffic rules were booked. About 750 of these cases were for riding without helmet (both rider and pillion), while 67 were for triples riding.

Police also booked 134 cases for overloaded autorickshaws and 33 cases of underage riding.

Police said that road safety education was imparted to the students and staff and the children were motivated to persuade their parents to follow traffic rules and regulations.

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## Water seeps through walls of Rangarajapuram subway



By Our Staff Reporter

Following heavy rains, water has been seeping from cracks in the walls of the 2-wheeler Rangarajapuram subway (Railway Border Road, West Mambalam) for the past few days.

The water is stagnating in the pedestrian walkway adjacent to the walls.

## Narayana group of schools bags top ranks in KVPY exam



By Our Staff Reporter

Narayana group of schools secured top ranks in the Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) scholarship program examination the results of which were announced on June 14.

Students of the schools secured all-India ranks 1, 2, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 21. The examination is conducted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Vishwajeeth (rank 12) and Sanjana (100) are the toppers from Tamilnadu, it was announced at a press conference organised in Gopalapuram Narayana Olympiad School

by Managing Director of the group Sindhura Narayana. KVPY, a scholarship program started in 1999 by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), aims at identifying talented students and encouraging them to pursue a career in the field of research.

Contingency grants and generous scholarships are provided for the selected KVPY Fellows up to the level of pre-PhD or five years. In addition, KVPY ensures that summer camps for the KVPY candidates are conducted in the country's most prestigious educational institutes.

## Admission opens in Saradha Primary School



D. Malligaiselvi (Headmistress, Saradha Primary School, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) told *Mambalam Times* that admission is open for Stds. 1 to 8 in the Tamil medium government-aided school.

For admission, call 98407 61338. The students of the school performed asanas and stretching exercises on the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21.

## Metro construction leads to frequent traffic jams

Tiresome diversions, traffic jams and irritated commuters have become common sights in localities where work on the phase II project has begun

Two months back, Karthik, a resident of T. Nagar, had to rush his father to a hospital in Vadapalani.

From the Vadapalani bus stand to the hospital, what should have taken him just 10 minutes, stretched to 25 minutes.

"Those were some of the most nerve-wracking moments of my life. I was stuck in severe traffic. By the time I reached the hospital and my father's treatment began, I was mentally exhausted. Thankfully, he is safe now. A similar incident happened to my uncle who had a cardiac issue and the travel from Virugambakkam to Vadapalani took 40 minutes. We need better traffic management," he said.

Travelling through Arcot Road and Vadapalani is a nightmare as the traffic moves at snail's pace

during peak hours ever since the metro rail construction began. Many commuters are also confused by the route diversions. "The reduced road width and diversions have made travelling through this stretch really tiresome," Karthik said.

When new announcements of infrastructure projects like the Metro are announced, residents and commuters are excited since they expect the transit to get easier and faster.

Since the project covers

118.9 km, it is a massive

undertaking that will continue

for several years. While

residents are keen on seeing

the city get a better transit

system, which is well

integrated with existing

modes, they said, till the

project is completed, they face

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CM reviews monsoon preparedness

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin reviewed the progress of the storm water drain project taken up in various parts of the city at a cost of Rs. 900 crores on June 21. He directed Chennai Corporation, Department of Water Resources and Department of Highways to expedite the work before the onset of the northeast monsoon. Work has been taken up in flood-prone areas including T. Nagar, West Mambalam, K.K. Nagar, Kodambakkam and Ashok Nagar. The Department of Highways is set to complete work on the development of culverts to prevent flooding in low-level areas near arterial stretches. As roads have been dug up for the laying of the storm water drains, the Chief Minister ordered officials to complete the work without any hardship to residents and motorists. Seventy stretches have been dug up for laying storm water drains under the first phase of Singara Chennai 2.0. Another 23 stretches have been dug up under the second phase of the project. A total of 165 stretches have been dug up for flood relief in neighbourhoods where residents complained about flooding during the previous monsoon.

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## Successful 1<sup>st</sup> trial of new drug for curing cancer

Dr. Anitha Ramesh

In a small clinical trial conducted by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, USA), 18 patients suffering from rectal cancer took a drug called Dostarlimab every 3 weeks for six continuous months and, in the end, every one of them saw their tumours disappear.

They were all in similar stages of cancer - it was locally advanced in the rectum but had not spread to other organs.

According to doctors, this is the first time this has happened in the history of cancer with a drug under trial.

Dostarlimab is a drug with laboratory-produced molecules and it acts as substitute antibodies in the human body.

The cancer is undetectable by physical examination; endoscopy; positron emission tomography or PET scans or MRI scans. Patients involved in the clinical trial earlier underwent treatment such as chemotherapy, radiation, and invasive surgery that could result in bowel, urinary, and even sexual dysfunction.

The findings are now making waves in the medical world. It is especially impressive as not all of the patients suffered significant complications from the trial drug.

Will the cancer relapse or not, or, are the patients fully cured of cancer is too early to state as more studies need to be done to arrive at any conclusion.

The drug is still under trial and still not permitted for regular treatment.

Dr. Anitha Ramesh is a Pediatrician and a Senior Medical Consultant in Aarogya Multi Specialty Clinic (11A/2, Tanjore Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 98841 58567)

## Provision shop offers 18 items for Rs. 1,450

By Our Staff Reporter

Jana Traders (Shop 3, Kasi Arcade Shopping Complex, 116, Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar), a grocery store, is offering a package of 18 items for Rs. 1,450.

The shop offers 5% to 30% discount on MRP.

Door and cash-on-delivery facilities are available.

It is open from 9 a.m to 9 p.m on all days.

Its phone number is 88258 60469.

## Bedridden Sindhu scores 86% marks in Std. 12 exam

By Our Staff Reporter

Bedridden S. Sindhu (a resident of Kodambakkam) secured 86% marks (518/600) in her Std. 12 board exam, the results of which were declared on June 22.

She scored 80 marks in language, 95 in English, 92 in commerce, 89 in accountancy and 66 in computer science.

She was a student of Vidyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar).

She had written her board exams with the help of a scribe and Tamilnadu Government had organised an ambulance to take her to the exam center.

"I was expecting more than 90%, but am happy to achieve even this much taking into consideration the physical problems I am going through," she said.

She thanked the Tamilnadi Government for arranging an ambulance for her to reach the exam center and for sponsoring her future treatment costs. She also thanked her parents, teachers and friends for the help rendered to enable her to prepare for her exams.

A district-level volleyball player, Sindhu underwent 10 surgeries last year after she fell from the third floor of a building in December 2020. The fall cost the 17-year-old all her teeth. As the surgery on her right leg was botched up, despite several operations she



still has an open wound and cannot walk and needs assistance to even sit up.

She has also undergone extensive reconstructive surgery.

"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 keeps a positive outlook on life", Shakti said.

She aspires to become an IAS Officer.

## MLA inspects streets after heavy rains

By Our Staff Reporter

J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA), accompanied by senior officials of Chennai Corporation, inspected waterways, storm water drains and streets where there was stagnation following the heavy rains on June 20 and 21.

Karunanidhi told reporters that work on widening of storm water drains and cleaning of canals including Mambalam Canal is in full swing and will be completed before the onset of the northeast monsoon.

This photo was taken on New Boag Road, T. Nagar on June 22.



## Octogenarian donates jewels worth Rs. 2.45 crores to Tirumala temple



By Our Staff Reporter

Saroja Suryanarayanan (resident of Flat 2, Kausikam Apartments, 5, Unnamalai Ammal Street, North Usman Road, T. Nagar) donated gold

and diamond ornaments worth Rs. 2.45 crores (weighing 4.150 kg) to Lord Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala on June 9.

TTD Executive Officer A. V. Dharma Reddy received the

jewels including diamond-studded gold Yagnopaveetam and Kasulamala from the octogenarian donor.

Madhavan of Abhirami Jewels was also present.

## International Yoga Day celebrated



By Our Staff Reporter

Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain Higher Secondary School (Ashok Nagar) celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21.

Dhanya Ajay, Fitness Trainer and Secretary of Rotary Club of Chennai Kilpauk, was the Chief Guest.

Ramya Ramkumar and Suriya from Isha Yoga, Krishan Srisimalji (School Correspondent) and Nirmal Naharji (Secretary) were present.

The students demonstrated asanas and stretching exercises along with Dhanya Ajay.

Spiritual ambience was created by Isha Yoga through their yoga sessions.

## Mannar Padasalai's special program today forenoon

Mannar Padasalai has organised special program from 9 a.m to 12 noon on Sunday, June 26 in Anugraha Mini Hall (Raju Street, West Mambalam) as part of 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

Scholars of Veda padasalai will speak and there will be prabandham recitation.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98404 59547.

## Devotional programs by Manav Seva Trust today afternoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Manav Seva Trust (Sri Sankara Nilayam, 658/20, 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Sector 9, K. K. Nagar, Ph: 98406 28787) has organised an evening of devotional music by the students of Swarnalaya from 3 p.m to 6.15 p.m on Sunday, June 26 in the premises of Swarnalaya in 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sector 9, K. K. Nagar.

It will be followed by pravachanam on 'Swagatham Krishna' and 'Rohini and Krishna Anubhavam' by Brahmasri Kidambi

Narayanan (Triplicane) to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of late V. Krishnamoorthy. The program is co-sponsored by Ramji and family (supporters of Manav Seva Trust). All are welcome.

For more details, contact K. Jayaraman (Managing Trustee, Manav Seva Trust) in 97899 60556.

## Free spoken Sanskrit classes from July 11

By Our Staff Reporter

Sanskrita Bharati will conduct free 10-day Spoken Sanskrit classes from 4 p.m to 5.30 p.m daily, from July 11 to 20 in 2B, Jayasri Vihar, 3/5, Murthy Street, West Mambalam. It is open to all.

No prior knowledge of Sanskrit is necessary.

For registration, call Aruna Venkataraman in 99656 31750.

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