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பழைய அலுவலியை ஆன்டெனா கிடைத்தது. கேபிள் டி.வி வருவதற்கு முன் ஒரே ஒரு தூர்தர்ஷன் சேனல் இருந்தபோது அனைவர் வீட்டுக் கூரையிலும் துருத்திக் கொண்டிருந்த வஸ்து அது.

ஏழைகள் ஐந்து குச்சிகள் உள்ள ஆன்டெனாவையும் பணக் காரர்கள் பதின்மூன்று குச்சிகள் உள்ள ஆன்டெனாவையும் பயன்படுத்தி வந்தார்கள். அந்த ஆன்டெனா சரியான திசையில் திரும்பியிருக்க வேண்டும். திசை மாறிப் போனால் செய்தி வாசிப்பாளரின் முகம் QR Code மாதிரிப் புள்ளி புள்ளியாக மாறிவிடும். 'இந்த ஆன்டெனாவை இன்னும் எதுக்கு வைச்சிருக்கீ?' என்றான் கேசுவன்.

'எங்க அப்பா வாங்கிக் கொடுத்தது' என்றான் கோகிலா. 'டி.வி வாங்கினது நான். ஆன்டெனாவை மட்டும் தான் உங்க அப்பா வாங்கிக் கொடுத்தார். வெளியிலே தெரியறதை மட்டும் வாங்கிக் கொடுத்து நல்ல பேர் வாங்கிட்டுப் போயிட்டாரு உங்கப்பா. ஆன்டெனாவைக் காயலாங்கடையில் கொடுத்திடு.' 'ஆண்டவனே வந்து கேட்டாலும் இந்த ஆன்டெனாவைத் தர மாட்டேன். யாராவது கிருஷ்ணர் வேஷம் போட்டா புல்லாங்குழலா யூஸ் பண்ணிக்கலாம்.'

'ஆமாம் அலுவலியை கானம் கேட்டு ஆவினங்கள் அப்படியே மயங்கி நிற்கும்' என்றான் கேசுவன் எகத்தாளமாக. கோகிலாதான் ஜெயித்தான். ஆன்டெனா மறுபடியும் பரணில் ஏறியது. அடுத்த ஒரு பழைய டேப் ரிகார்டரை எடுத்தார்கள்.

'இது என் அண்ணா பம்பாயிலேயிருந்து வாங்கிண்டு வந்தது' என்றான் கோகிலா. 'உங்க அண்ணா பம்பாயிலேயிருந்து வரப்போ ரயில் டிக்கெட்டே வாங்கலே. டேப் ரிகார்டர் வாங்கிண்டு வந்தாராம். ஒரு புது வருஷத்துக்கு நான்தான் இதை வாங்கினேன்.'

'ரூபகம் வருதுங்க. முதல் முதல் சப்ரபாத கேசுட்டும் கரகாட்டக்காரன் பட கேசுட்டும் வாங்கினோம். அந்த சப்ரபாத கேசுட்டைப் போடுங்களேன்.'

'இப்போ ராத்திரி. ஹரிவ ராசனம் பாடற நேரம் இது.'

'அப்போ கரகாட்டக்காரன் கேசுட் போடுங்க.'

அட்டைப் பெட்டியின் அடியில் கரகாட்டக்காரன் கேசுட் இருந்தது. அதை டேப் ரிகார்டரில் போட்டு ப்ளே செய்தான்.

'மா...ங்...கு...யி...லே...' என்று விட்டலாச்சாரியா பட மந்திரவாதியின் குரலில் மெதுவாக இழுத்தது கேசுட். பூங்கு யிலே வருவதற்கு ஒரு மாமாங்கம் ஆனது. அடுத்து சேதி ஒண்ணு சொல்வதற்குள் டேப் ரிகார்டர் செத்துப் போனது.

'ஹெட்ஜ் க்ளீன் பண்ணணும். மோட்டார் இழுக்குது. விலைக்குப் போட்டுடலாம்' என்றான் கேசுவன்.

'வேணாங்க, புது வருஷத்துக்கு வாங்கினது. நான் மேலே ஓட்டிப் பிள்ளையார் ஸ்டிக்கர்கூட இன்னும் புதுசா இருக்கு. யாருக்காவது கொடுத்துடலாம். அவங்க ரிப்பேர் பண்ணி யூஸ் பண்ணிப்பாங்க.'

மறுநாள் தெருக்கோடியில் இருந்த பழைய சாமான் வாங்கும் கடைக்குப் போனான் கேசுவன்.

'ஒரு டேப் ரிகார்டர் இருக்கு. விலைக்கு எடுத்துக்க முடியுமா?' 'டேப்பா? ஐம்பது ரூபாய்க்கு எடுக்கலாம்.'

'நல்லா பாடும். கரகாட்டக்காரன் கேசுட்கூட இருக்கு. விலை சொல்லுங்க.'

'ஐம்பது ரூபாய்.' 'வீட்டுக்கு வந்தான் கேசுவன். 'உங்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு தோசை ஊத்தட்டும்?' என்றான் கோகிலா.

'ஐம்பது' என்றான். பிறகு சமாளித்துக் கொண்டு 'காயலாங்க கடைல டேப் ரிகார்டர் ஐம்பது ரூபாய்க்கு எடுத்துக்கறேன்னு சொன்னான். போட்டுடலாம்' என்றான்.

'இல்லே, வேற யாருக்காவது கொடுத்தா யூஸ் பண்ணுவாங்க' என்று கூறி டேப் ரிகார்டரை மேஜை மீது வைத்தான். வேலைக்காரி வந்தபோது டேப் ரிகார்டரையே ஆசையுடன் பார்த்தாள்.

'அஞ்சலை, நீ வேணும்னா இந்த டேப் ரிகார்டரை எடுத்துக் கிறியா?' என்னுடைய அன்பளிப்பா வைச்சுக்கோ.'

அஞ்சலைக்கு அங்கமெல்லாம் குளிர்ந்தது. 'ரொம்ப தாங்ஸ்ம்மா.'

'ஒரு தடவை ஹெட்டை நல்லா துடைச்சு விட்டா போதும்.' 'ஈரமா மாப் போடணுமா அம்மா?'

'இல்லே, ஸ்பிரிட்டைப் போட்டுத் துடைச்சா போதும். கரகாட்டக்காரன் கேசுட் இருக்கு. அக்னி நட்சத்திரம் கேசுட் கூட இருக்கு.'

சொல்லிவிட்டு மெல்லிய குரலில் 'நின்னுகோரி வரணும்' என்று பாட ஆரம்பித்தாள் கோகிலா.

வேலையிலிருந்து நின்னுகோ என்று சொல்கிறாளா அல்லது வரணும் என்று சொல்கிறாளா முதலாளியம்மா என்று சூழம்பி னாள் வேலைக்காரி. போகும்போது வேலைக்காரியின் கையில் டேப் ரிகார்டரைக் கொடுத்தாள் கோகிலா.

'தினமும் குளிச்சுட்டு செளந்தரிய லஹரியைப் போடு.' 'செளந்தரிய லஹரிங்கறது ஒரு பவுடரம்மா?'

'அடிபாவி, செளந்தரிய லஹரியை சாண்டல் பவுடர் ஆக்கிட்டுடீயே! அது அம்பாளோட ஸ்தோத்திரம்.'

அஞ்சலை போய்விட்டாள். மறுநாள் மாலை வாக்கிங் போகும்போது அந்தக் காயலாங்க கடையைப் பார்த்த கேசுவன் திடுக்கிட்டான். கடையில் அலமாரியின் முன் வரிசையில் அவனுடைய டேப் ரிகார்டர். மேலே அதே பிள்ளையார் ஸ்டிக்கர். 'காத்தாலதான் ஒரு பொம்பளை விலைக்குப் போட்டு ஐம்பது ரூபா வாங்கிட்டுப் போனது' என்றார் கடைக்காரர். nandaaft@gmail.com

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The iAdopt team also collaborated with multiple restaurants and brands to conduct lucky draws wherein the participants became eligible for exclusive prizes like free resort stay, meal vouchers in premium eateries, and more.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet or wanting to learn more about helping animals can send an email to iadopt.in or visit the website <https://iadopt.in/>.

Corporation schools on path to modernisation

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the order of Chief Minister M. K. Stalin to develop all the 281 Chennai Corporation schools on par with private schools, the civic body has started various initiatives to modernise school infrastructure.

The Corporation has started installation of over 10,000 modern desks in 108 schools in the city.

The desks are being supplied by TANSI. 1291 modern desks have already been installed in school classrooms. The colour of the desks in Stds. 1 to 3 is yellow, in Stds. 4 and 5 orange, in Stds. 6 to 8 red and Stds. 9 to 12 blue. Schools in Tondiarpet will get 2427 modern desks, Royapuram 877, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar 1490, Anna Nagar 957, Teynampet 252, Kodambakkam 2234 and Adyar 2042.

Modernisation of school desks will be taken up under Smart City Mission at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.8 crores. At least 19 schools in Tondiarpet, 8 in Royapuram, 27 in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, 20 in Anna Nagar, 6 in Teynampet, 16 in Kodambakkam and 12 in Adyar will get modern desks as part of the project.

The number of students has increased in many schools owing to various initiatives. The number of students had increased from 85000 to 1.3 lakh after the pandemic.

Child Helpline 1098

Councillor creates app to register complaints

By Our Staff Reporter
‘Ungal Mambalam App – Uma’ has been created by Uma Anandhan (Councillor, Ward 134) to enable residents of her ward to register their complaints.

It was launched by K. Annamalai (Tamilnadu BJP president) on July 12 in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam, West Mambalam.

Uma said that residents of her ward can download the ‘Ungal Mambalam App’ from Google Play Store, login and register their complaints. The app is available in Tamil and English format and is user-friendly. Complaints registered in the app will be forwarded to the authorities concerned. Volunteers will follow up the complaints street-wise until they are solved, Uma said.

Annamalai appreciated the effort taken by Uma and her team to create the app to serve the residents and said it would be a model for others. Vessels were given to four anganwadis in the ward.



Education program to help marginalized women

By Our Staff Reporter
Shraddha Maanu Foundation (www.shraddha maanu.org) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2018 by a group of passionate mid-career women who wanted to give back to the community by elevating marginalized women to help them build sustainable, resilient livelihoods and children experience happy and effective classrooms.

N. Madhumathi (CEO) said that they identify educated women who are eager to become financially independent and train them to become Ace After School Educators. These women consequently coach underprivileged children after school hours.

She said that their Certificate Program in Multiple Intelligence Training for Primary School trains women to become Ace After School Educators.

This training is a robust course that comprises 10 hours of classroom sessions followed



by 75 hours of On-the-Job Training (OJT).

The teachers are trained in functional English, teaching methodologies (based on multiple intelligence theory), primary math, science, value education and life skills.

“On completion of the program, the trained educators can either join the After School Centres run by the Foundation or choose to become an ‘edupreneur’ (set up her own centre at home). We strive to ensure effectiveness while being uncompromising on quality.”

“We call upon graduate women, housewives and women on a career break passionate about teaching children, wanting to influence young minds of today to build the nation of tomorrow, to apply for this program,” Madhumathi said.

The last date for applying is July 19. There is no fee.

Those who are interested can apply using the following link - <https://shraddhamaanu.org/register-now-form.html>

For more details contact 95000 42835 (WhatsApp only).

Be a part of Madras Comedy Circuit

By Our Staff Reporter

Madras Comedy Circuit was launched two months back to promote live stand-up comedy and has 40 members at present.

It aspires to connect with more budding talent and conduct one show a week.

“After the pandemic, live stand-up comedy and open-mics took a back seat. Slowly, the industry is reviving. We aim to create a community where not only the popular comedians but anyone can perform without any inhibition,” Guna Shelan, a Founder member said.

Last week it had an all-women show which saw healthy participation with acts on stories of being a full-time corporate employee, daughter, a wife, daughter-in-law and a mother.

The first gig by Shakti Shanmitha started with the question “Did you know that in Chennai, women must pay GST for their rides at night?”

Where GST is the acronym for ‘Girls Safety Tax’ a typical practice for the auto drivers to securely drop girls at their destination.

The event also had participants from North India presenting in Hindi and English.

Those with a funny bone or interested in doing stand-up comedy, can follow or join Madras Comedy Circuit at its Instagram page @madras_comedy_circuit.

100 attend eye camp



By Our Staff Reporter
About 100 persons attended the free eye screening camp organized by Jaimaa Charitable Trust and Radhatri Nethralaya (T. Nagar) on July 15 in Sri Veniammal Matriculation School, Ramapuram as part of the birth anniversary celebrations of K. Kamaraj (former Chief Minister).

A number of school students and members of the public attended the camp.

Dr. M. Jegan (Managing Director, Natchathira Foundation Old Age Home, Porur) was conferred with ‘Kamarajar Award’ for humanitarian service.

More details can be had in 98842 84348.

Daily discourse on Sundarakandam till July 24

By Our Staff Reporter

U. Ve. Anandapadmanabacharyar is giving discourses daily from 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Sundarakandam from Ramayanam in Sri Vasudeva Sathsangam (35A, Vasudevapuram Street, West Mambalam).

They will conclude on Sunday, July 24.

All are welcome.

Health Dept urges people to take booster shot

Officials of the State Health Department have urged people to take the booster dose to safeguard themselves and prevent the spread of Covid. Only 5% of the eligible population in the State has got the booster dose till now, they said. In a statement, the Department said that Tamilnadu has to use more than 30 lakh doses of vaccine by September 2022 to prevent wastage.

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Axed tree branches removed after report in *Mambalam Times*



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By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Tree branches lying on street' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 3-9 issue), the axed tree branches lying on the margin of Parthasarathy Puram Street (near North Usman Road flyover, T. Nagar) were removed.

Sewage water woes on Ramachandra Street



Due to damage to the underground sewage line when a trench was being dug, sewage water has been leaking and collecting in the storm water drain on Ramachandra Street (T. Nagar) for the past 3 weeks.

The residents complained to this reporter that since last week, the contaminated water has been overflowing from the drain and stagnating on the street.

They said, "It is a health hazard and has become a breeding ground for mosquitos. The foul smell is unbearable and we are forced to keep our windows closed. The work of widening the storm water drain was suspended for no reason after the trench was partly dug. Complaints to the local Corporation office and the helpline have been of no use. We are exposed to severe health hazard, especially the elderly and children," said a resident. The residents have appealed to the Corporation to take immediate action. They have also appealed for immediate resumption of work to widen the storm water drain and complete it before the onset of monsoon.

Temple encroaching on drain removed

A temple encroaching upon the storm water drain and the road on Valliammal Garden Street in Rangarajapuram (Kodambakkam) was removed by Chennai Corporation on July 11.

The officials stated that it was part of a major encroachment drive undertaken by the civic body over the past few months.

"We had a court order in 2018 itself to remove encroachments in the area. However, local residents protested against demolition of houses and there were issues with the Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Board allocations due to which matters got delayed. Now, all that has been resolved and the temple alone was pending removal," said a Corporation Engineer.

1,500 homeless families to get houses

By Our Staff Reporter

Around 1,500 homeless living on pavements, will soon get a roof over their heads as Chennai Corporation and Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) will construct tenements for them in the city.

On July 13, P. K. Sekar Babu (Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister) and T. M. Anbarasan (Minister for MSME and Tamilnadu Urban Habitation Development Board) inspected three sites on Wall Tax Road, Seven Wells and Prakasam Road shortlisted for the construction of the tenements along with

Chennai Corporation and TNUHDB officials. The plots are owned by Chennai Corporation, public works department and education department respectively. Once constructed, the tenements will be given to homeless families living in St. Xavier Street, Muthialpet and Narayana Sarang Garden Street, George Town. Photo taken on July 13 night shows a family of homeless persons on Pedestrian Plaza (T. Nagar).



Lamp post knocked down when trench being dug

By Our Staff Reporter

The mega storm water drain project to reduce flooding during rains has caused lot of hardship to residents.

The Corporation helpline has received scores of complaints of shoddy work by the Corporation workers leading to damage to amenities like sewage lines, Metrowater pipelines, underground EB and fiber optic cables and street light posts. S. Gurucharan (a resident of West Mambalam) said that the digging work using earthmovers is carried out without coordination with officials of other departments or proper inspection, thereby leading to damage of other underground civic amenities.

The photo taken on July 14 shows a lamp post knocked down by a JCP on Lakshmi Street (West Mambalam) when a trench was being dug.

Photo also shows a bunch of live EB cables that were exposed.



Interactive session held for differently abled children

By Our Staff Reporter

Madhuram Narayanan Centre (18, Prakasam Street, T. Nagar) offers early intervention services for children with intellectual disability.

On July 16, it conducted its annual program Samyam (Coming Together) for new admissions, existing students and alumni and their parents.

The program included interactive sessions and cultural programs by the children.

According to Aruna Rathnam (Director), Samyam provided an opportunity for new students and their parents to interact with the existing students.

It also offers a platform for parents to share their views about development of their children at the Centre and to offer their ideas to improve on it.

"For parents of old students who have moved to mainstream and other schools, it helps maintain continuity with Madhuram Narayanan Centre for guidance and counselling," Aruna said.

For more details, contact Madhuram Narayanan Centre in 2834 0575 or 4867 9225 or visit the website www.mncindia.org.

Awareness program on Kamaraj



Students of Narayana Mission Senior Secondary School (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) conducted awareness program on K. Kamaraj (former Chief Minister) on July 15 as part of his birth anniversary celebrations. Students, dressed like Kamaraj, spoke about him.

Road cuts for projects create chaos

Five different department are simultaneously implementing projects that involve several hundred road cuts, traffic slowdowns and a spike in accidents. As on July 14, about 600 road locations have been dug up for civic projects across the city, for storm water drains, underground sewerage, underground electricity cables, road expansion and bridge construction and Metro rail project. Owing to warnings from officials and the threat of penalties due to delays in civic projects, contractors have now doubled the speed of the project. But south-west monsoon and rains have arrived in the city, spiking road safety concerns.

In the last six months, a 15% spike has been reported in road accidents.

City roads have become less motorable and more dangerous. A recent private study suggested that the average peak hour traffic in Chennai city's arterial roads had dropped from 17 km per hour to 10kmph. And, even ambulances take 5 to 10 minutes more than usual to complete their trips, particularly along routes in the western localities like Kodambakkam, T. Nagar, Vadapalani, Porur and Poonamalle, where Chennai Metro work is underway. En after completion of work carriageways have not been restored to their original condition in some pockets.

Canal Bank Road in CIT Nagar has turned accident-prone due to delay in work. Chennai Corporation started storm water drain projects costing Rs 900 crore two weeks back in several flood-prone areas, including T. Nagar. But complaints have already started pouring in about the manner in which the contractors and subcontractors have been carrying out the work damaging civic amenities like telephone and broadband lines, EB cables, sewage and Metrowater lines.

Postal pension adalat on July 28

By Our Staff Reporter

A divisional-level Pension Adalat will be conducted at 11 a.m on July 28 by the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices.

Pensioners from post offices in T. Nagar, T. Nagar North and South, Hindi Prachara Sabha, Mylapore, Mandaveli, Vivekananda College, Grems Road, Shastri Bhavan, DPI Complex, Teynampet West, Nungambakkam High Road, Royapettah, Chepauk, Choolaimedu, Gopalapuram and other places can forward their complaints and suggestions by post, email (dochennaicitycentral.tn@indiapost.gov.in) or WhatsApp - 94442-51587 by July 18.

Silt bags removed after report in Mambalam Times



Before



Now

Following the report 'Bags with silt dumped on road' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 10-16 issue), the silt bags dumped on the margin of Mambalam High Road (T. Nagar) were removed. Silt removed from the storm water drain and collected in plastic bags had been dumped on the road by Corporation workers.

The residents had complained that there was no use desilting the drain only to dump the silt on the road. Silt from damaged bags was getting mixed with rain water and flowing back into the drain, they said.

Cable drums lying on road margin



By Our Staff Reporter

Two empty cable drums belonging to Tamilnadu Electricity Board are lying on the margin of Mambalam High Road, near TUCS shop, T. Nagar.

CCTV camera post topples over



A CCTV camera post on Arcot Street (T. Nagar), which toppled over following the rains, is resting on a tree. The photo was taken on July 14.

68 families evicted from Valliammal Thottam



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation demolished unauthorised huts in Valliammal Thottam, near Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam last week. 68 families who had been living in these huts for more than 20 years, were relocated in Slum Clearance Board tenements in Ambattur. An official told *Mambalam Times* that notices were served on the families well in advance. Corporation officials deployed earthmovers to remove the structures. A police team provided security.

Work starts on desilting Mambalam Canal

By Our Staff Reporter

Following inspection by Shiv Das Meena (Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply) and the report submitted by Flood Management Committee, Chennai Corporation has accelerated the work of desilting Mambalam Canal.

The committee had recommended removal of silt along the stretch of Mambalam Canal to mitigate flooding in T. Nagar and nearby areas.

"We have so far removed 467 tonnes of silt along 2.5 km of the canal which covers 5.6 km. The canal connects Nungambakkam with the Adyar river, passing through flood-prone areas such as T. Nagar and Saidapet," an official said.



A shelter for abandoned aged pets

By Our Staff Reporter

ROA Shelter for abandoned aged animals has been started by animal activist Dinesh Baba.

The 30,000-sq. ft. facility has 35 kennels.

Recently, a 7-year-old Rottweiler abandoned by its owner and found tied to Ashok Pillar in Ashok Nagar was rescued by Dinesh.

The shelter presently houses 34 abandoned dogs and a chubby 5-year-old pig.

Dinesh said that there are German Shepherds, Labradors, Pomeranians and mongrels. All the 35 kennels are spacious as old animals need space. There are six workers to take care of them.

Every dog has its own diet based on age and health condition, including supplements.

Dinesh reckons that old animals are often neglected because of health issues, treatment expenses, lack of transportation facilities and, sometimes, because of housing rules.

It is cruel to abandon them as they cannot survive by themselves on the streets, Dinesh said.

He appealed to pet owners to get them adopted if they could not rear them.

His contact number is 98415 88852.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sewage water overflowing on Mambalam High Road



Sir, Like in many areas in the city, the work of widening storm water drain has been taken up on Mambalam High Road.

But the work is being carried out in a shoddy manner causing inconvenience to the residents.

As the photo taken at the junction of Mambalam High Road and Ramachandra Street shows, during digging of the trench, the sewage line was damaged leading to leakage of sewage water into the storm water drain.

The contaminated water is now stagnating on the road in front of the houses including mine.

It has led to increase in mosquito population and the residents are exposed to health problems. Added to this, the foul smell emanating from the stagnant water is unbearable.

The residents are also worried of contamination of Metrowater if the sewage problem is not solved immediately.

Residents have registered complaints with Corporation officials multiple times but no action has been taken yet.

Mathangi Kailasanath

Free yoga classes



By Our Staff Reporter

Pathanjali Yoga Samithi (Chennai Chapter) is conducting free yoga classes for all age groups from 5.45 a.m to 6.45 a.m daily in Corporation Playground, Bakthavatchalam Street, West Mambalam. Those interested in joining the classes may contact 98402 35009 or 99629 24340.

T. Nagar resident killed in bus accident

P. Krosha (a resident of South West Boug Road, T. Nagar) died in a road accident near Maduranthakam at around 8 a.m on July 7. She was among 6 passengers who died while traveling in a TNSTC bus bound for Chidambaram after the driver lost control and hit a container lorry. 4 passengers suffered grievous injuries.

She had boarded the bus in Koyambedu.

In the impact, the left portion of the bus was completely ripped apart.

She is survived by her husband and two children.

36 persons to undergo free cataract surgery



By Our Staff Reporter

More than 300 persons attended the free eye screening camp organised by Sri Shirdhi Sai Seva Samaj (2, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) and Aravinda Eye Hospital in Ramakrishna Kalyana Mandapam (Raju Street, West Mambalam) on July 10.

36 persons diagnosed with cataract will undergo free surgery in Aravinda Eye Hospital. Spectacles were provided free for those with vision problems.

J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) inaugurated the camp. P. Srinivasan (President, Sri Shirdhi Sai Seva Samaj) and ward councillors were present.

Parking, drain work cause traffic snarls on G. N. Chetty Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Cars and other vehicles parked on G. N. Chetty Road (T. Nagar) coupled with ongoing storm water drain work are causing traffic snarls. The photo was taken at 7 p.m on July 14. No traffic policemen were in sight.



Corporation demolishes encroachments in flood-prone areas

As part of the flood mitigation project, Chennai Corporation has started removing encroachments in flood-prone areas such as Mambalam.

Corporation officials removed encroachments on roads and stormwater drains in Mambalam, on July 11 following a court order.

All the families were allotted houses by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

It included 2-decades old encroachments in Rangarajapuram where some of the dwellers had erected bathrooms and toilets linking or over storm water drains. After eviction, all the structures were removed.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

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, July 17 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

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

Sewage water woes on Ramachandra Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Due to damage to the underground sewage line when a trench was being dug, sewage water has been leaking and collecting in the storm water drain on Ramachandra Street (T. Nagar) for the past 3 weeks.

The residents complained to this reporter that since last week, the contaminated water has been overflowing from the drain and stagnating on the street.

They said, "It is a health hazard and has become a breeding ground for mosquitos. The foul smell is unbearable and we are forced to keep our windows closed. The work of widening the storm water drain was suspended for no reason after the trench was partly dug. Complaints to the local Corporation office and the helpline have been of no use. We are exposed to severe health hazard, especially the elderly and children," said a resident.

The residents have appealed to the Corporation to take immediate action.

They have also appealed for immediate resumption of work to widen the storm water drain and complete it before the onset of monsoon.

450 tonnes of construction waste removed during drive

By Our Staff Reporter

During the mass cleaning campaign conducted across the city, Chennai Corporation removed more than 450 tonnes of construction waste.

According to a press release, several volunteers took part in mass cleaning and awareness event conducted on July 9.

The volunteers visited more than 19,000 residential areas and met more than 82,000 persons to sensitize them about source segregation.

During the event, more than 52 tonnes of solid waste and 452 tonnes of construction waste were removed.

Meanwhile, the Corporation has imposed penalty on persons, who dumped garbage in public places.

In total, Rs. 6.47 lakhs has been collected as fine for garbage dumping between June 22 and July 7.

Also, Rs. 7.71 lakhs and Rs. 99,400 were collected from persons who dumped construction waste in public places and pasted posters respectively.

Call 1913 to report poor upkeep of parks

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has urged residents to report about poor upkeep of parks in the helpline number 1913.

They can also file complaints in Namma Chennai app and at the local Corporation office.

In a special drive conducted from June 14 to July 7, Chennai Corporation penalised 87 contractors for poor maintenance of parks in various parts of the city including this neighbourhood.

Among the 738 parks developed by the Corporation, 571 are maintained by private contractors.

The inspection team found that 18 parks did not have adequate workers as per the contract, and 69 were not properly maintained. Corporation imposed a fine of Rs. 28,090 on the 18 contractors who failed to hire enough workers.

The contractors who failed to maintain the parks were fined Rs. 1.07 lakh.

Private contractors had poorly maintained 13 parks in Alandur, 12 in Kodambakkam Zone, 10 in Ambattur, six in Madhavaram and Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, five in Perungudi, four in Tondiarpet, three in Anna Nagar and two in Sholinganallur.

The civic body has directed the contractors to maintain the lawn, prune the trees and ensure that the gardens have sufficient greenery. They should maintain a register for complaints and install a board at the park gate to highlight the opening and closing times.

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Water stagnates on Hanuman Street



Even after light showers, water stagnates on Hanuman Street (T. Nagar) causing inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians. This photo was taken on July 14.

Fallen tree branch blocks pavement near Srinivasa Theater

By Our Staff Reporter

A thick branch of a roadside tree outside Srinivasa Theater (at the junction of Arangaappan Street and Devanathan Colony, West Mambalam) snapped and fell



on the pavement on July 6. No one was injured in the incident. It has still not been cut and removed inspite of several complaints by residents.

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Appeal for donation of books for school students

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Swarna Paarvathy (resident of 19, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar) has been helping underprivileged students for several years by providing them essentials through her network of likeminded friends across India.

She started collecting books for school students a few months back.

"Last month, I sent a lot of books to Kerala where free libraries will be set up in small towns to enable students to read during the holidays, after school or on uring weekends," she said.

She appealed for donation of text books, non-fiction, guide books, storybooks for children, books of puzzles and any books beneficial for school students.

She is a painter and sculptor by profession. Those who are interested in donating books, may contact her in 99629 13199.



Humour Club meets today

Humour Club of T. Nagar will meet at 4 p.m on Sunday, July 17 in The Stenographers Guild (1, Guild Street, T. Nagar, behind Siva-Vishnu Temple). Thenkasi T. Ganesan (Spiritualist, motivational speaker and HR expert) will be the Chief Guest

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Dharani Ramakrishnan awarded Natya Mamani title

By Our Staff Reporter

Dharani Ramakrishnan (Founder of Saraswathi Natyalaya, West Mambalam) was conferred 'Natya Mamani' title by Kalanikethan Bharatanatyam Academy (Madi-pakkam) during its silver jubilee function in Mangadu recently.

She has been running the dance school for 30 years and has trained thousands of students many of whom have gone on to become professionals.

She has performed solo and with her students in all leading venues, sabhas, temples and dance festivals and has choreographed over 1800 group performances. Her contact numbers are 98417 37168 and 93612 18558.



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Guru Poornima celebrated in Hindu Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

Guru Poornima was celebrated in Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya, West Mambalam on July 7.

Srimath Aandavan and Sri Varahamahadesikan Swamigal blessed the students and staff of the school. Girija Seshadri (Senior Principal and Correspondent) highlighted the importance of Guru Poornima celebrations. Teachers and students offered fruits and flowers to Swamiji.

A music and dance performance by Kalakendra students followed. Students recited slokas during which students dressed as various deities appeared on stage.



Velammal student to represent India in chess tourneys

By Our Staff Reporter

G. Tejeswini (Std. 11 student in Velammal Main School, Mogappair) got a cash ward of Rs. 58,000 for coming 3rd in the Under-17 girls category in the FIDE-rated National Chess Tournament 2022 organised by All India Chess Federation in KIIT University (Odisha) last month.

She has been selected to represent India in the upcoming Asian Youth Chess Tournament and the World Youth Chess Tournament.



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