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ஒரு தடவை அம்மாவுடன் ஹோட்டலுக்குப் போயிருந்தான். சாப்பாடு ஆர்டர் செய்தார்கள். இலையில் ஓரத்தில் வைத்திருந்த உப்பைக்கூட மிச்சம் வைக்காமல் சாப்பிட்டுவிட்டான்.

அம்மா தனக்கு ஒரு மினி காபி மட்டும் ஆர்டர் செய்துக் கொண்டாள்.

திடீரெனத் திரும்பிய மகுடேஸ்வரன் அம்மாவின் காபி டம்ளரைப் பார்த்துக் கேட்டான்.

'என்ன காபியை மிச்சம் வைச்சுட்டே?'

'இன்னும் குடிக்கவே இல்லை. கொடுத்ததே அவ்வளவு தான்.'

அம்மா குடித்து முடித்தவுடன் டம்ளரில் எட்டிப் பார்த்தாள்.

'அடியிலே கொஞ்சமா காபி இருக்கு.'

'அடேய், கீழல்லா குடிச்சாச்சுடா. இதுக்கு மேலேயும் ஒண்ணும் இருக்கக் கூடாதன்னா Hair dryer தான் போடணும்.'

'பக்கத்து டேபிளைப் பாருமமா. அந்த ஆள் எவ்வளவு மிச்சம் வைச்சுட்டான்' என்றான்.

'ஐயோ, அந்தப் பச்சை சட்னி எச்சில்லடா. அதையும் தின்னு தொலைச்சுடாதே.'

அவனை அவசரமாக ஹோட்டலிலிருந்து கிளப்பி வந்தாள் அம்மா.

இதற்கிடையில் சிவில் சரீவில் பரீட்சை எழுதப் போனான். Essay type கேள்விகளுக்குப் பேனாவில் இங்க தீரும் வரை எழுதினான்.

ஒரு விசேஷத்தில் அவனுக்கு சட்டைத் துணி வைத்துக் கொடுத்தார்கள். சட்டை தைக்க டெய்லரிடம் போனான்.

'துணி அதிகமா இருக்கும்போல இருக்கே? கொஞ்சம் மிச்சமாயிரும். வெட்டித் தரேன், எடுத்துக்கிட்டுப் போங்க' என்றார் தப்பிப் பிறந்த அந்த டெய்லர்.

'நோ, நோ. மிச்சம் வைச்சா எனக்குப் பிடிக்காது. துணியை முழுக்க யூஸ் பண்ணுங்க' என்றான் மகுடேஸ்வரன்.

'தம்பீ... சட்டை தொள்தொளன்னு தாலிபான் சட்டை மாதிரி இருக்கும், வேணாம்.'

'அப்போ ஒண்ணு செய்யுங்க. ரெண்டு கைக்கு பதிலா நாலு கை வைச்சுடுங்க.'

'யோவ், நீ மனுஷனா இல்லை மகாவிஷ்ணுவா? நாலு கை கேட்கிற? வேணும்னா நாலு மாஸ்க் தைச்சுத் தரேன்.'

'ரொம்ப சந்தோஷம். ஆனா மாஸ்க்ல தியாகு டெய்லர்னு லேபிள் போட்டுடாதீங்க.'

அவனுக்குக் கல்யாணம் செய்யும் தருணம் வந்தது. அவனுடைய ஜாதகத்தை எடுத்தாள் அம்மா.

'அம்மா, ஜாதகத்திலே பாதிக்கட்டம் காலியா இருக்கு? ஏதாவது போட்டு நிரப்பும்மா' என்றான்.

'அடேய், மொத்தம் 12 கட்டம் இருந்தாலும் கிரஹம் 9 தாண்டா. ஜாதகம்னா சில கட்டம் காலியாகத் தான் இருக்கும்.'

'ச்சே... 12 கிரஹம் இருந்திருக்கலாம்.'

'சும்மாயிருடா. நவக்கிரஹ ஸ்தலம் டீர் போனா இப்பவே முனு நான் ஆகுது. ஒரு டஜன் கிரஹம் இருந்தா டீர் முடிய நாலு நாள் ஆகும்.'

ஒரு வரன் கூடி வந்தது. பெண் பார்க்கப் போனார்கள்.

'என் பெண்ணை கேசரி செஞ்சிருக்கா. கொண்டு வரச் சொல்றேன்' என்றாள் பெண்ணின் அம்மா.

சற்று நேரத்தில் கட்டிட வேலை செய்யும் சித்தாள் தலையில் சிமின்ட் கலவை சட்டியை கொண்டு வருவதுபோல ஒரு பெரிய பாத்திரத்தைத் தலையில் சுமந்து கொண்டு வந்தாள் பெண்.

'பெண்ணுக்கு அளவு தெரியலே. கொஞ்சம் அதிகமா செஞ்சுட்டா. மொத்தம் முனு சட்டி செஞ்சுட்டா' என்றாள் பெண்ணின் அம்மா.

'பரவாயில்லை. செட் தோசை மாதிரி செட் கேசரி பண்ணிட்டா போல இருக்கு' என்றாள் மகுடேஸ்வரனின் அம்மா.

'பெண்ணும், பையனும் வேணும்னா தனியா பேசுடும். அந்தக் கேசரியை எடுத்துக்கிட்டுப் போங்க. சாப்பிட்டுக்கிட்டே பேசுங்க' என்றாள் வருங்கால மாமியார்.

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பெண்ணின் அம்மா கேட்டாள். 'இன்னும் பேசி முடிக்க வியா?'

'இன்னும் கேசரி முடிஞ்சிருக்காது' என்றாள் மகுடேஸ்வரனின் அம்மா.

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'மிச்சம் வைக்காம எல்லாத்தையும் இப்பவே கொடுத்திடலாமே' என்றான் மகுடேஸ்வரன்.

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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 24 in the Ashram's premises.

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

Chennai Metro plans direct trains from stations on Anna Salai

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro is exploring the possibility of running direct trains from stations located on Mount Road under its completed phase 1 project with two corridors so that travellers need not change trains at Alandur or Chennai Central.

If this new plan is executed, passengers who board trains at stations such as Anna Nagar, Koyambedu, Ashok Nagar, Vadapalani or Ekkatuthangal can travel directly to Saidapet, Teynampet or Nandanam on Mount Road without changing trains at Alandur.

Phase I project with about 45 km distance has two corridors — Washermenpet to Airport (Corridor I – 23 km) and Chennai Central to St. Thomas Mount (Corridor II – 21.96 km).

The interlinking stations are Chennai Central and Alandur.

Corporation Commissioner inspects civic works

Chennai Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi on July 15 inspected civic works in Teynampet Zone which includes parts of T. Nagar. He visited a Corporation school to inspect the development work under the CITIIS project undertaken at a cost of Rs 5.8 crores and then inspected storm water drain work being carried out at a cost of Rs 2.46 crores. It was followed by inspection of the Rs 48 lakhs upgrades in Krishnamma Pettai cemetery and toilets under construction in a government school.

Corporation plans to make roads safer

Roads are to become more safer for motorists as Chennai Corporation has taken steps to improve the safety markings such as stop line, lane separations, zebra crossings and others on around 100 roads including those in Kodambakkam and Teynampet zones.

Reflective lights will be installed at road junctions.

Flood-proof doors soon in 7 metro stations

Chennai Metro will install flood-proof doors at the entrance and exit points of seven underground stations in both corridors of Phase 1 before October. These will stop water from entering the stations and guarantee uninterrupted operation. Ever since the operations began seven years back, its underground stations have experienced leaks and even flooding during heavy rains.

Homoeopathy clinic opened in girls' hostel

A homoeopathy clinic was opened in SRS Sarvodaya girls' hostel, Chetpet, on July 17. SRS Sarvodaya is functioning under Harijan Sevak Sangh (CIT Nagar East) founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932.

Owners submit objections to property tax revision

By Our Staff Reporter

3,552 residents of the city have sent objections to property tax revision notice issued by Chennai Corporation in the 15 zones.

The largest number of objections has been received from Anna Nagar, Teynampet, Kodambakkam, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and Ambattur.

In a bid to reduce the number of assesseees who send generic objections without understanding how calculations have been done, the Corporation shared details of the calculation sheets online on its website on July 22.

Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi has ordered Regional Deputy Commissioners to dispose of the petitions received from assesseees.

Objections made on helpline 1913 will also be accepted.

Bedi said that any genuine objections relating to the assessment will be addressed and proper replies sent for all objections.

In a bid to motivate property tax payment, the Corporation has launched free movie tickets and EMI scheme for assesseees.

In the first phase, five assesseees have been selected for free movie tickets.

It is expected to increase the number of free movie tickets after holding talks with banks who sponsor the tickets.

Assesseees who use the HDFC payment gateway will get EMI scheme for property tax payment at 16% rate of interest.

Other banks are expected to launch the EMI scheme shortly.

Traffic diversions on Jawaharlal Nehru Road

Traffic police have introduced traffic regulations on Jawaharlal Nehru Road between Vadapalani and Koyambedu for 10 days from July 23 on a trial basis.

As per the new arrangement, the median at Vinayaga-puram junction, Periyar Road junction and Nerkundram Road junction will be closed.

Alternatively, vehicles will be allowed to take a U-turn at SAF Games Village junction and under Vadapalani Bridge.

U-turn will be allowed between Pillars 110 and 111 near Arumbakkam Metro Station and between Pillars 126 and 127 between Periyar Road and Nerkundram Road.

Vehicles going from Vadapalani to Koyambedu will have to take a U-turn at the newly formed junction at a distance of 170 meters between Pillars 126 and 127 to reach Nerkundram Road.

Vehicles going from Vadapalani to Koyambedu should take a U-turn near Arumbakkam Metro Station between Pillars 110 and 111 to reach Periyar Road.

Sewage water stagnates on Mambalam High Road



With the storm water drain project being taken up in several areas in this neighbourhood, the residents are put to a lot of hardship like battered roads, open drains, overflowing sewage and damage to utilities like power cables, water and sewage pipelines.

The photo taken on July 22 shows sewage water stagnating on Mambalam High Road (T. Nagar near Rangarajapuram subway).

Appeal to relay Railway Border Road



By Our Staff Reporter

A long stretch of Railway Border Road (near Duraisamy Subway, West Mambalam) is in damaged condition.

The situation has worsened after the recent rains as the top layer of bitumen has been washed away.

Even after mild showers, water stagnates on the road.

The stretch is littered with loose gravel that makes

driving unsafe for motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders. After rains, the road turns slushy and slippery.

It is an important link to schools and the railway station.

Parents find it tough to reach schools to drop and pick up their children.

Similar are the woes for pedestrians who are forced to walk in the middle of the road.

20 crematoriums to get makeover soon

Chennai Corporation is set to upgrade 20 crematoriums and also construct eight new ones, under the Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme.

In addition to the crematoriums being upgraded now, Corporation has identified 28 others, based on their condition, to be upgraded to gas-based. Except Kodambakkam and Royapuram zones, all other zones are to get upgraded or new crematoriums. The crematorium in T. Nagar was upgraded at a cost of Rs 40 lakhs last year. Other than improving the facilities, the spaces will also be beautified, by improving the landscape and seating facilities, officials said.

BMusician concerts from July 30

BMusician has organized 'Dr Prapancham Ravindran Remembrance Concerts' featuring renowned Carnatic musicians Abhishek Raghuram, Kunnakudi M. Balamurakrishna, Bharat Sundar, flautist Jayant, Sivasri Skandaprasad, Palghat R. Ramprasad, S. Karthik, Prapancham S. Balachandran and Sunil Gargyan from July 30 to Aug. 7 in BMusician Mini Hall, 57 C, Chinmaya Nagar, Stage 2 Extension, Virugambakkam. For more details, call 95000 45514. For ticket booking, visit <https://www.mdnd.in/seasontickets/16>

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Special pujas for Aadi in Devi Aachi Amman temple

By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of Aadi, there will be special alangaaram and abhisekham in Devi Aachi Amman Temple (Siddhi Vinayagar Koil Street, T. Nagar) from July 27 to July 28.

The following is the program:

July 27: 6 p.m: Special alangaaram with rice flour paste.

July 28: 6 p.m: Kunguma alangaaram.

July 29: 8 a.m: Milk abhishekam; 6 p.m: Manjal kaapu alangaaram.

July 30: 6 p.m: Santhanakaapu alangaaram and devotional music concert by Sasthadasan.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 99400 70888.

Skywalk to be opened next month

By Our Staff Reporter

The opening of the skywalk in T. Nagar, to connect Mambalam railway station and T. Nagar bus terminus, was postponed in May as Chennai Corporation decided to install two more lifts at entry and exit points.

According to reports, 90% of the work has been completed and the skywalk will be opened next month.

The Rs. 27-crore project under Smart City Mission began in December 2020 and was supposed to have been completed in 15 months.

It is 600 meters long and about 4 meters wide.

Battery-operated vehicles will be provided for aged and disabled persons. The infrastructure includes an escalator near the railway station.

It is provided with LED



lights, solar panels, CCTVs, signboards, fire extinguishers, ladders, dustbins, flower pots and rainwater harvesting systems. It will help reduce persons use the railway station every day and they can avoid the crowded streets by using the skywalk. More than 50000

Homams, pujas in Ayodhya Mandapam on July 27, 28

By Our Staff Reporter

Arulamutham Vedavidya Gurukulam (Ph. 98401 49913, 94442 56421) has organised 'Sani Vakra Dhosha Nivarthi Homam' and 'Sri Agora Sri Ashta Bairava Sahitha Prathyangara Mahayaham' on Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

The following is the program:

July 27

4 p.m: Mahaganapathy pooja, sankalpam, avahanam with 61 kalasangal, veda mandra japam, paarayanam, aarathi; 7 p.m: Discourse on 'Sani Vakra Kadhi Palangal' by Astrologer Arulamudham R. Parthasarathy (founder, Arulamudham Vedavidya Gurukulam); 8 p.m: 64 Bhairavargal and 64 Yoginiyar Bali pooja.

July 28 (Aadi Amavasai)

7.30 a.m: Sani Vakra Gadhi Dosha Nivarthi homam with 108Sankapishkekam; 4 p.m to 10 p.m: Sri Agora, 64 Bhairava and Sri Prathiyangara Mahayagam, Milagai Vathhal Yagam (Dhruviahoodhi, Vasodhara homam, maha poornahoodhi, Chaturveda Paarayanam, Mangala Arathi)

Devotees are welcome to donate ghee, neem oil, dried red chillies (vathal) for Maha Yagam and cash for annadhanam/ pujas.

All are welcome.

Conservancy vehicles parked on playground

By Our Staff Reporter

A number of conservancy vehicles are parked on the Corporation Playground on Bakthavatchalam Street (West Mambalam).

The workers segregate the garbage collected daily from households and hand over the non-biodegradable waste like plastic items to a scrap dealer.

It is inconveniencing playground users.

This photo was taken at around 2 p.m on July 21.

Previously, the vehicles were parked on Somasundaram playground where the Corporation is now building shelters for workers engaged in storm water drain projects.



Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya invites applications for ITI instructors posts

By Our Staff Reporter

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has invited applications for the post of service-oriented Junior Training Officers for its Industrial Training Institute.

They are required for the following Trades: Fitter, Electrician, Wireman, Mechanic-Refrigeration and Airconditioning, Welder and Carpenter.

Applicants should be DME or DEEE or NTC and NAC qualified in the respective trades. Teaching experience with innovative approach and social concern will be preferred.

Students who have passed Stds. 8 and 10 can seek admission to 2 years/1 year NCVT, SCVT, Vidyalaya job-oriented courses and jobs are assured for successful students of Electrician, Fitter, Wireman, MRAC, Carpentry and Welder courses.

Admissions are going on for free nursery and primary school. For more details, contact P. Maruthi (Secretary) in 91766 24283.

Encroachments on Natesan Street



By Our Staff Reporter

An unused bunk, a tricycle cart and an autorickshaw in damaged condition have been lying on Natesan Street (T. Nagar) for several months according to a resident.

Family donates organs of brain-dead teenager

A 19-year-old student from T. Nagar, who was declared brain-dead following an accident recently, has given a new lease of life to five persons.

His family consented to donating his organs for transplantation.

After meeting with an accident on GST Road, he was admitted in Rela Hospital (Chromepet).

Despite the efforts of the doctors, he could not be revived and was declared brain dead.

As the boy's vital organs were functioning well, the family members, after counseling by the doctors, agreed to organ donation. A kidney and heart were transplanted to patients who were under treatment in Rela Hospital while another kidney, two lungs and a liver were transplanted to patients in other hospitals.

Free computer training for underprivileged women

By Our Staff Reporter

To support women belonging to vulnerable sections of society and to enhance employment, Temenos India Private Limited (a multinational IT company) is offering a 3-month basic computer course in SOS Children's Villages of India - NGO located in 21, 1st Main Road, Professors Colony, Tambaram East.

A computer lab with 12 computers and a training room with a projector has been set up at a cost of Rs. 55 lakhs.

15 to 20 women in the age group of 30-40 years are undergoing training in the 1st batch.

Following the successful completion of the course, the women will receive guaranteed employment opportunities in the retail sector with salaries ranging from Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 15,000.

They are taught fundamentals of computers, MS Office, using internet, emails along with skill training program on personality development to help them perform well in interviews.

For more details, contact the NGO in 2239 5061.

Bins placed properly after report in Mambalam Times



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Cow tied to garbage bin' published in Mambalam Times (July 10-16 issue), the stretch of Mambalam High Road (T. Nagar) was cleared and four bins there placed properly by Chennai Corporation workers last week. The area was also sanitized.

RMD Academy offers free Medical Assistant course

By Our Staff Reporter

RMD Academy for Health (Unit of RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, 13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar) has invited applications for its free 1-year General Duty Medical Assistant course.

The classes will begin on Aug. 1.

The course consists of clinical nursing with theory, practical, ECG and spoken English classes.

Minimum Std. 10 passed or failed candidates between 18 and 30 years can apply.

For more details, call 90942 35513 or 93451 11819.

Corporation to open health and wellness centres

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation will repair and modify old buildings and construct new buildings for the development of health and wellness centers.

It has so far finalised 192 locations for development of these centers.

11 new buildings will be constructed in Kodambakkam Zone and 3 in Teynampet Zone. 7 buildings in Teynampet Zone will be renovated for housing the centers.

Special homams in Ayodhya Mandapam from July 29 to Aug. 7

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Asthika Seva Samithi (107, Natesan Nagar, Ramapuram) has organised 15th year mahotsavam from July 29 to Aug. 8 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

There will be Srimath Bhagavatam discourse by Sri Krishna Premi Swamigal at 7 p.m from July 29 to Aug. 7.

The following is the program:

July 29: 7.30 a.m: Maha Ganapathi homam and Sri Suktha homam.

July 30: 7.30 a.m: Navagraha homam.

July 31: 7.30 a.m: Suryanamasakaram and Indrakshi Siva Kavasam paaraayanam.

Aug. 1: 7.30 a.m: Sri Rudra Ekadasi vasordhara

Aug. 2: 7.30 a.m: Special homam and archana

Aug. 3: 7.30 a.m: Sri Sudarshana japam and homam.

Aug. 4: 8 a.m onwards: Sri Radha Kalyana Mahotsavam by Udayalur Sri Kalyana Rama Bhagavathar and party; 4 p.m: Ashtapathi.

Aug. 5: 7 a.m to 6 p.m: Unjavrithi, Dhivyanaamam and Sri Radha Kalyana Mahotsavam; 6 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Madurai Sri Sankarji and party.

Aug. 6: 7.30 a.m to 11.30 a.m: Satha Chandi paaraayanam; 6 p.m: Bhajans by Sruthi Swaminathan

Aug. 7: 7 a.m: Sri Satha Chandi homam; 12 noon: Annadhaanam; 6 p.m: Sai Bhajans by West Mambalam Sai Samithi and Anjaneya uthsavam. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98410 54557 and 98400 28229.

Cost of homes to go up from October, say realtors

Housing prices in the city could go up by 15 percent from next quarter (October) due to a rise in the cost of raw materials like steel, sand and cement.

Sivagurunathan (President of Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India) said that the cost increase would also include the housing board plots. In the past four years, prices of steel per tonne increased by nearly 65% and bricks by 200 percent, he said.

He said construction cost has gone up by Rs. 300 per square foot due to the hike in prices of raw materials.

This rise will vary depending on location and stage of construction.

He said that the unsold inventory in the city and its outskirts like OMR has come down to 5,000 as no major launches took place in the last three years.

Home loans are also likely to get expensive with the interest rates likely to go up.

Lions Club gifts pedestal fans to Sarada Vidyalaya



By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club of Central Madras, in association with Exnora Greater Chennai, gifted six pedestal fans costing Rs. 24,000 to RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Model School (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) recently.

R. Mahendran (Region Chairman, Lions International), R. Muthukumar (Zone Chairman), S. Thirumurgan (Lions Club of Central Madras), S. N. Harinarayanan (Project Chairman), K.N. Varadharajan (Treasurer), R. Govindaraj (President, Exnora Greater Chennai) and K. Rama (Headmistress) were present.

Slab missing from sewer chamber outside school



By Our Staff Reporter Higher Secondary School, (Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar). A slab is missing from a sewer chamber adjacent to the pavement outside Kesari placed over the opening to

caution road users. It is hazardous for pedestrians and motorists, especially the students of the school.

Nearly half of the carriageway around the open chamber is damaged.

Corporation workers clean garbage bins



By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation contract workers were seen cleaning garbage bins on Thambiah Road (West Mambalam) on July 20.

They scrubbed and cleaned the interior and exterior portions with soap solution and a water jet.

A worker told this reporter that they have been cleaning bins in the neighbourhood at regular intervals and also sanitizing the surrounding with bleaching powder.

2,800 persons fined for not wearing mask

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has fined 2,940 persons since July 18 for not wearing masks and collected Rs 14.70 lakhs (Rs 500 from each) as fine from them.

The highest number of violations (465) was in Kodambakkam Zone, followed by 310 in Anna Nagar Zone and 225 in Royapuram Zone. The Corporation has intensified the drive to contain the spread of Covid.

Tribute

Mrs.Kamalam Srinivasan, 91years, wife of N.Srinivasan, attained sivaloka prapthi on 14th July 2022. 10th day and Subhasrikaram ceremony will be held at residence in Mylapore. Mourned by all Family Members.



She was a loving wife for over 70 years, a nurturing & caring mother of five children, four grandchildren & two great grand children.

She enjoyed life to the fullest. While she travelled the world, her heart revolved in Mambalam as her preferred cultural and shopping hub over 75 years. Her unbound love for Mambalam special activities (included visits to holy Shiva-vishnu/ TTD/Sringeri temples, shopping, December music season at Vani Mahal, Spiritual discourses at hallowed Ayodhya Mandapam).

As a homemaker for over 70 years, Her enthusiasm for cooking good South Indian vegetarian food, practicing Hindu traditions religiously, bringing positive energy to friends, family and relatives are noteworthy. She had abundance of Patience, temperament, when it came to grooming children and built consensus at home. We all owe our success to her undying efforts at all times. We miss her presence very much.

We take solace and comfort in Krishna's preaching to Arjuna where in he says the human body in this material world is destined to die but the soul is immortal as summarized below:

The Spirit is neither born nor does it die at any time. It does not come into being or cease to exist. It is unborn, eternal, permanent, and primeval. The Spirit is not destroyed when the body is destroyed.

May god bless her and May she rest in peace.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An accomplished photographer in our midst

Sir, Srihari (resident of Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) is an acclaimed photographer.

Many of his photos have appeared on the cover pages of magazines (mostly Tamil) and in news articles in weeklies.

He has covered weddings in India and abroad in places like Germany, Switzerland, France and Denmark.

He has photographed renowned personalities like Mother Teresa, celebrities, artists and leading politicians including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former PMs Manmohan Singh, V. P. Singh, Deva Gowda and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

He has covered social movements like Jallikattu protest and tough scenes during Covid lockdown.

Under the heading 'Lens to Lens', he wrote a series of articles on photography in *Kalki* magazine.

His autobiography titled 'Yaathum Oore Yaavarum Smile Please' mainly featuring his professional journey was released recently. He is often invited by colleges to give lectures to Viscom students.

His works can be viewed in the website srihariphotos.com. **S. Shivprasadh, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T.Nagar, Ph: 2834 4876 / 73586 96613.**



Two-wheeler thieves on the prowl in West Mambalam

Sir, This is to record the theft of two two-wheelers in broad daylight in West Mambalam.

My locked Honda Activa scooter, parked in front of my apartment complex in Postal Colony 1st Street, was stolen at around 3.30 p.m on July 19.

The footage of a nearby CCTV camera showed two middle-aged persons stealing the vehicle within 2 minutes.

The next day, the bike of another resident was stolen at around 12.30 p.m. We have registered complaints with R3 Ashok Nagar police station.

Unless daytime patrolling is increased, such thefts will continue to occur.

As the culprits have been identified from the CCTV footage, I hope the police will catch them soon. **S. K. Arun, 6. Postal Colony 1st Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 98410 17152**

Stump, part of trunk of axed tree left on street



By Our Staff Reporter

An axed tree trunk is blocking the carriageway

A tree outside 12/A, Brindavan Street Extension, West Mambalam, leaning across the street was axed by Corporation workers two weeks back but they left behind the stump and part of the trunk.

Intelligent traffic management system to make roads safer

By Our Staff Reporter

Aiming to reduce the number of accidents by half in five years, Chennai Corporation has expedited the implementation of road safety projects such as intelligent traffic management system and upgraded road junctions.

According to a Corporation official, the tender process will be completed soon and the traffic signals will be integrated.

Under the project, the Corporation will install cameras at traffic signals, road junctions and in accident-prone areas.

Apart from cameras, the traffic signals across the city will be automated to avoid unnecessary waiting time.

Of the 491 traffic junctions in the core city area, 165 junctions have been identified including busy junctions in T. Nagar and Nandanam.

Pit dug in road facilitates storm water drain work



Chennai Corporation is widening the storm water drain on one side of Vijayagrava Road (T. Nagar). Following the recent rains, the open drain was filled with rain water which is hampering the work.

To facilitate the work, the water in the drain is being pumped into a pit dug on the opposite side of the road from which it is being pumped into the storm water drain on the opposite side.

Barricades have been placed around the pit to caution motorists. The contractor widening the drain has not placed barricades in front of the open drain as mandated by Chennai Corporation for the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

Mridangam vidwans felicitated

By Our Staff Reporter

Renowned mridangam vidwan Guruvayur Dorai was honored with Lifetime Achievement Award and the title of 'Laya Vidyaarava Nandhidasa' on July 17 by Nandhikeshwar Thala Vidyalaya in Vani Mahal (Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) on July 17 for his contribution to Carnatic music.

'Laya Vidyacharyamani' title was conferred on Mridangam players T. Satyamoorthy and Sherthalai R. Ananthakrishnan.

The awards were presented by T. K. Raghunathan (Honorary Secretary, Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha).

Mridangam vidwan Tanjore R. Kumar and musicologist Radha Bhaskar were present.

The students of the Vidyalaya presented a concert.



Local resident donates Rs. 1.5 lakh to Voluntary Health Services



By Our Staff Reporter

R. Sivakumar (resident of Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) donated Rs. 1.5 lakh to The Voluntary Health Services-Adyar for a dialysis machine in a program organised by Lions Club of Madras KRS recently.

LPG consumers cautioned

With several instances of cooking gas consumers being cheated, gas agencies have cautioned customers against believing strangers and handing over cash under some pretext.

Messages of elderly persons being cheated of amounts ranging from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 9,000 by persons sporting ID cards of oil companies like Indane are doing the rounds on social media.

R. Sudha (a resident of Shenoy Nagar) was cheated last week when a woman knocked on her door and flashed an ID card.

She cheated Sudha by selling her a fake gadget for Rs. 9,800 claiming it would sound an alert 10 days before the LPG cylinder got empty.

Consumers have been advised to deal directly only with their gas agencies.

Call centres help police collect Rs 11.31 crores from traffic rule violators

By Our Staff Reporter

The city police have collected pending fines worth Rs 11.31 crore from traffic rule violators with the help of call centres installed in April.

A press release said the fines pertain to 2,21,416 cases pending since March 2019, and 2,19,742 cases from April 11 to July 3.

Police personnel from the 12 call centres in the city informed the violators about the pending fines and asked them to pay up within a week to keep the cases from being pushed to virtual courts.

As a result, Rs 3,31,49,275 was remitted in connection with old cases, and Rs 6,31,58,750 in cases reported in the past 84 days.

The police also collected about Rs 1.68 crores from inebriated drivers.

Corporation demolishes encroachments in flood-prone areas

By Our Staff Reporter

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 storm-water drains in Mambalam last week following a court order.

All the families were allotted houses by the Tamilnadu 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.

12.3 tonnes of banned plastic seized

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation collected Rs. 10.28 lakhs as fine since June 24 from more than 10100 violators for using banned single-use plastics items.

12.3 tonnes of the banned plastic were seized from the violators.

According to a statement, the civic body seized 14 types of banned single-use plastic items during the period, including wrappers, covers and bottles.

The highest of 1.04 tonnes of plastic items were seized from the Royapuram Zone followed by 0.8 tonne in Kodambakkam.

Kodambakkam zone had the highest number of violators (1,644) from whom it collected Rs 2.05 lakhs as fine.

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A veteran stage star in our midst

By Our Staff Reporter

Awards speak for themselves. This is true in the case of P. Muthukumar (a resident of West Mambalam), a veteran stage artiste/writer/director for nearly 40 years.

An auditioned artiste of AIR/Doordarshan and a retired Senior Audit Officer from the office of the Accountant General (Audit), Tamilnadu, his passion for theatre dates back to his college days. On joining AG's office in 1979, his passion increased when he came to know it was where veteran Director Balachander had worked and there was ample scope for venturing into stage plays there.

He, along with colleagues, staged plays scripted and directed by him, on occasions like Vigilance Awareness Week, National Integration Day etc. The break came in 2012 when he started his own troupe, P M G Mayurapriya, with the blessings of Kartik Rajagopal, and the plays penned and directed by him were a regular feature in the annual Kodai Nataka Vizha of Kartik Fine Arts from 2012 to 2022.

Backed by good stories and dialogues, he and his producer, Ganapathysankar, presented plays with thematic content and laced with humour. They won various awards for the categories under Best play, Best story writer, Best dialogue writer, Best actor, actress etc. His latest play 'Panchavadi', released in April this year, also bagged four awards. His play 'Vivahamali.com', which won 13 awards under various categories in the Kodai Nataka Vizha 2017, was also staged in five districts of USA in 2018 and 2019.

During the pandemic period, his troupe produced eight short films on Covid related themes for its Youtube channel P M G Mayurapriya. The unforgettable moment in his life was when veteran director Balachander called him in May 2012 to his residence and appreciated his short play staged during the function conducted by AG's office to felicitate Balachander on getting the Dadasaheb Phalke Award.

Muthukumar can be contacted in 94444 60935.



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Alumnus donates face masks to students



By Our Staff Reporter

G. Ravi (Alumnus of the 1971 batch of Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary School, K.R. Koil Street, West Mambalam) donated face masks to the students of the school on July 25. He has retired from Southern Railway.

He also sponsored the cost of beautifying the compound wall with paintings of eminent scholars and saints like Thiruvalluvar. Ravi's contact number is 94886 05337.

The Headmaster has appealed to alumni to help develop the school's infrastructure.

Free medical camp today morning

Rotary Club of Chennai Green City has organised a free medical camp on orthopaedics from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m on Sunday, July 24 in Paruvatham Clinic (47/91, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar). Consultation will also be available for fever, cold, cough etc.

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Traffic police have installed a 'No Parking' signboard on the service lane of Madley subway but vehicles can be seen parked on the stretch with no action being taken by traffic police.

The parked vehicles are obstructing free flow of traffic.

Free Narayaneeyam classes from Aug. 1

SRM Nightingale School (Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam) has organised free Narayaneeyam classes from 6 p.m to 7 p.m from Aug.1 in its premises.

The classes will be conducted on Mondays and Tuesdays. Narayaneeyam Sanskrit slokas will be taught along with Tamil meanings. All are welcome. For registration, call 97908 91850.

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