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A team of 10 officials searched Thaanu's Kalaipuli Films Private Limited on Prakasam Street (T. Nagar), while another team was engaged in searches in his residences.

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He said that since the pandemic, the prices of clothes have gone up by 20% due to increase in cost of raw materials.

"The impact of this is that

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Besides the Aadi season, the textile stores are expecting sales to increase in the coming days and witness more crowds for DeIepavali and Christmas.

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(மத்திய அரசால் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்ட நிதி நிறுவனம்)

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'சென்னையிலே செஸ் ஒலிம்பியாட் நடக்குது இல்லை. அதனால்தான் வீடு முழுக்கக் கறுப்பு வெள்ளை கட்டம்' என்றான் மனைவி சதா.

ஃபரிட்டைப் பார்த்தான். அதற்கும் கறுப்பு வெள்ளை கட்டம் போட்ட பெயிண்ட் அடிக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது.

'இங்கே பார். Bridgeக்குத் தான் கருப்பு வெள்ளை கட்டம் போட்டுப் பெயிண்ட் அடிக்கலாம். Fridgeக்கு அடிக்கக் கூடாது.'

கிச்சனுக்குள் போனான் ரங்கன். கேஸ் அடுப்பில் ஒரு பர்னர் கருப்பு நிறத்திலும் இன்னொரு பர்னர் வெள்ளை நிறத்திலும் இருந்தது.

'நான் பெயிண்ட் அடிக்கலே. ஒரு பர்னரின் மேலே பால் பொங்கிடுச்சு. நல்லா இருக்குன்னு அப்படியே விட்டுட்டேன். தெய்வம் தந்த வெள்ளை அது.'

கட்டம் போட்ட லுங்கி ஒன்றை நீட்டினான் சதா.

'ஒலிம்பியாட் முடியற வரைக்கும் நீங்க இந்தக் கட்டம் போட்ட லுங்கியைத்தான் கட்டணும்.'

'ஐயோ... ரெண்டு வாரம் ஒரே லுங்கியைக் கட்டினா எப்படி இருக்கும?'

'நாலு லுங்கி வாங்கி வைச்சிருக்கேன். எனக்கும் கட்டம் போட்ட நைட்டியை வாங்கி வைச்சுட்டேன்.'

சற்று நேரத்தில் கட்டம் போட்ட நைட்டியுடன் வந்துவிட்டான்.

'நல்லா இருக்கா?'

'நல்லா இருக்கு. கட்டத்துலே எல்லாம் யானை இருந்திருந்தா இன்னும் பொருத்தமா இருக்கும்.'

'என்ன?' முறைத் தான் சதா.

'ஐயோ... கம்மா சொன்னேன். நீ எப்படி வேணும்னாலும் கட்டமா இரு. ஆனா காட்டமா இருந்து

டாதே. தலை வலிக்குது, காபி கொண்டு வாயேன்.'

'காபி கிடையாது. டிகாஷனை மட்டும் black காபியா தரேன். இல்லேன்னா வெள்ளையா பால் மட்டும் தரேன். இனிமே கொஞ்ச நாளைக்கு வீட்டிலே எல்லாம் ப்ளாக் அன்ட் ஓயிட் தான்.'

காலை டிபனுக்கு வெள்ளையாக உப்புமா செய்தான்.

'ஒலிம்பியாட் முடியும் வரைக்கும் வெள்ளை உப்புமாதான்' என்றான்.

உப்புமாவை சாப்பிட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கும்போது சதா அடுத்த குண்டைத் தூக்கிப் போட்டாள்.

'மத்தியானத்துக்கு தேங்காய் சாதம். நல்லா கருகலா தாளிச்சுக் கொட்டின தயிர் சாதம். ப்ளாக் அன்ட் ஓயிட் மீல்ஸ்.'

'இனிமேல் வடை பஜ்ஜி எல்லாம் செய்ய மாட்டியா?'

'நோ, அதெல்லாம் ப்ரவுன் கலர்லே இருக்கும்.'

'வெள்ளையா தயிர் வடை செய்யலாமே?'

காதில் விழாத மாதிரிப் போய்விட்டாள் அவள். டிவியை ஆன் செய்து ஒரு சினிமாவைப் போட்டாள் ரங்கன்.

'நோ, நோ.... கலர்ப் படம் எல்லாம் போடக்கூடாது. ப்ளாக் அன்ட் ஓயிட் படம்தான் பார்க்கணும்' என்று சேனலை மாற்றினான் சதா.

அடுத்த நாள். ஊதா கலர் புடவையுடன் வந்திருந்த வேலைக்காரியிடம் சொன்னாள்:

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'என்கிட்டே இல்லையேம்மா.'

'அப்போ இன்னும் பத்து நாளைக்கு நீ வேலைக்கு வர வேண்டாம்.'

நிஜமாகவே வேலைக்காரிக்கு லீவு கொடுத்து அனுப்பிவிட்டாள். ரங்கனை இடைக்கால வேலைக்காரியாக நியமித்து அரசாணை வெளியிட்டாள்.

'நீ ரொம்ப ஓவரா போறே! வீட்டுக்கு வரவங்க எல்லாம் கருப்பு வெள்ளை டிரஸ் போட்டுண்டுதான் வரணும்னா முடியுமா?'

'அப்படித்தான் வரணும்'. கறாராகக் கூறிவிட்டாள்.

அன்று மாலை ரங்கன் சொன்னான்:

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'யார் அது?'

'வக்கீல். உனக்கு டைவர்ஸ் நோட்டீஸ் தரப் போறாரு. நோட்டீஸ் கருப்பு வெள்ளைலே தான் இருக்கும்.'

இந்த உருட்டல் மிரட்டலுக்கு அஞ்சவில்லை சதா.

அடுத்த நாள். அலுவலகம் புறப்படும் முன் கண்ணாடியின் முன்னால் நின்று தலைவாரிக் கொண்டிருந்தான் ரங்கன். சதா வந்தாள்.

'உங்க தலைமுடி கருப்பா இருக்கு. என் முடியும் கருப்பா இருக்கு' என்று கூறிவிட்டுப் போய்விட்டாள். ரங்கனுக்கு வயிற்றைக் கலக்கியது. என்ன செய்யப் போகிறான்?

மாலை வீட்டுக்குப் புறப்படும்போது சதாவிடமிருந்து ஃபோன் வந்தது.

'வரப்போ அரை கிலோ Black forest cake, அரை கிலோ ரசகுல்லா வாங்கிட்டு வாங்க. வீட்டுக்கு விருந்தாளிங்க வந்திருக்காங்க.'

'அரை கிலோ கேக் சாப்பிடும் அந்த பகாசுரன் யார்?' குழப்பத்துடன் கேக்கை வாங்கிக் கொண்டு வீட்டுக்குப் போனான்.

சதாவின் அம்மாவும் அப்பாவும் நின்று கொண்டிருந்தார்கள்.

'நம்ம ரெண்டு பேர் தலைமுடியும் கருப்பா இருக்கு. வெள்ளை முடியோட ரெண்டு பேர் இருந்தா சரியா இருக்கும்னு தான் இவங்களை வரச் சொன்னேன். செஸ் ஒலிம்பியாட் முடியற வரைக்கும் இருப்பாங்க.'

Black forest கேக் சாப்பிட்டுக் கொண்டே கேட்டார் மாமனார்.

'நாளைக்குக் கருப்பா என்ன வாங்கிட்டு வரப் போறீங்க மாப்பிளே?'

கருங்குரங்கு லேகியம் என சொல்ல நினைத்தான் ரங்கன். சொல்லவில்லை!

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Yajur Veda Upakarma on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Srimath Ramanujam (West Mambalam) has organised Samashti Yajur Veda Upakarma from 7.30 a.m to 11 a.m on Thursday, Aug. 11 in Veena Garden (36/12, Velu Street, West Mambalam).

Participants are requested to bring sesame seeds, flower, banana and coconut for the pooja.

For more details, contact R.M. Devantha Desikar in 98415 02313.

Postal department to appoint insurance agents

By Our Staff Reporter

The Department of Posts will engage direct agents for sale of Postal Life Insurance/Rural Postal Life Insurance products at 10 a.m on Aug. 17 in the office of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices (2, Sivagnanam Salai, T. Nagar).

Minimum Std. 10 passed candidates aged between 18 and 50 years are eligible. Commission or incentive will be paid on the basis of procurement of policies.

Selected candidates have to provide National Savings Certificate or Kisan Vikas Patra worth Rs.5,000 as security.

Chennai Metro offers 20% discount on QR code payment

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro on Aug. 3 launched a 'No more Q, only QR' system to reduce long queues at metro stations.

A 20 percent discount has been announced for the QR ticketing system to encourage passengers. To avail of a ticket, passengers have to scan the QR code displayed at respective stations, which will direct them to the ticketing page.

From the page, passengers can select the desired destination and payment option.

For the comfort of passengers, QR ticketing system has been made available with different kinds of payment options such as UPI, net banking and credit and debit card methods.

Post the payment, the ticket will be automatically generated and downloaded onto the mobile phone.

T. Nagar resident killed in accident

By Our Staff Reporter

A 50-year-old software engineer was killed when the car in which he was travelling collided with a college bus on Aug. 3.

According to the police, R. Rajeshkumar (a resident of T. Nagar) had gone to Coimbatore with his wife Subasree (40).

On their way back, when the couple was nearing Pudukalayam, near Vazhapadi, the car collided head on with a college bus on the Salem-Ulundurpet National Highway.

While Rajeshkumar died on the spot, Subasree was admitted in Salem Government Hospital with grievous injuries.

Minister inspects projects under way



K. N. Nehru (Minister for Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply) inspected storm water drain work, skywalk project and other works in progress in T. Nagar on Aug. 2.

J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) and officials concerned briefed the Minister on the status of the projects.

Sewers cleaned ahead of monsoon

Metrowater engaged 282 desilting machines, 161 jet-rodding machines and 57 super suckers to clean 2 lakh meters of sewers in 1,425 streets in the city including in this neighbourhood from July 21 to 30.

An official said that the target was fixed to clean more than 2.40 lakh meters of sewage lines and 1.99 lakh meters have been cleaned in the drive. Also, 7,345 manholes out of 8,578 manholes have been desilted. Metrowater has appealed to residents to report sewage leakage and block to the respective area officers and depot offices.

BJP leader celebrates birthday as 'Seva Day' Avani Avittam on Thursday



Premila Sampat (BJP State Secretary and resident of Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam) celebrated her birthday as 'Seva Day' by providing assistance for deserving persons in a function in Punniyakoti Kalyana Mandapam (Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam) on Aug.4. Senior BJP leaders and Uma Anandhan (Ward 134 Councillor) were present. She gifted tricycles to differently-abled person, educational aid worth Rs. 1 lakh to 50 students, 500 sarees, 500 plastic pots, uniforms to 110

New office-bearers for Akshara Malayalee Cultural Association

N. Murali Nambiar was elected as President of Akshara Malayalee Cultural Association (4, Dr. Ramsami Salai, K.K. Nagar) in a meeting held recently.



Other office-bearers elected: N. Rajeeva Prakash (General Secretary), K.K. Sasidharan (Treasurer), V. Prabakaran (Honorary Chairman), S. Sudhakaran and Rema Panickar (Vice Presidents), K. Velayudham and Radha Devi (Joint Secretaries), and P. Rajendra Panickar (Joint Treasurer).

The Association is involved in cultural, educational and other social activities. Its contact number is 98400 48318.

Appeal to celebrate Independence Day with terminally ill patients

Karunasagar Hospice Center (Maduravoyal, unit of RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, T. Nagar) has appealed to readers of Mambalam Times to



celebrate Independence Day with terminally ill patients on Aug.15. Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder and Managing Trustee) said that the hospice is sheltering 42 patients. She said such interactions serve as a succor to the patients. For more details, call 93810 16558.

Gopinath gets award for service to differently-abled

K. Gopinath (State General Secretary of Tamilnadu Udvikkaram Association for the Welfare of Differently Abled) was presented the 'Parivu Maa Manithar' award by Justice T. N. Vallinayagam on behalf of Parivu Charitable Trust on July 30 at a function held in Hotel Vijay Park.



Gopinath is a social activist and a resident of K. K. Nagar. He has been doing yeoman service for differently-abled persons all over Tamilnadu for more than 30 years. Mobility aids like wheelchairs were gifted to differently-abled persons. They performed dance, gymnastics and magic show to display their talents. Gopinath's contact numbers are 97908 20194 and 96772 15198.

The publication that is most popular with the residents of West Mambalam & T. Nagar? MAMBALAM TIMES!

By Our Staff Reporter
Thamizhnadu Brahmin Association (54 B, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam) has organised Rig/Yajur Upakarma on Thursday, Aug. 11 in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam. Rig Veda Upakarma has been organised in Barathiram Kalyana Mandapam, Lake View Road, West Mambalam (near Nayakkamar Street). Batches start at 7.30 a.m and Homam will be performed at 8.30 a.m. The association has also organised a special Villakku

pooja at 8.30 a.m on Sunday, Aug. 14 in Baratiram Kalyana Mandapam. 51 Suvasinis will participate. All are welcome. For details call S. Kamala (Secretary) in 95662 60643.

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Dried branches removed after report in *Mambalam Times*

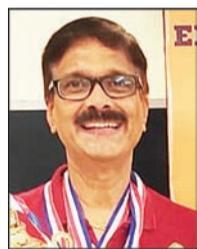


By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Tree branches lying under transformer' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 31 - August 6 issue), the dried tree branches lying under an EB transformer on Bakthavatchalam Street (West Mambalam) were removed by Corporation workers on Aug. 2.

Wins 3 titles in TT tourney

By Our Staff Reporter



C. N. Sridharan (resident of 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) bagged three titles in the recently concluded MGC- Amrutanjan Intra Club Table Tennis Tournament conducted in Madras Gymkhana Club on July 31.

He beat Vishal Bhaiyya in the open singles finals 11-8, 11-7, 10-12, 11-8.

He beat Srikumar in the final of the Masters' category in straight sets (11-9, 11-7, 11-6).

He then teamed up with Sidharath Sahi to beat Vishal Bhaiyya and A.K. Natraj in the doubles final 11-9, 7-11, 14-12. His contact number is 9003025867

Manhole covers pose safety risk for motorists

Rules to ensure that manhole covers are at road level are rarely followed or find mention in the Corporation's road re-laying contracts, say activists.

When the present DMK government came to power in 2021, one of its initiatives that received wide appreciation from the public and civil society organisations was its order to ensure that milling was done before re-laying of roads.

While this move, to a large extent, has helped the road levels from unnecessarily going up during the re-laying process, another such problem that is in need of special focus is the uneven placement of manhole covers dotting the roads.

The underground drainage network has around 1.35 lakh maintenance holes. Ideally, the manhole covers should be at the same level as the road. However, a significant number are either protruding above the road by a few inches or lying a few inches below road level, posing a serious safety risk to motorists.

Jayaram Venkatesan, convener of ArapporIyakkam, said he was hopeful that this issue would be addressed to an extent if milling before re-laying of roads was properly followed as that would prevent road levels from rising above manhole covers. However, this does not seem to have happened in many places. A former official of the Highways Department said a key issue appeared to be the lack of coordination between different bodies, particularly Chennai Corporation and Metrowater.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 7 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

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

National flag on sale in post-offices



The Indian tricolour is on sale in post-offices. It is 6 ft x 4 ft in size, made from cotton and costs Rs.25 each. The flags are being sold following Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging people to hoist the tricolour in every home. This can be done from Aug. 13 to 15 and the flag need not be taken down. Sales are on from 10 a.m to 6 p.m in all post-offices.

R. Prabha (Sub Post Master, K. K. Nagar) inaugurated the sale of flags at various venues. She sold more than 500 flags to the staff of ESI, K. K. Nagar.

Private firm supplies water

By Our Staff Reporter

Pooja Water Suppliers (7, Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar) supplies water to apartment complexes, individual houses and commercial establishments using tanker lorries with capacity ranging from 4,000 to 24,000 liters.

P. Suresh (Proprietor), who has 20 years experience in the field, told *Mambalam Times* that the water is procured from borewell fields near Thirumazisai/Poonamallee and is available 24 hours.

It also supplies sand, river sand, blue metal and bricks.

For more details, Suresh can be contacted in 94444 41556/9841284777

Debris removed after report in *Mambalam Times*



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Debris blocks carriageway' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 31 - August 6 issue), a big heap of construction debris dumped on the margin of South Boag Road, near Neelakanta Mektha Street, T. Nagar was removed on Aug. 3.

Corporation begins census of street vendors

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has begun a census of street vendors in the city as mandated by the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014. Initially, the census is being conducted in four of the 15 zones including Kodambakkam Zone.

It has started GIS mapping of all vendors and identification of 15 major areas to develop infrastructure for street vending.

The last enumeration was conducted in 2017 in which the civic body identified more than 20,000 street vendors and gave them identity cards.

An official said the Corporation would collect the photographs of vendors, details about the nature of their business, their family details and other requisite details and later make them register digitally with the help of the field staff of the e-governance department on a mobile app

The registered vendors are set to get free identity cards.

At present, the city vending committees have identified around 1,000 vending zones. "Once the enumeration is completed, the city is expected to get more vending zones," an official said.

He has been collecting rare photos for 4 decades

56-year-old Anand Kumar Bhowmick has been collecting rare photos for the past 30 years. His collection includes over 30,000 rare photos.

While talking about his collections, he points to a photograph of Mahatma Gandhi getting down from a ship and mentions that Gandhi never travelled by air to any country.

In his shop in a narrow lane in Sowcarpet, one can see a cardboard with two rows of black and white photos.

To commemorate birth and death anniversaries of famous personalities, and historically significant events, Anand exhibits these photos in front of his shop. His collection includes a number of photos from World Wars I and II, Jallianwala Bagh massacre, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose meeting with Adolf Hitler,

attack on Pearl Harbour (USA) and hundreds of rare pictures of former Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran.

He also has a huge photo collection of actors from Charlie Chaplin to Dilip Kumar in their early years and of exotic tourist spots across the world. Anand said he started collecting photographs from the age of 10 with whatever money he could save.

He said he had a bigger



collection of photos, negative prints, CDs, hard disks and books gifted by his friends from other countries but everything was washed away in the 2015 Chennai floods.

He said all the things that were kept on the ground floor of his house including some rare books were washed away.

Every year during Madras Day celebrations, Anand exhibits some rare photographs of the city in front of his shop. He is often invited as a guest to several institutions to display his photographs and speak about their significance.

Anand has put up an exhibition of his photos at the 44th International Chess Olympiad which is to conclude on Aug. 10.

Property tax computation available on Corporation website

Following the intervention of Madras High Court and requests from property owners, Chennai Corporation introduced a feature in its website on Aug. 3 for property owners to calculate their revised property tax.

"Using the new feature, property owners can know the computation of tax rates. To verify the property tax, owners should link their mobile number with the property tax

id," an official said. He said that the online computation would reduce the number of appeals as most of the appeals pertain to the computation method.

Recently, T. Nagar Residents Welfare Association sent a petition to the Chennai Corporation requesting it to provide the detailed computation along with the revision notices.

The association pointed out

that the notices only provide the information regarding the old rate and the revised rate.

Last week, Madras High Court passed an interim order directing Chennai Corporation to circulate the computation sheet to give clarity on the method of assessment.

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Damaged wall of Corporation school rebuilt after 8 months



By Our Staff Reporter

A 45-foot portion of the compound wall of Corporation Higher Secondary School (3rd Avenue, Ashok Nagar), which had collapsed during the rains last November, was rebuilt last week.

Mambalam Times had reported this issue several times.

The opening was posing a security risk as anti-social elements used the breach to enter the school compound at night for consuming alcohol and other illegal activities.

Further, the section of the pavement had been converted into an open urinal. As two classrooms were adjoining the opening, it was causing hardship to students and the teachers.

SUV lying on South West Boag Road



By Our Staff Reporter

An SUV (TN31/F2324) has been lying for several months on the margin of South West Boag Road (near Manoharan Street, T. Nagar).

It is obstructing motorists and pedestrians.

Tree branches pushing direction board



By Our Staff Reporter

The overhead direction board at the junction of South Boag Road and Thyagaraya Road (T. Nagar) is leaning to one side.

As thick branches of an avenue tree are pushing against the board, it may topple over.

The branches need to be pruned to prevent further damage to the board.

Corporation intensifies steps to contain mosquito-breeding

Over 21,000 healthcare workers have been deployed in activities like fogging, spraying bleaching powder and insecticides into waterways to prevent mosquito-breeding.

A total of 543 cases of dengue have been reported in the city in the last two months.

S. Lakshminarayanan (resident of Bazullah Road, T. Nagar) said that while it is good that Chennai Corporation has started its mosquito eradication program well ahead of monsoon, he pointed out that the long trenches dug in various parts of the city under the mega storm water drain project have become a breeding grounds for mosquitoes as most of them are filled with stagnant water.

Open drain closed after report in *Mambalam Times*



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Slab missing from sewer chamber outside school' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 17 - 23 issue), the opening in the chamber outside Kesari Higher Secondary School, (Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar) was closed on July 27.

Instead of covering it with a slab to provide access to clean and desilt it in case of a block, the opening has been permanently closed with concrete. But the foot-wide damaged portion of the road adjacent to the drain has not been re-laid.



Now, a health mix with sprouted grains

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Vijayalakshmi (resident of LIG Flats, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar), who markets a health mix, has introduced a new one with sprouted grains (ragi, wheat, cumbu, moong dhal), almond, cashewnut etc. The mix can be used to make porridge for breakfast.

She has been selling health mix with millets for three years.

"Our customers who buy millet health mix want the product with sprouted ingredients like ragi, wheat etc. So I have introduced the sprouted mix," she told *Mambalam Times*.

Vijayalakshmi earlier attended a training program on millet products conducted by Tamilnadu Agriculture University Information & Training Centre.

"Millets are God's gift for diabetics and they are hypertension-friendly too," she said.

300 gm. and 500 gm. packs are available at her residence. She can be contacted in 97907 72370.

Corporation intensifies steps to contain mosquito-breeding

By Our Staff Reporter

Over 21,000 healthcare workers have been deployed in activities like fogging, spraying bleaching powder and insecticides into waterways to prevent mosquito-breeding.

A total of 543 cases of dengue have been reported in the city in the last two months.

S. Lakshminarayanan (resident of Bazullah Road, T. Nagar) said that while it is good that Chennai Corporation has started its mosquito eradication program well ahead of monsoon, he pointed out that the long trenches dug in various parts of the city under the mega storm water drain project have become a breeding grounds for mosquitoes as most of them are filled with stagnant water.

Man dies after AC unit explodes in his house

By Our Staff Reporter

P. Shyam (28) died of burn injuries after an air-conditioner exploded in his house in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar at night on July 31. He was running a milk retail outlet near his house.

Shyam was living with his wife on the ground floor of the house, while other members of his family were staying on the first floor.

Shyam was alone in the house as his wife had gone to visit her parents.

At around 8 p.m., Shyam's father heard a blast and came downstairs to find the room engulfed in fire.

Fire and rescue service personnel arrived within 30 minutes and put out the fire.

Shyam was rescued and taken to Kilpauk Government Hospital where the doctors declared him brought dead.

Thiru Vi Ka Nagar police registered a case and are investigating.

No hawkers within 100m of schools, hospitals

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation will start removing hawkers who are within 100 meters of places of worship, educational institutions and hospitals.

The 100-meter radius will be no-hawking zones.

This comes following a recent Madras High Court order in June based on a case filed by advocate N. Rukmangathan.

Zonal Officers have been ordered to strictly comply with this rule and remove all hawkers.

In his petition, Rukmangathan stated that encroachments have become rampant around busy institutions and places, reducing the road width and walking area.

KK Nagar activist V Gopalakrishnan said that hawking should not be allowed anywhere other than authorised vending zones.

Man held for cheating wife

A 34-year-old man, who runs a small café in Ashok Nagar, has been arrested on charges of posing as an IIT (Madras) professor and marrying a woman and then selling off her jewellery.

The accused V. Prabhakaran is a resident of Periyar Street (Jafferhanpet).

In 2020, he posed as a Biochemistry Professor in IIT (Madras) and married Shanmuga Mayuri (a practising doctor) with the consent of her parents residing in Mumbai without their coming to know that he was already married with a child.

He received valuables worth over Rs. 78 lakhs from the bride's family as dowry.

During the two years of marriage the accused often beat the victim when she raised objection to his being away often from their house for several days.

When Mayuri found that a lot of her jewellery was missing, she and her brother visited IIT and found that no one by the name Prabhakaran was working there as a professor.

Realizing she had been cheated, she filed a complaint in Ashok Nagar All Women Police Station.

If anything interesting is happening in your neighbourhood please inform *Mambalam Times*.

Film on Seshasri Swamigal to be screened tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Vazhvur Sri Seshasri Swamigal Trust will screen a short documentary on the life of Vazhvur Sri Seshasri Swamigal at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 in Vani Mahal (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar). It will be followed by a devotional music concert by Shanthi Suresh.

Sri Muralidhara Swamiji will inaugurate the screening of the documentary directed by S. B. Kanthan. Mahalakshmi Subramaniam and Valsai Jayaraman (Social workers) will be present. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98400 53289.

Blood donation camp on Aug. 14

By Our Staff Reporter

Ashok Nagar Anjaneyar Baktha Sabha (53rd Street, Ashok Nagar) has organised its 10th annual blood donation camp from 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14 in its premises as part of Independence Day celebrations.

Student members of the Sabha will be volunteers.

The blood units will be collected by Institute of Child Health & Hospital (Egmore). More details can be had in 2471 6010.

Traffic diversion on Arcot Road till Sept. 15

To facilitate CMRL works in Phase 2 Corridor-4 from Porur to Poonamallee Bypass Junction, traffic diversion was introduced at Poonamallee Bypass on Arcot Road on Aug. 1 and will remain in force till Sept. 15.

Incoming vehicles on Chennai-Bengaluru Highway, intending to go to Minjur at Poonamallee Bypass, take a left turn to Chennai ORR Service Road.

The vehicles then proceed for about 200 meters and take a left turn to the road running between the Chennai ORR elevated road and reach Chennai ORR to proceed to Minjur.

Vehicles coming from Vandalur side on Chennai ORR, intending to go to Poonamallee and other places, take a left turn at Poonamallee Bypass and reach Chennai-Bengaluru Highway via Clover Leaf Bridge and proceed towards Poonamallee.

Vehicles are not allowed to turn left at Poonamallee Bypass but have to proceed straight to Kolappancheri Toll Plaza, take a right U-turn, and reach Poonamallee.

New underground sewerage system in Choolaipallam

By Our Staff Reporter

Choolaipallam slum area in Kodambakkam Zone will get underground sewerage system for the first time as Metrowater has prepared a detailed project report.

A Metrowater official said that the slum area is located in a low-lying area and underground sewer line will be created by constructing a sewage pumping station.

"It is estimated to cost Rs. 6.5 crores for which tendering process will be commenced soon," the official said.

The locality has more than 10,000 families.

On Aug. 1, K.N. Nehru (Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department Minister), Health Minister Ma Subramanian, Chennai Mayor R. Priya and others inspected the site where the new underground sewer lines are planned.

Overnight rain leads to traffic snarls on many arterial roads

Overnight rain led to pile-ups on several arterial roads including Anna Salai on Aug. 3.

On Anna Salai, traffic was hit near Nandanam junction, leading to jams on several roads in T. Nagar and K.K. Nagar till 11 a.m.

The problem was compounded as several AIADMK workers thronged the area to garland the statue of freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai on the occasion of his death anniversary.

Nandakumar (a resident of Arumbakkam) said he started early for work after getting news about traffic snarls everywhere. "It usually takes 20 minutes to reach my office on G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar. On Aug. 3, it took me 90 minutes. It was drizzling throughout and the traffic was bumper to bumper," he said.

Scan QR code to pay traffic fines

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Traffic police introduced PayTM QR code facility on Aug. 4 to pay fines.

300 hand-held QR code cards have been provided for enforcement officers.

Traffic rule violators can scan the QR codes to pay the fine.

Sports meet, cultural, show in Narayana Mission School



By Our Staff Reporter

The annual sports meet SAAHAS 2022 was conducted in Sree Narayana Mission Senior Secondary School (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) on Aug. 5.

In connection with Independence Day, students presented a cultural show paying tribute to soldiers and martyrs.

Other programs included march past, yoga, Suryan-



amaskar in Shiva Thandavam posture and chessboard formation to highlight International Chess Olympiad going on in Mahabalipuram.

Prizes were presented to students who had done well in various competitions conducted during the year.

Special wheelchair for differently-abled

By Our Staff Reporter

A Chennai-based startup NeoMotion (Mogappair) has designed a special wheelchair for differently-abled to make them more mobile.

The special wheelchair was displayed at the exhibition organised by Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) as part of the startups and incubator meet.

Swastik Das (Founder, NeoMotion) said that to make the wheelchair mobile, it is strapped to a front scooter, which makes it move faster and the strapping process will also be easier.

Differently-abled persons can fit the front scooter with the wheelchair by a simple strap without the help of other persons.

"The scooter is operated with the help of a battery and, with



a single charge, can travel up to 25 km," Swastik said.

The vehicle is sold at Rs 1 lakh per unit and is delivered across the nation.

On the difference between modified bikes and the special wheelchairs, Swastik said

that his wheelchairs are custom-made as the seat size and length are designed according to individual needs.

For more details, contact Swastik in 97909 51730 or visit the website <https://www.neomotion.in/>.

Order placed for driverless metro trains

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro has awarded a contract worth Rs. 947 crores to Alstom Transport India Limited to manufacture 26 three-car driverless trains.

This is the first contract awarded for the manufacture of trains in phase-2. The 26 trains will be operated on the 26.1 km corridor-4 from Lighthouse to Poonamallee bypass in phase-2 metro corridors. The deadline for the entire phase is 2026.

Alstom, which produced all the 52 trains for phase-1, will have to deliver the first driverless train in 2024. The rest of the trains will have to be delivered within one year after that. The total completion time is around 40 months.

It will need 138 three-car trains on the three-corridors in phase-2.

The entire train operation will be monitored from the operational control centre in Koyambedu.

Remains of axed tree dumped on street



By Our Staff Reporter

The stump and branches of an axed tree have been dumped on the margin of Rajamannar Street (near Jagadambal Street junction, T. Nagar).

A nearby resident told this reporter that the tree was axed two weeks back.

Now, music to help you stay calm at signals

The traffic police have set up playback system with speakers at 105 traffic signals to play songs and instrumental music of songs composed by Ilayaraja and A.R. Rehman from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. to keep motorists calm and entertained.

In-between the music, announcements are being made about traffic rules and safety. "We have introduced this at 105 traffic junctions to alleviate stress of road users and also to create awareness on the traffic rules," said Kapil Kumar (Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic).

The traffic policemen posted at these spots have got pen drives with popular songs loaded.

The songs are changed frequently to ensure the motorists do not get bored hearing the same tunes every day.

In the neighbourhood, it has been set up at Ashok Pillar junction and Nandanam junction.

Monthly tariff after smart meter installation

By Our Staff Reporter

Electricity Minister V. Senthil Balaji on Aug. 1 announced that the long-pending demand of a monthly tariff system for electricity consumption instead of the existing bi-monthly exercise for domestic connections will be introduced immediately after the present meters are replaced with smart meters.

He was speaking at an event in Saidapet after inaugurating 140 ring main units (RMU) set up at a cost of Rs. 20 crores to replace the old transformers.

The minister also made it clear that domestic consumers would not be charged rent for smart meters, as reported in sections of the media.

Corporation collects Rs. 12.13 lakhs fine for illegal dumping of debris

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has filed police complaints against 302 persons and collected a fine of Rs. 12.13 lakhs for illegal dumping of construction debris between July 15 and 30.

It includes Rs. 70,000 collected in Teynampet Zone and Rs. 73,500 in Kodambakkam Zone.

The Corporation has earmarked spaces for dumping of construction debris in all the 15 zones and advised residents to stop dumping the debris in public spaces.

As a number of complaints have been received from residents about unauthorised dumping of debris in public spaces, the civic body has started a campaign for mass cleaning in all 15 zones.

It has warned that it will penalise those responsible for unauthorised dumping of waste and construction debris in public spaces that have been cleaned in the 200 wards of the city.

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The registration fee is Rs. 200. As the number is restricted to 50 based on first-come-first-served basis, persons suffering from diabetes, chronic liver disease and irregular food habits are advised to avail of the opportunity. Obese persons can also register.

For registration, contact 73977 73514 only on Aug. 11, 12 and 13 between 10 a.m and 1 p.m.

Lec-dem on Rasikatvam today

Under the auspices of Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, renowned Carnatic musician S. Saketharaman will present a lecture-demonstration on 'Rasikatvam - The Experience of Carnatic Music' at 10 a.m on Sunday, Aug. 7 in Vani Mahal (G.N.Chetty Road, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

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Program to pay tribute to Freedom Fighters next Sunday

The students of Shradha Maanu Foundation (9/12, 2nd Cross Street, Vidyodaya Main Road, T. Nagar) will present a variety program to pay tribute to Freedom Fighters from Tamilnadu at 4.30 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 14 in Jeeva Park (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) as part of Independence Day celebrations.

All the students are from underprivileged families living in Gangai Karai Puram (T. Nagar) and nearby areas.

The not-for-profit foundation helps marginalized women and children.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 4851 2147.

Free Sanskrit classes

Samskrita Bharathi Uttara Tamilnadu (45/19, Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) will conduct 10-day free spoken Sanskrit classes from Aug. 9 to 18 in its premises. No prior knowledge of Sanskrit is required.

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Gajendra Moksham in Kothandaramar Temple on Aug. 11

In connection with Aadi Pournami, Gajendra Moksham will be performed in the tank inside Kothandaramar Temple (K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam) at 8 p.m on Thursday, Aug. 11. There will be Garuda vahanam for Lord Ranganathar Perumal. All are welcome.

Jeep climbs median on Thirumalai Pillai Road



A driver lost control and climbed the median on Thirumalai Pillai Road (opposite Kamaraj Memorial House, T. Nagar) at around 8 p.m on July 31.

Still atop the median, the vehicle came to a stop near Habibullah Road junction 3 meters away. No one was injured.

According to police, the accident happened when the vehicle was proceeding towards Valluvar Kottam.

The driver did not notice the median and climbed it while taking a right turn. Traffic was affected for more than an hour.

Traffic police used another vehicle to pull the jeep off the median. Its undercarriage was severely damaged.

Senior citizens felicitated



By Our Staff Reporter

Regular walkers above 80 years were felicitated by Jeeva Park Walkers' Association in Jeeva Park (T. Nagar) on July 30. Desikan Srinivasan (former President of the Association) told *Mambalam Times* that more than 30 senior citizens above 80 were honoured.

More than 100 members took part in the program.

Projecting RCC ring unsafe



By Our Staff Reporter

A 3-foot diameter concrete ring has been placed in a damaged sewer chamber outside 8, Raja Street, T. Nagar to caution road users, especially motorists.

Nutrition kits provided for lactating mothers

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Inner Wheel Club of Madras Central distributed 50 kits consisting of baby towel, 2 sets baby shirts, 1 packet dates and nutrition powder among lactating mothers in Public Health Center (West Mambalam) as part of Breastfeeding Week celebrations.

Vaidehi Badrinarayanan (President, Inner Wheel Club of Madras Central), Lakshmi Venkatarangan (Secretary), Vijayalakshmi Rangupathy (Treasurer) and Bhagavathy Praveen (International Service Organizer) were present.



Devotees take out firepot procession



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees of Sri Devi Muthumaariamman Temple (Brindavan Street, West Mambalam) took out a firepot procession along Brindavan Street and nearby streets on July 31 night as part of Aadi celebrations.

'Video Ramesh' gets South India Photo and Video Excellence Award



By Our Staff Reporter

R. Ramesh (resident of Badani Complex, 4, Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam) popularly known as 'Video Ramesh', was presented 'South India Photo and Video Excellence Award' in a function organised by Image Today Asia in Chennai Trade Center

recently for his outstanding service in the field of photography and videography for more than 40 years.

The award was presented by film producer Kalaipuli Thanu.

He worked as a part-time photographer during his school

days for popular magazines like *Cinema Express*, *Gemini Cinema*, *Kungumam*, *Vannathirai*, *Thaai* and *Indian Movie News*.

He started his professional career in 1980 and has been running a photo studio in Badani Complex (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam) for more than 30 years.

He is a former President of Chennai Video & Photographers' Association (CVPA). He is the State President of Tamil Nadu Photo Videographers Trade Union, the first welfare union in Tamil Nadu for photographers and videographers.

He founded the Chennai Samuga Vizhipunarchi Trust through which he conducts various social service activities like blood donation camps, breastfeeding awareness programs and eye screening camps. His contact number is 9841811020.

New mobile, accessories shop

By Our Staff Reporter

RVM Mobiles & Accessories was recently opened at 45/6, Muthurangan Salai, T. Nagar, opposite Sarada Vidyalaya School.

Mobile phones and accessories like chargers, headsets, earbuds, neckbands and data cables are available.

J.P. Rathan (Proprietor) can be contacted in 4287 4556/99623 31019.

Children to monitor traffic rule violations

By Our Staff Reporter

In a bid to encourage road safety rules from a young age and with optimism that it would inspire grown-ups to follow road rules, Chennai police have envisaged 'Super Kid Cop' concept, through which a report card is to be distributed among school children below Std. 7 to rate their parents and auto/van drivers.

As per the program, children will be encouraged to monitor driving skills of their parents or van drivers who take them to school and maintain a report card.

Children will have to mark 'yes' or 'no' against basic traffic rules such as wearing helmet, seat belt, excessive honking, following traffic signals among other rules for 12 trips. After a fortnight, the cards will be collected for analysis.

Commissioner of Police Shankar Jiwal said that the target is to give the report cards to at least 1 lakh students and to analyse the feedback from the report cards, which will be published both in Tamil and English.

"Based on the feedback, we will decide what is the step forward, on both education and enforcement fronts. So, in a way, we are taking the help of you all," Commissioner Jiwal told the students.

The program will be conducted by the city police in collaboration with NGO Youth India.

Jilted lover attacks woman for avoiding him

By Our Staff Reporter

Prashanth (19) was arrested by Teynampet police for brutally attacking a college girl on July 31.

According to police, the 21-year-old girl is a student in a private college. She knew Prashanth from her school days and they had been in a relationship.

When the girl's parents objected to it, she started to avoid Prashanth and stopped talking to him.

Irrked over this, he confronted her at the bus stop when she was on her way home from college on July 3. He slashed her face with a kitchen knife and fled from the spot.

He later surrendered at the police station.

The girl is undergoing treatment in Government Royapettah Hospital.