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'எப்பவுமே தாத்தா பெயரைத்தான் வைப்பாங்க. உங்க அப்பாவின் பெயர் வைத்தியநாதன். அதையே வைச்சுடுங்க' என்றான் குழந்தையின் பாட்டி. அதாவது சீனிவாசனின் அம்மா. 'அம்மா, வைத்தியநாதன் பழங்காலத்துப் பெயர். மாடர்னா வைக்கலாம்.'

'வேணும்னா வைத்தியத்தை மாடர்னா மாத்து. நியூரோ நாதனு வை' என்றான் அம்மா எரிச்சலுடன்.

'விஷ்ணு சகஸ்ரநாமத்திலேயிருந்து பெயர் வைக்கறது தான் இப்போ ஃபேஷன்' என்று கூறிவிட்டு லேப்டாப்பில் பெயர்களைத் தேட ஆரம்பித்தான் உமா.

'என்னங்க... இதுலே இருக்கிற ஆயிரம் பெயரையும் ஏற்கெனவே எல்லாரும் வைச்சுட்டாங்க. விஷ்ணு சகஸ்ரநாமம் வெர்ஷன் 2 ஏதாவது இருக்கா?'

'இதென்ன பொன்னியின் செல்வனா? அஞ்சு பாகம் வர துக்கு? நாம வேற எதுலேயாவது தேடலாம்' என்றான் சீனிவாசன்.

'ரெண்டு சாமிகளின் பெயர்களை இணைச்சு ஷார்ட்டா புதுப் பெயரை உருவாக்கறதுதான் இப்போ ட்ரெண்ட்' என்றான் உமா.

'என்ன இணைக்கிறீங்களோ? பக்கத்து வீட்டுப் பெண் குழந்தைக்குப் பெயர் தூர்வதி. கேட்டா தூர்கா சரஸ்வதி ரெண்டு பேரையும் சேர்த்து வைச்சிருக்காளாம்' என்றான் அம்மா.

'ஆஹா... ஐடியா. பெயரின் பெயர் கிருமுரு' என்றான் சீனிவாசன்.

'என்னடா இது கண்ணாவிப் பெயர்? ஏதோ சிப்ஸ் பாக்கெட் பெயர் மாதிரி இருக்கு?'

'கிருஷ்ணர், முருகர் ரெண்டையும் கம்பைன் பண்ணிட்டேன்.' 'வித்தியாசமா ஏதாவது பெயர் வைங்க. ஆனா அது சாமி பெயரா இருக்கணும்' என்றான் உமா.

சீனிவாசன் திடீரெனக் குதித்தான்.

'பெயர் கிடைச்சிடுச்சு. வித்தியாஸ்.'

'வித்தியாஸா?'

'வித்தியாசமான பெயர்.'

'இதுலே சாமி இல்லையே?'

'இருக்கே... வித்தியாஸ்னா கல்வி, சரஸ்வதி யோட பெயர்.'

வித்தியாஸ் பெயரையே வைக்கலாம் என முடிவானபோது உமா திடீரென ஆரம்பித்தாள்.

'பெயரின் முதல் எழுத்து Aல ஆரம்பிக்கணும். அப்போதான் எங்கே போனாலும் இவனை முதலிலே கூப்பிடுவாங்க. அட்டென்ஷன்ஸ் ரிஜஸ்டர்ஸ் முதல் பெயரா வரும்.'

இதுவும் சரியென்று தோன்றியது சீனிவாசனுக்கு.

'ஆவித்தியாஸ்னு பெயர் வைச்சுடலாம்.'

'இதுல சாமி பெயர் இருக்கா? ஆவிதான் இருக்கு' என்றான் அம்மா.

'ஆ இருக்கு. யா இருக்கு. ரெண்டு எழுத்தையும் சேர்த்தா ஆயா. அதாவது அம்மா, தாய் முகாம்பிகா' என்றான் சீனிவாசன்.

'ஏன் இப்படி சுத்தி வளைச்சு முகாம்பிகையைத் தொடரே? இந்தப் பெயர் நல்லா இல்லே.'

உமா ஆரம்பித்தாள்.

'ஆவித்தியாஸ் பெயர் நல்லா இருந்தாலும் அதுல AA தான் வருது. வேற ஏதாவது பையன் Aakashங்கிற பெயரோட வந்தால் அவன் முதலிலே வந்துடுவான். நம்ம பையன் பெயர்ல AAA வரணும். ஆனா ஷார்ட்டா இருக்கணும்.'

AAAனே வைச்சுடலாம். ஷார்ட்டாவும் இருக்கும். யாரும் வைக்காத பெயராவும் இருக்கும்.'

'பெயர் நல்லா இருக்கு. ஆனால் இதுலே சாமி எதுவும் இல்லையே?'

'முணு ஆனந்தன் சேர்ந்தது AAA. அதாவது பரமானந்தன். இது சாமி பெயர்தான்.'

'AAA நல்லாவே இல்லே. பேட்டரியின் பெயர் மாதிரி இருக்கு' என்றான் அம்மா.

'அம்மா, பாயின்ட் எடுத்துக் கொடுத்ததுக்குத் தாங்கல். பேட்டரியின்னா என்ன? சக்தி. சக்திவேலுனு நினைச்சுக்கோ.'

AAA என்ற பெயரையே வைப்பது என முடிவானது.

நாமகரண விழா வந்தது.

'குழந்தை காதுல பெயரை மூணு தடவை சொல்லுங்கோ' என்றார் சாஸ்திரிகள்.

AAA என்று மூன்று முறை சொன்னான் சீனிவாசன். ஆக மொத்தம் ஒன்பது A சொன்னான்.

'சீட்டுக் கட்டுலேகூட நாலு A தான். குழந்தை பெயர்ல ஒன்பது A' என்று சிலாகித்தார் சாஸ்திரிகள்.

AAAக்கு மூன்று வயதானதும் எல்.கே.ஜி வகுப்பில் சேர்த்தார்கள்.

'என் பையன்தானே அட்டென்ஷன்ஸிலே முதலிலே வரான்?' என்று கேட்டான் சீனிவாசன்.

'ஆமாம். இதோ முதல் பெயரா எழுதியாச்சு' என்று காட்டினான் ஆசிரியை.

தன் மகனை அட்டென்ஷன்ஸில் முந்தியிருக்கச் செயல் செய்துவிட்ட திருப்தியுடன் வீட்டுக்கு வந்தான் சீனிவாசன்.

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'ஆனால் என் பையன் தானே முதலிலே சேர்ந்தான்? அவன்தானே முதலிலே வரணும்?'

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Man held for cheating wife

By Our Staff Reporter

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 (Jafferkanpet).

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.

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.

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Oldest steam engine to run between Egmore and Kodambakkam on Aug. 15



By Our Staff Reporter

The oldest steam engine EIR-21, manufactured in 1855, will be run between Egmore and Kodambakkam stations at 9 a.m. on Aug. 15.

The engine, manufactured in England, ran until 1909 during British rule. It was later kept on display in Jamalpur, Howrah for public viewing.

It is now being maintained in Perambur Locomotive Works. The engine has been brought to Egmore Railway Yard for this special occasion.

Two trees fall when trench being dug



By Our Staff Reporter

A tree toppled over when a trench was being dug for a storm water drain in G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar near Habibullah Road on Aug. 10. Luckily, there was no untoward incident.

In a similar incident, the roots of a 20-year-old tree got damaged when a trench was being dug for laying a storm water drain in KB Dasan Salai (Teynampet), and the tree toppled over on Aug. 5.

As per Chennai Corporation guidelines, when there is a tree in the path of a proposed drain, the must skirt the tree. However, the guidelines were not followed, residents said. Civic activist David Manohar, who flagged the issue first, said no study has been done before constructing the drains and this is repeatedly happening. A car parked close by was damaged. No one was injured in the incident.

Fancy dress contest on national theme



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of students participated in the fancy dress competition on national builders, Freedom Fighters and social reformers jointly organized by Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (T. Nagar), Rotary Dist. 3232, Ma Gandhi Trust and Team Arts and Culture on Aug. 9 as part of 75th Independence Day celebrations.

Flags presented to Jaigopal Garodia Vidyalaya students



National flags were distributed among the students of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, West Mambalam on Aug. 12 for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign on the occasion of 75th Independence Day. The flags were distributed by S. Vedantam Ji (President, Vishva Hindu Vidya Kendra), Girija Seshadri (Senior Principal), Correspondent, Secretary and others. Girija Seshadri said that 15,000 flags had been presented to all the students in Vishva Hindu Vidya Kendra schools in Tamil Nadu.

Govt. appeals public to hoist National flag

By Our Staff Reporter

Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging people to hoist the tricolour in every home from Aug. 13 to 15, Tamil Nadu Government has followed suit with the same request.

The flags need not be taken down at night.

In a press release it has urged the public to hoist National flag in all houses, shops, commercial complexes and toll booths.

It stated that the flag is hoisted in all government buildings, hospitals and police stations.

Flag hoisted in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

The National flag was hoisted in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) on Aug. 13 as part of Independence Day celebrations and will remain till Aug. 15 night.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, 75 torches will be lit in the Gandhi Gallery from 11 p.m to 12.15 a.m on Monday, Aug. 15 to mark the 75th year of Independence.

On Aug. 15, there will be special flag hoisting at 10 a.m in Thakkar Bapa Nursery and Primary School and at 10.30 a.m in the Vinoba Hall, Girija Raghavan (Chairman, Rotary District 3232) will be the chief guest.

S. Pandian (Senior Gandhian) will preside over the function. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged people to hoist the tricolour in every home from Aug. 13 to 15. The Tamil Nadu Government had also made a similar request.

The flag need not be taken down at night. The Government also said the flag should be hoisted on shops, commercial complexes and toll booths.

It stated that the flag is hoisted on all government buildings, hospitals and police stations.

Register today for padayatra to Tirumala temple

By Our Staff Reporter

Tirumala Tirupathi Padayathirai Trust (Aparana Apartments, 4/13, Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam) has organised a 6-day padayatra from West Mambalam to Lord Venkateswara Temple, Tirumala from Oct. 14.

Devotees will be provided food and lodging along the way. Devotees wishing to join the yatra can register from 10 a.m to 6 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 14 in Satya Mahal (93, Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

Those who are not able to register at the above venue can register with Sriram in 99400 96168 or Ganesh in 94441 45574 before Aug. 31.

Sriram has appealed to the readers of Mambalam Times to contribute for annadhaanam for devotees during the yatra.

Donors can send their contributions to TTP Trust, Bank of India, SB Account No. 800510210000009, IFSC Code: BKID0008005.

Folk dances in Ashok Nagar metro

By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of 75th Independence Day on Monday, Aug. 15, Chennai Metro is conducting cultural festivals in different metro stations including Ashok Nagar station from 6 p.m to 8 p.m.

Folk artistes from various parts of Tamil Nadu will present karakattam, kavadiattam, mayilattam, kalaiyattam, silambattam, oyilattam, kolattam, thappattam and naiyandimelam.

As they will be conducted at concourse level, one can view the program without buying tickets.

Information on how to prevent food wastage and what type of food is healthy is available. Culinary competitions and creative events are being organised.

There is no entry fee.

The Tamil Nadu Food Safety Department's food festival going on Island Grounds will conclude on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The festival was inaugurated by Ministers Ma Subramanian and P. K. Sekar Babu.

The 150-stall festival features traditional cuisine. Information on how to prevent food wastage and what type of food is healthy is available. Culinary competitions and creative events are being organised.

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Pranav achieves Grandmaster title

By Our Staff Reporter

V. Pranav (Std. 11 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam) has achieved the Grandmaster title at the age of 16 by winning the Limpede Open Chess Tournament in Baia Mare (Romania) recently.

In the tournament, he secured his third and final GM norm to attain the title.

He is the 75th player from India to achieve the title.

Last year, he had won the State Championship and a bronze medal in the World Rapid Chess Tournament. He is the 16th Velammal student to achieve the Grandmaster title.



Clocks on park tower show different times

By Our Staff Reporter

Clocks on the tower in Jeeva Park (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) are showing different times and creating confusion.

This photo was taken on Aug. 11.



Remains of axed tree removed following report



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Remains of axed tree dumped on street' published in *Mambalam Times* (August 7 - 13 issue), the stump and branches of an axed tree dumped on the margin of Rajamannar Street (near Jagadambal Street junction, T. Nagar) were removed.

Police caution against QR code frauds

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai police have warned of QR code frauds, especially shop owners who use barcode scanning for receiving payment.

In a recent incident, the Kannagi Nagar police unearthed a QR code fraud after the owner of an eatery lodged a complaint that payments made by his customers were not credited to his account.

Police arrested 21-year-old V. Sridhar for stealing money in a novel way by pasting his QR code stickers over the QR code sticker of some shop owners in the area to divert the payments of customers to his account. A similar complaint was lodged on Aug. 3 by a shop owner in Thoraipakkam.

The police said the accused swindled about Rs. 45,000 from seven shops in this manner.

Police have cautioned restaurant and shop owners to keep the QR code sticker in a safe place and to verify the receipt into their account each time the QR code is scanned by a customer for payment.

Trench for EB work filled with debris



By Our Staff Reporter

A trench dug for EB work in Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar, near subway, has been filled with construction debris which is hindering motorists.

Corporation shuts four homeless shelters, shifts 30 inmates

By Our Staff Reporter

Four Corporation-run shelters, for the urban homeless in the city, including the one in Saidapet have been closed.

They are shelter for elderly men on Stringers Road, the hospital shelter for women in the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Egmore, the shelter for men and women in Chintadripet and the shelter for men in Saidapet, according to a Corporation report.

Corporation officials cited the poor performance of NGOs that operated these shelters as the reason for closing three shelters while the NGO running the hospital shelter withdrew its participation.

The terminations were recommended by the Shelter Advisory Committee, according to Corporation officials.

About 30 inmates of these shelters were shifted to other shelters. A woman inmate with a child has been moved from the Chintadripet shelter to a shelter in Adyar.

Link voters ID and Aadhaar, says Chennai Corporation

By Our Staff Reporter

In a bid to verify details in the voters' list, Chennai Corporation has appealed to voters in the city to link their voters identity cards and Aadhaar cards.

Its press release said that voters identity cards and Aadhaar cards across the country can be linked.

"Voters are requested to fill in 6B forms and hand over them to concerned booth level officers (BLO). Also, voters can visit <https://www.nvsp.in/> website and use Voters Helpline App to fill the details," the release added.

Voters who do not have Aadhaar cards can use any one of the 11 identity cards such as MNREGA identity card, driving license, PAN card, passport, passbook etc.

Persons above 17 years of age can apply for name inclusion and their names will be added to the list when they turn 18, the release said.

3 trees axed for drain work



By Our Staff Reporter

Three avenue trees were axed on Postal Colony 4th Street, West Mambalam last week to facilitate storm water drain work.

Fans make it a Chess Olympiad to remember

By Our Staff Reporter

Shweta Jain, a homemaker, considers herself lucky that she could have a glimpse of Viswanathan Anand during the 44th Chess Olympiad conducted in a hotel in Mahapalipuram till Aug. 9

She had flown from Delhi with her chess-playing daughter Tiana to watch the tournament live.

Ardent chess fan and upcoming player Sai Chockalingam (Std. 8 student in SBOA School, Anna Nagar) was thrilled when his father brought two tickets to watch the finals on Aug. 9. Sai said he managed to shake hands and take a selfie with his favorite player R. Praggnanandhaa.

Thanks to the support of thousands who purchased tickets to watch the contests daily, the Olympiad became a resounding success. Further, the city has produced many world class chess players like Vishwanathan Anand. B. Adhiban (a member of the bronze-medal-winning India 2 team) said that players too are happy that so many fans came to watch them. He said the world-level event was conducted well.

Man held for murdering wife

A 45-year-old man was arrested on charge of murdering his wife during a domestic quarrel in Kundrathuron Aug. 11.

The victim has been identified as Alamelu (42) who was working as a schoolteacher in Nandambakkam.

Her husband Ramesh (45) is employed in a club in T. Nagar. The couple had married 22 years back and have two daughters. Ramesh had been irregular to work for the last couple of months. The couple had frequent quarrels as he suspected her fidelity and abused her.

Following a quarrel, she went to her parental home a week ago and then returned to the house on Aug. 10.

The same night, they quarreled, and he murdered her with a crowbar.

Free eye camp tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club of Wisdom, Sri Sabari Trust and Sri Sabarimalai Baktha Educational and Social Trust have jointly organised a free eye screening camp from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on Monday, Aug. 15 in Pandian Hall, Station Road, West Mambalam as part of 75th Independence Day celebrations.

A team of doctors from Sankara Nethralaya (Nungambakkam) will examine the participants.

All are welcome.

More details can be had from Dr. M. Murugan (Program organiser) in 98411 16123.

Booster Covid vaccination free till Sept. 30

By Our Staff Reporter

As per Chennai Corporation data, only 9% of the city's population eligible for booster dose of Covid vaccine has taken the jab.

Adyar and Teynampet zones lead at 13.5% followed by Anna Nagar Zone at 11.5%

In absolute numbers though, Anna Nagar, Teynampet and Kodambakkam Zones lead in the number of residents yet to take the booster dose.

Corporation officials have urged residents to take the booster dose as it will be administered free of cost to those aged between 18 and 60 years only till Sept. 30.

Free Vedanta classes on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Free Vedanta classes will be conducted by Acharya Sri Rangaji from 7 p.m to 8 p.m on Sundays in Gurukulam, CP Ramaswamy Street, Abhiramapuram.

He also conducts classes on Bhagavad Gita, Uddhav Gita, Kathaponishad, Tatva Botham, Viveka Soodamani and Aparoksha Anubhuti in Brahma Vidya Mandir (34/24, Mahalakshmi Street, opposite Siva-Vishnu Temple, T. Nagar) and other venues.

For more details, call Brahma Vidya Mandir in 98841 78792, 98847 06195, 98844 32444

Metrowater open house meet on Saturdays

Metrowater conducts its monthly grievance meeting from 10 a.m to 1 p.m on Saturdays in all area offices in the city. The grievance meetings are presided over by superintendent engineers, during which residents can seek clarification on doubts pertaining to water and sewage connections, tax and other issues.

The release added that residents can utilise the open house meeting to record their complaints regarding water supply and sewerage apart from as well as maintenance of rainwater harvesting structures.

Trench dug for Metrowater but no work done



By Our Staff Reporter

A trench was dug several days ago in Damodaran Street, T. Nagar near South Usman Road for Metrowater Board work but no work has been carried out.

Drain cover replaced following report



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Drain cover damaged' published in *Mambalam Times* (July 31 - August 6 issue), the damaged cover of the storm water drain at the junction of 7th Avenue and Balakrishna Street Extension in Ashok Nagar was replaced with a new one.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EB cables on pavement



Sir, There is a bunch of live EB cables lying exposed on the pavement of Burkit Road (T. Nagar). It is unsafe for pedestrians. I appeal to TNEB officials to bury the cables below the pavement. **Srinivasan, West Mambalam**

Sewage overflow in Prakasam Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Not only has sewage mixed with water in stormwater drains in Prakasam Street (near Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) but it is also overflowing and stagnating in the street, posing a health hazard, complained residents. The problem, they said, is because storm water drain work on Habibullah Road and

GN Chetty Road is being carried out simultaneously by different contractors.

When questioned, the supervisor on Habibullah Road said that since work is under way on GN Chetty Road too, there is nowhere for the water to go, and it ends up on Prakasam Street.

The sewage-water mix can also be seen in storm water

drains along Habibullah Road and GN Chetty Road, and is causing a mosquito menace. To make matters worse for residents, access to Prakasam Street has been blocked from Habibullah Road.

"There's a 'one way' sign only at the end of the street, so several people go till there and have to take a U-turn," residents said.

Sri Jayanthi Music Festival from Aug.14

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (Vani Mahal, 103, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar), in association with Nippo Indo National Limited, has organized 11th Sri Jayanthi Music Festival from Aug.14 to 28 in its premises.

The program will be inaugurated by Swami Padmasthananda (Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Chennai) at 5 p.m on Sunday, Aug.14.

Birudhu 'Vani Kala Nipuna' will be conferred on Kunnakudi M. Balamurali Krishna (vocal), L. Ramakrishnan (violin), Alathur T. Rajaganesh (mridangam and kanjira), Archana Mahesh (bharathanatyam) and P. Muthukumar (theater).

The following is the program:
Aug. 14: 6.30 p.m: S. Kasthuri Rangan (vocal), S.P. Ananthapadmanabha (violin), Mudhra Baskar (mridangam), Trichy K. Murali (ghatam).

Aug.15: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by PSBB Senior Secondary School, K. K. Nagar; 6.30 p.m: Vaishnavi Ramadas (vocal), Thirucherai Karthik (violin), Aduthurai G. Guruprasad (mridangam), Nerkunam S. Shankar (ganjira).

Aug.16: 4.30 p.m: Krishna smaranam and Namasankeerthanam by Adithya Ramesh; 6.30 p.m: Kruthi Bhat (vocal), Vittal Rangan (violin), Delhi S. Sairam (mridangam), V. Anirudh Athreya (ganjira).

Aug.17: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by Jai Gopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, West Mambalam; 6.30 p.m: G. Abilash (vocal), M.A. Krishnaswami (violin) Melakauvery Balaji (mridangam), H. Prasanna (ghatam).

Aug.18: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by Sri Viswa Vidyalaya Matriculation School, Vandalur; 6.30 p.m:

Vivek Sadasivam (vocal), Rahul (violin), B. Ganapathiraman (mridangam), G. Chandrasekara Sharma (ghatam).

Aug.19: 4.30 p.m: Kuchelopakhyanam namasankeerthanam by G. K. Prakash and party (Guruvayur); 6.30 p.m: Anjana Thirumalai (vocal), Shraddha Ravindran (violin), J. Balaji (mridangam), S. Venkataraman (ganjira).

Aug.20: 4.30 p.m: Sadhus, Sri Krishna Leela Tharangani by 'Chromepet Sisters' Varsha Bhuvaneswari and Krithika; 6.30 p.m: Villupattu by Bharathi Thirumaganand party.

Aug.21: 4.30 p.m: Tamil keerthnams and namasankeerthanam by Gayathri Magesh; 6.30 p.m: Salem Gayathri Venkatesan (vocal), M. Narmadha (violin), B. Sivaraman (mridangam), V. Sai Subramaniam (morsing).

Aug.22: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by Ramgopal; 6.30 p.m: Sahana Vasudevan (vocal), M. Vijay (violin), Akshay Ram (mridangam), S. Krishna (ghatam).

Aug.23: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by PSBB Senior Secondary School, T. Nagar; 6.30 p.m: N.S. Kamakshi (vocal), V. Deepika (violin), Thirucherai Koushik Rajagopal, (mridangam), N. Manikandan (morsing).

Aug.24: 4.30 p.m: Bega Bara Krishna namasankeerthanam by Sri Guruji Kripa Mandali; 6.30 p.m: Bharathi Ramasubban (vocal), M.R. Gopinath (violin), J. Vaidyanathan (mridangam), Madipakkam A. Murali (ghatam).

Aug.25: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by The Hindu Senior Secondary School, Adyar; 6.30 p.m: Prasanna Venkataraman (vocal), H. N. Bhaskar (violin), S. Subramanian (mridangam), N. Guruprasad (ghatam).

Aug.26: 4.30 p.m: Asthapatihitarangams by Gowtham Krishna and party

(Coimbatore); 6.30 p.m: S. Girijashankar (vocal), Madan Mohan (violin), Vijay Natesan (mridangam), Sunil Kumar (ganjira).

Aug.27: 4.30 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar; 6.30 p.m: Shanthala Subramanian (flute), Pakala Ramadas (violin), Hariharan (mridangam), H. Sivaramakrishnan (ghatam).

Aug.28: 4.30 p.m: Krishnam rutham namasankeerthanam by Mohan Academy of Music led by Rajeevi Ganesh; 6.30 p.m: Sai Vignesh (vocal), Sayee Rakshith (violin), S.J. Arjun Ganesh (mridangam), N. Rajaraman (ghatam).

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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, Aug.14 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 28143896/3514/2014.

Free Malayalam classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Akshara Malayalee Cultural Association (Kannigapuram, KK Nagar, near Sivan Park), in co-ordination with Malayalam Mission's Tamil Nadu Chapter, will conduct free Malayalam coaching classes from Aug. 13 in the Association's office.

Anyone over 6 years can seek admission. Students who complete the course will get certificates issued by the Government of Kerala.

More details can be had in 94443 97244, 98400 48318, 9840081132.

Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Project to resume in December

By Our Staff Reporter

Work on the 20.6km double-decker elevated highway between Chennai Port and Maduravoyal, to be built at a cost of Rs. 5,855 crores, is likely to start by December or January, according to National Highway Authority of India.

The tenders for the construction of a two-tier, four-lane elevated corridor from Port to Maduravoyal under the Prime Minister Gati Shakti program were invited last month.

The elevated corridor will be constructed in four packages. Of the 20.6 km, the 12-km corridor will be a double-decker corridor. The project will take 24 months to 36 months to be completed.

The project, which was inaugurated by two Prime Ministers, was initially suspended in 2012 due to a row between the Water Resources Department (WRD) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the regime of then CM J Jayalalitha. In 2015, Nitin Gandkari, then Union Shipping Minister, wanted to break the deadlock and was working on an out-of-court settlement since 2016.

After an initial Detailed Project Report was submitted in 2019 to revive the project, Gadkari asked Larsen and Toubro to redesign the project as a double-decker elevated corridor. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the project in May 2022.

My tryst with Gurunank College and a kind banker

By M. R. Anand

My performance was average in the SSLC exam I wrote in 1971.

My efforts to enter a college of repute were unsuccessful. Then a newly opened college came to my rescue. It was Gurunank College in Velachery which has now completed 51 years.

If I had not got admission in this college, I would have probably joined as a bearer in a local hotel whose manager was my father's friend. Though I was happy about getting admission in a college, I was also a bit circumspect as it was a new college.

On the very first day all my misgivings left me. The fledgling institution won my heart completely. I simply loved its location inside Guindy Raj Bhavan's forest.

It was like a big forest lodge. The trees, beds of flowering plants, lonely paths and game trails, ponds under clear blue sky, deer, monkeys and butterflies did something to my heart. At lunch time I and my classmate Sridhar used to walk into the forest with our lunch boxes to sit and eat under a jamun tree that stood shedding fat pinkish fruits, watching a herd of spotted deer in the distance. At times we ran into Raj Bhavan's mounted police who scolded us for wandering in the forest without attending our classes.

Often, we stumbled upon movie shootings inside the forest. Once actor Jaishankar, during the shooting for his film 'Ganga', exchanged his exquisite lunch with our simple stuff like curd rice with mango pickle.

During filming of a Telugu movie, a tiger brought on leash made a dash for the nearby bush dragging its trainer behind. We ran helter-skelter for our dear lives. Had it not been drugged heavily it would have tasted one of us that afternoon.

One day, a cobra entered our classroom and raised its hood hissing.

All the students were petrified and immediately stood on the benches and many were screaming. The serpent, after a short survey, withdrew its hood and headed back into the thickets outside our classroom. On another occasion, a doe, pursued by a pair of dogs, came crashing into our classroom. The frightened doe remained at the back of the class for some time.

Those days students mostly covered the 4-kilometer distance from college to either Guindy or Saidapet railway stations on foot. One afternoon I and my classmate Sridhar were walking down Velachery road when a sudden thunderstorm started to rage. Even as we took refuge under a roadside tree, an Ambassador car stopped by. A bespectacled middle-aged man in the driver's seat gestured to us to get into the car. Once we were inside he explained to us the risk involved in taking shelter under a tree during thunderstorms. "Don't do it in future. Trees attract thunderbolts", he said. He dropped us at Saidapet railway station and left with a friendly handshake. After this incident this gentleman started to stop in front of the college gate to drop students at Saidapet station in his car. He had also extended to me and my fellow classmates education loans without any collateral then.

This compassionate person was none other than late Gopalakrishnan (Ex-Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Bank). At that time, he was the Manager of Velachery Branch

I today feel that I have repaid the debt through this article in *Mambalam Times*. **M. R. Anand, email: mr.m.r.anand@gmail.com**

OBITUARY

SITA LAKSHMI

Sita Lakshmi (resident of Flat D, Nu-Tech Kumarabhavanam, 38, Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam) passed away on Aug. 6.

She was 90 and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 60 years. She was the wife of R. V. Subramanian who had retired from Tamilnadu government service. He had passed away in 2004.

She is survived by a son, daughter-in-law, two daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her family can be contacted in 9444906798.



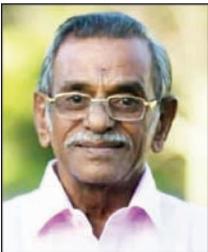
A. M. THULASIRAMAN

A. M. Thulasi Raman (resident of G Block, Kamakoti Flats, Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar) passed away on Aug. 10. He was 80.

He had retired as a painter from Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.

He is survived by his wife Vijaya, sons Aravind Kumar, Premkumar, Sathish Kumar, daughter Vasumathi Kannan and grandchildren.

His family can be contacted in 98405 40850.



Signboard collapses: bike pillion rider dies



By Our Staff Reporter

A motorist died and five others were injured after a high and heavy metal sign board of Highways Department across GST Road fell when a MTC bus (Route 70V) rammed the pillar supporting the sign board near Alandur Metro station at around 4 p.m on Aug. 7.

The sign board fell on a two-wheeler, a load van and an autorickshaw.

The injured were admitted in Royapettah Government Hospital.

The pillion rider of the 2-wheeler Shanmugasundaram (30) of Tondiarpet died the same day in the hospital.

The load van toppled and

the driver, A Sathyanarayanan suffered injuries.

Traffic was affected on the road for two hours because of the accident.

The driver of the MTC bus, Raghunathan, was arrested.

The windscreen of the bus was completely damaged in the impact. Passengers of the bus had a narrow escape.

Plants wither in vertical gardens under flyovers

By Our Staff Reporter

Plants in vertical gardens set up by Chennai Corporation under 14 flyovers at a cost of Rs. 8 crores including Moopanan flyover (Nandanam) and South and North Usman Road flyovers in 2019-20 are wilting and drying.

There is barely any greenery in these vertical gardens. With wilted plants and the containers that were installed for the plants dusty or empty, they are an eyesore today.

Members of the public said they did not see anyone coming for any kind of maintenance work or to water the plants for several months.

To regularly water the plants, the project included setting up of a small sewage treatment plant (STP) of 5 kilolitre capacity under each flyover but the system has stopped working under all the flyovers.

Acknowledging that some of the gardens were in poor condition, a senior Corporation official said the problem was multipronged and the civic body will soon be addressing it.



1000-year-old antique idols seized

Five ancient idols, said to be at least 1,000 years old, were among the 8 recovered from a hideout in Swamimalai in Thanjavur district by the Idol Wing CID Police on Aug. 9.

The seized idols are said to be worth several crores of rupees in the international market.

A search was conducted on Aug. 5 by an Idol Wing team on receipt of secret information that G. Masilamani was in illegal possession of several antique idols in his residence in Kodambakkam (Chennai), with an intent to traffic them abroad. The search revealed that the accused had shifted the idols to Swamimalai. On receiving information that Masilamani was in Swamimalai, a new team was formed in Kumbakonam to conduct a search in his hideout.

Exquisitely carved idols of Goddess Bogasakti Amman, weighing 200 kg, 2 idols of Buddha, in seated and standing postures, Andal and Lord Vishnu, all said to be over 1,000 year old, besides the idols of Nataraja said to be 100 years old, Goddess Sivakami and Ramana Maharshi were seized during the raid along with antiquity certificates.

K. Jayanth Murali (Director General of Police, Idol Wing CID) said only investigation could provide details of the temples from where they had been stolen.

Masilamani did not possess any valid documents to show ownership or origin of the idols. The inmates of the places had no proper explanation for having in their possession the antique idols without any formal documentation. An FIR was registered and Masilamani was taken into custody.



Shop owner held for assaulting Corporation worker

By Our Staff Reporter

A textile shop owner was arrested on Aug. 9, a day after he assaulted a Corporation worker who was removing encroachments from Pedestrian Plaza in T. Nagar.

The police identified the accused as Abdul Kareem, who owns a small textile shop near Panagal Park.

According to the police, when civic officials reached Pedestrian Plaza on Aug. 8 to remove encroachments, Kareem argued with them and attacked Kannan, a worker with Chennai Corporation's ward 133.

A civic official attached to the Kodambakkam Zone said the shop owner was under the influence of alcohol and this resulted in the altercation.

"We had been carrying out the encroachment drive on a regular basis. When our worker instructed the shop owner to remove the items that were exhibited on the Pedestrian Plaza, he slapped the worker and abused him. A complaint was filed against the owner and soon an FIR was registered," the official said.

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Bank gifts audio-visual to school

By Our Staff Reporter

Bank of Baroda (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) presented Thakkar Bapa Nursery and Primary School equipment for an audio-visual station on the occasion of 75th Independence Day.

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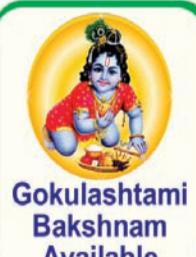
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RPF traces jewel bag left by couple in suburban train

Swift action by Railway Protection Force (RPF) helped a couple (residents of West Mambalam) get back their bag containing jewels which they had left behind in a suburban train on Aug. 7. The couple alighted from the train in Saidapet station forgetting their bag containing gold jewellery worth Rs. 5 lakhs. When they realized the mistake and informed the station master, he alerted the Railway Protection Force.

RPF officials informed their counterparts and the bag was retrieved from the train in the next station, Guindy. The bag with the jewellery was returned to the couple by the RPF in Mambalam Station.

A RPF official said the couple, Radhakrishnan and Sruthi, got into the train at Mambalam and forgot the bag while getting down at Saidapet.

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. Vijayalakshmi earlier attended a training program on millet products conducted by Tamilnadu Agriculture University Information & Training Centre. 300 gm. and 500 gm. packs are available at her residence. She can be contacted in 97907 72370.

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Mambalam Meditation Centre offers free spiritual counselling

By Our Staff Reporter

Mambalam Meditation Centre (Priams Golden Wattle, 36, Gopal Street, near Aruna Hotel, T. Nagar) offers free counselling for spiritual and other problems.

The Centre was established 20 years back by Sri Karmayogi with the mission to spread the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother among devotees.

It has appealed to devotees to offer prayers to the Divine Mother at the centre to alleviate their problems.

The Centre is open daily from 8 a.m to 7.30 p.m. Collective meditation is held from 10 a.m to 10.30 a.m on Sundays.

Prosperity Day is celebrated on the 1st of every month.

Balcony Darshan is held on Jan. 1, Feb. 21, April 24, Aug. 15, Nov. 17, Nov. 24 and Dec. 5.

For more details, contact the Center in 2434 7191.

Mini buses to be run from five more metro stations

By Our Staff Reporter

Two minibuses each will be operated from Government Estate, Guindy, Little Mount, Shenoy Nagar and Chennai Airport metro stations.

Route No. S99 will connect Shenoy Nagar with T. Nagar bus terminus via Aminjikarai, Mehta Nagar, Loyola College and North Usman Road.

Senior Citizen Entrepreneur Award for couple

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu Brahmin Association, T.Nagar, recently presented Best Active Senior Citizen Entrepreneur Award to R.B. Balasubramaniam and his wife B.Nalini (Founders of VVPS Variety Tea Junction, 17, Thiurmoorthy Street, T.Nagar) for offering unique dishes in their outlet, offering marriage services and actively participating in social service.



The award was presented by Lakshmi Ragukumar (President, Tamilnadu Brahmin Association). Lalitha Chandrasekar (Secretary) and Padmini Sundarajan were present. Balasubramaniam has donated blood 65 times.

The couple can be contacted in 86430 45439.

Sankara Nethralaya gold medal for Vasumathy



By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya 12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar) was awarded Dr. Badrinath Sankara Nethralaya gold medal at the Tamilnadu state conference in Coimbatore on Aug. 5.

Dr. Ramakrishnan (President of Tamilnadu Ophthalmic Association) and Dr. Lalit

Verma (President of All India Ophthalmic Society) presented the medal and citation.

Dr. Ramani (Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Foundation), Dr. Mohan Rajan (Past president, TNOA) and others were present.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham has been doing work in the field of vitreoretinal disorders for 20 years especially in blind-

ing disorders affecting the aged, preterm babies and diabetics.

She also performs complicated vitreoretinal surgeries for retinal detachment, vitreous hemorrhage, foreign body in the eye, trauma, globe rupture and infections in the eye.

She can be contacted in 2433 2229, 2431 1550, 94454 38681 and www.radhatrinethralaya.com

Bicycles presented to students

J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA) presented bicycles under the State Government scheme to 110 Std. 12 students of Guntur Subbaiah Pillai Girls Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar) on Aug. 12.



Government scheme to 110 Std. 12 students of Guntur Subbaiah Pillai Girls Higher Secondary School (T. Nagar) on Aug. 12.

Corporation to double on-street parking space

Chennai Corporation is working on a plan to increase the number of on-street parking slots by more than 100%.

According to Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi, 88 new locations to create 12,000 parking slots have been identified.

At present, 44 parking lots have been created on Sardar Patel Road in Adyar, Industrial Estate Road in Ambattur, 2nd Avenue in Anna Nagar, 3rd Avenue in Ashok Nagar, 6th Avenue in Besant Nagar, Wallajah Salai in Triplicane, G.N. Chetty Road in T. Nagar, K.N.K. Road in Nungambakkam and Second Line Beach Road. Officials said licence inspectors will oversee the operations in parking lots in each of the 200 wards in the city.

Daily revenue collection and parking occupancy was being updated in a separate dashboard which has been brought under the purview of the Integrated Command and Control Centre in Ripon Buildings. "Following initiatives to improve parking lots, the daily collection has increased from Rs.80,000 to Rs. 1.2 lakh," an official said.

Janmashtami celebrations in ISKCON temple on Friday

Sri Krishna Janmashtami will be celebrated in Radha Krishna Temple in Akkarai, Sholinganallur (off ECR) on Friday, Aug. 19. The occasion will also mark the 125th anniversary of ISKCON founder A.C. Bhakti vedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Devotees can have darshan throughout the day from 8.30a.m on Aug. 19.

There will be bhajans and kirtans. Archana can be offered from 9a.m to 10p.m. Devotees will also be able to rock the cradle of Balagopala.

Abhishekam will commence at 10.30 p.m. Arati will be performed at midnight marking the appearance of Lord Krishna 5000 years ago.

Celebrations are expected to

be grand this year as the temple is opening to the public for this festival after two years of pandemic lockdown. Anticipating a large number of visitors, arrangements have been made for smooth darshan.

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Tasmac shops to remain closed on Aug. 15

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If there is a violation of the directive, appropriate action will be taken, a Collector's notification stated.

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Velammal students win medals in Chess Olympiad

By Our Staff Reporter

Indian players finished with nine medals in the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 which concluded in Mamallapuram, on Aug. 9.

The highlight was the first-ever bronze for India in the women's section.

The team comprised Koneru Humpy, R. Vaishali (student of Velammal School), Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkarni.

In the Open section, India B team of D.Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa (students of Velammal School), Nihal Sarin and Raunak Sadhwani won the country's second bronze medal after beating Germany 3-1.

In the Individual section, D.Gukesh and Nihal Sarin won gold medals on the men's board 1 and board 2 respectively, while Arjun Erigaisi bagged the silver medal on board 3.

Praggnanandhaa (men's board 3), R. Vaishali (women's board 3), Tania Sachdev (women's board 3) and Divya Deshmukh (women's reserve board) claimed individual bronze medals.

India also won the prestigious Gaprindashvili Cup for their overall performance.



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