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'இன்னிக்குப் பிறந்த நாள். கோவிலுக்குப் போய் அர்ச்சனை பண்ணிட்டு வாங்க' என்றான் பூமா.

'போன மாசம்தானே உனக்குப் பிறந்த நாள் வந்தது? அதுக்குள்ளே இன்னொரு பிறந்த நாள் எப்படி வரும்? பூமி புல்லட் ரயில் மாதிரி வேகமா சுத்த ஆரம்பிச்சுடுச்சா?' என்றான் முரளி.

'இன்னிக்கு என் அம்மாவுக்குப் பிறந்த நாள். என் அப்பாவுக்குக் காலிலே கட்டி வந்திருக்கு. நடக்க முடியாது. அம்மா இருட்டுலே கோவிலுக்குப் போக மாட்டாங்க. அதனால் நீங்க கோவிலுக்குப் போய் தாயார் சன்னிதியிலே அர்ச்சனை பண்ணிட்டு வந்துடுங்க. விசாகம் நட்சத்திரம்.'

நட்சத்திரத்தை சொன்னவன் அம்மாவின் பெயரை சொல்ல வில்லையே? மாமியாரை பேசா என்று செல்லமாக அனைவரும் கூப்பிடுவார்கள். பேசாவின் முழுப்பெயர் இப்போது சட்டென நினைவுக்கு வரவில்லை. சமாளிக்க முடிவு செய்தான்.

'சரி, விசாக நட்சத்திரத்துக்கு அர்ச்சனை பண்ணிட்டுறேன்.'

'ஊர்லே ஆயிரம் விசாகம் இருக்கும். அம்மா பெயரை சொல்ல னும்.'

'பூமா, உங்க அம்மாவின் பர்த் சர்டிபிகேட்ஸ் என்ன போட்டிருக்கு?'

'ஆலந்தூர் நகராட்சிக்கு போட்டிருக்கு.'

'ஆலந்தூருக்குப் போய் யாராவது அர்ச்சனை பண்ணுவாங்களா? பர்த் சர்டிபிகேட்டைக் காட்டேன்.'

'எதுக்கு?'

'பர்த் சர்டிபிகேட்டைத் தாயார் பாத்ததுலே வைச்சு அர்ச்சனை பண்ணேன். விசாக நட்சத்திரத்துக்கு அப்படி செஞ்சா ரொம்ப விசேஷ மாம்.'

'சும்மா கலாட்டா பண்ணிக்கிட்டு நிக்க வேணாம். அர்ச்சனை பண்ணிட்டுத் தேங்காய் மூடியோடு வாங்க. தேங்காய் மூடி வந்தால்தான் ராத்திரிக்கு உங்களுக்கு சட்னி.'

கோவில் வாசலில் இருந்த அர்ச்சனைத் தட்டுக் கடைக்குப் போனான் முரளி.



'நல்ல தேங்காயா வையுங்க. இதிலே சட்னி நல்லா வரும் இல்லே?' ஒண்ணு செய்யுங்க. நீங்க எதிர்ல இருக்கிற ஹோட்டலிலே போய் கெட்டி சட்னியாவே வாங்கி அர்ச்சனைத் தட்டுலே வைச்சுடுங்க' என்றான் கடைக்காரர்.

தட்டில் வைத்திருந்த வாழைப் பழங்கள் பச்சை மிளகாய் சைஸுக்கு இருந்தன. தோலை உரித்தால் உள்ளே அலுமினியம் எலக்ட்ரிகல் ஓயர் மாதிரி மெலிதாக ஏதோ இருக்கும் என்று தோன்றியது.

அர்ச்சனை டிக்கெட் வாங்கும் இடத்தில் பெரிய வரிசை. முரளிக்கு முன்னால் பெரிய முதுகோடு ஒருவர் நின்று கொண்டிருந்தார். கால் மணி நேரம் ஆனதும் பெரிய முதுகின் முறை வந்தது.

'ஒரு அர்ச்சனை டிக்கெட்'. பத்து ரூபாயை கவுண்டரில் நீட்டினார் அவர்.

'அஞ்ச ரூபா சில்லரையா கொடுங்க லார்' என்றார் கடுப்புடன் கவுண்டர் ஆசாமி.

'சில்லரை இல்லையே?'

'அப்போ நகர்ந்து அடுத்த ஆளுக்கு வழி விடுங்க.'

பெரிய முதுகு முரளியின் பக்கம் திரும்பினார்.

'லார், உங்களுக்கும் சேர்த்து நானே டிக்கெட் வாங்கிட்டுமா?'

'ஆஹா, பேஷா வாங்கிடுங்க. உங்களுக்குப் பெரிய மனசு.'

வரிசையிலிருந்து வெளியே வந்தார்கள். பெரிய முதுகின் கையில்

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'அஞ்ச ரூபா கொடுங்க. டிக்கெட் தரேன்' என்றார் அவர்.

'என்கிட்டேயும் அஞ்ச ரூபா இல்லையே?'

'எங்கிருந்தாவது வாங்கிட்டு வாங்க. அதுவரைக்கும் டிக்கெட் என்கிட்டேயே இருக்கட்டும்.'

'நான் அர்ஜென்டா அர்ச்சனை செய்யணும். லேட் ஆனா மாமியாருக்குப் பிறந்த நாளே போயிடும்.'

'சரி, நீங்க முன்னாலே போய் அர்ச்சனை தரிசன வரிசையிலே

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'பிரகாரம் அப்பறம் சுத்தலாமே?'

'நான் பத்து வருஷமா இப்படித்தான் செய்யறேன். முதல்ல

பிரகாரம்.'

'நல்ல வேளை, முதல்ல பிரசாதம்னு சொல்லாம இருந்தீங்களே!'

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'யாருக்கு அர்ச்சனை செய்யணும்?'

'மாமியாருக்கு.'

'இங்கே மாமியார் இல்லை. தாயார் தான் இருக்காங்க. பெயரை

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'சகலை குடும்பத்துக்கு இல்லை. என் குடும்பத்துக்குத் தான்

செய்யணும்.'

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'அர்ச்சனை சீட்டு எங்கே?'

'பிரகாரத்துல சுத்திக்கிட்டிருக்கு.'

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'இந்தாங்க உங்க அர்ச்சனை சீட்டு. எனக்கும் சேர்த்து அர்ச்சகர்

தட்டுலே காசு போட்டுடுங்க' என்றார்.

'யார் பெயருக்கு அர்ச்சனை பண்ணணும்?' என்று பெரிய

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## Damaged EB junction boxes dumped on Habibullah Road



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of damaged EB junction boxes in rusted condition have been dumped on the margin of Habibullah Road (near Prakasam Street junction, T. Nagar).

They are causing hindrance to motorists and pedestrians.

The sharp edges of the junction boxes pose a risk of injury to unwary passersby at night due to poor visibility.

## Roads dug up for Metro, drainwork trouble motorists

Ongoing construction for Chennai Metro and storm water drains in several parts of the city has been troubling commuters and residents. Though the drains are being built at a fast rate ahead of the northeast monsoon, the traffic congestion owing to the construction work is affecting officegoers and others.

A resident of K.K. Nagar, who travels to multiple places due to his profession, is troubled by the shoddy road condition. "I travel across several areas and at many locations, the works lead to traffic pile-ups. The vehicles move at snail's pace. At many places, milling work is also being done on roads and pavements, causing further congestion," he said.

Stretches of Munusamy Salai (K.K. Nagar), Anna Main Road, MGR Nagar, areas around Kasi Theatre, Rameswaram Road in T. Nagar, Arcot Road witness traffic congestion.

With northeast monsoon also set to arrive sooner, commuters want the government to wrap up the work soon.

## Low response for mega vaccination drive

The 37th mega vaccination drive was organised at 50,000 locations across the State on Sept. 18.

Health Minister Ma Subramanian inspected the drive in T. Nagar.

The vaccination drive saw a low response despite numerous awareness drives by the health department to promote the vaccination against Covid.

An official said that 96 percent of people above the age of 18 have been vaccinated with the first dose of Covid in the state and 91.10 percent have received both the doses.

So far, 5.34 crore doses of vaccine have been administered at the 36 mega vaccination camps.

The precautionary booster dose vaccination remains low as only about 19 percent of the target beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the State.

## Swiggy delivery partners protest against new rules

Opposing the new regulations laid out by the online food delivery platform

Swiggy, its delivery agents staged protests in the city including in T. Nagar on Sept. 19.

The firm is said to have cancelled the weekly incentives and also increased the working hours for the agents.

"The weekly incentive of Rs. 900 for a part-time delivery agent and Rs. 1,200 for a full-time delivery agent has been scrapped, as per the new rules," said an agent.

Additionally, agents said that the new rules mandate a minimum of 60 food

delivery orders a week for part-time agents to earn Rs. 3,000 and 180 orders for full-time agents to earn Rs. 13,500 a week.

The agent said, "if I have to achieve 180 orders in a week, I have to take 26 orders a day, which accounts to working 18 hours riding more than 200 km per day."

Swiggy earlier paid Rs. 250 + 125 incentive for part-time agents and Rs. 475 + 250 incentive for full-time agents per day which, agents claim, is achievable within 10-15 orders.

**Special darshan in Annai Arul Maiyam on Saturday**

By Our Staff Reporter

Devotees can have balcony darshan of the Mother at 6.30 a.m on Saturday, Oct.1 in Sri Aravindar Annai Arul Maiyam (9, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam, near SBI Bank) as part of Prosperity Day celebrations.

There will be special speech at 6 p.m on 'Divine Mother' and pushpanjali prayer on full moon day.

All are welcome.

Those who are interested in visiting Matir Mandir in Auroville in Pondy cherry may register their names.

More details can be had in 9841425456.

**Book on Modi released**



By Our Staff Reporter

'Sarva Desathin Uyarantha Thalaivar Modi', a book authored by Poet Madhura-kaviyar and published by Vigneshwara Event Management Company (74/44, Gana-

pathy Street, West Mambalam), was released recently by Karu. Nagarajan (BJP State Vice President).

Karate Thyagarajan (former Mayor of Chennai), V. Kalidoss (BJP South Chennai District President) and Nachikulam L. Saravanan (Managing Director, Vigneshwara Event Management Company) were present.

**Drawing, painting contests for students**

By Our Staff Reporter

Rotary Club of Chennai Prestige and Shri Shankaralal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women (Madley Road, T. Nagar) have jointly organised drawing and painting contests for school and college students at 9.30 a.m on Sunday, Oct.2 in the college's premises as part of Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations.

LKG students can participate in the competition. There is no entry fee and prior registration is must.

The topics and themes for the contests will be categorized age-wise.

The top three winners in each category will get attractive prizes.

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For registration, whats app full details including name, age, school/college, class and contact number to 98415 90399, 76677 56677 or 98414 75566

The 144-page book in Tamil is about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's achievements in poetic form and priced at Rs.160.

More details can be had in 97103 88855/99.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Sewage water overflow



Sir, Sewage water overflowing from a sewer chamber has been collecting in the service lane of Duraiswamy Subway, in front of Ramakrishna Mutt School, near Canara Bank for several days.

The putrid smell is unbearable and the contaminated water is a major health hazard for the students, passersby and nearby residents. It has also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. **Indira Viswanathan, West Mambalam, 99400 69042**

## Young musicians present devotional concert



*By Our Staff Reporter*

M. Ashwath Narayanan and M. Anirudh Narayanan (both 8 years) and 6-year-old V. Aradhya presented a devotional concert in Madras Kali Bari Temple on Sept. 19 as part of Navarathri utsav. It was their debut concert.

They are disciples of R. Madhumitha. They were accompanied by 12-year-old S. Pranav on the mridangam.

Pranav is a disciple of Poongulam Ramakrishnan Iyer (Founder, Poongulam School of Layam).

## Wins in Vovinam contest

Mugil Balan (Std. 6 student in Velammal Main School, Mogappair) won the bronze medal in the 11th National Vovinam Championship-22 in the sub-junior category organised jointly by World Vovinam Federation and Asian Vovinam Federation in CT Group of Institutions (Shahpur, Punjab).

Vovinam is a martial arts form that originated in Vietnam.



## Seminar on 'Ancient Indian Medical Systems'

*By Our Staff Reporter*

C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Institute of Indological Research has organised a 1-day seminar on 'Ancient Indian Medical Systems' at 10.30 a.m on Saturday, Oct. 8 in C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation (1, Eldams Road, Alwarpet).

The seminar will highlight the role and contributions of indigenous and alternative healthcare under traditional Indian systems like Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy and Siddha.

Dr. S. Manickam (Associate Professor, Chettinaad Hospital) will speak on Ayurveda, M. Jayaraman (Text Research, Indica Yoga) on Yoga Sutras, S. Bharat Narendra (Bharat Clinic) on Brhat Trayee, Dr. N. Shunmugam (SRMV College) on Vethasathhi Maruthuvam and Dr. G. Sivaraman on diet and functional food in Siddha tradition.

Well qualified and experienced persons in their respective fields will share their knowledge of the subjects. There is no entrance fee, but prior registration is compulsory.

For more details and registration, call 4852 9990 or 98402 68158.

## Road near sewer chamber caves in



*By Our Staff Reporter*

A crater was formed after the road caved in next to the underground sewer chamber opposite 110, South West Boag Road, T. Nagar.

Corporation workers have temporarily filled the crater with debris and placed barricades around it to caution road users.

## Cultural events from today evening in Kasi Viswanathar Temple

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Iraipani Mandram and Uzhavarapani Mandram (Sampangi Street, West Mambalam) have jointly organised cultural programs at 6.30 p.m daily from Sunday, Sept. 25 to Monday, Oct. 3 in Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) as part of Navarathri celebrations.

There will be music, dance and traditional programs.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98414 75566

## Overgrowth of bushes in vacant plot



*By Our Staff Reporter*

There is an overgrowth of bushes in the vacant plot at the junction of Periyar Road and Habibullah Road (T. Nagar).

Nearby residents told this reporter that the plot is misused by vagrants and passersby as an open urinal and toilet. They said that the ill-maintained plot is a health hazard.

## Trench filled with debris



*By Our Staff Reporter*

A trench at the junction of Brindavan Street Extension and 5th Avenue in West Mambalam, which was closed with debris by Corporation workers, has been covered with barricades to caution motorists. Residents have appealed to the Corporation to relay the road to prevent traffic congestion during peak hours.

## Beware of 'Free Gift Card' phone calls

Fraudsters have come up with a new method to cheat people by impersonating their senior officers and demanding gift cards worth thousands of rupees.

The value of these gift cards ranges from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 and the victims include even senior police officers.

Termed 'boss scam', it first came to light in Chennai in July when a fraudster attempted to swindle corporation zonal officers of Ambattur, Kodambakkam, Adyar, and Sholinganallur by sending them a message seeking Amazon gift cards from a WhatsApp number that had Mayor R. Priya's photo as the display picture. The scammer told the officers that she was in an important meeting and unable to buy the cards herself. The officers were told they would be reimbursed soon. Sensing something amiss, the officers checked with the mayor's office and discovered that no such message had been sent. The city police are investigating the matter and recently issued a statement cautioning the public, government employees in particular, to not fall for such messages from unknown sources. A senior official of the cyber-crime wing said that six such cases had so far been registered in the city and that the maximum amount lost was Rs. 50,000. In August, the officer said, a scammer, pretending to be a serving IAS Officer, contacted a medical officer and demanded Amazon gift cards worth Rs. 50,000. The medical officer bought the card and sent it to the scammer. Only after contacting the IAS Officer did he find out that it had been a scam.

"Identities of almost all district collectors have been used by the fraudsters. They are now targeting other IAS, IPS and railway officers. The main reason is that the contact numbers of some of their subordinates are available on government websites." The scammers also explain to victims how to buy these cards. Victims can contact 1122 or 100 if they suspect they have been scammed or lodge complaints on Kaval Udhavi app.

## Migrant worker held for molesting minor girls

Mambalam police on Sept. 19 arrested a 23-year-old migrant labourer for the alleged abuse of two minor girls. He was booked under the sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Pocso). Police said the girls are aged 11 and 7 years old and are sisters. They are studying in a private school in the city.

On the evening of Sept. 19, their mother had taken them to a park near their house.

According to investigation, when the girls were playing in the park, the accused took them to a corner and allegedly misbehaved with them. The girls ran away from him and complained to their mother. When she raised an alarm, members of the public gathered and thrashed him before handing him over to the police.

Based on the complaint, an all-woman police station registered a case and arrested him. He was produced before a magistrate and remanded to judicial custody.

## Ashok Nagar resident wins TT tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

C. N. Sridhar (resident of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar) won the Open and Masters events and the overall championship title in the Amrutanjan Table Tennis Intra Club Tournament conducted in Madras Gymkhana Club on Sept. 18.

He defeated Sidharath Sahi in the finals in both the Open and Masters events 8-11, 12-10, 11-6, 11-5 and 11-7, 11-4, 11-8 respectively.

Sridhar's contact number is 90030 25867.

## Shivprasadh to present his new play திருமுருக அருட்படை today

Under the auspices of Kartik Fine Arts, S. Shivprasadh (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will present his new Tamil play திருமுருக அருட்படை under his banner Nataka Kavalar Chemal R.S. Manohar's NXGS at 6.45 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 25 in Narada Gana Sabha (TTK Road, Parthasarathipuram, Teynampet). The play has been written by K.P. Arivanadham.



His daughter S. Sruuthi enacts the role of Lord Muruga.

The play touches on the well-known saying 'Thamizhey Murugan - Muruganey Thamizh' to show how Lord Muruga blessed Tamil poets.

The play depicts instances where Lord Murugahad blessed in person the four poets, Nakeerar in Thiruparakundram, Avviyar in Pazhamudhircholai, Pagazhikoothar in Seyndhoor Murugar Temple and Poyyamozi Pullavar.

Tickets can be purchased at the venue.

For more details, call 2834 4876 or 73586 96613.

## Centre to accommodate children with cancer, families

By Our Staff Reporter

National Society for Childhood Cancer (CanKids) (GRN Sarvesh, 98/5, South Boag Road, T. Nagar) launched 'Samanvay Kendra', a 'State Care Coordination Centre and Home Away from Home' in association with HDFC Life, Data Patterns and Access Health Care on Sept. 17.

'Samanvay Kendra' is a facility to enable cancer affected children and their families to stay at a place where they can continue treatment. The home will provide holistic services during treatment.

Health and Family Welfare



Department Minister M. Subramaniam inaugurated the

'Samanvay Kendra', which

can accommodate 24 families, will help many families, mostly from the southern states, seeking refuge in the city for getting treatment for their children.

'Samanvay Kendra' is equipped with many facilities like patient navigation facility, psychological and nutrition counselling, nutritional support, educational support (formal and non-formal) and physiotherapy

CanKids is partnering with 16 child cancer treating hospitals in Tamilnadu and has facilitated an expert panel of pediatric oncologists and surgeons to help build capacity and strengthen hospital and institutions at all levels.

## MP inspects storm water drain work

By Our Staff Reporter

Thamizhachi Thangapandian (South Chennai MP) inspected storm water drain work in divisions 131, 134, 135 and 141 on Sept. 21.

She also listened to grievances aired by residents.

She was accompanied by J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA), Uma Anandan (Councillor, Ward 134) and officials.



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## Damaged car on



By Our Staff Reporter

A damaged Tata Nano car (TN01/AL0711) has remained parked on the road margin at the junction of Habibullah Road and Periyar Road in T. Nagar for several weeks.

Nearby residents have appealed to the traffic police to remove the car from the spot.

## Tree branches dumped under transformer



By Our Staff Reporter

Dry tree branches have been dumped under the EB transformer at the junction of Rajagopalan Street and Srinivasa Street in West Mambalam.

## Corporation begins pruning trees ahead of monsoon

By Our Staff Reporter

One of the measures taken by Chennai Corporation in preparation for the Northeast monsoon is the pruning of roadside trees, particularly at locations where stormwater drain work is being done.

As on Sept. 15, 14,130 roadside trees and 1,636 trees near storm water drains have been pruned in all 15 zones.

Pruning is being done particularly to avoid accidents as heavy trees tend to fall in inclement weather.

Nungambakkam, Anna Nagar and Kodambakkam have been identified as areas with the maximum tree cover and having the oldest trees. A horticulturist determines the extent of the pruning required to avoid unnecessary damage to the tree. While the lower branches can be pruned manually, a hydraulic tree pruner is needed for those at higher levels.

For complains regarding trees, call 1913.

## Corporation to relay/improve 400 city roads

Amid complaints of dug up and battered roads in many parts of the city, Chennai Corporation is looking to relay or improve 38 arterial roads and expedite relaying of roads that were dug up recently by Metrowater and TNEB.

The civic body took into consideration about 2,000 roads, both arterial and interior, of which 400 have been selected for the first phase of work, and renovation is to be carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 200 crores.

"The remaining 1,600 roads are under scrutiny and work will be taken up later. The roads were chosen based on priority usage, need for urgent attention, long-pending need, and public demand," a Corporation official said.

The civic body had earlier taken up work on 1,654 bus route roads, and most of it has been completed.

It also proposes to repair/relay 3,296 interior roads, including those in Kodambakkam and Teynampet zones.

## New fire station under construction



By Our Staff Reporter

The building for a new fire station is under construction on G.N. Chetty Road, at its junction with Bashyam Road (T. Nagar, behind R4 Soundrapandiyana Angadi Police Station).

## Desilting of canals to get over by next week

By Our Staff Reporter

Desilting of canals in areas identified as flood-prone will be completed in a week.

So far, Chennai Corporation has completed clearing silt from seven of the 11 culverts of Mambalam Canal.

T. Nagar and other areas were flooded last monsoon after Mambalam Canal

started overflowing. Along the Mambalam Canal, the civic body has cleared the culverts at G.N. Chetty Road, Vijayaraghava Road, Thyagaraya Road, Venkatanarayana Road, Mooparappan Street, CIT Nagar Fourth Main Road and CIT Nagar North Road.

Desilting of culverts along South Usman Road, Anna Salai, Golf Ground, and YMCA Ground will be completed shortly.



## Trees being cut at night to avoid protest by locals

Despite repeated appeals from residents, the corporation continues to axe 100-year-old trees to facilitate stormwater drain work in KK Nagar. Since residents have been opposing it, the officials are now carrying out the work at night, allege residents.

After the KK Nagar incident in July, when a tree near an under-construction storm water drain fell on a car and killed a woman, the corporation has started pruning trees in the area. In the process, they also felled numerous trees, some more

than 100 years old.

Residents said earlier branches would be cut on the first day, the whole tree the next day and the debris cleared. Within 24 hours, there would be no sign of the tree. However, as residents started opposing this, trees are now being cut after 11 p.m., they allege.

"Ramaswamy Salai, Munuswamy Salai and Lakshmanaswamy Salai are among the areas that lost most of their green cover," said a resident.

The older trees that have been chopped include rain-

trees, neem trees, Poovarasan trees, Bodhi trees, monkey pod, copper pod and Lanneacoromandelic, which can sprout new leaves and start growing even if just two feet of the main trunk is left and if the roots are not uprooted or damaged. According to experts, a fully-grown tree of these species gives at least 110 kg of oxygen every year.

When contacted, a corporation official said only weak trees are being felled, and branches of big trees are being cut.

## Thirukural contest for students

Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam, the literary wing of Shriram group, is organising Thirukural Elocution & Drawing Contest 2022, the annual state-level competition for school and college students from Oct. 15 to Nov. 27 in 12 centres in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

A press release said that the Chennai zone competitions will be conducted in Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women, T Nagar on Oct. 15 and in Velammal Matric Hr. Sec. School, Mogappair on Oct. 16.

Interested persons can collect the application forms from the nearest Shriram Chits branch or from Shriram Chits, # 145, Santhome High Road, Mylapore. (Ph: 4021 4100) or download from www.shriramchits.com.

The last date for submitting applications is Oct. 10.

## Metrowater depots reorganised

By Our Staff Reporter

Tackling water and sewage related issues will become easier as the Metrowater Board has decided to reorganise jurisdiction of its depot offices based on the boundaries of Chennai Corporation wards.

A press release said that delimitation commission was formed in 2011 and, based on the recommendations of the commission, the boundaries of Chennai Corporation wards were reorganised.

The details of the delimitation have been published in government gazette in 2018.

"Based on the delimitation, Metrowater also revised the boundaries of Metrowater depots and the changes will come into effect on October 1," the release said.

The release added that the delimitation of depots in line with the wards will help the public in getting services without any confusion. Also, the move will increase coordination between Chennai Corporation and Metrowater officers at the ward level.

Details of the new depots' boundaries can be seen on the website: <https://bnc.chennaietrowater.in/#/public/find-my-newward>

## 'Puratasi Mahotsavam' from Friday

Puratasi Mahotsavam' will be conducted from Friday, Oct. 7 to Sunday, Oct. 9 in Sri Srinivasa Perumal and Padmavathi Thayar Temple (Ramakrishnapuram, Thilak Street, off North Usman Road, near Vasanth & Co.).

The following is the program:

Oct. 7

5 a.m: Garudasevai  
12 noon: Annadhanam  
6 p.m: Thirukalyanam

Oct. 8

8 a.m: Thirumanjanam/maha abhishekam

2 p.m: Uriyadi  
7 p.m: Thiruveedhi ula

Oct. 9

7 a.m: Sudharsana homam  
8 a.m: Kalasabhishekam  
12.30 p.m: Samabhandhi virundhu

7 p.m: R. Guru Ayyadurai's music concert

Devotees who want to donate for annadhanam may contact temple authorities.

All are welcome.

## Free biometric screening, physiotherapy camp

By Our Staff Reporter

Aura Holistic Wellness Center (13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar) has organized a free full body biometric screening and physiotherapy camp from 10 a.m to 5 p.m from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 in its premises.

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Those who want to attend may register their names in 9176799333.

## 'Ramanama' chanting on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

There will be 'Ramanama' chanting from 5 p.m to 6.30 p.m on Tuesday,

Sept. 27 in Sri Rama Nama Bank, 2/3, Vinayagam Street, West Mambalam.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 90255 60078 and 94456 93295.

## Chandi Homam in Hindu Vidyalaya on Oct. 2

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Thamizhnadu Brahmin Association (West Mambalam), Sri Maha Chandi Homam will be performed from 6 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 2 in Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya (83/40, Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

The program will commence with Gho pooja at 6 a.m followed by Ganapathy homam, Chandipaaraayanam and Kanya and Suvasini poojas.

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**Man kills friend during drunken fight**

A 30-year-old man, who was earlier arrested on assault charges, was booked for murder after the death of his friend, whom he assaulted in a drunken fight outside a Tasmac outlet in K.K. Nagar last week.

The deceased, R. Kandan (46) is a resident of old Nesapakkam.

On Sept. 13, both of them were consuming alcohol outside a Tasmac outlet on Anna Main Road in K.K. Nagar. The victim, in a drunken state, entered into an argument with his friend, K. Moorthy, who was also drunk. Moorthy then attacked Kandan with a wooden club causing injuries on his head.

Kandan was admitted to Government Royapettah Hospital where he succumbed to the injuries on Sept. 16. Subsequently, Moorthy, who was earlier sent to jail on assault charges, was arrested on murder charges by MGR Nagar police.

**Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today**

*By Our Staff Reporter*  
Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyapranhananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 25 in the Ashram's premises.

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**Blood donation camp on Oct. 1**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Tamilnadu Photo-Videographers' Trade Union (TAP VIT Union), Samooga Vizhipunarchi Trust (CSVT) and Rajiv Gandhi General Hospital Blood Bank will jointly conduct a blood donation camp from 9 a.m to 1.30 p.m on Saturday, Oct. 1 in MR Mahal, Lake View Road, West Mambalam in connection with National Volunteer Blood Donors Day.

Those interested in donating blood may register their names. Spot registration can also be done.

Those who have donated blood more than 50 times will be honoured.

Talent search program will also be conducted for children in the 8-14 years age group. The winners will be presented gifts and certificates.

The last date for registration is on Sept. 28. For more details call 98418 11020.

**Pay water tax before Sept. 30 to avoid surcharge**

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