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## MLA inspects rain-affected areas

By Our Staff Reporter

J.Karunanidhi (T.Nagar MLA), accompanied by officials, is inspecting areas in his constituency where rain water is stagnating.

Photo was taken on Raman Street, T.Nagar on Nov.4.



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## Following flooding, Rangarajapuram subway closed on Nov. 2

By Our Staff  
Reporter

Rangarajapuram subway was closed in the morning on Nov. 2 due to the flooding caused by heavy rains at night.

After closing the subway, the police allowed vehicles on the Rangarajapuram flyover. The subway was reopened by afternoon on Nov. 3 after the water was pumped out.

Similarly, Ashok Nagar 4th, 7th and 11th avenues, and P.T. Rajan Salai were closed for traffic due to waterlogging.



## Monsoon begins with a heavy spell

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai has been experiencing heavy rainfall since Oct. 31, resulting in waterlogging in several parts of the city, and disruption of vehicular movement.

There was record rainfall on Nov.1. The Regional Meteorological Centre(RMC) recorded 8 cm in the 24 hours ended 8.30 a.m on Nov. 2 in Nungambakkam station which is the third highest in 72 years.

Officials at the RMC said Perambur and Chennai Collectorate received 17 cm of rainfall each in the 24-hour period.

Among other areas in the city, Sholinganallur, Cheyyur, MGR Nagar and Ayanavaram recorded 13 cm of rainfall each.

The heavy downpour led to a rapid rise in water levels in the reservoirs, leading to release of 100 cusecs from Puzhal and Chembarambakkam lakes.

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### ஜோக் மாமா

மணியனுக்கு தூரத்து மாமா உறவு முறை ஆக வேண்டும் மைல்சாமி.

இந்த மைல்சாமி அநியாயத்துக்கு ஜோக் அடிப்பார். அது ஒரு அரசாங்க வெள்ளை அறிக்கை போலிருக்கும். யாருக்கும் சிரிப்பை வரவழைக்காது. ஆனால் உலகமே அதைக் கேட்டு சிரிப்பதுபோல உதார் விடுவார் அவர். தன் பெயரை ஸ்மைல் சாமி என்று அவரே கூப்பிட்டுக் கொள்வார்.

அந்த மைல்சாமிதான் இப்போது மணியனுக்கு ஃபோன் செய்தார். அப்போது மணியன் போண்டா சாப்பிட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தான்.

'ஸ்மைல்சாமி ஹியர்' என்றார்.

'சமாச்சாரத்தை சொல்லுங்க' என்றான் மணியன். அடுத்த போண்டாவை வாயில் திணித்தபடி.

'நான் இப்போ வேலையிலேயிருந்து ரிடையர் ஆகிட்டேன் தெரியுமா?'

'தெரியாது.'

'எப்படித் தெரியும்? நான் என்ன கிரிக்கெட் ப்ளேயரா. ரிடையர் ஆனா நியூஸ்ல சொல்றதுக்கு? நானாத்தான் சொல்லணும்.' கூறிவிட்டு பலமாக சிரித்தார் அவர்.

போண்டாவை ஓவராகத் திணித்ததில் மணியனுக்குத் தொண்டையில் புரை ஏறி 'கக்கக்' என்றான்.

'ஓ... ஜோக் கேட்டு புரை ஏறிடுச்சா?' என்றார் மைல்சாமி.

'இல்லை... போ... போ...' என்று போண்டாவை முழுங்கினான் மணியன்.

'ரிடையர் ஆனதுலே யிருந்து நான் நீர் அடிச்சி கிட்டே இருக்கேன். அடுத்த வாரம்கூட ஒருத்தர் வீட்டுக்குப் போறேன். யார் வீட்டுன்னு நீ கேக்கலியே?'

'நான் ஏன் கேக்கணும்?'

'ஒரு க்ளூ தரேன். அவன் இப்போதான் போண்டா சாப்பிட்டான். ஹா... ஹா...'

அந்த ஹா... ஹா... ஹாரர் சிரிப்பைக் கேட்டு நடுங்கினான் மணியன்.

'என்ன சொல்ல வருகிறார் இவர்? தன் வீட்டுக்குப் வரப் போகிறாரா? அட கடவுளே!'

'என்ன? அப்படியே சந்தோஷத்தில் உறைஞ்சு போய் நிக்கிறே? ஒவ்வொரு சொந்தக் காரங்களும் என் வீட்டுக்கு வாங்க. வந்து ஜோக் சொல்லுங்கன்னு என்கிட்டே கெஞ்சறாங்க. யூ ஆர் லக்கி. அதனாலதான் உன் வீட்டுக்கு வரேன்.'

'ஓய்கிப் பதிகிட்டே பேசிட்டு சொல்றேனே.'

'நானே அவகிட்டே பேசிட்டுறேனே. லதாவை என்கிட்டே தா'. மறுபடியும் பலமாக சிரித்தார்.

'வேணாம், லதா ஒரு மாதிரி.'

'சரி விடு. ஆமா உனக்கு ஒரு குழந்தை இருக்குதில்லே.'

'ஆமாம், முணு வயசுல பெண் குழந்தை இருக்கு.'

'உனக்கு ரெண்டு பெண்ணா?'

'இல்லையே!'

'பின்னே போன வருஷம் ரெண்டு வயசுல ஒரு பெண்ணு இருக்கிறதா சொன்னே?' இப்போது மிகவும் பலமாக சிரித்தார் அவர்.

'உன்னுடைய பெண் குழந்தைக்கு ஒரு கவுன் வாங்கிண்டு வரலாமனு இருக்கேன்.'

'கவுனா?'

'பின்னே பெண் குழந்தைக்கு வேட்டியா வாங்கிண்டு வருவாங்க? உன் பெண்ணுக்கு ஒரு கவுன் வாங்கிண்டு வந்து அதை அவளுக்குப் போட்டுவிட்டு நாம எல்லாரும் கபாலீஸ்வரர் கோவிலுக்குப் போறோம்.'

அடுத்த வாரம் சொன்னபடியே மைல்சாமியும், அவர் மனைவி சகுணாவும் வந்துவிட்டார்கள்.

'உன் பெண்ணுக்கு சொன்ன மாதிரியே கவுன் வாங்கிண்டு வந்துட்டேன்' என்றார்.

'மணியனுக்கு பனியன் வாங்கிண்டு வரலாமனு பார்த்தேன். சைஸ் தெரியலே'. அவர் மட்டும் இந்த ஜோக்குக்கு சிரித்தார்.

லதா பரிதாபமாக நின்றாள்.

'நான் போன வாரம் ஒரு ஃபோர் வீலர் வாங்கினேன். ஆறாயிரம் ரூபாய் ஆச்சு' என்றார் மைல்சாமி.

'ஆறாயிரம் ரூபாய்க்கு ஃபோர் வீலரா?'

'ஆமா, நாலு சக்கரம் வைச்சு பெட்டி. இதோ பாரு.' சோபாவில் விழுந்து சிரித்தார் அவர். பிறகு சிரித்துக் கொண்டே 'ஜோக் ஜோரா இருக்குதில்லே' என்றார்.

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மதியம் மணியன் காதில் சொன்னாள் லதா.

'புது கவுனை நம்ம பெண்ணுக்குப் போட்டுவிட்டுக் கபாலீஸ்வரர் கோவிலுக்குப் போகணும்னு சொல்லியிருக்காரு. இன்னைக்கு ஈவினிங் கோவிலுக்குப் போயிட்டு வந்து நாளைக்கு அவரைத் தூர்த்தி விட்டுடலாம்.'

மாலை தான் வாங்கி வந்த கவுனைக் குழந்தைக்குப் போட்டு விட்டார் மைல்சாமி. கவுன் பெரிதாக இருந்தது.

'கவுன் கொஞ்சம் பெருசா இருக்கே?' என்றார் மைல்சாமி.

'பரவாயில்லே, ஆறு மாசம் பெட்டியிலே வைச்சிருந்து போடலாம்' என்றாள் லதா.

'உன் பெண்ணை ஆறு மாசம் பெட்டியிலே வைச்சிருக்கப் போறியா? தப்பில்லையா?' என்றார் மைல்சாமி.

வேண்டா வெறுப்பாக சிரித்தாள் லதா.

'இப்படி ஓவர் சைஸோட கவுன் போட்டுக்கிட்டு உங்க பெண்ணைக் கோவிலுக்குப் கூட்டிப் போறது எனக்குப் பிடிக்கலே. தெய்வக் குத்தம் ஆயிடும்' என்றார் மைல்சாமி.

'அதுவும் கரெக்ட்தான். நீங்க கவுனை எடுத்துக்கிட்டுத் திரும்ப ஊருக்கே போயிடுங்க' என்றாள் லதா.

'நோ... நோ... குழந்தைக்குப் புது கவுனோட வரோமனு நாங்க கற்பகாம்பாளுக்கு வாக்குக் கொடுத்துட்டோம். அதனால் ஆறு மாசம் இங்கேயே இருந்து குழந்தைக்கு கவுன் கரெக்ட் ஃபிட்டிங் வந்தவுடனே கோவிலுக்குப் போயிடலாம். உங்களுக்கு ஜாஸ்தி தான். அது வரைக்கும் உங்களுக்கு என் ஜோக் மழைதான்.'

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### Three held for snatching chains

By Our Staff Reporter

The Vadapalani Police on Nov. 3 arrested three persons, including a woman on charges of chain snatching.

According to police, Balasubramanian (resident of Mogappair East) and his wife were shopping near Vadapalani Temple on Aug. 30. While they were walking towards their car, two persons on a bike stopped them under the pretext of asking them the time. They then snatched the chain from the woman and fled the spot.

Vadapalani police took up investigation and traced the accused, identified as Raja (28) of Kodambakkam and his associates Theja (26) of Ashok Nagar and Nishanthi (resident of Teynampet).

Raja and Theja were arrested from Nishanthi's house. Her job in the team was to sell the stolen jewellery.

There are more than 20 cases pending against Raja and Nishanthi in Teynampet and Mambalam police stations.

### 7 held for assaulting shop assistant

The Mambalam police on Oct. 3 arrested seven persons, including a woman, on charges of assaulting a person working in a footwear shop in T. Nagar. The police are looking for two more persons involved in the crime. All the seven were produced before a judicial magistrate and sent to prison.

The police said the main accused, A. Nagaraj, along with his companion C. Sowmiya, visited a footwear shop on Usman Road.

After making the purchase, the two gave a torn currency note. A. Sahul Hameed, a worker, refused to accept the currency. Angered, the two called up their friends and assaulted the worker and fled the shop. The victim was admitted in a private hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

Based on a complaint filed by the victim, the Mambalam police took up investigation and identified nine persons involved in the assault.

The police arrested the two main accused along with the five accused, who are all from Ashok Nagar, including Mukesh alias Base Mukesh, Ajithkumar, Ranjithkumar, Rajkumar and Prabhakaran.

The police seized a knife and two two-wheelers from the arrested.

### Special monsoon medical camps in all zones

By Our Staff Reporter

In order to prevent and control the occurrence of water-borne infections such as dengue, flu, influenza, cholera, typhoid, and other ailments, the Health Department and Chennai Corporation are jointly organising monsoon mega special medical camps in all 15 zones daily from 9 a.m to 4 p.m to take precautionary measures by keeping a check on the cases of fever and cold.

Apressrelease said that proper treatment will be provided for patients with infectious diseases and Nilavembu Kashayam and ORS will be provided for all to boost immunity.

Those diagnosed with fever and other ailments in the medical camps will be advised to go to government hospitals if they require further treatment.

## Book exhibition-cum-sale till Nov. 12

By Our Staff Reporter

Lotus Multi Media (Chennai) is conducting 'Namma Ooru Puthaga Thiruvizha 2022', an exhibition-cum-sale of books till Nov.12 in Adarsh Hall, Arya Gowda Road, WestMambalam.

Publishers from all over Tamilnadu have displayed around five lakh books in Tamil and English with 50,000 titles on poetry, fiction, history, politics, society, religion etc.

10% discount is available on all books. A special discount is being offered to schools and colleges.

There will be a drawing competition for children. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m to 9 p.m. For more details, call 98845 15879/86681 34540.



## Rains damage Thambiah Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Following heavy rains on Oct. 1 and 2, a big pothole was formed on Thambiah Road (near Thiruvengadam Street, West Mambalam).

A coconut frond was placed over the pothole to caution motorists.

## Pledge against bribes



By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Jothi Madhar Sangam (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) took a pledge on Oct.31 not to give or take bribes in the fight against corruption.

## Tree roots damaged while digging of trench for drain



The roots of a decades-old avenue tree on Habibulla Road, T. Nagar were damaged when work to widen the storm water drain was being carried out. There is a risk of the tree toppling over due to the weakened roots. In July, a woman died when a tree, whose roots had got damaged when a trench was being dug, fell on her car in Ashok Nagar.

Earth dug from the trench in Habibulla Road has been dumped on the road margin. The trench is filled with rain water and no barricades have been placed to caution road users.

## Concert of old Hindi songs on Nov. 12

Satrangi (a music troupe based in Mogappair) will present a concert of old Hindi songs from 6.30 p.m to 10 p.m on Saturday, Nov. 12, in Bhavans Rajaji Vidyashram (Kilpauk).

The program, titled 'Tum Aa Gaye Ho', will feature popular duets of Kishore Kumar songs composed by R. D. Burman.

The songs will be sung by Smriti, Krithika (resident of T. Nagar) and Pramod Nair.

They will include hit songs from the movies *Ajnabee*, *Hare Rama Hare Krishna*, *Aandhi*, *Seeta Aur Geeta*, *Yaadon Ki Baaraat*, *Aap Ki Kasam*, *Khel Khel Mein* and more. For door delivery of tickets priced at Rs. 250, Rs. 400 and Rs. 600, call 98847 78073 or 7305078073. A part of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

## 'Annaabishekam' in Siva-Vishnu Temple tomorrow

On account of Iyasi Pournami, 'Annaabishekam' will be performed for Kedareeswarar and Kasi Viswanathar deities at 6 p.m on Monday, Nov.7 in Siva-Vishnu Temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar). Food used for 'Annaabishekam' will be distributed among devotees. All are welcome.

## 'Thiruvagasammuthruvodhal' today

Nirmala Ravi and party will recite 'Thiruvagasammuthruvodhal' from 8 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, Nov.6 in Sri Sakthi Vinayagar Temple, Sathya-moorthy Block, Jafferkh-anpet. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 9941755111.

## More workers deployed for rain-related work

Following heavy rains, Chennai Corporation deployed 5 to 10 workers exclusively for clearing stagnant water in each of the 200 wards.

A Corporation senior engineer said that 10 additional workers have been deployed for wards in the core city zones like Kodambakkam, Teynam-pet, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, Tondiarpet, Royapuram, Anna Nagar, and Adyar.

Also, five additional workers have been deployed for wards in extended zones.

"The additional workers will be kept ready for monsoon related works until the end of the season. In addition to them, conservancy workers and other existing workers will carry out rain-related works in their respective wards," he said.

## Conjunctivitis on the rise

Conjunctivitis, commonly called 'Madras Eye', is spreading rapidly in the city, especially among children and senior citizens. All you need to know about the infection:

Conjunctivitis is inflammation of the outermost layer of the white part of the eye and the inner surface of the eyelid. It makes the eye appear pink or reddish. Pain, burning, scratchiness, or itchiness may occur. Symptoms are watery eyes, red eyes, irritation, cold and sore throat, and fever.

To prevent the disease, wash your eyes regularly with warm water.

Persons affected with conjunctivitis should use a separate towel and need to keep separate handkerchiefs.

In the initial stage itself infected person should consult an eye specialist and try to avoid self-medication.

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## Trench closed after report in *Mambalam Times*



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*By Our Staff Reporter*

An open trench at the junction of Singara Street and Raghaviah Road (T. Nagar) was closed and the surface levelled and concreted after the report 'Car wheel gets stuck in trench' was published in *Mambalam Times* (Oct. 30 – Nov. 5 issue).

The left front wheel of a car had got stuck in the open trench filled with slush.

It took an hour for the driver to free the wheel from the trench with the help of passersby.

## 'Rudhrapaarayanam' from Nov. 17

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Tamilnadu Brahmin Association (K.K.Nagar unit) has organized 'Rudhrapaarayanam' from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m from Nov.17 to Dec.15 in Arulmigu Muthumaa-iamman Temple, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar.

All are welcome.

Those interested in sankalpam may register their names in 9176651642.

## Crowdsourcing to track waterlogging in Chennai

*By Our Staff Reporter*

IIT-Madras has enabled a crowdsourcing method to track waterlogging in the city through WhatsApp: +1 (415) 523-8886 and website: <https://chennaiwaterlogging.org/> to enable residents share information and photographs of affected areas.

IIT, which is collaborating with Chennai Corporation, Public Works Department and other government departments on the initiative, said this year, the faculty of IIT-Madras and its students have enabled the update to be shared in English and Tamil through WhatsApp.

Users\public can report flooded locations and water depth, add photos of inundated sites with a description across the Chennai region as frequently as possible.

According to Balaji Narasimhan (Project Head), the initiative is aimed at developing a repository of flooding/waterlogging information from as much extent of the drainage basins of Chennai as possible and as frequently as possible from the same area. Crowdsourcing data through the website would help in calibration and validation of real-time flood forecast, he said.

The statistics would help provide guidance to the government for conceiving and implementing flood alleviation projects across the problem areas, he said.

## Metrowater appoints special officers for 15 zones

With the onset of northeast monsoon, Metrowater has appointed 15 special officers for each zone to monitor field work to be carried out during the night.

These special officers will carry out coordination work with the Chennai Corporation, Electricity Board, and Highways Department.

In addition, residents are requested to address the grievances related to drinking water supply and sewage disposal in their area by contacting the following special officers:

Zone 9 (Teynampet): S. Vennila (Ph: 81449 31144) and Zone 10 (Kodambakkam): A. Bhuvaneshwaram (Ph: 81449 30540).

## Water stagnation in Ashok Nagar Corporation Girls School



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Following the heavy rains, there was knee-deep water in the compound of Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School (54<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

Power was switched off after an electric cables got submerged.

On Nov.3, the stagnant water was pumped into the road. The school has remained closed since Nov.1 and will reopen on Nov. 7.

## Car catches fire, no casualties



*By Our Staff Reporter*

The car belonging to Arunkumar (32) of Ashok Nagar went up in flames at around 8 a.m on Tambaram-Velachery Road (near Santhosapuram junction) when he was returning to Chennai with his family after attending a function in Thoothukudi.

According to police, Arunkumar noticed something wrong with the engine and parked the vehicle on the roadside. He got down from the car and tried to open the bonnet, but he could not lift it. Meanwhile, he noticed smoke coming from the engine and asked family members to leave the car. After they got down, flames engulfed the car within a few minutes.

On information, firemen from Ashok Nagar Fire and Rescue Station arrived at the spot and doused the fire in one hour.

## Trees fall following heavy rains



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Following the heavy rains, some trees and tree branches fell in neighbourhood parks. A tree which fell in Jeeva Park (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) at night on Nov.2, was axed by Corporation workers the next morning.

Photo shows the axed remains dumped outside the park for removal.

## Thirukkural explained through minimalistic art



Two years back, artist and animator Adhithi Harikumar (a resident of K.K. Nagar), her sister and father started an online venture called Thirukkural Made Simple.

Through this, the trio attempted to explain the immortal Tamil couplets through simple visual-verbal illustrations. After it gained popularity, they launched Valluvar's calendar in 2021. The team is now ready with the 2023 calendar.

"My father is a Tamil enthusiast and I always liked the way he explained kural couplets to me when I was in school. He made it simple and easy to understand. Considering all this, we thought why not start an online venture where we could explain the couplets in an easier way. We often miss out on understanding kural's essence — so the explanation is purposefully rendered in a casual, conversational style.," Adhithi said. In the 2023 calendar, for every month there will be a kural couplet and a minimalistic art to visually spell it out. "We have also added a QR code that takes you to the audio explanation of each couplet. The calendar is packed with 12 couplets," she said.

To get a copy of the calendar, the team can be contacted on their Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/kuralmadesimple/?hl=en>.

## Aavin milk dearer by Rs. 12 for retail segment

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Following the increase in procurement price of milk, Aavin has increased the price of premium variety of milk by 25 percent. The price of premium Aavin milk has been increased from Rs 48 to Rs 60 per liter.

The increase is only for the retail segment and the price rise will not affect consumers holding Aavin milk cards. They will continue to get the milk at Rs 46 per liter.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cars parked in front of flat complex

Sir, Some cars are always parked in front of our flat complex on Brindavan Street Extn., West Mambalam making it difficult for residents' vehicles to go out or enter.

I appeal to traffic police to take action. **Gayathri, West Mambalam**



### Flooding in Vivekanandapuram 1st Street after rains

Sir, Every time during monsoon Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, West Mambalam (Zone 10, Ward 134) is badly affected due to water stagnation.

It takes at least a week of dry weather for the water to recede.

It causes inconvenience to residents, especially senior citizens who need to step out for their daily needs.

The stagnant water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes that then triggers viral infections, especially among children and elderly.

This photo was taken outside my house on Nov. 2 after the heavy rains subsided.

The Residents' Association has already complained to the ward Councillor and we await suitable action from the authorities concerned. **Indira Viswanathan. Ph: 99400 69042**



### Yoga gurus felicitated



Sir, Chandrasekhar, Rajagopal and Sridhar, who have been conducting free yoga classes in Jeeva Park (T. Nagar) for several decades, were felicitated by G. Parthasarathy (Chancellor of Jammu & Kashmir University and former High Commissioner to Pakistan) on Oct. 31.

86-year-old Chandrasekhar, popular for his punctuality and promptness, scarcely misses attending to his self-assigned duty of imparting yoga training with dedication and devotion. He is well supported by Rajagopal and Sridhar. The classes are held daily from 6 a.m to 7 a.m. Even during lockdown, the classes were held online. Several persons, especially

senior citizens, suffering from chronic medical conditions like arthritis and asthma have benefited from the classes.

Parthasarathy spoke on the significance of yoga in daily life. The program concluded with a session on Pranayama. **N. Koteswara Rao, F1, Jains Akriti, 19, North Boag Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 98841 24887**

### Allow representatives to receive commodities in ration shop

Sir, Due to age/chronic ailments, several senior citizens find it difficult to visit ration shops in person to buy their monthly rations.

As per rules, they cannot assign an authorised person to buy the commodities on their behalf. Further, if the ration card holder does not buy commodities for three months, it loses validity and has to be revalidated.

Many senior citizens like me are suffering due to this rule.

I appeal to PDS authorities to allow senior citizens to appoint authorised representatives to buy commodities on their behalf. **K. Vaidyanathan, 15/1, North Usman Road, T. Nagar, Ph. 2815 6892**

## Madley subway not inundated



By Our Staff Reporter

Unlike in previous years, Madley Subway (West Mambalam) was not inundated after the heavy rains on Oct. 1 and 2.

Though water was flowing continuously from the service lanes into the subway, the subway remained open to traffic.

## Water stagnates in 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue



By Our Staff Reporter

Rain water stagnated on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar which was closed to traffic on Nov. 3. The stagnant water was pumped into the storm water drain in Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam by Metrowater workers.

## Art initiative to raise awareness about breast cancer

By Our Staff Reporter

To promote self-breast examination and breast cancer awareness, Apollo Proton Cancer Centre launched an initiative called ArtCan in association with Adarsh (Artist and resident of Burkit Road, T. Nagar).

Eight steps of self-breast examination have been depicted in eight mural artworks.

Each frame reflects the story of a woman who discovered this condition while performing a self-breast examination, acted on time and defeated cancer. These eight steps have also been depicted in a book format called Chitra Sutra.

According to Adarsh, there are a lot of breast cancer awareness videos and messages and most of them might not stay in people's minds. But if we spread the message through art, people will notice and remember it. "I have used acrylic on canvas to create this series," he said.



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## Sruuthi enacts Kamal Hassan to win talent contest



By Our Staff Reporter

S. Sruuthi (resident of T. Nagar and student of M. O. P. Vaishnav College for Women) won the 'Shipwreck' talent contest conducted by the college last week.

The contest was about getting caught in a shipwreck with just one life jacket. The contestant has to exhibit various talents to win the contest to get the only life jacket to escape the ship. Sruuthi won the contest by exhibiting multiple talents like singing, dancing and dialogue delivery by enacting popular actor Kamal Hassan.

She also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Stress Interview contest.

## Damaged car on road removed



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Damaged car blocks road margin' published in (Sept. 18-24 issue), the car without number plates lying abandoned on the margin of 5th Avenue (near Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam) for several months was removed.

## Free toilets costing Rs 430 crores planned in three zones

Chennai Corporation sent a proposal to the State government seeking administrative sanction for building free public toilets at a cost of Rs 429.73 crore in Royapuram, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and Teynampet zones and operating them on a public-private partnership basis.

Under the plan, contractors will be asked to design, finance, build, operate and transfer (DFBOT) the facility after eight years. While the first year will be for designing, building and commissioning the project, the facility will be operated and maintained for eight years. Contractors should not collect fee from users.

The project to be implemented in three zones on a pilot basis and will be extended later to other zones.

Contractors will be allowed to generate revenue by putting up advertisements on toilet facilities.

## OBITUARY

B. SWAMINATHAN

B. Swaminathan (resident of 211, 42nd Street, 8th Sector K.K. Nagar) passed away on Oct. 29. He was 64.

He had retired as a Manager from SBI. He is survived by wife S.Usha, son S. Karthikeyan, daughter-in-law Mahalakshmi and daughter Gayathri. His family can be contacted in 9884866121.



## Stagnant water pumped into storm water drain



By Our Staff Reporter

Following heavy rains since Oct. 1, there was heavy stagnation in Mambalam High Road. As the inlets to the storm water drains were blocked, Corporation workers were seen using a motor pump to drain the stagnant water into the drain by opening one of the covers.

An official told this reporter that in spite of heavy rains, stagnation was witnessed in fewer roads compared to last November

## 13 undergo free cataract surgery



Ninety persons underwent free eye check-up in the screening camp organised by Lions Club of Wisdom Pandian Hall (Station Road, West Mambalam) on Nov. 3.

Doctors and paramedical staff from Sankara Nethralaya conducted the camp.

13 persons diagnosed with cataract underwent free surgery in the hospital. M.Murgan (Charter President, Lions Club of Wisdom), C. Elango (President) and B. Sakthivel (Secretary) and other members acted as volunteers at the camp. It was followed by annadhaanam for 300 persons.

## Lec-dem on Ramaswamy Sivan

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha has organized a lecture-demonstration on 'Periyapurana Kristis of Sri Ramaswamy Sivan' by Dr. Subha Ganeshan at 10 a.m on Sunday, Nov. 6 in VaniMahal, G.N.Chetty Road, T. Nagar.

All are welcome.

## Chennai Metro records 61.56 lakh footfall in October

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro recorded a passenger footfall of 61.56 lakh in October, while on October 21 alone 2.65 lakh passengers used the Metro service owing to Deepavali.

An official said that the footfall has been increasing since January. From about 25.19 lakh passengers in January, with a steady spike, footfall rose to 61.56 lakh last month.

## Car owner gets 54 challans for 'not wearing helmet'

By Our Staff Reporter

Due to a glitch in the ANPR (Automatic Number-Plate Recognition) system, Sanjay Kumar (an IT faculty member), who recently purchased a new car, received 54 traffic challans under the category 'not wearing helmet' on a single day.

Taken by surprise, he found that all the challans were issued on Oct. 19 by the same traffic officer Pandivelu attached to Veperypolice station.

After Kumar lodged a complaint, a Traffic Inspector at the police station assured him that the challans would be cancelled as it could have only happened due to a technical problem in the ANPR system.

## Signboard reinstalled after report in Mambalam Times



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Signboard topples across pavement' published in Mambalam Times (October 9 - 15 issue), the traffic signboard that had toppled across the pavement of North Usman Road (near Parthasarathi Puram Road junction, T. Nagar) was reinstalled.

## Sewage cleaning work begun in over 2,000 streets

In view of the Northeast monsoon, Metrowater started cleaning and dredging work on Nov. 1 in all 15 zones in the city. A total of 2,106 streets have been identified in 15 zones, of which the highest number of 238 streets is in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and 235 streets in Teynampet Zone.

283 drilling machines, 162 jet rodding machines and 57 sewer suction equipment are being deployed.

507 sewage machines will be used to discharge large amounts of sewage deposits from pipes and inlets.

Residents can contact the area office concerned to redress their grievances relating to sewage blockage / leakage in the streets in their area.

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Helpline for rain-related issues

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Total reservoir storage reaches 61% of full capacity

With heavy rain lashing the city and its suburbs since Oct. 31, the city reservoirs in Red Hills, Cholavaram, Poondi, Chembarambakkam and Kannankottai Thervoykandigai have registered huge inflows. The storage as on Nov. 4 had reached 7,224 million cubic feet (mcf) which is 61% of the total capacity of 11,757 mcf in the 11 days of rain.

On Oct. 30, just a day before the rains started, the storage in the four reservoirs was 6,658 mcf compared to 9,587 mcf on the same day last year.

The maximum inflow in a 24-hour period was on Nov. 1 (328 mcf).

Following the heavy inflow, 100 cusecs of water was released from Chembarambakkam and Puzhal reservoirs on Nov. 2

People in low-lying areas in the proximity were asked to move to safer places. The decision to release a lower quantity of water was taken to avoid causing flooding in the city.

Several streets in North Chennai inundated

Chennai Corporation is carrying out dewatering works using motor pumps at 65 places, including 5 subways, as heavy rains continued to belt the city

Though there was not much water inundation in flood-prone areas in the city including T. Nagar, several streets in the northern parts of the city got inundated.

Some flood-prone areas relatively free of inundation

By Our Staff Reporter  
Areas like Burkit Road, North Usman Road, G.N. Chetty Road, Gopalapuram, Nandanam and Ashok Nagar which were flooded last year, were relatively free of inundation following the heavy rains on Oct. 2 and 3.

The large-scale stormwater drain project being undertaken by the civic body is one of the reasons for this.

Some parts of K.K. Nagar experienced flooding. Residents said despite the widening of stormwater drains, there was waterlogging in 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

A stretch of Dr. Nair Road, which sees heavy vehicular movement, was heavily waterlogged following the rain at night on Oct. 2.

"T Nagar was free from waterlogging except near the entry point to Burkit Road and in Parthasarathy Puram. I've had no trouble riding in the area," said A. Ismail, an auto driver. In areas where the stormwater drain work is yet to be completed, officials deployed pumps. "There is a change from the situation last year. There is no water stagnation so far after the stormwater drain work was taken up," said G. Shankar, a resident of Ashok Nagar.

120 liters of untreated waste let into sea

In the wee hours of Nov. 3, scores of dead fish were washed ashore along with water hyacinth and garbage at Adyar estuary.

A day earlier, following the heavy rains, Metrowater had pumped more than 970 million liters of sewage, but treated only around 750 million liters. The remaining 120 million liters, which was a mixture of rainwater and sewage entered the sea untreated.

"Such incidents occur during the first spell of every monsoon as the toxins from the land wash into the sea," an environmental activist said.

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## Honorary doctorate for service-minded local

K.P. Vijayakumar (resident of Prakasam Road, T. Nagar) was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Social Service by United Nations Peace Council at a function in Ooty on Oct. 29. A veteran journalist and businessman, Vijayakumar has been working for the welfare of society.

To focus on the issue of plastic pollution, he organized a 'Reverse running marathon' in July which was recognized as the 'World's largest reverse running marathon' by the World Records Union.

The Covid pandemic created an acute shortage of blood and blood products in hospitals to meet which he organized a Mega blood donation camp in



March this year by bringing together 25 city colleges. 300 and elderly in the city in 2019 and 2020. Vijayakumar can be contacted in 9841590399.

## 'Hematology analyzer' presented to RMD Trust

By Our Staff Reporter

R.S. Isabella (Chairman and Managing Director of Repco Micro Finance Limited)

donated a fully automatic 'Hematology Analyzer' to RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust and

Hospital, 13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar under their CSR project on Nov. 4.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Managing Trustee, RMD Trust) and A.G. Venkatachalam (Director, Repco Micro Finance Limited) were present. Hematology analyzers are used to run tests on blood samples.



## Water stagnating on Chakrapani Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Rain water is stagnating on Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam near Five Lights. Photo was taken on Nov. 4.

## Half of Duraisamy Road unmotorable



A stretch of Duraisamy Road on one side of the median is in a battered condition.

The usable road width has been reduced to half. The heavy rains have made the road unsafe for motorists.

## Police collect details of abandoned vehicles

Police have collected details of 1027 abandoned vehicles either parked on the roadside for a long time or have not been moved from parking lots in the city.

While police said verification of the abandoned vehicles was part of a city-wide special drive held on Oct. 30, it comes in the wake of the car explosion in Coimbatore. On Oct. 29, 428 abandoned vehicles were seized. Of these, 254 vehicles were on roadside, while 122 were in parking lots and 52 vehicles in other places like playgrounds and secluded places.

Among the vehicles seized, 368 are two-wheelers, 30 autos and 30 cars. Details of these vehicles were verified by the police.

Apart from these, there are 558 vehicles which are in police stations across the city, an official release said adding that traffic police too secured 41 vehicles. Using the registration numbers of these vehicles, police checked if they were used in any criminal activity and contacted owners of these vehicles and handed over 54 vehicles (38 two-wheelers, 2 autos, 14 cars) to the owners.

## Lunch provided for inmates of old age home



By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. G. Manilal (Chairman, World Peace and Friendship Council) provided lunch for the inmates of Annai Ullam Old Age Home (24/2, Aziz Nagar 1st Street, Kodambakkam) on Nov. 4 as part of its service project.

There are about 30 women residents in the home which provides free food, accommodation and medical assistance.

More details can be had in 98417 69902.

## No power outage in most areas despite heavy rains

By Our Staff Reporter

Electricity Minister V. Senthilbalaji on Oct. 2 said the power supply was not stopped at even one place as a precautionary measure in the wake of heavy rains.

"There are 1800 feeders in the city and not even one was switched off due to the rain. We ensured 100 percent power supply. On Oct. 1 night alone, there were problems in two feeder lines and even that was restored in 10 minutes," he told reporters after inspecting the KK Nagar Substation.

The minister said that due to the monsoon, 1,440 workers are on duty during the daytime to attend to faults.

He attributed uninterrupted power supply to the

pre-monsoon works undertaken by TNEB, including increasing the height of 16 transformers in 10 substations and 2700 pillar boxes by one meter in the low-lying areas. He said across the State, 40,000 damaged poles were replaced and 31,500 poles were repaired. Electricity cables running to a total length of 1800 km were replaced to ensure uninterrupted power supply, he added.

**OBITUARY**



**B. SWAMINATHAN**  
(Retired SBI Manager)  
Resident of 211, 42nd Street,  
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