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## Traffic diversion near Panagal Park and Nandanam

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
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Panagal Park towards Ma. Po. Si. statue instead of from Thanikachalam Road junction. Vehicles from Prakasam Road through Bashyam Road intending to go to Pothy's are diverted along Thiyagaraya Road and Thanikachalam Road. MTC buses going towards

Thanikachalam Road from Burkit Road are diverted along Sivanganam Street, Thiyagaraya Road. Diversion in and around Venkatan-aryana Road in Nandanam. Vehicles coming from Burkit signal and going towards Anna Salai along Venkatanarayana Road have to go along Hindi

Prachara Sabha, South Boag Road, Ma. Po. Si. Junction and Anna Salai. Vehicles coming from T. Nagar-Madley Road along Burkit Road going towards Anna Salai through Venkat-

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## பட்சண ப்ரவேசம்

'தீபாவளிக்கு என்ன ஸ்வீட் செய்யப் போறே?' என்று கேட்டான் சீனு மனைவி கலாவிடம்.

'செய்யறதா? புதுப் பெண்டாட்டியைப் பார்த்துக் கேட்கிற கேள்வியா இது? அடுப்பு பக்கத்துல நின்னா அழகு கெட்டுப் போயிடும்.'

'அடுப்போட அழகா?'

உதட்டைப் பிதுக்கி அவனுக்கு அழகு காட்டினாள் கலா. 'கடைக்குப் போய் ரெண்டரை கிலோ ஸ்வீட் வாங்கிட்டு வாங்க.'

'அதென்ன ரெண்டரை கிலோ கணக்கு?'

'அரை கிலோ நமக்கு. மீதி ரெண்டு கிலோ அக்கம் பக்கத்துக்குக் கொடுக்கிறதுக்கு.'

'அக்கம் பக்கத்துக்குக் கொடுக்கணுமா?'

'ஆமாம், நாம நாலு வீட்டுக்கு பட்சணம் கொடுக்கணும். திருப்பி அவங்க நமக்குக் கொடுப்பாங்க. இதுதான் Give and taste பாலிஸி.'

'சரி.'

'கடையிலே வாங்கினாலும் அந்த ஸ்வீட்டை நான் தான் செஞ்சதா சொல்லப் போறேன். அப்போதான் சொசைட்டியிலே எனக்கு மரியாதை கிடைக்கும்.'

'ஏன் இப்படிப் பொய் சொல்லணும்?'

'நாலு பேருக்கு ஸ்வீட் கொடுக்கணும்னா பொய் சொன்னா தப்பேயில்லை.'

சீனு கடைக்குக் கிளம்பினான்.

'நல்ல பெங்காலி மில்க் ஸ்வீட் வாங்கிண்டு வந்துடறேன்.'

'பெங்காலி மில்க் ஸ்வீட் வட்டிலே செஞ்சோம்னு சொன்னா நம்ப மாட்டாங்க. ரவா லாடு வாங்கிண்டு வாங்க.'

'சரி.'

'இனிமேல் தான் என் நடிப்பு ஆரம்பம். நான் அடுக்கையிலே உட்கார்ந்து ஸ்வீட் செஞ்சதா எல்லாரையும் நம்ப வைக்கப் போறேன். இருந்து என் பெர்பாமன்னைஸ் பார்த்துட்டுக் கடைக்குப் போங்க.'

இடது பக்கத்து வீட்டுக் கதவைத் தட்டினாள் கலா.

'மாமி, தீபாவளி ஸ்வீட் செய்யப் போறேன்' என்றான்.

'சந்தோஷம்.'

'என்கிட்டே வாணலி இருக்கு. ஆனா ஸ்வீட் செய்யறதுக்கான விசேஷமான கரண்டிங்க இல்லை.'

'அவ்வளவு தானே? எங்க பாட்டி தந்த கரண்டி எல்லாம் இருக்கு. எது வேணுமோ எடுத்துக்கோ.'

ஒரு கரண்டியுடன் வீட்டுக்கு வந்தாள் கலா.

'எதுக்கு இந்த டிராமா?'

'நான் தான் ஸ்வீட் செஞ்சேங்கறதுக்கான கரண்டி விடனஸ் இது. அந்த மாமி தெரு முழுக்கப் போய் சொல்லுவாங்க. எனக்கு நல்ல பெயர் வரும்.'

'அந்த வாணலியை எடுத்து அடுப்புக்குப் பக்கத்துலே வைங்க. அடுத்த விடனஸ் இது.'

'வாணலி சுத்தமா இருக்கே? கொஞ்சம் அழுக்கா, அசிங்கமா இருந்தா பரவாயில்லை' என்றாள் கலா.

'நான் வேணும்னா அதுலே எச்சில் துப்பட்டுமா?'

'அதுலேயா?'

'பின்ன உன் முகத்திலேயா?'

எல்லா ஜன்னல் கதவுகளையும் திறந்துவிட்டாள் கலா. பின்னர் கிச்சன் சிம்னியை ஆன் செய்தாள்.

'வெத்து சிம்னியை ஏன் ஓட்டறே?'

'நான் ஸ்வீட் செய்யறேன்னு எல்லாருக்கும் தெரியணும். சத்தம் தான் சாட்சி, Proof.'

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'இப்போ என்ன செய்யறேன் பாருங்க' என்றவள் வலது பக்க வீட்டுக்குப் போனாள். பரிமளா பாட்டி கதவைத் திறந்தாள்.

'வீட்டில் ஸ்வீட் செஞ்சுகிட்டிருக்கேன். இன்னும் ரெண்டு மணி நேரம் சிம்னி ஓடும். உங்களுக்கு ஒண்ணும் டிஸ்டர்பன்ஸ் இல்லையே?'

'இல்லை.'

'தாத்தாவுக்கு சவுண்ட் இடைஞ்சலா இருக்குமேன்னு தான் கேட்டேன்.'

'பரவாயில்லை, தாத்தாவுக்குக் காது சரியா கேக்காது.'

'அப்போ நீங்க சத்தத்தைப் பொறுத்துக்குங்க. நான் ஸ்வீட் செஞ்சுகிட்டிருக்கேன். அதனால்தான் சிம்னி ஓடுது.'

'நான் ஸ்வீட் செஞ்சா தாத்தா தான் ஓடுவாரு.' பலமாகச் சிரித்தாள் பரிமளா பாட்டி.

சீனு கடைக்குப் போய் ரவா லாடு வாங்கி வந்துவிட்டான்.

'ரெண்டு எவர்சில்வர் சம்படம் எடுங்க' என்றாள் கலா.

'கடையிலே வாங்கின இந்த ரவா லாடை எல்லாம் இந்த சம்படத்துலே போடுங்க. சம்படத்துலே போட்டாதான் சுயமா செஞ்சதா நம்புவாங்க.'

தீபாவளி அன்று ஒவ்வொரு வீட்டிலிருந்தும் சீனு வீட்டுக்கு ஸ்வீட் வந்தது.

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'மாமி, நீங்க கொடுத்த கரண்டிக்கு தேங்கல்' என்றாள்.

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'ஆமாம், நான் உன்கிட்டே கொடுத்தது லட்டு பூந்தி செய்யற ஓட்டைக் கரண்டி. அதை வைச்ச ரவா லாடு செஞ்சிருக்கேன்னா நீ ரொம்ப கெட்டிக்காரிதான்' என்றாள் மாமி நழுட்டு சிரிப்பு சிரித்துக் கொண்டே.

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## Sewage water contaminates sumps in houses



After the heavy rains at night on Nov. 9, rain water mixed with sewage water entered the sumps of some houses in BRP 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, adjoining the parking lot of Mambalam Railway Station, West Mambalam.

Water is seen stagnating on the road after the rains. A resident was seen engaging a private contractor to pump out the contaminated water from his sump.

He said that he will have to completely disinfect the sump before re-opening the valve to receive metro water again. "We luckily have a borewell. So, our water supply for domestic consumption has not been affected," he said.

He has appealed to Chennai Corporation to clean the storm water drains and the sewage manholes on the street to prevent water inundation and contamination.

## Vigilance Day observed



By Our Staff Reporter

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayan Road, T. Nagar), in association with BHEL, PSSR Division, observed Vigilance Day on Nov.5. D.Padmaja (Senior DGM, Vigilance) explained the purpose of observing the day. Students, staff and others formed a human chain to express their solidarity.

Participants took a pledge administered by P.Patnaik. A.Narendra Kumar (Deputy Engineer, Vigilance) was present.

## Special children win medals in swimming

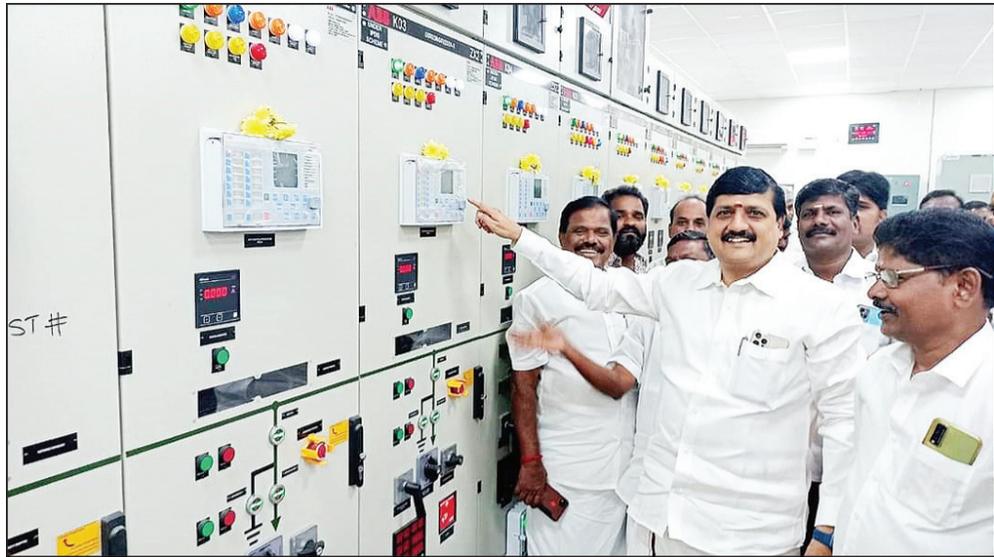
In a State-level Para Senior/Junior/Sub-Junior Swimming Championship conducted recently, three children from the city with muscular dystrophy, a condition that leads to muscle degeneration, have won various medals. In the championship, West Mambalam resident Vardhan (10) won gold medals in all 3 categories – freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. M. Pandian, the swimming coach, specialised in coaching for children with special needs since 1993, recommends hydrotherapy for disabled children. It helps in relieving muscle pain and can also develop into a hobby in due course.

He also cautions parents and swimming coaches to be patient while teaching special-needs children.

"Coaches must understand and learn the challenges and fears of every child with conditions. With patience, you can gradually create interest in them," he said. The Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department has been conducting free swimming classes, including hydrotherapy sessions for free, since 2017 for special-needs children below 16 years in Nehru Stadium (Periamet).



# New modernised sub-station inaugurated 2.5 lakh voters in T. Nagar constituency



By Our Staff Reporter

The newly built 33/11 KV GIS sub-station on MuthuranganSalai (Kanammapet, T. Nagar) was inaugurated last week by J. Karunanidhi (T. Nagar MLA).

N. Arumugham (Senior Engineer, TNEB) told *Mambalam Times* that the new station has several automated features in line with the newly installed RMU units near transformers to help to remotely locate faults and enable repairs quickly. He said that the sub-station will also help to augment capacity, minimize faults, fluctuations and power outages.

## 'Geri Care Clinic' opened in Anna Nagar



By Our Staff Reporter

Geri Care Hospital (8, Dr. Nari Road, T. Nagar) has opened 'Geri Care Clinic'- an exclusive multispecialty clinic for senior citizens in Plot 3698, Q 100, 3rd Avenue, next to Kotak Mahindra Bank, Anna Nagar. It was inaugurated by Dr. V.S. Natarajan (Senior Geriatrician and resident of Anna Nagar) and K. Lakshmikanthan Bharathi (Retired IAS Officer).

Dr. Lakshmi Ramesh (Founder Director of Geri Care) presided.

The clinic provides outpatient service and ancillary services like home visits by doctors, nursing services at home, lab and pharmacy. Its contact number is 044-4061 4061.

## Water stagnating on Chakrapani Street



Rain water is stagnating on a portion of Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam near Five Lights. Residents said that they need a permanent solution to prevent waterlogging.

## Live wire touches gate, elderly couple electrocuted

An elderly couple died of electrocution at night on Nov. 5 after a loose live wire from a light installed atop their apartment complex's main metal gate on Rathinammal Street in Kodambakkam triggered an electric shock. The couple, S. Murthy (80), a retired income tax department employee, and M. Banu alias Banumathi (76), a former forensic sciences department staff, were living alone as they did not have children.

The Ashok Nagar police said around 11p.m, they received a call from the couple's neighbour saying that an elderly couple living opposite their house could have been electrocuted.

Based on the complaint, police rushed to the spot and found Murthy and Banumathi dead near the gate. Power supply to the area was disconnected and the bodies were sent to Omandurar government hospital for postmortem. "Since there were no CCTVs near the spot, we couldn't find out who touched the gate first. Both bodies had entry and exit wounds," a police officer said.

Police said a loose wire from the light attached to the metal gate may have come in contact with the gate and electric current must have been flowing through the gate. When one of them got electrocuted, the other person must have rushed to the other's aid and was hit by the shock.

to fill form 8. Voters can apply at zonal offices at Chennai Corporation till Dec. 12, or through www.nvsp.in website.

Special camps will be conducted on Nov. 13, Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 in all polling booths for distribution and receipt of forms 6, 7, 8 and 8A.

Residents can also visit

www.elections.tn.gov.in to include names or change address.

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## Sruuthi to stage her play in Mumbai

The Tamil play 'Manitham Punitham', produced and directed by Naa-tya Naadha Nataka Sangamam founded by 19-year-old S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Baghirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar), will be staged on Nov. 19 in Mumbai.

The play has been written by veteran dramatist KSN Sunder.

Sruuthi has been performing in plays in her father S. Shivprasad's troupe R.S. Manohar's NXGs since 2015.

She is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year B.Com student and has started her own drama troupe.

She is a recipient of Kalai Ilamamani award from Tamilnadu Government.

She is proficient in designing stage props and backdrops and recently received five awards for the same from Mylapore Academy.

She is the granddaughter of thespian R.S. Manohar.

Sruuthi's contact numbers are 2834 4876 and 73586 96613.

## Metrowater grievance meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

Metrowater conducts its monthly grievance meetings between 10 a.m and 1 p.m on the second Saturday of the month in area offices in all the 15 zones.

The open house meetings are presided over by superintendent engineers. Residents can seek clarification on doubts pertaining to water and sewage connections, tax and other issues.

Complaints about water supply and sewerage apart from pending new water and sewer connections as well as maintenance of rainwater harvesting structures can also be made.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Authorised representative can buy rations

Sir, This refers to the letter from K. Vaidyanathan wherein he has expressed his inability to avail of essentials from the ration shop due to his age and has appealed for facilities to enable a representative to collect them.

This is indeed possible.

There is an authorisation form which can be downloaded from the website [www.tnpds.gov.in].

This can be filled up, signed and submitted at the ration shop itself. Officials from the civil supplies department will visit the ration card holder to make enquiries and issue necessary instructions.

In the application, he should attach a copy of any identity proof of the representative whom he wants to authorize. Alternatively, he can visit the Civil Supplies Office in Nandanam and meet the Asst. Commissioner who will initiate action.

Vaidyanathan can contact us if he needs. In fact, we have been trying to contact him in the phone number given in the letter but could not reach him as it does not seem to be working. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street.**

## Knee-deep water in Mahadevan Street

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains at night on Nov. 9 and the next morning, there was knee-deep water in the entire stretch of Mahadevan Street (West Mambalam), causing hardship to residents and motorists.

Photo taken at around noon on Nov. 11, shows a 2-wheeler rider struggling to drive through the flooded street



## Selected THAMBRAAS Central Chennai President

S. Sathish Kumar (President of Thami-zhnanu Brahmin Association, K. K. Nagar unit) was elected as President of THAMBRAAS (Central Chennai) on Nov. 7. Sathish conducts various spiritual activities like paaraayanam and homam in temples, residential complexes and other venues. He can be contacted in 91766 51942.



## Velammal student excels in chess tourney

C. Saathana, Std. 3 student of Velammal School (West) won 5 points out of 6 and secured the 2nd place in the Under-8 category in Tharun Tejas State Level Chess Tournament last month.

She had also scored 5 out of 7 points in the Jaigopal Garodia Memorial State Level Open Rapid Chess Tournament in the Under-9 girls category and placed in the merit list.



## Velammal student wins tennis tourney

By Our Staff Reporter

Lochan Mahesh (Std. 8 student in Velammal Main School, Mogappair) won in the Under-14 age category in the John Pennycuik Memorial Tennis Tournament held in the city recently.

She also won the runner-up title in the doubles event.



## Karthik, who has overcome cerebral palsy, meets Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

37-year-old Karthik Chandrasekar (resident of Thambiah Road, West Mambalam), who has achieved success in life despite suffering from cerebral palsy quadriplegia, recently met Governor R.N. Ravi in Raj



Bhavan upon a special invite.

He presented a copy of his motivational book 'The Way I See It', in which he has written about his life's journey of overcoming cerebral palsy.

A copy of the book has also been placed in the Raj Bhavan library.

Karthik, in his book, talks about accessibility and inclusivity in society along with challenges he faced and perseverance it required to live with disability.

Overcoming his physical limitations, where all his limbs have been affected since birth,

Karthik has so far completed 15 degree courses, six diploma courses and holds a M. Phil in Literature and an MA in History. He works in Standard Chartered Bank, writes in his leisure time, models and is a disability-rights activist.

His mother, Rajalakshmi, said she had initially been worried about his condition and acceptance in society.

"If a person with such a disability can achieve so many tasks and set out to achieve more, the rest of us can also do better. Karthik's book speaks about this and how disability

is not an inability," Rajalakshmi said.

He is a good chess player and has won many tournaments. He can find the day within seconds given only the date and year.

One of his cherished memories is meeting Sachin Tendulkar in person and getting his autograph.

He has been rewarded for his achievements by Spastic Society of Mumbai.

His book can be purchased from Amazon.

Karthik's contact number is 8608985945.

## Rain water drained into subway with pipes

By Our Staff Reporter

Two big PVC pipes have been fixed to the wall of Madley Subway (road near BRP 1<sup>st</sup> Street junction West Mambalam) to drain the rain water accumulating on the service lane and the by-lanes of the subway.

Earlier, the stagnant water was being pumped out using a motor, which was causing hardship to motorists as they were getting drenched by the spray. As water is being continuously drained into the subway, its surface has turned slushy and slippery.

Water is also seeping continuously from the cracks in the walls of the subway.



## Tractors with pumps deployed to drain out rain water



Chennai Corporation is using tractors fitted with water pumps to drain out stagnant rain water from streets into storm water drains, canals and sewage chambers.

The photo shows three such tractors parked on BRP 1<sup>st</sup> Street (West Mambalam) on Nov. 9.

## Storage in reservoirs can last till July

Due to the abundant rains, water managers have started micro monitoring the inflow of water into the reservoirs supplying water to the city. The 5 reservoirs have nearly 9 TMC of water and this will be sufficient till July 2023.

## Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 28143896/3514/2014.

## Free eye screening today afternoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Tirumala Tirupathi Annadhaanam Charitable Trust has organised free eye screening from 2 p.m to 6 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 13 in VMA Hall (34, Srinivasa Street, West Mambalam, near Vallaba Ganapathy Temple).

Doctors from Radhatri Nethralaya will examine the patients.

There will be Vishnu Sahasranamapaaraayanam, followed by annadhaanam.

Those diagnosed with cataract can undergo free eye surgery in Radhatri Nethralaya. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 9940096168 and 9444145574.

## Tamil books on Ramana Maharishi and environment released

On the occasion of the 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Nalli Kuppaswami Chettiar, two Tamil books written by him were released in Narada Gana Sabha on Nov. 9.

The books are 'Sri Seshadri Swamigal Mahatmyam', which is on the life of Ramana Maharishi, and 'Alli Thandha Boomi' which is based on the degradation of the environment. The books were released by R. S. Ramanathan (retired Justice of Madras High Court). Kuppaswami Chettiar was felicitated by dignitaries on the occasion.

He has written over 60 books and is a recipient of the Padma Shri award.

The function was followed by Carnatic music concerts by leading musicians.

## Over 750 MLD of sewage treated daily

750 million liters per day (MLD) of sewage is treated and discharged daily with the help of 2,000 field workers round the clock in the city, stated a release from Metrowater. Metrowater has carried out maintenance work on main sewage pipes during the last 3 months, and steps have been taken to ensure there is no blockage during the rainy season.

Before the monsoon began, an average of 640 MLD of sewage was treated per day. Now, it has increased up to 750 MLD.

Engineers and assistant engineers have been appointed in all zones to monitor field work.

In case of any grievance, residents can contact the number 044-45674567 and toll-free number 1916 regarding stagnation of rainwater and sewage on the roads and streets.

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## 'Clockman' Robert Kennedy enters Guinness Book of World Records



What started as a hobby in his teens has now grown to become an envious collection of 1,706 clocks of all types, shapes, sizes and designs, taking Robert Kennedy, Chennai's very own 'clockman' to the prestigious Guinness Book of World Records. He is a resident of Ganga Nagar (Trustpuram, Kodambakkam),

It was his grandfather, the head clerk of a British-owned tea estate in Munnar, Kerala, who inspired him as a teenager to start collecting clocks in 1983.

"His supervisors had gifted my grandfather a wind-up Unsonia clock and my father used to tell me stories about it. I helped him clean and wind it every week. I was 16 then. While my classmates in school were collecting coins and other things, I felt my inclination was toward clocks. I started collecting them from scrap shops," he said.

In his vast collection, the oldest one is a 290 year-old handmade clock made in England. "The smallest pendulum clock made in the world is just 1.5 inches big, and I am proud to say that I am the only one who owns it," he said.

But his favourite is the Big Ben Alarm Clock. "It is my favourite because when I was in my college hostel in 1986, I was the only one who had such an alarm clock. It has been witness to several memories of my college days," he added.

Recalling an incident, Kennedy said he once received a call from a woman in London who offered to sell him three clocks.

"However, I was not able to afford them because they were high-end catalogue clocks that cost Rs. 1.5 lakh. A year later, I was gifted the same clocks. She said she trusted me and knew I would keep them safe and not sell them. Similarly, I have received 27 clocks from different people," he said. Kennedy is planning to open a trust museum to display the timepieces that took him 40 years to collect, and dedicate it to the country.

"I will request the government to allot me space for this museum; I will also be happy if they can be kept in the Egmore Museum. This priceless collection can be displayed for the public and tourists."

## Debris blocks carriageway at road junction



Construction debris has been dumped under the street nameboard on Ramakrishna Street, near its junction with Mambalam High Road, T. Nagar. A nearby resident told this reporter that the debris was dumped at night a week back.

He said it is blocking 1/3rd of the carriageway at the road junction. Motorists turning left into Mambalam High Road are put to risk.

He said that at around 4 p.m on Nov. 8, a student returning from school on a bicycle had a narrow escape when he was almost hit by a car while turning at the junction. In trying to avoid the car, he fell, but escaped with minor injuries.

## OBITUARY

### V. ARJUNAN

V. Arjunan (resident of AVV Ambulu Palace, 38/192nd Street, Postal Colony, West Mambalam) passed away on Nov. 4. He was 71, and had been a longtime resident of West Mambalam.

He had retired as Senior Manager from Canara Bank. He is survived by his wife Rajalakshmi, daughter Anuroopa and grandson Nikil Chandrasekar.

His family can be contacted in 99403 91894.

### MANNUR GAJENDRAN

Mannur Gajendran (resident of Pearl Pranav Apartments, 31, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 2834 2481) passed away on Nov. 1. He was 86, and had been a resident of T. Nagar since birth.

He was Secretary and Correspondent of MCN Higher Secondary School, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar.

He is survived by his sons Srikanth, Ravikanth and Prashanth, and grandchildren.

## Kalam award for Manilal

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr.G.Manilal (Chairman, World Peace and Friendship Council, VGP Complex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) was presented Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam award by A.R.Kalaimandram (AnnaNagar) for his outstanding social services at a function in Gokhale Hall, Mylapore on Nov.6.

The award was presented by Dr. H.V.Hande (Former Health Minister).

District Judge Rajalakshmi and A. R. Ramesh (Secretary,



A.R.Kalaimandram) were sapling planting and assist present. Manilal has conducted various service programs including free medical camps, 9841023472.

## Women's Association celebrates Children's Day in Balwadi



By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Ashok Nagar Women's Association and InnerWheel Club of Madras Esplanade jointly celebrated Children's Day in the Balwadi Center in Rams Colony (West Mambalam) on Nov.10. Poornima Kumar (President of the Association) told *Mambalam Times* that a fancy dress program was conducted for the students and prizes presented to the winners. The students were served snacks.

## Traffic Inspector suspended for graft

A Traffic Police Inspector of Ashok Nagar police station was suspended on Nov. 10 after a video of his demanding and accepting bribe went viral on social media. The purported video shows Nagarajan demanding money and threatening to cancel the license of a vehicle owner. The Ashok Nagar traffic enforcement police personnel were on vehicle check around 8 p.m when two men were caught in an inebriated state.

Nagarajan, who was present at the spot, issued them a challan for Rs 10,000. After much deliberation, the men paid the fine amount.

As the officer refused to give the key, the bike owner returned to the spot the next day to collect his key when Nagarajan demanded another Rs 5,000.

In the video, the man and the inspector can be seen arguing. When the man refuses to pay the fine, Nagarajan threatens to cancel the his license, quoting false regulations.

The man finally pays Rs 1,000 and Nagarajan asks him to pay Rs 4,000 after getting his salary.

## Water stagnating in several streets



By Our Staff Reporter

Water stagnating on Mahadevan Street and nearby streets following rains on Nov.11 is being pumped out through Arya Gowda Road into the drain in Thiruvengadam Street.

Residents said that corporation workers are working hard to prevent waterlogging in many streets.

## Small tree topples over



By Our Staff Reporter

A small tree toppled over on Cross Street, Postal Colony, West Mambalam following rains on Nov.11. Rain water was also stagnating on the street.

## Rain relief measures put in place

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has drawn up a new strategy for the next spell of the monsoon.

In the earlier spell, despite all efforts, 102 locations were flooded and water entered houses in places like Ashok Nagar, Kolathur, Nungambakkam and Perambur.

All these areas either did not have drains, were low-lying, got more rain than the rest of the city or had old drains.

The civic body is now ready to initiate a host of measures to ensure these areas do not suffer again.

Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi said streets in each ward where silt catch pits are clogged with dry leaves, plastic and other material will be identified.

"We have deployed 10 persons per ward inside city limits and five persons per ward outside it," he said

## No waterlogging this monsoon in Seethammal Colony

By Our Staff Reporter

Waterlogging after rains had been a problem in the nine streets of Seethammal Colony in Teynampet for several years. But so far this monsoon, there has been no water stagnation in any of the streets.

The president of the residents welfare association in Seethammal Colony, M Renganathan, vice-president A Sridharan, secretary P Karthikesan and joint secretary A Alaudeen visited the streets to assess conditions.

The residents had been interacting regularly with the Corporation officials, following the heavy inundation last November, Sridharan said.

"We had a map of the storm water drain system in and around Seethammal Colony and that was a good starting point," Sridharan said.

He said Seethammal Colony constitutes a trough into which water from surrounding areas flows in swiftly.

This problem became severe following the construction of Teynampet metro station as the regular route for flow of rainwater from Seethammal Colony into the Mambalam Canal had been affected. There was no alternative in place until this monsoon.

In the new arrangement, rainwater flows into the Buckingham Canal.

The stormwater drains-defined route for discharge of rainwater is: Seethammal Colony to KB Dasan Road, TTK Road, CV Raman Road, CP Ramaswamy Iyer Road, Dr Ranga Road, and then into the Buckingham Canal.

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**Man held for snatching phone**

*By Our Staff Reporter*  
 S. Vignesh (27) of Chromepet was arrested on Nov. 6 for snatching a mobile phone from J. Naveen Kumar (22) of Giriappa Road, T. Nagar. According to his complaint, on Oct. 17, at around 12.30 p.m, when he was walking along Chamiers Road, Teynampet, a biker snatched his phone and fled. Police perused CCTV footage in the area and zeroed in on the accused. Teynampet police recovered the stolen mobile phone and seized the bike used for the theft.

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**Special poojas in Annai Arul Maiyam on Thursday**

*By Our Staff Reporter*  
 Sri Aravindar Annai Arul Maiyam (9, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam) has organised special programs on Thursday, Nov. 17 as part of Divine Mother Samadhi Day. There will be Divine Mother balcony darshan at 6.30 a.m. There will be a talk on the spirituality of the Mother at 6 p.m, followed by pushpanjali and prasadam distribution. All are welcome. Special programs will be conducted on Nov. 24 as part of Sri Aurobindo Yoga Siddhi Day. More details can be had in 98414 25456.

**Metrowater attends to sewage overflow issues**

*By Our Staff Reporter*  
 Metrowater has attended to 151 sewage reverse flow issues in the city during last week's rain. Of this, 23 were in Kodambakkam Zone and 18 in Teynampet Zone. Metrowater has deployed over 124 pumps for the purpose. During the week, the city also faced 21 pipe bursts and three road cave-ins. Raja Gopal Sunkara (Executive engineer) said, "We are also carrying out night work to clear sewer blocks. Hiring of pumps, sewer trucks and placing them in locations which might get affected, rearrangement of pumping timings of critical pumping stations and diversion of super suckers and jet rodders to affected areas are in place."

**Metrowater distributes chlorine tablets**

To prevent monsoon diseases, Metrowater has started distributing chlorine tablets among residents. Drinking water tests are being carried out by officers. Residents have been advised to mix the chlorine tablet with 15 liters of drinking water and consume it after two hours. It will prevent the spread of diseases like cholera and dengue. Till now, 12 lakh households have been provided with chlorine tablets, an official said.

**Passengers face hardship due to flooding in bus termini**

*By Our Staff Reporter*  
 During the monsoon, passengers using public transport face severe hardship in the form of flooded and slushy bus termini, roof of buses leaking, and poor sanitation. A major portion of several bus termini in the city including T. Nagar have become prone to flooding because of the level of the road having been increased gradually over the years. Passengers want MTC to take steps to redevelop termini and cited the failure of re-development of T. Nagar terminus under the Smart City Mission. The sprawling bus terminus-cum-depot was proposed to be developed into a modern facility but the project never took off.

**Over 50,000 residents screened in special medical camps**

*By Our Staff Reporter*  
 Chennai Corporation on Nov. 5 conducted medical camps in all the 200 wards of the city, screening 53,817 residents (30,048 women and 23,769 men) for various illnesses and medical conditions. Kodambakkam Zone reported the largest turnout with 6,209 residents participating in the camps held at 16 locations. In a bid to improve public health in the city during the northeast monsoon, the Corporation has started medical camps in all wards in the city. 551 fever cases, 1,078 ILI cases, 129 acute diarrhoeal disorder cases, 3,804 skin infection cases, 3,285 diabetes mellitus and 3,946 hypertension cases were identified for treatment and medical assistance.

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**Koyambedu traders to give leftover vegetables to orphanages, homes**

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The products will be distributed among 40 orphanages, old-age homes, and mental retarded homes free of cost. In addition, traders will send the rotten vegetables to biogas plants.

**Lions Club donates Rs. 52,000 to Single Teacher Schools**



**By Our Staff Reporter** Bharath project on Nov.7. The donation was presented by R. Sivakumar (Club President) to a representative of Single Teacher Schools. Dr. K.S.Babai (Past Multiple Council Treasurer, Lions Club of Madras KRS), L.Balasu- bramanian, P.Samsudeen, Narayanan and S.Sukarna (Committee members) were present.

**Chennai Metro launches e-auto feeder service**

**By Our Staff Reporter** In an attempt to ensure last mile connectivity and improve passenger convenience, Chennai Metro on Nov. 7 launched electric autos at Alandur Metro station.

The e-auto feeder service named MAuto Pride (LEGGO) was inaugurated by T. M.Anbarasan (Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises). This is an effort to connect passengers to Metro stations and from stations to their workplace and colleges.

Through the new feeder service, it aims to further increase passenger footfall at all stations.

MAuto Pride (LEGGO) is the first fully electric three-wheeler, which allows passengers to make payment electronically through an app. The charges have been fixed at Rs 12 per km as an introductory offer.

The service will soon be extended to other metro stations.

**Bhagavad Gita paaraayanam on Nov. 20**

Under the auspices of Samskritha Bharathi ((B-1, PriamsShankara, 23, Subba Reddy Street, West Mambalam), there will be chanting of all 18 chapters of Bhagavad Gita from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, Nov.20 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam). All are welcome.

More details can be had in 90033 44778, 98401 14069 and 98403 07610.

**OBITUARY**



**Smt. R. SAROJA (97)** (W/o Shri. S. C. Rajagopalan) resident of T. Nagar for the past 70 years, attained Aacharyan Thiruvadi on 6-11-2022

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