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## Maintenance work leads to sewage overflow

By Our Staff Reporter

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## சிரி வினை எயாடல்

பேச அப்பா... பேச

அனந்தராமன் அமெரிக்காவில் மகனுடைய வீட்டுக்குப் போயிருந்தார்.

அங்கு ரோட்டில் வலது பக்கமாக வாகனங்கள் போய்க்கொண்டிருந்தன. ஆனால் வாஷ் பேசினில் இடது பக்கம் திருப்பினால்தான் வென்னீர் வந்து கொண்டிருந்தது. இப்படியாக இடது, வலது தெரியாமல் குழம்பிக் கொண்டிருந்தார்.

வெற்று மார்புடன் வாசலுக்கு வந்தோமா, எதிர்வீட்டை எட்டிப் பார்த்தோமா என்ற சுதந்திரம் இல்லை.

படிப்பதற்கு எதுவும் கிடைக்கவில்லை. குறைந்த பட்சம் கடையில் பழைய நியூஸ் பேப்பரில் ஏதாவது கட்டிக் கொடுத்தால் பரவாயில்லை என்றுகூட நினைத்தார். அதுவும் நடக்கவில்லை. தக்காலியைக் கொடுத்தார். அதுவும் நடக்கவில்லை. வில்லை பேக் செய்து கொடுத்தார்கள்.

வீட்டுக்கு வீக் எண்டில் மகனின் நண்பர்கள் வருவார்கள். அவர்களை ஏதோ ராஜாங்க பிரதிநிதி வந்ததுபோல் மகன் ஏதத்துக்கும் உபசரிப்பான். தட்டு நிறைய ஸ்நாக்கள் வைப்பான். திரிகுலம் மலை மாதிரிக் குவியலாக இருக்கும் அது. பேசிக் கொண்டே அந்த மலையைக் கல் குவாரியைக் காண்டிராக்ட் எடுத்தவர்கள் போல் காலி செய்வார்கள் நண்பர்கள்.

சாப்பிட்டு முடித்ததும் கிச்சனுக்குப் போய் டிஷ்யூ பேப்பரை இரு டியர் ஃப்ரெண்ட். எல்லோர் வீட்டுக் கிச்சனி ஒம் டிஷ்யூ பேப்பர் ரோல் மாட்டியிருக்கும். அதற்கு ஒரு ஸ்டேண்ட்.

கிணற்றிலிருந்து தண்ணீர் இறைக்கக் கயிற்றைப் பிடித்து இழுப் பதுபோல் டிஷ்யூ பேப்பரைப் பிடித்து இழுப்பான் நண்பன். ஒரு அங்கவஸ்திரம் நீத்துக்குப் பேப்பர் வந்ததும் இழுப்பதை நிறுத்துவான். பேப்பரால் கையைத் துடைத்துக் கொள்வான்.

எதிரிலேயே சிங்க இருக்கிறது. அதில் கை கழுவியிருக்கக் கூடாதா என் அங்கலாய்க்கும் போது தான் தோன்றியது. அதில் கை கழுவியிருந்தாலும் சரத்தைத் தடைக்க இதுபோல் இரண்டு மடங்கு டிஷ்யூவை இழுதிருப்பான்.

மகன் சம்பாதிக்கும் டாலர் எல்லாம் டிஷ்யூவுக்கே போவது மனதை என்னவோ செய்து.



விருந்தாளி நண்பன் அந்த ராமனின் பேரக் குழந்தைக்கு ஒரு பொம்மை வாங்கி வந்திருந்தான். பதிலுக்கு நண்பனுடைய குழந்தைக்குப் புதிதாக வாங்கிய ஒரு பொம்மையைப் பரிசாகக் கொடுத்தான் மகன்.

இப்படியான பொம்மைப் பரிவர்த்தனை காரணமாகக் கோயம்பேடு மார்க்கெட்டில் பூசனிக்காய் குலித்து வைத்திருப்பது போல வீடு முழுக்க பொம்மைகளாக இருந்தன.

சாப்பாட்டுக்கு வடை செய்திருந்தாள் மருமகன். கிரைண்டர் உபயம் மகன். நண்பன் போய்விட்டான். போகும்போது வெட்க மில்லாமல் பத்து வடைகளை டப்பாவில் போட்டு எடுத்துக் கொண்டு போனான்.

அனந்தராமனுக்கு மிஞ்சியது அவுட் ஆஃப் ஷேப்பிலிருந்த இரண்டு வடைகள் மட்டுமே.

நண்பன் போன பிறகு மகன் ஆரம்பித்தான்.

‘அப்பா, என் ஃப்ரெண்ட் கிட்டே நீ என் எதுவும் பேசலே? உம்முனு உட்கார்ந்திட்டிருந்தே?’

‘என்னடா பேசறது? நீங்க ஏதேதோ பேசற்கூட. அடுத்த வாரம் பிக்னிக் US 1 North ஹைவேலே போகணும்னு பேசற்கூட. எனக்குத் தெரிஞ்சதெல்லாம் திருச்சி ரோடுதான். என்ன பேச வேன்?’

‘இருந்தாலும் நீ ஏதாவது பேசியிருக்கலாம்.’

அடுத்த வாரம் இன்னொரு நண்பன் வந்தான். அவனுக்கு வேலையில் டிரான்ஸ்ஃபர். ஊரைக் காலி செய்துவிட்டு வேறு ஊருக்குக் குடி பெயர்கிறான். ஏகப்பட்ட பொருட்களை டிரான்ஸ்ஃபர் தானமாக மகனுக்குக் கொடுத்தான் அந்த நண்பன்.

ஒரு அயர்ன் பாக்ஸ், ஒரு டவர் ஃப்பேன், நிறையப் பாத்திரங்கள், மிஞ்சிப் போன அரிசி, தக்காலி கெச்சப், சுத்தமான தேன் என ஏகப்பட்ட ஜூட்டங்கள்.

‘என்னடா இதெல்லாம்?’ என்றார் அனந்தராமன்.

‘அவன் வேறு ஊருக்குப் போறான். இந்த moving out items எல்லாம் எனக்குக் கொடுத்துட்டுப் போறான். எல்லாத்தையும் தூக்கிட்டுப் போக மாட்டாங்க. இங்கே இதுதான் வழக்கம். சில சமயம் ஃபர்னிச்சர்க்கடக் கொடுத்துட்டுப் போயிடுவாங்க.’

‘அப்படியா?’

‘ஆமாம். நீ தூங்கறியே கட்டில் அதுகூட என் ஃப்ரெண்ட் ஒரு நீதன் கொடுத்துதான். ஒரு தடவை தோசை மாவுகூட தானமா வந்தது.’

‘அப்படியா, பரவாயில்லையே.’

‘வீட்டிலே எந்தெந்த ஃபர்னிச்சர் எல்லாம் தானமா வந்த துண்ணு நான் சொல்லட்டுமா?’

‘வேணாம், நல்லா அம்சமா இருக்கிறதெல்லாம் தானமா வந்ததுன்னு தெரியுது.’

நண்பர்கள் ஊரைக் காலி செய்து கொண்டு போனால் ஊருக்கு யோகம் அடிக்கும் என்பது நன்றாகப் புரிந்தது.

ஒரு மாதம் கழித்து இன்னொரு நண்பன் வீட்டுக்கு வந்திருந்தான். நிறையப் பேசுக் கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். அனந்தராமன் ஒரு முலையில் அமர்ந்து இன்று எவ்வளவு டிஷ்யூ பேப்பர் உருவப்படும் எனக் கவலைப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தார்.

மகன் வந்தான்.

‘அப்பா, அவங்ககிட்டே ஏதாவது பேச. கல்லு மாதிரி உட்கார்ந்திருக்காதே.’

‘என்னடா பேசறது?’

‘ஏதாவது பேசு.’

அனந்தராமன் அந்த நண்பன் அருகே போனார்.

‘நல்லா இருக்கின்களா?’ என்றார்.

‘ஐ யாம் ஃபைன் அங்கிள்.’

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## +Concert of old Hindi songs on Nov. 26

**By Our Staff Reporter**

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. 26, 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, SeetaAur 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.

This concert which was to be held on Nov. 12, was cancelled due to heavy rains.

## Metrowater introduces QR code to file complaints

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Metrowater has introduced a QR code facility in its area and depot offices to enable residents to scan it and register complaints on water supply and sewage related issues without any hassles.

Scanning the code will open the complaint portal on the phone browser for the complainants to register their grievances.

Consumers can also lodge complaint in the 24-hour helpline number 044-45674567 (20 lines) and in toll free number 1916.

## 422 roads to be widened in the city

**By Our Staff Reporter**

The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has issued a notification to widen 422 roads and streets in the city.

The notification said that public can inspect the list of the streets available at Thalamuthu Natarajan Building in Egmore between 3pm and 5pm on any working day or in the website www.cmdachennai.gov.in.

"Any person who intends to make any objection/suggestion/representation regarding the Street alignment proposal may do so in writing addressed to the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority on or before Monday, Dec. 5.

## Project on diabetic retinopathy launched



Project RADAR (Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in Association with Rotary) Season 10 was launched for the 10th consecutive year on the occasion of World Diabetes Day on Nov 14 in Radhatri Nethralaya (12, World Diabetes Day on Nov 14 in Radhatri Nethralaya (12, SeetaAur Geeta, Yaadon Ki Baaraat, Aap Ki Kasam, Khel Khel Mein and more). Speaking on the rise and the key to stop this

occassion, Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that the theme for this year is 'Educate to Protect Tomorrow'.

She said that the number of patients suffering from diabetic retinopathy is on an alarming rise and the key to stop this

condition is by improving awareness and organising large scale screening.

Pamphlets on diabetic retinopathy which were released on the occasion were distributed in public areas like busy junctions and parks. For more details, call 9445438681 or visit [www.radhatrinethralaya.com](http://www.radhatrinethralaya.com).

## Free diabetes screening for police personnel



**By Our Staff Reporter**

RMD Nursing Home (13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar) and Aura Wellness Center (T. Nagar) jointly conducted free diabetic screening for police personnel of R1 Mambalam Police Station on Nov. 14 as part of International Diabetes Day. The program was inaugurated by Adarsh Pachera (Deputy Commissioner of Police, T. Nagar).

V. Suresh Kumar (Inspector, R1 Mambalam Police Station), Sruthi Sridhar (Managing Director, Aura Holistic Wellness Center), Dr. Karthick (General Physician, RMD) and Vishal (Nutritionist) were present.

Sruthi told *Mambalam Times* that around 100 police personnel underwent general health check-up along with screening for diabetes. Resident Associations and NGOs may contact RMD Nursing Home in 93810 16588 for organising free medical camps.

## Devotees prepare for Sabarimala pilgrimage

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Hundreds of devotees going to Sabarimala wore 'Tulasi malas' in Sri Ayyappa Goshala Krishna Temple (89, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar) on Nov. 17 (1<sup>st</sup> day of Karthigai month).

Gurusamis are available for 'irumudi' and all items for the pilgrimage are available in the temple.

The temple will remain open from 5.30 am to 12 noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on all days till Jan. 15. Cultural programs will be held at 6 p.m.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 95000 91367.



## Rain water stagnates in low-lying buildings

Following the heavy rains last week, water entered the compound of some low-lying apartment buildings in T. Nagar and West Mambalam. "Most of the residential apartments in general, and particularly those abutting Usman Road in T. Nagar, have encountered flooding in their premises. While the Chennai Corporation will not own up responsibility for the same, still it cannot escape shirking its responsibility," T. Nagar Residents Welfare Association said in a petition to the civic body.

The petition added that most of the apartments are decades old and when they were constructed, the road level was much below the floor levels of the premises. VS Jayaraman of the association riled that the residents have to spend from their pockets to pump the stagnant water out. "As sewage

mixes with rainwater, the polluted water from the well, sump and overhead tanks also needs to be pumped out. All this means spending a hefty amount," he said.

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## Fancy dress contest for children on Nov. 26

Probus Club of Chennai (a senior citizens organization) will celebrate Children's Day with a Fancy Dress competition for children under 8 years at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26 in Vinobha Hall (Thakkar Bapa Vidyalya, 20/15, Sadulla Street, CIT Nagar East, T. Nagar).

Parents are requested to register the names of their children at the earliest by calling 80560 01101 or 99626 44468.

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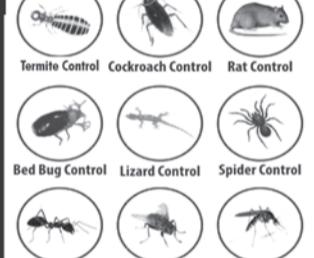
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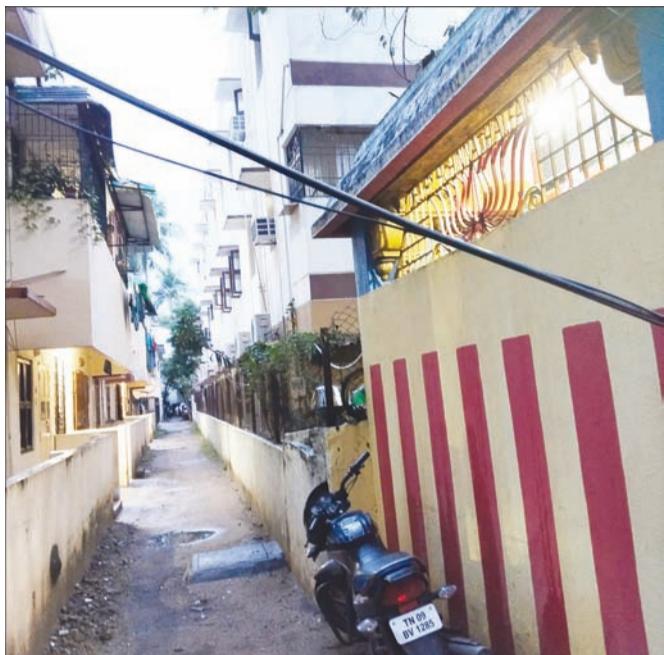
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Low-lying EB cable unsafe for pedestrians



Sir, I wish to bring to report that a live EB cable is running low on the rear side of Pillaiyar Temple (Nayakkamar Street, West Mambalam). It poses danger to unwary pedestrians and nearby residents, especially children and senior citizens at night due to poor visibility.

I appeal to officers of TNEB for immediate action. **Krithiga, West Mambalam.**

## Remains of axed tree removed after report in *Mambalam Times*



**Before**



**Now**

**By Our Staff Reporter**

After a tree fell inside Jeeva Park (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) at night on Nov. 9, Corporation workers cut and removed it, but dumped the remains in the parking lot near the entrance.

After it was reported in *Mambalam Times* (November 6–12 issue), the remains of the axed tree were removed from the location on Nov. 13.

## K.K. Nagar resident dies in bike accident

**By Our Staff Reporter**

23-year-old Kiran Kumar (resident of K.K. Nagar) died in a road accident while riding his bike at night on Nov. 16 in Maduravoyal-Tambaram Bypass Road.

He was employed in a software firm in Tidal Park.

According to police, the accident happened when his bike skidded while taking a turn at a road junction near Anakaputhur.

He fell and suffered severe head injuries and died on the way to the hospital.

The traffic wing of Chrompet police have registered a case.

## Mosquito nets given to residents living along water channels

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Ma. Subramanian (Minister for Health and Family Welfare), distributed 23,000 free mosquito nets to residents living near water channels in Ward 142 in Kodambakkam and Ward 168 and 170 in Adyar on Nov. 15.

In an interaction with the media, the Minister said this was a part of the Chief Minister's plan to distribute 2.6 lakh nets to residents across the city.

"Monsoon medical camps to screen for H1N1 and other diseases are being conducted for the 55th consecutive day since September 21 and over 76,08,504 people have benefited from them across the State", he said. From September 2 to November 15, 2,33,919 people attended 3,562 medical camps.



## Councillor organises special English classes for Corporation School students

**By Our Staff**

**Reporter**

B. Yashini (Councillor, Ward 135, Ashok Nagar) has organised special English classes for Std. 3 to 9 students of three Chennai Corporation schools in her ward.

The classes will be conducted by the members of the NGO Citizens for Law and Democracy (CLAD).

She told *Mambalam Times*

that her schooling was in Tamil medium and it was difficult for her to learn English while in College. "I do not want the next generation to find English



as a troublesome language and teach children English hence I am taking the initiative Grammar and about 800 words a year. He said that a student is made to speak in Tamil and Ra Shhiva (Founder of the another student is made to respond to this in English.

## A leading Origami artist from T. Nagar



**By Our Staff Reporter**

When it was a dark and cold night 29 years back and there was no power in his house in T. Nagar, 5-year-old Shivaram Ananthanarayanan grabbed a piece of paper, deftly turned it into a bird, much to the delight of his grandfather, KSS Mani (the legendary Tamil Sports Commentator).

In the intervening 29 years, Shivaram has gone on to become an internationally



renowned figure in Origami.

He held his 1<sup>st</sup> show at the age of 9 in Children's Museum (Egmore).

By 18, he had won a number of annual Origami competitions in the junior category in USA.

The 34-year-old has since shifted to Goa and continues his pursuit with Origami.

"I could fold complicated

models, with 300 to 400 folds,

He recently designed a 9-

foot-tall mural for a pan-Asian restaurant.

He is a trained Carnatic musician and has written several books on Origami.

## Thambiah Road/Thiruvengadam Street junction in battered condition

**By Our Staff Reporter**

The junction of Thambiah Road and Thiruvengadam Street (West Mambalam) is in bad condition.

Following the heavy rains last week, the junction has turned slushy and slippery.

The bitumen surface has got washed away, turning the stretch unsafe for motorists.

**Is anything interesting happening in your street or locality? Please inform *Mambalam Times*!**



## Study to tap floodwaters

Tamilnadu Government has proposed to study measures required to be implemented to utilise floodwaters to provide additional supply to the city.

Presently, around 92 to 95 per cent of rainfall in the city goes to the sea as runoff water, leaving very little to percolate, mainly due to the rise in the concrete surface.

The Water Resources Department has decided to implement a project under the Chennai City Partnership programme, funded by the World Bank to combat flood and climate change and supply additional water to the city and conduct a study.

As a part of the study, strategies such as conservation of runoff water by forming new reservoirs, deepening and capacity addition to existing tanks, construction of barrages and check dams, augmentation of groundwater, reviving extinct water bodies, widening the rivers and channels, and connecting the hydraulically missing links were explored.

The total project area covers 15,383 sq.km.

## Humour Club meets tomorrow

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Humour Club of T. Nagar (1, Guild Street, T. Nagar, behind Siva Vishnu Temple) will hold its monthly meeting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20 in its premises.

Dr. C. Murugan (Retired Zoology Professor, Government Men's College, Nandanam) will be present.

All are welcome to attend and share their jokes.

Entry is free. For membership, contact S. Sekar (Founder) in 97907 75571.

## Doctors wanted for free service

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Sri Ganapathy Sachidananda Swamy Ashram (Chennai) organises regular health camps in villages in and around Chennai.

Free medicines are distributed to patients diagnosed with health problems.

To continue its free medical services, it is looking for two or more doctors who are willing to join the oncoming health camps in rural locations.

Interested doctors can contact Dr. Siva in 94440 58596

## Inundation spots down to 31 from 561 last monsoon

Water logging was not reported in most parts of the city that have been prone to water logging during monsoon.

As per report released by Chennai Corporation, there was water logging in only 31 streets/roads as against 561 last November. From 31 areas in Kodambakkam, the flooding decreased to just 5 areas, an official said.

## Iodine, the most significant nutrient for women

By Dr. Vaibhav Suresh

Iodine is an essential micronutrient for normal thyroid function, growth, and development.

Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) can lead to multiple health and developmental issues, especially during pregnancy and in early childhood.

In its severe form, IDD can result in stillbirth, spontaneous abortion and

congenital abnormalities like severe mental retardation that start to decline, potentially reduces intellectual capacity leading to symptoms of hypothyroidism such as fatigue, During the neonatal period, weight gain, constipation, childhood and adolescence, menstrual irregularities and IDD can lead to hypothyroidism.

Women with IDD can take longer to conceive and have increased risk of miscarriage.

Even mild iodine deficiency during pregnancy is associated with neurological and cognitive impairments in children.

There is also increased risk of breast cancer.

Iodine plays many important roles in women's reproductive health, and its deficiency can cause unpleasant symptoms like pre-menstrual breast tenderness, low progesterone and PMS.

Thyroid glands account for 70/80 % of the body's iodine storage. Without sufficient iodine, the thyroid can swell in an effort to trap more iodine from the blood, potentially causing discomfort, hoarseness or difficulties swallowing.

When inadequate iodine intake persists, the produc-



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Children's Day, Lions Club of Central Madras and Exnora Greater Chennai jointly organised drawing competition for the students of Sri RKM Sarada Vidyalaya (Madley Road, T. Nagar) in the school's premises followed by planting of saplings.

Prizes were awarded to the top three winners S. Kaviya Priya, Mathumitha and Srimathi and consolation prizes to 11 other students.

R. Govindaraj (President, Exnora Greater Chennai), J. Fatheraj Jain (Secretary, North) and S. Jayanthimala (Principal, Sarada Vidyalaya) gave away the prizes.

### Designer Rema Kumar to showcase her creations from Nov. 23

By Our Staff Reporter

Well-known fashion designer Rema Kumar will be exhibiting her latest creations of saris, dupattas, blouse and kurtas from 10.30 a.m to 7.30 p.m from Nov. 23 to 26 in Weddings and Marigolds Studio (New No. 18, Lakshmanan Street, near Jeeva Park, T. Nagar).

Titled 'Textile Tales', the exhibits will include Rema Kumar's works on surface detail techniques in batik, ajrakh, kalamkari, handblocks, pipli applique, embroidery, doriwork, ariwork, zardosi, patti kaam, kantha, lambani embroidery.

The saree collection includes chanderi, uttara, maheshwari, benaresi, champatassars and linen.

The price of sarees varies from Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 25,000.

There will be a special presentation by Rema at 5 pm on Thursday, Nov. 24 in which she will demonstrate recreating old, worn-out or stained sarees by way of hand blocks, embroidery and detailing. Customers can bring any of their old sarees for a makeover advice.

There is no entrance fee for the exhibition.

### 3 arrested for swindling Rs. 8 crores from employer

Prathap Pasupaleti (32), K. Kumaravel (44) (residents of West Mambalam) and Venkateswarlu (61), employees in a private company in Nungambakkam, were arrested by Central Crime Branch Police for cheating the company by selling 1074 iPhones and 3 Apple laptops and swindling Rs. 8.29 crores earned from it.

It is a pan-India company that deals mainly with Apple products. When the theft came to light and a complaint was made to the police, all the three accused absconded.

After investigation, police launched a search and arrested Prathap from Nellore and later arrested Kumaravel and Venkateswarlu.

## Drawing competition held for Children's Day in Sarada Vidyalaya



## Ongoing storm drain work affects residents of Bhagirathiammal Street



By Our Staff Reporter

The ongoing work of connecting the storm water drains on Bhagirathiammal Street and Arulambal Street in T. Nagar is causing hardship to residents and

The work is getting delayed due to the onset of rains. The junction has been closed to traffic for more than a month as a trench has been dug across the road for connecting the drains. Nearby residents have appealed to Chennai Corporation to complete the work at the earliest.

A Corporation official told *Mambalam Times* that in spite of the rains, they are continuing the work and will complete it before the end of this month.

## Sewage water overflowing on Railway Border Road



Sewage water is overflowing from a manhole chamber and accumulating on Railway Border Road (near Janakiraman Street, West Mambalam) for the past several days.

A nearby shopkeeper told *Mambalam Times* that the stench is unbearable and is leading to proliferation of mosquitoes. As it is a health hazard, he has appealed to Chennai Corporation to clear the block from the sewage chamber to prevent the overflow.

## Petrol, diesel prices steady

For the 184<sup>th</sup> day in Chennai, petrol and diesel prices still remain unchanged. A litre of petrol is sold at Rs 102.63 and diesel at Rs 94.24.

The government has approved the practice of daily determination of fuel prices in line with international crude oil prices. Oil companies are regulating petrol and diesel prices on a daily basis, keeping a check on fluctuation.

## Construction debris blocks pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

Construction debris is seen dumped on the entire stretch of the pavement adjoining the compound wall of the mosque on Vijayaraghava Road (T. Nagar).

It blocks the way for pedestrians.

Nearby residents told *Mambalam Times* that the debris is causing air pollution and during rains, it gets mixed with water and turns the road margin slushy.

They have appealed to officers of Chennai Corporation to remove the debris from the pavement.

## Staff absconds with 27 sovereigns jewellery

By Our Staff Reporter

Kodambakkam police have launched a hunt for Kuldeep Singh (a staff of a jewellery showroom) who allegedly escaped with 27 sovereigns gold jewellery from the showroom in Kumaran Nagar, Kodambakkam last week.

Kuldeep had not been reporting for work since Nov. 14.

Police said that Dinesh of West Mambalam is the owner of the jewellery store.

While taking stock on Nov. 13, he found that 27 sovereigns jewellery missing.

On checking the CCTV footage, he found Kuldeep removing the ornaments and pocketing them.

He had joined the shop three months back.

## New drain work to be taken up after rains

While motors are being used to pump out water from areas that do not have stormwater drains, Municipal Administration Minister KN Nehru on Nov. 11 said stormwater drains will be constructed in these areas after the rains to find a permanent solution for water stagnation.

The Minister said water was draining from most parts of the city within hours after the rain. Nehru along with Health Minister Ma Subramanian inspected six spots in Kodambakkam zone which were prone to water logging in previous years.

## Axed tree branches block pavement



**By Our Staff Reporter**

Axed tree branches are heaped on the pavement of Lodi Khan Street (opposite Andhar Club, West Mambalam) for the past several days. They block the way for pedestrians.

Nearby residents have urged officers of Chennai Corporation to remove the foliage from the pavement.

## Axed tree trunk blocks road margin



**By Our Staff Reporter**

The trunk of an axed tree with protruding roots is dumped on the road margin at the junction of Krishna Street and South West Boag Road (T. Nagar) for the past several days.

It blocks the carriageway causing obstruction to road users.

## Total reservoir storage at 70% of full capacity

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Even though the rains have subsided in the city and its suburbs, the city's reservoirs continue to register substantial inflows.

The total storage in them on the morning of Nov. 18 was 8090 million cubic feet (mcft) which is almost 70% of their total capacity of 11757 mcft. The total storage on the same date last year was 9244 mcft.

The average total daily inflow since Nov. 7 has been around 1500 cusecs per day.

As on Nov. 18, Poondi has a storage of 1810 mcft as against its full capacity of 3231 mcft; Cholavaram 416 mcft as against the full capacity of 881 mcft; Red Hills 2669 mcft as against its full capacity of 3300 mcft; Chembarambakkam 2695 mcft against its full capacity of 3645 mcft) and Kannankottai Thervoykandigai 500 mcft.

## Improved storm water drains prevent water logging

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Apart from creating an effective system to pump out water from designated spots and subways at night, Chennai Corporation has undertaken additional measures to mitigate water inundation this monsoon.

Senior corporation officials said that improvements to stormwater drain structures have prevented inundation in areas like T. Nagar and KK Nagar which had seen heavy flooding last monsoon.

An official said that following the heavy rains last week, only 114 pumps were used across the city, as opposed to more than 700 last year.

Other than pumping, other measures like changing the course of water to disposal points and using shutters at outfall points to keep water from flowing back to the streets had also helped in preventing flooding.

He said that the streets where water had stagnated during the rains last week have been identified and measures will be taken to prevent it.

## Residents unhappy with traffic changes around Panagal Park

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Residents and pedestrians living near Panagal Park (T. Nagar) have complained that they are facing hardship caused by new traffic rules implemented in and around the Panagal Park area since Nov. 12 to facilitate Chennai Metro work.

A senior traffic official said that there were some issues hampering free flow of traffic and the situation would stabilise once members of the public get used to the changes.

As per the new rule, vehicles take Thyagaraja Road from Panagal Park towards Ma. Po. Si. statue instead of from Thanikachalam Road Junction to Panagal Park.

Vehicles going from Prakasam Road towards Pothys via Bashyam Road are diverted to Thyagaraya Road and Thanikachalam Road.

MTC buses going towards



Thanikachalam Road from Burkitt Road take Sivagnanam Street and Thiagaraja Road.

R.S. Radhakrishnan (Secretary of Natesan Park Walkers' and Joggers' Association) said Balachandran (resident of Raja Street, behind Panagal Park) said Raja Street is now a two-way traffic zone and has become noisier and unsafe for

things have worsened due to the traffic diversions. Residents have to take a detour to reach their destination. Traffic officials said additional manpower has been

deployed round the clock. On each shift, an Assistant Commissioner, three Inspectors, 14 Sub-Inspectors, 20 Traffic Constables and 20 Constables from the Armed Reserve are deployed, besides 68 private marshals by the contractors.

## Free eye screening held in Natesan Park

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Rotary Club of Chennai Portcity RC Portcity organised free eye screening in Natesan Park (T. Nagar) on Nov. 19.

Doctors from R a d h a t r i Nethralayam (T. Nagar) conducted the check-up using AI-enabled Fundus Camera.

50 visitors to the park availed the benefit.



## Traffic light post installed at entrance to Madley subway



A new traffic light post was installed on Nov. 15 at the entrance to Madley Subway on T. Nagar side. A continuously blinking amber light indicates that the subway is open to traffic.

According to a traffic official, red light will blink continuously when the subway is closed to traffic. There is no traffic light post on the other end of the subway.

## Man electrocuted in local restaurant

A 27-year-old man was electrocuted in a restaurant in T. Nagar on Nov. 13 when he touched the shutter. The victim was identified as K. Babu, 27, of Ariyalur district.

He had recently joined as a server with the restaurant on Nair Road (T. Nagar).

Around 7 p.m. when Babu touched a steel shutter in the shop he was thrown off and rendered unconscious. Others took him to a nearby hospital where he was declared as brought dead. Based on the complaint, the Pondy Bazaar police registered a case and further investigations are on. A live wire from the electric box came in contact with the shutter and Babu inadvertently touched it, said the police.

## Signals before subways to alert on inundation during rain

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Chennai Corporation has installed signals in 11 of the 16 subways including Madley Subway (T. Nagar) to alert on inundation.

The signal will come up in the remaining subways soon.

Corporation Chief Engineer S. Rajendiran said that green light indicates that the subway is clear and open to traffic. Yellow light will indicate that there is some water stagnation in the subway and motorists must exercise caution while passing.

Red light means there is about knee-deep water and the subway is inoperable.

## Precast drains to prevent flooding on Anna Salai

Tamilnadu Highways Department will install precast drains on Bazaar Road in Saidapet to avoid waterlogging on Anna Salai.

Because of continuous rain, the Highways Department was unable to build the drains, which carry surface runoff into Adyar.

Since Bazaar Road is a busy stretch, traffic police had accorded permission to work only during the night.

Because of this pending work, inundation was reported along a few stretches of Anna Salai, near Saidapet.

This worsened traffic congestion on the road, and residents too had a tough time stepping out of their homes for the past one week.

Highway authorities said that as an ad-hoc arrangement, motor pumps have been placed in low-lying and flood-prone areas to avoid water stagnation.

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## Blood donation drive on Nov. 27

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Vivekanandhapuram 1<sup>st</sup> Street Residents' Welfare Association, HDFC Bank and Voluntary Health Services (Taramani) have jointly organised blood donation drive for the 5<sup>th</sup> year from 9 a.m to 3 p.m on Sunday, Nov.27 at Guha Flats (Vivekanandapuram 1<sup>st</sup> Street, West Mambalam).

Anyone between 18 and 65 years and in good health can donate blood.

For more details, call 94444 60935 or 94449 79351 or 95000 45070.

## Metrowater grievance meetings on second Saturdays

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Metrowater conducts open house grievance meeting on second Saturdays of every month at the local area offices from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The public can raise complaints pertaining to water and sewage connections, tax and other issues at the meetings.

## Mother-daughter arrested in medical seat scam

A 63-year-old woman and her daughter were arrested by Central Crime Branch of police on Nov. 16 on charge of taking lakhs of rupees and cheating many by promising them MBBS and MS admission in leading medical colleges.

The accused were identified as K.Sasikala, (63) and her daughter M. Ramya (34) (residents of KK Nagar).

When a victim who had lost Rs. 12 lakhs to the couple filed a complaint in KK Nagar police station, an investigation was launched and police found that cases against the two were also filed in more police stations.

The cases were transferred to CCB who found that the two had cheated several persons to the tune of Rs. 4 crores including Dr. Anna Joseph of Rs.90 lakhs and R. Sundar of Rs. 25 lakhs.

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## Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya participates in nationwide ATL program

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Students of Jaigopal Hindu Vidyalaya (West Mambalam) which has enrolled for Atal Tinkering Labs programme of the Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog, New Delhi), took part in a unique online mega tinkering activity along with nearly 1.5 lakhs students from 10,000 schools across India on the occasion of Children's Day on Nov 14.

Several schools from the length and breadth of the country along with their students, ATL in-charges, principals, mentors, AIM team, and partners participated in the event virtually from their respective ATLs that was streamed live on YouTube.

In this event, participating students all across India built an innovation project together in one of the largest



ever global tinkering events done collectively in a single day.

With a vision to cultivate 10-lakh children in India as Neoteric Innovators, Atal Innovation Mission is establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools across India with an objective to foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design mindset, computa-

tional thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing and more.

In Hindu Vidyalaya, the

projects were witnessed by the

Chief Guest Anuradha

(Proprietor, CentradoTech Pvt. Ltd.) and Dr. Girija Seshadr i(School Correspondent).

Followed by this, Anuradha

presented a lecture on

'Machine learning'.

Swagata Sarkar (Professor

and HOD of Artificial

Intelligence & Data Science,

Sairam Engineering College)

gave a lecture on 'Cyber

Security'.

Girija told *Mambalam*

Times that ATL students

across the country have been

ambassadors of the

tinkering

movement and have used their

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## Velammal student excels in chess



C. Saathana (Std. 3 student in Velammal Vidyalaya, Mogappair) came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Under-8 category in the TharunTejas 1st State-Level Chess Tournament held last week in the school.

She also excelled in the JaigopalGarodia Memorial Rapid Chess Tournament held on Oct. 30 in the Under-9 category by scoring 5 out of 7 points and entering the merit list.