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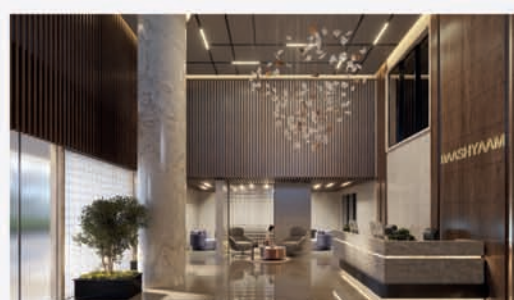
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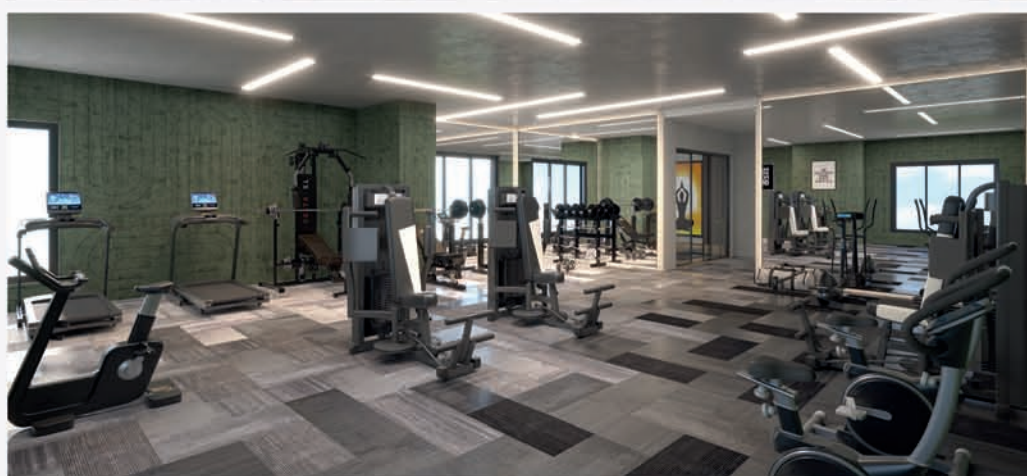
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Usman Road flyover nearing completion



By Our Staff Reporter
With the construction of South Usman Road flyover and its linking with North Usman Road flyover nearing completion, Chennai Corporation officials, accompanied by J. Karunanithi (MLA, T.

Nagar) conducted an inspection on Sept. 11. An official said that finishing works are in progress and the flyover will be inaugurated within a week.

Constructed at a cost of over Rs. 150 crores, the new flyover over South Usman Road constructed with steel girders, starts a little ahead of 4th Main Road junction (CIT Nagar) and joins the existing North Usman Road flyover at Madley junction. A single-lane exit ramp has been constructed 50 meters ahead of Madley junction, near Sarojini Street, to provide access to motorists

coming from North Usman Road side to reach T. Nagar bus terminus, Ranganathan Street or Pondy Bazaar via Burkit Road.

Similarly, a single-lane entry ramp has been provided on the opposite side near Shiva Vishnu Temple for motorists coming from Madley junction to ascend the flyover.

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Originally slated to be opened in Sept. 2024, the project has got delayed by a year.

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Celebrating Navarathri with a difference

By Our Staff Reporter

Bloomlife Healthcare Centre (85A, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) will celebrate Navarathri on the theme 'Dad and Child Festive' from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21 in its premises.

Fathers and their kids aged between 1 and 3 can participate.

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ஆனால் அதே சமயம் கட்டாயம் அவர்கள் வாங்க நினைக்கும் இடத்தை அவர்களே நேரில் போய்ப் பார்க்க வேண்டும் என்று வற்புறுத்துவேன். பக்கத்திலேயே எங்களின் அண்ணனோ, மைத்துனனோ, ஷட்டகனோ இடம் வாங்கியிருக்கிறான், ஆகையால் நாங்கள் பார்க்க வேண்டிய அவசியம் இல்லை என்று சொல்பவர்களிடமும் கட்டாயம் நேரிலே போய் இடத்தைப் பார்க்க வேண்டும், 'Precaution is wiser than abortion' என்று சொல்வேன்.

இப்படித்தான் ஒரு தம்பதி ECRலே இடம் வாங்க வேண்டும் என்று பத்திரங்களை எடுத்துக் கொண்டு என் opinionயைக் கேட்க வந்தார்கள். நானும் வழக்கம்போல் 'இடத்தை நேரிலே பார்த்துட்டிங்களா?' என்று கேட்டேன்.

அதுக்குக் கணவர் 'தேவை இல்லை ஸார், இவளுடைய தங்கை பக்கத்திலேயே தான் ப்ளாட் வாங்கி இருக்கிறாள். அதைப் பார்த்திருக்கிறோம். அதற்குப் பக்கத்துத் தெருவிலேதான் இந்த ப்ளாட். அதனால் இடத்தைப் பார்க்கணும்கிற அவசியமில்லை. அதுவுமில்லாமல் இடம் ரொம்ப தூரம், போயிட்டு வர ரெண்டு மணி நேரம் ஆயிடும். கிடைக்கிற ஒரு ஞாயிற்றுக் கிழமையை வேஸ்ட் பண்ண வேண்டாம்னு நினைக்கிறோம்.'

'No, don't say like that, அவசியம் போய்ப் பாருங்க' என்று சொன்னேன். Because of my insistence, they made a trip to the plot on a Sunday and rushed to my office on the same evening and said, 'ஸார், நீங்க சொன்னது நூற்றுக்கு நூறு சரி. நாங்க வாங்குறதா இருந்த ப்ளாட்டுக்கு வலது பக்கம் ஒரு சுடுகாடு இருக்கு. ஒரு பிணம் எரிஞ்சுண்டு இருந்தது. எங்களுக்குத் தூக்கிவாரிப் போட்டுடுத்து. பத்திரத்திலே வலது பக்கம் எல்லை T.S. No. 2317 என்று மட்டும்தான் போட்டிருந்தது. நல்லவேளை நீங்க சொன்னதாலே நேரிலே போய்ப் பார்த்தோம். இல்லேன்னா வ ர ங் க ி ன ப ி ன் ன ா லே ரொம்ப வேதனை பட்டிருப்போம். உங்களுக்கு ரொம்ப நன்றி' என்று சொல்லி விட்டு சந்தோஷமா போனாங்க.

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How not to infuriate the Judge

This happened in the court of Justice Ramprasad Rao.

In those days Civil Revision Petitions would come up for admission in the High Court on Fridays. Chellappa, a lawyer, was arguing his case when the Judge raised a question.

Chellappa replied, 'I don't think Your Lordship has understood my point....'

The Judge was infuriated and showed his anger in the following words - 'Yes, I don't have the legal acumen to follow your wonderful arguments. After all I have been a Judge for only 7 years. So, I will post this case of the same date next year. Today is 14.3.1973. I shall post it to 14.3.1974 and, by the time, I shall study the law and gather further experience in order to be able to understand your wonderful arguments. Case adjourned.'

Chellappa had a strong case but he lost it because he did not know how to present it. If only he had said instead, 'My Lord, I am afraid I had not made myself clear...', the Judge would not have got angry, and Chellappa would have won the case. Ultimately it was the poor client who suffered.

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This photo was taken on Sept.10.

New building with 110 beds opened in Saidapet GH

A new building with 110 beds was inaugurated on Sept. 8 in Saidapet Government Hospital, which is over 100 years old. The stilt + 6-storey complex spanning 68,290 sq.ft was constructed at a cost of Rs. 28.70 crores.

The ground floor section comprises access areas and parking zone, the 1st floor houses outpatient and immunisation units, pharmacy and scan rooms. The 2nd floor will have labour wards, pre and post-natal wards, emergency wards and nursing stations. On the 3rd floor, an integrated laboratory is being set up at a cost of Rs. 1 crore along with ENT and Paediatric sections.

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Rail Priya drama troupe felicitated

Following the staging of the comedy play 'Idhenna Galattaa' on Sept. 2 at the L&T Convention Centre (Manapakkam) for the staff of L&T, the members of the Rail Priya Drama Troupe (Patel Street, West Mambalam) were felicitated by the organisers.

The script of the play revolves around three persons who look alike and have the same name as Pattabhi. It leads to hilarious situations among their close relatives, lovers and friends. Ananthu played the lead role of Pattabhi, supported by other members of the troupe.

The troupe was established 30 years back to promote traditional drama as it faced significant hurdles due to the emergence of television and increasing travel costs.

Its members are entirely made up of serving and retired railway staff.

They had once staged a 27-hour marathon drama, beginning at 6 p.m and continuing until the next day till 9 p.m, sharing many plays in succession, including captivating performances even at midnight. For more details, contact Karpaga Ganesh in 9444127708



ஆரஞ்சு கலர் சான்யோ டிரான்சிஸ்டர்!

நான் அடையாறு புற்றுநோய் மருத்துவமனையில் வேலைக்குச் சேர்ந்த புதிது. அங்கு வரும் நோயாளிகள் மிகவும் மனது உடைந்து, வாழ்க்கையில் நம்பிக்கை இழந்து வருபவர்கள். தனக்கு இருப்பது புற்று நோய்தான் என்பதை அறிந்தவர்கள் ஒரு விதத் தயக்கத்துடன் 'மேலே என்ன' என்பதைக் கேட்க வருவார்கள். சந்தேகத்தில் வருபவர்களின் முகத்தில் ஒரு எதிர்பார்ப்பு: 'அதுவாக இருக்கக் கூடாதே' என்ற அச்சத்துடன் கூடிய ஒரு முக பாவத்துடன் வருவார்கள். ஏற்கெனவே சிகிச்சை எடுத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பவர்கள் ஒருவித சினேக பாவத்துடன், முகத்தில் ஒரு நம்பிக்கையுடன் வருவார்கள்.

எதற்கும் அடங்காமல் புற்று நோய் தன் கொடூர முகத்தைக் காட்டும் நேரத்தில் அவர்களின் முகம் காட்டும் வலி, விட்டுப்போகின்ற வேதனை, அப்போதும் டாக்டரைப் பார்த்தவுடன் வலிந்து காட்டும் சிறிய புன்னகை என் மனதைக் கலக்கும், பாறையாய் அழுத்தும்.

அந்தப் பையனின் பெயர் ரஹீம் - பதினான்கு வயது. ஆந்திராவின் ஒரு மிகச் சிறிய கிராமத்திலிருந்து வந்தவன். வயதிற்கு சிறிது உயரம் கூடத்தான். முகத்தில் ஒரு புன்சிரிப்பு. அக்குணைத் தாங்கி இரண்டு பக்கமும் ஊன்று கோல்கள் வலது கால் தொடையின் கீழ்ப் பாதியிலிருந்து ஆம்பியுடேட் செய்யப்பட்டிருந்தது. வெள்ளை முண்டாக தலைகீழாகக் கட்டியதைப் போல, வெட்டி எடுக்கப்பட்ட இடத்தில் போட்டிருந்த பாண்டேஜில் இன்னும் காய்ந்த பச்சை இரத்தத்தின் சுவடுகள்; சமீபத்திய அறுவைச் சிகிச்சையின் சின்னங்கள். கையில் ஃபைலுடன் இரு பக்கமும் அவனுடைய பெற்றோர்களின் முகம் முழுக்க சோகம் அப்பியிருந்தது.

அந்தப் பையனுக்கு இருந்தது எலும்பில் வரும் கேன்சர் (Osteogenic Sarcoma). மேல் சிகிச்சைக்காக - ரேடியேஷன் மற்றும் கீமோதெரபி - எங்களிடம் அனுப்பப் பட்டிருந்தான்.

வழக்கமான கேள்விகள், பதில்கள், அறிவுரைகள், சிகிச்சை சம்பந்தமான சொல்லமுடியாத 'நல்லாய்டுவானா ஸார்?' எல்லாம் முடிந்து அட்மிட் ஆனான். அவனுக்குத் தமிழ் தெரியாது. எனக்குத் தெரிந்த தெலுங்கு அவனுக்குப் புரியாது! ஒவ்வொரு முறையும் தெலுங்கும், தமிழும் நன்கறிந்த ஒருவர் எங்கள் உரையாடலுக்கு உதவுவார்.

முதல் அட்மிஷன் மூன்று வாரங்கள். தினமும் மூன்று ரேடியேஷன், வாரத்தில் ஒரு கீமோதெரபி (மருந்துகள் ஊசி மூலமாகவும், வாய் வழியாகவும்). புதிதாய்த் திறக்கப்பட்டிருந்த அந்தக் கட்டிடத்தின் தரைத் தளத்தில் மூன்றாவது கட்டில் அவனுடையது. பக்கத்தில் வெங்கட்ராமி ரெட்டி. அவனுக்கு ப்ளட் கேன்சர். மாதா மாதம் வந்து கீமோதெரபி எடுத்துக் கொள்பவன். ரஹீம் வந்த அன்றிலிருந்தே இருவரும் நண்பர்கள் ஆனார்கள். இணைத்தது வியாதியோ, மொழியோ அல்ல; இவருடைய மகிழ்ச்சியும், வயதும்தான்! தெலுங்களில் பேசிக்கொண்டு சிரித்தபடியே இருப்பார்கள்! இருவரையும் எனக்கு எவ்வளவு பிடிக்குமோ, அவ்வளவு அவர்களுக்கும் என்னைப் பிடிக்கும். வந்தவுடனே 'குட் மார்னிங்' புன்னகை! சில நாட்களிலேயே என் அரைகுறைத் தெலுங்கை ரஹீம் புரிந்து கொண்டான். சில ஆங்கில, தமிழ் வார்த்தைகளுடன் என்னுடன் பேசுவான்.

சில மருத்துவத் காரணங்களுக்காக ரஹீம் இரண்டு வாரங்கள் கூடுதலாகத் தங்க நேரிட்டது. அதற்குள் ராமி ரெட்டி இரண்டாம் முறையும் வந்து கீமோ எடுத்து சென்றுவிட்டான்.

அன்று இரவு எனக்கு டியூட்டி. இரவு ரவுண்ட்ஸ் வரும்போது, இனிமையான பாடல் 'ஜிந்தகியோங் குச் பி நஹிங்' (வாழ்க்கையில் ஒன்று மில்லை!) மூன்றாவது கட்டி லிலிருந்து கசிந்து கொண்டிருந்தது. மங்கிய இரவு விளக்கின் ஒளியில், சுழன்று கொண்டிருந்த ஃபேனைப் பார்த்த வாறு படுத்திருந்தான் ரஹீம். தலைமாட்டில் ஆரஞ்சு கலர் சான்யோ டிரான்சிஸ்டர். சப்தமில்லாமல் சுவற்றோரமாக நின்றுகொண்டு முழுப் பாடலையும் கேட்டேன்.



இன்றுவரை அந்த அமைதியை நான் அனுபவித்ததில்லை. ரஹீமைத் தொந்தரவு செய்யாமல் ரவுண்ட்ஸ் முடித்து என் அறைக்கு சென்றுவிட்டேன்.

பிரச்சனைகள் ஏதுமின்றி ரஹீம் ஐந்தாம் வாரம் முடிவில் டிஸ்சார்ஜ் ஆனான். சிரித்தபடி, கையில் துணிப் பையுடன், 'ஒஸ்த்தாம் டாக்டர்.... புய்ட்டு வரேன்' என்றபடி படியிறங்கினவனைப் பார்த்தபடி நின்றேன்.

நான்காம் கீமோவுக்கு ரஹீம் மறுபடியும் வந்தபோது ராமி ரெட்டியைப் பற்றிக் கேட்டான். ராமி ரெட்டி இந்த மாதம் வந்திருக்க வேண்டியவன். திடீரென்று நோய் அதிகமாகி, சிறுநீரகம் வேலை செய்ய முரண்டு பிடிக்க ஒரு வாரப் போராட்டத்துக்குப் பின் ராமி ரெட்டி இறந்து போனான் என்பதை நான் எப்படி இந்தக் குழந்தையிடம் சொல்வேன்?

செயற்கையாக சிரித்து, 'அவனது வீட்டில் விசேஷம் இருப்பதால் அடுத்த வாரம்தான் வருவான்' என்று பொய் சொன்னேன். 'ஓ அல்லாகா' என்றவன் முகத்தில் ஒரு நிம்மதி. என்னால் கொடுக்க முடிந்த நிம்மதி!

காலம் நிற்காமல் ஓடிக் கொண்டேதானே இருக்கிறது? ரஹீம் ஆறு கீமோ முடித்து, இனி ஆறு மாதங்களுக்கு ஒரு முறை வந்தால் போதும் என்ற நிலை. காலுக்கு அளவெடுத்து, செயற்கையான லெதர் கால் பொருத்தப்பட்டது. கொஞ்சம் நடை பழகி, வீட்டுக்குப் போகும்போது ரஹீம் என்னிடம் வந்தான். 'சால தாங்க்ஸ் ஸார்' என்றவன் பையிலிருந்து ஒரு புதிய சான்யோ டிரான்சிஸ்டரை எடுத்து என்னிடம் கொடுத்தான்! துபாயிலிருக்கும் அவனுடைய மாமாவிடம் சொல்லி எனக்காக வாங்கியதாக சொன்னான். (நர்ஸ் மொழி பெயர்த்தது) நான் மறுத்ததை அவன் பொருட்படுத்தவில்லை. அதற்குமேல் மறுக்க எனக்கு மனமில்லை.

தினமும் ஏதாவதொரு ஸ்டேஷனில் - இந்திப் பாடல்கள் வரும் ஸ்டேஷனில் - 'ஜிந்தகியோங் குச் பி' பாடல் வருமா என்று காத்திருந்த எனக்கு ஏமாற்றமே. ஆரஞ்சு சான்யோவைப் பார்க்கும் பொழுதெல்லாம், மேலே சுழலும் ஃபேனைப் பார்த்தவாறு படுத்திருந்த ரஹீமை என் மனதில் நிழலாடினான்.

ஒரு திங்கட்கிழமை அதிகாலை ரஹீம் வந்து அட்மிட் ஆனான். பரவியிருந்த நோய் சிகிச்சைகளை நிராகரித்தது. மாரில் நீர், மூச்சு முட்டல், அவஸ்தை. என் கண்ணெதிரிலேயே விழிகள் நிலை குத்தி நிற்க, சிரித்தபடி மரணித்தான் ரஹீம். தலைமாட்டில் ஆரஞ்சு கலர் சான்யோ இரண்டு ஆப்பிள்களுக்கிடையே இருந்தது. அதிலிருந்து எந்த சப்தமும் இல்லை. ஜிந்தகியோ குச்.... பாட்டு வந்தால் ஒருவேளை கேட்பதற்கு உயிர்ப்பானோ?

வாழ்க்கையில் என்ன இருக்கிறது? நான் அதற்குப் பிறகு 'ஜிந்தகியோ' பாடலுக்காக சான்யோவை ஆன் செய்யவே இல்லை. ரொம்ப நாட்களுக்கு என் ஷோகேஸில் அது ரஹீமை சுமந்து கொண்டிருந்தது.

ரஹீமுக்கு அவன் முடிவு முன்னமேயே தெரிந்திருக்கலாம். அவன் காட்டிய தைரியமும், விவேகமும், வாழ்க்கையையும், மனிதர்களையும் நேசித்த நேயமும் வேறு எந்த மனிதரிடமும் நான் காணாதவை.

சமீபத்தில் மறைந்த டாக்டர் சாந்தா மேடம் மூலம் எனக்குக் கிடைத்த அரிய பல நல்ல விஷயங்களில் ரஹீமுக்குத் தனியிடம் உண்டு. ஞானம் இப்படித்தான் வரவேண்டுமெனில், ரஹீம், நான் ஞானமற்றவனாகவே வாழ ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்!

Special abhishekam in Srimath Ramanujas today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Garudapuram Srimath Ramanujas (21/10, Giri Street, West Mambalam) will celebrate 'Sri Krishna Jayanthi' from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, Sep.14 in its premises.

Special abhishekam / aradhana will be performed at 6 p.m.

Devotees can offer milk, curd, honey for the abhishekam. For more details, call 9841502313.

Hoax bomb threat to BJP office

Security was tightened at the BJP State Headquarters (Kamalalayam, Vaidyanathan Street, T. Nagar) following a bomb threat call.

Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) personnel, along with sniffer dogs, conducted a thorough search for about an hour before declaring it a false alarm.

The West Mambalam police have registered a case and investigation is in progress.

Kalki Award presented to Varsha Bhuvaneswari

By Our Staff Reporter

The Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Trust (Adyar) presented this year's Kalki Award to Harikatha exponent Varsha Bhuvaneswari on Sept. 9 in Ragasudha Arangam (Mylapore).

Carnatic vocalist Gayathri Gireesh presented the award to Varsha in the presence of S. Chandramouli (Trustee).

Varsha, a disciple of Thanjavur Kamala Murthy, has been performing since the age of 10. She is the daughter of vocalist Sreyas Narayanan, a disciple of P. S. Narayanaswamy.

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Music and food festival at YMCA ends today

By Our Staff Reporter

The 2-day 'Made of Chennai Food and Music Festival' by The Hindu concludes on Sunday, Sept. 14 at YMCA Grounds (Nandanam). It features an array of musical performances, and a curation of the best food that the city has to offer across cuisines. It starts at 4 p.m and will go on till 11 p.m.

Today's events will feature The Drum Fighters percussion band, the Tamil band Oorka, musician Paul Jacob, folk and playback singer Chinna Ponnu and the popular multi-genre Indian band Thaikkudam Bridge.

The food delights feature the popular mango ice cream from C. Kunhiraman General Store, bun butter jam from G. Gopaul Dairy, biryani, desserts, and other favourites from brands from Chennai, Sattur and Coimbatore.

The entry points will be through YMCA Gate 1 or via Chamiers Road (Lotus Colony), SPIC Ground. 2-wheeler and car park is available at all the three points.

Household, e-waste collection drive today

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of Kasturba Nagar Association (ROKA) and Wasted 360 Solutions (T. Nagar) have jointly organised household and e-waste collection drive today in several parts of the city including T. Nagar.

Residents of T. Nagar, West Mambalam and nearby areas can leave used plasticwares and toys, electronic wastes like chargers, wires and cables, clothes (kitchen rags, socks, undergarments, and towels packed separately), books, stationery, footwear, glass bottles, X-rays, empty tablet strips, and usable pillows and cushions at the office of Wasted 360 Solutions (30, Mylai Ranganathan Street, Parthasarathi Puram, T. Nagar) between 10 a.m and 5 p.m. To ensure smooth recycling and upcycling, the organisers request the residents to ensure the items are clean and dry. This is the 11th such initiative by ROKA, and it invites volunteers to join it in its endeavour for a cleaner and greener environment.

Its contact numbers are 97517 55522 and 86674 99135.

Concert of old Hindi songs next Sunday

The music troupe Satrangi will present a concert of old Hindi songs from movies released in 1975 at 5.45 p.m on Sunday, Sept 21 in TEACH Auditorium (Taramani).

The program will feature songs picturised on actor Dev Anand from movies like Jewel Thief, Prem Pujari, Guide, Hum Dono, Hare Rama Hare Krishna, Kala Pani, Kala Bazar, Tere Mere Sapne, Paying Guest to name a few.

The program will be presented by Promod, Smriti and supported by a live orchestra. Tickets priced at Rs. 300 and Rs.500 will be home delivered on calling 98847 78073.

Lift under construction in Mambalam Station



For the benefit of commuters, the Chennai Division of Southern Railway plans to install additional elevators and escalators in the division at key stations including Mambalam Railway Station. Lift is already under construction at a few stations including Mambalam.

These facilities will be beneficial to all, especially senior citizens, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, patients, families with children and passengers with luggage.

Restoration of Virugambakkam canal begins

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation on Sept. 8 commenced the Rs. 30-crore flood mitigation project in the long-neglected Virugambakkam canal, aimed at curbing inundation across key city

zones ahead of the northeast monsoon.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin flagged off the works.

Once completed, the project is expected to prevent inundation during the upcoming monsoon in several areas across Teynampet, Kodambakkam, Valasaravakkam and Anna Nagar zones. The Virugambakkam canal has been in poor condition for a long time.

It was under the maintenance of the Water Resources Department (WRD) but was neither desilted nor restored, while untreated sewage continued to be discharged from nearby residential areas. During the monsoon, the locality frequently faced inundation due to the lack of restoration work. Last year, the canal was handed over to Chennai Corporation for maintenance.

"Ahead of the northeast monsoon, work has begun to desilt 1,07,200 cubic metres of silt along a 6.36-km stretch, raise 1,490 metres of retaining walls, and install chain-link fencing, based on recommendations from hydrology experts. The canal has been identified as one of the critical waterways to be strengthened to reduce inundation during monsoon," S. Baskaran (Chief Engineer) said.



N. Panchapakesan felicitated for his social work

By Our Staff Reporter

N. Panchapakesan (Social worker and Founder of Sai Sankara Matrimonials) was felicitated by World Brahmin Welfare Association at a function held on Sept. 6 in J.D. Mahal (Kovilamba-kkam).

In the past 33 years, through Sai Sankara Matrimonials, more than two lakh weddings have taken place. H. Raja of BJP, Chandrasekhar (MD, Manali Petrochemicals), Suresh (Maharaja Group, Sri Lanka) and K. Sivanarayanan (President, WBWA) were present.

Panchapakesan provides free matrimonial service to the poor through Chennai Sai Muruga Matrimonials and to the disabled community through Chennai Sai Subsidiary Matrimonials.

He regularly conducts annadhaanam and provides educational assistance for poor students.



Duraisamy Subway prone to waterlogging

By Our Staff Reporter

The road in Duraisamy subway is in bad condition, and the drains have still not been desilted by Chennai Corporation in over a year.

With northeast monsoon just weeks away, commuters fear another season of waterlogging at the subway.

The 2-lane subway links Mambalam and T. Nagar, and is often closed during heavy rains due to flooding.

A resident said that the road has not been re-laid in over 5 years, and only patch works are done as temporary fixes. Even after light rains, water stagnates in the subway, posing danger to motorists, he said.

Only temporary measures have been taken all these years, with no concrete steps to desilt the drains or re-lay the road to prevent waterlogging," a local shopkeeper said.

A senior Corporation official said that immediate steps will be taken to desilt the drains to prevent water logging during monsoon this year.



New volleyball court built in Corporation playground

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has built a new volleyball court over the underground Rain Water Harvesting structure (RWH) installed in the Corporation Playground on Venkatnarayana Road (T. Nagar). Big inlets have been provided around the court for the rain water to flow into the RWH. The RWH, made of eco blocks using German technology, are installed below 2 meters, covering a 10-meter length and a 15-meter width. The size of each eco block is 800x800 mm in length and 360 mm in width.

The tanks made from recycled polypropylene will capture, store, and slowly release rainwater deep into the earth, and have a total storage capacity of 5 lakhs litres.

An official said that each unit comprises a deep-bore infiltration system for optimal groundwater recharge and the storage modules are wrapped in geo-fabric and geogrid. Such a tank has also been installed in Indira Colony Ground (Ashok Nagar).



Closure of multi-level parking worsens congestion in T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

As the festival season kicks off, T. Nagar residents are battling daily parking problems. Shutdown of Pondy Bazaar's multi-level car park (MLCP) has forced shoppers to park vehicles in residential streets, choking entrances, walkways, and leaving pedestrians with little space.

For nearly three months, the MLCP near Pondy Bazaar has remained non-functional, worsening traffic congestion along Thyagaraya Road. Through the day, 50 to 70 cars are parked on the roadside in Pondy Bazaar and its abutting lanes. Two-wheelers also line entire stretches. The MLCP, built at a cost of Rs. 40 crores, was inaugurated in March 2021. The six-storey facility can house 222 cars and 516 two-wheelers and was meant to ease congestion in the commercial hub. Parking charges were kept cheaper than roadside parking, Rs. 20 per hour for cars and Rs. 5 for two-wheelers, compared to Rs. 60 and Rs. 15 respectively for parking at designated areas. But, due to poor promotion and maintenance, the facility failed to attract users.

Initially, only about 70 cars were parked inside on a daily basis. Gradually, five of the six floors became defunct. Two of the three lifts were also left in disrepair, with their doors removed. At present, the entire facility remains shut.

The parking lot was managed by Toorq Media Services until 2023. After the contract ended, Chennai Corporation handed over operations to Vtronics. But the company did not carry out repairs. The matter has now reached Madras High Court, which has appointed an arbitrator to resolve the dispute. A member of T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association said that many visitors park their vehicles in front of residential buildings and urged traffic police to take strict action.

Most of the valet parking offered by the big showrooms are done only in residential areas, causing nuisance to residents.

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2-wheelers seized by police dumped under flyover



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of 2-wheelers in dilapidated condition, seized by police, are seen dumped under G.N. Chetty flyover (T. Nagar). A nearby shopkeeper said that the vehicles have been lying at the spot for more than three years.

Muzzling pet dogs mandatory in public places

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the recent incidents of attacks by pet dogs, Chennai Corporation has warned owners to take their dogs out for walks in public places only with collars, leashes, and muzzles, and to obtain licences from the Corporation while ensuring their pets are vaccinated against rabies.

An official warned that if pet dogs are found roaming or taken out without muzzles on roads and public areas, strict action will be taken against their owners.

This photo taken at 6.45 a.m on Sept. 12 on Station Road (West Mambalam), shows two big pet dogs taken out for a walk without muzzles for the safety of passersby.



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Hanging ladders from flyover pose danger Rotary Club presents Best Teacher awards

By Our Staff Reporter

Two metal ladders, hanging from the parapet wall of South Usman Road flyover, pose danger to heavy vehicles and buses passing along the service lane of the flyover.

As the flyover work is nearing completion, workers are using the ladders to give final touches to the parapet walls of the flyover. Photo taken on Sept. 11 shows the driver of a college bus taking extra care to avoid the ladders while manoeuvring through the narrow service lane.



Resident gifts laptop to RMD Trust

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the appeal for donation of laptops to RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust published in *Mambalam Times* (September 7-13 issue), Ramasamy (resident of Unnamalai-amman Street, T. Nagar) gifted a laptop to the Trust on Sept. 15.

The Trust conducts free General Duty Assistant, Nursing and similar courses for underprivileged persons in its RMD Academy for Health located in T. Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Maduravoyal and other places. Those who wish to donate laptops, can contact 938101 6588.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan offers free computer course

By Our Staff Reporter

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Gandhi Institute of Computer Education and Information Technology Center (12, Thanikachalam Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 044-2432 9054, 98843 35700) offers free computer courses for unemployed youths from economically backward sections of society.

The course consists of job-oriented programs like MS-Office with Tally and DTP.

A faculty member told *Mambalam Times* that a number of its past students are now well-employed.

Senior citizens can also

join the course.

The last date for submitting applications is Sept. 27.

It also offers the same courses at its center in Mylapore (18-22, East Mada Street, Mylapore, Ph: 044-24611312, 044-24643420).

Special abhishekams in Sai Seva Samaj this week

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Pradosham, special abhishekam to Spadiga Lingam will be performed at 4.30 p.m on Friday, Sept. 19 in Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam).

There will be special abhishekam to Lord Anjaneya at 8 a.m on Sunday, Sept. 21 for Amavasai.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 84282 42842 or 93428 50974.



Rotary Club of Madras PSBB School (K.K. Nagar) Association, V.R. Lakshmi-priya (President, Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani), and S. Nevil P. Rayan (Chairman, Vocational Services) were present.

Free 6-month Sanskrit course for beginners

Mambalam Samskrita Vidyalaya will start its next batch of 6-month free Sanskrit course for beginners, based on Chittoor syllabus, on Thursday, Oct. 2 (Vijayadasami Day).

The classes will be conducted daily in the evenings at Ahobila Mutt School (116, K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam).

Anyone above 10 years can join.

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