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## Biker killed in accident on flyover

By Our Staff Reporter  
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Police said that the accident happened late at night when Ganesh was riding on the flyover. While speeding, he lost control and hit the parapet wall.

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### Clinical Scrutiny of Property Documents

One of my good friends was C. Chengalvaraya Reddy. We used to call him CC Reddy. We used to play table tennis together in National Fine Arts Club near Pondy Bazaar where I was Secretary. We formed a complementary pair - his play was attacking while mine was defending. We had won many tournaments singly and together.

(As a student of Madras Law College, I used to represent Madras University in inter-University table tennis tournaments.)

After stints in the Census Department of Central Government and Civil Supplies Department of State Government, CC Reddy joined Bapalal & Co, Jewellers, on NSC Bose Road to work in their showroom.

His job was to show different designs of jewellery to customers, book their orders, send them to the making section and, when ready for delivery, inform the customers and make deliveries. He was meticulous in his job and regular customers would specifically ask for 'Reddygaru' during their visits to the showroom.



A lady customer had once placed such an order and, after about 15 days, was informed that the jewel was ready. When the jewel was shown to her, she refused to accept it, saying that it did not conform to the design she had chosen. CC Reddy showed her the orders register and told her that the design was exactly what she had ordered.

The lady was not satisfied and demanded to see his boss.

Reddy took her to the owner's cabin where she again complained that the jewel was not according to what she had ordered. The boss straightaway told him, "Reddy, remake the item".

When Reddy tried to explain that no mistake had been made by the company, the owner raised his voice and again told him, "I said, REMAKE it".

Reddy got very angry and told the boss, "You have insulted me in the presence of this lady for no fault of mine. I do not want to work here any longer. I quit now itself". He gave his letter of resignation to the boss and walked out of the shop.

He walked straight from NSC Bose Road to my chamber in the High Court, and narrated to me what had happened. I told him that he had acted impulsively and that such incidents were normal in business and one should take them in one's stride. I told him that, if my stenographer threatened to walk out every time I asked her in the presence of a client to retype a draft, I could not function as a lawyer. I advised him to go back and withdraw his resignation.

But Reddy refused to take my advice and was adamant that he would not go back to the showroom.

Thereafter Reddy used to come to my office daily and, sitting with my juniors, learnt how to scrutinise property documents, and became part of my staff. In course of time, in spite of not having been a law student, he became an expert in the subject and used to patiently teach my son Balaji and other juniors what deficiencies to look for in a document, where mistakes would normally be made etc.

Once a property dealer from Nanganallur came to see me and said that one of my clients, Achuthan, proposed to buy a plot from him for which he had the Power of Attorney from the land owner, and Achuthan wanted me to scrutinise the documents and give my clearance before the purchase.

I handed over the documents to Reddy and asked him to scrutinise them and give his opinion in a couple of days.

At 8 pm the next evening Reddy left the documents on my table with the note "Title rejected. I suspect Power of Attorney".

When the property dealer came the next morning, I told him that Reddy had scrutinised the documents and expressed suspicion over the genuineness of the Power of Attorney.

The dealer instantly fell at my feet and said, "Please do not tell anyone sir. I had given the full price of the land to the land owner but he died before signing the Power of Attorney. Without knowing what else to do, I created this Power of Attorney by forging his signature. I have already sold nine plots because no other lawyer had questioned the PoA earlier. I came to you only because of insistence by your client Achuthan. Please excuse me and give back the documents". He thereupon scooted with the documents.

When Reddy came at 10.30, I told him what had happened, and asked him the reason for his suspicion about the genuineness of the PoA.

He told me, "A person who usually signs in Tamil may occasionally sign in English, but a person who usually signs in English will never sign in Tamil. In the documents given by this person, the land owner's signature was in English in all other documents while, in the PoA alone, the signature was in Tamil. That is the reason for my suspicion".

I admired Reddy's clinical scrutiny of the documents. While my scrutiny was like an x-ray, Reddy's was like CT scanning.

When, unfortunately, Reddy passed away in December, 2015, I felt that my office had lost part of its strength.

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## Appeal to close drain filled with sewage water



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Open drain filled with sewage water' published in *Mambalam Times* (November 2-8 issue), sand bags were placed in front of the open drain at junction of Rajamannar Street and Jagadambal Street (T. Nagar) to caution motorists and pedestrians. Nearby residents appeal to Chennai Corporation to pump out the sewage water and close the drain as it has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.



### தனியொரு மனிதன்!

அவருக்கு 48 வயது. இருபது வருடங்களுக்கும் மேலாக என்னைத் தொடர்ந்து பார்த்து வருகிறார். மருந்துகளுக்குக் கட்டுப்பாடும் வலிப்பு நோய்தான் என்றாலும் வாழ்க்கை முழுவதும் மருந்துகள் எடுத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டிய நிலை. மருந்துகளை நிறுத்தினாலோ அல்லது குறைத்தாலோ மீண்டும் வலிப்பு வந்துவிடும். 'திர்க்க முடியாத' வலிப்பு நோய் (Intractable epilepsy) என்ற வகையில் வரும் வலிப்பு நோய் அவருக்கு.

இருபது வருடங்களுக்கு முன்பு அவரை என்னிடம் அழைத்து வந்தவர் அவருடைய மாமா. பல மருந்துவர்களைப் பார்த்துவிட்டு, தேவைக்கு அதிகமான மருந்துகளுடன் என்னைப் பார்க்க வந்தார். பார்த்தவுடன் அவருக்குச் சிறிது குறைவான IQ ('நுண்ணறிவு ஈவு' என்கிறது கூகிள் சாமி) இருக்கும் எனத் தோன்றியது. சில பரிசோதனைகள் செய்துவிட்டு, மிகக் குறைவான மாத்திரைகளுடன் அவரை அனுப்பி வைத்தேன். மூன்று மாதங்களுக்கு ஒருமுறை 'செக் அப்' செய்துகொள்ள வந்து, மருந்துகள் வாங்கிச் செல்வார்.

எப்போதும் என்னைப் பார்க்க வரும்போது பளிச்சென்ற சட்டை, பேன்ட், அன்று மழிக்கப்பட்ட முகம், 'ட்ரிம்' செய்யப்பட்ட அரும்பு மீசை என வருவார். ஓரிரு சின்னச் சின்ன சுகவீனங்களை சொல்லி மருந்து வாங்கிச் செல்வார். அவர் சிரித்து நான் பார்த்ததில்லை.

இரண்டு, மூன்று வருடங்களாகத் தனியாகத்தான் வந்து கொண்டிருந்தார். கேட்டதில் மாமா தவறி விட்டதாகத் தெரிவித்தார்.

இந்த முறை வந்தபோது நோயாளிகள் குறைவாக இருந்ததால் சிறிது நேரம் அவருடன் உரையாட முடிந்தது.

'என்ன வேலை செய்கிறீர்கள்?'

'மளிகைக் கடையில் வேலை செய்யிறேன்.'

'அப்ப காலை ஆறு மணி முதல் இரவு பத்து மணி வரை வேலை இருக்குமே?'

'இல்லைங்க டாக்டர். காலை எட்டு மணி முதல் இரவு ஒன்பது மணி வரைதான் வேலை. முதலாளியும் அவருடைய சம்சாரமும் நல்லா கவனிச்சுக்கிறாங்க. மதிய சாப்பாடு போட்டு, மாதம் இருபதாயிரம் சம்பளம் ஸார்'. பெருமையாக சொல்லிக் கொண்டார்.

'கல்யாணம் ஆயிருச்சா? எவ்வளவு பசங்க?'

'கல்யாணமா? இந்த நோயோட யாரும் கல்யாணம் கட்டிக்கத் தயாரா இல்லை. நானும் உண்மையை சொல்லாம கல்யாணம் செய்துக் கிறது தப்புன்னு மொதல்லயே சொல்லிடுவேன்'. குரலில் இருந்த உறுதி வருத்தத்தை மறைத்தது.

'உங்களுக்கு அப்பா, அம்மா இல்லையா?'

'அவங்க எல்லாம் காலமாயிட்டாங்க. ஒரே தங்கச்சிதான். அதுக்கும் கல்யாணம் கட்டி வைச்சேன். அதோட ரெண்டு பொண்ணுங்களுக்கும் கல்யாணம் கட்டிக் கொடுத்தேன். ரெண்டு வருஷம் முன்னாலே தங்கச்சி புருஷனும் காலமாயிட்டார். என்கூட வந்து இருன்னு சொன்னேன். மாட்டேன்னிடுச்சு. அதுக்கு என்ன நினைப்போ எனக்குத் தெரியல; சரின்னு வுட்டுட்டேன்'. இப்போது சிறிது நெகிழ்ந்தது போல இருந்தது அவரது குரல்.

'மளிகைக் கடையிலேயே தங்கிடுவீங்களா?'

'இல்லைங்க, சின்னதா சொந்த வீடு இருக்குது. அதுலே பிரச்சனை இல்லை.'

'சைக்கிள் ஏதாவது வைச்சிருக்கீங்களா?'

'இல்லைங்க, பஸ்லே போய் வருவேன். ராத்திரி பத்து மணி வரைக்கும் பஸ் இருக்குது. 15 நிமிஷம்தான்; வீட்டுக்குப் போயிடுவேன்.'

'அப்ப, ராத்திரி சாப்பாடு?'

'எங்க ஊர் ஓட்டல்காரர் எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவர். ஒரு சாப்பாடு எடுத்து வைச்சிடுவார்'. தன் சொந்த ஊர் பெருமிதம் அவரது முகத்தில் தெரிந்தது.

'என்னைப் பார்க்க வர நாளில் லீவு போட்டுடுவீங்களா?'

'ஆமாம் ஸார். ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமைதான் எனக்கு லீவு. ஆனா அன்னைக்கு நீங்க இருக்க மாட்டீங்களை. அதான் ஒரு நாள் லீவு போட்டு வந்துருவேன்.'

'ஞாயிற்றுக் கிழமை என்ன செய்வீங்க?'

'வீட்டை சுத்தம் செய்வேன். ஒரு வார துணிகளை துவைத்து, காய வைத்து எடுத்து வைப்பேன். நல்லா தூங்கிட்டு சாயந்திரம் கோயில், சினிமானு போயிடுவேன்.'

'தனியா வசிக்கிறீங்க, கஷ்டமா இல்லையா?'

'தங்கச்சிகூட வரலையேன்னு கொஞ்சம் கஷ்டமா இருக்கும். பொய் சொல்லிக் கல்யாணம் செய்துக்க விருப்பம் இல்லை. இப்படியே இருந்துட்டுப் போயிடலாம் னுதான் தோணுது'. ஒரு 'விடுபட்ட' நிலையில் மனது!

முகத்தில் எந்தவித சலனமும் இல்லை. தூரப் பார்வை ஒன்றைப் பார்த்தபடி 'பச்' என்றார். பின்னர் என்னைப் பார்த்து சின்னதாக ஒரு புன்னகை. மருந்துச் சீட்டை வாங்கிக்கொண்டு, 'வரேன் ஸார்' என்று சென்றுவிட்டார்.

ஒரு மனிதனின் வாழ்க்கையில்தான் எத்தனை சோகங்கள். அனைத்தையும் எப்படி இந்த மனிதனால் கடந்து போக முடிகிறது? வலிப்பு நோயை மறைத்துத் திருமணம் செய்யும் எத்தனையோ குடும்பங்களுக்கு நடுவில் உண்மையைச் சொல்லி, தனி மரமாக நிற்கும் இவர் எனக்கு வித்தியாசமாகத் தெரிகிறார். பாசம், நேர்மை, இயலாமை, தனிமை என எல்லாவற்றையும் தாண்டி இவருக்குள் இருக்கும் 'மனிதம்' என்னை மிகவும் கவர்ந்தது.

மனிதர்களில் தான் எத்தனை நிறங்கள்!



## Incomplete fencing around transformer



By Our Staff Reporter  
To prevent dumping of garbage,

### MTC to launch EV buses at metro stations

By Our Staff Reporter

In a major push to improve last-mile connectivity for metro rail passengers, the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) plans to introduce 220 air-conditioned electric minibuses by July 2026, operating at a frequency of once every five minutes covering a distance of 5-km radius from metro stations. MTC has identified four depots, Koyambedu, Saidapet, Wimco Nagar, and Pallavaram, for the operation of the new services.

The MTC's proposal includes inducting 220 electric minibuses, comprising 5-metre low-floor and 6-metre standard-floor variants, fitted with modern amenities.

Each vehicle will feature air-conditioning, CCTV surveillance, GPS tracking, panic buttons, an automatic fare collection system, passenger information displays, and passenger counting systems.

Officials said that the minibuses will offer a minimum seating capacity of 12 passengers, making them suitable for short feeder and last-mile routes.

### Vadapalani MTC depot turns bar after sunset

Vadapalani Bus Terminus, a key transit point for hundreds of commuters daily, has turned unsafe after sunset.

The season ticket counter resembles a mini bar with empty and broken liquor bottles scattered across the premises. Local residents and commuters complained that anti-social elements gather there at night to drink. They said that despite repeated complaints, neither the police nor MTC (Metropolitan Transport Corporation) have taken action.

Every morning, the area is littered with bottles, stench, and filth, Pradeep, a regular commuter said.

He said that police should regularly patrol the bus terminus at night to prevent this nuisance. He also urged MTC to deploy security or close the space after service hours.

erected, the work was left incomplete. Nearby residents appeal to Tamilnadu Electricity Board to complete the work early.

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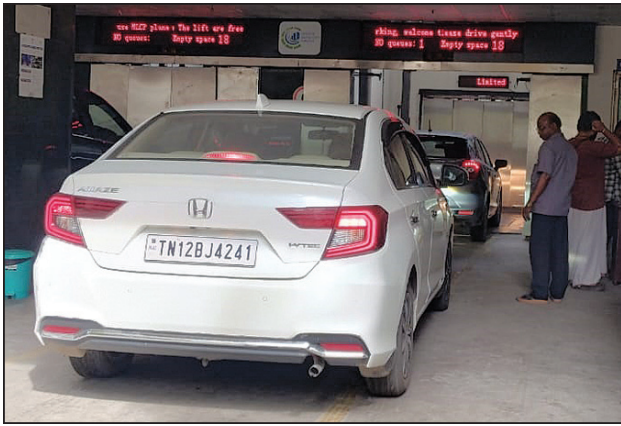
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## Few takers for free parking at multilevel parking lot



**By Our Staff Reporter**

Due to lack of awareness created by Chennai Corporation, there are few takers for the free parking allowed for 3 hours since Oct. 13 in the Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) facility near on Thanikachalam Road (near Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar). A staff at the MLCP said that out of 512 bike parking spaces, only around 10 to 15 are used at any given time of day.

The same applies to car parking slots where only around 100 out of 222 are utilised regularly.

Many continue to park their vehicles on pavements and in 'No Parking' zones.

The MLCP, built at a cost of Rs 40.7 crores, was inaugurated in February 2021. It has the capacity to accommodate 732 vehicles at a time.

This includes 513 bikes across six floors, and 222 cars in two basements and on the first floor.

Parking fees are Rs 20 per hour for cars and Rs 5 per hour for two-wheelers.

Three floors are dysfunctional due to poor maintenance.

A resident said that unless there is strict enforcement of traffic rules in Pondy Bazaar, and violators are fined, the MLCP will remain underutilized.

Until 2023, the MLCP was managed by Toorq Media Services. After their contract ended, Corporation awarded the contract to Vetronics for a year.

Due to a lack of maintenance, that contract was terminated after 9 months, and the MLCP was closed for nearly three months, before being partially reopened for Diwali rush.

## Brothers donate mother's body for research



**By Our Staff Reporter**

The Rangasayee family in Saidapet has been setting an example for eye and body donation.

On October 9, when 85-year-old R. Prema passed away, her three sons Vasudevan, Ethirajan and Ranganathan, decided to hand over her body for anatomical studies and her eye for donation, a voluntary act they did even when their father died in 2017.

While the eyes were donated to Sankarara Nethralaya, the body was given for research to Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute.

The joint family live in a 100-year-old house at Perumal Koil Street in Saidapet and have had conversations about pledging organs and seeking consent from family members well in advance.

Ranganathan said that his paternal grandmother had also donated her eyes after her death and his mother Prema had pledged to donate her eyes in 2014.

The brothers are regular blood donors and also engage in awareness campaigns on organ donation.

On hearing about the donation, Minister for Health M. Subramanian paid last respects to the departed, visiting the family's house.

## 40 lakh voters to be covered in Special Intensive Revision

Booth Level Officers (BLOs) across 16 Assembly constituencies in Chennai, including T. Nagar, have begun door-to-door distribution of enumeration forms as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

A total of 3,718 BLOs will cover around 40.04 lakh voters in the city to update, verify, and correct voter lists.

Each polling booth has one BLO, assisted by Booth Level Agents (BLAs).

The enumeration form carries a unique QR code that allows tracking of its distribution and collection through the SIR mobile application. Each form, issued in duplicate for every voter, includes



the voter's name, photograph, and address. Voters are required to fill in additional details such as date of birth, contact number, and father's name. BLOs' contact numbers are printed on the forms for assistance.

Completed and signed forms must be submitted to the BLOs by December 4.

Verified entries will appear in the draft electoral roll before publication of the final list in February 2026.

New voters must submit Form 6 along with identity and address proofs to be included in the rolls.

Voters can contact the helpline 1950 for queries related to the SIR process.

## Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan held in Vani Mahal



**By Our Staff Reporter**

Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan, an annual music festival, was held in Vani Mahal (Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) on Nov. 2.

Leading and upcoming vocalists rendered Carnatic, folk and popular film songs.

Folk artistes Pushpavam Kuppusamy and his wife Anitha Kuppusamy rendered age-old country hits, and Udayaur Kalyanaraman and S.S. Balasubramaniam rendered devotional songs.

## Exhibition and workshop on Bojagi art till Nov. 15

**By Our Staff Reporter**

InKo Centre (18, Adyar Club Gate Road, Raja Annamalaiapuram) in association with the Korean Pavilion (Auroville), is presenting an exhibition and workshop on Bojagi (the traditional Korean art of wrapping) till Nov. 15 in its premises.

Characterised by intricate patchwork and vibrant colours, Bojagi is deeply rooted in Korean culture and has been passed down through generations as a



symbol of blessing, care, and creativity.

This Korean art is also a step toward a more sustainable future, replacing plastic bags with reusable Bojagi. The exhibition is curated by Wonja, Mint, Sungheui, and Sathya, and the workshop is conducted by Mint. Entrance is free. All are welcome.

## Tamil epics for young readers

**By Our Staff Reporter**

The Tamil literary epics Sivagamiyin Sabatham, Parthiban Kanavu, and Ponniyin Selvan stand as monumental works that weave intricate webs of power, betrayal, love, and destiny set against the backdrop of ancient Tamil kingdoms.

Yet, their dense narrative layers, historical detail, and philosophical undercurrents have also made them less accessible to children and young readers, who might find their weighty prose and intricate plots daunting.

A year back, singer Suchitra Ramadurai took on the task of reimagining these three vast novels into a form that welcomes younger readers. The result is a retelling that introduces the timeless heroes, political intrigue, and cultural richness of Tamil history to a new generation, allowing them to engage with these classics.

For condensing the stories, I lopped off all the embellishments, but retained the story's central plot points in all three books and all the important characters, Suchitra said. Despite the omissions, she said that the books preserve the essence of the epic.

Published by Burnt Crumb Books, all the three books are available to read, free of cost, for Kindle Unlimited users.

E-books are available for download, and the paperbacks are priced at Rs. 887 each.

## Free bhajan, naamasankeerthanam classes

Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam conducts free Bhajan and Naamasankeerthanam classes daily in Dr. Dorairaj Sadan, 12, Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar.

It is open to all age groups.

For more details, call 98400 15908, 80561 96410.

## Free physiotherapy for patients with Parkinson's

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Parivarthan for Parkinson's Foundation (New No. 16, Old No. 9, Razack Garden Road, Arumbakkam, Ph: 93810 35969) offers free physiotherapy by prior appointment to patients suffering from paralytic stroke and Parkinson's disease.

A therapist at Parivarthan said that physiotherapy will improve mobility, balance and reduce the risk of falls by alleviating stiffness, slowness of movement and tremors in patients suffering from Parkinson's disease.

He said that the sessions are tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual, and progress is closely monitored.

To book a free session, call 96000 52531.

## Free coaching for TNPSC exams

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Free coaching classes for aspirants preparing for the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) Group 1, 2, 2A, and 4 examinations commenced from November 2 at Ambedkar Education and Employment Training Centre (6, Armenian Street, Mannadi, George Town).

The government-sponsored programme is open to aspirants from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and also the economically disadvantaged from all categories.

The classes are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30 a.m to 4.45 p.m. Sessions, handled by experienced trainers, will include group discussions and model tests to familiarise students with the exam pattern.

The training programme, supported by the All-India Insurance Employees Association and the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Eradication has been successfully running for the past 14 years.

So far, over 1,300 trainees have secured employment in central and state government services through this initiative. Applicants interested in joining the classes, are required to bring a passport-size photograph and address proof at the time of registration. For more details, call 97906 10961 or 97912 85693 or 73387 03324.

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## BJP members celebrate 150 years of Vande Mataram



By Our Staff Reporter

In call for the year-long commemoration of 150 years of India's National Song 'Vande Mataram' by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, more than 100 members of Bharatiya Janata Party, led by Uma Anandan (Councillor, Ward 134), sang Vande Mataram outside Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam) on Nov. 7.

## Damaged mattresses removed after report



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Damaged mattresses dumped on pavement' published in *Mambalam Times* (November 2 - 8 issue), heaps of damaged mattresses dumped on the pavement of Rathana Das Street (near Bakthavatchalam Street junction, adjoining Corporation Playground, West Mambalam) was removed by workers of Chennai Corporation on Nov. 5.

Nearby residents thanked Chennai Corporation for its quick action and *Mambalam Times* for highlighting the civic issue.

## RMD Trust offers free General Duty Assistant Course

RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust (13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar) will conduct a free 3-month General Duty Assistant Course for 30 women in RMD Academy (Madurantakam (Chengalpattu District)).

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder, RMD Trust) said that the course is sponsored by Sun Pharma under its CSR initiative.

She said that women in the age group of 18 to 32 years can apply.

After course completion, RMD Academy will assist the students in getting jobs.

Dr. Republica has appealed to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to refer deserving candidates from poor families to join the job-oriented course.

For more details, call 93810 16588.

## Writes book on his spiritual journeys



An English book titled 'Aanmeega Anubhvangal', written by R. Ravindran (resident of Burkit Road, T. Nagar) was released at a function held in T. Nagar last week.

The first copy of the book was received by dramatist S. Shivprasad (resident of Bagirathiammal Street, T. Nagar) in the presence of N. Gopalaswami (former Chief Election Commissioner of India).

R. Ravindran, a Chartered Accountant by profession, said that the book details his spiritual journeys, including his experience of visiting numerous temples in Tamilnadu and his work on renovation of several old temples in and around Needamangalam (Thiruvavur District).

## Alumni meet in Stella Maris College on Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

The Alumnae Association of Stella Maris College (AASMC) has organised Alumni meet in the college from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Past students are welcome to attend the meet.

AASMC runs a Career Guidance Cell in the college through which it offers training programmes, organises campus interviews and helps in improving job prospects of outgoing students.

It also provides educational support to meritorious students from underprivileged families.

For more details, call 99621 41239 or 94440 18051.

## Murals adorn wall of flyover ramp



Colourful murals adorn the wall of the exit ramp of the newly constructed J. Anbhazagan flyover over Usman Road (T. Nagar).

## Inter-school talent contest held in Bala Mandir School

98 students from 7 schools participated in the inter-school talent contest held on Nov. 5 in Bala Mandir Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School (T. Nagar) for Children's Day.

Drawing, colouring, storytelling, Thirukkural recitation and spell bee competitions were held and prizes were awarded to the winners. The team from Anjuman Primary School (T. Nagar) bagged the Overall Winners Trophy.

Leela Natarajan (Honorary Joint Secretary, Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust) was present.

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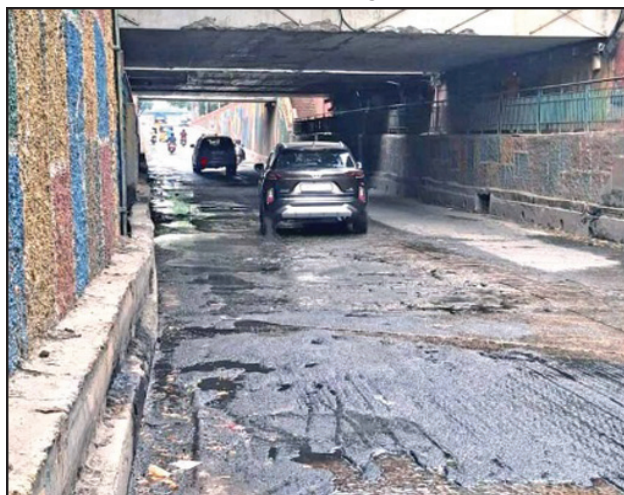
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## Sewage overflow in Duraisamy Subway



Duraisamy Subway (T. Nagar) has turned into a struggle zone for motorists due to sewage stagnation and damaged road conditions. Since Nov. 2, sewage stagnation has become a major problem for two-wheeler riders and auto-rickshaw drivers. The road is damaged by the recent rain and filled with potholes.

Motorists complained that water stagnates even after mild showers, and sewage leak compounds the problem.

A month back, Corporation undertook patch works, but the road again got damaged after heavy rains last week.

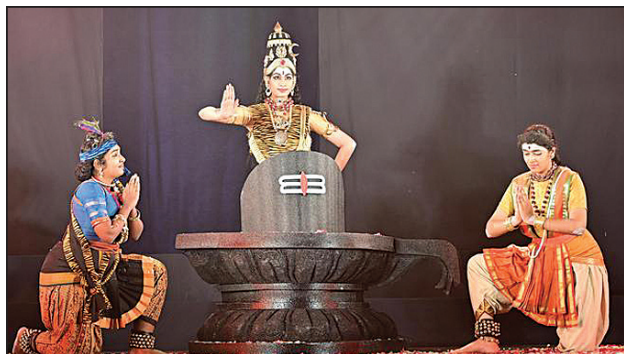
Corporation officials must take action and relay the road early.

## Omandurar Hospital offers heart check-up at Rs 500

Aiming to make advanced cardiac screening affordable and accessible to the public, the Tamilnadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), Omandurar Estate, has introduced the CT Calcium Scoring test, a quick and precise tool to assess heart health.

Dr. J. Cecily Mary Majella (Professor and Head of Cardiology) said that this is just a screening test, not a diagnosis. She said that the test is simple, non-invasive, and accurate. In just two minutes, without injections or medications, it can be determined whether there are arterial blockages and assess calcium or cholesterol deposits.

## Sridevi Nrithyalaya presents dance-drama with 57 dancers



Sridevi Nrithyalaya's lec-dem 'Siva Nava Bhakthi' premiered in Vani Mahal (T. Nagar) on Nov. 2.

Based on Veda Vyasa's *Shiva Mahapuranam*, the dance-drama was presented by 57 dancers. It explored the nine modes of bhakti, specified in the Sati Kandam of the Shivapuranam.

Each mode was brought to life through moving stories of devotees. The dance-drama commenced with Shivagyana bodha sutram, and each scene began with Tirumoolar's Thirumandiram, and a silhouette of the Shivalingam was displayed on the screen. The seamless transition from one story to another, helped amalgamate the content of the entire production.

The script was by Shobha Korambil, choreography by Sheela Unnikrishnan, and the music composed by Embar Kannan.

## Adyar Eco Park reopened to public

By Our Staff Reporter

The Adyar Eco Park, also known as Tholkappia Poonga, located adjacent to Dr Ambedkar Memorial (Greenways Road, Raja Annamalai-puram) was reopened to the public last month.

It is open from 2.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m on all days except Thursdays and public holidays.

Spread across 358 acres of two-phased revived creek and estuary, the park offers a glimpse of ecological richness amid lush flora and fauna and a 3.2-kilometer-long walking track with

lush vegetation on both sides. The park in-charge said that several species, including nine types of snakes, mongooses, jackals, and more have been seen within the premises, but spotting them is a matter of luck.

Stone markers painted with native plants and animals offer educational snippets, each accompanied by a QR code accessible only through the Tholkappia Poonga app.

Attraction for kids include the children's play area, designed with interactive and educational activities.

Other attractions include resting huts, photo corners, foot overbridges that pass over the water body along the walkway, watchtowers and viewpoints.

The entry fee is Rs. 20 per person. For more details, visit [www.crnt.tn.gov.in](http://www.crnt.tn.gov.in).



## Corporation undertakes patchworks in all zones

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has allocated Rs. 50 lakhs per zone for interior road repairs, covering 5,147 identified spots with potholes and other damages.

Of these, work has been completed at 4,503 locations, while repair work is progressing at 667 spots.

For bus route roads, each zone has been sanctioned Rs 1 crore, and out of 432 damaged spots identified, work has been completed at 349 locations and are ongoing in 83.

Corporation has also undertaken 4,072 road cut restoration works so far, completing 3,562 and continuing work on 489. Of the 105 bus route roads under road cut restoration, 95 have been completed, and work is ongoing on 10 roads.

Major development works are also being carried out on arterial roads including Jawaharlal Nehru Road.



## Flood Gates, a solution to prevent water inundation

Flooding of houses in low-lying areas has been a perennial problem in Chennai during monsoon.

To shut out rainwater from homes, Handrey Robbins (Managing Director, Gate The Flood) offers a solution by installing flood gates.

He had imported flood gates three years back, when his house,

then under construction in Velachery, was flooded due to rains. He spent the next two years researching and designing flood gates tailored for Indian homes along with his friend Aravind.

Though flood gates are a universal concept, they had to be customised because Indian homes do not have a standard door or window size, and most houses have a grill gate in front of the doors, Handrey said. After designing, manufacturing, and testing multiple metals, he chose a specific marine grade of aluminium to gate the floods that is easy to lift and place before the gates and lock during heavy rains. These flood gates act as barriers when installed at entry points like doors and when heavy rains cause water to rise, the gate seals tightly against its frame, preventing flooding inside low-lying homes.

Once fixed and tightened, the setup completely blocks floodwater from entering the house. They offer flood gates up to 5 feet in height and of any length.

He said that the cost per gate starts at Rs. 3,999 per sheet and goes up to Rs. 4,199 depending on the height. For more details, call 044 46312525.



## Dengue cases rise as monsoon intensifies

By Our Staff Reporter

The city is witnessing a steep increase in dengue cases following the intensification of the Northeast monsoon.

Daily infections have risen from around 10 cases to more than 60 in recent days, prompting health officials to issue an alert.

Dr. Vel Murugan (Officer, Health Department) has appealed to the public to ensure that there is no stagnation of water in and around houses, indoors or outside. He said that Aedes mosquitoes usually breed in clean stagnant water.

He warns people not to resort to self-medication in case of moderate to high fever or prolonged headache, and to see a doctor immediately.

The warning signs of dengue fever include high temperature, rashes, headache, joint pain and body ache. If not treated early, it can cause a drop in blood platelet levels, internal bleeding, haemorrhage and death.

## TNEB conducts consumer redressal meet

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamilnadu Power Distribution Corporation conducted consumer grievance redressal meeting on November 4 at the Office of the Executive Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 110KV Substation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

More than 200 consumers attended the meet and presented their grievances.

## Corporation intensifies immunization of stray dogs

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has intensified immunization of stray dogs across all its 15 zones.

It has formed teams of dog catchers and a doctor to catch and immunize the stray dogs by visiting various localities across the city and releasing them after injecting the anti-rabies vaccine.

## Woman run over by car

A rashly driven car ran over two elderly women identified as Chellammal (72) and Nagarathinam (68) near Kanniamman Temple (Vidyo-daya Main Road, T. Nagar), leading to the death of Chellammal.

After hitting the women, the car hit a parked lorry before coming to a halt.

The women were admitted in Government Royapettah Hospital, where Chellammal succumbed to her injuries.

Nagarathinam is undergoing treatment.

The driver Loganathan, who was under the influence of alcohol, was arrested by the police.

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## Tips to stay fit during the monsoon

By Dr. R. Badrinarayanan

With Northeast monsoon bringing heavy rains, many, especially elders, are unable to go for their regular morning walks or follow outdoor exercise routines.

But fitness and health monitoring can still continue at home with a few simple changes.

Basic stretching, yoga, skipping, spot-walking or even climbing stairs inside the house can help maintain activity levels. 15 to 20 minutes of gentle movement every day keeps the metabolism active.

Do not reduce intake of water. Hydration is not only for summer. The body still needs water to flush toxins, even when it is cool outside.

Keeping a simple check on your temperature, pulse rate, sleep quality and appetite helps detect early illness. If you feel tired often, lose appetite or get a mild fever, do not ignore it and visit a doctor.

Avoid eating outside food during monsoon, especially from roadside food stalls, due to high risk of contamination.

Fitness during rainy days only needs small adjustments like simple indoor exercises, clean eating, and basic health checks.

## Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvanananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 9 in the Ashram's premises.

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## Damaged parapet wall of service lane demolished



By Our Staff Reporter

As the parapet wall of the service lane adjoining Madley Subway (near K.R. Koil Street junction, Mambalam) had developed major cracks, it was demolished by the workers of Chennai Corporation on Nov. 4.

A Corporation official said that a new parapet wall will be constructed by the end of this month.

## Thick roots entrenched in compound wall



By Our Staff Reporter

The roots of a decades old tree are fully entrenched into the old compound wall of a house under reconstruction on Neelakanta Metha Street (T. Nagar).

## Devotees offers prayers on Guru Nanak Jayanti

By Our Staff Reporter

Guru Nanak Jayanthi was celebrated with fevour by the Sikh community on Nov. 5. They offered prayers in Gurudwaras across the city including this neighbourhood.

Photo taken on Nov. 5 shows a devotee offering prayers at Gurdwara Sahib Shri Guru Nanak Sat Sangh Sabha (G. N Chetty Road, Gangai Karai Puram, T. Nagar).

## Gifts clothes to women in orphanage



By Our Staff Reporter Peace and Friendship Council (Past President G. Manilal) celebrated his 68th birthday on Nov. 4 by gifting new clothes to 30 orphaned elderly women residing in Kakkum Karangal (166/118, Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

He also sponsored lunch for them.

His contact number is 93848 08002.

## Fancy dress contest for kids on Nov. 22

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Children's Day, The Probus Club of Chennai will conduct a Fancy Dress competition for children up to 8 years at 10 a.m on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Russian Centre of Science and Culture (74, Kasturi Rangan Road, Alwarpet).

Parents are requested to register their children for the competition early.

For registration and further details, contact V. Ramaraj (Secretary) in 88259 81503 or M. Annadurai (President) in 80560 01101.

## Win 1<sup>st</sup> prize in science competition



By Our Staff Reporter

The team of S. Karthikeyan and S.H. Hanish (Std. 10 students in Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, West Mambalam) won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the senior category in the district-level 'Veetuku Oru Vignani' science competition held in Sethu Bhaskara School (Ambattur) last week.

Teams from 54 schools participated in the competition.

The team has been selected to compete in the state-level competition to be held on Nov. 29 in Karaikudi.

## Vande Mataram singing competition on Nov. 29

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony 4th Street, West Mambalam) will hold a 'Vande Mataram' (full version) singing competition for school students in its premises from 10.30 a.m on Saturday, Nov. 29.

Each team can have a maximum of 8 students from the same school including instrumentalists.

Applications must be emailed to jghvmhss2004@yahoo.in by Thursday, Nov. 27.

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