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## Digital display boards installed at Mambalam Station



By Our Staff Reporter

Southern Railway has installed large digital announcement display boards at 48 suburban railway sta-

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The newly installed boards offer accurate and instant updates including train arrival and departure timings, train numbers, destination stations, platform details, and current running status.

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Photo taken on Feb. 4 shows a new digital display boards installed at the entrance to Mambalam Station on Station Road side.

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### Dr. Rangabashyam - An Embodiment of Nobility

On 15th July, 2013, I was deeply saddened when I received information that Dr. Rangabashyam, the great surgeon, had passed away peacefully at his residence.

He was an authority in Gastroenterology both in India and abroad and was a holder of FRCS from England. He had been awarded Padma Bhushan by Government of India.

To know him closely was my great privilege.

He was referred to me by a good friend of mine when he faced a legal problem. The doctor's brother-in-law's daughter had been married to a cine star. It was later alleged that the girl was already married to some person while she was studying in college. It was a registered marriage though the two never lived together. After she had finished college, the registered marriage was forgotten by both spouses and the parents of the girl arranged her traditional marriage with the film star.

The actor was upset when he came to know about the earlier marriage of his wife. A criminal complaint was filed by him that he had been a victim of cheating and suppression of material information. What was shocking was that Dr. Rangabashyam was included as an accused in the complaint alleging that he had accompanied the bride's family for buying wedding sarees. On the basis of this allegation, Dr. Rangabashyam's name was included in the FIR.

Dr. Rangabashyam got in touch with me about this case. Bail was granted to him on condition that he should sign in the police station periodically. I felt there was a good case for getting the case against him quashed *ab initio*. Being a civil lawyer not fully conversant with the criminal side, I consulted some giants on the criminal side. All of them felt that the doctor had a good case for acquittal but it was not possible to get an order of quashing the charge *ab initio* and that he had to undergo the ordeal of trial which could extend to a couple of years. But I was not happy as I genuinely felt that the High Court, if properly approached, would quash the charges against the doctor.

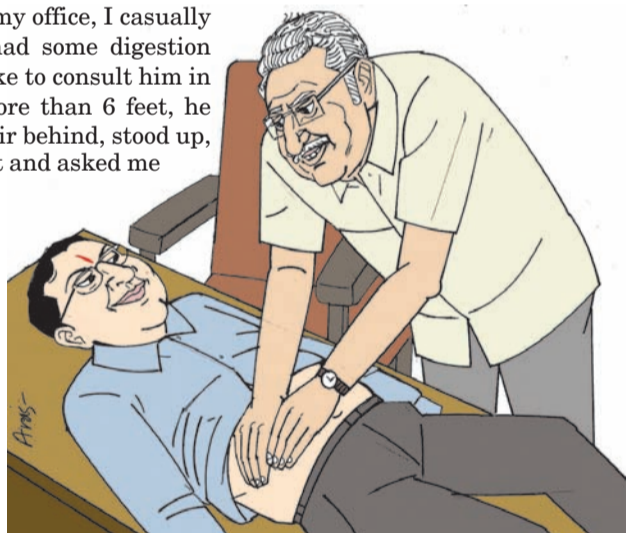
I discussed the matter with my young friend Amizhdu who was coming up very well in the criminal side, and we decided to file a petition for quashing. The petition came up for hearing before Justice Jeyapaul who, after hearing the arguments for just 20 minutes, passed orders quashing the criminal proceedings against the doctor.

I was confirmed in my belief that Allopathy may fail, Homeopathy may fail but Venkatachalapathy shall never fail.

Dr. Rangabashyam was very happy at the result. It is needless to say I was even more happy to get such an order from the High Court to reaffirm my faith in the Goddess of Justice.

During my periodical meetings with the doctor, I found him to be a man of exceptional simplicity, ability and nobility, not only in the medical field but also in various other fields. More than a doctor, he was very humane in his approach and outlook.

One day, in a meeting at my office, I casually mentioned to him that I had some digestion problem and that I would like to consult him in his clinic. A tall man of more than 6 feet, he immediately pushed his chair behind, stood up, went near the door, bolted it and asked me to lie on my office table itself. I was taken aback by the spontaneous gesture of this genius and said "Nothing doing doctor, I respect you and your profession and I shall come tomorrow to your clinic". But he refused and examined me on my office table itself and gave his medical advice. What a humane person he was!



I must narrate one more incident about him which he shared with me.

Around 1990, when he was living in England, there was an international conference of doctors. He had invited a doctor from France for tea one day. While he and the guest doctor were having tea, an old lady passed through the hall. On seeing her, the guest doctor asked Dr. Rangabashyam whether he had brought a cook from India.

Dr. Rangabashyam said that the lady was his mother.

The guest doctor asked Dr. Rangabashyam, "Did your wife agree to your mother staying with you?"

Dr. Rangabashyam replied, "My wife's consent is irrelevant. My mother had brought me to this world and today I am with you because of her. So she will stay with me as long as she lives. Incidentally my wife is being treated by my mother like her daughter and my wife is also very happy".

Three years later there was a conference in France, and Dr. Rangabashyam was invited by the same doctor to his house. When Dr. Rangabashyam was about to leave after tea, the host doctor told him, "Can you guess who is living in the outhouse now? It is my mother. Every morning I visit her before going to the hospital, have a cup of coffee and spend about 10 minutes with her. Similarly, on return in the evening, I again visit her when she would be waiting for me with tea and biscuits. This gives both of us immense pleasure. I learnt the practice from you".

When I heard this, I told Dr. Rangabashyam, "You did India proud, doctor!"

Around 2009, while in Singapore, his wife was admitted for surgery in a hospital. Dr. Rangabashyam was patiently waiting in the lobby when, at about 12 midnight, one of the doctors came out of the operation theatre and told him to go to the room and relax.

Dr. Rangabashyam told him, "Rain or shine, my wife has been with me for the past 55 years. Now, when she is critically ill, should I not be here and pray to God to bless her for a speedy recovery. Is it not my duty?". The Singapore doctor was spell bound!

I am sad that such a great man is no longer with us. I can only pray, "Oh God! You have taken away Dr. Rangabashyam. Please send one of your representatives again to us!"

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## Licence, microchipping must for cattle



Chennai Corporation on Jan. 30 passed a council resolution mandating cattle owners to obtain licences and microchip their cattle.

The move is part of measures to regulate cattle rearing and curb the stray cattle problem in the city.

Cattle owners have been asked to submit their licence applications on or before March 18, with the licence fee fixed at Rs 100 per cattle head.

The application forms can be downloaded from the Corporation's website and submitted to the zonal veterinary officers in the respective zones.

Veterinary officials will then conduct field inspections before issuing licences. At the time of licensing, microchips will be implanted in each cattle to digitally record ownership details, including the owner's name, address, and the cattle's details.

An official said that Corporation has procured 25,000 microchips and 25 microchip readers.

## 10-day mahotsavam in Veda Samithi from today

By Our Staff Reporter

Veda Samithi (G4, Srividya Apartments, 14, Balakrishna Mudali Street, West Mambalam) will conduct Mahotsavam for 10 days from Sunday, Feb.8 to Tuesday, Feb.17 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

Yajur Veda Gana Paaraayanam, Kamya homam, Sadha Chandi homam and discourses will take place in the mornings and evenings. All are welcome.

## Free Silambam classes held daily

By Our Staff Reporter

Free Silambam classes are held daily from 7 p.m to 9 p.m in Corporation Playground (Bakthavatchalam Street, Ramakrishnapuram, West Mambalam)

The classes are conducted by K. Jayapal. Anyone interested in learning Silambam can join the classes. For more details, call 74485 39539.



### ‘பூசுமுன் யோசி!’

அன்றாட வாழ்வில் நாம் பயன்படுத்தும் சில பொருட்கள் நம் தோலில் சில வகைக் கரப்பான்களை (Eczema) ஏற்படுத்தும்.

தோலின் மீது அவை படுவதால் நேரடியாகவோ அல்லது ஒரு வகை அலர்ஜியினாலோ ஏற்படுத்தும் கரப்பான்களுக்கு ‘தொடு பொருள் கரப்பான்’ (Contact dermatitis) என்று பெயர்.

இரண்டு வகையான கான்டாக்ட் டெர்மடைடிஸ் உள்ளன. (1) தொடும் பொருள் நேரடியாகத் தோலில் மாற்றங்களை ஏற்படுத்தும் ‘இரிடண்ட் கான்டாக்ட் டெர்மடைடிஸ்’ (சுருநீர், அமிலம்). (2) தொடும் பொருள் இரத்தத்தில் கலந்து, உடலின் டி.லிம்போசைட்ஸ் செல்கள் மூலம் அப்பொருளுக்கு எதிரான ஓர் ஆன்டிபாடியை உண்டாக்கி அதன் மூலம் அவற்றை வெளியேற்ற முயற்சிக்கும் ‘இம்மியூன் ரியாக்ஷன்’. தோலில் வரும் ‘அலர்ஜிக் கான்டாக்ட் டெர்மடைடிஸ்’ (பூசும் சில மருந்துகள், பார்த்தினியன் செடி).

உடலின் எந்தெந்த இடங்களில் கரப்பான் வந்துள்ளது என்பது முக்கியமானது. கைகடி காரம் கட்டும் இடத்தில் மட்டும் கரப்பான் வந்திருந்தால், காரணம் உள்ளங்கை நெல்லிக்கனி போல்: மணிக்கட்டில் கடி காரம்! கடி காரப் பட்டையோ அல்லது உலோகப் பகுதியோ காரணமாக இருக்கலாம். கழுத்தில் அணியும் ஆபரணம் முதல் காலில் அணியும் செருப்பு வரை எதுவும் அலர்ஜியாகலாம்! இரிடண்ட் டெர்மடைடிஸ் ஓரளவுக்கு எளிதில் தெரிந்து விடும். ஆனால் அலர்ஜிக் டெர்மடைடிஸ் கண்டுபிடிக்க நேரமும், பொறுமையும் வேண்டும்; நீண்ட நேர தகவல் சேகரிப்பு மட்டுமே உதவும். அலர்ஜியால் வரும் கரப்பான்களில் முதலில் மெல்லிய தோல் உள்ள கண் இமைகள் பாதிக்கப்படும்; பின்னர் உடல் முழுவதும் வந்து விடும். இதற்கு எதனால் வந்தது என்பதைக் கண்டறிய செய்யப்படும் ‘பேட்ச் டெஸ்ட்’ (Patch test) முக்கியமான ஒன்று!

இப்போது இந்தப் பெண்ணின் கதையைக் கேளுங்கள்!

உள்ளே வந்த நங்கைக்கு இருபத்தைந்து வயதிருக்கும். முகம் ‘பளிச்’சென்று, வில்லிய புருவத்துடனும், சிவப்பு உதட்டுச் சாயத்துடனும், நூறு வாட்ஸ் பல்பைப் போல் பிரகாசமாக இருந்தது. தேய்க்கப்பட்ட வெள்ளரித் துண்டுகளும், தக்காளி வட்டங்களும் பூசப்பட்ட ஃபேஸ் பேக்குகளும் அப்பெண்ணின் முகத்துக்கு ஒரு செயற்கையான அழகைத் தந்து கொண்டிருந்தன.

சிறிது தயங்கியவாறே, ‘காலில் கொஞ்சம் ஸ்கின் ரியாக்ஷன் ஆயிடிச்சு’ என்றாள்.

மிகுந்த மரியாதையுடன் அந்த லூசான பைஜா மாலை (பாட்டியாலாவோ, பலாசோவோ இந்தப் பெயரெல்லாம் எனக்குக் கொஞ்சம் அந்நியமானவை!) சிறிது உயர்த்தி கணுக்காலைக் காண்பித்தாள்.

ராமர் கலரில் மஞ்சள் தேய்த்த மாதிரி ஒரு ‘நீஞ்சள் (நீலம்+மஞ்சள்) நிறத்தில் இருந்தது கணுக்கால்! ஆங்காங்கே சிவப்பும், வெள்ளி மஞ்சளும் ரத்தம், சிழப்புள்ளிகள். நகத்தினாலேயோ, சீப்பினாலேயோ கீறிய மெலன் வரிகள்; காய்ந்த பொருக்குகள்; வடியும் நீருடன் சிறிது வீக்கமான கணுக்கால்! முகத்தைப் பார்த்தேன், ஃபியூஸ் போன பல்புபோல் ஒளிமிழ்ந்திருந்தது.

‘என்ன ஆச்சு?’ என்றேன்.

முகத்தை சோகமாக வைத்துக்கொண்டு, ‘கொசுக்கடி, சொறிஞ்சு புண்ணாயிடுச்சு.’

‘ம்... மேலே என்னவெல்லாம் போட்டீங்க?’

‘முதல்ல கொஞ்சம் ‘பெனிசில் ஆயின்ட்மென்ட்’ போட்டேன். (வீட்டிலிருக்கும் பழைய ஆயின்ட்மென்ட் டியூப் எல்லாவற்றுக்கும் பொதுவான பெயர் ‘பெனிசிலாய்ன்மென்ட்’!) செட் ஆகலை. அரிப்பு, புண் அதிகமாகிவிட்டது. பக்கத்து வீட்டு ராணி சொன்னாங்கன்னு ‘குப்பமேனி’ இலையை அரைச்சுப் பூசினேன். அரிப்பு குறைஞ்சது. ஆனால் மிளகாய்ப் பொடியைத் தூவின் மாதிரி எரிய ஆரம்பிச்சது! ஆறி வருதுன்னு நினைச்சேன். இன்னும் பூசினப்போ கொப்புளம் வந்தது, சலம் வடிய ஆரம்பிச்சது.

‘ஏம்மா, நீங்க உங்க ஃபேமிலி டாக்டரைப் போய்ப் பார்க்கலை?’

‘கை வைத்தியத்திலேயே சரியாயிடும்னு நினைச்சேன், சரியாகலை. அப்புறமா, கொஞ்சம் வேப்ப இலையும், மஞ்சளும் அரைச்சுப் பத்து மாதிரிப் போட்டேன்.’

‘ம்... இது யார் வைத்தியம்?’

‘ஒரு வாரப் பத்திரிகையிலே போட்டிருந்தது. வேப்ப இலைக்கு ஆன்டி பாக்டீரியல் எஃபெட் இருக்குன்னு!’

‘ஓகே, அப்புறம் என்னாச்சு?’

‘நிறையக் கொப்புளம் ஆச்சு.’

‘ம்ம்...’

வீட்டுக்கு வந்த எதிர்வீட்டுப் பாட்டி, ‘இது அக்கி, ஆத்தா இறங்கியிருக்கா, மேலே எழுதணும்’னாங்க! உடனே மாரியம்மன் கோயில்கிட்டே இருந்த குயவனார்கிட்டே போனேன். அவரும் சுட்ட பாணைச் சில்லைக் குழைத்துக் கொப்புளங்கள் மேலே பக்தி யோட எழுதினார். கொஞ்சம் காய்ந்த மாதிரி இருந்தது. ஆனாலும் உள்ளக்குள்ளே வலிக்க ஆரம்பிச்சது. இதற்குள் கால் கொஞ்சம் வீங்கி, தொடையில் நெறி கட்டிக்கொண்டது. வலியும் இருந்தது. லேசான ஜூரம் வந்தது. இனிமேலும் தாங்கமுடியாதுன்னு பக்கத்துலே இருந்த மெடிக்கல் ஷாப்பிலே போய் கால் புண்ணுக்கு மருந்து கேட்டேன்.

எந்தப் பேட்டையிலும் லீடிங் பிராக்டிஷனர் மருந்துக் கடைக்காரர்தான். தலைவலி முதல் கேன்சர் வரை எல்லாவற்றுக்கும் மருந்து கொடுப்பார். டாக்டர் போல ஃபீஸ் கொடுக்க வேண்டாம் என்பதால் மக்களால் பெரிதும் விரும்பப்படுபவர்!

‘மருந்துக் கடைக்காரர்தான் என்னை இங்கே அனுப்பி வைத்தார்’ என்றாள். (இது அவர் கைக்கு மீறிய வைத்தியமாகத் தோன்றியிருக்க வேண்டும்!)

‘என்னெய் எதுவும் தடவலையா?’ என்றேன். புதிய பணியாரத்துக்கு ரெஸிப்பி கேட்பது போல்!

‘ம்... இலுப்பை எண்ணெய் தடவினேன். பிரயோஜனம் இல்லை’ என்றாள்.

‘கொஞ்சம் கடுகு, மிளகாய் தாளிச்சுக் கொட்டியிருந்தீங்கன்னா நல்ல வாசனையா இருந்திருக்கும்’ என்றேன் வந்த எரிச்சலையும், கோபத்தையும் அடக்கிக் கொண்டு.

அசட்டுச் சிரிப்புடன், ‘சரியாயிடும்னு நினைச்சேன் டாக்டர்’ என்றாள்.

வாரத்தில் ஓரிரண்டு கேஸ்கள் (‘பேஷன்ட்ஸ் என்றறிக்!’) இதுபோல் வருவது நிச்சயம். இதற்கு மக்களின் அறியாமையோ, நிதிப் பற்றாக்குறையோ காரணம் அல்ல. தோல் வியாதி குறித்த மெத்தனமும், மூட நம்பிக்கைகளும், ஊடகம் மற்றும் உடனிருப்பவர்களின் தவறான வழி நடத்தலுமேயாகும்!

தோல் உடலிலேயே மிகப் பெரிய உறுப்பு. ஓரிடத்தில் ஏற்படும் மாற்றம் தோல் முழுவதையும் பாதிக்கும் வாய்ப்புகள் அதிகம். இரிடண்ட் டெர்மடைடிஸ், இங்கு அலர்ஜிக் டெர்மடைடிஸ் ஆகும் வாய்ப்புகள் அதிகம்!

மேற்சொன்ன பெண்ணைப் போல கையில் கிடைத்ததையெல்லாம் தோல் மீது பூசா தீர்கள். அமிலம் மற்றும் வேதிப் பொருட்களுக்குத் தோலில் வரும் ரியாக்ஷன் உயிருக்கே ஆபத்தாய் முடியலாம்.

எதையும் தோலின் மீது பூசுமுன் மருத்துவ ஆலோசனையைப் பெறுவது நல்லது!

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## Donates Rs. 1 lakh to NGO working for tribals

By Our Staff Reporter

R. Sivakumar (resident of Thambiah Road, West Mambalam and Managing Director of Vishnu Associates) gifted Rs. 1 lakh to Anbu Seivom Foundation (Hosur) during a function held in T. Nagar last week.

The cheque was received by Gowri Gurunathan (Founder of Anbu Seivom Foundation)

It is a charitable trust serving the tribal population through education and healthcare.

It also runs an orphanage, child care centre and a rehabilitation centre in its premises.

For her noble services, Gowri was presented the Tamilnadu Youth Award by Tamilnadu Government during the Republic Day celebrations held last month.

For more details, visit [www.anbuseivom.com](http://www.anbuseivom.com)



## Concert by leading musicians in Vani Mahal from Feb. 12

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) in association with P. Obul Reddy and P. Gnana-mbal Trust, has organised Carnatic music festival from Thursday, Feb. 12 to Tuesday, Feb. 17 in its premises in Vani Mahal.

The festival will be inaugurated at 5.30 p.m on Feb. 12 by Subramaniam Ramadorai (Chairman, Mission Karmayogi Bharat).

On the inaugural day, the Nadha Vibhushan birudhu will be conferred on renowned ghatam vidwan Vikku Bharadwaj. The felicitation will be done by R.K. Shriramkumar (Musicologist).

The following are the daily concert details:

Thursday, Feb.12: 7 p.m:

Vocal concert by Delhi P.

Sunderrajan, accompanied by S. Varadarajan (violin), V. Raja Rao (mridangam) and S.V. Ramani (ghatam)

Friday, Feb.13: 6.30

p.m: Vocal concert by Nithyasree Mahadevan, accompanied by Parur M.A. Krishnaswamy (violin), Karukurichi N. Mohana Raman (mridangam) and N. Rajaraman (ghatam).

Saturday, Feb.14: 6.30

p.m: Vocal concert by Papanasam Ashok Ramani, accompanied by B. Anantha krishnan (violin), N.C. Bharadwaj (mridangam) and K.V. Gopalakrishnan (kanjira).

Sunday, Feb.15: 10 a.m:

Rendering of Pancharatna

Kritis by vidwans and

vidhushis.; 6.30 p.m:

Upanyasam by Krithika

## Preboard exam conducted by Shanker Institute of Mathematics

By Our Staff Reporter

Shanker Institute of Mathematics (26/21, Ayodhya Flats, Bakthavatchalam Street, opposite Ayodhya Mandapam, AGS Colony, Ramakrishnapuram, West Mambalam, Ph: 95001 97654) conducted the Centum Scoring Training Program (CSTP), a preboard preparation for Std. 10 and 12 students recently.

More than 150 students took part in the program.

It covered Mathematics, Science, Physics, Chemistry and Artificial Intelligence.

A faculty member told *Mambalam Times* that the program comprised three module examinations followed by a final exam that was held last week in Shree Narayana Mission School (West Mambalam), enabling students to assess their progress in a phased and effective manner.

He said that a significant number of students secured 90 percent and above marks in the final exam.

## Woman held for stealing jewels, cash from devotees

By Our Staff Reporter

Police arrested a 42-year-old woman involved in several cases for stealing jewellery and cash from devotees near Murugan Temple (Vadapalani).

The accused was identified as Jyothi (resident of West Jafferkanpet).

On Feb. 1, when devotees thronged the temple for Thaibusam festival, Jyothi, using the crowd cover, stole gold bangles from a child.

When the kid's father Rajkumar (an advocate) noticed the bangles missing, he filed a complaint with Vadapalani police.

Jyothi was identified from the footage of a CCTV camera and arrested within an hour. Police said that more than 10 cases of stealing jewellery are pending against her.

Bharadwaj

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## Damaged drain cover replaced after report



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Following the report 'Cover of storm water drain damaged' published in *Mambalam Times* (February 1 - 7 issue), Chennai Corporation workers repaired the damaged foundation at the opening of the storm water drain chamber on Krishnan Street (near Govindan Road junction, West Mambalam) and also replaced the damaged cover with a new one.

The partially open drain was posing danger to pedestrians.

## Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya offers vocational courses

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (58, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) offers the following vocational courses.

Fitter and Electrician - Minimum 10<sup>th</sup> passed students can apply

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6 months Tailoring and 45-day Beautician courses for women only. The courses are sponsored by Blue Star Ltd.

The courses are free for SC, ST, orphan, single parent, widow, achievers in sports or in any other field and to differently abled persons.

The students will be provided free breakfast. They will be given free training in computers and Spoken English as well.

Placement support is provided on successful completion of the courses. For admissions and more details, call the Vidyalaya in Ph: 2434 3302, 2436 2103, 91766 24283.

P. Maruthi (Secretary) said that a total of 84 students successfully finished their courses in the last batch, and the convocation ceremony will be held on Monday, Feb. 9.

## Alumni meet held in Saradha School



*By Our Staff Reporter*

500 past students participated in the Alumni meet held in RKM Sarada Vidyalaya (Usman Road, T. Nagar) on Feb 1.

It included past students from as early as the 1952 batch.

Renowned writer Sivasankari from the 1958 batch was the Chief Guest.

Her name is in the list of Padma Shri awardees for 2026 announced by the Central Government on the eve of Republic Day. She was honoured by Pravrajika Dharmathmaprana Mathaji (President of Sri Sarada Math, Chennai) in the presence of Harini Varma (Secretary) and N. Shanti (Headmistress).

The alumni guest speakers were Nirmala Narasimhan (Musician, Voice Trainer, Zee Tamil), Dharani Komal (Playwright and Director) and Ananda Padmanaban (Vedanta Senior Living).

## Dak Adalat in T. Nagar post office tomorrow

*By Our Staff Reporter*

The Department of Posts will conduct a divisional-level Dak Adalat in the office of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Chennai City Central Division, T. Nagar, at 11 a.m on Monday, Feb. 8.

Complaints/ grievances regarding postal services pertaining to the division which have not been settled in 6 weeks will be entertained in the Dak Adalat. The complaints relating to unregistered / registered. mail, Speed Post, Counter Services, Saving Banks and non-payment of Money Orders etc. will be considered.

The complaints should contain details like names and designations of the officers to whom the original complaint was addressed, and particulars of articles/Money Orders/ Saving Bank Accounts/Certificates and such.

## Free eye check-up held for senior citizens

*By Our Staff Reporter*

A free eye check-up was held for senior citizens in Kalpavriksha Seva Centre (New No. 3, Nagarathinammal Colony, West Mambalam) on Feb. 5.

Ophthalmologists from TwinTech Healthcare Services conducted the check-up.

More than 60 senior citizens benefitted from the check-up.

Free spectacles were distributed to those with vision problems.

For more details, call 97104 85295.

## Damaged pushcart dumped on road margin



*By Our Staff Reporter*

A pushcart in damaged condition is seen dumped on the road margin next to two garbage bins on Bagavantham Street (T. Nagar).

Nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to remove the pushcart from the spot.

## Thiruvalluvar Day celebrated in CD Nayagam School



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Thiruvalluvar Day was celebrated in CD Nayagam Higher Secondary School (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) on Jan. 28.

Competitions were held and prizes were awarded to the winners C. Naveenkumar, N. Deepak and S. Tharun of C.D. Nayagam School, and K. Gayathiri, R. Priyanaka and R. Nithya Sri of Guntur Subbaiah School (T. Nagar). Krishnan Bhaskar (Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Manipur) distributed the prizes.

The program concluded with the Tamil play 'Vendhu Thanindhathu'.

## Hand pump left Low and Dry

*By Our Staff Reporter*

A hand pump installed decades back is seen half buried below the earth on the road margin of 55th Street (Ashok Nagar, adjoining Government Girls Higher Secondary School).

This photo was taken on Feb.2



## After 6-month battle, cleanliness staff reinstated under Chennai Corporation

By Our Staff Reporter

After a 184-day-long struggle and continuous protests, 1,400 cleanliness workers from the Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and Royapuram zones, all affiliated with the Uzhaipor Urimai Iyakkam (UII), were reinstated to their previous roles under the Chennai Corporation on February 1.

Pointing out that the demands have only been partially fulfilled, the union called on the government to complete its electoral promises regarding job permanency for cleanliness workers.

In pursuit of these goals, the UII plans to conduct a 'Road Roko' on February 12, followed by a large rally at the end of the month.

A cleanliness worker from Thiru Vi Ka zone said that for the last six months, he had struggled to make ends meet.

"The workers took part in all the protests, slept on the pavements, and participated in several other demonstrations. As I was unemployed, I was not able to pay my son's semester fees, but now that I have my job back, I can pay for his college", he said

UII President K. Bharathi said that around 1,400 cleanliness workers, including both men and women, have joined in Tondiarpet and Anna Nagar zones.

## 'Kalaivanar' N.S. Krishnan's statue relocated from T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, on Feb. 5, unveiled the statue of late actor 'Kalaivanar' N.S. Krishnan, which was relocated from G.N. Chetty Road (T. Nagar) to the Kalaivanar Arangam campus on Wallajah Road.

After the actor died in August 1957, his statue was installed on G.N. Chetty Road-Thirumalai Pillai Road junction in January 1969, when C.N. Annadurai was the Chief Minister.

On the request of the late actor's family members, the statue has been relocated.



## Vocalist Subhalakshmi Krishnamoorthy felicitated



Sadguru Sangeetha Vidyalayam (16/64, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) felicitated Carnatic vocalist Subhalakshmi Krishnamoorthy on Feb. 1.

She is Deputy Director at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

After the felicitation, she presented a concert.

Narasimhan (Founder, Sadguru Sangeetha Vidyalayam) said that concerts by leading musicians are held every month on Pushya Nakshatra Day.

The next concert will be held on Feb. 28.

All are welcome For more details call, 94446 22111.

## Citizens' forum honours conservancy worker for her honesty

By Our Staff Reporter

48-year-old Padma, a conservancy worker, was honoured by The People's Awareness Forum (Makkal Vizhipparuvu Sangam) on Jan. 25 for her honest act of returning Rs. 15 lakhs worth gold jewellery that she found while on duty in T. Nagar on Jan. 11.

Forum convenor Santhanam said that the decision to honour her was driven by the values she represented. "Despite financial hardship, she chose honesty," he said.

"Five years back her husband Subramani, an autorickshaw driver, had also done an honest act by returning a bag containing Rs. 1 lakh left in his vehicle by a passenger", Santhanam said.

Last week, the Postal Department had released a special 'My Stamp' postal cover bearing her photograph in recognition of her honesty, and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin had awarded her Rs. 1 lakh. She works with the private sanitation firm Urbaser Sumeet.

On Jan. 11, while she was on duty near a temple, she found a box lying on the road. On opening it, she discovered 45 sovereigns of gold ornaments inside.

She immediately informed her company officials and handed over the box to Pondy Bazaar police.

Police returned the jewellery to the owner Parmesh (46) the same day as he had lodged a complaint about the lost jewellery at the police station.



## Annadhanam for Thai Poosam



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Thaipusam, V. Suneel (Joint Secretary, AIADMK MGR Youth Wing) organised annadhaanam in Station Road (West Mambalam) on Feb. 1.

It benefitted more than 1000 persons.

## Gifts new dresses to inmates of old age home



By Our Staff Reporter

M. Praveen Lal (Lions International District Governor 3241F) celebrated his birthday with the inmates of the old age home Kakkum Karangal (Lake View Road, West Mambalam) on Feb. 6. He sponsored lunch for the 60 inmates and gifted them new dresses. G. Manilal (Former District Governor, Lions International) was present.

Praveen Lal had taken charge as District Governor 6 months back.

Lions International 3241F is engaged in various social services activities like organising free medical camps, providing education assistance to deserving students, providing aid to physically challenged persons and supporting orphanages and old age homes. His contact number is 98410 23472.

## Art workshop on Feb. 8

By Our Staff Reporter

Bhanu Priya Mathi, a software professional, is also a budding artist.

She runs the Instagram page GetBhanuFied to display her artworks, and to network with other artists.

She and her husband Vijay Amritraj have organised a workshop on Sunday, Feb. 8 in Game On Café (1st Floor, 17, Radhakrishnan Street,

T. Nagar).

It is open to all.

Experts and budding artists will conduct the workshop which will include string art, mandala art, dream catcher making, hot-wheels and photo bouquet, pottery, handcuff canvas painting, resin art and T-shirt painting. For more details, visit the Instagram page getbhanu fied.

## Balalayam in Siva Vishnu temple today

In connection with the renovation of Siva Vishnu Temple (Natesan Street, 2, North Usman Road, T. Nagar), Balalayam to shift the deities to a spacious hall adjoining the temple will be performed from 7.30 a.m to 12 noon on Sunday, Feb. 8. There will be special poojai, homam and alangaaram to all the deities.

All are welcome. For more details, call 92834 12358.

## Man held for sexually harassing school girl

Teynampet All Women Police arrested a 33-year-old man, husband of a woman constable, on Feb. 3 under the Pocso Act on charge of sexually harassing a schoolgirl in T. Nagar.

Police said that the victim is a Std. 10 student. The accused, identified as Bhoopalan, is the victim's neighbour and used to frequently harass her by making inappropriate gestures and speaking to her in a provocative manner.

At around 4 p.m on Feb. 2, when the girl was walking back from school, the accused made inappropriate gestures at her, after which the girl informed her parents, and the parents approached the police.

Following an enquiry, the police arrested Bhoopalan and remanded him in judicial custody. He works in a jewellery showroom in T. Nagar.

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## Kumbhabhishekam performed in Madras Kali Bari Temple



By Our Staff Reporter

Maha Kumbhabhishekam was performed to Madras Kali Bari Temple (Umapathy Street, West Mambalam) on Feb.6.

Swami Satyajnananadaji Maharaj of Ramakrishnan Math (Mylapore) and Swami Mayadhipanandaji Maharaj (Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore) participated in the kumbhabhishekam along with hundreds of devotees.

The temple was built in 1981, and the kumbhabhishekam was held for the third time.

The temple is open from 6 a.m to 12 noon and 4 p.m to 9 p.m on all days.



## 36-hour sewage disruption in three zones

Owing to interconnection works on the main sewage pumping line near the Alandur junction carried out by Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), sewage flow has been affected in three zones including Thiru Vi Ka zone since Feb. 6. An official said that the work will be completed by 2 a.m on Feb. 8, and the pumping stations will resume operations.

Those facing severe issues in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar zone can contact Metrowater in 81449 30906.

## Man held for burglary

The KKNagar police have arrested a 26-year-old man in connection with the burglary in Varashakti Vinayagar Temple (K.K. Nagar) on Jan. 18

Two bronze idols, a gold coin, and a silver chain were recovered from him.

When the temple priest Chandrasekhar (48) (resident of West Mambalam) opened the temple early morning on Jan. 18, he found the lock to the sanctum sanctorum broken. An inventory revealed the theft of two bronze idols of Lord Shiva, Goddess Parvati, and Nandikeswarar, along with a half-gram gold coin and a 108-gram silver sacred thread. Based on a complaint filed by the priest, a special police team led by an Inspector from the KKNagar station launched a detailed investigation.

Their probe led to the arrest of the accused, identified as Karthi (20), a native of Tirumangaicheri in Thanjavur district.

Police said that the accused is a history sheeter and more than 10 cases of burglary are pending against him. He was remanded in judicial custody.

## Lions Club sponsors lunch at old age home



By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club of Winners Club (VGP Complex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) sponsored lunch for the 30 elderly inmates of the old age home Annai Ullam (2/59, South Sivan Koil Street, Kodam-

bakkam) on Feb.3.

They also donated a month's essentials to the old age home.

C. Chellasamy (Program Organiser, Lions Club), K. Vijaya Anand (District Cabinet Secretary) and G.

Manilal (Past Governor, Lions International) were present.

Annai Ullam provides free shelter, food and medical assistance to its inmates.

Its contact number is 98417 69902.

## Couple from Italy felicitated by Rotary Club



By Our Staff Reporter

In a display of international fellowship, the Rotary Club of United Chennai (T. Nagar) under Rotary International District 3233 last week hosted and felicitated an Italian Rotarian couple during their monthly meeting at The Residency Hotel (T. Nagar).

The honoured guests, 74-year-old Giuseppe Ieva and his wife Ann Laurretta Spada (68), represent the Rotary Club of Este from Rotary International District 2060 in Northern Italy. Giuseppe is an ENT specialist. To commemorate the visit, the Club presented the couple with handcrafted souvenirs: a peacock statue representing India's national bird and a wood-carved elephant showpiece.

During the meet, the couple reflected on their previous travels through India and shared insights about their hometown in Northern Italy.

The evening concluded with a traditional dinner.

## Teynampet-Saidapet flyover to be ready in 4 months



By Our Staff Reporter

Ma Subramanian (State Minister for Health and Family Welfare) last week announced that the 3.2km elevated corridor over Anna Salai, between Teynampet and Saidapet junctions, will be opened to traffic within the next four months.

An official of the Highways Department said that the first deck slab was placed on Jan. 13. He said that the 30-metre-long and 16.6-metre-wide deck slab will have a two-lane divided carriageway on top. This is the first of the 132 spans that will form the flyover. We plan to lay one deck slab every other day, he added.

The 3.2 km 4-lane elevated corridor is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 621 crores.

It will span seven key intersections, including Eldams Road, SIET College Road, and Cenotaph Road.

## Concert of old Hindi songs next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

The music troupe Satrangi will present a concert of old Hindi songs at 5.45 p.m on Friday, Feb. 13 in TEACH Auditorium (Taramani).

The program will feature songs from Hindi movies of 50s, 60s and 70s like Shor, Bobby, Naya Daur, Kabhi Kabhi, Chotti Si Baat, Aradhana and more.

The concert will be presented by Promod, Smriti, Abhisekh, Ramya and Jothi, and supported by a live orchestra.

Tickets priced at Rs. 300 and Rs.500 will be home delivered on calling 98847 78073.

## Biker run over by lorry

By Our Staff Reporter

A 32-year-old man riding a motorcycle was killed and his friend, riding pillion, was seriously injured after the motorcycle collided with a lorry on Jawaharlal Nehru Road (Vadapalani) late at night on Jan. 30.

The deceased has been identified as V. Gopal (resident of Choolaimedu), functionary of DMK Youth Wing in Ward 106. His friend S. Kesavan (23) is undergoing treatment in Kilpauk Government Hospital.

According to the police, while attempting to overtake the lorry laden with iron rods, Gopal lost control and the bike skidded. While both men fell on the road, Gopal came under the front wheels of the lorry and died on the spot, and Kesavan sustained serious injuries.

The lorry driver, S. Sudhakar (48) was arrested.

Pondy Bazaar Traffic Investigation Police is in charge of investigation.

## 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, Feb. 8 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

## OBITUARY

N. DURAI

N. Duraj (resident of 5, C Block, Lalithapuram, South Usman Road, T.

Nagar) passed away on Feb.3.

He was 60, and was a resident of T. Nagar since birth.

He is survived by his wife Girija, and daughters Supriya and Suganya.



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## Senior doctor from PHC awarded FRCP



By Our Staff Reporter

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N.C. Mohandoss (Founder, Penakkal Peravai), T.V. Varadarajan (Dramatist), N. Panchapakesan (Founder, Chennai Sai Sankara Group of Matrimonials) and other dignitaries participated in the felicitation function.

On the occasion, Panchapakesan gifted Rs 20,000 to a visually impaired woman for her household expenses.

## Nightlong darshan of Shiva Lingams from 6 p.m on Feb. 15



By Our Staff Reporter

Devotees can have darshan of various forms of Shiva Lingam from 6 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 15 to 6 a.m on Monday, Feb. 16 in Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) for Maha Shivaratri.

They include Vibuthi Lingam, Manjal Lingam, Kunguma Lingam, Pushpa Lingam, Fruit Lingam, Swarna Lingam, Ice Lingam, Spatika Lingam, Navagraha Lingam and Abisheka Lingam. Devotees who possess unique forms of Shiva Lingam have been invited by the organizers to bring them for exhibition. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98414 75566 and 9444 46661.

## RMD Academy conducts cancer awareness program



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with World Cancer Awareness Day, the students and faculty of RMD Academy for Health (Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) conducted a Cancer awareness program on Feb.4 at the junction of Thirumalai Road and Kodambakkam High Road (T. Nagar). They held placards with awareness messages and distributed pamphlets to passersby. For more details call, 93810 16588.

## Thirukalyanam performed in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Thaipusam, Thirukalyanam was performed to Valli Deivanai and Lord Subramanya Swamy on Feb. 1 in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (Gandhi Street, West Mambalam).

Hundreds of devotees participated in the poojas.

It was followed by Annadhaanam.

R. Mukunthan (Temple Trustee) told *Mambalam Times* that devotees can perform sankalpam, archa nai and annadhaanam on their special occasions like birthday and anniversary.

The temple is open from 7 a.m to 10 a.m and from 6 p.m

to 8 p.m on all days.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 98843 97273

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## Free meditation sessions in Brahma Kumaris for Shivarathri

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Maha Shivarathri, Brahma Kumaris has organised special meditation sessions in two batches from 7 a.m to 12 noon and from 4 p.m to 8 p.m in its centers on Saturday, Feb. 14, Sunday, Feb. 15 and Monday, Feb. 16.

Following are the details:

**West Mambalam**

Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center: Narangi Flats,

Ground Floor, Flat No. 4, New No. 17, Old No. 9, Veerasamy Street, Opposite SRM Nightingale School. For more details, call 95502 01177 or 98844 46567.

**T. Nagar**

Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center: Majestic Apartments, Flat No. 3, First Floor, 13, Soundararajan Street. For more details, call 94980 90626.

A senior member told *Mambalam Times* that Brahma Kumaris has 120 centers in Tamilnadu and its Raja Yoga practitioners have specially prepared the meditation room for Shivarathri by conducting 1008 hours of meditation to create a powerful and spiritually charged atmosphere. Entry is free. All are welcome to participate in the meditation sessions.



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