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Fire breaks out at Nexus Vijaya Mall



A fire that broke out at Nexus Vijaya Mall (Arcot Road, Vadapalani) at around 2 p.m on Feb. 18, was put out by the personnel of Koyam-bedu and JJ Nagar Fire Stations. 5 fire tenders were deployed in the operation.

The fire which started in the kitchen of a fast-food outlet on the first floor, soon spread to other areas. As the restaurant and the surrounding areas were engulfed in flames and smoke, security guards swiftly evacuated all the staff members and shoppers, and alerted the fire brigade.

No one was injured in the incident. By the time the firefighters arrived, the fire had spread to the ground floor. The fire personnel brought the blaze under control and spent hours clearing smoke from the mall. Vadapalani police registered

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6 held for possession of Rs. 23.50 lakhs unaccounted cash

Police seized Rs. 23.50 lakhs in cash from six men travelling in an SUV without a number plate during a vehicle check in T. Nagar at night on Feb. 13. Income tax authorities were informed about the seizure, and the cash handed over to them.

The Pondy Bazaar police were conducting a vehicle check on Thirumalai Pillai Road (T. Nagar) when they spotted an SUV without number plates.

Officers stopped the vehicle and found a bag containing bundles of cash stashed inside.

There were six occupants in the SUV identified as Venkata Naga (Finance company owner), Padma Subbaiah (businessman) and Venkata's employees Ashwin Kumar, Ganesh, Khanna Mahesh, and Sandeep Verma.

All were detained for questioning.

Income tax officials have launched an investigation.

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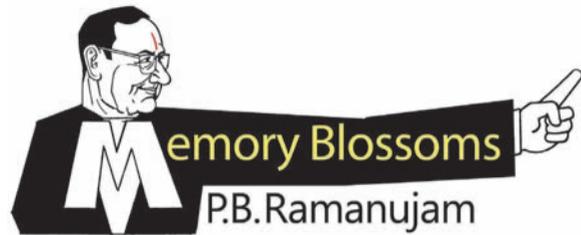
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Another case involving Telegraph Service

In an earlier article I had narrated how I could use the telegraph service effectively to get immediate relief for a client. I now recall another such incident.

Those were the days when the distribution and sale of cement were strictly controlled by the Central Government. A high level officer designated as Regional Cement Controller (RCC), who had jurisdiction over the four southern States - Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra and Karnataka - was headquartered in Madras, and his office was housed in Khivraj Buildings on Mount Road.

As head of the office, he was functioning from a large room on the top floor of the building. While effecting some repairs to the building, a 2 feet x 2 feet portion of the ceiling of his room had been cut open, but this gap was not closed later by the contractor. Consequently the room was exposed to both sun and rain, and the RCC had to suffer both hardship and embarrassment before the visitors. Repeated appeals to the building management to close the gap had gone unheeded.

The RCC tried to contact V. P. Raman (who was the Government Pleader) for legal assistance to solve the problem. Raman who was very busy at that time said that he could give him an appointment only after a week. When told of the pressing need, Raman told him, "Meet the lawyer by name P. B. Ramanujam in T. Nagar. He is generally free and, even if busy, will be able to help you".

It was under these circumstances that the RCC came and explained to me his predicament.

For his immediate satisfaction I drafted a telegram to be sent to Khivraj as follows: "This telegram is under instructions from my client and your tenant, Regional Cement Controller. A portion of the ceiling of the room under his occupation has been intentionally damaged by you thereby preventing a public servant from discharging his duties. This amounts to criminal intimidation. Prosecution follows".

This telegram was dispatched at 9.30 am. Later, at around 1.30 pm, a clerk of RCC's office came to my chamber room in the High Court stating that the RCC wanted me to come to his office immediately by a car sent by him. I reached his office wondering what else I could do to help him.

There I was surprised see Mr. Khivraj himself sitting in front of the RCC. I had known about him because his son Proful was my friend.

I told him, "This is an important office visited by persons from all southern States. What would persons from other States think of Tamilnadu if an important government office is in this condition?".

Before I could conclude, Khivraj said, "I am very, very sorry sir. Please do not make it a big issue. I will get the ceiling gap closed within the next 2 hours".

The work was carried out as promised and the RCC thanked me profusely.

It was the telegraph service which deserved credit for this miracle. If the service had not been there I could have only sent a notice by registered post and wait for many days for the receipt of its acknowledgment (quite often the acknowledgment would not even be received) and then file a case which would have taken many years to conclude.

I bade a tearful farewell when this most useful Telegraph Service was discontinued by the Central Government.

My brother and K. A. Thangavelu

The popular comedian K. A. Thangavelu was my client and used to visit my office whenever he was free. He wrote his will in my office, later placed it in front of the pictures in my pooja room and then only signed it.

At that time my elder brother P.B.Rangachary, who was an engineer employed in Neyveli Lignite Corporation, came in.

I introduced him to Thangavelu saying, "My brother Rangachary is an engineer in NLC and is often sent abroad. In fact he returned from Russia only last week".

Thangavelu was impressed and shook hands with my brother.

It was then that Rangachary asked me, "But who is this? You did not introduce him to me".

I was greatly embarrassed by his

question and told him, "This is Thangavelu who is a very popular movie comedian. He has also acted in character roles in films", and turned to Thangavelu and said, "Please do not mistake him. He sees only English movies and is not familiar with Tamil movies or Tamil actors. That is why he did not recognize you".

Thangavelu's reaction surprised me. He tapped his head with his knuckles and said, "Your brother has taught me an important lesson. I was priding myself that I was known to everyone in Tamilnadu because, wherever I go, people, irrespective of age, rush towards me shouting "Thangavelu, Thangavelu". Your brother has taught me not to be so proud of myself because there are still many people who may not recognize me".

I was much impressed by the way in which Thangavelu reacted to an embarrassing situation.

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EB junction box leaning precariously



By Our Staff Reporter

An EB junction installed on the pavement of G.N. Chetty Road (near Kuppaswamy Street, West Mambalam) is leaning precariously as its foundation is severely damaged.

As it can topple over at any time, it poses grave danger to unwary pedestrians.

OBITUARY

K. HEMAVATHI



K. Hemavathi (resident of 1A/7, Thiruchendur Flats, Babu Rajanendra Prasad Street, West Mambalam) passed away on Feb. 17.

She was 83, and had been staying in West Mambalam for the past one year. She was the wife of late T. Kannan. She is survived by her sons Lakshmi Narayanan (Ph: 77085 11853) and Vardharajan, daughters Kavitha Arun and Sumathi Rangarajan, and grandchildren.

OBITUARY

V. TAMIL AZHAGAN

V. Tamil Azhagan (resident of Thirumalai Pillai Road, T. Nagar) passed away on Feb. 14.

He was 70, and had been a longtime resident of T. Nagar. He was the eldest son of late R. M. Veerappan (ADMK leader and film producer).

He was a well-known Tamil film Producer and had given blockbuster films like Baashha, Moondru Mugam, Panakkaran, Ranuva Veeran, Panakkaran, Kaaki Sattai and Pudhiya Vaanam.

He also directed some successful Tamil films including Manthira Punnagai, and Nila Pennae.

He is survived by his mother Rajammal Veerappan, wife and children.



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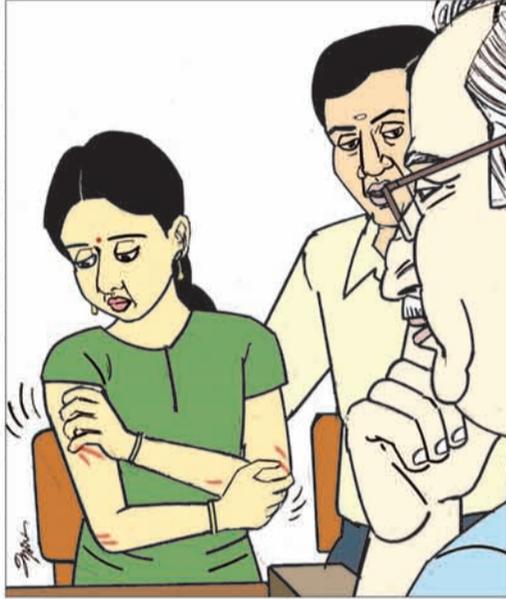
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பத்து வயதுப் பெண் குழந்தை தன் அண்ணனுடன் என்னைப் பார்க்க வந்தது. வரும்போதே ஏதோ வித்தியாசம் தெரிந்தது. இரண்டு கைகளாலும் தலை, முகம், கைகள், கால்கள், உடம்பு என எல்லா இடங்களையும் சொறிந்து கொண்டிருந்தது. ஒரு நொடிகூட நிறுத்தாமல் இடம் மாற்றி, மாற்றி ஒரு மெஷினைப்போல சொறிந்து கொண்டே இருந்தது.

‘ஒரு மாதத்திற்கும் மேலாக இப்படி சொறிந்து கொள்வதாகவும், ஆங்கிலத் தோல் மருத்துவர்கள், தமிழ் மருத்துவர்கள், பாட்டியின் கை வைத்தியம், யூனானி, மாந்திரீகம் என எதற்கும் இது கட்டுப்படவில்லை’ என்றும் சொன்னான் உடன் வந்த சகோதரன். தலை முதல் கால் வரை எந்தவிதத் தோல் வியாதியும் தெரியவில்லை. ஓரிரண்டு கிரைக்களைத் தவிர! ஒரு மாதத்தில் எல்லா இரத்தப் பரிசோதனைகளும் ‘நார்மல்’ என வந்திருந்தது. ஒரு கேள்வியும், அதற்கு அவன் அளித்த பதிலும் மிக அரிதான ஒரு வியாதியை எனக்குக் காட்டியது.

அது என்ன என்பதை சொல்லும் முன்...

தோலில் அரிப்பு என்பது மிக சாதாரணமாக எல்லோருக்கும் வருவதுதான். படை, சொறி, சிரங்கு எல்லாமே ஏதோ ஒரு நிலையில் அரிப்பினைக் கொடுக்கும். அரிப்பு என்பது தோலின் மீது உடனே சொறிந்து கொள்ளத் தூண்டும் ஒரு வகை உணர்ச்சி! பல தோல் வியாதிகள் அரிப்புடன் வருகின்றன. சில சமயங்களில் சிகிச்சை முறைகள், மருந்துகளினாலும் அரிப்பு வரக்கூடும். தோலில் எந்த மாற்றமும் இல்லாமல் அரிப்பு மட்டும் வருமேயானால் உடலின் வேறு பகுதிகளில் ஏதேனும் வியாதிகள் உள்ளனவா என்று பார்க்க வேண்டும். உடலின் உள்மாற்றங்களைக் காட்டும் கண்ணாடிதானே தோல் என்பது!



தோலின் எபிடெமியூம், கீழடுக்கு

டெர்மிஸும் சேரும் இடத்தில் உள்ள சில நரம்பு நுனிகள் தோலில் ஏற்படும் மாற்றங்களினால் சுரக்கும் ஹிஸ்டமின், சீரடோனின் போன்ற வேதிப் பொருட்களால் தூண்டப்படுவதால் அரிப்பு ஏற்படுகிறது! தோலில் ஏதும் மாற்றம் இல்லாமல் வரும் அரிப்பு தோலில் நேரடியாக சுரக்காத வேறு சில வேதி பொருட்களால் வருகிறது. இது மேலிருந்து வருகின்ற அரிப்பு!

தோலில் வரும் கரப்பான் வகைகள், சில கொப்புள வியாதிகள், பிரசவ காலத் தோல் மாற்றங்கள், நழுட்டுச் சிரங்கு, படர்ந்தாமரை, கொசுக்கடி, சில வகை அலர்ஜிகள், சோரியாசிஸ் (இந்தப் பெயர் சொறிவதனால் ஏற்பட்டதல்ல என்பது கவனத்துக்குரியது!) போன்றவை அரிப்புடன் வரக்கூடியவை. வயதானவர்களுக்கும், தைராய்டு குறைபாடு உள்ளவர்களுக்கும் காய்ந்த தோலில் (Xerosis) அரிப்பு ஏற்படக்கூடும். எச்.ஐ.வியினால் வரக்கூடிய சில தோல் மாற்றங்களும், தொற்றுக்கூட அரிக்கக் கூடும்.

சொறிவதனால் ஏற்படும் தோல் மாற்றங்கள், கிரைக்கள், புண்கள், தோல் தடிமனாதல், அரிப்புக் கட்டிகள் (Prurigo Nodularis), பாக்கிரியல் தொற்றுகள், கருப்பு மற்றும் வெள்ளைப் படைகள் ஓரளவுக்கு என்ன தோல் வியாதி, நீண்ட நாட்களாய் உள்ளதா போன்ற விவரங்களைக் கொடுக்கும்! ஆனாலும் முழு விவரங்களையும் கேள்விகள் கேட்டு அறிந்து கொள்வது அவசியம். சிகிச்சைக்கு உதவும்!

சில சமயங்களில் காரணத்தைக் கண்டறிய அரிக்கும் தோல் பகுதியை பயாப்சி செய்து பார்ப்பது அவசியமாகும்!

பொது மருத்துவம் - உடலின் மற்ற வியாதிகள் தோலில் அரிப்பை ஏற்படுத்தக்கூடும். சிறுநீரகம், கல்லீரல், நாளமில்லாச் சுரப்பிகள் (Endocrine glands), இரத்தம், புற்றுநோய்கள் சம்பந்தமான வியாதிகள் தோலில் மாற்றங்கள் ஏதுமின்றி அரிப்பை ஏற்படுத்தக் கூடியவை.

சிறுநீரகக் கோளாறுகளினால் இரத்தத்தில் சேர்ந்துவிடும் யூரியா மற்றும் கிரியாடினின் போன்றவைகளின் அறிகுறியாக தினமும் தோலில் அரிப்பு ஏற்படக்கூடும். கல்லீரல் பாதிப்பினால் இரத்தத்தில் ஏறும் பைல் பிக்மெண்ட், பைல் சாட்டுகளால் தோலில் அரிப்பு ஏற்படலாம். தைராக்ஸின் குறைவினால் ஏற்படும் காய்ந்த தோலினாலும், நீரிழிவு நோயில் பாதிக்கப்படும் நரம்புகளாலும் தோலில் அரிப்பு ஏற்படலாம். இரத்த சோகையினால் உடல் முழுவதும் அரிப்பு வரலாம்! புற்றுநோய்கள் வருவதற்குப் பல மாதங்கள் முன்னதாகத் தோலில் அரிப்பு வரலாம் (லிம்ஃபோமா) என்கிறது ஒரு மருத்துவக் குறிப்பு. புற்றுநோய் சிகிச்சைகளினாலும் உடலில் அரிப்பு தோன்றலாம்.

உடலில் தோன்றும் அரிப்பு என்பதை அவ்வளவு எளிதாக மருந்துக் கடையில் வாங்கிய ஒரு சிறு மாத்திரை மூலம் அடக்கிவிட முடியாது. பலவித பரிசோதனைகள் செய்து காரணத்தைக் கண்டறிவது அவசியம். அப்போதுதான் சரியான சிகிச்சையைத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்க முடியும்!

இப்படி எந்தவிதக் காரணமும் இல்லாமல் சில வேளைகளில் அரிப்பு தோன்றக்கூடும். அப்படிப்பட்ட ஒரு அரிப்புதான் மேலே சொன்ன குழந்தைக்கு வந்திருந்தது! நான் கேட்ட கேள்வி: ‘தூக்கத்திலும் சொறிந்து கொள்கிறாளா?’ சிறிது யோசனைக்குப் பிறகு அண்ணன் சொன்ன பதில் ‘இல்லை’ என்பது!

மன அழுத்தம் போன்ற மனநிலை பிறழ்வுகள் இதபோன்ற அரிப்பினை ஏற்படுத்தக் கூடும் (Psychogenic pruritus)! மற்ற அரிப்புகளைப்போல இவர்கள் தூக்கத்தில் சொறிந்து கொள்வது அரிது! இந்தப் பெண் குழந்தை ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பில் தேறவில்லை. (இது நடந்து 30 வருஷங்கள் இருக்கும். இப்போதெல்லாம் இதற்கு வாய்ப்பே இல்லை!) அதிலிருந்துதான் இந்த அரிப்பு தொடங்கியது. குழந்தைக்கு மாத்திரைகள் தேவையில்லை. கவுன்சிலிங் மட்டும் தேவைப்பட்டது!

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Dr. Sunder's concert in Sangeetha Vidyalayam on Feb. 28

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspice of Sri Sadguru Sangeetha Vidyalayam (16/64, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam), Kalai-maamani Dr. Sunder will present a Carnatic vocal concert at 6.30 p.m on Saturday, Feb.28 in its premises.

He will be accompanied by Raghu on the violin, and Mannarkoil J. Balaji on the mridangam. All are welcome. More details can be had in 94446 22111.



Local Professor presented Aram Award

For her contributions in the field of college education, M. Ekalakshmi (Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, Shankarlal Shasun Jain College for Women, T. Nagar) was one of the recipients of the Aram Award for 2026, presented by Aram Seiya Virumbhu Arakkatalai (Madurai) in a function held in Narada Gana Sabha



(TTK Road, Teynampet).

Her contact number is 98849 53579.

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Kadhaippoma – an informal forum for women to interact

By Sudha

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For more details, contact 99402 48591.

Abandoned car removed after report



Before



Now

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Abandoned car blocks carriageway' published in *Mambalam Times* (February 15 – 21 issue), a car in dilapidated condition, bearing registration number TN01/R9245, abandoned on the road margin on 7th Avenue (Ashok Nagar, near Police Assistance Booth) was removed.

CRS flags concerns regarding readiness of Porur-Vadapalani metro stretch

By Our Staff Reporter

The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) who conducted inspection of the Porur-Vadapalani stretch last week observed that the section was not ready for passenger operations, while a clean chit to begin operations was given for the Poonamallee to Porur stretch.

On the day of inspection, the CRS found that there were a few issues in the Porur to Vadapalani stretch which needed to be resolved to meet passenger safety standards and only then could the stretch be opened for commuters.

A senior official of Chennai Metro said that they are complying with the instructions of the CRS and have already started taking steps to finish the work on the issues highlighted by him.

Once it is done, we will submit the compliance report, and can get clearance for this stretch after the second round of inspection and the speed trials are conducted by Feb. 25, he said.

The stretch from Poonamallee to Vadapalani via Porur is likely to open this month.

Originally, the plan was to operate only between Poonamallee to Porur but later it was proposed to extend the services till Vadapalani so that there will be connectivity to connect to the phase I network.

While all stations between Poonamallee and Porur are ready, Chennai Metro plans to operationalise the remaining stations between Alapakkam and Saligramam by June.

5 more roads to get pedestrian plazas



By Our Staff Reporter

After the recent development of pedestrian plaza on Khader Nawaz Khan (KNK) Road, Chennai Corporation is now focusing on five more pedestrian plaza projects in the city at a total cost of Rs. 150 crores under the World Bank-Chennai City Partnership. A foundation stone was recently laid for the pedestrian plaza at Pulla Avenue (Shenoy Nagar), and reconstruction of footpaths and utility ducts will be taken up shortly, an official said.

Other roads where the work is underway includes Monegar Choultry Road in Royapuram, Race Course Road in Adyar, and Thiruvottiyur High Road and Arunachaleswarar Koil Street in Tondiarpet.

Free cervical cancer test soon at PHCs

The HPV-DNA testing to detect cervical cancer will be rolled out across all the 360 public health care centres of Chennai Corporation.

Corporation is procuring 50,000 RTPCR test kits at an estimated cost of Rs 1 crore to conduct the tests.

The samples collected will be analysed at the RTPCR laboratory in the Communicable Diseases Hospital (CDH) as part of expanded cancer screening for women.

Gets IM title in chess



19-year-old S. Rohit (resident of T. Nagar) got his first International Master title at the First Saturday IM tournament held in Budapest (Hungary) from Feb. 7 to 14.

He won the event by scoring 7/9 points and secured 25.6 Elo points to cross the qualifying 2400 Elo mark in the live ratings to win the International Master title. This result came immediately after a strong performance at the Budapest GM-B tournament earlier, where he gained 33.2 Elo rating points. His first IM norm came at the Prague International Chess Festival in 2024, followed by his second at the Serbia Open the same year, and the third at the 18th Arad Open GP Classic 2025 in Romania.

He is pursuing B. Tech in Information Technology at SSN College of Engineering and undergoes chess training at T. Nagar Chess Academy under AL Kasi and also under GM Shyam Sundar.

His also trains under his elder brother Arjun Kalyan, a Chess Grandmaster.

25 to undergo free cataract surgery

By Our Staff Reporter

Innerwheel Club of Chennai Sakhi (Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) and Sri Bhuvaneshwari Charitable Trust jointly conducted a free eye screening camp at Sr Nagavalli Amman Temple (Kamarajar Colony, Boopathi Nagar, Kodambakkam) on Feb. 17.

A team of doctors from Sankara Nethralaya examined 120 persons in the camp.

25 of them diagnosed with cataract will undergo free surgery in the hospital.

Free spectacles were given to those who had vision problems.

Vaishnavi Sankar Narayan (President of Innerwheel Club of Chennai Sakhi), Vedic Ravi (President of Sri Bhuvaneshwari Charitable Trust) and A.D. Raja (President of Sri Nagavalli Amman Temple) presided over the camp.

The camp was coordinated by Moon Ickon Events.



Special homam performed for school students



By Our Staff Reporter

Vak Devi homam was performed for the students of Std.10 and Std.12 at Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony, West Mambalam).

Girija Seshadri (School Correspondent), school principal, teachers, and parents participated in the poojas.

Stationery was gifted to all the students after the pooja.

Free classes on running

Chennai Runners conducts free classes on running titled Couch to 5K. All are free to join.

The classes are held at 5.30 a.m on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays outside Starbucks (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar). For details contact, Vijayavani in 98849 37007 or M. Ramsubramanian in 73580 96014.

Local resident honoured by Government of Japan



By Our Staff Reporter

A.P. Loganathan (resident of Baroda Street, West Mambalam) was felicitated and presented the 'Order of the Sacred Treasure Gold and Silver Rays' by Government of Japan on Feb. 13 for his 33 years of service in the Consulate-General of Japan (Cenotaph Road, Teynampet). He had retired from service last year.

The decoration was conferred by Takahashi Muneo (the Consul-General of Japan) in the presence of Suguna Ramamoorthy (Secretary-General, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and T.R Jawahar (Editor, News Today).

Loganathan's contact number is 94442 15772.

Tree trunk falls on car abandoned on road margin



By Our Staff Reporter

A thick branch of a tree broke and fell on the bonnet of an unused Innova car, in dusty condition, parked in front of two TNEB junction boxes on Vaidyaraman Street, T. Nagar.

As it was parked on the carriageway of the narrow road, it is causing obstruction to other vehicles passing by.

A nearby resident said that the car has been parked at the spot for over 3 weeks.

He requests traffic police to take suitable action to remove the unused car from the spot.

This photo was taken on Feb.18.

Domestic help held for stealing jewels

By Our Staff Reporter

A 40-year-old woman was arrested by KK Nagar police on charge of stealing 19 sovereigns of gold jewellery from a house where she was employed.

The accused, identified as Revathi, is a resident of MGR Nagar.

A few days after Revathi stopped coming to work without informing, the house owner found that 19 sovereigns of gold jewellery are missing from the cupboard.

Based on his complaint, KK Nagar police conducted investigation and detained Revathi.

On questioning, she agreed to stealing the jewellery.

Police recovered the jewellery as she had pledged it with a pawn broker for cash.

Apoorva Women's Association completes 31 years

By Our Staff Reporter

Apoorva Women's Association (Kuppuswamy Street, T. Nagar) celebrated its 31st Annual Day with various women's organisations in a program held at Balaji Kalyana Mandapam (T. Nagar) on Feb. 19.

Radha Krishnamoorthy (President of the Association) said that they have been providing educational assistance to underprivileged students for the past 30 years and so far, more than 1200 students have benefitted and have gone on to pursue higher studies.



Registration mandatory for bulk waste generators

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has announced mandatory registration for all Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs) in the city under the newly notified Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026, issued by the Central Government on January 28.

As per the SWM Rules, 2026, which will be implemented from April 1, any entity that meets at least one of the following criteria shall be classified as a BWG: a building with a floor area of 20,000 square metres or above; water consumption of 40,000 litres or more per day; and generation of 100 kg or more solid waste per day.

This definition applies to commercial establishments, residential associations, hotels, hospitals, educational institutions, IT parks, marriage halls, shopping malls, markets, industrial units, and other large establishments.

The BWGs must register on the dedicated online portal by March 17, failing which, penal action will be taken under the provisions of the SWM Rules, 2026.

The Corporation will shortly activate a dedicated online portal for registration. Zonal officers across 15 zones will provide facilitation support through designated staff or animators to assist in the completion process.

For more details, visit the Chennai Corporation website.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 22 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

Abinav has his mandolin arangetram



By Our Staff Reporter

Abinav (resident of T. Nagar) had his Mandolin arangetram on Feb. 8 in Obul Reddy Hall (Vani Mahal, Thyaga rahma Gana Sabha, T. Nagar).

He was accompanied by V. V. Srinivasa Rao on the violin, Ganapathy Ram on the mridangam, and Murali on the ghatam. He is a disciple of U. P. Raju and U. Nagamani (Founders of Shastriya Mandolin Sikshana)

Veena vidwan Kannan Balakrishnan and actress Y. G. Madhuvanthi were present. For more details, call 98414 28030.

Drain cover damaged



By Our Staff Reporter

The cover of the storm water drain chamber on the pavement of Thanikachalam Road (T. Nagar, near Madhuram Apartments) is damaged. A Good Samaritan has placed mounds of dried earth removed from pots around the drain cover to caution pedestrians.

It poses a grave danger of injury to pedestrians at night due to poor visibility.

This photo taken on Feb.19 shows only a narrow space available for pedestrians to walk adjoining the spot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Improperly fixed camera at road junction



Sir, The CCTV camera installed on the pole at the junction of Station Road and Krishnamurthy Street (West Mambalam) needs to be refixed properly as it is hanging loose and pointing straight downwards.

They must be tightened to the post after setting their direction correctly, as otherwise their footages will not help the police in investigating crimes.

I appeal to Mambalam police to refix the camera. **P.S. Chandramouli, West Mambalam, Ph: 95510 66577,**

Postbox likely to topple over

Sir, The postbox installed decades back next to two TNEB junction boxes on the road margin on Vaidyaraman Street (T. Nagar) is likely to fall as its foundation is damaged and its base is in rusted condition.

I request India Post to take suitable action.

This photo was taken on Feb.18. **Sundaramoorthy, West Mambalam.**



'Unjavrithi bhajans' today forenoon to mobilise donations for Rama Navami mahotsavam

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Sri Jayadeva Bala Baktha Bhajan Mandali (12, Prasanth Enclave, 15, Rukmani Street, West Mambalam) will sing 'Unjavrithi bhajans' on the streets of West Mambalam from 7.30 a.m to 11.30 a.m on Sunday, Feb. 22, to collect donations for performing Rama Navami Janana Mahotsavam and Sita Kalyanam in Thorappadi village situated near Tiruvannamalai from March 30 to April 3.

Devotees will start from Rukmani Street and pass along Gopalan Street, Moorthi Street, Mahadevan Street, K.V. Colony, Ramakrishnapuram, Postal Colony 1st and 2nd Streets, Ashok Nagar 7th Avenue, Sri Devi Colony, Bank of India Colony, Samiyar Garden Street and other nearby streets.

Residents may contribute in cash or kind (rice, dhal and jaggery) for performing the utsavam. Rama Navami Mahotsavam and Sita Kalyanam are being performed in Thorappadi village for more than 300 years with the blessings of Kanchi Paramacharyas.

More details can be had from S. Krishnan (Treasurer) in 94444 41840.

Cattle roaming freely near police station



By Our Staff Reporter

Stray cattle nuisance continues unabated in T. Nagar and West Mambalam, posing danger to pedestrians and motorists.

Let loose by their owners, as they don't have space to keep them, they walk freely

in the middle of roads and squat on pavements. As Chennai Corporation lacks the manpower to tackle this problem, cattle owners do not abide by the rules.

This photo taken on Feb. 15 shows a herd of 6 cows and calves crossing the road

in a file in front of Pandy Bazaar police station (Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar).

With the latest ruling of registering cattle being made mandatory Corporation must also increase its manpower to mitigate stray cattle problem in the city.

School compound wall beautified with murals



Colourful murals of wild animals adorn the walls of Government Girls Higher Secondary School (Ashok Nagar).

They have been painted by the members of Nirmaan, a social organisation with an aim to create environment awareness among the students

Students participate in anti-drug awareness campaign



By Our Staff Reporter

60 students of Nava Bharath Matriculation School (Solaiappan Koil Street, T. Nagar) participated in the door-to-door 'Drug-free Tamilnadu' awareness campaign held on Feb.21 in Dharmapuram (T. Nagar).

The students visited all the houses in the area and distributed pamphlets carrying awareness messages.



Foliage dumped on pavement outside hospital



By Our Staff Reporter

Tree bushes have remained dumped on the pavement of Giri Road (T. Nagar, near Bharathiraja Hospital) for several days. This photo was taken on Feb.18.

Pavement dweller held for stealing laptop, mobile phone

The Vadapalani police arrested a 42-year-old man on Feb. 19 on charge of stealing a laptop and mobile phone belonging to an 18-year-old engineering student from a mall in Vadapalani on Feb. 9. The accused has been identified as Muhammad Nasrullah, a pavement dweller.

He was arrested on Feb. 19 and remanded in judicial custody. According to police, the complainant, Bharani Lakshmi (a 1st year Computer Science student) had visited the mall located on Arcot Road.

While at the food court, she left her bag containing the mobile phone and laptop worth Rs. 1.50 lakhs on a table to get food.

When she returned a few minutes later, she found the bag missing. Based on her complaint, police scanned CCTV footages at the mall and found a man stealing the bag. On Feb. 19, a team from Royapettah police spotted the man and nabbed him. He was handed over to Vadapalani police.

Following questioning, police recovered both the laptop and the mobile phone from him.

MTC driver found dead in Porur Lake

The police recovered the body of a 52-year-old man from Porur Lake at night on Feb. 14.

The deceased has been identified as D. Chandran (resident of Corporation Colony, T. Nagar).

He was working as a bus driver attached to the T. Nagar Depot of the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC). In the evening on Feb. 14, residents found the body floating in the lake and alerted the SRMC Police Station.

Based on the information, a police team along with personnel of Avadi Fire and Rescue Station recovered the body. The body was sent to Royapettah Government Hospital for a postmortem.

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Shiva lingam exhibition held in Kasi Viswanathar Temple



By Our Staff Reporter Dharmasastha Ayyappa Seva Sangam. Hundreds of devotees had darshan of various forms of Shiva Lingam on Feb. 15 and Feb. 16 in Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam) for Maha Shivaratri. It was organised jointly by Kasi Viswanathar Iraipani Kazhaga Arakatalai, Uzharapanni Mandram and

On display included Vibuthi Lingam, Manjal Lingam, Kunguma Lingam, Santhana Lingam, Pushpa Lingam, Fruit Lingam, Swarna Lingam, Ice Lingam, Spatika Lingam, Navagraha Lingam and Abhisheka Lingam. Several devotees also contributed some



unique forms of Shiva Lingam for the exhibition. The organisers thanked *Mambalam Times* for giving free publicity to the exhibition in its last issue which evoked a good response from

the devotees.

The exhibition is held every year for Maha Shivaratri in the temple.

The photos show the various types of lingams at the exhibition.

Sports meet held for women and children



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Maha Shivarathri, Vigneshwara Events and Nachikulam L. Saravanan (resident of Ganapathi Street (West Mambalam) and Secretary (BJP, South Chennai)) jointly organised a sports event for children and women on Feb. 15.

300 students and 200 women participated in it, and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Norwegian Tamil folk band perform in city

By Our Staff Reporter

9 Grader Nord, a Norwegian Tamil folk-rock band, presented a private concert at Aura Studio (Padmagiri Apartments, 17, Yogambal Street, T. Nagar) recently.

The band comprises of lead singer Dipha Thiruchelvam, her sister Mira Thiruchelvam on the flute, Jakob Sisselson Hamre on percussion, and Jakob Sønnesy on the bass guitar. 9 Grader Nord, which translates to 9 degrees North (the coordinates for Jaffna, Sri Lanka, where the sisters' parents hail from), is a band started in 2017.

Our parents fled Sri Lanka in the 1980s during the civil war and settled in Norway, thus becoming the inspiration behind the band's name and motto, Dipha said.

The band play an array of musical styles, including Carnatic music, bala, and Tamil folk music. It has so far released two albums titled *Jaffna* in 2019 and *Yalpanam* in 2023. The *Yalpanam* album had won the prestigious Spellemannprisen, an equivalent of the Norwegian Grammys.

Dipha said they are mostly self-taught musicians, and that their father's keen interest in the bamboo flute encouraged them to make their own music.

With people discovering new music through Instagram via just a 30-second reel, Dipha says the band is figuring out a new path and remains hopeful. They have also made full-length music videos to promote their albums online. This marks their debut tour in India. Playing in Chennai had long been a dream, the sisters said during their set.



Play on Ramakrishna Paramahansa this week

The Tamil play 'Bhagwan Ramakrishna Paramahansa', produced by the drama troupe RS Manohar's Nxgs (44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will be staged at various sabhas in the city this week.

The role of Ramakrishna Paramahansa will be played by S. Shivprasad (Founder of RS Manohar Nxgs).

The play is directed jointly by Shivprasad and his daughter Sruuthi.

Following are the details:

Monday, Feb. 23: At 6.30 p.m. at RR Sabha (Mylapore)

Friday, Feb. 27: At 6.30 p.m. at Vivekananda House (Kamaraajar Salai, Triplicane)

There is no entry fee.

All are welcome. For more details, call Shivprasad in 7358696613/9551682993.

Free health check-up on March 3

By Our Staff Reporter

Free health check-up will be conducted from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on Tuesday, March 3 in Tarapore Apartments (SBI Quarters, Station Road, West Mambalam).

A team of doctors from Apollo Hospitals will examine the patients.

It will include general health and diabetes check-up, and dental screening.

Persons suffering from orthopaedic problems can avail of free consultation.

Uma Anandhan (Councillor, Ward 134) will be present.

For more details, contact Sumathi Rangarajan in 7708511853.

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Mandolin Arangetram Held at T. Nagar

SHASTRIYA MANDOLIN SIKSHANA

The Carnatic Music Mandolin Arangetram of Master Abhinav was successfully held on 8th February 2026 at the prestigious Obul Reddy Hall, Vani Mahal, T. Nagar, Chennai.

Abhinav performed under the esteemed banner of Shastriya Mandolin Sikshana, guided by the revered gurus Mandolin Maestros Sri U. P. Raju and Smt. U. Nagamani. The arangetram reflected the rich tradition, discipline, and aesthetic values imparted by this illustrious school.

Abhinav was ably supported by a distinguished ensemble of accomplished accompanying artists: Sri V. V. Srinivasa Rao - Violin; Sri Ganapathy Ram - Mridangam; Dr. Murali (Trichy) - Ghatam; Sri U. Jagavigneshwar - Tambura.

Together, they elevated the concert to a truly divine and immersive musical experience.

The event was graciously presided over by Sri Kannan Balakrishnan, renowned Veena veteran, as the Chief Guest, while Smt. Y. G. Madhuvanthi was honoured as the Guest of Honour.

The concert commenced with the majestic Varnam "Sami Dayachuda" in Rāgam Kedaragowla, followed by a well-structured and aesthetically rich repertoire: Mahaganapathim - Rāgam Nattai; Gurulēka Etuvanti - Rāgam Gowrimanohari; Sobillu Saptasvara - Rāgam Jaganmohini; Rāgam-Tānam-Pallavi - "Raghukula Raghavaia Sri Rama" in Rāgam Nashikabhusani; Kaliyuga Varadhan - Rāgam Brindavana Sāranga; Venkatachala Nilayam - Rāgam Sindhu Bhairavi; Bhasma Bhusitanga - Rāgam Revathi.

The concert concluded with a vibrant Tillana in Rāgam Mand, followed by the lively "Muthai Tharu" in Rāgam Shanmukhapriya, leaving the audience thoroughly delighted. Overall, the arangetram was a blissful, spiritually uplifting, and musically fulfilling event, warmly applauded by special invitees, connoisseurs, and rasikas alike.