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Nearly one in three voters in Chennai were deleted from the final electoral rolls following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), according to data released by the District Election Officer and Chennai Corporation Commissioner J. Kumaragurubaran on Feb. 23. The SIR exercise led to the deletion of 11,73,758 names, accounting for nearly 30% of the earlier electorate.

Officials said the deletions were carried out to remove names of deceased persons, voters who had permanently shifted, and duplicate entries. The highest proportion of deletions was recorded in Thousand Lights and Anna Nagar, with both constituencies witnessing a 35% reduction in voter numbers, followed by T. Nagar, registering 34% reduction in the number of voters. In T. Nagar, 80,554 names

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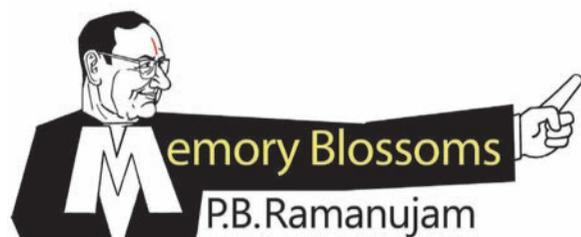
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### Miracles do happen

This happened around March of 2024.

A girl aged about 26 or 27 came to my office with her mother. She told me that her father was no more, and that she and her mother both had to work for their living and that they belonged to the middle class.

Sometime earlier they had entered into a construction agreement with a reputed builder whose firm specialised in building apartments on the outskirts of Chennai strictly adhering to the building rules, and had paid him Rs. 40 lakhs towards the cost of an apartment.

Recently the girl's marriage had been finalised with a bridegroom who was well-employed in USA. But, to meet the marriage expenses, they had no assets other than the Rs. 40 lakhs already advanced to the builder, and wanted me to send a notice to the builder to return the money to them.

From the documents shown to me by them I realised that there could be no legally valid demand against the builder to return the money because there was no delay in the pace of construction which was going on strictly according to the agreed schedule.

Yet, at their insistence, I drafted a legal notice to the builder (whom I happened to know well as a family friend) to return the money. In addition to the legal notice I drafted another note to him stating, "The girl's marriage with a US-based boy has been fixed suddenly after the payment was made to you. There is no male member in the girl's family. The marriage cannot go through if this amount is not available to them. Though you have every right to refuse to return the amount, I would like to highlight the fact that I find the girl quite depressed. If the marriage is stopped for want of this amount and the girl commits suicide leaving a note mentioning the reason, there will be adverse publicity in the newspapers against your firm which I would like to avoid. I request you to consider their request with sympathy". I put this note in a separate envelope, sealed it and addressed it to him stating on the cover, "To be opened only by the Managing Director". I put both the notice and this sealed note in a bigger envelope and asked them to personally deliver it at the builder's office.

The mother and daughter went to the builder's office and delivered the envelope to the receptionist because the MD was not available then. They came back to my office and the mother said, "I do not know whether the MD would even see your note. I do not know what to do". But even before she could conclude the sentence her daughter received a WhatsApp message in her phone from her bank stating that a sum of Rs. 40 lakhs had been credited to her account by the builder's firm. Both of them felt very happy seeing the bank's message.

I too felt very happy at the builder's sympathetic gesture at returning the money within a few minutes of reading my note.

It is by God's will that such miracles happen.

The girl's wedding was subsequently celebrated as scheduled and I attended it happily along with a gift box.

### Humour helps sometimes

In 1980 there was a partition suit in the VI Assistant Court between a brother and sister. I had been engaged as counsel for the sister.

The case came up before Mr. Chockalingam, a straight forward judge who tolerated no nonsense in his court.

The trial commenced and the sister got into the witness box and started her testimony. Her husband, who was standing behind her, was openly prompting her.

Ikram Mohammed, the counsel for the brother, saw this and promptly complained to the judge that the witness was being tutored.

The judge got angry and asked me, "What is happening here Ramanujam?"

I was at a loss to reply because there was no way I could justify the prompting of the witness by her husband. After a few seconds I said, "Nothing, your honour. The husband is only appreciating the evidence given by his wife".

The judge's anger subsided. He smiled and said, "It is my job, and not her husband's, to appreciate the evidence. Ask him to leave the place at once".

It was my humour that saved me from embarrassment that day because it was I who had earlier suggested to the husband to stand behind his wife and prompt her testimony.

This was one of the many occasions when a sense of humour had come to my assistance in tackling a critical situation.

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## Delay in storm water drain work inconveniences residents



By Our Staff Reporter

The storm water drain work undertaken by Chennai Corporation on Lake View Road (West Mambalam) is moving at a slow pace. Due to inadequate safety measures, it has raised safety concerns among motorists and residents.

Lake View Road connects West Mambalam with T. Nagar, and is used by thousands of office-goers daily to reach T. Nagar and nearby areas.

A resident said that Corporation began the works on the stretch three months back, and had assured at that time that the work will be completed within a month.

But due to unknown reasons, the work has got held up on several occasions, leading to the long delay, he said.

On several places along the open drain, steel rods are protruding precariously, posing grave danger to pedestrians and bikers, especially at night due to poor visibility.

As the usable road width has reduced, it is also leading to severe traffic congestion during peak hours. With no dedicated space earmarked for pedestrians, they are forced to walk on the road thereby risking their lives. Corporation must barricade the road margin in front of the open drain to prevent accidents. The residents appeal to Chennai Corporation to prevent further delays and complete the work early.

## Minors among four hurt in stray dog attack

Four persons, including two children, sustained injuries after a stray dog chased and bit them at Sanjay Gandhi Colony (MGR Nagar) at night on Feb. 25.

The injured persons are Panneerselvam (55), Pradeep (25), Bhuvanesh (13) and Hariharan (6), all residents of MGR Nagar.

The stray dog first targeted the children and then the adults. All four victims were admitted in ESIC Hospital (K.K. Nagar) for treatment. The dog was later caught by Chennai Corporation workers.

# ஹலோ டாக்டர்

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யாரென்ற குழப்பத்துடன் அவரைப் பார்க்க, பேத்தி பெட் நம்பரையும், பெயரையும் கூறினார்.

முன்னமே நான் பார்த்திருந்தவர்தான் அவர். காலை முதல் மயக்கமாக இருப்பதாக மருத்துவமனையில் சேர்த்திருந்தார்கள். வயதுக்கேற்ற தொந்திரவுகள், சிரியஸ் என்று இல்லை யென்றாலும் அரை மயக்கமும், அதிகத் தூக்கமும் கலவரப்படுத்தின. கூப்பிட்டால் கண் திறப்பது, கேட்ட

கேள்விக்கு ஓரிரு வார்த்தைகளில் பதில் சொல்வது என இருந்தார் தாத்தா. வழக்கமான ரிப்போர்ட்டுகளில் வித்தியாசமாக எதுவும் இல்லை. சில லேப் ரிப்போர்ட்டுகள் இன்னும் வரவில்லை.

'சொன்னா பாட்டி கேட்க மாட்டேங்கிறாங்க. தாத்தாவுக்கு ஒண்ணுமில்லே, சாதாரண மயக்கம்தான்னு சொன்னாலும் நம்பாம ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு வந்து கழுத்து வலி, முதுகு வலியோட கஷ்டப்படறாங்க' என்றாள் பேத்தி.

'அவருக்கு ஒன்றும் சிரியஸா இல்லை. கவலைப்படாதீங்க. கொஞ்சம் மருந்து, பிஸியோதெரபி எல்லாம் கொடுத்தா சரியாயிடுவார்' என்றேன்.

'சரி டாக்டர், அவர் ஏன் பேசமாட்டேங்கிறார்?', பாட்டி.

'இல்லையே, என்னோட பேசினாரே...', நான்.

'என்னமோ தெரியலே என்னோட பேச மாட்டேங்கிறார். அவருக்கு ஒண்ணுமில்லை இல்லையா?' என்ற பாட்டியைப் பார்க்கப் பாவமாக இருந்தது.

மறுநாள் தாத்தாவைப் பார்த்தபோது தேறியிருந்தார். முகம் பார்த்து சிரித்தார். 'எப்போ வீட்டுக்கு அனுப்புவீங்க டாக்டர்?' என்ற பார்வை. மீதி ரிப்போர்ட்டுகளிலும் சிரியஸாக ஒன்றும் இல்லை. இன்று பொது வார்டுக்கு மாற்றிவிட்டு மறுநாள் வீட்டுக்கு அனுப்பிவிடலாம் என்று நினைத்தபடியே வெளியே வந்தேன்.

மீண்டும் பாட்டி, 'என்னோட மட்டும் பேச மாட்டேங்கிறார் டாக்டர், என்னமோ தெரியலே.'

'அவருக்கு ஒன்றுமில்லை, பயப்பட வேண்டாம். இரண்டு நாளிலே வீட்டுக்குப் போயிடலாம்' என்றேன்.

மற்ற பேஷண்ட்டுகளைப் பார்த்துவிட்டு மாடியிலிருந்து கீழே இறங்கி வரும்போது அந்தப் பேத்தி நின்று கொண்டிருந்தாள். அருகில் பாட்டி இல்லை.

'என்னம்மா... பாட்டி எங்கே? தாத்தா ஒன்னோட பேசறாரா?' என்றேன்.

'பேசறார் டாக்டர். பாட்டி மேலே அவருக்குக் கோபம்.'

இந்த வயசில் என்ன கோபம் அவருக்கு? எனக்கே கோபம் வந்தது. 'பாவம் பாட்டி, தாத்தாவைப் பற்றிக் கவலை இருக்காதா?' என்றேன்.

'அது இல்லை டாக்டர். பாட்டிக்கே உடம்பு சரியில்லை. கழுத்து வலி, முதுகு வலி, சுகர்னு பிரச்சனைகள். 'இந்த உடம்போட நீ எதுக்கு ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கும், வீட்டுக்கும் அலையறே'னு தாத்தா கேட்கிறார். பாட்டி கேட்க மாட்டேங்கிறா, அதுதான் பிரச்சனை' என்றாள் பேத்தி.

என் கோபம் மாறி தாத்தாவின் மேல் மதிப்பு அதிகமாகியது. வாழ்க்கையின் சுவாரஸ்யமே பிறருக்காக வாழ்வதில்தான் இருக்கிறது என்ற ஞானிகளின் மனோநிலை அந்த முதியவர்கள் இருவருக்கும். சிரித்துக் கொண்டே 'நானைக்கு வீட்டுக்குப் போய்விடலாம்' என்று சொல்லியபடி கிளம்பினேன்.

இந்த முதியவர்களின் நிழலில் வளரும் இந்தக் குழந்தையின் எதிர்காலம் எவ்வளவு சிறப்பாகவும், மகிழ்ச்சியாகவும் இருக்கும் என நினைத்தபோது, நம் முன்னோர்கள் ஒன்றும் முட்டாள்கள் இல்லை என நினைத்துக் கொண்டேன்.

கேட்டில் முதியவர் ஒருவர் செக்யூரிட்டியிடம் உள்ளே வருவதற்கு அனுமதி கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தார். யாரந்த அதிர்ஷ்டக்காரர் பாட்டி என்று நாளை பார்க்க வேண்டும்!



## Kumbhabhishekam held in Adhi Kesava Perumal Temple



By Our Staff Reporter

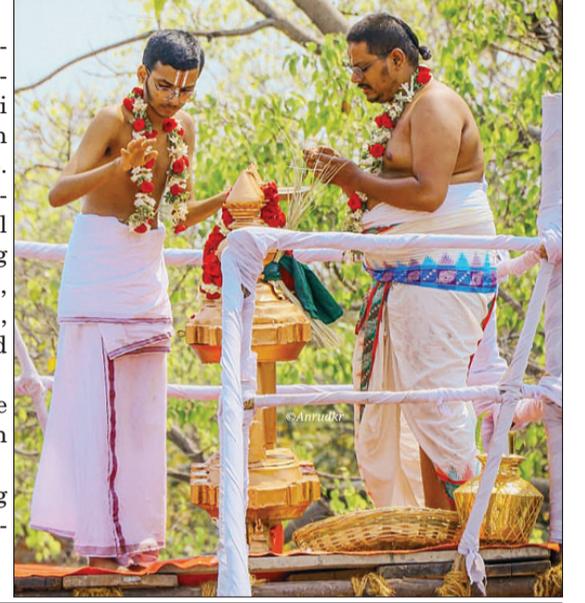
Hundreds of devotees participated in the Maha Kumbhabhishekam performed to Adhi Kesava Perumal Temple (Govindan Road, West Mambalam) on Feb.26.

As part of renovation, new sanctums have been constructed for all the deities including the presiding deity, Thayar, Azhvar, Chakrathazhwar, Garuda, Vinayagar, Anjaneyar, Ramar and Sita, and Lakshmana.

Brahmotsavam is going on since Feb.27, and will conclude on March 13.

48-day mandala poojai is being held daily in the mornings and evenings.

All are welcome.



## Poonamallee to Vadapalani metro stretch undergoes second round of inspection

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro Rail's Phase-II stretch from Poonamallee to Vadapalani via Porur witnessed the crucial second round of inspection and speed trials of trains on Feb. 24.

According to officials of Chennai Metro, the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) conducted the safety inspection and trials the entire day starting from 12 noon.

During the speed trials, the trains were tested at 40 km/h and 80 km/h between Poonamallee to Porur, and at 40 km/h from

Porur to Vadapalani to check for potential glitches.

This inspection was critical as CRS had expressed dissatisfaction over the condition of the viaduct and a few other aspects along the Porur-Vadapalani stretch after the first round of inspection two weeks back.

From the need to have emergency evacuation staircases in stations between Porur and Vadapalani to the completion of grouting of Overhead Equipment, they had pointed out several deficiencies which had to be resolved.

Subsequently, CMRL had submitted documents and also informed CRS that all the issues flagged will be rectified before the second round of inspection.

A senior official said that CRS thoroughly checked all the issues with respect to deficiencies in the civil structures that he had flagged during the last inspection and also the other systems.

He said that the Independent Safety Assessment, an important safety certificate for the signalling system, was also received after the 1<sup>st</sup> inspection, and was submitted to the CRS team during their 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection.



## Local girl injured after fall from ride at amusement park

By Our Staff Reporter

20-year-old Jabreen Fathima (College student and resident of K.K. Nagar) sustained serious injuries after falling from a ride at a private amusement park on ECR Road on Feb. 25. The incident occurred when the rock and roll ride was operated before the student could fasten her seat belt properly. As a result, she fell from the ride and suffered severe injuries. She is undergoing treatment in a private hospital.

Police arrested two employees of the amusement park for negligence.

Further investigation is underway.

## Open drain unsafe for motorists



The slab of a storm water chamber, cutting across the road at the junction of Venkatanarayana Road and Burkit Road (T. Nagar), has broken and caved into the chamber.

Due to poor visibility at night, it poses grave danger to motorists. This photo was taken on Feb. 26

## UK women to embark on 1000-km trip to raise funds

By Our Staff Reporter

On March 3, 35 women entrepreneurs from the Sisterhood Group UK will embark on a 1,000-km journey to Goa in 14 autorickshaws for a noble cause from The Lady Andal School (Chetpet).

The ride titled the 'Let's Goa 2026 Rickshaw Rally' will navigate highways and small towns to raise funds for initiatives that support women and children across Tamilnadu.

It has been organised jointly by Madras Midtown Round Table 42 (MMRT42) (T. Nagar) and Madras Midtown Ladies Circle 7 (MMLC7).

"This 1,000-kilometre journey from Chennai to Goa is a fundraising mission aimed at raising between Rs. 1 to 3 crores to support initiatives that empower women and children in the state," Siddharth Shankar (Chairman of MMRT42) said. They will be visiting schools and projects supported by MMRT42 and MMLC7, and seeing firsthand where the funds are channelled.

Donations for the rally can be made through the website <https://fundraiser.bhumiusa.org/page/SisterhoodRally2026>



## Damaged compound wall of Chari Park demolished



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of the compound wall of Chari Park (Ramakrishna Street, T. Nagar), damaged by the roots of an avenue tree, was demolished by Corporation workers on Feb. 25 to prevent any untoward incident.

A Corporation official said that the demolished portion of the wall will be rebuilt next month without cutting the tree.

## Lesion removed from elderly woman with non-invasive surgery



By Our Staff Reporter

Apollo Speciality Hospitals (Teynampet) removed a 15-cm lesion in the colon of an 80-year-old woman using a zoom-assisted endoscopic procedure, avoiding open surgery last week. The patient had been experiencing rectal bleeding and abdominal pain.

Tests revealed a large adenoma, a type of polyp that carries a high risk of turning cancerous if left untreated.

Given the size and location of the growth, doctors chose Advanced Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD), a specialised procedure that allows removal of complex gastrointestinal lesions without open abdominal surgery.

The six-hour procedure enabled complete removal of the lesion in one piece. Dr. R. Ravi (Head, Gastroenterology) said that the Zoom scope technology used during the surgery provides high magnification and enhanced visual clarity, helping doctors clearly identify tumour margins and carefully remove the growth while preserving the colon. The patient was discharged within 48 hours.

## Four persons escape unhurt after car catches fire

By Our Staff Reporter

Four persons escaped unhurt after the car in which they were traveling, caught fire in Nandanam at night on Feb. 24. According to police, 20-year-old A. Dhanush (resident of Jafferkanpet) was travelling to Saidapet with his friends in his car.

When they reached Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Road in Nandanam, Dhanush noticed smoke coming from the AC vent.

He stopped the car on the road margin and all of them got out of the vehicle.

Within minutes, the front portion of the car caught fire.

Upon being alerted, personnel from Nandanam Fire and Rescue Services arrived at the spot and put out the fire. Major portion of the car including the entire engine bay was gutted in the fire.

The Teynampet police have registered a case and are investigating.

## Corporation worker held for attacking public toilet user

By Our Staff Reporter

The KK Nagar police arrested a contract worker with Chennai Corporation for assaulting a man with a shovel as he had refused to pay to use a public toilet.

Velmurugan (47), a mini van driver, went to use the public toilet on AP Patro Salai (K.K. Nagar) in the evening on Feb. 22.

He was stopped by Vijayan (47), the contract worker hired to maintain the toilet, who demanded money to use the facility.

When Velmurugan questioned the worker, Vijayan verbally abused him and assaulted him with a shovel, injuring him.

Based on Velmurugan's complaint, a case was registered.

Vijayan was arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

## Chain snatcher arrested within 24 hours

S. Surya (29) was arrested on Feb. 24 on charge of snatching a gold chain from a woman when she was walking along CIT Nagar Main Road on the evening of Feb. 23.

According to the police, based on the description given by the woman, they identified the chain snatcher.

They said that Surya is a history-sheeters and was recently released on bail.

Several cases of robbery and chain snatching are pending against him in local police stations. A stolen motorcycle and a 5-sovereign chain were recovered from him.

## Saidapet Court bus stop shelters encroached



Despite the construction of five shelters at the Saidapet Court (Taluk Office) bus stop, commuters are unable to use them as the structures have been encroached upon by the public, lawyers and autorickshaw drivers to park their vehicles, and also by notary services. Even the road margin in front of the bus shelters are encroached by 2-wheelers, forcing bus drivers to stop in the middle of the road. Thousands of passengers use the bus stop every day.

Regular commuters blamed poor enforcement of traffic rules and the absence of deterrent fines for persistent encroachments, which have pushed commuters onto the carriageway and pavements while waiting for buses. S. Sivaprakasam, resident of West Mambalam and a regular user of the bus stop, said that as bus drivers are forced to stop in the middle of the road due to the encroachments, passengers have to risk their lives to board or alight the bus.

A senior Corporation official said that the bus shelters have been handed over to the State Highways Department for maintenance, while enforcement against illegal parking falls under the traffic police. "The civic body is also considering installing handrails opposite the shelters to prevent vehicles from parking in front of them," he said.

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## Lions Club awards Panchapakesan

By Our Staff Reporter

For his decades of service to the differently abled community, Lions Club International (District 3241F) presented the 'Beacon of Hope for the Differently Abled' award to N. Panchapakesan (resident of Ashok Nagar and the Founder of Sai Sankara, Sai Muruga and Sai Thunai Matrimonials) during a meet held in ECI School (Ekkatuthangal) to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities.



To mark the occasion, Panchapakesan gifted groceries and Rs. 500 cash to 100 disabled persons, and Rs. 10,000 to two disabled persons.

Nakkiran (Former Judge, Madras High Court), Gopinath (District Chair Person for Disability Welfare) and Praveen Lal (District Governor, Lions Club) were present.

## Hayagriva poojai performed in Sankara Mutt



By Our Staff Reporter

V. Lakshminarasimhan (President, Sri Ayyappa Seva Sangam) organised Lakshmi Hayagreeva poojai and homam for students appearing for board exams on Feb. 22 in Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

Hundreds of students, parents and teachers participated. Sacred threads and pens kept in the poojai were gifted to the students participating in the homam.

For more details, call 97909 20744.

## Mobis India donates 5 excavators to ExNora



By Our Staff Reporter

Mobis India Foundation donated five Hyundai R140 excavators to ExNoRa International Foundation (EIF) (T. Nagar) in a function held at Secretariat recently in the presence of Tamilnadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

The machines will be used for desilting, restoring, and maintaining water bodies and waterways in the districts of Tiruvarur, Tirupattur, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, and Vellore. Park Ki Chul (Managing Director of Mobis), Ju Seong Kyu (General Manager) and other senior officials of Mobis, and S. Senthur Pari (President, ExNora) and Subramanian and Mohana Sundaram (Trustees) were present.

For more details, contact K. Gopinath (Public Relations Officer, ExNoRa International Foundation) in 97908 20194 or 94448 91338.

## Lalitha Sahasranaama paraayanam next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Women's Day, Elite Shakti has organised Lalitha Sahasranaama paraayanam from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m on Sunday, March 8 at a premises near Manoj Bhawan (Ashok Nagar).

Due to shortage of space, the participation is restricted to 25 women.

For prior registration, contact 9840676327.

## Concert of old Tami and Hindi songs on March 14

By Our Staff Reporter

Beats Infinity's will present Retro Fiesta - a Karaoke and Live Music Concert of popular Tamil and Hindi songs from the movies released from 1980 to 2000, from 6 p.m to 9 p.m on Saturday, March 14 in UVEE Multipurpose Hall (4/2, 49th Street, Postal Colony 3rd Street Extension, Ashok Nagar, near Canara Bank).

Uma Vasanth (Organiser) said that the event promises to take audiences on a musical journey through the golden era of songs and is designed to recreate the charm of school-day memories.

She said that the concert will be followed by an interactive sing-along segment where everyone is invited to join and sing together. Refreshments and coffee will also be provided at the venue to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all. For more details and tickets, contact Uma in 9840676327.

## Institute of Internal Auditors felicitates its members



By Our Staff Reporter

The Institute of Internal Auditors India (IIA) (Madras Chapter) organised their annual conference on the theme 'Internal Audit at the Inflection Point' on Feb. 27 and 28 in Hilton Hotel. The program was headed by S. Deepika (President of IIA and resident of 70/44, Burkit Road, T. Nagar). During the meet, Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to P. R. Loganathan (Founder Member of IIA).

The Chapter felicitated Sai Varalakshmi for being selected as one of the 15 Emerging Leaders in the Global Cohort 2025 by The Institute of Internal Auditors (USA) and Anupama Ramachandran (daughter of Gayathri, the Chapter's Secretary) for winning the World Championship in Snooker recently.

The program was inaugurated by D. Lakshminarayanan (Managing Director, Sundaram Home Finance) in the presence of Charanjot Singh Nanda (former President of ICAI) and K. Vidyadaran (Past President, IIA)

## Venkat Hearing Solutions offers free hearing and speech assessment tests

By Our Staff Reporter

To mark World Hearing Day, Venkat Hearing Solutions (Sree Sujatha Complex, 41, Posta Colony 3rd Street, West Mambalam) will offer Free Hearing (Audiogram) and Speech Assessment tests from 11 a.m to 4 p.m from Sunday, March 1 to Saturday, March 7 in its premises.

Special discount will be offered on purchase of hearing aids along with free battery during this period. It also runs exchange offers on used hearing aids in good working condition.

Bedridden and aged patients can avail of home visit on prior appointment.

All major brands of hearing aids are available.

An audiologist will be available for consultation.

It has branches in Alwar thirunagar and Thirunindravur.

It accepts all major credit and debit cards.

For more details and appointment, call 98400 04110 or 7358254600.

## Special programs for Guru Poornima on March 7

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) has organised special programs to celebrate Guru Poornima from 5 p.m to 7 p.m on Saturday, March 7 in Sri Balaji Kalyana Mandapam (3, Sundaram Street, behind Natesan Park, T. Nagar)

The following are details: 5 p.m: Kirtan; 6 p.m: Abhishekam; 6:30 p.m: Talk on Chaitanya Mahaprabhu by Sankarshan Das Adhikari; 7:30 p.m - Arathi and Prasadam distribution.

All are welcome. For more details, call 82200 17695.

## Liver Health Screening at Rs. 999 from March 1 to 7

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Aswin Liver Clinic (Kannadasan House, 32, Kannadasan Street, next to Natesan Park, T. Nagar) offers Comprehensive Liver Health Screening at discounted charge of Rs. 999 as against Rs. 4,000 from 5 p.m to 7 p.m from March 1 to March 7 in its clinic.

It will include Liver Function Test, Hepatitis B Screening, Hepatitis C Screening, Fibrosan Liver Assessment and Specialist Consultation.

Dr. Aswin (MD, DM, Hepatology) said that 1 in 3 persons have fatty liver and are unaware about it, and if not detected early and treated, it can lead to complications. For registration, call 99623 70091.

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## Presented Young Classical Dancer award

By Our Staff Reporter

For her skill in bhara-tanatyam, G. Ananya (resident of T. Nagar and Std. 7 student in Narayana Mission School, West Mambalam) was presented the Young Classical Dancer award by Kala Tapasvi in a function held last week.

She is a disciple of Dharini Ramakrishnan (Founder, Saraswathi Natyalaya, Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam).

Ananya has been learning bharatanatyam for over 4 years and has presented concerts in temples and other venues.



## Special buses introduced for suburban train commuters

By Our Staff Reporter

Southern Railway on Feb. 28 started operating special buses between Chennai Beach and Tambaram in tie-up with the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) to ease the ordeal faced by suburban train commuters due to mass cancellation of trains owing to redevelopment work at Egmore railway station.

The buses depart from Tambaram railway station at 6.30am, 6.37am, 6.44am, 6.58am, 7.05am, 7.12am, 7.26am, 7.33am, 7.40am, 7.54am, 8.01am, 8.15am, 8.22am, 8.29am and 8.43am.

They travel to Chennai Beach via Guindy, Anna Salai, Chepauk and Secretariat. Buses starting from Tambaram at 6.51am, 7.19am, 7.47am, 8.08am and 8.36am to Chennai Beach ply via T. Nagar, Egmore, Central and Parry's Corner.

In the return direction, buses are operated from Chennai Beach to Tambaram between 5pm and 7pm at an approximate interval of 7 minutes.

The chartered buses have ticket examiners from the railways to verify passengers with valid suburban train tickets and seasonal passes, allowing them to travel without any additional cost.

## Damaged cars block road margin



By Our Staff Reporter

Two cars in damaged condition are seen dumped on the road margin on Sivasailam Street, near MCN School, T. Nagar.

A nearby resident told Mambalam Times that the cars are dumped at the spot for over a year.

He requests traffic police to remove the damaged vehicles from the road.

This photo was taken on Feb.26

## Corporation worker held for attacking public toilet user

By Our Staff Reporter

The KK Nagar police arrested a contract worker with Chennai Corporation for assaulting a man with a shovel as he had refused to pay to use a public toilet.

Velmurugan (47), a mini van driver, went to use the public toilet on AP Patro Salai (K.K. Nagar) in the evening on Feb. 22.

He was stopped by Vijayan (47), the contract worker hired to maintain the toilet, who demanded money to use the facility.

When Velmurugan questioned the worker, Vijayan verbally abused him and assaulted him with a shovel, injuring him.

Based on Velmurugan's complaint, a case was registered. Vijayan was arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

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## Branch Library in CIT Nagar renovated



The full-time Public Branch Library (19/9, Canal Bank Road, East CIT Nagar) was renovated and reopened on Feb.19.

The single-story building houses the main library and reading rooms on the ground floor and an exclusive air-conditioned and well-equipped section for students preparing for competitive exams on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor developed from the constituency fund of A. Raja (Councillor, Ward 141).

A. Chandramohan (Librarian) told *Mambalam Times* that The library has more than 4000 books in the fiction and non-fiction category including Literature, Science, Architecture, History, Maths and reference books for aspirants pursuing UPSC examinations.

He said that more books will be added soon.

The library has a separate section for children.

Only short story books and novels can be borrowed and

should be returned within 14 days. All other books can only be read in the library.

Apart from books, the library also has daily newspapers and all popular Tamil and English magazines.

The yearly membership is Rs.60.

It is open from 8 a.m to 11.30 a.m and 4 p.m to 7 p.m on all days except Fridays, Second Saturdays and government holidays.

For more details, call 81243 51332.

## Road safety event held for women gig workers



Traffic Police on Feb. 25 organised a road safety interactive programme in Teynampet for women gig workers engaged with various e-commerce and delivery services like Swiggy, Zomato, Zepto and Blinkit. Officers interacted with the women workers and distributed helmets. A senior police official said that with the increasing participation of women in last-mile delivery services who frequently navigate through heavy traffic conditions while fulfilling delivery commitments, ensuring their safety on roads has become a priority for traffic police.

According to GCTP, frequent traffic violations among delivery personnel, such as speeding, signal jumping, and non-compliance with helmet laws, are high, especially during peak hours.

## 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.

## 24 Manithaneyam students clear IFoS main examination

By Our Staff Reporter

24 students of Saidai Duraisamy's Manidhaneyam Free IAS Academy (28, CIT 1st Main Road, CIT Nagar West, CIT Nagar) have cleared the main examination conducted for recruitment to the Indian Forest Service.

The main examination was conducted last November and the results were announced on Feb. 24.

All the 24 candidates had enrolled with Manithaneyam through its online free coaching programme and prepared for the examination.

The academy said it provides free training, including special coaching sessions and mock interviews, for the candidates who have qualified for the personal interview and personality test to be held in New Delhi.

The support will include training by experienced faculty, study notes and daily classes, and personalised mentoring. The foundation will also cover the cost of air travel to New Delhi for the interview, accommodation and food at Tamilnadu House, and provide formal attire for the interview, free of cost.

Eligible candidates can register in person or online at the website [www.mntfreeias.com](http://www.mntfreeias.com).

For more details, call 044-24358373 or 98404 39393 or 84284 31107

## Woman lawyer found dead in a hotel bathtub

By Our Staff Reporter

A 32-year-old woman lawyer was found dead under suspicious circumstances in a bathtub of a star hotel room in Teynampet on Feb. 16.

She has been identified as Roja (32), a native of Tiruvannamalai, who was practicing as a lawyer in city courts.

Police said she and her friend Yashwanth Kumar (35) had checked into a star hotel at night on February 15 and Yashwanth had left the hotel the next morning.

When Roja did not respond to repeated phone calls, a friend grew concerned and went to the hotel.

Receiving no response to her knocks on the door, she alerted the hotel staff, who contacted Teynampet police.

Police broke open the door and found Roja dead in the bathtub.

The body was sent to Government Royapettah Hospital for postmortem.

Yashwanth was questioned by the police.

No arrests have been made, and further investigation is underway.

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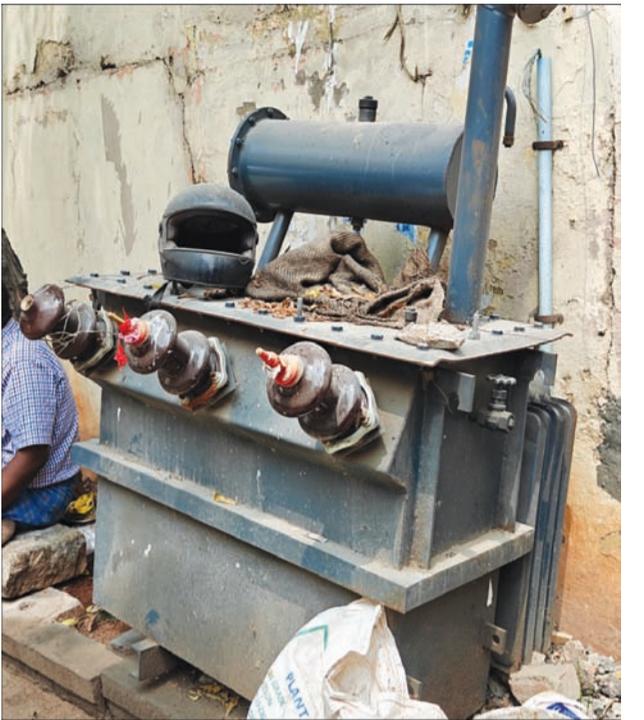
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**Damaged transformer dumped on pavement**



*By Our Staff Reporter*

A damaged transformer dismantled from an EB post is seen dumped on the pavement of Sathyapuri Street (West Mambalam). A nearby resident told Mambalam Times that the transformer has been lying on the pavement for more than a month.

As it blocks the pavement, he requests officers of TNEB to remove it from the spot.

**Toddler chokes to death after eating cashew nuts**

*By Our Staff Reporter*

A two-year-old girl died after accidentally choking on cashew nuts at her residence in MGR Nagar on Feb. 26.

The child was admitted in ESIC Hospital (K.K. Nagar) where the doctors declared her as dead on arrival.

The deceased has been identified as Harivardhini (2), the daughter of Sivakumar and Aruna, residents of Manickavasagam Street (MGR Nagar).

According to police, when the toddler was eating cashew nuts, she suddenly began to choke and had difficulty breathing. Noticing the child in distress, her father took her to ESIC Hospital (K.K. Nagar).

Sivakumar is employed in a travel agency.

The deceased is survived by her parents and elder sister Prithivini.

A case of accidental death registered in K.K. Nagar police station is under investigation.

**Low-hanging ropes unsafe for motorists**

Low-hanging ropes running across the service lane of Usman Road flyover pose grave danger of injury to motorists and pedestrians.

These ropes are used by pavement vendors to tether the tarpaulin sheets, used as shelter, to the Casuarina poles fixed across the road under the flyover. This photo was taken on Feb.27.



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## Veteran Communist leader R. Nallakannu passes away



By Our Staff Reporter

Veteran Communist leader and freedom fighter R. Nallakannu passed away on Feb. 25.

He was 101 years old.

Thousands paid homage to his body that was kept at the party's State Headquarters 'Balan Illam' in T. Nagar on Feb. 25 and 26.

He was fondly known as 'Comrade RNK'.

He was a recipient of the Thagaisal Thamizhar Award, and had donated the prize money of Rs. 10 lakhs accompanying the award to the CM's public relief fund

As per his wish, the body was donated to Madras Medical College for medical research.

The centenarian is survived by his daughters Andal and Kasi Bharathi.

## Special homam for 108 days in Sankara Mutt from March 8

By Our Staff Reporter

Kamatchi Mandali Trust (West Mambalam) had organised Sathru Samhara Sri Subramanya Trishati Homam for 108 days from March 9 to June 24 in Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

Narayana Sasthirgal will perform the homam daily from 5.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m.

The homam will be inaugurated at 5 p.m on Monday, March 9 in the presence of Balamurugan Adimai Ratnagiri Swamigal, Sivasankara Swamigal (Peetadhipathi of Thirugnana Samandhar Aathinam, Erode), S. Gurusurthy (Editor, Thuglak) and K. Annanmai (BJP Leader).

For more details call, 95516 97770.

## Thiruvassagam discourse today forenoon

Nirmala Ravi will present Thiruvassagam discourse at 9 a.m on Sunday, March. 1 in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (Sathyamoorthy Block, Jafferkhanpet, behind R10 Police Station). All are welcome.

For more details, call 99417 55111.

## Prathishta poojai in Sankara Mutt on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with the 26<sup>th</sup> Consecration Day of Kamatchi Ambal, special poojas including Prathishta Poojai will be held in Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) at 7 a.m on Tuesday, March 3.

Special abhishekam, alangaaram and maha deepaaradhanai will be performed to Kamatchi Ambal.

It will be followed by Lalitha Sahasranaamam and Veda Paaraayanam. All are welcome.

## Local resident to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Our Staff Reporter

The 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of N. Krishnamurthy Iyer (resident of Atrium Palm Meadows, Flat C, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 24, Babu Rajendra Prasad 1st Street, West Mambalam) will be celebrated on March 8 in Anand Chandrasekhar Hall (Thambiah Road, West Mambalam).

He has been living in West Mambalam for many decades. He has been supporting Sankara Mutt and Goshala for a long time.

He studied law and had retired from Police Short-hand Bureau of CBCID (Tamilnadu Government).

Post retirement, he worked as Insurance Claims Investigator. He used to provide free legal advice to many, especially those from underprivileged families.



Albeit his age, he chants Vishnu Sahasranaama and Gayatri japam daily.

His son Ganapathy Subramaniam told *Mambalam Times* that he is quite active and carries on his daily chores on his own.

Ganapathy Subramaniam's contact number is 94430 35567.

## Free physiotherapy and Varma therapy next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

VSK Clinic will offer free physiotherapy and Varma therapy from 10 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, March 8 in its premises in 4/58, Subramanian Street, West Mambalam.

Persons suffering from knee, bank, neck and shoulder pain can avail the free treatment.

For registration, contact Dr. V. Sivakumar in 98403 03156.

## Tamil play Swami Vivekananda to be staged tomorrow

The new Tamil play Swami Vivekananda produced by the drama troupe R.S. Manohar Nxgs (44, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) will be staged at 6.30 p.m on Sunday, March 1 in Vivekananda House (Kamaraajar Salai, Triplicane).

The play has been directed by S. Shivprasad (Founder of R.S. Manohar Nxgs) and

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