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Bouquet and Brickbat on Same Day

One early morning in February, 2025, I received a phone call from a lady requesting for an appointment to meet me.

I told her that she could come to my office at anytime before 11.30 in the morning.

When she came she told me that she was the daughter of the great humorist, journalist and actor known to everyone.

I asked her at whose suggestion she had come to meet me and what her purpose was.

She said that, in his diary, her father had written my name and had added that, if any problem or issue relating to the family cropped up after his demise, I should be consulted about it.

She then told me the problem which related to the division of property between her and her brother.

I told her that it was a simple problem that could be solved quite easily. What was needed was a frank discussion among the family members in a spirit of give and take. I strongly advised her against starting a litigation on the dispute.

She listened to me patiently and said that she would take my advice and try to arrive at a compromise.

A few minutes later I received a call from another lady seeking an appointment. I asked her to come at 4.30 in the evening. I had known both her father who was a film actor and her brother who was a businessman.

When she came, she asked me how I had known her father and brother. I told her that I had conducted the election of the Nadigar Sangam as appointed by the court and had come to know all actors. I knew her brother because he had come to consult me on a property matter.

She said that the issue was between her and her brother.

When I asked her for details, she said that, 5 years earlier, she had signed a release deed in her brother's favour regarding a family property and, in return, he had paid her Rs. 6 crores by cheque by way of settlement. Now that property prices have increased steeply she wanted me to file a petition seeking to declare the release deed null and void.

I did not want to be curt with her, and told her that it would take at least 3 years before the petition came up for hearing. The judge would then ask me, "If property prices had come down, will your client return the difference to her brother? What reply should I give to the judge?"

The lady appeared to resent my question.

I added, "Suppose you had purchased a house 5 years back at the then prevailing price and the sale deed had also been registered. Suppose the seller comes to you now and tells you that the market price of the house has increased and asks you either to pay the difference between the two prices or to return the house to him. Will you pay him the difference in the prices or return the house to him? Can he file a case against you for the return of the house?"

I added that, when the transaction was at the price prevailing at that time and there was no cheating involved, there can be no claim for cancellation. I advised her to forget the matter and not indulge in fruitless litigation.

The lady left apparently dissatisfied with my advice.

The next morning I received a call from the first lady.

She said, "Thank you very much for your advice of yesterday. As suggested by you we had a discussion within the family and were able to arrive at a satisfactory understanding among ourselves. All family members are very happy now. I could feel a positive vibrations while sitting in your office".

I was, naturally, very happy hearing about the positive vibrations in my office.

Within an hour I got another phone call.

This time it was from the second lady who had met me the previous day.

"Sir, it was a big mistake on my part to come and meet you yesterday. I now wish I had not made that trip. There was so much of negative vibrations in your office. I wish I had not met you at all".

I was taken aback by her statement but instantly retorted, "There seems to be some telepathy working. You said exactly what I myself wanted to tell you", and put down the phone.

Thus, on the same day, I received both a bouquet and a brickbat in return for the sane advice given by me.

I could visualise the second lady filing a case through some other lawyer, frequenting the courts during the next 3 to 4 years, spending over Rs. 10 lakhs and finally getting her case dismissed. And, over and above that, becoming a permanent enemy of her own brother.

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Ladies Club donates medical aid to Karuna Sagar

By Our Staff Reporter

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Karuna Sagar takes care of terminally ill patients. For more details call, 93810 16588.



Sathru Samhara homam held daily in Sankara Mutt

By Our Staff Reporter

Kamatchi Mandali Trust (West Mambalam) is conducting Sathru Samhara Sri Subramanya Trishati Homam daily till June 24 in Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

Narayana Sasthirgal is performing the homam daily from 5.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m.

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Free Tally course for poor students

By Our Staff Reporter

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பெண்களுக்காக இவர் எழுதிய ஒரு பக்கக் கட்டுரைகள் கல்கி இதழில் 'தேவியின் கடிதம்' என்ற தலைப்பில் வாராவாரம் வெளியாயின. பெண்களுக்கு நம்பிக்கையூட்டி, நிமிர்ந்து நிற்க வழிகாட்டுகிற, வாழ்வின் நாகரிகங்களைப் பற்றியெல்லாம் ஒரு தாய் தன் மகளுக்கு சொல்கின்ற நேர்த்தியில் இவற்றை எழுதினார்.

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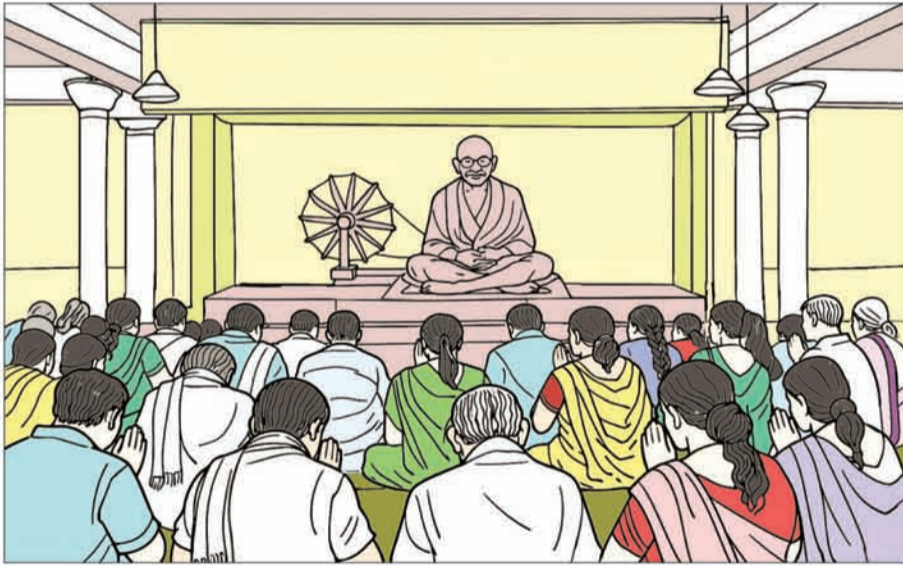
நான் விவரமாக, ரஸமாகக் கடிதம் எழுதுவேன் என்று புகழ்ந்திருக்கிறாய். அது எனக்குப் பெருமையாக இல்லையென்று சொல்வதற்கில்லை.

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பெண்கள் கடிதங்கள் எழுதிக்கொள்ள நிறைய விஷயங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. குடும்பம், சமூகம், கல்யாணம், வீடு, மனத் தத்துவம், தோட்டம், ஆடை அலங்காரம், வெளித்தோற்றம், குழந்தை வளர்ப்பு, இயற்கை, பிரயாணம், பண்பாடு, நிகழ்ச்சிகள், ஆன்மிகம், வைத்தியம், நகரப் பொது நிகழ்ச்சிகள், கலை முதலிய அநேக விஷயங்களைப் பற்றி நீ கடிதம் எழுதவேண்டுமெனக் கேட்டிருக்கிறாய். முயற்சி செய்கிறேன்.

நம் பண்பாட்டிற்கு ஏற்ப எந்த நல்ல காரியத்தையும் ஆரம்பிப்பதற்கு முன்னும் நாம் பிரார்த்தனை செய்வது வழக்கம். எனவே பிரார்த்தனையைப் பற்றி ஒரு மகிழ்ச்சிக்குரிய விஷயத்தை முதல் கடிதத்தில் தெரிவிக்கிறேன்.



சென்னையை அடுத்துள்ள கிண்டி ராஜ்பவன் மாளிகைத் தோட்டத்தில் காந்தி மஹாத்மாவின் நினைவுச் சின்னமாக ஒரு பிரார்த்தனை மண்டபம் நிறுவி இருப்பதை நீ அறிந்திருப்பாய். காந்தி மகானின் பிரார்த்தனை உலகநலப் பிரார்த்தனை. அவர் நம்மைப்போல் சொந்த நலனுக்குப் பிரார்த்தனை செய்யவில்லை. காந்தி மண்டபத்தில் ஒவ்வொரு மாதக் கடைசி வெள்ளிக்கிழமை மாலை 5.30 மணிக்கு பஜனை, கூட்டுப் பிரார்த்தனை, பக்திப் பாடல்கள், அரிய சொற்பொழிவுகள் நடைபெறுகின்றன. கோபுரச் சின்னத்துடன் அமைக்கப்பட்ட காந்தி மண்டபத்தின் மேல்தளம் நீலவானம்தான். அந்த மணி மண்டபமும், விரிந்து பரந்து கிடக்கும் நீலவானமும், சூழ்நிலையும் நம் மனத்தில் விசால மனப்பான்மையை உண்டாக்குகின்றன. காந்தி மகானின் புனிதமான பிரார்த்தனை, எளிய வாழ்க்கை இவற்றுக்கு ஏற்ப அமைந்துள்ளது மண்டபம். வெளிக் கதவு பார்ப்பதற்கு மிக அழகாக இருக்கிறது. வெறும் அழகுக்குத்தான் கதவு. உள்ளே இருக்கும் பொருள்களை வைத்துப் பூட்டுவதற்கு அல்ல. தூய உள்ளத்துடன் அந்தக் கோயிலில் நுழைந்தால் வீண் பணச் செலவின்றி அவரவர் இஷ்ட தெய்வத்தை உள்ளக் கமலத்தினால் பூஜிக்கலாம். வெளியூரிலிருந்து வருபவர்கள் சென்னை நகரில் பார்த்துப் பயன்பெற வேண்டிய மிக முக்கியமான இடம் காந்தி மண்டபம்தான். மற்ற விஷயங்கள் அடுத்த கடிதத்தில்.

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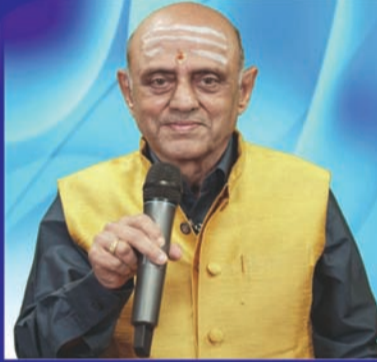
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செம்பை செய்த அற்புதம்

சென்னையில் நடந்த சங்கீத விழாக்களில் இந்தத் தடவை எல்லா விதத்திலும் சந்தேகமறச் சிறந்து விளங்கியது தமிழிசை விழாவாகும்.

கச்சேரி வரிசையின் அமைப்பிலும், கச்சேரிகள் நடந்த சிறப்பிலும், ரசிகர்கள் கூட்டப் பெருக்கிலும், அவர்களுடைய உபசரிப்பிலும்; இன்னும் எல்லாவற்றிலும் தமிழிசை மேன்மை பெற்றிருந்தது.

தமிழிசையை இந்தத் தடவை ரேடியோக்காரர்கள் ஒலி பரப்பினார்கள். தமிழிசை மண்டப வாசலில் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான ஜனங்கள் நின்று ஒலி பெருக்கியின் மூலம் தமிழிசையைக் கேட்டு ஆனந்தித்தார்கள்.

தமிழிசை விழாவில் முதல் கச்சேரி டிசம்பர் 24ம் நடந்த செம்பை வைத்தியநாத பாகவதரின் கச்சேரிதான். அது முதல்தரக் கச்சேரியாகவும், எல்லா விதத்திலும் முதன்மையான கச்சேரியாகவும் அமைந்துவிட்டது.

கேதாரத்தில் 'சகல புவன நாயகா!' என்று எடுத்து கார்வை கொடுத்து ஜம்மென்று மேலே நிறுத்திப்போதே சபையில் கலகலப்பு உண்டாகிவிட்டது. கச்சேரி இன்றைக்கு 'ஒண்ணாம் நம்பர்' என்று தீர்மானம் ஆகிவிட்டது.

அப்புறம் கல்யாணி, மோகனம், சாவேரி, ஹம்ஸத்வனி ஆகிய ராகங்களில் இதுவரை நாம் கேளாத அழகிய தமிழ்க் கீர்த்தனங்களைப் பொழிந்தார். ஒவ்வொரு பாட்டுக்கும் சபையோர் கரகோஷத்தைப் பொழிந்தனர்.

கச்சேரிகளின்போது அழுது வடியும் சபாவம் எப்போதுமே செம்பையிடம் கிடையாது. அவருடைய கச்சேரிகளில் எப்போதும் குதூகலமும், கலகலப்புமே இருக்கும். ஆனால் இந்த தமிழிசைக் கச்சேரியில் அவருக்கும் சபையோருக்கும் ஏற்பட்ட குதூகலம் மாதிரி இதற்கு முன் நான் பார்த்ததேயில்லை.

மோகன ராகத்தில் 'இத்தினமே சுதினம்' என்னும் அழகான கீர்த்தனத்தைச் செம்பை அழுத்தத் திருத்தமாய்ப் பாடி முடித்தபோது சபையோரும் 'இத்தினமே சுதினம்' என்பதை அழுத்தத் திருத்தமாய்க் கரகோஷம் செய்து ஆமோதித்தனர்.

ஒரு விஷயத்தில் செம்பை வைத்தியநாத பாகவதர் நம்மை அடியோடு ஏமாற்றிவிட்டார்.

'செம்பையின் தமிழ் உச்சரிப்பு கொஞ்சம் மலையாள பாணியாயிருக்கலாம்' என்று நாம் எச்சரித்திருந்தோம்.

இது விஷயத்திலேதான் சங்கீத சாம்ராட் நம்மை ஏமாற்றிவிட்டார். (இந்த மாதிரி ஏமாற்றங்கள் எத்தனை நேர்ந்தாலும் நாம் ஆனந்தமாய் வரவேற்கிறோம் என்று சொல்ல வேண்டியதில்லை.)

தமிழ்நாட்டிலே பிறந்து வளர்ந்த வித்வான்களைக் காட்டிலும் செம்பை தமிழ் வார்த்தைகளை சுத்தமாகவும், தெளிவாகவும் கணீரென்றும் உச்சரித்து சபையோரைப் பிரமிக்கச் செய்துவிட்டார்.

தமிழ்நாட்டின் பிரபல வித்வான்களில் 'காலைத் தூக்கி நின்றாடும் தெய்வமே! என்னைக், காலைத் தூக்கி நின்றாடும் தெய்வமே!' என்று பாடுகிறவர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

'ஆடினதேப்படியோ! நடனம் ஆடினதேப்படியோ!' என்றும், 'எப்போ வரகுவாரோ எந்தக் கலி தீர்' என்றும் பாடுவதைக் கேட்டிருக்கிறோம்.

எனவே செம்பை பாகவதர் தமிழ்ப் பாட்டுக்களை அப்பழுக்கில்லாமல் சுத்தமாய் உச்சரித்துப் பாடியதைக் கேட்டபோது சபையோர் அதை ஒரு அற்புதமாகவே கருதியதில் சிறிதும் வியப்பில்லை அல்லவா?

1946 தீபாவளிக்கு முன் கல்கி எழுதியது

இந்த வருஷத்துக் 'கல்கி தீபாவளி மலர்' தீபாவளிப் பண்டிகை அன்று அநேகமாக எல்லா இடங்களிலும் கிடைக்கும். மலரில் உள்ள சித்திர அதிகசங்களைப் பற்றியோ, விஷய அற்புதங்களைப் பற்றியோ அதிகமாக நாம் எதுவும் சொல்ல விரும்பவில்லை. ஏனெனில் மலர் கிடைக்கப் பெற்றவர்களுக்கு அதைப் பற்றி நாம் சொல்ல வேண்டிய அவசியம் கிடையாது. கிடைக்காதவர்களுக்கு அதைப் பற்றிக் கேட்பதனால் நம் பேரில் கோபமும், விரோதமும் தான் ஏற்படும். இதற்குள்ளேயே நாம் அத்தகைய கோபத்துக்கு ஆளாக நேர்த்திருக்கிறது! தினசரி தபாலில் வரும் நூற்றுக்கணக்கான மணி ஆர்டர்களை மிக்க மன வருத்தத்துடன் திருப்பி அனுப்பிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறோம்! (வருகிற பணத்தைத் திருப்பி அனுப்புவதில் நமக்கு சந்தோஷம் இருக்க நியாயம் இல்லையல்லவா?)

மற்றக் காரியங்களைப் போலவே பத்திரிகை 'சர்க்குலேஷனைப் பற்றியும் நாம் எப்போதும் உண்மையான புள்ளி விவரங்களையே கூறுவதென்னும் கொள்கையைக் கடைப்பிடித்து வருகிறோம். சென்ற இரண்டு வருஷங்களைப் போலவே இந்த வருஷமும் தீபாவளி மலர் 15,000 பிரதிகள் அச்சிடுவதற்குத்தான் காகிதமும் மற்ற வசதிகளும் இருந்தன. ஆனால் 'கல்கி' தீபாவளி மலரை விரும்பும் நேயர்கள் தமிழ்நாட்டில் குறைந்தபட்சம் 50,000 பேர்கள் இருப்பார்கள் என்று தோன்றுகிறது. ஆகவே மலரை விரும்பும் மூன்று பேரில் ஒருவருக்குத்தான் மலர் கிடைக்கக்கூடும். மலர் கிடைக்காத ஆயிரக்கணக்கான நேயர்களுக்கு நமது மனமார்ந்த வருத்தத்தைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொண்டு மன்னிப்பும் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம். அடுத்த வருஷத்திலாவது காகிதக் கட்டுப்பாடு முதலிய தடைகள் நீங்கி நேயர்கள் விரும்பும் அளவு தீபாவளி மலர்ப் பிரதிகள் அச்சிடுவது சாத்தியமாகுமென்று நம்புகிறோம்.

1937-39ல் ராஜாஜி அன்றைய மெட்ராஸ் மாகாணத்தின் பிரதம மந்திரியாக இருந்தபோது முதல்முறையாக மதுவிலக்கை அமல்படுத்தினார்.

1938ம் ஆண்டு சென்னை சட்டசபையில் மதுவிலக்கு மசோதா விவாதத்திற்கு வந்தது. கள்ளுக்குத் தடை உண்டு, பதனிக்குத் தடையில்லை என்பது அந்த மசோதாவில் ஒரு வர்த்து. பதனி சாப்பிடலாம், கள் சாப்பிடக் கூடாது என்பது அந்த மசோதாவின் அடிப்படை.

ஓர் அங்கத்தினருக்குக் கொஞ்சம் கிண்டலாகப் பேசவேண்டும் என்று தோன்றியது போலும். ஒரு கேள்வி பாணம் தொடுத்தார். 'பதனி சாப்பிடலாம், கள் சாப்பிடக் கூடாது என்று சொல்கிறீர்களே, ஒருவன் பதனி சாப்பிட்டுவிட்டு அது வயிற்றுக்குள் போனபின் சற்று நேரம் கழித்து அது கள்ளாக மாறிவிட்டால், காவல் துறையாளர்கள் எப்படிக் கண்டுபிடிப்பார்கள்? நிரூபிப்பீர்களா?' என்று கேட்டார்.

சபையில் சிரிப்பொலி உண்டாகியது. அதையொட்டி ராஜாஜி என்ன பதில் சொல்வார் என்ற ஆவல் முந்தியது. ஆனால் ராஜாஜியா சலசலப்புக்கு அஞ்சுவார்? பட்டென்று பதில் வந்தது.

'ரொம்ப சலபமாயிற்றே? பதனி அருந்திய பின் அங்கத்தினர் இப்போது பேசியதைப்போல் பேசினால் பதனி கள்ளாக மாறிவிட்டது என்று எளிதில் கண்டுபிடித்து விடலாமே!'

Wins Tamil poetry competition

By Our Staff Reporter

K. Gopinath (resident of Ashok Nagar and State General Secretary of Tamilnadu Udavikkaram Association for the Welfare of Differently Abled) won the Tamil Poetry Competition conducted by Aavin Women's Welfare Society (K.K. Nagar) last week.

The prize was jointly presented by John Louis (Managing Director, Aavin), and Rajiv Kumar (DIG of Police).

Kavitha (Joint Managing

Director, Aavin), Sivakamisundari (President, Aavin Women's Welfare Society), and other dignitaries were present. Gopinath's contact numbers are 97908 20194 and 94448 91338.



Rise in dog bite incidents in Jafferkhanpet

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of Jafferkhanpet have complained about a rise in dog bite incidents.

Sowmya (resident of Jafferkhanpet) said that residents have complained about repeated dog bite incidents in her neighbourhood.

Last week, a pedestrian was chased and bitten by a stray dog, and had to be taken to the hospital.

This is not an isolated occurrence, and the repeated nature of such incidents is causing serious concern among residents," she said.

Unregulated feeding of stray dogs has contributed to an increase in their numbers, which is now posing a risk to pedestrians, especially children," she said.

At Saidapet metro station, several dogs are being fed every night by different groups of people at various entry/exit points of the station.

The personnel manning the parking lots say they keep telling those feeding the strays not to do so, but they continue to feed them every night.

A Chennai Corporation official said that measures will be taken to catch the dogs and sterilise them.

New members for Lions District 3241F

Uma Anilkumar was elected as District Governor of Lions District 3241F (VGP Complex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) at a function held in Green Park Hotel (Vadapalani) on March 30. Other members elected are S. Vagesh and B. Mohammed (Vice District Governor).

Praveen Lal (District Governor), Anilkumar (Past District Governor) and G. Manilal (Advisor) were present.

On the occasion, sewing machines were gifted to 5 women, Rs.5000 each to 5 government school students and 25kg rice bags to the NGO Kakkum Karangal.

Music concerts in Sri Ram Samaj from April 5

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of Rama Navami, Carnatic concerts will be held daily at 6.30 p.m in Sri Ram Samaj (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam) from April 5 to April 13.

The following are the details:

Sunday, April 5:

Violin concert by Shreya Devanath, accompanied by Mylai M. Karthikeyan on the nadaswaram, Praveen on the mridangam, and Gummidipoondi R. Jeeva on the thavil.

Monday, April 6:

Vocal concert by Sikkil Gurucharan, accompanied by Sanjeev Venkataraman on the violin, Neyveli S. Skanthasubramanian on the mridangam, and Trichy K. Murali on the ghatam.

Tuesday, April 7:

Naamasankeerthanam by Noorani Radhika Hari, accompanied by S. Srihari on the harmonium, Harish Padmanaban on the mridangam, and A. Vignesh on the dolki.

Wednesday, April 8:

Vocal concert by Kunnakodi M. Balamuralikrishna, accompanied by M.A. Sundareswaran on the violin, Vijay B. Natesan on the mridangam, and S. Hariharasubramanian on the ghatam.

Thursday, April 9:

Vocal concert by Brinda Manikavasagan, accompanied by Karthik on the violin, Poongulam Subramanian on the mridangam, and H. Sivaramakrishnan on the ghatam.

Friday, April 10:

Vocal concert by N.J. Nandhini, accompanied by Usha Rajagopalan on the violin, K.V. Prasath on the mridangam, and K.R. Sivaramakrishnan on the ghatam.

Saturday, April 11:

Vocal concert by Sandeep Narayanan, accompanied by H.N. Baskar on the violin, V. Balaji on the mridangam, and S. Karthick on the ghatam.

Sunday, April 12:

6 a.m: Sundarakanda paaraayanam; 6 p.m: Vocal concert by Nandhitha Arun, accompanied by M. Bargavi on the violin, and Adithya Raja on the mridangam.

Monday, April 13:

12 noon: Annadhaanam; 5 p.m: Vocal concert by Dhaniyadha Venkatesh, accompanied by M. Bargavi on the mridangam, and Adithya Raja on the ghatam.

Tuesday, April 14:

2.45 p.m: New Year Tamil Panchanga Patanam by Nanilam R. Srikrishna Ganapadigal. Entrance is free. All are welcome.

Youth arrested after failed bank robbery in Postal Colony

A 26-year-old employee of a private firm was arrested on March 30 on charge of attempting to rob a bank in Postal Colony 2nd Street (West Mambalam) at midnight on March 7.

The burglary bid failed after the alarm system was triggered. Police said that the accused, wearing a mask, cut open the shutter lock using a machine and entered the premises.

When he attempted to break open a locker containing jewellery and cash, the alarm went off, forcing him to abandon the attempt. In frustration, he tore up forms and ransacked the premises before fleeing. Following a complaint from the bank administration, Ashok Nagar police formed a special team and examined over 50 CCTV footage clips.

The police identified the accused as Moses Soundar (26) and arrested him on March 30.

Investigations revealed that Moses, a native of Tiruvannamalai, had been living in Chennai for the past three years. Police said that he had resorted to crime due to financial difficulties.

Canopy to provide shade at busy junctions



By Our Staff Reporter

To provide shade to motorists waiting at major traffic signals in the hot sun, Chennai Corporation has installed elevated green nets at 10 traffic junctions including Bazullah Road and North Usman Road junctions in T. Nagar.

The sheets cover an area of 6 metres in length and have 5-metre vertical clearance to enable buses and other heavy vehicles to pass through.

An official said that the shelters will also come in handy during monsoon, and can withstand cyclones and heavy winds.

Cats on bins



By Our Staff Reporter

Two cats were seen standing on the edge of dust bins and rummaging for food on Gandhi Street (West Mambalam). This photo was taken at noon on April 2.

Low-lying tree branches axed



By Our Staff Reporter

Low-lying tree branches on Railway Border Road (adjoining the railway compound wall, T. Nagar) was cut by workers of Chennai Corporation on April 2.

Awards presented



By Our Staff Reporter

Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (108, G.N. Chetry Road, T. Nagar) celebrated Rama Navami in association with Rajalakshmi Institutions in its premises on March 29.

During the event, the 'Pravachana Sudha Vani' and the 'Pravachana Yuvan Vani' awards were presented to Vedic scholars M.A. Venkatakrisnan Swami and Varsha Bhuvanewari respectively.

The awards are instituted by Thangam Meganathan (Chairperson, Rajalakshmi Institutions) in memory of her father P.A. Ramakrishnan.

'Palm Sunday' observed



By Our Staff Reporter

Special prayers were held in the morning and evening in local churches for 'Palm Sunday' on March 29.

Photo taken at 11 a.m shows members of ECIST. Andrews Church (CIT Nagar) taking a procession by carrying palm leaves along CIT Nagar 1st Cross Street (CIT Nagar).

'Palm Sunday' falls on the Sunday before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



Free health check-up today forenoon

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with the death anniversary of actor Sridhar, RMD Speciality Hospital (2, West Street, Raghavan Colony, Ashok Nagar) has organised free medical camp from 10 a.m to 2 p.m on Sunday, April 5 in its premises.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Coordinator) said that a gynaecologist, orthopaedician, vascular surgeon and diabetologist will be available for consultation.

Free dental and eye check-up will also be done.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking and other problems continue in Pedestrian Plaza



Sir, Pedestrian Plaza (Venkatnarayana Road, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar) continues to be plagued by parking and other issues.

As the city's first pedestrian plaza, the 1.4-km stretch in Pondy Bazaar, built at Rs. 40 crores in 2019, is poorly maintained.

Broken pavements, unchecked encroachments and parking, and poor upkeep have turned the once safe, walkable stretch into a compromised public space. The widening of the pavements to make them pedestrian friendly has resulted in the road width being reduced to 80 feet with car parking on one side of the road and 2-wheeler parking on the other.

Other issues include unauthorised hawking and a lack of proper maintenance of the facilities like exercis-



ing and play equipment.

The multi-level car park facility built close-by to ease the parking issues in Pondy Bazaar has failed as shoppers choose to park on the road rather than in the facility. Several stretches of the plaza remain dark at night as the fused LED lights fixed to the ornamental lamp posts have not been replaced.

The widened and deco-

rated pathways and the seating facilities provided for shoppers and walkers are used by the homeless at night for sleeping, and they also dirty the surroundings.

I appeal to the Corporation officials to repair the facilities, prevent encroachment and regulate parking on the plaza. **R.N. Sundar, Pinjala Subramanian Street, T. Nagar.**

Haphazard parking under Usman Road flyover

Sir, The space under the recently inaugurated J Anbazhagan flyover over Usman Road and the adjoining the service lanes have been earmarked for 2-wheeler parking.

But due to lack of space, two-wheelers stand tightly packed against the piers, often spilling beyond the painted parking line.

It blocks the way for motorists, especially MTC buses that descend the flyover and get blocked.

Though the road is about 10 metres wide on one side, haphazard parking has drastically reduced the usable space, thereby leading to frequent traffic jams.

I appeal to traffic police to regulate the parking under the flyover. **S. Mathiazhagan, Madley Road, T. Nagar.**

Pits dug in recently laid Periyar Road



Sir, After almost 5 years, Periyar Road (T. Nagar) was re-laid a month back.

On the night of March 2, Metrowater workers dug deep pits in the middle of the road near Habibullah Road junction to carry out repairs.

The pits were not closed properly after the work was completed. Barricades have been placed in front of the damaged stretch to caution motorists

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to repair the damaged portion of the road early. **M. Rashid, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar.**

Satsang on Saturdays in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) is conducting Satsang on Saturdays from 5.30 p.m to 8 p.m in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, (Sundaram Street, T. Nagar).

The following are the Satsang details:

5:30 p.m - Kirtan; 5:50 p.m - Tulasi Arathi; 6 p.m - Sandhya Arathi; 6:15 p.m - Discourse; 7:45 p.m - Prasadam distribution.; All are welcome.

For more details, call 82200 17695.

Women staff of two government schools felicitated



By Our Staff Reporter

Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani celebrated Women's Day by felicitating the women staff of Government Higher Secondary School (MGR Nagar) and Kaniappan Corporation school (Ashok Nagar) on March 30.

V.R. Lakshmi Priya (President, Rotary Club of Madras, Vadapalani) presented gifts to all the staff members.

Porur-Vadapalani metro rail service to take off soon

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro has completed the construction of 26 deck slabs in a section of Corridor 4 of the upcoming Phase II project from Porur to Vadapalani.

The first stretch in the Corridor from Poonamallee to Vadapalani via Porur has been preparing for the opening for a while now.

Though it was scheduled to be open to the public in February, the launch of the stretch has been postponed as the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS) had directed Chennai Metro to start train services for the public between Porur and Vadapalani after building 26 deck slabs.

The Porur - Vadapalani stretch includes a double-decker corridor wherein corridor 4 and corridor 5 (Madhavaram to Sholinganallur via Alwarthirunagar) run parallel for four km with four stations.

These 26 deck slabs are located in the corridor 5 section of the double-decker stretch which spans from Alapakkam to Alwarthirunagar.

According to Chennai Metro officials, they have finished the construction of the deck slab a week back and are now focussing on building the remaining stations from Alapakkam to Saligramam.

To accelerate the work, 700 workers were deployed on this stretch during this period," an official said.

Now that this work has been finished, Chennai Metro will submit a compliance report to the CMRS office to enable operations on the stretch.

Mambalam Samskrita Vidyalaya completes 70 years



By Our Staff Reporter

Mambalam Samskrita Vidyalaya (116, K.R. Koil Street, West Mambalam) celebrated its Platinum Jubilee on March 28 in Ahobila Mutt Oriental School (West Mambalam).

The Vidyalaya was established in 1955.

Dr. Balasubramanian (Director of Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute) was the Chief Guest.

R. Thiagarajan (former Professor and HOD of Sanskrit, Presidency College) released a souvenir titled 'Saptati Vyasamalika' containing 70 articles by the students of the Vidyalaya.

Other dignitaries present were scholars K. Srinivasan, Abhirama Sundaram, Ramachandran and Sathish Kumar (Secretary of Ahobila Mutt Oriental School).

Water stagnates in subway



By Our Staff Reporter

Water has been leaking from the walls and stagnating on Rangarajapuram 2-wheeler subway (T. Nagar) for the past 10 days, posing risk to motorists.

This photo was taken on April 3.

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The Tamil literary forum 'Penakkal Peravai' (Ashok Nagar) distributed mobility and other aids to differently abled persons last week at a function held in Anna Centenary Library (Kotturpuram). Actress Poornima Bhag yaraj was the Chief Guest.

Harijan Sevak Sangh appeals for donation

Harijan Sevak Sangh (HSS) (58, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) was founded by Mahatma Gandhi. It is constructing a hostel in the city to provide free boarding and lodging to girl students hailing from underprivileged families from across Tamilnadu.

Free eye screening for senior citizens

Free eye check-up for senior citizens, organised by TwinTech Healthcare Services, is being held daily from 10 a.m to 5 p.m in Kalpavriksha Centre (near Adikesava Perumal Temple, 3, Nagarathinammal Street, off Govindan Road, West Mambalam). It will conclude on Thursday, April 16

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Thousands visit Vadapalani Murugan temple for Panguni Uthiram

Thousands of devotees visited Vadapalani Murugan Temple for Panguni Uthiram on March 31. They participated in the Laksharchanai held to Lord Murugan in the morning and evening. There was special abhishekam and alangaaram, followed by procession of the deity around the temple in a special vahanam at night. Special arrangements were made by temple authorities to manage the heavy turnout and ensure smooth conduct of the ceremonies.

OBITUARY

M.R. CHANDRASEKARAN

M.R. Chandrasekaran (resident of 24/33, Nathamuni Street, T. Nagar and President of Bhartiya Yog Sansthan) passed away on March 31. He was 89, and had been resident of T. Nagar for more than 50 years.

He was a well-known yoga master, and had been conducting free yoga classes daily for over 25 years in Jeeva Park and Natesan Park in T. Nagar. Many of his students have gone on to start their own institutes. He was regularly invited by leading institution to conduct special yoga classes for their students. He holds a number of academic degrees including M. Phil in Yoga, Naturopathy and Varma Kalai.

He is survived by two sons, one daughter and grandchildren. His family members can be contacted in 044-48261178 and 9841770929.



and medical assistance worth Rs. 75,000 were distributed to disabled persons.

K. Gopinath (State General Secretary of Tamilnadu Udvikkaram Association for the Welfare of Differently Aabled, Ashok Nagar) and Panchapakesan (Founder, Chennai Sai Sankara Matrimonials), and writer Lena Tamilvanan were present.

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