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கையில் இரண்டு ஆரஞ்சுப் பழங்களுடன் பாரிஸ்டர் வீட்டுக்குள் நுழைந்த கமலபதி அங்கேயிருந்த பியூனைத் தனியே அழைத்து, 'உன் எஜமானர் ரொம்பக் கோபக்காரரோ?' என்று விசாரித்தான்.

'ஆமாங்க, ரொம்பக் கோபக்காரர்தான்' என்று பியூன் அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லியதும் கமலபதி தைரியம் அடைந்தவனாய், 'அப்படியானால் நான் அவரை உடனே பார்க்க வேண்டும். யாரோ ஒருவர் அவசரக் காரியமாக வந்திருக்கிறார் என்று சொல்லு, போ' என்றான்.

பியூன் சிறிது தயங்கினான். பாரிஸ்டர் அப்போது சில முக்கிய அலுவல்களை கவனித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார் என்பது அவனுக்குத் தெரியுமாதலால் அந்த சமயத்தில் உள்ளே போவதற்கு அவனுக்கு தைரியமில்லை. அதை கவனித்த கமலபதி, 'சரி சரி, நீ போய் சொல்ல வேண்டாம்! நானே போய்ப் பார்க்குக் கொள்கிறேன்' என்று விடுவிடுவென்று பாரிஸ்டரின் அறைக்குள்ளேயே நுழைந்துவிட்டான்.

உள்ளே சென்றதும் கமலபதி தன் கையிலிருந்த இரண்டு ஆரஞ்சுப் பழங்களையும் மேஜைமீது வைத்துவிட்டு, 'குட்மார்னிங் ஸார்! நான் ஒரு இன்ஷூரன்ஸ் ஏஜென்டு...' என்று பல்லைக் காட்டினான்.

'யார் உம்மை உள்ளே விட்டது? பியூன் ஒரு இடியட்!' என்று பாரிஸ்டர் சீறி விழ்ந்தார்.

'இல்லை, நான் ஒரு இன்ஷூரன்ஸ் ஏஜென்டு...'

'சரி சரி, போயிட்டு வாரும!' எல்லாம் முன்னேயே நான் இன்ஷியூர் செய்துண்டாச்சு...'

'அப்படியானால் அது வேண்டாம், தள்ளுங்கள்! நல்ல நெய்யா ஒரு இடத்திலே கிடைக்கிறது.'

'ரொம்ப அழகா இருக்கே! அந்த வியாபாரம் கூட வச்சண்டிருக்கிறா? பேஷ், பேஷ்!'

'என்ன செய்கிறது ஸார்? ஒன்று இல்லாத போனால் இன்னொன்றிலாவது லாபம் கிடைக்காதா என்றுதான்.'

'சரி சரி, எனக்கு நெய்யும் வேண்டாம், தயிரும் வேண்டாம், போயிட்டு வாரும!'

'அது போகட்டும். ஜவுளி தினுசுகளாவது தேவையாயிருக்குமோ? நம் சிநேகிதர் ஒருவர் புதுசாக ஒரு கடை வைத்திருக்கிறார்.'

'அட ராமச்சந்திரா! எனக்கு ஒண்ணுமே வேண்டாம் ஐயா! இரண்டு நாழிக்கு முன்னாலே நீர் போய்ச் சேரும்!'

'குழந்தைக்கு நல்ல பிஸ்கோத்து வேண்டுமென்றாலும் சொல்லுங்கள்.'

'ஓய்! எனக்குக் கோபம் வந்தா ரொம்பப் பொல்லாதவனாக இருப்பேன், ஆமாம். மரியாதையாகப் போய்ச் சேரும்!'

'சரி, நான் போயிட்டு வருகிறேன் ஸார். இப்போது சமயம் சரியாக இல்லை போலிருக்கிறது. இன்னொரு தடவை வருகிறேன். எப்படியும் உங்களிடத்தில் 'பிஸினஸ்' நடக்கும் என்கிற நம்பிக்கை மட்டும் எனக்கு இருக்கிறது. இல்லாவிட்டால் துணிந்து எட்டணா செலவழித்து இந்த ஆரஞ்சுப் பழங்களை வாங்கி வந்திருக்க மாட்டேன்.'

'ஓய், ஓய்! இந்தாரும் அந்த எட்டணா! என்னாலே உமக்கு ஏன் வீண் செலவு?'

'ஐயையோ, நான் வாங்கவே மாட்டேன் அந்தக் காசை!'

'வாங்காது போனால் இதோ தூக்கி எறிகிறேன் பாரும, வாசலிலே! உம்ம காசு எனக்கு எதுக்கு?'

இப்படி சொல்லியவாறு ஒரு எட்டணா நாணயத்தையும், பழத்தையும் வீசி எறிந்தார் பாரிஸ்டர். கமலபதி சட்டென்று குனிந்து காசை எடுத்துக் கொண்டான்.

அதைப் பார்த்துக்கொண்டு நின்ற பியூன், கமலபதியை அணுகி, 'ஏன் ஸார் இந்தக் காசைக் கையிலே வச்சுக்கிறீங்க? அவர் வீசி எறிஞ்சு மாதிரி அவர் முகத்திலேயே வீசி எறிஞ்சுடப் படாது? இப்படியா உங்களை அவமானப்படுத்தறது?' என்று அனுதாபப்பட்டான்.

அதைக் கேட்டதும் கமலபதி சிரித்துக்கொண்டு, 'வந்த லாபத்தை விட்டு விடவா சொல்கிறாய்? இரண்டு ஆரஞ்சுப் பழத்தினுடைய விலை மூன்றணாதான். இப்போது அதற்கு ஐந்தணா லாபம் கிடைத்திருக்கிறது! இது போதாதா? இந்த ஊரில் இவர் மாதிரி தினம் ஒரு பத்து கோபக்காரர்கள் அகப்பட்டால் போதாதா எனக்கு? என் பிழைப்பு நடந்துவிடுமே!' என்றான்.

'அப்படியானால் உங்களுக்கு என்ன வியாபாரம்?'

'எனக்கா, பழ வியாபாரம்தான். கடையிலே இருக்கிற அழகல் பழங்களை எல்லாம் இந்த மாதிரிப் புது முறையிலே வியாபாரம் பண்ணிக்கொண்டு வருகிறேன். இந்த ஒரு மாசமாக வியாபாரம் நன்றாக நடக்கிறது!'



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Documentary 'Auto Queens' screened

By Our Staff Reporter

Honouring the hard work and dedication of women auto drivers in the city, Penn Thozhilalargal Sangam (PTS), a union dedicated to the rights of women domestic workers, hosted a community screening of 'Auto Queens', a 30-minute Tamil documentary on women auto drivers.

Directed by Sraiyanti and produced by Storiculture, AutoQueens follows Mohana Veera Pengal Munnetra Sundari (resident of Ashok Nagar) and Leela Rani,



women auto drivers who built Veera Pengal Munnetra Sangam, a first women-led auto drivers' cooperative.

Mohana was awarded the Kamla Bhasin Award for driving gender equality in South Asia in 2025.

She said that more than 350 women drivers are registered with the Sangam.

Sha said that the Sangam empowers women in a traditionally male-dominated sector, creating opportunities for economic independence and collective strength.

"Our organisation bridges the gap between traditional employment and modern gig economy, providing women with the tools, community, and support needed to thrive in challenging environments", she said.

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Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvu rananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, May 10 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

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N. Anand (TVK) wins from T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

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N. Anand M. Arul Prakasam J.C.D. Prabhakar

constituency in the Assembly election held on April 23, the result of which was announced on May 4.

He won by a margin of 13,027 votes.

While Anand polled 51,632 votes, his nearest rivals B. Sathyanarayanan of AIADMK polled 38,605 votes, and Raja Anbhazagan of DMK polled 37,017 votes.

In Saidapet constituency (which includes parts of West Mambalam and CIT Nagar), M. Arul Prakasam of TVK polled 81,205 votes to win by a margin of 28,514 votes over his nearest rival MA Subramanian of DMK, who polled 52,691 votes.

In Thousand Lights constituency (which includes Teynampet), J.C.D. Prabhakar of TVK polled 58,965 votes to win by a margin of 15,141 votes over his nearest rival Ezhilan Naganathan of DMK, who polled 43,824 votes.

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இளம் குழந்தைகளை வளர்ப்பது கூட அவ்வளவு சிரமமில்லை. வயது ஏற ஏறத்தான் வளர்ப்பது மிகவும் கஷ்டமாயிருக்கிறதென்று எழுதியிருக்கிறாய்.

சின்னக் குழந்தைகளின் உள்ளம் நிர்மலமாக இருக்கிறது. இயற்கை அறிவும் அதிகமாயிருக்கிறது. அதனால் இளம் குழந்தைகள் நம் மனதைக் கவர்ந்து விடுகின்றனர். எவ்வளவு குழந்தைகள் பிறந்திருப்பதைப் பார்க்கின்றோம்? ஆனால் புதியதாக நம் குடும்பத்திலோ, சிநேகிதர்கள் வீட்டிலோ ஒரு குழந்தை பிறந்தால் அதைக் கண்டு ஆனந்தப்பட நாம் சனைப்பதில்லை. குழந்தைகளின் நிர்மலமான சிரிப்பு நம்மைக் கவர்ந்து விடுகிறது. வயது ஏற ஏற அந்தக் கவர்ச்சி குறைந்துவிடுகிறது.

ஒரு வயதுக்கு மேற்பட்ட குழந்தைகளை சில தாய் மார்கள் பாட்டுக் கச்சேரிக்கும், நாடகத்துக்கும் எடுத்துப் போகிறார்கள். பாடகர் தோடி ராகத்தை விஸ்தாரமாகப் பாடிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார். சபையோர் மிகவும் சுவாரச்யமாக ரசிக்கும் கட்டத்தில் குழந்தை அழ ஆரம்பிக்கிறது. உடனே அந்தம்மாள் வெளியே சென்றுவிட்டாலும் நன்றாக இருக்கும். ஆனால் அந்தக் குழந்தையின் அழகையை நிறுத்த அதன் வாயை இறுகப் பொத்துகின்றனர். அது இன்னும் வீறிட்டுக் கதறுகிறது. சபையோர்கள், முக்கியமாகப் புருஷர்கள், முணு முணுத்துக் கொண்டு அந்தப் பெண்ணைக் கோபத்துடன் பார்க்கும்போது பெண்களாகிய நமக்கு அவமானமாக இருக்கிறது. எல்லாருக்கும் வீட்டில் குழந்தைகளைப் பார்த்துக் கொள்ள உதவியாளர்கள் இருப்பார்களா, ஆயா வைத்து வளர்க்கக் கட்டுமா எனக் கேட்கலாம். தாய்மை என்பதற்கு மற்றொரு பொருள் தியாகம் என்பதுதான். நமக்கு வசதி இல்லாவிட்டால் சில சந்தர்ப்பங்களில் தியாகம் செய்வது நமக்குப் பெருமைதானே?

எந்தத் தாயிடமும் 'உன்னைவிட உன் பெண் சமர்த்து' என்று சொல்லிப் பாருங்கள். அவள் பொங்கிப் பூரித்துப் போவாள். மற்ற எந்த உறவு முறையிலும் இப்படிச் சொன்னால் கோபம், ஆத்திரம்தான் வரும். இந்த இணையற்ற உறவில்தான் அதிசயம்.

குழந்தைகள் தாங்கள் வளரும் சூழ்நிலையின் மூலமாகவும், தாய் தந்தையிடமும், பள்ளிக்கூடத்திலும் அநேகவித அறிவைப் பெறுகின்றார்கள்.

வளரும் வயதில் வெளிப் பழக்கங்களால் குழந்தைகள் திடீரென மாறுவது இயல்பு. எல்லா வசதிகள் அளித்திருந்தும் கூட சில குழந்தைகள் பெற்றோருக்குத் தெரியாமல் ஒரு காரியம் செய்ய நினைக்கும்.

அமெரிக்காவில் ஒரு கோடல்வரனுடைய பதினாறு வயதுப் பையன் சேர்ந்தாற்போல் மூன்று வருஷங்கள் போகிற இடமெல்லாம் சிறுசிறு பொருள்களைக் கவர்ந்து வந்திருக்கிறான். அவன் வீட்டை சோதனை செய்தபோது மிகமிக அற்பமான பொருள்களையெல்லாம் கூட சேமித்திருக்கிறான். பிறகு மனத்தத்துவ நிபுணருடைய உதவியால் அந்த வழக்கத்தை மாற்றியதாக சமீபத்தில் ஒரு பத்திரிகையில் படித்தேன்.

பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்குக் கல்வி அறிவைப் பூர்ணமாக அளிக்கிறோம். அத்துடன் நம்முடைய கலாச்சாரம், பண்பாடு இவற்றை அறிவிக்க



நாம் தவறக் கூடாது அல்லவா? ஒரு சாதாரண நிலையிலுள்ள பெண் தன் சிநேகிதி வீட்டுக்குப் போயிருந்தாள். அன்றைய நிலையில் அப்பெண் மிகவும் பணக்காரி. தன்னுடைய அளவற்ற செல்வத்தையும், விலைமதிக்க முடியாத ஆபரணங்களையும் பெருமையுடன் காட்டினாள். இந்த எளிய சகோதரி மறுநாள் தன்னுடைய செல்வங்களைக் காட்ட அழைத்தாள். இவளிடம் என்ன இருக்கிறதென்ற அலட்சிய மனோபாவத்துடன் போயிருந்தாள் பணக்காரி. அந்த சகோதரி தன்னுடைய இரண்டு குழந்தைகளையும் அழைத்துக் காட்டி, 'இவர்கள்தான் என்னுடைய செல்வங்கள்' என்றாள். பொலிவும், மரியாதையும், புன்சிரிப்பும் துலங்கும் அந்தக் குழந்தைகள் ஒரு தாயின் அரிய செல்வங்கள்தானே?

Auto driver's daughter excels in Std. 12 exam



By Our Staff Reporter

V. Sandhya (student of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar) secured 595 out of 600 marks in the Std. 12 State Board examination, the results of which were declared on May 8. She scored centums in Accountancy, Commerce and Economics.

After passing 10th board exam from a private school, she had to shift to a government school as her father R. Saravanan, an autorickshaw driver, could not afford the fees.

Though education and books were free in the government school, Sandhya said that she sought the help of relatives and friends to buy guide and other books that helped her in securing high marks in the exam.

Crediting her parents and teachers for the success, she said that she studied hard and kept herself away from social media by avoiding using mobile phone, except for checking academic updates.

She aspires to become a Chartered Accountant.

Vintage photo booth attracts shoppers in Pondy Bazaar

By Our Staff Reporter

On Thyagaraya Road (opposite Balaaji Bhawan hotel, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar), a vintage photo booth installed on the pavement is drawing curious visitors who are eager to experience something different.



It was started a month back by Retro Express, a Bangalore-based firm.

Photographer Rashid said that customers can take single or group photos, and the photo will be printed on vintage A4 medium newsprint and given to them within a minute. The cost per print is Rs. 150, and the service is available from 4 p.m to 10 p.m on all days.

Rashid said that more than 100 persons avail the service on weekends.

His contact number is 70128 16749.

Nesto Institute offers coaching for competitive exams

By Our Staff Reporter

Nesto Institute (New No. 4, Varadharajan Street, T. Nagar) offers coaching for various competitive exams including banking and government exams, professional courses like CA, CS, CMA, CFA and globally recognized FRM (Financial Risk Manager) exam, NEET and IIT-JEE featuring NCERT syllabus tuition for strengthening the foundation, and management and law exams like TANCET, CAT, GMAT, and CLAT.

Its manager told *Mambalam Times* that NESTO Institute, started in 2009, is a premier coaching center that has evolved from a local tutoring center into a powerhouse of professional training.

It has a track record of training over 14,000 students, and facilitating more than 10,000 job placements.

He said that over the years, NESTO has achieved 85% success rate in major competitive exams and 96% student satisfaction score.

He said that its strengths include experienced faculty, hybrid learning models, carefully curated and up-to-date study materials, modern teaching tools, mock trials to get over exam fear, individual attention, doubt-clearing sessions, and support through career counseling and interview preparation.

The infrastructure includes air-conditioned classrooms, well-stocked library, and computer lab.

For more details, contact NESTO Institute in 98845 65013 / 8148411492 or visit the website www.nesto.in.

Conducts mosaic-making workshop

By Our Staff Reporter

Anjali Venkat (resident of T. Nagar) conducted a mosaic-making workshop on May 8 in Apparao Galleries (Thousand Lights, Chennai).

Anjali, with over 25 years of experience, introduced the basics of making creative mosaics using fragments of materials like glass, tiles, mirrors, metal and other objects.

The focus was on experimenting with colours, shapes, and textures and learning how individual pieces come together to form a complete design.

She said that the purpose of the workshop was to encourage people to see creative hobbies as a path to self-expression and even small-scale enterprise.

Interested persons can contact her in 82209 83016.

Free Tally course for poor students

By Our Staff Reporter

Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home (66, PS Sivasami Salai, Mylapore) offers a free 4-month Tally course, both online and offline, for poor students whose family income is below Rs. 3 lakhs.

The classes commenced on Monday, May 4.

The offline classes are held from Monday to Saturday in two batches from 10 a.m to 12.30 p.m and from 3 p.m to 5.30 p.m in the above premises and the online batch is held from 6 p.m to 8 p.m.

Seats are available for deserving students.

For registration, call 89396 74598 or 63690 33817.

Free buttermilk distributed to passersby

To quench the thirst of passersby, GRT Jewellers is distributing free buttermilk daily outside its showroom on Usman Road (T. Nagar) from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. A staff member told *Mambalam Times* that buttermilk will be distributed till May 31.

This photo was taken on May 6.





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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PB Ramanujam's articles

Sir, I am a regular reader of *Mambalam Times* and have read all articles of P.B. Ramanujam serialised as Memory Blossoms.

In one of the articles, he explained the difference between a Will and a Settlement. After reading that article I abandoned my plan of effecting a family settlement and wrote a will instead. Many old timers like me gathered good knowledge and information about other legal issues from his articles.

His approach to divorce cases was unique and humane because he always tried to bring about reconciliation between the feuding couples first and had succeeded in many instances.

His articles describing his interactions with movie stars Srividhya, Thangavelu and Nagesh were very interesting.

In all I had read all his articles and I am thankful to the Editor for publishing such enlightening and entertaining articles by PBR. **Venkata Kumar, Mambalam**

Corrugated sheets pose danger



Corrugated sheets erected outside a construction site to form a fence on Easwaran Koil Street (West Mambalam) pose danger to passersby as they are damaged.

One of the sheets, resting on overhead cables, is likely to fall across the road at any time.

This photo was taken on May 7.

Dried creepers hanging from cables



Dried branches of a creeper are seen hanging from overhead broadband cables on Lakshmi Street Lane (near Lake View Road junction, West Mambalam).

Nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to cut and remove the dead creepers from the cables.

OBITUARY

JULIET ARULRAJ

Juliet Arulraj (resident of A-11, Amudham Colony, South Boag Road, T. Nagar) passed away on May 1.

She was 72, and had been a resident of T. Nagar for 50 years.

She is survived by her husband S.G. Arulraj George, two sons and grandchildren.



M. GOMATHI

M. Gomathi (resident of Prajwal Syamantaka Apartments, Pinjala Subramanian Street, T. Nagar) passed away on April 20. She was 88, and had been a long-time resident of T. Nagar.

She was an Advocate and Notary Public.

She had served as Legal Advisor and President of Chinmaya Mission (Chennai).

Her late husband S.V. Jagga Rao was the brother of legendary Telugu actor S.V. Ranga Rao.

Scholarships awarded to meritorious students

By Our Staff Reporter

Penakkal Peravai (Ashok Nagar), a Tamil literary forum, distributed Rs. 72,000 worth financial aid during a special meet held last week in Kotturpuram.

It distributed educational scholarships to two meritorious students from poor families, and provided financial help to a differently abled woman and an NGO providing care to elders.

During the meet, an interactive session was held with Professor G. Gnanasambandan (Tamil scholar and orator), and social workers Sevapaalam Irulappan and Sundari Kumaravel were felicitated.

Gnanasambandan released two books written by Navaranjani Sridhar in the presence of N. Panchapakesan (Founder of Chennai Sai Sankara Matrimonials, Ashok Nagar) and Aavin K. Gopinath (District Chairperson for Welfare of Differently Abled) and N.C. Mohandas (Founder, Penakkal Peravai).



Damaged boards, logs dumped on pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

The owner of a defunct roadside eatery, that has stopped functioning, has dumped heaps of damaged wooden boards, logs and other kitchen equipment on the pavement of Kannadasan Street (near Natesan Park, T. Nagar).

They block the entire pavement width causing obstruction to pedestrians.

This photo was taken on May 7.

Open drain at road junction poses danger

By Our Staff Reporter

As the foundation is damaged, the cover has sunk into the sewer manhole chamber in the middle of the road, at the junction of Station Road and Lake View Road (West Mambalam).

It poses danger to motorists at night due to poor visibility.

A barricade has been kept over the opening to caution road users.

Nearby residents request Metrowater to repair the foundation and replace the damaged cover. This photo was taken on May 7.



Damaged car dumped on pavement

By Our Staff Reporter

A car damaged in an accident is seen dumped on the pavement of Giri Road (near G.N. Chetty Road junction, T. Nagar).

It also blocks a portion of the carriageway.

A nearby resident said that the car has been lying at the spot for over 6 months.

He requests traffic police to remove the car from the spot.

This photo was taken on May 7.



Tamil drama festival in Vani Mahal till May 18

By Our Staff Reporter

Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has organised Tamil drama festival in its premises in Vani Mahal daily at 6.30 p.m till Monday, May 18.

Following are the details: Sunday, May 10: 'Kapidhwaja' by Dummies Drama, produced and directed by Sreevatson.

Monday, May 11: 'Veera' by Koothapiran Navbharat Theatre with dialogues by Ratnam Koothapiran, and story and direction by R. Vignesh.

Tuesday, May 12: 'Madhil Mel Poonaiyal' by JC Creations. Story and dialogue by V.P.S. Shiraman, and production by G.S. Prashanth.

Wednesday, May 13: The English play 'The Miracles of Guru Raghavendra Swami', directed by R. Giridharan, and written by Narasimhan Jammi.

Thursday, May 14: Patriotic play 'Kallabiraaman' by PMG Mayurapriya Theatre. Story, dialogues and direction by P. Muthukumaran.

Friday, May 15: 'Kudumbadaang' by Legally Yours, produced and directed by S. Satish Chandrasekaran.

Saturday, May 16: 'Kandhan Karunai' by Naatya Naadha Nataka Sangamam, written by S. Thyagu, and directed by S. Sruuthi.

Sunday, May 17: 'Varadukutti Parikshaikku Neramachu - 2' by Y. Gee. Mahendra.

Monday, May 18: 'Maathru Devo Bhava' by JB Cultural Foundation, written and directed by Bombay Chankya. Entrance is free.

All are welcome.

Chennai Metro selected for 'Global Environmental Leadership' award

The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (327, Anna Salai, Nandanam) has been selected for the 'Global Environmental Leadership' award for the year 2026 in the transportation sector. The award will be presented at the GEEF Global Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony to be held in New Delhi on May 22.

A senior official said that from safeguarding sensitive ecosystems through alignment modifications to incorporating green design features in stations and viaducts, Chennai Metro has demonstrated how large-scale infrastructure can advance ecological conservation, climate resilience and fastest canopy recovery in compensatory plantations.

He said the award underscores Chennai Metro's leadership in integrating environmental considerations across the planning, construction, and operation of its service.

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Held for peddling meth
By Our Staff Reporter

Police on May 6 arrested a youth on charge of peddling Methamphetamine and other narcotic tablets in Nandanam.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team kept vigil near Nandanam metro station and saw a youth moving suspiciously.

On questioning when he tried to escape, he was caught and searched.

Police seized Methamphetamine, Tydol and Nitrosun tablets from his possession.

Investigations revealed that he procured the drugs from Mumbai and was selling them in Chennai.

Police said that he has three criminal cases pending against him, including one for attempt to murder.

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'Buy 1 Get 1 Free' offer on Vadu Maanga pickle

By Our Staff Reporter

Mylapore Ganapathy's Butter and Ghee (14, Chitrakulam West Street, Mylapore, near PK Mahal, Ph: 89390 27272) has completed 83 years of service to its customers.

Its branch in West Mambalam is located at 50, Arya Gowda Road, near Shobanaa Kalyana Mandapam, Ph: 73581 56781.

Its manager said that what started as a small shop in the lanes of Mylapore has today grown into a 3-generation legacy thanks to the love and trust of its family of customers.

As part of its 83rd anniversary, it is running a 'Buy 1 Get 1 Free' offer on Vadu Maanga pickle in both Mylapore and West Mambalam outlets.

He said that the pickle is made from the authentic traditional recipe passed down through generations.

The offer is valid till stocks last.

Battery charging facilities for EVs at suburban stations

By Our Staff Reporter

The battery recharge and swapping facilities installed by Southern Railway at several suburban railway stations in the city have become a hit among electric vehicle (EV) users.

Over the past few months, commuters who own EVs have started using the battery recharge and swapping facilities set up at these stations.

A senior official said that Southern Railway had given 21 five-year contracts for the installation and operation of these battery recharge facilities. These contracts, in addition to providing the infrastructure for the facilities, will also help generate an annual licence fee of Rs. 53 lakhs.

The 21 stations were selected considering their high passenger footfall and growing demand for EV infrastructure, the official said.

The battery swapping facility enables users to replace spent batteries with fully charged ones within minutes, thereby eliminating long charging times associated with conventional EV charging.

The service has been fully digitised by making it accessible only through the official mobile application of the authorised charge point operators (CPOs), ensuring a seamless and user-friendly experience.

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Sloka classes for school students

By Our Staff Reporter

In view of summer holidays, Gurukul Sloka Classes is organising free sloka classes for children in West Mambalam.

For more details and registration, call 93825 13825.

Russian Education Fair concludes today

By Our Staff Reporter

The Russian Education Fair going on in Russian Centre for Science and Culture (74, Kasturi Rangan Road, Kasturi Estate, Teynampet) will conclude on Sunday, May 10.

It is held from 10 a.m to 5 p.m.

Leading higher education institutions from Russia are participating in the event.

The fair provides a spot admission facility for MBBS and various other courses.

Indian students applying for MBBS must have qualified in the NEET examination.

A minimum of 50% marks is required for general category students, while SC, ST, and OBC candidates must have secured at least 40%.

Students who studied in the Tamil medium are also eligible to apply.

Pushpanjali on Friday in Annai Maiyam

By Our Staff Reporter

Pushpanjali will be performed from 6 p.m to 7 p.m on Friday, May 15 in Aravindar Annai Arul Maiyam (9, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam).

It is followed by meditation and a talk on 'Money Growth' by Annai Adigal (Founder of Annai Maiyam).

All are welcome. For more details, call 97899 71571.

Registration open for free summer camp for students

Kalpavriksha Free Tuition Centre (3/2, Nagarathinammal Colony, near Adi Kesava Perumal Temple, Govindan Road, West Mambalam) has organised free summer camp for school students till Sunday, May 31 in its premises. Students above 8 years can join. It is being held since May 3 in two sessions from 10.15 a.m to 12.30 p.m, and from 4 p.m to 6 p.m.

The morning session covers spoken English, English reading and writing, Science and Maths concepts, Arts and Crafts, indoor and outdoor games, yoga, Tamil reading and devotional songs. The evening session covers Computer Training in MS Office, Canva and making Educational Videos and YouTube Shorts.

For more details and registration, call 63829 56455.

Krishna Gana Sabha honours stage artistes



Krishna Gana Sabha 'Appa' Ramesh on May 2 (Maharajapuram Santhana during the inauguration of Salai, T. Nagar) presented the summer theatre fest. 'Nataka Choodamani' award He has performed in more than 7500 dramas till date.

Seva Rathna award presented to mimicry artiste

By Our Staff Reporter

For his prowess in mimicry, 96-year-old Udayarpalayam R. Srinivasan (resident of 21/12, Vasudevapuram, West Mambalam) was presented Seva Rathna award by AL4S Charitable Trust in a function held in Infosys Hall (Sri RKM School, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar) on May 2.

The award was presented by



During the event, it also presented the K. Balachander Award to actor and historian Karthik Bhatt, who has given more than 400 stage performances.

The fest will feature popular dramas by various troupes till May 24.

Tamil actress Sachu, Nalli Kuppusamy (President of Krishna Gana Sabha), Y. Prabhu (Secretary), Saashwathi (CEO) and stage artiste Madhu Balaji (Crazy Creations) were present.

Brahmotsavam in Venkatesa Perumal temple

Brahmotsavam, going on since April 29 in Sri Padmavathi Sametha Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Kovil (MGR Nagar, K.K. Nagar), will conclude on Sunday, May 10. There will be special pujas from 7 a.m to 10 a.m, annadhaanam at 12 noon, pushpa yagam at 4 p.m, and special procession of the presiding deity in pushpa pallakku at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Online Vishnu Sahasranaamam classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Gurukul Sloka Classes will conduct online Vishnu Sahasranaamam classes from Tuesday, June 2.

The classes will be held over Zoom app at 8.30 p.m for three days in a week for 5 months. The fee is Rs. 3,200 per person.

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The awardee is a well-known mimicry artiste and had mimicked in the popular song 'Kadavul Amaithuvaitha Medai' in the 1974 film Aval Oru Thodarkathai.

He specializes in mimicking animal sounds, mannerisms of Carnatic musicians, and other sounds.

He had retired from Southern Railways. He is a recipient of the Kalaiamamani award from Tamilnadu Government. For more details call, 98410 87380.

Free online classes on Saiva Sidhantham

By Our Staff Reporter

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