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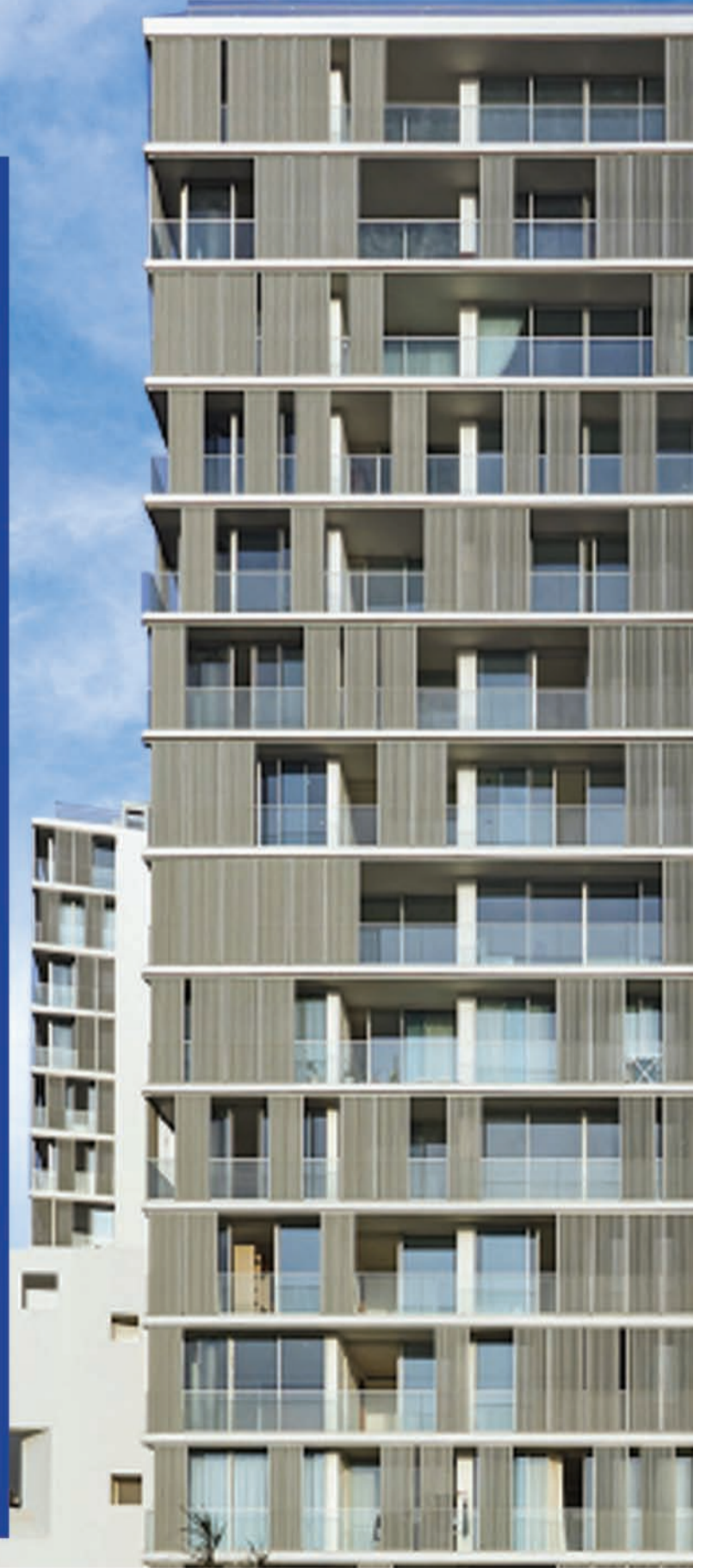
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(1973 நவம்பரில் 'கல்கி'யில் வெளியான தலையங்கம்)

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சாகித்ய சகாப்தத்தில் ஒரு பொற்காலம் முடிந்தது. சாகித்யகர்த்தர், வாக்கேயகாரர் என்பதன் சகல லட்சணங்களும் பரிபூரணமாக அமைந்து தமக்கு ஒப்பாரும், மிக்காரும் இல்லாத பெருமை கொண்டவர் ஸ்ரீ சிவன். நீலகண்ட சிவன், கோனேரிராஜபுரம் வைத்தியநாதய்யர் போன்ற சிம்மங்களிடமிருந்து அவர் பெற்ற சங்கீதத் தேர்ச்சி அபாரமானது. ராக, லய மர்மங்களெல்லாம் அவர் முன் தாமாக மடலவிழ்ந்தன. இசை நுணுக்கப் பண்டிதர் மட்டுமல்ல அவர். தாமே உயி

ரினை உருக்கி, கேட்கிற உயிர்களையும் உருக்குமாறு பாட வல்லவர். அது வெறும் வாய்ப்பாட்டால் அல்ல. அந்தராத்மாவின் கானம். பாடல் என்பது அவருக்கு மூச்சு விடுகிற ஓர் உயிர்ப் பண்டமாக இருந்தது. இதனால்தான் அவரது பாடல்களில் மொழியானது அநாயாச லாகவத்துடன், மாதூரியத்துடன், எளிமையுடன், ஜீவனுடன், கலை நயம் செழிக்க அமைந்தது. மொழி வெறிக்கு இங்கு இடமே இல்லை. இலக்கண நெருடுகளும் இல்லை. பள்ளத்தில் சரளமாக விழுகிற வெள்ளமாக வார்த்தைகள் எழும்பி உள்ளத்தில் நிரம்பின.

இசையும், மொழியும் இப்படி இணைந்ததற்குக் காரணம் அவற்றுள் இழையோடிய தெய்வ பக்திதான். பக்தியைவிட இயல்பான ஒன்று ஜீவாத்மாவுக்கு வேறு உண்டோ? ஆனாலும் நம்மில் பலர் அதை செயற்கையாகச் செய்து கொள்ள வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. சிவன் செய்த பாக்கியம்; தமிழ் செய்த பேறு; ரசிகர்களாகிய நாம் செய்த தவம்; அவர் இயல்பாகவே பசுவுக்கு ஏங்கும் கன்றாக ஈஸ்வர சிந்தனையில் ஆழ்ந்து கிடந்தார். இசையும், மொழியும், பக்தியும் கலந்த திரிவேணியாக அமுத கீதங்களும் இரண்டாயிரத்துக்கு மேல் உருவாகின. ஒன்றை எண்ணுவது, எண்ணத்தைப் பாடலாகப் பண்ணுவது, அதற்குப் பண்ணும் தாளமும் அமைத்துத் தருவது என்று மூன்று வேறு காரியங்களாக இல்லாமல், பிறக்கிறபோதே சகல அங்கங்களுடன் தோன்றும் குழந்தைபோல் சிந்தனையும் சொல்லும், சங்கீதமும், சந்தமும் ஒன்றாகவே பின்னிப் பிணைந்து பிறந்தன. தமிழிசைத் துறையை வளப்படுத்திய தலைமகன் ஸ்ரீ சிவன் என்று தயங்காமல் கூறலாம்.

சிவனுக்குக் கிடைத்த ஒரு பெரிய நிறைவு தமது ஜீவதசையிலேயே மகா வித்வான்கள் உள்பட அனைவரும் தம்முடைய கிருதிகளை நாடெங்கிலும் (ஏன், உலகெங்கிலும்கூட) பிரசாரம் செய்வதைக் கண்டார். அதுமட்டுமல்ல, இன்று திரைப்படத் துறையில் அசங்கியமான உட்பொருளோடும், டப்பா மெட்டுக்களிலும் அமைந்த பாடல்கள் எப்படி வெகுஜனப் பிரசித்தி அடைந்துள்ளனவோ இதே அளவுக்கு சகல மக்களின் நாவிலும் நல்ல கர்நாடக ராகங்களில் இலக்கிய ரசமுள்ள பாடல்களை நடமாடச் செய்தார் ஸ்ரீ சிவன் சினிமா உலகில் ஈடுபட்டிருந்த காலத்தில்.

இந்த நிறைவோடு இறைவன் பணியிலும் நிறைவு கண்டார். ஆதியில் ஊர் ஊராக சிவ பஜனை செய்து ராமையா என்கிற இயற் பெயரை 'சிவன்' என்றே ஆக்கிக் கொண்ட அறுபத்திநாலாவது நாயனார் அவர். சிவஸ்வரூபமான ஸ்ரீ காஞ்சிப் பெரியவர்களால் 'சிவபுண்யகான மணி' என்று விருது சூட்டப் பெற்ற புண்ணியசாலி. சென்ற தநூர் மாதத்தின் போதுகூடக் கபாலீசுரத்தைச் சுற்றித் தமது தள்ளாத வயதிலும் பக்தி தளராமல் பஜனை செய்து கரைந்தார். இறைவனின் பெருமையை உணர்ந்தாலேயே தம்மைப் பற்றிப் பெருமைப்பட்டுக் கொள்ளத் தெரியாமல் விநய வடிவமாக வாழ்ந்தார்.

குசேலராக நடத்த சிவன், குசேலர் போலவே தனவசதி அதிகம் பெற்றிருக்கவில்லை. ஆயினும் மியூஸிக் அகாடெமி, தமிழிசைச் சங்கம், கலாக்கேத்திரம் போன்ற நிறுவனங்கள் தம் காலத்தின் முதற்பெரும் கலைஞருக்கு வேண்டிய வசதிகளை செய்து தந்தன. பண விஷயம் ஒரு புறமிருக்க, மன விஷயத்தில் அவர் குசேலர் போலவே அகந்தை, இறுமாப்பு இவை அணுவும் இன்றி எளியவராக வாழ்ந்தார். ஆனால் இந்த எளியவர் வாஸ்தவத்தில் ஒரு சக்கரவர்த்தியாகவே இருந்தவர். பாரத சுதந்திரத்துக்கென சக்கரவர்த்தியாக வந்த காந்தியடிகள் எப்படி எளியவராகவே இருந்தாரோ அப்படியே சாகித்திய உலகுக்கு சக்கர வர்த்தியாக வந்த எளியவர் இவர். மயிலைக் கற்பகாம்பிகையின் திருவடி நிழலை நவராத்திரிப் புண்ணிய காலத்தில் சென்றடைந்துவிட்டது இந்தக் காட்சிக்கு எளிய கற்பக விருட்சம். தியாகையர் முதலிய இசை மகான்கள் மறைந்த போதிலும் அவர்களது ஜீவசாரமான கிருதிகள் இன்னமும் பாரெங்கும் பரவி வருவதுபோல் பாபநாசம் சிவனின் பாடல்கள் இனியும் நாள்தோறும் பாபத்தை நசிக்கச் செய்து, சிவம் பெருக்குமாக!

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Vocal concert in Sangeetha Vidhyalayam on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Malavi Hari and H. Pushpavalli will together present a Carnatic vocal concert from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21 in Sri Sadguru Sangeetha Vidhyalayam (16/64, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam).

They will be accompanied by G. N. Bhuvan on the mridangam and Charulatha Chandrasekar on the veena. All are welcome. For more details, call 94446 22111.

Motivational session held for care givers

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with International Nurses Day, Brahma Kumaris organised a motivational session for nurses and trainees in RMD Hospital (T. Nagar) on May 12.

The hospital provides care to bedridden and terminally ill patients.

For more details call, 93810 16588.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvarananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

Bunk shop moved to repair underground EB cable

On May 14, to undertake repair to an underground high-tension cable, workers of Tamilnadu Electricity Board had to move an unauthorised bunk from the pavement adjoining TNEB Substation on Thanika-chalam Road (T. Nagar). More than 10 workers used rods and heavy ropes to move the bunk from the spot to dig a pit to access the cable.



A tea stall has been operating from the unauthorised bunk for the past several years.

Total reservoir storage at 72% of capacity

The combined storage of 7943 mcft in the city's reservoirs as on May 15 was 72% of their total capacity of 13222 mcft.

As on May 15, Poondi had a storage of 1573 mcft as against its full capacity of 3231 mcft; Cholavaram 194 mcft (1081 mcft); Puzhal 2058 mcft (3300 mcft); Chembarambakkam 2963 mcft (3645 mcft); Kannankottai Thervoykandigai 377 mcft (500 mcft) and Veeranam 778 mcft (1465 mcft). In addition, the city is supported by desalination plants with a combined capacity of 350 MLD. Metrowater officials said that there is enough water to serve the city for the next 8 months.

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நல்ல கரும் வெயிலில் ஒரு வீட்டுக்குப் போகிறோம். தாகத்துக்குத் தண்ணீர்கூடத் தேவையா எனக் கேட்காமல் இருந்துவிடுகிறார்கள். அதுகூடத் தேவலை. 'நீங்க என்ன எங்கள் வீட்டில் சாப்பிடுவீர்களா?' என்று சொல்கிறார்களே, அதுதான் பொறுக்க முடியாதது. 'ஏன் சாப்பிட மாட்டேன்? கொண்டு வாருங்கள்' என்று சொல்ல தைரியம் வருவதில்லை. அதிகமாக வற்புறுத்திக் கடுக்காய் கஷாயம் போன்ற காப்பியைக் கொடுத்து உபசாரம் செய்வதும் கஷ்டமாகத்தான் இருக்கிறது. எதிலும் மிதம் இருக்கிறதல்லவா?

நம்முடைய வீட்டுக்கு ஒருவர் வந்தால் கூடிய மட்டும் அவர்கள் விரும்பும் விஷயத்தைப் பேசி அன்புடன் உபசரித்து வாசல் வரையில் சென்று வழி அனுப்புவதுதான் தகுந்த மரியாதை. சில சமயம் வருகிறவர்கள் கூட யாராவது புது சகோதரியை அழைத்து வரலாம். அவர்கள் யாரென்று நாம் மரியாதையாகக் கேட்டறிந்து கொள்வது நலம். ஏனென்றால் நாம் அறியாமல் யாரையாவது பற்றிக் குறைவாகப் பேசுவோம். அவர் நமக்கு எதிரிலேயே நிற்கும் புது சகோதரியாக இருக்கலாம். பிறகு நிலைமை எக்கச்சக்கமாய்விடும். கூடிய மட்டும் தனிப்பட்டவர்களைப் பற்றிப் பேசுவதை விடுத்து, பொது விஷயங்களைப் பற்றிப் பேசத்தான் முயற்சி செய்ய வேண்டும். நாமும் ரஸமாகப் பேசினால்தான் கேட்பவரும் விரும்புவார்கள்.

கொடைக்கானலில் ஒரு தோழியின் வீட்டுக்குப் போயிருந்தோம். திரும்பும்போது குடையை அங்கேயே வைத்துவிட்டு மறந்துவிட்டோம். சிறிது தூரம் வந்த பிறகு நினைவு வந்தது. மறுபடியும் அவர்கள் வீட்டுக்குப் போனோம். வீட்டுக்கார அம்மாள், 'மஞ்சளை வாரிப் பூசிக்கொண்டு மஞ்சள் கா மாலைக்காரி மாதிரி இருக்கிறாள், பட்டிக்காடு' என்றாள். அவளுடைய பெரிய பெண் இரட்டைப் பின்னல், கேலியாகச் சிரித்தாள்; என்னைக் கண்டதும் அந்தம்மாள் முகத்தில் அசடு தட்டியது. வீட்டுக்கு யாராவது வந்துவிட்டுப் போனால் அவர்களைப் பற்றி விமரிசனம் செய்வதோ, பரிகசிப்பதோ மிகவும் தவறு.

ஒரு சமயம் என் தோழியின் வீட்டுக்குப் போயிருந்தேன். அவள் என்னை அன்போடு வரவேற்று உபசரித்தாள். பிறகு தன் ஆறு வயது நிரம்பிய பெண்ணைக் கூப்பிட்டு, 'ஏன் பள்ளி கொண்டிரய்யா?' என்ற பதத்துக்கு அபிநயம் பிடித்துக் காட்டச் சொன்னாள். குழந்தை நல்ல சமர்த்துத்தான். அன்று அதற்கு மனமில்லை. என் தோழி விடுவதாக இல்லை. அதை வற்புறுத்திச் சொல்லச் சொல்ல அதற்குப் பிடிவாதம் அதிகமாயிற்று. குழந்தையின் பிடிவாதத்துக்கு மேல் என் தோழிக்கு அதிகமாகக் கோபம் வந்தது. அதை மிரட்டி அதட்டிச் சொல்லவே குழந்தை அழத் தொடங்கியது. 'பரவாயில்லை, குழந்தையை விட்டுவிடு. இன்னொரு சமயம் ரொம்ப நன்றாகச் செய்து காட்டுவான்' என்றெல்லாம் சொல்லிப் பார்த்தேன். அவள் காதில் விழவில்லை. எனக்கு அவள் கொடுத்த காப்பியை அருந்தக்கூடத் தோன்றவில்லை. இது என்ன அறியாமை!



என் தோழி அத்துடன் விட்டாளா? நாங்கள் விடைபெற்றுக் கொண்டு காரில் ஏறினோம். சின்ன ஒன்றரை வயதுப் பெயனை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு, 'மாமிக்கு டாட்டா சொல்லு' என்றாள். குழந்தையே விழிக்கிறது. அவளோ வண்டியைப் பிடித்துக்கொண்டு நிற்கிறாள். எங்கள் வண்டிக்கு மிகவும் கௌரவம் கொடுத்திருக்கிறோம். அது இஷ்டமிருந்து புறப் பட்டுவிட்டால் பிறகு நிற்காது. நின்றால் கிளம்பாது. திருவாரூர் தேர்தான். 'குழந்தை கையை ஆட்டி விட்டானே சமர்த்துக் கண்ணு' என்றெல்லாம் ஆர்ப்பாட்டமாக சொல்லித் தப்பித்துக் கொள்ளப் பார்த்தேன். அவள் அதற்கெல்லாம் ஏமாறவில்லை. 'பாபு நன்றாகச் சொல்லுவானே, இன்னொரு தடவை சொல்லுடா' என்றாள். குழந்தை திருதிருவென்று விழித்தது. என் தோழியின் முகத்தில் அசடு வழிந்தது. இதைப் பார்க்க சிக்காமல் கார் உடனே அங்கிருந்து கிளம்பிவிட்டது.

Rotary Club distributes free water bowls



By Our Staff Reporter

To provide water to birds and stray animals, Rotary Club of Chennai Coastal and AL4S Charitable Trust (West Mambalam) jointly distributed 600 free water bowls to residents last week in a function held in Infosys Hall (Ramakrishna Mission School, West Mambalam). The Club undertakes this initiative every summer.

Navin Gupta (President, Rotary Club of Chennai Coastal), Dr. H.V. Hande (Founder of Hande Hospital, Shenoy Nagar), S. Lalitha (Founder, AL4S Charitable Trust), N. Panchapakesan (Founder, Chennai Sai Sankara Matrimonials, Ashok Nagar), and Srikanth (Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ashok Nagar) were present.

Navin Gupta said that the bowls filled with fresh water should be kept in open places with shade in houses or flats such as terrace, balcony, garden or compound wall. The bowls should be filled regularly.

He said that this practice during summer will ensure that birds are not forced to move away from their habitat in search of water elsewhere.

Book exhibition in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam from Friday

National Journalists' Welfare Association and SMART have jointly organised an exhibition-cum-sale of books from 10 a.m to 8 p.m on Friday, May 22, Saturday, 23, and Sunday, 24 in Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam). Books published by Dinamalar, Thamarai Brothers, Vijaya Bharatham, LKM Publications, Sri Bharathi Publications and 12 other leading publishers will be on display.

Seminars on literary topics, headed by Tamil scholars, will be held daily from 5 p.m to 8 p.m. Arjun Sampath and Tiruppur Krishnan will head the seminar on May 22, Baskaran Krishnamurthy and Vetri Vidiyal Srinivasan on May 23, and Kalachakram Narasimha on May 24.

At 9.30 a.m on May 22, a special poojai will be performed by Appar Arutpani Adiyar Thirukkottam (Saidapet).

There will be recitation of Abhirami Anthathi at 4 p.m on May 23, followed by a discourse on Thiruvasagam by Nirmala Ravi. There is no entrance fee.

All are welcome. For more details, call 9841092823.

Tamil drama festival in Vani Mahal concludes tomorrow

The Tamil Drama Festival going on in Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (Vani Mahal, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) will conclude on Monday, May 18.

Plays are held daily at 6.30 p.m. On Sunday, May 17, Y. Gee. Mahendra will present his popular play 'Varadukutti Parikshaikku Neramachu.

On Monday, May 18, JB Cultural Foundation will present 'Maathru Devo Bhava', written and directed by Bombay Chanakya.

Entrance is free. All are welcome.

16 from Manidhanaeyam Academy clear IFoS interview

By Our Staff Reporter

Of the 26 candidates from Manidhanaeyam Free IAS Academy (28, 1st Main Road, near Nandi Statue, CIT Nagar, Nandanam) who cleared the Indian Forest Service (IFoS) main examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) last month, 16 (12 men and 4 women) have passed in the final interview held in New Delhi, the results of which were declared on May 8.

Its student Ravi Laksh-mipriya had secured All India Rank 9 in the final examination. Founded in 2005 by Saidai S Duraisamy (former Chennai Mayor), the academy offers free coaching to aspirants from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds.



Conservancy workers douse flame in LPG cylinder

By Our Staff Reporter

Thanks to the quick action by conservancy workers S. Jothilakshmi and Anandan, a probable blast in an LPG cylinder was averted at a tea shop on Lake View Road (near Hanuman temple, West Mambalam) at 12 noon on May 11.

When flame suddenly emanated from the mouth of the cylinder in use, the conservancy workers standing close-by, acted swiftly to close the valve and douse the flame with water.

On getting information, personnel from T. Nagar Fire and Rescue Station arrived at the spot and examined the cylinder. They commended the conservancy workers for their quick action.



'Kavithai Uravu' completes 54 years

By Our Staff Reporter

The 54th anniversary of 'Kavithai Uravu' (420 E, Malar Colony, 19th Main Road, Anna Nagar), a Tamil monthly magazine, will be celebrated from 6 p.m to 8.30 p.m on Monday, May 18 in Vani Mahal (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

It will start with a bharatnatyam recital by Selvi Varshini (resident of Mogappair). New Tamil books written by Ervadi S. Radhakrishnan (resident of Anna Nagar), R. Sivakumar, and poet Sundarakesi will be released.

Awards will be presented to Tamil scholars. All are welcome. For more details, call 94441 07879.



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Free online Sandhyavandanam class

By Our Staff Reporter

Nammapandit, an online platform that offers all Hindu pooja services, will conduct a free online Sandhyavandanam class over Zoom app at 7 a.m on Saturday, May 23.

It is open to all age groups.

Participants will be taught Gayathri japam, and how to perform Sandhyavandanam in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Those who register for the class can buy a full Sandhyavandanam kit at a discounted price of Rs. 1,500.

An online Sandhyavandanam competition, open to all, will be conducted over Zoom app at 7 a.m on Sunday, May 24. The prizes for the top three winners are a silver coin, an idol, and a gift hamper respectively.

For more details and registration, call 75500 73667 or visit the website www.nammapandit.com

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 22 in Aravindar Annai Arul Maiyam (9, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam).

It is followed by meditation and a discourse by Annai Adigal (Founder of Annai Maiyam).

All are welcome.

For more details, call 97899 71571.

Ethiraj College offers scholarship to student abandoned at birth

Ethiraj College for Women offered admission with full scholarship to R. Annapoorani (resident of Jafferkanpet and a student from Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Saidapet), who scored 428 marks in the Std. 12 board exam.

Abandoned at three months, she was brought up by her grandmother Kamalam, who worked as a domestic help to provide her education.

To support her grandmother, she too has been working as domestic help in multiple houses in the evenings, while also pursuing her education.

She told *Mambalam Times* that even during exam days, she did not take any leave and continued her work as a domestic help.

After knowing her achievements, V. M. Muralidharan (Chairman of Ethiraj College for Women) offered admission to her in BSc Computer Science with AI programme with full fee waiver of fees.



Maha Kumbhabhishekam performed

By Our Staff Reporter

Maha Kumbhabhishekam was performed to Vilaiyattu Vinayagar Temple (Jothi Ramalingam Street, West Mambalam) on April 30. The 60-year-old temple was rebuilt at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs.

The temple has sanctums for Vinayakar, Murugan, Valli and Deivanai, Anjaneyar, Brahma, Saraswathi, Lakshmi, Hayagreevar, Durgai and Navagraham.

The temple is open daily from 7.30 a.m to 10 a.m and from 5 p.m to 8 p.m.

48-day mandala poojai is performed daily in the morning and evening.

The members of the temple trust are M. Vadivel (President), K. Govindan (Secretary) and S. Vinothkumar (Treasurer). For more details call, 98410 01676.



Textbooks loaned to college students

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaigopal Garodia Charitable Book Bank (U6, U Block 7th Street, Anna Nagar) issues textbooks on loan to college students.

Students can collect the application form from the above address on weekdays between 10 a.m and 4 p.m or can also download it from the website www.jgvvbookbank.org.

K.S. Kesavan (Chief Coordinator) told *Anna Nagar Times* that the book bank has been functioning for over 25 years and has more than 40,000 books in 600 titles covering engineering, science, commerce, arts and management courses. He said that students from other cities can also apply.

Students can collect the books by submitting the filled-in application authenticated by the college authorities at the book bank in person. There is no caution deposit or processing fee. Students should return the books after completing their examinations.

More details can be had by calling in 044-26206261.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Broadband cables running close to transformer



Sir, Overhead broadband cables are running in close proximity to high-tension power cables connected to a TNEB transformer on Mahadevan Street (outside Nu Tech Sri Lalitham Apartments, West Mambalam).

As it poses risk of fire in case of a short circuit, I appeal to TNEB and Chennai Corporation to refix the cables at a lower height, **Mallikarjun, West Mambalam.**

Rain brings respite from heat

By Our Staff Reporter

After hot days in April when day temperatures ranged from 35 to 38 degrees Celsius, the Kathri Veyil period in May was expected to be much hotter with temperatures expected to cross 40 degrees Celsius.

But thanks to the cloudy climate since the rains at night on May 9, the day temperature has gone down to around 32 to 33 degrees Celsius, bringing relief from the scorching summer heat.

On May 9, several areas in the city including T. Nagar received moderate to heavy rainfall.

The automatic weather station in YMCA (Nandanam) recorded 2.6 cm of rainfall.

Encroachments removed from 11th Avenue

By Our Staff Reporter

Roadside eateries and other encroachments were evicted by Chennai Corporation from 11th Avenue, outside the newly constructed Muddhalvar Padaippagam, Ashok Nagar last week.

Barricades have now been placed on the stretch to prevent any further encroachments.



Celebrates 101st birthday

By Our Staff Reporter

A.V. Venkataraman (resident of Govindan Street, West Mambalam) celebrated his 101st birthday on May 13.

He had retired as Upper Division Clerk from India Post.

He had played an important role in the formation of the Central Government Employees Union.

He is quite active and carries on his daily chores on his own.



Delay in LPG refill affects consumers

In spite of the disciplinary measures put in place by oil marketing companies, getting a domestic LPG refill remains an uphill task for many consumers. Customers across Chennai have complained that they find it difficult to book cylinders, that delivery is delayed by 30 to 40 days, and that gas agencies are cancelling bookings due to pending e-KYC verification or forcing customers to collect refills themselves.

Srimathi (resident of Lake View Road, West Mambalam) said that booking a cylinder itself has become a hassle, and the wait period for the refill after booking is over 30 days.

A local distributor said that as there is supply crunch, they are supplying less than half of their daily requirement of cylinders.

Free online classes on Saiva Sidhantham

By Our Staff Reporter

Gurukul Sloka Classes conducts free online classes on Saiva Sidhantham on Sundays from 12 noon to 12.45 p.m.

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For more details call, 97899 71571 or 94454 38681

Open storm water drain poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

A section of the storm water drain on Raman Street (near Giriappa Road junction, T. Nagar) is lying open.

It poses danger to pedestrians, especially at night due to poor visibility.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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At Mambalam station, redevelopment works worth

Rs 14.7 crores included installation of lifts, additional ticket counters, platform upgrades, CCTV surveillance cameras and new platform roofing.

Free Silambam classes held daily

By Our Staff Reporter

73-year-old K. Jayapal (resident of Gandhi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free Silambam classes for all age groups in Corporation Playground (Bakthavachalam Street, West Mambalam).

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