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(சென்ற நூற்றாண்டின் பிரபல நாடகக் கலைஞர் அவ்வை டி.கே. சண்முகம் 1950களில் ஆற்றிய வானொலி உரைகளிலிருந்து)

விடுதலைப் போரில் வீர முழுக்கம் செய்த நாடகம் திரு.வெ. சாமிநாத சர்மா அவர்களின் 'பாணபுரத்து வீரன்'. இந்த நாடகம் முதலில் நூலாகவே வெளியிடப்பட்டது. நூல் வடிவில் வெளிவந்தபோதே 'பாணபுரத்து வீரன்' வெள்ளை ஏகாதிபத்தியத்தால் தடை செய்யப்பட்டது.

'பாணபுரத்து வீரன்' தடை செய்யப்பட்டிருந்ததால் 'தேச பக்தி' என்று நாடகத்திற்குப் பெயர் சூட்டி 1931ல் நாங்கள் அரங்கேற்றினோம். இந்தியாவுக்கும், இங்கிலாந்துக்கும் போராட்டம் நடந்ததுபோல், பாணபுரத்துக்கும், ஈசானபுரத்துக்கும் நடக்கும் விடுதலைப் போரை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டது 'தேச பக்தி' நாடகம்.

வீர வாலீசன் ராஜத்துவேஷப் பிரசாரம் செய்ததாகக் குற்றம் சாட்டப்பட்டுக் கூண்டிலே நிற்கிறான். விசாரணை நடைபெறுகிறது. அப்போது நடக்கும் உரையாடல் இது.

அதிரதன்: கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு பதில் உரை. ராஜ துவேஷப் பிரசாரம் செய்தது உண்டா, இல்லையா?

வாலீசன்: ஆம்! செய்தேன்... அரசாங்க முறை, நிர்வாக முறை முதலியவைகளைப் பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி செய்து அதிலுள்ள குறைகளை எடுத்துச் சொல்ல ஒவ்வொரு மனிதனுக்கும் உரிமையுண்டு. உங்கள் ஆட்சியின் கீழ் என் நாட்டினர் படும் துன்பம் சொல்லத் தரமன்று. அல்லும் பகலும் நெற்றி வியர்வை சொரியப் பாடுபட்டு உழைக்கும் மக்கள் கால் வயிற்றுக்கும் கஞ்சியின்றிக் கதறுகின்றார்கள். உங்கள் அரசாங்க சட்டதிட்டங்கள் அனைத்தும் செல்வந்தர்களுக்கே அனுகூலமாய் விளங்குகிறது. ஆகவே எனது நாடு, எனது பாணபுரம் எம்மாலேயே ஆளப்பட்டாலொழிய, பூரண விடுதலை பெற்றாலொழிய, பொருளாதார முறையை மாற்றியமைத்தாலொழிய மக்களின் கஷ்டங்கள் தீருவது முடியாத காரியமென எனக்குத் தோன்றியபடியால் அதற்காக பலாத்காரம், ஹிம்சை ஆகியவை இல்லாமல் மக்களிடையே பிரசாரம் செய்து வந்தேன். இது எப்படிக்குற்றமாகும்? இது ஒரு குற்றமாயின் இதன் பொருட்டு நான் தண்டிக்கப்படுவேனாயின் அந்த தண்டனையை நான் மகிழ்ச்சியோடு வரவேற்கிறேன். எனது தேசத்தின் ஒவ்வொரு மயிர்க்காம்பிற்கும் ஒவ்வொரு உயிர் இருப்பின் அத்தனை உயிர்களையும் எனது தாய்நாட்டின் விடுதலைக்காக பலியிடச் சித்தமாயிருக்கிறேன். ருசி கண்ட பூனை லேசில் விடாதென்று சாதாரண ஜனங்கள் கூறுவதுண்டு. இவ்வளவு காலமாக பாணபுரத்தின் ரத்தத்தை உறிஞ்சித் தங்கள் தேசத்தை வளர்த்து வந்த ஈசானபுரம் அதனை எளிதில் விட்டுவிடும் என்று நினைப்பவன் பைத்தியக்காரனாகவே இருக்கவேண்டும். ஏன் தாமதம்? தண்டனை விதிக்கலாம்....

வாலீசன் தூக்கிலிடப்படுகிறான். அவனுக்குப் பின் புரேசன் என்ற வீரன் தோன்றிப் புரட்சிப் பாதையிலே படை நடத்திப் பாணபுரத்துக்கு விடுதலை தேடித் தருகிறான். இந்த நாடகத்தின் உரையாடல்கள் முழுவதையும் உணர்ச்சி மிக்கதாக அமைத்துள்ளார் திரு.வெ. சாமிநாத சர்மா.

அடுத்து மேடைக்கு வந்த தேசிய நாடகம் 'இன்ப சாகரன்'. இந்த நாடகத்தை எழுதியவர் பழம்பெரும் தேசபக்தர் கோவை திரு.சி.ஏ. அய்யாமுத்து. நாடகக் கலையரசு நவாப் ராஜமாணிக்கம் அவர்களின் தேவி பால் வினோத சங்கீத சபையாரால் 1939ல் இந்த நாடகம் அரங்கேறியது.

ஆசிரியர் அய்யாமுத்து அவர்கள் காலமெல்லாம் தமிழகத்திலே கதர் இயக்கத்தைக் கட்டி வளர்த்தவர். எழுச்சி மிக்க எழுத்தாளர்.

'இன்ப சாகரன்' நாடகத்தில் மாற்றாணைத் தோற்கடித்து நாடு விடுதலை பெற்ற பின் இளவரசனுக்கு முடி சூட்டு விழா நடைபெறுகிறது. அப்போது இன்பசாகரன் சொல்கிறான்.

நான் உங்களுக்கும் இந்த நாட்டிற்கும் ஒருபோதும் அரசனாக ஆகேன். மக்கள் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் சேவை புரியவே பிறந்துள்ளனர். அதிகார ஆசையால் குணவீர பாண்டியன் இந்த நாட்டை வஞ்சகமாகப் பிடித்தான். அதே அதிகார ஆசையால் உத்தான பாதன் இந்த நாட்டைக் காட்டிக் கொடுத்தான். எனவே ஆட்சியும், அதிகாரமும் மக்களை என்றென்றும் சூழ்ச்சியிலும், போரிலும், துயரத்திலும் ஆழ்த்துபவை. அவை நாட்டில் பஞ்சமா பாதகங்களைத் தோற்றுவிப்பவை. எனவே ஆட்சி என்ற பதம் நமக்கு வேண்டாம். சேவை என்ற செம்மொழியைக் கடைப்பிடிப்போம். நான் இந்த நாட்டின் சேவகனாக என்றென்றும் இருப்பேனாக. நீங்களும் அவ்வாறே இருக்க வேண்டுகிறேன். இந்த நாட்டின் நலன் கருதி இந்நாட்டு மக்களின் நலன் கருதி நாம் சில விதிகளை நம்மில் ஏற்படுத்திக் கொள்வோம். அந்த விதிகளுக்கு அடங்கி நடப்பதாக நாம் நம்மைக் கட்டுப்படுத்திக் கொள்வோம். எந்த விதியாலும் நமக்கு இடர் நேருமாயின் அதை உடனே மாற்றியமைக்கும் சுதந்திரத்தை வைத்துக் கொள்வோம். இந்த நாட்டில் நிர்க்கதியாய், பசியால் வாடி, எவரும் தெருக்களில் அலைந்து திரியாத படி நாம் செய்ய வேண்டும். எல்லோரும் உழைத்து, உண்டு, களித்திருக்கத்தக்க வழிகளை நாம் ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டும். எல்லாப் பிள்ளைகளுக்கும் கல்விச் சாலைகள் அமைப்போம். வாலிபர்களுக்கு வேண்டிய தொழிற்சாலைகளை அமைப்போம். விருத்தாப்பியர்களுக்கும், அங்கவீனர்களுக்கும் வேண்டிய அறச்சாலைகள் கட்டுவோம். அறியாமையையும், அதனால் விளையும் துன்பங்களையும் இந்த நாட்டினின்றும் துரத்தியடிப்போம். மக்கள் செயலுக்கு மக்களே காரணம் என்பதை மனத்தில் பதிய வைப்போம். இத்யாதி காரியங்களில் நீங்கள் எல்லோரும் சேர்ந்து உழைப்பதற்குத் தயாரானால் நான் தங்கள் சேவகத்தை ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளத் தடையில்லை.'

இவ்வாறு இன்பசாகரன் உணர்ச்சியுடன் பேசியதைக் கேட்ட மக்கள், 'அவ்வாறே உறுதியளித்தோம்! உறுதியளித்தோம்! வாழ்விலும், தாழ்விலும் ஒன்றாக நிற்போம்!' என்று முழங்குகின்றனர்.

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### Leaning lamp post likely to fall



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
A decades-old 20-foot-tall ornamental lamp post is leaning precariously on the pavement of Nageshwar Rao Road (T.Nagar).

As it is likely to fall at any time, TNEB must refix it early to prevent any untoward incident.

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### Leaning barricade removed from median after report



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Following the report 'Damaged barricade poses danger' published in Mambalam Times (June 28 - July 4 issue), the offending barricade at the end of the median on South Boag Road (T.Nagar) was removed. As the damaged barricade was leaning into the road, it posed danger to motorists.

# Stationery gifted to government school students Discourses on Bhagavatam from Friday

**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Uma Anandan (Councilor, Ward 134) gifted stationery to the students of Chennai Primary School (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) on July 7.

T.Senthamizh Selvi (Headmistress) said that it included notebooks, pens, writing pads and other books.

Uma has been distributing free stationery to the students of the school for the past several years.



**By Our Staff Reporter**  
Sri Asthuka Seva Samithi has organised the 18 annual mahotsavam from July 17 to July 26 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

The following are the program details:

July 17: 7 a.m: Maha Ganapathi homam and Navagraha homam.

July 17 to July 23: 7 a.m; Ati Rudra Mahaa Yagnam; 6 p.m: Lalitha Sahasraanaama archana; 7 p.m:

Discourse on Srimad Bhagavatam by R.Hari.

July 23: 11 a.m: Ati Rudra Poornahuthi; 7 p.m: Discourse on Srimad Bhagavatam by Vishakha Hari

July 24: 7 a.m: Navachandi mahaayagnam; 11 a.m: Ati Rudra Navachandi homam by L.Harihara Sastrigal; 7 p.m :Discourse on Srimad Bhagavatam by Vishakha Harini

July 25: 8.45 a.m to 12.30 p.m: Siva Ashtapathi; 6.p.m to 10.p.m: Divyanaamam and Dolotsavam

July 26: 8.30 a.m: Unjavrithi and Ashtapathi, Sri Meenakshi Sunadreshwarar Thirukalyanam by Udayalur Sri Kalyana Rama Bhagavathar; 12 noon: Annadhaanam; 6 p.m: Sai

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## Tree falls and injures biker in Duraisamy Subway

**By Our Staff Reporter**

A 35-year-old biker escaped with minor injuries after a tree fell on his motorcycle while he was riding along Duraisamy Subway (T. Nagar) at around 4p.m on July 6.

According to a traffic official, when the biker Siviyon Pandian was passing along Duraisamy Subway, a big tree growing on the service lane (adjoining Makkal Marunthgam), got uprooted and fell into the subway.

Pandian fell off the bike and escaped with minor injuries after a thick branch of the uprooted tree fell on his bike.

The impact severely damaged the two-wheeler.

As the fallen tree blocked the way for motorists, traffic was affected for more than 2 hours in the subway.

Personnel from T. Nagar Fire and Rescue Station axed and removed the fallen tree and its remains.



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உண்மைதான். தாம்பத்திய கால வயதை மூன்று பருவங்களாகப் பிரிக்கலாம். கல்யாணம் ஆன புதிதில் தாம்பத்தியத்தின் அன்பில் அவ்வளவு சிரமமில்லை. இளம் வயதின் இளம் நினைவுகள், கவர்ச்சிகரமான தோற்றம், பேச்சு இப்படியெல்லாம் அழகான சூழ்நிலை. அந்த சமயம் ஊடல் ஏற்படுவதெல்லாம் பரஸ்பரம் அன்பு வார்த்தைகள் போதாத காரணம். ஒருவன் கல்யாணம் செய்து கொண்டு தன் மனைவியுடன் ரயில் பிரயாணம் செய்யப் புறப்பட்டானாம். வழக்கம்போல் ஒரு டிக்கெட் மட்டும் வாங்கி இருக்கிறான். மனைவி 'அதற்குள்ளாகவா என்னை மறந்து விட்டீர்கள்?' என்று கேட்டிருக்கிறாள். அவன் 'நன்றாகச் சொன்னாய். உன் நினைவில் என்னையே மறந்துவிட்டு உனக்கு மட்டும் ஒரு டிக்கெட் வாங்கியிருக்கிறேன்' என்று பதில் சொல்லித் தப்பித்துக் கொண்டானாம். விஷயம் சிறியதுதான். அந்தப் பெண்ணுக்கு இவனுடைய தவறை அறியும் சக்தியில்லை. வாழ்வின் அதி காலை, எல்லாமே புதுமை. அனைத்தும் பசுமை, தனக்கு அப்பால் ஓர் உலகம் சூழல்கின்றது என்ற எண்ணமே இல்லாத மோன நிலை. எனவே அந்த நிலையில் சிக்கல் வருவதில்லை.

நடு வயதில்தான் மிகுந்த கஷ்டங்கள் வருகின்றன. வளரும் சூழ்நடைகள், குடும்பத்தை நிர்வகிக்கும் பொறுப்பு, பிறந்த வீடு, புருஷன் வீடு இரண்டுக்கும் நடுவிலுள்ள அப்பிராய தேதங்கள், பண வருவாயில் பற்றாக்குறை, செலவினங்களின் சீற்றம் இப்படிப் பலவிதமான போராட்டங்களுக்கிடையே ஒரு பெண் தன்னுடைய நிலையை கௌரவமாகக் காப்பாற்றிக் கொள்ள வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. அப்பொழுதெல்லாம் பெண் களுக்கு உற்ற தோழி பொறுமைதான். அதற்காக மக்களுக்கும், மற்றவர்களுக்கும் செய்ய வேண்டிய கடமைகளை விட்டுப் பொறுமையாக இருக்க வேண்டுமா? அது மடமையாய்விடும் அல்லவா? ஒருவரையும் அதிகாரத்தால் செல்ல முடியாது; அன்பால் வென்றுவிடலாம்.

ஒரு கல்யாண விஷயம் பேச ஒருவர் வீட்டுக்கு என் சிநேகிதியுடன் போயிருந்தேன். பிள்ளையின் தகப்பனார்



அப்பாவியாக இருந்தார். நாங்கள் சீர் வரிசைகளைப் பற்றிப் பேசும்போதெல்லாம் அவர் மனைவியின் முகத்தைப் பார்த்துக் கொண்டே பட்டியலை ஏற்றிச் சொன்னார். அந்தம்மாள் தம்முடைய கண்களின் வீச்சிலேயே கட்டளைகள் பிறப்பித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார். வெளியில் வந்த பிறகு அவர், 'என் மனைவி அதிகப்படியாகக் கேட்கிறாள். என்ன செய்வது? ஏதோ முன்னே பின்னே அவள் மனம் கோணாமல் செய்துவிடுங்கள்' என்று பணிவாகச் சொன்னார்.

அந்தம்மாள் தனக்குப் பின்னை பிறப்பதற்கு முந்தியே பட்டியல் தயார் செய்துவிட்டார் போலும்! துரதிர்ஷ்டவசமாகக் கணவன் மனைவியிடம் பயப்பட்டு நடந்தாலும் மனத்தின் அடியில் கசப்பு இருக்கத்தான் செய்யும் என்பதை நினைத்து வியந்தேன். அது தேவையில்லை. காரியங்களை சரிவர நடத்த, நமக்கு நடத்திக் கொடுக்க இவருக்குமீடையே அன்பு ஒன்றே போதும். எந்த துஷ்ட சபாவமுள்ள புருஷனும் மனைவியிடம் அன்பு செய்யாமல் இருக்க மாட்டான். எனவே நம்முடைய நிலையில் கஷ்டம் வராது.

பொதுவாகத் தங்களுடைய தாயும், தந்தையும் சண்டையிட்டுக் கொள்வதை எந்தக் குழந்தையுமே விரும்புவதில்லை. அப்படி நேர்ந்தால் வயது ஏற ஏறக் கச்சி பேதங்கள் வீட்டில் புகுந்துவிடுகின்றன. சகிப்புத் தன்மை, விட்டுக்கொடுக்கும் மனப்பான்மை ஆகியவையும் நாம் வளருவதுபோல் வளர்த்துக் கொண்டு வந்தால்தான் தாம்பத்தியம் பூர்த்தியாகும்.

சென்ற வாரம் ஒரு சஷ்டியத்தின்புறத்தில் கல்யாணத்துக்குப் போயிருந்தேன். தம்பதி மணப்பந்தலில் உட்கார்ந்திருந்தார்கள். இந்தக் காலத்து இளம் வயதுக் கல்யாணத் தம்பதியும் மணப்பந்தலில் உட்கார்ந்திருந்தனர். அவர்கள் எவ்வளவோ ஜென்மங்களாகத் தெரிந்து பழகினமாதிரி பேசிச் சிரித்தார்கள். அது போலவே சஷ்டியத்தின்புறத்தில் செய்துகொள்ளும் அந்தக் கல்யாண அம்மாளும் புன்சிரிப்புடன் பேசிக் கொண்டுதான் இருந்தார். ஆனால் இரண்டுவித தம்பதிகளுக்கிடையே அளவற்ற வித்தியாசம். கடமைகளைக் குறைவின்றி ஆற்றிய பெருமீதம் அந்தம்மாள் முகபாவத்தில் இருந்தது.

சஜாதா! அறுபதி வயதானாலும் தாம்பத்தியத்தின் சுவை குன்றாமல் வாழ்வதற்கு முக்கியமாகத் தெரிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டியது கடமை தவறாமல் கணவனுக்குப் பணியாற்ற வேண்டியதுதான். அதில்தான் தாம்பத்தியத்தின் ரகசியமே அடங்கிக் கிடக்கிறது.

## Local kid enters Kingdom World Records Book

By Our Staff Reporter

In recognition of his ability to solve two 100 pieces complex jigsaw puzzle in 15 minutes, 4-year-old Sai Vishwath (41 D Gothi Residency, Sarangapani Street, T Nagar) has become one of the youngest entrants in the Kingdom World Records Book last week.

In August 2024, he got his name entered into India Book of Records for solving a 60 pieces jigsaw puzzle within 13 minutes. He is a UKG student in Padma Seshadri Bala Bhawan School T. Nagar).



## Prashanti Sarees offers up to 30% discount

By Our Staff Reporter

Prashanthi Sarees (11, Srinivasa Road, near Kannadasan Statue, Pandy Bazaar, T. Nagar) is offering up to 30% discount till Sunday, Aug. 16.

The popular saree showroom offers a wide selection of sarees including Kanchipuram silk sarees, Vardhaman-Banarasi silks, curated silk sarees for festive occasions, silk cotton sarees, pure cotton sarees, formal sarees for office wear, ethnic kids wear, lehengas, tussar blouse pieces and a wide collection of ethnic and fashion jewellery.

The shop is open from 10 a.m to 9 p.m on all days. Its contact number is 044-48588555.

Online orders can be placed on <https://www.prashantisarees.com/>

## Tamil play Vandhe Matharam Yenbom to be staged on July 15

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with the birth anniversary of Kalidasa, the patriotic Tamil play 'Vandhe Matharam Yenbom', directed by S. Sruuthi (resident of T. Naga) will be staged at 6.30 p.m on Wednesday, July 15 in Chrompet Cultural Academy (3, Indhira Gandhi Cross Street, Radha Nagar, Chrompet).

The play brings to life the fierce resistance of Tamilnadu's freedom fighters like Velu Nachiyar, Marudhupandi brothers; Veerapandiya Kattabomman and his brother Oomaidurai, V.O. Chidambaram Pillai and Thirupur Kumaran, and the role of revolutionary poet Mahakavi Bharathiyar. Entry is free. All are welcome.

## Jagannath Rath Yatra in Ashok Nagar on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of ISCKON (The International Society for Krishna Consciousness), the 43<sup>rd</sup> year Jagannath Baldev Subhadra Rath Yatra (symbolic to the yatra in Puri Jagannath Temple) will start at 3 p.m on Thursday, July 16 from 9th Avenue (near Govt. Girls High School, Ashok Nagar). The yatra will be flagged off by V. K. Ramkumar (MLA, Anna Nagar).

It will proceed via 6th Avenue, 7th Avenue, Balakrishnan Street Extension, Balakrishnan Street, Srinivasa Pillai Street, Thambaiyah Road, Ramakrishnapuram 3rd Street, Lake View Road, Postal Colony 4th Street, Ram Colony Road, 10th Avenue, Govindan Road and ending at Vetri Krishnan Kalyana Mandapam at 6 p.m.

It will be followed by kirtan, skit on Jagannath avatar, talk by U.V. Ananthapadmanabha Acharya and maha arathi at 7 p.m.

R. Subramanian (Member, ISCKON) told *Mambalam Times* that the procession will be colourful with devotees pulling the rath, singing and dancing to kirtans.

All are welcome.

## Admissions open for special children in BVSN School

Admissions are open at pre-primary, primary and secondary levels for slow learners and children with learning disabilities like dyslexia in BVSN Moorthy Centre for Special Children (27, Thambiah Road, AGS Colony, Ramakrishnapuram, West Mambalam). It follows the NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) curriculum.

Special features include individual attention, life skills training, yoga and meditation, arts and crafts, functional academics, parent counseling and guidance, and more.

For more details, call 044-24850211 between 10 a.m and 3 p.m.

## Conflicting signages confuse motorists at Teynampet junction



To help motorists, traffic police had installed multiple signages at SIET College junction (Anna Salai, Teynampet) due to the traffic diversion introduced a year back towards Cenotaph Road for the construction of the Saidapet-Teynampet elevated corridor.

All vehicles coming from Thousand Lights have to take a diversion of more than 1 km to rejoin Anna Salai, or to travel back towards Thousand Lights.

As the elevated corridor work on the section is almost complete, a month back traffic police allowed U-turn towards Thousand Lights at the junction by fixing a 'Take U-turn' signboard.

As the old 'Compulsory Left' signage has not been removed, and the new signboard is inconspicuous, motorists at the busy junction are getting confused wondering which sign they should follow.

R. Pashupathy (resident of Lake View Road, West Mambalam) said that he had no idea they had introduced a U-turn at the junction, and saw the sign only by accident.

It is difficult and risky to take a sudden U-turn when you are in the middle of traffic," he said

He requests traffic police to remove the unwanted signboards from the junction for the safety of motorists.

## Thirukkural competition for students

By Our Staff Reporter

Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam (the literary wing of Shriram Group) is organising Thirukkural Eloction, Drawing and Essay Contests from Saturday, July 18 to Sunday, August 30 for school and college students across 12 centers in Tamilnadu and Puducherry.

In Chennai, the competitions will be held in CSI Jessie Moses Senior Secondary School (5th Avenue, Anna Nagar) on Saturday, Aug. 29 and in Vels Vidyashram (Pallavaram) on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Application form can be collected in person from Shriram Chits (107, 1st Floor, Usman Road, T. Nagar) or downloaded from [www.shriramchits.com](http://www.shriramchits.com)

The last date for submitting the filled-in application form is July 19. The contest is divided into 3 groups – Juniors (Stds. 6-8), Seniors (Stds. 9 & 12) and Super Seniors (College students).

For more details, call 044 4207 2105 between 10 a.m and 4 p.m or visit the above website.

## Woman inspector arrested for investment scam

Inspector Sheela Mary, who had been suspended from service following complaints of her involvement in an investment fraud of Rs. 8 crores, was arrested by the Economic Offences Wing (Police Training College, Ashok Nagar) on July 7. Her two associates Senthilkumar and Kalpana were arrested two weeks back.

The prime accused, Prabu, ran a private firm named Vinayaga Enterprises in Kodungaiyur.

The firm collected a total of Rs. 8.17 crores from 56 depositors including members of the public, police personnel and their family members by offering investment schemes that promised high returns and the supply of gold coins and residential plots at low prices.

As Prabu failed to return either the principal amounts or the promised returns, he was arrested on June 9.

Probe revealed the involvement of Sheela and her associates Senthilkumar and Kalpana in the scam.

Police said that Prabu marketed the investment scheme through his associates, including Sheela Mary, and sold gold coins procured from a jewellery dealer. The scheme later expanded through referrals, with investors introducing new participants after receiving commissions.

The EOW appealed to investors who had not yet lodged complaints against Vinayaga Enterprises to approach Inspector Naseema of the Economic Offences Wing (Police Training College campus in Ashok Nagar).

Complaints can also be submitted through the EOW's helpline number 1800 599 0050.

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## Leaning light post refixed after report



Before By Our Staff Reporter Now

Following the report 'Street light post leaning on flyover' published in *Mambalam Times* (June 28 - July 4 issue), the 30-foot-tall leaning street light post on G.N.Chetty Road (T. Nagar) flyover was refixed by TNEB workers on July 7.

## Encroachments removed from Railway Border Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Encroachments were removed by officers of Chennai Corporation from Railway Border Street (between Madley Subway Service Road and Ranganathan Street, T. Nagar) on July 7.

It included demolition of unauthorised structures extending into the carriageway and removal of temporary structures erected on the road margin by vegetable vendors and other shops on the stretch.

A JCP machine was deployed in demolishing and removing the debris. A team from Mambalam police station provided security.

## Clay court installed in CD Nayagam School



A new clay court for playing basketball, volleyball and khokho, installed in CD Nayagam Higher Secondary School (Venkatanarayana Road, T.Nagar) at a cost of Rs. 9 lakhs, was inaugurated on July 9.

T.N.Shanmugam (School Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that the funds for laying the court was jointly sponsored by Thara Murali (Philanthropist) and School Kalvipani Trust. He said that the 30 meters long and 70 meters wide court will reduce the risk of injuries while playing.

School alumnus Surya Sekar (a former National Volleyball player), Bhagyalakshmi (National Kho Kho player), Rajeshwari Umopathy (Headmistress) and S. Suresh (PT Master) were present. For more details call, 77080 56516.

## ENT check-up at subsidized rate in PHC

By Our Staff Reporter

Public Health Centre (New No. 174, Old No. 144, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) has been conducting a special ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) check-up camp since July 1 in its premises.

It will conclude on July 30.

The check-up is done from 2.30 p.m to 4 p.m on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 11 a.m to 12 noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The consultation fee is Rs. 100.

Those suffering from chronic migraine, frequent ear pain and blocks, pus or water in ears, tinnitus/itching in ears, frequent nasal block or sneezing, and snoring can benefit from the check-up.

Prior registration is mandatory.

To register, call 044-24893101 or 78450 73773.

## Exposed light fittings pose danger in bus stand



By Our Staff Reporter

Tubelight fittings with live connections are lying exposed in the wide space provided for fixing advertisement boards in the MTC bus stop on Thambiah Road (West Mambalam). The live connections pose danger of electrocution to unwary passengers waiting at the bus stop. This photo was taken on July 9.

## Baking class from women from July 18

By Our Staff Reporter

Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (South West Boag Road, T. Nagar) will conduct a course on Baking from Saturday, July 18 in its premises.

It is free for widows, single parents and SC/ST candidates.

P. Maruthi (Secretary) has appealed to readers of *Mambalam Times* to refer deserving women to join the course. His contact number is 91766 24283.

## Free Veda classes

Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam conducts free Veda classes in Dr. Dorairaj Sadan, 12, Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar.

It is open to all age groups.

The classes will be conducted by Vedic scholars.

For more details, call 98400 15908.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Commuters seek clarity on fares, free travel benefits

Sir, Tamilnadu Government's decision to induct only air-conditioned electric buses in future fleet additions has raised concerns among passengers, as they seek clarity on fares and the future of free and concessional travel if ordinary buses are gradually phased out.

As per reports, State transport corporations are expected to add around 2,000 such buses to their fleet.

While the prospect of more comfortable travel is good, the question is about the risk of losing on benefits like free travel and concession schemes if the non-AC buses are phased out as women, students with free bus passes and senior citizens having free bus tokens are not eligible to travel on air-conditioned buses. **V. Rama Rao, resident of T. Nagar and President of Federation of Senior Citizen Associations of Tamilnadu,**

### Pavement encroached outside TTD temple



Sir, The pavement outside TTD temple (Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) is encroached.

A pandal has been erected and the pavement has been converted into an enclosed parking space for two-wheelers.

A number of devotees visiting the temple have complained about theft of footwear as there is no security at the entrance.

I request TTD administration to setup a secure token-based system to prevent theft of footwear and to Chennai Corporation to remove encroachments from the pavement outside the temple. **N. Natarajan, T. Nagar**

## Brahmin Mahasabha holds meet, felicitates its members



*By Our Staff Reporter*

In connection with the upcoming local body elections, The All-India Brahmin Mahasabha (ABBM, West Mambalam) held a meeting in Hotel Matsya (T. Nagar) last week.

Ravishankar (State President) and Pammal Srinivasan (All-India General Secretary) spoke.

The Mahasabha felicitated Uma Anandan (Councillor, Ward 134, West Mambalam) for her continued efforts in resolving civic and other issues related to her ward, and its members Anusha, Revathi, Bhaktisaran, Krishnaswamy Iyengar and Santhana Gopalakrishnan for their major roles in various activities of the Sabha.

Ravishankar said that the core focus of the meeting was the demand for political inclusivity in the upcoming local body elections.

A resolution was passed urging all political parties to allocate tickets also to brahmin candidates for the positions of Mayor, Zonal Chairman, Councillor, Municipal Chairperson, as well as Town Panchayat and Village Panchayat President roles.

He said that a delegation will soon meet with leaders of major political parties to submit a memorandum requesting fair representation for the community in the electoral process. For more details call, 98403 31427.

## Online quiz contest for school students on Aug. 9

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) will conduct an online quiz competition on 'Inspiring Stories from Epics and Puranas' for school students on August 9. The last date for registration is Friday, July 17. It will be held for three age groups 6-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-16 years.

The registration fee is Rs. 99. The study material for the quiz will be dispatched to the registered students on July 21.

Top twenty winners from the online contest will compete in the finals to be held at ISKCON Temple (Akkarai, ECR) on Aug. 23. Attractive prizes will be awarded to top three contestants from each age group. To register, visit the website <https://bpss.fun/quiz-competition/>.

## Apollo Hospital launches multi-cancer detection test

Apollo Cancer Centre (Teynampet) on July 3 launched India's first blood-based multi-cancer detection test by introducing Guardant Health's Shield Multi-Cancer Detection (MCD) test through a partnership with Zydus Lifesciences.

It makes Apollo the first healthcare institution in the country to provide access to the blood-based screening test, which is designed to detect cancer-associated signals across multiple cancer types in individuals aged 45 years and above who are at average risk.

The Shield MCD test can detect cancers of the bladder, breast, colorectal region, oesophagus, stomach, liver, lung, ovary, pancreas and prostate from a single blood sample.

Dr. Harit K. Chaturvedi (Head, Clinical Oncology) said that early detection remains one of the most effective ways to improve cancer outcomes, and the technology will support earlier clinical evaluation by identifying cancer-associated signals through a single blood draw.

## Encroachments reappear within a day of eviction in Pondy Bazaar

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Less than 24 hours after Chennai Corporation cleared encroachments at night from Pedestrians Plaza (Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar) on July 4, encroachments reappeared by noon the next day.

By the evening, vendors had reclaimed the stretch and vehicles were once again parked across the pedestrian zone.

Other than encroachment by hawkers, shops too are misusing the pavement by displaying their wares or extending the shop into the pavement.

A senior official said that nearly 80 encroachments and offending structures were removed at night on July 4.

But the next day it was the same story of encroachments, inconveniencing shoppers.

Though the plaza has been designed as a pedestrian-only space for shoppers, over the years, the pavements have turned into illegal vending zones. Despite the presence of a multilevel parking lot close-by, shoppers continue to prefer on street parking in Pondy Bazaar in a haphazard manner, inconveniencing other motorists and pedestrians.



## Motivational session held for underprivileged students



*By Our Staff Reporter*

Inner Wheels of Chennai Sakhi, Chennai Gemini and Chennai Stars jointly organised motivational sessions for underprivileged students undergoing coaching in Kalpavruksha Free Tuition Centre (3, S.V. Nagarathinammal Street, West Mambalam) on June 28.

K. Sharani (Nutritionist and Yoga therapist) demonstrated Yogasanas and spoke on healthy food habits. R. Porkodi (Writer) gave a motivation talk.

The program was coordinated by Vaishnavi Shankar (President of Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Sakhi). The tuition centre run by Raghunathan Ramarao conducts free tuition and computer classes for underprivileged students.

Classes are held daily from 6 a.m to 7 a.m and from 5.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m.

For more details, call 63829 56455

## Daily footfall in Amma canteens crosses 1 lakh

*By Our Staff Reporter*

The number of people dining at Amma Canteens across the city has increased to 1.04 lakhs a day, up from around 70,000, following efforts to improve infrastructure and food quality.

There are 383 Amma Canteens, including eight in the neighbourhood, functioning under Chennai Corporation.

In the last 3 years, the patronage started to fall as food quality deteriorated, reducing the daily footfall to below 70,000. An official said that since the last two months, as per the directive of the new government, the infrastructure and the quality of food served in the canteen is being improved through regular monitoring by the local officials,



## Man murdered by friend over a drunken brawl

A 65-year-old man from Jafferkanpet was stabbed to death by his same aged friend after a drunken brawl in Virugambakkam at night on July 4. Police said that the deceased and accused were long-time friends. The deceased was identified as Karunakaran (65), who worked as a construction labourer. The accused, identified as Rajendran (65), runs a roadside eatery.

Police said that when Karunakaran and Rajendran were drinking together near a TASMAL outlet, an argument broke out between them. During the altercation, Karunakaran slapped Rajendran. Enraged, Rajendran stabbed Karunakaran with a knife in his chest and escaped from the spot. Passersby took Karunakaran to a nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead. Police moved his body to Royapettah Government Hospital for postmortem.

Based on a complaint, Rajendran was arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

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**Abandoned SUV blocks carriageway**



*By Our Staff Reporter*

A SUV in dusty condition and with deflated tyres, is seen parked on the road margin on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (near Manoj Bhawan Hotel, Ashok Nagar).

A nearby resident said that the vehicle has been parked at the spot for over 3 months. As it blocks the carriageway, he appeals to traffic police to remove it from the spot.

This photo was taken on July 9.

**Disruption in suburban rail leaves thousands stranded**

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Thousands of passengers, dependent on suburban trains on the Tambaram-Chennai Beach stretch (including West Mambalam) were stranded and forced to look for alternative transport options as Southern Railway, without prior announcement, on July 4 cancelled 41 trains from 10.30 a.m to 3.30 p.m owing to track inspection and improvement works.

Many outsiders who shopped in T. Nagar, being a Sunday, were severely affected as there was no train for 5 hours at West Mambalam station.

Due to the high demand, call taxi and auto fares shot up by almost 30%, forcing many shoppers to pay a high fare to reach their homes.

Though MTC added 50 more buses to meet the demand, they were overcrowded with many forced to travel on footboards, thereby risking their lives.

T. Nagar bus stand was crowded with passengers waiting to board a bus to their destination.

**Intricate surgery saves patient suffering from multiple cancers**

A team of surgeons lead by Dr. Dhalapathy Sadacharan (resident of T. Nagar and Chief Endocrinologist, Government General Hospital, Poonamalle High Road, Park Town, Chennai) on July 4 saved a 30-year-old male patient suffering from a rare inherited tumour syndrome and advanced renal cancer in a high-risk one-stage surgery.

The patient was initially treated at JIPMER (Pondicherry) before being referred to Government General Hospital.

Dr. Dhalapathy said that he was admitted with multiple complications including severe headaches, palpitations, hypertension and very high blood pressure. Tests revealed that he had five tumours including a locally advanced tumour in the kidney. With his condition deteriorating and with no other option, a high-risk single-stage surgery was performed successfully to save his life. He has recovered well and is expected to be discharged within 10 days.

The entire treatment including the surgery which could have cost Rs. 35 lakhs in a private hospital, was done for free as it was covered under the CM's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.

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**Three held for selling gutka**

Bharathidasan (59), Mani (48) and Dinesh (34) (residents of Saidapet) were arrested on charge of selling gutkha from an autorickshaw in United India Colony 3rd Cross Street (Kodambakkam) on July 4.

25.35 kg of gutka was seized from them.

Inquiry revealed that the gang and its associates procured gutkha from Bengaluru and sold it to dealers in the city.

They were remanded in judicial custody.

**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, July 11 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome. More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

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## Sudden showers catch shoppers unaware



By Our Staff Reporter

At around 6 p.m on July 8, sudden showers for around an hour caught shoppers unaware in T. Nagar as they rushed for cover into nearby shops while some enjoyed the rain getting wet. Photo shows two young girls enjoying the rain in Pondy Bazaar. Photo shows pedestrians taking cover outside a shop in Pondy Bazaar

## Exposed rubber strip poses danger on Usman Road flyover



By Our Staff Reporter

A thick rubber strip used to fill and level one of the expansion joints on Usman Road flyover (T.Nagar) has dislodged partially and is above the road level. It poses danger to 2-wheeler riders. This photo was taken on July 9.

## Flute concert in Sangeetha Vidhyalayam on Wednesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Sadguru Sangeetha Vidhyalayam (16/64, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) R.Athulkumar will present a flute concert at 6.30 p.m on Wednesday, July 15 in the Vidhyalayam's premises.

He will be accompanied by P.G. Sivani on the violin and B.Ganapathy Raman on the mridangam.

All are welcome.

For more details call, 94446 22111.

## Public Health Department offers 2-year Midwifery course

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation invites applications from women candidates for admission to its 2-year Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) training course for the 2026-27 academic year.

The course, conducted by the Public Health Department, will be held at the Communicable Diseases Hospital (Tondiarpet).

Preference will be given to legal heirs of Corporation employees and students who passed out from Corporation schools or government-aided schools.

The minimum qualification is Std. 12 pass.

An official of the Public Health Department said that admissions will be made strictly on merit and in accordance with the Tamilnadu Government's communal reservation policy.

Application forms for Rs. 50 can be collected in person between 10 a.m and 4 p.m

till Monday, July 20 from Communicable Diseases Hospital (Tondiarpet).

The last date for submitting the completed application forms is Friday, July 24.

## OBITUARY



### J.V.S. SATHISH

Aged 50, S/o Late Sri Sankaran, attained the heavenly abode on 07.07.2026. A noted noble soul and a dedicated activist of Sanatana Dharma, he served as a frontline volunteer of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Kanchipuram. He was also a well-known spiritual activist from West Mambalam. On behalf of all, we pray that his soul may attain the lotus feet of Parameshwara. Om Shanti. Ram Ram Ram.

Rituals will be held at Gnanavapi (Muthurangan Salai, T.Nagar) on 16.07.2026, Thursday at 8:00 AM

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