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HC orders eviction of encroachments from temple land
By Our Staff Reporter

Madras High Court on Sept. 3 passed orders granting four days' time to HR & CE Department (Tamilnadu Government) for clearing of encroachments around Sri Bashyakara Adi Chenna Kesava Perumal Temple (West Mambalam).

A division bench of justices G. Jayachandran and E. Manoharan passed the orders on a petition filed by C. Janarthanan (resident of West Mambalam).

The petitioner had sought eviction of the encroachments and utilisation of the land for the purposes of the devotees.

"We direct the respondents to evict all the encroachers on or before September 7 and report before the court on September 8," the bench said in its order.

It directed the Chennai Police Commissioner to provide adequate protection, if required.

The judges refused to accept the status report filed by the Executive Officer of the temple that the persons, who have been in occupation of the temple property, have paid part of the dues, and that the Department has decided to reverse its decision to evict them.

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(ரசிகமணி டி.கே. சிதம்பரநாத முதலியாருடைய திருநெல்வேலி இல்லத்தில் தமிழ் இலக்கிய அன்பர்கள் அடிக்கடி கூடி அளவளாவும் பிரசித்தி பெற்ற 'வட்டத் தொட்டி'யில் பங்கு கொண்டவர்கள் பேராசிரியர் அ. சீனிவாசராகவன், மீ.ப. சோமு, நீதிபதி எஸ். மகராஜன், ரா.பி. சேதுப்பிள்ளை, எஸ். வையாபுரிப்பிள்ளை, கி. ராஜநாராயணன், சுந்தர ராமசாமி, ராமய்யங்கார், அவ்வப்பொழுது ராஜாஜி, கல்கி முதலியோர்.)

தன்னிலையோடு நண்பர் ராமய்யங்கார் இருந்த காலத்தில் திடீரென்று ஒருநாள் இடைசெவலுக்கு வந்தார்.

குடுமி வைத்துப் பட்டத்தார் கட்டிக்கொண்டு, நீளமான காஞ்சிபுர அங்கவஸ்திரம் போட்டுக்கொண்டு, திருமண் இட்டுக்கொண்டு படு அட்டகாசமாய் என் வீட்டுக்கு வந்தார்.

'என்னா ஓய்!' என்று ஆச்சரியத்தோடு நிமிர்ந்து பார்த்தேன்.

இப்படியான சமயங்களில் அவருக்கே உரித்தான ஒரு வெள்ளை வெடிச்சிரிப்பை வெளியிடுவார். அது நம்மையும் தொற்றிக் கொள்ளும். நமது சிரிப்பு அவர் சிரிப்போடு இணைந்து 'கம்பெனி' கொடுக்கும்.

'உட்காரும், உட்காரும். ம்.... என்ன சாப்பிடுகிறீர்; மோர்?'

'ஆஹா, படு பேஷாய் கொண்டு வரச் சொல்லும். காயமெல்லாம் போட்டு.'

வீட்டு மோர் என்றால் யாருக்குத்தான் பிடிக்காது? செம்போடு குடித்தார். சாப்பிட்ட மோரின் ருசியை அனுபவித்து இன்னொரு வகையான சிரிப்பு.

'என்ன ஓய் இது. குடுமி, திருமண் எல்லாம் புதுசாக?'

'இப்ப நான் பார்க்கிற தொழிலுக்கு வேண்டியிருக்கே இதெல்லாம்.'

'அப்படி என்ன தொழில் புதுசாக?'

'கோயில் பட்டர்.'

இப்பவும் கோயில் பட்டர்கள் குடுமிதான் வைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா? நினைத்துப் பார்த்தேன்.

குடுமி போய் உலகெல்லாம் கிராப் வந்துவிட்டதே. சரிதான், ஒவ்வொரு தொழிலுக்கும் ஒரு 'யூனிபார்ம்' என்று இருக்கத்தான் செய்கிறது. சரிதான் என்று நினைத்துக் கொண்டேன்.

அம்பாசமுத்திரத்துக்குப் பக்கத்திலுள்ள மன்னார்கோயில் ஊர்தான் ராமய்யங்காருக்கு. ரசிகமணி டி.கேசி அவர்கள் மூலமாகத்தான் இவரை எனக்குப் பழக்கம். அந்தப் 'பல்கலைக்கழக'த்தின் மாணவர்கள் நாங்கள். அதனால் 'ஒருகிளை' ஆகிவிட்டோம்.

பிழைப்பு நிமித்தமாக ஊர்விட்டு ஊர் போகவேண்டியது ஏற்பட்டுவிட்டது. சோழர் தேசத்தில் (தஞ்சை மாவட்டம்) ஒரு குக்கிராமம். அங்கே ஒரு கோயில். நிலம், நீச்செல்லாம் உண்டு. ஒரு பண்ணையார்தான் தர்மகர்த்தா. அந்தக் கோயில் பூசாரிக்குத்தான் ஆள் தேடிக்கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். அந்த வேலைக்கு ஆள் கிடைக்கிறது கஷ்டம். வந்தாலும் நிலைத்து நிற்க மாட்டேன் என்கிறார்கள். அதுக்குப் பல காரணம்; இப்போது நமக்கு அது தேவையில்லாத விஷயம். நீங்களே யூகித்துப் பார்க்கலாம்.

அந்த ஊருக்கு ராமய்யங்கார் கோயில் பட்டராகப் போய்ச் சேர்ந்தார். குடியிருக்க ஒரு வீடு; கார் ஷெட்டைவிடக் கொஞ்சம் பெரியது. உயரமாக ஒரு சுவரில் ஒட்டி இறக்கப்பட்ட தாழ்வாரம்தான் அது. கோயிலுக்குள் வந்ததா நல்ல தண்ணீர் கிணறு. எவ்வளவு வேண்டுமானாலும் சேந்தி சேந்திப் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ளலாம். வருஷத்துக்கு ஐந்து கோட்டை நெல் கூலியாக. தட்டில் விழும் சில்லரைகள் பட்டருக்குத்தான். இப்படி ஒரு அமோக வாழ்வு கிடைத்திருக்கிறது பட்டர்பிரான் ராமய்யங்காருக்கு.

இப்படி இருக்கிறபொழுது ஒருநாள்:

கோயில் திண்ணையில் தர்மகர்த்தா உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டிருந்தார், பொழுது நகராமல். அப்போது கோயில் முன்னால் வந்து பளபளப்பான பெரிய கார் வந்து நின்றது. காரின் முன் கதவு திறந்தது. அதிலிருந்து ஒரு டவாலிச் சேவகன் இறங்கிக் கோவிலைப் பார்த்து வந்தான். வழக்கமான தாலுகாபீஸ் சேவகன்போல அல்லாமல் பளிச்சென்று ஒரு வித்தியாசம் தெரிந்திருந்தது. அவன் அணிந்திருந்த டவாலியில் உள்ள பித்தளை வட்டில் 'மெட்ராஸ் ஹைகோர்ட்' என்றிருந்தது. தர்மகர்த்தாவுக்கு ஆங்கிலம் படிக்கத் தெரியும்.

திண்ணையில் ஓய்ந்தாரமாகச் சாய்ந்து கொண்டிருந்த தர்மகர்த்தா பசக்கென்று இறங்கி, சேவகனை எதிர்கொண்டு, யார் வந்திருக்கிறது என்று விசாரித்தார்.

காருக்குள் வீற்றிருப்பது நீதிபதி எஸ்.மகராஜன் என்று கேட்டுத் தெரிந்து கொண்டார் அவனிடமிருந்து.

'ராமய்யங்கார் இருக்கிறார்களா?' முதலில் குழம்பிப் போனார் தர்மகர்த்தா.

'கோயிலில் பூஜை பண்ணுகிறவர்?'

தர்மகர்த்தா காரைப் பார்த்து ஓடினார். பெரிய கும்பிடு போட்டார் நீதிபதிக்கு. இறங்கிக் கோயிலுக்குள் வரும்படி கேட்டுக் கொண்டார். மகாராஜனுக்கு முதலில் தெரிய வேண்டியது: 'ராமய்யங்கார் இருக்கிறார்களா?'

'இருக்கிறார்.'

'கோயிலுக்குள் இருக்காரா?'

'வீட்டில் இருக்கார்.'

'வீடு எங்கே இருக்கு?'

'நீங்க முதலே கோயிலே வந்து உட்காருங்க. நான் அவரை வரச்சொல்றேன். நான்தான் கோயில் தர்மகர்த்தா, வாங்க. அவரை வரச் சொல்றேன்.'

'அது சரியில்லை. அவர் இருக்கிற இடத்திலே நான் போய்ப் பார்க்கணும்.'

நீதிபதியின் பேச்சுக்கு மறுபேச்சுப் பேச முடியாது. அப்பதான் தெரிஞ்சது தர்மகர்த்தாவுக்கு; யாரை இருக்கும் இந்த ராமய்யங்கார் என்று.

கார் புறப்பட ஆரம்பித்ததும் வழிகாட்ட முன்னால் நடையும் ஓட்டமுமாக தர்மகர்த்தா வந்தார். கார் போய் ராமய்யங்காரின் குடிசையின்முன் நின்றது. நீதிபதி மகராஜன் இறங்கி அந்தக் குடிசையினுள் குனிந்து ராமய்யங்காரின் பெயரைச் சொல்லிக் கொண்டு உள்ளே நுழைந்தார்.

ராமய்யங்காரின் அதே வெள்ளைச் சிரிப்புச் சத்தமே வெளியே கேட்கிறது.

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Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvanananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 6 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

நீதிபதி மகாராஜன் போனபிறகு மறுநாள்: ராமய்யங்காரைக் கூப்பிட்டு அனுப்பினார் தர்மகர்த்தா. போனார். தெருவிலேயே பெரிய வீடு. தெருவை அடைத்த வேனல் பந்தல். சதா வீட்டின் முன்னால் நாலு பேர்கள் கைகட்டிக் கொண்டு நிற்பார்கள். மிராசின் உத்தரவுக்குக் காத்துக்கொண்டு.

உயரமான திண்ணையில் சாய்வு நாற்காலியில் உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டு எதிரே நிற்பவரிடம் பேசிக் கொண்டிருந்தார். பேச்சின் சத்தம் எப்போதும் உரத்துத்தான் ஒலிக்கும்.

ராமய்யங்கார் தெருவில் நின்றார். கூப்பிட்டாத்தான் படி ஏறணும். வீட்டை ஒட்டித் தெருவில் நின்றால் அண்ணாந்து தான் பார்க்கணும். காத்துக்கொண்டே இருந்தார். தற்செயலாக முகம் திரும்பிப் பார்ப்பதைப் போலப் பார்த்தார் தர்மகர்த்தா.

ஒரு கும்பிடு ராமய்யங்காரிடமிருந்து. பதிலுக்கு ஒரு தலை அசைப்பு தர்மகர்த்தாவிடமிருந்து.

ஒரு உத்தரவு போலச் சொன்னார். 'நீர் கோயில் கைங்கரியம் செய்து போதும்; ஊர் போய்ச் சேரும்.'

திகைப்பு ராமய்யங்காருக்கு.

என்ன குத்தம் செய்தோம்? 'என்ன திடீரென்று! பணிவோடு கேட்டார். 'என்ன இப்படி உத்தரவாகும்?'

'அது அப்படித்தான்' என்று மட்டுமே பதில் வந்தது. ரொம்ப நேரம் நின்று கொண்டிருந்தார் ராமய்யங்கார்.

சரி, தெரிந்து கொள்ளாமல் நகரமாட்டார் என்று நினைத்து, 'இந்த மாதிரி ஹைகோர்ட் ஜட்ஜுகளெல்லாம் வீடு தேடி வருகிற மனுசர்களை வைத்து வேலை வாங்க முடியாது என்னால். இடத்தைக் காலி பண்ணும்.'

இடைசெவலுக்கு அடுத்த முறை ராமய்யங்கார் வந்தபோது அவர் தலையில் குடுமி போய் கிராப் இருந்தது.

Legend Saravana to open city's biggest retail store

By Our Staff Reporter

The New Saravana Stores led by Saravanan Arul is planning a 15 lakhs sq. ft. retail behemoth on Radial Road, the biggest single retail outlet in Chennai.

The project, with the property valued at around Rs 1,500 crore at Rs 10,000 per sq ft, will be the fourth outlet of the Rs 2,500-crore Legend group.

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Music concerts in Srinivasa Street from Sept.10

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Vinayaka Chaturthi, music programs will be held from Sept. 10 to 14 on Srinivasa Street, adjacent to Vallabha Maha Ganapathi Temple (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

There will be Annadhaanam at 7 p.m daily.

The following are the program details:

Sept 10: 5 p.m: Mandolin concert by Nidhi Vijay and Devi Vijay; 6 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Madhuvanthi Atherya and party; 7.30 p.m: Comedy pattimandram headed by poet M. Ramalingam.

Sept.11: 4 p.m: Vocal concert by sisters Nithyasri and Subhasri; 5 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Gandhi mathi Santhanam and party; 6 p.m: Devotional concert by Akshay Pattabi

raman and her disciples M. Bhajans by Vidhushi and his disciples; 5 p.m: Group bharatanatyam concert by students of Nrithyapriya Academy of Arts; 5.30 p.m: Bharatanatyam recital by Bhuvaneshwari; 6 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Gayathri Mahesh; 9 p.m: Procession of presiding deity.

Sept.12: 4 p.m: Music concert by students of Nrithyapriya Academy of Arts; 5 p.m: Devotional concert by Lalitha Swaralaya; 6 p.m: Mridangam concert by Arjun Ganesh and his disciples; 7.30 p.m: Discourse by Mangaiyar karasi; 9 p.m: by Subramaniam Odhuvar

Hundreds participate in ISKCON's Janmashtami celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees participated in the Janmashtami celebrations organised by ISKCON at Krishnaswamy Kalyanam Mandapam (T. Nagar) on Sept.4.

Special alangaaram and abhishekam were performed to Lord Krishna, followed by bhajans, skit, discourses and aarathi.

ISKCON conducts Satsang on Saturdays from 5.30 p.m to 8 p.m in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, (Sundaram Street, T. Nagar).

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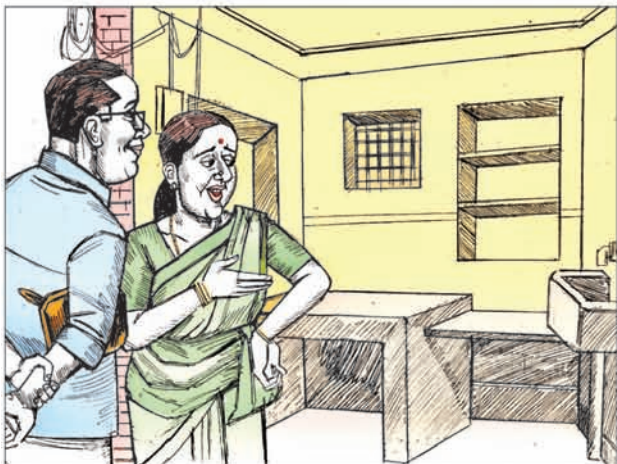
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சொந்தமாக வீடு ஒன்று கட்டுவது அவசியமா என்பது ஒரு கேள்வி. வசதியுள்ளவர்களுக்கு அவசியம்தான். பறவைகள் எல்லாம் ஒரு கூடு கட்டிக் கொள்ளும்போது நமக்கு மட்டும் வீடு அவசியம் இல்லையா?

வீடு கட்டுவது லாகிரி போன்றதுதான். நாம் எவ்வளவு ரூபாயில் கட்டுவது என்று தீர்மானிக்கிறோமோ அநேகமாக அதைவிட அதிகமாகத்தான் செலவு ஆகும். எனக்குத் தெரிந்த ஒரு பெரியவர் வீடு கட்டினார். அவருடைய ஒரே பிள்ளையும் வெளியூரில் இருந்தான். ஆனால் அவர் வீட்டுக்கு யார் வந்தாலும் புதிதாக ஓர் அறையோ, தாழ்வாரமோ கட்டுவதைப் பற்றித்தான் பேசுவார். வீடு கட்டும் ஆசையில் தன் சிறிய குடும்பத்துக்கு எவ்வளவு இடம் தேவை என்று அவரால் நிர்ணயிக்க முடியவில்லை.

வீடு கட்டும் விஷயத்தில் நம் வீட்டுப் புருஷர்களின் மனப் பான்மை விநோதமானது. வீட்டுக்கு வந்தவர்கள் உட்காருவதற்கு அழகான கூடம் அமைப்பார்கள். பிள்ளைகள் படிப்பதற்கென்று அறைகள் கட்டுவார்கள். வீட்டை அழகு படுத்த எவ்வளவோ செலவு செய்வார்கள். ஆனால் சமையல் அறை கட்டும்போது மாத்திரம் அவர்களுடைய மனப்பான்மை குறுகிப்போய்விடும். சமையலறையை சின்னதாகக் காற்றோட்டமும், வெளிச்சமும் குறைவானதாகக் கட்டுவார்கள்.

அதுவரை ஆன செலவுக்கு சிக்கனம் செய்ய சமையல் அறையும், குளியல் அறையும் தான் அவர்களிடம் அகப்பட்டுக் கொள்ளும். ஓரடி, இரண்டடி வித்தியாசத்தில் அபிப்பிராய பேதம் ஏற்படும். ஒரு வீட்டுக்கு மற்ற எல்லா பாகங்களையும் விட சமையல் அறை மிகவும் முக்கியமானது அல்லவா? அங்கே நல்ல காற்றோட்டம் சமைப்பவர்களின் செளகரியத்துக்கும், சுகாதாரத்துக்கும் அவசியமாகிறது.



சமீபத்தில் ஒரு சகோதரி அழகான புது வீடு கட்டியிருக்கிறார். சமையல் அறையை நன்றாக கவனித்து அமைத்திருக்கிறார். மிகவும் வசதியாக இருக்கும். அவர்கள் சமையல் அறையைப் பார்க்க மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருக்கிறது.

புதிதாக வீட்டைக் கட்டிவிட்டால் மட்டும் மனம் நிரம்பி விடுவதில்லை. அதற்குத் தகுந்த பொருள்களாக சேகரித்து அலங்காரம் செய்வதை முக்கியமாகவே நினைக்கின்றோம்.

ஒரு வீட்டில் முன் கூடத்தில் இடமின்றி பொம்மைகள், மான் கொம்பு, பூத்தொட்டி எல்லாம் நிரப்பி வைத்திருந்தார்கள். இவை அவ்வளவையும் எடுத்துத் துடைத்து வைப்பது பெரிய வேலையாக இருக்கிறதென்று அந்த அம்மாள் பெருமைப்பட்டுக் கொண்டார். இது வேண்டாத வேலையல்லவா?

தில்லியில் எப்படியோ? இங்கே சென்னையில் வீட்டின் அலங்காரப் பொருள்களில் கண்ணாடிப் பெட்டிகளில் மீன் குட்டிகள் வைப்பது என்று ஒரு புது வழக்கம் இருக்கிறது. பெரிய வீடுகளில் மட்டுமல்ல. ஒரு சின்ன டீக் கடையில் கூடக் கண்ணாடி டம்ளர்களிலாவது சின்ன மீன் குஞ்சுகளைப் போட்டு வைக்கிறார்கள். அவை சூரிய வெளிச்சத்தில் குளத்திலும், நதியிலும் குதித்துக் கொண்டு ஆனந்தமாக இருக்குமே. அப்படியிருக்க அவற்றை நாம் காப்பாற்றுவதாக அர்த்தமா? அந்தப் பெட்டியில் பெரிய மீன்கள் சின்னக் குஞ்சுகளை ஆகாரம் போதாமல் தின்றுவிடுவதைக் கண்டு ஏங்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இது வீட்டுக்கு அலங்காரமா?

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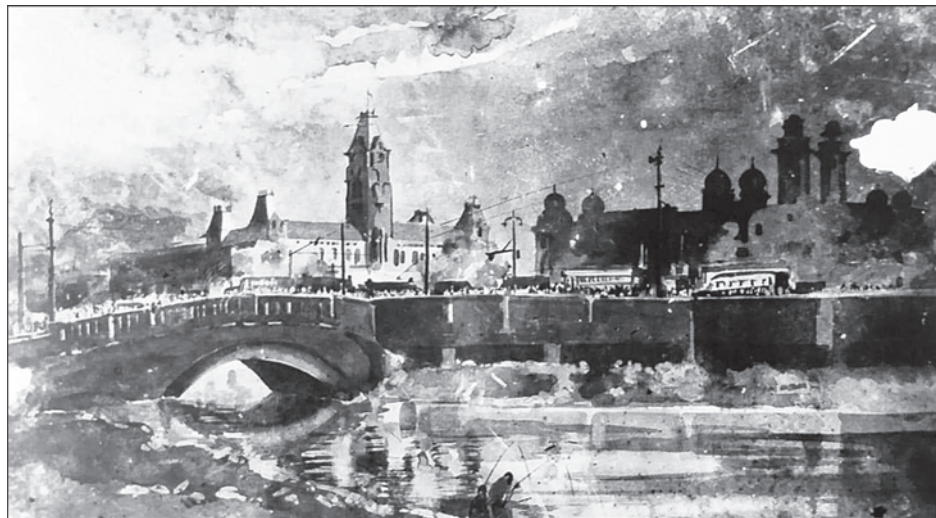
Annual Day held in Bala Mandir School



By Our Staff Reporter

Bala Mandir Group of Schools (T. Nagar) celebrated Annual Day on Aug. 30 in Bengal Association (T. Nagar). Students presented cultural shows. Prizes were awarded to students in recognition of their achievements in academics and sports during the academic year. Balaji Sampath (Founder, Aid India) was the Chief Guest. For more details, contact N. Balasubramaniam in 98403 10502.

Remembering father's legacy



By Our Staff Reporter

While Madras Day was celebrated across the city last month, K. Srichandar (a resident of West Mambalam) reminisced his father late R. Krishna Rao's legacy.

Krishna Rao was a renowned artist from the city, and had designed the emblem for the state of Tamilnadu in 1948, a testament to his artistic stature and civic contribution.

Srichandar said that many of his father's paintings and sketches of landmark and heritage places of Chennai are still on display during Madras Day celebrations every year.

He said that the on-the-spot painting of Central Railway Station made by his father in 1943, while sitting on the west bank of Buckingham Canal, had made him famous.

At that time, he was not even a full-time artist and had drawn it out of passion. It motivated him to take to painting full-time, and he also completed a full-time course from Government Arts College under the guidance of K.C.S Paniker (a legendary figure and towering personality in the field of modern art in India).

After the retirement of Paniker in 1968, Krishna Rao became the Principal of Government School of Arts and Crafts and converted the Diploma in Arts course to a full 4-year Degree Course.

He had also held the post of Director of the Department of Arts at Kalakshetra.

He was a recipient of numerous awards from organisations in India and abroad.

Bollards damaged on G.N. Chetty Road flyover

By Our Staff Reporter

A number of reflective plastic bollards, installed as dividers on G. N. Chetty flyover, are in damaged condition.



Some of them have broken off and lying on the road.

They pose danger to motorists at night due to poor visibility. Due to space between the damaged bollards, bikers are either taking U-turn or driving on the wrong side of the road, thereby risking their lives and posing danger to other motorists.

Traffic police must take immediate steps to replace the damaged bollards.

This is photo was taken on Sept.4

Fingerprint helps arrest burglar within 48 hours

By Our Staff Reporter

A burglar, who took several precautions to conceal his identity, including covering his face and damaging the lights, was identified and arrested within 48 hours after police recovered his fingerprint from children's clothes at the crime scene in Ashok Nagar.

The burglar was identified as Suresh (49).

At night on Sept. 1, he had burgled 30 sovereigns of jewellery and Rs. 1 lakh in from the locked house of R. Basker in Ashok Nagar, when the family was away.

When Basker returned, he found the front door lock broken and the house burgled.

Based on his complaint, police could not identify the burglar from the CCTV footage as he had covered his face and damaged the exterior lights before breaking into the house.

But, while searching for valuables in an almirah, he left behind his fingerprints on some of the children's clothes in the almirah.

It helped police identify the burglar as Suresh by matching the fingerprint with the criminal database.

Police said that Suresh is a habitual criminal and more than 30 criminal cases, including burglary cases are pending against him.

Satsang on Saturdays in Balaji Kalyana

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.

Principals felicitated on Teachers Day



By Our Staff Reporter

In appreciation of their contribution in the field of school education, headmistresses of four government schools were felicitated by Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) during the Teachers Day celebrations held on Sept. 3. Dr. M. S. Shanmugam, IAS (Retd.), S. Mathavan (Senior Associate, Tamilnadu Skill Development Corporation) and P. Maruthi (Secretary, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya) were present.

S. Sharadha (Headmistress, Ramakrishna Mission Higher Secondary School, T. Nagar), S. Anandeeshwari (Headmistress, Government Higher Secondary School, Kannagi Nagar), K. Anjugam (Headmistress, Government Model Higher Secondary School, Nandanam), and V. Kannapiran (Secondary Grade Teacher, Chennai Higher Secondary School, MGR Nagar) were felicitated. For more detail, call 91766 24283

Kesari School students win "Inspire Manak" award

By Our Staff Reporter

The science projects 'Flood Detection System' and 'Self-Driven Vehicle' built by Vaishnavi Gupta and Jakku Dinesh (students of Kesari Higher Secondary School, T. Nagar) were selected for the 'Inspire Manak' award in the competition conducted by Department of Science and Technology (Government of India).



Nagula Gopalaiah (Headmistress) told *Mambalam Times* that the award carried a scholarship that have been awarded to the students.

She said that the students were guided by senior Science teachers Sarada and Shakthivel.

Stray cattle nuisance continues unabated

By Our Staff Reporter

Stray cattle problem continues unabated on arterial and main road in T. Nagar, West Mambalam and nearby areas.

Pedestrians and motorists are put to danger as the cattle roam freely and squat in the middle of the road and on pavements.

This photo taken on Venkatanarayana Road (T. Nagar) on Sept. 4 shows a herd of cattle blocking the road and eating the plants growing in the median.



OBITUARY

P.L.N RAGHUKUMAR



P. L. N. Raghukumar (resident of Sukalayam, 70/44, Burkit Road, T. Nagar) passed away on Sept. 3.

He was 64, and had been a resident of T. Nagar since birth.

He was a Chartered Accountant and was Managing Partner in Sekharan Associates.

He had been practicing for over 40 years.

He had been President of Telugu Brahmana Mahasabha, Trustee of Sarvani Sangeetha Sabha and other cultural organisations.

He was a philanthropist and had financially helped a number of underprivileged persons.

He is survived by his wife Lakshmi (President, Jothi Madhar Sangam), sons Sundarkumar and Vineeth Subramaniam, and a grandson.

His family members can be contacted in 94443 58882 or 98411 58018.

Wins prize in Thirukkural competition

R. Jai Harini (Amrita Vidyalayam, K.K. Nagar) came first in the senior category in the Thirukkural-based drawing competition conducted by Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam in Jessie Moses School (Anna Nagar) on Aug. 29

770 students participated in recitation, drawing and essay writing competitions which were held in junior, senior and college categories. Dr. N. Arul (Director, Tamil Development Department) distributed he prizes to the winners.

Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam has been conducting Thirukkural competition every year for students across Tamilnadu.

RMD Hospital felicitates cardiac surgeon



By Our Staff Reporter

In appreciation of his services and achievements in the field of surgery, Dr. K. Karthick (Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon) was felicitated on Sept. 1 by RMD Group of Hospitals and Trust (T. Nagar).

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder, RMD Hospital) and Dr. V.S. Navinash Nivedhan were present.

For more details, call 93810 16588 and 81454 54000.

A balancing act in heavy rains



A cyclist was seen holding an umbrella in one hand while balancing his bicycle and riding amidst heavy rains in the evening on Sept. 4 on Dr Nair Road, (T. Nagar).

Jayalakshmi Goshala sells environment friendly Vinayakar idols

By Our Staff Reporter

Jayalakshmi Goshala (Acharapakkam) offers environment friendly Vinayakar idols handmade with native cow dung, organic binding powder and neem seed.

The idol is priced Rs. 200.

Along with each idol, a colourful umbrella, purasai ilia, kumkum, turmeric, akshadai, vibuthi and kunthamani are also provided.

After performing the poojai, the idol can be immersed in a bucket of water and the dissolved solution can be used as manure or the idol can be placed inside a pot, and watered for the seeds to sprout and grow into a plant.

Residents interested in buying the idol can place orders by contacting Guru or Subramanian (New No. 6, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 99620 57062, 88254 76265) or by sending email to sribala vedapatasala@gmail.com

Thiruvengadam Table Tennis Centre offers coaching for all age groups

By Our Staff Reporter

Thiruvengadam Table Tennis Centre (4/2, 49th St, Postal Colony, Ashok Nagar) offers coaching for all group from basic to advanced coaching.

Special coaching is also offered to professional table tennis players. The centre in-charge said that centre was founded by an international-level player and he leads a team of qualified coaches.

He said that playing table tennis regularly helps in improving concentration, motor skills, focus and fitness.

For more details, call 98406 76327.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EB cable damaged by roots



Sir, Roots of an avenue tree have damaged a high-tension EB cable on Lake View Road (near OSB Chat Shop, West Mambalam).

Despite several complaints, TNEB officials are not taking steps to cut and remove the roots and replace the damaged portion of the cable.

As it poses grave danger to unwary passersby, I appeal to the officials concerned to remove the roots and relay the cable below the earth to prevent any untoward incident. **Narayanan Uppili, 183/81, Lakshmi Flats, Lake View Road, West Mambalam, Ph: 98848 25313.**

Pavement encroached on Arya Gowda Road

Sir, The pavement and road margin outside Grace Provision Store (Arya Gowda Road, near Murthy Street junction, West Mambalam) is completely encroached by the shop owner.

Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road on the stretch thereby risking their lives. I appeal to Chennai Corporation to prevent the misuse of pavement and road margin at the junction. **R. Sampathkumar, Mahadevan Street, 98404 49460.**

Stray dog nuisance in Postal Colony

Sir, In the last two weeks, there has been an alarming increase in the number of stray dogs in Postal Colony 1st Street (West Mambalam).

It is causing nuisance to the residents. Their incessant barking at night disturbs the sleep.

They chase vehicles, posing danger to bikers and also pedestrians, especially elderly and children.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to catch the dogs and relocate them. **S.K. Arun, 11/6, VPN Apartments, Postal Colony 1st Street, West Mambalam, 98410 17152.**

Concerts, naamasankeerthanam in Obul Reddy Hall this week

Sri Jayanthi Music Festival, in memory of P. Obul Reddy and P. Gnanambal, is going on in Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (108, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) since Aug. 30.

It will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Naamasankeerthanam and concerts will be held daily at 4.30 p.m and 6.30 p.m.

Following are the details:

Sunday, Sept. 6: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Rajeevi Ganesh; 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Amritha Murali, accompanied by L. Ramakrishnan (violin), K. Arun Prakash (mridangam) and N. Guruprasad (ghatam).

Monday, Sept. 7: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by students of Sandipani Vidyalaya; 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Padmashree Srinivasan, accompanied by Usha Rajagopalan (violin), Kumbakonam K. Swaminathan (mridangam) and A. Murali (ghatam).

Tuesday, Sept. 8: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by students of DAV School (Adambakkam); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Sruthi S. Bhat, accompanied by Shree Lakshmi S. Bhat (violin) and M.S. Venkatasubramanian (mridangam).

Wednesday, Sept. 9: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by students of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School (Adyar), 6.30 p.m: Flute concert by S. Balachandran, accompanied by M.A. Sundareswaran (violin), Sherthalai R. Ananthakrishnan (mridangam) and V. Suresh (ghatam).

Thursday, Sept. 10: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Vardhini and Varshin; 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Sriranjani Ramkumar and Sruthilaya Manikandan, accompanied by R. Ambika Prasad (violin) and B. Ganapathyraman (mridangam).

Friday, Sept. 11: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam; 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Dr. Gayathri Venkatesan, accompanied by R. Raghu (violin), K. Balaji (mridangam) and S. Hariharasubramanian (ghatam).

Saturday, Sept. 12: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Radhika Hari Nurani (Palakkad); 6.30 p.m: Veena concert by S. Nithyasree, accompanied by S. Subramanian (mridangam) and N. Guruprasad (ghatam).

Sunday, Sept. 13: 4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Hari Giri Bhagavathar; 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by M.B. Hariharan and S. Ashok, accompanied by B.U. Ganesh Prasad (violin), R. Narayanan (mridangam) and V. Suresh (Ghatam). All are welcome.

Historian Pavithra's illustrations released as postcards



By Our Staff Reporter

A collection of postcards bearing the illustrations of iconic buildings of Madras, made by late Pavithra Srinivasan (Historian and past resident of West Mambalam), was launched at Higginbothams (Anna Salai) on Aug. 30.

It includes the Big Mosque in Triplicane, the clock tower at Royapettah, Madras High Court, and the Armenian Church.

The collection, titled 'Madras: Arches, Alleys and Icons', by Pavithra's Perspectives celebrates the history, architecture, and visual character of Chennai.

It was launched by Postcrossing Welfare Society of India, Nam Vedu, Nam Oor, Nam Kadhai, and the Madras Literary Society.

Several dignitaries including T.N. Venkatesh (Principal Secretary, Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department), Prabha Sridevan (former Judge of Madras High Court), historian K. R. A. Narasiah, heritage enthusiasts T.S. Padmapriya and Thirupurasundari Sevel were present and extolled the contributions of Pavithra.

Pavithra's father Srinivasan said that a pack of 12 postcards costs Rs.500 each. The packs can be ordered on the website <https://www.postcardsville.com/>

Thirukkural contest held for school students



By Our Staff Reporter

Sarva Vidya (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) and Karka Foundation jointly conducted Thirukkural competition for school students in RKM School (T. Nagar) last week.

130 students qualified for the final round, and prizes were awarded to 40 students who excelled in various age groups.

Tamil orator Seshadri was the Chief Guest, and awarded the prizes to the winners. For more details, call 97890 14268.

Corporation begins surveying streets with caste names

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has begun enumerating street boards within Corporation limits to identify and remove caste references.

The initiative follows a directive from the Social Justice Department calling for the removal or renaming of caste names attached to residential areas, streets, roads, water bodies, and revenue villages across all local bodies in Tamilnadu.

An official said that officers have been instructed to audit streets and submit a zone-wise report.

He said that around 77 street names with caste references have been identified across the Kodambakkam, Valasaravakkam, and Adyar zones, with reports from the remaining zones awaited.

He said that according to the guidelines, if a caste title appears as a suffix, only the suffix will be removed, and if the entire street name centres on a caste, it will be completely renamed.

Examples of streets currently under review include Gengu Reddy Road, Brahmin Street, Vanniyar Street, Reddy Street, and Dr Nair Road in Kodambakkam Zone.

Free homeopathy clinic in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Koppikar's Foundation for Homoeopathy and Chandrasekhara Foundation jointly run a free homeopathy clinic in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Samiti (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) from 9.40 a.m to 4 p.m from Monday to Saturday.

A fertility specialist will be available for consultation on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 12.30 p.m.

Free medicines are also provided to the patients.

More details can be had in phone 95662 56206.

Industrialist held for sexual abuse of minor

Nearly 11 months after registering a case over the alleged sexual abuse of a minor girl at a house in Teynampet, the Central Crime Branch of police arrested industrialist R. Veeramani (85) (Chairman, GEM Group) and two of his accomplices Shanthi (60) and her husband Mahendra Simhan (63) on Aug. 30.

According to police, the victim is yet to be identified and that the case has been registered after verifying the veracity of the video in a USB drive, submitted by a person at Teynampet police station on Oct. 6, 2025.

The complainant, whose name has not been disclosed, had handed over the USB drive, alleging that the video purportedly showed Veeramani sexually assaulting a minor girl at the latter's rented residence in Teynampet, that was maintained by Shanthi and her husband.

Police said that subsequent searches at the residences and offices of the suspects led to the seizure of photographs of other minor girls and women.

Police said the 11-month delay in the arrests was on account of attempts to trace the victims.

Further investigation is under way to establish the full extent of the alleged offences, identify victims, and determine whether more persons were involved.

Held for molesting two women at a hotel

By Our Staff Reporter

A 38-year-old film distributor was arrested on charge of attempting to molest two women at a hotel on Thirumalai Pillai Road (T. Nagar) on Sept. 2.

The accused was identified as William Alexander.

Police said that Alexander had invited a young woman to the hotel to discuss about an opportunity to act in an upcoming Tamil film.

While they were dining, Alexander made lewd comments and tried to touch her inappropriately. When she raised an alarm, a woman dining at an adjacent table raised objection and confronted Alexander for his misbehaviour.

It led to confrontation following which the accused also tried to molest her.

Based on the complaint by the victims, T. Nagar police conducted investigation and arrested Alexander.

He was produced before a magistrate and remanded in judicial custody.

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Manja thread injures bike rider

By Our Staff Reporter

A 33-year-old bike rider was injured at night on Aug. 17 after a stray manja thread slashed his neck while he was riding along CIT Nagar 1st Main Road (T. Nagar)

The victim was identified as J. Rajkumar (resident of Triplicane).

He is a bike taxi driver, and the mishap happened when was on the way to drop his customer at Alandur metro station.

He also suffered severe cut injuries on his fingers while trying to remove the manja thread entangled on his neck.

He is undergoing treatment in Government Peripheral Hospital (K.K. Nagar).

T. Nagar police have registered a case and are investigating.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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Four held for assault and robbery

The Kumaran Nagar police arrested four persons on charge of assaulting a man and robbing him of Rs. 10 lakhs on Sept. 2 in Ashok Nagar.

Police said that the victim Sahul Hameed (37) is a resident of West Saidapet, and works in a shop in Burma Bazaar owned by Aasik.

Police said that when he was returning to the shop on his scooter after collecting Rs. 10 lakhs from two customers in Jafferkanpet, he was waylaid and robbed by six persons at knife point in Raghavan Colony.

The gang also assaulted him before fleeing the spot.

Based on Aasik's complaint, police identified all the six accused from CCTV footages and arrested Kabishdurai (21), Prajwalram (20), Deenadayalan (24), and Balaji (20), and are on the lookout for the remaining two gang members. Police recovered Rs. 3.70 lakhs from the accused and seized the two-wheelers used for the crime.

Projecting bolts pose danger to pedestrians



A damaged street light post was dismantled and removed from the pavement of Usman Road (near Pinjala Subramaniam Street, T. Nagar) a month back, leaving behind the foundation. Four iron bolts that are protruding from the pavement pose danger of injury to unwary pedestrians, especially at night due to poor visibility.

This photo was taken on Aug.13.

Three youth held for peddling methamphetamine

Police arrested three youths who were caught with 55 gms of methamphetamine tablets in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar on Aug. 8.

Based on a tip-off, a police team kept vigil outside a park in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and saw the three accused behaving suspiciously. When on seeing the police, they tried to escape, they were caught.

A search revealed they were carrying 55 gms of meth.

They were identified as Joe Praveen (24) of K.K. Nagar, Madanraj (22) and Lokeshwaran (24) of Jafferkanpet.

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Awards presented to musicians



By Our Staff Reporter

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The awardees were Carnatic vocalist R. Gargyan, violin vidwan Charumathi Raghuraman, mridangam player Vijay B. Natesan, bharatanatyam exponent Kanaka Krishna Prashanth, theatre artiste Karthik Bhatt and musicologist Sriram Parasuram.

Free health check-up on Sept. 12

By Our Staff Reporter

Srinivasa Health Clinic (174, Rangarajapuram Main Road, near MARS Medicals, Kodambakkam) offers free health check-up from 9 a.m to 12 noon and from 6 p.m to 8 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 12 in its premises.

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Local boys takes hat-trick in TNCA league

By Our Staff Reporter

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His performance helped the team beat Hindu Senior Secondary School in the match.

He has been performing consistently this season and has so far taken 19 wickets in 5 games.



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