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வி.எஸ். ஸ்ரீனிவாஸ் சாஸ்திரியார்

(சுதந்திரப் போராட்ட காலத்திய காங்கிரஸ் தலைவரும், அண்ணாமலை பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் முன்னாள் துணை வேந்தரும், ஆங்கிலேய அரசால் Right Honourable விருது அளிக்கப்பட்டவருமான மகாகனம் வி.எஸ். ஸ்ரீனிவாஸ் சாஸ்திரியார் 1943ல் 'கலைமகள்' இதழில் எழுதிய கட்டுரையின் ஒரு பகுதி.)

என் பிறப்பிடமான 'வலங்கைமான்' கும்பகோணத்துக்கு ஆறு மைல் தெற்கே உள்ளது. இதைப் பற்றிப் பெரியோர் இயற்றிய பாடல்கள் இருப்பதாக மகா மகோபாத்தியாய சாமிநாதையார் அவர்கள் சொல்லக் கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். இங்குள்ள சிவாலயத்தில் சிவபெருமானது வலது கையில் மான் இருக்கிறது; அதனால் அந்தப் பெயர் அமைந்தது. கிராமத்துக்கு வடக்கு எல்லை குடமுருட்டி ஆறு. என் பால்யத்தில் ஜலம் நிறைந்து போகும்போது ஏழு, எட்டு அடிகள் இருக்கும். இப்பொழுது நாணல் போட்டுக் குறுக்கிவிட்டார்கள். மேடு இட்டு நீந்தவே முடியாது.

அக்கிரகாரத்துக்கு மேற்கில் விஷ்ணு ஆலயமும், குளமும் இருக்கின்றன. தெற்கே ஒரு சிறு வாய்க்கால் வீடுகளின் கொல்லைகளை ஒட்டி ஓடும். கீழ்த் திசையில் குடியானத் தெருக்களும், மாரியம்மன் கோவிலும் இருக்கின்றன. பெரிய கோவில் களுக்குத் தேர் உண்டு. ஆனால் அவை ஓடி நான் பார்த்ததே இல்லை. என் காலத்துக்கு முந்தியே அவைகளின் உபயோகம் நின்றுவிட்டது. தேரின் சம்ரக்ஷணத்திற்காகப் போட்டிருக்கும் கொட்டகைகூட அழிந்து போயிற்று. பழுது பார்ப்பார் இல்லை.

கிராமமோ மிகப் பெரிது. தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் முதல்தரமான கிராமங்களில் சேர்க்கலாம். கீழ், மேலாக ஒன்றரைப் பர்லாங்கு நீளம் உள்ள மூன்று வீதிகளும், அவைகளை இணைக்கத் தென் வடலாக இரண்டு வீதிகளும் உள்ளன. இந்தக் குறுக்கு வீதிகளிலும், வடக்கு வீதியிலும் ஒரு சிறகுதான் உண்டு. நடு வீதியிலும், தெற்கு வீதியிலும் எதிரும், புதிருமாகத் தொடர்ச்சியாகவே வீடுகள் இருந்தன. ஜனங்கள் நிறைந்து இருப்பார்கள். அகங்கள் காலியாகவாவது, அதிக காலம் பூட்டியாவது இராது.

நான் பிறப்பதற்குப் பதினைந்து வருஷங்களுக்கு முந்தி வலங்கைமான் தாலுக்கா அந்தஸ்தைப் பெற்றிருந்தது. பிற்காலத்தில்தான் கும்பகோணம் ஒங்கியது.

அதன் கீர்த்தி!

அந்நாளில் ஒரு வழக்கம் இக்காலத்தவர்கள் நம்பக் கூடாததாக இருந்தது. சர்க்கார் நிலவரி வசூலிப்பது மிகவும் கஷ்டம். ஜனங்களுக்கு நடைமுறையுக்குப் போதுமான அளவு வெள்ளி நாணயமாவது, செப்பு நாணயமாவது இல்லை. காசைக் கண்டால் நிதியைக் கண்டதுபோல்தான், விடமாட்டார்கள்! ஏராளமாக நெல் இருந்தாலும் அதை சமயத்தில் விற்றுப் பணமாக்குவது மிக அரிது.

கிஸ்துக் காலம் என்றால் மிராசதாரர்களுக்கு மிகவும் பொல்லாத காலம். ரெவினயூ இன்ஸ்பெக்டரும், தாசில்தாரும் டலாயத்தை யும், தலையாரியையும் விட்டு நெறிப்பார்கள். பெரிய பிரபுக்கள் கூட அநேக நாள் ஒளிந்து கொண்டே இருப்பார்கள். அகப்பட்டவர்களை மரியாதையின்றிப் பேசுவது அல்லாமல் தெருவில் நிறுத்தி, காதைக் கிள்ளுவதும் தோப்புக்கரணம் போடச் செய்வதும் இன்னும் வெகு கொடுமையான தண்டனைகளைச் செய்வதும் வழக்கம்.

இப்படி அநாகரிகமான மானக்கேட்டுக்குப் பெரிய மனிதரையும் உள்ளாக்குவது செய்யத்தகாத அநியாயம் என்று நம்முருக்கு வந்த பார்லிமெண்ட் அங்கத்தினர் சிலர் சீமையில் கூச்சல் போட்டார்கள். இதன் உண்மையை விசாரிப்பதற்காக 1858ம் வருஷம் ஒரு 'கமிஷன்' நியமித்தார்கள். அதற்கு 'சரீரக் கொடுமைக் கமிஷன்' (Torture Commission) என்று பெயர். அவர்கள் முடிவில் எழுதிய யாதாஸ்தில் வலங்கைமான் பெயரும் அதன் உத்தியோகஸ்தர் சுப்பராயர் என்பவர் பெயரும் அமைந்திருக்கின்றன. இத்தகைய கீர்த்தி எல்லா கிராமங்களுக்குமே வாய்க்குமா!

கச்சேரி விவகாரம்

சென்ற நூற்றாண்டின் நடுவில் எங்களுக்குக் கும்பகோணத்துக்கும் கெட்ட பெயர் உண்டு. 'கும்பகோணம்' என்னும் சொல்லுக்கே பித்தலாட்டம், போக்கிரித்தனம் என்கிற அர்த்தம் கிடைத்து அகராதியிலும்கூட எழுதப் பெற்றது. இன்றும் சென்னை மாகாணத்தின் மூலை முடுக்குகளிலும்கூட, 'ஏதோ கும்பகோணம் செய்துவிட்டானையா, பாபி!' என்று சொல்லக் கேட்கலாம். நான் கும்பகோணத்தான் ஆச்சுதே என்று தெரிந்தும் கூசமாட்டார்கள் சிலர்.

சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கு வலங்கைமான் என்றால் அச்சம் உண்டு. அந்த ஊரார் கோள் கடிதம் எழுதுவதில் பேர் பெற்றவர். வலங்கைமான் தாலுகாவுக்கு ஒரு முனிசிப் கோர்ட் தனியாக இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் அதை சில சௌகரியங்களுக்காகக் கும்பகோணத்தில் வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். இது தவிர கும்பகோணத்தில் நாலைந்து பெரிய கச்சேரிகள் உண்டு. அங்கெல்லாம் வலங்கைமானார் கட்சிக்காரர்களாயும், சாட்சிகளாயும் தினந்தோறும் காணப்படுவார்கள். ஜட்கா வண்டிக்காரர்களுக்கு நல்ல பிழைப்பு! கிளப்புக்காரர்களுக்கும், சிற்றுண்டிக் கடைக்காரர்களுக்கும் ஓய்வில்லாமல் வரும்படி கிடைக்கும்.

ஊரில் ஒரு பட்டாணியகாரர் இருப்பார். அவர் தகுந்த குடும்பத்தில் பிறந்த தெலுங்கர். நல்லவர் என்றும் கெட்டிக்காரர் என்றும் சொல்லுவார்கள். ஆயினும் ஏழை ஜனங்கள்கூட அவரிடம் விவகாரங்களைக் கொண்டுபோவதில்லை. எப்படியாவது பெரிது பண்ணிக் கும்பகோணத்திற்கே செல்வார்கள். வெகு பேருக்குச் சட்டம் போகும் வழியும், வியாஜ்ய முறைகளும் செவ்வையாய்த் தெரியும்.



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By Our Staff Reporter

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Raghunathan Ramarao (Founder, Kalpavruksha Seva Trust) told *Mambalam Times* that the classes are held in an interactive way to help the students in not only improving their communication skills, but also in planning and execution. He said that the topic for discussion is selected in advance for the students to plan and execute the same in their next weekend class. All students are welcome to join the classes.

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Man killed after dispute over Vinayagar procession

A 44-year-old MTC bus driver died after being brutally assaulted by a group of five following a scuffle over dancing in the street during Vinayagar Chaturthi procession near his house in Ramapuram on Sept. 15. Ramapuram police arrested five persons, including Anand (resident of T. Nagar), in connection with the assault that led to the death of the victim. The deceased was identified as Srinivasan (resident of 13th Street, Venkateshwara Nagar, Ramapuram).

Police said that devotees of Raja Ganapathi Temple (Venkateshwara Nagar) took out a procession at around 8 p.m on Sept. 15.

When the procession entered 13th Street, local residents led by Srinivasan objected and requested the devotees to take a different route.

It led to an altercation following which a police team arrived and dispersed the groups after holding talks with them. After the procession ended at around midnight, five persons led by Bhuvanesh and his friend Anand came to Srinivasan's house and picked an argument with him.

During the altercation, the gang assaulted Srinivasan and fled the spot.

An injured Srinivasan was taken to ESI Hospital (K.K. Nagar) where the doctors declared him brought dead. Further investigation is under way.



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By Our Staff Reporter
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வசுமதி ராமஸ்வாமி
வாடகை வீடு

அன்புக்குரிய சுஜாதா,
வாடகை வீடு மிகவும் அசௌகரியமாக இருப்பதால் சொந்த வீடு அவசியம் தேவையாய் இருக்கிறதென்று நீ எழுதியிருக்கிறாய்.

எல்லோருக்குமே சொந்த வீடு அமைத்துக் கொள்வது சாத்தியமா? நூற்றுக்குப் பத்துப் பேருக்குக்கூட வீடு சொந்தமாக இருக்க முடியாது. 'முட்டாள் வீட்டைக் கட்டுகிறான். புத்திசாலி குடித்தனம் இருக்கிறான்' என்று சொல்வதுண்டு. வீட்டுக்குக் கொடுத்த வாடகை எல்லாம் சேர்த்தால் ஒரு வீடு வாங்கலாமென்று கணக்குப் போடுவதுண்டு. நாம் கொடுக்கும் வாடகை அவர்கள் போட்டிருக்கும் முதலீட்டிற்கு வட்டி, வரி, கொஞ்ச லாபம் இவ்வளவுதான் என்பதையும் மறந்துவிடக் கூடாது.

சொந்தமாக எவ்வளவு பார்த்து வீடு கட்டினாலுமே ஏதாவது வசதிக் குறைவு இருக்கும். வாடகை வீட்டில் எல்லா வசதிகளையும் எதிர்பார்க்க வேண்டிய அவசியமே இல்லை.

என் சிநேகிதி அடிக்கடி வீட்டை மாற்றிக் கொண்டிருப்பாள். அதற்கு அவள் சொல்லும் காரணம் மிகவும் வேடிக்கையாக இருக்கும். பக்கத்து வீட்டில் நாள் முழுவதும் ரேடியோ வைத்தார்கள் என்றும், சமையல் அறையில் ஆணி அடிக்க முடியவில்லை என்றும், எதிர் வீட்டில் இருமல் நோயாளி என்றும் பல காரணங்களை சொல்லுவாள். இவற்றுக்கெல்லாம்கூட வீட்டை மாற்றியும் விடுவாள். புது வீட்டுக்குப் போய் ஒரு மாதம் வரையில் அதைப் பற்றிப் புகழ்ந்து கொண்டும் அதற்கு முன் இருந்த வீட்டை இகழ்ந்து கொண்டும் இருப்பாள். இரண்டாம் தடவை மாறும்போது குற்றம் சொல்லுவது மட்டுமல்ல பழைய வீட்டே நன்றாக இருந்ததென்றும் சொல்லத் தொடங்கிவிடுவாள். பாவம், அவள் கணவருக்கு ஆயுளில் பாதிநாள் வீடு தேடுவதிலேயே கழிந்து விடும்! இப்படி அடிக்கடி வீடு மாற்றுவதில் ஏற்படும் சிரமம், அவகாசம், பொருள் செலவு, எல்லாவற்றையுமே தவிர்த்துவிடலாம் அல்லவா?



நம் வீட்டுக்கு நாலு பேர் வந்தால் ஆளுக்கு ஒன்று சொல்லி மனத்தைக் கலைப்பார்கள். 'வாடகை அதிகம், வெளிச்சம் போதாது, காற்றே இல்லை' என்றெல்லாம் சொல்பவர்களும் உண்டு. சிலர் 'நீங்கள் கொடுக்கும் வாடகைக்கு நன்றாகவே இருக்கிறது' என்றும் சொல்வார்கள். பிறருடைய அபிப்பிராயத்துக்கெல்லாம் நாம் மனத்தைக் குழப்பிக் கொள்வது மிகவும் தவறு. வாழ்க்கையில் நமக்குத் தேவையையோசித்து நாமே சரியான முடிவுக்கு வருவது அல்லது பெரியவர்களின் தகுதியான பழக்கத்தை அனுசரிப்பது ஆகியவை தான் சரியான பாதை.

மேலை நாட்டாரிடம் ஒரு நல்ல பழக்கம் உண்டு. ஒரு மாதம் ஒரு வீட்டில் இருந்தால்கூட அதை அழகாக வைத்துக் கொள்வார்கள்.

'இந்த வீட்டுச் சொந்தக்காரர்கள் மாதம் பிறந்தால் சுளையாய் வாடகையை வாங்கிக்கொண்டு போவதுலேயே கண்ணாயிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் வீட்டுக் கூடத்தின் சுவரிலிருந்து காரை பெயர்ந்து விழுகிறது. ஆயிரம் தடவை கால் கடுக்கப் போய்ச் சொல்லியும் கவனிக்கவில்லை' என்று குடியிருப்பவர்கள் முணுமுணுப்பார்கள். ஆனால் வீட்டுச் சொந்தக்காரர்களோ 'இந்த வீட்டில் குடியிருப்பவர்கள் வீட்டைத் துவம்சம் செய்துவிடுகிறார்கள். கண்ட கண்ட இடங்களில் எல்லாம் ஆணிகளை அடித்தால் சுவர் நாசமாகாமல் என்ன செய்யும்?' என்று குறைப்பட்டுக் கொள்வார்கள்.

அநேகமாக வீட்டுச் சொந்தக்காரர்களுக்கும், வாடகைக்கு இருப்பவர்களுக்கும் சுமுகமான உறவு இருப்பதில்லை. நகரங்களில் சிலர் வீட்டை வாடகைக்கு விடுபவர்கள் 'பகடி' வாங்குவது போன்ற பழக்கங்கள் வைத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பதால் வீட்டுச் சொந்தக்காரர்களிடம் ஒரு கசப்பு ஏற்படுகிறது. நாளடைவில் இந்த வழக்கம் மாறினால் பக்கம் அந்தத் துறையிலும் பண்பட்டு வருகிறார்கள் என்று மகிழ்ச்சி அடையலாம்.

From painting to reality



By Our Staff Reporter

A roadside vendor was seen selling tender coconuts under North Usman Road flyover (T. Nagar) next to a pier that has been beautified with a colourful painting of a vendor cutting a tender coconut.

This photo was taken on Sept.16.

Chandi homam in Ayodhya Mandapam today forenoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Kshipra Prasada Ganapati Trust (46/40, Subramanian Street, West Mambalam) has been celebrating Vinayaka Chaturthi with special poojas and concerts since Sept. 13 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

It will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 20

Chandi homam will be performed from 6.30 a.m to 11.30 a.m. Lalitha sahasranaama paaraayanam and Vishnu sahasranaamam chanting will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m, followed by Yajur Veda Gana paaraayanam at 6 p.m, special abhishekam, archanai and deepaaraadhanai at 7 p.m, and annadhaanam at 7.30 p. All are welcome.

For more details, call 98416 18740 or 98410 93690.

Veda chanting, discourse in BVSN Centre today evening

Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam (1, Sarayu Flats, 151, Kamakoti Street Lake View Road, West Mambalam) has organised special poojas at 4.45 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 20 in BVSN Murthy Centre (Thambiah Road, opposite Venkatramana Boli Stall, West Mambalam).

It will start with Veda chanting, followed by Arunachala Aksharamanamalai and Ramana Sannidhi Murai.

The program will conclude with a discourse by K. Sriram on 'Marappathu' from Ramana Sannidhi Murai.

All are welcome. The Samajam conducts satsang on Sundays at 5 p.m in BVSN Centre.

For more details, contact Ravishanker in 97890 32863.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvaramanda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 20 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

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

எனக்குத் தெரிந்த ஒரு வீட்டின் சொந்தக்கார அம்மாள் வாடகைக்கு இருக்கும் அம்மாள் இருவருக்கும் சண்டை வந்துவிட்டது. இருவரும் எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவர்கள். தனித் தனியாகப் பார்த்தால் இருவருமே நல்லவர்கள் தான். வாடகைக்கு இருக்கும் அம்மாள் தூங்கும்போது குறட்டை விடுவது தவறு என்பது வீட்டுக்கார அம்மாளுடைய கட்சி. வீட்டுக்கார அம்மாள் தன்னையே நாள் முழுவதும் கவனிப்பதாக வாடகைக்கார அம்மாளின் குற்றச்சாட்டு. சண்டை வரவும், கோபம் வரவும் தகுந்த காரணமே அவசியமில்லை. ஒருவருக்கொருவர் வீட்டுக் கொடுப்பதில் நிலைமையை எவ்வளவோ அழகாக மாற்றிவிடலாம் அல்லவா!

பெரும்பாலும் வீட்டில் பெண்கள் இருப்பதால் வசதிகளைப் பற்றிக் குற்றம், குறைகளை அவர்கள்தான் சொல்லுவார்கள். இக்கறைக்கு அக்கறை பச்சையென்று சஞ்சலப்படாமல், பெண்கள் வாடகை வீட்டிலும் சந்தோஷமாக இருப்பதற்கு முயற்சி செய்யலாம் அல்லவா?

Presented Multi-Talented Music Artist award

By Our Staff Reporter

In appreciation of her creative talents, V.G. Yuvalakshmi (resident of K. K. Nagar) was presented 'Multi-Talented Music Artist' award" by DVM Seva Palam (a not-for-profit organisation based in Tiruvottiyur) at a function held in Chennai last week.

The award was presented by Justice N. Anand Venkatesh (Madras High Court). Yuvalakshmi is proficient in Carnatic and Hindustani vocals, Bharatanatyam, and painting.

She has won prizes in several music and painting competitions.

She had won the Samarthya Prodigy Award in the field of music and arts from Dorai Foundation last year.



Resident installs ecofriendly Vinayagar idol



D. Bala (resident of 8/18, Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam) has installed an ecofriendly 11-foot-tall Vinayagar idol made from 160 kgs of various grains outside his house for Vinayaka Chaturthi. He said that the idol has been made with sesame seeds, lentils and other grains. Hundreds of devotees are having darshan daily.

Special poojas are held in the mornings and evenings. It will be immersed in the sea on Sept. 20.

For more details, call 94440 49217.

Local Association gifts stationery to poor students



The members of Apoorva Women's Association distributed free stationary to students of MCN School (T. Nagar) on Sept.12 in memory of its President Radha Krishnamurthy.

The program was coordinated by Geetha Sridhar, Shantha Pillai and Radha Mukundan (members of the Association).

Vilakkupoojai in temple on Saturday

Thamizhnaadu Bhramana Seva Sangam has organised Vilakku poojai at 8.45 a.m on Saturday, Sept. 26 in Baba Hall, No. 1, Balakrishnan Street, West Mambalam.

To register for the poojai send a WhatsApp message to the number 76676 77899 of R. Sayeeram (President).

Concert of old Hindi songs today evening

The music troupe Satrangi will present a concert of popular old Hindi songs at 5.45 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 20 in Chinmaya Heritage Centre (Harrington Road, Chetpet). The program will be presented by Promod, Smriti, Abhishek and Ramya supported by a live orchestra.

Tickets priced from Rs. 1,000, Rs. 600 and Rs. 300 will be home delivered on calling 98847 78073.

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Sai Seva Samaj inaugurates new building for Annadhaanam

By Our Staff Reporter

Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (12, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) inaugurated a new building for daily annadhaanam and other functions near its premises on the same street on Sept 16.

Muralidhar Swamigal, K.V. Ramani (Managing Trustee, Sai Trust and Chancellor, Sai University) and P.N. Prakash (retired Judge, Madras High Court) were present.

A member said that the Samajam has been serving annadhaanam to around 300 persons daily, and with the opening of the new building, it will be increased to 500 a day.

Donations are welcome. For more details, call 84282 42842 or 93428 50974.

Gifts clothes to inmates of NGO

By Our Staff Reporter

To celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary in a noble way, G. Manilal (resident of Ashok Nagar) and his wife Lathika presented new clothes to the inmates of Aksha-yam Trust on Sept. 14. They also gifted a month's provision to the Trust. Manilal is a past District Governor of Lions International District 3241F.

Several Lions Club members participated in the celebrations. Manilal's contact number is 98410 23472.

Scholarships presented to 27 underprivileged students

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu Telecom Accounts and Finance Officers' Welfare Trust presented educational scholarships to 23 school and four college students from underprivileged families staying in SRS Sarvodaya Girls Hostel (McNichols Road, Chetpet) on Sept. 22.

The hostel is run by the Tamilnadu unit of Harijan Sevaka Sangh (58, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar).

Pay water tax by Sept. 30 to avoid surcharge

By Our Staff Reporter

The last date for paying water and sewerage tax without surcharge for the first half of 2026-27 is Wednesday, Sept. 30. Consumers can pay via cheques and demand drafts in the name of Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

In addition, customers also can make payments using their credit card, debit card, UPI and net banking via the website <https://bnc.chennaietrowater.in/#/public/customer/login>

Biker dies after falling from flyover

20-year-old Kumar (resident of K.K. Nagar) who was riding on his bike, died on the spot after falling from Kathipara flyover in the evening on Sept. 14.

His friend Perarasu (20), riding pillion, fell on the pavement and suffered grievous injuries. Police said that the accident happened when Kumar and Perarasu (both college students) were on their way to meet a friend in Guindy.

When they were riding on Kathipara flyover, Kumar lost control of his bike and hit the parapet wall.

In the impact, while he was thrown off the flyover, Perarasu fell on the pavement and suffered severe injuries on his head and legs.

While Kumar died on the spot, Perarasu is undergoing treatment in a government hospital.

Police retrieved Kumar's body and sent it for postmortem. A case has been registered and further investigation is on.

Admissions open in Little Angels Toddler Care and Activity Center

By Our Staff Reporter

Little Angels Toddler Care and Activity Center, started in 1999, is one of the prominent playschools located in the heart of T. Nagar at 12, Balaji Avenue, 2nd Street, Thirumalai Pillai Road, opposite Vidyodhaya, T. Nagar.

Admissions are open for Vijayadasami for children above 1.5 years.

Its offers special discount on new registrations till Tuesday, Sept. 22

Its Founder Meena Rajiv Nathan has more than 25 years of experience in the field.

She said that at Little Angels, kids feel at ease due to the homely atmosphere and caring faculty who provide individual attention to each child to groom them for regular school.

It follows Montessori method of education and has won several awards for offering quality education.

She said that in the 1st year, the child learns language skills, followed by motor skills, cognitive skills and application skills.

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Leaning post poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

A 15-foot-tall traffic signpost fixed in front of the median, is leaning precariously on North Usman Road, near Rajachar Street junction, T. Nagar.

As it can fall across the road at any time, it poses grave danger to motorists and pedestrians.

This photo was taken on Sept.17.

Held for attacking ambulance, hospital staff

By Our Staff Reporter

A 53-year-old man, under the influence of Ganja, attacked two ambulance staffers and damaged medical equipment worth Rs. 10 lakhs while being taken to Saidapet Govt Hospital early on Sept. 7.

After residents informed the police at night on Sept. 6 about a man lying by the roadside, police arrived at the spot and found that he was in an intoxicated state and was holding a packet of Ganja.

On questioning he identified himself as Ramasamy, a resident of Pallavaram.

When 108 ambulance arrived at the spot to take him to a nearby government hospital, Ramasamy attacked the ambulance staffer Yuvaraj and the driver Mahesh.

The police team overpowered him and locked him in the ambulance.

While on the way to hospital in the ambulance, he damaged medical equipment, seats and windows of the ambulance.

At the hospital, he continued to behave violently and tried to attack the doctors and other paramedical staff.

He was arrested and later shifted to Institute of Mental Health (Kilpauk).

Multiple victims identified in Pocco case against industrialist

By Our Staff Reporter

Police investigating the Pocco case against GEM Group Chairman R. Veeramani (85) have now identified multiple victims who were sexually assaulted by him.

Several of them were minors at the time of the alleged offences. Their statements have also been recorded before a court, a senior police official said.

The investigation revealed that almost all the survivors are from impoverished families.

Nearly 11 months after registering a case over the alleged sexual abuse of a minor girl at a house in Teynampet in Oct. 2025, Veeramani was arrested along with his associate Shanthi (60) and her husband Mahendra Simhan (63) on August 29 and remanded in judicial custody.

The case was registered after verifying the veracity of the video in a USB drive, submitted by a person at Teynampet police station.

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.

Four injured after autorickshaw falls into open drain

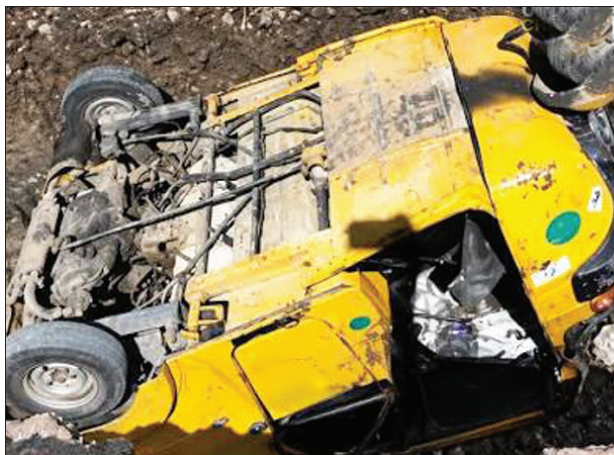
By Our Staff Reporter

Four persons suffered minor injuries after an autorickshaw overturned into an unfinished ditch dug for widening the storm water drain on Valasaravakkam-Arcot Road at night on Sept. 13.

The injured were identified as autorickshaw driver Murugan (40) and his family members Gopi, Revathi and Selva.

Police said that the accident happened when Murugan was returning home with his family members after attending a wedding. After the auto fell into the ditch, passersby rescued the occupants and called for an ambulance.

They are undergoing treatment in Government Peripheral Hospital (KK Nagar).



Basic to advanced TT coaching in Postal Colony

By Our Staff Reporter

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

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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.

Open manhole chamber closed after report



Before



Now

Following the report 'Open manhole covered with wooden crate' published in Mambalam Times (Sept. 13-19 issue), the damaged cover of the manhole chamber in the middle of the road on Srinivasa Street (near Satyanarayana Temple, West Mambalam) was replaced with the new cover.

The wooden crate used to cover the opening was posing grave danger to motorists at night due to poor visibility.

Nearby residents thanked Mambalam Times for reporting the civic lapse and Chennai Corporation for its quick action.

Improve your English language skills at The Writing Nut

By Our Staff Reporter

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For more details, contact The Writing Nut in 99400 78344 or visit its Instagram page @thewritingnut.

Breakfast scheme in govt. schools to be expanded from Sept 22

By Our Staff Reporter

Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay will inaugurate the expansion of the Breakfast Scheme, named after Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, on Sept. 22.

The expansion will benefit around 15.30 lakh students of Std. 6 to 8 across 15,910 government and government-aided schools in Tamilnadu, including 447 schools in Chennai.

An official said that Rs. 217.63 crores have been allocated for the expansion of the scheme.

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Sale of products by women entrepreneurs today

By Our Staff Reporter

Vanaja Shree Enterprises has organised an exhibition-cum-sale of products manufactured by women entrepreneurs on Sunday, Sept. 20 in Shree Kumaran Anugraha Kalyana Mandapam (45, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam),

Vanaja (Coordinator) said that a number of high quality and handmade products, including items related to this oncoming festive season will be on display.

For more details, contact Vanaja in 98417 59848.

Violin concert today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Vijayaganesh, V. Madhuvanthi and V. Sumedha will present a group violin concert from 6 p.m to 8 p.m on Sunday, Sept. 20 in Rajalakshmi Academy of Music (20, K.R. Koil Street, West Mambalam).

They will be accompanied by Guru Ragavendra on the mridangam and Nanganallur Swaminathan on the ghatam. Entry is free. All are welcome.

For more details, contact 98404 23700.

Sewage pumping suspended to facilitate metro rail work

By Our Staff Reporter

Due to interconnection work of the mainline carried out by Chennai Metro Rail Limited on Ramakrishna Mutt Road (Mandaveli), Metrowater suspend the operation of three sewage pumping stations for 12 hours in Teynampet Zone on Sept. 18.

During this period, the sewage pumping stations on South Boag Road (T. Nagar), Chamiers Road and Mandaveli station were suspended, an official said.

Metrowater deployed additional super suckers and tankers to resolve any sewage overflow problems in parts of T. Nagar and Nandanam.

Experts warn of dengue outbreak

Experts have warned of a dengue outbreak in the city and surrounding areas as the mosquito larvae are likely to multiply in puddles left over after incessant rains.

According to Dr. Rajani M. Nambiar (expert in Community Medicine) the puddles of water and waterlogging in several parts of the city would lead to the multiplication of mosquito larvae and, unless Chennai Corporation takes preventive measures, the city is in for a dengue outbreak.

She said that fumigation and spraying of larvicide has to be intensified. It has been found that larvae of Aedes mosquito can grow even in sewage water and that is a matter of concern, Rajani said.

She said that the vector monitoring app of the Corporation is also not being used and even the drones are also not being used to spray larvicide. Since Sept. 10, several cases related to dengue have been reported from almost all the wards of the Corporation and the adjoining areas.

Four held for robbery

By Our Staff Reporter

Pondy Bazaar police arrested four persons on Sept. 17 on charge of robbing Rs. 11 lakhs in cash from A. Karthikeyan (36) (a bank employee) near Vani Mahal (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) at night on Sept. 16.

The victim (a resident of Kundrathur), had collected Rs. 12 lakhs from a person in Parrys Corner on instructions from his uncle in Malaysia. He kept Rs. 1 lakh in his pocket and placed the remaining Rs. 11 lakhs in a bag.

While he was riding on G.N. Chetty Road, the four accused on two motorbikes, intercepted him and snatched the bag containing the cash and fled.

Based on his complaint, Pondy Bazaar police registered a case and identified the culprits from the footage of CCTV cameras installed near the location of the crime.

A police team tracked and arrested all the four accused. They were identified as Anand Selvan (39) of Selaiyur, Bablu (35) of Choolaimedu, Arunkumar (29) of Tiruvallur, and Mohamed Faisal (29) of Tiruvannamalai.

Police recovered Rs. 2.38 lakhs cash and seized a two-wheeler used in the crime.

Police said that Anand Selvan and Bablu are history-sheeters, and Arunkumar is a lawyer.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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For upcoming Navaratri festival, its students have designed and handmade return gifts by choosing the colours and materials to putting together every little detail.

Their special creations include blouse-bit fabric bag, silk-thread bangles, kumkum and manjal, and fridge magnets.

With many of them suffering from severe disabilities, every gift item made by them tells a story of ability, determination, and hope.

The Foundation appeals to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to support the special children of the Foundation by buying the return gifts made by them for Navarathri as every purchase can make a difference in a student's journey towards independence. For orders, contact 98842 70697 or 98410 34234.



An avid collector of Lord Ganesha pictures

By Our Staff Reporter

Rajendra Kumar Rathie has been collecting pictures of Lord Ganesha in various forms since 1981.

As on date, he has collected 6,467 unique pictures, which he has hand-cut and pasted in 26 albums. I am highly devoted to Lord Ganesha and keep looking for his unique pictures, both on the print and digital media.

I have also purchased many of these pictures from small outlets and curio shops in and around temple on my religious tours to various places across the country.

Anyone wanting to have a look at the collection, can contact Rajendra Kumar Rathie in 93830 00188.

TTC Credit Society offers trade loans up to Rs. 10 lakhs

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The scheme offers convenient daily repayment facility to help the small businesses.

The trade loans are subject to eligibility and applicable terms. Interested persons can contact in 63834 02323.

The Credit Society was established in 1991.

Gets Best Teacher award from Rotary Club

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Teachers Day, B. Lalitha Devi (Principal, Navabharath School, T. Nagar) was presented the Best Teacher award by Rotary Club of K.K. Nagar at a function held in the school on Sept.13.

The award was presented in recognition of her leadership qualities and commitment to school education over



the past 20 years. The award was presented by P. Deivasundari (Principal, Easwari Engineering College) in the presence of Vijayanthi Raghuraman (President of Rotary Club of K.K. Nagar).

Lalitha started her career as a Social Science teacher in the school and became Principal in 2016.

Her contact number is 94456 91848.

Special darshan in Srimath Ramanujasram from Sept. 27

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Mahalaya Paksham, Sri Garudapuram Srimath Ramanujasram (Giri Street, West Mambalam) has organised special darshan of idols of Sri Ramar, Lakshman and Seethai from 8 a.m to 10 a.m and from 5 p.m to 7.30 p.m from Sunday, Sept. 27 to Saturday, Oct. 10. Maavilakku poojai will be performed in the evenings on Saturdays.

Devotees will have to bring their own pooja items.

For more details, call 98415 02313.

A novel way to exercise

By Our Staff Reporter

A man was seen taking a siesta on the curved rainbow ladder (a play equipment) installed in the children's play area in Chennai Corporation Playground on Somasundaram Street (T. Nagar) at around 2.30 p.m on Sept. 17.



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