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Modi inaugurates phase 2 metro stretch



By Our Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first stretch of Chennai Metro's phase-2 network from Poonamallee Bypass to Vadapalani, covering 14.64 kms, on Oct. 11.

After the inauguration, he took a train ride along the entire stretch.

The stretch has 17 stations in all, but only 11 are open to passengers, as the rest are still under final stages of completion.

The inauguration comes nearly seven months after the 1st inspection was done by Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety in February, with final approval given in May.

A senior official said that

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(எஸ். அம்புஜம்மாள் மஹாத்மா காந்தி, கஸ்தூர்பா காந்திக்கு நெருக்கமாக இருந்து தேச சுதந்திரப் போராட்டத்தில் பங்கேற்று சிறை சென்றவர். மகளிர் சேவைக்காக மைலாப்பூரில் ஸ்ரீனிவாச காந்தி நிலையம் என்ற அமைப்பைத் தோற்றுவித்தவர். அவர் எழுதி 1944ல் வெளிவந்த 'மஹாத்மா காந்தி நினைவு மாலை' புத்தகத்திலிருந்து ஒரு பகுதி.)

1943 பிப்ரவரி மாதம் 11ம் தேதி வியாழக்கிழமை காலை வழக்கம்போல் காப்பியைக் குடித்துக்கொண்டே 'என்ன புதிய யுத்தச் செய்தி?' என்று பத்திரிகையைப் பிரித்தேன். சிங்கப்பூர் வீழ்ச்சிக்கும் மேலான திடுக்கிடும் செய்தி ஒன்று கிடைத்தது.

காந்தித் தாத்தா உண்ணாவிரதமிருக்க ஆரம்பித்துவிட்டார். வயது 74, பட்டினி 21 நாள்! அன்று பிட்டுக்கு மண் சுமந்த சுந்தரேசர் முதுகில் விழுந்த அடி மதுரை வாசிகள் அனைவரையும் குலுக்கிவிட்டதாம். அதுபோலச் சென்னை வாசிகளையும் ஒரு குலுக்குக் குலுக்கிவிட்டது இந்த உபவாசச் செய்தி.

உள்ளக் கலக்கம்

'காந்தியின் உடல்நிலை மிகவும் மோசமாகிவிட்டது' என்ற செய்தி சனிக்கிழமை மாலைப் பேப்பரில் வந்ததுதான் தாமதம்; காட்டுத் தீபோல் எங்கும் பரவிச் சென்னை மக்களின் உள்ளத்தையும் தீக்க ஆரம்பித்தது. ஓடினோம் ஆலயங்களுக்கு, முற்றுமை போட்டோம் பேப்பர் ஆபீஸ்களை. ரேடியோக்கள் திருப்பிய வண்ணமிருந்தன. பட்டணத்துப் பிரமுகர்கள் வீடுகளைப் பல முறை வலம் வந்தோம். பயன், கணக்கில்லாத தந்திகளும், லண்டனுக்குக் கேபிள்களும். என்ன செய்தும் என்ன? மனம் நிம்மதி அடையவில்லை.

காலராத்திரிதான் அன்று இரவு. பலமுறை படுக்கையில் எழுந்து உட்கார்ந்து பிரார்த்தனை செய்துகொண்டோம். உரக்க யாரேனும் பேசினாலும் திடுக்கிட்டு விழித்து, 'என்ன? என்ன?' என்று வினவினோம்.

ஒவ்வொருவர் வீட்டிலும் ஏதோ துக்க சம்பவம் நிகழ்ந்துவிட்டது போன்ற உணர்ச்சி. எதைக் கண்டாலும் வெறுப்பு, ஒரே கவலை, ஒரே ஏக்கம்.

சீதையைத் தேடி ராமன் இலங்கைக்குப் போனான். ஒரு மகா சமுத்திரம் குறுக்கிட்டது. உடன் வந்த வானர சேனை இலங்கைக்குள் புக வேண்டுமென்று துடித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தது. ராமனோ வினயத்துடன் வழி விடும்படி பிரார்த்தித்துக் கொண்டான் சமுத்திர ராஜாவை. அந்த அலைகளின் கோஷங்களுக்கிடையே பிரார்த்தனை காதில் விழவேயில்லை. தர்ப்பையிலே படுத்துப் பிராயோபவேசம் செய்யத் துணிந்தான் புருஷோத்தமன்...

பலாத்காரமின்றிப் பிறரை இணங்கும்படி செய்வதற்குப் பட்டினி கிடப்பது ஒரு புராதன வழக்கம் நம் தேசத்திலே. நமது கோரிக்கை நிறைவே, நமது பேரவாவை வெளியிட இது ஒரு முக்கிய சாதனம். பிறர் மனதை இளகச் செய்வதற்கும் ஒரு வழி. ஆத்ம பலத்தை சோதிக்கும் புனித விரதமும் இது. பழைய பாவம் பழி தீர்ந்து, புது வாழ்வு வாழ்வதற்கும் ஏற்ற சாதனம். பிறர் பாவம் குறைகள் தீரவும் தக்க பிராயச்சித்தம்.

இத்தகைய உண்ணாவிரதத்தை மஹாத்மா மேற்கொண்டதும் எங்கள் மனம் பூனாவும், மதராஸுமாக ஊஞ்சலாழ்ந்து. பூனாவுக்குப் போவதாக முடிவு செய்தேன். ஸ்ரீராதாபாய் சுப்பராயன், ஜானம்மாளோடு புறப்பட்டோம்.

சனிக்கிழமை காலை எக்ஸ்பிரஸில் புறப்பட்டோம். வண்டித்தொடர் வழக்கம் போல்தான் போய்க் கொண்டிருந்தது. ஆனால் ஏறும்புபோல் ஊர்ந்து சென்றதாகவே எங்கள் உணர்ச்சி. ஸ்டேஷன்களில் யாராவது தெரிந்த ஒருவரை சந்தித்தால் மஹாத்மாவின் தேக நிலைமையைப் பற்றிக் கேட்க வேண்டுமென்ற ஆவல். எட்டி எட்டிப் பார்த்துக்கொண்டே போனோம். ரயில்களில் ரேடியோ ஏன் இருக்கக் கூடாது?

ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை காலை 8.30 மணிக்குப் பூனா ஸ்டேஷன் வர, 'அப்பாடி!' என்று ஒரு பெருமூச்சு விட்டோம். மஹாத்மாவின் அருமைப் புதல்வர், தென்னாட்டுக்கே மாப்பிள்ளை எனப் பாராட்டுகிறோமே தேவதாஸ் காந்தி, அவர் எங்களை அன்புடன் வரவேற்று, மஹாத்மாவின் உடல்நிலையைப் பற்றிய கவலையைத் தீர்த்து வைத்தார்.

அரண்மனை வாசலில்?

ராமேஸ்வரம் சென்றாலும் சனீஸ்வரன் விடுகிறதா? அன்று மாலைவரை அனுமதிக்காக நாங்கள் காத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தோம்.

சரியாக 4.30 மணிக்கு ஒரு டாக்ஸியில் அந்த அரண்மனைக்குப் புறப்பட்டோம். திகைக்க வேண்டாம்; அழகான ஆகாசன் அரண்மனைக்குத்தான். காந்தி அங்கேதான் சிறை வைக்கப்பட்டிருந்தார். வாசலில் ஏற்கெனவே பத்துப் பதினைந்து கார்கள் நின்று கொண்டிருந்தன. சுமார் 60, 70 பேர்கள். குழந்தைகள், ஸ்திரீகள் உட்பட அங்கே வெயிலில் காத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். 5.30 மணிக்கு உள்ளே செல்ல அனுமதி கிடைத்தது. முதல் கேட்டைத் தாண்டி உட்செல்ல முள்ளுக் கம்பிகள் போட்ட மற்றொரு கேட் தென்பட்டது. அங்கும் ஆயுத பாணிகளான சிப்பாய்கள் காவல் புரிந்து கொண்டிருந்தார்கள்.

தரிசனம்

விசாலமான தோட்டத்தின் நடுவில் இருந்த அந்த அரண்மனையின் ஒரு மூலையிலே, ஒரு அறையில், கட்டிலில் உடல் முழுதும் தூய வெள்ளைக் கதர் போர்த்திப் படுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார் மஹாத்மா. 19வது நாள் உபவாசம். கால்களில் போய் நின்றோம். தலையில் 'மண்பட்டி' கட்டியிருந்தது. முகம் மட்டும் தேஜோமயமாகத் துலங்கிற்று, ஒளி வீசிய கண்களுடன்.

எங்கள் கண்களுக்குப் படுக்கையில் உடல் இருந்த தாகவே தென்படவில்லை. எங்களைக் கண்டதும் புன் முறுவல் பூத்தார். அந்தத் திரு முகம், அந்த இளநகை, அந்தக் கூர்மையான பார்வை என்றும்போல் வசீகரமாகவே இருந்தன.

என்ன என்னவோ பேச வேண்டுமென்று நினைத்துக் கொண்டதான் சென்றோம். ஆனால் இவரை இந்த நிலையில் கண்டதும் தொண்டை அடைத்துக் கொண்டது. வாய் பேச மறுத்தது. பாதத்தைத் தொட்டு வணங்கினோம்.

கணீரென்ற தெளிவான குரலில் மிகப் பரிவுடன் எங்கள் கேஷம் லாபங்களை விசாரித்தார் மஹாத்மா. பதிலுக்கு ஏதோ குழறினோம். இவரைப் பேச வேண்டாமென்று வேண்டிக் கொண்டோம். சென்னை மாநகர் இவருக்காகப் பிரார்த்தனைகள் செய்து வருவதாகச் சொன்னோம். வந்தனம் தெரிவித்தார். இதற்குப் பேட்டிக்கு உரிய மூன்று நிமிஷங்கள் ஆகிவிட்டனவாம்.

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Residents of SPR City install 47.8 feet tall Kolu



The residents of the mega residential complex SPR City (Perambur) have unveiled a massive 47.8 feet tall Kolu for Navaratri.

It features over 4500 dolls. It is open to visitors till Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The installation marks a world record attempt for the height of a Kolu installation, in association with the World Book of Records (London, UK).

The previous record of 36 feet tall Kolu was set in 2012. A resident said that the choice of 47.8 feet draws inspiration from SPR City's 47-floor residential tower.

Chandi homam performed in Sankara Mutt

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees participated in Chandi homam performed for Amaavaasai on Oct. 10 in Sri Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

The next Chandi homam will be performed on Nov. 8 for Deepavali.

Devotees interested in doing Sankalpam, must register in advance.

For more details, call 95516 97770

Free chess class on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

G. Kothandaraman (102/194, Lake View Apartments, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) will conduct a free Chess class for children above 5 years from 10.30 a.m to 12 noon on Tuesday, Oct. 27 in its premises.

The participants must bring their own chess board and pieces.

Kothandaraman told *Mambalam Times* that special moves will be taught to the students during the free session.

He said that regular classes are conducted on weekends for children above 3 years.

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Nava Chandi homam in Bharathi Vidyashram on Tuesday



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with the last day of Navarathri, Nava Chandi homam will be performed from 8 a.m on Tuesday, Oct. 20 in Sringeri Bharathi Vidyashram (Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

Two held for overseas job scam

By Our Staff Reporter

Two men were arrested by KK Nagar police on Oct. 14 on charge of cheating more than 60 job seekers of Rs. 75 lakhs in an overseas job scam.

The accused were identified as Velmurugan (48) of MGR Nagar and Balan (46) of K.K. Nagar.

Police said that the duo ran Golden Skyways, an overseas recruitment agency in Valasaravakkam, and used to woo job seekers by publishing attractive advertisements about job opportunities abroad on social media platforms.

They promised to secure jobs in European countries and took Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs as processing fee from the applicants, and then cheated them.

They later closed the agency and absconded.

Based on complaints filed by several victims, police conducted investigation and arrested the accused.

Police seized Rs. 4.75 lakhs in cash, a car, three computers and other documents from them.

Satsang on Saturdays in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) is conducting Satsang on Saturdays from 5.30 p.m to 8 p.m in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, (Sun-daram 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.

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நேற்று எனக்கு ஒரு பெண்மணியிடமிருந்து கடிதம் வந்தது. அதில் அவள் கண்ணிருக்கிடையே எழுதியிருந்த விஷயம் மிகவும் துக்ககரமானது. அவளைப் பெற்றெடுத்த தாயார் அவளிடம் அன்பாக இல்லையாம். அந்தப் பெண்ணின் தங்கையிடம் மட்டும் அளவுகடந்த அன்பு காட்டும் அம்மாள் தன் மூத்த பெண்ணிடம் மட்டும் அலட்சியமாயிருப்பானே? காரணம் மூத்த பெண் கறுப்பு; இளையவள் சிவப்பு. பாவம், மூத்தவளுக்கு அவள் நிறம் காரணமாக மிகவும் ஏழைக் கணவனுக்கு வாழ்க்கைப்பட நேர்ந்ததாம். இதையெல்லாம் விவரமாக எழுதியிருக்கிறாள். அவளுக்கு பதில் எழுதும் விஷயத்தையே உனக்கும் சேர்த்து எழுதுகிறேன்.

தாய்க்குத் தன் மகளிடமே பாரபட்சம் இருக்கிறது என்றால் அது இயற்கைக்கு விரோதமானதுதான். ஓர் அன்னைக்கு ஒரு குழந்தை பிறந்தால் அந்தக் குழந்தையிடம் நிறைய அன்பு பாராட்ட முடியும்; நான்கு குழந்தைகள் பிறந்தால் அந்த அன்பு பங்கிடு ஆகிவிடும் என்பதில்லை. செலவு செய்வதிலும், வளர்ப்பதிலும் பாகமாகிவிடலாம். அன்பு குறையாது. எடுத்தால் குறைந்துவிடுகிற பொருள் அல்ல அன்பு. ஓர் அன்னையின் இதயம் அகூய் பாத்நிரம் போன்றது. எனவே குழந்தைகளுக்கிடையே வேற்றுமை பாராட்டி, இளம் மனத்தைப் புண்ணாகச் செய்வது மிகத் தவறு. அந்த சகோதரி தன் தாயின் அன்புக் குறைவால் மனம் வாடாமல் பெற்றோரின் பால் அன்பாக நடந்தால் காலக்கிரமத்தில் தாயின் மனம் மாறுதல் அடைந்து நிலைமை சீர்பட்டு விடலாம்.

சில தாய்மார்களுக்குப் பிள்ளையை விடப் பெண் குழந்தைகளிடம் அன்பு அதிகம். பெண், புருஷன் வீட்டுக்குப் போய் விடுகிறபடியால் அவளிடம் தனி அன்பு. 'பெண்ணைப் போற்றி வளர்க்க வேண்டும்' என்று ஒரு பழமொழிகூட உண்டு.

தீபாவளி சமயத்தில் ஜவுளிக்கடையில் ஓர் அம்மாள் துணிகள் வாங்கிக் கொண்டிருந்தாள். ஒரு பெண் 'இந்தக் கறுப்புப் புடவையை நான் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளட்டுமா?' என்று கண்களை அகல விரித்துத் தொட்டுப் பார்த்தாள். அந்த அம்மாள், 'உன் கறுப்பு நிறத்துக்கு இதை உடுத்திக் கொண்டால் பார்க்க சகிக்காது. பத்மா இதை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளட்டும்' என்றாள். இன்னொரு பெண் லட்சணமாக இருந்தாள். முதலில் சொன்ன பெண் நீர் நிறைந்த கண்களுடன் வண்டியில் போய் உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டாள். இதைப் பார்க்கும்போது இது என்ன விவேகமற்ற செயல் என்று நினைத்தேன்.

கல்யாணம் செய்து கொடுத்த பிறகு ஒரு பெண் விதி வசத்தால் பணக்காரியாகவும், இன்னொரு பெண் ஏழையாகவும் ஆகிவிடுகிறார்கள். பெற்றவள் தன் பெண்ணானாலும் அவள் ஏழையென்றால் அவளை மதிப்பதில்லை. அதனால் மனம் நொந்துபோகும் பெண்கள் எவ்வளவோ பேர் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

சிவப்பு, கறுப்பு, அழகு, அழகில்லை என்று சின்னக் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரே பேசுவது மிகத் தவறு. அழகான பெண்ணுக்கு அகம்பாவம் வந்துவிடுகிறது. உடன்பிறந்தவளையே அவமதிக்கிறது. ஒரு தாய்க்குத் தன் மக்கள் ஒற்றுமையின்றி யாதவப் படைகள் மாதிரி இருந்தால் ஏற்படும் மனவருத்தம் தேற்ற முடியாததாகும்.

உடம்பு பலவீனம், அழகுக் குறைவு முதலிய குறைபாடுகள் நம் குழந்தைகளில் ஒன்றுக்கு இருந்தால் அதற்குப் பிரத்தியேகச் சலுகை காட்டி மற்றக் குழந்தைகளையும் அதனிடம் அன்பாக இருக்கும்படி செய்வதுதான் நமது கடமை. அதைவிட்டு அந்தக் குழந்தையின் ஊனத்தை அடிக்கடி எடுத்துச் சொல்லி மற்றக் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரில் புண்படுத்துவது மிகமிகத் தவறு. அதனால் அந்தக் குழந்தை தாழ்வு மனப்பான்மைக்கு அடிமையாகி வயது வந்த பிறகும் கூட எந்தக் காரியத்துக்கும் தகுதி அற்றதாகிவிடும்.

மிகச் சிறிய வயதில் மனம் எதையும் எளிதாக நம்பும். அந்தக் காலத்தை அறிஞர்கள் மனப்பதிவு செய்யும் வயதென்றும், அப்பொழுது மிக கவனமாக இருக்க வேண்டும் என்றும் வற்புறுத்துகிறார்கள். நம் குழந்தைகள் தானே என்று அசிரத்தையாக இருக்கக் கூடாதல்லவா?

ஒவ்வொரு குழந்தைக்கும் பிறவியிலேயே சில குணங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. அவற்றில் நல்ல அம்சமும் கெட்ட அம்சமும் கலந்திருக்கும். அதை உணர்ந்து தகுந்தபடி வளர்க்கத்தான் நம்முடைய முயற்சி தேவை.

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Kolu with 500 Vinayakar idols in Thejus



Thejus†(85, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, near Jeeva Park) has organised its 15th year swarna kolu depicting 500 idols of Lord Vinayakar.

It will be open to the public from 11 a.m to 6 p.m till Tuesday, Oct. 20. 74-year-old Shanthi Chandrasekhar (daughter-in-law of music legend D. K. Pattammal and Head of Thejus) told *Mambalam Times* that she had collected the idols over the past two decades. She said that the idols are made from various materials and depict Vinay-akar in different forms. The kolu also features various other idols including those of Lord Shiva. All are welcome. For more details, call 94440 00060.

Special kolu in Gandhi Street temple



A 9-step golu featuring more than 150 idols is on display for Navarathri in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (Gandhi Street, West Mambalam) till Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Special poojas are held daily and prasadam is distributed to all devotees. All are welcome. For more details, call 98843 97273

Special alangaarams in Aachi Amman temple till Oct. 20

Special poojas are being held daily for Navarathri since Oct. 11 in Devi Aachi Amman Temple (Siddhi Vinayakar Koil Street, Muthurangan Salai, T. Nagar). The Amman is adorned in different alangaarams daily. The following are the alangaaram details:

Sunday, Oct. 18: Bhavani and Durgai, Monday, Oct. 19: Saraswathi, Tuesday, Oct. 20: Parasakthi. Devotional concerts, followed by special archana and maha arathi are held daily from 6.30 p.m.

Devotees can donate flowers, fruits, garlands and prasadam for the poojas. For more details, call 99400 70888.

Sahasranaama paaraayanam in Madley Road temple on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Devotional concerts are being held daily at 5 p.m in Korikkai Baba Temple†(9, Madley Road, T. Nagar) for Navarathri since Oct. 11.

It will conclude on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The following are the details:

Sunday, Oct. 18: Vocal concert by students of Vanchiyam Sri Guruji Krupa Mandali (West Mambalam)

Monday, Oct. 19: Bhajans by Radhakrishnan Bhajan group (West Mambalam)

Tuesday, Oct. 20: 11 a.m: Vishnu Sahasranaama paaraayanam; 5 p.m: Vocal concert by Shreya Venkatraman, accompanied by V. S. Sri Skandan (mridangam).

All are welcome.

For more details, call 80726 79856

Pavement damaged outside pharmacy

By Our Staff Reporter

The entire pavement width for a stretch of 20 feet is damaged outside a pharmacy on the service lane of Durai-samy Subway (T. Nagar), rendering it unusable.

A number of senior citizens visiting the pharmacy are put to hardship. The pharmacy owner said that the pavement has been in damaged condition for over two months.

He appeals to Chennai Corporation to relay it immediately.

Photo taken on Oct. 15 shows a senior citizen struggling to reach the shop.



Padayathrai to Tirumala temple on Oct. 23

Tirumalai Tirupathi Padayathrai Trust (Aparna Apartments, 4/13, Balakrishna Mudali Street, West Mambalam) has organised a padayathrai to Tirumala Venkateswara Temple (Tirupathi) from West Mambalam on Friday, Oct. 23.

Food and shelter along the way will be provided free for all yatris.

S. L. Sriram and C.V. Ganesh (Organisers) told *Mambalam Times* that 175 persons will be participating in it. The entire expense for the trip including boarding and lodging is borne by them.

They have been organising the padayathrai for the past several years.

Their contact numbers are 94441 45574 or 98412 41811.

Admissions open in TKM Academy for Music and Dance

Admissions are open for Vijayadasami in TKM's Academy Centre for Music and Dance (Bharathidasan Colony, K.K. Nagar).

It conducts classes in Carnatic vocals, devotional music, bharatanatyam, keyboard (Western classical) and mridangam.

There is no age limit.

Classes are conducted by experienced faculty. For admissions and more details, contact T. Kalai-magan (Musician and Director of TKM's Academy) in 9003137021 or 88382 95003.

Kalaimagan is the grandson of Padmashri awardee Kalaimamani Kavignar Subbu Arumugam.

Mega bharatanatyam show at Metro phase 2 inauguration



By Our Staff Reporter

Dharani Ramakrishna (Founder of Saraswathy Natyalaya and resident of Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam) organised a mega bharatanatyam dance show by 1300 students from various dance schools in the city during the inauguration ceremony of the Poonamallee-Vadapalani stretch of Chennai Metro phase-2 project on Oct. 11.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who inaugurated the project, met Dharani after the show and appreciated her for the initiative. Her contact number is 98417 39168

Matrimonial meet held for differently abled persons



By Our Staff Reporter

K. Gopinath (State General Secretary of Tamilnadu Udvikkaram Association for the Welfare of Differently-Abled, K.K. Nagar) was the Chief Guest at the free matrimonial meet held for differently abled persons in Ramar Temple (Ambattur) on Oct. 10.

Such meets are organised on the second Saturday of each month at the above venue by Sun Star Marriage Information Centre (Ambattur).

Gopinath explained about various government schemes for disabled persons and how to apply for them, including the free 8 grams Thali and cash assistance scheme for marriages. He said that more than hundred differently abled persons from various parts of Tamilnadu participated in the meet.

Raincoats and umbrellas were gifted to all the participants. The meet concluded with lunch. Gopinath's contact numbers are 97908 20194 and 94448 91338.

Pavement blocked outside TTD temple

By Our Staff Reporter

Heavy metal structures erected outside TTD temple (Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) is blocking the entire pavement width.

There are steel gates on one side of the pavement, and barricades on the other.

On top of the steel structures, sheds have been erected, and the blocked space in between is used for 2-wheeler parking.

Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road thereby risking their lives.



Youth held for robbing bike and jewellery

By Our Staff Reporter

A 23-year-old law student was arrested on Oct. 14 by Teynampet police on charge of impersonating as a sub-inspector and robbing a government official of gold jewellery and motorcycle on Sept. 19.

The accused was identified as Yashwanth of Ayanambakkam.

Police said that on Sept. 19, he confronted the victim (a resident of T. Nagar and employed as Assistant Engineer with TNUHDB) after the victim came out of a beauty parlour on Eldams Road. Claiming to be a Sub-Inspector, Yashwanth took his mobile phone and threatened to inform his parents about the messages he had exchanged with a woman he had befriended on a dating app.

He then forced the victim to hand over a one-sovereign gold chain and a two-gram ring and demanded Rs. 10,000 cash. When the victim entered a nearby ATM to withdraw the cash, Yashwanth drove off on the victim's bike.

Police launched a hunt for the accused after identifying him from the CCTV footage outside the ATM. He had sold the bike and the jewellery for Rs. 1.60 lakhs.

Modi's motivational talk to students in Hindu Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

While participating in the golden jubilee celebrations of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (T. Nagar) on Oct. 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to students to dream big and think differently, emphasising that India's young generation had the potential to provide solutions to the world's challenges and lead the country towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Throughout his speech he addressed the students as 'Nanbargale'.

He spoke about the importance of preserving the Tamil language and culture, and highlighted the timeless wisdom of Thirukkural.

He recalled how Hindu Vidyalaya began in 1975 with just seven students and limited infrastructure in West Mambalam, and has since grown into a network of 15 establishments.

He expressed confidence in the country's youth to achieve significant milestones in sports and other fields.

Special alangaarams for Navarathri in Sathya Narayana temple

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Navarathri, special poojas are held daily in Sathya Narayana Perumal Temple (Srinivasa Pillai Street, West Mambalam).

The presiding deities Sathya Narayana Perumal and Mahalakshmi Thayar are adorned in different alangaarams and decked in ceremonial jewellery daily.

Hundreds of devotees are having darshan.

The poojas and alangaarams are performed by priests Gokulakrishnan Bhattacharya and Sathya Narayana Bhattacharya.

Free classes on communication skills for school students

Kalpavriksha Seva Trust (Nagarathinammal Street, West Mambalam) conducts free classes on Communication Skills under its 'Friends of Kalpavruksha' program on Sun days from 10 a.m to 12 noon.

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.

For more details, call 63829 56455.

Free Silambam classes held daily

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

The classes are held daily from 7.30 p.m to 9 p.m.

Those interested in joining, can contact him in 74485 39539.

Over 100 detained during protests in T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 100 persons were detained by police during anti-Modi protests held in T. Nagar and Saidapet on Oct. 11.

The protests were organised by members of the Students' Federation of India (SFI), the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) and the May 17 Movement.

While members of the May 17 Movement staged a protest in T. Nagar against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to inaugurate the Chennai Metro phase-2 project, the SFI and DYFI members gathered near Panagal Maligai in Saidapet to express their support for the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP). The party has been holding protests in Delhi demanding the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Police detained the protesters and released them in the evening.

TTC Credit Society offers trade loans upto Rs. 10 lakhs

By Our Staff Reporter

Small business entrepreneurs in and around T. Nagar, Kodambakkam and Saidapet with regular daily income can avail Trade Loans from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 10 lakhs from Thiruvalluvar Transport Corporation Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. (14, Coats Road, off North Usman Road, T. Nagar).

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.

Modi inaugurates AI Lab in Hindu Vidyalaya



By Our Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the golden jubilee celebration of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School (West Mambalam) held on Oct. 11 in New Convention Hall (Chennai Trade Center, Nandambakkam).

R. V. Arlekar (Tamilnadu Governor) presided over the function.

Girija Seshadri (General Secretary of the school) delivered the welcome address.

Modi inaugurated the school's AI laboratory during the event.

Other dignitaries present were L. Murugan (Union Minister), R.R. Gopaljee (President, Vishwa Hindu Vidya Kendra) and Nainar Nagendran (President, BJP Tamilnadu).

Hanging overhead sign board poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

As the overhead traffic sign board fixed at the junction of Thyagaraya Road and South Boag Road (T. Nagar) has got detached at one end, it can fall on the road at any time.

As it poses grave danger to unwary pedestrians and motorists, Chennai Corporation must refix it immediately to prevent any untoward incident.

This photo was taken on Oct.14.

Remains of street light post poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

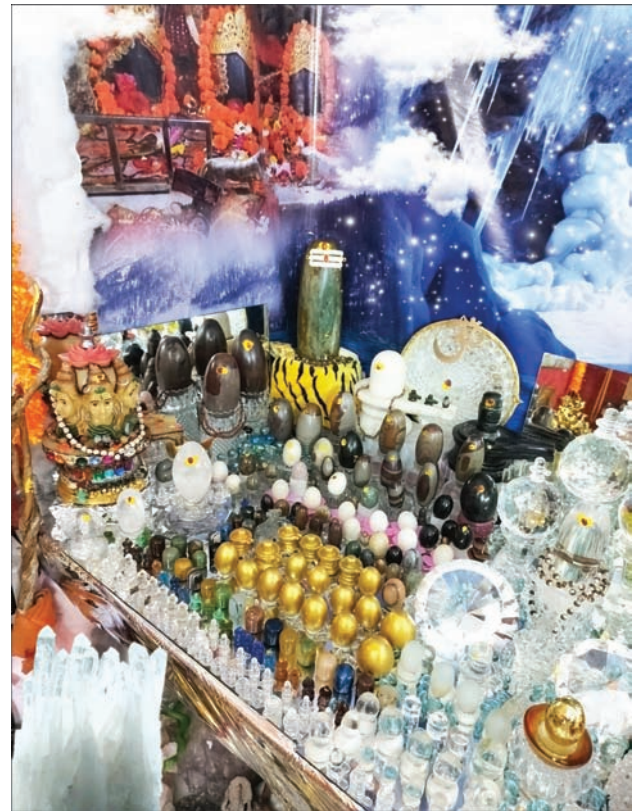
A damaged street light post fell across the pavement of Burkit Road (near Venkatanarayana Road junction, T. Nagar) a year back.

Its rusted base with sharp ends has still not been removed.

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

This photo was taken on Oct.13.

Resident displays 18-step Kolu on Cosmic Cave Temple



By Our Staff Reporter

For Navarathri, 67-year-old R. Badrinarayanan and his wife Jayalakshmi (63) (residents of Flat BP8, Block 1, Landmark Metropolis Apartments, Bharathidasan Colony, K.K. Nagar, near RTO Office) have displayed a unique collection of Kolu dolls on the theme of 'Mahamaya Cosmic Cave Temple' in an 18-step display in their house.

Badrinarayanan told *Mambalam Times* that the Kolu comprises of mystical, spiritual, natural, and sacred collections of dolls and idols collected over 46 years.

He said that among the collections are hundreds of lingams collected from rivers and snow-covered Himalayan regions, shaligrams and Rudrakshams.

Other items include various natural stones and formations, crystals, gemstones, and numerous crystal clusters.

The cave also features large conch shells, Valampuri conches, seashells, Vishnu chakras, pearls, and various natural ocean treasures and floating stones.

The special scenic formations depict Kailash and Vaikuntha, together with waterfalls and other natural elements that add to the unique atmosphere of the cave temple. Other specialties on display include Rudraksha mountain, multi-faced Rudrakshas, kalpavriksha, Mahamayi Sarva Atma Rakshaki, Vishwaroopini, Aishwarya Lakshmi, Maha Meru, Rainbow Crystal lingam, Emerald lingam, Narmada lingam, Shiva-Shakti lingam and more.

All are welcome to visit the Kolu from 5 p.m to 10 p.m till Monday, Oct. 19.

For more details, call 95515 55898 or 95000 64319.

Heavy duty pumps deployed in low-lying areas



As part of monsoon preparedness, Chennai Corporation has started to deploy high power diesel water pumps in low-lying areas to pump out excess water to prevent water stagnation. Photo taken on Oct. 14 shows a water pump powered by a diesel generator installed at the junction of North Usman Road and Rajachar Street (T. Nagar).

More such pumps will be installed in low-lying areas in the coming days.

Concert, upanyasam in Vani Mahal today and tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Carnatic music concerts are being held for Navarathri since Oct. 11 in Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (108, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

It will conclude on Monday, Oct. 19.

The following are the details:

Sunday, Oct.18: Vocal concert by Lakshmipriya, accompanied by Sriramya Mantha (violin), Pazhani V. Balaji (mridangam) and S. Hari Kishore (kanjira).

Monday, Oct.19: Upanyasam on 'Sri Shakthi Parakramam' by Varsha Bhuvaneswari, accompanied by Jaidev Haridoss (mridangam).

Entrance is free.

All are welcome.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvaramananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 18 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

9 undergo free cataract surgery

By Our Staff Reporter

In the free eye check-up organised by Tirumala Tirupati Pathayathirai Annadhaanam Trust (West Mambalam) on Oct. 4, 9 persons were diagnosed with cataract and 25 persons with vision problems.

Those diagnosed with cataract underwent free surgery in Sankara Nethralaya, and free spectacles were given to persons with vision problems. For more details call, 94441 45574 and 98412 41811.

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Two held in mineral smuggling racket

By Our Staff Reporter

A massive inter-state mineral smuggling racket involving fake government permits, passes and seals was busted with the arrest of two employees of Rasi Graphis (Kodambakkam), who, police said, printed forged documents used by heavy vehicles transporting minerals from Tiruvallur and Ranipet districts to Andhra Pradesh.

Acting on complaints about large quantities of minerals and sand being transported using fake permits, a team headed by Vedyappan (Joint Director of Geology and Mining) conducted checks and found more than 100 heavy vehicles carrying minerals with fake permits.

The vehicles were seized and complaints were lodged with police.

Based on information provided by the vehicle owners, police raided the office of Rasi Graphics (Central Avenue, Kodambakkam) and found that it facilitated in printing the fake permits, passes and seals.

Two employees identified as Manikandan (38) and Vignesh (29) were arrested.

Police said that Raju, the owner of Rasi Graphics, is absconding.

Further investigation is on to identify and arrest the kingpins involved in the scam.

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.

Free acupuncture treatment on Fridays

By Our Staff Reporter

J. Anuradha Devi (Acupuncturist and resident of Periyar Ramasamy Street, West Mambalam) offers free acupuncture and acupressure treatment from 10.30 a.m to 2 p.m on Fridays at TTD Temple (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar).

She told *Mambalam Times* that those suffering from migraine, back, knee and joint pains, frozen shoulder, varicose vein, rheumatoid arthritis, renal problems, wheezing and other chronic ailments can benefit from the treatment. For more details call, 90430 11501.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Decades old healthy tree cut on Mahadevan Street

Sir, A decades old healthy tree was cut by workers engaged by Chennai Corporation on Mahadevan Street (West Mambalam) recently.

When the residents reached out to the officials concerned for an explanation, they were told that the tree was cut based on a complaint that the tree was withering.

This is totally incorrect as the tree was healthy and thriving.

I appeal to the higher officials of Chennai Corporation to conduct an investigation into the incident and take suitable action against the complainant and the erring officials. **S. Karpaga Ganesh, T. Nagar, Ph: 94441 27708.**

Thematic kolu on Lord Muruga in Kali Bari temple



By Our Staff Reporter

A group of devotees have setup a thematic kolu featuring hundreds of Lord Muruga idols, including a 5-foot-tall idol of the deity in Madras Kali Bari Temple (Umapathy Street Extension, West Mambalam) as part of Navrathri and Durga pooja.

Devotees can have darshan till Tuesday, Oct.20.

Special poojas are held in the evening from 6.30 p.m to 9.30 p.m, and prasadam is distributed to all devotees. All are welcome.

Durgotsav in Kali Bari Temple till Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Durgotsav, special poojas are being held daily since Oct. 16 in Madars Kali Bari Temple (12, Umapathy Street, West Mambalam).

It will conclude on Tuesday, Oct. 20

Following are the details from Oct. 18:

Sunday, Oct.18: 10 a.m: Chandi paaraayanam; 11 a.m: Maha ashtami pushpanjali; 11.45 a.m: Bhog aarati; 1 p.m: Annadhaanam; 7.30 p.m: Maha arati.

Monday, Oct.19: 7.30 a.m: Sandhi poojai, followed by Pushpanjali with 108 lotus and special poojas; 8.30 a.m: Navami poojai; 10 a.m: Chandi paaraayanam; 11 a.m: Pushpanjali; 11.45 a.m: Aarati; 1 p.m: Annadhaanam; 7.30 pm.: Maha aarati.

Tuesday, Oct 20: 4 a.m: Navami poojai; 6 a.m: Pushpanjali; 6.30 a.m: Aarati; 7 a.m: Durga poojai and chandi homam; 10 a.m: Kaniya poojai; 1 p.m: Annadhaanam; 7 p.m: Maha aarati. All are welcome.

For more details, contact 044-24837170 or 94443 83840.

Concert of old Hindi songs next Sunday

The music troupe Satrangi will present a concert of old Hindi songs covering duets Asha Parekh and Saira Banu from 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 25 in TEACH Auditorium (Taramani). It will feature popular songs from movies like Teesri Manzil, Junglee, Shagird, Kati Patang, Sagina, Jab Pyar Kisi Se Hota Hai, Aaya Sawan Jhoom Ke, Aye Milan Ki Bela and more.

The program will be presented by Promod and Smriti on pre-recorded tracks.

Tickets priced Rs.500 and Rs.300 will be home delivered on calling 98847 78073.

Special poojas for Navarathri in Ram Samaj



By Our Staff Reporter

Special poojas are held daily in the mornings and evenings for Navarathri in Sri Ram Samaj (Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

It will conclude on Tuesday, Oct. 20. A thematic kolu is on display.

All are welcome.

Sathyaa Academy offers specialized coaching for TNPSC exam

By Our Staff Reporter

Sathyaa IAS Academy (574/1 & 2, Anna Salai, Teynampet) offers specialized coaching for TNPSC Group IV exam, featuring 45+ comprehensive mock tests.

A senior faculty told *Mambalam Times* that structured guidance and continuous evaluation are part of the curriculum to prepare the candidates for the competitive exam.

He said that with an exam-oriented approach, the aim is to enhance subject knowledge, optimize time manage-

ment, and maximize accuracy when the students sit for the actual exam.

He said that special focus is given to ensure high marks in both Aptitude and General Tamil sections.

Through regular evalua-

tions and performance feedback, the Academy aims to build high exam confidence and accuracy among candidates, he said.

For more details and admission, call 97979 74605 or 93443 34411.

Corporation augments waste management ahead of monsoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation on Oct. 10 rolled out 356 vehicles, 2,873 dustbins and other equipment worth Rs 65 crores to strengthen solid waste management and ensure uninterrupted civic services ahead of the northeast monsoon.

G.S. Sameeran (Corporation Commissioner) inaugurated the new fleet and equipment at Lloyds Colony (Teynampet).

He also distributed uniforms and raincoats to sanitation workers.

A senior official said that the vehicles will help improve waste collection, maintain road cleanliness and ensure the timely removal of garbage during the monsoon season.

The new infrastructure includes 283 battery-operated vehicles (BOVs), 37 refuse compactors, 28 two-tonne-capacity vehicles, seven hook loaders, a mechanical sweeper, 18 containers with a capacity of 20 cubic metres each, and 2,854 bins.

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