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

பதவியும் பொறுப்பும்

மஹான்களின் வாழ்க்கைத் துணைவியாக வாய்க்கப் பெறுவது பெரும் பாக்கியம்தான். ஆனால் அப்பதவியின் பொறுப்பை வகிப்பதென்பது எளிதான காரியமா?

சாதாரணமான ஒரு புருஷனுடைய மனைவி என்ற நிலையிலேயே எவ்வளவோ புத்தி சாலித்தனமாக நடந்துகொள்ள வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. சொந்த அபிலாஷைகளை தூரக் கட்டி வைக்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. தணிந்து போக வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. காந்தி போன்ற மஹான் களோ தமது லட்சியத்தை உலகத்திலே நிலைநாட்டப் பிறந்தவர்கள். அதற்காகத் தம்மையே அர்ப்பணம் செய்வதன்றி, தம் மனைவி மக்களுடைய உடல், பொருள், ஆவிகளையும்கூடத் தியாகம் செய்யச் சித்தமாயிருப்பவர்கள். பெரும் பிடிவாத குணம் படைத்தவர்கள். உலகப் போக்கை எதிர்த்து முன் வைத்த காலைப் பின்வாங்காது தீர நெஞ்சுடன் போராடி நிற்பவர்கள்.

மஹான்களின் சித்தம் தம் விஷயத்திலும் தம் மனைவி மக்கள் விஷயத்திலும் வைரத்தையிட வன்மை வாய்ந்தது; பிறர் விஷயத்தில் பூவைவிட மென்மையானது என்று சொல்லலாம். அத்தகைய பெரியார் ஒருவரது இல்லறம் யாதொரு இடையூறுமின்றி நல்லறமாக நடைபெறுவ தென்றால் லேசான காரியமா?

பதிபக்தி, பணிவு, அடக்கம், சகிப்புத்தன்மை எல்லோரையும் தம் மக்கள் என்று பாவிக்கும் தாயுள்ளம், தியாக புத்தி இவை போன்ற அரும்பெருங் குணங்களை வாழ்க்கைத் துணைவி படைத்திருந்தால்தானே அந்தக் காரியம் சித்தி பெறலாகும்?

இத்தகைய நற்குணங்கள் அன்னை கஸ்தூரிபாவிடம் மலிந்து காணப்பட்டன. இல்லாவிட்டால் 'மஹாத்மா' உண்மையில் ஒரு மஹாத்மாவாக இருக்க முடியாது என்றே சொல்லலாம். மஹாத்மா காந்தி ஒரு சிறந்த யோகியாகவோ, துறவியாகவோ மட்டும் இருந்திருக்க முடியுமேயன்றி அடிமை இந்தியாவுக்கு வழிகாட்டும் ஒரு தீர்க்கதரிசியாக ஒரு லட்சிய புருஷனாக இந்தியாவின் ராஜ்ஜிய, சமுதாய, பொருளாதாரத் துறைகளில் இறங்கித் தீவிரமாகச் சேவை செய்யும் ஒப்பற்ற கர்ம வீரனாகப் பரிணமித்திருக்க முடியாது.

ஆரம்பத்தில் கடும் பயிற்சி

மஹாத்மாவின் இத்தகைய உயர்தர வாழ்க்கையில் இந்த வாழ்க்கைத் துணைவி எவ்வளவு தூரம் ஒத்துழைத்திருக்கிறார்! ஆனால் ஆரம்பத்தில் இந்த ஒத்துழைப்பு கஸ்தூரிபாவுக்கும், கஷ்டமாகத்தான் இருந்திருக்க வேண்டும்.

உதாரணமாக 'தோட்டி வேலை மிக இழிவானது; அதைச் செய்பவர் இழிந்த ஜாதியினராக இருப்பவர்!' என்ற தப்பான கொள்கையை மஹாத்மா காந்தி மிகவும் வெறுத்து வந்தார். தாம் வசிக்கும் வீட்டையும், ஊரையும் சுத்தமாக வைத்துக் கொள்வது நம் எல்லோருடைய கடமையாகையால் உயர் குலத்தோரும் அப்பணியை மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்பது மஹாத்மாவின் கொள்கை.

தென் ஆப்பிரிக்காவில் இவருடைய இல்லத்தில் இவருடன் கூட இருந்தவர்களில் ஒருவர் ஹரிஜன குலத்தில் பிறந்து, கிறிஸ்துவ மதத்தைத் தழுவியவர். இவர் காந்தியடிகளின் குமாஸ்தா. அந்தப் பிரதேசத்து வீடுகளில் பம்பாய்க் கக்கூஸ் கிடையாது. இரவில் படுக்கை யறைகளில் மலஜலச் சட்டி வைப்பது வழக்கம். காந்தியடிகளின் இல்லத்தில் வேலைக்காரர் ஏது? மஹாத்மா அல்லது இவரது தர்ம பத்தினி கஸ்தூரிபாதான் அந்தச் சட்டிகளையும் சுத்தம் செய்வது வழக்கம்.

கஸ்தூரிபாவுக்குத் தம் கணவர், குழந்தைகள் இவர்களுடைய சட்டிகளை சுத்தம் செய்வதுபோல் அந்த ஹரிஜன குமாஸ்தாவின் சட்டியையும் மனமுவந்து சுத்தி செய்யக் கூடாமல் போயிற்றாம். ஒரு சமயம் கண்கள் சிவந்து முத்து முத்தாகக் கன்னங்களில் நீர் பெருகியோடச் சட்டியும் கையுமாக அந்த வேலையை செய்து கொண்டிருந்த கஸ்தூரிபாவை மஹாத்மா கண்டுவிட்டார்.

'இந்த மாதிரி முரண்டுகளுக்கு என் வீட்டில் இடமில்லை. உனக்கு இந்த வேலைகள் பிடிக்காவிட்டால் இந்த வீட்டை விட்டு வெளியே போய்விடு' என்று கடுமையாகக் கூறினார். அதற்குக் கஸ்தூரிபா, 'எனக்குத் தாய் தந்தையர் இல்லை. உங்கள் வீட்டை விட்டுத் துரத்தினால் நான் வேறு எங்கே போவது?' என்று அழுதுகொண்டே கேட்டாராம்.

அவருடைய அந்தப் பணிவான சொல் காந்தியின் மனதில் சுருக்கென்று தைத்தது. தம் தவறுதலை அவர் உணர்ந்து கொண்டார். அது முதல் காந்தி கஸ்தூரிபாவை அந்த மாதிரி யான பணிகளை செய்யும்படி தூண்டுவதில்லை. ஆனாலும் கஸ்தூரிபா தாமே மனமுவந்து முன்வந்து அந்த வேலைகளைச் செய்வது சகஜமாகிவிட்டது.

வேறொரு பயிற்சி

எக்காரணத்தினாலும் மாமிச உணவு, மதுபானம் இவை இரண்டும் கூடாது என்பது மஹாத்மாவின் மற்றொரு கொள்கை. வெகு சிரமப்பட்டு அதை விடாமல் இங்கிலாந்திலும் கைக்கொண்டு வந்தார். ஒரு சமயம் கஸ்தூரிபா பெரிதும் நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டிருந்தார். அப்போது மாமிச ஆகாரம் கொடுத்தாலன்றி அவர் பிழைக்கமாட்டார் என்று வைத்தியர் கூறிவிட்டாராம். காந்தியடிகளுக்கு அது இஷ்டமில்லை.

கஸ்தூரிபாவுக்கு விஷயம் தெரிந்தது. அந்தத் துர்ப்பலமான நிலைமையிலும் அவர் 'இந்த மனித சரீரம் கிடைப்பது அரிது. மாமிசம், மதுபானம் இவைகளை உட்கொண்டு இதை அசுத்தமாக்க நான் விரும்பவில்லை. இறந்தாலும் சரி; இருந்தாலும் சரி; இவ்விரண்டையும் நான் உட்கொள்ள மாட்டேன்!' என்று கூறிவிட்டாராம். மஹாத்மாவுக்கு எவ்வளவு உண்மையான ஸஹதர்மிணி அன்னை கஸ்தூரிபா!

சக்தியாகிகர வித்து

காந்திக்கு சுய சிகிச்சையில் அபார நம் பிக்கை. சில சமயங்களில் பேர்போன டாக்டர்களின் வைத்தியத்தையும் தோல்வியுறச் செய்திருக்கிறார் தம் கனிமண சிகிச்சையினாலே. ஒரு சமயம் கஸ்தூரிபாவுக்கு ரத்தப் போக்கு அதிகம் உண்டாயிற்றாம். அதை நிறுத்த 'உப்பு இல்லாத பத்தியம் தான் சரியான சிகிச்சை' என்று காந்தி தீர்மானித்தார்.

அதைக் கஸ்தூரிபாவிடம் மௌனப் பிரஸ்தாபிக்க, 'என்னால் அந்தப் பத்தியம் இருக்க முடியாது!' என்று கண்டிப்பாகக் கூறிவிட்டார் அம்மையார்.

ஆனால் இந்தக் கணவரா விடுபவர்?

'ஏன் இருக்க முடியாது? இதோ பார்.

இன்று முதல் நான் உப்பை விட்டுவிடுகிறேன்!' என்று சபதம் கூறினார். உடனே 'ஐயோ! எனக்காக நீங்களும் அப்படிச் செய்து உடம்பைக் கெடுத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டாம். நான் உப்பு இல்லாமலே சாப்பிடுகிறேன்!' என்று ஒப்புக் கொண்டாராம் கஸ்தூரிபா.

இந்த மாதிரி மஹாத்மாவின் பேர்போன சக்தியாகிகர இயக்கத்தின் ஆரம்பம் முதல் முதலில் வீட்டிலேதான் நடந்தது. அந்த இயக்கத்திற்குக் கிடைத்த வெற்றியும் கஸ்தூரிபாவின் பக்தியினால்தான் என்று மஹாத்மாவே கூறியுள்ளார்.



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Water stagnates on Prakasam Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains at night on Oct. 21, ankle-deep water stagnated on Prakasam Road (near Panagal Park, T. Nagar).

After complaints by residents, Corporation workers deployed a heavy-duty pump set to drain the water into the storm water drain chamber of an adjoining road.

This photo was taken on at 1 p.m on Oct. 21

Tree topples, damages compound wall



By Our Staff Reporter

After heavy rains, a 40-year-old avenue tree fell on Yogambal Street (T. Nagar) during the early hours on Oct.18. The compound wall and the gate of a house adjacent to it were damaged.

No one was injured in the incident. Corporation workers and personnel of T. Nagar Fire and Rescue Station cut and removed the tree and its remains within 4 hours.

Chandi homam in Sankara Mutt on Nov. 8

Chandi homam will be performed for Diwali on Nov. 8 in Sri Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam). Devotees interested in doing Sankalpam, must register in advance.

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Special counter for overseas parcel booking at Rajeshwari Hall from Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

On account of Deepavali, Capex International Courier will operate a special counter for 'International Parcel Booking' from 10 a.m to 7 p.m, from Friday, Oct. 30 to Thursday, Nov. 5 in Rajeshwari Hall (Old No. 168, Lake View Road, opposite Hanumar Koil, West Mambalam).

Customers can also avail all its courier services including international parcel booking at its Corporate Office (2/74, Murthy Street, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam, next to Ayodhya Mandapam) and Branch Office (Ananda Building, Station Road, Opp. Bavani Book Centre, West Mambalam).

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Nandanam proposed as alternative site for new Secretariat

By Our Staff Reporter

The proposed new Assembly and Secretariat complex may get a new location, with around 80 acres of government land at Nandanam being suggested as an alternative to Pattinapakkam.

Tamilnadu Government is yet to make a final decision on the site.

The government had initially selected Pattinapakkam for the project and issued an order approving the proposal.

But fishing communities opposed the plan, citing concerns over their livelihoods and access to the sea. The objections have prompted the search for alternative locations.

The location in Nandanam was recommended by K.M. Sadanand (President of the Professional Town Planners Association).

The property, measuring around 80 acres, is currently used by the Cosmopolitan Club and a golf course. The association has suggested that the government consider recovering the land, whose lease dates back to 1936.

The proposal also envisages access from Anna Salai and the possibility of a bridge across the Adyar River connecting the site with Kotturpuram.

The government is yet to announce whether it will proceed with Pattinapakkam, consider Nandanam or select another location.

Wins 3rd place in short-film contest

By Our Staff Reporter

The Tamil short film 'இவன் வேற மாதிரி' produced and directed by Manimeghalai (resident of Ramsamy Street, T. Nagar), won the third place in the short film contest organised by Sky Aura Productions in Prasad Labs (Saligramam) on Oct. 18.

Thol. Thirumavalavan (Member of Parliament) gave away the prizes to the winners in the presence of Amudhan Pachaimuthu (Founder, Sky Aura Production).

Manimeghalai said that the 23-minute film is about women empowerment in a male dominated society. She is a psychologist by profession. Her contact number is 98401 28040.



Thei Pirai Panchami abhishekam in Vaarahi Amman temple on Friday

In view of 'Thei Pirai Panchami' special poojai and abhishekam with honey and ghee will be performed to the presiding deity at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct.30 in Swarna Varuna Vaarahi Amman Temple (Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

Devotees can donate honey, ghee, flowers and other items for the poojai and abhishekam.

Those suffering from chronic ailments, facing hurdles in marriage can benefit from the poojai. All are welcome.

For more details, call G. Kothandaraman in 94437 10006.

180 devotees take padayathrai to Tirupati



By Our Staff Reporter

180 devotees, including 50 women and elders, went on a 5-day padayathrai on Oct. 23 from West Mambalam to Tirumala Venkateswara Temple (Tirupathi) organised by Tirumala Tirupathi Padayathirai Trust (West Mambalam).

The devotees will reach the temple on Oct. 27.

The Trust has organised free food and shelter for all the yatris enroute.

The Trust had constructed a mandapam on 5,000 sq.ft plot near Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swami Temple (near Tirumala temple) at a cost of Rs. 57 lakhs.

It is being used for conducting spiritual programs, maha homams and for annadhaanam for lakhs of devotees, especially padayathris visiting the Tirumala temple.

Readers of Mambalam Times can contribute towards the Trust's activities.

More details can be had in phone 94441 45574.

Spot on G.N. Chetty Road caves in



A 3-foot-wide circular portion of the road caved in two weeks back on the service lane of G.N. Chetty Road flyover (T. Nagar).

Barricades have been placed around it to caution motorists.

As it reduces the usable road width and poses danger to motorists at night, nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to repair the damaged spot on the road early.

Preorder combo packs from Maailay for Diwali

Maa Ilay (36, Moorthy Street Extension, Vivekanandapuram, West Mambalam), a farm-to-family organic food brand, offers special combo packs of sweets and savouries at discounted prices.

It is accepting pre orders for Diwali till Sunday, Nov. 1, with special 10% discount on orders for Rs.10,000, 15% for Rs. 20,000, 20% for Rs. 30,000 and 25% for Rs. 40,000.

It is also offering various other combo packs for Diwali ranging from Rs. 299 to Rs. 1,999 (Refer advertisement on back page for full details).

It sources produce from its own farms and trusted organic farmers, with a focus on naturally grown, wholesome food. Founded by Mithra Ravichandran, Maailay aims to connect families more closely with farms while supporting organic farmers and rural women through its ecosystem.

It also offers traditional rice varieties, millets, pulses, flours, cold-pressed oils, ghee, masalas, dry fruits and other everyday essentials.

Customers can also order through maailay.com. For booking orders for Diwali, contact 86108 39335.

Rain augments reservoir storage

Due to frequent rains from Oct. 20 and the subsequent daily inflows, the total reservoir storage increased from 4538 mcf to as on the morning of Oct. 19 to 5314 mcf on the morning of Oct. 22, an increase from 35% to 40% of the total storage capacity in 3 days.

While the average inflow during the dry days was between 600 to 800 cusecs, on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22, the inflow increased to 2600 cusecs.

As on Oct. 22, Poondi had a storage of 485 mcf as against its full capacity of 3231 mcf; Cholavaram 142 mcf as against the full capacity of 1081 mcf; Puzhal 2351 mcf as against its full capacity of 3300 mcf; Chembarambakkam 1466 mcf as against its full capacity of 3645 mcf; Kannankottai Thervoykandigai 242 mcf as against its full capacity of 500 mcf and Veeranam 629 mcf as against its full capacity of 1465 mcf.

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கருப்பு வண்ண காயில் ஸ்தூரங்க விளையாட்டில் விளையாடி ஒலிம்பிக் தங்க பதக்கம் (GOLD MEDAL) பெறுவதே எங்களின் தலையாய நோக்கம் (Aim and Goal). குாயிற்று கிழமைகளில் இலவசமாக குழந்தைகள், சிறுவர்கள் வந்து விளையாடுகின்றனர்.

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சில நாள்சுக்கு முன் பம்பாய்ப் பத்திரிகை ஒன்றில் படித்தேன். 'ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் வருமானமுள்ள ஒருவன் ரூ. 999 செலவு செய்யும்வரை ஆனந்தமாக இருக்கிறான். ரூ. 1001 செலவு செய்ய ஆரம்பித்தால் இல்லாத கவலைகள் அவனை வந்து சூழ்ந்து கொள்கின்றன' என்று குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தது மகத்தான உண்மை.

ஒருவரைப் பற்றியும் நாம் கணக்காக விதரணையாகச் செலவு செய்கிறார்கள் என்று ஒப்புக்கொள்ள மாட்டோம். அதிகச் செலவாளி அல்லது மிகவும் செட்டு என இருவகையாகத்தான் பேசுவோம். பலாபலன்களைப் பார்த்து சில சமயம் நிர்ணயிக்கிறோம். சிக்கனமாக இருப்பது தன் வரையில் நல்லது. தாராளமாக இருப்பது பிறருக்கு நன்மை என்று வேண்டுமானால் பாக்குபடுத்தி சொல்லலாம்.

முன் காலத்தில் சிக்கனமாக இருப்பது வழிவழியாக வந்த வழக்கமாக இருந்தது. இயற்கைப் பொருள்களே வாழ்க்கையின் தேவைகளைப் பூர்த்தி செய்தது. திலகர் வேப்பங்குச்சியால் பல துலக்கினார் என்று அறிகிறோம். இன்று ஆடம்பரப் பொருள்களில் அடிமைகளாக வாழ்கின்றோம். எளிமை நம்மை விட்டு அகன்றுவிட்டது. படாடோபம் மேலோங்கிவிட்டது.

எங்கள் உறவினரான ஓர் அம்மாள் மிகவும் செட்டும் சீருமாகக் குடும்பம் நடத்துவார். அதுவரை போற்ற வேண்டியதுதான். ஒருமுறை அவர்கள் வீட்டுக்கு வருவதாகச் சொல்லி இருந்தோம். ஆனால் எதிர்பாராத விதமாக அன்று போக முடியவில்லை. மறுநாள் போன போது அந்த வீட்டு அம்மாள் 'உங்களுக்காகப் பால் வாங்கி வைத்து வீணாகிப் போய்விட்டது' என்று ஐந்தாறு தடவை சொல்லிக் காட்டினார். அது தவறு.



காரைக்குடியில் ஒரு சிநேகிதி வீட்டுக்கு சாப்பிட வருவதாகச் சொல்லியிருந்தோம். கார் சத்தியாக்கிரகம் செய்தது. வழியில் சாப்பாட்டை முடித்துக் கொண்டோம். பிற்பகலில்தான் அவர்கள் வீட்டுக்குப் போய்ச் சேர்ந்தோம். சிநேகிதி எங்களுக்காக சமைத்த சாதத்தில் தேங்காய், சர்க்கரை முதலியவற்றைக் கலந்து முதல்தர டிபனாக அமைத்துக் கொடுத்துவிட்டாள். சிக்கன முறையோடு கௌரவமாக நடந்து கொண்டதைக் கண்டு மிகவும் வியந்தேன். இதுவே பின்பற்ற வேண்டிய அம்சம்.

வசதி உள்ளவர்கள் கல்யாணம் போன்ற விசேஷங்களில் அபாரமாகச் செலவு செய்கிறார்கள். அதைப்போல் இல்லாதவர்கள் செய்ய முயலுவது மிகவும் தவறாகப் போகிறது.

கண்களைப் பறிக்கும் போலி நகைகளையோ, நீடித்து உழைக்காத ஆடம்பரமான துணிகளையோ வாங்குவது விலை குறைவென்றாலும் சிக்கனமாகாது. ஒவ்வொரு பொருளையும் வீணாக்காமல் உபயோகிப்பதுதான் சிக்கன முறை.

காருக்குப் போடும் பெட்ரோலுக்கு சிக்கனம் பார்ப்பது மிகவும் அவசியம். வீட்டுக்கு வேண்டிய சாமான்களை ஒரே நடையாக வாங்கி வந்தால் பெட்ரோல் செலவு குறைகிறது. ஒவ்வொரு சாமான் ஒவ்வொரு இடத்தில் மலிவு என்று வாங்கப் போனால் அதனால் சிக்கன மில்லை அல்லவா? மலிவாக வாங்கி விட்டதாகப் பெருமைப்படுவதில் அர்த்தமில்லை. வாடகை வண்டிக்குக் கணக்குப் பார்க்கிறோம். சொந்த வண்டிக்குப் பார்ப்பதில்லை.

ஓர் அறையில் வேலை இருந்தால் விளக்கைப் போடுகிறோம். வேலை முடிந்தபிறகு அணைக்கக் கைவருவதில்லை. விசிறியை நிறுத்துகிறோம். அதைக் கடைசி வரை நிறுத்தி விட்டோமா என்று கவனிப்பதில்லை. சின்ன விஷயங்களில் கூடக் கச்சிதமாக நடந்து கொண்டு அழகாயிருக்கிறது. செலவும் குறைகிறது. அந்த மாதிரி சிறந்த முயற்சிகளைச் செய்து பார்ப்போமே!

By Our Staff Reporter
Music Director Devanesan Chokkalingam (affectionately called Deva, and titled *Thenisai Thendral* by his fans), a resident of 10, Darmapuram, T. Nagar, passed away on Oct. 17.

He went on to record music and background score for over 400 Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada movies.

He initially partnered with composer Chandra Bose to stage live musical programs, and later, to formalise his skills, he studied classical music under Dhanraj and eventually completed a course in Western music from Trinity College of Music (London).

Though he made his feature-film debut in the late 1980s, his career took a leap



the 1990s.

In 1996, he composed music for a record 36 films in the single year.

Deva is credited with bringing Chennai's raw, local Gaana street music into commercial South Indian cinema, turning it into a celebrated mainstream genre.

He has recorded music for

leading actors like Rajinikanth in his superhit movies like *Annamalai* (1992), *Baashha* (1995), and *Aruna chalam* (1997).

He also shaped the youth culture of the time with hit soundtracks for films like *Aasai*, *Kadhal Kottai*, *Vaalee*, *Kushi*, and *Nerru kku Ner*.

He was honoured with the Tamil Nadu Government's highest state art award, the Kalaimamani, multiple Tamil Nadu State Film Awards, and a Filmfare Award for Best Music Director (Kannada) for the film *Amrutha Varshini*.

He is survived by his wife Jaya, son Srikanth Deva (also a Music Director), daughters Jayapradha and Sangeetha, and grandchildren.

1.5 lakhs stray dogs vaccinated in 72 days

By Our Staff Reporter

Since the campaign began on Aug. 11, Chennai Corporation till Oct. 21, had administered anti-rabies vaccination to over 1.5 lakhs stray dogs across all its 15 zones. An official said that this works out to 75 per cent of the target that the civic body has set itself.

He said that under this initiative, dogs were vaccinated and given parasite-removal medicines.

The highest number of vaccinations was in Ambattur Zone (21,844 dogs), while 10,131 dogs were vaccinated in Kodambakkam Zone and 7,782 in Teynampet Zone. The campaign is still un-



der way, and Corporation aims to vaccinate another 50,000 to 1,00,000 dogs before mid-November.

Chennai Corporation re-

quests pet owners to avail the opportunity to vaccinate their dogs and cats for free at the nearest government veterinarian clinic or hospital.

Chennai records 70 mm rainfall

By Our Staff Reporter

Heavy overnight rain inundated several parts of the city, including this neighbourhood, with city recording an average rainfall of 70.25 mm in the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on Oct. 21.

Chennai Corporation received 1,212 complaints regarding rain-related issues by 5 a.m., even as officials deployed high-capacity pumps to tackle waterlogging.

The persistent showers prompted the authorities to declare a holiday for schools in the city on Oct. 21.

A senior member of T.



Nagar Residents' Welfare

Association said that despite substantial expenditure on stormwater drains and flood mitigation, persistent inundation continues in T. Nagar and the Panagal

Park neighbourhood.

The inundation, he said, highlighted the need to reassess the effectiveness of the infrastructure works.

G.S. Sameeran (Corporation Commissioner) said that the civic body had deployed additional teams and high-capacity pumps to tackle waterlogging. He said that three 100-horsepower motors were being used to remove stagnant water in AGS Colony (Kodambakkam), one of the major waterlogging hotspots.

Corporation also distributed more than 10,000 food packets in rain-affected areas.

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 management, 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 evaluations 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.

Concert of old Hindi songs today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

The music troupe Satrangi will present a concert of old Hindi songs covering duets of 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*, *Jungle*, *Shagird*, *Kati Patang*, *Sagina*, *Jab Pyar Kisi Se Hota Hai*, *Aaya Sawan*, *Jhoom Ke*, *Ayee 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.

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

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.

Free acupuncture treatment on Fridays

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.

Leaning EB junction box poses danger



By Our Staff Reporter

As its foundation is damaged, an EB junction box installed outside 64/39, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam is leaning precariously.

As it is likely to fall at any time, nearby residents request Tamilnadu Electricity Board to refix the junction box early.

This photo was taken on Oct.22

Durga Pooja pandal celebrates filmmaker Satyajit Ray

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of its 48th Sharadotsav, South Madras Cultural Association (SMCA) put up a Durga Pooja Pandal at Mantra Gardens (Nandanam Extension) that was themed around iconic filmmaker Satyajit Ray.

It was inaugurated by Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (Tamilnadu Governor).

Special pujas were held in the mornings and evenings.

From the reception area to the exit, the pandal took visitors through the filmmaker's cinematic and literary universe.

From the iconic camera that he used, cutouts of lamps hanging from the ceiling, plates painted with movie characters, all the artworks were made by members of SMCA.

Large format posters captured iconic scenes from his films like *Pather Panchali* and *Charulatha*.

Cultural programmes and competitions were held daily.

Thousands visited the pandal and relished the Bengali sweets, snacks and food served at various stalls. Some stalls at the venue featured traditional West Bengal readymade, sarees and jewellery.

The festive concluded on Oct. 22.

Corporation to landscape two stretches of Cooum river

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has proposed two projects worth a total of Rs. 50.52 lakhs to landscape two stretches of Cooum riverfront, one on Sivanandha Salai stretch in Teynampet Zone and the other in Royapuram Zone.

Corporation expects to complete the work in a month and maintain the landscaped stretches for 12 months.

On the Sivanandha Salai stretch, the proposed work includes clearing vegetation across 16,080 sq. metres and maintaining 1,460 sq. metres of park area, and planting ornamental shrubs and ground-cover plants at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.65 lakhs.

Other components include excavation and concrete work for foundations, brickwork, plastering and painting of walls, installation of a grill gate with a sheet door, and paving with granite stone.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

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, Oct. 25 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

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

Founder's Day celebrated in CD Nayagam School

By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of the 147th birth anniversary of educationist C.D. Nayagam (Founder, Kalvi Pani), Founder's Day was celebrated in C.D. Nayagam T. Nagar Higher Secondary School (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) last week.

D. Gnanasakaran (General Secretary, International Association of Tamil Research) was the Chief Guest.

Subha Deivanayagam (Joint Secretary, Kalvi Pani) was present.

Gnanasakaran presented



prizes to students of the school who had excelled in various competitions.

C.D. Nayagam (popularly called Tamilar Kavalar), was a Tamil activist, education-

ist, and Justice Party leader. (Thoothukudi district) He was a proponent of women's education and in the

named after his late wife, Thayammal. In 1933, he had established a girls' school in Kulasekara- C.D. Nayagam School in T. Village Nagar.

Water seeps from walls of subways



Madley Subway



Ranagarjapuram 2-wheeler subway

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains, water has seeping from the cracks in the walls of Madley Subway and Ranagarjapuram 2-wheeler subway in T. Nagar for the past 4 days. As water stagnates on the road, it hinders the free movement of vehicles. These photos were taken on Oct. 24.

Sewage water stagnating on Nageswara Rao Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Sewage water has been overflowing from a manhole chamber on Nageswara Rao Road (near Panagal Park, T. Nagar) and stagnating on the road for the past two weeks.

Despite complaints, no action is taken by Metrowater to resolve the issue.

As it is a severe health hazard, nearby residents request Metro-

water to clear the blocks in the sewer chamber to prevent the overflow. This photo was taken on Oct.22



OBITUARY

R. THIRUPURASUNDARI



R. Thirupurasundari (resident of 5/3, Balakrishnan Street, West Mambalam) passed away on Oct. 16.

She was 84, and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 65 years.

She is survived by three sons, a daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Metro works cause severe waterlogging around Panagal Park



Following the heavy rains at night on Oct. 20, there was heavy waterlogging around Panagal Park (T. Nagar).

Stagnant water accumulated heavily on Panagal Park Road, Nageswaran Road (near the upcoming metro station), Habibullah Road, and nearby streets adjoining Thirumalai Road and Bazullah Road.

The main cause is the ongoing underground metro rail construction, as major storm water drain links are blocked, obstructing the natural flow of rainwater into Mambalam Canal.

The fact that Mambalam Canal was also flowing at full capacity showed that water logging could have been avoided if Chennai Metro had taken steps to clear the blocks as a precautionary step in view of the Northeast monsoon.

There was ankle-deep water on some roads, disrupting vehicular movement. Water entered select low-lying residential and commercial premises.

Following several complaints by affected residents, Chennai Corporation deployed 6 to 7 tractor-mounted pump sets to clear the inundation. Several houses suffered for hours without power as electricity was cut off as a precautionary measure.

With monsoon fast approaching, I appeal to Chennai Metro to coordinate with Chennai Corporation to go on a war footing to clear blocks to allow the free flow of water into the storm water drains and prevent flooding. **R. Sneha, Burkit Road, T. Nagar.**

Appeal to remove damaged bus shelter



Sir, The bus shelter on Dr. MGR Salai (Kodambakkam High Road, Kodambakkam) is in very bad condition.

The shelter's roof may collapse at any time as some of its supporting pillars are in poor condition.

A portion of the structure has been tied with ropes as a temporary safety measure.

As the shelter is located close to a temple and fair price shop, it poses grave danger to a number of pedestrians who use the pavement on the stretch daily. It also poses danger to motorists as roof and the supporting pillars can fall across the road.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to dismantle the damaged shelter immediately and build a new one in its place. **R. Gunaseelan, Kodambakkam.**

Corporation uses pumps to tackle flooding



By Our Staff Reporter

Residents across the city, including this neighbourhood, woke up to waterlogged streets after Chennai recorded an average rainfall of 70mm on Oct. 21.

Many areas saw ankle-deep stagnant water, with the flooding disrupting traffic during peak hours.

Rains started lashing the city from late night on Oct. 20 and continued into the early hours the next day.

Whild Saidapet recorded the maximum of 125 mm rainfall, it was followed by Vadapalani (132 mm), and Alandur (119 mm). Vehicular movement was affected on several arterial roads including Usman Road, Venkatnarayana Road and G.N. Chetty Road in T. Nagar.

There was knee-deep water on Aziz Nagar Main Road (Kodambakkam), forcing TNEB to switch off power. Tractor-mounted pumps, kept on standby, were deployed in pumping out water from flooded streets, especially in low-lying areas.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sewage water stagnates in apartment complex



Sir, After the heavy rains at night on Oct. 21, rain water mixed with sewage stagnated within the compound of Mahalakshmi Apartments (Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam). The residents deployed a pump set to pump out the water into the storm water drain.

This photo was taken on Oct.22.

Surface damaged at road junction



Sir, A few weeks back, a spot at the junction of Arya Gowda Road and Postal Colony 1st Street (West Mambalam) caved in.

Initially, the spot was barricaded to caution motorists and prevent accidents by Chennai Corporation.

After complaint by residents, Corporation only undertook patch works instead of relaying the road.

Following the recent spell of rains, the road has again got damaged as the entire patch work has got washed away.

Motorists are put to risk on the uneven road which turns slushy and slippery after rains.

I urge Chennai Corporation to relay the road early for the safety of motorists and pedestrians. **S. Karpaga Ganesh, President, Postal Colony and Kamatchipuram Residents' Welfare Association, Ph: 94441 27708.**

Trees uprooted following heavy rains



By Our Staff Reporter

Heavy rain that lashed the city at night on Oct. 21, uprooted trees in more than 15 places.

The city police, with the assistance of the Fire and Rescue Services personnel and the Chennai Corporation workers, cut and removed the fallen trees.

A senior official said that trees, some of them decades-old, fell in areas including T. Nagar, Ashok Nagar and Saidapet.

In some areas, traffic was affected in the morning for over two hours even as the workers grappled with clearing the fallen trees.

Tractor-mounted pumps to be deployed in low-lying areas



By Our Staff Reporter

To prevent water inundation during the forthcoming monsoon, Chennai Corporation will deploy high power tractor-mounted pumps in low-lying areas to pump out excess water.

Photo taken on Oct. 20 shows tractors fitted with motor pumps stationed outside Corporation Zonal Office (Sivaprakasam Street, West Mambalam).

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Annabishekam in temple today evening

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Aippasi, annabishekam will be performed to Lord Kethareeswarar and Kasi Viswanathar at 5 p.m on Sunday, Oct.25 in Siva Vishnu Temple (172/90, Usman Road, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

For more details, call 044-24346031.

Dogs resting on benches in playground



By Our Staff Reporter

Even as the entire playground turned slushy after the heavy rains at night on Oct. 21, four stray dogs were seen resting on the benches in the children's play area in Somasundaram Playground (T. Nagar).

This photo was taken at around 11 a.m on Oct.22.

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.

For more details, call 94437 10006.

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 Silambam classes held daily

By Our Staff Reporter

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

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

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