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'அப்பா, அப்பா! ரிஷ்கா, ரிஷ்கா!' என்று ரவி உள்ளே என்னிடம் ஓடி வந்தான். ரவிக்கு மூன்று வயது. வாசலில் ரிக்ஷா ஒன்று போய்க் கொண்டிருந்தது. வீட்டில வேறு யாரும் இல்லை.

'ரிஷ்கா இல்லை, ரிக்ஷா.'

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'எங்கே சொல்லு, ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

'ரிஷ்கா இல்லை. ரிக்ஷா, ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

'ரிக் - ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

'ரிக் ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

'அப்படி இல்லை, இதோ பார், ரிக்.'

'ரிக்.'

'ஷா.'

'ஷா.'

'ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

'ஊஹூம், மறுபடியும் சொல்லு ரிக்.'

'ரிக்'

'ரிக்.'

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'ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

சிறிது நேரம் மௌனம் நிலவியது.

'பார் ரவி, என்னைப் பார்த்துச் சொல்லு, ரீ.'

'ரீ.'

'இக்.'

'இக்.'

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'ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

'ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா.'

உலகம் க்ஷணகாலம் அசைவற்று இருந்தது.

'ரவி.'

'அப்பா.'

'சரியாச் சொல்லு. ரிக் ரிக் ரிக்.'

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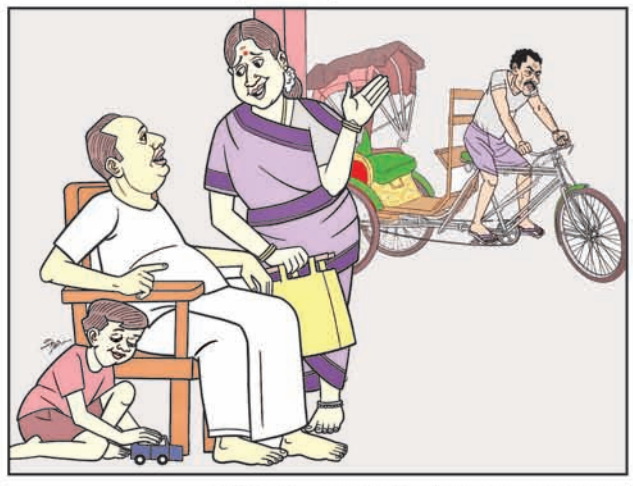
'ஷா ஷா ஷா.'

'ரிக்ஷா, ரிக்ஷா.'

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'ரிக்ஷா, ரிக்ஷா.'

'ரிஷ்கா, ரிஷ்கா.'



காய்கறி வாங்கப் போன மனைவி திரும்பி வந்துவிட்டாள். வந்த பிறகுதான் அவள் குடையை மறந்துவிட்டு வந்தது தெரிந்தது.

'ஐயோ அவ்வளவு தூரம் மறுபடியும் போக வேண்டுமே!' என்றாள்.

'ரிஷ்காவில் போய்விட்டு வந்துவிடேன்' என்றேன்.

மனைவி என்னை ஏதோ மாதிரி பார்த்தாள்.

'என்ன?' என்றேன்.

'இப்போது நீங்கள் என்ன சொன்னீர்கள்?'

'ரிக்ஷாவில் போய் விட்டுவா என்றேன்.'

'ஏதோ ரிஷ்கா என்கிற மாதிரி காதில் விழுந்தது' என்றாள்.

நான் ரவியைப் பார்த்தேன். ரவி விளையாடிக் கொண்டிருந்தான்.

Appeal for donation for annadhaanam

By Our Staff Reporter

Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) has been providing Annadhaanam for more than 300 persons daily at 10.30 a.m with the support of devotees and philanthropists since 2006.

On Thursdays and other auspicious days, it benefits more than 600 persons.

The Samaj recently inaugurated constructing a 3-storey building for annadhaanam and other functions opposite the temple. Donations are welcome.

For more details, call 84282 42842 or 93428 50974 or 72004 33455.

Amudham stores offer Diwali grocery pack for Rs. 200

By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu Cooperative Department offers a special Diwali grocery package containing 10 essential items for Rs. 200. It is available across all its 128 cooperative stores.

The scheme was launched on Oct. 30 in Marutham Cooperative Speciality Store operated by Saidapet Cooperative Wholesale Stores Society.

The items included are Bengal gram dal, Urad dal, Green gram dal, Dried red chillies, Coriander seeds, Garlic, Tamarind, Mustard seeds, Cumin seeds and Fennel seeds.

The purchase is limited to one package per person.

Neighbourhood residents can buy the pack from the nearest Amudham Department Store at 50, 8th Sector, Ramasamy Salai, K.K. Nagar or Sathyamurthy Street, Gandhi Nagar, Vadapalani.

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Cracker sale picks-up



Despite looming rain threats, crackers sellers report brisk enquiries and growing demand, particularly for eco-friendly "green" crackers, though the prices have climbed higher this year.

Shops in T. Nagar are seeing a steady stream of customers. The Manager at T. Nagar Crackers Bazaar (2, North Usman Road, T. Nagar) told *Mambalam Times* that they are direct factory outlet of Standard Fireworks and four other top brands, and offer crackers at wholesale rate with combo offers. He said that there is special demand for green crackers because of the pollution concerns as they produce less particulate matter and noise, and many parents specifically choose them for their children.

Photo taken at a cracker shop shows a boy enjoying with a cap gun.

Gifts new clothes to auto drivers for Diwali



Girija Seshadri (resident of North Boag Road, T. Nagar) gifted new clothes and sweets to 20 autorickshaw drivers for Diwali on Nov. 3.

She is the Correspondent of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony, West Mambalam)

Aavin's special sweets for Deepavali

Aavin has launched the following special sweets for Deepavali which are available in all Aavin outlets: Milk Khoa / Milk Peda (250g) – Rs. 150; Special Mysore Pak (250g) – Rs. 160; Kaju Katli (250g) – Rs.280; Nuts Halwa (250g) – Rs.210; Stuffed Moti Pak (250g) – Rs.200: Kaju Pista Roll (250g) – Rs.340: Ghee Badusha (250g) – Rs.190; Dates Khova (250g) – Rs. 160

A combo box of the five sweets is available for Rs. 240 (250g) and Rs. 475 (500g).

Chennai resident excels in IRONMAN triathlon

By Our Staff Reporter



31-year-old Niranjan Subramaniam (a resident of Chrompet) took the 22nd spot among 945 participants in the IRONMAN 70.3, a half-distance triathlon, which is one of the world's most rigorous single-day endurance sports competitions.

In the 30-35 age category, he was placed 8th.

The competition involves non-stop endurance test of swimming for 1.9 kms in the rough sea, 90 kms cycling on difficult terrain, and 21.1 kms run to the finish line.

He completed the triathlon in 5 hours 28 minutes and 47 seconds.

Several international athletes took part in the competition.

He is the grandnephew of K.S. Ramakrishnan (Editor and Publisher of *Mambalam Times*)

Security beefed up in Mambalam station



On account of heavy rush of Deepavali shoppers reaching T. Nagar, security has been beefed up at Mambalam Railway Station.

Photo taken on Nov. 4 shows Railway Police Force personnel using metal detectors to check the bags of passengers.

Aishwarya Jathakalaya offers consultancy in astrology

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Aishwarya Jathakalaya (55, Kavarai Street, West Mambalam), a Vedic Astrology and consultancy center, offers consultancy for various problems like delay or obstacles in marriage, career-related obstacles, health-related issues and other such problems that can occur due to planetary afflictions in one's horoscope.

UVKS Ravidran Sharma (Founder) said that such obstacles may also arise due to Vaastu-related issues, whether living in a rented house or own house.

He said that the Jathakalaya offers simple astrological remedies to help identify and overcome such problems. His contact number are 98841 41870 and 98841 47630.

T. Nagar records 68 mm rainfall

Heavy overnight rain inundated several parts of the city, including this neighbourhood, with city recording an average rainfall of 115.25 mm in the 24 hours ending 6 a.m on Nov. 2.

T. Nagar recorded a rainfall of 68 mm. Chennai Corporation deployed pump sets to remove stagnant water from waterlogged streets.

The Editor & staff of *Mambalam Times* wish you Happy Deepavali!

Conducts free Chess classes on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

G. Kothandaraman (102/194, Lake View Apartments, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) conducts a free Chesses for children above 5 years from 8 a.m to 12 noon on Sundays. The participants must bring their own chess board and pieces.

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

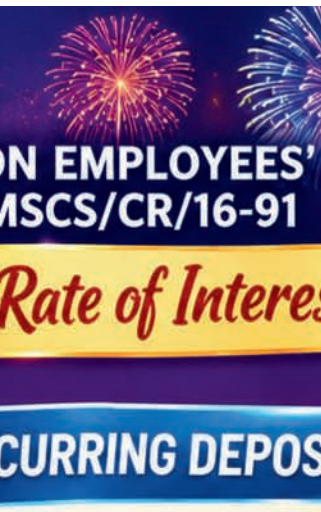
For more details, call 94437 10006.

Surveillance vehicle stationed at T. Nagar bus terminus

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of security detail for Deepavali, a Mobile Commando Control Unit surveillance vehicle has been stationed outside T. Nagar bus terminus (Usman Road, T. Nagar).

The vehicle is equipped with onboard computers, generators, and integrated AI-powered CCTV cameras that stream live video feeds directly to the Integrated Command and Control Centre, and a public address system to make announcements and for crowd management.







வசுமதி ராமஸ்வாமி

வேண்டாத பொருள்கள்

அன்புக்குரிய சுஜாதா,

உன் கடிதம் பார்த்தேன். வேண்டாத சாமான்களும் சேர்ந்து விடுகின்றன; அதை என்ன செய்வது, எப்படித் தவிர்ப்பது என்று கேட்டிருக்கிறாய்.

பத்து வருஷங்கள் குடும்பம் நடத்தினால் வேண்டாத சாமான்கள் சேரத்தான் சேருகின்றன. அதைத் தவிர்க்கக் கண்டிப்பாக முயற்சி தேவைதான். முன் காலத்தைப் போல் எட்டுக் கட்டுள்ள வீட்டில் நாம் வாழ முடியவில்லை. மிகமிகச் சிறிய வீடுகளில் வாழ்கிறோம். அதனால் மிகவும் குறைவாகவும், உபயோகப்படும்படியான அளவில் சாமான்கள் இருந்தாலே போதுமானது.

'வீட்டுக்காக சாமான்களா? சாமான்களுக்காக வீடா?' என்ற நிலை வந்துவிடுகிறது. எங்கள் வீட்டில் பெரியவர்கள் 'எதிர்காலத்துக்கு வேண்டிய சாமான்களை சேமித்து வைத்திருக்கிறோம். சாமான்கள் அதிகம் இருக்கின்றன. பெரிய வீடாகத் தேவை' என்கிறார்கள். முன்னோர்களைப் போற்றிப் பூஜிக்க வேண்டியதுதான். அவர்களுடைய நினைவு நம் மனதில் முக்கியமாகத் தேவைதான். ஆனால் பெரிய ஊஞ்சல், நிலைக் கண்ணாடி, அழுக்கடைந்த நாற்காலி இன்னும் தட்டு முட்டு சாமான்களிலா நம் முன்னோர்களைக் காண்கிறோம்? அப்படியே இருந்தாலும் ஒன்றிரெண்டு சிறு பொருள்கள் போதுமே.

எங்கள் குடும்பத்தில் ஒரு சகோதரர் சாமான்களை நிர்தாட்சண்யமாகக் கழித்துக் கட்டிவிடுவார். யோசித்துப் பார்த்தால் அது சிறந்த வழக்கமென்றே கருகிறேன்.

சிலர் கடைக்குப் போகும்போதெல்லாம் எதையாவது வாங்குவது என்று வழக்கம் வைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவை நாளடைவில் வீட்டில் சுமையாக சேர்ந்துவிடுகின்றன. சில பொருட்களைப் பார்த்தால் சுவர்ச்சிகரமாக இராது. ஆனால் அவற்றின் விலையைக் கேட்டால் தலையை சுற்றும். அந்த மாதிரி நூதனமான பொருள்களை சேகரம் செய்வதும் சிலரின் விருப்பம். அவையெல்லாம் அரண்மனையில் இடம் பெறலாம்.

சுஜாதா ! நாம் எழுதுவதெல்லாம் நம்மைப் போன்ற மத்திய தரக் குடும்பத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்காவே !

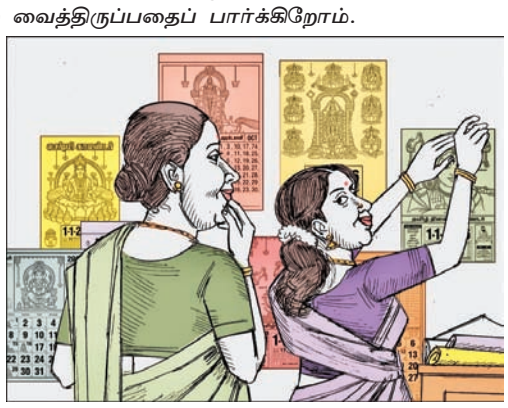
ஒரு வீட்டில் ஒரு 'செட்' சாமான்கள் இருந்தால் போது மானது. காப்பிக்கொட்டை அரைக்கும் இயந்திரத்தில் நான்கு, ஐஸ் பெட்டியில் இரண்டு என்றெல்லாம் தேவை இல்லையே.

சின்ன சிஷயம்: நம்முடைய பெட்டிகளில் கனம் குறைந்தாலும் சாவிக் கொத்துகளில் கனம் ஏறுகிறது. அவற்றினுடைய பூட்டுகள் எப்பொழுதோ உடைந்திருக்கும். நம்மிடம் சில பெட்டிகள் எந்தக் காலத்திலோ இருந்திருக்கும். ஆனால் அந்த சாவிகளை நாம் நீக்குவதில்லை.

வேண்டாத கடிதங்கள் குவிந்திருக்கும்; நம்மைப் பற்றிப் புகழ் உரையாக யாராவது எழுதியிருந்தால் அதைக் கிழிக்க வேண்டாம். முக்கியமானவற்றை வேண்டுமானால் வைத்துக் கொள்வோம். மற்றவற்றைக் கிழித்துவிட்டால் மேஜை சுத்தமாக இருக்குமே !

பெண்கள் தற்காலத்தில் விதம் விதமான அழகுப் பைகளைக் கையில் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு போவது வழக்கமாக இருக்கிறது. அதில் அன்றாடம் தேவையான காகிதங்களை வைத்துக் கொண்டால் வேலை சுலபமாக இருக்கும். ஒரு மாதத்துக்கு முன் நடந்த ஒரு கல்யாணப் பத்திரிகை, முதல் வாரம் போயிருந்த சினிமாப் பாட்டு புத்தகம், இரண்டு மாதங்களுக்கு முன் டாக்டர் கொடுத்த 'பிரிஸ்கிரிப்ஷன்' இவையெல்லாம் எதற்கு? இவற்றைக் கிழித்துவிடலாம் அல்லவா? அவசரத்தில் முக்கியமான காகிதம் கிடைக்காது.

சிலர் வேண்டாத காலி புட்டிகள், ஓட்டைத் தகரங்கள், எரிந்து போன 'பல்புகள்' ஆகியவற்றைக்கூட அப்புறப் படுத்தாமல் வைத்திருப்பதைப் பார்க்கிறோம்.



எனக்கு அறிமுகமான ஒரு அம்மாள் டிசம்பர் மாதக் கடைசியில் எல்லாக் கூடைகளிலும் ஏதாவது சாமான் வாங்குவார். அத்துடன் எப்படியாவது ஒரு காலண்டரும் வாங்கிவிடுவார். வீட்டுச் சுவர்களில் ஒரு அங்குல இடம் காலியாக இருக்க அந்தம்மாளுக்கு சம்மதமில்லை. அத்தனை இடத்திலும் பலவிதக் காலண்டர்கள் ஆக்கிரமித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும்.

திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவிலும், செட்டிநாட்டிலும் தைப்பொங்கலுக்கு முன் வீட்டிலுள்ள பழைய படுக்கைகள், பானைகள் மற்ற பழைய சாமான்களை எறிந்துவிட்டுப் பண்டிகை கொண்டாடுவார்கள். அது மிகவும் சிறந்த முறைதான்.

Saraswati Natyalaya students perform at fest in Gujarat



Dharani Ramakrishnan (Founder, Saraswati Natyalaya, Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam) and her students presented thematic Bharatanatyam concerts daily from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 at the National Bharat Parv cultural festival organised in Ekta Nagar (Gujarat) as part of National Unity Day celebrations that mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Tourism Departments from all Indian States participated in the event.

Dharani and her students were part of the team representing Tamilnadu Tourism Department.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the festival.

Traffic police make additional parking arrangements in T. Nagar



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Traffic Police has made special arrangements to increase parking space in the commercial hub of T. Nagar in view of Deepavali rush, especially on weekends.

Parking space has been created below the new CIT Nagar flyover over South Usman Road along with the automatic multilevel parking on Thanikachalam Road.

Additionally, parking will be allowed in the playground of Corporation School (Prakasam Salai), Ramakrishna School (Dhandapani Street), and Corporation Playground (Somasundaram Street) on Sunday. Photo taken on Oct. 28 shows hundreds of 2-wheelers parked under Usman Road flyover.

500 students set record by performing blindfolded mass drill



By Our Staff Reporter

As part of its campaign against drug abuse and to promote sports among students, Loyola Matriculation Higher Secondary School (Kodambakkam) created a sporting milestone with 500 students performing a Blindfolded Mass Drill for Elite World Records on Oct. 31.

It was part of its ongoing 'Say Yes to Sports! Say No to Drugs!' campaign.

The mass drill was conducted as an official world record attempt with R. Rakshitha (Ambassador and Senior Adjudicator, Elite World Records) overseeing the drill.

The programme was coordinated under the leadership of S. Thomas Elango (Correspondent), Helen Xavier (Principal) and teachers.

Helen said that the initiative showcased the students' discipline, concentration, coordination, confidence and teamwork, making it a unique sporting event aimed at inspiring young minds through sports and positive social values.

Matrimonial center offers free registration for women

Sri Aishwarya Thiru-mana Thagaval Maiyam (55, Kavari Street, West Mam-balam), a matrimonial information center, is a sister concern of Sri Aishwarya Jathakalaya (Vedic astrology and consul-tancy center located in the same premises). It offers both online and offline matrimonial service, including registration of horoscope to all irrespective of caste or religion, including those seeking a second marriage.

Registration is free for prospective brides. Its manager said that unlike other matrimonial centers, there are no hidden charges other than registration fee. No fee is charged for horoscope matching.

He said that the Maiyam takes the best efforts to help its registered members find suitable alliance at the earliest. For more details, contact 98841 47630 or 9884141870.

Guard your eyes against damage when you burst crackers

By Dr. A. Azim Siraj, Specialist Eye Surgeon

Children are often injured when they burst crackers during Deepavali.

Sometimes injuries occur in the eyes which, if not treated, may prove serious.

The following precautions should be taken in the event of an open eye injury:

* Just apply a plastic cup over the eye with a clean handkerchief without pressing the eye and rush to an eye specialist immediately.

*Do not apply household medicines like human milk, eye drops – they may cause further infection.

*Do not feed the victim – he/she may be having a hidden tear in the eye which may require anesthesia for stitching and anesthesia cannot be given for approximately three hours after the last feed. This delay could be costly to the patient's vision.

How are these injuries usually treated?

* Remember, such injuries are emergencies.

*The eye specialist will first examine the eye in detail to ascertain the extent of damage and then plan treatment.

*In mild cases, a simple wash to clear the gun powder and soot and antibiotic drops are advised.

*In moderate cases, associated with scratches (abrasions) and partial tears, patching the eye with antibiotics usually helps.

*In more severe cases, surgery may be added, usually under anesthesia and the patient may need to be hospitalised. A specialist eye surgeon (Vitreo-Retinal Surgeon) usually repairs such injuries. But remember, the eye is like a delicate glass doll - once broken, even if the best glue is used to fix it back, the originality is lost. So, 'Prevention is better than cure'.

Follow these simple tips to enjoy an 'eye-safe' Deepavali.

B. R. Shivaji passes away

By Our Staff Reporter



As briefly reported in our last issue, B. R. Shivaji, former Associate Editor of *Mambalam Times*, passed away in Cochin on Oct. 31. He was 84.

Shivaji had joined *Mambalam Times* as Associate Editor at its very inception in 1994 and continued for 18 years till his retirement in 2012.

He shaped *Mambalam Times* as a well-regarded neighbourhood newspaper by introducing many attractive and innovative features. He was a stickler for accuracy and trained an able set of reporting and editorial staff.

Shivaji also functioned as Associate Editor of *Anna Nagar Times,* our sister publication, during the periods when its Editor had gone abroad.

Earlier Shivaji had a long innings in *Indian Express*, Chennai, from which he had retired from the coveted position of News Editor.

According to K. S. Mahadevan, one of his senior colleagues in *Indian Express*, "Shivaji was the blue-eyed boy of C P Seshadri (Senior Editor of *Indian Express* news desk), and was always a stickler for fellowship at work. His zeal and humour were infectious. He was the go-to man for problem solving for his colleagues. Unassuming but quietly efficient, he was an asset to the news desk".

In its tribute, *Indian Express* said, "Shivaji's contemporaries and junior colleagues recall him as a desk man who was known for his editing skills apart from managing the team of journalists who worked under his guidance. He enjoyed the reputation of handling the pages deftly till the late night edition, and was highly regarded by his team".

Shivaji is survived by his wife Pushpa, son Wing Commander Sai Prasad, daughter-in-law Divya, granddaughter Manasvini and younger brother Vijay Bobby.

K. S. Mahadevan adds:

"I clearly recall Shivaji's spade-work in getting my scooter loan (sanctioned by the Express office in Chennai) papers duly processed up to the vehicle delivery stage. He was present at the dealer's outlet when I took my first ride on my Vijay Super. He was also instrumental in helping me buy a smaller vehicle for my nephew later.

This happened when I was just a senior colleague of his. His nature was such that he would have extended the same help to any other colleague of his.

Shivaji was an unassuming but quietly efficient journalist with zeal and a sense of humour. I remember having contributed some book reviews to *Mambalam Times* at his instance. I recall with pride my attending the marriage reception he hosted for his son and daughter-in-law. May his soul rest in peace. Om Sairam".

Corporation deploys more workers to clear garbage

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has deployed additional workers to clear garbage from commercial areas like Usman Road and Pondy Bazaar in T. Nagar.

Maha Periyava Sath Sangam Trust appeals for donation

By Our Staff Reporter

Aum Sri Maha Periyava Sath Sangam Trust (133, Kothandaramar Koil Street, West Mambalam) was founded in 2020 with an aim to propagate Sanatana Dharma and preserve Vedic traditions.

Under the auspices of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, naama japam, Veda paaraayanam, Gho poojai, special homams are performed regularly along with annadhaanam.

V. Raman (Managing Trustee) said that for performing the daily poojas, sevas and annadhaanam, the Trust is constructing a new hall to be named as Rishabha Vahana Periyava Mani Mandapam near its office on Kothandaramar Koil Street.

It appeals to devotees, philanthropists and the readers of *Mambalam Times* for donation for early completion of the construction. Donors can participate in Kudil Seva of Rs. 1 lakh (limited to 51 devotees).

Those who donate Rs. 50,000 can get their name inscribed or contribute at Rs. 12,500 per sq.ft as general construction donation.

For more details, contact the Trust in 77089 99110 or 93630 56110.

The publication that is most popular with the residents of Mambalam & T.Nagar?
MAMBALAM TIMES!

Raahu-Kethu Parihaara Yagam next Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

UVKS Ravindran Sharma (Vedic Astrologer, Aishwarya Jathakalaya, 55, Kavarai Street, West Mambalam) will perform Raahu-Kethu Peyarchi Parihaara Yaagam on a grand scale from 7 a.m on Friday, Nov. 13 in Ayodhya Mandapam (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

The fee per person is Rs. 1,509.

He said that special arrangements have been made for devotees to participate in the yaagam.

Those born under the sun signs Kumbam (Aquarius), Makaram (Capricorn), Simham (Leo) and Kadagam (Cancer) can benefit from the yaagam.

Others are also welcome to participate in the yaagam.

For more details and registration, call 98841 41870 or 98841 47630 or 94446 86670.

AVK Crackers offers up to 50% discount

By Our Staff Reporter

AVK Crackers (45, Mannar Street, T. Nagar) is offering up to 50% discount on crackers for a colourful and a sparkling Deepavali. It is also running combo offers and offers special gift packs.

Its manager said that this year it is offering 29 varieties of fancy crackers exclusively for children.

He said that AVR is a direct factory outlet offering top-quality crackers at unbeatable prices.

It also offers free home delivery.

For more details, call 88386 60077 or 99629 11005 or 99622 04646.

It also has a branch at 23, Kali Amman Koil Street, Virugambakkam.

Special homams in Sath Sangam Trust on Nov. 11

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Maha Periyava Anusha Mahotsavam, special abhisekham, paaraayanam and five special homams for world peace will be performed on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in Aum Sri Maha Periyava Sath Sangam Trust (137, Kothandaramar Koil Street, West Mambalam).

All are welcome.

For more details, call 77089 99110 or 93630 56110.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appeal to remove debris dumped on Ramanathan Street



Sir, A heap of construction debris was dumped at night on Oct. 20 adjacent to the garbage bins on Ramanathan Street (T. Nagar).

As it blocks the carriageway, I appeal to Chennai Corporation to remove it. **P. Suresh, Ramanathan Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 90033 74308.**

Garbage heaped on Vivekanandapuram 1st Street



Sir, During Navarathri, roadside vendors were selling kolu dolls on Arya Gowda Road (near Bank of Baro-da, West Mam-balam).

They have discarded unsold and broken dolls, empty cartons and other materials on Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, which adjoins Arya Gowda Road.

Despite complaints, the accumulated garbage has still not been removed.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to remove the garbage as it is a severe health hazard to nearby residents. **S. Murali, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street Welfare Association, West Mambalam.**

Open sewer chamber poses danger



Sir, There is an open sewer chamber at the junction of Jubilee Road and Lake View Road (opposite Anjaneyar Temple, West Mambalam). The cover was removed by Corporation workers to drain stagnant water from the street after the heavy rains at night on Nov. 1.

It poses grave danger to unwary motorists and pedestrians, especially at night due to poor visibility.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to close the manhole chamber immediately. **B. Shubha, West Mambalam.**

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Chandi homam in Sankara Mutt today

Chandi homam will be performed for Diwali on Sunday, Nov. 8 in Sri Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

Devotees interested in doing Sankalpam, must register in advance. For more details, call 95516 97770

Do's and dont's for safe handling of crackers

During Deepavali celebrations children get injured due to careless handling of fireworks.

The Loss Prevention Association of India Ltd. (LPA), for the past few years, has been guiding children and elders on the proper ways of handling fireworks.

Simple rules of safety as described in the Safety Bulletin of the Loss Prevention Association are as follows:

Don't light crackers inside the house, or light candles and oil lamps near curtains or any other combustible material.

Hold sparklers away from the body.

Light rockets pointing them straight up.

Never light fireworks from balconies or near buildings: use open grounds.

Don't bend over fireworks while lighting them: light them from the side.

Don't wear long, loose, thin flowing dresses while playing with fireworks.

Never put fireworks in pockets.

Never light fireworks under confinement in a metal container.

Never light a flower pot by holding it.

Never store fireworks or unpack them near a flame or a heat source.

Never return to a firework once lit – it may explode in your face.

Pour water over burns and go to a doctor. Don't apply ointment, butter or any oily substance.

Show concern for infants, the aged and the sick. Don't light loud crackers near them.

Appeal for Diwali gifts to terminally ill patients



By Our Staff Reporter

Karuna Sagar (Home for terminally ill patients in Amarambedu run by RMD Trust, T, Nagar) has appealed to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to celebrate Diwali with its terminally ill patients as it can provide them succour from their ill health.

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Founder) said that it is presently providing care to 30 persons including terminally ill cancer patients, bedridden patients and those needing palliative care. Donors can gift clothes and sweets to its inmates for Diwali.

The Trust has been offering shelter, food and treatment at subsidized rates for more than two decades and free treatment to destitutes and patients from very poor families.

Donors can also support Karuna Sagar by sponsoring diapers, medicines, groceries and other aids. More details can be had in phone 93810 16588.

Vehicle for kidney screening donated to TANKER Foundation

By Our Staff Reporter



Hyundai Mobis India, under its CSR initiative, donated a Mobile Screening and Dialysis Vehicle and 10 Dialysis Machines on Oct. 31 to Tamilnadu Kidney Research Foundation (TANKER) (Parsn Paradise Apartments, 109B, G.N. Chetty Road, Sathyamurthy Nagar, T. Nagar).

GC Sameeran (Corporation Commissioner) was the Chief Guest.

The vehicle was officially launched at the RCME TANKER Dialysis Centre located within the Corporation-run diagnostic centre near Valluvar Kottam (Kodambakkam High Road). Equipped with advanced medical facilities, the vehicle features a patient examination bed, blood sugar testing equipment, and test strips capable of accurately checking blood creatinine levels.

This technology allows for the early detection of kidney ailments. The Centre will be organising regular kidney awareness and screening camps for the next 18 months.

Thakare Shubham Dnyandeorao (Deputy Commissioner, Health), M. Jagadeesan (City Health Officer), G Narasimhan (President, Mobis India) and other officials were present.

Train your dog to enjoy Deepavali

By Dr. Velmurugan

Kids start firing crackers and sparklers a week before Deepavali and this continues upto Karthigai Deepam.

During this cracker season, your pets get frightened of the sounds, and tend to take shelter under the cots in dark rooms.

Some dogs are so cared of these sounds that they do not even come out for answering nature's calls, and some even go off during the Deepavali season.

Is it not a pity that, when you and your family are enjoying the lights and sounds, your pets should spend their time in isolation and in darkness?

It is possible for you to train your dog also to enjoy the lights and sounds, and also the good food during this festival season.

The best approach will be to hold the dog and make it watch while the sparklers and crackers go on, so that it will slowly cast off the fear for them. Do not at all allow it to go under the cot. Your holding it will help the dog give up its fear gradually.

This is very much like training your pet dog to walk on the road. If your pet had been mostly an indoor dog and if you take it out on the road all on sudden it will get scared of the vehicles and the crowd on the road.

If you take it out for short distances regularly, it will cast off the fear and start walking boldly on the road.

So, what is needed is a gradual exposure of your pet dog to the lights and sounds associated with Deepavali.

Do not feed your dog with too many sweets during the season. After giving a sweet or two, give it a raw carrot so that its teeth will get cleaned. If the dog allows it, clean its teeth with vinegar after it has consumed some sweets.

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Fire safety demonstration held in schools



By Our Staff Reporter

The personnel of T. Nagar Fire and Rescue Station, led by D. Sivakumar (Fore Officer) demonstrated techniques of how to control minor fires caused by burning crackers in neighbourhood schools last week.

The students were advised against self-medication but to see a doctor or visit a hospital in case of burn injuries caused by fire. Pamphlets about the Do's and Don'ts of firing crackers were distributed to the students.

The fire station has been holding safety demonstrations in schools and colleges since Oct. 18 on account of Deepavali. The fire station's contact number is 94450 86045.

Flamingos flock Korattur Lake



By Our Staff Reporter

Greater Flamingos, largest and most widespread species of the flamingo family, have made a spectacular return to the brimming KoratturLake after a gap of 8 years.

Driven by recent monsoon rains that replenished the lake and improved its overall water environment, these vibrant pink migratory birds have travelled all the way from Gujarat to roost and feed on the lake's rich supply of small fish, insects, and nutrients.

Conservationists said that though flamingos commonly migrate to Pulicat Lake and Pallikaranai Marshduring winter, their reappearance at KoratturLake after a gap of eight years is an eye candy for birdwatchers.

Health awareness program held for women conservancy workers

By Our Staff Reporter

Jothi Madhar Sangam (Burkit Road, T. Nagar) organised a health awareness programme titled 'My Body, My Right' for 70 women engaged in informal work, including conservancy workers, on Oct. 30 in Corporation Division Office (Thomas Road, T. Nagar).

The program was sponsored by All India Women's Conference (New Delhi).

Dr. Asmitha Chandramohan (Paediatrician) and Dr. Mahalakshmi (Dental Surgeon) addressed the participants.

While Dr. Asmitha spoke on menstrual hygiene and post-natal care, Dr. Mahalakshmi spoke on oral health.

Padma Venkatraman (President, Women's Indian Association) and Bhooma Srinivasan (Vice President) and Lakshmi Raghukumar (President, Jothi Madhar Sangam) were present. Nutritious snacks were provided to all participants.

The Sangam's contact number is 98411 58018.



Security beefed up for Diwali

By Our Staff Reporter



With Deepavali falling on Sunday, Nov. 8, the police are gearing up to provide additional security for the increased flow of shoppers to T. Nagar.

More than 150 CCTV cameras are being used to monitor the crowds and surveillance is being carried out using drones and watch towers in Usman Road, Ranganathan Street and nearby streets.

The cameras with FRS (Facial Recognition System) are being monitored from R1 Mambalam Police Station (Madley Road, T. Nagar). This photo was taken on Nov.2.

Shoppers jostle for space in Usman Road

By Our Staff Reporter



The crowd increased manifold as shoppers thronged the neighbourhood shops in the commercial hub of T. Nagar for Deepavali.

There was not an inch of space in Ranganathan Street or Usman Road as it was chocked to its hilt with shoppers. More than thousand police personnel were deployed to manage and keep a watch for any untoward incidents.

The photo shows Usman Road overcrowded with shoppers on Nov. 4.

Severe traffic congestion in Madley Subway

By Our Staff Reporter



Since last Sunday, there is heavy traffic congestion in the late evenings in Madley Subway (T. Nagar) as thousands of shoppers are visiting T. Nagar daily.

At around 7 p.m on Nov, 4, the traffic congestion led to scuffle between motorists, bringing the traffic to a standstill for almost 30 minutes.

Traffic police intervened to resolve the issue.

Over 300 schools compete in patriotic song fest

By Our Staff Reporter



The final round of the Inter-School Group Singing Competition on 'Patriotic Songs' organised across Southern India by Bharat Vikas Parishad (New No. 3, S.V. Nagarathinammal Colony, West Mambalam) was held on Oct.31 in Maharashtra Mandal Auditorium (Egmore).

Seven schools competed in the final round and presented songs in Tamil, English and Hindi.

The winners were Vignana Vihara High School (Vijayawada), Jyoti Central School (Belagavi, Karnataka) and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School (Hyderabad). More than 300 schools had participated in the preliminary rounds that were held across all Southern states.

Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (Tamilnadu Governor) gave away the prizes to the winners.

R. Raghunathan Ramarao (President, BVP) and other senior members were present.

For more details call, 63829 56455.





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