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Award for Dr. Uma Maheswari

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. M. R. Uma Maheswari (Chief Medical Officer, AMOL Health Resource Centre, T. Nagar) was recently presented Best Manual Therapist award (Dr. APL Abdul Kalam Inspirational Awards 2022) of No Hunger Organisation at a function in Kumararani Meena Muthaiah College of Arts and Science, Adyar.

The organisation recognizes the achievements of individuals in different walks of life.

Dr. Uma Maheswari has been known for her committed services for more than two decades in the field of pain management through advanced physiotherapy. She has treated more than 40,000 patients. AMOL Health



Resource Centre is run by ants. She conducts wellness Anirudha Foundation of which programs for corporates. she is the Managing Trustee. She has won several awards. Dr. Uma Maheswari delivers lectures and conducts 74012 94482, 90940 44422, training programs for aspir- 79044 22880 and 2434 5526.

Drop in air quality level

By Our Staff Reporter

The city's Air Quality Index (AQI) took a hit during Deepavali as it ranged between 345 and 786, making breathing difficult and visibility poor for those on roads, according to data obtained by the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) from the seven monitoring stations across the city.

Besant Nagar was the least polluted area with an AQI of 345, T. Nagar followed with 372, Tiruvottiyur with 436. Triplicane recorded 503 and Valasaravakkam posted 545, while Nungambakkam and Sowcarpet logged 563 and 786 respectively.

As per AQI standards as set by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), values between 301 and 400 may cause respiratory illness on prolonged exposure, and above 401 is termed as severe and may cause respiratory impact even on healthy persons.

In terms of noise levels, T. Nagar was 2nd highest at 78.6 decibels (dB) and lowest was Besant Nagar which recorded 66 dB.

The National Ambient Noise Standards are 55 dB during the day and 65 dB during night.

Cracker sales at TUCS stalls cross Rs. 1 crore

By Our Staff Reporter

The sale of fire crackers at eight locations, including Teynampet and Adyar, through the Triplicane Urban Cooperative Society (TUCS) crossed Rs. 1 crore this year.

Food Secretary J. Radhakrishnan on visited the sales counter at Teynampet and interacted with the customers on Oct. 22.

"Many of them said that they were repeat customers since they were happy with the price of the crackers and the quality as well. Our outlets sell only green crackers," he said. Next year, the department will take steps to establish more outlets during Deepavali, he added.

Cats take shelter under umbrella



By S. Balachander

Even as it was raining, two stray cats were seen taking shelter under an umbrella kept in the corridor of Sarada Middle School (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) at around 3 p.m on Oct.27.

Lions Club gifts uniforms to students



By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Lions Club of Guindy (VGP Complex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) distributed 200 sets of new uniforms among the students of Lions Club of Guindy Labour Colony High School, Guindy recently.

The aid was distributed by Justice T. N. Vallinayagam (Judge-Lok Adalat, Madras High Court). G. Manilal (past District Governor 324L), K. G. Anil Kumar (CEO, ICL Finance Corporation), K. R. Jayakumar (School Secretary and Correspondent), D Mohan Kumar (Ward Councilor, Division 168) and others were present.

Mass chanting of Gita from Dec. 4

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Samskrita Bharathi Uttara Tamilnadu, 'Gitamrutam, there will be chanting of 18 chapters of Bhagavad Gita by 1 lakh devotees' from Gita Jayanthi on Dec. 4 to Vaikunta Ekadesi on Jan. 2, 2023 in schools, colleges and marriage halls in T. Nagar and West Mambalam.

All are welcome to participate in the chanting. For details of venue, dates and timings, contact Meenalochani in 98401 14069 or Sukanya Chandrasekar in 98403 07610

Women cops without helmets on 2-wheeler



By Our Staff Reporter

A couple of women police personnel seen riding at two-wheeler without helmets at the junction of Burkit Road and Venkatanarayana Road, T.Nagar at noon on Oct. 18.

Play to raise funds for Dementia Care Centres

By Our Staff Reporter

Dignity Foundation's Dementia Day Care Centres (Anna Nagar) will present 'Thalai, Thalaiku Yenna Aachu?', a play to be enacted by its members, at 4 p.m on Sunday, Oct.30 in Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Mylapore as part of its fund-raising program.

Tickets are priced at Rs.1000, Rs.500 and Rs.250.

The proceeds will be utilised to assist more persons suffering from dementia.

More details can be had in 99625 26608.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quick action by Corporation



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Sir, A bunch of cables and a broken tree branch had been lying on the pavement at the junction of Burkit Road and Thanikachalam Road (T.Nagar) for more than a week.

As they were an eyesore and blocking the way for pedestrians, I lodged a complaint in the Chennai Corporation helpline. Within a day, the cables and the tree branch were removed by Corporation workers.

I thank the Corporation officials for their swift action. **S. Bala, Madley Road, T. Nagar**

Appeal to resolve civic issues in Vidyodaya Main Road and Prakasam Street

Sir, VHP Residents' Association submitted a grievance on Sept. 25 to the Asst. Commissioner of Police (Traffic, T. Nagar) in which three issues were highlighted.

1. As the overhead barricade at the junction of Vidyodaya Main Road and Prakasam Street (T. Nagar) is too high, heavy vehicles are passing freely along Vidyodaya Main Road, which is a school zone.

Lorries are supposed to ply only through Prakasam Street which was concreted for this purpose.

2. As 2nd Cross Street (Vidhodya Colony, T. Nagar) is narrow, allowing parking of vehicles on both sides of the street is causing lot of hardship to the residents. So, 'No Parking' signboards should be installed on the northern side (opposite Rajan Eye Care Hospital).

3. Two 4-wheelers have been lying abandoned on Prakasam Street for several months. In spite of several complaints, traffic police have not removed the vehicles that are blocking the usable width of the carriageway.

We hope that the Asst. Commissioner will act on our complaints at the earliest. **G. Prabhakaran, Secretary, VHP Residents' Association.**

Debris dumped below transformer



By Our Staff Reporter

Construction debris and other rubbish dumped beneath a EB transformer several days back are also occupying a portion of Natesan Street, T. Nagar, near Usman Road

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Oct.30 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. More details can be had in 2814

Potholes filled with debris but still a hindrance

By Our Staff Reporter

Potholes in Venkatraman Street, T. Nagar near North Boag Road have been filled with debris but the uneven surface still hinders motorists.



Water from drain stagnating at junction



By Our Staff Reporter

Water overflowing from a storm water drain due to blocks in the drain is stagnating at the junction of Burkit Road and Usman Road in T.Nagar. Photo was taken on Oct.24.

Firemen conduct mock drills in schools



Firemen attached to T. Nagar Fire and Rescue Station conducted a mock drill in Sree Narayana Mission School, West Mambalam on Oct.17 on how to prevent fire accidents while bursting crackers during Deepavali celebrations.

The program was led by D. Sivakumar (Station Fire Officer). S. Jayalakshmi (Principal) was present.

Students participated in the demonstration. Firemen also conducted mock drills in Corporation and Government schools in T. Nagar and West Mambalam.

Assistance distributed for Deepavali



By Our Staff Reporter

Members of Jothi Madhar Sangam (Burkit Road, T.Nagar) distributed assistance for Deepavali totalling Rs.50,000 among needy persons on Oct. 17.

Lakshmi Ragukumar (President) said that new sarees and cash assistance were given to 30 transgenders and cash and vessels to a bride. Provisions were also distributed among needy persons.

Former Advocate General R. Krishnamoorthy passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

Former Advocate General R. Krishnamoorthy passed away on Oct. 18.



A designated senior counsel, he had served as the AG of Tamilnadu between 1980 and 1989 and again from 1994 to 1996. He was 92 years old, and was a former resident of T. Nagar.

He had also served as the chairman of Bar Council of Tamilnadu and Puducherry.

After obtaining his law degree from Madras Law College in 1954, he had served as an apprentice under K. Veeraswami who later became the Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

He had appeared for the State Government in the Supreme Court and for the Income Tax Department as well as for private clients before other High Courts in the country.

He was a member of a search committee constituted by the State government to recommend names for appointment as members of the Lok Ayukta, and was also a member of a committee constituted by the Madras High Court to recommend names of lawyers who could be designated as senior counsel.

He had served on the boards of several public limited companies as director, and was also on the Board of Trustees for the PSG Group of Colleges in Coimbatore. He was the president of Narada Gana Sabha, a cultural organisation, for around 25 years and the president of Madhya Kailash Temple in Chennai.

Two held for attacking man in drunken brawl

City Police on Oct. 14 arrested two persons for attacking their friend in a drunken brawl and inflicting grievous injuries on him near MGR Nagar. K Srinivasan (36) of Neidhal Street in MGR Nagar was drinking with four of his friends when the incident happened on Oct.16.

During the drinking session, an argument broke out among the friends and the four of them verbally abused Srinivasan and attacked him, police said. They broke beer bottles on Srinivasan's head and inflicted grievous injuries before fleeing.

Passerby rescued the man and got him admitted to a hospital. Based on his complaint, MGR Nagar Police registered a case and arrested two persons - A Durairaj (26) (a resident of Jafferkanpet) and V Bharath (25) of Ashok Nagar.

A search is on for Vijay (of Ashok Nagar and Rajasingam of MGR Nagar, police said.

Spot fines for traffic rule violations increased

By Our Staff Reporter

The Centre enacted the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act in 2019 and enhanced the fine amounts for certain offences punishable under the Act. Using vehicles for racing or speed trials on public roads will attract Rs. 5,000 as fine.

The Tamilnadu government has increased the spot fines for traffic rule violations in pursuance of the amendments made by the Centre.

Now, if a motorist is found driving in a rash and negligent manner and using handheld communication devices while driving or riding, he or she will have to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000 for the first time and Rs. 10,000 for the second offence.

Under the new provisions, using motor vehicles for racing or trials of speed on public roads will attract Rs. 5,000 as fine for the first violation and Rs. 10,000 the second time.

If a motorist fails to give way to an ambulance or fire engine or other emergency vehicles, he or she will have to pay a fine of Rs. 10,000. Blowing the horn unnecessarily will attract Rs. 1,000 in fine for the first violation and Rs. 2,000 for the second time. The new fines came into effect on Oct. 28.

He said, "We used to impose fines of Rs. 100 to Rs. 500 for violations such as driving without helmet. The new provision stipulates imposition of Rs. 500 for non-wearing of helmet for the first time and Rs. 1,500 for the second time.

Likewise, the fine is Rs. 500 for stop-line violation for the first time and Rs. 1,500 for the second time.

The fine for drunken driving is Rs. 10,000.

Traffic rule violations: Rs. 23.25 crores collected in 6 months

By Our Staff Reporter

In the past six months, Traffic Police have collected about Rs 23.25 crores for traffic rule violations in over 9 lakh cases.

Chennai traffic police moved to a cashless e-Challan system from March 2018. While in the initial stages, the compliance of payments of fine was good, it deteriorated as many violators did not pay the fines.

Facing this problem, Chennai police decided to introduce the call centre system and Commissioner of Police Shankar Jiwal inaugurated ten call centers on April 11 this year. Later, two more call centers were launched.

A performance analysis of the call centers till Oct. 10 revealed that fines were remitted by violators in old cases, including cases registered in 2019.

Personnel from call centers made phone calls and informed the violators about pending violations and exhorted them to pay the fines within a week failing which the cases would be pushed to virtual courts, an official release said.

As a part of the same exercise, a special drive for payment of fines in drunken driving cases was also launched and Rs 6.07 crores were collected in 6,108 cases as most of the violators were fined Rs 10,000 each.

Apart from these, fines amounting to Rs 15.6 crores were collected in 5.3 lakh new cases, amounting to a total of Rs 23.25 crore in six months.

To improve the facilitation of payment of fines, bulk SMS system has been introduced, including payment facilitation centre and partnering with payment platforms by using QR Codes.

Madley Subway turns slushy after rains



By Our Staff Reporter

Following rains, Madley Subway (T. Nagar) has turned slushy causing hardship to motorists.

Photo taken after a downpour at around 3 p.m on Oct. 26 shows a cyclist forced to risk his life in the middle of the road braving traffic.

Road near Duraisamy Subway in battered state

By Our Staff Reporter

The junction of Railway Border Road and Lake View Road (near Duraisamy Subway, West Mambalam) is in damaged condition.

The bitumen surface has been washed away leaving behind loose gravel.

The road is slippery and unsafe for motorists. A nearby resident told this reporter that every time a vehicle passes-by, it throws up dust causing air pollution.

He has appealed to Chennai Corporation to repair the road and black-top it.



Maths guide presented to Govt. school students



By Our Staff Reporter

Thambrass West Mambalam Unit presented Mathematics guides to Std. 12 students of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar recently.

Car wheel gets stuck in trench

By Our Staff Reporter

The front left wheel of a car got stuck in the improperly filled trench at the junction of Singara Street and Raghaviah Road in T. Nagar at around 11 a.m on Oct. 24.

Passerby helped the driver to free the wheel from the trench.

The trench dug for repairing the underground pipeline by Metrowater a month back, has not been closed properly.



Hyacinth pollutes Kothandaramar Temple tank



By Our Staff Reporter

Kothandaramar Temple tank in Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam is covered with hyacinth, a free-floating aquatic plant that is poisonous and also a prime habitat for mosquitoes. Nearby residents complained to *Mambalam Times* that there has been an increase in mosquito infestation as hyacinth provides cover for mosquitoes to lay eggs.

They have appealed to the Corporation to remove the hyacinth immediately.

Kandha Sashti thiruvizha concludes tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Kandha Sashti thiruvizha for Lord Muruga, which started on Oct. 28, will conclude on Monday, Oct. 31.

It is being conducted daily at 5 p.m in Guru Balaji Kalyana Mandapam (5, Sundaram Street, near Natesan Park, Pondy Bazaar, T. Nagar)

Naamasankeerthanam, Thirupugazh, vocal Carnatic concerts and Kandar Anuboothi are performed.

Sri Vallikalyanam will be conducted on Oct. 31. All are welcome.

For more details, call Hari Vital in 72992 00400.

Corporation to repair roads where drain work has been completed

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation will repair 482 km of roads where stormwater drain work has been completed in various parts of the city.

Corporation Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi said instructions had been issued to keep the roads clean after the completion of the stormwater drain work.

Work on storm water drains has been completed in Seethammal Colony, Bazullah Road, G.N. Chetty Road, Rangarajapuram, West Mambalam and Ashok Nagar.

Work on the repair of damaged roads in these areas will be completed shortly, a senior official said.

Remembering 'Crazy' Mohan

By Our Staff Reporter

As a tribute to thespian 'Crazy' Mohan who passed away on June 10, 2019, Maadhu Balaji and members of the Crazy Creations troupe presented a series of his plays from Oct. 14 to 16 in Vani Mahal (T. Nagar).

They included 'Marriage Made in Saloon', 'Chocolate Krishna' and 'Crazy Premier League'.

Since the passing away of 'Crazy' Mohan, the troupe has performed over 60 of his plays.

On the final day, awards were presented and felicitations extended, with actor Kamal Hassan presiding over the function.

Industrialists Ravi Appasami of Appaswami Real Estates and Ramesh Ramakrishnan of Leap Sports, Carnatic vocalist Gayathri Girish and the troupe's creative director S.B. Khanthan participated.

Gayathri Girish presented a concert based on Mohan's compositions

For more details, contact Maadhu Balaji in 98410 49386.

211.08 tonnes of firecracker waste collected

Chennai Corporation collected 211.08 tonnes of firecracker waste from Oct. 23 to 25. Sanitation workers collected the waste separately.

On Oct. 23, 7.92 tonnes of firecracker waste was collected. On Deepavali, the civic body collected 63.76 tonnes and on Oct. 25, around 139.40 tonnes of waste was collected. The authorities arranged 30 separate vehicles, two vehicles per zone, to collect the cracker waste.

The hazardous wastes were transported to a processing plant in Gummidipundi for regularisation.

College student murder case transferred to CB-CID

By Our Staff Reporter

A team of four officers led by DSP Selvakumar of CB-CID has commenced investigation into the murder of 20-year-old M. Sathya (2nd year B. Com student of a private college in T. Nagar), who was killed after being pushed under a moving train by D. Sathish (resident of Adambakkam) in St. Thomas Mount station. The case was transferred to the CB-CID considering that both of the families involved are members of the police department.

On the instruction of DGP Sylendra Babu, the paperwork and files related to the case were handed over to CB-CID by Mambalam police on Oct. 16. The officials are examining the camera footage in the station and meeting the family members from both sides to record their versions.

Sathish had been stalking the girl for several months and the girl's parents had filed a case in Mambalam police station last month. The victim had also got engaged recently.

Two days after the murder, the victim's father had died of heart attack

The accused's father is a Sub-Inspector of Police and the victim's mother M. Rajalakshmi is a Head Constable in Adambakkam police station.

Sathya, who had lived in St. Thomas Mount Police Quarters in Alandur, had come to St. Thomas Mount Railway Station with her friends to board a train to her college in T. Nagar.

Sathish, who followed her to the station, started arguing with her on the platform in front of her friends.

Her friends told the police that as a train approached, Sathish deliberately tripped her and pushed her in front of the train. Sathya fell on the tracks and the train ran over her.

He then escaped even as some passengers waiting on the platform tried to catch him.

Upon information, the St. Thomas Mount police, the Mambalam and Tambaram RPF arrived at the spot.

Sathish was arrested the next day.

Defunct water booth removed following report



Before



Now

Following the report 'Structure for defunct water booth affects traffic' published in *Mambalam Times* (October 2 - 8 issue), the unused structure which had once served as a water booth and which was hindering road users on the narrow service lane of Duraisamy Subway (near Lake View Road, West Mambalam), was removed.

Petrol, diesel prices unchanged since April 6

By Our Staff Reporter

After the rates of diesel and petrol were increased by 80 paise per liter on April 6, they have remained stationary.

A liter of petrol is priced Rs 110.85 and diesel Rs 100.94 in Chennai.

After March 22, petrol and diesel price were hiked by Rs. 10 per liter in a span of ten days.

Prior to that, it had remained stationary for nearly 4 months.

Oil companies are regulating petrol and diesel prices on a daily basis, keeping a check on fluctuation.

EB boxes removed following report



Before



Now

Following the report 'Damaged EB junction boxes dumped on Habibullah Road' published in *Mambalam Times* (Sept. 25 - Oct. 1 issue), a number of damaged EB junction boxes in rusted condition dumped on the margin of Habibullah Road (near Prakasam Street junction, T. Nagar) were removed.

Chennai Metro's new headquarters inaugurated in Nandanam

By Our Staff Reporter

The new headquarters of Chennai Metro, constructed at a cost of Rs. 320 crores in Nandanam on Anna Salai, was jointly inaugurated by Chief minister M. K. Stalin and Hardeep Singh Puri (Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs) on Oct. 26.

With various green building aspects, the 12-storey building was constructed on 8.96 acres of land allocated by the Tamil Nadu government and as per the platinum scale of Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

An official said that as Chennai Metro is currently managing both the operation of the control centre along with administrative work from Koyambedu office, the construction of the new headquarters was planned to meet the requirements of current and future operations.



Residents in flood-prone area a worried lot

With dug-up roads and open and unfinished drains in several places in the neighbourhood, the residents are worried about flooding in their areas with monsoon fast approaching.

N. Sadiq, who lives in the ground floor of an apartment complex on Giri Road (off G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar), has decided to move to his 2nd floor flat in another part of the city fearing floods and inundation that they have been facing for the past few years.

"Since the apartment building is old, all the electricity network is on the ground floor. We therefore stay without power and water for days until the rainwater recedes. So, till monsoon ends, I will stay in my 2nd floor flat in RA Puram", he said. Two years back, S. Ravichandran, residing in Lake view Road (T. Nagar), laid stone slabs in his front and back entrances to prevent water from coming in. Last November, he moved to a nearby hotel during the northeast monsoon, where he and his wife stayed for a week until they could come back home. Authorities said that they are building/have built new links and reconstructing old ones in T. Nagar and other flood-prone areas where the drain has been expanded from two feet to four.

Private hospital provides psychological support for cancer patients

Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC) has launched a comprehensive health initiative - Apollo Breast Cancer Diaries, a support group for breast cancer to provide breast cancer patients with best-in-class support and treatment. The initiative was inaugurated on Oct. 14 by P. Geetha Jeevan (Minister of Social Welfare and Women's Empowerment).

The initiative will focus on providing cancer patients with strong psychological support by connecting them with cancer survivors. Breast cancer treatment process may lead to fatigue and other side effects such as insomnia, anemia, nausea, pain and change in mood. At times, the patient may also have to deal with the social stigma of being diagnosed with the condition. Dr. Manjula Rao, Consultant Breast Cancer Specialist - Oncoplastic Surgeon in Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, said that the support groups provide patients with reinforcements that go above and beyond the regular rigmarole of providing medical treatment.

For more details, call 73389 92222.

Vaasthu sapling planted in temple garden

By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Art of Living Food (West Mambalam), Yathra Green Council of India Trust and Daasya Trust, and students of Annai Mentally Challenged School and Annai Velankanni Women's (Saidapet) planted Vaasthu saplings in the garden of Arulmigu Karuneswar Temple, Saidapet last week as part of 91st birthday celebrations of APJ Abdul

Kalam (Former President of India). Yoga Guru S. Thangapandian (Founder of Art of Living Food) said that they plan to plant 1000 saplings in the garden and nearby areas. About 500 saplings have been planted so far.

Those interested in joining the program may contact him in 73585 84760.



3,352.77 tonnes manure in stock

By Our Staff Reporter

3,352.77 tonnes of manure from solid waste are available at a low price from Chennai Corporation. So far, 607.80 tonnes of fertilizers have been sold for Rs. 18,23,400 in the city.

The manure is available in neighbourhood parks including Sivan Park (Rajamannar Salai, K.K. Nagar) from 7 a.m to 9 p.m at Rs. 20 per kg.

A Corporation official told *Mambalam Times* that about 5,200 tonnes of waste is collected daily from all 15 zones in the city. Sanitary workers collect door-to-door and segregate garbage into biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. Biodegradable waste is sent to the Corporation's composting centers.

Natural compost is produced and sold to the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation (TANFED) for distribution among the public and farmers.

From Sept. 16 to Oct. 7, 23.09 tonnes of manure were sold for Rs 3,16,620 to the public, and 55.6 tonnes to TANFED.

The highest of 8.78 tonnes was sold for Rs. 22,850 in Thiruvottiyur Zone, followed by 4.6 tonnes for Rs. 12,000 in Kodambakkam Zone.

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Fire in drug warehouse in Ashok Nagar, no one hurt

By Our Staff Reporter

A fire broke out in a private drug warehouse in Ashok Nagar in the morning on Oct. 24.

No one was injured as the warehouse was closed for Deepavali.

According to officials, the fire broke out at around 8 a.m in the ground floor of the warehouse where items like surgical kits, personal protective equipment (PPE) and masks were stored.

After onlookers alerted the police, fire tenders from T. Nagar and Teynampet arrived within 15 minutes and brought the fire under control.

Around 50 fire personnel led by S. Ramesh (Fire Officer) and 6 fire tenders, and 4 water



tankers from Metrowater were deployed to control the fire.

All the drugs stored in the warehouse and a container kept outside the entrance were completely destroyed in

the fire. A minivan and a car which were stationed nearby were also got damaged.

The godown is owned by Geethalakshmi (a resident of the neighbourhood).

Ramesh said that due to the

fire, the plastic items melted, and the fire and rescue personnel battled for about 4 hours to put out the fire completely.

Ashok Nagar police are probing the fire accident

PHC conducts essay contests for students



By Our Staff Reporter

Public Health Center (West Mambalam) is celebrating its platinum jubilee.

As part of the celebrations, it is conducting special programs for students from

neighbourhood schools.

In the past week, batches of 25 students from Sitaram Vidyalaya, Ahobila Math

Oriental School (West Mambalam) and Jawahar Vidyalaya (Ashok Nagar)

visited PHC.

The students were briefed on the growth of PHC and service rendered by it.

Essay competitions were conducted for the students and prizes awarded to the winners.

Deepavali gifts for inmates of orphanages

By Our Staff Reporter

Mahalakshmi Badminton Club (Mahalakshmi Street, T. Nagar) celebrated 20th year 'Olimayamana Deepavali' by presenting new clothes, sweets and crackers for about 500 inmates of orphanages and special homes in a function in Vani Mahal, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar on Oct. 16.

They were received by representatives of BVS Murthy Center (West Mambalam), Seed (Sriperumbudur), TGS (Melmaruvathur), Annai Bharat Matha (Red Hills) and other homes.

T. K. Raghunathan (President) said that Mahalakshmi Badminton Club was started by a group of friends from different professions who came together to play badminton but went on to organize social events. He said that a badminton tournament has been conducted for the past 17 years. Blood donation camps are conducted twice a year and eye check-up camps periodically. He can be contacted in 98406 39934.



STEM to enable practical learning for school students

By Our Staff Reporter

To inculcate practical learning among students of government and government-aided school, the School Education Department is set to launch STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), a program for students of Stds. 6 to 12 in November.

These subjects will be taught through experiments for students to better grasp concepts over textbook learning.

In the first phase, the program will be implemented for Stds. 6, 7 and 8 with focus on science and mathematics. Though it's a government-owned initiative, several NGOs working in the field of education have been roped in for implementation and training teachers.

The department is set to soon appoint a STEM ambassador (with basic knowledge on these subjects) in each educational block who will cover 25 to 30 schools. These ambassadors will visit every school and teach subject-concepts to students, in the presence of the teacher by conducting experiments using kits. A mobile app is also likely to be launched soon.

வெளிநாட்டில் செய்யும் இயன்முறை மருத்துவம் இங்கு அமோலில் தரப்படுகிறது.

- ◆ Non-surgical
- ◆ No medicines
- ◆ Economical
- ◆ Result oriented




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முதல் நாளில் இருந்து உங்களால் சிகிச்சையின் பலனை உணர முடியும். இது நோயின் அறிகுறிக்கான சிகிச்சை அல்ல. நோயின் மூல காரணத்தை கண்டறிந்து சிகிச்சை அளிக்கும் முறை.

- ◆ மூட்டு வலி
- ◆ பக்கவாதம் (Stroke)
- ◆ கழுத்து மற்றும் தோள்பட்டை வலி
- ◆ Parkinson's Disease
- ◆ முதுகு தண்டுவடம் பாதிப்பு
- ◆ ஆட்டிசம் (குழந்தை வளர்ச்சி தாமதப்படுதல்)
- ◆ பாதம் மற்றும் குதிகால் வலி / தசை பிடிப்பு
- ◆ கை, கால் மரத்து போவது

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