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Traffic diversions on Anna Salai for flyover construction

To facilitate the construction of the 3.2-kilometre elevated flyover on Anna Salai, traffic police has implemented the following traffic diversions from Aug. 16.

Saidapet to Anna flyover: Vehicles travelling from Saidapet on Anna Salai towards the Anna flyover must take a left turn at the Anna Salai-Eldams Road junction, and proceed via Thyagaraya Road, MaPoSi junction, and take a right turn onto North Boag Road to re-join Anna Salai.

Anna Salai to T. Nagar: Vehicles on Anna Salai heading towards T. Nagar can take a right turn at the Anna Salai-Eldams Road junction onto Thyagaraya Road to reach their destination.

T. Nagar to Anna Salai: Motorists going to towards Anna Salai from T. Nagar must take a left turn at the MaPoSi junction on Thyagaraya Road. proceed via Vijayaraghava Road to reach Anna Salai.

South Boag Road restrictions: Vehicles from South Boag Road will not be permitted to take a right turn at the MaPoSi junction. Instead, they must proceed straight onto North Boag Road, then continue to Vijayaraghava Road to access Anna Salai.

Anna flyover to Vijayaraghava Road: Vehicles coming on Anna flyover towards T. Nagar will not be allowed to take a right turn onto Vijayaraghava Road.

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Stalin's convoy causes severe traffic jam on Anna Salai

Traffic on Anna Salai from Spencers Plaza to Saidapet came to a standstill for nearly two hours during peak hours on Aug. 12, causing major delays for motorists as traffic police had blocked vehicles near Anna flyover for Chief Minister M. K. Stalin's convoy.

Police said that unlike the usual practice where his vehicle moves with other traffic, this time all vehicles were stopped nearly 10 minutes ahead of the convoy's arrival around 10.20 a.m. Stalin was heading to Tondiarpet to inaugurate the Thayumanavar scheme, via Cathedral Road.

The stoppage brought vehicles near Anna flyover to a standstill, leading to a spilloverjam across the arterial stretch. Police said that only a handful of traffic cops were on the ground as senior officers were away at a meeting.

The chaos continued well into the afternoon, with traffic between Arivalayam and Cenotaph Road crawling for over 30 minutes. Despite heavy congestion, vehicles from by-lanes and Eldams Road continued merging onto Anna Salai unchecked.

"Some motorists were waiting to take a U-turn near Anbagam towards Pondy Bazaar or Gemini. Had police removed the barricades at Eldams Road-Anna Salai junction and manually directed vehicles, it would have helped," K. Arumugam, a motorist said.

"At least the presence of more traffic police could have eased the congestion," D. Prasad of T. Nagar said.

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Sri M. Srinivasan

Sri M. Srinivasan was a Senior Advocate, who was later appointed as High Court Judge and still later elevated as Judge of the Supreme Court.

I knew him very well from my early days and had even played cricket with him. He was a good batsman and a medium pace bowler.

When he was on the threshold of being appointed as Judge of Madras High Court, one night I got a call from him at around 8 pm, "Do you know anybody in T. Nagar Police Station?"

I asked him what the matter was. He said, "I got a call from the station asking me to come there for an enquiry". I said immediately, "Sir! You are not going there. I'll go and find out what the matter is and report to you. Even if it should be late, please wait".

I called my friend, Sri M.K. Srinivasan, popularly known as பறக்கும் படை Srinivasan. He was very popular with the public and the police. He was a licensed civil engineer and used to draw sketches for the prosecution in criminal cases. (In Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, it was he who prepared the sketch of the place where the assassination had taken place, and the sketch was later used by the prosecution.)

Knowing his closeness to the police, I sought his help and went with him to the police station at around 8.45 pm.

The Inspector was surprised by the visit of MKS. He said, "Sir, I am under pressure from the Deputy Commissioner. The complainant

is here. According to him, Srinivasan cheated him by not filing any case after receiving Rs. 3,000 as advance fee from him".

I said that it was impossible since Sri MS was an upright person and a fine gentleman. The Inspector said, "Impossible or possible, we are not concerned. We are here to conduct the investigation on the complaint. He must come here tomorrow morning" On our request he gave us a copy of the complaint.

MKS and I rushed to Sri MS's house in nearby Ramaswamy Street at around 10 p.m. He was waiting for us. When the complaint copy was shown to him, he smiled. He took us into his office and took out an index book, from which he got the complainant's file details. The case number was written there. And there were proper accounts. "Received Rs. 3,000. Expenses: Court fee, Bata etc: Rs. 2,725. Clerical, postal, carbon copy etc: Rs. 75". In addition, a post card written by the complainant was pinned to the page. The letter ran like this:

'வக்கீல் ஐயா உங்கள் கடிதம் கிடைத்தது. அப்பீல் விசாரணைக்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்பட்ட செய்தி கேட்டு மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி. இந்த ஊர் வக்கீல் ஹைகோர்ட்டிலே இந்த அப்பீலை விசாரணைக்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ள மாட்டாங்கன்னு சொன்னாரு. நீங்கள் தடையே வாங்கிவிட்டீங்க. ரொம்ப நன்றி'.

I saw the file, the post card and the accounts. I was impressed at the meticulous way in which Sri MS had maintained the accounts.

Next day morning, MKS and I again went to the Police Station. The Inspector was a bit put off since he did not find Sri MS with us. I explained to him how the complaint was a false one, showed him the accounts and also the post card written by the complainant. The Inspector appreciated the facts, slapped the complainant, saying 'நல்ல வேளை நான் தப்பிச்சேன்'.

Back in his home, Sri MS paid the balance amount, though very small, to the complainant and returned the case papers to him after taking a proper receipt.

Obviously the false complaint was the result of a conspiracy against Sri M. Srinivasan getting appointed as a High Court Judge.

I am narrating this incident in order to persuade careless professionals (like me) to maintain proper accounts of their clients' payments. It was amazing that Sri MS had not only maintained accurate accounts but could also retrieve them within minutes.

In my office, I often misplace case bundles and spend a lot of time searching for them. Prayer to Lord Vinayaka for helping me to retrieve a missing letter or a document is quite common. Lord Vinayaka has always come to my rescue! Quite a few coconuts would be broken by me by way of gratitude!

Touched my Heart

Normally, in the Supreme Court, between 1.00 and 1.15 pm daily, Advocates are allowed to mention urgent matters.

One young Advocate from Mumbai was appearing in a Special Leave Petition and sought an early date for its hearing.

Chief Justice: What is the nature of the case?

Counsel: Pension due to a teacher, My Lord

Chief Justice: No! No! No urgency, not possible, after all it is only a matter of pension

Counsel: In fact had told my client, My Lord, that the Supreme Court will not find time to entertain our request. I told him that the Court would find time to hear a case relating to Kapil Dev's non-inclusion in the team even on a Saturday by forming a special Bench. My client is after all a poor teacher, My Lord. Let him suffer.

This bold submission, punctuated with apt words, pricked the Chief Justice. He kept quiet for a two minutes, and then said:

Chief Justice: Court Master, list the case on Monday.

This incident touched me. How many Advocates would have such courage to express what they wanted in such a manner. That too in the Supreme Court?

I met the Advocate outside the court and congratulated him very sincerely.

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Contests held for kids in Little Popsicles Preschool

By Our Staff Reporter

Singing, drawing and fancy-dress competitions on the theme of Independence Day were held for kids in Little Popsicles Preschool (Swaminathan Street, West Mambalam) on Aug. 15, and prizes were awarded to the winners. It was preceded by hoisting of the National Flag.

Events lined up for Madras Day this month

The city will celebrate Madras Day on August 22 with over 75 events throughout the month, ranging from walks and talks to exhibitions and contests. The 2025 edition, which began on August 1, will run until the month end. Over 15 themed walks are planned this year, covering heritage, nature and institutions.

The Madras Naturalists' Society is hosting four nature walks, including trails along Thiruvananthapuram beach.

Nizhal is organising free tree walks at locations such as the DPI campus in Nungambakkam, Natesan Park in T. Nagar and the Kotturpuram Urban Forest. Other heritage walks include two tours inside Fort St. George, a walk around the University of Madras, and guided tours inside IIT Madras led by faculty and students, covering landmarks such as Gajendra Circle. The program also features around 20 talks in English and Tamil. Exhibitions include a display on Tamil print culture and magazines at Roja Muthiah Research Library till Friday, August 22, and a postcard-themed show by the Madras Poster Crossing Commune on Sunday, August 17 at Ranade Library (Luz). The British Council is hosting panel discussions on August 22 and 29, with the first exploring 'Food as a living archive of the city's diverse cultures and histories.'

Chennai Heritage Lecture Series daily from August 23 to 31: Saturday, Aug. 23: History of AVM Studios at AVM Heritage Museum (Vadapalani) at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 24: Quizzing in Madras at The Park (Nungambakkam) at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25: Heritage Around You at The Radisson (St. Thomas Mount) at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: The Soldier and the City at Hotel Savera (R.K. Salai, Mylapore) at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Thirty Years in Chennai Theatre at Hotel Maris (Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram) at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28: Lost - Found Moore Market at The Amethyst (Whites Road, Royapettah) at 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29: Education through Music at CP Arts Centre (Eldams Road, Teynampet) at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30: Madras Youth Football Association (The Residency Towers (Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar) at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31 - A Dialogue with the Public Toilets of Chennai at Hanu Reddy Residences (41/19, Poes Garden, Teynampet) at 5:30 p.m.

Policemen rewarded for curbing drug trafficking

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Aug. 11 presented the Chief Minister's Police



Medals to personnel, including those of T. Nagar Police District at Government Arts College (Nandanam) for their role in curbing the illegal distribution and sale of narcotics and drugs.

He also presented cheques to educational institutions and students for actively taking part in awareness campaigns against drug abuse.

Govi. Chezhan (Minister of Higher Education), Atulya Misra (Secretary of Youth Welfare and Sports Development), Dheeraj Kumar (Home Secretary), Shankar Jiwal (DGP), A. Arun (Police Commissioner), and A. Amalraj (Additional DGP, Enforcement Bureau-CID) were present.



வாழ்வா? சாவா?

சரியான நேரத்தில், சரியாக எடுக்கப்படும் முடிவுகள் வாழ்க்கையில் வெற்றிகளைத் தரக்கூடும். மருத்துவத்தில் சரியான நேரத்தில் எடுக்கப்படும் முடிவுகளே உயிர்களைக் காக்கும்!

வாழ்வா, சாவா என்ற நிலையில் இரண்டு உயிர்களில் ஒன்றைத்தான் காப்பாற்ற முடியும் என்றால் எப்படி முடிவெடுப்பது?

ஃப்ளோரிடாவில் வசிக்கும் மகப்பேறு சிறப்பு மருத்துவர் ஃப்ராங்க் போயெம் விவரிக்கும் கேஸ் ஹிஸ்டரி ஒன்றைப் பார்ப்போம்.

39 வயதான ஆறுமாத கர்ப்பிணிப் பெண். மூளையில் ஏற்பட்ட ரத்தக் கசிவினால் (Heamorrhage) கோமா நிலையில் அட்மிஷன். ஸ்கேன் எடுத்ததில் மூளையில் ரத்தம் கசிந்து தேங்கியுள்ளதைக் காட்டியது.

உடனே அறுவை சிகிச்சை செய்வதுதான் அவள் உயிர் பிழைக்க உள்ள ஒரே வாய்ப்பு! உள்ளே உள்ள சிகவின் உயிருக்கும் ஆபத்து சேர்ந்தே இருந்தது. அன்னை உயிருடன் இருப்பது சிகவின் உயிருக்கும், வளர்ச்சிக்கும் மிகவும் அவசியமானது.

வெளியில் நடப்பது ஏதுமறியாமல் அம்மாவின் கர்ப்பப்பையில் சுறுசுறுப்பாக நீந்திக் கொண்டிருந்த அந்தக் குழந்தையை அல்ட்ராசவுண்ட் தெளிவாகக் காட்டியது.

அறுவை சிகிச்சைக்குப் பிறகு நினைவு திரும்பாவிட்டாலும், அம்மாவின் கருவறையின் பாதுகாப்பான, போஷாக்குடன் கூடிய சூழல் குழந்தைக்கு இன்னும் சிறிது காலம் தேவை. அதுவரை அந்த கர்ப்பிணிப் பெண்ணைத் தகுந்த முறையில் உயிருடன் வைத்திருக்க வேண்டும். டாக்டர் போயெம் தன் சக மருத்துவர்களுடன் ஒரு டஜனுக்கும் மேற்பட்ட ஸ்பெஷலிஸ்ட்களுடன் கலந்து ஆலோசித்து, அந்தப் பெண்ணின் கணவனுடைய அனுமதியுடன் ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வருகிறார்.

அடுத்த பத்து வாரங்களுக்கு அந்தப் பெண்ணிற்கு எல்லாவிதமான 'லைஃப் சப்போர்ட்' வசதிகளும் செய்யப்படுகின்றன. அறையில் அவளுக்குப் பிடித்த இசை ஒலிபரப்பப்படுகின்றது. உறவினர்கள், நர்க்கள், டாக்டர்கள், மருத்துவமனை சிப்பந்திகள், எல்லோரும் தினசரி சேவைகளை அவளுக்கு எல்லாம் புரியும் என்பதைப் போல அவளுடன் பேசிக்கொண்டே செய்கின்றனர்.

கருவறையில் சுற்றி வரும் சிகவுக்குத் தேவையானவை எல்லாம் தடங்கல் இல்லாமல் கிடைக்க அன்னையின் டிரிப்பில் உணவு, தொடர்ச்சியாக ஆக்ஸிஜன் போன்றவை வழி செய்யப்படுகின்றன. குழந்தை வெளி உலகம் வந்து தானாக இயங்கும் வரை அன்னை உயிருடன் இருப்பது அவசியமல்லவா?

குழந்தையின் இதயத்துடிப்பு, அசைவுகள் எல்லாம் முறையாக தினமும் மானிடர் செய்யப்படுகின்றன. ஏழெட்டு வாரங்கள் சென்று குழந்தைக்குக் கருவறையில் மூச்சு முட்டல் ஏற்படுகிறது. உடனே அன்னைக்கு சிசேரியன் செக்ஷன் செய்து, குழந்தை (சுமார் மூன்று கிலோ எடை!) உயிருடன் வெளியே எடுக்கப்படுகின்றது. அழகான ஆண் குழந்தை!

கோமாவிலிருந்து மீளாமல், அன்னையும் தன் கடமை முடிந்ததெனக் கண்ணை மூடிவிடுகிறார்.

சமூகம், சட்டம், மெடிக்கல் எதிக்கல் எல்லாம் கவனிக்கப்பட வேண்டிய கட்டாயம் இந்த சிகிச்சைக்கு இருக்கின்றது. செலவும் அதிகமானது. இதையெல்லாம் தாண்டி அந்தக் குழந்தை மருத்துவரின் கைகளில் தன் பிஞ்சுக் கால்களால் உதைத்தபோது ஏற்பட்ட பெருமையையும், நிறைவையும் விவரிக்க வார்த்தைகளே இல்லை என்கிறார் டாக்டர் போயெம்!

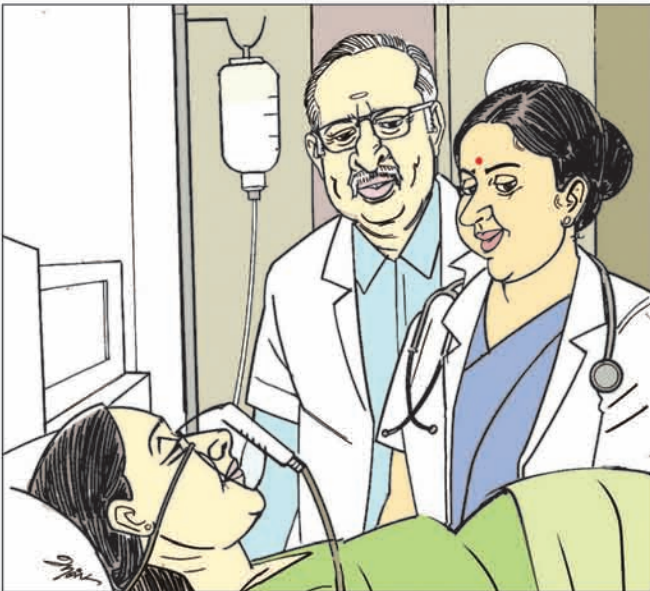
கிட்டத்தட்ட சென்னையிலும் இதே போன்ற ஒரு நிலை. நண்பனின் மனைவி ஆறுமாத கர்ப்பிணி. இடைவிடாத வலிப்புடன் வந்தார். வலிப்புகளை உடனே நிறுத்த வேண்டும்; இல்லையேல் அது குழந்தையின் உயிருக்கே ஆபத்தாக முடியும். ஈ.ஈ.ஜி தவிர வேறு டெஸ்ட் எதுவும் எடுக்க முடியாது. எம்.ஆர்.ஐ ஸ்கேனும் 7 மாதங்களுக்குப் பிறகுதான். அதுவும் மிகவும் கவனத்துடன் தான் எடுக்க முடியும். இருந்தாலும் மிகவும் எச்சரிக்கையுடன், குழந்தையை பாதிக்காத மருந்துகளைத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்து ஒரு வழியாக வலிப்புகளை நிறுத்தினோம்.

ஏழாம் மாதம் செய்த ஸ்கேன் எங்களைப் புரட்டிப் போட்டது. தாயின் தலையில் மிகப் பெரிய கட்டி. எதுவாகவும் இருக்கலாம். கர்ப்பிணிப் பெண்ணுக்கு மூளையில் அறுவை சிகிச்சை செய்வது அவளுக்கும், உள்ளே வளரும் குழந்தைக்கும் ஆபத்தாக முடியும். நியூரோ சர்ஜன், மகப்பேறு மருத்துவர், பொது மருத்துவர், TB ஸ்பெஷலிஸ்ட் எல்லோரும் விவாதித்தோம். ஸ்கேனில் ஒரு சின்ன 'க்ளர்'. அது TB கட்டியாக இருக்கும் வாய்ப்பை உறுதி செய்தது. மிக கவனமாகத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்த TB மருந்துகளைக் கொடுத்துத் தாய், சேய் இருவரையும் மானிடர் செய்தோம்.

டியூ டேட்டில் அறுவை சிகிச்சை செய்து குழந்தையை முதலில் காப்பாற்றினோம். நல்ல வேளை குறையொன்றும் இல்லாமல் சரியாக இருந்தது குழந்தை!

பின்னர் எடுக்கப் பட்ட ஸ்கேனில் தலைக் கட்டி 90% கரைந்திருந்தது. TB தான் என்பது உறுதியானது. மேலும் மூன்று மாதங்களில் கட்டி முழுதுமாகக் கரைந்து தாயும், சேயும் இன்றுவரை நலம்!

வாழ்வா, சாவா என்பதில் ஒரு உயிரைத் தான் காப்பாற்ற முடியும் என்ற நிலை எப்போதுமே மருத்துவர்களுக்கு சவால்தான்!



Kumbhabhishekam in Selva Vinayagar Temple on Wednesday

Maha Kumbhabhishekam will be performed from 10 a.m to 11.30 a.m on Wednesday, Aug. 20 in Selva Vinayagar Temple (Kothandaramar Koil Street, West Mambalam).

In connection with the kumbhabhishekam, special poojas will be held from Sunday, Aug. 17

The following are the program details:

Sunday, Aug. 17:

8.30 a.m: Gho poojai, followed by Ganapathi, Navagraha and Lakshmi homam. Poornahuthi, deepaaradhanai and prasadam distribution

6 p.m: Special poojai and yagasala alangaaram.

Monday, Aug. 18:

9 a.m: Special homam; 5.30 p.m: 1st yagasala poojai

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

9.30 a.m: 2nd yagasala poojai; 12 noon: Deepaaradhanai and prasadam distribution; 5.30 p.m: 3rd yagasala poojai.

Wednesday, Aug. 20:

7 a.m: 4th yagasala poojai, 10 a.m: Maha Kumbhabhishekam; 11 a.m: Maha abhishekam and alangaram, deepaaradhanai and prasadam distribution; 7 p.m: Procession of the presiding deity.

All are welcome.

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Village festival at YMCA from Aug. 21



By Our Staff Reporter

The annual urban village festival titled 'Sempozhil - Chennaiyil Oru Gramathu Thiruvizha' will be held in YMCA (Nandanam) from Aug. 21 to Aug. 24.

The four-day event will recreate the sights, sounds, and traditions of a Tamil village, featuring artisan bazaars, farming displays, cultural performances, workshops, and eco-friendly food stalls.

Designed as an inclusive, sustainable festival, Sempozhil aims to celebrate living Tamil heritage, promote ecological awareness, and strengthen community bonds.

The festival is open to all, with activities for families, students, and cultural enthusiasts.

More details are available at www.sempozhil.org.

Last year, the event featured 130 stalls showcasing fresh harvest ranging from vegetables, and rice varieties to country milk, food stalls selling millet ice creams, paruthi paal (cottonseed milk), beetroot cola, and more.

Residents suffer from water contamination for over 6 months



By Our Staff Reporter

The menace of foul-smelling and discoloured drinking water has worsened on Balakrishna Mudali Street in West Mambalam during the past six months.

Sewage is now visibly leaking and mixing with the water supply.

Despite repeated complaints, Metrowater is yet to identify the source of contamination, residents said.

After multiple complaints, Metrowater identified illegal sewage discharge from stormwater drains connected to nearby buildings.

"When the sump was drained, we saw sewage in the water. We have been spending a hefty amount just to clean the sump, and yet no permanent solution has been provided. Although they checked for possible leaks, the root-cause remains unresolved," a resident of the street said.

Residents now rely on borewell water for domestic purposes and purchase canned water for drinking.

Another resident said that recently when Metrowater workers inspected the area, they found that a sewage pipeline was damaged. It was replaced, and the leakage was arrested. But, even after waiting for the water supply to resume, contaminated water continued to flow.

Residents urge the authorities to identify the root-cause of the issue and address it early.

Last week, the residents of the street met with ward 134 councillor Uma Anandan, who assured them that the issue will be resolved as early as possible.

Appeal to expedite sewer chamber work on Ponnambalam Salai

By Our Staff Reporter

As an underground sewer chamber on Ponnambalam Salai (K.K. Nagar) was not laid properly, there has been frequent cave in of the road on the stretch for the past six months.

This often poses a problem for the residents of the road and motorists as the stretch gets barricaded to undertake repairs.

K.S. Rajendran (President, Federation of KK Nagar Residents' Welfare Association) said that the quick fixes to the problem were temporary as the problem resurfaced frequently, causing overflow of sewage water from the chamber.

After repeated complaints by the Association, Metrowater undertook a major remedial exercise last month. This has caused a major section of the road to be cordoned off with only space for 2-wheelers to cross.

With five schools in the vicinity, this blockade has caused a ripple effect as the adjoining roads like Ramaswamy Salai and 66th Street are now choked during school opening and closing hours. The Association appeals to Metrowater to expedite the work.



Viaduct and double-decker corridor works nearing completion



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro will complete the construction of the viaduct and the massive double decker stretch along Arcot Road for the phase II project between Porur and Power House by September-end.

Porur to Power House, a section of corridor 4 of the phase II project whose entire length runs to 26.1 km from Light House to Poonamallee via Porur and T. Nagar.

This section is pivotal for commuters for two reasons; firstly, when ready, it woffers connectivity to the phase I network at Vadapalani and secondly, the 3.75 km double decker corridor between Alwarthirunagar and Alapakkam will allow commuters to switch between corridor 4 and corridor 5 (Madhavaram to Sholinganallur) in any of the four locations which are Alwarthirunagar, Valasaravakkam, Karambakkam, and Alapakkam. This time next year, trains will be operated in the first level of the double decker and shortly thereafter when a part of corridor 5 is ready, the second level will witness train operations.

According to Chennai Metro officials, they have to construct around 340 piers between Porur and Power House and of that, nearly 95 per cent of the work has been completed in spite of a six-month delay in the construction of the Porur-Power House stretch.

"As the road width was not sufficient on several stretches, it was tough to build the viaduct as cranes could not be stationed to deploy the girders. We had to use a specialized machine to build the piers and stations without disturbing the traffic and launching the girders, leading to delays. Additionally, we also had to safeguard and shift the exiting Metrowater and EB cables before constructing the piers", the official said.

In another 2 months, the entire viaduct will be ready.

Already track laying has begun where the viaduct work has been completed.

Apollo Hospital commissions cath lab for emergency care

By Our Staff Reporter

Apollo Speciality Hospital (Teynampet) has commissioned an Advanced Catheterisation Laboratory (cath lab) designed to enhance emergency care and minimally invasive interventions in cardiology, neurology, and oncology.

The facility was inaugurated by M.P. Swaminathan (Minister for Tamil Development, Information, and Publicity) in the presence of senior doctors and staff of the hospital.

The new system enables complex image-guided procedures without the need for open surgery, allowing faster diagnosis, reduced radiation exposure, and shorter recovery times.

A.L. Narayanan (Head of Interventional Cardiology) said that the Cath Lab integrates high-resolution 3D imaging, stent motion visualisation, neurovascular support systems, and low-dose radiation technology.

He said that it will assist clinicians in treating conditions such as acute heart attacks, strokes, complex vascular blockages, and certain cancers through small incisions or catheter insertions.

Fostering reading habit in children

S. Priya, Librarian

In an age where screens dominate leisure time, educators and parents are voicing concern over the declining habit of reading among children. Many believe that rekindling the joy of books is essential not only for academic excellence but also for shaping well-rounded individuals.

Reading is not just about improving vocabulary, it is about opening windows to the world. Children who read regularly tend to be more empathetic, imaginative, and confident in expressing themselves.

While the city boasts a strong literary culture with events like the Chennai Book Fair drawing massive crowds, children's exposure to reading is now limited to school textbooks.

Some schools and NGOs in the city have been taking initiatives to reverse this trend. Community libraries in areas like T. Nagar have started weekend storytelling and read-aloud sessions.

Reading habit in children must be nurtured at an early age. From illustrated picture books for toddlers to mystery and adventure novels for teens, the city offers an array of choices in Tamil and English.

With a collective push from schools, parents, and community groups, let us hope to turn the page on declining reading habits and inspire the next generation of book lovers.

Breach in median on Bazullah Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Bikers have created an opening in the median by repositioning barricades near the entrance to the Y-shaped flyover on Bazullah Road (T. Nagar).

They are misusing the opening to take U-turn, thereby posing danger to other motorists.

It also creates traffic jams at the junction during peak hours. This photo was taken on Aug.14

Registration open for visit to Divya Desam temples

Srimath Ramanujas (21/10, Giri Street, West Mambalam) has organised a 3-day religious tour to 8 Divya Desam temples including Tiruppullani and Srivilliputhur from Sep.2 to 4. 3-day Nava Narasimhan Darshan tour covering Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam (Ahobilam, Andhra Pradesh) has been organised from Sep.26 to Sep.29.

Since arrangements have to be made in advance, interested devotees are requested to register at the earliest.

For more details, contact Murali Swamiji in 98415 02313.

Special abhishekam in Sai Seva Samaj on Wednesday

As part of Pradosham, special abhishekam will be performed to Spatika Lingam at 4.30 p.m on Wednesday, Aug. 20 in Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam).

In connection with New Moon Day, there will be special abhishekam to Lord Anjaneya at 8 a.m on Friday, Aug 22.

All are welcome. The Samaj is 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

Local Club wins ball badminton tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

Twentyfive teams participated in the 4th edition of the Ball Badminton tournament jointly organised by Vinayaga Ball Badminton Club and Krishna Group of Companies in Corporation Ground (Ashok Nagar) from Aug. 1 to 3.

For school teams, the contest was held on Aug. 1 and prizes like T. Shirts, shoes and game kits were presented to the winners.

For the 3rd consecutive year, the team from Vinayaga Ball Badminton Club won the tournament which was conducted in several rounds over the three days.

The Vinayaga Club team won all its games in straight sets. The trophies and prizes were presented by B. Sakthieswaran (Industrialist and Philanthropist).

RMD Samarpan offers free physiotherapy till Aug. 20



By Our Staff Reporter

100 patients underwent free physiotherapy at the

Satsang on Saturdays in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam,

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) is conducting Satsang on Saturdays from 5.30 p.m to 8 p.m in Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, (Sundaram Street, T. Nagar). The following are the Satsang details:

5:30 p.m - Kirtan
6:15 p.m - Tulasi Arathi
6:30 p.m - Sandhya Arathi
7:00 p.m - Bhagavad Gita class
7:45 p.m - Prasadam distribution. All are welcome.
For more details, call 82200 17695.

75 blood units collected from donors

120 persons donated 75 units of blood in the blood donation program organised by Kodai Charitable Foundation at VKC Cultural Centre (Kuppiah Street, West Mambalam) on Aug.15 as part of Independence Day. A team doctors and paramedical staff from ESI Hospital (K.K. Nagar) collected the blood units.

sons suffering from body pain, joint pains and neuro pains. For more details, call 93810 16588.

Jayalakshmi Goshala sells environment friendly Vinayakar idols

By Our Staff Reporter

Jayalakshmi Goshala (Acharapakkam) offers environment friendly Vinayakaridols handmade with native cow dung, organic binding powder and neem seed. The idol is priced Rs. 190. Along with each idol, a colourful umbrella, purasai ilia, kumkum, turmeric, akshadai, vibuthi and kunthamani are also provided. After performing the poojai, the idol can be immersed in a bucket of water and the dissolved solution can be used as manure or the idol can be placed inside a pot, and watered for the seeds to sprout and grow into a plant.

Residents interested in buying the idol can place orders by contacting S. Muthukrishnan (28, 1st Cross Street, West CIT Nagar) in 9444127382 or by sending email to sribalaveda patasala@gmail.com

The order can also be placed with Raghu (New No. 6, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam).

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Sports Day held in CD Nayagam School



By Our Staff Reporter

CD Nayagam T. Nagar Higher Secondary School (31, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) celebrated its 92nd Annual Sports Day on Aug.11.

Dr. S.E. Dhanasekaran (Consultant Nephrologist of Billroth Hospital and Retired Captain of Indian Army) was the Chief Guest. He distributed prizes to the students who had won in several sports events held during the year. Gautam (President, Kalvipani) and members of CD Nayagam Alumni Association were present.

Most of its students are from socially and economically backward sections of society.

PSBB wins Madras Day contest



By Our Staff Reporter

The all-girls team from Padma Seshadri Bal Bhavan (T. Nagar) won the rolling trophy, the top prize in the Madras Day 2025 edition of the Chennai City Project Study Contest held on August 8 at Ranade Library (Luz).

Street Scapes was the theme for this year's contest.

The PSBB team covered Arya Gowder Road (West Mambalam), featuring landmark temples and stores and explaining how this road got its name.

S. Janaki and Vincent D' Souza were the judges for this contest in which seven schools took part. The teams of PSBB (Nungambakkam) and of Sri Sankara Vidyashram (Thiruvannamiyur) got the second and third prizes.

Photo exhibition on History of Madras till Sept. 8



By Our Staff Reporter

The Hindu (859 and 860, Anna Salai) is holding a Photo Exhibition on the History of Madras in its premises till Sept. 8. There is no entry fee and it is open to all from 10 a.m to 6 p.m.

The exhibition has been curated by Thirupurasundari Sevel (Historian and resident of Shenoy Nagar).

Some of the attractions include the International Trade Fair (1968), Tamilnadu team performing karagam and gymnastics during a Republic day Parade practice in 1979, and Children playing carrom at Asian Youth Centre night shelter (T. Nagar) in 1984.

A total of 78 photos are on display under the theme of 'Thirai-Thiran-Thaakkam'. All are welcome.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

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, Aug. 17 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

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

Centenarian hoists National flag in Postal Colony

By Our Staff Reporter

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour by the residents of Postal Colony and Kamakshi Puram 1st Street (West Mambalam) on Aug. 15.

The National flag was hoisted by centenarian R. Srinivasan. 90-year-old Mahadevan was honoured for his daily annadhaanam to 150 persons.

It was followed by rendering of patriotic songs and cultural programs. The program concluded with national anthem and high tea.

S. Karpaga Ganesh (President, Postal and Kamakshi Puram 1st Street Welfare Association), J. Karunanidhi (MLA, T. Nagar), Uma Anandan (Councillor) and Satya (former MLA) were present.

The Association's contact number is 94441 27708



Kumbhabhishekam in Chakra Vinayagar Temple on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Maha Kumbhabhishekam will be performed from 8.30 a.m on Thursday, Aug. 21 in Chakra Vinayagar Temple (5/2, South Dhandapani Street, T. Nagar). In connection with the kumbhabhishekam, special poojas will be held from Monday, Aug. 18

The following are the program details: Monday, Aug.18:

7 a.m: Vigneshwara poojai, Maha Ganapathy homam, Navagraha homam and Mahalakshmi homam; 5 p.m: Vaasuthu shanthi poojai.

Tuesday, Aug.19:

4.30 p.m: Special poojai; 6 p.m: Yagasalai pravachan; 6.30 p.m: 1st yagasala poojai; 9 p.m: Maha deepaardhanai and prasadam dis-

tribution.

Wednesday, Aug.20:

9 a.m: 2nd yagasala poojai; 9.30 a.m: Vimana kalasa sthapanam; 11.30 a.m: Deepaardhanai and prasadam distribution; 5.30 p.m: 3rd yagasala poojai; 7 p.m: special poojai; 9 p.m: Poornahuthi and prasadam distribution.

Thursday, Aug.21:

5 a.m: 4th yagasala poojai; 7.30 a.m: Gho poojai; 8.10 a.m: Maha poornahuthi; 8.30 a.m: Vimana Maha Kumbhabhishekam and Maha Kumbhabhishekam to the Moolavar; 10 a.m: Maha abhishekam to Moolavar and prasadam distribution; 6 p.m: Pushpa alangaaram and procession. All are welcome.

Stationery gifted to 300 needy students

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Independence Day on Aug. 15, Lions International District 3241F (VGP Complex, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar) gifted educational kits to 300 students of Corporation School in Ekkatuthangal.

Each kit included a notebook, pen, pencil and geometric box.

It was organised by Vivekanandan (District Chairman). M. Pravinlal (Lions District Governor) hoisted the National flag and distributed sweets to all the students.

Senior club members including Dr. S. Vageesh, G. Manilal, Vijai Anand, Balakrishnan, Rajeswara Rao and Balasubramaniam were present.



Tamil play Meesai Aanaalum Manaivi to be staged on Aug. 24

By Our Staff Reporter

To help Jus' Onco Palliative Care Trust (New No. 200, Old No. 299, Vellalar Street, Gangai Amman Colony, Kodambakkam) raise funds for its charitable activities, Maadhu Balaji (Founder of the drama troupe Crazy Creations), will present the popular comic play 'Meesai Aanaalum Manaivi' at 10.30 a.m on Sunday, Aug.24 at Vani Mahal (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

Dr. Kanimozhi NVM Somu (Member of Rajya Sabha), Dr. T.R Muralidharan and Dr. Suryanarayan (Senior Orthopaedician) will be present.

For donor passes priced Rs.500, Rs.750 and Rs.1000, call 82892 92273.

The Trust offers home-based free palliative care for terminally ill cancer patients. Its contact number is 92892 92273.

Special children celebrate Independence Day

By Our Staff Reporter

Arvind Foundation (387, 27th Street, 6th Sector, K. K. Nagar), a charitable organisation for children with special needs, celebrated Independence Day in its premises on Aug. 15. After hoisting the National Flag, the students, teachers, and staff sang the National Anthem.

The special students exhibited their talent in singing, dancing, short skits and oration based on Nationalism and freedom fighters.

The Foundation works to empower children through education, therapy, and vocational training.

Bike rally held to create awareness on Polio

By Our Staff Reporter

To create awareness about the importance of Polio vaccination, Rotary International District 3234 (Ashok Nagar) organised a bike rally on Aug. 15 covering a distance of 400 kms from AM Jain College (Meenambakkam) to Kanakapura (Karnataka). They were supported by Madras Classic Motorcycle Club.

The rally was flagged off by A.K.S Vinod Sarogi (District Governor, Lions International).

40 bikers from the Club took part in the rally carrying placards and banners.

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Construction worker falls to death while asleep

A 23-year-old migrant worker died after falling from a 3-storey building under construction in Kodambakkam at night on Aug. 11.

According to police, the victim, identified as B. Sakthimaan (native of Uttar Pradesh), was working as a painter with his brother Anil at the construction site in Corporation Colony (Kodambakkam).

At night on Aug. 11, following dinner, he and his brother slept at the usual spot next to the water tank on the open terrace of the building. Sakthimaan, who was sleeping close to the edge, rolled over and fell off the building. He hit the compound wall and died on the spot. As it was late in the night, his body was noticed by a worker at the site at around 6.30 a.m.

The Kodambakkam police sent the body to Government K.K. Nagar Hospital for post-mortem. A case has been filed, and an investigation is under way.

Postal staff held for misappropriating Rs 25.48 lakhs

Pondy Bazaar Police on Aug. 10 arrested a 38-year-old staff of the Postal Department on the charge of misappropriating Rs 25.48 lakhs from the T. Nagar Head Post Office, which he allegedly invested in cryptocurrency.

Police said that the complaint was filed at the Pondy Bazaar police station on Aug.11 after a recent internal audit revealed the financial irregularities. According to the complaint, the funds were allegedly siphoned off using forged documents related to the purchase of stationery and furniture for sub-post offices under the jurisdiction of the head post office. Officials said that Rs. 25 lakhs was shown as the expenditure in 2024-25 for the procurement of stationery and furniture for 50 sub-post offices managed by the head post office.

But the audit revealed that the purchases were never made and documents were forged. After registering a case based on a complaint from a senior official with the Postal Department, the Pondy Bazaar police arrested Manikandan, a Treasury Department staff.

Police investigations revealed that he had misappropriated Rs. 28 lakhs but returned Rs. 3 lakhs and used the remaining money to invest in cryptocurrency and business enterprises. Manikandan was arrested on Aug. 10.

He was produced before a magistrate and remanded to judicial custody.

EB equipment protected by fence



Tamilnadu Electricity Board (TNEB) is erecting a 10-foot-high fence around the EB equipment including an overhead transformer, RMU Unit and two junction boxes installed on the road in KV Colony (West Mambalam). A TNEB official told *Anna Nagar Times* that the high fence is being erected not only for public safety, but also to prevent encroachments, dumping of waste and to prevent pasting of posters on the junction boxes. He said that similar fences will be erected in other locations in T. Nagar and West Mambalam.

This photo was taken in Aug. 14.

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ISKCON's program for Krishna Jayanthi on Aug. 24

By Our Staff Reporter

ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) has organised special programs to celebrate Krishna Jayanthi from 3.45 p.m to 7 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 24 in Alamelumanga Kalyana Mandapam (19, Radhakrishna Street, behind Agasthiyar temple, T. Nagar)

Following are the details:
3:45 pm: Kirtan; 4.15 p.m.: Abhishekam; 5.20 p.m.: Skit; 6:15 p.m.: Arathi; 6:30 p.m.: Talk on the essence of Krishna Jayanthi; 7:00 p.m. – Prasadam distribution.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 82200 17695.

Music concerts in temple from Aug. 22 to 27

Vallabha Maha Gana-pathy Temple (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam) has organised music concerts from Friday, Aug. 22 to Wednesday, Aug. 27 adjoining the temple on Srinivasa Street (West Mambalam).

The following are the concert details:

Friday, Aug. 22:

5 p.m.: Devotional concert by members of Kalamalini Harikrishna and Mam-balam Anusham Periyava Sath Sangam

6 p.m.: Naamasankeertanam by Gayathiri Mahesh

8 p.m.: Discourse by poet Ma. Ramalingam.

Saturday, Aug. 23:

5 p.m.: Flute concert by Kamalavasan

6 p.m.: Mridangam concert by Arjun Ganesh and his students

7.30 p.m.: Bharatanatyam concert by Bhuvaneshwari Vaithyanathan

8.30 p.m.: Carnatic and jazz fusion by the band Viprahar.

Sunday, Aug. 24:

5 p.m.: Vocal concert by Sruthi Veeraghavan

6 p.m.: Vocal concert by Swathi Kannan

7 p.m.: Tamil devotional songs by Mathangi Shankar

8 p.m.: Villupattu by Bharathi Thirumagan.

Monday, Aug. 25:

6 p.m.: Vocal concert by Hanshitha Sivasankaran

6 p.m.: Vocal concert by Anjana Thirumalai

7 p.m.: Discourse by Desa Mangaiyarkarsi

8.30 p.m.: Discourse by Ilampirai Manimaran

Tuesday, Aug. 26:

5 p.m.: Vocal concert by Vishnupriya Bhat

7 p.m.: Music concert by Suchitra Balasubramanian, Sai Vignesh, Koushik Sridharan, accompanies by AD & The Band.

Wednesday, Aug. 27:

5 p.m. and 6 p.m.: Bharatanatyam concerts

7 p.m.: Magic shoe by Vasudevan

9 p.m.: Procession of the presiding deity

Presented Best Social Entrepreneur Award



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with International Youth Skill Development Day, Jothi Madhar Sangam (70/44, Burkit Road, T. Nagar) presented the 'Best Social Entrepreneur Award' to Dr. A. John Vincent (Founder of Pani Foundation and Managing Director of Jaz Ac Plaza, Ashok Nagar) on Aug. 13 in its premises.

The award was presented by Lakshmi Raghukumar (President of Jothi Madhar Sangam). John conducts free AC technician course along with monthly stipend to persons from underprivileged families.

45 students have so far completed the course and many of them have got employed with the help of John. Jothi Madhar Sangam's contact number is 72000 59129.

Rotary member plants saplings in Jeeva Park



By Our Staff Reporter Chairman of Rotary Club of C. Muthusamy (District Chennai Port City RI Dis-

Special alangaaram with bakshanam for Lord Krishna



Special alangaaram with seer bakshanam was performed to Lord Krishna in Sri Krishna Temple (South West Boag Road, T. Nagar) on Aug 16 as part of Krishna Jayanthi. The alangaaram included 5 kgs of laddu, adhirasam, mysore pak, badhusa, seedai and kai murraku. Hundreds of devotees had darshan.

More details can be had in phone 86086 18952.

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