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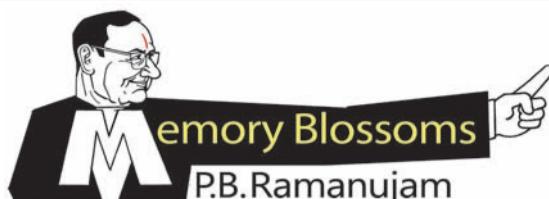


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**Will or Settlement Deed?**

There are two ways in which one can legally pass on one's property to one's descendants - through a Settlement Deed or through a Will.

There are some significant differences between a Settlement Deed and a Will.

A Settlement Deed must be written on Stamp Paper, requires the payment of Stamp Duty at 1% of the value of the property (subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000), and must be registered in the Sub-Registrar's Office. On the contrary, a Will can be written on plain paper, requires no stamp duty, and its registration in the Sub Registrar's Office is optional.

A Settlement Deed, once registered, is final, and cannot be cancelled or altered. But a Will can be altered any number of times, but it is the last-dated Will that will have legal validity.

A Settlement Deed comes into effect immediately on Registration, while a Will becomes effective only after the death of the testator.

In a Presidency Town like Chennai, a Will needs to be validated by the High Court through a procedure known as Probating. A Settlement Deed does not need a Probate.

Normally I do not advise my clients to go for a Settlement Deed unless I am satisfied after ascertaining the family background, the beneficiary's job and income, the attitude of the beneficiary's spouse towards the settlor etc. If I am not satisfied, I advise the client to write a Will instead.

About 15 years back, a client who had retired from an Insurance Company came to me and said that his father had passed away a fortnight earlier. He said that his father used to live with him but, two months before his death, the two had a quarrel and his father had shifted to the house of his daughter where he died later. He said that his father owned two houses in Chennai, and had left a Will bequeathing both houses to him. He wanted my help for probating the Will.

Before taking up the case I wanted to ascertain that his father had not written another subsequent Will with altered terms, particularly because of his quarrel with his son. So, in his presence, I called his sister and told her that her brother had approached me to probate their father's Will by which both houses had been bequeathed to him and asked her whether she had any objection.

The sister rushed to my office within an hour and showed me another Will written by her father (subsequent to the earlier Will) in which he had bequeathed both houses to her.

Strictly speaking, it was only the latter Will that was legally binding and the daughter had every right to inherit both houses. But the siblings discussed the situation in my presence and, on my suggestion, the sister graciously agreed that they could take one house each.



So, ignoring both Wills, I drafted a Partition Deed by which the two became the owners of one house each, and the Deed was duly registered later. Their relationship as siblings was thereby preserved. If, on the contrary, the Will had been contested and gone for Probate, the two would have become enemies for life.

I remember another instance involving the Settlement of a house property.

In 2014 one of my NRI friends in USA wanted to set up an old age home in Chennai and wanted me to advise him about the legal formalities in establishing and running it. In that connection I visited a number of such old age homes in and around Chennai, met their managements and inmates.

On such a visit to a home near Mahabalipuram, I encountered an old gentleman who was lying on a cot in a small 10' x 6' room with only a table fan and a transistor radio for company. On seeing me he asked loudly, "Are you not P.B. Ramanujam, Advocate and Notary Public?"

I was surprised and asked him, "How do you know me? I do not remember to have seen you."

He said, "I know you well. In fact it is only because I did not listen to your advice that I am here in this old age home today".

He added, "I had come to you eight years back after I had lost my wife. My only son was employed and living in Mumbai, and I was feeling lonely with no more interest in life. I wanted to settle my house in Kodambakkam, where I was living, in favour of my son, and came to you for legal assistance. You tried to dissuade me saying that, as I was only 63 years old and had long years to live and, since my son would anyway inherit the house after my death, I need not be in a hurry to settle the house in his favour. You advised me, instead, to write a Will bequeathing the house to him after my death".

He continued, "I did not heed your advice and told you that I wanted to make my son happy by giving him this surprise so that he would bond with me even better. I insisted on your preparing the Settlement Deed. You did so reluctantly and the Deed was duly registered within a few days".

He added, "About 6 months later a Muslim gentleman came to me and asked me to vacate the house saying that my son had sold it to him. He said that my son had asked for 3 months time to hand over possession of the house and that time would expire in 10 days, and that I should vacate the house before that. I was shocked at his claim and immediately telephoned my son. He admitted that he had indeed sold the house because he wished to buy a flat in Bombay, and argued that, since the house had become his property, he had every right to deal with it as he pleased. I had no other choice but to vacate the house, and the result is that I am holed up in this small room now".

Saying so, the gentleman shed copious tears. I could do nothing except to share my sympathies with him.

I am narrating this incident as a caution to others who are in a similar situation.

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Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha felicitates musicians

By Our Staff Reporter

Thyaga Brahma Gana (Judge, Madras High Court) Sabha (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) and Nippo Indo National jointly organised the 14th Sri Jayanthi Music Festival in Vani Mahal on Aug. 16.

During the event, the Birudhu Vani Kala Nipuna and cash awards were presented to Carnatic vocalist Brindha Manickavasakan, violin vidwan Mysore V. Srikant, mridangam vidwan Melakaveri K. Balaji, bharatanatyam ex-

ponent Radhika Vairavvelan, and theater artiste Lavanya Venugopal. The awardees were felicitated by R. Sundar (Honorary Secretary, Hams-adwani). The cash awards are instituted by P. Vijaykumar Reddy and Dr. Preetha Reddy.

For more details, contact R. Srinivasan (Honorary Sec-

retary) in 93810 01357.

Vinayaka Chaturthi celebration in G.N. Chetty Road temple

Special poojas will be held for Vinayaka Chaturthi in Om Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) Ganapathy homam and special abhishekam will be held daily at 8 a.m from Wednesday, Aug. 27 to Tuesday, Sept. 2. There will be special alangaaram for Vinayakar at 6 p.m. daily.

The following are the details of the alangaaram:
Aug. 27: Raja Ganapathy alangaaram.
Aug. 28: Lakshmi Ganapathy alangaaram.
Aug. 29: Siddhi Buddhi Ganapathy alangaaram.
Aug. 30: Heramba Ganapathy alangaaram.
Aug. 31: Heramba Muthangi alangaaram.
Sept. 1: Siva poojai Ganapathy alangaaram.
Sept. 2: Nardhana Ganapathy alangaaram.
All are welcome.

Free heritage classes for school students

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Music concerts in temple till Aug. 27

By Our Staff Reporter

Vallabha Maha Ganapathy Temple (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam) has organised music concerts till Wednesday, Aug. 27 adjoining the temple on Srinivasa Street (West Mambalam).

The following are the concert details:

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
All are welcome.

Vinayaka Chaturthi programs in Ganapathy Street temple

By Our Staff Reporter

Nachikulam Saravanan has organised special poojas for Vinayaka Chaturthi from Aug. 27 to Aug. 31 in Karpaga Vinayagar Temple (Ganapathy Street, near Thambaiyah Road junction, West Mambalam).

Special poojas will be held daily at 8 a.m and 6 p.m, and annadhaanam at 12.30 p.m and 9 p.m

The following are the other program details:

Wednesday, Aug.27: 7 p.m.: Devotional songs by Vasu Guruswami

Thursday, Aug.28: 5 p.m.: Mahaperiyava satsang; 6.30 p.m: Devotional songs by students of Mahaperiyavaa Music School

Friday, Aug. 29: 7 p.m: Nadaswaram and Melam concert by Mambalam L. S. Sivakumar

Saturday, Aug.30: 7 p.m: Magic show; 8.30 p.m: Carnatic concert by Kamala Sairam

Sunday, Aug.31: 11.30 p.m: Procession

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 96001 06990.

Suprabhatha Sabha completes 56 years

The 56th anniversary celebration of Sri Suprabhatha Sabha (10/6, Baroda Second Street, West Mambalam) began on Aug. 21 and will conclude on Sunday, Aug. 24.

The following the program for today:

Sunday, Aug. 24: 6.30 a.m: Suprabhatham; 7 a.m to 11 a.m: Laksharchanai to Lord Venkateswara; 6.30 p.m: Prize distribution to winners of various competitions held during the event. The program will conclude with National Anthem.

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Special poojas on Vinayaka Chaturthi in temples

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Vinayagar Chaturthi, special poojas will be held in the following temples on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Sri Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (Gandhi Street, West Mambalam).

6 a.m: Ganapathy homam; 8 a.m: Special abhishekam;

10.30 a.m: Procession with devotees performing bhajans.

Vigna Vinayagar Temple (19, Siddharth Apartment, 17, Balakrishnan Street, West Mambalam).

5 a.m: Ganapathy homam, abhishekam and deepaardhanai; 5.30 p.m: bhajans by Srivanchiyam Muralidharan Bhagavathar

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21 undergo free cataract surgery

One hundred fifty persons attended the free eye check-up organised by Lions Club of Madras KRS (Thambaiyah Road, West Mambalam) in Cambridge Higher Secondary School (Saidapet) on Aug. 17.

Twentyone persons diagnosed with cataract underwent free surgery at Kumaran Eye Speciality Centre and free spectacles were provided to persons diagnosed with vision problems.

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La Ganesan passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

La Ganesan (Governor of Nagaland and resident of 23, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar), passed away on Aug. 14.

He was 80, and had been a longtime resident of T. Nagar.

Ganesan passed away in a private hospital on Aug. 14, where he was admitted on Aug. 8, after suffering head injuries from a fall in his house in T. Nagar.

From 2021 to 2023 he was the Governor of Manipur, with additional charge as the Governor of West Bengal between July 2022 and November 2022.

He was appointed the Governor of Nagaland in Feb. 2023.

In 1970, Ganesan became a full-time Pracharak of the RSS and served in various capacities in Nagercoil, Madurai and other places for 20 years. He joined the BJP in 1991, and went on to become its National Secretary.

He had also served as President of the Tamilnadu BJP.

In 2016, he was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. He was a bachelor.



Boeing Sukanya STEM Lab launched in Bala Mandir School

By Our Staff Reporter

The Annual Day of Bala Mandir Schools was held in the morning on Aug. 23 in Bengal Association (Giri Road, T. Nagar) and later in the day at Bala Mandir Satyamurthi School (Giriappa Road, T. Nagar).

Students performed cultural shows.

On the occasion, the Boeing Sukanya STEM Lab was officially launched.

Nikhil Raghavan (Head, Communications, Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust) told *Mambalam Times* that Boeing India has been supporting Bala Mandir since 2023 by providing financial support, and in upgrading its Vikalpa Innovation Lab set up in 2021.

With Boeing's help, the Lab's infrastructure was improved with a 3D printer, DIY kits, and a qualified tutor to help and guide the students. Boeing's employees have also been volunteering to support the children in various activities.

Boeing had launched the Boeing Sukanya Program in Jan. 2024 to empower women in aviation in India.

As part of this program the Vikalpa Innovation Studio Lab has now been upgraded and renamed as Boeing Sukanya STEM lab.

The upgrades include additional aviation kits and a revised curriculum that emphasizes more on Science, Maths and Aero-Modelling concepts.

For more information, contact Nikhil in 98409 93400.

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OBITUARY

RENUKA DEVI

Renuka Devi, resident of 68, Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar, passed away on Aug. 18.

She was 79, and had been a longtime resident of T. Nagar.

She was the wife of T.R. Baalu (Senior DMK leader and party treasurer).

She is survived by T.R. Baalu and her sons TRB Rajaa (Tamilnadu State Industries Minister) and TRB Selvakumar.

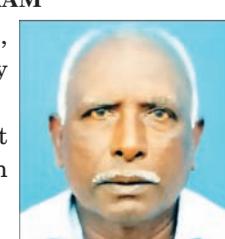


M. BALASUNDARAM

M. Balasundaram (resident of 7/3, Madley Road, T. Nagar) passed away on August 18.

He was 69, and had been a resident of T. Nagar since birth. He was an electrician by profession.

He is survived by his sister Revathi.



Multiple road works affect motorists in Teynampet

By Our Staff Reporter

Travelling through Teynampet during peak-hour traffic has remained a challenge, and the recent road works have made the task even more arduous.

Three factors that have compounded the congestion: More barricades placed on the stretch from Anna Salai to KB Dasan Road for the flyover construction, incomplete drainage work on Eldams Road, and the storm water drain repairs in Alwarpet. This has forced rerouting of MTC buses and heavy vehicles through service roads, resulting in slow-moving traffic during rush hours.

"As new barricades have come up, the already narrow road has become even more congested, especially during peak hours. With T. Nagar said that earlier,

"During the construction of the flyover, the road has become unbearable," Lathish, an auto driver said.

At the Cenotaph Road stretch towards Teynampet section, even pedestrians becomes too narrow near the junction, adding to the con-



gestion."

Over the past week, traffic

has worsened after the road signal. Now, traffic eases

junction was dug for under-

ground drainage work. MTC

buses trying to cross this

section cause more stop-

pages. A traffic official said

that the changes have been

implemented alongside the stormwater drain work, aimed at easing congestion on Anna Salai.

"We are monitoring how the new traffic modifications are working, and will continue the two-way system to facilitate the flyover consider-

Award presented to Bharathi Dental Clinic

For excellence in dental treatment, Dr. Bharathi Dental Clinic and Implant Centre (8/17, Vinayagam Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 82480 11249) was presented the Star of Excellence Award by the National Integrity Cultural Academy at a function held in Andhra Mahila Sabha (Alwarpet) on July 26.



Kumbhabhishekam performed for Selva Vinayagar Temple

By Our Staff Reporter

Kumbhabhishekam of Selva Vinayagar Temple (Kothandaramar Koil Street, West Mambalam) was held on Aug. 20.

Hundreds of devotees including Ma. Subramaniam (Minister of Health and Family Welfare), M. Sridharan (Ward Councillor 140), Uma Anandan (Ward Councillor 134), and officials of HR & CE Department, and members of Vinayagar Iraipani Seva Trust participated.

The height of the 50-year-old temple was raised as part of the reconstruction.

The new Vinayagar idol consecrated on the occasion was taken in a procession through nearby streets.

The temple is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Special poojas will be held to celebrate Vinayagar Chaturthi on Wednesday, Aug. 27. All are welcome.



Mambalam Youth Club students excel in Silambam



Students of Mambalam Youth Club won prizes in the Youth Games Silambam Federation National Championship held in New Delhi earlier this month.

They are coached by P. Jaypal (Founder, Mambalam Youth Club).

He conducts free Silambam classes for all age groups at 7.30 p.m. on all days in Corporation Playground (Bakthavachalam Street, West Mambalam).

His contact number is 90926 44144.

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.

Ramakrishna Mission offers free Tally course

Ramakrishna Mission (66, Sivasamy Salai, Mylapore) offers free 4-month Tally Course (both offline and online), sponsored by HCL Foundation.

The classes will be held in two batches from Monday, Sept. 1. Regular classes at the Mission's premises from Monday to Friday, batch 1: 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and batch 2: from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Online classes from Monday to Saturday in two batches from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Students who have passed or are in the 2nd or final year of B. Com/BBA/BCA(Accounts) or have passed CMA/CA/CS Inter/Final are eligible to apply. Their annual family income should not exceed Rs. 3 lakhs.

Applications along with copies of degree certificate/latest semester mark list, 1st page of bank passbook, Aadhar card and a passport size photo should be submitted to the Mission in person or by email to rkmtally@rkmshome.org.

The selected candidates will have to pay a registration fee of Rs. 1,000. For more details, contact R. R. Narayan in 89396 74598 or R. Hariharan in 63690 33817 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Monday to Saturday).



நில், கவனி, எடுத்துக்கொள்!

காலையில் எஃப்.எம்.இல் டி.எம்.எஸ் குரலில் எம்.ஜி.ஆர் பாடிக் கொண்டிருந்தார் 'ஏமாறாதே, ஏமாற்றாதே'.

பாட்டை ரகிக்க விடாமல் செல்லப்போன் அலறியது. பச்சை வட்டத்தில் விரலைத் தேய்த்து, 'ஹலோ' முடிக்குமுன் 'ஸார் நான்.... பேசுவேன். என் ரிலேஷன் ஒருத்தருக்குத் திமெரன்று முகம் ஒரு பக்கமாய்க் கோணி, கையும் காலும் ஸ்டிள்ப்பா ஒரு பக்கமாய் இழுக்குது. வாயிலிருந்து எச்சில் ஒழுகுது' என்றார் குரலில் பத்தடம்.

'நினைவு இருக்கா?

'ம், நல்லா கான்சியலா பேசுவான். ஆனா பேச்சு குளறுது.'

'யூரின், மோவன் போயிட்டாரா?

'அதெல்லாம் இல்லை ஸார்.'

'சரி, உடனே அருகில் இருக்கும் நர்சிங் ஹோமில் அட்மிட் பண்ணுக்க. ஹீ நீட்டஸ் இன் பேஷன்ட் டர்ட்மெண்ட். வலிப்பாக இருக்கலாம். இதுதான் முதல் முறையா?

'ஆமாம் ஸார். ஃபேமிலில்கூட யாருக்கும் இல்லை ஸார்' என்றது ஃபோனில் குரல் பத்தடம் குறையாமல்!

அட்மினன், முதலுதவி, ஆப்சர்வேஷன் எல்லாம் முடிந்து, நார்மலாக வீடு போய்க் கேர்ந்தார். மறுநாள் மாலை கிளினிக்கில் என்னை வந்து பார்ப்பதாக ஏற்பாடு. அதற்கு முன்பாகவே மதியம் மூன்று மணியளவில் மீண்டும் அதேபோன்ற இழுப்பு வந்துவிடவே என் செல்லப்போன் சினங்கியது. நேற்று ஊசியும், டரிப்பும் போட்ட பிறகு சரியாகிவிடவே நாங்கள் வீட்டுக்குப் போய்விட்டோம். இப்போது திரும்பவும் அதே அட்டாக் என்றார் பேஷன்டின் அப்பா.

எமர்ஜென்சியாக ஒரு மாத்திரையைக் கொடுக்கச் சொன்னேன். 'அரைமணியில் குறையவில்லையென்றால் மீண்டும் அட்மினன்தான். என்னைக் கூப்பிடுங்கள்' என்றேன்.

மாலை 7 மணி சுமாருக்கு வந்தான் அவன். வயது இருபத்தி இரண்டு. தனியார் கம்பெனியில் வேலை; கெட்ட பழக்கங்கள் கிடையாது. ஒல்லியான தேகம், முள் தாடி, முகத்தில் ஓரிரெண்டு பருக்கள், கணக்களில் சிறிது மயக்கம்.

'ஏதாவது மருந்து எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

'இல்லை.'

பேசிக்கொண்டிருக்கும்போதே முகம் ஒரு பக்கமாய்க் கோணியது, உடல் பைசா கோபுரம் போல சாய்ந்தது, உட்கார்ந்திருந்த ஸ்டீலேயே கை களும், கால்களும் விரைத்துக் கொண்டு, கோணலாகப் பறக்கும் பறவை போல் இறுகினான். கோணிய வாயிலிருந்து எச்சில் வழிந்தது. 'ம....ம்... ஆஆ... ஜீயோ' பலவைக் கடித்துக் கொண்டு அரற்றினான். நினைவு தப்பவில்லை! 'என்ன செய்யுது?'

'இழுக்குது' வாய் குளறியபடி சொன்னான்.

இரண்டு அல்லது மூன்று நிமிடங்களில் ஓரளவுக்கு நார்மலானான். நடந்து பாத்ரும் சென்று வந்தான். இன்னும் சிறிது விரைப்பு கால்களில் இருந்தது.

மீண்டும் 'வேறு ஏதாவது மருந்து எடுத்துக் கொண்டாயா? ஆல்கஹால்?' என்றேன்.

'அந்தப் பழக்கம் இல்லை ஸார். இரண்டு நாட்கள் முன்பு நைட் டியூட்டியில் கையில் ஒரு காயம் பட்டது. அதற்கு வலி மருந்தும், ஆன்டிபாடிக்கும் எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.'

இது வலிப்பு இல்லை. சில மருந்துகளால் வரும் ஒருவகை நரம்பு இழுப்பு Extrapyramidal Reaction. வாந்தி மாத்திரைகள், சைக்கியாட்டிரி மருந்துகளின் ஒவ்வாமையினால் வரக்கூடும்.

இவன் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளும் மருந்துகளில் இப்படி வருவதற்கு வாய்ப்பில்லை. இருந்தாலும் மருந்துகளைக் காட்டச் சொன்னேன். சீட்டு கொண்டு வரவில்லை. பெயரும் தெரியாது! அட்மிட் செய்யச் சொன்னேன். எல்லா மருந்துகளையும் நிறுத்தச் சொல்லி, சிம்பிள் செடேவன் கொடுத்து ஆப்சர்வேஷனில் வைத்தேன்.

இப்படி டாக்டரிடம் சொல்லி அவன் கைப்படுஞ்ஞுக்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளும் மருந்தை ஃபோனில் சொல்லச் சொன்னேன். குழப்பத்துடன் காத்திருந்தேன்.

டாக்டரின் ஃபோன் என் குழப்பத்தைப் போக்கியது. ஆனால் அதிர்ச்சி ஊட்டியது.

அவன் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளும் மருந்து 'ஹலோபெரிடால்'. மன்னிலைப் பிறழ்வுகளுக்குக் கொடுப்பது Antipsychotic.

இவன் என் இதனை எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறான்? கொஞ்சம் ஷீர்லாக் ஹோம் வேலை செய்து பார்த்ததில் விடுகைத் தீர்த்தச் சுரியன்!

நடந்தது இதுதான்:

கையில் சில காயம் பட்டது. அருகிலிருந்த 24 மணிநேர மருந்துவமனையில் முதலுதவி செய்துகொண்டு டாக்டர் எழுதிக் கொடுத்த மாத்திரையைப் பக்கத்திலிருந்த Amman Colony, Kodam-marunthu கடையில் வாங்கிப் போட்டுக்கொண்டு, வேலையில் தொடர்ந்தான். அப்போது சிறியர்களை இரண்டு மணி. மறுநாள் காலை இந்த இழுப்பு வந்தது. முதலுதவியில் சரியானது. புண்ணுக்கான மருந்தைப் பற்றிப் பேச்சே இல்லை! மறுபடியும் வலி Balaji (Founder of the drama troupe Crazy Creations), will present the popular comic play 'Meesai Aanaalum Manaivi to be staged today

To help Jus' Onco Palliative Care Trust (New No. 200, Old No. 299, Vellalar Street, Gangai bakkam) raise funds for its charitable activities, Maadhu (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. Kanimozi NVM Somu (Member of Rajya Sabha), Dr. T.R. Muralidharan and Dr. Suryanarayanan (Senior Orthopaedician) will be present.

For donor passes priced at Rs.500, Rs.750 and Rs.1000, call 8289292273.

The Trust offers home-based free palliative care for terminally ill cancer patients. Its contact number is 9289292273.

Concerts in Vani Mahal till Aug. 30

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of the Jayanthi Music Festival, Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha has organised devotional and Carnatic music concerts from Sunday, Aug. 24 to Saturday, Aug. 30 in its premises in Vani Mahal (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

The following are the details:

Sunday, Aug 24:

4.30 p.m: Sri Krishna Vaibhavam by Jankiraman (Bangalore)

6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by V.K. Manimaran, accompanied by R. Raghu (violin), and Poongulam S. Subramanian (mridangam).

Thursday, Aug.28:

4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by V. Punnayurkulum (Guruvayur)

6.30 p.m: Vocal concert V. Sankaranarayanan, accompanied by M.A. Sundareswaran (violin), Poongulam S. Subramaniam (mridangam) and N. Guruprasad (ghatam).

Monday, Aug.25:

4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by students of Sankara School (Urapakkam)

6.30 p.m: Flute concert by Prapancham Balachandran, accompanied by V.V. Srinivasa Rao (violin), Sherthalai R. Ananthakrishnan (mridangam), and Arjun Ganesh (mridangam), and Sunil Kumar (kanjira).

Tuesday, Aug.26:

4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by students of The Hindu School (Adyar)

6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by N.S. Krishna, accompanied by M.R. Gopinath (violin), A. Easwaran (mridangam) and H. Sivaramakrishnan (ghatam).

Friday, Aug.29:

4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by Suresh Bhagavtar (Nungambakkam)

6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Prasanna Venkatraman, accompanied by R. Raghu (violin), S.J. Arjun Ganesh (mridangam), and Mysore M. Gururaj (morsing).

Saturday, Aug.30:

4.30 p.m: Naamasankeerthanam by T. Ramgopal Bhagavtar (Madhavaram)

6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by T. N.S. Krishna, accompanied by M.R. Gopinath (violin), A. Easwaran (mridangam) and H. Sivaramakrishnan (ghatam).

Entrance is free. All are welcome.

Jayalakshmi

Goshala sells environment-friendly Vinayakar idols

By Our Staff Reporter

Jayalakshmi Goshala (Acharapakkam) offers environment-friendly Vinayakar idols handmade with native cowdung, organic binding powder and neem seed. The idols are priced at Rs. 190 each. 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 94441 27382 or by sending e-mail to sribala vedapatasala@gmail.com

The order can also be placed with Raghu (New No. 6, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam). ISKCON's special programs today 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). The following are details:

- 3:45 p.m: 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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

750 attend alumni meet in Fatima School



Alumni meet was held on Aug. 2 in the 67-year-old Fatima Matriculation Higher Secondary School (Kodambakkam).

More than 750 past students from across the globe, including students from as early as the 1971 batch attended the meet titled 'Voyage of Hope'.

Months of planning by the Past Pupil Association culminated in an evening of music, dance, and a buffet lunch, leaving everyone with memories, laughter, and more than a few happy tears to last a lifetime.

The gathering comprised alumni with health challenges, some in wheelchairs or on oxygen support as they made the journey back to their alma mater.

The day began with a Holy Mass, followed by a Marchpast by the alumni.

Highlights of the event included the launch of a special e-magazine, multiple whole-group photographs taken across different venues, and a campus walk that unlocked a flood of memories.

Founded in 1958 beside Fatima Parish Church with just eight students, the school now educates over 2,500 annually and has produced achievers in every walk of life; from judges, doctors, bankers, engineers, and lawyers, to scientists, professors, lecturers, teachers, performing artistes like actors, playback singers and dancers. **R. Hemalatha (1993 batch), Lake View Road, West Mambalam**

Posters deface public utilities



Sir, Advertisement posters deface public utilities like street names boards, traffic sign boards and EB junction boxes.

Due to frequent pasting and removal of posters, the name board stickers get damaged, defeating their very purpose.

Many tuition centres, especially IAS and other public exam coaching centres misuse the public utilities to advertise their business.

Such acts reflect a lack of public awareness and create difficulties for people trying to identify the locality, especially those unfamiliar with the area. The posters pasted on EB junction boxes pose fire hazard.

Some of these boxes also display helpline numbers for consumers, which get covered. Now the big fences erected around transformers to prevent garbage disposal have also become convenient spaces to paste posters.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation and Tamilnadu Electricity Board to take strict action against the offenders. **S. Thiagarajan, K.K. Nagar.**

TTD Chairman visits TTD temples in T. Nagar



By Our Staff Reporter

B.R. Naidu (Chairman, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam) visited the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple (26, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar) and Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru Temple (85/41, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) on Aug. 18.

He was welcomed with poorna kumbham. Special poojas were performed, and he received ashirvachanam.

He said that plans are underway for the construction of the Vimana Gopuram over the sanctum sanctorum at both the temples.

Former MLA Kumaraguru, former LAC Chairmen Sekhar Reddy and Nuthalapati Krishna, former members Chandrasekhar and Shankar, along with others, participated in the program and felicitated Naidu.

Students hold bicycle rally



As part of the 79th Independence Day on Aug. 15, students of C D Nayagam T Nagar Higher Secondary School (Venkatanarayana

School) went on a 5 km rally alongwith its teachers and School Secretary. Umapathy (Principal) said that the rally was conducted to spread awareness about the school and the quality of education provided by it. She said that the school offers a number of free schemes provided by the Tamilnadu Government to promote education and co-curricular activities.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appeal to augment drain facility in Ramakrishna Puram 1st Street



Sir, After the heavy rains in the early hours of Aug. 22, ankle-deep water stagnated on Ramakrishna Puram 1st Street (near Public Health Centre, West Mambalam).

Due to insufficient drain facility, water often stagnates on the road after heavy rains and it takes several hours for the water to drain from the road.

The road is also damaged with several potholes that get hidden by the stagnant water, posing danger to motorists.

There are several hospitals and schools in the vicinity.

I request Chennai Corporation to find an effective solution to prevent water stagnation and repair the road early. **Govindarajan, Ramakrishna Puram 1st Street, West Mambalam.**

Daily discourse on Kamba Ramayanam from Aug. 30

By Our Staff Reporter

Trichy K. Kalyanaraman will give days discourses on Kamba Ramayanam daily from 6 p.m to 8 p.m, from Saturday, Aug. 30 to Friday, Sept. 5 in TRS IIT Classes (37/72, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

The following are the topics:

Aug. 30: Sri Sita Kalyanam
Aug. 31: Irandu Varam

Sept. 1: Paduka Patta-abhishekam

Sept. 2: Vaali Moksham
Sept. 3: Ashoka Vanathil Annai

Sept. 4: Kanden Deviyai
Sept. 5: Vibhushanan Sarangathi and Sri Rama Patta-abhishekam

Prathishta Day in Sai Seva Samaj on Aug. 31

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Prathishta Day, special poojas will be held in Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) on Sunday, Aug. 31.

The following are the details:

5.15 a.m to 10.15 a.m: Kakad Aarthi, Punyahava-chanam and special homams
10.30 a.m: Maha abhishekam, sahasranaamam arachanai and annadha-nam

12 noon: Aarthi

6 p.m to 9 p.m: Dhoop aarati, Vishnu Sahasranaamam, Veda paaraayanam, Naamasankeerthanam by R. Aravindh and team.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 84282 42842 or 9342850974 or 72004 33455

Congestion in T. Nagar due to traffic diversions

Hundreds of vehicles travelling from Saidapet towards Anna Flyover were caught in severe gridlock during peak hours on Aug. 18, after traffic was diverted through interior roads to facilitate construction of the elevated corridor on Anna Salai, near Teynampet junction.

Two-wheelers, cars, and even ambulances heading to Anna Flyover were rerouted through Thyagaraya Road, MaPoSi Road junction, and North Boag Road before turning onto Vijayaraghava Road to rejoin Anna Salai.

The detour, which has been in effect on a trial basis from August 17, caused long delays during peak hours. The diversion is part of traffic management measures planned by the State Highways Department and Chennai Traffic Police.

Officials have appealed to motorists to cooperate with the temporary arrangements, follow signposted diversions, and exercise caution around the construction zone.

Regular travellers from Saidapet, Guindy and surrounding areas lamented that the gridlock has extended the travel time to T. Nagar, Anna Flyover, Royapettah and Mount Road.

Bottlenecks were reported at the Saidapet– Anna Salai–Cenotaph Road junction and again near the Anna Salai–Eldams Road junction. Office-goers, students and bus passengers were stranded for long periods at the Vijayaraghava Road junction. Many complained that their travel time has almost doubled due to the new diversions. The congestion which started at around 8 a.m, went on till noon and eased by around 1 p.m., and again started at around 6 p.m and went on till 9.30 p.m. Ambulances also got caught up in the jam.

A traffic official said that the changes are inevitable, and it will take a week for motorists to adapt to the detours.

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For more details, call 97890 53020.

Biker escapes narrowly as tree branch falls across the road

A big branch of an avenue tree broke and fell across the road at the junction of Lake View Road, Ramakrishnapuram 3rd Street and Subba Reddy Street (West Mambalam) at around 11.30 p.m on Thursday, Aug. 21.

A biker had a narrow escape as the branch fell just a few seconds after he passed by it. Corporation workers cut and removed the branch and its remains within two hours.

ED searches Minister's residence in Ashok Nagar

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Aug. 15 carried out simultaneous searches at multiple properties linked to Tamilnadu Rural Development Minister I. Periyasamy, including his houses in Ashok Nagar. Security has been tightened around the premises, with access restricted to outsiders.

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Corporation starts dredging Mambalam Canal



By Our Staff Reporter

As a preparatory measure for the northeast monsoon, Chennai Corporation has acquired three new amphibious excavator machines for desilting waterbodies within the city limits. Commissioned at Rs 7.43 crores, work began in Mambalam Canal on Aug. 20.

This marks the first time the Corporation has purchased amphibious excavators, capable of operating on both water and land to dredge the waterbodies.

The civic body is responsible for maintaining 44 waterways (81 kms long). The newly acquired machines will be used to remove mud, silt, water hyacinth, waste materials, and other debris that have accumulated in both large and small canals, ponds, and lakes.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharaja-puram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvan-ananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

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