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CM Stalin inaugurates South Usman Road flyover

By Our Staff Reporter

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Sept. 30 inaugurated the 1.2 kms steel flyover over South Usman Road (T. Nagar), constructed at a cost of Rs. 164.92 crores. The flyover has been named after former DMK MLA J. Anbazhagan, who represented the T. Nagar assembly constituency in 2001.

The flyover which connects South Usman Road with CIT Nagar First Main Road, is linked to the North Usman Road flyover at Madley junction, offering direct connectivity to Anna Salai from Panagal Park.



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Divorce before Marriage

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அவன் சொன்னதை கவனத்துடன் கேட்டதில் நான் தெரிந்து கொண்டது; அது ஒரு Arranged marriage. நிச்சயதார்த்தம் எல்லாம் தட்புடலாக முடிந்து அடுத்து வரும் வைகாசியில் கல்யாணம் நடக்க வேண்டும்.

அதைத் தான் நிறுத்த வேண்டுமாம். அதற்கு என் உதவி வேண்டுமாம்.

‘அப்படி என்ன பிரச்சனை?’ என்று கேட்டேன்.

என்ன நடந்தது என்றால் - மணப்பெண்ணுடைய அம்மா ஒருநாள் அவனுடைய ஆபீஸுக்கு ஃபோன் பண்ணினி....

‘மாப்பிள்ளை, உங்ககிட்ட கொஞ்சம் பேசணும்.’

இந்தப் பையனோ, ‘எதுவா இருந்தாலும் என் அம்மாகிட்டே பேசிக்கோங்க. நான் இப்ப ஆபீஸிலே இருக்கேன். நிறைய வேலை. இப்போ பேச முடியாது....’

‘இல்லை மாப்பிள்ளை, உங்ககிட்டே தான் பேசணும். ரெண்டு நிமிஷம்தான், ஃபோன்லேயே சொல்லிடுங்க. First nightஐ எங்கே வெச்சுக்கலாம்? ஹோட்டலிலே வெச்சுக்கலாமா,

இல்லே வேறே எங்கே வெச்சுக்கலாம்?’

மாப்பிள்ளைப் பையன் டென்ஷன் ஆயிட்டான்.

‘இந்த மாதிரி எல்லாம் என்கிட்டே

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எனக்கு ஃபோன் பண்ணாதீங்க. எதுவாக

இருந்தாலும் என் அம்மாகிட்டே பேசுங்க’,

அப்படின்னு சொன்னான்.

உடனே அந்தம்மா, ‘ஐய்யோ, அம்மா

கோண்டு பிள்ளையா நீங்க? இப்படி

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உடனே மாப்பிள்ளைப் பையன்

‘ஃபோனை வையுங்கோ’ என்று

சொல்லிவிட்டு லைனை கட் செஞ்சுட்டானாம்.

இதுதான் நடந்தது.

மாப்பிள்ளைப் பையன் என்னிடம், ‘ஸார், கல்யாணத்தை நிறுத்த வேண்டும் என்று பெண்

வீட்டுக்குத் தகவல் சொல்லி நோட்டீஸ் அனுப்பணும்’ என்றான்.

பையன் இந்த விஷயத்தில் அவசரப்படுவதாக எனக்குத் தோன்றியது.

‘நிச்சயதார்த்தத்திற்கு அப்புறம் அந்தப் பெண்ணிடம் ஃபோன்லே ஏதாவது பேசினாயா?’

என்று கேட்டேன்.

அவனுடைய ஃபோனில் சில சம்பாஷணைகளைக் காட்டினான்.

அவள்: ‘என்னங்க, சாப்பிட்டிங்கனா?’ (இரவு 9.30 மணிக்கு)

‘சாப்பிட்டாச்சு. நீ நன்னா சமைப்பியா?’

‘ஓ, சமைப்பேனே, எல்லா ஐட்டமும் சூப்பரா பண்ணுவேன்.’

‘நீ சொல்ற போதே சாப்பிடலாம் போலே இருக்கு.’

‘இன்னைக்கு ஆபீஸ் எப்படிப் போச்சு?’

‘நன்னாதான் போச்சு... No tension.’

இப்படியான பல சம்பாஷணைகளைப் பார்த்தேன். ஒரு விரசம்கூட இல்லை. இரண்டு பேருக்கிடையிலேயும் நல்ல புரிதலும், அன்பும் இருப்பது தெரிந்தது.

‘அந்தப் பெண்ணிடம்தான் எந்தப் பிரச்சனையும் இல்லையே. அவளுடைய அம்மா ஏதோ சொன்னாள் என்ற சின்ன விஷயத்துக்காகக் கல்யாணத்தை நிறுத்த வேண்டாம்’ என்று சொல்லிப் பார்த்தேன்.

ஆனால் அவன் கேட்கிற மனநிலையில் இல்லை. அவன் தீர்மானமாக சொன்ன பதில்: ‘வேண்டாம் ஸார், கல்யாணத்தை ஸ்டாப் பண்ணிடலாம். எனக்கு என்ன பயம்னா

‘தாயைப் போல பிள்ளை, நூலைப் போல சேலை’. அதனாலேதான் சொல்றேன்’ என்று உறுதியாக சொல்லிவிட்டான்.

வேறு வழியில்லாமல் நான் பெண் வீட்டிற்கு நோட்டீஸ் அனுப்பி, இரு குடும்பத்தினரும் பேச்சு வார்த்தைகள் நடத்தி, கடைசியில் கல்யாணம் நின்றே போயிற்று.

பெண்ணின் அம்மா நிதானமில்லாமல் அவசரப்பட்டுப் பேசிய ஒரு சின்ன சமாச்சாரத்தினாலே ஒரு பெரிய முடிவு எடுக்க வேண்டியதாகப் போயிற்று. நன்றாக ஆரம்பிக்க வேண்டிய வாழ்க்கை ஆரம்பத்துக்கு முன்னாலேயே முடிந்து போயிற்று.

Divorce Before Marriage!

சின்ன தப்புதான் சீமந்தத்துல முடியும்னு சொல்லுவாங்க. ஆனால் ஒரு சின்ன தப்புதான் ஒரு திருமணத்தையே நிறுத்திவிட்டது.

The Quirk of Language

This happened some 10 years back.

I had been requested by a client to probate the will of his deceased father who had two children: My client and his sister who was living in USA. So I drafted and sent a consent affidavit to the sister along with the following covering letter:

Madam,

Your brother has instructed me to probate the will of your father. The xerox copy of the will is enclosed for your ready reference. I have also annexed your consent affidavit for your signature. Kindly go through the affidavit and, if you have no objection, please sign the affidavit in the places marked ‘X’ in pencil.

Please also get the affidavit attested by a Notary Public in the places marked ‘NP’ in pencil.

PB Ramanujam.

15 days later, I got back the consent affidavit by courier and I found that the sister had signed *in pencil* in the designated places. And the Notary Public too had attested the affidavit *in pencil*. These pencil signatures were not legally valid.

In spite of the delay it was going to cause, I could not help laughing at the way that a simple sentence in English could be misunderstood even by educated persons.

Whose mistake was it? Mine, or of the persons who had signed in pencil, or of the English Language?

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Residents demand completion of civic projects before monsoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents have raised complaints over the delay in the construction of bridges and storm water drains across the city, and have demanded Chennai Corporation to expedite and complete the works before the Northeast monsoon.

A member of T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association said that the construction of South Usman Road flyover has got delayed by over a year, and he hopes for its completion, as assured by the officials, by the end of this month.

He said that other than completing the flyover work, the authorities must also ensure that the damaged sewer and storm water drain networks in the vicinity of the flyover are restored to prevent sewage overflow / flooding during monsoon.

B. Kannan (President of the Association) said that the work should also be expedited to allow storm water to drain from the area to the canal in CIT Nagar to prevent flooding.

Arappor Iyakkam celebrates 10th anniversary

By Our Staff Reporter

Arappor Iyakkam, a people's movement started in 2015, celebrated its 10th anniversary recently in Sir Pitty Thyagaraya Hall (T. Nagar).

During the meet, it launched the campaign 'My Vote is Not for Sale', aiming to reach households across all 234 constituencies in Tamilnadu, urging citizens not to accept money for votes.

It showcased its decade-long journey of exposing corruption, restoring water bodies, securing land rights for tribal communities, and conducting RTI awareness programs, through a video at the event.

Carnatic vocalist and writer T.M. Krishna, Sudha Ramalingam (Lawyer and activist), Henri Tiphagne from People's Watch, Kalpana Karunakaran (IIT-M professor), Siddharth Prabhakar (Journalist), and Raju Murugan (Filmmaker) held a panel discussion on the topic 'Arappor's role in social change'.

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Trees pruned ahead of monsoon

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of monsoon preparedness, Chennai Corporation pruned 40,236 trees by Sept. 12 to prevent power disruptions and roadblocks during heavy rains. Officials said that another 30,000–40,000 trees will be pruned in the coming weeks.

Thiru Vi Ka Nagar zone topped the list with 4,407 trees trimmed, followed by Teynampet (4,232) and Kodambakkam (4,072).

Each zone deployed 13 workers along with vehicles and equipment, including 342 power saws, 280 telescopic machines, nine hydraulic machines, and two hydraulic lifts.

Apart from Corporation's helpline number 1913, public can also call the 24-hour helpline numbers 044-25619300 and 044-25619200 to complain about offending or fallen trees in their locality.



ஒரு கிராமத்துக் காதல்....

கொரோனாவின் மூன்று நாட்கள் மட்டுமே புறநோயாளிகளைப் பார்க்கின்ற காலம். அறுபத்தி ஐந்து வயது. சரி, பெயரில் என்ன இருக்கிறது. பெண்மணி தன் மருமகளுடன் வந்திருந்தாள். அள்ளிச் சொருகிய தலைமுடியும், சிறு ஸ்கீன் போல முன்னால் புடவைத் தலைப்பை விட்டுக் கட்டியிருந்த பூப்போட்ட காட்டன் ஸாரியும், வெற்றிலைக் கறை படிந்த பற்கள் தெரிய சிரித்த முகமும், காலில் மாட்டியிருந்த பிளாஸ்டிக் செருப்பும் அவள் ஏதோ ஒரு கிராமத்திலிருந்து வந்திருப்பவள் என்பதை சொல்லாமல் சொல்லின.

உடன் வந்திருந்த மருமகனின் இடுப்பில் இரண்டு வயதுக் குழந்தை. வண்ணமயமான குடிதார், தோளில் அழகிய கைப்பை. உடையுடன் ஒத்துப் போகாத கருப்பு, வெள்ளை, சிவப்பு, மஞ்சள் எனப் பல வண்ணங்களில் நெற்றி நிறையப் பொட்டுகள். வெள்ளிக்கிழமை கோயில்கள் திறந்துவிட்டன என்பதற்கு சாட்சியாக சிரித்தன!

அந்தப் பெண்மணிக்கு ஏதோ ஒருவித தலைச்சுற்று. கழுத்தை நிமிர்ந்து பார்க்கும்போதும், படுக்கையிலிருந்து எழுந்திருக்கும்போதும் வருகின்ற 'கிறுகிறுப்பு'. கொஞ்ச நாட்களாகவே இருக்கிறது என்றான்.

'வாந்தி இருக்கிறதா?'

'அதெல்லாம் கிடையாது டாக்டர். அப்பப்போ வர மயக்கம்தான்.'

தெளிவாக இருந்தாள். ரத்தக் கொதிப்பு, சுகர் எதுவும் கிடையாது. 'ஓபீசிடீ'க்குள் வரும் அதிக குண்டும் கிடையாது. இளைப்பு என்கிற ஒல்லியும் கிடையாது. விரைவாக ஒருமுறை கண், காது, ரிஸ்ப்ளக்ஸ், இதயம், நுரையீரல் எல்லாவற்றையும் சோதித்துவிட்டு, கழுத்து எலும்பு தேய்மானத்தினால் வருகின்ற 'ஸ்பாண்டைலோசிஸ்' ஏற்படுத்தும் மயக்கம் என்று நினைத்தேன்.

கழுத்து எக்ஸ்ரே, சில ரத்தப் பரீட்சைகள் எழுதிக்கொடுத்து, மருந்தும் சொன்னேன். சீட்டை வாங்கிய அவளுடைய இடது கை என் கவனத்தைக் கவர்ந்தது. பெரிய எழுத்துக் களாய், கோணல் கோணலாய் பச்சை குத்தியிருந்தது. குப்புசாமி, அதன் கீழே மாயா.



பச்சை குத்திக்கொள்வதைப் பற்றி எனக்கு சில தீர்க்கமான கருத்துகள் உண்டு. விதவிதமான சித்திரங்களைப் பச்சை குத்திக் கொள்பவர்களின் குணாதிசயங்களை நான் எண்ணிப் பார்ப்பதுண்டு. புலியுடன் சண்டை போடுவது மாதிரி, சர்க்கரில் பார் விளையாடும் பெண்கள், முருகன் கை வேல், இதயத்திலிருந்து வெளிவரும் இசைக் குறியீடுகள் எனப் பலவிதமான சித்திரங்கள். (டாட்டீஸ் - இதைப் பற்றி வேறொரு கட்டுரையே எழுதலாம்!)

'இது யாருடைய பெயர்?' பச்சை குத்தியுள்ளவர்களிடம் அதைப் பற்றி சில கேள்விகள் கேட்பது எனக்குப் பிடித்த ஒன்று. பதிலாக வரும் பல எதிர்பாராத செய்திகள் என்னை பிரமிக்க வைத்திருக்கின்றன.

அவளிடமும் கேட்டேன்.

முகத்தில் அப்படி ஒரு வெட்கம்! சிரித்தபடி, கண்களைச் சுருக்கி, 'அவுங்க பேருதான்' என்றான்.

'மாயா?'

'அது அவுங்க எனக்கு வெச்ச பேரு'. மீண்டும் வெட்கம். அவ்வப்போது மருமகனைப் பார்க்க, அவளுக்கும் இது தெரியும் என்பது போன்ற தலையசைத்தலும், புன்னகையும்!

'ம், நல்லா இருக்கே...' என்று நான் சொன்னதை அடுத்து அவளாக சொன்னது என்னை வியப்பில் ஆழ்த்தியது.

'இது எங்க கண்ணாலத்துக்கு முந்தியே குத்திக்கிட்டது'.

'ஓ, காதலா...?'

முகத்தை ஒரு கையால் மறைத்துக்கொண்டு, தலையை மட்டும் ஆட்டினாள்.

கிராமத்து சூழலில், வயல் வரப்புகளிலும், தென்னந்தோப்புகளிலும்; மறைந்தும், ஒளிந்தும் ஏதாவதொரு சினிமாய் பாடலைப் பாடியவாறு சுற்றியிருப்பார்களோ?

எதிர்ப்புகளை சமாளித்து, குப்புசாமியையே மணந்து கொண்டாளாம் மாயா என்கிற சிகாமி.

'மூணு புள்ளைங்க. எல்லாருக்கும் கல்யாணம் ஆகிக் குழந்தை குட்டிகளோட நல்லா இருக்கிறாங்க. இது என் ரெண்டாவது மருமக. உங்களைப் பார்த்தே ஆகணும்னு கூட்டியாந்திடுச்சு' என்றான்.

நாற்பது, ஐம்பது வருடங்களுக்கு முந்தைய கிராமத்துக் காதல் கதையைக் கையில் குத்தியிருந்த பச்சை சொல்லிக் கொண்டிருந்தது.

'நல்லதும்மா. குப்புசாமி வரலையா?' என்று கேட்டேன்.

சிறிது நேர மௌனத்திற்குப் பிறகு, 'இரண்டு வருஷம் ஆச்சு அவரு என்னை விட்டுப் போய்'... குதூகலம் மறைந்த குரலில் தகட்டையாகச் சொன்னாள். பச்சை குத்தியிருந்த இடது கையைத் தடவிவிட்டுக் கொண்டாள். பெருமூச்சு விட்டு மேலே சுழன்று கொண்டிருந்த மின்விசிறியைப் பார்த்தாள்.

அப்போதுதான் கவனித்தேன், வெற்றியில் பொட்டுக்கு பதில் பச்சை குத்தியிருந்தது. தேவை இல்லாமல் அவளை சங்கடப்படுத்தி விட்டோமோ என்று நினைத்தேன்.

'என் பசங்களும், மருமகள்களும் என்னை சந்தோஷமா வெச்சிருக்காங்க டாக்டர்!'

அவர்கள் போன பிறகும் வெகு நேரத்திற்குப் பச்சை குத்திக்கொண்ட குப்புசாமி-மாயா இருவரும் கிராமத்துத் தோப்புகளில் சுற்றி வந்ததை மனம் அசை போட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தது. (உபரியாக எனக்கு மட்டும் இளையராஜா இசை சேர்த்துக் கொடுத்திருந்தார்!)

Held for stealing gold chain from woman

By Our Staff Reporter

The police on Sept. 21 arrested a 40-year-old man near Teynampet on charges of cheating women whom he befriended using matrimonial websites and escaped with their valuables.

The accused, Sureshkumar of Nungambakkam, was arrested following a complaint by a 39-year-old widow (resident of K.K. Nagar), from whom he had stolen a five-sovereign chain.

According to the police, the woman had uploaded her profile on a matrimonial site. Following a telephonic conversation, Kumar met the woman near Valluvar Kottam on Feb. 20.

During the meet, he diverted her attention, nabbed her gold chain and fled.

On investigation, police found that Kumar had robbed four other women in a similar fashion and was in touch with 10 other women on the matrimonial site.

Based on her complaint, Teynampet Police registered a case, and arrested Suresh Kumar, 40, of Nungambakkam. Further investigation revealed that he had cheated a few other women in a similar manner under the pretext of marrying them after befriending them through such sites. He already has five criminal cases, the police said.

Free dialysis center in Saidapet Peripheral Hospital

By Our Staff Reporter

Wockhardt Foundation has inaugurated a free, state-of-the-art dialysis center at the Government Peripheral Hospital (Jenis Street, Saidapet).

This center aims to provide essential support to patients with kidney diseases, offering free dialysis, counseling, and nutritional guidance.

Staffed by experienced medical professionals, the center ensures top-quality care for its patients.

For more information, contact Dr. Sriram in 89394 04040.

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Shivprasadh and Sruuthi felicitated



By Our Staff Reporter

For their efforts in promoting Tamil drama over the years, S. Shivprasadh and his daughter S. Sruuthi were felicitated last week by Ramakrishna Mission Students Home (Mylapore).

The felicitation was done by Nalli Kuppaswami Chettiar. After the felicitation, they staged their new play Ramakrishna Paramahansa.

Shivprasadh is the Founder of the drama troupe R.S. Manohar Nxgs and Sruuthi is the Founder of the troupe Naaty Naadha Nataka Sangamam.

Their contact numbers are 73586 96613 and 95516 82993.

Poonamallee-Porur metro stretch set for December launch

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Metro is preparing to open the Poonamallee-Porur stretch by this December with six-coach trains.

The Porur-Kodambakkam and Koyambedu-Nandanam stretches are expected to begin operations by June 2026, while the Madhavaram-Sholingnallur corridor is planned for launch by March 2027.

Phase II of the Chennai Metro project covers 116 km across three corridors, with an estimated cost of Rs 63,246 crores.

The routes include Madhavaram-SIPCOT, Poonamallee-Lighthouse, and Madhavaram-Manapakkam.

Officials said that construction is progressing rapidly, with the entire network scheduled for completion by 2028.

A total of 138 trains, including 32 driverless trains, will be operated under Phase II.

Corporation to fix microchips in pet dogs

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation is all set to launch a revamped portal to register and track pet dogs across the city.

The initiative will be formally inaugurated by Mayor R. Priya, who will also flag off a city-wide microchipping drive of pet dogs.

The project is designed to curb pet abandonment and strengthen accountability among dog owners.

According to Corporation officials, owners will be required to provide vaccination certificates, identification marks, and address details before registering their pets.

Each dog will then be microchipped to maintain vaccination records and aid in tracking.

Corporation Commissioner J. Kumaragurubaran said that the council had earlier approved the project and a contractor had been appointed.

"Now the portal is ready, and the Mayor will launch it soon," he said.

Sterilisation work is being accelerated across nine zones and is expected to be completed by the end of December. Together with microchipping, Corporation aims to improve pet ownership responsibility and strengthen animal management in the city, he said.

Free homeopathy clinic on weekdays in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya

Dr. Koppikar's Foundation for Homoeopathy and Chandrasekhara Foundation jointly run a free homeopathy clinic in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Samiti (Venkatanarayana Road, T.Nagar) from 9.40 a.m to 4 p.m from Monday to Saturday.

A fertility specialist will be available for consultation on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 12.30 p.m.

Free medicines are also provided to the patients.

More details can be had in phone 95662 56206.

Appeal to relay Railway Border Road

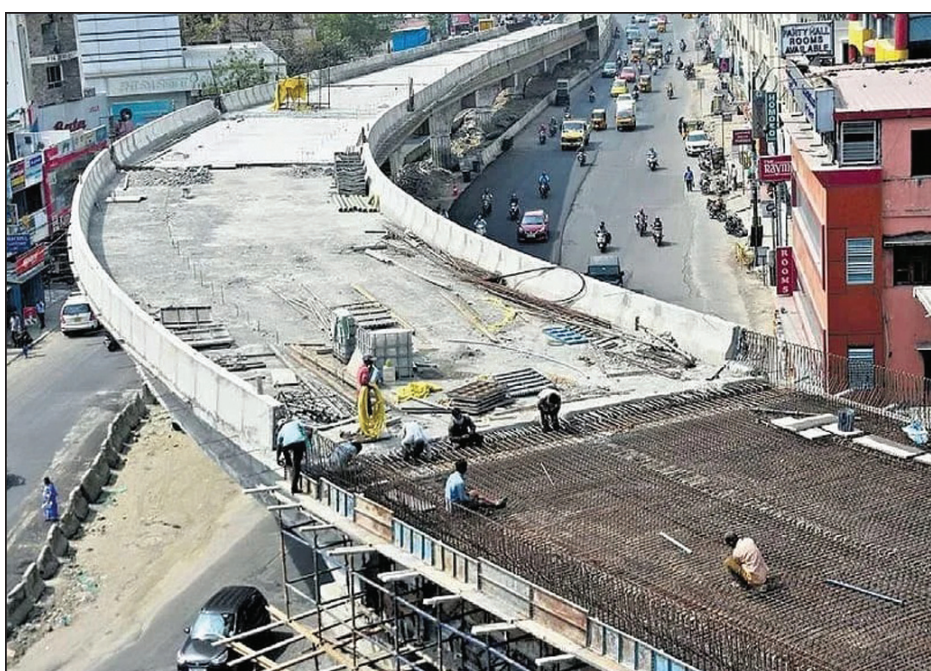


By Our Staff Reporter

Railway Border Road (near Ranagarajapuram 2-wheeler subway, West Mambalam) is in bad condition. The recent rains have washed away the top bitumen surface, leaving behind loose gravel stones. There are a number of potholes on the road, posing danger to motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders.

Nearby residents appeal to Chennai Corporation to repair the road before monsoon.

15,000 tonnes steel to be used in elevated corridor:



A total of 15,000 tonnes of steel structures will be used in the 3.2-km, 4-lane elevated corridor under construction on Anna Salai (between Saidapet and Teynampet junctions) at a cost of Rs. 621 crores.

Since a section of the flyover will be constructed over the underground metro rail network, extra precautions are being taken to ensure the twin tunnels below are safe.

As piling is not allowed on the stretch, isolated footing, a type of foundation for piers, will be done in the stretch, and prefabricated steel structures will be used for building the flyover to keep the load over the underground tunnels on the stretch to a minimum.

An official said that even the soil around the tunnels will remain undisturbed up to a certain depth. The top layers of soil, where short micro-piles are coming up, are being strengthened with geo-textile. The flyover will span seven key intersections, including Eldams Road, SIET College Road, and Cenotaph Road.

EB equipment protected by fence



By Our Staff Reporter

Tamilnadu Electricity Board (TNEB) erected a 12-foot-high fence around the EB equipment including an overhead transformer, RMU Unit and junction boxes installed on Bakthavatchalam Street (West Mambalam) last month.

A TNEB official told *Mambalam 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.

Tunnelling on Corridor 3 metro link nearing completion

By Our Staff Reporter

After being dogged by delays due to various reasons, the metro rail tunnel in Corridor 3 between Greenways Road and Mandaveli is nearing completion.

According to Chennai Metro officials, the project which was a part of the 45.8-kilometer Corridor 3 from Madhavaram to SIPCOT was originally slated to be completed in six months but was prolonged for nearly two years.

The delay was mainly attributed to challenges in re-locating major underground utilities at the Mandaveli station site.

Officials said that constructing the station's diaphragm wall required the diversion of four massive water and sewer pipelines.

The project is spearheaded using two tunnel boring machines named 'Noyyal' and 'Vaigai' with the former beginning its 750-meter journey in September 2023 and currently nearing a breakthrough at Mandaveli over the next few weeks. Officials said that following this development, train services on the Greenways Road to Thirumayilai stretch will be launched as per schedule by 2028.

Two held for assaulting sanitary workers

By Our Staff Reporter

Two employees of a shop on Ranganathan Street (T. Nagar) were arrested by Mambalam police on Sept. 5 on charge of assaulting two sanitary workers of Chennai Corporation, following a dispute over garbage disposal.

The victims, Arjun (37) and Lakshmanan (40) (resident of 13th Street, Ashok Nagar) work as cleaners in Ward 133 (Zone 3 of Chennai Corporation).

Around 11.30 p.m, the two were engaged in routine garbage clearance in front of a textiles showroom when they placed heaps of collected cardboard and other waste near the shop.

The employees of the textile shop protested claiming the garbage collection was causing noise and inconvenience, and entered into an argument with the cleaners.

After the altercation escalated, two of the shop employees assaulted Arjun and Lakshmanan.

Fellow sanitary workers arrived at the scene, rescued the injured, and admitted them in ESIC Hospital (K.K. Nagar).

Following their complaint, Mambalam police registered a case and arrested the two shop employees.

Special poojas held for Samadhi Day in Sai Seva Samaj



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees participated in the special poojas held on Oct. 2 to mark the 107th Samadhi Day of Shirdi Sai Baba in Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam).

Special abhishekam, alangaaram, aarathi, bhajans and paaraayanam were performed.

Annadhaanam was provided to more than 500 devotees and the general public.

The Samaj is constructing a building opposite the temple to perform annadhaanam and other functions.

Donations are welcome.

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

53,000 stray dogs vaccinated



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has administered rabies vaccination to more than 53,000 stray dogs in the city since the drive was launched by Mayor R. Priya on Aug. 8.

Corporation aims to vaccinate 1 lakh stray dogs by end November.

According to a census by the civic body, there are over 1.8 lakh stray dogs in the city.

In addition to vaccinations, Corporation is also implanting microchips in sterilized dogs to monitor and manage the dog population effectively.

An official said that so far, 12,580 street dogs have been fitted with microchips.

Chennai Corporation has also floated a tender of Rs 7.67 crores to construct shelters for rabies-affected dogs in Madhavaram and Velachery.

Each shelter can accommodate 250 dogs.

Drunk man collapses while arguing with police, dies

50-year-old Kamaraj (resident of T. Nagar), who was drunk, fell unconscious while arguing with a traffic constable on Madhavaram High Road (Perambur) at night on Sept. 30, and died on the way to the hospital.

He was employed in a finance firm in T. Nagar.

According to the police, the incident took place around 10.45 p.m when Sembium Traffic Police intercepted a rashly driven blue SUV on Madhavaram High Road.

Police found that the blood alcohol level of the driver, identified as Kamaraj, was way above the permissible limit of 30 mg. When police attempted to book a case, Kamaraj engaged in a heated exchange with them before suddenly collapsing.

Kamaraj was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead. His body was sent for postmortem to Kilpauk Government Hospital.

225 participate in gold tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

The first Expat Golf Tournament organised by Guidance Tamil Nadu on Sept. 28 in Tamilnadu Golf Annexe (Nandanam), saw the participation of 225 expatriates including CEOs, CXOs and senior business leaders from various countries.

The event was inaugurated by Industries Minister T.R.B. Rajaa.

South Korean Consul General Chang Nyun Kim was present. Rajaa said that the event will be held every year.

Parking space for 2-wheelers under the new flyover



Space has been earmarked for parking 2-wheelers under the newly constructed steel flyover over South Usman Road (T. Nagar). An official said that around two hundred 2-wheelers can be parked under the new flyover. This photo was taken on Oct. 2.

Previously, the 2-wheelers were parked in a haphazard way on the road margins, causing hindrance to motorists.

Debris blocks pavement

By Our Staff Reporter

A large heap of construction debris and rubbish are seen dumped on the pavement and road margin outside Srividya Apartments (Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam). They are occupying the entire pavement width and the carriageway.

A nearby resident said that the debris has been lying at the spot for over a month. He requests Chennai Corporation to remove the debris from the spot.

NGO celebrates Joy of Giving Week with annadhaanam

By Our Staff Reporter

Daan Utsav, formerly known as the Joy of Giving Week, is India's festival of giving.

Since its launch in 2009, it is observed every year from October 2 to 8, beginning with Gandhi Jayanti.

This year the NGO Thuvakkam (T. Nagar) has organised the weeklong Eegai Thiruvizha dedicated to the spirit of giving and volunteering from Sept. 30 at Hindustan College of Arts & Science.

Around 500 students took a collective pledge towards kindness and service.

Durga Prasad (Member of Thuvakkam) said that one of the highlights will be the annadhaanam on Sunday, October 5 at Avvai Nidhi Middle School (Tambaram).

We plan to serve nutritious meals to around 500 underserved people, he said.

Alongside adults, many children are actively participating in the events.

Free health check-up today forenoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha has organised free health check-up from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 5 in its premises in Vani Mahal (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

Free BMI, blood sugar, ECG, echo, eye check-up and dental check-up will be done.

The program has been organised by Mahalakshmi Badminton Club (98406 39934).

Woman held for stabbing husband to death

By Our Staff Reporter

The Kumaran Nagar police on Sept. 28 arrested the wife of a 42-year-old construction worker from Odisha for stabbing him to death after a quarrel at their home in Saidapet.

The victim was identified as Prahalad Sardar (42).

He and his wife Pinky (a native of West Bengal), were staying in a makeshift house near a construction site at the Government Girls' Higher Secondary School for the past month. When they were consuming liquor late at night on Sept. 29, a quarrel broke out. When Prahalad tried to assault Pinky, she stabbed him in the neck with a kitchen knife.

Co-workers admitted him in Royapettah Government Hospital, where he passed away the same night.

Free bhajan, naamasankeerthanam classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam conducts free Bhajan and Naamasan-keerthanam classes daily in Dr. Dorairaj Sadan, 12, Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar.

It is open to all age groups.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stray cattle problem on Arya Gowda Road



Sir, I am a resident of Postal Colony (West Mambalam) and own a shop on Arya Gowda Road. Stray cattle nuisance continues unabated in and around Arya Gowda Road. The bovines squat in the middle of the road and on pavements, causing obstruction to motorists and pedestrians.

Despite assurances of strict action by Chennai Corporation, and reports in the media that thousands of stray cattle have been impounded and the owners fined, the nuisance continues. It appears that after paying the fine, cattle owners again let them loose on public roads as they probably do not have a shed to shelter them.

Additionally, the Corporation only has two pounds to handle the seized cattle, leading to transportation challenges and lack of space. I wonder how the authorities can find a permanent solution to this without building the necessary infrastructure. **S. Sudarshan, Postal Colony, West Mambalam.**

Congestion at Madley junction despite opening new flyover

Sir, While the opening of the new flyover over Usman Road (T. Nagar) has reduced congestion along the commercial hub of South and North Usman Roads, the congestion at Madley junction continues during peak hours as the exit ramp from North Usman Road side ends almost 400 meters before the junction.

As vehicles including MTC buses have to travel 400 meters on the narrow service lane after exiting the ramp to reach Madley junction, it is causing congestion, especially during peak hours. With big textile and jewellery showrooms lining the 400-meter stretch, it only adds to the problem. It the exit ramp had ended much closer to the junction, the congestion could have been reduced.

At around 6 p.m on Oct. 2, it took me 15 minutes to reach Madley junction after exiting the ramp. **R. Parthasarathy, Burkit Road, T. Nagar.**

It's a dogfight over feeding strays

The long-running conflict among residents of feeding stray dogs gained momentum after the recent Supreme Court ruling on stray dogs, and a popular Tamil television debate on the issue. going viral on the social media.

P. Gukesh (resident of Giri Road, off G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) said that there has been a rapid increase in stray dog population in his area as, in spite of objections by residents of the colony, a man from a local meat shop feeds leftovers to the dogs daily. He said that some of the dogs are ferocious and chase vehicles. Seniors and children are scared to venture out, he said.

Similarly, M. Sudhakar (a resident of Postal Colony, West Mambalam) said that a pack of over 20 dogs roam the streets in his area as some outsiders feed them daily. In the past some months, several children have been bitten, and despite repeated complaints to the Corporation, no action has been taken to relocate the dogs, he said.

In gated communities, tensions are rising. Associations have issued guidelines against feeding strays inside premises, but some animal lovers continue to defy the rules.

A senior veterinarian running a clinic in Ashok Nagar said that feeding alone does not make dogs aggressive.

"What matters is feeding responsibly and placing food in less congested areas to prevent barking and fights. The recent Supreme Court order on stray dogs has also been widely misunderstood. The court did not ban feeding but stressed that it must be done responsibly, at designated locations, with sensitivity to both residents and animal welfare," he said.

V.P. Jeyaseelan (Joint Commissioner, Health) said that Corporation is in the process of identifying suitable locations across the city to be designated as feeding zones for strays, in line with the Supreme Court order.

The list will be released soon," he said.

New flyover eases congestion near Ranganathan Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Pedestrian facilities and parking spaces along the commercial hub of Usman Road (T. Nagar) have improved owing to the inauguration of the new flyover over South Usman Road. It has created 200 additional slots for parking 2-wheelers along the stretch of Usman Road from Burkit Road junction to Sarojini Street junction.

As Corporation has widened the pavement at the junction of Usman Road and Ranganathan Street, congestion has reduced on the stretch.

A local shopkeeper said that there is more space to walk after the inauguration of the new flyover as the number of vehicles using the service lane has reduced. He appeals to Corporation officials to prevent encroachments on the widened pavement.

Durga idol installed on Arya Gowda Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Vishwa Hindu Parishad installed a 3-foot-tall idol of Durga Devi, made with papier-mâché, for Navarathri at the junction of Arya Gowda Road and Balakrishna Street (West Mambalam) on Sept. 22.

U m a A n a n d h a n (Councillor,

Ward 134) said that Navarathri gifts were presented to hundreds of devotees who visited the venue. The idol was immersed in the sea on Oct. 2.



Pavement blocked at road junction



By Our Staff Reporter

Parts of a dismantled bus shelter including the iron posts, roof and bench are dumped on the pavement at the junction of Canal Bunk Road (C.I.T. Nagar) and South Usman Road (T. Nagar). They are blocking the entire pavement width, obstructing the way for pedestrians. This photo was taken on Oct. 2.

Corporation to hire electricians to operate pump sets

By Our Staff Reporter

In a bid to improve monsoon preparedness, Chennai Corporation on Sept. 29 passed orders to hire electricians and helpers to exclusively operate the pumps deployed in flood-prone areas in the city, including Anna Nagar.

A senior official said that 6 electricians and 10 helpers will be engaged in Kodambakkam and Teynampet zones to man the pumping operations.

He said that motorised and tractor-fitted pump sets will be deployed in 10 low-lying areas.

Man held for peddling meth

By Our Staff Reporter

Mambalam police on Sept. 30 arrested a 27-year-old man on Mooparappan Street (T. Nagar) on charge of peddling drugs, and seized 2 gms. of methamphetamine and 8 LSD stamps from him.

He was identified as R. Venkatesan (resident of Abdul Aziz Street, T. Nagar)

Based on a tip-off, police kept vigil and saw a person moving suspiciously on Mooparappan Street. When they approached him, he tried to run, but was caught and arrested

He was remanded in judicial custody.

Rs. 4.4 lakhs collected as fine for illegal sewage discharge

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has collected fines amounting to Rs 4.40 lakhs from individuals and commercial establishments for illegally discharging sewage water into storm water drains (SWDs) since July 1 across various zones including Teynampet Zone.

According to Corporation officials, Rs. 10,000 is collected as fine from residences and Rs. 25,000 from commercial establishments.

The highest collection of Rs. 90,000 was from Teynampet zone, followed by Rs. 84,000 from Kodambakkam Zone.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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By Our Staff Reporter

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Duraisamy Subway prone to waterlogging



By Our Staff Reporter

The road in Duraisamy subway is in bad condition, and the drains have still not been desilted by Chennai Corporation in over a year.

With northeast monsoon just weeks away, commuters fear another season of waterlogging at the subway.

The 2-lane subway links Mambalam and T. Nagar, and is often closed during heavy rains due to flooding.

A resident said that the road has not been re-laid in over 5 years, and only patch works are done as temporary fixes. Even after light rains, water stagnates in the subway, posing danger to motorists, he said.

Only temporary measures have been taken all these years, with no concrete steps to desilt the drains or re-lay the road to prevent waterlogging," a local shopkeeper said.

A senior Corporation official said that immediate steps will be taken to desilt the drains to prevent water logging during monsoon this year.

Water stagnates in Madley Subway



By Our Staff Reporter

Following heavy rains, water stagnates in Madley Subway (T. Nagar) as the storm water drains are clogged. This photo was taken on Sept.12.

With northeast monsoon around the corner, nearby residents and motorists appeal to Chennai Corporation to desilt the drains and to replace the broken PVC pipes that are used to pump out the excess water from the subway to prevent flooding.

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Appeal to celebrate Diwali with terminally ill patients



By Our Staff Reporter

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

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

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

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

Kolu depicts 50 years of Hindu Vidyalaya



By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with its golden jubilee year, a special Kolu depicting the school's growth over the past 50 years was on display for Navarathri in Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School (Ashok Nagar).

Students and their parents actively participated in the daily poojas.

The school was started in 1975 with 7 students in Ellaiammam Koil Street (West Mambalam) under the leadership of Girija Sheshadri (General Secretary, Vishva Hindu Vidya Kendra, Tamilnadu). Over the years the institution launched 8 more higher secondary schools and 5 primary schools.

Free classes on running

Chennai Runners conducts free classes on running titled Couch to 5K.

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Traffic constable wins gold medal in body building



By Our Staff Reporter

47-year-old A. Purushothaman (resident of Ashok Nagar Police Quarters and Traffic Head Constable at Saidapet police station), won gold medal in body building in the 85 kg category at the 74th All-India Police Games held in Haryana.

He has been representing the Tamilnadu police team in the annual meet for the past five years.

Next month, he will represent India in the 16th WBPF World Body Building and Physique Sports Championship to be held in Batam (Indonesia).

This is his first gold medal in a National or International body building competition.

He won a silver medal in the All-India Police Games in 2021 and a bronze medal in the 54th Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships in 2022.

To prepare for the competition, Purushothaman's daily diet chart in the last 8 months included one kg of chicken, 20 eggs, one kilo of vegetables served with helpings of brown rice.

A passionate body builder, Purushothaman got into this sport while studying in Government Arts College (Nandanam). In 2000, he won the Mr. Tamilnadu title.

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Blood donation drive in Vani Mahal today

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (103, G.N Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has organised a blood donation drive from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, Oct.5 in its premises.

A team of doctors from Voluntary Health Service will be collect the blood units.

Healthy individuals in the age group of 18 to 65 years can donate blood.

The program has been organised by Mahalakshmi Badminton Club (98406 39934).

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