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Parapet wall of old building collapses on Eswaran Kovil Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the heavy rains on Oct. 24, the parapet wall of the terrace of an old single storey building on Eswaran Kovil Street (West Mambalam) collapsed and fell on the road below at around 1.30 p.m.

Shutters of three shops in the building suffered heavy damage. No one was injured in the incident. While one shop is unoccupied, a mobile accessories store and an oil store function out of the other two shops.

The decades old building is in a dilapidated condition.

Chennai Metro gears up for monsoon

With the northeast monsoon bringing heavy rainfall, Chennai Metro has drawn up a comprehensive flood-mitigation plan to

protect both its operational network and ongoing construction sites.

The initiative aims to prevent waterlogging at key metro stations and safeguard expensive tunnelling machinery used for Phase-2 expansion. According to officials, vulnerable stations in Phase-1 and its extension — including Saidapet and Teynampet stations have been prioritised for enhanced flood protection measures.

Over 1,000 gunny bags, 300 cement blocks, and 20 fifty-kilogram cement bags have been stocked at these sites to prevent seepage and flooding.

T. Archunan (Director, Projects) said that at present, tunnelling operations using Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) and work on retrieving and launching shafts are in progress at several underground locations.

Heavy-duty pumps have been deployed to prevent water ingress that could potentially damage machinery and lead to significant financial losses. In addition, Chennai Metro has stationed 603 water pumps across its Phase-2 corridors to continuously monitor and dewater flooded zones.

Officials said the Metro's flood-response units are on round-the-clock alert, working closely with civic agencies to ensure seamless operation even during heavy downpours.

Chennai gets India's first real-time flood forecast system

A real-time flood forecast and spatial decision support system (RTFF & SDSS) has become completely operational for Chennai. Billed as a comprehensive urban flood management system and the first-of-its-kind in the country, the Chennai RTFF & SDSS covers lakes, rivers, storm water drainage system and the sea.

It envisages not only the provision of reliable forecasts of water level in rivers and tanks but also that of street-level inundation forecasts for vulnerable areas of the city including T. Nagar, West Mambalam and Saidapet.

The Adyar, Cooum, Kosasthalaiyar and Kovalam rivers sub-basins are being observed under the system.

An official of the State Disaster Management Authority said that since the onset of the current northeast monsoon, they have started sharing the forecast with departments concerned for decision making. He said that the new system has been fully integrated with TNSMART, a web-based decision support system for all types of disaster.

The beneficiary-agencies of the State Government are the Water Resources Department (WRD), the Commissionerate for Revenue Administration (CRA), Chennai Corporation and the Commissionerate of Municipal Administration (CMA).

Additional counters to be opened in Saidapet metro station

By Our Staff Reporter

After repeated requests by commuters, Chennai Metro has announced that it will open ticket counters and ticketing gates in all the entry/exit points in the underground Saidapet station next month.

It will help commuters enter via any of the entrances and not take a lengthy walk to the other end of the concourse to buy a ticket.

According to officials of Chennai Metro, since there have been persistent requests from passengers and substantial increase in the number of travellers at the Saidapet station, they are taking measures to open all the ticket counters and the ticketing gates in the station.

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குரங்கா, ஹனுமானா?

அதன் ஆரம்ப காலத்திலேயிருந்தே நங்கநல்லூர் மாருதி பக்த ஸமூஹத்தில் நான் ஒரு ட்ரஸ்டி. ட்ரஸ்ட் கூட்டங்களை எல்லாம் சேர்மன் ராகவேந்திர ராவ் ரொம்ப Professional ஆக Corporate meetings மாதிரி நடத்துவார்.

நங்கநல்லூரில் ஒரு புது ஆஞ்சநேயர் கோவிலுக்கு நிலம் வாங்கவும், கோவிலைக் கட்டிய பிறகு கும்பாபிஷேகம் செய்ய வேண்டியதைப் பற்றியும் முடிவுகளை எடுக்க ஒரு மீட்டிங் ஏற்பாடு பண்ணினோம்.

பூந்தமல்லி ஹைரோடில் இருந்த பிரசித்தி பெற்ற தர்மபிரகாஷ் கல்யாண மண்டபத்தில் ஒரு ஹால் பூக் செய்து மீட்டிங் போட்டோம். நான், ரமணி அண்ணா, சத்யமூர்த்தி, பிரபாகர், சீனிவாசராவ் எல்லோரும் இருந்தோம்.

மீட்டிங் ஆரம்பிக்கும் சமயத்தில் திடீரென்று ஒரு பெரிய குரங்கு வந்து என் பக்கத்தில் உட்கார்ந்தது. எங்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் ஒரே ஆச்சரியம். சென்னை நகரத்துக்குள்ளே அதுவும் சந்தடி பூந்தமல்லி ஹைரோடில் அந்த ஹாலுக்குள் பட்டப்பக்கில் இவ்வளவு பெரிய குரங்கு எங்கிருந்து வந்தது?

நான் கொடுத்த ஒரு பெரிய வாழைப்பழத்தை வாங்கித் தூக்கி எறிந்துவிட்டு மீட்டிங் நடந்த 2 மணி நேரமும் குரங்கு அப்படியே உட்கார்ந்திருந்தது.

எனக்கு ஒரு பக்கம் குரங்கு, இன்னொரு பக்கம் டீடிரஸ்டிகள்.

அந்த 2 மணி நேரமும் குரங்கைப் பார்த்துத் கொண்டு நான் மௌனமாகவே இருந்தேன்.

மீட்டிங் முடிந்தது. குரங்கும் கிளம்பி, நேராகப் போய் முன்னால் தூக்கிப் போட்ட வாழைப்பழத்தை எடுத்து சாப்பிட்டுவிட்டு வந்த மாதிரியே மாயமாக ஓடிவிட்டது.

அத்தனை பெரிய சென்னை நகரத்தில் பட்டப்பக்கில் ஒரு குரங்கு திடுதிப்பென்று வந்து

2 மணி நேரம் ஒரு மீட்டிங்கில் உட்கார்ந்திருந்து விட்டு ஓடி மறைந்தது ஒரு பெரிய அதிசயமாக இருந்தது எங்களுக்கு. ஹனுமானே நேரில் வந்து எங்களுடைய கோவில் கட்டும் திட்டத்தை ஆசீர்வதித்ததாகவே உணர்ந்தோம்.

உங்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் தெரியும். நங்கநல்லூர் ஹனுமார் கோவில் இப்பொழுது எவ்வளவு பிரசித்தமாகி இருக்கிறது என்று.

அன்றைக்கு வந்தது வெறும் குரங்கா அல்லது ஹனுமானேவா?

To Cry or to Laugh?

I had an elderly lady client by name Mrs. Bharathi Ramanujam.

Her husband was not alive. Her only daughter had also died at the age of 17.

She came to my office one day and said that she had received Ra. 2.50 crores from the sale of a property and wished to create a Trust for undertaking charitable activities. She wanted my consent to be a Trustee so that the charity could continue even after her demise.

I told her that I was not permanent either. I suggested that, as Rajnikanth did in the movie 'Annamalai', she could herself donate her money to worthwhile causes, keeping Rs. 20 lakhs for her own use in emergencies. She agreed happily and requested me to help her in choosing the beneficiaries.

Next day, both of us with three other friends went first to Adyar Cancer Institute, met Dr. Santha and told her that we had come to make some donation, and asked her how much the Institute would need. While Dr. Santha suggested a donation of Rs. 10 lakhs, Bharathi wrote a cheque for Rs. 30 lakhs. Both Dr. Santha and the four of us were overwhelmed with joy.

We next went to Isabella Hospital, Mylapore where Bharathi donated a considerable sum to the Ortho Unit there.

Next day a similar hefty donation was made to the Blind & Deaf School near Sun Theater.

The following day we went a leprosy unit in Paranur in Chengalpattu district where Bharathi donated Rs. 5 lakhs.

Finally she donated a sizeable amount for setting up an electric crematorium in Kannammappet cremation ground in T. Nagar.

Thus, over Rs. 2 crores was donated within a period of 4 days. Bharathi was very happy that she could do so many good deeds during her lifetime itself.

Bharathi later admitted herself in Sundaravalli Memorial Old Age Home in Perungalathur. Unfortunately she passed away after about 4 months.

A few months thereafter, one of my friends accosted me on the road and, drawing a long face, said, "I am so sorry for your misfortune. I wanted to come and condole with you immediately but could not find time" and continued in the same vein.

I didn't understand what he was talking about and asked him, "Why are you saying these things to me?"

He said, "I came to know your wife had passed away".

I was shocked and told him that my wife was very much alive and asked him who told him such a terrible lie.

He said that he saw the information in Kannammappet crematorium.

I called my driver and we rushed to the crematorium where I was perplexed to see the plaque 'Donated by Late Bharathi P.B. Ramanujam' outside its chamber. I was at a loss to decide whether to cry or laugh at this faux pas.

Later, at my request, the Corporation authorities corrected the name in the plaque as 'Late Bharathi Ramanujam'.

While stating this I am reminded of the joke:

Man: My wife is an angel!

Friend: Unfortunately, my wife is still alive!

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Unused car blocks carriageway



By Our Staff Reporter

A car in damaged condition is seen parked outside Bharat Sanchar Nigam Staff Quarters (2nd Main Road, West C.I.T. Nagar).

A nearby resident told *Mambalam Times* that the car has been parked at the spot for over a month.

He requests traffic police to remove it from the spot.

Free candle making workshop on Nov. 1

By Our Staff Reporter

Jothi Madhar Sangam (Sukalayam, 70/44, Burkit Road, T. Nagar) will conduct a free Candle Making workshop from 2 p.m to 4 p.m on Saturday, November 1 in its premises.

For registration, call 98949 37906.

Air quality plummets after Diwali

By Our Staff Reporter

In spite of widespread showers that helped disperse pollutants on Deepavali day, air quality in several parts of Chennai turned 'very poor' on Oct. 20, according to data released by the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB).

TNPCB's data across its monitoring stations showed that the Air Quality Index (AQI) on Deepavali day (measured from 6a.m on October 20 to 6a.m on October 21) ranged from 190 (moderate) in Besant Nagar to 332 (very poor) in Valasaravakkam. T. Nagar also recorded 'poor' AQI of 273, breaching the national ambient standards.

Meteorologists noted that the timely rains during the festival period prevented a severe build-up of pollutants.

OBITUARY

C.S. Sampath



C.S.Sampath (resident of West Mambalam) passed away on Oct. 21.

He was 93, and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 75 years.

He had retired from ITC. He was associated with Public Health Centre (PHC) (Lake View Road, T. Nagar) from its inception.

He had held posts of Committee Member, Joint Secretary, Secretary and Trustee at PHC.

He was an avid cricketer and had founded the Ranji Cricket Club.

He is survived by his wife S.Chithra, son Badri and daughter-in-law Vasudharani.



அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா?

கற்பகத்திற்கு வயது இருபத்தி நான்கு. திருமணமாகி எட்டு மாதங்கள் ஆகின்றன. என்னைப் பார்க்க வந்தபோது இரண்டு மாத கர்ப்பினி. நரம்பியல் மருத்துவரிடம் கர்ப்பினிக்கு என்ன வேலை என்பவர்கள் கொஞ்சம் பொறுத்துக் கொள்ளவும்!

திருமணத்திற்கு முன்னமேயே கற்பகத்திற்கு வலிப்புநோய். ஒரு வருடமாக சிகிச்சை அளிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. 'மருந்துகள் உட்கொள்ளும்போது கர்ப்பமானால் அது பிறக்கும் குழந்தையை பாதிக்குமா? இப்போது என்ன செய்ய வேண்டும்?' என்ற கேள்விகளுடன் என் எதிரில் அமர்ந்திருக்கும் கற்பகத்தின் தாயிடம் நான் கேட்ட கேள்வி:

'கற்பகம் மருந்துகள் எடுத்துக் கொள்வது 'அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா?'

சில வினாடிகள் மௌனத்திற்குப் பிறகு, 'தெரியாது, நாங்க சொல்லலை'.

'ஏன் சொல்லலை? இதையே அவர்கள் செய்திருந்தால் நீங்கள் என்ன செய்திருப்பீர்கள்?'

இது நான்.

'.....'

'நிச்சயமாக நீங்கள் சொல்லியிருக்க வேண்டும். தேவையில்லாமல் ஒரு சிக்கலை ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கிறீர்கள்.'

'உண்மையை சொன்னா யாரும் கல்யாணம் செய்துக்க மாட்டாங்கன்னு பயம் டாக்டர்.' குரலில் குற்ற உணர்வோடு, 'வேறென்ன செய்வது?' என்ற இயலாமை.

'அப்படி இல்லை. விபரம் அறிந்தவர்கள், நல்ல மனிதர்கள் இன்னும் இருக்கிறார்கள். தினந்தோறும் என்ன ஆகுமோ என்ற பயத்துடன் வாழ முடியுமா? புருஷனுக்குத் தெரியாமல் எத்தனை நாட்கள் மாத்திரைகளை முழுங்க முடியும்?'

'இப்போ என்ன செய்யறது டாக்டர்? மாத்திரைகளை நிறுத்திவிடலாமா?'

'இரண்டு மாதங்கள் மாத்திரைகள் எடுத்துக் கொண்டாகிவிட்டது. குழந்தையை பாதித்திருக்குமா என்று இப்போது சொல்வது கஷ்டம். மருந்துகளை நிறுத்தினால் வலிப்பு வரும் அபாயமும், அதனால் கருச்சிதைவு மற்றும் தாய்க்கு ஏதேனும் சிக்கல்கள் வரும் வாய்ப்புகளும் உண்டு.'

'இந்த இரண்டு மாதத்தில் மருந்துகளினால் குழந்தைக்கு ஏதேனும் பாதிப்பு ஏற்பட்டிருக்குமா?'

'நிச்சயமாகச் சொல்ல முடியாது. சிலவகை சிறப்பு ஸ்கேன்கள் மற்றும் கருப்பையிலிருக்கும் நீர்ப் பரிசோதனை எல்லாம் செய்து பார்க்கலாம். ஓரளவுக்கு அவை உதவலாம். நிச்சயமாக உடனே சொல்ல முடியாது. மாதாமாதம் மிகவும் கவனமாக ஸ்கேன் செய்து பார்த்தபடி இருப்பது அவசியம்.'

கற்பகத்திற்கு எப்படி உதவலாம் என்பதற்கு முன்....

பாதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு மூன்று வருடங்கள் வலிப்புகள் இல்லையென்றால் வலிப்பு நோய் மருந்துகளைக் கொஞ்சம் கொஞ்சமாகக் குறைத்து, ஆறு மாத இடைவெளியில் முழுவதுமாக நிறுத்திவிடலாம் என்பது பொதுவான மருத்துவ விதி. சிலருக்குத் திரும்பவும் வலிப்புகள் வரும் வாய்ப்புகள் உண்டு என்றாலும் அது ஒரு அரிதான நிகழ்வே.

திருமண வயதில் பெண்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படும் வலிப்பு மருந்துகள் மிகவும் கவனமாகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படும். இருந்தாலும் திருமணத்தைத் தள்ளிப் போடுவது நல்லது. அதற்குள் நல்ல வரன் கிடைக்கிறது என்றால் பையன் வீட்டில் பெண்ணைப் பற்றிய உண்மையை (இந்த விதி பையனுக்கு வலிப்புகள் இருந்தாலும் பொருந்தும்) கூறிவிடுதல் நலம். பின்னால் வரக்கூடிய மருத்துவம் சாராத பிரச்சனைகளை ஓரளவுக்குத் தவிர்க்க இது உதவும்!

வலிப்பை மறைத்துத் திருமணம் செய்வது பல சமயங்களில் விவாகரத்து வரை சென்றுவிடும் அபாயம் இருக்கிறது. Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, 1999ல் அரசால் திருத்தி அமைக்கப்பட்டது, வலிப்பு நோயை விவாகரத்துக்குக் காரணமாகக் காட்டக் கூடாது என்று அறிவித்தது. சட்டம் ஒருபுறம் இருந்தாலும், வலிப்பு நோய் உள்ளவர்களின் வாழ்க்கை மிகவும் அனுதாபத்துடனும், ஆக்கபூர்வமாகவும் அணுகப்பட வேண்டிய ஒன்று. திருமணத்திற்கோ, குழந்தை பிறப்பதற்கோ தடை ஏதும் இல்லை என்றாலும் வலிப்பு நோய்க்கு சமூகத்தில் இருக்கும் களங்கம் (Social Stigma) இன்னும் முற்றிலும் மாறவில்லை என்பது பெரிய சோகம். என்ன செய்யலாம்?

முதலில் கற்பகத்தின் கணவர் மற்றும் அவருடைய பெற்றோர்களிடம் உண்மையை சொல்லி, அவர்களுக்குப் புரியவைப்பது; வேண்டுமானால் பிரச்சனைகளை அவர்களிடம் மருத்துவரே விளக்கலாம். கற்பகத்தின் மன உளைச்சலையும் குற்ற உணர்வையும் இது வெகுவாகக் குறைக்கும்.

ஒன்றுக்கு மேற்பட்ட மருந்துகளை எடுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தால் குழந்தையை அதிகம் பாதிக்காத ஒரு மருந்தாகத் தேர்வு செய்து கொடுப்பது நல்லது. இதை ஒரு மருத்துவக் கண்காணிப்புடன் மருத்துவமனையில் சேர்த்து செய்ய வேண்டும். மருந்து தேர்வும், மருந்தின் அளவும் முக்கியமானவை. ரத்தத்தில் மருந்தின் அளவை அவ்வப்போது சரிபார்த்துத் தேவைக்கேற்ப 'டோஸ் அட்ஜஸ்ட்மென்ட்' செய்யலாம்.

எந்த நிலையிலும் மருந்துகளைக் குறைக்கவோ, நிறுத்தவோ கூடாது. மருந்துகளைவிட வலிப்புகள் குழந்தைக்கும், தாய்க்கும் அதிக பாதிப்புகளை ஏற்படுத்தக் கூடியவை.

குழந்தையின் வளர்ச்சி மற்றும் ஏற்படக்கூடிய பாதிப்புகளைப் பிரசவ காலம் முழுவதும் ஸ்கேன் மற்றும் சில ஸ்பெஷல் பரிசோதனைகள் மூலம் கவனமாகக் கண்காணிக்க வேண்டும். ஆரோக்கியமான உணவு, வைட்டமின்கள், ஃபோலிக் ஆசிட் மாத்திரைகள், தேவையான அளவு நல்ல தூக்கம் ஆகியவை முக்கியமானவை.

பொதுவாக வலிப்பு நோய் உள்ளவர்களுக்கும் எல்லோரையும் போல 'நார்மல் டெலிவரி' அல்லது 'சிசேரியன் டெலிவரி' மூலம் குழந்தை பிறக்கும். நூற்றுக்கு 9599 சதவிகிதம் குழந்தைகள் பெரிய குறைகள் ஏதுமின்றிப் பிறக்கின்ற வாய்ப்புகள் உள்ளன.

எனக்குத் தெரிந்த நண்பர் ஒருவர் தன் மகளுக்கு வலிப்பு நோய் இருந்து மருந்துகள் கொடுத்த விபரத்தைச் சொல்லாமல் திருமணம் நிச்சயித்தார். ஆனால் பெண் தன் வருங்காலக் கணவனிடம் உண்மையைச் சொல்ல அவர் அவளது நேர்மையைப் பாராட்டி,

'இப்போதும் சொல்ல வேண்டாம். நாம் பார்த்துக் கொள்ளலாம்' என்ற ஆறுதல் கூறித் திருமணம் செய்து கொண்டார். ஒரு பெண் குழந்தை யுடன் நலமாக வாழ்க்கை நடத்தி வருகிறார்கள்.

வலிப்பு நோயால் வருகின்ற பிரச்சனைகளை விட அதை மறைத்துத் திருமணம் செய்வதால் வரும் குழப்பங்களும், மன உளைச்சல்களும் அதிகம் என்பதால் மிகுந்த கவனமுடன் இந்த சிக்கலைக் கையாள வேண்டும்.

ம்.... சொல்ல மறந்துவிட்டேனே, கற்பகத்திற்கு அழகான பெண் குழந்தை, சுகப் பிரசவம். தாயும் சேயும் நலம்!



Tree damages compound wall of Circle Library



By Our Staff Reporter

A big tree growing within the compound of Circle Library (3rd Avenue, Ashok Nagar) got uprooted and fell across the road at night on Oct. 21. The compound wall of the library was damaged.

No one was injured in the incident.

Corporation workers cut and removed the tree and it remains the next day.

Total reservoir storage at 75% of capacity

Thanks to the heavy rains in the last week and the subsequent inflows, the combined storage in the city's reservoirs as on Oct. 23 stands at 10028.20 mcft, which is 75% of their total capacity of 13222 mcft.

The total storage on the same date last year was 6084 mcft.

As on Oct. 23, Poondi had a storage of 2404 mcft as against its full capacity of 3231 mcft; Cholavaram 526 mcft (881 mcft); Puzhal 2757 mcft (3300 mcft); Chembarambakkam 2936 mcft (3645 mcft); Kannankottai Thervoy-kandigai 437 mcft (500 mcft) and Veeranam 978.20 mcft (1465 mcft).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appeal to prune trees adjoining flyover



Sir, There is overgrowth of branches in the avenue trees growing adjoining the wall on one side of the Y Shaped Bazullah Road Flyover (T. Nagar).

As the sharp branches are extending into the carriage-way of the flyover, it poses danger to motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders.

The risk increases at night due to poor visibility.

Chennai Corporation must prune the trees early to prevent any untoward incident.

This photo was taken on Oct. 23. **P. Raman, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar.**

Water stagnates on Vyasur Street



Sir, Even after light showers, water stagnates on Vyasur Street (T.Nagar).

With northeast monsoon bringing heavy rains, the residents of the street fear that water will enter the compound of low-lying houses.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to desilt the storm water drains on Vyasur Street and its adjoining streets. **P. Rameshbabu, Vyasur Street, T. Nagar.**

Corporation to remove caste name from street name boards

By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has begun a massive drive to remove caste-based names from around 3,400 streets across the city by November 19, replacing them with names of leaders, flowers, or other socially neutral terms.

The initiative follows a Tamilnadu Government directive instructing all local bodies to identify and rename streets that reflect caste identities.

An official said that once the list is finalised, councillors will be directed to conduct Area Sabha Meetings in their respective wards to decide on new names through public consensus.

Officials explained that the renaming process will follow a clear pattern. If a road name includes a caste surname, it will be shortened into an initial, and if the entire name denotes a caste, it will be replaced with the name of a leader or a flower.

In cases where the caste name is used as a suffix, only that portion will be removed. For instance, in T. Nagar, G.N. Chetty Road was renamed Gopathy Narayana Road. In West Mambalam, streets such as Srinivasa (I) Street, Balakrishna (N) Street, and Srinivasa (P) Street now carry initials instead of caste surnames.

Free bhajan, naamasankeerthanam classes

By Our Staff Reporter

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

It is open to all age groups.

For more details, call 98400 15908, 80561 96410.

Water seeps through walls of subways



By Our Staff Reporter

After heavy rains, water stagnates in the storm water drain adjoining Rangarajapuram Subway for 2-wheelers in West Mambalam, and seeps from cracks in the wall of the subway. The water which seeps through, stagnates on the road and makes it slushy.

It hinders movement of 2-wheelers.

Similar is the problem on Madley Subway (T. Nagar) where rain water seeps from the cracks in the walls and stagnates on the road.

This photo was taken on Oct. 22.

Two held for stealing gold chain

22-year-old Karan Bahadur was arrested on Oct. 21 on charge of stealing a 6 sovereign gold chain from his owner Jayalakshmi's house in Bharatheeswarar Colony (Kodambakkam) on Oct. 19.

He sold the chain and used the money to buy two iPhones. Jayalakshmi noticed the gold chain, which she had kept in her cupboard, missing on Oct. 20 (Deepavali Day).

Her son filed a complaint in Vadapalani police station.

Following investigation, police found that on Jayalakshmi's request, Karan and his 15-year-old friend had cleaned the house ahead of Deepavali. When police enquired Karan, he accepted stealing the gold chain while cleaning the house.

Police recovered the two iPhones and Rs. 54,000 cash from Karan.

While Karan was remanded in judicial custody, the juvenile was sent to a government home for boys.

Chennai Metro completes 35% of tunnelling in phase II



Nearly 35% of Chennai Metro Rail's underground network has been built for the upcoming Rs. 63,246 crores phase II project. Across the three corridors—Madhavaram to SIPCOT (corridor 3), Light House to Poonamallee (corridor 4) and Madhavaram to Sholinganallur (corridor 5) which constitute the 118.9 km phase II project, Chennai Metro has to bore for a total length of 69.05 km. Of the 16.29 kms to be tunnelled in the Poonamallee-Light House corridor (including Kodambakkam and T. Nagar), 7.56 km has been finished.

Officials said that the underground construction is gradually picking up pace, and so far, three tunnels including tunnelling from Panagal Park to Kodambakkam has been completed.

Household waste dumped outside temple tank



By Our Staff Reporter

Household waste in the form of damaged cushions and mattresses are seen dumped on the road margin adjoining the compound wall of K.R. Koil Temple Tank (Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam).

A nearby residents requests Chennai Corporation to remove the wastes from the spot.

Local resident presented Manithaneya Mamanigal award

In appreciation of this social service, T.K. Raghunathan (resident of T. Nagar and President of Mahalakshmi Badminton Club, T.Nagar) was felicitated with the Manithaneya Mamanigal award by TGS Ashram for his social services.

Though the Club, he has helped scores of orphaned and special children, organised free medical camps and blood donation drives at regular intervals.

New dresses gifted to 500 special/orphaned children

By Our Staff Reporter

The members of Mahalakshmi Badminton Club (Mahalakshmi Street, T.Nagar) celebrated Deepavali with orphaned and special children from various homes in a function organised at Infosys Hall (Bazullah Road, T.Nagar) on Oct. 12.

T.K. Raghunathan (President, Mahalakshmi Badminton Club) told *Mambalam Times* that 500 children participated in the event, and they were gifted new dresses worth Rs. 6 lakhs for Deepavali.

Money for the noble cause was sponsored by the members and their family members and friends.

The special children enthralled the audience by performing dance and cine songs. The Club has been conducting badminton tournaments for school students, blood donation camps, medical camps for the needy at regular intervals. The contact number of the club is 98406 39934.

Corporation sets up relief centres

Chennai Corporation has established 215 relief camps and 106 community

kitchens across the city to assist residents affected by the continuous rainfall triggered by the northeast monsoon.

Of these, 68 kitchens are currently operational, providing food to those sheltered in the camps. A 24-hour Integrated Command and Control Centre has been set-up to handle emergencies.

Around 22,000 personnel, including engineers, staff, and conservancy workers from the Corporation, along with 2,149 field staff from Metrowater have been deployed across the city to manage relief and maintenance operations.

Woman injured after tree falls on car

A morning commute turned dangerous for a family when a roadside avenue tree toppled and fell on the bonnet of their car on Sterling Avenue (Nungambakkam) in the morning on Oct. 18.

In the accident, P. Bhagyalakshmi (54) (resident of T. Nagar), traveling on the front passenger seat, sustained a head injury. Her daughter Susanthika (26), traveling in the back seat, and her son-in-law Santosh, who was at the wheels, escaped without any injury. Bhagyalakshmi was admitted in Kilpauk Medical College for treatment.

Police said that the incident happened at about 8.30 a.m.

The tree, whose roots had weakened, fell on the bonnet of the moving car, damaging it extensively.

Corporation workers cut and removed the tree within an hour to ease the traffic on the avenue road.



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Heavy duty pumps deployed in low-lying areas



By Our Staff Reporter

With northeast monsoon setting in, Chennai Corporation has deployed high power diesel water pumps in low-lying areas to pump out excess water to prevent water stagnation.

Photos taken on Oct. 22 shows pumps installed on Lakshmi Street, Mambalam High Road, Bazullah Road and Govindan Road in West Mambalam.



Water inflow rises sharply in Chembarambakkam reservoir

With the northeast monsoon intensifying across Tamilnadu, water inflow into Chembarambakkam Lake, a key drinking water source for Chennai, has risen sharply.

Official reports indicate the inflow has been increasing rapidly in the past week, with the water level steadily rising to 20.84 feet, against the lake's full capacity of 24 feet.

To prevent overflow and ensure safety, authorities have started releasing 100 cusecs of surplus water per second from the lake.

This reservoir supplies drinking water to several key areas in southern and central Chennai including Teynampet and Kodambakkam zones.

Officials are closely monitoring the inflow and water level amid continuous rainfall, taking necessary precautions to manage the surplus water release and minimize the risk of flooding in nearby low-lying areas.

Duraisamy subway is in bad condition



By Our Staff Reporter

The surface of the road in Duraisamy Subway (T. Nagar) is in battered condition.

There are a number of potholes and the surface is uneven. After rains, the subway turns slushy and slippery. Motorists are facing a hard time to drive through the subway leading to traffic snarls during peak hours. Two months back, Chennai Corporation had undertaken patchwork to fix damaged patches of the subway. Most of these patches have got washed away due to the persistent rains.

Following complaint by motorists, patch works were carried out on Oct. 23.

Photo taken at around 2 p.m on Oct. 22 shows heavy traffic congestion in the subway.



Big pothole on North Road



By Our Staff Reporter

A big pothole that has formed in the middle of North Road (West CIT Nagar, T. Nagar).

It poses danger to motorists, especially during rains, as the pothole gets hidden by water.

A damaged chair has been placed over the pothole to caution motorists.

Nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to repair the damaged portion of the road early.

This photo was taken on Oct23.

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3-day Kathak festival in Krishna Gana Sabha

By Our Staff Reporter

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It will feature renowned dancers including Anita Ratnam, Swati Potulwar, Uma Murli, Sailaja, Rama Bharadwaj, Revathi Ramachandran and the Devaniya ensemble.

For buying tickets, call 9940055892, 9094685771 or visit the website www.mdnd.in/mahal.

225 metric tonne of cracker waste collected in 3 days



Chennai Corporation collected a total of 225.87 metric tonnes of cracker waste from its 15 zones from Oct. 20 to Oct. 22 due to Deepavali celebrations. As per Corporation's data, Valasaravakkam Zone recorded the highest volume of 24.08 metric tonnes, followed by Kodambakkam Zone with 20.45 metric tonnes and Teynampet Zone with 19.84 metric tonnes. In contrast, Anna Nagar Zone generated the least cracker waste of with 7.18 metric tonnes.

On October 19, Corporation collected only 6.67 metric tonnes, which sharply increased to 71.78 metric tonnes on October 20, and more than doubled the following day as sweeping and secondary collection drives were expanded.

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Gifts were distributed to the differently abled persons.

T.A.P. Varadakutty (State President of the Association), Avin Gopinath (State General Secretary), Latha Rajendran (Principal, Dr. MGR Special School for Hearing Impaired) and other dignitaries were present.

During the event, writer K.G. Jawahar enthralled the audience with a concert on Bulbul Tarang instrument. The event ended with bursting of crackers.

Rain no obstacle for a determined cyclist



By Our Staff Reporter

An elderly man was seen cycling in the heavy rain while holding an umbrella in one hand to protect himself from the showers on Murugesan Street (T.Nagar) on Oct.21.

Elderly woman attacked by stray dogs

By Our Staff Reporter

70-year-old Bala Soudarya is undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Vadapalani after being bitten by stray dogs near her house in Rangarajapuram (Saidapet) on Oct. 23.

Police said that the incident happened when she was returning home on foot via Sri Nagar Colony.

When a pack of stray dogs chased her, she tried to run, but fell and injured her hip.

Even as the dogs attacked and bit her, the locals in the area chased them away after hearing her screams.

She was admitted in a private hospital for treatment.

Child battling for life after falling into bucket of water

By Our Staff Reporter

18-month-old Dhanush, son of Santhana Lakshmi and Sriram, is battling for life after he accidentally fell into a bucket of water in his neighbour's house in Jogi Thotaam (Teynampet) on Oct. 24.

Police said that after Sriram left for work, Santhana Lakshmi went to her neighbour's house with Dhanush as he had a mild fever.

While Santhana Lakshmi and the neighbour were talking, Dhanush went to the bathroom and fell into a bucket full of water kept there.

After a while, when Santhana Lakshmi realised that her son was missing, she searched for him and found him unconscious in the bucket of water and rescued him. Dhanush is undergoing treatment in a private hospital.

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, Oct. 26 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome.

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

Sewage water overflowing from manhole chamber



Sewage water has been overflowing from an underground manhole chamber (T.Nagar) for the past several days.

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An affected residents appeals to Metro-water to clear the block in the manhole chamber to prevent the overflow.

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