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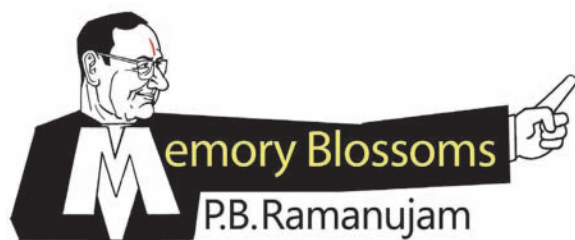
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Murder out of Love

This happened in December, 1987.

I had a good friend named Krishnamurthy who was living in Triplicane. He had great faith in astrology. Everyday he would consult the stars and say that the day was going to be good for him or bad for him.

I used to tell him not to be obsessed with astrology and, if mentally depressed for any reason, to go to a temple and pray to God, or meditate. But he would not listen.

Krishnamurthy had an affectionate family with wife (Usha), son (Sekhar) and daughter (Kala). He would often proudly tell me that his wife was a very good person and that his children were bright students in school.

I did not know that astrology would play a cruel game in his life.

One day he came to me with tears in his eyes and said that his astrologer had predicted that he would soon fall critically ill and die within a month, and had advised him to settle whatever properties he had in the names of his wife and children so that they would not face hardship after his death.

I told him not to believe the astrologer because nobody could predict death, and again advised him to visit a temple and pray for peace of mind.

The tragic incident happened on the day Chief Minister MGR died.

On that night, Krishnamurthy bought 4 Fruity bottles and added to their contents 5 Valium tablets each (powdered) and gave one each to his wife and two children. He did not drink his share but recorded in his diary: "10.40 pm - Usha died; 11.20 pm - Kala died; 12.00 midnight - Sekhar died. I killed them because they would find it extremely difficult to live after my death. I am now going to the beach to kill myself by drowning in the sea. No one else is responsible for our deaths".

Having written the diary Krishnamurthy went to the beach but, because of the huge crowd in the area consequent to MGR's death, he could not go near the water. Without knowing what else to do, he boarded a bus to Tirupati.

I got a phone call from Krishnamurthy's father at 6.30 the next morning, and he told me, "Krishnamurthy has killed his wife and children and has left a note. I do not know whether he himself is alive or not. I am totally distressed and am at a loss about what to do. Shall I get the bodies cremated without telling anyone the facts?"

I told him that he should inform the police first.

He said that informing the police would create complications.

I replied that not informing the police would create more complications, and advised him to inform the police without delay.

The police were informed and the usual formalities like autopsies were done and the bodies were cremated. Four days later, the Inspector of Police from Triplicane came into my office asking me, "Are you P.B. Ramanujam?"

I said, "Yes. What do you want?"

"I have come to take you to the police station in connection with the triple murder in Triplicane. Take with you a few sets of dresses because you will need them".

I was chilled to the bones.

Luckily, the then Deputy Commissioner of Police, R.V. Subramanian, was my good friend, and I dialled his number. It was my good fortune that he came on the line. I told him my situation, and he asked me to hand over the phone to the Inspector.



When the Inspector said that I was needed for investigation into a triple murder case, RVS told him, "Don't worry. Ramanujam is my good friend, and I will myself bring him to the station tomorrow. He will give full cooperation for the investigation".

The Inspector left after this conversation.

When we went to the police station the next day, the Inspector showed me Krishnamurthy's diary in which he had written 4 days earlier, "PBR is my god and I will not do anything without his knowledge. Though PBR tells me not to believe what my astrologer said, I am afraid of what will happen to my family when I am dead".

The Inspector recorded my statement and let me go.

Krishnamurthy was subsequently arrested, and the murder trial was held in the Sessions Court by Judge Mrs. Subbulakshmi (who was elevated as High Court Judge later).

When the trial was ready for judgment, Krishnamurthy requested me to persuade the judge to award him the death sentence. "Whom should I live for hereafter? I want to die", he pleaded.

I took pity on him, and went into the Judge's chamber and told her, "Madam, I do not wish to interfere in the course of justice but came to convey the request of the accused to award him the death sentence. His situation is pitiable".

She said, "No, no. I have studied the case fully. Usually, in a murder case, the motive is either money, or enmity, or revenge, or lust. In this case, the murders were purely out of his extreme love and affection for his wife and children. So I will not award him death sentence".

She later sentenced him to 5 years of rigorous imprisonment, and he was sent to Vellore jail.

In the midst of my other work I had forgotten this case when, one day, Krishnamurthy appeared before me in my office.

"I was released from jail yesterday and wanted to see your first", he said.

I enquired what he proposed to do next.

"I have decided to live usefully henceforth. One of my jailmates has 5 acres of land in his village in North Arcot district and he asked me to look after it till his release. I am going there and am going to do agriculture. As you used to advise me I am doing a lot of meditation nowadays and feel peaceful", saying which he departed.

I can never forget this case in which three murders had taken place out of pure love.

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Probus Club awards senior citizens

By Our Staff Reporter

Probus Club of Chennai (a Senior Citizens' Association) and Russian House celebrated the *International Day of the Elderly* on Oct. 25 at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture (74, Kasturi Rangan Road, Alwarpet).

The Club's President M. Annadhurai and T. S. Sridhar, IAS (Retd.) spoke on the occasion.

The Probus Recognition Awards were presented to Ervadi S. Radhakrishnan, Dr. D. K. S. Kalaivanan, and K. Ranga Ramanujam for their excellence in their chosen fields. The Probus Award of Excellence was presented to noted social activist V. Santhanam for his 5 decades of service to the society.

Mementos were presented to members above 75 years.

The 32nd edition of the book 'The Probus Way of Vibrant Ageing' was released on the occasion.

The book is priced Rs. 120.

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Appeal to trim low-lying branches

Residents of Paul Appasamy Street (T. Nagar) have appealed to Chennai Corporation to prune the low-lying branches of the avenue trees growing on the road as they block the illumination from street lights.

A resident said that some low-lying branches are cutting across the road or leaning into the carriageway, thereby posing danger to motorists and pedestrians.

Open drain filled with sewage water



By Our Staff Reporter

A 20-foot stretch of the storm water drain at junction of Rajamannar Street and Jagadambal Street, T. Nagar is lying open.

The drain which is 4-foot-wide and 6-foot-deep, is filled with sewage water.

As there are no barricades placed in front of the drain, it poses grave danger to motorists and pedestrians, especially at night due to poor visibility.

Nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to close the drain immediately.



வேடிக்கை நோயாளிகள்

மருத்துவர்கள் பார்க்கும் மனிதர்களில்தான் எத்தனை வகையான வேடிக்கை மனிதர்கள்!

அன்று கொஞ்சம் நிதானமாக மாலை கிளினிக்கிற்கு வந்தேன். என் வீட்டுக்குக் கீழ்வீட்டு மாமாவுக்குத் தலை சுற்றல். சுமார் ஒரு மணி நேரம் அவர் என்னை சுற்றி வந்ததால், சற்று தாமதமாகிவிட்டது. (ஒரு படத்தில் டி.ஏ.மதுரம் 'தலை சுத்துது' என்று சொல்ல, உடனே என்.எஸ்.கே 'முதுகு தெரியுதா?' என்பார்! யாருக்குத் தலை சுற்றல் என்று சொன்னாலும் இந்த ஜோக் நிச்சயமாக என் நினைவுக்கு வரும்!)

மிகவும் தெரிந்தவர்கள், உறவினர்கள் 'நோய்' என்று வீட்டுக்கு வந்தால் அவர்களைப் பார்த்து மருந்து எழுதிக் கொடுத்த பிறகு, அரை மணி நேரம் உலகளாவிய விவகாரங்கள் பேசிக் கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். கார்ப்பொரேஷன் குப்பை லாரி குப்பைகளை வாரி இறைப்பதிலிருந்து, 'டரம்ப்' ஏன் ஜெயிக்கவில்லை என்பது வரை அலசுவார்கள்! எல்லாம் முடிந்து போகும்போது திரும்பவும் ஒரு முறை பரிசீலிப்பதைக் காட்டி, 'இன்னொரு முறை எப்படி சாப்பிட வேண்டும் என்று சொல்லிவிடுங்கள். எனக்கு மறதி ஜாஸ்தி' என்பார்கள். நிரந்தரமாக ஓட்டிய புன்னகையுடன், திரும்பவும் சொல்லி அனுப்புகின்ற நேரம், மாமாவைத் தேடிக்கொண்டு மாமி வந்துவிட, 'இவருக்கு ஒண்ணுமில்லையே டாக்டர்?' என்ற கேள்விக்கு மீண்டும் ஒரு சுற்று (ஒரு முறை என்று அறிக!) பதில் சொல்லி சிரிக்க வேண்டியதிருக்கும். திரும்பினால் வீட்டுக்காரம்மா எட்டிப் பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். நேரமாகிறதே என்ற கவலைதான்! மாமி அகமும், முகமும் மலர பிரதோஷம் முதல் அன்றைய டிவி சீரியலில் நடக்கும் மாமியார், மருமகன் சண்டை வரை பேசுவதற்கு ஆள் கிடைத்த மகிழ்ச்சியில் இருக்க, எனக்கு கடிக்காரம் பார்த்துத் தலைசுற்றத் தொடங்கிவிடும்!

உள்ளே நுழைந்த பாட்டிக்கு எண்பது வயதிருக்கலாம். அரக்கு நிறப் புடவையில் பச்சை நிற பார்டர், காதில் பெரிய பாம்படம், 'எப்போது வேண்டுமானாலும் விழுந்துவிடுவேன்' என்று பயமுறுத்தியது.

'கொழந்தைக்குப் பாக்கணும். வந்துகிட்டே இருக்காங்க' என்றபடி எதிரில் வந்து அமர்ந்தாள். பின்னாலேயே வந்த அவளுடைய மகன் (அப்படித்தான் இருக்க வேண்டும். ஐம்பது வயதிருக்கலாம்.) பாட்டிக்கு அருகில் இன்னொரு சேரில் அமர்ந்தார். சிரித்தபடி நானும் குழந்தைக்காகக் காத்திருந்தேன். யாரையும் காணாததால், 'வந்துகிட்டு இருக்காங்களா?' என்று பொதுவாகக் கேட்டு வைத்தேன்.

'யாரு?'
'குழந்தைதான்; பேஷன்ட் வருவதாகச் சொன்னீங்களே.'
என்னைப் பூச்சியைப் பார்ப்பதைப் போலப் பார்த்து, காவிய் பல் தெரிய சிரித்த பாட்டி, 'இவந்தான் கொழந்தை, என் ரெண்டாவது மகன்' என்றாள்.

சில வீடுகளில் குழந்தை என்றே பெயர் வைத்திருப்பார்கள். அப்படி நினைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும்போதே பாட்டி, 'பேரு சண்முவம். என் ரெண்டாவது கொழந்தை' என்றாள்.

நல்ல வேளை ஐம்பது வயதுக் குழந்தையை இடுப்பில் தூக்கி வராமல் இருந்தாளே. நம்ம உளர்த் தாய்ப்பாசம் நம்மை வியக்கத்தான் வைக்கிறது!

சில பேஷனடுகள், தன் கம்பளைனடுகளை ஒரு தாளில் (ஒரு வீட்டில் இரண்டு பக்கத்துக்குக் குறையாமல் 1, 2, 3 என்று வரிசைப்படி, நுணுக்கி நுணுக்கி எழுதியிருப்பதுதான் வழக்கம்!) எழுதி வந்து கேட்பார்கள். இவர்களுக்கு நிச்சயமாக 'அங்ஸைடி' எனப்படும் பட்டப்படி நிலை இருப்பது உறுதி! ஒன்று ஒன்றாகக் கேட்டு டிக் செய்வார்கள். 'இரவில் கிரை சாப்பிடலாமா?' என்பதிலிருந்து, 'சர்க்கரை வியாதிக்கு எவ்வளவு வெந்தயம் சாப்பிட வேண்டும்?' என்பது வரை கேள்விகளை அடுக்குவார்கள். பொறுமை கடலினும் பெரிது என்பதற்கேற்ப, சிரித்தபடியே முடிந்த வரையில் பதில் சொல்வது பழகிப்போய் விட்டது. எல்லாம் முடிந்து வெளியே சென்று, மீண்டும் உள்ளே வந்து, 'ஒன்று மறந்துவிட்டது. இந்த மருந்துகளினால் 'சைடு எஃபெக்ட் ஒன்றும் இருக்காதே?' என்று கேட்டு, பதிலுக்குக் கூடக் காத்திருக்காமல், தலையை ஆட்டியபடியே போய்விடுவார்கள்.

எப்போதும் இப்படிக்கே கேள்விக் கணைகளைத் தாளில் தாங்கி வரும் பெண்மணி ஒருமுறை கையில் ஹாண்ட்பேக் இல்லாமல் வந்தார். 'ஆஹா, தப்பித்தோம் இன்று' என்று நினைத்த சந்தோஷம் நிலைக்கவில்லை. 'அடடா, கைப்பையை மறந்துவிட்டேனே' என்றவர் ஒரு சில நொடிகளில், 'நல்லவேளை எதற்கும் இருக்கட்டும் என்று ஒரு காப்பி எடுத்து வைத்துக் கொண்டது நல்லதாய்ப் போயிற்று' என்று சொல்லி, எதிர்ப் பக்கம் திரும்பி ஒரு பேப்பரை எடுத்துக் கேள்விகளை வாசிக்கத் தொடங்கினார். உண்மையிலேயே எனக்குத் தலை சுற்றத் தொடங்கியது!

கை கட்டை விரலில் அடிபட்ட நண்பருக்குக் கட்டுப் போட்ட பிறகு, 'நான் ஃபுட்டபால் ஆட முடியுமா?' என்று கேட்டார். நான் சற்று வியப்புடன், 'கையில், அதுவும் கட்டை விரலில்தானே அடி. தாராளமாக ஃபுட்டபால் ஆடலாம்' என்றேன். அவர் சிரித்தபடியே 'எனக்கு ஃபுட்டபால் ஆடத் தெரியாதே' என்று ஜோக் அடித்தார். 'நே' என்று முழித்தேன்!

எதிரில் வந்து அமர்ந்து, 'என்ன உடம்புக்கு?' என்று கேட்டவுடன், 'நீதான் பட்சிக் கிறியே, இன்னன்னு கண்டுபிடியேன்' என்று சவால் விடும் அப்பாவிகளைப் பார்த்திருக்கிறேன்!

'ஸார், எனக்குக் கண்ணெல்லாம் எரியுது, வாய் காயுது, உடம்பெல்லாம் வலிக்குது. 'ஜாக்ரன் ஸின்ட்ரோம்' ஆ இருக்கும்னு நினைக்கிறேன். (குகிள் சாமியிடம் பாடம் கேட்டு வந்திருக்கிறார் என்பது உள்ளங்கை நெல்லிக்கனி) கொஞ்சம் செக் பண்ணி சொல்றீங்களா?' என்னும் அறிவு ஜீவிகளும் வருவதுண்டு!

டாக்டர்களைப் பற்றிய ஜோக்குகள் பிரபலமானவை. எப்போதும் ஸ்ட்ரெஸ்ஸுடன் பணிபுரியும் டாக்டர்களுக்கு இப்படிப்பட்ட பேஷனடுகள் கொஞ்சம் ரிலீஃப் கொடுப்பார்கள் என்பது எவ்வளவு உண்மையோ அவ்வளவு உண்மை தலைவலியையும் கொடுப்பார்கள் என்பது!



Diabetic Retinopathy Project launched

By Our Staff Reporter

Project RADAR (Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project, in association with Rotary Club) was launched for the 13th consecutive year on Oct. 28 on the occasion of World Diabetes Day in Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar).



Devendran (District Governor, Rotary 3233) was the Chief Guest.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that pamphlets were released to promote awareness on Diabetic Retinopathy to be distributed amongst the public. The project of distributing pamphlets is spearheaded by Rotary club of Chennai Towers.

She said that for the first time in India, a novel Virtual Reality (VR) platform and Kiosk were launched to spread awareness about diabetic retinopathy. The Kiosk will also be used to allay the fears in the minds of patients especially with

regard to treatment and intraocular injections, she added. She gave a presentation and demonstrated the VR platform to show how vision could be impaired in diabetic retinopathy.

Dr. Praveen Krishna

(Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that diabetic patients should get their eyes examined at least once a year.

For more details, visit <https://radhatri-nethralaya.com>.

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Household wastes removed after report



By Our Staff Reporter

Following the report 'Household waste dumped outside temple tank' published in *Mambalam Times* (Oct. 26 – Nov. 1 issue), the wastes in the form of damaged cushions and mattresses dumped on the road margin adjoining the compound wall of K.R. Koil Temple Tank (Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam) were removed by workers of Chennai Corporation on Oct. 28. The space and its surroundings which were in an unhygienic condition, were also cleaned by the workers.

Nearby residents thank Chennai Corporation for its quick action and *Mambalam Times* for highlighting the issue.

Arcot Road turns chaotic for motorists



By Our Staff Reporter

Despite Chennai Metro releasing Rs. 7.11 crores to Chennai Corporation to relay the Arcot Road stretch from Vadapalani to Alwarthirunagar in July, inaction by the civic body has left the roads riddled with potholes, leaving residents and motorists in the lurch. The onset of the northeast monsoon has made the stretch unmotorable due to waterlogging in many places.

The 4-km stretch is filled with potholes, loose gravel, and dumped construction materials. Parked lorries and craters further reduce usable road space, making it difficult for vehicles to move smoothly. Residents and motorists say the condition has remained the same for months, with no major repair work carried out despite repeated complaints.

Chennai Metro officials said that they will start laying roads on the stretch without waiting for Corporation as conditions are worsening by the day.

Metro rail work along Arcot Road, to connect Vadapalani and Porur, began five years back, and commuting via the road has been a bumpy ride since then.

Deputy Mayor M. Maheshkumar said that the stretch will be relaid post-monsoon.

Lunch boxes gifted to special students

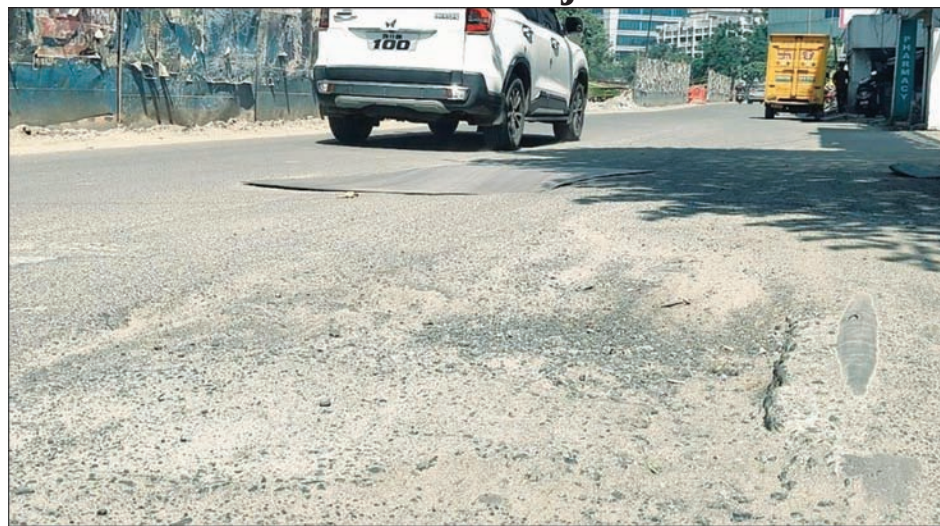
By Our Staff Reporter

The staff members and students of Kalpavriksha Free Tuition Centre (Nagarathinammal Street, West Mambalam) celebrated Diwali with the special children of BVSN Special School on Oct. 19.

Insulated lunch boxes were gifted to all the students.

It was followed by lunch and dances performances to entertain the special children.

Anna Salai is in battered condition near Nandanam junction



By Our Staff Reporter

Following complaints by residents and motorists about damaged road and pavements along the arterial Anna Salai, the Highways Department began restoring the stretches last week.

But the work got stalled due to incessant rains from Oct. 27.

Motorists pointed to the poor condition of Anna Salai from Teynampet signal to Apollo Hospitals.

The stretch is full of potholes that get hidden by water following rains, an

autorickshaw driver said. He said that the stretch from Nandanam junction to the Cenotaph Road is the worst, and has been further accentuated by the elevated corridor work. He said that at least immediate patch works must be done to cover the potholes for the safety of motorists.



Empty drums dumped on road margin



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of metal drums in damaged condition are seen dumped on the road margin at the junction of North Road and South Usman Road (near Nandhi Statue, T. Nagar). They block the way for pedestrians and motorists.

This photo was taken on Oct.31.

Couple, accomplice held for murder in K.K. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

Police on Oct. 29 arrested three persons, including a couple, in connection with the murder of a government contractor in Ashok Nagar.

The accused were identified as Dhananchezhian (42), an employee of the State Transport Corporation, his wife Suganya (37), and their friend Gunasundari (27).

The victim, Prakash (31) of Puducherry, was a government contractor and a former schoolmate of Suganya.

Police investigations revealed that Suganya had worked in Prakash's firm, during which the two allegedly developed a relationship.

The affair reportedly led to Prakash's wife separating from him, while Suganya's husband, Dhananchezhian, also parted ways but continued monitoring her activities.

On Oct. 29, Prakash, who had come to Chennai for a business meet, went for lunch with Suganya and Gunasundari.

While Prakash and Suganya were talking in his car, Dhananchezhian, tipped off by Gunasundari, arrived at the spot, attacked Prakash with a knife, and fled along with his wife. Bystanders who witnessed the attack alerted police.

The injured Prakash was taken to ESI Hospital (K.K. Nagar), where doctors declared him brought dead. His body was transferred for post-mortem examination to Royappettah Government Hospital. Ashok Nagar police have registered a case of murder and are conducting further investigations.

Foundation stone laid for expanding PHC

By Our Staff Reporter

The foundation stone for the construction of 1st and 2nd floors for Primary Health Centre (PHC) (Govindan Road, near Reddy Kuppam Road, West Mambalam) was laid on Oct. 31.

The floors will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.75 crores from the constituency development fund of Ma. Subramaniam (MLA, Saidapet and Minister of Health and Family Welfare).

M. Krishnamurthy (Chairman, Corporation Zone 10), M. Sridhar (Executive Engineer, Ward 14) and other officials of Chennai Corporation were present.

Sewage water overflowing from manhole chamber



Sewage water is overflowing from a manhole chamber and stagnating on the road at the junction of Burkit Road and Usman Road (T. Nagar) for the past several days.

The nearby shopkeepers request Metrowater to remove the block from the manhole chamber to prevent the overflow. This photo was taken on Oct.31.

Composes devotional songs

Devotional songs on Amman and Lord Muruga, written and composed by M. Thavaseelan (resident of H 1470, H Block 21st Street, Anna Nagar), was released at a function held in Vadapalani on Oct. 29.

The songs, sung by Dhanashri, Mahanya Shri, Raagham sisters, Sivaranjani and Nalina Shri can be heard on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/vxDyC5hrnXA?si=hydQ8R81F15SkIfR> and on the Saregama App.

He has composed a number of devotional songs that have been sung by leading vocalists like P. Suseela, Soolamangalam Sisters, L. R. Eswari, Radha Jayalakshmi, Veeramani and Vani Jayaram.

He is a Columnist in Malai Murasu and writes articles in the monthly magazine 'Kavithai Uravu'.

He had retired as Assistant Commissioner of Civil Supplies. His contact number is 94448 06930.

Free computer course for the underprivileged

Indian Development Foundation (IDF) (6, PP-1 School Street, Mogappair West) offers free computer courses to the poor. The 60-day course will cover the basics, browsing and MS Office applications including Word, Excel and Power Point.

The next batch will start in the 1st week of November.

The classes will be held in three batches, from 3 p.m to 4 p.m, from 4.15 p.m to 5.15 p.m, and from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m. Anyone above 12 from underprivileged families can join the course.

The Programme Officer told *Anna Nagar Times* that all applications will be vetted to ensure that only the poor are benefited. She said that IDF is a National-level NGO committed to health, education and development of the deprived community.

For more details and registration, contact 98846 82938 or 99402 87784.

The Foundation appeals to the readers of *Anna Nagar Times* to refer deserving persons to join the course.

Muthuramalinga Thevar's birth anniversary celebrated



By Our Staff Reporter

On the occasion of the 118th birth anniversary of spiritual leader Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar and the 63rd Guru Poojai festival, the T. Nagar Madhya Mandali led by its President Thiruvaramoorthy and E. Sanjeevi (President, BJP South Chennai District) offered prayers and floral tribute to the portrait of Muthuramalinga Thevar at BJP Office (Ganapathy Street, T. Nagar) on Oct. 30.

Senior members of the Mandali including Thanjai Ramanathan, Panchali Vikram Ramesh, Jubilee Ramesh, Selvaraj, and BJP party members were present.

Sewage water leaking into Madley Subway

By Our Staff Reporter

Contaminated water is leaking from the drain pipe and stagnating on Madley Subway for over a week.

It is causing a foul smell and is a severe health hazard.

This photo was taken on Oct. 31.

The pipeline connects the storm water drain of Easwaran Koil Street with the storm water drain on Madley Road.



Name board topples



By Our Staff Reporter

The name board of Raman Street (T. Nagar) and a 'No Parking' sign post installed at the spot toppled a month back.

They are seen dumped on the road margin adjoining the compound wall of Corporation Park.

Nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to refix the name board and the sign post.

This photo was taken on Oct.29.

Free Orthopaedic check-up on Nov. 9

By Our Staff Reporter

Jaya Speciality Clinic will conduct free Orthopaedic check-up from 9 a.m to 2 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 9 in its clinic in 18, Kodambakkam Road, Mettupalayam, West Mambalam.

Headed by Dr. M. Balachandar (MBBS, MS (Ortho)), orthopaedic surgeons and specialists in Robotic Joint Replacement and Arthroscopy surgeries will assess the patients and create awareness about bone and joint problems.

Patients can avail free X-ray, blood sugar test, Vitamin D test, Bone Mineral Density test, followed by consultation.

Other than the registration fee is Rs. 100, all other services mentioned above are free.

The camp will benefit patients suffering from joint pain, arthritis, back pain, or any musculoskeletal issues.

The clinic will also offer information on advanced treatments such as Robotic Knee and Hip Replacement, Arthroscopic Surgery, and Sports Injury Management.

Due to paucity of time, slots are available only for the first 100 registrations.

Call 94450 32227 to register for the camp.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appeal to replace toilet door in park

The toilet in Corporation Park (Ellaiaimman Kovil Street, West Mambalam) cannot be put to use as its door is damaged.

In spite of complaints, no action is taken by the Area Engineer of Ward 140 to replace the door.

As the park visitors are inconvenienced, I appeal to Chennai Corporation for immediate action.
Chandramouli, Ph: 9551066577



Exposed cables unsafe for pedestrians



By Our Staff Reporter

Live EB cables jutting out of a junction box are lying exposed on the pavement outside Door No. 44/21, Bageerathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar.

It poses grave danger to unwary pedestrians.

Nearby residents request Tamilnadu Electricity Board to bury the cables to prevent any untoward incident.

Open drain unsafe for pedestrians



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of the storm water drain chamber outside Door No. 44/21 (Bageerathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) is lying open as it is damaged and the cover is missing.

It poses danger to unwary pedestrians, especially children.

Sand bags have been kept in front of the open drain to caution pedestrians.

Nearby residents request Chennai Corporation to close the open drain immediately to prevent any untoward incident.

Dismantled bus shelter resting on compound wall



By Our Staff Reporter

The bus shelter installed on Govindan Road (outside Bashyakara Adikesava Perumal Temple, West Mambalam) was dismantled as Chennai Corporation had dug a trench along the road margin to build a storm water drain.

Though the work was completed last month, the bus shelter has not been reinstalled.

It is seen resting against the compound wall of the temple.

This photo was taken on Oct.30.

Damaged mattresses dumped on pavement



By Our Staff Reporter

A number of used mattresses in damaged condition are seen dumped on the pavement at the junction of Rathan Das Street and Bakthavatchalam Street (adjoining Corporation Playground, West Mambalam). This photo was taken on Oct. 30.

Abandoned car blocks carriageway

By Our Staff Reporter

A car in dilapidated condition is seen parked on the road margin on Giri Street (near G.N. Chetty Road junction, T. Nagar).

Its windscreen is broken and the tyres are deflated.

As it is an eyesore, and blocks the usable width of the carriageway, nearby residents request traffic police to remove the vehicle from the spot.



Metro trains to get upgraded door safety system

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has awarded a contract to Faiveley Transport Rail Technologies India Private Limited to design and install an anti-drag passenger door safety system in all 52 trains of the phase I network.

At present, the automatic sliding doors of the coaches have an obstacle detection system. But this new feature is an upgraded door safety mechanism for commuters and if any slim object gets caught in the door, this system will initiate an emergency brake and communicate to the train operator.

An official said that the advanced system can detect any "pull" or "drag" force. If such an item is dragged as the train begins to move, the system will automatically trigger the emergency brake and provide an instant alert to the train operator through the driver's console for immediate action.

This feature will be introduced in all trains in the phase II network as well.

Man kills son and himself over financial distress

By Our Staff Reporter

Caught in financial distress, 36-year-old K. Naveen (Audit Officer, Controller of Defence Accounts Office, Teynampet) ended his life by jumping in front of a moving train near Villivakkam Railway Station in the early hours on Oct. 27.

Before leaving his house in Anna Nagar, he slashed the necks of his wife and 7-year-old son, who were sleeping, leading to the boy's death. The woman is in a critical condition, undergoing treatment.

Police said that Naveen had lost lakhs of rupees in online trading, and was in a financial distress and deep debts.

On Oct. 27, after slashing his wife and son, he informed his mother living in T. Nagar of his ghastly act and left home.

Based on the mother's information, police rescued the woman and the child and moved them to a hospital.

Hoax bomb threats continue to keep police on their toes

By Our Staff Reporter

In the last four weeks, police and bomb squad personnel have been kept on their toes due to emails of bomb threats received by political leaders, VIPs, celebrities, and even the Director-General of Police (DGP).

Police said the senders used multiple fake email IDs targeting either the DGP's official mail or the individuals directly.

After investigation and thorough search of the premises, all these have been found to be hoax bomb threats.

The latest threats were on Oct. 27 when emails sent to the Tamilnadu DGP's office claimed that RDX bombs had been planted at the residences of actors Rajinikanth and Dhanush, and Tamilnadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president K. Selvaperunthagai.

Two weeks back, similar mails were sent to the DGP's official mail ID, claiming that explosives were placed at the Raj Bhavan in Guindy, the BJP office in T. Nagar, and Music Director Ilaiyaraaja's house in T. Nagar.

As the senders use the dark web, it is hard for us to trace them. But we are pursuing all the leads," a senior police officer said.

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It blocks the way for pedestrians. Nearby residents appeal to TNEB to remove the cable from the pavement.

Heavy rains expose bad condition of roads

In the incessant rains in the last few days due to the onset of Northeast monsoon, the poor condition of several roads in the city including T. Nagar got exposed, causing hardship to motorists. It includes arterial, interior, and bus route roads, many of which are riddled with potholes and battered surfaces.

Due to clogging of storm water drains and sewer chambers, there was waterlogging on some interior roads and overflow of sewage. Some residents reported sewage mixed rain water

entering the compound of low-lying houses, and polluting the metro water sump.

Unlike last year, there was no stagnation reported on roads adjoining Pondy Bazaar, G.N. Chetty Road and Venkatanarayana Road.

Some key roads in K.K. Nagar, such as Natesan Road and Lakshmanaswamy Salai, are in bad shape as some stretches have been dug by Metro-water to carry out repairs.

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Panchapakesan felicitated by Penakkal Peravai



By Our Staff Reporter

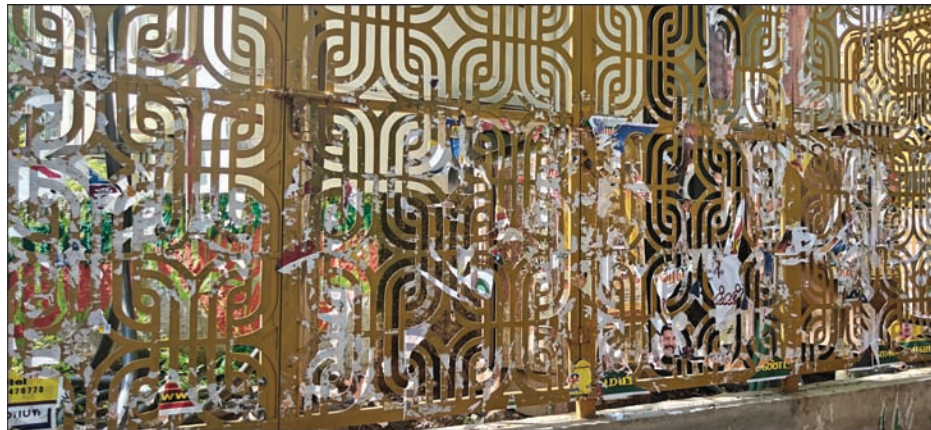
N. Panchapakesan (Founder, Chennai Sai Sankara Matrimonials, 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) was felicitated for decades of his exemplary service in the field of matrimony by the literary forum Penakkal Peravai at a program held in Anna Centenary Library Building (Kotturpuram) last week in the presence of N.C. Mohandass (President, Penakkal Peravai) and other dignitaries.

Panchapakesan has been instrumental in organising more than 2 lakhs marriages over the past 35 years through his firms Chennai Sai Sankara Matrimonials (for Brahmins) and Chennai Sai Muruga Matrimonials (for other castes). He is also extending free services exclusively for differently abled through Chennai Sai Thunai Matrimonials.

He is a philanthropist and supports literary, cultural and Vedic activities.

During the event, Lion Gopinath (State General Secretary of Udayikkaram Association for the Welfare of Differently Abled, Ashok Nagar), Lena Tamilvanan, Udhayam Ram (Secretary, Uratha Sindanai) and Santhakumar were also felicitated.

Fence around transformer defaced with posters



To prevent pasting of posters and dumping garbage, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) has erected high metal fences around EB junction boxes and transformers on several streets in the neighbourhood.

Music therapy for expectant moms

By Our Staff Reporter

Carnatic vocalist and educator Divyalashmi Kamalakannan (resident of Shenoy Nagar) has designed a programme to help expectant mothers explore music therapy for both self and the unborn child.

The six-month curriculum (both online and offline), includes simple vocal exercises, the basics of Western music theory and introductory piano training.

She told *Mambalam Times* that her inspiration comes from her own journey of becoming a mother.

"My daughter Aarohi could identify 1,000 pictures when she was just one-and-a-half years old and played the violin at 3.5 years. As a vocal trainer, I sang almost daily during the period of my pregnancy, and that constant exposure did play a role" she said.

She has also researched on the role of music with a small circle of expectant mothers for over four years, many of whom shared positive experiences.

For more details, call 90032 25123.



Special poojas in Sai Seva Samaj this week

By Our Staff Reporter

Special poojas will be held in Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jai Shankar Street, West Mambalam) this week.

The following are the details.

Monday, Nov.3:
4.30 p.m.: Special abhishekam for Spadiga lingam.

Wednesday, Nov.5:
6.30 p.m.: Satyanarayana poojai.

Saturday, Nov.8:
6.30 p.m.: Sankatahara Chaturthi

All are welcome.

The Samaj is constructing a 3-storey building for annadhaanam and other functions opposite the temple.

Donations are welcome. For more details, call 84282 42842 or 93428 50974 or 72004 33455.

Free eye screening for diabetic patients

By Our Staff Reporter

Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar) offers free eye screening for diabetic patients daily from 9 a.m to 10.30 a.m till Nov. 30 in its premises.

The test will screen for diabetic retinopathy, a complication of diabetes that affects the eyes and impairs vision.

Patients must carry their latest blood sugar report when coming for consultation.

For appointments, call 94454 38681.

Free yoga classes held daily in JeevaPark

Bharatiya Yog Sanshan conducts free yoga classes daily for all age groups from 6 a.m to 7 a.m in Jeeva Park (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

Asanas, pranayama and pratyahara are taught.

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Additional ticket counters opened in Saidapet metro station

By Our Staff Reporter

After repeated requests by commuters, Chennai Metro has opened ticket counters and ticketing gates in all the entry/exit points in the underground Saidapet metro station.

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