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Brahmotsavam in Venkatesa Perumal temple

By Our Staff Reporter
 Brahmotsavam will be performed in Sri Padma-vathi Sametha Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Kovil (MGR Nagar, K.K. Nagar) from April 29 to May 10. Procession of presiding deity in special vahanam will be held daily in the morning and evening.

Thirukalyanam will be performed at 4 p.m on Friday, May 8.

Following are the program details:

Wednesday, April 29: 7.30 p.m: Selvar Utsavam

Thursday, April 30: 5 p.m to 7 p.m: Angurarpanam, followed by procession

Friday, May 1: 5.30 a.m: Dwajaroohanam and Surya Prabhai; 7 p.m: Chandra Prabhai

Saturday, May 2: 7 a.m: Hamsa Vahanam; 7 p.m: Simma Vahanam

Sunday, May 3: 7 a.m: Sesha Vahanam; 7 p.m: Hanumantha Vahanam

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Tuesday, May 5: 7 a.m: Nachiyaar Thirukolam; 7 p.m: Garud Sevai

Wednesday, May 6: 7 a.m: Special abhishekam; 7 p.m: Gaja Vahanam

Thursday, May 7: 7 a.m: Temple chariot procession; 7 p.m: Special alangaaram

Friday, May 8: 4 p.m: Thirukalyanam

Saturday, May 9: Procession in the morning and evening

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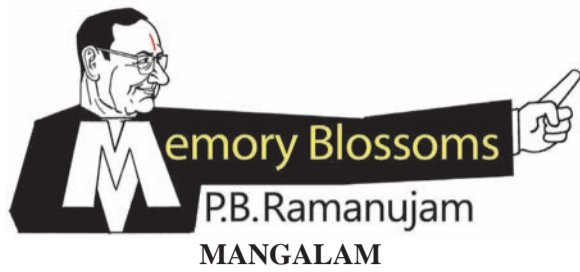
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The time has come for us to part ways. I deeply appreciate the encouragement shown to my Memory Blossoms column by the readers of *Mambalam Times* during the past 52 weeks.

In my early college days, I came across a thought that has stayed with me ever since: "The most beautiful things are not associated with money; they are memories and moments. If you do not celebrate those, they can pass you by".

When I completed 60 years at the Bar, I felt it was time to record some of my memories. A few of those found their way as Memory Blossoms in *Mambalam Times*.

I must place on record my gratitude to Editor K.S. Ramakrishnan who, being my brother's batch mate in the 1961 IAS batch, encouraged me to record these memories. I come from a middle class family. I lost my father when I was a student in law college. He had retired as Commissioner of Income Tax after completing 30 years as an honest officer. He was leading a retired life for 20 years but his sons were not yet settled in life. My elder brother was undergoing training as an IAS officer in Mussoorie and another elder brother had just joined Neyveli Lignite Corporation as an engineer. I was in law college and my younger brother was studying B. Com in Loyola College. Educating us further was a heavy burden on my two elder brothers, but they helped us financially to complete our college education. Without their support, we both would have been college dropouts.

I was an average student, neither intelligent nor stupid. After I got my Law degree, my cousin, who was a Chartered Accountant, took me to Mr. N.C. Raghavachari's house-cum-office. At first look he told me that if I wanted to succeed as a lawyer, I must get accustomed to cold rice at night and a sleeping wife when I got home after work. By God's grace, I could escape cold rice as well as a sleeping wife, nor even a weeping wife, in my life.

Now, I am aged 85 years, not out.

One wife, so far; One son, the Almighty has placed him in a high position in the judiciary; One daughter, happily married and settled in US; One elder sister, who is like a mother to me; Two elder brothers; I am grandfather to three grand daughters and a grandson.

I no longer attend the courts but restrict myself to chamber practice.

Though litigation is remunerative to a lawyer, my approach to the profession was to first try to effect a compromise between the parties, especially if they were related to each other. In most such cases, it is the parties' ego which impels them to resort to litigation which would then create a permanent rupture in their future relationship. I used to tell them the proverb "விட்டுக்கொடுத்தவன் கெட்டுப் போனதில்லை" and had often succeeded in their giving up fruitless litigation. In one such dispute between a brother and a sister, the brother accepted a compromise suggested by me when I jocularly said, "Who knows, when they both grow up, your son and your sister's daughter may even fall in love and wish to get married". What I said came true and at their wedding, the brother introduced me to the couple, "You are getting married today only because of him".

In divorce cases particularly, my advice to the couple to adjust and compromise had saved quite a few marriages.

So, even in the early days of my career, I came to be known as 'panchayat vakil' which title I did not mind at all.

Regarding *Mambalam Times*, it is a long-standing weekly neighbourhood newspaper, established as early as 1993. After my articles came every Sunday, I used to get calls from various quarters from Monday onwards. When I was in Guruvayur in November, 2025 to attend a marriage, a stranger approached me and said that he enjoyed reading my articles in Sunday *Mambalam Times*. When I asked him how, he replied that, though he resided in Mylapore, he regularly visited his parents at West Mambalam on Sundays where he would read *Mambalam Times*. My friends in the bar also used to read these articles and discuss them with me.

As I conclude, I extend my best wishes to all readers of *Mambalam Times* for peace, happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

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A heathy Nagalingam tree on Pinjala Subramainam Street

By Our Staff Reporter

A decades old tall Nagalingam tree (also called Shiva Linga tree) stands on the pavement of Pinjala Subramaniam Street (T. Nagar).

The tree is in good health with a number of its cannon ball like fruits hanging from its branches.

A small temple has been constructed near the base of the tree where a number of nearby residents offer prayers.

The fruit is edible and is commonly fed to cattle and livestock. It has many medicinal benefits. The extracts of the tree are used to treat hypertension, tumours, pain and inflammation.



Paalkudam procession on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Chitra Pournami, paal kudam procession will be taken out at 7.30 a.m on Friday, May 1 from Ellaiamman Temple (Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam).

The procession will begin from the temple and go along Gandhi Street, Easwaran Koil Street, K.R. Koil Street and Arangappan Street.

Devotees interested in participating in the procession, can contact the temple priest in 98414 75566.

Man injured in pet dog attack

26-year-old Aditya (resident of Ashok Nagar) suffered severe injuries after he was attacked and bitten by a pet dog in Valasaravakkam on April 16. The incident happened when he was waiting for a call taxi to return home after visiting a friend in Valasaravakkam. While he was waiting, a pet dog jumped over the gate of a nearby house and attacked him, and bit him on the leg.

On hearing Aditya's screams, the dog owner and passersby drove away the dog and rescued the victim.

He is undergoing treatment in a private hospital.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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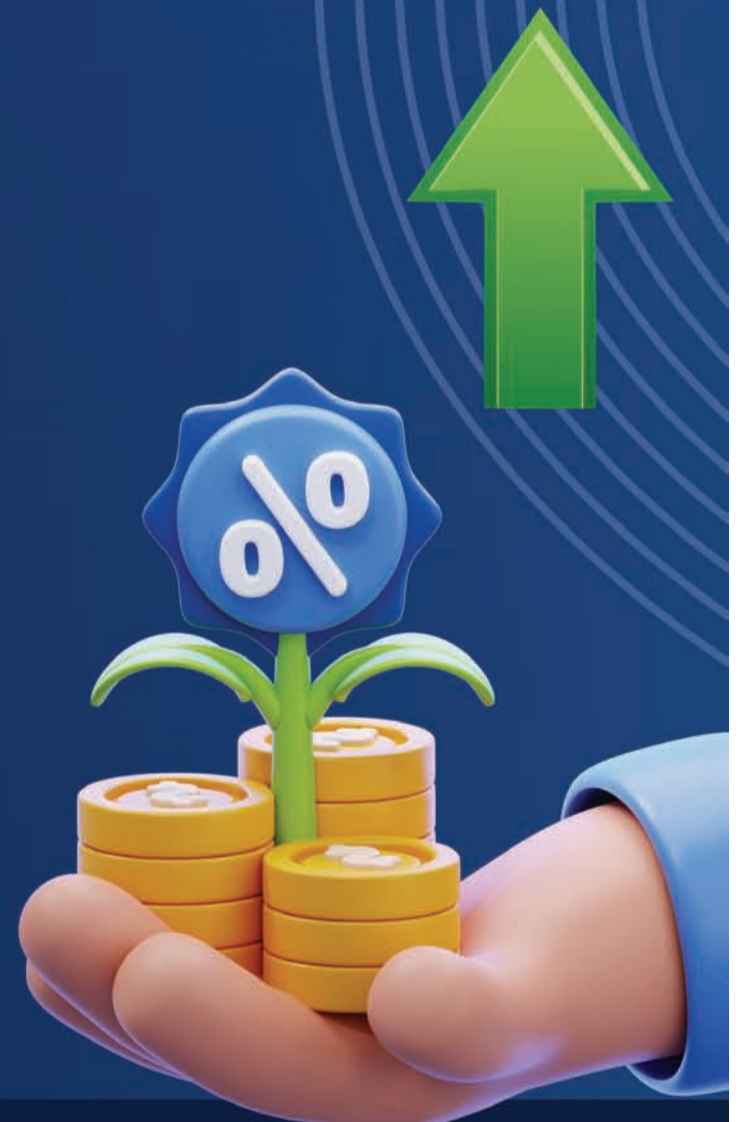
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வரன் தேடுவதில் எவ்வளவு சிக்கல்கள் இருக்கின்றனவோ அதைவிடப் பன்மடங்கு சிரமம் நடத்தி வைப்பதில் இருக்கிறது. அழைப்புகள் அனுப்புவதில்தான் எவ்வளவு கஷ்டம்! சில கல்யாண அழைப்புகளைப் பார்க்கும்போது சிரிப்புத்தான் வருகிறது. கீழே கையொப்பம் செய்யுமிடத்தில் 'தங்கள் மேலான வரவைக் கோரும் நண்பர்களும், உறவினர்களும்' என்று எழுதுகிறார்கள். எல்லா நண்பர்களும், உறவினர்களும் அழைப்பவர்களாக இருந்தால் யாரை அழைக்கின்றார்கள்? விரோதிகளை அழைக்கின்றார்கள் போலும்! ஒருவர் செய்வதைப் பார்த்து அர்த்தம் தெரியாமல் மற்றவர்கள் செய்யும் விநோதத்தில் இது ஒன்று.

முன் காலத்தில் கிராமங்களில் கல்யாணங்கள் நடந்தால் தெருவிலுள்ளவர்களும், உறவினர்களும் மட்டும்தான் கலந்து கொள்ளுவார்கள். அழைப்பது சுலபமாக இருந்தது. தற்காலத்தில் காசியிலிருந்து கன்யாகுமரிவரை உறவினர்கள், நண்பர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள். நான்கு நாட்கள் முன்னதாகவே என அச்சிட்டிருப்பதற்கு அர்த்த மில்லை. ஒரு குடும்பத்தில் எவ்வளவு நபர்கள் இருந்தாலும் தனித்தனியாக அழைப்பு கள் வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இது தகுந்த மரியாதைதான். அத்துடன் கவனமாக மேல் கவரிலும் ஸ்ரீமதி, ஸ்ரீ என எழுதி அனுப்ப வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. நாம் வெளியூருக்கெல்லாம் அழைப்புகளை ரூபகமாக அனுப்புவோம். பக்கத்து வீட்டிலுள்ளவர்களை மறந்து விடுவோம்.

கல்யாணக் கும்பலில் நமக்குத் தெரியாதவர்களாக இருந்தால்கூடப் பெண்ணுக்குத் தாய், தந்தை ஆகியோர் யாரென்று எளிதாக அறிந்துவிடலாம். எங்கும் இல்லாத கலவரமும், பொறுப்பும், கவலையும் சேர்ந்து பிரமிப்புடன் பேச நாவெழாமல் இருப்பவர்கள்தான் பெற்றோர். பிள்ளை வீட்டார் செய்யும் கெடுபிடி, திட்டத்தைவிட அதிகச் செலவு, உறவினர்களுடைய குறைபாடு எல்லாம் அவர்கள் முகத்தில் பிரதிபலிக்கும்.

பெண் கல்யாணத்துக்கு எவ்வளவோ சிரமப்பட்டு ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்கிறோம். செலவும் செய்கிறோம். அதை ஒரு சந்தோஷ அனுபவமாக செய்யத்தான் வேண்டும். பெற்றோர்களும் சில தொந்தரவுகளைச் சுலபமாக எடுத்துக் கொள்ள முயற்சி செய்வது நலம். பிள்ளை வீட்டார் விட்டுக் கொடுக்கும் மனப்பான்மையுடன் ஒருவருக் கொடுவார் தேவைகளைக் கேட்டு சகஜ பாவத்துடன் இருந்தால், அநேக கஷ்டங்கள் குறையும். சிநேகிதர்களுக்கு என்றுமில்லாத அவசரம் ஏனோ வருகிறது. தங்களை சாப்பிடும்படி பன்முறை உபசாரம் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று எதிர்பார்க்க வேண்டாம்.

வெற்றிலை பாக்கு கொடுக்கப் பைகள் வைத்திருப்பது சிறந்த யோசனைதான். சிந்தாமல், சிதறாமல் எடுத்துப் போகிறவர்களுக்கும் சுலபமாகத்தான் இருக்கும். ஆனால் அதில் மூன்று நாட்களுக்கு முன் வெற்றிலையைப் போட்டு, பழத்தின் மேல் ஒரு தேங்காயையும் வைத்துப் பையைப் பார்க்காமல் கொடுக்கும்படி நேருகிறது. இதுவும் அற்ப விஷயமானாலும் அழகாக செய்யலாம். கல்யாண வீட்டிலிருந்து வந்து பையைப் பார்த்து எடுத்தால் அழகிக் கருகின பழம், வாடின குப்பையாக ஒரு வெற்றிலைக் காம்பு; இந்தத் தோற்றம் பார்க்க அருவருப்பாக இருக்கிறது. இதை கவனமாக செய்யலாமல்லவா?

'நீ எல்லாம் எழுதி விடுகிறாய். செய்து பார்த்தால் தான் தெரியும். உன்னால் மட்டும் எல்லாம் சரியாகச் செய்துவிட முடியுமா?' என்றெல்லாம் நீ கேட்டுவிடுவாய். பைரவி ராகம் பாடுவதைப் பற்றி விமர்சனம் செய்யலாம். ஆனால் அந்த விமர்சகரே அழகாக பைரவி ராகத்தைப் பாட முடியாது. அவசியமில்லை. சொல்வது எளிது; செய்வது அரிதுதான்.

ஒரு கல்யாணத்தில் பெண் வீட்டார் முறுக்கு மூன்று சுற்றில் வைத்துவிட்டார்கள் என்று பிள்ளை வீட்டில் ஓர் அம்மாள் குற்றம் சொல்ல ஆரம்பித்தாள். அது கொஞ்சம் கொஞ்சமாய் பூதாகாரமாய் உருப்பெற்றுக் கல்யாணமே நின்றுவிட்டது.

நாகரிகம், பண்பு என்பதெல்லாம் என்ன? ஆடை அலங்காரம் மட்டுமல்ல; ஒருவருக்கொருவர் ஒத்துப்போவது, விட்டுக் கொடுக்கும் மனப்பான்மை, திருமணத்தைப் போன்ற முக்கியமான காரியங்களில் அழகாகவும், அன்பாகவும் நடந்து கொள்வது, இவைதான் நாகரிகம்!

Held for hurling glass bottle during election campaign

Tension prevailed during an election campaign in Saidapet constituency after an empty liquor bottle was hurled at the crowd of campaigners on April 19.

Police said that the incident occurred when Arul Prakasam, the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) candidate for the Saidapet constituency, was canvassing for votes by Rangarajapuram, located behind the Saidapet Court.

An autorickshaw fitted with loudspeakers was playing songs as part of the campaign. When Sampath (a local resident), who was in an inebriated state, asked the autorickshaw driver to reduce the volume, an argument ensued.

Sampath then hurled an empty liquor bottle into the crowd and tried to flee, but was caught and handed over to the police. Further investigation is in progress.

Colour-coded poll booths assist voters



By Our Staff Reporter

For the first time, polling stations with more than ten polling booths were colour-coded to assist voters. Signboards were installed to guide voters along coloured pathways to prevent confusion at these large polling booths.

Photo taken on April 23 at the polling station in Anjugam School (West Mambalam) shows coloured pathways with signboards to guide voters to their respective polling booths.

Brahmotsavam in Kothandaramar temple till May 2

Brahmotsavam is being held since April 22 in Kothandaramar Temple (K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam).

It will conclude on Sunday, May 2.

Special alangaaram and procession is held daily at 6.30 a.m and 6.30 p.m.

Thirukalyanam will be performed at 3 p.m on Tuesday, April 28, and the temple chariot will be taken on a procession through nearby streets at 5 a.m on Wednesday, April 29.

The Brahmotsavam will conclude with Pattabhisekham to the presiding deity at 6.30 p.m on Sunday, May 2. All are welcome.

Upto 90% discount on generic medicines

By Our Staff Reporter

Makkal Marunthagam, opened recently in 8/1C, Srinivasa Iyer Street, West Mambalam, sells genuine generic medicines including life-saving drugs at 30% to 90% less prices than the branded medicines.

It is approved under the Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Jan-Aushadi Scheme

Generic medicines including medicines for chronic ailments like diabetes, blood pressure, cardio vascular diseases, gastro problems, and multi-vitamin tablets are available.

For any medicine prescribed by a doctor, the pharmacy staff will check the online Jan-Aushadi database for its equivalent generic medicine, and sell it at the stated low price.

The shop is run by Yogesh Kanna (Pharmacist) and his wife G. Rajeswari (an engineering graduate).

The shop is open from Monday to Saturday, from 9.30 a.m to 9 p.m (closed on Sundays).

Its contact number is 95660 66254.

Ramp set-up for disabled voters

By Our Staff Reporter

To help disabled and wheelchair-bound voters, a ramp was set-up at the polling booth in Anjuham Higher Secondary School (Jubilee Road, West Mambalam).

Volunteers of Chennai Corporation stationed at the venue, aided the disabled persons to cast their votes.



7 injured after MTC bus hits median on Govindan Road

By Our Staff Reporter

Seven passengers got injured after a Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) bus (Route No. 5E) met with an accident in the late evening on April 19 in Govindan Road (West Mambalam).

While passing through Govindan Road, the driver lost control of the vehicle and hit against the median at high speed.

In the accident, seven passengers sustained injuries including one female passenger, who suffered a fractured shoulder.

They received treatment at a government hospital.

The front portion of the bus was heavily damaged, and the vehicle had to be towed away.

Traffic was affected on the stretch for over two hours.

The Mambalam Traffic Investigation Wing have launched an inquiry into the cause of the accident.

Appeal for donation to distribute buttermilk

The Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) will start distributing free buttermilk among thirsty passersby outside its premises from May 1 to May 31.

A member of the Ashrama said that around 150 litres of buttermilk will be distributed daily to benefit around 250 to 300 persons.

Those who wish to support the initiative, can donate curd for preparing the buttermilk.

The Ashrama's contact numbers are 044-28143896 and 044-28143514.



(தினமணி ஆசிரியர் ஏ.என். சிவராமன் பற்றித் தமிழ் அறிஞர் அ.ச. ஞானசம்பந்தன் எழுதியது)



கம்பன் விழாவிற்குச் செல்லும் காரணத்தால் தினமணி ஆசிரியர் ஏ.என். சிவராமன் அவர்களிடம் நெருங்கிப் பழகும் வாய்ப்பு ஏற்பட்டது.

பத்தாவது வகுப்பு வரை மட்டுமே படித்த அந்த அறிஞர் பொருளாதாரம், அரசியல் என்ற துறைகளில் மாபெரும் அறிஞராகவே விளங்கினார். அவர் எழுதிய விவசாயிகள் பற்றிய நூல் மதுரைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் எம்.ஏ வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்குப் பாடமாகக்கூட வைக்கப் பெற்றிருந்தது.

எவ்விதப் படாடோபமுமின்றி என்னிடமும் என்குடும்பத்தாரிடமும் நெருங்கிப் பழகியவர் திரு.ஏ.என்.எஸ்.

1960 முதல் சென்னையிலிருந்து என் காரிலேயே காரைக்குடி கம்பன் விழாவிற்குச் செல்லும் பழக்கத்தை மேற்கொண்டிருந்தார். இவர் மிகப் பல ஆண்டுகள் என்னுடன் என் வண்டியிலேயே வீடு திரும்புவார். அந்த மாமனிதரின் எளிமைக்கு ஓர் எடுத்துக்காட்டு பின்வருமாறு:

ஆண்டு சரியாக நினைவில் இல்லை. 1962 அல்லது 1963 ஆக இருக்கலாம். திரு. சிவராமன் தொலைபேசி மூலம் அழைத்து 'டேய் சம்பந்தா, நான் உன்னுடன் வருகிறேன்' என்றார். நான் அப்போது வைத்திருந்தது ஃபியட் கார். ஓட்டுபவர், நான் என்ற இருவர் தவிர விழாவிற்கு வருவதாக ஆசைப்பட்ட இருவரை அழைத்துச் செல்வதாக ஒப்புக் கொண்டிருந்தேன். வசதி படைத்த சிவராமன் இந்த வண்டியில் ஐந்தாவது ஆளாக வருவதை நான் விரும்பவில்லை. எனவே முழு விவரத்தையும் அவரிடம் சொல்லி, 'நீங்கள் தனியே வாருங்கள்' என்றேன். 'இல்லைடா, உன் மடிமேல் ஏறிக்கொண்டாவது, அதில்தான் வருவேன்' என்றார்.

புறப்படும் நாள் வந்தது. என்னுடைய ஓட்டுநர் குப்புசாமியை அழைத்து வண்டியை எடுத்துச் சென்று சிவராமனை அழைத்து வருமாறு வழி சொல்லிக் கொண்டிருந்தேன். அப்பொழுது அங்கு வந்த என் மனைவி, 'குப்புசாமி, அவரைப் பார்த்தால் மிக்க அப்பாவி மாதிரி இருப்பார். ஜாக்கிரதை, மிக்க மரியாதையுடன் அழைத்து வா' என்று கூறினார்.

இந்த நேரத்தில் என் மனைவி சொன்னது தேவையில்லாதது என்று நான் கருதினேன். ஆனால் பின்னர் நடந்ததை நினைத்துப் பார்க்கும்பொழுது அவள் சொன்னது எவ்வளவு சரியென்று பட்டது.

குப்புசாமி ஏ.என்.எஸ் வீட்டிற்குச் சென்றான். அங்கே திண்ணையில் குப்புறப் படுத்துக்கொண்டு, ஒரு கைக்கு அணையாக ஒரு தலையணையை வைத்துக்கொண்டு வலக்கையால் ஏதோ எழுதிக் கொண்டிருந்தார் ஒருவர். அவர் அந்த வீட்டுச் சமையல்காரன் என்று நினைத்துவிட்டான் குப்புசாமி. 'ஓ, ஐயரே' என்று விளித்து, இன்னார் வீட்டிலிருந்து வந்திருக்கிறேன். இந்த வீட்டு ஐயாவை அழைத்துப் போவதற்காக என்று கூறிவிட்டு காருக்குத் திரும்பிவிட்டான். ஏ.என்.எஸ் அவர்கள் ஒரு ஜமக்காளத்தில் ஒரு தலையணைச் சுற்றிக் கையில் எடுத்துக் கொண்டு வந்து, டிக்கியைத் திறக்குமாறு கேட்டார். ஓட்டுநர், 'ஓ, ஐயரே, அங்கே படுப்பதற்கு எல்லாம் தருவார்கள். ஐந்து பேர் போக வேண்டும். இந்தப் படுக்கைக்கெல்லாம் இடமில்லை' என்று முரட்டுத் தனமாகக் கூறிவிட்டான். நீ சொல்வது சரிதான் என்று கூறிய ஏ.என்.எஸ் படுக்கையை உள்ளே கொண்டு சென்று போட்டுவிட்டார். இனிமேல்தான் வீட்டுக்காரர் பெரியவர் வரப்போகிறார் என்ற நினைப்புடன் குப்புசாமி வண்டியின் கதவருகே மிக்க பயபக்தியுடன் நின்று கொண்டிருந்தான். ஆனால் அவனுக்கு ஒரு அதிர்ச்சி. யாரைப் பார்த்து 'ஓ ஐயரே' என்று கூப்பிட்டானோ அதே மனிதர் ஒரு சிறு கைப்பெட்டியுடன் வண்டியுக்குள் வந்து அமர்ந்துவிட்டார். கையுள் ஓடாமல், காலும் ஓடாமல் வண்டியை ஓட்டிக்கொண்டு வீட்டிற்குத் திரும்பினான் குப்புசாமி. வண்டியை நிறுத்திவிட்டு, வாரன் ரோடில் அமைந்திருந்த என் வீட்டின் பின்புறமாகச் சென்று, 'அம்மா, அம்மா' என்று கத்தினான். முன்புறத்தில் சிவராமனை நானும், என் மனைவியும் வரவேற்றுக் கொண்டிருந்தோம். குப்புசாமியின் குரலைக் கேட்டு என் மனைவி பின்புறம் சென்றாள். குப்புசாமி பெருந்தவறு நடந்துவிட்டது என்று சொல்லி, நடந்தது முழுவதையும் விவரித்துவிட்டான். எல்லாவற்றையும் கேட்டுவிட்டு முன்புறம் வந்த என் மனைவி நடந்தவற்றை அப்படியே சொல்லி, அவன் சார்பாக அவரிடம் மன்னிப்புக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டாள்.

இந்த விநாயகநாள் சிவராமன் என்ற மனிதர் மாமனிதராக வளரும் சூழ்நிலை உருவாயிற்று. விழுந்து, விழுந்து சிரித்துவிட்டு, 'டேய் குப்புசாமி' என்று அவரே அழைத்தார். மிகவும் பயத்துடன் அவன் அவர் எதிரே வந்து நின்றான். 'குப்புசாமி, இன்றிலிருந்து போய்த் திரும்புகிற நான்கு, ஐந்து நாட்கள் வரை இந்த வண்டி என்னுடையது. நீ என்னுடைய ஓட்டுநர். யார் சொல்வதையும் நீ கேட்கத் தேவையில்லை. நான் சொல்வதுபோல் செய்துவிட்டால் போதும்' என்று சொல்லிவிட்டார்.

பிறகு புத்தம் புதிய ஒரு ரூபாய்த் தாள்கள் 100 அடங்கிய ஒரு கட்டை அவனிடம் கொடுத்துவிட்டு, 'இதை வைத்துக்கொள். வண்டிக்குப் பெட்ரோல் எல்லாம் அ.ச. போட்டுவிடுவார். இந்த ரூபாயெல்லாம் எதற்கு என்று நினைக்கிறாயா? வண்டி புறப்படும் முதல் காரைக்குடி போய்ச் சேரும்வரை வேர்க்கடலை, நுங்கு, வெள்ளரிப் பிஞ்சு ஆகியவற்றைச் சாலையில் எங்கே கண்டாலும் உடனே வண்டியை நிறுத்தி வாங்கிக்கொள். சாப்பிட்டுக் கொண்டே போகலாம்' என்று கூறினார்.

அவர் சொன்னபடியே செய்தோம். காலையில் 9 மணிக்கு சென்னையை விட்டுப் புறப்பட்ட நாங்கள் வேர்க்கடலை, நுங்கு முதலியவற்றை வாங்கித் தின்றுகொண்டே இரவு 8 மணிக்குக் காரைக்குடி போய்ச் சேர்ந்தோம்.

Three held for robbery

Three persons were arrested on April 20 on charge of robbing Rs. 60,300 at knifepoint from Vinodkumar (resident of T. Nagar) and his two friends in Teynampet on April 19.

Rs. 50,000 was recovered from them. Based on Vinodkumar's complaint, police identified the three accused as Satish (25) and Selvakumar (28) of Teynampet, and Chandran (23) of Guindy from a footage of a CCTV camera installed near the place of the crime. Police said that when Vinodkumar and his two friends were standing outside a clinic on Maharaja Surya Road (Teynampet), the three accused arrived on two-wheelers and threatened them at knifepoint and stole Rs. 10,300 in cash, and Rs. 50,000 through Google Pay and fled the spot. Police said that all the three are history-sheeters and more than five cases of robbery and extortion are pending against them. They were remanded in judicial custody.

Shops down shutters on election day

By Our Staff Reporter

The buzzing shopping hub of T. Nagar presented a deserted look on April 23 as most establishments including major textile, jewellery and other showrooms remained closed in view of the assembly elections.

All the major shopping hubs including Ranganathan Street, Pandy Bazaar, Usman Road and the vegetable wholesale market on Station Road (T. Nagar) remained deserted.



Ranganathan Street



South Usman Road



Vegetable wholesale market



Shops closed

Auto driver scuffles with traffic policemen

A confrontation between an autorickshaw driver and traffic police in West Mambalam at night on April 17 created a stir, with the auto driver alleging assault by the police.

Police alleged that the auto driver had attacked their personnel when they attempted to detain him for drunk driving. The incident occurred on Reddy Kuppam Road when Tirupati (50), an autorickshaw driver, brushed against a motorcycle. The motorist alerted a traffic patrol team who intercepted the auto and asked Tirupati to undergo test for drunken driving. When Tirupati refused, an argument ensued, and his pregnant daughter traveling in the auto also started to argue with the police. On being alerted, his relatives, living close-by, also joined in the protest along with other auto drivers. On getting information, senior police officers from Ashok Nagar police station reached the spot and pacified the protestors, and dispersed the crowd.

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A pictorial view of the Election Day on April 23

Health workers help voters



A couple take a photo of their inked finger after casting their vote at a polling station in West Mambalam



75-year-old man with a walking stick was helped by his son at the polling booth in Anjugam School (West Mambalam)



To help voters, Chennai Corporation setup counters at some polling booths to disperse glucose and other medicines in case of medical emergencies.

Photo taken on the voting day shows a health desk with medicines set-up at the polling booth in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar).

Civic workers brave the heat



The city has been under an incessant heat wave since last two weeks, with day temperatures set to go further.

But, in spite of it, civic workers have been braving the heat to carry out their conservancy operations like cleaning streets, clearing garbage and attending to civic complaints. Anbu Selvan, who handles conservancy operations on Veerasamy and other nearby streets in West Mambalam, told this reporter that he lives near Tambaram and reaches Mambalam station by train by 5 a.m to start his work which goes on till 2 p.m.

"After the initial operation gets over by 10 a.m, we relax for a while and resume the work of transferring the garbage collected from households to the designated locations.

"Some residents are kind enough to offer us buttermilk and juice to quench the thirst. I cannot afford to miss even one day as my remuneration is calculated on a daily basis," he said.

Devaki, who is engaged in cleaning streets, said her duty is from 8.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m and she earns Rs. 400 per day.

Apart from the sweltering heat, she complained of lack of clean sanitation facilities. "We are often forced to use the servant toilets in some apartment complexes," she said.

"The uniform provided by the conservancy operator is thick and uncomfortable to wear in the heat, but we have no choice. Though Chennai Corporation provides water and buttermilk, they are only available in places where workers answer the roll call and not while at work on the road. So, we mostly depend on the residents for drinking water, Devaki," said.

A conservancy worker near Ashok Pillar said that they rest during peak afternoon hours at the nearby metro station before resuming work. Similar is the plight of Metrowater and TNEB workers who have to brave the sun to attend complaints.



Voters queue outside Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya (T. Nagar)



Long queue of voters at 10 a.m at Anjuham School (West Mambalam)



The inside view of a polling station



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Free buttermilk distributed near a polling station on Burkit Road (T. Nagar)

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Appeal to develop park in unused TNHB land



By Our Staff Reporter
Residents of Boopathy Nagar (Kodambakkam) have urged the officials of the Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) to develop a public park in the vacant plot located adjoining the housing board flats opposite Kamarajar Colony 2nd Street in Trustpuraam (Kodambakkam).

A huge heap of construction debris is presently dumped in the plot, causing dust pollution in the area.

A nearby resident said that the 432 housing board flats in 27 blocks were constructed 50 years back.

Satyanarayana poojai on Friday
By Our Staff Reporter

Satyanarayana poojai will be performed in Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jai Shankar Street, West Mambalam) at 6.30 p.m on Friday, May 1.

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

He said that the vacant land originally contained a well that served as a primary water source, but it was later closed and encroached upon.

While TNUHDB officials removed the encroachments two years back and retrieved the land, they did not remove the debris.

Residents are now calling on officials to clear the site and repurpose the space for developing a park.

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Releases free pocket-size Panchangam



By Our Staff Reporter

76-year-old Gurusamy Agri Kannan (resident of 3, Q Block, Prem Nagar Colony, South Boag Road, T. Nagar) has compiled a pocket-sized Panchangam for Tamil New Year. It was released on April 14.

He has been releasing the pocket-size panchangam for the past 39 years. The panchangam contains all the information found in the normal sized one and he has printed more than 16,000 copies.

Anyone wanting a free copy of the almanac can contact him in 044-24327388 and collect it personally from his residence between 10 a.m and 4 p.m on all days.

Aashritha has Bharatanatyam arangetram

By Our Staff Reporter

16-year-old Aashritha Sanjay (resident of Tanjore Street, T. Nagar and Std. 11 student in PSBB School, Nungambakkam) had her Bharatanatyam arangetram in Vani Mahal (G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) on April 20.

She is a disciple of Ramya Rajeshkumar and has been learning the art for the past five years.

Revathi Ramachandran (Director of Nada Gurukulam and Founder of Kala Sadhana laya) was the Chief Guest,

Ramya is also learning other dance forms like ballet, hip-hop and jazz at Manikandan's Temple Dance Company (Sarangapani Street, Rama Kamath Puram, T. Nagar).

She has won several prizes in inter-school dance and other cultural competitions.

She is also a Black Belt in Karate, and has won medals in National and State-level competitions.



Talk on health issues today forenoon

By Our Staff Reporter

Aura Holistic Wellness Centre (13, Raghaviah Road, T. Nagar, near Sardha Mutt) has organised a talk on Wellness from 10 a.m to 12 noon on Sunday, April 26 in 11/8, 3rd Lane, Habibullah Road, T. Nagar.

Wellness experts will talk on general health, alleviating sleep problems, stress and other health issues.

It is open to all above 12 years.

Entrance is free.

For more details call, 91767 99333 or 81454 54000.

Invitation to participate in Vishnu Sahasranaama paraayanam

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Vidhya Lakshmi Hayagreeva Kaingaraya Sabha (25, Barghavi Apartments, Mariamman Koil Street, K.K. Nagar) has organised group chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaamam during the Pratishtha Day mahotsavam at Lakshmi Hayagreeva Perumal Temple (Chivada Village, Thiruthani) on Wednesday, April 29.

It invites devotees to participate in the sahasranaamam.

The following are the program details:

April 28: 3 p.m: Special Thirumanjanam.

April 29: 8 a.m: Lakshacharanai, chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaamam and Annadhaanam.

Donations are welcome to perform the homams and annadhaanam.

For more details call, 96771 95830.



Saidapet records lowest voter turnout of voters in city



By Our Staff Reporter

Saidapet Constituency from South Chennai recorded the lowest voter turnout of 77.84% in the city in the Tamilnadu Assembly election held in April 23.

T. Nagar witnessed a turnout of 83.55%.

In some of the polling centres in T. Nagar, mobile pouch was provided for voters to drop off their mobiles before heading to cast their votes.

Prosperity Day celebrations in Annai Maiyam on Friday

Sri Aravindhar Annai Arul Maiyam (9, Mahadevan Street, West Mambalam) has organised a special program on Friday, May 1 as part of Prosperity Day celebrations.

There will be balcony darshan of Divine Mother at 6.30 a.m. There will be a special discourse at 6.15 p.m and mass prayer at 7 p.m.

All are welcome.

Patriotic play Kallabiramam to be staged tomorrow

As part of the 35th Kodai Nataka Vizha organised by Kartik Fine Arts, the drama troupe PMG Mayurapriya will present its new Tamil play Kallabiramam at 6.45 p.m on Monday, April 27 in Narada Gana Sabha (TTK Road, Teynampet). The play is produced by Vaishali Prashanth and directed by P. Muthukumar. It is a tribute to army personnel. Entry is free. All are welcome.

Paal kudam procession on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Chitra Pournami, paal kudam procession will be taken out at 7.30 a.m on Friday, May 1 from Ellaiamman Temple (Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam).

The procession will begin from the temple and go along Gandhi Street, Easwaran Koil Street, K.R. Koil Street and Arangappan Street.

Devotees interested in participating in the procession, can contact the temple priest in 98414 75566.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maha-rajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvarananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, April 26 in the Ashram's premises. All are welcome. More details can be had in 28143896 and 28143514.

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