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Voice of GOD



Sri Swarnapureeswarar Temple, Sembanarkoil

This is the 159th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 42nd sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place was called Thiruchemponpallai during the 6th to 7th Century and is now called Thiruchampalli / Sembanarkoil. In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Mayiladuthurai. But Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal came from Thiruvengadu. Sekkizhar mentions only 7 temples but the Periyapuranam indicates 17 temples, from Thiruvalampuram to Kodika / Thirukozhambam, and this place is mentioned as other temples.

Moolavar: Sri Swarnapuriswarar, Sri Devapriyar, Sri Sornalakshmeesar, Sri Chemponpalliyar.

Consort : Sri Maruvar Kuzhali, Sri Pushpazhaki, Sri Thaakshiyayini, Sri Suguntha Kunthalambigai, Sri Suguntha Vananayagi.

Some of the important features of this temple are as follows.

This is one of the Mada temples constructed by Ko Chenkat Chozhan. The temple is facing east with an entrance arch. There is no Dwajasthambam and Rajagopuram. Balipeedam and Rishabam are in front. Moolavar is on a round avudayar with 16 lotus petals on top and bottom. In Koshtam, Indra Ganapathy, Dakshinamurthy, Arthanareeswarar and Durgai. Dwarapalakas are in the artha mandapam. In Sthapana mandap Urchavars Somaskandar, Natarajar, Chandrasekar and Pichadanar. In Maha mandapam Vinayagar, Surya and Chandra Lingas and Subramaniar. A bas-relief of a monk and a King worshiping Lord Shiva is on the south wall. In Prakaram Prakasa Pillayar, Vanadurgai, Viswanathar, Srinivasa Perumal, Sibi Kaatchinathar with maan and mazhu, Balasubramaniar with Rudraksha mala and holding Sakthi ayutham/ weapon, Gajalakshmi, Jyeshta Devi, Veerabhadra, Suriyan and

Ambal is in a separate temple facing south. It was told that Ambal is facing south since, Ambal is proceeding to the Pariyalur Shiva temple, which is on the southwest of this temple where Dakshan was performing a Yagna. Sapthakannis temple is on the southwest of Ambal temple.

Chidambaram Swamigal has also sung in praise of Lord Muruga of this temple in his Kshetra Kovai Pillai Thamizh

The sanctum sanctorum consists of sanctum antarala and artha mandapam. An eka thala vesara Vimana is on the sanctum Sanctorum. Bas relief of King worshiping Lord Shiva and on his both sides are a monk and a minister.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

It is believed that this temple was built during Ko Chengat Chozha. Based on the iconography of the Jyeshta Devi, it is presumed that this temple might have been reconstructed during Aditha Chozha (879 – 907 CE), which is mentioned in the Sthala Purana. There are Six inscriptions recorded from this temple. They belongs to Kulothunga Chozha-III, Rajathirajan and Thanjavur Saraboji Maharaja.

Rajathirajan's 5th reign year inscription records the gift of land to Shiva Temple of Thiruvalangadu, by the Thiruvilanagar alias Nithavonotha Chathurvedi Mangalam Vila Ndu Sabhai / assembly.

* Your Stars This Year:

Aries: Your relationship status requires you to restore the proper equilibrium between intimacy and self-autonomy. The search for harmony should create emotional security for both partners without losing individuality. Ideal for speaking with your partner about these dynamics. You should share your feelings gently.

Taurus: Several situations this week might expose you to increased sensitivity regarding your romantic relationships. Openness will help your emotional bond with your partner grow stronger. For singles, being emotionally available might lead you to meet someone who wants to develop an intimate understanding.

Gemini: Provides singles an excellent chance to relieve any lingering romantic pain they have experienced. Demands that you set free previous romantic connections and the emotional injuries you have been carrying. The healing process demands trust from you.

Cancer: Takes a practical turn as you and your partner concentrate on achieving your common goals. Working on shared goals enables a stronger bond through joint decision-making. Your shared tasks require positive attitudes and mutual respect, so cooperation can create the closest bond possible between you.

Leo: Life will experience substantial changes during the current week. A clear understanding of your relationship status will emerge, whether through a growing relationship, starting fresh, or gaining important insights. The process requires you to trust whatever changes happen because these transformations lead you.

Virgo: Monitor the speed of your relationship dynamics. A rushed pace requires you to step back for the relationship to develop naturally. Since your current pace seems too slow, a change in your approach by showing your romantic feelings might be necessary. Your romantic activities will create positive energy.

Libra: Romantic life stagnation and feelings of unappreciation can be resolved through positive changes that are available this week. Take time to understand the needs you require from your partner, then present them in a manner that promotes cooperation. Minimal changes will produce major improvements.

Scorpio: The upcoming week motivates romantic partners to engage in spontaneous and playful behaviour with one another. Experience the joyful aspects of romantic love. Unattached now presents an excellent time to engage in non-committal social relationships that might develop into meaningful connections.

Sagittarius: Every relationship will experience passionate moments throughout this week through renewed intimacy. A getaway for couples with romance or an intimate evening together will help their relationship spark again. Singles should accept new relationships that trigger both intense attraction.

Capricorn: Advance your relationship will likely become strong this week through introducing your partner to loved ones or discussing plans. Take advantage of this week to set your goals straight and verify that your plans match. You should express yourself honestly.

Aquarius: During your current relationship, you will likely find an opportunity to strengthen your emotional bond with your partner. You will find the original reasons that brought you together by reflecting on shared memories and sincere positive statements. The process of self-reflection will help you.

Pisces: An ideal opportunity for couples who have experienced feelings of separation to reconnect. Every day, opportunities and meaningful discussions should serve as your catalyst to close emotional distances with others. Singles who participate in activities demonstrating their authentic nature will find compatible individuals with similar values.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK 20.04.2025 TO 26.04.2025

Shrimad Bhagavad Gita - The Unmatched Poem

'Shrimad Bhagavad Gita' is an Indian invaluable gift given verbally by God to the mankind of the entire world. Bhagavad Gita alone is the supreme scripture of knowledgewhich is called 'the crown jewel among all the scriptures'. It is such an extraordinary creation, which is accepted as having been 'spoken by God'. There was a lot of importance of this creation compiled by Ved Vyas in the past and it is very popular in the present too. It is because this scripture isn't just the means of religious preaching like the other scriptures; rather it also contains the solution to political, social, religious and personal problems.

The Gita is certainly at the best position to attract many scholars, pundits and philosophers of not just the Indian culture but even at the international level. This knowledge of Bharat has gained popularity in the entire world but this knowledge is given less importance in Bharat itself. Despite being the religious scripture of the Ancient Religion, the very followers of this religion are away from this knowledge.

The Gita is just wrapped in a cloth and worshipped. The knowledge that is bound benefits no one. Just like a flowing river is beneficial as compared to stagnant water, in the same way, studying the knowledge of the Gita is very important for every individual. Just the body can be cleansed with the water of the Ganges but even the dirty mind is cleansed with the knowledge of the Gita.

However, over a period of time, the learned men and scholars manipulated the great sentences of God to great extent by coming up with poisoned interpretations of the nectar like Gita. Its very proof is the many commentaries of the Gita. Today, there is no scripture on which commentaries would have been made to the

extent commentaries have been made on the Gita. And the greatest wonder is that one commentary cuts another commentary. Even after this, the popularity of the Gita hasn't decreased.

However, is the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita really so great? The Gita that has the capacity to connect human beings to God, has it been able to connect humans being to humanity today? Was the Gita successful to irrigate the present generation with ancient cultures and nourish them with real religious sensations and thoughts? Isn't the Gita, the mother and father of all the religious scriptures responsible for the bloodshed of other creatures along with the human beings following the ostentations of various religions and religious scriptures? Many points like this always put a question mark on the capability of the Gita.

If the lovers and followers of the Gita are asked the reason for the present situation of the society, probably, they will find the other religions and their founders guilty or consider the western culture and science to be responsible. But our ancient culture permits us to think about the self which is the ladder to progress; not thinking about others [i.e.] the root of degradation.

That is why, before considering other religions or the western culture guilty, we will have to analyse the capability of our cultures. We will have to find shortcomings in the present studies and commentaries made by humans about the Gita because the main reason of degradation is hidden in these very commentaries made by humans.

Come, let us try to realize the failure of the Gita. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Girl, mother booked under Pocso

A strange case has been booked under Posco Act in Kodambakkam Police Station 19-year-old girl and her mother were booked after a complaint was filed by the mother of a 17-year-old boy alleging stalking her minor boy.

The complaint, filed at the Kodambakkam Police Station, claims the two were involved in a relationship while the boy was pursuing class 12.

Both are now studying in different colleges. The complainant alleged that the girl, who is older than her son, engaged in inappropriate behaviour with him, leading to the filing of the complaint under the Pocso Act, which protects minors from sexual exploitation. Along with the girl, her mother has also been named in the complaint.

2 booked for encroachment

The Virugambakkam police on Wednesday registered a case against two DMK functionaries who allegedly tried to encroach a piece of land near Vadapalani. The accused had brought down the compound walls using an earthmover and raised a shed on the land, the police said. The two men were identified as Suryasivakumar and Srinivasan. According to Paudurai (71), he had taken the land on lease from the owner, who lives abroad, 20 years ago, police said. However, the two DMK functionaries claimed that the power of attorney rested with them. A probe is on to check the veracity of

both these claims, police said.

Man arrested for harassment

A 30-year-old man was arrested for assaulting and sexually harassing a 36-year-old woman whose husband is a mentally challenged man. The woman was living with her husband and children at Koyambedu. Her neighbor Ganapathy alias Saravanan was frequently trying to sexually harass her and speaking obscene words to her. On Monday, Ganapathy assaulted her when she was returning from a shop, threatened her with a knife and tried to sexually harass her. She lodged a complaint with the Maduravoyal police station and a case was registered. The man was arrested after investigations.

Neighbour's pet dog bites 5-yr-old girl

A five-year-old girl sustained injuries after her neighbour's pet dog bit her near her house at Saidapet on Monday afternoon. The police have registered a case against the dog's owner. According to the Saidapet police, Praveena was outside her house when the dog bit her. She sustained minor injuries on her hands and legs, the police said. Her parents rushed her to a government hospital, where she was treated and sent home the same day, the police said.

Based on a complaint, the police have registered a case against the dog's owner Mala. Corporation officials said that they were inquiring into the issue and action will be taken accordingly at the zonal level.

Cab driver found dead inside car

Police on Sunday night recovered the body of a 40year-old man from a parked car in Saidapet. Police suspect that he died of asphyxiation.

Residents in Manthope Colony alerted the local police after the car remained parked at the same spot near a Tasmac outlet in Manthope since Saturday evening, and the inside the car seemed unconscious.

On reaching the scene, the police broke open the door and moved the man to a hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. Police then moved the body to a government hospital for a post-mortem examination.

The police identified the deceased as Tamizhmaaran, a native of Sivaganga district. The probe revealed that he was working as a call taxi driver in the city for the last few months.

The police suspect him of having slept inside the car with the air conditioner on for long hours, which would have led to carbon monoxide poisoning. Saidapet police have registered a case, and investigations are under way.

Teen biker rams man, mom held

A 76-year-old man was injured after a 16-year-old boy riding a bike crashed into him in Saligramam on Friday. According to police, Sampath was on his way home from a grocery shop when the accident happened. He sustained severe injuries and was hospitalised. Inquiries revealed that the boy had taken his mother's bike for tuition. Police detained the boy and his mother on Monday. The boy was sent to an observation home. The woman was produced before the magistrate and released on bail.







Chennais first air-conditioned EMU started its operations

The Chennai residents can heave a huge sigh of relief in this scorching summer by travelling in the air-conditioned EMU. The latest news is that beginning from yesterday Chennai's first air-conditioned EMU service will start operating between Chennai Beach and Chengalpattu. On Saturday, the first a/c EMU would leave Chennai beach at 7am in the morning. This was according to an official release from the Southern Railways or SR.

It is learnt that the first a/c EMU would have as many as 15 stoppages in places like Chennai Fort, Chennai Park, Chennai Egmore, Mambalam, Gundy, St Thomas Mount, Thirisoolam, Tambaram, Perungalathur, Guduvancheri, Potheri Halt, Singaperumal Koil, Paranur and Chengalpattu. The EMU would reach Chengalpattu at 8:30 am.

In the same way, the maiden EMU service would leave Chengalpattu at 9am and reach Tambaram at 9:41 am and Chennai Beach at 10:30 am.

Except on Sundays, train number 49003/49004 and train number 49005/49006 between Chennai Beach and Chengalpattu – Chennai Beach air-conditioned EMU services would be available in both the directions. Train number 49005, the afternoon EMU service would leave Chennai Beach at 3:45 pm and would reach Chengalpattu at 5:25 pm. It must be noted that train number 49006 would leave Chengalpattu at 5:45pm and would reach Chennai beach at 7:15pm.

In the evening, the last a/c EMU of the day would be operated only between Chennai Beach and Tambaram in both the directions.

CM inaugurates new 10-storey building at Saidapet

Chief Minister
Stalin inaugurated
a new building on 14th
of Dr Ambedkar
Birthday. It was built
at a cost of Rs. 44.50
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481 students at the
M.C. Raja Hostel
complex in Saidapet.
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Saidapet was opened in
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Dravidian and tribal students coming to Chennai from other districts of Tamil Nadu. So far, more than 25,000 students have benefited from this.

After inaugurating Chief Minister Stalin inspected the building along with Ministers E.V. Velu, M.Subramanian,



Sekarbabu, Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, Mayor Priya, Tamil Nadu Congress leader Selvapperundhakai, V.S.I.C. leader Thirumavalavan, MPs A. Raja, Tamilachi Thangapandian, Tamil Nadu Government's Special Representative in Delhi A. K. S. Vijayan, Chief Secretary N. Muruganantham, Public Works Department Secretary J. Jayakanthan, Adi Dravidar Welfare Department Secretary K. Lakshmi Priya, THADCO Managing Director K. S. Kandasamy and others participated.



New Tamil play

"Kalai Ilamani" S.Sruuthi's Naatya Naadha Nataka Sangamam would be inaugurating her new Tamil Stage Play titled "Agnipraveysamm" written by Karaikudi Narayanan under the auspices of Kartik Fine Arts Kartik Rajagopal 34th Kodai Nataka Vizha on Saturday April 26th at 6.45 pm at Narada Gana Sabha, TTK Road, Alwarpet.

This Entry/Admission Free play is being Directed by S.Sruuthi and an All Are Welcome Programme.

S.Sruuthi would be lively enacting in the dual lead role of twin sisters Janaki & Shobana, "Nataka Kala Jothi" Dr.S.Shivpprasadh as Mess Owner Shankar Aiyer.

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Clear garbage dump

vaste materials dumped on footpaths causing Linconvenience for the residence. With the authorities turning a blind eye not clearing the dumped materials on time it is found on Rangrajapuram Main Road, Kodambakkam. Such violation is rampant on internal roads and dumping construction materials and garbage has reduced the road width.

It is found almost half of the road has been encroached upon, causing inconvenience to the public.

Residents wonder how the civic body never bothered to keep roads in the locality encroachment-free. Dumping of debris and construction materials on pavement and roadside has become commonplace in the locality, highlighting the negligent attitude of the owners, says Dhanapal, a resident of Umapathy Street.





NEED REPLACEMENT: Sign Board seen in the picture is Arcot Street, T Nagar. When roads become higher and higher old Cement sign boards getting shorter its time to change where ever it is necessary.

Vacant land a place for dumping



Indiscriminate dumping of solid waste and construction debris on vacant plots continues in the residential areas despite repeated appeals by civic authorities to owners of unused land to keep their premises clean. The owners of vacant plots continue to flout the directives of civic bodies giving room for the public to dump waste and debris. Lack of proper maintenance of such unused lands leads to growth of shrubs which gradually become a haven for rodents, say residents.

People were dumping waste and debris on vacant plots unmindful of the damage it caused to the surrounding areas. It is not only the owner to be blamed. It is the duty of the owner to ideally keep the premises clean and fence the property. The property Akbarabad, 1st Street, Kodambakkam is partially fenced but locals dump garbage into it. People also have to be blamed for dumping waste indiscriminately.

Most of the streets, dustbins are kept for people to drop the waste. Even if the bins are not outside the house, people can always walk to the street corner to dump household waste. Even if a vacant plot is there in the locality, it does not mean we can use the space as a dumpyard, says Raja, a long time resident.

The responsibility to maintain the premises free of thick vegetation, entirely lies with the owner of the property. When new houses get constructed, the waste is dumped on nearby vacant plots and the debris never gets cleared. This is one of the main reasons for the spread of vector-borne diseases since water gets trapped in the waste and mosquitoes multiply, opine residents.

Civic body used to conduct special drives before the monsoon to inspect empty plots. But now, there is laxity on the part of the civic authorities to keep a check on proper maintenance of vacant plots, they added.

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Danger lurks on one-way VN Road

Venkatanarayana Road in T Nagar a stretch officially designated as a one-way since last year, is becoming increasingly dangerous due to rampant traffic violations. Commuters and residents report frequent instances of vehicles - from two-wheelers to heavy trucks - flouting the one-way rule and driving against traffic

'It's a daily hazard', said Rama, who comes for a walk every day. 'You have to keep looking in all directions while crossing. One moment it's bike, next it's a truck coming straight at you, on a one-way street', he said. Most of those who travel in the wrong direction are usally in a rush to reach Anna Salai. Instead of taking the longer route via Dhandapani Street. Burkit Road and CIT Nagar, many prefer to take a shortcut by going against traffic. Similarly, some vehicles heading towards Pondy Bazaar drive in the wrong direction on V N Road and then turn into Kannadasan Street.

Locals says that police presence is minimal, especially

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Devotees perform special worship in temples



the first day of Chithirai, Tamil New Year, devotees performed special prayers in Vadapalani Murugan temple.

Every year, the Tamil New Year is celebrated on the 1st day of the month of Chithirai. In that way, the Tamil New Year is celebrated by Tamils all over the world. On the occasion of Tamil New Year the temple was decorated with electric lights and special darshans were arranged in the temples.

Vadapalani Murugan Temple was opened at 4 am on 14th Monday. The temple puja was held at 4.30 am. Following this, devotees were allowed to have darshan from 5 am. Later, at 11 am, the Palabhishekam was performed for Lord Muruga. After the Malai Abhisekam was completed, the Pushpa Anki was applied. Devotees had darshan of Lord Muruga till 10.30 pm.

Since a large number of devotees visited the temple during the Tamil New Year,



On the first day of the Theppam festival held at the Vadapalani Murugan Temple on the occasion of Pang Kuni Uttara, Lord Murugan blessed the devotees who rose in the Theppam.

various arrangements were made by the temple management for the devotees at the Vadapalani Murugan Temple.

Prasad was offered throughout the day in the temple. Moreover, for the convenience of the devotees, a pavilion was built 600 feet away to withstand the scorching summer heat, and cold water and milk were provided from morning to evening.



Vishu was celebrated in grand manner at Ayyappan Temple, Mahalingapuram on Monday.





he wilted plants numbering over 200 under the bridge near North Usman Road, T Nagar is a silent testimony of crores of rupees of public money wasted under smart city project. Procured for at an exorbitant cost of 1,100 per plastic 'pot', including the plant, mud, maintenance and labour charges, the underspace of the bridge is anything but green today

and 2021 the Greater Chennai Corporation set up vertical gardens under 14 flyovers at a cost of 8 crore and the North Usman Road bridge's underspace on T Nagar was one among them.

As the contractor eventually abandoned the maintenance, the plants have withered now. Experts said the GCC should set up simple plants like wall-crawlers and climbers. Who has worked in various greening projects with TN government, said vertical gardens are unnecessary commercialization of greenery. We have plants that can naturally grow on wall and cost less, like herbal florals, and even money plants. "Why should we spent on cup-based plants', he questioned.

He added that dust-accumulation and lack of adequate sunlight could lead to the plants withering off early.

The residents said that the drip pipe too could get clogged resulting in water not reaching the plant. Secondly, beneath the flyovers, they have to set up shade loving plants but there is a mismatch in species. Secondly, there is poor maintenance', he added.

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Overflowing sewage a major impediment



with drinking water stored in sumps. Residents lament that during monsoon, sewage gets mixed with rainwater due to overflowing drainage channels. They say that repeated complaints to Metrowater and Chennai Corporation to clear the overflowing sewage have fallen

We have made repeated representations asking the Chennai Corporation and Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board officials to restore the clogged drain. No action has been taken till date, the residents allege. Action must be taken to prevent sewage water from leakage at regular intervals of time. Steps must be taken to improve the drainage system in the street, laments residents.

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verflowing sewage and contamination of drinking water is posing a health hazard to residents of United India Colony, Kodambakkam. Most of the residents say lack of proper drainage system is the main cause for the problem.

It is very common to see sewage stagnating on the road, which is because of poor construction of sewage chambers and frequent blockage in the pipeline, says Shanmuga Sundaram a long time resident. The stagnated sewage serves as a breeding ground for the mosquitoes. As mosquito menace has increased to alarming proportions, most of us keep our windows and doors closed, he added.

Residents in the locality are forced to endure stagnant pools and a very few complain about sewage mixing

Danger lurks on ...

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during peak hours. 'Enforcement is practically nonexistent', said Sundar. A software professional who works at a IT firm on the road. Residents also shared concerns about the lack of proper signage and barricading. 'There needs to be some deterrent -fines, checkpoints, or even barricades. It's inconvenient and dangerous', said Mala Krishnan, a resident.

A senior traffic enforcement officer said that violators are being fined during morning peak hours and assured that stricter enforcement measures will soon be

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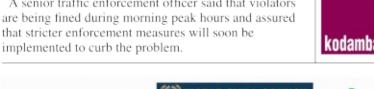
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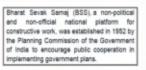














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