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Potholes on the Roads: A Never-Ending Saga



A large pothole, about half the size of the road, has been discovered on Ashok Nagar's 48th Street.

It's evident that this is a huge and common problem in the city.

These potholes not only create inconvenience and delays but also pose a potential risk of road accidents, especially at night when they're less visible to drivers.

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Sri Thanthondreeswarar Temple, Akkur

This is the 163rd Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 46th Sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place Akkur maintains the same name, from the 6th to the 7th Century. In Periyapuramam Sekkizhar records that both Thirugnanasambandar and Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva Thirukadaiyur Mayanam.

Thirugnanasambandar and Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Both Sambandar and Appar mention Lord Shiva as Akkur Thanthondriappar. Moolavar : Sri Thanthondreeswarar, Sri Suyabu Nathar Consort : Sri Kadakanethri, Sri Vaalnedunganni

Some of the important features of this temple are as follows. This is one of the mada koil built by Ko Chengat Chozhan. The temple is facing East with a 3 tier Rajagopuram. Balipeedam and Rishabam are in front. Moolavar is of Swayambhu and there is a crack on the top. In Koshtam, Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, Brahma and Durgai.

In praharam Vinayagar, Sri Murugan (Sannidhi is like a chariot), Saraswati, Sundarar with his wives Sangili Nachiyar and Paravai Nachiyar, Bana Lingam, Viswanathar, Visalakshi, Nalvar, Maha Lakshmi, Arunagirinathar, Gajalakshmi, Kailasanathar & Parvatha Vardhini, Vayu Lingam, Theyu Lingam, Appu Lingam, Navagrahas, Kala Bhairava, Bhairavar, Suriyan, Ko Chengat Chozha worshipping Lord Shiva and Chandikeswarar. A Separate Sannathi for "Aayirathil oruvar" with vimanam is also in the prakaram. The Urchavar was moved somewhere for safe custody.

Ambal temple faces west on the right side of the moolavar and is in a standing posture. The 15th Century Arunagirinathar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Muruga of this Temple and mentions Lord Shiva as Thanthondriappar.

ARCHITECTURE

Even though the temple is claimed as a Mada Temple, actually the main sannidhi and mandapas are constructed on a raised upana called veRRu thalam. The veRRu thalam is on a padabandha adhistanam, with Jagathy, Kumudam, Brahma kantha pilasters, and empty koshtams. 9 steps are provided to reach the upper level.

The sanctum sanctorum, antarala, ardha mandapam, maha mandapam and mukha mandapam are on the upper level. The Vimanam is with sub upanam, Padabandha adhistanam, with jagathy, muppattai kumuda, and Pattika. The Bhitti starts with vedigai. Brahma kantha pilasters and poo mottu pothyals. The prastram is with Valapi, kapotam, and Bhoomi Desam. The Koshtas are protruding outside as Padra salas. Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, and Brahma are in the upper-level koshtam. The Vimanam is measuring 4.95 meters square. The superstructure above the prastram was built with bricks. The Vimanam is of vesara style. The tala koshtas and greeva koshtas are images of Dakshinamurthy, Maha Vishnu and Brahma. The sigaram is of vesara style with 4 maha nisis and 4 alpha nasis. Mandapas are of Vavvalnethi style / Vandikoodu style, built during the Marathas period.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar has sung hymns on Lord Shiva of this temple, this original temple built by Ko Chengat Chozhan might have existed during the 7th century and was later re-constructed by Chozhas and further extended by Pallavas and Vijyanagaras.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : This week offers adventure and connection; a trip, a distant place, or even a spontaneous plan can create the spark with someone, perhaps new and familiar. Really far from home is overwhelming because it opens your heart in ways you didn't see coming. Be as happy and present as you can in this moment.

Taurus: It is courage that you will seek and, therefore, courage you shall receive back in return when love calls upon it this week. The heart is getting braver; normal hesitations have begun to diminish. The force of trust is just the propellant needed, if indeed you were to type first, confess to someone your growing feelings

Gemini: Everything may not proceed as carefully as you'd planned; still, it will bring a smile to your face. Unexpected moment can turn into something sweet and unforgettable. But it's good when faced with the reward of laughter. Just let it go: you need not have everything smooth.

Cancer: Bring the peace that your heart has dreamed of. Now you can start pulling this emotional weight from your chest that has not left. There should come closure, simple and quiet and not attention-grabbing, permitting you to walk away from this past love or guilt that no longer belongs within your essence.

Leo: Someone you wouldn't generally expect could catch your eye this week for reasons other than beauty. Whatever it is he or she does to stir something in you, pushing you to think about what it really is you look for in a loved one. You need to appreciate that these specific feelings don't spark lands: it's a soft.

Virgo: Moment or a chat might gently knock on the wide-open but built-out emotional walls. You might feel that inclination to safeguard yourself, but there may be a calm calling from the inner depths to let somebody in. It's not about hurtling towards well being: Quite a lot in common with early trust, when your guard begins.

Libra: What initially seemed like just a light chat could possibly morph into something altogether deep-reaching that never crossed your mind. A passing ephemeral second, a little smile, or some chat could unfold into the emotional picture that you did not see on the horizon. Give in to the impulse to delve.

Scorpio: Brings a close connection of a different kind. Special person are revealing parts of your innermost selves that you usually keep hidden. In this space of shared vulnerability, something beautiful blossoms. Strong or guarded -it's about being authentic. Begin to feel a deep awareness of this connection.

Sagittarius: More grounded approach to relationships is necessary. Although passion and spontaneity have always carried you through, this is the time to slow down to see what will really mean a happy "ever after." Emotional connection is stronger when its mundane aspects are consciously cared.

Capricorn: An unexpected revelation begins to unravel — a confession or truth to change the way you look at a person. Come out of the blue, it is a growing thing, like the early light that precedes a clearer perception. Feel it, but don't let it cloud your judgment. This is an awakening.

Aquarius : Ignites a flame within, with another whose presence does more than just catch your eye, chilling a spot in your soul. All of your ideas and thoughts about love into question and ushers in untold avenues of fresh thought and exploration. It feels less like attraction and whatever you want to call it, but more of a mutual.

Pisces: A light banter could unexpectedly deepen into something pleasant this week. What began as a light look at each other may just make a look of something sweeter, for just the hint of a short smile upon your face. Romance may grow when you relax. Watch out for finding a connection from a single shared laugh. Drop the guard off and allow chemistry the chance.

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About Your Maker

Shivbaba has been shown to have 32 virtues. However, He is said to be Gun nidhaan (a store house of virtues) in the path of devotion. There is also a saying [for Him]: sab dhartikaagazkarun, kalamkarunvanaraay. Saatsamundarmasikarun, guru gun likhaanajaaye (Even if I make the entire earth into paper, the wood in the forests into pen and all the seven oceans into ink, I won't be able to complete writing the qualities of my guru.) Thus, only the main virtues have been enumerated.

Well, is Shiva without virtues or full of virtues? He is the One without virtues (nirgun). A corporeal one alone has virtues and bad traits. So, virtues and bad traits are revealed only when Shiva enters a corporeal [form], when He plays a part in the corporeal form. So, whom do these 32 virtues attribute to? Whose virtues are they? Are they the virtues of the Point, of the Incorporeal One or do they belong to some corporeal person?

When almost all the souls have descended from the Soul World to this world — just a little before the end period — the Supreme Father Supreme Soul Shiva comes to this world and enters the hero actor of this stage like world. He (the hero actor) is called 'Adidev' in the Hindu tradition, 'Aadam' among the Muslims, 'Adam' among the Christians and 'Adinath' among the Jains. Just look, there is so much similarity in the words!

So, the hero actor of the human world, Aadam becomes incorporeal equal to the Father first of all. This is why, his name 'Shankar' is joined with Shiva. The name of no other human soul, creature, deity or demon is joined with Him. It is because, he himself becomes hundred percent equal [to Him].

Just like the eldest son becomes equal to the father. Similarly, he didn't become Shiva but from the point of view of the powers and virtues, he became equal to the Father Himself. This is why, the Muslims say: 'Aadamko Khuda mat kaho Aadam Khuda nahi, lekin Khudakenuur se Aadamjudabhinahai (Don't call

Did you know???

Mistakenly, the human gurus have spread such an illusion that Shiv-Shankar is one. If Shankar and Shiva are one and the same, in whose remembrance is Shankar shown sitting? Whom does he meditate? He is sitting straight and remembering someone. In whose remembrance is he sitting? There is someone, isn't there? He is sitting in the remembrance of Shiva. That is why there are temples built in memory of this. In old temples of Shiva, Shiva lingam is found in the center, the pictures of deities are applied on the walls around. Among them, on the main place there is the picture of Shankar. Shankar is corporeal. All human beings are corporeal. All deities are corporeal. And what about God? He is incorporeal. When that Incorporeal Father Shiva enters this appointed chariot, on the basis of the intensity of remembrance that child Shankar becomes incorporeal as well.

Aadam God, Adam isn't God but Aadam isn't separate from the light of God). Shankar becomes the one with uninterrupted remembrance like that of the Incorporeal Shiva. So, when that soul becomes completely equal to Shiva, what happens because of becoming equal to Him? The 32 virtues come in him alone. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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The sudden pothole in Anna Main Road, K K Nagar was published last week and it was rectified immediately shown in the picture.



New buses start from Ramaparam

Minister Subramanian inaugurated seven new buses from Ramapuram to various routes. Route number 26 from Ramapuram to Broadway via Vadapalani, Kodambakkam, Nungambakkam, Anna Membalam, Anna Salai, LIC, 18E to Broadway via Guindy, Nandanam, Central, 21E to Broadway via Guindy, Adyar, Santhome, Anna Square, Secretariat, Nesapakkam, K.K. Nagar, Ashok Pillar, Ekattuthangal, Meenambakkam, Chromepet, Pallavaram, Tambaram to Kelampakkam on Route 70C. Seven new buses are being operated on these four routes.

The bus service was flagged off by Public Welfare Minister Subramanian last night. The event was attended by Maduravoyal MLA Ganapathy, 154th Ward Councilor Selvakumar and officials of the Municipal Transport Department.

Modern bus shelters are waste of public money

There are 471 bus routes in the Chennai Corporation covering a distance of 387 km. The Municipal Transport Corporation operates 3,233 buses from 31 depots. For the convenience of passengers, 1,363 modern passenger shelters have been set up. It seems that a modern passenger shelter, with facilities including a walkway and ramp, will cost from 12 lakhs to 20 lakhs rupees.

These expensively built tents are designed primarily for advertising. Since it is an open space, it is so bad that it cannot withstand even a normal downpour. If it rains heavily, passengers have to wait for the bus, soaking wet.

There has been a demand that the corporation officials take this into consideration and abandon the modern shade houses and instead build old-fashioned, concrete shade houses.

Passengers say that concrete shelters are less expensive to build than modern shelters. They also have a longer lifespan, so public tax money is not wasted.



Removal of vehicles parked on sidewalks

Police are removing vehicles parked by shopkeepers and motorists occupying sidewalks. There are 55 traffic police stations under the control of the Chennai Police Commissioner's Office. Orders have been issued to remove vehicles parked by shopkeepers and motorists occupying sidewalks in the areas under their respective police stations.

A senior traffic police officer said:

In the area under the Chennai Corporation, barrier stones were placed to prevent vehicles from occupying the sidewalk and parking.

However, over time, the barrier stones have broken. It has also been revealed that in some places, the stones have been broken and removed to make way for parking vehicles. This causes pedestrians to walk on the road instead of using the sidewalk. This not only causes accidents but also affects vehicular traffic on the roads.

To address this, all vehicles parked encroaching on footpaths in the area under the control of the Chennai Police Commissioner's Office are being removed immediately. He said this.

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Elderly couple died in Valasaravakkam fire accident

A couple died in a fire accident in Valasaravakkam; the boy and the maid escaped by jumping from the roof. Natarajan, 78 and Thangam, 73 residing in Fourth Street, Chowdhury Nagar, Valasaravakkam. They are survived by their son Sriram, 50, daughter-in-law Shyamala, 45, granddaughter Shreya, 20, and grandson Shravan, 18. A sudden fire broke out on the ground floor of the house the fire slowly spread throughout the bungalow.

As a result, Natarajan and Thangam, who were staying on the first floor, were unable to immediately evacuate due to the continuous smoke. Since Thangam was bedridden due to ill health.

Due to the heavy smoke that filled the entire bungalow, Shravan and Saraswathi were unable to reach the first floor from the upper floor and rescue the couples.

In order to save their lives, Shravan jumped from the second floor and Saraswati from the terrace onto the car park built in front of the house. Shravan suffered minor injuries while Saraswati suffered a fractured left leg.

Thangam and Natarajan were found dead inside the bed, their bodies charred. The fire fighters who recovered their bodies sent them to the Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital. The Valasaravakkam police have registered a case and are investigating the fire accident.



Free silambam camp

Selvi-B.Jayasri M.B.A & Selvi-U.Archana B.E Going to conduct a free silambam coaching camp from 18-05-2025 onwards at Elli Amman Koil Street, Kittu park Backside. Timing 6.00 P.M to 8.00 P.M Yoga by S.Rajeshwari - Timing evening 5 PM - 6 PM at Ration shop upstairs. Those who are interested may contact 9841475566.

Display Thirukkural with explanatory text in shops

The government has ordered that private shops and commercial establishments in Chennai must display a Tamil hymn and explanatory text.

An order was issued on March 24th requiring all shops, commercial establishments, and other institutions in the Chennai district to display the Thirukkural in Tamil and the corresponding lighting text.

As per the government directive, Thiruvalluvar's Thirukkural should be displayed on a daily basis, with an explanation of its meaning, in a way that workers can read and benefit from.



This should be followed by all shop and establishment owners, it said.

Tenders floated for 100 mini buses by MTC

Since 2013, MTC or Metropolitan Transport Corporation has been operating mini buses across Chennai for the sake of the public. It is now brought out



that MTC would procure as many as 100 mini buses.

At present, there are as many as 146 mini buses operating in Chennai. Out of these as many as 22 mini buses have been operating exclusively for the metro train passengers. In this scenario, a tender has been floated to purchase 100 mini buses to expand the bus service.

At a cost of Rs 34 cr, the buses would be purchased by MTC and these buses would have superb facilities like GPS, panic button and parking camera etc. The TN govt has issued a tender for purchase of 100 mini buses with the new comprehensive minibus scheme coming into effect from 15th of June

Taste the benefits of this magical fruit

Mangoes, often hailed as the “king of fruits”, are a tropical delight cherished for their exquisite taste, vibrant colours, and rich nutritional profile. Believed to have originated in South Asia, mangoes have a long history dating back thousands of years, where they were revered not only for their delicious flavour but also for their cultural significance. Today, mangoes are enjoyed worldwide and are cultivated in various tropical and subtropical regions, bringing joy to millions with their juicy sweetness and versatile culinary applications.

Tips to choose sweet and ripe mangoes

The easiest way to pick ripe and sweet mangoes is to go the traditional way. Just pick up the mango and feel it with your hands. A ripe mango will feel softer while an unripe one will have a firm skin. You can also gently press the mango but don't press hard enough, as you don't want to dent the mango. Just gently inspect from all sides and pick softer mangoes that are smooth from all sides and don't have any punctures or cuts.

Another easy test to check the ripeness of mango is to do the smell test. A fully-ripe mango will always have a strong and sweet smell near the stem, while an unripe will have either no smell or a very faint one. This trick can also come in handy while buying melons and pineapple as well.

Most people opt for a colour test while buying mangoes. Well, this isn't the most authentic way of checking the ripeness of the mango. Different mango varieties have different shades of yellow, orange, red and green in them and there is no particular method to



know for sure whether the mango is ripe or not.

You might have seen your mother or grandmother soaking mangoes for some time before eating. This age-old practise helps in removing the heat from the mangoes through the process of thermogenesis. Eating mangoes without soaking them might cause digestive problems such as loose motions.

The best way to store ripe mangoes and slow down their ripening process is to store them in the fridge. Ripe mangoes will stay fresh for at least 4-5 days in the fridge.



Stagnant rainwater in Valasaravakkam causes problems for motorists and pedestrians

Valasaravakkam Lake was located in the city of SVS, Valasaravakkam Zone. The remaining catchment area of the lake, which was destroyed due to encroachments, was recently reclaimed from encroachment.

During the rainy season, rainwater accumulates in this catchment area, affecting residential areas along SVS, Nagar Main Road, and Ambedkar Road.

Work is underway to build a green park worth Rs 4 crore in the reclaimed water catchment area.

In this, since the area leading from the 1st main road in SVS Nagar to the lake is private land, they built a perimeter wall and built barriers to prevent water from entering from the road.

In this situation, due to the heavy rain that fell last Sunday evening, the 1st Main Road of SVS Nagar was flooded and the rainwater had no way to drain and formed a pond on the road.

Due to this, motorists and pedestrians suffered. Similarly, rainwater accumulated like a pond.

Dead fish floating in Valasaravakkam Green Park



There was 16.60 acres of open land owned by the government in the premises of a private hospital on Porur Chettiar Agaram Road, 150th Ward, Valasaravakkam Mandal.

After recovering this land from the hospital, a wetland green park with a lake was recently inaugurated by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Corporation at a cost of Rs. 15.75 crore.

A large number of dead fish floated in the lake set up in the Green Park yesterday. Corporation officials are collecting samples of the lake water and investigating.



Electric lights at bus stops soon

The Chennai Corporation has been cleaning bus stops and roads. Following this, it has been planned to install two electric lights at the corporation bus stops for the safety of children and passengers.

In the first phase, work began on installing two electric lights at 675 bus stops with roadside lighting facilities. So far, work has been completed at 70 bus stops. Work is underway at other locations.

Furthermore, the Chennai Corporation has announced that work has begun on installing electric lights with electricity meters at 210 bus stops that do not have roadside electricity facilities.



Jewellery shop theft by trusted employee

Sundar, 45, owner of Saiyar Jewellery in Saidapet Bazaar Road, trusted his employee Rohit, 30 who's from Rajasthan, had been working with him for six months. Sundar even rented a house in Saidapet for Rohit. However, Rohit's trustworthiness was put to test when he exploited Sundar's faith.

Rohit had taken a short leave citing his mother's ill health, but upon his return on the 7th, he stole 60 sovereigns of jewellery from the shop's bracelet section on the night of his first day back. He locked the jewellery cabinet and handed over the key to Sundar the next morning, making it seem like business as usual.

When Rohit failed to show up at the shop or his rented house, Sundar grew suspicious and checked the CCTV footage, which revealed Rohit's deceit. Rohit's mobile phone was also switched off, and he was nowhere to be found.

A deadly trade: Youth caught for selling narcotic pills

Three men were arrested by the police for being involved in selling narcotic pills. The men were acting suspiciously at Gangaiamman Temple Street. This caught the attention of the police. It was then revealed during the investigation that the men, Sanjay, 23, Akashraj, 20 and Sathishkumar, 25, had previously purchased painkillers and claimed to sell them as narcotic pills.

The police arrested them and seized 200 pills and 8 syringes from them.

Man attacked for facilitating reconciliation

A family dispute turned violent when Tamilselvam, 28, attacked Arunkumar, 25, a bakery employee from Periyar Nagar, Virugambakkam. The trouble began when Charumathi, Tamilselvam's wife and Arunkumar's friend, left her husband due to marital issues and sought refuge with Arunkumar's wife Swetha.

Arunkumar helped facilitate a reconciliation by taking Charumathi to Koyambedu and handing her over to Tamilselvam after assuring him that he would not cause further trouble. However, Tamilselvam's intentions were far from peaceful. Along with his friends, he took Arunkumar and his wife to Naisa, accused them of causing the separation, and brutally attacked Arunkumar, slashing his neck with a knife.

Arunkumar was rescued and hospitalized. The police investigated the incident and arrested Tamilselvam, 29, from Virugambakkam's Indira Nagar, and Muthukumar, 32, from Tuticorin district.

Fall from water tank leaves man injured

Karthik, a 39-year-old plumber from Annai Satya Nagar, met with an accident when he fell from a 10-foot-high water tank on his terrace. He was drinking with his brother and brother-in-law at the time. Karthik sustained a fracture in his right hand and was hospitalized, first at KK Nagar Government Hospital and later at Royapettah Government Hospital. The MGR Nagar police are investigating the incident.

Men were arrested for stealing from a child

Three men were caught and arrested by the K.K. Nagar police. During the investigation, it was revealed that Kumar, 19, from Perambur, Monish, 22 from Ashok Nagar along with a 16-year-old boy, were acquaintances, have demanded money from Samuel 17, while he went out to purchase medicines in 86th street, Sivalingampuram, K.K.Nagar.

Samuel confessed that he did not have any money, the men became aggressive and attacked the boy with a knife and robbed Rs.500 from him. The police seized Rs.500 from them and a knife.

Kumar already has two criminal records while Monish had four were taken into custody.

Two arrested for burglary in Vadapalani

The Vadapalani police have apprehended two individuals, Santosh, 19, and a 17-year-old boy from MGR Nagar, for breaking into a house in Dr. Raghavan Colony and stealing valuables.

The house belonged to Bhojaraj, a 43-year-old IT professional who lives in Mumbai. His father-in-law, Premanandan, who had undergone heart surgery, was staying at Bhojaraj's daughter's house in Sholinganallur. A family member would visit the Vadapalani house weekly to clean it.

Neighbours reported that the house was left unlocked on the 8th, and upon inspection, they found that thieves had broken the lock and stolen several items, including a 450-gram silver lamp, jewellery, plates, and a bowl. The Vadapalani police investigated the case, tracked down the culprits, and recovered the stolen items.



Flames engulfs T Nagar textile showroom

A fire broke out on the second floor of a textile showroom on Ranganathan Street in T Nagar on Monday morning, causing property damage but no injuries. The blaze, which started around 10:30 am, is believed to have been triggered by a short circuit in an air conditioner.

All 30 employees on the premises were safely evacuated. A team of 50 firefighters and eight water tankers from the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply

and Sewerage Board were deployed to extinguish the fire, which was brought under control with the help of four fire tender vehicles.

The exact cause of the fire is currently under investigation. The fire department has advised shop owners on Ranganathan Street to install fire-fighting equipment and provide training to workers as a precautionary measure.

Home wrecker: Son held for theft

Local Man Arrested for Stealing from Family Home In a shocking turn of events, a 21-year-old man has been arrested for stealing Rs 30,000 from his own home in Virugambakkam's Rajaji Colony. Kannan, the son of Saravana Kumar and Selvi, was taken into custody after his mother filed a complaint with the Virugambakkam police.

According to reports, Selvi, who runs a roadside restaurant, discovered the theft on the 8th after returning home from work. The police investigation revealed that Kannan, who had been living away from home for the past five years due to behavioural issues, was involved in the crime.

The police found that Kannan had entered the house through the back door and stolen the cash. With a history of criminal cases against him, Kannan was absconding before being caught by the authorities.

Domestic violence: Husband slashes wife and mother-in-law

A 29-year-old man was arrested by the police for being aggressive towards his wife and his mother-in-law. Lokesh who is an auto driver in Ashok Nagar, had been married to Bhavani, 26.

They have two children together. Lokesh has a drinking habit and is always found to be in a drunken state while coming back home and start conflicts with his wife. Bhavani had enough of it, she decided to separate and move in with her mother Parvath Varthini, 50 in Giri Street, West Mambalam.

After four months of separation, Lokesh had gone to pay a visit to her mother's house at night under the influence of alcohol to convince her to bring her back, however, Bhavani did not seem to be persuaded by him. Parvatha Varthini also did not seem to be convinced.

Being frustrated by them, Lokesh slashed with a blade that he had hidden Bhavani's right and while trying to stop him, her mother was also slashed by him on her back. The two women were rushed to Royapettah Hospital, it was later revealed that Bhavani received 5 stitches and her mother received 10 stitches. After investigation, the Ashok Nagar police arrested Lokesh.



No solution yet for overflowing drainage

Residents of Sridevikuppam, Vijaya Nagar First Street and few streets, nearby in Valasaravakkam, have been dealing with a daily ordeal of overflowing drainage manholes have turned the streets into an unhygienic mess and forced people to walk through sewage. Residents told to Kodambakkam Times that we are inconvenience everyday because of overflowing drainage we are not getting any solution from the concern agencies. We are also into health risk, we are looking for a permanent solutions. Sridevikuppam is an area at Valasaravakkam, connecting Arcot Road to Maduravoyal. It is a busy stretch that many people pass through to take the bypass. For the residents who live on the side lanes, this means they have to deal with the drainage issue daily.

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A broken pipe spilled water onto the road, causing waste

Kaikankuppam VOC Street is located in Ward 152 of Valasaravakkam Mandal. It is a road connecting Valasaravakkam and Ramapuram areas.

This road, which was under the maintenance of the State Highways Department, has now been handed over to the Corporation. On behalf of the Highways Department, a rainwater drain was constructed on this road at a cost of Rs. 20 crore and a tarmac road was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore.

The road has been continuously dug due to the work of the service departments, making it rough. Currently, the water pipe has broken at two places on this road, causing thousands of liters of water to flow onto the road and accumulate like a pond, wasting it.

As people struggle for drinking water during the summer, the waste of drinking water has caused dissatisfaction.

Zonal committee meeting held

Councilors stressed at the Zonal Committee meeting that action should be taken against shops and restaurants operating without a license. The Kodambakkam Zonal Committee meeting was held recently at the Zonal Office, under the chairmanship of Zonal Committee Chairman Krishnamoorthy.

Zonal Assistant Commissioner Murugesan, Executive Engineers Periyasamy, Inian and other officials participated in this.

At the meeting, 23 resolutions were passed. The councilors spoke at the meeting as follows:

Kannan, 138th Ward DMK, Councilor:

A ditch was dug on behalf of the Drinking Water Board on MGR Nagar Market K K Road to lay a sewage pipe. Even after the work was completed, the road has not been properly repaired.

Similarly, the road at the Amman Temple cross street has not been repaired. People are suffering due to this.

Since a new tar road is to be built there, the road cuts need to be repaired quickly.

Ravi Shankar, 129th Ward DMK, Councilor:

Missing roads should be identified and tarred.

I am demanding that underground sewerage and water supply connections be provided in areas including Natarajan Street, Arunachalam Road, Ponniamman Temple, Janakiraman Street, Srinivasan Street, Kamaraj Street.

Not yet delivered. The work needs to be completed quickly.

Water Board officials: Steps are being taken to provide sewerage and drinking water connections to the remaining areas. The work will be completed by August.

Ezhumalai, Ward 133 DMK, Councilor: A private company that removes garbage collected from restaurants and apartments dumps it in the municipal garbage bin. This should be stopped.

In Thiruvananthapuram, many restaurants and shops are operating without permission from the Corporation. They should be regularized.

Uma Anandanar, 134th Ward BJP, Councilor:

The second street in Ramakrishnapuram, West Mambalam, has been named after cricketer Ashwin.

Similarly, I have been asking for two years to rename West Mambalam Lake View Road as freedom fighter M.C. Subramaniam Road.

The Water Supply Board has dug a ditch in the stormwater drain constructed on Lakshmi Street, causing damage.

Many people are opening shops and restaurants without obtaining proper permission from the corporation, claiming that they have applied. This should be regularized.

Bhaskar, 130th Ward DMK Councilor:

A water pipe has broken on the Vadapalani 100-foot road and approach road, and water has been leaking for several weeks. This has caused a pothole on the road,

causing heavy traffic congestion every day. The broken water pipe needs to be repaired urgently.

Sewage is flowing on the fourth street of Gangaaiman Temple. It needs to be repaired.

Raja Anbazhagan, 141st Ward DMK, Councilor:

A canteen is being run without a license in a residential parking lot on the main road from CIT Nagar. Proper action should be taken.

Regional Committee Chairman

Krishnamoorthy: Corporation revenue officials should take action to regularize unlicensed shops and restaurants.

This is how the discussion took place.

The councilors insisted on this.

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