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A street without bin

As the passerby are dumping garbage in Prakasam Street, Janaki Nagar, Valasaravakkam. Residents appeal for an garbage bin to accommodate the garbage lying scattered around it. Even after many complaints the civic body is not cleaning the wastage dumped in this place.

The sight of overflowing trash bins along the roadsides has been common nowadays and it is time the civic body place a garbage bin in place, says Anu a local resident.

Inadequate bins and delay in clearing the garbage leads to public dumping garbage on roadsides or at places of their choice. This leads to stench emanating in the area and the bins turn into

a breeding place for mosquitoes.

Many bins kept along the roadsides were filled with plastic materials and dumping of waste by hawkers or shopkeepers consumes most of the space. Even chopped tree branches and cardboard boxes used for packaging were dumped in the bins leading to overflowing.

Residents point out that bins starts overflowing in a day whereas it is cleaned every two or three days. We are forced to dump on the roads due to increase in population, says Sai a local resident.

The civic body for effective implementation must take steps to accommodate an additional bin to bring a permanent solution laments residents.



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Voice of GOD



Sri Valampura Nathaswamy Temple, Thiruvallam Puram

This is the 161st Thevara paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 44th Sthalam on the south side of river Cauvery in Chozha Nadu. This place was called Thiruvallampuram during the 6th to 7th Century and is now called Melaperumpallam since this place served as a moat (Pallam) for Poompuhar. Also, this place is on the right side (valam), so called Valampuram. It is believed that this is one of the 70 mada temples built by Ko Chengat Chozha.

In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thirunanipalli. It is believed that Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal came to this temple along with Thirugnanasambandar. Lord Shiva himself called Appar to this temple and gave darshan. Sekkizhar didn't mention this temple in particular in Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal Purana.

Thirugnanasambandar, Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal, Sundarar, and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Valampuranathar. Consort : Sri Vaduvarkanni.

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

The temple faces east, built in mada style. The temple tank is in front of the temple with a Vinayagar temple on its banks. Eranda Maharishi is next to the Vinayagar shrine. The Rishabam and balipeedam are in front of the sanctum sanctorum. The stucco images of Lord Shiva and Parvati as Rishabaroodar, Vinayagar, and Murugan are on the top of the Sanctum Sanctorum entrance. Moolavar is of Swayambhu a Prithvi Lingam. There is a shallow on the top. Sambrani and Punugu sattam is applied.

In prakaram Suriyan, Vinayagar, Nalvar, Viswanathar, Murugan, Ramanathar, Gajalakshmi. The image of Pichadanar called Vattanai Nayagar looks beautiful.

ARCHITECTURE

This is one of the Mada Koil - The temple Consists of Sanctum Sanctorum, antarala and artha mandapam. The sanctum sanctorum is on a pada bandha adhistanam with three patta kumudam. The bhitti starts with Vedigai. Vishnukantha pilasters are with kalasam, kudam, mandi, palagai, and Vettu pothyal. The prastaram consists of Valapi and kapotam. a two-tier stucco vesara Vimanam is on the sanctum sanctorum.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original Mada Temple might have existed before the 7th Century. It is believed that the original Mada-style temple was built by Ko Chengat Chozha and later re-built as a stone temple by Chozhas and further extended during the Vijayanagara period.

The inscription recorded from this temple belongs to Vikrama Chozha, Rajathirajan-II, Kulothunga Chozha-III. As per the inscriptions, this place was called Rajarajavalanattu Akkurnattu Thalachangattu Thiruvallampuram (Vikrama Chozha), Jayangkonda Chozha Valanattu, Akkurnattu Thalachangattu Thiruvallampuram (Kulothunga Chozha). Lord Shiva was called Thiruvallampuri Udayar and Ambal was called Thadangan Nachiyar.

Vikrama Chozha's 6th reign year inscription records that idols of Koothadu Thevar (Natarajar) and his pirattiyar (Sivakami), Palliyarai Pirattiyar, are established and 2.25 veli land was gifted for worship by Kulothunga Chozhavalanattu Vilanattu, Alangudi Velan Kandaradithan.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : Prioritizing early health checkups will help ensure timely intervention and overall well-being. Financially, focussing on long-term goals will bring stability and security. Recognition is on the horizon, boosting confidence and opening new opportunities. Family interactions may require extra kindness.

Taurus: Morning exercise routine will boost energy levels and improve vitality. Financial challenges due to skill mismatch may arise, so exploring alternative income sources will be beneficial. Obstacles may require patience, but strategic planning will help in overcoming them. Strengthening faith within family relationships.

Gemini: Strengthening immunity should be a priority for maintaining good health. Hacks will prove useful in managing finances efficiently. Self-belief will be the key to overcoming challenges. Family dynamics may be strained due to intergenerational conflicts.

Cancer: Peak vitality will keep you feeling energetic and enthusiastic. Financial security is well within reach, thanks to well-planned strategies. Constructive feedback at work will support professional growth. Stories with grandparents will strengthen emotional bonds. Accepting differences in love.

Leo: Establishing healthy routines will contribute to long-term wellness. Re-evaluating savings plans will improve financial planning. Work performance is likely to receive appreciation from seniors, paving the way for career advancements. Strengthening shared values within the family will deepen relationships.

Virgo: Restoring your immune system will help in maintaining overall well-being. A balanced budget will be key to financial stability. Staying goal-oriented at work will help in achieving professional milestones. Practicing forgiveness within family matters will bring emotional relief and stronger bonds.

Libra: Regular health monitoring will keep you feeling fit and active. Financially, unexpected cash rewards may bring pleasant surprises. Notable professional achievements will boost confidence and credibility. Blissful family gatherings will create cherished memories. Accepting new love opportunities.

Scorpio: Focussing on physical strength and wellness will improve overall health. Secure finances will provide stability and confidence for the future. A productive workflow will keep you engaged and professionally satisfied. Spiritual growth within the family will bring a sense of peace and bonding.

Sagittarius: Energy levels may feel low, making self-care and rest a priority. Resource management will be essential to maintaining financial stability. Your creative problem-solving skills will shine at work, earning you admiration. Supporting your child's talents will foster confidence and growth.

Capricorn: Recovering from past illnesses will require continued care and self-discipline. Financial delays may cause stress, making contingency planning essential. Work efficiency programs will help in boosting productivity and achieving goals.

Aquarius : Prioritizing relaxation and mental well-being will enhance overall health. A well-balanced revenue flow will maintain financial security. Professionally, empowering yourself with new skills and knowledge will open new opportunities. Honoring family heritage and traditions will strengthen familial bonds.

Pisces: Prioritizing self-care will ensure overall well-being and sustained energy levels. Improving your credit score will enhance financial stability & future planning. Celebrating workplace success will bring motivation and a sense of accomplishment. Addressing family tantrums with patience will encourage better understanding. Romantic surprises will rekindle.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
03.05.2025 TO 10.05.2025

In silence, find your true colors

It is said: the silence of the mind will bring about new colours. Become silent. Well, there is no use of you talking a lot after all. So, if you become silent, your mind will become very powerful because of it. For example, some are blind, some are deaf. So, their other organs become very powerful. They can tell the name of a person just by touching [him] with their hand; they neither see [that person] through the eyes nor do they listen to his voice through their ears. So, their sense of touch intensifies to such an extent. So, the best thing is to be quiet. Silence (maun).What does someone do when he fails after making every kind of attempt? What does he do when he becomes tired of speaking? Does he keep speaking or does he become quiet? He becomes quiet. He starts speaking within. Then, in the end, the mind, the heart runs towards God. There were very big powerful [men] in her family, but no one was useful to Draupadi.

No one safeguarded her. What happened then? The same thing...She called out to God from within, through the silence of her mind. So, when the children are courageous, the Father helps them. In the end, everyone will feel: now, we have to stabilize in the van prasth [stage], we have to go beyond speech. Actions don't work. Words don't work out. You have delivered so many speeches and conferences, you have organized many big programs. Nothing works. It is then that you will realize it in the end that the highest power among the mind, words and actions... Which one is it? The mind. That power of the mind itself will work out in the end. It is then that the old world will transform into the new world.

When our mind becomes focused, our task will be accomplished as soon as we intend to do something. Our thoughts will come true. The task which can't be accomplished through any means, it will start being accomplished if you take your mind and intellect under God's canopy. Good and bad thoughts arise in the mind,

don't they? Then, it won't be said to be the silence of the mind. Good and bad thoughts should completely stop arising. Jaahividhiraakhe Ram, taahividhirahiye (live as Ram keeps you). Icchamaatramavidya (without the trace of the knowledge of desire). So, you should attain such a stage that you don't desire anything anymore. We will act just as God asks us to.

Now, what should everyone pay attention to at the present time? To the silence of the mind. Be fond of it so that it keeps increasing. As the silence of the mind keeps increasing, the silence of the body keeps increasing naturally. For this, all of you should keep making efforts to increase the silence of the mind lovingly. The more you keep trying this, the more you have interest for it, then, as you keep observing the silence of the mind, you will naturally keep going far from sound and the more the rays of peace there will be in you. With the silence of the mind, every kind of peace will keep increasing. Then see, what colours emerge within a short time. Now, create an atmosphere through the vibrations of the mind. Then, every problem will turn into a solution effortlessly. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Mount Road traffic diversion to continue till May 4

The traffic diversion on Mount Road from Saidapet to Teynampet will be extended till May 4. The diversion was implemented owing to the ongoing construction work of the proposed four-lane elevated corridor by the highways department. Initially, the diversion was implemented on a trial basis.

The police said the existing route changes will continue.



SWD WORK UNDER PROGRESS: The SWD work is under progress in 15th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. Concern agencies has barricaded one side of the dugged road. But left out open on the otherside shown in the picture. In the night time it is not visible to see the dugged up road. Will the concern authorities close both the sides properly.



Garbage piled up along Nolampur Road

MCK Layout 1st Main Road is located near the service road in Nolampur, 143rd ward, Valasaravakkam zone.

Garbage collected in the area and the panchayats adjacent to the corporation is dumped along this road.

Furthermore, construction waste and meat waste are also dumped, causing a health crisis in the area.

Additionally, there is a mountain of garbage piled up in the area. Some people are setting fire to the garbage.

Motorists are suffering from cows and dogs that come to eat the waste in the garbage dump.

Therefore, the local residents have requested that the garbage piled up along the roadside be removed.



Valluvar Kottam flyover project in Chennai - Whats happening now?

For the purpose of the ongoing metro rail works, the GCC or Greater Chennai Corporation has put on hold the flyover project at Valluvar Kottam in Nungambakkam in Chennai.

The traffic diversions at Nungambakkam and Kodambakkam would be present till 2028 and hence it would be difficult to start the flyover project. This was mentioned by GCC Commissioner Mr. J. Kumaragurubaran. To ease the traffic congestion at the busy 4 way junction, the GCC would make the Kodambakkam High Road and Valluvar Kottam Road wider. Information collected is that the acquisition of lands for road widening is now going on and it will get over by the end of 2025.

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WORST ROAD TO DRIVE



GCC should relay road in Dr. Subrayanagar, 8th Street, Ashok Nagar which is a residential lane. One of the resident of Pudhur said to Kodambakkam Times that this road is not fit for riding. The road was dug up for several reasons and left over. If any metro water lorries crosses this road the water from the lorry fills up the potholes and are filled up with metro water and it will take time to dry for several days. The concern authorities should lay the road as soon as possible because this is the busiest junction which connects to K K Nagar and Ashok Nagar.

Maha Kumbabishekam

Maha Kumbabishekam in Periyapalayathamman Koil, Vijayaraghavapuram, K K Nagar. Kumbabishekam will be conducted on 4th May (Sunday). From timing : 7.00 am to 8.30 am. All are welcome.

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Police assisted 69,628 people who called emergency numbers

Statement issued by the Chennai Metropolitan Police Commissioner's Office: Emergency helpline: Calls to 100 are received from the State Police Control Center and arrangements have been made to provide assistance to the concerned persons within five minutes through the Chennai Metropolitan Police Radio Unit. For this, 234 patrol vehicles are engaged in surveillance work under the supervision of Commissioner Arun and additional, joint and deputy commissioners.



SI's and police officers trained in legal aid and life-saving first aid have been deployed to provide legal assistance. In addition, SI's and police officers are working in rotation 24 hours a day in three patrol vehicles each, namely a white Krista, Innova, and Gypsy Bolero, in the 12 police district boundaries divided into Thiruvallikeni, Adyar, and Kilpauk.

This year, in four months, 69,628 people who contacted emergency numbers were quickly attended to and their grievances were resolved.

Clear garbage dump

Waste thrown on the Kalasathamman Koil Street, Ramapuram for a long time converts oxygen to harmful nitrogen, which leads to harmful diseases in humans. Forest, soils and aquatic environments are also affected. The waste has various effects on the environment. The fines under the sections are just between ₹200 and ₹500, depending on the discretion of the court, and in extreme cases, a punishment of six-month imprisonment can be given under the law, residents opine.

Increases in littering and illegal dumping contribute to air pollution, land pollution and ocean pollution, they say. If garbage is not disposed off properly, it can turn into breeding grounds for microorganisms, flies, mosquitoes, etc. which may lead to causing several diseases, residents opine. Litter endangers the environment, wildlife, and economy. It pollutes neighborhoods, decreases property values, and destroys natural beauty. The ideal way to handle the problem of littering is to prevent it in the first place.

Lack of proper dumping spaces and the removal of roadside bins are having a combined effect on a busy road and it is not on the positive side, it has led to a situation where available open spaces are being turned into a dumping ground, says Ramasamy, a long time resident. Environmental activists and the public have urged the authorities to stop the practice of dumping of waste. However, sanitation workers allegedly do not collect the waste properly and people end up dumping garbage on the roads. Many a time, sanitation workers dump excess garbage, he added.

The stench and health hazards are not being taken seriously by civic authorities. Garbage, including plastics, are often dumped. The commissioner has issued an order to clear the garbage dumped. Heaps of garbage were seen lying strewn irks residents. Foul smell emanating from the unsegregated waste is unbearable.

While the Corporation has been stressing on segregation of garbage waste at source



residents have failed to follow the instructions and continue to dump it as it is, residents opine. It has become an illegal garbage dumping ground causing inconvenience to locals. However, the piles of garbage and odour is making it difficult for residents to commute on the road. Piles of garbage are seen on this road almost every day. The concerned authorities should take action immediately, residents opine.



A pothole appears again on the road after a pipe burst was repaired

There is a 700-meter long Ponnambalam Road in K.K. Nagar, Kodambakkam Zone. It connects P.V. Rajamannar Road, M.G.R. Nagar Anna Main Road. A few months ago, an underground sewage pipe on this road broke, creating a mega crater. After the break was repaired, the tar road was recently paved.

In this situation, the road has been submerged and a pothole has formed due to a sewer pipe bursting again in the same location.

Water Board officials are digging a ditch on the road and repairing a broken pipe.

New green park in Koyambedu set to open by end of May

A beautifully designed green park with modern facilities is nearing completion on the Koyambedu Inner Ring Road near the Poonamallee High Road junction. Developed by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Corporation at a cost of ₹8.63 crore, the park spans approximately 3.59 acres and is expected to be opened to the public by the end of May.

The park will feature a yoga center, walking path, gym, and other amenities, aiming to offer a refreshing recreational space for residents. Social activists have welcomed the development, expressing joy over the initiative. "A grand green park is being built under the Koyambedu flyover. We are very happy it's being constructed for the benefit of the public and children. We are eagerly waiting for its opening," they said.



Chennai Police to launch robotic cop at 200 locations

The latest sensational news is that at 200 locations in Chennai, Greater Chennai Police would deploy Red Button Robotic Cop with the main aim of enhancing public safety within a month.

It is noteworthy that this Robotic Cop would be equipped with the CCTV cameras that are capable of 360 degrees surveillance and panic buttons for real time communication facilities for the affected public for interacting with the police.

To use this tool in policing, the police personnel would be provided with special training. Anomalies in the public space would be detected by the robotic cop (equipped with state of art sensors and cameras) and authorities would be alerted immediately. The CCTV cameras that would cover 360 degrees would help in the investigations etc. This was according to the police department.

The law and order police personnel would provide the initial feedback and based on that the Robotic Cop would be installed at 540 locations across Chennai. This would be in the first phase. Various locations in Chennai where the Robotic Cop would be installed are shopping & transit hubs, IT Parks, places of worship and other crowd gathering places.

It was brought out by Chennai Police Commissioner Mr. Arun that the number of units would be increased to 200. To ensure a seamless response in the times of emergencies, the police dept is having plans to integrate Robotic Cop with Chennai's current surveillance systems.



AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Small screen actress attempts suicide

Amudha, 28, lives in Venkateswara Nagar, Saligramam. She is acting as a supporting actress in the popular TV series 'Kayaal'.

Due to a family dispute, her husband Sakthi Prabhu separated from her and she is living at her mother's house in Avadi.

Amudha, who was depressed due to this, attempted suicide by drinking the toilet cleaner. She informed her friend Kiran about this. Kiran rushed to the scene, rescued Amudha, who was attempting suicide, and admitted her to a private hospital in Virugambakkam.

There, Amudha is receiving treatment in critical condition.

Virugambakkam police are investigating the incident.

Woman cop hands over cash found on road

A traffic woman police found cash around 1.48 lakh cash in Burkit Road, T Nagar attached to Mambalam traffic police station when she was on duty she noticed a bag lying on the Madley-Road, Burkit Road junction on Sunday night. On checking the bag, she found Rs. 1.48 lakh cash in it and since no one came to claim it, Inthurani handed over the cash bag to Higher officials in Mambalam police station.

Police personnel checked the CCTV footage in the area and found that the cash bag fell off a two-wheeler and efforts are under way to find the rightful owner of the cash. The constable's actions received widespread appreciation on social media and she was also appreciated by the top brass of the Greater Chennai Police.

Auto driver pushed to death in K K Nagar

A 33-year-old auto-rickshaw driver was pushed to death by another auto driver after a quarrel at a roadside eatery in K K Nagar on Monday. Police have arrested the accused.

The deceased was identified as M Vijayakanth, a native of Sullampatti in Sivaganga district. Vijayakanth was under the influence of alcohol and he was walked by his friend M Thangam (27) to an eatery. Vijayakanth had asked Thangam to buy him food led to an argument between them. Vijayakanth grabbed a jug of water from the eatery and poured it on Thangam's face.

Infuriated by his gesture, Thangam attacked Vijayakanth and pushed him to the ground. Vijayakanth, who was already intoxicated, fell and sustained a severe head injury. Onlookers rescued Vijayakanth and moved him to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

K K Nagar police registered a case based on the complaint and arrested Thangam. He was produced before a magistrate court and remanded in judicial custody.

Painter arrested for attacking police

Muthu, 36, a police constable with MGR Nagar police station, was on patrol duty at midnight on the 26th. At that time, he received information that two people were fighting on Kamarajar Salai in Nesappakkam.

Muthu went to the scene, warned him, and tried to take a video. At that point, one of the policemen spoke to Muthu in a monotone and attacked him.

Muthu, who was injured in this, was treated at KK Nagar Hospital. The attacker, identified as Janardhanan, 25, a painter from Bharathi Nagar, Nesappakkam, was arrested by the police.

Theft in hospital

Dr. Srinivasan's 'Sai Ortho' hospital is located on Sathulla Street, T. Nagar. An employee was engaged in cleaning work morning.

At that time, the drawer of the reception desk was open. The money in it had been stolen. Upon examining the surveillance camera recordings, it was found that the hospital's night duty staff, guard Govindaswamy and receptionist Arivazhagan, were sleeping early morning.

At that time, it was revealed that three masked men, who arrived in an auto, entered the hospital with a knife and stole 6,300 rupees from the till and a mobile phone. Hospital superintendent Nandakumar filed a complaint at the Mambalam police station regarding this. The police are investigating.

A man who stole from a popular clothing store was caught

A famous clothing store called 'Kumaran Silks' is operating on Nageswara Rao Road, T. Nagar. Ajith, 47, from West Mambalam, works as a cashier in this store. On the morning of last February 17, the employees came to work at the store as usual.

Then, they were shocked to find that the 'ball ceiling' on the fourth floor had been broken. It was revealed that the mysterious persons had entered through it and stolen 9 lakh rupees from the safe.

Mambalam police registered a case in this regard and formed a special team to investigate the thieves. It was revealed that the thieves involved in the theft were Shyam Sundar Shani, 38, and Rahul Singh, 35, from Uttar Pradesh.

Following this, the Mambalam police, who went to Uttar Pradesh, arrested Shyam Sundar Shani. Rs 10,000 was seized from him. They are searching for Rahul Singh, who is absconding.

Two arrested for smuggling ganja in auto

Vadapalani police conducted a routine vehicle check early morning near a private hospital on Vadapalani 100 Feet Road.

At that time, they stopped and searched an auto that was passing by. At that time, one of the three people in the auto fled.

When the two were arrested and the box they were carrying was searched, it was discovered to contain cannabis.

During the investigation, it was revealed that the arrested were Sohrab, 24, and Abu Sufyan, 24, from Bihar.

An auto and 219 packages containing 2 kg of ganja were seized from them.

VIP Break Darshan at Ezhumalaiyan Temple from May 1

With schools and colleges closed for the festive season, the Tirupati Seven Hills Yana Temple is crowded.

Considering the crowd of devotees, letters of recommendation for Darshan and accommodation will not be accepted from May 1st to June 15th. The temple has also announced that VIP pre-darshan will be provided as usual for VIP devotees arriving in the temple.



Work to clear the drains of the Virugambakkam canal

There have been allegations that the dredging work on the Virugambakkam canal, which passes through Arumbakkam.

The Virugambakkam Canal is one of the major waterways in Chennai. This canal, which begins at Nelkundram, passes through Arumbakkam, Choolaimedu, MMDA Colony, and merges into the Koovam River near Aminkarai, a distance of 6 km.

Due to improper maintenance, the entire canal is full of garbage. Especially, in Ward 106, Arumbakkam, near MMDA Colony, Choolaimedu, Padmanabha Nagar, the canal leading to Tamilar Street has grown with thorns.



R Ashwin conferred Padma Shri and Actor Ajith honoured with Padma Bhushan

In a proud moment for Indian cricket, spin legend Ravichandran Ashwin was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri and actor Ajith, who has been honoured with the Padma Bhushan award. Both were presented by President Droupadi Murmu at a glittering ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

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The only problem with the police is that they have no place to park vehicles they confiscate, and the abandoned vehicles will become another headache, says Kala, a homemaker.

Any drive against old vehicles blocking roads should begin with the police setting an example and clearing their environs of junk vehicles, she added. Lines of two-wheelers are parked on the footpath blocking pedestrian movement outside police stations. Residents hoping for a solution soon.

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