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Somasundaram playground not opened despite completion of works



work on the Somasundaram Sports Ground at a cost of three crore rupees. Although the work has been completed, the Corporation Sports Ground has not yet been opened. Following this, the youth of the area have been entering and playing inside. There has been a demand that the Somasundaram playground, once the work is completed, be put into proper use.

The T. Nagar Somasundaram Municipal Corporation playground has not been opened despite the completion of renovation work by the CMDA. The ancient Somasundaram Sports Ground is located in Ward 133 of T. Nagar, Kodambakkam Mandal. Many youngsters engage in various sports activities here. Many people, including the elderly, also go for walks. The entrance and perimeter wall of this playground were damaged and looked untidy due to lack of proper maintenance. Subsequently, the renovation work of the playground at a cost of 80 lakh rupees was initiated by the Corporation in 2021.

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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 pothiyals. 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.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
18.05.2025 TO 24.05.2025

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: 'AadamkoKhuda mat kahoAadamKhudanahi, lekinKhudakenuur se Aadamjudabhinahihai (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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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.

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.



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



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.



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.



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

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86.10 percent students pass in corporation schools

There are 417 schools under the Chennai Corporation Education Department, including 206 primary, 130 middle, 46 high and 35 higher secondary.

Of these, 86.10% of the students who wrote the 10th standard public examination in the year 2024-25 passed.

S. Tejaswini, a student of Saidapet Girls' Higher Secondary School, has secured the first position by scoring 492 marks out of 500.

Buddha Street Girls'



B.S. Tejaswini



A. Shobana



S. Arun

Higher Secondary School student A. Shobana, with 491 marks, and Choolaimedu Higher Secondary School student S. Arun, with 487 marks, secured the next places.

Out of a total of 70 schools, 14 schools including Purasaivakkam, Nungambakkam Girls Higher Secondary School and Kamarajapuram, Padikuppam, Kodungaiyur, Kannammapettai, Royapettah Lloyds Road and Rangarajapuram have achieved 100 percent pass rate.

Furthermore, 190 students scored above 450 marks, 659 students scored between 400 and 449, and 1,963 students scored above 350 marks.

Drainage renovation under progress

Drainage reconstruction work is being carried out in all 18 wards under the Teynampet zone as a precautionary measure for the rainy season. In particular, reconstruction work is being carried out on a 250-meter-long rainwater drainage channel on Habibullah Road, T. Nagar. In this regard, the corporation official said: A fund of Rs. 74 lakh has been allocated for the reconstruction of the rainwater drainage system on Habibullah Road, T. Nagar.



Trees cut, chaos unleashed

Trees have been cut down on Subramanian Main Road in Kodambakkam, resulting in chaos. This is welcoming unwanted interference. While it's summer, occasional rains could contribute to inconvenience for the public while traveling on the road. Individuals must take accountability for their actions, and authorities must be notified.

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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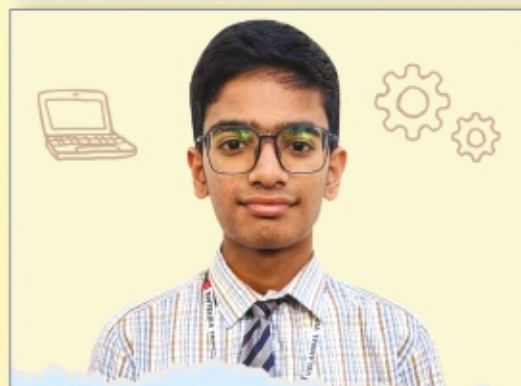
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Zonal committee meeting held

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 Gangaianman 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.

This year Bala Mandir conducted summer camp for children which was ended on May 10 at G N Chetty Road, T Nagar. As part of the cultural and learning centre initiatives, the Summer Camp is organized in Bala Mandir every year during the April / May for 12 working days, in memory of a remarkable man – Mr. V.Y. Gaitonde, who volunteered his free time for the children of BM till his demise in July 2013.

He spread love and a caring concern for the batches of children he met year after year till his demise. Many old inmates of the home fondly recall his delightful and imaginative songs and stories, and the joy he brought into their lives.

The camp is appropriately named, in his memory, as the Balu Sir Summer Camp.

The main activities during the 10-day Camp were:

This is the 11th year of the summer camp, and as always, it was conducted in two sections - Senior

Summer camp held



(classes 1 - 5) and Junior (LKG, UKG, Toddlers) - which was attended by both Bala Mandir Home children and Bala Mandir Schools day-scholars, including few children from Bala Mandir Madhuram Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children. Activities like Craft and Dance were taught to the junior children, while activities like Art & Drawing, Craft, Dance and Theater (mime) were taught to the senior children.

The Cultural Programmes during the Valedictory function were:

- Camp song composed and sung by Mary, Bala Mandir Staff.
- 'Bomma Bomma Tha' - dance on Lord Ganesha by the KG children.
- 'Vaarum Vaarum Mayilin Azhagai paarum' - dance by KG children - the song was composed by Balu Sir himself.
- Rajasthani folk dance - 'Dholna' - by Senior children.
- Mime - by Senior Children - theme - 'In a classroom where bullying and teasing persists - three specially abled children teach the other children a valuable lesson, through a drawing competition. The lessons learnt are about honesty, kindness, and the power of self-respect, and kindness always triumphs over cruelty'
- Kathak - dance form from UP - performance by Senior girls.
- South Indian Tribal dance - Kumki song - by senior children.
- Refreshments and Lunch is served to all the children, including day-scholars, for the duration of the camp - sponsored by YRG Care.

At the Valedictory Function on May 10, Mr A Joseph Xavier, Member, Child Welfare Committee, Chennai South Zone was the Chief Guest. For further information: Nikhil Raghavan M: 9840993400

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 08.63 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.

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Illegal parking irked residents

The residents of Venkateshwara Lane in Choolaimedu have urged the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to take stern action against the persons parking vehicles illegally on the lane. The vehicles are found parked haphazardly, blocking the entire lane without even providing space for walking.

The fruits, vegetables and grocery shops in Anna Nedum Pathai are the main reason for the above-mentioned lane facing the brunt, as people who visit these shops just park their vehicles wherever they find spots. Adding to it, this lane is also one of the major interior stretches connecting Nelson Manickam Road, Arumbakkam and Kodambakkam.

The vendors near the Venkateshwara Lane have been eating up the road space and littering the road with fruit and vegetable waste, causing difficulty to commuters and residents.

'The painful for us, as the entrance of the lane is always blocked by two-wheelers and vehicles of the vendors. The corporation has allotted a vending zone for vendors without dustbins, and they litter the road with vegetable and fruit waste', said Kumar, a resident of Venkateshwara Lane.

Also, the patients who come to Sivasakthi Hospital are forced to park their vehicle at the beginning of the lane. 'In the morning and evening hours, we face hardship to go out both ways on the lane', stated another resident.



Traffic police must take action on no parking zone

Another day, another parking blunder in Murugesan Street, Kodambakkam. Despite clear 'No Parking' signs, vehicle owners continue to park in restricted areas, causing inconvenience to residents and delaying ongoing work. Disregarding these simple rules, often creating disconnection between the locals and the authority but when it comes to vehicle owners' turn to take accountability, they often become uncooperative.

The Chennai police have been cracking down on vehicles parked in no-parking zones. Apart from locking the wheels of the cars, the police have also been towing away vehicles if they had caused traffic obstructions on busy streets and roads, says Guna, another resident. Similar activity must be carried out in other places too, he added.

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