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Sewage overflow irks



Sewage overflow is not a new issue for the residents of Chennai. This has become a recurring problem all over the city. If that was not enough, people in the suburbs also face similar situations, and most of the roads experience the mess caused by the overflow of sewage drains.

The situation in Danashekaran Street, Kodambakkam is no different.

The residents have been complaining about the overflowing sewage on the street. Most of the people living in the area use the street and have been facing the hardship of cross the filth on almost all

"This issue has been prevailing for all most a week. Despite raising complaints several times, no action has been taken by the officials concerned. The toll-free number only takes in complaints, but there is no followup after that.

No major steps are taken to resolve civic concerns', said Kumar, a resident in the area.

The overflowing sewage also poses a health hazard to the people. The residents claim that the area has become very prone to the mosquito menace.

' As the road is situated near a temple, a large number of devotees walk through this flowing

The stench from this wastewater causes difficulty for the pedestrians and the residents, and the sellers nearby.

If not attended to, the situation could turn worse during the sudden spell. Sewage mixing with stagnated rainwater will worsen the situation.



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Voice of GOD



Sri Sankaaranyeswarar Temple, Thiru Thalachangadu

This is the 162nd Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 45th sthalam on the south side of river Cauvery in Chozha Nadu. This place maintains the same name as Thalachangadu from the 6th to the 7th Century.

In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Thiruvalampuram. Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Moolavar: Sri Sangaranyeswarar, Sri Sangavaneswarar, Sri Sangarunadeswarar. Consort: Sri Soundaranavaki.

Some of the important features of this temple are as follows. The temple faces east with an entrance arch and a temple tank Sangu Theertham. Balipeedam and Vinayagar are after the arch. Dwarapalakas are in front of Sanctm sanctorum. Moolavar is a little tall on a Sanghu / conch / square-shaped avudayar. In Koshtam, Narthana Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, Brahma, Durgai.

In the ardha mandapam image of Nalvar and Chenkot Chozhan with his wife. In praharam at lower level Sridevi, Bhudevi sametha Maha Vishnu with his consorts Sridevi and Bhudevi, Sri Valli Devasena Subramaniar, Natarajar, Somaskandar, Nalvar, Maha Vishnu, Ramar with Sita, Jurahareswarar, Kaveri, Pattinathar, Jyeshta Devi, Chandikeswarar, Akarshana Lingam and Agasthiyar.

Ambal is in a separate Temple with sanctum, antarala and artha mandapam. Ambal is in standing posture with abhaya varada hastam.

ARCHITECTURE

The sanctum sanctorum consists of sanctum, antarala, and ardha mandapam. The sanctum is a little large with a narrow entrance. A vesara Vimanam is over the sanctum. This is one of the Mada temples believed to have been built by Ko Changat Chozhan. The details are given below

The verru thalam is 2.26 meters tall on a padma bandha adhistanam with padma jagathy, vrutha kumuda, and pattikai. The bhitti is supported with Brahma kantha pilasters (usual features of kalasam, kudam, lotus petals mandi palakai, and poomottu pothyal. The prastram is with valapi (lotus petals), kapotam (nasis) and prathivari / vyyalavari. Koshtas are in the bhitti with only two images.

The sanctum sanctorum is on this veRRu thalam. Maha mandapam is built with the same features of VeRRu thalam. The Sanctum Sanctorum is on a prati banda adhistanam with padma jagathy, vrutha kumuda, kapotam, and vyyalavari. The Bhitti starts with vedikai, Vishnu kantha pilasters with square base, Indrakantha pilasters with kalasam, kudam, lotus petals mandi, palakai, and poo mottu pothyal. An ekatha brick vesara Vimanam is on the prastram. 4 maha nasis and 4 alpha nasis are on the sigaram. Dakshinamurthy, Maha Vishnu, and Brahma are in the greeva koshtam along with tala vahana.

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 by Vijayanagaras.

There are 10 inscriptions recorded from this temple. The inscriptions belong to Chozhas which includes Uthama Chozha and his mother Sembiyan Mahadevi.

* Your Stars This Year:

Aries: An intense partnership awaits you with ardour, dreams and opportunities. It is quite real, indeed, and is fortunate, but note that all fires need time to become a steady combustion. Enjoy the sensational heat without hastening it, allowing it to take its course on its own. Lots of love will develop.

Taurus: Heart could be carrying a lot more than you have expressed. Do not allow the tension of such feelings to build up—they are there to show you where to keep communicating more and more meaningfully with each other. Verbalise what you feel. Communication is like a bridge for love to continue flowing.

Gemini: Brings a change in expectation from love. The thrill of the hunt, still there, begins to recede as one turns to a calmer and deeper sentiment. You are learning that in a safe space, true love can grow; what represents emotional security becomes more important.

Cancer: Love is light and dear this week, filled with the inquiry of everyday moments. This easy connection is visibly apparent in how gracefully you share a meal or work on things for each other before finally basking in tranquillity. This week, the idea is to appreciate the delicacy of what you already have.

Leo: Love throws a curve ball this week as a certain someone challenges your very core in thinking and feeling. Intriguing as well as maybe frustrating. You are shaken, challenged to grow. May the tension be used like a spark for you. Love doesn't always mean agreement; sometimes it's about learning through each other.

Virgo: Small tokens of exchange, shared glances, and quiet routines come to be laden with an entirely new power. No extravagant fanfare is needed, as it is only another reminder that the heart prefers to reside in the details. Whether it is one person's touch you have felt a thousand times or their touch that reaches your heart.

Libra: Your attention may be moved toward someone you had overlooked until now. A look, a chat, or a faint zing that is pulling you draws you another step closer, and you can't imagine how you missed this connection all this time. Every once in a while, love walks into the room in broad daylight and asks you to show.

Scorpio: A talk that was waiting to happen, or wasn't even a thought, is revealed, opening up a new possible relationship between you and someone close. All the stars in the sky are shaking hands. Honest discourse can be a secret confession or a mere sweetly spoken truth, serving to impart meaning to the emotional bond.

Sagittarius: Your heart is yearning to understand things in their entirety, not just from your peers or significant others, but also from your very own being. Emotional expression is the ultimate link to the deeper reality you need. Whether you are on the verge of beginnings or in the middle of a relationship.

Capricorn: All about telling you that love is all about standing one's own ground. When in love, you never lose a part of yourself but rather begin to grow with that person, all the while never forgetting your roots. Learn to love another, yet not lose oneself in the process.

Aquarius: Spells joy and togetherness—a perfect ambience to bring those hearts a light of shared laughter. Whether it is an innocent jest, a commonplace so light-hearted, or an entirely magical joyride, an easy source of merriment serves to nurture trust and grow the relationship without any peer pressure.

Pisces: An invitation to bid farewell to what you think love should look like. This act of surrender allows for what is truly spontaneous and unpredictable to come into play. Romance does not always come with rules, and often long-time relationships start in the most jumbled fashion. Feel it now, just relax, and do not cover up.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK 11.05.2025 TO 17.05.2025

Enough Tears: Time to Stop Crying

Crying is a sign of sorrow. Human beings do cry, don't they? The one who cries won't be called the one who has found God. You experience a wave of sorrow when your relationship gets severed from God. So, to cry means to break your relation with God, to turn your face away from Him. When someone cries, you must have seen that he won't face anyone, he will certainly hide it. So, just like when someone cries physically, he automatically hides his face, similarly, when you also cry from within, you automatically avert your face from the Father. You turn your back on the Father. You should never have a wave of sorrow even in your thoughts. Being the children of the Giver of Happiness and having a wave of sorrow doesn't befit [you]. Having a gloomy mood is also crying through the face.

God says: The one who cries loses. So, are you included in the list of losers or gainers? You feel happiness and sorrow due to the bodily beings. Those who are crying are losing their luck. Arey! The Fortune Maker Father has come. Where is the need to cry? Whatever may happen, we won't spoil our shooting under any circumstances. If you have love for bodily beings, you will definitely get sorrow and you will definitely give sorrow. If you believe in the One God and no one else, the question of sorrow doesn't arise at all. You will become rona (to cry) proof. When you stabilize in the stage of the point of light, in the soul conscious stage, you won't cry. You should speak to God even after getting up in the morning. Keep strolling outside, keep thinking and churning: I am so fortunate. You shouldn't cry [thinking:] I am so unfortunate. Your karmic bondages are getting over. You are becoming very light. So, should you feel happy,

should you jump in happiness or should you cry? If you

came to know, God has come, the One who is Almighty,

the One who can do anything, He can change anything in our life, then what is the need for you to cry? It means you don't have attachment for God, either you have attachment for some person or you have attachment for something; you are crying for it. Or you have attachment for your body. Otherwise, what is the need to cry? When you have found God, you have found everything. You have attained whatever you had to; what else do you need now? God the Father says: now when you have become the lover of the Supreme Father Supreme Soul, why do you cry? So, if you always keep remembering Him, there can be no reason to cry. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Ramakrishna took charge as State President

S.Ramakrishna (resident of Lakshmi Street, West Mambalam) took charge as Tamilnadu State President of Akhil Ekta Udyog Vypar Mandal and conducted their 1st introduction meet in a function held at Vadapalani on May 3. The program was inaugurated by Sanjeev Jaisawal (National President, Akhil Ekta Udyog Vypar Mandal), Dr. E. K. T. Sivakumar (Educationist and Social activist) and eminent personalities.

S.Ramakrisha said that association is for support and promote all the business entrepreneur by providing guidance about all the government schemes to promote their business. He said that all business entrepreneurs are welcome to join the association by registering details with Rs.250 annual fee.

Transformer explosion incinerates bike

An electrical transformer exploded around 2:30 am on Wednesday on Sarathi street Saidapet, triggering a blaze. The flames erupted from a nearby centering board, which seemed to be the main cause of the explosion. Iqbal, 35, had his Honda two-wheeler bike destroyed. Fortunately, the incident occurred early in the morning when the area was quiet, preventing serious harm. Neighbors quickly spotted the destruction and called the fire station. The Teynampet fire brigade arrived promptly and extinguished the fire. The Saidapet police are now investigating the mishap.

MGR Nagar police recovers stolen phones and arrests youth

Police arrested a 29-year-old man for mobile phone theft, it was discovered that Priya, 25, a private bank employee from Anjugam street, found three mobile phones were missing from his house. On the night of May 3rd, he had left his door open because of summer heat resulting in the theft. Muthuramalingam, aged 29 of Misa Abraham First cross street, MGR Nagar, found guilty and arrested by the police. All the three mobile phones were confiscated from him.

MTC conducter assaulted by passenger

A 32-year-old man, Dinesh alias Katteri Dinesh, was arrested for assaulting an MTC bus conductor with a bottle at MGR Nagar. The conductor, 59-year-old Ramesh, residing in Vanagaram, was working on a mini bus route S26/C when the incident occurred. Dinesh, in a inebriated state, boarded the bus and began verbally abusing Ramesh before attacking him with a bottle and fleeing the scene. Ramesh sought medical attention at Royapettah Hospital and filed a complaint with the MGR Nagar police. Following an investigation, the police apprehended Dinesh, bringing relief to Ramesh and the community.

Man held for cheating woman

The Chennai Police have arrested a 33-year-old man, Ilavarasan, for allegedly cheating a 26-year-old woman out of 26 sovereigns of gold and Rs 7.63 lakh. Ilavarasan, who also worked as a manager at the same private finance company as the victim in Virugambakkam, promised to marry her but instead she was deceived by him. The woman sought police action with the Chennai Police Commissioner's Grievance Redressal Camp, leading to a case being registered at the Anna Nagar All Women Police Station. Ilavarasan was found guilty and arrested from the Vadakarai area of Nagapattinam district and remanded in judicial custody.

Businessman robbed

The Greater Chennai Police cracked the case of a businessman being robbed of a diamond at a hotel in Vadapalani on Sunday within 24 hours. They have arrested all four suspects in Thoothukudi and recovered the diamond. The businessman, V. Chandrasekar, 69, has been involved in diamond trade. Recently, he was trying to sell a diamond allegedly worth around 20 crore. He approached a couple of intermediaries in the city, who introduced him to 'London' Rajan and his associates as prospective buyers. Mr. Chandrasekar was robbed of the jewel when he went to their hotel to sell it.

He was found with his arms and legs tied in the room by his daughter, who had accompanied him, and the hotel staff. They then lodged a complaint with the Vadapalani police. Following this, the police launched an investigation. Four special teams were formed by City Police Commissioner A. Arun. They intensified investigations in the city limits and adjoining districts. Police sources said that at 2 a.m., the Puthiyamputhur police in Thoothukudi received information regarding a dispute that broke out between the suspects and toll plaza staff over 'Fast Tag' payment.

On their arrival, the suspects filed the scene. They were arrested after a chase. Subsequently, the suspects — L. John Loyd, 34, of Iyyappanthangal; S. Vijay, 24, of Valasaravakkam; R. Rathish, 28, of Thiruverkadu; and G. Arun Pandiyarajan alias 'London' Rajan, 32, of Paramakudi — were arrested. The diamond and their vehicle were seized.

The suspects were then brought to the city. A senior police officer said they would be remanded in judicial custody after due interrogation.

Two rowdies arrested for slashing man who knocked on door for friend

Deepan, 34, is from Varadarajapuram, Nungambakkam. He works in a private company in Kodambakkam.

A few days ago, he had gone to his friend Anil's house in Thiruvananthapuram. At that time, Deva, who lives near Anil's house, got into an argument with his friends while drunk. He then attacked Anil and left.

Deepan contacted Deva on his mobile phone and inquired about this. Following this, Deva called Deepan to talk peace. Then they took him in an auto and attacked him with a knife.

Deepan, who was injured in this, was admitted to the Royapettah Government Hospital. The Teynampet police, investigating the matter, arrested Deva, 29, and Vijay, 28, both from Thiruvananthapuram yesterday and seized a knife and an auto. There are already criminal cases against the arrested Deva and Vijay.

Man's death sparks investigation after argument-ridden marriage

A 32-year-old man, Ajith from K.K. Nagar, died after jumping off a bridge in Kotturpuram, reportedly due to marital discord. Ajith's wife, Aarti, 29, works with the Central Security Forces. The couple frequently argued, and Ajith blamed his wife's relatives for their troubles. Before his attempted suicide, Ajith sent a video to a friend stating that his in-laws were the reason behind his decision. The Kotturpuram police are now questioning Ajith's wife and relatives in connection with his death.

Two Nepali men injured in knife fight over argument

A violent altercation broke out between two Nepali men, Vikram, 35, and Govind, 38, who work as packers at a textile warehouse in Ramapuram Vivekananda Nagar. The argument escalated into a knife fight, leaving both men with injuries to their necks, faces, and bodies. Colleagues intervened and admitted them to the Royapettah Government Hospital, where they are receiving treatment. The Ramapuram police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

Two robbers caught after snatching cash at knifepoint

A robbery occurred in West Mambalam when two men snatched Rs 3,000 from Selvamani, 26, at knifepoint. The incident took place in the early hours on Reddy Kuppam Road, where Selvamani was walking when the robbers, who arrived in an auto-rickshaw, threatened him and fled with the cash. The Kumaran Nagar police investigated the case and identified the suspects as Anush, 24, and Ganesh, 37, both from Chennai. The police arrested the duo and recovered Rs 1,000 from them.

9-year-old boy seriously injured in car accident

A 9-year-old boy from Nadesan Nagar, Virugambakkam, was hit by an Innova car while cycling on the main road in Virugambakkam. The collision caused serious injuries to the boy's left leg. The driver, Naveen, immediately rushed the boy to a private hospital in Saligramam. An investigation by the Pondy Bazaar Traffic Investigation Unit police revealed that the car belonged to retired IAS officer Jyoti Nirmala Swamy, who was not present in the vehicle at the time of the accident. Naveen, 32, the driver, is said to have caused the accident.



Drinking water cans should be used only 30 times

The Food Safety Department has ordered drinking water manufacturing companies to recycle and reuse drinking water cans only 30 times.

Sales of drinking water cans have increased due to the scorching summer heat. In this situation, the Food Safety Department has ordered companies that manufacture and sell drinking water to follow the proper regulations issued by the Food Safety Department to ensure the quality of drinking water cans.

Accordingly, the guidelines issued by the Food Safety Department to those companies state: It is essential that companies that manufacture and sell drinking water cans during the summer season fully follow the guidelines of the Food Safety Department. In that regard, according to the rules, drinking water should not be stored in the presence of sunlight. The calcium level should be maintained at 10 to 75 milligrams per liter of drinking water, and the magnesium level should be maintained at 5 to 30 milligrams per liter of drinking water, press release said.



Book on GST

Legend from left: Manimaran, Ragukumar, Sridhar, Sabari Girisan and Rajamani Balaji. K.Manimaran (Chareted Accountant and Partner of Sekharan Associates, 70, Burkit Road, T.Nagar) compiled a guide book on 'Mastering GST Compliance' during its first workshop for GST aspirants held on April 27.

The book was released by CA. Y. Sridhar (leading Chartered Accountant), it was received by Rajamani Balaji (Chartered Accountant), Sabari Girisan (President of International Chamber of GST professionals), PLN. Ragukumar (Chartered Accountant, Sekharan Associates) and Balasundaram (Chartered Accountant)

This is book is 70 pages with 20 chapters about GST techniques. Manimaran completeed Chareted Accountant in 2012 and done LLB degree. Manimaran through his youtube channel 'Gst India Daily' he is doing GST update and amendment videos for the benifit of GST aspirants.

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Parinayodsavam celebrated at Padmavati Thayar temple

he Parinayotsayam was held with great pomp and show Thursday at the Padmavati Thayar Temple in Thiruvallur, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam. A large number of devotees participated in it.

At the beginning of the Kali Yuga, Mahavishnu came to earth from Vaikuntam as

The Venkatachala Mahatmya Grantham states that the king of the forest, who ruled over the Narayana forest, married his daughter Padmavati to Srinivasar.

Therefore, to mark the wedding ceremony of Mother Padmavati and Lord Srinivasa, a grand three-day wedding festival called Parinayotsavam is celebrated every year in Tirumala for Mother Padmavati and Lord Srinivasa.

In that sense, from the 6th until Thursday, there was a grand celebration there. Similarly, on the closing day of the festival, a Parinayotsavam was celebrated at the Padmavati Thayar Temple in Thiruvananthapuram. A large number of devotees participated in this.

Corpn by-elections 2025: 1.02 lakh voters to cast votes in 4 wards

By-elections will soon be described by the Chennai Corporation - Ward 59 y-elections will soon be held for four vacant wards (Royapuram), Ward 122 (Teynampet), Ward 146 (Valasaravakkam), and Ward 165 (Alandur). These seats became vacant following the demise of the respective councillors

The Greater Chennai Corporation has announced that a total of 1,02,160 voters are eligible to cast their votes across 98 polling stations in these wards. The official voter list was released by Additional Commissioner V Jayachandrabhanu Reddy, along with Deputy Commissioner (Revenue and Finance) Prathiviraj and Municipal Revenue Officer K.P. Bhanushandran.

The Tamil Nadu State Election Commission will soon release the official by-election notification and is preparing for the election process.





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

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.

GCC urges traders to put up Tamil name boards at shops

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) on Friday held a consultation meeting with the representatives of traders' associations for the installation of Tamil name boards at shops, commercial establishments, food outlets, and factories in its limits. Commercial establishments without Tamil name boards will face a fine of 2,000 under Rule 18 of the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Rules, 1948. Eateries will face penalty of up to 500 under the Tamil Nadu Catering Establishments Act, 1958, a press release

During a meeting with the Department of Labour, officials said district-level committees, led by the Collector, should ensure enforcement of Tamil language name boards, coordinating with relevant departments, raising awareness of legal provisions, and holding monthly review meetings.



Vedanta Vidyamani award to sanskrit scholar Dr.R. Thiagarajan

Samskrita Ratna Dr.R. Thiagarajan the resident of West Mambalam was conferred the title" Vedanta Vidyamani" for his magnum opus contribution of the book "Veda Vedanta Vidya" by Hon'ble Justice G.R.Swaminathan, Judge, High Court of Madras in a function organised by Appayya Dikshita foundation in veda hall, Chromepet on Sunday, 4 May 2025: Justice Swaminathan released a commemorative volume titled "Appayya Pushpanjali" edited by Dr.R. Thiagarajan. This Foundation honoured also selected stalwarts in their respective fields working towards protecting the Sanatan Dharma and Indian culture. Dr. C.L. Ramakrishnan the former DGP was given the title Jnana choodamani. The other title recipients are Rajan Iyer, Samavedamani, Vedarakshanamani G.

Sivaramakrishnan, A. Bhaskaran, P. Harikrishnan, Alaya sevamani S. Rajappan Seshadri and Appayya Sevamani S. Srinivasan. Dr.R. Thiagarajan's contact 9840316797

Spl buses for Chitra Pournami

Renovation soon for Vada Madura Kannan Temple

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The renovation work will be conducted in Vada
Madura Kannan Temple in West Mambalana Madura Kannan Temple in West Mambalam at a cost of Rs. 24 lakh. It is believed that this temple is 100years-old. It is located on the third street of Postal Colony, West Mambalam. The temple was in a dilapidated state, so the local people requested the Hindu Religious Endowments Department to restore it.

Subsequently, it was announced in the Assembly that a palalayam would be constructed and renovated in this temple in 2023-2024. Accordingly, work has begun to renovate the temple at a cost of 24 lakh rupees.

For that reason, the officials of the Charitable Foundation Department were engaged in the demolition of the temple. The residents of the area expressed dissatisfaction as the temple was demolished.

Officials from the Charitable Trusts Department said, "The demolition of the temple will be carried out only after proper permission is obtained and the temple is built." They said the temple is being demolished at night because demolishing it during the day would disrupt traffic and local residents.



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On the occasion of Chitra Pournami, 5,932 special buses will be operated from various cities including Chennai to Tiruvannamalai. In this regard, the Managing Director of the Government Express Transport Corporation issued a press

release yesterday: It is expected that a large number of passengers will come to Tiruvannamalai on the occasion of Chitra

Pournami. Therefore, 5,932 special buses will be operated along with the regular buses from various cities including

Chennai on the 11th and 12th. 1,156 buses will operate from Chennai's Kalampakkam bus stand on the 11th, 966 special

buses on the 12th, 150 buses from Madhavaram on the 11th, and 150 special buses from Koyambedu on the 12th. In addition, 1,940 special buses will operate from various cities to Tiruvannamalai on the 11th and 1,530 special buses on

the 12th. The Government Express Transport Corporation will also operate 40 luxury buses with seating and sleeping facilities. Arrangements have also been made to book and travel on government buses to Tiruvannamalai from Chennai,

Madurai, Salem, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Tenkasi, Tuticorin and Bengaluru. Passengers



ooking at the way vehicles are parked at Burkit Road, T Nagar bus stop, one wonders whether they are designated halting points or parking bays. Burkit Road is an important shopping and business area. Every inch of public space on the road is generally occupied, including the bus stops. When a police squad goes around the area, there are evictions, but very often the evicted are back doing business. At this bus stop, autorickshaws and share autos conveniently park blocking the bus stop. Commuters waiting at the stop are inconvenienced as they are forced to stand wherever space is available. Vehicles of visitors to Usman Road also use the pavement as parking and the space abutting it. The battle for space continues on the road, says Ahmed, a regular shopper. Share auto rickshaw drivers and regular autorickshaws occupy the road space to ferry commuters.

MTC drivers rarely get to stop at the designated bus stops, which forces commuters to run behind buses to board them, he added. We find it difficult to alight and board buses as autos and other vehicles block the space, he lamented. Commuters want the traffic police to stop vehicles from parking at the bus stops. Even MTC checking squads must be stationed at this stop to bring some discipline, shoppers opine.





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SWD work in progress

Dr. Subbarayan Nagar Fourth Street is located in Ward 131, Ashok Nagar, Kodambakkam zone. A few months ago, a sewer pipe burst on a section of this road, causing a sinkhole to form in the road.

Following this, the drinking water board repaired the pipe. The work was completed three months ago. Now, there is a sewage blockage on the same road, and sewage is mixing with the drinking water.

In this situation, on another part of this road, near the top cover of the underground sewer, the road has sunk and a pothole has formed. Work is underway to dig the pothole and replace the sewer pipe here.

Residents of the area have been suffering due to frequent potholes appearing on the same road for several months.

The flat terrain prevailing in Dr Suburaya Nagar Main Road, Kodambakkam needed an effective Storm Water Drainage System to prevent water stagnation in roads. Average level was raised because of flat terrain and tidal effects, flooding and water stagnation happens during the monsoons. In order to mitigate flooding from low lying and flood prone areas, it is necessary to provide a Storm water drain network.

Storm Water Drain is normally provided in roads of 7m width and above. The minimum size of the drain will be 600X750 mm. The size will be designed depending



upon the catchments area, land pattern and discharge. Storm Water drains are designed to relieve water stagnation in the water logging areas irrespective of the width of the road.



Streets don't have sign boards

ore than 5,000 roads, mostly in interior parts of the city, do not have street name boards, making it tough for commuters and visitors. As per rough estimates by the Greater Chennai Corporation out of 35,000 roads in the city, 5000 roads have no street sign boards, or have damaged stickers or rusty boards. Added areas of people entering from one side of the Thanikachalam Road, T Nagar can't see sign board in this entrance are the hardest hit as they had painted name boards which have got damaged.

Madhavan of T Nagar said the street name board have been damaged for five years but are yet to be replaced.

'In some streets, the stickers have peeled off or the boards have collapsed', he said. According to TN urban local body rules, both sides of the roads must have a blue-printed reflective street name boards carrying details of zone, ward and division numbers. In city although boards are there, these basic details are missing.





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Bar-encroached sidewalk rescued

Canal Bank Road is located in the city of T.Nagar CIT, Ward 141, Kodambakkam Zone. There is a 'Tasmac' shop and a private liquor store on this road.

Barricades were erected to cover the front of this bar, encroaching on the sidewalk. Under cover, liquor was being sold illegally when the 'Tasmac' shop was not open. Here, the people of the area were suffering from 'drunkards' buying alcohol at night. Complaints were constantly raised about this.



Following this recently, officials led by Kodambakkam Zonal Executive Engineer Inian and Assistant Executive Engineer Kamalakannan demolished and removed the barriers that had been erected encroaching on the sidewalk using a bulldozer.

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