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Park need attention

It's essential to ensure park visitors have ample space to commune and be active. They should also have access to quiet, comfortable areas to rest, observe, and reflect. Improving community parks will help in overall development. Supplying community parks with pull-up bars, athletic fields, leg lift loops, and more creates simple, affordable improvements that provide hours of free and safe exercise for all community members. These will help in holistic development. But the facilities at AVM Avenue, Virugambakkam do not have so.

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Given the concerns about low rates of physical activity

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Sri Amirthakadeswarar Temple, Thirukadaiyur

This is the 164th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 47th Sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri. This place was called Thirukadavur during the 6th to 7th Century and is now called Thirukadaiyur. This is one of the Atta (8) Veerattanam Temples and the other places are Thirukovilar, Thiruvathigai, Korukkai, Kandiyur, Thirupariyalur, Vazhuvur and Thiruvirkudi. This is also one of the mooval paadal petra sthalam.

In Periyapuram Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thitu kottaru. Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thiru Ambar. Thirugnanasambandar, Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal, Sundarar, and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Moolavar : Sri Amithakadeswarar, Sri Amirtha Lingeswarar, Consort : Sri Abirami

Some of the important features of this temple are

This temple faces west with a 7-tier Rajagopuram and there is a 5-tier Rajagopuram on the east side also. On the west, there is a second level 5 tier Rajagopuram. The stucco images like Devas and Asuras Churning the Thiruparkadal, Gajasmharamurthy, and Thirugnanasambandar sitting on the shoulder of his father Sivapadar. Dwajasthambam, balipeedam, and Rishabam are after the 2nd level Rajagopuram. Moolavar is a little large and called Kalasamhara Moorthy, there is a scar on the moolavar.

In Kalasamhara Moorthy Sannathi, at the base of the Moolavar scene Yama is on the floor after he was kicked by Lord Shiva bas relief is on a silver plate. This will be shown to devotees during Poojas. On the opposite side, sila moortham of Yama worshipping Lord Shiva (in the prakara). Maragatha Linga is in a safe and pooja will be conducted during early morning and evening.

In Praharam Markandeswarar, Naganatheswarar, Subramaniam, Gajalakshmi, Natarajar sabha, Pancha Lingas, Santhana Kuravarkal, Kungkuliyaalaiya Nayanar, Minister and the Merchant, Virabhadra, Brahmi, 63var, Somaskandar, Urchavars, Palliyarai and there is no Navagrahas.

Ambal is in a separate temple facing east with Dwajasthambam, Simham, and balipeedam. Abirami Andhadhi was sung by Abhirami Bhattar in praise of Ambal Abirami. The mandapam is of vavval nethi, stucco dwarapalakais are at the entrance of the sanctum sanctorum. Urchavar is with 4 hands in abhaya & varada hastam.

The 15th Century Arunagirinathar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Muruga of this temple. The sanctum sanctorum consists of Sanctum antarala, artha mandapam and a maha mandapam.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Moovar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple existed before the 7th Century. Later reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and further extended during the Pandyas and Vijayanagaras periods. The inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to Chozhas, Pandyas, Vijayanagara Kings, and Nattukottai Nagarathars.

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Your Stars This Year

Aries : Love becomes a silent force of empowerment. Someone close—a lover or a friend—provides you with the arms you didn't know you needed, as you face something that has been lurking silently at the corner of your heart. Their presence takes the edge off the fear. Sink into this nurturing.

Taurus: A gentle breeze drifts over you, speaking through your longing to belong, to be seen and acknowledged. Feeling of real joy for simply being reached for, recognised, and considered. You should lie back and enjoy the moment; accept the grace without guilt. Allowing love to be experienced as a chase.

Gemini: You will find that your love life gets some clarity in the form of a chat or a quiet decision. Your thoughts may begin to scatter further off—what's going to happen next, what will be best for me, and totally emphasise if that person fits into the life you wish to build.

Cancer: Closeness, as you will come to realise, does not always imply constant togetherness. A little space to reflect, breathe, and connect back to the self might remarkably strengthen. A mere distance would be good, even if in a relationship or nurturing a fledgling fire. Love is not gauged by one's talkativeness but by listening.

Leo: Brings nostalgia to your heart, bringing somebody from the past. A memory, a song, a quiet moment strikes you open. Be it to heal wounds or to reach out with them, trust your feelings. In life, what goes around comes around to show you your childhood or the growth you've achieved. Keep an open door.

Virgo: Love creeps in like the simplest moment in the human heart. A gesture, a touch, a slight benefit, which goes unnoticed by someone near you. It will not be grand, but it will touch you way more than they realise; it is love shown by the mundane: a slightly kind word, an act of service. So, have an open heart.

Libra: You will notice it when the tiny sparklets ignite, the rush of passion that is thrilling and intense. The chemistry is real, and the current carries you off your feet, but the question hangs in space: will this energy last? Revel in the heat, yet pay attention to how the pace feels beneath. Is it a mutual, steady current?

Scorpio: Your heart draws a fine line between exhilaration and holding up. You may be led to think about the kind of love that once thrilled you and how much things have changed compared to what really supports you. The lesson is not to let go of passion, but to balance this electric energy of a quick heartbeat.

Sagittarius: Oftentimes, a conversation sticks with you more than anticipated. Even if the messages were simple, the weight upon them lingered in your heart. Pay meticulous attention not only to what was said but also to how it made you feel. Love always talks softly before it raises its voice.

Capricorn: Life shifts and turns with room in your heart to truly explore another meaning. Some longstanding goals now seem less urgent, which allows room for things newly budding forth from a different kind of love- one that sees you the way you are right now. Follow this change.

Aquarius : Someone this week brings emotional solace. It is not about perfection or intensity; rather, it feels like they just eagerly understand. Their values match yours, creating that shared foundation that lets comfort just happen. Allow your heart to nestle in the space. Love is a different realm when you have someone.

Pisces: There is a certain sweetness in this slow dance for your hearts this week. Be it budding or full-blown, it will need its time, time that you are ready and willing to give it. Love need not be pushed; it must be an unfolding, a cascade of daily living. Allow these moments to stretch, to elapse, to breathe. It is a thing of beauty to be able to learn someone's heart slowly.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
24.05.2025 TO 30.05.2025

Food for thought, food for the soul

It is a rule: as is the food, so is the mind. Whatever we eat and drink goes in the stomach and forms blood. So, the mind is created through food. We need proper dietary restrictions in this Raj yoga. We have to become complete with all the virtues like these Lakshmi [and] Narayan. So, we need to follow proper dietary restrictions. They are as follows:

Eat vegetarian food: If one eats pure and vegetarian food, then one will not have an aggressive animal nature but in contrary will have a virtuous intellect of a deity. Deity qualities will naturally come in people who eat pure food. Divine qualities will naturally flow. Deities like Laxmi-Narayan are offered food (bhog), then do we offer them cigarette, tea, etc.? We don't. Therefore, we should eat the food you offer to the deities as we too are going to become deities. What is the use of becoming a vegetarian? We certainly want to establish peace in the world. [However,] if we continue to eat the meat of animals, Then, the blood of the thoughts will become violent. That is the physical blood and this is the blood of thoughts. If you want to make the blood of thoughts pure, you will have to stop eating things like meat, flesh, eggs, fish, alcohol, etc.

Eat organic food: Today, the situation of the world is such that money is being accumulated in banks, [but] isn't going to come to use. Yield is obtained by adding chemicals while farming, isn't it? People are developing cancer by eating the potato, wheat, rice grown from chemicals; their blood pressure is increasing. So, it isn't doing any good. The food we are eating is causing all the more harm. God says, I have come to give you the

'guru mantra': 'as is the food so will the mind become'.

This is why, reform your food. New methods are coming up nowadays to reform this food. They don't use fertilizers [i.e.] chemicals in farms. They use vermin compost; they use cow dung manure. It will yield good food. The mind will become pure with that food. Cook and eat food in God's remembrance: If you cook food in the God's remembrance, the effect of the yogayukt stage will increase in it.

Whoever eats it will be attracted towards the incorporeal stage. And if you cook food in the remembrance of the bodily beings, bodily beings are certainly number wise. Bodily beings will definitely be body conscious, won't they? So, those who eat food cooked in their remembrance will become body conscious. Body consciousness will attract them. That company also exerts an influence. The effect of the bad company also works along with the effect of the bad food. When you have food, check: for long did you eat in the remembrance of God, isn't it? You should signal each other while having food, 'remember God'. Remind [one another] with every morsel.

The food and drink should also be royal. The more we follow the rules, the more we are benefitted. Very little time is left now. If we don't pay attention now, the sanskaars will become strong forever. The sanskaars of bad food and bad company will become strong for many births. Then you will continuously fall. So, we have to stay very alert in this case. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Congestion continues in Ramapuram Main Road

Valluvar Road is located in Ramapuram, Ward 155, Valasaravakkam Zone. It is a major road connecting Valasaravakkam, Ramapuram, and Mount - Poonamallee Highway.

There are many shops like furnitures, bakeries, antique shops, and home goods stores on both sides of this street.

The owners of these shops occupy the sidewalks and pile up their goods for sale, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

Loads of autos come here to buy and sell old items. These are parked along the roadside, causing heavy traffic congestion during peak hours. Cars parked on both sides of this road caused heavy traffic congestion in the area.

There has been a demand that the Corporation and the Traffic Police take action to remove the encroachments on this road and improve traffic flow.

Empty cable rollers left untouched

There's a continuous sequence of leaving empty giant cable rollers on the road that have raised concerns among the locals.

Giant cable rollers have been left and untouched for months in Nakheeran st Alwartinagar. Concerned authorities should be aware of this or notified, as it creates disturbances and chaotic accessibility to public possessions.



Education achievement

A dvaith Avyukttha (born on August 1, 2013) of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, has completed the Rashtrabhasha Praveen Examination on Oct 7, 2024, conducted by the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, which is considered equivalent to a B.A. (Hindi) degree, at the age of 11 years and 2 months. He started the preparation from Apr 2024 (within his 10 years) and took the exam on 10th Aug 2024.

He is currently studying Class 7 at PMSHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar. He is also studying Tamil from 'Tamil Virtual Academy' conducted by TN Govt. and he has completed Akaram and Ikaram levels, enrolled into last level Ukaram. He is residing in K K Nagar.

DAKSHINA BHARAT HINDI PRACHAR SABHA, MADRAS



Narasimha Utsavam at ISKCON

ISKCON Chennai is focused on increasing preaching activities for the benefit of the general public. As part of this exercise several preaching centres in various parts of Chennai have been started. ISKCON is starting a new preaching centre in T Nagar with a grand Narasimha Utsavam on 24th May 2025 at Guru Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, No. 3/2, Sundaram Street, Near Natesan Park, T. Nagar.

Program schedule: 4:30pm – Kirtan, 5:30pm – Abhishekam, 6:00pm – Lecture on Lord Narasimha's pastimes, 6:30pm – Sankalpa & Archana, 6:45pm – Narasimha Arathi, 7:00pm – Prasadam

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Funds allocated for unfinished rainwater drainage work

A contract for Rs 8 crore has been sought on behalf of the Chennai Corporation to connect the rainwater drainage system on Ramapuram Thiruvalluvar Road, which was started by the Highways Department but abandoned halfway.

Thiruvalluvar Road is located in Ramapuram, Valasaravakkam Zone. This road is a major road connecting Valasaravakkam, Ramapuram, and Mount - Poontamalli Highway. This road, which was under the maintenance of the State Highways Department, is currently under the maintenance of the Corporation.

Rainwater flowing out of wards 152, 154 and 155 of the Valasaravakkam zone flows into the Adyar River through the rainwater drain on this road.

On one side of this road, there is a rainwater drain built many years ago by the Highways Department. This rainwater drainage system was broken and not properly connected in many places.

These areas were severely affected by the floods that occurred in 2015. Subsequently, the Corporation's stormwater drainage department constructed a stormwater drain on the left side of the Valasaravakkam-Ramapuram road on Thiruvalluvar Road.

During the monsoon rains of 2021, this road and the surrounding areas were again flooded.

Park need ...

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among low-income minority youth, park must be renovated to encourage youth to become more physically active. The improved parks see more than a doubling in the number of visitors. Concerns about children not having safe places to play coupled with the rapid acceleration of the prevalence of childhood obesity have galvanized many doctors at large.

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Ramapuram road becomes potholed regularly due to digging

It is located on Shanthi Nagar Main Road, Ramapuram, Ward 154, Valasavarakam Mandal. This road is the main road connecting the Porur - Mount Poonamallee Highway, DLF IT Complex and Ramapuram Bharathi Road. A large number of people going to IT companies use this road.

This road, which had been potholed for a few years due to the work of the Water Supply Board, was repaired last year. Currently, the Electricity Board has dug a ditch in the middle of the road to lay cables on this road.

However, after the completion of the work, the road was not properly repaired. As a result, the road has become rough again. When vehicles pass, a lot of dust is thrown up; even with a light rain, it turns into a swamp.



Garbage overload hit the city streets

Extra bins have been placed in Pillaiyar Koil Street, Nesapakkam. It's evident that there's still an overflow of garbage, and a strong smell can be sensed around the area. Similar issues are occurring all over the city, making it unhygienic and polluting the area with garbage. Concerned authorities must be informed about this issue for the benefit of the community.

Police conducts robbery prevention drill for the first time

Despite many steps taken by the police dept the robberies take place even now across Chennai. This has caused a huge concern for both the residents and police department.

The Chennai police department organised a robbery prevention drill recently. The drill showcased about surrounding and arresting the criminal if he or she is armed with weapons or the criminal escapes after committing a robbery.

Chennai Police Commissioner Arun has been taking many measures to prevent robbery, theft, murder etc in Chennai is known to us. The crimes have come down now. Just a couple of days back, Arun took part in a meeting with other police personnel to completely prevent crimes from taking place in Chennai. He even suggested the police dept to organise a robbery prevention drill in the city.

Shop disturbing bus passengers

A reader in your voice has complained that passengers and residents of the area are suffering due to a shop occupying the bus shelter and sidewalk at Munusamy Salai, K K Nagar bus stand. All buses going from Koyambedu to Puducherry pick up and drop off passengers at this bus stop.

There are roadside shop trucks operating in front of this bus stop. The operators of these shop have occupied the bus shelter and the sidewalk and turned it into a shop. They placed chairs and water cans there so that diners could sit and eat.

They also park their two-wheelers on the side of the road, narrowing the width of the road.

Due to this, people waiting for buses stand on the road and board the bus. Due to this, this area is congested. Due to the crowding there, the residents are also facing difficulties.



Abandoned electric box raises concerns. An empty electric box was found abandoned on Murugasan Street, sparking concerns among the public. This not only occupies space but also disrupts access to public properties. Authorities must investigate this incident. Locals are also encouraged to report any similar incidents to ensure smooth vehicle travel and prevent potential risks that could be caused by these electric boxes.

Water stagnation damages roads

Every for a small spell of rain is enough to make the condition of the road near Meenakshi Nagar, Ramapuram. The locals and commuters face hardship due to this condition of the road. P Krishna, a local, said, "The water remains stagnant for hours.

The stagnating water has become a headache for the locals, especially for the motorists. The water covers the complete road which makes it difficult for us to even walk on the sides of the road. This stagnating water also leads to mosquito menace in the area. Even if there is a little rainfall the water gets stagnated in this area.



Congested junction a continued problem at Ramapuram

Traffic congestion is one of the biggest problem in Ramapuram mainly at this junction Arasamaram junction which connects Valasaravakkam, Porur and K K Nagar. It continues to be a nightmare for thousands of motorists, despite various complaints to fix the years long issue. Recently, the Metropolitan Traffic Corporation (MTC) launched four new bus services from Ramapuram to Kilambakkam and Broadway, adding to the daily traffic snarls, especially at peak hours.

The intersection is the hub of a furniture market that has occupied parts of the road with their display items and illegal parking. Thiruvallur Salai in the south leads to the Mount- Poonamallee Road that connects Guindy and Porur stretch, Thiruvallur Salai in north goes to Valasaravakkam connecting Arcot Road, Kamaraj Salai in east heads to Nesapakkam and K.K Nagar linking to 100ft road in Ashok Nagar and Vadapalani and Bharathi Salai in west connects SRM College and Porur. Since many educational institutions and IT parks are situated in and around Ramapuram, dependence on this road for motorists increased alarmingly during the last one



decade. Apart from this, it is a shortcut for daily commuters to the western suburbs says a long time residents of Royala Nagar the only remedy for reducing traffic congestion is widening of the roads he continued. Also, the authorities should show the will power to clear encroachments on roads by commercial establishments. Recently, a fire broke out in a furniture mart in our area. It was very difficult for the fire tenders to reach the accident spot due to the traffic jams. So, we request steps to clear the encroachments and widen the roads," he said.

Passengers suffer as car involved in accident in bus stop has no place to park

There is an Amudam bus stop on Munusamy Road, West K K Nagar, Kodambakkam Zone.

The 'Hyundai Santro' car, which was involved in an accident, has been parked in the passenger shed here for over a month.

This car, which is parked in the bus stand shade, has no way to sit on the passenger seats, and is forced to stand for long periods of time. In this regard, local travelers said:

The Chennai Municipal Corporation periodically cleans the bus shelters in the name of 'mass cleaning'. It carries out work including removing encroachments and garbage.

However, the car that has been occupying the bus shelter at the Amudham stop for a month has not been removed. It is also unknown who owns the car.

The traffic police also did not take any action to remove the car that was involved in the accident. Due to the negligence of government officials, it is the passengers who are suffering.

The relevant authorities should remove the crashed car that is occupying the bus shelter.

This is what they said.



The abandoned underground sewerage work in Ramapuram has been resumed

When the Chennai Corporation was expanded in 2011, the Valasaravakkam zone was created by merging areas including Ramapuram, Porur, Maduravoyal, Nolampur, and Valasaravakkam.

After the expansion, basic facilities including drinking water and underground sewerage were established in these areas.

In this, the construction of drinking water and underground sewerage in the Tirumalai Nagar area of Ward 154, Ramapuram, was put on hold due to various reasons. Due to this, the residents of the area were suffering a lot.

Currently, construction of drinking water and underground sewerage pipes is underway on Natarajan Main Road and more than 10 streets in Tirumala city. Officials said that after the completion of these works, the 12-year-old problem will be resolved.

AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Vehicle theft in Porur

A 30-year-old man from Kattupakkam, near Porur, reported the theft of his Royal Enfield motorcycle from the parking lot of Wetland Green Park on Chettiar Agaram Road, Porur. Narayanan claimed that he and his friends visited the park on the 19th, and when they returned, the bike was gone. The Porur police are investigating the incident based on CCTV footage, which shows a young man skillfully breaking the lock. This theft has added to concerns about vehicle safety at the newly opened park, with visitors growing increasingly fearful.

Hawala money seized

Rs. 32 lakh hawala money was seized at Mambalam railway station.

Information was received about drug and hawala money being smuggled. On suspicion, the authorities arrested 3 people at the railway station and conducted an investigation. At that time, they were found to be in



possession of Rs. 32 lakh hawala money. The Central Revenue Intelligence Bureau is investigating three people, including a woman, in this connection. Officials said that they had smuggled money to a jewellery store.

Intoxicated man gets slapped for misbehaving

Intoxicated man harassed female sanitation worker, gets slapped by colleagues. A 30-year-old female sanitation worker was cleaning roads near Arcot Road Bus Workshop in Vadapalani when an 18-year-old intoxicated man, Kaviyaran, misbehaved with her, exposing himself. The woman's colleagues caught hold of him, thrashed him, and handed him over to the Vadapalani police. Kaviyaran, a hotel supplier from

Kallakurichi district, was arrested and is being interrogated.

Pregnant woman injured in bike accident

A 22-year-old pregnant woman, Divya, fell off a bike driven by her husband, Gopi, when it hit a speed breaker at high speed in K K Nagar on Saturday night. The couple had a fight earlier, and Divya had gone to a nearby park, where Gopi picked her up on his bike.

After the accident, Divya was rushed to a government hospital, where she underwent an emergency C-section. The newborn is in an incubator, and both mother and child are under observation. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

Bike race at night: Fear in Saidapet

Nighttime bike racing sparks fear in Saidapet. Locals in Saidapet, are living in fear due to nighttime bike racing and stunts on a 15-foot-wide road near the Veterinary Hospital complex. The road, which connects to the Commercial Income Tax Department office, becomes a hotspot for young riders to practice wheelies and racing stunts after dark.

Residents have expressed concerns about safety and are demanding a permanent solution to the problem. Despite attempts by security guards to restrict bike access, riders have found alternative routes to continue their activities.

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CMRL plans to build skywalk to link stations



By this time next year, if you are a commuter from Poonamallee heading to Chennai Central, all you must do is alight at Vadapalani Phase II station, take a quick walk through a skywalk, and directly enter the concourse of the Vadapalani Phase I station to board a train to Chennai Central. Chennai Metro Rail, which is undertaking the 63,246 crore Phase II

project, will first launch the Poonamallee-Porur Metro stretch later this year, and the Porur-Vadapalani-Kodambakkam stretch next year.

For a commuter, Vadapalani is one of the key stations as it interlinks the 54- km Phase I and the 118.9- km Phase II networks.

As a first step towards making transit between the two networks seamless, Chennai Metro Rail will build a skywalk interlinking two stations. The skywalk will be built in a way that commuters can directly proceed from the ticketing level of Phase I to the ticketing level of Phase II station.

According to CMRL officials, they have floated bids for the skywalk. It could take three months to identify a contractor, and another six months to build the facility. The cost of construction is nearly 10 crore. It would be covered under the project cost.

"The length of the skywalk is nearly 130 metres, and the width is six metres. It will be a covered walkway. The work on building stations between Poonamallee and Kodambakkam has been under way for a long time now.

Since we have to open the Vadapalani station next year, we are planning to start work on the skywalk right away," an official said.

Police restrict traffic fines to 5 key violations

In response to rising public complaints, Chennai Police Commissioner Arun has issued new guidelines limiting the imposition of traffic fines to five specific violations. The move aims to reduce unnecessary checking and ease traffic congestion caused by police presence on major roads.

Going forward, fines will be imposed only for the following offences: Over-speeding, not wearing a helmet, Riding on a one-way street, Drunk driving, Carrying more than two persons on



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a two-wheeler.

This action comes amid concerns that police personnel were forming groups to stop vehicles and issue fines indiscriminately. The new rule is expected to address complaints of excessive fines and traffic disruptions, while still tackling major causes of road accidents in the city.

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