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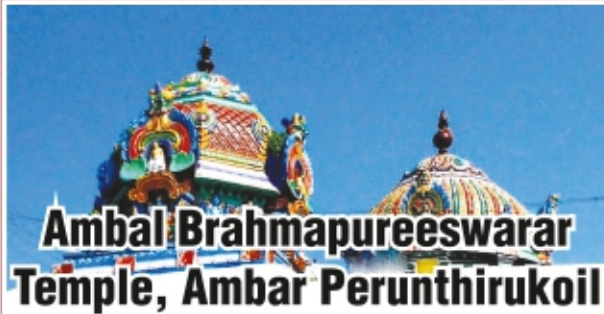
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Ambal Brahmapureswarar Temple, Ambar Perunthirukoil
This is the 171st Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and 54th sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place was called Ambar during the 6th to 7th century and is now called Ambal. This place was also called Marapuri and Indrapuri during ancient times.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Ambar Makalam. Moolavar : Sri Brahma Pureswarar, Consort : Sri Sugunthakantahambigai, Sri Poongulazhiammai. Some of the salient features of this temple are..... The temple faces east with a 3-tier Rajagopuram. Dwajasthambam, balipeedam, a stone Rishabam, and a big stucco Rishabam are after the Rajagopuram. This is one of the Maada Temples built by Ko Chenkat Chozhan. On the upper level sanctum sanctorum. Moolavar is of swayambhu. In Koshtam only Dakshinamurthy. In the lower level Koshtam Vinayagar, Maha Vishnu, Brahma and Durgai. Somaskandar is on the back side of moolavar. In Prakaram Padikasu Vinayagar (3 nos), Subramaniam, Mahalakshmi, Jambukeswarar, Somaskandar, Vinayagar, Ko Chenkat Chozhan, Saraswati, Thirugnanasambandar, Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal, Susela Ambal, Bhairavar, Suriyan, Somasimarar, Punnaivana nathar, Sthala Vinayagar, Subramaniam, Ayyappan, Mahalakshmi, Jambukeswarar, and Chandikeswarar.

Urchavars, Lord Shiva who gave Darshan to Brahma with Rishabam, Brahma, and Nalvar. Brahma recovered back to the original form Annaparavai after worshipping Lord Shiva of this temple. The 15th Century Saint Arunagirinathar has sung Hymns in praise of Lord Muruga of this temple. HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

As per Thirugnanasambandar, this is one of the Maada temples built by the Chozha King Ko Chengat Chozha. Later the same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the early Chozhas period and extended during Pandyas, Vijayanagaras/Marathas.

Except for Rajaraja's 10th reign year inscription on the Somaskandar Temple, the rest are fragment inscriptions that are either damaged or incomplete.

The Rajaraja's 10th reign year inscription records the endowment of burning two perpetual lamps to Uyyankondar Vallanattu Ambar Nattu Vaikavur alias Ethirili Chozha Nerkundram Ethirili Chozheeswararam udayar temple by a merchant of this place Ambar. The Fragment inscriptions record the sale of Lands through auction, Kulothunga-III conquered Madurai, Sri Lanka (Eezham), Karuvur/Karur, Pandiyas crown and also mentions a place called Melur alias Arithuvanar kundram, exists during Chozha period. LEGENDS

As per the legend Amban and Ambasuran are the sons of sage Durvasa. They were the ardent devotees of Lord Shiva and blessed with various powers. They misused the powers by terrorizing the Devas. When this was brought to the notice of Lord Shiva, asked Ambal to take action against them. Kali another form of Ambal took the form of a young girl with Mahavishnu as an old man went to Amban and Ambasuran. On seeing Kali as a young girl, both Amban and Ambasuran started fighting with each other for the young Girl. In the process of fighting, the elder was killed and Kali killed the younger brother. To get rid of the sin caused by to killing of Ambasuran, Kali came to this temple and worshiped Lord Shiva after making the Shiva linga on her own hands. The hand-finger marks can be seen on the moolavar. The place where Ambasuran was killed was called "Ambagarathur", which is near this place.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : Asks you to let go of anything that drains your energies- a task, a person, or a habit. Once you give this away, a better glimmer may come forth. Avoid taking on responsibilities that belong to others beyond your role. Clear the clutter out of your way and focus on what requires your full attention and mindful.

Taurus: The time to clarify your goals. Do not rush or multitask; instead, work on refining your work plans. Remove whatever adds confusion or stress to your life. Your mind works best when serene and organised. Choose quality over quantity in your career. Review your expenses; you need to adjust a few to save better.

Gemini: Though you are full of ideas, this week is about wise selections. Do not spend your energy on things that offer no returns; invest it in good work. Whatever the project, job, or money matter is, ask yourself, 'Is this worth it?' Your time is precious. Focus on only meaningful.

Cancer: An unexpected increase may be on its way-a raise, a bonus, or an uplift in title might come sooner than you thought. Efforts are getting recognised, even in silence. Maintain humility, but have faith in your works. In the workplace, maintain your dedication and patience. Extra income could be spent wisely.

Leo: The way you manage your time this week will reveal all about where your interests lie. If you're scattered, it's good to fix your schedule. Opt out of time-consuming engagements that are inconsistent with your core values. At work, prioritise tasks instead of trying to do everything. In terms of finances, spend your time well.

Virgo: Go by your intuition toward financial matters. Should anything give you the sensation that something is wrong, listen to that inner voice rather than make a move with money. There will be pressures to listen to what others say, but your inner voice is much more credible at present. Concerning your profession.

Libra: Perfect week to pay attention to long-term money goals. Are you still on the right course? Take some time looking over budgets, savings plans, or career strategies. Even a small detour or diversion right now can help you get back on the straight track. When thinking about work, consider things from a broader perspective.

Scorpio: Working with others promises some sort of surprise. An alliance might be opening some doors now that alone could never have been opened. For the sake of your growth, don't attempt to do it all yourself. Share your ideas, ask for an opinion, or at times, give someone else your support. It energises with new energy.

Sagittarius: Work situations are testing your patience this week. Emotions may arise and test the professionalism that sets you apart from others. Hence, not retaliating hastily will be of great benefit to you. Try to employ calm reasoning and maturity, and those with balanced opinions will be impressed.

Capricorn: Finds you reminding yourself that a big success often does not need big moves. Small, smart steps taken over time can lead to powerful gains. Be consistent and patient in your work. You might not be able to witness fast results now, but everything that you do is amassing.

Aquarius : The stamp of creativity marks your thinking. If you've found yourself somewhat stuck, then this might be the time to break free and try new things in your career. The stars support any kind of innovation and fresh ideas. Feel free to bring forth your bold suggestions at work-these could grow into some exciting.

Pisces: Be mindful of your spending, especially when emotions are running high. You may feel inclined to buy something for a pick-me-up but pause before you swipe. Consider needs, not passing wants. Financial discipline will make sure you regret nothing later on. Maintain a steady course and avoid distractions in your career. Someone will try to sway.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
13.07.2025 TO 19.07.2025

Authorities measured encroachment sites

Officials measured a 50-foot-wide road between Sergaon Garden and Vathiyar Garden in Ward 132 of Kodambakkam zone on Thursday. Even though the honorable High Court issued an order on January 8, 2008, requiring the removal of encroachments identified after the investigation and the restoration of the road.

As the authorities were indifferent in taking action, the number of encroachments rose to 278 in 2014.

Despite the passage of many years and the High Court's repeated rulings, the 50-foot-wide road between Sergaon Estate and Vathiyar Estate has not been restored.

Vehicles coming from Arcot Road to reach West Mambalam should take the route through Directors Colony, Ashok Avenue, Rangarajapuram, Vathiyar Garden 4th Street and Aryagowda Road.



As a result, the local people filed a case in court in 1997, demanding the removal of the encroachment.

In this situation, revenue and corporation officials, including Egmore Deputy Tahsildar and Kodambakkam Zonal Assistant Commissioner Murugesan, on Thursday measured the road width. Many encroachers argued with the authorities not to measure the area. After officers and police had a conversation with them they cooperated with the officers concerned.

Officials said that since the number of squatter houses has increased compared to previous years, they will be demolished soon as per the High Court order.

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Exposed EB cables need proper cover

Damaged EB distribution power boxes of the EB in the area was damaged badly in Sarangapani Street, T Nagar the box completely down on the platform and the cables are dangerously exposed. The Tamil Nadu

Electricity Board (TNEB) should take effective measures for a permanent solution. This boxes have not been painted for years and have become completely rusty. Despite several complaints raised with the officials of TNEB, no action has been taken to date, lamented residents.

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Mayor inspects civic projects

Mayor R Priya conducted an inspection across several civic facilities in Ward 141 of Kodambakkam zone. During her visit to the CIT Nagar, 3rd Main Road park, the mayor instructed officials to carry out renovation and upgrade work, including setting up a women's gym. She also directed the construction of a new community hall nearby. At the CIT Nagar, 4th Main Road primary health centre, she reviewed medicine stocks and patient services, and recommended building a new facility. Zonal officials, including central region deputy commissioner H R Kaushik and ward committee chairman M Krishnamoorthy accompanied the mayor.

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AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Priest booked for sexual assault

The Vadapalani all Women police booked a priest for a sexual assault on a 27-year-old married woman in the guise of spiritual healing.

The woman used to regularly visit the priest, Ashoka Bharathi and tell her personal problems and family problems which he claimed were caused by evil spirits. He promised to give her a Rudraksha garland and invited her to the Shivan temple in Vadapalani for a ritual, the police said.

Finding the temple closed on the day of the visit, Bharathi took her to a relative's house nearby, where he allegedly raped her. Following the assault, the woman approached the Joint Commissioner of Police, Chennai (South) and her complaint was forwarded to the Vadapalani All Women police station. Based on her statement, the police registered a rape case against Ashoka Bharathi.

In a counter-complaint, Bharathi alleged that the woman's husband assaulted him and tried to extort Rs 10 lakh by threatening him with his private pictures. The police confirmed that both complaints are being investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

Doctor arrested for meth peddling

Dr Eshwar of Chinmaya Nagar, Virugambakkam, did his MBBS in Russia and has been working as a medical officer in the claims department of a private insurance firm.

Dr Eshwar had bought methamphetamine from one of the suspects who was arrested by the Arumbakkam Police in a joint operation with the anti-narcotics intelligence unit (ANIU) recently.

The doctor is the seventh accused arrested in the case. On July 1, a police team rounded up two youths who were found loitering suspiciously at Retteri Junction.

On questioning, the duo gave evasive replies after which police searched their belongings and found 14.2 grams of methamphetamine in their possession.

The duo- Anthony Ruben (29) of Pudur in Ambattur and Deepak Raj (29) of Ambattur were placed under arrest and Rs. 12,000, two mobile phones and two bikes

were seized from them.

Police arrested their accomplice Immanuel Rohan (23) the next day, he is said to have supplied the doctor with the narcotics.

Elderly woman duped and one arrested

A flower vendor from Ganapathy Street, West Mambalam was duped by a unknown person he offered the old lady of getting her old age pension.

In response, he asked the old woman to remove the gold earring and nose ring she was wearing, saying that she would have to take a video of herself on her mobile phone and that she would not receive the scholarship if she was wearing jewellery.

The man who bought the jewellery then distracted the old woman and fled the scene.

The elderly woman, Suri, along with her grandson Dhanush, 22, went to the Ashok Nagar police and filed a complaint. Based on the CCTV footage of the area, they arrested the mysterious person, Sheikh Ayub, 37, from Washermanpet.

They seized 4 grams of jewelry from him. Sheikh Ayub has seven criminal cases against him.

Cops transferred

A female traffic SI, who behaved rudely towards motorists, and a traffic inspector who supported her were transferred to the armed forces.

Kalaivani, an assistant inspector at the Kodambakkam traffic police station, was allegedly behaving rudely towards motorists passing by.

This matter has come to the attention of Police Commissioner Arun.

In this situation, the Commissioner ordered the transfer of both the cops.

Bank fraud woman arrested

A 39-year old woman was arrested on Tuesday for defrauding South Indian Bank in Valasaravakkam by submitting forged documents to obtain a business loan of 60.76 lakh. The accused was identified as Nagomi, a resident of Kodambakkam. Her husband and co-accused, Kamalakannan, is on the run.

The arrest followed a police complaint filed by Egmore Venus, manager of South Indian Bank's Valasaravakkam branch. According to the complaint, Nagomi and Kamalakannan submitted fabricated account statements of another private bank, along with fake income tax return documents. An investigation was initiated by the bank fraud investigation team of Central Crime Branch (CCB). Police found that the couple submitted forged

documents to the bank and defaulted on repaying the loan. The account was later classified as a non-performing asset.

Nagomi was arrested and produced before a magistrate court, where she was remanded to judicial custody. Efforts are underway to trace Kamalakannan, said police.

Couple booked for attacking a man walking

Police arrested a couple who attacked two men in Kumaran Nagar.

Hariharan, 23, from West Saidapet, works at a restaurant in Ashok Nagar. On the 6th, he was walking along Kambar Street in West Saidapet.

Some people from the area, including Manikandan and Vijayalakshmi, argued with Hariharan, asking, "Why are you walking around looking at the multi-storey houses?" They also picked up a brick lying on the ground and attacked him. They also attacked Hariharan's friend Madan, who came to stop them, and fled.

The injured Hariharan and Madan were treated at the Royapettah Government Hospital. Following a complaint, the Kumaran Nagar police, who investigated the matter, arrested Manikandan, 38, and his wife Vijayalakshmi, 38, from West Saidapet. They are searching for the absconding persons.

Automatic traffic signals with sensor-enabled camera system

In an effort to ease traffic congestion and reduce vehicle waiting time, the work of installing automatic traffic signals based on the Chennai smart camera system is currently underway across key city junctions. These new signals will be equipped with camera and sensor technology that can automatically manage traffic flow without manual intervention. This smart system is designed to adapt in real-time, thereby addressing traffic issues more efficiently.

Additionally, the new system includes a remote-control feature, enabling traffic police to operate signals as needed during peak hours or emergencies.

The advanced sensor cameras will continuously monitor the number of vehicles on the road and their speed, providing valuable data for traffic optimization.

These smart signals will be mounted on newly installed poles at junctions, replacing the old manual signal systems gradually.



All India Vedic Talent Vista



File photo

The 17th Annual Vedic Talent Vista of All India Students studying Vedas and Sastras organized by Chennai based Om Charitable Trust will be held on 19th & 20th of July, 2025 at Sri Krishnaswamy Kalyana Mandapam, T.Nagar.

The divine event is organized to honor the Successful Vedic Scholars of Pan India Vedic Examinations organized by the Om Charitable Trust. Examination was conducted couple of months before and the successful students are awarded in the function.

The Vedic Competition was held in various categories with sub-divisions in each Veda in Rik, Shukla Yajur, Krishna Yajur, Sama and Atharva Vedas. Each category was ranked separately and prizes are to be awarded in the above function. Successful students will be awarded cash prizes and certificates.

Cash prizes and memento for the best team will be awarded to the schools with the highest average marks in each Veda.

Justice GR Swaminathan will inaugurate the Vaidika Vignana Vikasini Sabha (Society for the Development

of Vedic wisdom the examination wing of the Om Charitable Trust) at 8.30 am on 19.07.2025.

This will be followed by: Vedic Skill Display by Young Vedic Scholars at 10.00 AM, Padha Pooja for Vedic Pandits at 3.00 PM

Symposium on Meanings of Veda Mantras at 4.00 PM & Prayoga Mantras an Introduction by Brahmasri Srikrishna Ghanapathi at 7.00 PM Valedictory Functions will be on the 20th of July 2025. Vedic Delight Veda Recitation in a Group by the young Scholars at 9.00 AM, Vedha Mahatmyam presented by Dr N Venkatesh at 11.30 AM, Valedictory Function begins at 3.00 PM presided over by Dr.R Krishnamurthy Shastrigal, Former Principal, Madras Sanskrit College, Benedictory address shall be given by Brahmasri V Sriram Ghanapathi and Shri PE Krishnan, Advocate, Honorable Supreme Court will render a Special Address & distribute the Awards to Students & Schools.

All programs will be web cast live on both days 19th & 20th July, 2025. Visit Om Charitable Trust in YouTube channel for the telecast.



A full cover : GCC is constructing compound wall to cover all the EB junction box at Balakrishna Street, West Mambalam. Before it was full of bushes and creeps around. After constructing it will give a pleasant look says a resident.

A damaged and almost open manhole on Kavarai Street in West Mambalam poses a serious security threat to motorists and the public, with little to no intervention from the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC).

In addition, the residents expressed concern over the leakage from water pipelines and claimed that the officials of Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewage Board had not attended to the issue.

Damaged manhole, slush on Kavarai Street pose risk to motorists



The manhole cover at the location has been damaged for close to a week, and residents claim that despite complaints, no action has been taken so far.

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Cybercrime Wing Recovers 2.96 Crore in June

The Greater Chennai Police's cybercrime wing has successfully restituted 2.96 crore to victims of online fraud during June 2024, showcasing its continued efforts in tackling cybercrime in the city.

In a cumulative achievement for the year, a total of 15.30 crore has been returned to affected individuals over the first six months. In addition to returning defrauded funds, police have also taken proactive legal action freezing over 40 crore in bank accounts belonging to cybercriminals through court intervention.

Commissioner of Police, Mr. A Arun, urged the public to remain vigilant and avoid transferring money to unknown accounts. He also emphasized the importance of swift action when victimized.

"If anyone falls prey to online financial fraud, they must immediately contact the Cybercrime Helpline at 1930 or lodge a complaint at the official cybercrime portal — www.cybercrime.gov.in he advised.

This sustained effort underscores the city's determination to combat cyber fraud and secure public trust in the digital age.

Ration items to be delivered at homes

This 15th August would be doubly special for the people belonging to Tamil Nadu. The sensational news is that a decision has been taken to deliver the ration items to homes from 15th August.

It is now said that for about 16lakhs homes across TN the ration items would be delivered directly in the homes.

The decision regarding direct door delivery of the ration items was taken after the success of a trial attempt that was carried out.

It is worth mentioning that senior citizens and those who are unable to walk could send someone else to buy the ration items. The authorization form must be filled up in the food distribution dept offices.

In this scenario, the TN govt has taken a decision to provide ration items (through ration shop workers) to senior citizens who are above the age of 70 and differently able persons etc

From 1st to 5th July, this scheme was implemented on the trial basis in 10 ration shops each in Chennai.



Superamp Season 4

The much-awaited Superamp Season 4, presented by Iris Glam, lit up the ramp at 11 Square Resto Bar, Nungambakkam with glamour, talent, and creativity.

A platform for aspiring models, Superamp welcomed participants aged 18 to 45, with over 100 auditions leading to 30 finalists walking the ramp. This season carried a vibrant Retro theme, bringing timeless fashion and vintage flair back to the spot light. This unique runway show showcased style across age groups and celebrated individuality.

Celebrity guests like Mr. Vicky Kapoor - Fashion Choreographer & Stylist, Mr. Vignesh - Model & Actor and Ms. Payal Trivedi - Model & Actres graced the event, adding star power to the evening.

Main Winners: IRIS GLAM Ms. Superamp Winner, Dharshini Jayakumar, IRIS GLAM Mr. Superamp Winner — Yuvaraj.

Winners received awards, gift vouchers, and direct entry to Iris Face of Chennai 2025.

Superamp once again proved to be more than a fashion show—it was a celebration of confidence, creativity, and dreams walking the ramp.

Sensory Stimulation Week Celebrated

Velammal Vidyalaya, Vanagaram, celebrated Sensory Stimulation

Week with great excitement for the kindergarten students. The aim of the week was to help children explore and understand the five senses — sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

Each day, fun-filled activities were conducted to stimulate a specific sense. Children participated in touch-and-feel games, sound-matching activities, identifying smells, tasting healthy snacks, and observing colorful visuals.

The activities helped improve the children's thinking, coordination, and communication skills. Teachers guided them throughout with care and enthusiasm.



GCC to install CCTV cameras at animal birth centres

In response to allegations of animal mistreatment and deaths at city-run Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres, the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has proposed the installation of 60 CCTV cameras across five centres. Each facility will receive 12 internet-enabled 3MP cameras with a 4G SIM, along with video management software to allow for centralised monitoring.

The Rs 17.82 lakh project includes supply, installation, and maintenance, with a three-year warranty and support. The CCTV system will feature network video recorders (NVRs) with footage stored for at least 30 days. Access to data will be restricted to authorised GCC departments.

This move follows concerns raised by the Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board regarding the operations of ABC centres, especially surgeries. Officials believe the new surveillance system will enhance transparency, deter malpractice, and provide vital evidence for swift action when needed.



HIGH AND DRY : Summer months have caused the vertical garden beneath Usman Road flyover in tech commercial hub of T Nagar to wither.

Doctors day award from Rotary



Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Vitreoretinal surgeon and Medical director of Radhatri Nethralaya Eye Hospital, 12, Hindi Prachar Sabha Street, T.Nagar) was conferred the Distinguished Medical Service award by Rotary on Doctors day on July 1, for her clinical expertise and service to the community through ophthalmology at a glittering function at hotel Ambassador Pallava.

In her acceptance speech, Dr Vasumathy spoke about the numerous community eye service projects particularly in the field of childhood blindness that she was doing through Radhatri Nethralaya and thanked Rotary for being a partner.

She received the award from Dr. Ezhilan, (MLA, Thousand lights), Prof. Dr. Mayilvahanan (former Vice Chancellor TN MGR Medical university) and Rtn Devendran (District Governor Rotary 3233).



Need bin

As the trash bin is overloaded passerby are dumping garbage outside the bin in Sarangapani Street, T Nagar. Residents appeal for an additional trash bin to accommodate the garbage lying scattered around it. Even after many complaints the civic body is not cleaning the

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New drainage system at Kothandaram Temple Street

To solve the problem of rainwater being discharged from the Madley Subway accumulating on Kothandaram Temple Street, work is underway to construct a rainwater drainage channel at a cost of Rs. 1.84 crore.

Kodambakkam zone, 140th ward, West Mambalam, Kodandaram Kovil Street is located. Every monsoon, rainwater collects in the T. Nagar Madley Subway, the tunnel access road, via an electric motor, leads to the Reddikuppam canal via the Kothandaram Kovil Street stormwater drain.

In this, rainwater leaked through the top cover at three places of the rainwater drain near Kothandaram Kovil Street, Chennai Higher Secondary School, causing water to pool on the road.

The area was experiencing severe waterlogging with every rain, causing great hardship to the local people.

Following this, the Corporation has planned to construct a 520-meter rainwater drainage channel on Kothandaram Temple Street at a cost of Rs. 1.8 crore, and work is underway. Officials said that once this work is completed, rainwater will not accumulate on the street.

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wastage dumped near the trash bin.

The sight of overflowing trash bins along the roadsides has been common nowadays and it is time the civic body place an additional 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.

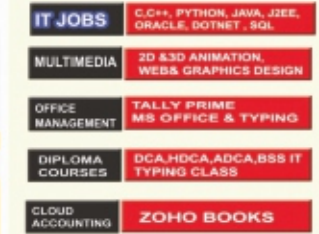
Residents point out that bins starts overflowing in a day whereas it is cleaned every two or three days. We are forced to dump on the roads due to increase in population, says Sai a local resident. The civic body for effective implementation must take steps to accommodate an additional bin to bring a permanent solution laments residents.

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