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## Residents request road to be repaired soon

There is a problem with repairing the pipeline and constructing a one-lane road. While the broken sewer pipe on Kadampan Street in Valasaravakkam has been repaired, people are suffering as the road has not yet been repaired.

Kadampan Street is located in Ward 152 of the Valasaravakkam Zone. Last year, the Water Supply Board carried out sewerage pipe laying work in this area.

In this situation, in August last year, the road suddenly caved in and a pothole formed. It was temporarily repaired by pouring soil. Then in October, the road caved in at another place on the same road.

Similarly, in November, a sudden crater measuring 10 feet deep and 3 feet wide appeared at the entrance to the

sewage pumping station on Kadampan Street. The Water Supply Board was carrying out work to repair the sewer pipe. Once this work was completed, the pit was filled with soil and repaired.

During the recent rains, water accumulated on this road and turned it into a pothole. Drivers are slipping and falling. Therefore, the people of the area have requested that the road be repaired before the rainy season.

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# Voice of GOD



## Sri Iravadeswarar Temple, Thirukkottaram

This is the 170th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and 53rd sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. Thirukkottaram is on the banks of river Nattar. The place was called Kottaru during the 6th to 7th Century and is now called Thirukkottaram.

In Periyapuram Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Ambar Perumthirukovil. He didn't mention this place in particular but as other temples on the way to Thirukadaiyur.

Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Thirugnanasambandar mentions that Iravadam, the white elephant created the river Kottaru and worshiped Lord Shiva.

Moolavar : Sri Iravatheeswarar Consort : Sri Sukuntha Kundhalambigai, Sri Vandamar Kuzhali. Some of the salient features of this temple are...

The temple faces east with a 3-tier Rajagopuram. Dwajasthambam, Rishabam and two balipeedas (one is on the back of Rishabam and the other is in front of Rishabam) are immediately after the Rajagopuram. The Dwarapalakas are made of stucco. Two balipeedas and Rishabas are also in the mukha mandapam. In Koshtam, Dakshinamurthy, Brahma, and Vishnu. In praharam Sannadhi for Bala Ganapathy, Maha Lakshmi, Kailasanathar, Nalvar, Nagar, Kumarabhuvaneswarar (in a separate sannadhi), Arumagar, Agasthiyar, Natarajar Sabha, Sundarar with Paravai Nachiyar, Subar Maharishi, Suriyan, Chandran, Bhairavar, Navagrahas.

### ARCHITECTURE

The temple consists of Sanctum sanctorum, antarala, artha mandapam and a mukha mandapam. A Vesara Vimana is on the sanctum sanctorum. A beehive is inside the sanctum sanctorum.

### HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple might have existed before the 7th Century and was later reconstructed/rebuilt by Chozhas.

As per the inscriptions, this place was under Rajaraja Pandya Nattu Utamachozha Valanattu Nanjil Nattu Kottar alias Mummudi Chozha nallur and Lord Shiva was called Rajendra Chozheeswaramudaya Mahadevar.

This temple was reconstructed as a Stone temple by Chozhamandalathu Manni Nattu Muzhayudayan Arayan Madurantakan alias Kulothunga Chozha Kerala Raja. In the year 1253 CE, A Devaradiyar called Chengodan Poovandiyar established Nachiyar for Kundramerintha Pillayar. Mandapa was constructed by Sri Koyir Palliyudaya Periyar Kudithangi alias Sundara Pandya Nanjil Nadualwar ( Palliyudayan – the caretaker of this temple ).

Jadayavarman Sundara Chozha Pandya's 11th reign year inscription records the endowment of 25 Savaa moova cows (maybe for burning a lamp) by Vishnuvartha Maharaja Chalukya Vijayadithan Vikkannan. The same king and the same year another inscription records the endowment of a burning lamp with an ulakku ghee for which 50 Saava Moova Peradu was gifted by Perunthanathu Devan Vichathiran alias Chozha Marayan. Another inscription of the same period records the endowment of burning a perpetual lamp for which 50 sheep/goats are gifted by Rajaraja Thennattu Kodungulathu Adithan Ranachingan alias Veera Pandya Pallavarayan.

## Your Stars This Year

**Aries :** You are entering a phase where your focused effort will give strong results. Avoid distractions and give full energy to one task at a time. Impress higher-ups or clients. Financially, it is a good time to plan long-term investments. Avoid risky shortcuts. Small, consistent actions will build solid success.

**Taurus:** Opportunity may present itself in a casual conversation this week. Be alert. Someone's advice or a friendly conversation may lead to a useful idea or contact. Never ignore small talk, especially when travelling or during breaks. Career-wise, team collaboration seems to be in your favour, so be open.

**Gemini:** You're called to think more deeply: Does your current work serve your true purpose? Inner voice might be nudging you toward something with deeper meaning. Changes and new projects might offer not only a paycheck but also actual gratification.

**Cancer:** Budgeting is your best friend. Review where your money goes and make small, smart changes. Planning now can give you freedom later. Try not to lend or borrow money unless needed. Stay steady and avoid office gossip. Seniors will notice your calm focus. Financial discipline will bring you peace of mind.

**Leo:** Act boldly in work-related matters. Never doubt yourself. Confidence is your greatest asset at this time. Delays or overthinking may block good opportunities. Trust your skills and step forward with pride. Your leadership will shine at work. Avoid getting too entangled in planning; brief, spur-of-the-moment.

**Virgo:** This week, strive to remind yourself that you should accept only that which honours your time and talent. You have toiled hard by yourself; now, choose wisely where to spend your energies. Decline any genuine tasks that are draining or pay you less. Setting boundaries and honouring them is the watchword for money matters.

**Libra:** If there is any feeling of blockage when it comes to money matters, try to regard the problem in a new light. Even a slight alteration in thinking could open the door to a big breakthrough. Avoid rehashing old patterns. New ideas will make for better outcomes. Discerning the insight of a trusted confidante may also.

**Scorpio:** Your creativity is empowered, but discipline will forge it into actual success. There should be a daily regimen to this; letting your focus wax and wane will give results. Don't rush through one task to follow a shiny distraction. You may get recognised for an achievement this week. Financially, do not let emotional.

**Sagittarius:** Smart rest can enhance functioning later. Don't feel guilty about slowing down; the balance between body and mind is crucial. Too much hard work can drain you, so use that time to think about your long-term goals. Perhaps taking small increments of rest now or adopting a lighter schedule.

**Capricorn:** This week is yours to speak. You have ideas that truly matter, even if others don't see their worth right away. During meetings, casual conversations, or otherwise, spark change by sharing your thoughts. Career-wise, someone senior might be noticing you.

**Aquarius :** Something you've started before but left unfinished might be worth examining again. The week stands for giving second chances. Revisit that ancient plan, contact, or idea; it may now produce better results. Career-wise, don't discard past efforts. Financially, too, a missed opportunity may reappear.

**Pisces:** Stay steady, even if you don't see fast rewards. Hard work is being noticed, although they haven't said anything yet. Don't lose patience- your time is coming. Continue to do your best without needing constant approval. Financial aspect, avoid taking big risks and focus on slow growth. Behind-the-scenes progress is going somewhere. Trusting in the fact.

**PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK**  
**06.07.2025 TO 12.07.2025**

# 'I' the supreme standpoint that lets you down

In this life, it is this consciousness of 'I' that becomes the biggest obstacle. Do you know the doors that lead to obstacles? In fact, there is much detail but two words consist essence – first, ego and second, insult. Obstacles especially come from these two ways. Either there is this ego of 'I did it' or [this feeling] 'why I wasn't kept ahead, why was this said to me, I was insulted' – these very feelings of ego and insult come in the form of different obstacles. These two words ego (abhimana) and insult (apamaana) are the doors through which obstacles enter.

To consider the Supreme Soul's gift to be yours – this is a great sin. Many a times, many people think as well as say in their common language: they don't use this virtue of mine. I have this power. My intellect is very sharp. As soon as you say 'my', you become dirty. This is why to consider God's gift to be yours – this is to have ego and to insult. If anyone considers the gift of God to be their own specialty out of ego then that specialty will also lead to downfall due to ego. It becomes a form of obstacle.

The means to check whether you have ego is – if someone insults the one with ego even a bit regarding his views, suggestions, talent [or] handling, even if someone lightly says, 'This isn't right. Be a bit humble', he will feel insulted very soon.

To have the ego of the intellect, this is the subtlest and the severest bondage. If you cross this bondage, consider that you have made the highest jump. The ego of the intellect is a very big ego. If the body is beautiful, the ego will not rise to such extent. If someone has billions and trillions, the ego will not rise to such extent. But if somebody has intelligence and on the basis of his

intelligence he controls 10, 20, 50 people, then his ego rises a lot. The Supreme Soul, who is the Intellect of the intelligent ones doesn't like anyone's ego of the intellect. There should be self-dignity; but ego should not be there. No one should be insulted. Wherever ego emerges, that ego or body consciousness will certainly insult others. The one who is simple himself is beautiful. It isn't just about simplicity in clothes but in everything. To become ego less means to become simple. What was the sign of an egoless one that was mentioned? He doesn't have any enemy. It means, you should have such egoless stage: a person definitely does something, but it shouldn't have even a trace of ego thinking, 'I did it'. God is making me do it. I am an instrument. It is because with the feeling of being an instrument, you automatically have the stage of humility. The consciousness of 'I' that brings you into body consciousness, automatically ends with the feeling of being humble.

A person's ego breaks when his own people give sorrow to him. It is then that he realizes that no one is his in this world except one God. 'Sansaar ne jab thukaraaya, tab dwarthihareaya (when the world rejected me, I came to your doorstep).' When the entire world rejects us, God accepts us. This is the ego of worldly affairs. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible. For further details contact : 9445520108, 9891370007.

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## Open stormwater drains a danger to commuters

Three years ago, a pedestrian died after falling into an abandoned stormwater drain pit on Jawaharlal Nehru Salai at Ashok Nagar, but the state highways department is yet to make the stretch secure.

Just a few kilometres from the accident spot, a 150m-long stretch of stormwater drain work at Vadapalani is lying abandoned with protruding rods without barricades in parts. Owners and staff of major businesses on the stretch and visitors to these shops cannot cross safely.

The stretch from Hotel Ambica Empire to Arumbakkam metro station was dug in Jan for a 550m macro-drain work from Vadapalani Bridge to Periyar Pathai signal towards Koyambedu. The 1.5mx1.5m drain is being built at 3.6 crore. Work has not progressed since March. The macro-drains built on both sides of the 100-foot road are supposed to take water from central parts of the city to Adyar river at Guindy. It will carry water from at least 2,000 houses in Vadapalani, Jaffer Khanpet, Saligramam, and Koyamedu.

While the work is on, patches of drains have been left uncovered, often filled with garbage and sewage, causing water stagnation and mosquito breeding in front of shops. It hinders commuting, parking, and other services in the region, say pedestrians and shop owners.



## First Memorial Oration

First Memorial Oration in honor of Late Air Vice Marshal V Krishnaswamy VSM & Late Mrs. Jaya Krishnaswamy, Founder Directors, Bala Mandir Madhuram Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children, held on June 28, 2025 at the Bala Mandir Cultural Centre, T. Nagar.

The first memorial oration was delivered by Dr. Prithika Chary, renowned neurologist and neurosurgeon on "Neuro Developmental Challenges in Children with Intellectual Disability - and Empowering Families through Early Intervention"

Dr. Prithika Chary called for inclusive, community-driven strategies, including wider screening by frontline workers, early training for healthcare providers, stigma-reduction campaigns, and stronger data systems. Notably, she highlighted the importance of family-centered support, extending beyond parents to include siblings and extended family.

She drew from decades of experience in neurodevelopment to speak on the topic. She emphasized the urgent need to address late diagnoses, which affected more than half of children with mild to moderate intellectual disability in India—often not identified until ages 5 to 9.

Bala Mandir Madhuram Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children (BMMNC) Established in December 1989 with the support of the

Chennai-based Sanmar Group of Companies, BMMNC has been a pioneer in early intervention through its innovative, indigenous Upanayan programme. Over the past three decades, the Centre has become a nationally recognized institution in the field of special education, earning numerous accolades for its impactful work.

Workshops  
The oration was followed by a hands-on workshop, "Multi-Sensory Teaching Methods for Parenting Children with Neuro developmental Challenges," led by Ms. V.R.P. Sheilaja Rao and Mrs. Afshaan Jabeen from Hyderabad, offering practical insights for caregivers. The event served as a heartfelt tribute to Mrs. Jaya Krishnaswamy's lifelong mission to empower families, professionals, and institutions in the disability sector. Her spirit of collaboration and commitment to inclusive education was palpable throughout the day's proceedings.

## The last date to apply for vocational training is 15th

The Corporation has announced that students who wish to join the Corporation's vocational training can apply by the 15th.

Chennai Corporation Press Release: To ensure the bright future of students studying in Chennai Corporation schools, vocational training with NCVT certification from the Central Government is being provided in six vocational courses.

Accordingly, those who have passed 10th standard can apply for the following courses: Computer Operator, Program Host, Motor Vehicle Mechanic, Electronic Mechanic, Electrical Worker, and Installer. To join this training, candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 40. There is no age limit for women. Those who complete this training will be offered employment in leading companies. Eligible students will be provided with training along with a monthly salary of Rs. 10,500. Those who wish to join the vocational training can download the applications through the website [www.chennaicorporation.gov.in](http://www.chennaicorporation.gov.in). Applications should be submitted by the 15th. Thus it is stated.

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## Education assistance provided to disabled!

In the face to face meeting conducted by Tamilnadu Udayikkaram Association for the Welfare of Differently Abled (TNUAWDA) recently at Dr. MGR Janaki Matriculation School, Saligramam, Chennai, Education Assistance was provided to 25 Differently abled school students and to the wards of the Differently Abled Persons. The Education Assistance was jointly provided to the needy, by the State President T.A.P. Varadakutti and State General Secretary Dr. K. Gopinath of TNUAWDA. In the event, Vegetables and Fruits were also distributed to 100 Differently abled beneficiary members of the association.



A broken concrete pole story typically involves an electric or utility pole made of concrete that has cracked, splintered, or completely broken due to various factors like poor quality materials, extreme weather, or accidents. These incidents can pose a serious safety risk, potentially causing power outages, traffic hazards, and even injuries. The photo taken at United India Colony Anna Main Road, Kodambakkam.



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## Sivasubramanian honoured

67 years old B.Sivasubramanian (Correspondent of 89 years Sri Sarda Middle School, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) received Honorary Doctorate for

Social service in the field of education excellence from Global Human Peace University in a program held at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore on June 28.

Sivasubramanian said that Sri Sarda Middle School was founded by his uncle N.Venkatraman on June 4, 1936 with 7 students (5 boys and 2 girls) and 2 teachers. He said that it was one of the oldest school in West Mambalam and more than 4000 were studied that time.

He said that after uncle demises in the year 1980, his father N.Bhuvaragha Moorthi was correspondent of the school from 1980 to 2015.

Sivasubramanian took charge as Correspondent from 2015 onwards.

He said that legends like R. Venkatraman (Former President of India), Tamilnadu chief ministers Bakthavachalam, Rajaji and Kamarajar were visited the school, many ministers like Kakkan and philanthropist were visited school.

Sivasubramanian said that four times Kachi Maha Periyava visited the school and blessed the students, his uncle Venkataraman was devotees of Mahaperiyava. He said that since 1965, during Kamarajar tenure, school was government aided.

Sivasubramanian said till now school alumnus are visiting and supporting the school. For further details contact : 89390 38648.

## Cattle shed to come up in Vadapalani soon

Greater Chennai Corporation will set up a cattle shed in Vadapalani. A resolution passed in the council meeting held at Ripon Buildings on Monday said the cattle shed would provide a single facility for the protection and maintenance of abandoned cows found in public places. It will be built on 21,528 sq. ft., located on Rajaji Street, Sastri Nagar. Based on the market value of the land belonging to Arulmigu Vadapalani Andavar Temple at Sastri Nagar, a fair rent of 1,18,500 per month has been calculated by the executive officer of the temple.

The lease period will be only for five years. The monthly rent, determined by the fair rent fixation committee, must be paid to the temple. This proposal is approved by the works and finance committee, said the resolution.

## CM Spaces for Kodambakkam, Valasaravakkam

Greater Chennai Corporation has decided to establish two more Chief Minister's Study Centres (CM Spaces) in Kodambakkam and Valasaravakkam. A resolution passed in the council meeting held on Monday at the Ripon Buildings said the CM Spaces will be set up in the Kodambakkam library, Phoenix Bazaar Service Road, ward 150. The project will be executed at an estimated cost of 4.65 crore.

Last month, a resolution was passed to establish six CM Spaces across the zones, spending 29 crore. CM Spaces will serve as a place to work, learn and connect, offering co-working and learning space at affordable rates, making it accessible to everyone. One can book a space online and use it as it is equipped with facilities to support one's business, work or prepare for competitive exams. Probably, it will be the first government-run co-working space in the country, with desk spaces being rented out for as low as 50 for six hours, making it accessible for fledgling start-ups and entrepreneurs.



## Investiture Ceremony

Velammal Vidyalaya, Karambakkam, celebrated its Investiture Ceremony on 4th July 2025 with great pride and enthusiasm. The event was graced by Mr. Parthasarathy, Inspector of Police – Crime Branch, as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour were the school's proud alumni – Mr. Harshan Kumar and Ms. Habeeba.

The ceremony witnessed the formal installation of the Prefectorial Board, where student leaders were honoured with badges and sashes, symbolizing their commitment to responsibility and discipline. Students appointed as in-charges of sports, cultural activities, and other extracurricular domains were also felicitated for their active participation and leadership.

The presence of enthusiastic parents as the audience added grace to the occasion. The event was a true celebration of leadership, discipline, and the nurturing of future change-makers.



# AROUND CHENNAI CITY

## Medical shop burgled

Rizwan, 45, from Nandanam, runs a pharmacy in Saidapet, in the morning when he open the shop he found the shop was burgled and 40,000 have been stolen from the pharmacy. According to the complaint, the Saidapet police are investigating the matter.

## SI booked in POSCO case

Sub-Inspector attached to the Armed Police Unit was booked by the All-Women Police, Nungambakkam, under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, following a complaint by the parents of a nine-year-old girl, who was allegedly sexually assaulted by the police officer.

The nine-year-old girl went missing on Sunday evening. Later, the relatives of the girl received information that the girl was at the residence of a Sub-Inspector residing in the neighbourhood. They rescued the girl, who was in a sedated state, from the house. When asked, those who were present in the house did not reply as to why the girl was under sedation or brought to the place in the first place, the police said. Following this, the girl's relatives complaint Nungambakkam police registered the case and are investigating.

## Property dispute two arrested

Kuppusamy, 62, is a resident of Raman Street, T. Nagar. His wife Neela and her sister had a dispute regarding ancestral property near the Singaperumal temple.

On the 30th, while Kuppusamy was at home, two men, including his wife's nephew Dinesh Bhupu, came there, insulted Kuppusamy and Neela, brandished a knife, and threatened to kill them.

The Pondy Bazaar police investigated the matter and arrested Dinesh Babu, 20, of Nandanam, and Rohan, 21, of Teynampet. A knife was seized from them.

## Onlinescam man duped of Rs 2.3 cr

The cyber crime wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) in Chennai on Saturday arrested four men for allegedly running an elaborate online scam involving

fake Initial Public Offering (IPO) and stock trading platforms. The accused duped a T Nagar resident of Rs 2.26 crore by promising high returns on investments, the police said.

The suspects, Sathyanarayanan (60), Manivel (25), Roshan (35), and Simson Chelladurai (26) were traced to Tirunelveli and Tenkasi, where they operated by creating fake current accounts and laundered the proceeds of the crime. Police recovered Rs 4.38 lakh in cash and seized seven mobile phones from them.

According to police, the victim, Kishore, had joined a WhatsApp group after receiving a message about lucrative stock investments. He was directed to click links to fake trading websites and was encouraged to invest in IPOs and stock trading. Trusting the group's claims of big returns, he made several transactions and deposited money across multiple accounts. Upon realising he had been scammed, Kishore filed a complaint with the police.

The CCB tracked the money trail and identified the accused. Investigations revealed the gang had been operating for over two years, renting commercial premises temporarily, forging documents to open current accounts, and using agents to route money overseas, the police said. The gang had also attempted to rope in small-time actors to endorse their fake trading platform but were nabbed before they could proceed. All four were produced before a magistrate and remanded in judicial custody.

## Youth murder mother-in-law arrested

In the Ashok Nagar youth murder case, the police also arrested the mother-in-law after the wife surrendered. Kalaiyaran, 23, is from 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. His wife is Tamilarasi, 13th Street, Ashok Nagar. The two are living separately due to family problems. Tamilarasi has two brothers, Sakthivel, 20, and Sanjay, 18.

In September last year, Kalaiyaran stabbed his brother-in-law Sakthivel in a family dispute with Tamilarasi. The injured Sakthivel returned home after receiving treatment at the hospital.

In retaliation, on the 15th, Kalaiyaran, Sanjay, Sakthivel and his friend Sunilkumar, 20, carried out a series of attacks.

Kalaiyaran, who was admitted to the Royapettah Government Hospital, was admitted to the Kilpauk Government Hospital for further treatment, where he died yesterday afternoon.

Subsequently, the case was converted into a murder case. While Kalaiyaran's brothers-in-law Sanjay and Sakthivel, who had killed Kalaiyaran, had already been arrested, Kalaiyaran's wife Tamilarasi surrendered to the court.

In this situation, the police arrested the mother of the Tamil Queen, Sathya, who was absconding in Nellikuppam, Cuddalore district.

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## Corpn plans to restore Virugambakkam Canal

The GCC plans to take up a 30-cr project to restore the Virugambakkam Canal amid complaints about garbage disposal and unchecked illegal sewer connections.

The Virugambakkam-Arumbakkam Canal runs for 6.36 km from Bhuvaneshwari Nagar to the Cooum River, and has a total catchment area of 30.63 sq. km., according to the GCC.

'These days, there are weeds, plastic, sewage, and garbage all over', Prabhu said, pointing to thick hyacinth choking the waterway, and garbage being dumped regularly.

'In the last two years, Chinmaya Nagar and Sai Nagar were severely affected by inundation', he further said.

He blamed the deterioration of the canal on illegal sewer connection and unregulated encroachments.

'Last year, the Chennai Corporation cleared debris from the canal after the local residents filed complaints. But the overall situation has not improved yet'.

According to the DPR, the 39 storm-water/sewer outlets were filled to their capacity during the Northeast monsoon, leading to the overflow.

To address this, a rejuvenation project of the canal has been planned in Anna Nagar, Teynampet, Kodambakkam and Valasaravakkam Zones (VIII, IX, X and XI). It includes sludge removal, bored piling and canal fencing.

The project has been tendered out, and is expected to be finalised by the first week of July, an official at the Storm Water Drain Department said.

## Sewerage Board is releasing rainwater into the drain

Residents of the Choolaimedu area allege that employees of the Water Supply Board are discharging sewage from the underground sewer into the stormwater drain through motor gates.

The Anna Nagar Zone is located in the Choolaimedu area, connecting Kodambakkam and Choolaimedu. Thousands of people live in the streets surrounding this road, including Kanni Nagar, Pari Street, Nehru Street, Andavar Street, etc. Similarly, a vegetable market is also functioning.

In this situation, the underground sewer on Anna Nagar Road was blocked. As a result, sewage had no way to drain and was stagnant in various streets.

Upon learning about this, the Water Board employees left the pipe in the underground sewer, sucked up the water through the motor, and discharged it into the rainwater drain between Nehru Street and Andavar Street.

Despite the ban on discharging sewage into the stormwater drain, board employees continue to do this, temporarily preparing the sewerage without permanently removing it, local residents allege that sewage is accumulating in the vegetable market area, causing health problems.







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## Clock towers inaugurated at T Nagar

Rotary Club of Madras, T Nagar, inaugurated two clock towers at Kannadasan Road and Pondy Bazaar in T Nagar on Monday. The clocks have been installed at prominent public locations and they include built-in lighting for visibility at all hours. Rotary district governor Mahaveer Bothra and Ann Jayashree Bothra attended the event, along with officials from the Greater Chennai Corporation. The initiative is part of the club's civic engagement efforts.

## Commercial cooking gas cylinder price reduced by Rs. 58

The price of a cooking gas cylinder for commercial use has been reduced by Rs. 58. Like petrol and diesel prices, cooking gas cylinder prices are also determined based on the international price of crude oil and the value of the rupee against the dollar. These prices are usually determined on the first day of every month.

There have been fluctuations in gas cylinder prices in recent times. In this situation, changes have been made in gas cylinder prices July 1st. Accordingly, an announcement has been made to reduce the price of gas cylinders for commercial use by Rs. 58. Public sector oil companies have issued this announcement. Last month, the price of a 19 kg commercial gas cylinder in Chennai was Rs. 1881. Now, it has been reduced by Rs. 58 and will be sold at Rs. 1822, it has been announced. There is no change in the price of cylinders used in homes. A 14.2 kg cylinder costs Rs. 868.50.



## Saidapet Amma Park to be renovated

CMDA, which is working on improving Saidapet Amma Park at a cost of Rs 3.6 crore, has begun the work of constructing toilets in the first phase. Amma Park, built in 2016 during the AIADMK regime with the funds of Mayor Saidai Duraisamy, is located on the Saidapet-Kodambakkam road in the 140th ward of Kodambakkam zone.

This park includes a yoga center, children's play area, walking trails, parking, gym, and green areas. The Chennai Metropolitan Development Corporation is planning to develop this park at a cost of Rs 3.6 crore. Modern playground equipment, a yoga and skating center, an artificial fountain, a redesign of the park's facade, and restroom facilities are to be built.

The CMDA is planning to carry out the development work in several phases without closing the park. Accordingly, in the first phase, work is underway to renovate the toilets in the park.

Officials said: To the extent possible, the park will not be closed and the yoga and skating centers located on the side of the park will be improved.

After that, the park will be closed and work will begin in full swing. Currently, work is underway to build six seats and toilets in the park. This is what they said.



## Beach cleanup on international plastic bag free day

In a remarkable display of environmental commitment, Rotary International District 3234 joined hands with over 500 college students from Queen Mary's College to undertake a large-scale beach cleanup operation. This event, held at the Vinayagar statue immersion point at Foreshore Estate, coincided with International Plastic Bag Free Day.

Starting at 7:30 am, rotarians and students enthusiastically participated in this initiative, working alongside the public to clear the beach of plastic waste and other debris. "It's encouraging to see young people showing such keen interest in environmental protection," said Rtn. AKS. Vinod Saraogi, District Governor, RI District 3234, who presided over the event.

Dr. B. Uma Maheswari, Principal of Queen Mary's College, stated, "This large turnout demonstrates that the younger generation is well aware of the plastic pollution crisis. Today's event not only cleaned our beach but also raised awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags on our environment."

The event was attended by Nandakumar, Inspector of Police, Foreshore Estate, who praised the environmental initiative. "This kind of community engagement is very important for maintaining the cleanliness of our city and protecting our marine ecosystem," he said. Upon completion of the event, participants collected over 500 kilograms of waste, significantly improving the condition of the beach.



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## Old dilapidated building a threat to residents

Residents of Jafferhanpet have requested that the Urban Habitat Development Board demolish the dilapidated residential building, which is in a bad condition.

This building located in Kodambakkam Zone, RV Nagar, Ward 139. There are 27 blocks and nearly 600 houses here. All these housing estates are more than 50 years old.

Many flats cement coating is peeling off and is in danger of collapsing at any time. In addition, water leaks from the toilets of the houses on the upper floors into the houses on the lower floors.

Similarly, since the electrical wires were laid 50 years ago, they often break down and cause electrical leakage. Due to blockages in the underground sewers, sewage is entering the houses, causing great suffering. Electrical accidents also occur frequently during the rainy season.

Following a series of complaints, the Urban Habitat Development Board is carrying out renovation work on some buildings.

However, residents have requested that this 50-year-old apartment building, which is in a dangerous condition, be demolished and a new apartment is a must.

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## Credit card, PAN-Aadhaar linking; New changes effective from July 1

Major changes have come into effect from July 1 in various services including bank credit cards, Aadhaar PAN linking, and income tax. Various major changes are being implemented from July 1 in many daily services used by people across the country. In particular, it has come into effect that Aadhaar details must now be verified to apply for a new PAN card. The Central Board of Direct Taxes has advised current PAN card users to link it with their Aadhaar number by December 31. Aadhaar card verification has become mandatory for railway ticket bookings. The last date for filing income tax returns has been changed from July 31st to September 15th, effective from July 1. This gives beneficiaries an additional 46 days. Leading banks, including SBI, are discontinuing the flight accident insurance facility offered to their credit card customers. Changes have also been made to the minimum monthly payment amount. Another leading banking company, HDFC Bank, has also announced new charges for credit card transactions. ICICI Bank has implemented changes in the service charge regime for ATM transactions from today. There will be no service charge for the first 5 transactions every month. A fee of Rs. 23 will be charged for transactions carried out thereafter, effective from July 1. ICICI customers can make 3 free transactions in metro cities when using ATMs of other banks for cash transactions. In small towns, you can make 5 transactions. If you exceed this, you will have to pay Rs. 23 for each transaction. It is noteworthy that all these new procedures come into effect from July 1, as already announced.

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