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Sakalabhuvaneswarar Temple, Thirumeyachur Ilankovil

This is the 174th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri and the 57th Sthalam of Chozha Nadu. Even though this temple is a part of Thirumeyachur main temple and Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal has sung in praise of Lord Shiva during palalayam (a procedure followed during temple renovations), hence this temple is considered a separate Paadal Petra Sthalam. As per the experts the temple in palalayam is called as Ilangoil/Ilankovil/Ilamkovil.

In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Akkur. But he didn't sing in praise of Lord Shiva of this Ilangoil, perhaps this temple may not under Palalayam during his visit. In Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal Puranam, Sekkizhar didn't mention his visit to this temple, in particular, but mentioned other temples on the way.

Moolavar : Sri Sakalabhuvaneswarar, Consort : Sri Megalambigai / Sri Minnummegalaiyal
Some of the salient features of this temple are...

This temple is facing east in the north praharam of the main temple. In Koshtam Dakshinamurthy, Maha Vishnu and Brahma.

In prakaram, Sthala Vinayagar, Chaturmukha Chandikeswarar, Arunachaleswarar, Bhairavar, SuriyanAkasa Lingam, and Vayu Lingam.

ARCHITECTURE

The main temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam. A vesara Vimana is over the Sanctum sanctorum.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal has sung in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple might have existed before the 7th Century. It is believed that the main temple was built by Ko Chengat Chozha. The original temple was constructed with brick and the same was reconstructed into a stone temple by Sembiyan Mahadevi, during the Chozha King Rajaraja-I, period. Further extended during the Pandya period.

Maha Kumbhabhishekam was conducted on 3rd November 2000 and 08th Feb 2015, after renovations. The temple is under the administrative control of Thirupugalur Velakurichi Adheenam.

LEGENDS

This is the birthplace of Garuda, Aruna the Charioteer of Sun, Vali, Sugriva, Yaman, and Saneeswaran. They all worshiped Lord Shiva of this temple. Kali also worshiped Lord Shiva and Ma Parvati of this temple. Suriyan worshiped Lord Shiva of this temple to get rid of the curse and get back his power. The sun's rays fall on Moolavar from the 21st to the 27th of the month Chithirai (April – May). Special poojas are conducted on these days.

POOJAS AND CELEBRATIONS

Apart from regular poojas special poojas are conducted on all the important Hindu festivals. Anna Paavadai is celebrated in a grand manner in Sri Meganathaswamy, the main temple on Vijayadasami day in the Navaratri festival, Ashtami day in the month Masi (Feb – March), Full moon day in the month Vaikasi.

Ratha Saptami is celebrated in a grand manner. Ratha Saptami is the starting of Uttarayanam, in which the Sun travels from North to south during the period Thai (Jan – Feb) month to Aani (June – July).

Your Stars This Year

Aries : This week, financial growth begins with how you manage your emotions. If you spend time escaping stress or holding back in fear, pause and engage in some deep reflection. Your money patterns are related to your inner balance. Be calm while deciding and never let the mood dominate your decisions.

Taurus: You can be open this week, for help may come from an unexpected quarter. A mentor or advisor could appear in idle gossip or mundane work. Don't treat helpful counsel lightly because it came informally. Someone could be helping you at work toward a better opportunity or a state of mind.

Gemini: Encourage yourself to work smarter, not harder, with your time and money. Find more balance by working with smart strategies, rather than through stress. At the workplace, break bigger assignments into smaller steps. It will reduce pressure and increase clarity.

Cancer: The challenge at work may weigh heavier at the onset, but it is really gearing you up for the next big one: don't run away from it—face it calmly. This will truly teach you a valuable lesson and strengthen you. Career-wise, you will silently be rewarded for your patience and willingness to endure.

Leo: You are nudged toward something better suited to you—career, project, even a state of mind. If it feels wrong, do not push something. Hold on to nothing and allow room for what agrees with your goals. Listen for signs of ease at work—it could be the one worth pursuing. Trust your inner voice.

Virgo: Not all delays amount to defeat—this week will teach you that. Different perspective when something doesn't go as planned. Maybe that little setback is just a gentle nudge toward something better. Stay calm and stay flexible. Your growth is happening, even though it's not yet visible. Financially, don't blame yourself.

Libra: Stand at the threshold, in front of the altar, prepared for some kind of burst of simplicity and expansion. Life gets messy with too many tasks, ideas, or goals. If you want to grow, you'd better clear some space, both physically and mindfully. Work, focus solely on tasks that yield results; decline everything else that feels.

Scorpio: Your true growth this week comes from how you think about money—everything else is secondary. If you have been stuck with the old thinking of "there is never enough" or "I have to struggle to make it," then it is time to move on. At work, think value and not effort. Financially, work on cultivating a positive.

Sagittarius: Take feedback as growth, not judgment, this week. An opinion could help you improve your work, but should never diminish your confidence. Be open to learning at the workplace, but never doubt your core abilities. Financially, have a sensible review of the advice before acting upon it.

Capricorn: You're laying the foundation of something pertinent that needs patience. This week is not about quick wins; it is long-term focused. Your steady work efforts may look slow at present, but trust me, real value is getting created. Keep showing up; results are only sidelined.

Aquarius : There is progress; it just might not seem dramatic right now. For the rest of this week, avoid pursuing big results or accomplishments. Instead, appreciate the quiet steps that are somehow moving you forward. At work, do not let your routine tasks slip, for they carry more weight than you may think.

Pisces: It is a week for beginnings, and not merely finishing. You are being guided to plant the seeds—be they ideas, actions, or plans—that will grow over time. Don't chase glory for speedy outcomes. Focus on the high-quality effort rather than speedy results. Start building a foundation in finances with a new habit or strategy, no matter how slight it may seem.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
02.07.2025 TO 08.08.2025

A new zest of living

Pass the day and night with zeal and enthusiasm. Zeal and enthusiasm is the basis of the flying stage of everyone. This zeal destroys various kinds of obstacles that come and becomes very helpful in becoming complete. This pure and firm resolution of zeal becomes a special powerful weapon in making you victorious. This is why, always have zeal and enthusiasm and this means of having a flying stage in your heart. In order to achieve success in any task, zeal and enthusiasm is very necessary. If there is no zeal and enthusiasm, the task cannot be successful. Where there isn't zeal and enthusiasm, there will be a lot of weariness and a weary person will never achieve success. So, you should have zeal and enthusiasm in everything, otherwise you will keep being confused in some or other aspect.

When you give zeal and enthusiasm to a weak soul, you attain such a great merit. Suppose, you don't have strength in your body or because of lacking the power of wealth, you feel within, 'this can't happen', but enthusiasm is such a thing that if you have it, others will also move ahead in enthusiasm and become your helpers. Even if you are short of wealth, enthusiasm can attract wealth from anywhere. Enthusiasm is such a magnet, which will attract wealth, friends as well as success and bring them to you. For example, it is said that courage and enthusiasm turn even dust into wealth.

Always assimilate new zeal and new enthusiasm in yourself and show that to others too. Just fulfilling the duty that you have received isn't called great zeal. Fulfilling a duty is certainly the sign of being obedient but just this isn't called the unlimited, broad intellect, great zeal-enthusiasm. The sign of greatness is to bring newness in the duty.

Never slack your zeal and enthusiasm. Many situations will arise but never slow down your wings of zeal and enthusiasm. Keep flying. Wings are meant for flying. You can't fly high if you lose your zeal and enthusiasm

even slightly. The situation will go away but you shouldn't lose your happiness. If you consider a storm to be a storm, there will be tumult. If you consider or feel it to be a gift, your enthusiasm and courage will increase. This is the sign of rising celestial degrees. Instead of worrying, you will go into the depth and collect new gems of experience from these ocean like examinations.

If there isn't zeal in the mind, no work can be accomplished. You certainly generate thoughts with zeal and enthusiasm but just half of the zeal remains by the time it comes to speech [and] three-fourth of it remains by the time it comes to actions. What is the reason? There isn't concentration, firmness in the thought. The work which involves zeal, enthusiasm and tirelessness, certainly succeeds. Those who make effort never leave their courage and enthusiasm. Courage and enthusiasm is always with them. So, victory is certain. When you lose courage or when there is some or other kind of laziness instead of enthusiasm, you lose. It has been seen that you have full enthusiasm and determination for a month maximum. Then, after a month, a little carelessness begins. Every child has zeal and enthusiasm, but make the addition of one thing 'you will always do it'. Remove the word 'sometimes' from your dictionary. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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24 hrs encroachment on Erikarai Road

Traffic is being caused by vehicles occupying the road on Erikarai Road, K K Nagar.

Erikarai Road is the main road connecting Nesapakkam, K K Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Ramapuram and Porur.

Since this is a biggest connectivity and the roads are broad all types of vehicles parked for weeks. There is a lot of traffic movement at peak hours causing traffic jams.

Due to the ongoing metro rail works on Arcot Road and Mount-Poontamalli Highway, motorists are increasingly using Erikarai Road to reach areas including Nesapakkam, Ramapuram, Porur, and Valasaravakkam. As a result, vehicle traffic on this road has increased recently.

The traffic police are not even working here to control this congestion. Apart from vehicle encroachments new platform shops has been opened and pedestrians are forced to walk on the road. Therefore, there has been a demand among social activists to deploy traffic police at these intersections to ease traffic congestion and to remove vehicles parked encroaching on the road.

IRIS celebrated 25th year anniversary

IRIS stars who began their journey on this platform and are now successful models and actors: Shreya Gupto, Dushara Vijayan, Samyuktha Viswanathan, Abhirami Iyer, Tarini Kalingarayar, Suja Suriya Nila, Anu Singh, Niroop Nandakumar, Akilan, Munaf Rahman, Sofia, Manasha Choudhary, and Rameez Meeran.

Graced by celebrities from fashion, film, and media including C.K. Kumaravel, Vikram Cotah, Anitha Chandoke, and Priyadarshini Rajkumar, the evening also featured the crown unveiling for the 2025 edition. Auditions across Tamil Nadu will lead up to the grand finale on 27th September 2025 at Radisson Blu GRT, Meenambakkam.



COVER IT PLEASE : Exposed EB cable not covered properly in Raghavan Colony Main Road, Vadapalani. Concern authorities close it as soon as possible before any untoward incident happens?



Platform slabs removed and dumped

Protruding platform slabs removed and dumped on Munusway Street, K K Nagar is a threat to passersby, mostly senior citizens, especially during late evening hours. During night hours generally senior citizen like us overlook the protruding slab and get injured, says Meenalochani, a local resident. Many cases go unreported, she added. It is said that GCC is planning for a renovation from old platforms to new platforms. After demolishing the workers as left the slabs unattended.

Replacing the slab will take about a couple of hours but the concerned are not listening to our requests. We have to live with it, laments Rajagopal another resident of the locality. Morning walkers and joggers find it very difficult at dawn and dusk, he added. Residents are on the lookout for an early solution.

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The price of a 19 kg commercial gas cylinder has been reduced by Rs. 34.50 and is being sold at Rs. 1789.

Public sector oil companies Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum sell cooking gas cylinders of 14.20 kg for households and 19 kg for commercial use.

These companies change the domestic cooking gas cylinder prices on the first day of every month, in line with the prevailing crude oil prices in the international market.

Lions international awards and aid distribution



Lions International District 3241 F (VGP Complex, Ashok Nagar) presented 'Lions International Achievers Award' and donated aid to deserving persons during their 3rd Cabinet installation program held at Hotel Green Park, Vadapalani on July 27.

Justice S.Tamilvanan (Former Judge Madras High Court and Chairman, Tamilnadu State Commissioner for S.C. and S.T, Chennai) inaugurated the program in presence of Dr.K.Narayanasamy (Vice Chancellor, Dr.MGR Medical University, Govt. Of India), M.Praveen Lal (District Governor, Lions International District 3241 F), N S.Sankar (Past Lions International District Director), Umadevi Anilkumar (First Vice District Governor), Dr.S.Vageesh (Second Vice District Governor), Dr.G.Manilal (Past District Governor and Program organiser) and Dr R.Ramakrishnan (Cardiologist).

Six sewing machines donated to deserving women and Rs.50,000 education assistances given to ten school and college students. The awards presented to 10 dignitaries.

Postal Department to merge Speed and Registered Posts

The Postal Department has proposed merging Speed Post and Registered Post services, starting September 1, to streamline operations and improve efficiency. Customers have called for the inclusion of key Registered Post features and a revision in tariffs. The decision was to consolidate multiplicity of the postal services and mail processing, standardise delivery services, and reduce operational costs. The merger would also help better customer experience with faster delivery, said officials of the department. The Tamil Nadu postal circle has handled nearly 11.84 crore Speed and Registered Posts in the last fiscal. As the first step towards the merger and restructuring of mail operations, the circle has started establishing integrated mail processing centres. For instance, in Chennai alone, there are 14 mail processing offices for different posts.



Update mobile numbers on Vahan and Sarathi Portals Online

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is urging all driving license holders and registered vehicle owners to update their mobile numbers on the Vahan and Sarathi portals. This initiative ensures that personal details remain accurate, complete, and up to date, crucial for receiving timely alerts and services.

To facilitate this, an online update facility is now available, eliminating the need to visit Regional Transport Offices (RTOs). Scan this QR code to update the numbers through the Vahan Portal. This move reinforces digital governance and streamlines communications between citizens and transport authorities.

Apollo Cancer Centres Launches 'End-OCheck'



Reinforcing its commitment to preventive oncology for women, Apollo Cancer Centre (ACC), and Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC), launched End-O Check, a comprehensive early detection program targeting women. The initiative is designed to detect two of the most prevalent gynaecologic cancers—endometrial and ovarian - at an early and more treatable stage.

As part of the launch of End-OCheck, a Panel Discussion was organised by Apollo Cancer Centre and Apollo Proton Cancer Centre to raise awareness on ovarian and endometrial cancers, focusing on the importance of early detection, educating women, and addressing myths that delay timely care. Dr. Ajit Pai, Senior Consultant - Surgical Oncology, ACC-Teynampet, Dr. Venkat P, Senior Consultant - Surgical Oncology, ACC-Teynampet, and Dr. Kumar Gubbala, Consultant - Gynaecological Oncology, APCC, Dr. Madhu Priya, Senior Consultant - Surgical Oncology, ACC-Vanagaram,

Dr. Priya Kapoor, Consultant, Surgical Oncology, ACC-Teynampet, were part of the panel discussion, which was moderated by Dr. Ayyappan, Senior Consultant - Surgical Oncology, ACC-Teynampet.

Ovarian cancer, often referred to as the "silent killer," affects women between 55 and 64 years of age, with the average diagnosis occurring at 63. When caught early, the five-year survival rate exceeds 90%.

In India, the total cancer cases are projected to grow to 1.57 million by 2025, with ovarian and uterine cancers continuing to report among the top five cancers affecting women. The age-standardized incidence rates are estimated at 4.6 per 100,000 for ovarian cancers and 2.5 per 100,000 for corpus uterine cancers². Contributing factors include shifts in reproductive patterns, urban lifestyles, and a rise in metabolic conditions, highlighting the urgent need for targeted detection in high-risk populations.

While endometrial cancer often presents with symptoms such as unexpected bleeding or abnormal discharge, many women fail to report these signs early, leading to delayed diagnosis and poorer outcomes.

End-OCheck is designed with a focus on early detection in high-risk populations, symptom awareness, and timely intervention, empowering women to take proactive steps for their gynaecologic health.

Speaking at the launch, Mr. Dinesh Madhavan, President, Group Oncology & International, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, said, "Early detection remains our most powerful ally in improving survival and quality of life in cancer care. End-O Check is a proactive step in shifting the narrative from treatment to detection and early diagnosis, enabling timely detection, and precision treatment by cancer management teams.

Mr Karan Puri, Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Cancer Centres & Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, Chennai, added, "With End-O Check, we are further extending our commitment to preventive oncology. This program goes beyond clinical protocols, it is about creating awareness, encouraging women to prioritize their health, and ensuring access to comprehensive detection solutions. Early detection not only saves lives but also allows us to provide more effective, less invasive treatments."

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After dug up work over for some cable laying work in 10th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. The sluggish mud disturbs the motorists and pedestrians. Will the concern authorities close it as soon as possible for a smooth traffic.

Homam tickets available online from August 1st

Thirumaila Tirupati Devasthanam has announced that tickets for the Ni Vasa Divya Anugraha Homam will be available online from August 1st.

The Alipiri temple is located in the vicinity of the city of Arukha. Here, the daily Divya Anugraha Homam is performed. For this, 150 online tickets and 50 physical tickets were distributed to devotees. The tirupati devasthanam has announced that 200

tickets will be issued online starting from August 1st.

The ticket price is Rs. 1,000. Devotees can participate in this as a token of appreciation. After the Homam, the devotees were informed that they would be given Rs. 300 tickets each to participate in the festival and that they would be able to visit the seven miles of the temple.



CMRL to fully transition to national common mobility from August

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has announced a complete migration from the existing CMRL Travel Card (Contactless Smart Card) to the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC), branded as the Singara Chennai Card, effective August 1, 2025. Despite the discontinuation of top-ups, passengers can continue to use the remaining balance on their CMRL Travel Cards until the value is fully utilized. Once the residual balance falls below Rs. 50, commuters are advised to surrender their old CMRL Travel Card at metro ticket counters. In exchange, they will receive a Singara Chennai Card at no additional cost, with their remaining balance and deposit amount transferred seamlessly to the new NCMC card.

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Man murdered in drunken quarrel

A 43-year-old man was murdered at Vadapalani Paranthaman a victim a resident of Chrompet was drinking liquor in a shop following a drunken quarrel when he objected to stealing the liquor.

Three persons Vasantharaj (39) Santhakumar (37) living in Kodambakkam and Vengheeswaran of Saligramam who came near him took some liquor from Paranthaman, who was angry. He picked up a quarrel with the three persons who attacked him with spanners.

Paranthaman was taken to the KMC hospital where he died. The three persons were arrested for murder.

Man arrested for refusing to allow land survey

Police arrested a man who had been arguing and threatening to kill someone over not allowing them to survey the land.

Kumar, 59, is from Vadapalani. He runs a 'Photo Digital Color Lab'. The land he owns is near the 100-foot road in Vadapalani Vivekananda Colony.

He brought a surveyor to measure the land. At that time, Ramesh, 46, did not allow him to measure the land, started an argument, used abusive language against Kumar, hit him with his hand and threatened to kill him. The Vadapalani police, who investigated, arrested Ramesh from Saligramam.

25 additional battery vehicles for garbage collection

An additional 25 battery-powered vehicles are being operated to collect garbage in the Valasaravakkam zone.

There are 1.28 lakh households in 13 wards from 143 to 155 in the Valasaravakkam zone. 270 tonnes of garbage are generated daily. Of this, 230 tons of garbage is taken to the Perungudi landfill. The remaining 40 tons of garbage is separated into various types and recycled; compost is made.

In the Valasaravakkam zone, a private company, 'Urbanesar Sumeet', is carrying out door-to-door garbage collection and disposal work.

There are 216 battery-powered vehicles in use to remove garbage from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm, 26 battery-powered vehicles from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and 22 battery-powered vehicles for night work.

The 216 battery-powered vehicles used in the morning shift are not sufficient. As a result, there is a delay in going door-to-door to collect garbage, Valasaravakkam Zonal Councilors have been continuously talking at the Zonal meeting about the need to increase the use of battery vehicles.

Following this, 25 new battery vehicles have been added to the morning shift, and since yesterday, 241 battery vehicles have been deployed for garbage collection.

Devotional competitions

Celebrate the divine appearance day of Lord Krishna by participating in devotional competitions organized by ISKCON T Nagar - an Outpost of ISKCON Chennai! Exciting prizes, spiritual fun, and an opportunity to engage your family in Krishna consciousness during Janmashtami!

Venue: Sri Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, No. 3, Sundaram Street, behind Natesan Park, T Nagar, Chennai 17.

1. Drawing/Colouring Competition

Theme: Any Scene/Character from Krishna Lila,

Ramayana or Mahabharata

Date: 2-Aug-2025 – Saturday; Group A- 1st to 3rd std; 3pm-6pm - (only colouring - Sketches will be provided)

Date: 9-Aug-2025 – Saturday; Group B - 4th to 6th std; Group C - 7th to 9th Std 3pm-6pm

2. Fancy Dress Competition - Theme: Characters from Mahabharata/Ramayanam

Date: 2nd Aug - Saturday - 3pm to 6pm; Group A- 1st to 3rd std

Date: 9th Aug - Saturday - 3pm to 6pm; Group B - 4th & 5th std

Registration Fees : Rs.50/competition

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QR and barcode ID cards mandatory for food vendors on trains

The Railway Board has ordered that QR and barcode identity cards will now be mandatory for food delivery workers on trains and at railway stations.

Drinking water, food, and soft drinks are being sold to passengers at railway stations and on trains. Passengers have complained that these are being sold at an extra price and that they are of poor quality.

Following this, the Railway Board has sent a circular to all Railway Zonal General Managers:

The relevant contractors will now be required to mandatorily issue QR code identification cards to those selling goods to passengers at railway-owned places and on trains.

It should contain basic details including employee name, Aadhaar number, and contractor name.

Similarly, there should be a signature of the station manager or IRCTC officials. It states that action should be taken against those who sell goods without an identity card.



Jafferkanpet canal poses a risk of flooding

The Corporation is undertaking the work of constructing a retaining wall 8 feet above road level

and an iron fence above it, with a budget of Rs. 5.29 crore allocated.

The Corporation plans to reduce the height of the newly constructed canal retaining wall and construct a bridge for the benefit of the people of V.V. Mariamman Temple Street area. Residents of Appadurai Street are complaining that their homes are at risk of being flooded during the rainy season.

Appadurai Street area residents said: On one side of Jafferkanpet is V.V. Mariamman Kovil Street and on the other side is Appadurai Street. When the retaining wall on the canal collapsed, a temporary wooden bridge was built across the canal to facilitate the movement of people on V.V. Mariamman Kovil Street.

The residents of V.V. Mariamman Kovil Street, have requested the corporation, which is currently engaged in the construction of a retaining wall on the canal, build a new bridge.

Following this, the retaining wall, which was supposed to be eight feet high above road level, will be reduced to four feet for their convenience, and a 10-foot-wide bridge will be built there.

Apart from that, there will also be problems in unloading machinery into the canal.

Despite knowing that building a bridge over a canal is an act of encroachment, the corporation administration is carrying out this work recklessly.

There is a 4-foot-wide government land adjacent to V.V. Mariamman Kovil Street, equal to the length of the canal. Instead of building a bridge, if a road is built at this place, the local people will benefit; the damage caused by rain and floods will be prevented. They said this.

Free Health Camp

The Women's World, an NGO, will Conduct a Free Health Camp on 15th August (Independence Day) Blood Test will be conducted. Expert Nutritionist will advise on best practices in nutrition. Vaccine specialist will advise on vaccines for Flu / Pneumonia. Diabetologist will advise on Diabetes and Obesity. For further details contact : 9382211111 / 9282233333.

Construction debris dumping must stop

Construction debris along a stretch on the roadside of 44th Street, Ashok Nagar is an eyesore. Its location has become convenient to dump construction waste. The construction debris can be used by the civic body for filling potholes at least. Even though the dumping of gravel and construction debris is not the solution these fillings will at least last more than a few months, residents opine. They complain that road debris is a form of a road hazard. They suggest that the construction waste must be compacted as shortcut tactics lead to bumps across the street. Huge waste generation has become a major challenge as they undergo tremendous expansion. Construction boom comes with growing pains from escalating construction and demolition waste generation. Enormous construction waste causing much worry to the residents. Failure to adequately manage waste will lead to safety risks, residents opine.



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Creepers around electrical transformers pose a powerful threat

Several electrical transformers in SVS Nagar, 12th Street, Valasaravakkam and other areas have turned poles for creepers, posing a danger to people and animals. Plants, during rain, can conduct electricity causing short circuits and electrical faults, apart from increasing the risk of electrocution.

The plants can also lead to power outages or cause damage to the transformer, especially during rains, said Subramanian G, a retired electrical engineer.

'They can even cause fire once the moisture in the plants evaporates, especially after a short circuit. It is very dangerous to have creepers growing along transformers. It should be done as part of northeast monsoon preparatory work like desilting drains'.

Corporation sanitary worker from Valasaravakkam, said that he got an electric shock last week during the rain while sweeping near an electrical transformer, which has creepers towering up to at least 8 m. 'What if there was a puddle below the transformer that had a creeper? I could have been electrocuted'.

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For a safe walk

The civic body is creating footpaths that are safe, comfortable, and easy to use for road users.

Pedestrian zone plays an important role in a well-functioning footpath. It provides clear space for walking with at least 1.8 m width to accommodate two wheelchair users. It must be entirely free of obstructions, says a senior civic official.

The ongoing work is in progress on P V Rajamannar Salai, K K Nagar.

The absence of a pedestrian zone forces pedestrians to walk in the carriageway. Footpaths should have flat walking surfaces, allowing for proper drainage and preventing puddles from forming, says Gajendran, a structural engineer and a long time resident. The success of a footpath depends on the integration of multiple elements in a coherent design, he added.



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