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Milling roads motorists suffer

The delay in relaying the road post the milling work is posing hardships to the motorists and pedestrians in MGR Nagar in ward 137 of Kodambakkam zone. The K. K. Salai, Pachaiyappa street, and Venkataraman Salai were milled more than two weeks ago. But the relaying is not yet done. This comes at a time when the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has been taking steps to expedite the road relaying works. It also imposes fine on the contractors who delay the relaying works post milling.

The milling was done while these roads were lying unrepaired for almost a year since it was dug up for laying Chennai Metropolitan and Sewerage Board pipelines. MTC

small buses are facing big trouble to conduct services due to blocks throughout the road. Babu, a local resident, asked for immediate relaying of the stretch which is affecting thousands of motorists.

Roads such as K.K. Salai, Venkataraman Salai, and 60ft road in MGR Nagar are also in a mess. These roads were dug up a year ago and left unattended.

"Since there are lot of commercial shops in the stretch, many mini vans and pick-up vans come with the goods and materials for the shops.

These vehicles are parked in front of the shops, hindering movement of other vehicles. Many commuters nowadays take longer routes to reach their destination as they don't want to take risks," said a commuter.

Meanwhile, the GCC officials said that relaying work would be carried out soon. "Recent rain had delayed the work. The contractor will be asked to finish the work soon," said an official.

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**Paampuranathar Temple,
Thirupampuram**

This is the 176th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and 59th sthalam on the south side of river Cauvery in Chozha Nadu. Thiruveezhimizhalai, another Paadal Petra Sthalam is very near to this temple, even the Rajagopuram can be seen if there is no obstruction. This temple is popularly known as Rahu & Kethu Temple and "South Kalahasti".

In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thirumeyyachur. Moolavar : Sri Pampureswarar, Sri Seshapureswarar, Sri Pambeesar, Consort : Sri Brambarambhigai, Sri Vandaar Poonguzhali.

Some of the salient features of this temple are.....

The temple faces east with a 3-tier Rajagopuram. Rishabam and Balipeedam are after the Rajagopuram. In Koshtam, Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy and Durgai. In praharam Vinayagar, Sri Valli Devasena Subramaniam, Urchavars are Sri Subramaniam with Valli Devasena, Natarajar, Somaskandar, Sattainathar, Chandikeswarar, Malaieswarar in a mada type of shrine, Adhi Pampureswarar under the Sthala Vruksham, Rahu, Kethu, Suriyan Adhiseshan, Bhairavar, Saneeswaran, 5 Shiva Lingas, and Nalvars. Ambal is in a separate sannadhi in a standing posture facing east.

ARCHITECTURE

The main temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam. The adhistana is a simple pada bandha adhistana. A vesara vimana is over the sanctum after a level of the square base. An open mandapa was constructed around the sanctum. The space around the sanctum is in the form of a moat, and the level is below the ground level.

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. The Original temple was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and later extended during the Pandyas and Marathas period.

The inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to Chozha Kings Rajarajan-I, Rajendra Chozhan-I, Pandya Kings Sundara Pandyan, and Maratha king Saraboji Maharaja.

Kulothunga Chozha-III's 35th reign year inscription records the establishment of Thiruvasura Nayanar, Periya Devar, Nachiyar with a stone shrine by a Devaradiyar (Lady) called Udayal alias Narpathonnayiramnickam. For the same certain privileges were offered, by the Temple authorities/accountant and the Maheshwaras/Shiva Devotees. Latter period inscription of the same King records that in 1750 CE, Kasu received from the Thevaradiyar, and a land of 3 ma was given as irayil to the Devaradiyar.

Kulothunga Chozha-III's 31st reign year inscription records that land measuring 1.5 ma+ 3 (a fraction) onrraiyee moonru) was given by the Temple Sabha as irayili, as per the request of Arulmozhi Brahmarayan. For the same 2100 kasu for worship and 1000 kasu for other expenses like bringing water from river Kaveri for abhishekam.

Kulothunga Chozha-III's 28th reign year inscription records the establishment of Rajaraja Vinayaka Pillayar shrine as per the order of the king by a fisherman called Kunavayiludayar Meenavan Mooventha Velalar on the banks of river Arasalaru. For the same, land was gifted to this temple as Thevadhanam by the temple sabha as per the order of the king.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : Apt for working on things that relate to your long-term prospects. Time to something that doesn't build you; your energies are great, so use them well. Clear plans can help you stay on track. Whenever anything appears as an opportunity fitting in your life purpose. Think about saving for the future.

Taurus: Workplace changes may come your way this week, but don't fret, for your strength lies in being able to adjust. Keep your options open even if things don't go as expected. You may be required to work differently or with different people. Positive outlook about the change. Avoid any sudden expenses with your finances.

Gemini: Teamwork brings success. Some excellent ideas in your mind, but expressing these to the other person may, in a way, be a positive force to multiply all concerned. Involved in a project, be open to talking more with fellow workers. Good discussions may lead to fruitful.

Cancer: Demand that you remember how far you have come. Thinking about your past wins will give you newfound confidence. One of the greatest sources of motivation is through your journey. Let this fresh energy push you to take giant steps at work. You already have the guts; you just have to believe in it.

Leo: You may feel heavy with work on your shoulders, but having a clear plan should enable you to breeze through all activities. Make that to-do list, put up small goals for yourself, and stick to a routine. Stress will dissipate, and focus will sharpen. Don't be in a hurry; slow and steady work yields the best results.

Virgo: Your inner voice will guide you well this week. Some choices may confront you in your work-life, so try not to over think. Just honour that feeling inside; probably it knows more than you realise. Your logical side in itself is strong, but now it will be your instincts that present the same path most favoured.



Libra: Avoid putting yourself under too much pressure this week. It will be busy at work, so remember to just have a moment to breathe. Short breaks in between will clear your mind and keep your performance high. Balance is your strength-use it and never let stress drain your focus. Keep it simple.

Scorpio: Making a statement with your hard work will not go unnoticed. The result is within your hands now; keep your focus strong. Delighted clients that your dedication is beginning to pay off; you may soon reap your reward. Just continue with the honesty and strength upon which you have built your name.

Sagittarius: It is important to set boundaries. Your energy, however, is not infinite. Learn the art of saying no. Burnout could set in if you do not separate work from personal life. Always give your best enough time to rest and recharge. Do not financially over-commit yourself beyond your cash flow.

Capricorn: Count on no one else for you to step forward and demand more responsibility. Your hardworking nature will be apparent when you do so. Be ready for a new project or a new leadership role; now is the time for managers to take notice of your dedication.

Aquarius : Challenges will be coming your way, but you should not fear them; they provide the thrust needed for professional development. In every situation, think about how you'd solve the problem. Ideas and act of thinking differently will help you to make a mark. Financially consider well before engaging in risky affairs.

Pisces: Staying focussed will be your superpower. Distractions will come at you from all directions-people, emotions, sudden changes-too many to keep track of. Keep reiterating to yourself why you set out on this journey. Energetic but gentle is the calmest kind to act when your mind is clear. Finances-wise, stay strong on your budget. If you must, write down your intentions.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
16.08.2025 TO 22.08.2025

Kodambakkam Zonal Councilors meet

"While the work of constructing retaining walls in the canals is underway, steps should be taken to stop the discharge of sewage into the canal and to obtain an underground sewer connection," said the councilors at the Kodambakkam Zonal Committee meeting.

The Kodambakkam Zonal Committee meeting was held at the Zonal Office, under the chairmanship of its chairman Krishnamurthy.

In this, Virugambakkam DMK - MLA, Prabhakararaja, Zonal Assistant Commissioner Murugesan, Executive Engineers Inian, Ranganathan and other officials participated. In the meeting, 19 resolutions were passed. The councilors spoke as follows: Ward - 133, DMK, Ezhumalai: The officials worked well during the rainy season last year. All precautionary measures should be taken before the rainy season arrives this year as well. Many projects are contracted to the Ripon House. They carry out the work without properly informing the officials here. This causes many problems. Stone paving is being done along the sidewalk. Even the smooth sidewalk is being broken and stones are being laid.

Ward - 138, DMK, Kannan: A retaining wall is being constructed on the MGR Nagar canal. In this, the sewage from the residences on Pachaiyappan Street in MGR Nagar is being discharged into the canal. Due to this, the construction of the retaining wall in the canal is being affected. The Water Supply Board should serve a 'notice' to them and provide them with an underground sewer connection.

Ward - 137, DMK, Dhanasekar: Advertising stickers should not be pasted on the walls in the Chennai Corporation. If you paste a poster, it can be torn down. A homeowner who wants to paste an advertising sticker on the perimeter wall of his house must obtain permission from the Corporation. Those who do not obtain permission should be fined under the Billboard Act. Therefore, steps should be taken to remove the stickers pasted on the walls in the zone.

Ward - 129, DMK, Ravi Shankar: I have given a list of 15 roads in my ward to be repaired. They should be

repaired before the rains. There are nine children's playgrounds. Only one person has been appointed to maintain them. How can one person maintain nine parks spread over several kilometers? Similarly, urgent steps should be taken to repair the storm water drains.

Regional Committee Chairman Murugesan: Park maintenance has been fixed at one employee per square foot. Since nine parks fall within that square foot, one person has been appointed. A modern machine has been provided in one zone to clear stormwater drains. In addition, Rs. 95 lakh has been allocated.

Ward - 130, DMK, Bhaskar: A water pipe under the 100-foot road flyover in Vadapalani was damaged about a year ago. Work was carried out to repair it. However, the roads are still full of potholes and water leaks. Therefore, steps must be taken to fix them.

Ward - 128, DMK, Rathna Lokeswaran: While constructing a tar road in Virugambakkam, the road should be constructed in consultation with them as the metro rail work is underway. When the Corporation constructs a road, the Metro Rail Administration diverts traffic at the same location. As a result, the road cannot be constructed properly.

Ward - 136, DMK, Nilavarasi Durairaj: Items collected from houses, including mattresses and sofas, have been piled up in the Virugambakkam AVM area. They should be disposed of properly. Thus they spoke.

Ward - 134, BJP, Uma Anandan: In my ward, potholes are being dug on the road for special works without proper permission and notification. But the road is not being repaired properly. The Electricity Board has carried out pothole digging work on Kamakoti Road. Although the work has been completed, the road has not yet been repaired. Hostels are increasing without proper approval from the corporation. They need to be regularized.

Ward - 139, MDMK, Subramani: For the past five months, no work has come up in my ward in the context of the zonal committee meetings. When there are matters regarding work in other wards, my ward is not the only one. Is my ward being marginalized?



DANGEROUS PIT CLOSED : A dangerous pit was closed after reporting in Kodambakkam Times at the junction of Kamaraja 3rd street and V V Giri street, Sathya Garden.

Mega camp



Hundreds of people benefitted in ward 138 in mega camp conducted on Wednesday. The camp was benefitted by persons having issues in Aadhar card, ration card and voter list. If any changes there it was rectified immediately in the camp. Seen in the picture are Prabakara Raja, MLA Virugambakkam Constituency, Ward 137, K Dhanasekaran Councillor, Accounts Committee Chairman, Ward 138 Councillor K Kannan others in the picture or M Raja, U Durairaj, Nilavarasi Durairaj Ward 136 Councillor, Pookadai Palanichami, Arunkumar and Punithakumar.

Jothi Madhar Sangam (70/44, Burkit Road, T.Nagar) presented 'Best Social Entrepreneur Award' to Dr.A.John Vincent (Founder of Pani Foundation and Managing Director of Jaz Ac Plaza, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Ashok Nagar) on Aug.13 in its premises as part of International Youth Skill Development Day. The award was presented by Lakshmi Raghukumar (President of Jothi Madhar Sangam) along with her members).

John Vincent conducted 'Air conditioning fire accident awareness workshop' to explore power saving techniques and environmental issues on the occasion. John Vincent conducting free Air conditioner training course for the 10 deserving students with monthly stipend and

Award to Dr A.John Vincent



compulsory job opportunities mainly in overseas since last four years, 45 students were benefitted under this project.

He also said that with the support of volunteers and his team, he is conducting 'Air conditioning fire accident awareness workshop' at residential complex, commercial buildings and corporate venues to maintain air conditioner in proper way usage and preventive measures. Then he is doing an air conditioning & 'Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning projects' consulting, supporting to Architects, Interiors, mechanical electrical plumbing consultants for their projects. For further more details contact : 72000 59129.

CMRL aims to complete double-decker stretch in two months

Chennai Metro Rail is all set to complete the viaduct and double-decker stretch along Arcot Road for the phase II project between Porur and Power House by the end of September.

The project is part of Corridor 4, spanning across 26.1 km from Light House to Poonamallee, as it passes through Porur and Vadapalani. The Porur-Power House section is expected to be a boon for commuters as it will connect to the Phase I network at Vadapalani and will also include a 3.75 kms double-decker stretch between Alwarthirunagar and Alapakkam.

The infrastructure will facilitate smooth and hassle-free transfers between Corridor 4 and Corridor 5 at four main locations such as Alwarthirunagar, Valasaravakkam, Karambakkam and Alapakkam. Officials said that by mid-next year, trains will be operated on the first level of the double-decker and the second level is expected to become operational once a part of Corridor 5 is completed.

Officials from Chennai Metro Rail Limited noted that nearly 95 percent of the 340 piers required for the Porur-Power House stretch have reached completion as of now. However, the project has faced a six months delay owing to logistical challenges. They pointed out that constructing the viaduct on the congested corridor turned out to be extremely difficult as it required specialised launching girders in areas where traditional cranes could not be operated due to lack of road space.

Apart from this, workers also had to relocate large pipelines and cables before constructing the piers, ensuring that they do not disrupt traffic.

While the viaduct is almost complete, certain sections near Valasaravakkam, Alwarthirunagar and Vadapalani are still under construction and would be finished within two months. Apart from this, track-laying and overhead equipment (OHE) installation are currently underway at Vadapalani, Saligramam, Karambakkam and Alapakkam..

Officials also said that the OHE work would be completed in four months and once it becomes fully operational, the stretch would ensure better connectivity for commuters.



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CHENNAI CITY**Postal staff arrested
for financial irregularities**

Manikandan a 38-year-old staff of the Postal Department was arrested for allegedly misappropriating Rs. 25.48 lakh from the T Nagar head post office, which he allegedly invested in cryptocurrency.

Police sources said that the complaint was filed at the Pondy Bazaar police station on Monday after a recent internal audit revealed the financial irregularities.

According to the complaint, the funds were allegedly siphoned off using forged documents related to the purchase of stationery and furniture for sub-post offices under the jurisdiction of the head post office.

Officials said Rs.25 lakh was shown as the expenditure in 24-25 for the procurement of stationery and furniture for 50 sub-post offices managed by the head post office. However, the audit revealed that the purchases were never made and documents were forged.

After registering a case based on a complaint from a senior official with the Postal Department, the Pondy Bazaar police arrested Manikandan Treasury Department staff. Police investigations revealed that he had misappropriated Rs.28 lakh but returned Rs.3 lakh and used the remaining money to invest in cryptocurrency and business enterprises. He was arrested on remanded in judicial custody.

Money extorted from IT employee

Police are investigating a transgender woman who extorted money from an IT employee.

Madhukar Pushp, 35, is from Bihar. He is an IT employee. He came to Chennai for work, has been staying at a hotel in Vadapalani.

While standing on the road in front of the hotel, two transgender people approached him and asked for money.

While he took out his purse from his pocket to give them money, the transgenders snatched it away. They stole 8,500 rupees from the wallet, claiming to offer blessings. Vadapalani police are investigating the case.

Elder brother murders younger

Chennai Police arrested the elder brother of a 19-year-old teen who was murdered the previous night, a few hours after their mother had surrendered to the police confessing to the crime. Preliminary probe by Vadapalani police found something amiss, and sustained interrogation led them to uncover that the woman took the blame for her son as he was due to get married in two months.

On Friday night, Mugil (19), a casual labourer, returned home to Periyar Pathai in Choolaimedu allegedly reeking of alcohol and ganja and got into a fight with his mother Pramila (47), threatening to beat her up.

Addicted to alcohol and ganja, Mugil was also an accused in a few petty crimes and often beat up his mother, police said.

Separated from her husband, Pramila is mother of three sons with the eldest living separately while Mugil and his elder brother Vasantha Kumar (26), a construction labourer, lived with her.

Initially when Pramila surrendered before the police on Saturday morning, she told them that she had slit Mugil's throat after he threatened to kill her.

Police sent Mugil's body for post mortem to the ESIC hospital in K K Nagar, visited the scene of crime and collected CCTV footage which showed Vasantha Kumar and his friend Kannan leaving the house early in the morning. When things didn't tally up, they began a sustained interrogation of Pramila who then revealed the truth.

Vasantha Kumar, who was fed up with his brother constantly abusing his mother, had planned to kill him. On Friday night, he allegedly executed it with his friend Kannan. Police said the wounds on Mugil's neck led them to the suspicion that Pramila might not have been the killer as doctors said they were deep and looked like it were inflicted by a man.

Vasantha Kumar and Kannan were arrested on

Saturday afternoon. Pramila was also arrested for trying to shield the suspects.

**Woman steals jewellery
from house owner**

A woman named Devikala from Thirunagar 2nd Street, Vadapalani stole the keys of the house owner. The owner of the house Vivek 37, took jewellery from the bureau for Varalakshmi Pooja. There he found 28 grms of jewellery and 10,000 rupees missing.

Following a complaint, the Vadapalani police investigated and examined the surveillance cameras at Vivek's house, they found that Devikala, 44, who was living in a rented house, had stolen the key.

It was also revealed that when Vivek was not at home, she used the key to enter the house and stole the properties inside the bureau.

Following this, the police arrested Devikala and seized the items.

**Easy facility to get
unreserved tickets**

A scheme called 'M-UTS Assistants' will soon be introduced to enable passengers without reservations to book tickets on express trains. These assistants will issue unreserved tickets using the MUTS (Mobile Unreserved Ticketing System) app. This will reduce congestion at ticket counters and allow passengers to get tickets without any hassle.

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Waiting for beautification Anna Main Road, K K Nagar. Cement barricades erected few months back as regular customs barricades are not painted and no plants saplings are kept. Is this a delay as seen.

Increasing congestion on the main road of Vadapalani Murugan Temple



Murugan Temple in Vadapalani is one of the most famous temples in Chennai. Every day hundreds of devotees visit this temple and on weekends and special days, devotees throng the temple and wait in long queues to have darshan of the Lord Murugan.

As the number of sidewalk shops on the main road of the Vadapalani Murugan Temple is increasing day by day, devotees coming for darshan are facing congestion. Andavar Street is the main road leading from Arcot Road to the temple entrance.

Shops selling flowers, garlands, and coconuts on both sides of this street have taken over the road. Many people are occupying the road itself and setting up shops. Some restaurants cook dangerously by placing gas cylinders on the sidewalk. Even during the day, trucks unloading goods are parked on the road.

Vehicles that drop off devotees are also parked on the side of the road for the next ride. The vehicles of customers coming to the shops are also parked on the road, making it impossible for devotees to reach the temple entrance. During festivals and

special days, the road itself comes to a standstill.

From time to time, the police have issued warnings to remove all the encroaching shops on Andavar Street.

However, the encroachers are not budging.

Arvind Foundation celebrated I-Day

Arvind Foundation, a charitable organisation for children with special needs, marked this year's Independence Day with a celebration full of colour, energy, and patriotic spirit. With five centres across Tamil Nadu, the Foundation works to empower children through education, therapy, and vocational training.

At each centre, the day began with the hoisting of the National Flag. As the saffron, white, and green unfurled in the morning breeze, students, teachers, and staff stood together to sing the National Anthem with pride. The moment carried a deep sense of unity and gratitude for the freedom the nation enjoys.



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Kite Festival began at Mamallapuram

It is worthy to note that for the fourth time in TN an international kite festival began at Thiruvidanthai Beach near Mamallapuram and it is being organised by the TN Tourism department in association with Media box. This kite festival was launched by the TN ministers Mr. Rajendran and Mr. T.M. Anbarasan.

Time of the kite festival:

Every day from 3pm in the afternoon to 6pm in the evening, the kite festival would take place and it would go on till 17th of August.





A shop in Arcot Road has stockpiled idols of Krishna in various forms and sizes. Baby Krishnas are seen colourfully decked up and waiting to be picked up by customers.



79th independence Day celebrated

Mr. Jaswanth, Secretary of Lalchand Leela Devi Munoth Jain medical care owned and managed by Tamilnadu educational & Medical Foundation, hoisted our national flag celebrating the 79th independence Day along with all the staff members, at the Medical laboratory centre in Mahalingapuram, near Kodambakkam bridge.

Student Excels in Regional-Level Spell Bee Competition

Hasna Naushin, a bright student of Velammal Vidyalaya, Vanagaram, brought laurels to the school by securing the 7th position in the prestigious Regional-Level Spell Bee Competition. Facing stiff competition from skilled participants across the region, Hasna impressed the judges with her exceptional vocabulary, quick thinking, and spelling accuracy. The school management, principal, and teachers applauded her achievement and wished her greater success in upcoming competitions.



Skywalk to link Vadapalani metro soon

Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has awarded a 8.1 crore contract to construct a skywalk linking the Phase-I Vadapalani Metro station with the similarly named Phase-II station in the same area. The project, to be executed by Kousic & Co, is scheduled for completion within four months. Once operational, the fare-controlled walkway will allow commuters to move directly between the two stations without exiting and re-entering ticketed areas - eliminating the need for additional fares or detours, according to T Archunan, CMRL's director for projects.



He said the link would shorten transfer times, reduce congestion and offer weather-protected access, addressing one of the key pain points for Chennai's growing metro ridership. "This will provide seamless connectivity between the two corridors, improving convenience for thousands of passengers every day," he added.

The contract was signed in the presence of Archunan, alongside senior officials including S Ashok Kumar, D Jebaselwin Gladson and Rekha Prakash.



A sudden pothole appeared in Erikarai Salai, K K Nagar, Nesapakkam big empty wooden cable drum has been kept for awareness of motorists. Almost a week the pothole has not been cemented. Will the concern authorities rectify immediately.

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No safety measures on Porur – Valasi Road

There is a risk of accidents due to the trench dug by the Electricity Board to lay cables on the Porur-Arcot Road. The Arcot Road connects areas including Porur, Valasaravakkam, Vadapalani, and Kodambakkam. Metro rail work is underway on the Porur-Kodambakkam Arcot Road, with iron barriers erected. This has narrowed the road and caused congestion.

In addition, trenches have been dug by the Electricity Board to lay cables from Porur Junction to Alapakkam Junction for the Metro Rail project.

The barriers placed around these pits have fallen into them, causing cyclists and pedestrians to stumble and fall into the pits.

Two days ago, a man riding a two-wheeler fell into this ditch, was injured, and was admitted to a private hospital. Therefore, there has been a demand that the ditch dug by the Electricity Board on Arcot Road be properly closed and that barriers be erected in the area where the work is being carried out.

Abandoned ambulance

Abandoned ambulance taking up vital parking spaces in crowded residential areas are an eyesore for the public. This is evident witnessing an abandoned ambulance parked on 9th Avenue 48th street, Ashok Nagar. And this practice is going to continue unless the authorities concerned, including the police, take stringent action, laments Kumar, a long time resident.

It can be a particular nuisance if an abandoned ambulance has been left in busy roads, he added. The residents are forced to put up with an abandoned ambulance that poses a major health hazard too. The civic body in coordination with the police department must conduct a drive at the earliest, he added.

Abandoned vehicles have made a comeback as the Chennai Corporation has not held any drive to remove the vehicles, he said.

They occupy public spaces leaving little or no room for residents to walk, he added. The legal powers to tow and fine the abandoned ambulance are vested with the police as per the provisions of the Motor vehicles act.



Building violation sealed

Corporation officials 'sealed' a bridge in Valasaravakkam on Thursday that was built in violation of the rules. There is a two-storey building on the second street of Suresh Nagar, Ward 152, Valasaravakkam Zone. This residence has been built in violation of the rules and regulations, as per the plan approved by the Corporation.

The corporation employees issued a 'notice' in 2024. The building owner went to court to oppose this. The court ordered the building plan to be redefined.

However, he did not take any action. Following this, the corporation officials sealed the building Thursday.

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