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Open EB boxes a death trap in waiting

Residents said that it is a frightening experience, especially during nights, as the road is often dark and the open EB boxes in 14th street, 4th Sector, K K Nagar could go unnoticed, leading the public to come in contact with live power cables.

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Demolition of 50-year-old AVM and theater



Chennai's iconic Rajeshwari Cinema in Vadapalani, which entertained movie lovers for more than five decades, has begun demolition work, leaving behind a wave of nostalgia and sadness among the public. For nearly 50 years, Rajeshwari Cinema stood as a landmark in Vadapalani, offering an affordable movie experience to thousands of Chennaiites. Even after the rise of multiplexes and modern theatres, this cinema continued to keep ticket prices accessible - ranging from just 40 to 60 - making it a favourite spot for the common man. The theatre remained in operation until the Covid-19 pandemic, after which screenings were stopped. Known for its simple yet memorable movie-going experience, Rajeshwari Cinema holds a special

place in the hearts of generations who enjoyed films here with family and friends. With the demolition work now underway, the closure of Rajeshwari Cinema truly marks the end of an era in Chennai's cinema history.

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**Sri Sarguneswarar Temple,
Karuveli**

This is the 180th Paadal Petra Shivalam on the south side of river Kaveri and the 63rd sthalam of Chozha Nadu. Now this place is called Karuveli and also in the name of Lord Shiva as Sarguneswarapuram. During the ancient period, this place was called Karuvili and the temple was Kottidai, combined together called Karuvilikottidai.

In Periyapuram Sekkizhar records that Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thiruveezhimizhalai. Even though he didn't mention this temple in particular, but mentioned other temples on the way.

Moolavar : Sri Sarguna Natheswarar, Sri Sarguneswarar, Consort : Sri Sarvanga Nayagi Some of the salient features of this temple are..... The temple faces east with an entrance arch on the roadside. Rishabam is in a mandapam before the 3-Tier Rajagopuram. Moolavar is of Swayambhu. In Koshtam, Narthana Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Bhairavar, Brahma, Arthanareeswarar, and Durgai. In praharam Vinayagar, Sri Valli Devasena Subramaniar, Chandikeswarar, Nalvar, and two kings. Goddess Simha Vahini and Hanuman as Sanjeevi Anjaneyar near the Ambal sannathi.

ARCHITECTURE

Ambal is in a separate temple with a sanctum sanctorum, artha mandapam, and a Vimana over the sanctum. The main temple consists of sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam. The Sanctum Sanctorum is on a pada banda adhistanam with 3 patta kumudam. Prastaram consists of Valapi, kapotam and Viyyalavari. A 2-tier nagara - vesara vimanam is on the sanctum and sikaram is of vesara style. Koshtas are in the greevam only.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple might have existed before the 7th century. The same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and further extended by Vijayanagara/Marathas and Nattukottai Nagarathars.

The inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to the latter Chozhas, Rajathirajan-II, and Rajendran. Rajarajan-II's 4th reign year inscription records this place was under Uyyakondar Valanattu Vennattu Kulothunga Chozha Nallur Kottidai.

Maha Kumbhabhishekam was conducted during recent years on 27th March 1997, 14th July 2008 and 30th June 2017.

LEGENDS

Ma Parvati went to attend the Yagna conducted by Dakshan, without the permission of Lord Shiva. There She cursed the Yagna, Dakshan, and the Participants. Since she went without the permission of Lord Shiva, came to this place and did a penance to reunite with Lord Shiva. It is believed that Ma Parvati presented her as a pleasing and beautiful form to Lord Shiva. Hence Ma Parvati is called Sarvanga Sundari. It is believed that Lord Shiva danced here as "Kodukotti" and hence place obtained the name Kottidai. Yama also worshiped Lord Shiva to get relief from his sins.

In a legend, the king named Sargunan was an ardent devotee of Lord Shiva. He came to this place and worshiped Lord Shiva. He attained Mukti ie freed from the cycle of birth and rebirth. Hence this place is called Karu + Illai - Karuvili (Karu - fetus, Illai - no). Hence Lord Shiva is called Sri Sarguna Nathar - Lord with good qualities.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : Might see a clash of priorities among team members, leaving you torn between two choices. Conduct your life in a way that allows you to compromise and still sustain your career growth, becoming whatever you set out to be. Listen to all p There may also be financial matters to balance, such as

Taurus: Loud applause may not be heard; gestures and indirect acknowledgements of respect will show that people value your work. Quietly working on your career growth is happening, so trust the process. It is much more helpful and weighty when, subtly, someone acknowledges your effort than when they give it loud.

Gemini: Unclear communication might slow down a project. You might feel stuck; however, do not lose patience because career advancement depends upon clearing misunderstandings with straightforward words. Take time to listen and explain your end clearly.

Cancer: May call upon you to guide others or share knowledge. Your career advancement is never made solely from the things you accomplish, but from how you help others grow and develop. Teaching or explaining something will make your skills more visible. It will somewhat help money matters if you counsel.

Leo: A strong realisation this week may induce the feeling of having outgrown one's present role or responsibility. What once was difficult might now seem like child's play to your skill sets. Career advancement is contingent upon your acknowledgement of this transformation and preparations for the anticipated step.

Virgo: A little competition may boost your vigour this week. There is that feeling of fresh power gained from attempting to match or beat somebody else. Good progress in one's career will come when such a drive is utilised for positive means rather than for purposes of overly harsh comparison. Money issues can also improve.

Libra: Suddenly lost resources may trigger unorthodox thinking this week. Career growth will depend on how creatively one manages the available resources. Rather than feeling restricted, see this as an opportunity to test your skill. Finance-wise, too, the need for being more prudent may arise. Do not waste, and trust.

Scorpio: Career progress may seemingly not matter that much if you ignore some minute detail, but the need for a keen eye to spot what others overlook is paramount. Review and verify your work-in-progress, and stay vigilant for key points. An oversight in handling finances could impact the results, so be sure to pay.

Sagittarius: You may observe how a colleague executes that little detail valuable for the working style, so you can get ideas on how to work better on your own projects. Their sound way may inspire you to handle the money with more discipline. Become too competitive and you will not be able to learn.

Capricorn: Will find you drowning in heavy feelings of responsibility, especially when you need to choose something that affects others. Career progress will come from your calmness and thoughtfulness. Choose your finances wisely, and do not rush. Things might seem.

Aquarius : Stand strong and defend your ideas with all the confidence you have. At the scene, an outsider will challenge your visionary creativity; if clarity is on your side, victoriously shall you gain respect. Progression in career stands all willy-nilly with freedom of expression, and how boldly you choose to do so, it pays.

Pisces: Take stock by this week's end as a good chance to instil clearer choices regarding your professional path. Situations that have left you utterly confused will elicit an insightful response, showing you a way to move forward in that sphere. Career moves will come about as you begin to trust your own mountains of instinct and start working.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
27.09.2025 TO 03.10.2025

The prodigious war that opens the doors of Heaven

The stories of Ramayana and Mahabharat, the two great epics of the Indian history, are based on great wars. The war between Ram and Ravan in Ramayana and the war between the Kauravas and the Pandavas on Kurukshetra in Mahabharat leave their separate mark on the history. Both the wars weren't ordinary wars. It is the biggest war.

What is the name given to the biggest war? The massive Civil war of Mahabharat. They could have named it MahaaChinaMahaaAmerica, MahaaArabor MahaaAustralia. Why has it been named Mahabharat? It is because this war begins only from India. The massive Civil War of Mahabharat that takes the entire world in its influence takes place in this country of India. The warp and weft that is woven in just India is not woven in any other country. What is its reason? The reason is that India is the birth place of all the religions. The solid proof of this is that the number of political parties in any country in the world isn't as many as the number of parties flourishing in the region of Bharat. As many souls of different religions are flourishing in the region of Bharat, that many followers of different religions aren't present in other countries.

It is written in the scriptures that God came at the end of the Copper Age and brought about the war of Mahabharata and established the sinful Iron Age. When God comes, will He liberate us from the bondage of sins or will He increase sins even more? God is indeed Dukh hartaa (the Remover of sorrow), Sukh kartaa (the Giver of happiness). Actually, it is necessary for God to come when this world reaches its fourth stage. God narrated in the Gita: sarvadharmam parityajya maamekam sharanam vraj. Leave all the religions and the religious fathers.

When are all the religious fathers and their religions present? They certainly aren't present in the Copper Age. God didn't come in the Copper Age and establish the sinful Iron Age.

All the conditions at the time of Mahabharat meet right now. Today, one country is a strong enemy of another country, if one country kindles a spark, other country can destroy that country completely; it can turn it into ashes like in the Mahabharat war. So, if not the time of Mahabharat, what else will it be called? There was an army of 18 akshoni and each akshoni was said to consist of lakhs of elephants, horses, horsemen, elephant riders, chariot riders, and foot soldiers. Actually, the number that has been mentioned there is equal to the population of the entire world today.

This is an everlasting war. This is a war of knowledge. This is a war of truth and falsehood; it's a war between religiousness and irreligiousness. After this war, Golden Age will be established in India. The false age will end. Everyone will have to pass through it. It is because Gateway to heaven is Mahabharat. Nobody can reach heaven without passing through the massive civil war of Mahabharata. If we don't fight for truth, how will we reach the age of truth? Does someone attain kingship without fighting a war? This is the true war. So, everyone will have to struggle for truth. Some will struggle less while some will struggle for a long time. Those who fought the religious war for a longer time, who fought the religious war all their life, they will receive happiness for many births. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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AROUND
CHENNAI CITY

Students arrested in drug case

Ashok Nagar Police arrested 12 college students, for selling methamphetamine.

Narcotics Intelligence Unit police conducted surveillance on Wednesday at the intersection of 21st Avenue and 95th Street in Ashok Nagar.

A student Praveen, 27, from Vadapalani, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. He revealed that he was working as a troupe dancer in the cinema industry.

It was also revealed that he had purchased drugs from his college friend Yuvraj, 27, and sold them to many people in the film industry.

Following his information, Bharath, 22, a B.Com. student at a private college in Vadapalani; Lokeshkumar, 21, a B.Com. student at the University of Chennai; Vigneswaran, 22, a private college student; Yuvaraj, 27, a private bank employee; Thanjavur Sampathkumar, 21; Kathirvelu, 25; Ambattur Kalaiselvan, 22; Cuddalore Raghuram, 25; Chennai, Palavakkam Mallikarjun Sharma, 28; Saidapet Balasurya, 28, 12 people were arrested.

7 grams of methamphetamine, 2 grams of ketamine, 130 LSD, stam, 70 grams of OG, and cannabis were seized from them.

Trader killed in garbage truck collision

Parthasarathy, 57, a florist from North Usman Road, T. Nagar, was returning on his two-wheeler after buying flowers for sale from Parrys Corner. He was hit behind by a municipal garbage truck near Omandurar and got stuck in the front wheel of the truck and being crushed to death.

The Anna Square Traffic Investigation arrested Nagaraj, 43, from Choolaimedu and investigation on.

Two bank employees arrested

Police have arrested two bank employees for defrauding a customer of Rs 90 lakh by pawning 162 sovereign jewels in the accounts of different people. They are searching for the main culprit, a former manager.

Sulaiman, 32, a resident of VGP Road, Saidapet, is an

employee of a private company. He has a savings account at the Catholic Syrian Bank in Labour Colony, Guindy.

As a result, he became acquainted with the bank manager, Swaminathan.

On July 2, Sulaiman contacted the bank manager, Swaminathan, on his mobile phone and said, "I want to pawn the jewellery."

"You don't need to come to the bank, I'll send an employee to help," Swaminathan said.

He sent a bank teller named Prasad to Sulaiman's house, where he collected 162 sovereigns of jewelry and a signature on a bank form given by Sulaiman.

When I later contacted Swaminathan to ask for money, he delayed, saying, "The server is not working; auditing is going on."

Suspecting his words, Sulaiman went to the bank to investigate. At that time, it was discovered that Swaminathan had been 'suspended' for engaging in money laundering.

Shocked, Sulaiman filed a complaint at the Saidapet police station. During the investigation, it was revealed that Swaminathan had defrauded 90 lakh rupees by pawning the jewellery given by Sulaiman into the bank accounts of customers that had not been used for several days.

Following this, the police arrested his accomplices, bank cashier Prasad, 25, and bank operating manager Diwakar, 32, Wednesday.

The police are searching for the main accused, former bank manager Swaminathan.

T Nagar flyover
opens on Sunday

The commuters who travel from places like Saidapet, Guindy, Kodambakkam, Anna Nagar,

Nungambakkam and Adyar etc to T. Nagar would feel delighted now for this reason.

Traffic congestion would get eased in the busy T. Nagar with the inauguration of the newly constructed flyover between South Usman Road and CIT Nagar First Main Road.

On 28th of September this 1.2km long flyover constructed at a cost of Rs 165 crores would be inaugurated for the public use.

World Lung
Day 2025

The Anna Park Walkers Association, in association with the Medway Institute of Pulmonology – Medway Hospitals, Kodambakkam, organized a vibrant World Lung Day 2025 awareness program on 25th September at Anna Park.

The event featured Ayurveda & Yoga for lung health, a balloon blowing fun activity with 500 balloons, a selfie stand with social media tagging, and flu drive campaign coupon distribution. The activities created awareness on the importance of healthy lungs in a fun and engaging way.

The program was conducted under the guidance of Dr. T. Palaniappan, Chairman Medway Group of Hospitals, and Dr. K. Supraja Clinical Director, Medway Pulmonary Institute.

Bharatanatyam Arangetram held

The R.R. Sabha in Chennai witnessed an evening of grace, rhythm, and devotion as 16-year-old Sahana Suresh presented her Bharatanatyam Arangetram, marking the culmination of a decade of rigorous training in the ancient art form.

Born and raised in the United States to Indian parents, Alak Eswaradass and Suresh Poopandi, Sahana was introduced to Indian classical music and dance at an early age. Her parents, accomplished IT professionals at Amazon Web Services, instilled in her resilience, discipline, and a passion for pursuing excellence. Her grandparents, Dr. S.K.C. Eswaradass, a renowned neurologist in Salem, and Mrs. Sankareswari Eswaradass, further enriched her cultural grounding.

Sahana also credits her elder sister, Sarayu Suresh, as a role model and constant source of encouragement, describing her as the biggest cheerleader. Together, her family created a home environment that balanced a modern American upbringing with strong cultural roots.

Displaying a natural flair for movement and expression, she began formal training in Bharatanatyam under Mrs. Sowmya Kumaran, founder and artistic director of Nrithya Sangeeth in Naperville, Illinois. Mrs. Kumaran, daughter of the celebrated Tamil theatre artist Kalimamani Kathadi Ramamurthy, is known for instilling discipline, cultural values, and artistic depth in



her students. Under her guidance, Sahana's stage presence and interpretive abilities matured into the well-rounded artistry displayed in her debut recital. The evening's programme began with a traditional alarippu, followed by an elaborate varnam, emotive padams, and concluded with a lively thillana. Sahana's precise adavus, graceful movements, and expressive abhinaya reflected years of dedication and cultural grounding despite growing up thousands of miles away

from India.

In post-performance feedback, one guest remarked, "Sahana's abhinaya brought tears to our eyes—such maturity at just 16." Another praised her "flawless synchronization of rhythm and emotion," noting that her performance bridged continents through art.

Sahana expressed heartfelt thanks to her guru, parents, and the R.R. Sabha management for their support. The Sabha's efficient coordination and warm ambience made the evening a memorable celebration of tradition, talent, and cultural continuity.

Madurai, Meenakshi Amman Temple, August 5: Just days after her Chennai debut, Sahana performed at the sacred Meenakshi Amman Temple in Madurai on August 5, as a gesture of gratitude through her soulful dance to the Goddess Meenakshi. The recital, held in the historic Palaya Thirukalyana Mandapam, was attended by about 100 seated guests, yet more than 1,000 devotees gathered to witness the performance. The atmosphere was described as divine, as her abhinaya and rhythm resonated deeply within the temple's spiritual setting. Moved by the emotional reach of her dance, a devotee walked to the stage mid-performance to bless Sahana personally and offer a small token of gratitude, marking the moment as both sacred and unforgettable.

Sahana's arangetram and her recital at the Meenakshi Amman Temple stood as a testament to Bharatanatyam's enduring power to inspire across generations, proving that geography is no barrier to preserving and perfecting an ancient art.

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T Nagar to get modern 5-storey bus stand

The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) is renovating the bus stand at T. Nagar one of the busiest shopping places for all commodities at a cost of ₹254 crore with a five-storey commercial complex, places for bus crew to take rest, hotels and a library. Despite being a major shopping hub, the existing bus stand has a small area and the movement of the vehicles in and out of the place is very difficult and people are forced to stand at all places in the congested place.

The bus stand is undergoing a major transformation with a five-storey building and commercial complexes. The existing bus stand has parking bays, but the buses are parked in a haphazard manner. The bus stand at the ground floor will have zig-zag bays to accommodate 75 buses and places for different route numbers will be allocated so that passengers could know the place where they should wait for the bus. The upper storeys will have hotels, shops, working spaces and a library. The bus stand will have amenities including toilets, a clinic, cafes, direct skywalk access linking the surrounding places. The CMDA aims to improve the infrastructure besides creating revenue and enhancing the passenger experience.



World Peace Day!

Lions International District 3241-F observed, World Peace Day on 24.9.25 at MGR Nagar Government High School, K. K. Nagar.

In the function, Children of the School took "World Peace Day Oath", before the retired justice of Madras High court Justice Vallinayagam and other dignitaries Lions District Governor Pravinlal, District Chairperson for the welfare of Differently abled Gopinath, Past District Governor Manilal, Lion Council Coordinator Bala, School Headmistress Smt. Poonghuzhali and others.

Prices were also distributed to the students who spoke in the 2025 theme for International Day of Peace, "Act now for a Peaceful World" and won in the competition.



Brahmotsavam begins at Perumal temple

The Purattasi month Brahmotsavam began with great pomp and show Wednesday at the Venkatesa Perumal Temple in Tiruvallur, Thiruvallur.

The Venkatesa Perumal Temple of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams is located on Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar. Like in Tirumala, the Brahmotsavam is celebrated grandly every year in this temple.

The Angurarpanam (the initiation ceremony) was held on the eve of this year's Brahmotsavam. On the first day of Brahmotsavam,

Wednesday evening, Perumal graced the Peedasesha Vahana. This morning, he will be seen riding on the Sesha Vahana, in the evening on the Hamsa Vahana, Thursday on the Muthu Pandar, and on the 27th on the Kalpa Vriksha, and will be seen performing his blessings.



Art show at Marina on Sundays

Traditional art performances were organized on behalf of the Corporation on the Marina Blue Flag beach area. Marina Beach, near the swimming pool, has been transformed into a world-class Blue Flag certified area. To entertain the public visiting here and to bring the traditional arts of Tamil Nadu to the people, a folk art program was held on behalf of the Corporation Sunday evening.

In this, 60 artists performed arts including satirical drumming, Karagam, peacock dancing, drumming, cymbal dancing, carnival dancing, whipping, and drumming. The public watched these programs with great interest. Corporation officials said that traditional art programs will be held every Sunday.

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Navaratri festival at Vadapalani Murugan Temple

The annual Navaratri festival is celebrated with great pomp and show at the Vadapalani Murugan Temple. This year's festival began on Monday. A grand kolu named 'Shakti Kolu' has been erected for the festival, which will continue until the 1st.

The women devotees jointly inaugurated the festival by lighting lamps on Monday. Also, special poojas and deeparathans are performed in the Amman Kolu Mandapam in the morning and evening.

Monday, on the first day of the festival, Ambal Rajarajeswari graced the devotees in her attire. A large number of devotees participated in this and enjoyed the Kolu.

Later, a spiritual quiz was conducted for the devotees and prizes were distributed. Saplings were given as special gifts to the boys and girls who enjoyed the Kolu.

Monday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Lalita Sahasranama recitation, Veda recitation, Thirumurai recitation, and a women's group choir were held. You can enjoy the Vadapalani Murugan Temple from 6:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

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Tree cut down for SWD work



A old Baniyan tree in Alagriswamy Salai, KK Nagar was cut down by GCC for storm water work.

Apart from this GCC is pruning trees in the area. In the process, they also felled numerous trees, some more than 100 years old.

Residents say previously branches would be cut on the first day, and the following day, the whole tree would be cut and the debris cleared. Within 24 hours, there would be no sign of the tree. However, as residents started opposing this, trees are now being cut after 11 pm, they allege.

"The SWDs are very close to the roots of the trees. The trees are in so much distress due to the cement. It will take at least 100 more years for the trees to regrow, and the likelihood is very low because the cement and bitumen won't allow them to grow. KK Ramaswamy Salai, Munuswamy Salai and Lakshmana Swamy Salai are among the areas that lost most of their green cover," said K Joseph, a landscaping expert and long-time resident of KK Nagar.

The older trees that have been chopped include raintree, neemtree, Poovarasana tree, Bodhi tree, monkey pod, copper pod and Lannea coromandelica, which can sprout new leaves and start growing even if a mere two feet of the main trunk is left and if the roots aren't uprooted or damaged. According to experts, a fully-grown tree of these species gives at least 110 kg of oxygen each year.

"The felling of trees started in the beginning of July and there seems to be no end to it. When we chop a tree, we rarely worry about the bird and mammalian life we damage, and don't even bother to realise that these life forms play a big and major role in sustaining the ecosystem for mankind. Vertical pits may be a better option than horizontal SWDs, so more trees are not damaged," said PS Karthikeyan, a botanist.

'Chennai One' ticket lasts only 3 hours

'Electric train tickets purchased through the Chennai One app must be used within three hours,' Southern Railway has said. In this regard, the Southern Railway has issued a statement: The Tamil Nadu government launched the 'Chennai One' app on the 22nd to facilitate travel by electric train, metro, city bus, auto and taxi in the suburbs of Chennai. With this app, you can buy tickets for suburban electric trains and travel. Passengers can use this app just like the existing UTS app.

There is no change in suburban train fares. 'AC' electric train tickets cannot be purchased. During ticket verification, passengers will have to show their tickets through the 'Show Original Train Ticket' page. Tickets cannot be cancelled. These tickets must be used within three hours of purchase. This is what it says.

When contacted, a corporation official said only weak trees are being felled, and branches of big trees are being cut. "We have been getting complaints from residents, but only weak trees are being cut so no more mishaps happen," the official said, and refused to comment on the felling of 100-year-old trees in the area. One of the officials said that, maximum we try to avoid cutting trees for SWD work.

Nationwide health campaign for women and families

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a nationwide fortnight-long health campaigns, 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan', to promote the health and well-being of women and children.

The campaign will run till Oct.2,2025. A joint initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), the campaign coincides with the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah. As part of the initiative, ESIC will organise comprehensive health camps at its 160 hospitals, 1,603 dispensaries, and 107 Dispensary cum Branch Offices. These camps will provide a range of services, including preventive check-ups, ante-natal care, immunisation, and health awareness sessions on nutrition and physical activity. The campaign also aims to support TB eradication efforts and will host 50 blood donation camps.

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