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Bharathidasan Colony struggling with dust pollution

Motorists, pedestrians and local residents in Bharathidasan Colony in ward 138 in K.K. Nagar are struggling with dust pollution due to the delay in road repair and dumping debris alongside the busy road. Bharathidasan Colony Road in K.K. Nagar, which starts from the BSNL office on 100 Ft Road near Ashok Pillar leading to MGR Nagar, is a bus route that thousands of people depend on daily basis. For the last few days, since the rain took a break, the road has been covered with gravels, raising dust and creating problems for

residents and motorists alike.
Local activist Subash said the dust pollution had

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Vanchinadha Swamy Temple, Vanchyam

This is the 187th Devaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 70th sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. The temple is on the banks of the Mudikondan River.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thiruvēezhimizhalai. Thirunavukkarasu Swamikal came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Kaduvaikaraiyuthur.

Thirugnanasambandar, Thirunavukkarasu Swamikal, Sundarar, Manickavasagar, and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Vanchinadha Swamy, Sri Vanji Lingeswarar. Consort : Sri Mangala Nayagi, Sri Vazhavantha Nayagi.

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

The temple faces east with a 5-tier Rajagopuram. Balipeedam, Dwajasthambam, and Rishabam are immediately after the Rajagopuram. In koshtam, Dakshinamurthy and a mandapam were built. Both Moolavar and Ambal Temples are facing east. There are a lot of stucco images on both Vimanas, painted colorfully. Both Ambal and Moolavar are a little large. In the inner praharam, Abhayankara Vinayagar, Murugan with his consorts, Mahalakshmi, Mahishasura Mardini, standing on Simha, 63 var, Kshethra Lingam, Sattainathar, Durgai, Shiva Lingas in the names of Thiruvengadu, Chayavanam, Mayiladuthurai, Thiruvaidaimaruthur, Thiruvaiyaru, Theyu Lingam, akasa Lingam, Dharmambal, Kailasanathar, Mahalakshmi, Chandramouleeswarar, Chandikeswarar, Sundaeswarar with Meenakshi (her elephant has tusks), Saneeswarar, Rahu, Ketu and Bhairavar. In the outer praharam, the temple tank is on the right, and Yamadharma Sannathi is in the agni moolai. The 15th-century Arunagirinathar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Muruga of this temple.

ARCHITECTURE

The main temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam. A 2 tier vesara Vimanam is on the sanctum sanctorum. Both the Main temple and the Ambal temple Vimanams have stucco images.

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. Later, the same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period. Further extended during the Vijayanagara Nayakas and maintained by Nattukottai Nagarathars. It is believed that the temple was reconstructed as a stone temple during Rajaraja-I.

Out of 27 inscriptions recorded, 7 belong to later Chozhas, 7 belong to Pandyas, and one belongs to Vijayanagara Nayaks. As per the inscriptions, this place was under Kulothunga Chozha Valanattu Panaiyur Nattu Thiruvanjiam. Thiruvanjiam was also called Rajakembeera Chaturvedi Mangalam. Most of the inscriptions record the sale of lands, gift of lands, exemption of Taxes, etc.

Rajaraja-II, 18th reign year inscription records the list of lands belonging to this temple. The Amman temple was constructed and consecrated during his period. Land and a House were also gifted. Kulothunga-I's 26th reign year inscription records the endowment of Palliyarai Nachiyar established by Thiruvarangamudayan, and land was gifted by the sabha as irayili. The inscription mentions the Sembiyan Mahadevi Peraru, Kulothunga Peraru, Rajendra Chozha Vaikkal/canal, and the roads as Manickavathy and Sahayavathy.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : This is a week when you should set your goals in alignment with your true values, rather than just chasing success. You may feel that you need to prove yourself to somebody, but true achievement will come only when the job you do really excites you. Do not be hasty in making decisions related to money or projects.

Taurus: A small shift in attitude can open a big door for you this week. You are likely to witness how a change in communication or teamwork can cause good results. A higher-up may have been noticing your consistency and might extend some unexpected support. Financially, now is a better time for making adjustments.

Gemini: Try to focus all your energy on one thing so that you can dive deeply into it and avoid being scattered. Your ideas are sharp, and spreading them too thin will likely result in a diluted impact. There is a project asking for attention, and if you give it a steady focus.

Cancer: There may be someone who sees and acknowledges the hard work they felt was previously unrecognised. Dedication shown may be appreciated, with an opportunity coming through this week. Keep your feet grounded and continue to give your very best, for soon, the results will speak for themselves.

Leo: Take time to review what you are habitually saying yes to. Such old habits might be draining your time and energy. You might be asked to say no to extra tasks that do not align with your goals. Money matters improve when you stay conscious of spending and commitments. Keep things simple and spend your energy.

Virgo: May well turn into a blessing in disguise. What is seemingly on hold might cease to be and inch itself out of obstruction and into better timing. Use this time to polish your ideas or skills. Meticulous planning will soon gain the spotlight, which is taking you places at work. Financial decisions require you to think critically.

Libra: Trust your intuition regarding the work decision, which others do not seem to believe in. Instances will be presented this week where you must determine your right path. Give a reason for a new position or offer if it appears. Realise your sense of balance, not in the clutches of outside pressures.

Scorpio: Favours prioritising instead of tasks. Step backwards and observe what deserves all your attention. Wishful thoughts will never accomplish anything. Having a clear roadmap for how to go about something will, in fact, make you far more effective and less stressed. Resolve pending issues and restore order.

Sagittarius: At work, drawing clearer boundaries is sure to bring in more energy and clarity. Don't accept every single 'yes' from every person. The moment you begin protecting those hours of yours, productivity will hardly go astray. Money-wise, this week matters call for structure and discipline.

Capricorn: Imagine having a conversation this week that could abruptly propel a transformation in how you perceive your role or goals. Listen to feedback and new points of view; they may reveal a better way to proceed. Professional front, working persistently will bring.

Aquarius : You are not supposed to stay in spaces where your growth is not appreciated. This week, take a moment to reflect on your work situation with an honest perspective. If something feels limiting to you, it's time to have something on the side. Never accept less than you are worth. Ideas could bring more lucrative.

Pisces: Clarity will come through stopping and reflecting, rather than pushing. Whenever confusion arises at work, it is beneficial to take a short break or pause to gain a broader perspective. Then you may be able to tell what is actually worth putting in effort and what is not. Remain calm when making any banking or financial decisions; stress will not help you.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
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The mantra that whispers Strengthin the Iron Age

In the Iron Age, even God can't do anything alone. God can't do anything alone. Which power will work? The power of the gathering will work. If a soul thinks that it will perform the task alone, that can't happen. It is also written in the scriptures, "Sanghaushaktikalauyuge" meaning the power of the gathering works a lot in the Iron Age.

Collective vibrations are created in a gathering. Even in case of the mind, the vibrations created through the mind by a single person won't be much powerful. For example, if there is a single thread, anyone will break it immediately; but if a thick rope is made by collecting many threads, what will happen? It won't break. This is why there is a lot of importance of gathering. It is seen in the history that the Muslims, the people of Islam have ruled the biggest portion of the world for a long time. People of no other religion have ruled to that extent. The rule of Englishmen has come up now, within 100-200 years; before that there was the rule of the Muslims in the entire world. There are many religions in the world. What is the speciality in the people of Islam because of which they ruled for such a long time? And they ruled the entire world. It is the wonder of the gathering. The intellect of all the Muslims in the world is focused on Kaba (a pilgrimage place of Muslims); everyone goes and gathers there. The intellect is focused in one direction. They may be living in any country. They may be living in India (Hindustan) or England or Pakistan, the connection of their intellect is focused. And concentration leads to unity and unity can emerge. Even if by chance someone is unable to go, suppose some Muslims belong to India, they gather in Ajmer (a place in Rajasthan). There, in Ajmer a fair of Muslims is

organized, everyone gathers there. Those who can't go there either, they have built a Jama Masjid in every area. The Muslims of the whole area get together and gather in Jama Masjid of that area on every Friday. If they can't go there either, they have built mosques in every suburb. And they are taught this lesson, if you sit at home alone and remember God and if you go to the mosques of your suburb, you will receive ten times reward. Instead of mosques, if you go to Jama Masjid and remember God, you will receive 100 times reward and if you go to Ajmer and remember God, you will receive 1000 times reward. If you go to Kaba and go on Hajj pilgrimage, you will receive a lakh times reward. What is this? Is it false? There is truth in this. So, by creating a collective atmosphere, it has more force (power).

When there is power in the gathering, there is zeal and enthusiasm. Otherwise, when someone is left alone, he becomes dejected. The gathering no doubt becomes strong when you harmonize the sanskaars. Don't boast of your superiority in this saying: my idea is certainly very good. No matter how good it is but when the gathering breaks, that good idea will also turn into an ordinary one. You should have the greatness of increasing the power of gathering. Even if you have to give up some of your ideas for this, there is fortune in this sacrifice itself. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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INCONVENIENCE SIGNAL : Old signal post blocks the view of signal sign at Anna Main Road, K K Nagar near the rountana. Will the concern authorities remove the old one which is not in use.

Doubts about the voter list revision?

Telephone numbers have been published to call in case of doubts arising regarding the revision of the voter list.

A statement issued by the Chennai Corporation regarding this: Special revision work on the voter list is to take place from Tuesday.

If you have any doubts about this, you can contact the polling officers' office helpline at 044-2561 9547 and 1950. Similarly, the work of revising the electoral roll is going on in all 16 assembly constituencies. This is what it says.



Commercial cylinder price reduced in India

The price of commercial LPG cylinders used in hotels and restaurants has been reduced by Rs. 4.50 starting Saturday (November 1, 2025). However, the price of domestic LPG cylinders remains unchanged.

There is no change in domestic LPG cylinder prices, which continue to be sold at Rs. 868.50 in Chennai, Rs. 853 in Delhi, Rs. 852 in Kolkata, and Rs. 582 in Mumbai for the 14.2 kg cylinder. Smaller cylinders of 5 kg and 10 kg also remain unchanged.

LPG and kerosene prices are revised every month

based on global market fluctuations. While commercial cylinder prices saw a slight increase in October, they have now dropped again in November, continuing the trend of gradual reductions over the past six months.



Rs 1.37 crore recovered in 'cyber' cases

In Chennai, Rs 1.37 crore was recovered from cybercrime criminals in October and handed over to the lost ones.

In Chennai, 109 complaints filed at cybercrime police stations in October were investigated and Rs 1.37 crore was recovered and handed over to the rightful owners. In particular, the Central Crime Branch Cyber Crime Police Station investigated 34 petitions and recovered Rs 66.59 lakh.

So far this year, Rs 23.03 crore has been recovered and handed over to the rightful owners by the Cyber Crime Police.

Home delivery of ration goods in Chennai from Nov 3 to 6

Under the Thayumanavar Scheme, the Tamil Nadu Government has announced home delivery of ration goods to senior citizens above 65 years and differently-abled persons in Chennai. The initiative will be carried out from November 3 to 6, through 990 ration shops operating under the Cooperative Department across 15 Chennai zones, including Kodambakkam, Valasaravakkam, Anna Nagar, Alandur, Perungudi, Sholinganallur, Teynampet, Adyar, Thiruvottiyur, Manali, Madhavaram, Tondiarpet, Royapuram, Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar, and Ambattur.

The move aims to ensure doorstep access to essential ration items for the elderly and differently-abled beneficiaries in Chennai.



GCC takes up repair of over 5,000 damaged road spots across Chennai

GCC said it has allocated Rs 50 lakh per zone for interior road repairs, covering 5,147 identified spots with potholes and other damages.

Of these, work has been completed at 4,503 locations, while repair work is progressing at 667 spots, it stated. For bus route roads, each zone has been sanctioned Rs 1 crore, and out of 432 damaged spots identified, work has been completed at 349 locations and are ongoing in 83.

In the current financial year, GCC has taken up relaying of 3,908 interior roads, of which 2,790 have been completed, and relaying of 207 cement and interlocking paver block roads are under progress. Among the 79 bus route roads taken up for relaying, 63 have been completed across 15 zones. The corporation has also undertaken 4,072 road cut restoration works so far, completing 3,562 and continuing work on 489. Of the 105 bus route roads under road cut restoration, 95 have been completed, and work is ongoing on 10 roads.

Major development works are also being carried out on



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Dr Ambedkar Road at Ganesapuram at Rs 5 crore, Arcot Road from Vadapalani 100ft Road to Alwarthirunagar by CMRL at Rs 7.1 crore, and Demellows Road at Rs 1.91 crore.

Introduction of e-passport in India - How to get it? What are the benefits?

E-passport has been introduced to modernize passports in India. It will look like a regular passport, but the radio frequency identification chip (RFID) and antenna on the back of the card will be affected. This chip will contain personal details including name and address, as well as biometric details including fingerprints and facial images. On the front cover of the e-passport, there is a small gold-colored code under the word "PASSPORT". This can be used to identify the e-passport.

Who can apply?

Any Indian citizen who is eligible to apply for a regular passport can apply for an e-passport. You can apply at the nearest Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) and Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK).

How to get one?

Just like applying for a regular passport, you need to fill out an application form, pay the fee, and book an appointment for an interview at the passport office. During that meeting, biometric data such as fingerprints and photographs will be recorded.



After that, the e-passport will be sent to the address of the person concerned after the processing is completed.

If you have recently provided biometric details for a regular passport, you will not be asked for these details when applying for an e-passport.

What are the benefits?

Since the information is stored digitally, it cannot be stolen, damaged, or forged. Furthermore, this chip can be easily scanned at airports and officials can verify passenger details. This will reduce the waiting time for travel. Moreover, it is recognized in various countries worldwide.

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GCC to conduct door-to-door checks to slap pet licence fine

Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) will introduce door-to-door checking from November 24 to levy fine on pet owners who have still not obtained licence for their pets. Dr.J. Kamal Hussain, chief veterinary officer, GCC, said teams would be formed and trained at the zonal level and sent to conduct checks door-to-door.

If they find unlicensed pet dogs and other animals, they will prepare a list and send it to the local veterinary officer to impose the fine. If a parent owns multiple pets without licence, the fine of Rs. 5000 will be slapped per animal, he explained. He also pointed out that they would create awareness on the process of obtaining licences which is already in the public domain. The GCC website is functioning in full swing and a private agency has been given the task to ensure hassle-free operation of the website.

With regard to spot fines on pet dogs sans muzzle in public places, he said conservancy officers in each ward have been equipped with point of sale (PoS) machines. If a conservancy officer finds pet owners with their dogs in the public without muzzling and leashing during inspection, the owner will be fined on the spot. So, we urge the owners to comply with rules to avoid fines, he

said. GCC has also planned to prepare official data on pets, breeds, and vaccination status by conducting a door-to-door.

The trained staff will check if pets have received the anti-rabies vaccination and if they are licensed. They will collect the age of the animal, date of birth and breed status. Pet owners will be instructed and guided on the need to vaccinate their pets against rabies, obtaining a licence starting from that date, the official said. GCC was not able to prepare the proper database on pet animals even though they tried to make it through licensing. Only a little over 10,000 owners applied for the licence even after it was introduced in 2023. As per the civic body's assessment, there may be more than 1 lakh pet animals in the city.



Book release

Auditor R.Ravindran has written a Book in English titled "Aanmeega Anubavangal" and this Book's Foreword has been penned by former Chief Election Commissioner of India N. Gopalswami who had Released the book wherein he has stated that the book's author has written on his life journey recalling his "Spiritual Journey" who has been on the job of renovation of old temples in and around Nidamangalam (which incidentally happens to be N. Gopalswami's Native Place) who believes that while human effort is an inevitable part of one's progress in life, it's success or otherwise needs Divine Blessings. "During his life Journey he has experienced many instances where he felt the Invisible Presence of A helping Hand that

Guided him and for which he was grateful. This book is a sum total of those incredible moments which he wanted to capture in words," writes N. Gopalswami.

N. Gopalswami has written "I too believe in the invisible but ubiquitous Divine Hand that Guides the ups and down's of one's life. I therefore experienced a certain empathy while going through the book. I am sure many others will also feel it."

"I am therefore happy to commend this book to one and all" Concludes N. Gopalswami on a very promising note.

Metro rail line overpass work in final phase at Porur - Kodambakkam

The second phase of the Chennai Metro project, a beacon of light on three routes -- the 26 km long route up to Poonamallee, is also one. On this route, a tunnel is being constructed from the lighthouse to the Kodambakkam flyover, and an overpass is being constructed from the powerhouse to Poonamallee.

In this, the metro work from Porur to Kodambakkam is going on in full swing. Regarding this, Chennai Metro Rail Corporation officials said:

The construction of the Porur-Kodambakkam Metro Rail project, a part of the Poonamallee-Beacon Light Rail route, is in full swing.

As of now, 85 percent of the flyover work has been completed, 50 percent of the railway track work, and



40 percent of the signal and station construction work has been completed. The construction work on the double-decker track on this route is also progressing without any delay. All the work will be completed by June 2026 and the metro rail service will be started. They said this.

AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Man jumps house to house on terrace in midnight causing a stir

Sekar 38 from K K Nagar jumped from terrace to terrace in Kothandaramar Kovil Street, West Mambalam causing a stir in the middle of the night.

When hearing the noise the house owners gathered and found out a man wandering around intoxicated. He suddenly jumped from there to the roof of the neighboring house.

At that time, the sharp bar of the entrance gate of the house pierced his right wrist. As a result, he was unable to move.

Subsequently, the local people informed the police control room.

Kumaran Nagar police and firefighters who arrived at the scene cut through the iron wire and rescued the man. He was later admitted to Royapettah Government Hospital. Police are investigating.

Security guard loose mobile phone to snatcher

Babu, 20, a security guard in a construction company. While he was at work, a man suddenly snatched his mobile phone and ran away.

During the investigation by the Saidapet police, it was found that Srinivasan, 23, from the same area, had snatched the mobile phone. Subsequently police arrested him and sent him to jail.

Auto driver stabs his brother to death

A 27-year-old auto driver stabbed his younger brother to death after a drunken brawl in their home in T Nagar during the early hours of Sunday.

The deceased was identified as A Badri alias Saran (24). He was working as a welder. According to the police, the brothers lived with their parents in T Nagar. On Saturday night, Saran sat down to drink with his elder brother, A Dinakaran. Around 3.10 am, when the two were intoxicated, an argument broke out between them, which soon escalated into fisticuffs. In the melee, Dinakaran ran to the kitchen, took a kitchen knife and stabbed his brother.

Hearing the commotion, the parents woke up and, with the help of the neighbours, they moved Saran to a hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. Following the incident, Dinakaran surrendered to the police. The Pondy Bazaar police secured the deceased's body and sent it to the government hospital for postmortem. Dinakaran was produced before a magistrate and remanded in judicial custody.

Two youths arrested for cheating

Santosh, 33, from Ashok Nagar, filed a police complaint with the Adyar Cyber Crime Police last year. In his complaint, he stated that two youths from Mumbai extorted Rs.20 lakh claiming that they are from courier company in Mumbai, and said that a parcel had arrived that had been booked using my Aadhaar number.

He said that the parcel contained expired passports, credit cards, clothes, and banned drugs, and that the Mumbai Cyber Crime Police had registered a case as they were sent for use by terrorists.

The mysterious person asked for money to get me out of this case. Since I didn't have the money, I took out a personal loan from a private bank and sent 20 lakh rupees to the bank account the person had mentioned. Only then did I realize that I had been cheated. I wanted my money back.

This is what it said. After investigation they both from Mumbai has been arrested. They were then produced in court and sent to jail.



Celebrating One Year of Dance, Fitness, and Wellness!

HASH24 Dance & Fitness Studio, KK Nagar, proudly celebrates its first anniversary, marking a successful year

filled with energy, movement, and community spirit! What began as a dream to create a space where people could find fitness enjoyable and inclusive, has blossomed into a vibrant studio offering regular services including Yoga, Zumba, and Freestyle Dance for both adults and kids. Other services offered include wedding/sangeet choreography and weekend dance workshops. We also offer the space for photoshoots.

The studio is run by Mr Shareef, a professional dancer and a licensed zumba instructor and Ms Abirami, an internationally certified yoga instructor and a dance & fitness enthusiast.

Over the past year, HASH24 Dance & Fitness Studio has received remarkable support from its members, whose positive feedback reflects the studio's commitment to quality instruction and a welcoming environment. The team takes pride in having built not just a fitness space, but a close-knit community that values well-being and personal growth. The team also is dedicated to inspire individuals to embrace a happy, active and balanced lifestyle.

As we step into our second year, HASH24 Dance & Fitness Studio remains committed to helping everyone move, smile, and thrive. Here's to many more years of rhythm, wellness, and togetherness!

To know more, feel free to contact us at 7904116642 or 9003027230. Please call us to book a free trial session and experience our services, press release said.



Birthday celebration in an old age home

Dr. G. Manilal (resident of VGP Complex 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Past President of Lions Club International and President of World Peace and Friendship Council) celebrated his 68th birthday with his family members and Lions Club members at Kakkum Karangal at 166/118, Lake View Road, West Mambalam on Nov.4. He distributed new clothes and food to the inmates.

Kakkum Karangal is take care of 30 elderly women in their free Old age home for homeless and desitutes for the past several years.

Will the barks of the tree be removed?

Massive tree fallen during rains a few weeks back, was not removed from blocking the road but is kept obstructing the pedestrian pathway in 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar with no action to remove it, residents opine.

The branch that fell is larger than some entire tree. The fallen tree is lying there for a long time, and no one had bothered at the district administration cared about it. People, mostly senior citizens get hurt and bleed that too during late evening hours, laments Shanmugam, a local resident. It is high time the path is cleared, he added.

We look at trees as a benign benefit of nature, but when they fall the consequences can be awful, laments Jennifer. The civic body, which is supposed to take precautions against trees being uprooted in rain, has been negligent. With a shortage of staff, the civic body lacks to identify the weak trees vulnerable to gusty winds and rain and take necessary action before the monsoon sets in, she added.



Bharathidasan Colony struggling ...

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worsened since the city witnessed sunny days. Wet mix laid on the road has now loosened and rubble is spread across the road. Continuous movement of traffic over the rubble has resulted in the creation of dust. It has spread across the area, forcing local residents to stay indoors. Breathing the polluted air will affect the health of elderly people and children. Hence, the authorities should expedite the road work, he said. K. Kannan, Councillor of ward 138, said the work was delayed due to the recent rain. The road needs to be elevated to at least one foot from existing height as it is in a low-lying area. So, the BRR department lays the road layer by layer. The first layer has been laid now. At least three more layers need to be laid before the completion of the work. If there is rainfall, the work can't be carried out. So, it will take time to complete the work. We have asked the officials to expedite the work and complete it before the next spell of rainfall, he said.



Trimming work on full swing

GCC pruning all avenue trees seen in the photograph trimmed tree branches left over in pathway Munuswamy Salai K K Nagar as part of monsoon preparedness work is going on full swing. The drive has intensified to prevent incidents of falling branches power disturbance and road blocking during strong winds.



OPEN DEATH TRAP : Open manhole in 15 th Avenue, Ashok Nagar cause inconvenience to the walkers and it is a open death trap. Few weeks back a lady died in Choolaimedu in the night time by falling into the pit due to the negligence of GCC. Before any un toward incident happens the concern authorities should close the manhole immediately.

Wall separates inside TAISHA campus, allege residents

Residents of the Royal Enclave L&M Block within the TAISHA TNHB complex in Nadesan Nagar, Virugambakkam in the city have levelled serious allegations of discrimination, claiming an "invisible wall of untouchability" segregated them from their senior-official neighbours.

Residents, predominantly low and middle-income government employees, stated that they were consistently treated as "second-class citizens" by the senior officers reside in other blocks of the enclosed community.

This perceived segregation manifested in several tangible ways. Residents reported being systematically denied access to the Corporation park with tennis and badminton courts located directly opposite their block. Jayabal Kanmani, president, L&M Block Association, said, "These facilities are dominated by senior officials who have created an exclusive group. After a new building opened for judicial officers, the complex's garbage bins were relocated directly in front of our block. Overflowing waste attracts stray dogs, and creates a hazardous environment for children and senior citizens.

After their repeated complaints to the GCC portal, CM Cell, and local officials yielded no results, L&M Block residents decided to organise a protest and invited media coverage. This action prompted an immediate response.



Police and GCC officials swiftly convened a meeting with the association, and the long-pending issues were reportedly resolved within an hour.

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Motorists urge milled road to re-lay immediately

Motorists riding on Arcot Road have been struggling to ride on the stretch as the milling work was not completed yet. Last week, heavy rains lashed several parts of Chennai, damaging many roads. To repair these, the Chennai Corporation carried out milling work on the damaged stretches.

On Arcot Road – from Vadapalani Bus Terminus to the Metro Station – milling was completed for re-laying the road. However, the new asphalt has not yet been laid. This has inconvenienced two-wheeler riders travelling through this stretch.

“Riders lose control and falling frequently and causing minor injuries not such issues go unreported.

Need to clear regularly

With less garbage disposal bins for every square km in the neighbourhood, residents of Kaikankuppam junction, Valasaravakkam are facing an acute problem in disposing of their household waste.

There is a shortage of trash disposal bins which has made solid waste management difficult, laments George a long time resident. In many pockets of the neighbourhood, residents are forced to dump household waste in bins which are overflowing most of the time. Due to shortage of bins, refuse remains scattered along the road, he lamented.

Though the civic body has been appealing to people to dispose of garbage between 7pm and 8am so that the neighbourhood remains clean in the daytime, residents of many localities can be seen doing otherwise. If the residents dispose of their household waste by 8am, we can clean the bins and their surroundings before people step out of their homes in the morning,” said a civic official.

The civic body must procure more bins and compactors so that more garbage can be picked up within a shorter span of time to keep the neighbourhood clean, residents appeal.



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