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## Battered road a curse

The residents of SSR Pankajam Road in Saligramam could not get relief from bad roads as the Greater Chennai Corporation has not relayed the battered roads. Residents opine that the rains have dented most roads. Several of the roads have been dug up for line department work. SSR Pankajam Road is one of the major linking roads in Saligramam locality and must be relayed faster, residents opine. We are much worried about the safety of our children who pass these roads everyday.

There are many stones lying on the road and a fast-moving vehicle is enough to send one of them flying to hit someone in their face or head. The vehicle movement on the road is high during peak hours. It is a breaking ride for all of them, complains a parent on anonymity.

Sewage related work was carried out earlier, and only if this road is fixed we residents will be happy, they said. Road that is used by all residents of the area has been in a bad state for a long. They should relay this stretch first,

says Godavari, a long time resident. There should be better coordination from all departments in addressing civic issues, she added.

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# Voice of GOD



## Soundareswarar Temple, Thirupanaiyur

This is the 190th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 73rd Sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri of Chozha Nadu. This place was called Thalavanam (Palm tree forest), and the temple is called Thalavaneswaram.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva Thiyagaraja of Thiruvarur. Sundarar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva and got Gold in the form of bricks to celebrate Panguni Uthiram at Thiruvarur with Paravai Nachiyar. Thirugnanasambandar, Sundarar, Manickavasagar, and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Soundareswarar, Sri Azhahyanathar, Sri Thalavaneswarar. Consort : Sri Brukanthanayagi, Sri Periya Nayagi. Some of the important features of this temple are as follows.

The temple faces east with an entrance arch/ Rajagopuram base with stucco images of Rishabarooder at the center. A balipeedam and Rishabam are immediately after the entrance arch. In Koshtam Agasthiyar, Parasara maharishi, Dakshinamurthy, Maha Vishnu, Brahma, and Durgai. In praharam, Thunai Iruntha Vinayagar (for Karikal Chozhan), Martruraitha Vinayagar (similar to Thiruvarur), Subramaniam, Chandikeswarar, Mahalakshmi (Stucco images), Shiva Lingas worshiped by Sapta Rishis, Somaskandar (a different one with fruit in left hand), and Chandikeswarar. A small sannathi of Thalavaneswarar Temple (Sri Panagatteeswarar Temple) is also in the prakaram. ARCHITECTURE

The main temple consists of the Sanctum sanctorum, antarala, artha mandapam, and a Mukha mandapam. The adhistanam is of prati banda adhistanam with Vrutha kumudam. The Prastaram is with valapi, kapotam, and Viyyalavari. An eka thala dravida Vimanam is over the sanctum.

### 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 same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period (11th Century) and extended during the Pandya and Vijayanagara periods. It is believed that Karikarchozha was brought up in this place.

There are about 14 inscriptions recorded from this temple. These inscriptions belong to Kulothunga Chozha-I, Rajathi Rajan-II, Sundara Pandyan, Parakrama Pandyan, Rajara Rajan-I, and Rajarajan-II. As per the inscriptions, the place was called Rajendra Chozha Panaiyur, and Lord Shiva was called Panayadiappan, Panagattiraivan, etc.

Vikrama Pandyan's 5th reign year inscription records the endowments of land and house lands gifted to the Adhi Chandeswarar temple.

Sundara Pandya period inscription records that there was a sandhi / kattalai in the name of the king, for naivedyam, 5 veli land was gifted to this temple. This is a copy of the old inscription, and the inscription's last word finishes with Thulyam (copy).

Rajathirajan-II's 10th reign year inscription records the gift of land as irayili to the Azhagu Devar by Chozha Panaiyur NattuKon and Kotramangalamudayan Adalvallan.

## Your Stars This Year

**Aries :** The force of feeling unusually emotional openness might descend upon you. Perhaps the presence of another individual makes you feel secure enough to express what occupies you. Openness can strengthen the bond in a relationship. Emotionally open to at least one human is what is recommended.

**Taurus:** Some calm time for introspective evaluation of your emotional requirements. Being fulfilled or merely managed? When it comes to dating, don't ignore the red flags just to maintain peace. If you are actually in a relationship, try to have an open dialogue. You don't have to settle for anything less than a half connection.

**Gemini:** Your heart might be leading you to make a choice that feels emotional but also seems surprisingly practical. Don't always have to follow logic. If you are ending something, starting something, or taking another step into a relationship, allow your emotions to guide.

**Cancer:** If healing is of importance to you, the week gently reminds you: your softness is still here. You may no longer be able to feel, care for, or love, but you have definitely been taught to guard your heart a little better. Do not hide your gentle nature just because it has been bruised. Your feelings are a blessing, not a curse.

**Leo:** Instead of engaging in activity, clarity might come to you while staring at the ceiling, thinking about your love life. It could come through a dream or a quiet, still moment that brings you insight. You really don't have to mess around searching for signs. For those of you in relationships, show up in small moments.

**Virgo:** A moment of honesty might end up moving something casual to a deeper plane. Possibility of being real with someone, or not-so-much; how you say things will matter more than what you're actually saying. If you are dating anyone, don't just assume it's a good fit. A small-hearted truth might bring intimacy.



**Libra:** Consistency is the main focus this particular week. Sweet things, stain them outside for hours, and then cheapen them with one thoughtless act in an instant. Falling in love or getting to know someone may focus on what people do rather than what they say. Relish the charm if it serves you, but don't ignore.

**Scorpio:** There is no longer love that you used to feel—and that is a good thing. Observe how your needs, patterns, and desires in love are shifting, so perhaps you no longer chase after intensity and instead seek peace. It's time to express yourself differently. This isn't a jarring change but a gradual evolution.

**Sagittarius:** It can be fun to fall for the idea of the person. Demands that you notice what is actually there and not what you hope to see. Dating? Take a step back and observe them working on their show. Areas of a relationship where being in denial just to keep things smooth are not good for the heart.

**Capricorn:** Doesn't have to become a big task. Romance should feel easy if you are with someone or single. No over thinking necessary. Sometimes just appreciating it is enough. If you find yourself constantly managing your feelings or scheduling your experiences.

**Aquarius :** Attraction in love for you is your self-respect. No need to prove to anyone your worth-stand in it. If somehow one shines a questioning finger on the aspect of your salesmanship, step back. Stand firm through any dating. Clarity and be fair with your partner. Being sincere is far more attractive than any trend.

**Pisces:** Any minuscule alteration in your speaking style will sow generous results in love. Either speak more clearly about your feelings, or just listen with your whole attention, for your words have power. Pleasant relationship, clear conversations may persuade the partners to loosen the bond of a lingering tension. If you're single, opening your heart.

**PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK**  
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# Intention: Failure is success turned inside out

'Bhaav pradhaan vishwa raci raakha, jo jas kare so tas fal caakha' meaning everything is transformed on the basis of feelings. So, we should have good feelings in the mind; it doesn't matter how bad the actions are, the feeling should be good.

Destruction through Shankar is praised. What is his intention to carry out destruction? He has the feeling to bring welfare. It would certainly be good. Be it any action, what is the intention behind performing an action, this is seen. There was dacoit Sultana. He committed robbery in the house of wealthy people. However, whatever he robbed and earned, he distributed them among the poor throughout his life. So, what is the main motive of his life? To help the poor. The intention is certainly good but he didn't find a good way to do it. Nevertheless, as his feelings are good, he doesn't accumulate sinful actions to a greater extent. He belonged to which place? Bijnaur. Jila ek bijnaur hai UP ke darmiyaan, sultana daaku hua bada veer balvaan (There is a district Bijnaur in UP, a great and brave dacoit Sultana lived there). Did he exist or not? Yes. So look, it was said: if the intention is good, the action is also good and if the intention is lowly, the action also becomes lowly.

A Bhilani (tribal woman) gives eaten berries to Ram. She certainly feeds him eaten berries, but what is the intention behind tasting them? Is there the intention to eat them or is there the intention to fill it with sweetness? The actions becomes inful or noble based on the feelings. The same action is performed by two different people but their intention is different. So, the account of sins and merits is formed differently. A tribal boy (bhil) became sharper than even Arjun. Arjun was in fact, studying in palaces. But what about Bhil? He

was in the jungle of thorns. So, the one who was in the jungle of thorns became sharper. On what basis? On the basis of feelings. He prepared the idol of his guru. Considering the idol as his guru, he started learning archery. He didn't consider it to be a mere idol; what did he believe? It is living. And as regards Arjun, he was taking knowledge in a palace. He was taking knowledge from a guru in the corporeal form. Whom did he use to consider as his guru? Dronacharya. Similarly, soldiers fight wars; they kill hundreds of people to safeguard their country. Will those who fight a war go to heaven or will they go to hell? What is the belief? If you leave your body in a war, you will go to heaven.

The feelings are the foremost. Actions, neutral actions and wrong actions are made on the basis of feelings. Purity (nirmal) means, it is such a feeling where there isn't the name and trace of dirt. The intention itself is the main thing in this world, no matter how someone's action is, but what is the intention behind that action? If the intention is pure, the result of that action will also be pure. Those who have good feelings, the medicines of the doctor work on them. Those who don't have feelings, even the medicines of the doctors don't work on them. This is why, it was said feeling is a very big thing. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Kodambakkam Times reported on 8th November regarding open manhole in 15 th Avenue, Ashok Nagar causes inconvenience. It has been rectified and a new manhole cover has been replaced.

## Water stagnation and traffic jam a cause of worry



Even though no heavy rains yet this monsoon the stagnation of water in Erikarai Road in Nesapakkam has left residents struggling as these localities lack proper stormwater drains, sewers and garbage disposal systems. Stagnation water make motorists in trouble in Erikarai Road mostly peak hours.

Many of the areas are low lying and in the absence of drains, water stagnates for long. Since the corporation lacks proper drains, the sewage dumped in open areas mixes with rainwater posing a public health hazard, says Stephen a long time resident of Rajiv Gandhi Nagar. Concern officials have started working on this water stagnation. Virugambakkam MLA, Prabhakar Raja after hearing visited the spot immediately and supervised the work taken by GCC.

This place is always having stagnant water and surrounded by garbage dump boxes also, there is also lot of garbage strewn around. This could lead to breeding of mosquitoes and cause of many diseases. With many commercial establishments around civic body is duty bound to clear stagnated water and garbage. The area normally used for parking two wheelers and abandon cars, says a commuter.

Water stagnation in the area was caused by encroachments on drains and waterbodies. Civic officials should remove all encroachments from the drains. They should complete the stormwater drain [project] by removal of encroachments. The drains were not completed because of the encroachments, says Mahalakshmi an office goer.

## Submit SIR forms ahead of Dec 4 deadline

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has asked voters to submit their filled-in enumeration forms for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls well before the December 4 deadline, citing the need to complete data entry on time.

Booth-level officers (BLOs) began distributing the house-to-house verification forms across the 16 Assembly constituencies in the district on November 4.

Since they must collect the filled forms from voters and upload them on the Election Commission's app by December 4, voters have been advised not to wait until the last day.

Residents have been asked to hand over the completed form to the visiting BLA and obtain acknowledgement on the duplicate copy.

Addressing the press, TN Chief Election Officer Archana Patnaik said, "Over 96% of the enumeration forms have been collected so far. Of these, about 33% have been digitised, while another 50% are currently being processed."

Voter help-centres set up at all polling stations will function till November 25 to assist residents to fill the form with guidance from BLOs, who will also visit households directly to collect the completed forms. Officials clarified that Aadhaar or any other document is not mandatory while filling the form.

As per Election Commission guidelines, recognised political parties may also submit the filled-in forms through their appointed booth agents, after obtaining the required signature on the duplicate.



# Exhibition cum sale



**P**oompuhar conducting exhibition cum sale of Traditional Lamps of various crafts. It will be from 14.11.2025 to 06.12.2025 between 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m at Poompuhar Sales Showroom, No.108, Anna Salai. Ph : 044 2852 0624 / 8860194953.

This exhibition features Nagasu Lamps, Vinayagar Lamps, Lakshmi Lamps, Anna Lamps, Kuthu Lamps, Mada Lamps, Linga Lamps, Kalai Lamps, Kubera Lamps, Navagraha Lamps, Akanda Lamps, Panchamuka Lamps, Prabai Lamps, Vasamalai, Pavai Lamps, Seven-tiered lamps, Mangala Lamps, Thong Lamps, Panchachara Lamps, Suttaman Akalvilakku and many other types of lamps ranging from 4 inches to 6 feet are available. In addition, many types of lamps made of terracotta, wax and candles are displayed and sold. A special discount of 10% is offered in this exhibition.

hometown. At that time, three drunken assailants attacked her and snatched her mobile phone. She immediately informed control room. The Mambalam police, arrived immediately and questioned three persons who were drinking tea and where looking suspiciously.

It was revealed that they were working in textile shop and staying in a company's hostel nearby. The arrested were Karan, 22, Kamleswaran, 19 and Yapi Jacob, 17. It was revealed that they attacked Seetha and snatched her phone. Subsequently, all three were arrested and handed over to the Railway Police.

## Online shoppers beware of expiry products

Rajaraman a resident Virugambakkam ordered idli flour from an online company called 'Blinkit'. When he bought and used the flour, it turned out to be expired product. The person immediately went to the company's godown in Virugambakkam and asked the employers for an explanation of expiry products as they didn't give him a proper explanation the duo complained to the food safety department.

An inspection by the Food Safety Department found that the company's warehouse contained expired products and was not maintained properly.

Following this, the company was fined Rs. 2,000. The Tamil Nadu Food Safety Department has sent a notice to the online company to explain this within 15 days.

## Student attacked by three men

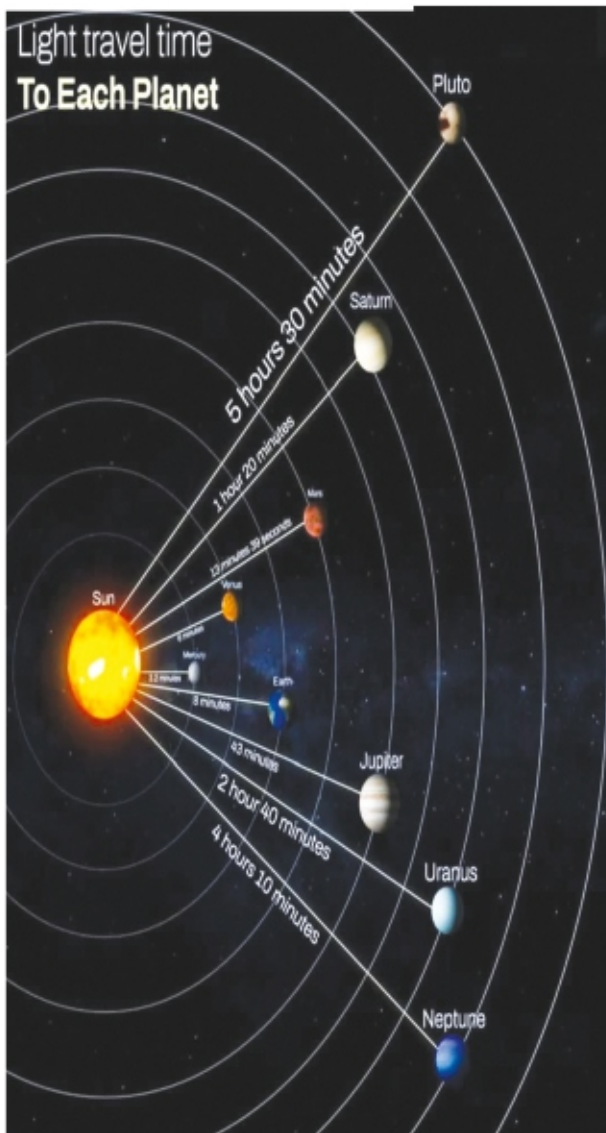
Rishi Karthik, 18, a college student was standing on Thirumalaipillai Road in T Nagar. When he was chatting to a friend on the night of the 17th. Three men approached and demanded money from him. When he refused, he was attacked with a helmet and they snatched his gold chain and fled the scene.

Upon investigation by Pondy Bazaar police it was revealed that Dhanush, 23, Joseph, 19, and Sham, 21, from Ayanavaram, attacked the student and snatched his chain. Following this, the police arrested all three accused. 1.5 sovereign chains, 3 mobile phones and a bike were seized from them.

## Elderly man duped and robbed of Rs. 1.50 lakh

Kanniyappan, 65, a resident of Dr. Kanun Nagar, Nesapakkam, withdrew Rs. 1 lakh from his account at the bank on Munusamy Road in K.K. Nagar. He withdrew another Rs. 50,000 from another bank totaling 1.5 lakh. When he was returning home in his bicycle. A mysterious man diverted him saying that some object has fallen from his bicycle.

While wondering what the object was he parked his bicycle aside and walked away. The man in the motorbike took his wallet and fled the scene. Following a complaint filed by Kanniyappan, the K K Nagar police are investigating.



## This is how fast the light of the Sun hit each planet

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**Definition:** A light-year is the distance that light travels through a vacuum in one Earth year.

**Distance:** This distance is approximately 5.88 trillion miles (or 9.46 trillion kilometers).

Therefore, light travels approximately 5.88 trillion miles in one year.



## Two youth arrested for assaulting and stealing

Arumugam, 21, works at a shop in the Koyambedu market. On the 11th of night, he waited for a bus near the Avichi School in Saligramam.

Then, two men approached him on a two-wheeler and offered him to drop at Koyambedu and they took him in their bike. They stopped in a isolated place near Muthumari Amman temple. Suddenly they thrashed him and snatched away his mobile phone. Upon further investigation Valasaravakkam police, arrested the two youths and remanded them.

## Cop booked for assaulting businessman

Police registered a case against a head constable attached to the West Mambalam police station for allegedly assaulting a businessman in Pondy Bazaar.

The complainant, Siva, 36, who runs a real estate business along with his associate Tamiliarasan, 38, said the assault occurred after a dispute over commission payments. Tamiliarasan complaints to his friend a cop regarding the commission which Siva fails to give. On this regard the heated argument went the cop Senthil slapped Siva several times.

Siva later filed a formal complaint at Pondy Bazaar police and the investigation is underway.

## Elderly woman falls from 2nd floor dies

An elderly woman Ramalakshmi, 78, from Shivalingapuram, K.K. Nagar, lived on the second floor of the apartment with her son Prasad, 49. She was suffering from chronic diseases including diabetes.

In this situation, the night before Sunday, she went to the toilet at the back side of the second floor and fainted and fell from the balcony. She was admitted and given first aid in the K K Nagar Government Hospital from there, she was sent to the Royapettah Government Hospital for further treatment. Where she scummed to injuries. The KK Nagar police have registered a case and are investigating.

## Three men arrested for attacking women in Mambalam rly station

Seetha, 26, is from Satulla Street, T. Nagar. She was waiting early Monday morning near the ticket counter at Mambalam railway station to book a train ticket to her

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## Abandoned vehicle

Abandoned vehicles give a damaged glimpse of the area and also become dangerous when the components such as oil, battery acid etc., deteriorate and leaks thereby polluting the air and land and also cause health hazards to the neighborhood. Abandoned vehicles will also become rentless house for rats and other creatures.

One such vehicle is abandoned at Choudhry Nagar, 5th Street, Valasaravakkam as detailed in the picture.

Will the concern authorities remove the abandon vehicle as soon as possible.



## Drainage canal damaged rectified

Residents of Tarachand Nagar raised complaints about the quality of construction, as the rainwater drainage system has been damaged within just three years of construction.

This rainwater drain was constructed three years back was damaged.

In this situation, when a truck passed through that road a few days ago, the rainwater drain broke and a crater was formed.

The demand has been strengthened that the relevant higher authorities should investigate this matter and action has been taken recently.

The drain work falls in the Ward 128 of Virugambakkam, Kodambakkam Mandal.

In response, corporation officials inspected the area and repaired the rainwater drainage work.



## Hawkers disturbs traffic

Hawkers in Jeenis Road blocks traffic by occupying busy road. Many unregulated parking of vehicles have made the busy Jeenis Road at Saidapet too narrow, forcing pedestrians onto the road and making it impossible for vehicles to manoeuvre. This road is a access road for a govt hospital, a Saidapet market, post office, and Saidapet suburban railway station. However, hawkers have encroached both sides of the road, leaving little space for vehicle movement.

The stretch also has a Tasmac outlet—another reason for commotion—while parked heavy vehicles block half the road,” said a long time resident of Pillaiyar Koil Street.



## Deputy mayor lays stone for projects in Saidapet

Deputy Mayor M. Mahesh Kumar on Thursday laid the foundation stone for constructing a multipurpose centre building on East Mada Street, Sri Nagar Colony, Saidapet, Ward-169, Adyar Zone. This two-floor project, valued at 41.41 lakh, will be funded by the Ward Member Development Fund. The ground floor will house a fair price shop and the first floor will feature a gymnasium for women.

Following this, the deputy mayor laid the foundation stone for a skill development centre building at Venkatapuram, with 58 lakh under the Capital Fund. This building will also consist of a ground floor and a first floor. The ground floor will be for a tailoring training centre and the first floor will accommodate a gymnasium for women.





## Water leaks in new pipes at Ramapuram

A newly installed pipe in Ramapuram has broken, causing water to leak out. The residents of the area are unhappy with the repeated breakages and water leaks in the same place. In Ramapuram, Ward 155, Valasaravakkam Mandal, underground water pipes frequently broke, causing sewage to mix with them.

Since the pipes are old, work is underway to replace them with new ones. In this situation, continuous testing is being conducted to ensure that the newly installed pipes are supplying water smoothly.

During the testing days, drinking water is leaking through cracks in the new pipes. In this situation, during a test run on Valluvar Road Wednesday, water leaked through broken pipes at more than 10 places and overflowed onto the road. Water has already leaked at the same place.

Local residents have raised questions about whether this is happening continuously because the water pipe work has not been done properly.

### Athma tour

Athma is organising a one day tour to Narasimha Temples on Sunday, December 7 Covering Pataladri Temple, Dakshina Ahobilam and Injimeedu Temple. For more details contact 8939656479

### Sri Lankan in custody

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has alerted the state chief electoral officer (CEO) that a Sri Lankan national currently in judicial custody in an NIA case linked to alleged LTTE revival efforts still holds an active Indian voter ID registered in Chennai.

The agency has sought an immediate verification and cancellation of the card, calling it a national-security lapse.



### Centre raises fitness certificate fees for 20-year-old vehicles

The Central Government has announced a steep hike in the Fitness Certificate fees for vehicles that are 20 years

old, as part of its efforts to reduce the number of ageing vehicles on Indian roads.

According to the revised rates:

- Lorries and Buses: Fee increased from ₹3,500 to ₹25,000

- Medium Commercial Vehicles: ₹20,000

- Light Motor Vehicles: ₹15,000

Officials said the move aims to discourage the continued use of old, polluting vehicles and promote safer, environmentally compliant transport.



### Deadline extended for pet dog rabies vaccination

The Greater Chennai Corporation has extended the deadline for rabies vaccination, microchipping, and licensing of pet dogs until December 7.

As part of its dog population control program, the Corporation is administering sterilisation, rabies vaccination, and microchip tracking for both street dogs and pet dogs through GCC veterinary hospitals, shelters, Tamil Nadu veterinary hospitals, and private veterinarians.

So far, 65,422 pet dogs have been registered online and 24,477 licences have been issued. The earlier deadline

of November 24 has now been extended considering requests from pet owners.

Pet owners can visit veterinary centres in Tiru Vi Ka Nagar, Pulianthope, Lloyds Colony, Nungambakkam, Kannammappet, Meenambakkam, or the Sholinganallur Animal Birth Control Centre to get their dogs vaccinated, microchipped, and licensed.

### Applications invited for home guards service

Greater Chennai police have invited applications from both men and women to join their Home Guards Service. "Applications from young, energetic, dynamic individuals who are dedicated to public service for appointment as Home Guards are invited", a press release from the department said. As per the announcement, the applicants must possess good conduct with no criminal records, must be resident of Chennai city and they must be above 18 years and below 50 years of age as on October 1 with educational qualification of tenth standard pass or fail.

The selected Home Guards would be trained for one hour every day for 45 days. After completion of the training, they will be posted to a police station to assist the police in their respective areas. For every callout such as night duty, day patrol and traffic regulation, they will be paid 560 as special allowance.

Eligible candidates are asked to submit their curriculum vitae either in person or by e-mail to homeguarddegcpc@gmail.com on or before December 15.



### Bala Mandir schools children's day competitions

In connection with Children's Day, competitions were conducted for Classes LKG to V in Bala Mandir Vidyalaya Nursery & Primary School, during the 2nd week of November. Children participated with a lot of interest and enthusiasm in all the competitions.

They exhibited their talents in drawing & colouring, handwriting and Thirukkural recitation. There was an amazing performance by children of classes 1 & 2 in coining words from the given alphabets. Spell Bee and Picture quiz were very much enjoyable and challenging to students of classes 3 to 5. It gave them an opportunity to use their creativity and thinking skills.

On 14th November, Children's Day special assembly was conducted. M Venkataraman, Secretary, Bala Mandir Vidyalaya and Ms Preethi, Member in Charge gave away the prizes to all the Prize winners.

Bala Mandir Satyamurthi School celebrated Children's Day with various competitions and a documentary screening, showcasing the talents and creativity of its students. Class 11 students took the lead in organising and hosting the event, which included creative writing, art from waste, and role-play competitions for students from classes 6-9.

On November 22nd, students from classes 10 to 12 screened their thought-provoking documentaries on topics - Breaking Barriers - Journey of a person overcoming obstacles to access education; Life in Giriappa Road - Life is not same for Everyone; My Hero - My Inspiration; Breaking the stigma - Change of Perception and Life in BM-SMHS - Feeding Hope.

Ms. Radha Vasudevan, Correspondent of Vidyaniketan School, Ashok Nagar, was the Guest of Honour and distributed certificates to the winners, congratulating them on their achievements. The event was a grand success, with students, teachers, and guests alike praising the efforts of the students and the school for putting together such a wonderful celebration.



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# Submit applications for Manjappai Awards

The Chennai district administration has invited applications from educational institutions and commercial establishments for receiving Manjappai Award for their contributions to eliminate Single-Use Plastics (SUPs) and promote eco-friendly alternatives.

The award will be given to Best 3 Schools, 3 Colleges and 3 Commercial Establishments that had implemented the ban on Single-Use Plastic (SUPs), encouraged the use of alternatives and also revived the use of traditional eco-friendly alternatives, such as the Manjappai (yellow cloth bag) and make their campus plastic free.

The first prize is Rs 10 lakh, second prize Rs 5 lakh and third prize is Rs 3 lakh. Application formats are available on the District Collectorate and TN Pollution Control Board website. Applications should be submitted before January 15.



## MTC launches digital monthly passes

Tamil Nadu Minister for Transport and Electricity S.S. Sivasankar on Thursday launched the digital version of the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) monthly travel passes, making commute access faster and more convenient for Chennai residents.

With this upgrade, passengers can now purchase the Golden Ticket (₹1,000) and Diamond Ticket (₹2,000) directly through the Chennai One mobile app. The initiative, jointly introduced by MTC and the Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA), allows commuters to obtain unlimited-travel passes anytime, anywhere, without visiting ticket counters.

The Minister stated that the digital pass comes with a 30-day validity from the date of activation and can be purchased through 100% cashless payment options, including UPI, debit cards, and credit cards. The move is aimed at enhancing commuter convenience, reducing queues, and promoting digital public transport services in Chennai, press release said.

## Saidapet Govt Hospital to upgrade soon

As a new 6-storey building has been constructed for the Saidapet Government Hospital, the feasibility of converting it into a dedicated hospital for accident treatment is being studied.

Saidapet Government Hospital was established in 1920. Until three years ago, this hospital operated in an area of 7,500 square feet.

Those who go for emergency treatment from South Chennai will be provided with first aid here and then sent to Royapettah or Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital.

In this situation, a new 6-storey building with an area of 68,923 square feet was constructed in the same premises at a cost of Rs. 28.75 crore and came into use in September. The hospital administration said: The new building has 110 beds, including dengue, malaria, TB, blood testing, fracture, uterine, and general surgery departments, press release said.



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