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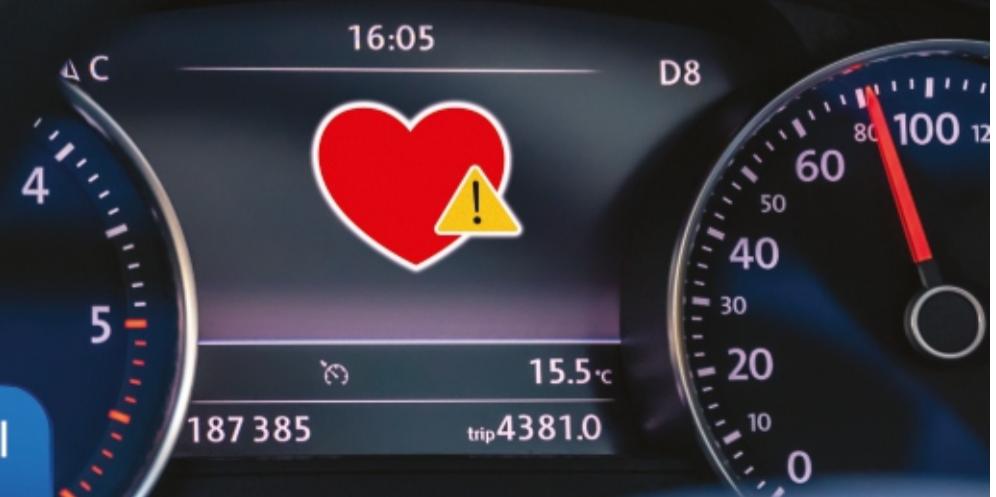
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Sri Vardhamaneswarar Temple, Thirupugalur

This is the 193rd Thevaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 76th sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri of Chozha Nadu. This temple is inside the Thirupugalur Sri Agnipayeeswarar temple. This is one of the 44 temples to which Moovar has sung hymns to Lord Shiva of this temple. Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal has attained mukthi in this place. This Thirupugalur is also the birthplace of Muruga Nayanar, one of the 63 Nayanmars. This is the Sathayam Nakshatra temple.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Thiruchengattankudi. Moolavar : Sri Varthamaneeswarar Consort : Sri Manonmani

Some of the salient features of these temples are.... The temple faces east with a Moat/agazhi around, believed to be excavated by Banasuran. The first level, Rajagopuram, is of 5 tiers, and the second level is of 3 tiers. In between the two Rajagopurams, Dwajastambam, balipeedam, and Rishabam. Both Thirupugalur and Thirupugalur Varthamaneeswarar are side by side. Moolavar looks cute. There are no koshta murtis.

Muruganayanar Sannathi is on the left. Ambal Manonmani is in a separate sannathi.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Moovar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, this original temple might have existed before the 7th century. The same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozhas period (maybe during Rajaraja-I – I) and further extended by Pandya, Vijayanagaras, and Nattukottai Nagarathars.

As per the inscriptions Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal was called as "Kulichezhuntha Nayanar", Muruga Nayanar madam was called as "Nambi Nayanar Thirumadam –", Thiruneelakanda Yazhpanar was called as "Yazhmuri Nayanar, Dharumapurathu Nayanar".

LEGENDS

This is the birthplace of Muruga Nayanar, one of the 63 Nayanmars. He served the temple by offering flowers to the temple. Thirugnanasambandar praises Muruga Nayanar's service in his hymns. It is believed that Muruga Nayanar also attained mukti along with Thirugnanasambandar at Thirunallur Perumanam.

On Chitra Sathayam Thithi Thirunavukkarasar had attained Mukti in this sthalam, hence a 10-day festival is celebrated. This is the birthplace of Muruga Nayanar. This is one of the seven Lord Shiva temples, and all of them are Paadal Petra Sthalams, which end with "Charam".

Thiru Mundeecharam, Thiru Patteeswaram, Thiru Naraiyur Siddheecharam, Thiru Kondeecharam, Thiru Pugalur Vardhamaneeswarar, Thiru Ramadeecharam and, Thiru Ketheecharam.

POOJAS AND CELEBRATIONS

Apart from regular poojas, special poojas are conducted on, Muruga Nayanar Guru Pooja in the month of Vaikasi (May – June), Aani Thirumanjanam in the month of Aani (June – July), Aadi Pooram in the month of Aadi (July – Aug), Vinayagar Chathurthi in the month of Avani (Aug – Sept), Navaratri in the month of Purattasi (Sept-Oct), Skanda Sashti and Annabishekam in the month of Aippasi (Oct – Nov), Thirukarthigai in the month of Karthigai (Nov – Dec), Thiruvathirai in the month of Margazhi (Dec – Jan), Makar Sankranti and Thaipoosam in the month of Thai (Jan – Feb), Maha Shivaratri in the month of Masi (Feb – March) and monthly pradosams.

Your Stars This Year

Aries: The arrival of love this week will urge you to let go of everything you expect love to be. Take any form it likes in its own sweet time. You may have desires to make your love affair look and go the way you want, but only in freedom can real love grow. For those who are already committed, accept your partner.

Taurus: Those who have maintained their integrity and uprightness will feel like they are entering lighter realms. A confrontation with someone may reveal something serious or lead to a breakthrough in healing. These events will trigger a series of small but meaningful life changes. Now is an ideal time to feel renewed.

Gemini: Think of this before trying to rationalise anything: how did your heart feel about it? It is about emotions first and logic later. For those in relationships, trust their emotional reactions. Wait for your heart to skip a beat before your brain comes up with a justification.

Cancer: Love may not be fiery, but it embodies profoundness. True love feels rewarding, not dramatic. One will need more practical insight than excitement. In a relationship, focus on the other person's emotional world. Be single and be attracted to people who read you well instead of simply flattering you.

Leo: Upcoming events may affect love or romance. Your heart desires love, so move forward smartly. Start something sweet, could urge you to take another step, but stop accepting what no longer fits. Spare prudence and courage to avoid heartbreaks. Literally shaping the days immediately following this week.

Virgo: Setting value above all else is a kind of peaceful protection. Try to make sure this week sees no issues that send people back and forth or cause harsh words. If you're already in a relationship, now is the moment to handle things steadily and gently. Do not let outside stress get transferred indoors.



Libra: As there is a need for words, say them out. Emotional needs are real. This week permits you to express what you have to articulate. Remember, there is no need to suppress your feelings in a relationship for the sake of peace. If you're unattached, speak from your heart about what you really want in a relationship.

Scorpio: There is no need to pretend; just be yourself this week. Once you quit acting, love gets closer to your being—the essence of you. If in a relationship, let your lover see you under the mask. If single, someone may be intrigued by the stillness of your presence. Do not try to pursue or establish; be calm, and let your energy.

Sagittarius: In this week, see how your outer world is reflecting your inner state. If there is a sense of peace in your soul, that is manifested in the love life that surrounds you. However, if there is storminess inside, your relationships can be affected as well. This week, do some emotional gardening work.

Capricorn: Asks you to forsake the image of who the person is or where you want to influence the relationship, and accept the person despite everything. Whether there is a relationship or not, fantasies cloud judgment. True love begins the moment you quit projecting.

Aquarius: Communication is called in for this week. It's not enough to just have sparks to fly away. Get involved in the conversation, not just the chemistry. In a partnership, learn to listen rather than merely assume. You are single, keep an open mind about checking out their brains rather than being swept away by the charm.

Pisces: Strength doesn't have to be loud or relentless. Your support is quiet, tender, without words and time. If you have a single status, gentle confidence will attract only good vibes. Make more than what is yours is declared null here. It is through kindness that love is found. To the hard, love shows respect to those who have great kindness, even when every moment.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK 21.12.2025 TO 27.12.2025

The ancient mantra of global kinship

A yamnijahparoveti, gananaalaghucetasaa. Udaaraccritaanaamtuvasudhaivkutumbakam. (This is mine, that is someone else's- these are the thoughts of narrow- minded people; but for those who are liberal, the entire world itself is their family). This is the slogan of the Bharatwaasis. And it is especially for the Indians, not for the foreigners. Even today it is the tradition of Bharat, whichever foreigners came to Bharat, Bharat gave place to them on its lap. The Mughals came, they attacked as well. They ruined India. They looted it.

Nevertheless they were given a place. Britishers came; they took the entire Bharat in their hands. They started to make it dance on their command. They too are settled in every city and every village of Bharat, even if their kingdom is not here. Whether they are Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, everyone has received sustenance on the lap of Mother India. However, today all the families are divided. The father doesn't accept the opinion of the child. The elder brother doesn't accept the opinion of the younger brothers and the younger brothers don't accept the opinion of the elder brothers. From when did this happen? It happened from the Copper Age. If we research, even today in India, 60, 70, 100 people are receiving sustenance in a single family and they have just one leader. The political party for which the head votes, the entire family has to vote for the same party. Not a single person can separate himself. No one dares to cross the words of that head. That is called a collective family, a family belonging to the Ancient Deity Religion. Are there such families in India now or not? There are. They have a single kitchen. Such families are partially extinct now.

When it is said the entire world is one family, there must have been the Father at some time. This is why they say even today: Hindu, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians are all brothers for each other. So, when will they be brothers for each other? When there is one Father, they will be brothers for each other. So definitely, there has been such a time in this world when the Incorporeal Supreme Soul comes and makes this entire world into a family. God has come again to establish that very family. Such families are partially extinct now. It will be formed when we become souls. When each and every soul of the world has this thought: the entire world should live in happiness and peace. Everyone should recognize God. Everyone should attain liberation and liberation in life. Their one and the only motto should be sarvebhavantusukhinah, sarvesantuniraamayaa (may everyone be happy, may everyone be free from illness. May everyone see what is auspicious, may no one suffer sorrow).

And the Highest of the High God actually has one desire, just one strong desire that 'everyone should be happy, everyone should be benefitted'. This itself is His task. This is why God is making such a fort, where the entire world will be a family. There will be only one king in that world, there will be only one kingdom, only one religion. There, no one will experience this: I am inferior and this one is superior. There isn't the discrimination of inferiority and superiority there at all. That will be such a divine family. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Slow work delays commuters' routines

Mambalam railway station, a vital transit point with a daily footfall of around 40,000. A recent visit revealed a scene of ongoing upheaval: construction materials encroach on platform space, forcing commuters to weave through obstructions. The wafting dust from the ongoing platform resurfacing forms a layer on the seating areas, and the work on entrances and ticket counters shrinks the area for commuters, adding to

congestion. One of the daily commuter and a long time resident Ramachandran of BRP Road says that it is very difficult to walk through this construction work. It is better to work in night time to minimise daytime disruption. The delay is more than a calendar issue; it is a daily experience of compromised convenience and eroded confidence in projected timelines.

Initiated to provide world-class amenities, the slow pace and significant delays of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) have become a daily test of endurance and patience for thousands of commuters. This work commenced in Aug 2023.

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Everyday Hanumath Jayanthi Alangaram shown here at Ashok Nagar Anjaneyar Temple.

Public speaking session

Sudha Avataram, a public speaking coach is conducting a free session on 'Basics of public speaking' from 10 a.m to 11.30 p.m on Dec.21 at Hari Om Vidyalaya, 14, 22nd Street, 5th Sector, K.K.Nagar.

This session is open for everyone above 18 years of age.

There will be interaction and topic discussion session with the participants.

All are welcome.

For further more details contact : 99402 48591.



GCC installing spikes covering transformer

The Chennai Corporation is now installing spikes on the view cutters covering transformers to curb the poster menace in the city. This move has received good response from the public.

Free MTC passes for senior citizens

The MTC has announced that senior citizens aged 60 years and above will be eligible for free travel tokens starting December 21. Each beneficiary will receive 10 free travel tokens a month. Tokens for the January-June period next year will be distributed between December 21 and January 31 at 42 bus terminals and depots, including Pattinapakkam, Besant Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Adyar, T Nagar, Saidapet, Broadway, Tambaram, among others.

After January 31, the tokens will be issued at the respective bus depots and bus stands. The facility is available only to residents within the jurisdiction served by MTC buses, a release said.

Chennai MRTS-Metro Merger expected soon

A long-awaited proposal to merge Chennai's Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) with the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) is nearing completion. Senior government officials and Southern Railway authorities have met to finalise a memorandum of understanding (MoU), expected to be signed within the next week.

The merger will transfer MRTS assets, operations, and maintenance from Southern Railway to the state government and CMRL, enabling integrated operations, unified ticketing, and seamless services under a single urban rail operator. The takeover is planned to roll out phased over the next two years.

In the initial phase, CMRL plans to induct 25 air-conditioned broad-gauge rakes for the elevated MRTS corridor. The operating model will be similar to Delhi Metro's broad-gauge system. Services on the Velachery to St Thomas Mount line may begin by January 2026, as the line nears completion.

CMRL's CUMTA is preparing detailed station-wise plans to modernise the 18 MRTS stations, enhancing public spaces, lighting, safety, cleanliness, and last-mile connectivity. Signalling upgrades and redesigned metro interchanges are planned for coordinated schedules and integrated ticketing.

Cost estimates for the MRTS upgrade vary. A 2018 study valued it between 2,800 crore and 3,100 crore, while current projections could exceed 4,000 crore.



Seasonal Fiesta Celebrated

The KG compartment of Velammal Vidyalaya, Karambakkam, celebrated the Seasonal Fiesta with enthusiasm and joy. Classrooms were decorated with vibrant, theme-based displays representing different seasons, creating a lively learning environment.

Through creative setups, charts, models, and fun activities, students learned about seasonal changes while actively participating and exploring the themes. The event fostered creativity, curiosity, and joyful learning among the young learners.

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Human Rights Puratchi organisation Celebrated world wide Human rights day at V.M.A. Hall A/C 13/12/25. West Mambalam. Chief Guest Mr.C. Muthusamy. Chartered President. Rotary (Port trust,) R Sundaramurthy President. (Human Rights Puratchi organisation) Also Mr.M. Babu (vice President) Distributed Rain Coats to Corporation Scavengers and umbrella to downtrodden peoples.

Absconding murder accused appeared in court

Sivakumar a rowdy sheeter a resident of Mylapore was murdered in 2021 at Mambalam. He had 35 cases against him, including murder cases. Five people surrendered before the Kallakurichi court in connection with the murder.

Absconding rowdy Azhaguraja surrendered in court on Sunday.

In January, police tried to catch Azhaguraja, who was driving a car in Tiruvallur district. At that time, the incident caused a stir when a policeman who was hanging from his car slipped and fell.

Rowdy Azhaguraja, who was still at large, surrendered at the Third Additional Sessions Court in Chennai. The court has ordered him to be detained in Cuddalore jail. The police took Azhaguraja to Omannur Government Hospital for a medical examination.



S. Sruuthi honoured

Dramatist "Kalai Ilamani" S. Sruuthi was Honoured at M. O. P. Vaishnav College For Women, Nungambakkam by its College Principal Dr. Archna Prasad with an Award Captioned "Star Alumni Artiste" after alumnus S. Sruuthi staged her latest play titled "Agnipraveysam" written by Karaikudi Narayanan in her own banner namely "Naatya Naadha Nataka Sangamam" wherein she has directed this play while doing a dual role herself that has entered India's World Records for having presented already established 108 Karanas for the very first time as a stage scene backdrop & the play had won Awards at KFA's Kodai Nataka vizha in the August Presence of Chief Guest "Padma Bhushan" Awardee Shri N. Gopalswami, I.A.S. former Chief Election Commissioner Of India. Guests of Honour, Director K. S. Ravikumar, Music Director Gangai Amaran, Dr. Kamala Selvaraj, this play's writer Karaikudi Narayanan and S. Sruuthi's beloved father S. Shivpprasadh who had acted as Vaidheeswara Mess Owner during their recently concluded Art & Culture Festival titled " Shringar."



Discount on monthly travel passes via Chennai One App

To promote digital transactions across Chennai's public transport system, the Chennai Unified

Rs. 1 lakh fine for keeping pitbull and Rottweiler dogs in Chennai

A resolution was passed at the Chennai Corporation meeting to impose a fine of Rs. 1 lakh for keeping pitbulls and Rottweilers. The Chennai Corporation meeting was held Friday under the chairmanship of Mayor Priya. Various resolutions were passed in this meeting. A resolution was passed to construct restrooms with toilets for sanitation workers in 200 wards in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 25.95 crore.

Similarly, a resolution was passed to impose a fine of Rs. 1 lakh on residents of the Chennai Corporation area who keep pitbulls and Rottweilers. While there was already a ban on keeping these two breeds of dogs, steps have now been taken to impose fines on those who violate the ban. This action has been taken following complaints that these specific dog breeds are acting aggressively beyond the control of their owners and are biting and biting people on the road.

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HOME VISITS UNDERTAKEN

Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) has announced a special discount for commuters purchasing monthly travel passes through the 'Chennai One' mobile application.

Currently, around 70,000 commuters travel using 1,000 and 2,000 monthly unlimited travel passes across Chennai's city buses, Metro Rail, and suburban train services. Recently, the facility to purchase these monthly passes via the Chennai One app was introduced.

As part of a limited-period offer, commuters purchasing 1,000 or 2,000 monthly passes through the app will receive a 100 discount.

Of this, 50 will be given as an instant price reduction, while the remaining 50 will be credited as a cash back for payments made through UPI.

Officials stated that the offer is available only for a limited time.

The initiative aims to reduce long queues at bus terminals, encourage cash less payments, and make the process of obtaining monthly travel passes more convenient for passengers.

The Chennai One app continues to introduce various incentives to increase digital adoption among public transport users.



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Water accumulated like a pond in Arcot Road

During the metro tunnel work, a pipe that drains spring water broke, causing a pond-like pool of water to form on Arcot Road.

Metro rail work is underway on Kodambakkam, Arcot Road.

In this, the spring water that comes out while digging a trench for the construction of the tunnel is being discharged through a pipe. Due to a rupture in this pipe on Tuesday, the water that leaked from the pipe has accumulated like a pond near the regional office on Arcot Road, Kodambakkam.

This caused difficulties for motorists passing through. Following a complaint, Metro Rail staff worked to repair the broken pipe.

The head of Sringeri Matha makes a pilgrimage to Chennai

The Chennai Vijaya Yatra of Sri Abhinava Shankara Bharathi Swami, the 72nd Peethadhipati of Sringeri Math, will begin on December 21st and will last for 10 days. The foremost of the five Amnaya Peethas founded by Adi Shankara, Sringeri Sarada Peetha is located in Kudali, Shimoga district, Karnataka.

Sri Abhinava Shankara Bharathi Swamigal, the 72nd pontiff of this monastery, will undertake a Vijaya Yatra in Chennai on the 21st.

He will come to Valambal's house, Srinivasa Pillai Street, West Mambalam, and stay until the 31st, offering darshan and blessings to devotees for 10 days.

Arrangements for this are being made by MSS Maha Swami Satsang. Statement issued by the Satsang: Sringeri Sarada Peetha is one of the five Amnaya Peethas in India. In this temple, Lord Saradambal is enshrined in a standing posture. The Chennai Vijaya Yatra of the head of that sect, Sri Abhinava Shankara Bharathi Swami, will last for 10 days. During this spiritual journey, devotees from Chennai and its suburbs can participate and receive the blessings of the Swamiji. Thus it is stated.

Have your pet dog microchipped?

Despite multiple deadline extensions given by the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to microchip pet dogs, only around 54% of pet dogs have been licensed so far, against 1.05 lakh registered online with the civic body.

Pet licensing was made mandatory by the GCC to curb

abandonment of dogs and ensure accountability among pet owners. It conducted 67 days of special camps to assist pet owners with licensing and microchipping.

Following the conclusion of camps held at Animal Birth Control centres from October 8, around 57,626 pet dogs were licensed over 67 days. To facilitate compliance, the civic body had extended the original November 24 deadline first to December 7 and later to December 14. In the final phase, from December 12-14, the GCC added 8 more camps, in addition to the existing ones at 7 locations, including 6 pet clinics. In a statement on Sunday, the GCC said licences were issued to 2,930 owners at the camps for rabies vaccination and microchipping held at 15 locations.

The GCC will begin imposing a fine of Rs 5,000 on owners who haven't microchipped their dogs. However, they will also be allowed to avail licence after inserting microchip at 6 GCC clinics. The enforcement drive will focus on dogs taken out without leashes in public places such as bus stands, schools and other crowded areas. "Enforcement teams will scan the dogs and if they are not microchipped, fines will be imposed immediately," he added. "Door-to-door verification will also be carried out to strengthen enforcement." Some owners welcomed the awareness created by the camps. R Manichan, a resident of Jaffer Khanpet, said, "The crowd was manageable on the final day and the process was smooth. Extending the deadline has been very helpful".

Corpn plans biogas plants in schools

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) is planning to introduce biogas plants in its schools to encourage the use of clean energy for cooking and to sensitise students to sustainable waste management practices.

The initiative will focus on campuses that have centralized kitchens preparing meals for multiple

institutions, allowing maximum utilization of kitchen waste and cooking gas generated from it.

Chennai Corporation Commissioner J. Kumaragurubaran said the civic body intends to collaborate with willing non-governmental organisations, individuals and residents' welfare association to implement the project. The move is expected to reduce dependence on LPG cylinders and bring down cooking fuel costs in schools.

As a pilot, the GCC is considering setting up biogas plants at four cloud kitchens where large quantities of vegetable and food waste are generated daily. These facilities would be integrated with composting and biogas units and can be established at an optimal cost without requiring extensive maintenance hours, the commissioner said.

The plan follows the successful installation of a biogas plant at a Corporation higher secondary school in South Chennai late last month. The 75-kg capacity unit was installed on the campus with support from a local residents' association and a service organisation at a cost of Rs 5.7 lakh.

The school houses a kitchen that prepares breakfast for around 10 Corporation schools. Currently connected to a single stove, the plant processes about 15 to 20 kg of food waste each day and generates enough gas to meet a portion of the cooking requirement.

The system is estimated to save one LPG cylinder every two months. About 250 students on the campus benefit directly from the initiative, and students are also introduced to the working of the plant as part of environmental awareness activities.

A similar biogas facility was set up last year at another Corporation school in Adyar with the support of a residents' association and an environmental organisation. School staff reported that the plant helped save seven LPG cylinders over 10 months.

During this time, around 3,200 kg of food and wet waste were diverted from disposal, and the biogas produced was used for cooking for nearly 270 hours. Apart from reducing LPG consumption, biogas plants also generate slurry that can be converted into compost. This manure can be used for gardening and small-scale food cultivation on school campuses, helping create a closed-loop, self-sustaining system that combines waste management, energy generation and environmental education.



Smart water meters to be installed in 1 Lakh buildings in Chennai

Chennai Metrowater is set to introduce smart water meters in nearly one lakh buildings across the city from early next year to promote efficient water use and improve demand-side management. Tenders for the project are expected to be finalised by the end of this month. In the initial phase, smart meters will be installed in water-intensive users, including commercial establishments, industries, multi-storied buildings, and large individual houses measuring over 2,500 sq. ft. The ₹392.59-crore project will cover both core and merged areas of Chennai.

Around 22,000 smart meters have already been installed, and monthly billing will be generated based on actual water consumption using IoT technology. Chennai Metrowater currently serves about 17 lakh consumers. The project, announced in the 2024-25 budget, faced delays due to field studies, technology selection, and the tender process. It will be implemented under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), with the concessionaire responsible for installation, meter reading, and maintenance for 15 years.

Officials said the initiative aims to reduce non-revenue water and improve operational efficiency, with plans to cover 80% of domestic connections by 2027.

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