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Residents seeks for black topping



Residents of Kalasthamman Kovil Street, Ramapuram have urged the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to repair and relay a new surface, which was damaged due to sewage pipeline installation and stormwater drain (SWD) construction.

One of the residents said that continuing infrastructure projects makes this road and un-motorable. The GCC and the Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) have been carrying out these infrastructure projects for nearly a year. This have endured prolonged hardships for motorists and pedestrians. GCC is doing only

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temporary fix gravel and stone dust. "The dried wet mix spreads into the air, creating significant hardships for motorists and nearby residents alike," said the resident.

This creates thick clouds of dust that force pedestrians and residents to cover their faces while passing through. One of

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the shop keeper and a regular commuter says that Corporation has completed the SWD work for a few months ago. But however, the street has been dug up for various reasons. Will the concern authorities relay a proper and good road.

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Uthrapatheeshwara Swamy Temple, Thiruchengattankudi

This is the 196th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 79th Sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri of Chozha Nadu. This place, Thiruchengattankudi, is also referred to as Ganapatheecharam in Thevara hymns and Sekkizhar Periyapuram.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Sikkal. Here, Siruthondar Nayanar, one of the 63 Nayanmars, welcomed him. Also records in Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal Puranam that he came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Kanrapur.

Thirugnanasambandar, Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal, and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Thirugnanasambandar also sang hymns combining both Thiruchengattankudi and Thirumarugal. The same is given below.

Moolavar : Sri Uthrapureeswarar, Sri Athivana nathar, Sri Manthira Pureeswarar, Sri Brahma Pureeswarar, Sri Baskarapureeswarar, Sri Ganapatheecharam. Consort : Sri Chulikambal (Kuzhammai).

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

The temple faces east with a 5-tier Rajagopuram and Temple tank Sathya theertham. Mangala Vinayagar is on the banks of this temple tank. Dwajasthambam, balipeedam, and Rishabam are in the mukha mandapam. There is a second-level 3-tier Rajagopuram. Stucco image of Lord Shiva Sitting and asking Siruthondar to come to take Pillaikari after the Rajagopuram. In koshtam Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, Arthanareeswarar, and Durgai. In the inner praharam, Pichadanar, Santhana Nangai, Seeralu Thevar, Thiruvengadu Nangai, Siruthondar, and 63var. In praharam Brahma, Arthanareeswarar, Siddhi Vinayagar, Nalvar, Sanga Nidhi and Padmanidhi, Vatapikalapar / Vatapi Ganapati (It is believed Pallava King's Minister brought this Vinayagar from Vatapi after conquering Chalukyas), Sathpashada Maharishi and the Shiva Linga worshiped by him, Brahma worshiped Shiva Linga and Valli Devasena Subramaniar.

In praharam Ashtamurti mandapam, Durgai, Veerattalingam, Vilvalingam, Bhujangalalithar, Gajasamharar, Oorthuva Thandavar, Kala Samhara Murthy, Gangalar, Pitchadanar, Tripurari, Bhairavar, Vinayagar, Natarajar Sabha, Navagrahas, Bhairavar, Stamba Muhurtha Vinayagar, and Suriyan. Maragatha Lingam is in the safety locker. Urchavar Uthirapathyar to be watched. (Similar to the story of Konerirajapuram – Thirunallam) The 15th-century saint Arunagirinathar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Muruga of this temple.

ARCHITECTURE

The temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar and Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple might have existed before the 7th Century. The same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and extended further during the Pallava period.

As per the Inscriptions, Lord Shiva is called Chengadu Nayyar, Ganapatheecharamudaya Mahadevar, Ganapathieswaramudayar, and this place was called Kayamanicka Valanattu Marugal Nattu Thiruchengattankudi.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : The forthcoming week will help crystallise your feelings; you will know how to seek true love.

And if you are single, someone real will possibly approach you. If not, then opening up will be how you build your love. It is good to speak from your heart at all times. Peace will come when you spell out your feelings.

Taurus: You are looking to have intense, meaningful conversations. Building closeness requires being honest about how you feel. So, don't just sit down for a surface-level chat. If you are in a relationship, be as true to your true heart as you can manage. If you are single, there is no need to put on an act; just be yourself.

Gemini: Let go of the old version of yourself this week. After all, you are not the same person anymore. Now comes a newly exciting you. If you are single, make room for the love that is right for you now. If you are in a relationship, talk about how things have changed.

Cancer: What is starting to feel special is very slowly starting to take shape. This bond could actually make you reconsider the fact that things are a little deeper than you initially thought. Watch for the small stuff- it means a lot. If you are already close to someone, this week is about those quiet moments.

Leo: Stop pretending just to make others happy. Your emotions are real, and they deserve to be heard. Try being completely forthcoming for once. Say whatever is on your mind. If you are in a relationship, let your partner know exactly what you need. You have to pretend you're fine when you're actually not.

Virgo: Perfect for reconnecting; however, that can only happen if you both are willing to lean on one another and really share what's in your hearts. It is important not to judge, either. If there have been misunderstandings lately, now is the time to put things right. Whether you are deeply in love or just starting out.



Libra: Inclination in love will be calming, while one does not need to worry when things start being quiet. You and your partner would enjoy peace rather than talking. It's one of the best times to understand your own feelings if you're on your own. Love can be a wonderful journey in a slow, easy way; let it breathe.

Scorpio: Small gestures will impress your loving partner more than great actions. A sweet message can work magic. If you are in a relationship, watch how love is shown through simple moments. As for those currently single, don't wait for grand gestures. Find yourself picking up interest from a friend.

Sagittarius: Forget your defences. Sharing your feelings will shift things. If you are in a relationship, let your heart speak- the good parts, of course. But truth shall shine in solitude, as well. There is no way you can stay hidden behind winks or jests. Love will prosper only when both of you are free to be open.

Capricorn: Stop waiting for the opportune moment, as love does not have its roots in a timetable. Let things roll naturally. If you love, speak it. And if you happen to miss someone, call them. Don't go around trying to control every little thing. Give someone a chance now.

Aquarius : Are you in need of more love and care? Then give some first. This week, your actions will speak louder than your words. Only ask others to open up if you are prepared to do the same for them. If you are in a relationship, act with kindness and support. If you are single, be gentle and speak your truth.

Pisces: Not everything needs to be fixed on the spot. Sometimes, love just needs time and space. Stay calm and patient this week. If you feel any distance from someone, do not push for closeness. Stay compassionate and allow things to unfold. If you are single, do not rush into something new. Trust the timing of the right thing. A soft, gentle approach works best.

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Isn't there any renovation? Feel it through God's presence

It is said that God comes when the sorrow overwhelms the mother. Which is that age when the burden of sorrow increases very much over the mother earth, when sins increase a lot? It is called the Iron Age - the sinful age. Therefore, God has to come to liberate the mothers from sorrow. No one else is in bondage as much as the mothers are, particularly the mothers of Bharat.

It is shown in Mahabharat as well as Ramayana that God heard the call of just one instrument, Draupadi or Sita, respectively. Today irreligiousness is so dominant that the entire class of women is in danger; so, won't God come on being called by many women? When irreligiousness is dominant, the Supreme Soul has to come in every kalpa, meaning after the four ages in order to destroy irreligiousness and establish the true religion and the Golden Age; He doesn't come at the end of the Copper Age to establish the sinful Iron Age. It is also written in the Ramayana: "kalpa-kalpa lagi prabhu avataaraa (God incarnates in every kalpa)". This itself is stated as the time of incarnation of God in Shrimad Bhagawad Gita: whenever there is defamation of the religion and increase in irreligiousness, it is only then that I am revealed.

If God comes and establishes the sinful age, what is the benefit? There should certainly be this benefit of God's arrival that the entire world should change. The sinful Iron Age should transform into the Golden Age, the world of noble souls i.e. deities. No human being can perform this task. All the religious fathers, great souls, big scholars, pandits, teachers came in the world, but the world continued to fall. The world didn't rise high. Lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego keep increasing in the world. Fights and quarrels continue to increase. So, this

proves that there isn't any human being to change hell into heaven. This is certainly God's task to transform this sinful Iron Age world into the pure Golden Age.

So, when God the Father comes in this world, He teaches everything new. Humans teach the same old things written in shastras (scriptures). When human gurus discourse, they read the scriptures written by man, and teach the same. No one teaches anything new. God comes and teaches everything new. What kind of knowledge is needed to create a new world? Is new knowledge needed or old? New knowledge is needed.

He creates a new world and imparts new knowledge. And makes us children from old to new. Not only the old soul to new, but He also rejuvenates the body. No human can teach this spirituality. Spirituality is not something to be taught by humans. Who teaches it? Spiritual God the Father Himself teaches this knowledge. Now, who inaugurates it? God the Father inaugurated it. He inaugurated what? The Adhyātmik Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyālaya. This is also a recognition of God's presence in this world. No one else can inaugurate it. Can't anyone from among the 5-7 billion humans inaugurate the Adhyātmik Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyālaya? Why? They don't have the power at all. Why don't they have the power? They are all souls. It is because only the One who has the power to enter the soul can inaugurate the Adhyātmik Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyālaya; the one who has the power to enter every kind of soul to its bottom.

So, we certainly come to know through the signs that now God the Father has also incarnated. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Under ground cables are not placed properly at Kumaran Colony, 2nd Street, Vadapalani. The cable wire which disturbs the pedestrians and motorists. It is more invisible at night. Will the concern authorities bury it properly.



Loose gravel on road poses accident threat

A busy 11th Avenue in Ashok Nagar road was not repaired following metro water work. It has become a serious safety hazard for residents and two-wheeler riders, particularly at the busy junction. While the construction work has been completed, no extensive measures were taken to fix the damage; instead, only the potholes on 67th Cross Street were relaid using concrete. However, the large damaged stretch on 11th Avenue remains unfixed till date.

Residents say the damaged stretch has caused significant inconvenience and poses a serious threat to two-wheeler riders. The stretch is located near a turning point at the 67th Cross Street junction, making navigation extremely difficult, especially at night.

Cleanliness drive conducted across Chennai

The Greater Chennai Corporation has completed an intensive cleanliness drive across all 781 public parks in the city as part of its efforts to improve sanitation and maintain public spaces.



According to officials, the civic body clears an average of 6,300 metric tonnes of solid waste daily, along with nearly 1,000 metric tonnes of construction and demolition waste. As part of periodic special drives, intensive cleaning works are being carried out at public places such as bus shelters, roads, bridges, burial grounds and parks.

Earlier, on January 5, cleanliness works were completed at 1,373 bus shelters across Chennai. Continuing the initiative, sanitation workers undertook deep cleaning operations in all city parks, including the removal of unwanted shrubs, plant waste and litter. The Corporation said officials were appointed to monitor the works to ensure effective and timely completion. The civic body reaffirmed that such cleanliness drives will be conducted regularly to ensure clean, safe and hygienic public spaces for residents.

Pongal gift distribution started

Tamil Nadu government's has started distributing Pongal gift hampers for 2026 on Thursday. The initiative aims to ensure that every family in the State can celebrate the Thai Pongal festival with joy and dignity, a release said. According to the release, the "Dravidian Model" government will extend Pongal gifts to 2,22,91,710 rice ration card holders. The scheme is part of the State's annual welfare measures linked to the harvest festival.

Each eligible family will receive a cash assistance of 3,000, along with essential festival provisions. The Pongal gift package includes 1 kg of raw rice, 1 kg of sugar, and one full-length sugarcane. In addition, the government will distribute free dhotis and sarees to all ration card holders through Fair Price Shops. The Pongal festival, which will be celebrated on January 15, holds deep cultural and agricultural significance for Tamils worldwide. It is traditionally observed as a thanksgiving to the Sun, cattle, and farmers for sustaining life and ensuring food security.



Special voter list revision camps

The Greater Chennai Corporation has announced that special voter list revision camps will be held across Chennai on January 10 (Saturday) and January 11 (Sunday), 2026.

According to the official release, the camps will be conducted at all 4,079 polling stations in Chennai, allowing eligible citizens to submit applications related to voter enrolment, corrections, and updates.

Draft Voter List & Revision Period

As instructed by the Election Commission of India, a special intensive revision of the electoral roll is underway. The draft voter list was published on December 19, 2025, and the period for claims and objections is open until January 18, 2026.

Special camps were earlier conducted on December 27 & 28, 2025, and January 3 & 4, 2026. The upcoming January 10 and 11 camps are part of the continued effort to ensure maximum voter inclusion.

Forms and Services Available

Form 6:

For citizens aged 18 years and above whose names are not included in the draft voter list (to be submitted with a declaration form).

Form 7:

To object to new inclusions or request deletion of existing names from the voter list.

Form 8:

For address change, correction of personal details, EPIC (Voter ID) replacement, and marking voters as Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

Citizen Advisory

Eligible residents are advised to visit their respective polling stations on January 10 or 11 and complete the necessary formalities to ensure their voter details are accurate before the revision deadline.



AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Luxury car hits four injured, including a child

Police have arrested a drunken man who was driving a luxury car. He first hit an elderly man walking on the side of the road and also hit two autos, two load vans and a bike on Anna Main Road. It is said that Arun 45 from Ramapuram who ran a petrol pump in Nesapakkam was driving rashly a Benz car. The



injured persons are Saravanan, 45 is an auto mechanic. Thiagarajan, 75, a resident of K.K. Nagar. The injured Thiagarajan, Sanjay, Saravanan, and V Dinesh were admitted to the K K Nagar Government Hospital.

The Ponds Bazaar police, who arrived at the scene, arrested the driver and interrogated him. It was revealed that he was Arun, 45, from Ramapuram, and that he ran a petrol pump in Nesapakkam.

The police arrested Aruna, who was intoxicated, and are investigating further.

Delivery man tricked girl and sexually assaulted

A 9 year old girl who was begging lives with her mother in Kodambakkam. When she was begging on the main road of United India Colony. A delivery man approached the child and lured her saying that he buys pair of shoes for her on believing this the kid went along with him and he sexually assaulted and dropped the kid in United India Colony.

When the girl told her mother about this incident and her blind mother screamed. The people around there gathered and asked about the incident and told to file a police complaint. The T. Nagar Women's Police have registered a case and are searching for the mysterious man who sexually harassed the girl.

Fake policeman arrested for blackmailing

Ramalingam, 80, a retired BSNL officer, is a resident of CIT Nagar. When he was walking along on South Usman Road a few days ago. A mysterious man approached him claiming that he is a crime branch police. The fake police man threatened the senior citizen on smuggling cannabis by showing some documents irrelevant to arrest. Since it was an arrest, he asked him to remove the gold jewellery he was wearing. Believing this, senior citizen removed a sovereign chain and put it in a parcel, and gave it to the person.

After a while, the person who gave the parcel to Ramalingam left, saying that he will come to his home for further investigation. After reaching his home he opened the parcel and found his gold jewellery missing. Realizing that he had been cheated, he filed a police complaint.

Mambalam police investigated the case and identified the suspect as Bharathi, 61, from Cuddalore district. Who is a regular offender. And was arrested on Monday.

Retired army man died by bike hit
Subramanian, 92, from West Mambalam; retired army man was walking along Veerasamy Street on Sunday. He was hit by unknown bike and thrown away for a distance.

He was risked by bystanders and admitted to the Royapettah Government Hospital. Where he scummed to injuries.

The Ponds Bazaar police have registered a case, are examining surveillance camera footage, and are searching for the mysterious person who fled the scene.

Two youths arrested for bike stunt

Two people involving in bike stunt in K K Nagar was arrested on Tuesday. They were got into an adventure by wheeling the bikes and scaring the public. After reports K K Nagar police investigated and arrested two youths named Akash, 21, of Vanniyan Street, East, K K Nagar, and Deepak, 20, of Murugan Street.

Painter falls from three storey building dies

Suresh, 45, a painter was painting a three-storey building on Vanniyan Street, Choolaimedu, on December 31. While climbing a ladder he slipped and fell on the ground on hearing the noise passers by admitted to near by hospitals for treatment. For further treatment he was admitted to Kilpauk Government Hospital where he scummed to injuries. Kodambakkam police registered the case and are investigating the case.



Chennai Book Fair 2026

The Chennai Book Fair 2026, one of the largest literary events in Chennai, is set to begin on January 8, bringing together hundreds of publishers, authors, and book lovers under one roof. According to the official announcement, entry to the book fair will be completely free until January 8, allowing readers of all age groups to explore a wide range of books without any entry fee. From January 9 onwards, a minimum entry fee will be applicable for visitors.

Key Highlights of Chennai Book Fair 2026
 - Free entry until January 8 for the general public
 - Publishers from across Tamil Nadu and India participating
 - Wide collection of Tamil and English books, including literature, education, children's books, competitive exam guides, and reference materials
 - Special discounts offered by many publishers
 Timings and Special Arrangements

The book fair will be open daily, with special extended timings on select days to accommodate working professionals and students. On certain days, the fair will remain open from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, giving visitors ample time to explore stalls comfortably.

Organisers have also made arrangements for crowd management, parking facilities, and visitor safety, considering the large turnout expected during the initial days.

School Alumni

Vidhyodaya Schools Alumni Association (Poorva Vidhyarthini Samaj) is having its Annual Reunion get together on Monday 26th January from 2pm to 6pm at the Vidhyodaya Schools auditorium. There will be stalls, games and a sumptuous high tea. The official meeting will start at 3.00pm.

This reunion has been held for over 26 years so that



past students may get together informally and get an update about school activities. Old and retiring teachers are also honoured. 12 Scholarships amounting to Rs.1.2 Lakhs (Rs.10,000/- each) for students from low socio-economic families studying in Vidhyodaya will be distributed. These scholarships have been given regularly by the alumni for over 19 years and we hope to increase the number and amount every year.

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TAKE DIVERSION : Road closed for metro work on Tiruvalluvar Road, Nesapakkam Junction. This junction is mainly connected to Ramapuram, Ashok Nagar and Virugambakkam.



Un maintained children's park at Ramapuram

A children's park in Ramapuram was neglected by the authorities and was not maintained properly. "The park was set up close to schools and residential areas. Though the corporation constructed the park, they did not appoint any agency for its maintenance and operation. As a result, the equipments rusted and were damaged. Children are scared and no longer use this park. We took up the matter with the officials multiple times, but to no avail. We want to get this park maintained properly so that our children can have some fun," said a resident of Jai Balaji Nagar.

"This park has been not maintained for the years now. There is no other park for children in the area. We hope they will take the matter seriously and set aside funds for sprucing up the park," said a member of the residential association. This Ward comes under 155.



Fire breaks out at saloon shop

There is a two-storey building on Thiruvalluvar Road, Valasaravakkam. On the ground floor, there is a tea shop and a jewellery shop; on the first floor, there is a saloon called 'Adam' and on the third floor, there are apartments. Around 12.30 pm on Monday it is said that an electrical leak occurred in the AC at the saloon shop and engulfed the area.

Firefighters reached immediately and brought the fire under control. Known was injured.

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Special Pongal market opens at Koyambedu

Ahead of the Pongal festival, a special Pongal market has been opened at the Koyambedu market in Chennai starting Monday. The market has been set up across an area of 7 acres by the Koyambedu market management committee to facilitate festive shopping for the public.

Sugarcane, a key item for Pongal celebrations, will be brought in from various districts including Villupuram, Tindivanam, Cuddalore, Madurai, and Sethiyathopu. Officials said the special arrangements aim to ensure adequate supply and smooth sales ahead of the festival.

The arrival of sugarcane to the Koyambedu market has begun in anticipation of the Pongal festival.

Ahead of the Pongal festival, sugarcane has started arriving in trucks from districts including Madurai and Pudukkottai to the Koyambedu market. Seven trucks of sugarcane arrived Tuesday. A bundle of 18 pieces is being sold for Rs. 400-600.



PONGAL ARRIVALS : A road side shopkeeper selling all sizes of drums for this Pongal at Shivan Park, K K Nagar the rate starts from 20, 100 & 350 etc.

CMRL completes track laying till Vadapalani

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has completed track laying up to Vadapalani on Corridor 4, paving the way for trial runs and testing of Metro trains from Poonamallee Bypass to Vadapalani within the next fortnight.

A senior CMRL official said the final stretch of track work was completed late Monday night, after which signalling and traction works are currently underway and nearing completion. To meet the revised deadline, CMRL deployed over 4,000 workers and 57 cranes, operating round-the-clock to expedite construction.

Trial runs with drivers at speeds of 80–90 kmph are expected to begin in January, followed by gradual driverless trials. Corridor 4, a 26-km stretch from Poonamallee to Lighthouse, is a priority under Phase II of the Chennai Metro project.

Metro services on the 15.8-km stretch from Poonamallee Bypass to Vadapalani are likely to commence in February, subject to final approvals. Passengers will be able to interchange at Vadapalani using a skywalk currently under construction and expected to be completed soon.

With rapid progress, the first phase of Chennai Metro Rail Phase II is moving closer to becoming operational.



Special buses for Pongal festival

With the Pongal festival scheduled to be celebrated on January 15, the Tamil Nadu government is gearing up to operate special bus services to manage the heavy festive travel across the State.

Every year, lakhs of people living in major cities such as Chennai and Coimbatore travel to their native places to celebrate Pongal with their families. This year too, the festive rush has begun early, with bus and train tickets already sold out, prompting the need for additional transport arrangements.

As part of the special operations plan, the government is preparing to run around 1,600 special buses to meet the surge in passenger demand. A high-level review meeting to finalise the arrangements is scheduled to be held on January 6. Officials are also considering hiring private buses, which could further increase the number of special services if required.

Special bus services are routinely operated during major festivals such as Pongal and Deepavali to ease travel congestion and reduce overcrowding at bus terminals.

Transport department officials are expected to focus on route planning, scheduling, and crowd management at key bus stands, besides ensuring close coordination with the police and district administrations. The combined deployment of special buses and trains is aimed at ensuring safe, smooth, and hassle-free travel for lakhs of passengers during the Pongal holidays.



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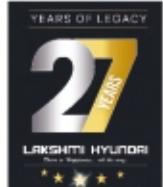
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