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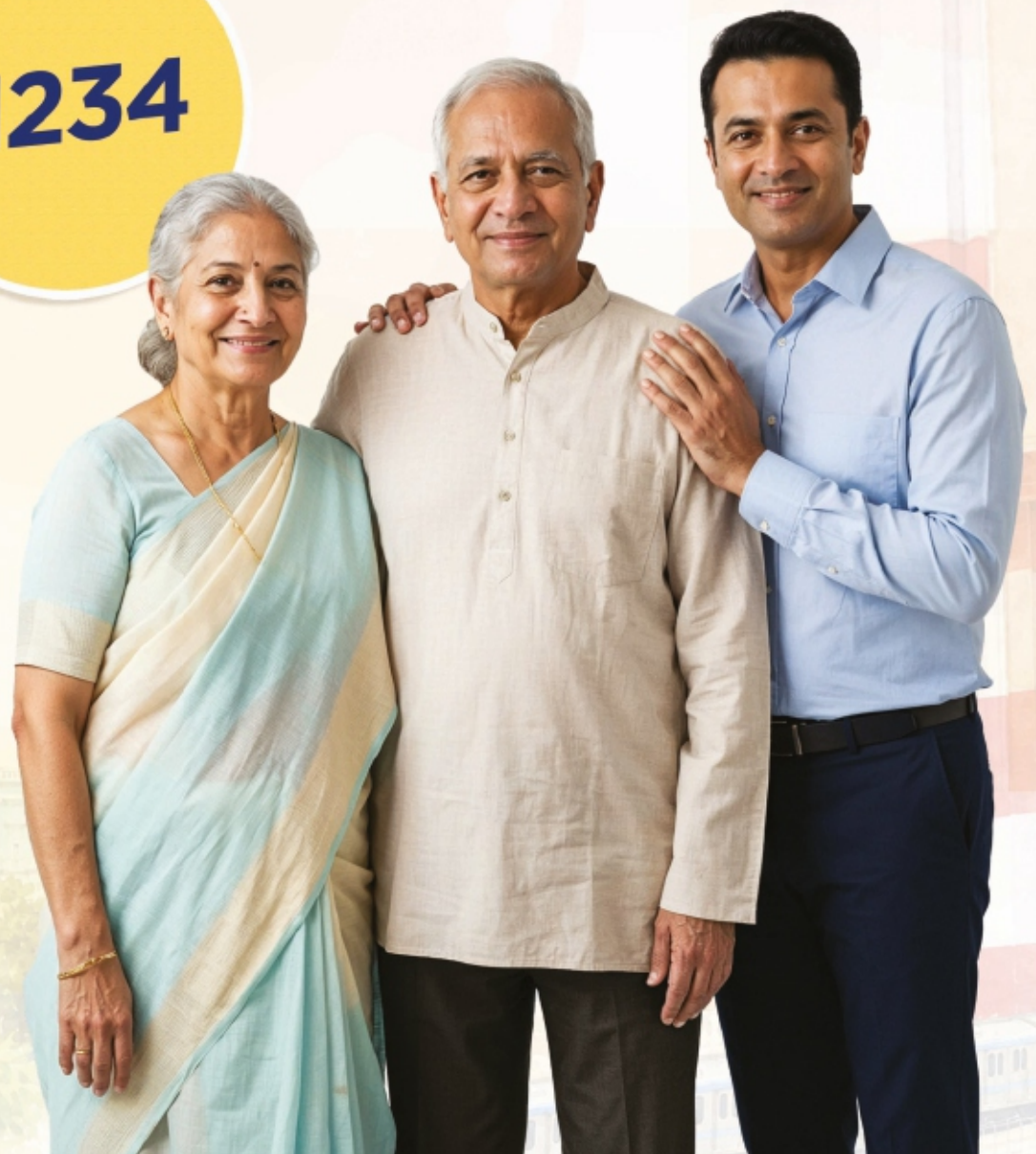
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Ponvaithanathar Temple, Sithamoor

This is the 223rd Thevaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 106th Sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. The place was called Chitremam during the Thevaram period and is now called "Sithamoor" and is locally called Chithaimur.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thirukalar. In that, he didn't mention this temple in particular, but mentioned other temples on the way to Thirumaraikadu. Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Swarna Sthabaneswarar, Sri Ponvaithanathar, Consort : Sri Akilandeswari Some of the salient features of this temple are..... The temple faces east with a 3-tier Rajagopuram. Balipeedam and Rishabam are after the Rajagopuram. In Koshtam Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, Brahma, and Durgai.

Urchavars are Velavar, Somaskandar, Aadipoora Amman, Pradosha Nayagar, Chandrasekar, Sambandar, and a Chettiar with his wife.

In praharam Kanni Vinayagar, Murugan, Mahalakshmi, Brahmarishi, Ayyanar, Bhairavar, Saneeswarar, Suriyan, and Viswanathar.

The Temple complex consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, artha mandapam, and a maha mandapam. A two-tier Vimana is in 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. Later, the same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and further expanded by the Nayakas.

The Inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to Chozha Kings, Madurai Konda Koparakesarivarmar, Rajakesari Varmar, Rajendra Chozha, Thiribhuvana Chakravarthi Rajendra Chozha, Pandya Kings Varaguna Pandya, Srivallabha alias Veera Panya, Maravarman Sundara Pandyan, and Vijayanagara Kings Venkatapathy Rayar.

As per the inscriptions, this place was in "Rajarajavalanattu VettraRRu Nattu Puntrirkootrathu Thiruchitremam". This place was called Thiruchitremam in 1459 CE. Lord Shiva was called Thiruchitremamudayar, Pazhayavanaththambiranar, Pazhayavana Perumal, Pazhayavana Thambiranar, and Thiru(va)aathitha Eswaramudayar. Kulothunga Chozha-III's 35th reign year inscription records the endowment of some gifts by the Muppathu Vattathu Brahmins. Inscription's last portion was not available.

Rajendra Chozha-III's 6th reign year inscription records the endowment of burning a sandhi lamp, for the same gold coins were received by the people working with the temple. There is a word "Pittukku man sumantha", which denotes the "Thiruvilayadal Purana". More details couldn't be obtained since the inscription was badly damaged.

Two nos of 12th-century fragment inscriptions record some endowments and the donations were made, in terms of Land, etc.

A damaged 17th-century Thanjavur Nayaka's inscription records the endowment of burning a sandhi lamp for which 150 kasu was handed over to Siva Brahmins, and they agreed to do the same.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : A rub on the back from your therapist will comfort you as healing begins for you this lunar eclipse, Aries. Make sure you don't bring too many memories from last semester into this one. Old hookups and family issues may ruin your studies, so make sure all loose ends are tied up before syllabus week.

Taurus: Should make you stand up and cheer, Taurus. Your hopes and dreams may arrive via landing that internship or chatting with a mentor. Your dreams are bigger than you think. People believe in you, Taurus; this week you have to believe in yourself. Keep your work and money plans to yourself, as not everyone around you.

Gemini: Work so hard you might feel stale toward your accomplishments. You're here at another season; think about which direction to turn. Take a new route to work or class. Pulling back from ambition is not a setback, only a break from success your expenses.

Cancer: Emotions rule you like always. With the lunar eclipse in your expansion zone, it might be time to assess what you think of others and what you think your dreams are. If memories occur, show some grace and forgive those who have wronged you. Growing from memories doesn't mean you have to stay bitter or sad.

Leo: This week is a great week to look at your savings and budget for the rest of the year. Don't let money rule you; you'll be able to handle it. Deep conversations about life with loved ones will bring extra security outside of money. Your birthday season is over. It's time to redesign your spending habits.

Virgo: This week could bring the end to a relationship or cycle. Tear up the script and rewrite it. You've survived the worst, and it's only up from here. The sun is in your sign, and it's time to shine. Use this week as a compass for where you turn next. One small disagreement doesn't deserve the whole evening. From midweek onward, work demands real effort.

Libra: Your calendar will change this week. A major setback or shift might occur, leaving you feeling surprisingly free. Don't start getting sick at the thought of change. Reaching one end puts you in a new beginning and a new routine. Stick with it and call your doctor to make sure you're healthy for the journey.

Scorpio: Love will overpower you this week, but this has been going on since 2024. Anger and resentment from rejection leave you unable to forgive. Allow yourself to let go of a grudge so you can tap into your creativity and passions this week. The lunar eclipse will help you let go and direct your heart. Put your energy.

Sagittarius: The lunar eclipse may actually have you plant roots. Something didn't feel right when you tried to plant them, but this week you might find something or someone that solidifies your domestic life. Healing will start this week, whether it's you, someone relying on you or both.

Capricorn: The summer let you down, Capricorn. Break free of that and actually talk to someone who gets you. Like-minded individuals will help you get rid of anxieties of unrealistic concerns. Open your mind and allow your move-in day travel to put you somewhere.

Aquarius : No worries about tuition this week. Your self-worth is more than your possessions and savings. Be attentive to your spending this week. The lunar eclipse will show you exactly where to put your focus. You are a fixed sign, which makes you stubborn as can be. This stubbornness may help you to stay on top.

Pisces: This lunar eclipse is big for you, Pisces, and it has been a transition since 2012. Do you feel weird now that Neptune is no longer in your sign? You must be a beautiful butterfly by now, Pisces. You're ready to discover the newest version of yourself. Differences with your spouse can grow if both sides keep arguing after the point has already been made.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
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An inside look: The divine meaning of Raksha Bandhan

Ram was Sita's protector but she had nobody when she was kidnapped. Draupadi had five husbands but nobody protected her when she was disrobed. Dashrath had four sons but nobody was around him when he left the body. Ravan was also powerful but nobody was there when Lanka burned. Krishna held the Sudarshan Chakra but he had nobody when he was hit by an arrow. Pitamah lied on the bed of arrows but nobody shared his pain. Abhimanyu was a beloved prince but he had nobody's help in the Chakravyuh. So, the truth is that One God alone is our Protector, nobody else.

As you all know, perhaps no other country celebrates as many festivals as Bharat. But it is surprising that the very Bharatvaasi have forgotten the real meaning of festivals today. Today, when a sister ties rakhi to her brother, he gives a gift or money in return. So, is this what Raksha Bandhan means? 'Raksha Bandhan' itself means - 'raksha' i.e. protection and 'bandhan' i.e. bound, meaning a brother is bound to protect his sister. Can any brother guarantee that he will protect his sister every second, every moment, in every circumstance throughout the life? Even the parents who give birth to a girl don't guarantee it. Do you agree with it?

Are you safe just by tying a rakhi? Ponder it! Raksha Bandhan isn't just tying a rakhi but protecting the sisters. The One who ties you in the bond of protection from the vices is the actual bond of protection. Among the five-seven billion human beings in the whole world, whether it is a religious soul, a great soul or a religious father, none of them could protect us from vices. It is One God alone who comes in the permanent chariot of Arjuna, becomes a Brahmin and ties the rakhi. The rakhi of what? He ties the rakhi of the

bond of purity. He protects us. That itself is the meaning of Raksha Bandhan.

Who is your lifelong saviour??? This is why, God is glorified as the Protector of all. When Draupadi was disrobed, nobody including all her five husbands and great warriors like Bhishm Pitamah, Dronacharya, Kripacharya was able to protect her. So, whom did Draupadi remember at that time? One trust, one strength, one hope and one belief. Who protected her at that time? One God alone.

And it is also said: 'One Ram is the Giver, the entire world is beggar'. Every woman in the world is like Draupadi now. So, at this very time, when all the Draupadis call God together singing: "Oh Nurturant Lord, who is beyond qualities and unique, we have no one else, but You. Solve our difficulties, O God, we have no one else, but You", It is then that God comes in an ordinary body and ties all the Draupadis in the true bond of protection. It is evident that God alone is the Protector of all. It is said for Him: 'You alone are our Lord, our Friend, You alone are our Support, You alone are the Protector of those who have no other support'. One God alone accompanies us through all relationships. He keeps holding us even when all the other supports leave us. For example, it has also been said in the Koran of the Muslims: God's followers stay very joyous during the time of annihilation. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Seen in the photograph a car stuck in the pit in P T Rajan Salai. The concern authorities should lay the road at least before the monsoon starts.

Uneven roads is miserable for motorists in P T Rajan Salai

P T Rajan Salai partially damaged by Metro Water work. Motorists are facing difficulties on this road where parts of the road have been dugged and damaged following major pipeline-laying work. It is even worsen when sudden showers happens water could collect in potholes and low-lying portions of the road, making it difficult for motorists to judge their depth and increasing the risk of accidents. Vehicles also tend to suddenly change lanes to avoid the potholes, causing inconvenience to other road users. At night, the potholes are harder to spot, creating additional difficulties, particularly for two-wheeler riders.

The work, which began last month, involved digging up portions of the road, the patchwork remains uneven in several places, with loose gravel scattered on the road. Perumal one of the resident of Bobbli Raja Street says that "The road became damaged only after the Metro Water pipeline work was carried out. Moreover nowadays there is a sudden rain every evening that has also made the road uneven.

In particular, the continuous movement of heavy vehicles has made the potholes deeper. It is unfortunate for two-wheelers to navigate these stretch smoothly because of loose gravels spread all over the road."

A Metro Water official said the Metro Water pipeline-laying work had been carried out and the road was temporarily restored with concrete after the pipelines were

installed. "The work is completed; testing has to be carried out. After the testing is completed, the road will be handed over to the Bus Route Roads (BRR) department for proper restoration."

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AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Two young men attacked by gang in T Nagar

Lalit Kishore and Sanjay both are childhood friends from C.I.T. Nagar. When both friends were having a tea opposite to Saidapet Government Hospital and then walked along the 10-foot road in T. Nagar. While walking along four persons interpreted them and took them to a isolated spot behind Housing Board resident in Kamaraj Colony T Nagar.

There, Ramesh Kumar and his friends allegedly threatened Lalit Kishore asking him why you have not visited me when I came out of prison spoke appropriately and thrashed him severely.

Based on the complaint, the Mambalam police arrested four people on Thursday. The arrested were Ramesh Kumar, 28, Vignesh, 26, Ruben Chakravarthy, 20, and Ramachandran, 36, all the four sent to jail.

Cash bag lost and found

A unclaimed cash bag was found at NSK Nagar signal junction at Arumbakkam. The cash bag was containing Rs 34,000. According to police Special Sub-Inspector (SSI) Karuppasamy was on duty at NSK Nagar signal junction on Sunday night. He found out a bag of a jewellery collection agent which contains the cash and was waiting for the rightful owner for nearly an hour but nobody claimed it.

The bag was containing cash, a purse, ATM card and small chit books. He secured the bag and handed it over to the Arumbakkam Police Station.

Probe revealed that the bag belonged to Mohan (26), a collection agent working in the marketing section of a jewellery shop in Anna Nagar. Mohan had collected chit funds from customers on Sunday and was riding his two wheeler on his way back to the office when the bag fell on the floor. Police higher officers appreciated SSI Karuppasamy for his prompt action.

Police arrest rowdy who tried to attack driver with knife

Police arrested a rowdy who had an argument with a car driver and tried to attack him with a knife.

Santosh, 26, of 60th Street, Ashok Nagar car driver. On the 21st, he was talking to friends near Amma Unavagam on 61st Street, Ashok Nagar. At that time, two men with a belt knife got into an argument with the public. Then they got into an argument with Santosh, tried to attack him with their hands and fled from there.

Based on the complaint, Kumaran Nagar police investigated and arrested Karthik, 27, of Nallanguppam, who was involved in the incident. It was found that he had 11 criminal cases against him, including theft, ganja, and robbery. The police are searching for another person who escaped.

Woman dies by suicide after threat of obscene videos

27-year-old woman who resides in Mathiazhagan Nagar, Saligramam was found dead on Monday. According to police she died by suicide as she was threatened by unidentified caller threatening her with obscene photos and videos to share on the internet and to his husband. She was stressed and in fear died of suicide. The deceased woman lived with her husband in a rented house in Saligramam. Probe revealed that the woman received two phone calls in different numbers.

The woman informed her husband about the calls and blocked the numbers. On Tuesday (August 25), the husband left for work on Tuesday morning and he called her in the afternoon to check on her. Since, he did not return his repeated calls, he alerted his neighbours who went to the house and found it locked from inside.

Neighbours broke the door open and entered the house and found the woman unconscious. Virugambakkam police reached the scene on information and moved the woman to a hospital where she was declared as 'brought dead'. Police are investigating the case.



COMPLAINTS TO DEAF EAR : Sewage water overflowing in 2nd Avenue, Ashok Nagar for over a week. Many complaints made to the concern authorities when to the deaf ears. Will the concern authorities take immediate action to stop the overflow. Residents are feared of any water born disease will spread. Will the concern authorities do the need full.

Two attacked 50 year old man dispute over rent arrears

Sulaiman, 50, has been living in a rented house on the Periyar Road, in Choolaimedu. He is married and has four children. Sulaiman, who owns six autos, rents out five of them and drives one himself.

In this case, Jameel, 35, from his hometown, lives in Thiruvallikeni. Sulaiman rented him an auto two months ago. He has not paid 11 days of rent.

Sulaiman had contacted Jameel on his mobile phone and asked him to pay the rent arrears. At that time, an argument broke out between the two. In this situation, Jameel and his friend Ajmeer, 35, from Nungambakkam, went to Sulaiman's house on the Periyar Road in Choolaimedu. There, the two who got into an argument with Sulaiman, repeatedly hit him in the face with their hands. In this, three of his teeth were broken and two more are loose. He also suffered internal injuries. The two men were arrested for attacking Sulaiman.

The injured Sulaiman was rescued by the locals and admitted to the Kilpauk Government Hospital. The Vadapalani police, who investigated, arrested Jamil and Ajmeer.

Rlys to upgrade drinking water facilities at 20,000 locations

The Indian Railways has launched a major initiative to improve drinking water quality at around 20,000 locations across the country following concerns over bacterial contamination at railway stations.

The move follows a CAG report that reportedly detected E. coli bacteria in samples of free drinking water supplied through water coolers at several stations. Under the first phase, the Railways will introduce 'Tank to Tap' water purification and monitoring systems, including at water-cooler facilities.

Old or poorly maintained water storage tanks will be replaced, while regular cleaning and water-quality testing will be strengthened at both sources and distribution points. Railway authorities have also been asked to publish water-quality reports to improve transparency and accountability. The programme will be expanded to additional locations based on requirements.

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MESSING THE PLACE : Bundles of sack kept beside the wall of Jawahar Vidhyalaya School disturbing pedestrians pathway on 34th street, Ashok Nagar. This road width has been shrunk because of the sacks kept on the road side. This road is very busy when parents come for pick and drop their children. Will the concern authorities clear the mess.

September 1 garbage must be segregated: GCC

Those who generate excessive waste will have to segregate their waste into recyclable and non-recyclable waste from September 1. Violation will attract fines, said Municipal Commissioner G.S. Sameeran.

A study meeting with officials on the solid waste management work being undertaken in the Chennai Metropolitan City was held at the Ribbon Building yesterday under the chairmanship of Municipal Commissioner G.S. Sameeran.

Speaking at the event, Commissioner Sameeran said: "In areas where solid waste is generated, including apartment complexes and hotels, steps should be taken to segregate waste into separate categories: household waste, non-household waste, sanitary waste, and hazardous waste. Awareness campaigns are being conducted among the public regarding this."

From September 1, violators will be fined and action will be taken. Similarly, awareness campaigns will be continued to ensure that all places, including residential areas, segregate their waste. House-to-house awareness campaigns have been launched.



Select and study proposed routes to operate double-decker buses

The Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation has selected and studied proposed routes to operate 20 new double-decker buses in Chennai.

Twenty years ago, double-decker buses were introduced in Chennai. This allowed more people to travel at the same time and also allowed them to enjoy the beauty of the city's tall buildings.

Over time, due to the increase in flyovers and traffic congestion, the service of these buses was discontinued in 2008. In this situation, the Municipal Transport Corporation is undertaking work to operate new double-decker buses in Chennai.

Regarding this, Chennai Municipal Transport Corporation officials said:

We are working on resuming double-decker bus services in Chennai. In which, two companies, OHM Global, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland, and Eagle Construction Co., participated in the tender.

The contractor will be selected and 20 double-decker buses will be put into service in the next three months. The work of selecting the routes for operating these buses is underway.

We are conducting a study on the proposed two routes: Beach - Kovalam, Koyambedu - Anna Sathukkam, Toll Plaza - Lighthouse, Broadway - TMS, or Guindy and Poonamalli Highway. The final study will be confirmed and announced later, press release said.

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The stretch is situated with hospitals, shopping malls, hotels etc. Many times we are able to watch ambulances stuck in the jam. At least concern authorities should take some remedy not only for the pedestrians but for the emergency ambulances to navigate this stretch smoothly because many hospitals are situated in this area.

Walking on this road is risky affair

On Arcot Road pedestrians are risking to navigate from Vadapalani junction to the end of NSK Road with no proper footpath. Mainly from the Vadapalani junction to AVM Studio. Pedestrians are forced to walk along the busy road, putting them at risk.

The stretch is used by thousands of commuters travelling to the bus terminus, private hospitals, commercial establishments and Vadapalani Metro station. As the road is narrow, there is limited space for a separate pedestrian walkway. Because of ongoing Metro Rail and storm water drain works have further reduced the road space. This has led to traffic congestion, there is no specific peak hours in this stretch because the roads always congested here.

Thanikavel a auto driver said that, "there has been no footpath here after CMRL works starts. People face difficulties every day, especially during peak hours. From children to senior citizens, everyone is forced to walk on the road among moving vehicles. There is also no proper crossing line, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road safely." Only few times we able to see traffic managers here. Sometimes we are the auto drivers volunteer traffic flow.

Concurring with him was another shop keeper, from West Srinivasan Koil Street said that, another problems we are facing here are vehicles from outside area park their vehicles wherever the places are available. Many youngsters going to the mall also park their vehicles in the available place. This has also one of the reason for traffic jam. Many people not interested to pay parking fees inside the mall. Traffic police often take away the vehicles from the no parking zone. Even though the hapzard parking has not stopped unless until their should be regular towing of the vehicles is a must.

SWD works are currently being carried out for about 960 metres between Kamarajar Statue and Vadapalani Junction. Work has been completed for around 500 metres, while the remaining is under way. Officials said that steps were being taken to complete the work before the upcoming monsoon.

"After the Metro Rail works are completed, an assessment will be carried out to identify suitable locations for footpaths, following which footpath works will be taken up," another official added.



GCC uses drones to identify canal blockages

As part of northeast monsoon preparedness, the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has begun using drones to survey 44 canals across the city aimed at identifying silt, garbage and other obstructions before desilting.

Around 4-5 drones will be deployed each day, with individual canal stretches assigned to each drone. The Corporation plans to use the images, videos and location-based data collected during the exercise to create a GIS-based database and maps showing the condition of the waterways. The 44 canals including Virugambakkam, Trustpuram and Mambalam. The drone survey began on Friday at the starting point of the Kodungaiyur and also being carried out on the Virugambakkam Canal.

Motorists risks on a bumpy road

Arcot Road one of the busiest road which connects multiple areas including Porur, Vadapalani, and Kodambakkam and Koyambedu. In many places motorists are losing their balance on Arcot Road because of bumpy and uneven roads.

Metro rail work is underway on this road from Kodambakkam to Porur. Between Valasaravakkam and Porur, the road has become bumpy and potholed, causing drivers to lose control and two-wheelers to get into accidents. Due to this, daily commuters travel in fear.



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‘Kuppai Pirippom’ campaign kick starts

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) on August 22 launched a 40-day door-to-door campaign, ‘Kuppai Pirippom – Naalai Kappom’ (Segregate Waste – Save Tomorrow), in our neighbourhood Valasaravakkam to promote source segregation at home and improve solid waste management.

The campaign covers other zones also and aims to reach 50,000 households. The GCC will assess household participation, collection efficiency and the quality of segregation at the end of the campaign. Based on the results, it plans to expand the initiative to the remaining 45,000 households in phases.

The campaign was attended by Maduravoyal MLA Revanth Charan, Alandur MLA Harish and Sholinganallur MLA ECRP Saravanan. Valasaravakkam zonal committee chairperson Nollambur V Rajan, councillors, zonal officers and officials from the Chennai Corporation and Urbaser Sumet also participated.

The initiative follows Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay’s directions to ensure waste was segregated at source into biodegradable, non-biodegradable, sanitary and hazardous categories for efficient collection and disposal.

Google offers free one-year gemini ai plan to eligible students

Google is giving eligible college students a chance to access its AI-powered tools for free for one year as part of a new student-focused initiative.

The company has launched a dedicated student hub that brings together Gemini-powered tools designed to support studying, research and exam preparation. Students can use the hub to organise their studies, create study notebooks and flashcards, take practice quizzes and explore other learning features.

In the US, eligible students can receive Google AI Pro free for one year. For students in other countries, including India, Google is offering Google AI Plus at no cost for 12 months. In India, Google AI Plus normally costs Rs 399 per month, or Rs 4,788 for a year at the monthly rate. Under the new offer, eligible students can access the plan free for one year. The plan provides access to Gemini and other AI-powered services, along with higher usage limits and cloud storage. Students can also use Gemini within supported Google applications.



Electric bus phase 2 to launch soon

The second phase of Tamil Nadu’s electric bus programme is set to begin soon from the upgraded Alandur MTC electric bus depot. Transport Minister A Vijay Tamilan Parthiban inspected the depot on Sunday and reviewed the infrastructure and charging facilities being prepared for the launch.

The ₹30.43-crore Alandur depot has been upgraded to accommodate and operate a new fleet of low-floor, air-conditioned electric buses.

Under Phase 2 of the electric bus programme, 750 new electric buses will be operated through seven Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) depots at Alandur, Central Workshop-2, K K Nagar and Iyyappanthangal.

The programme is being implemented under the Chennai City Partnership-Sustainable Urban Services Programme (CCP-SUSP) with financial support from the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The initiative aims to modernise public transport and reduce pollution from buses in Chennai.

625 Electric Buses Already Introduced Under the first phase, the MTC has already introduced 625 low-floor electric buses at a cost of ₹697 crore.



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