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# Voice of GOD



## Sarguna Nathar Temple, Idumbavanam

This is the 225th Thevaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 108th Shiva Sthalam on the south side of the River Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place maintains the same name as Idumbavanam from the Thevaram period.

In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Kadikulam. Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Sarguneswarar, Sri Sarguna Nathar, Sri Manakola Nathar, Sri Kalyanewarar, Sri Idumbavanewarar. Consort : Sri Mangalavalli, Sri Mangala Nayaki, Sri Kalyaneswari. Some of the salient features of this temple are.....

The temple is facing east with a three-tier Rajagopuram and a mandapam. The temple tank is in front of the temple. Balipeedam, Dwajasthambam and Rishabam are in front of the Rajagopuram on the roadside. Lord Shiva with Parvati Kalyana kola image is on the back side of the moolavar. In the koshtam, Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, Brahma, and Durgai. In the praharam, Suriyan, Agasthiyar, Idumbai, Vinayagar, Saneeswaran, Gajalakshmi, Murugan, Bhairavar, Nalvar, and Chandran. Thiagarajar is in a separate Sannadhi facing east.

ARCHITECTURE Vinayagar is made of sea sponge. Ambal is in a separate sannadhi facing South. The temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and Artha mandapam. A 2-tala vesara vimanam is on the sanctum. Stucco images of Maha Vishnu and Brahma are with their consorts.

### 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 extended/maintained by Nayakas and Nattukottai Nagarathars.

As per the Maratha Kings period, the inscription, they had gifted many things to this temple.

A 16th to 17th Century fragment stone inscription, only a few words like Therikum, Maavadai, Pasuvaiyum, etc. are visible, and most of the inscription was found damaged. This may be for the gift of land to this temple.

### LEGENDS

As per the legend, Idumban worshiped Lord Shiva of this temple. Since Idumban's sister Idumbai married Bhima, Viyasa Maharishi called this place "Idumbaikku Aru Seitha Ippathi. From this day onwards, it will be called Idumbavanam. Kundralur, a place near this temple, is the birthplace of Idumban. Lord Shiva gave the "Kalyana Kola" darshan to Agasthiyar, and idols of Lord Shiva and Parvati are at the back of the moolavar. Agasthiyar was asked to go to the south to balance the earth to balance it during Lord Shiva and Parvati's marriage at Mt. Kailash. As requested by the sage Agasthiyar, Lord Shiva gave his Kalyana Kola darshan at many places, and this is one of them.

This sthalam is one of the pithur moorthy sthalam. Hence, this place is very suitable for Pithur worship and Pariharam. A Brahmin was carrying his father's asthi to dissolve in the Ganga River after carrying out rituals at Kashi. On his way, he stayed here. His father came in his dream and advised the Brahmin to dissolve it here itself. The Brahmin carried out as advised by his father in his dream. Devotees in large numbers used to gather in this temple, especially on new moon days (amavasya) to do pithur pariharam.

## Your Stars This Year

**Aries :** The week begins with too many small things asking for your attention at once. Family expectations, and unfinished work can make you restless, so slow down while driving, eat properly. The early days also bring warmer contact with neighbours, an old friend, or someone new who quickly feels familiar.

**Taurus:** Week opens with hard work, restless thoughts, and the feeling that progress is asking for more effort than usual. A younger sibling, colleague, or helpful junior can support you, and one brave decision may finally move a stuck matter forward. Money comes through work now, not wishful thinking.

**Gemini:** With warmth at home, sweeter speech, and better control over money. A family gathering, relative's visit, or simple evening indoors can lift your mood, and cancelling one unnecessary shopping plan. Short travel, extra work, or a bold decision can bring out.

**Cancer:** Monday may feel heavier than it deserves. Expenses, low spirits, travel worries, or one disappointing response can make you question the whole week too early. Don't. Keep the day quiet, spend carefully, and let prayer, routine, or familiar company settle your mind. Tuesday changes the picture quickly.

**Leo:** May feel heavier than usual. Work delays, irritation, and a restless mind can test your patience, so choose your words carefully and pay extra attention while commuting. Tuesday and Wednesday bring better results, stronger confidence, good news from children, and encouraging movement in money matters.

**Virgo:** Opens with charm, visitors, and plenty of conversation at home. Relatives, neighbours, or old family friends may disturb your schedule but bring warmth, useful news change of mood. Don't take every responsibility. Work results may take time, travel can leave you tired, and money may disappear on transport, food orders, gadgets, or household extras before you.

**Libra:** Starts with a calmer heart and a stronger pull towards faith, family, and simple routines. A temple visit, prayer at home, or quiet time away from noise can do you real good. Children or younger family members also bring cheer. Tuesday and Wednesday improve work conditions, and influential people may notice your effort.

**Scorpio:** Work hurdles, small delays, and a restless mind may make ordinary problems look larger than they are. Drive carefully, speak carefully, and don't turn irritation. Tuesday is much better for earnings, luck, and encouraging news connected with children. Enjoy the improvement, but don't make a sudden promise.

**Sagittarius:** The week begins with movement around partnerships, marriage, legal work, or family support. A reply, meeting, or pending matter may finally begin shifting, but don't assume the first positive sign means everything is settled. Tuesday and Wednesday are more demanding.

**Capricorn:** Opening of the week asks for caution with your health, private plans, and office politics. May ask too many questions, or competition may become more obvious than usual. Keep important matters to yourself and don't waste energy answering every challenge.

**Aquarius :** With lively energy and a push to act on something you've been delaying. A study target, personal plan, or business choice can finally move, while a social invitation or family gathering adds warmth. Recognition may also come in the opening days. Keep private plans private, stay away from office gossip.

**Pisces:** Comfort around home and support from your mother, elders, or family. Repairs, furnishings, electronics, or another useful household purchase may come up, while an outing or family gathering adds some cheer. Spend thoughtfully because pleasure can quietly push the bill higher than planned. Strong for studies, office work, and business.

**PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK**  
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# Adorn your life with the armour of humility

Humbleness is the special ornament of life. Humbleness should be contained in the mind, speech, words, relations and contacts in such a way that it is seen clearly. Humbleness itself is your greatness. Those who are truly elated will always be humble. Through their humility itself they will make everyone bow before them. A noble soul can become the giver of happiness. Arrogance doesn't let you become humble. If you aren't humble, there won't be success. When you yourself bow before others, it is then can you make others bow before you. If someone confronts you, give him the water of your affection; the fire will be extinguished with it. If you say, 'Why this?', 'Why this way?', you pour oil on it. You should always be wearing the dress of humility. This humility is an armour. You take this armour off. Where there is humility, there will certainly be affection and cooperation.

So, become humble in words. Whenever you speak, how should it be? Your respect and position shouldn't reflect in it. Humbleness in speech shouldn't decrease. Although you speak ordinary words, you think: 'you will surely have to say them' but if someone speaks with authority instead of speaking humbly, 5% of ego of the task and position is seen in them. Humbleness is the special adornment of life. Humbleness should be contained in the mind, speech, words, relationships in such a way that it clearly evident. It isn't bowing. Bowing at this time will turn into making others bow before you for many births. Many children say lightheartedly, 'should I always bow? The other person should also bow sometimes, shouldn't he?' But it isn't bowing. Actually, it is making even the Supreme Soul bow before you. If you bow at this time, the Supreme

Soul Father will also lay His eyes on you. Let alone souls, even the Supreme Soul will bow in front of you! Humbleness makes you ego less automatically. You don't have to make the effort to become ego less. Humbleness creates a place of love for you in everyone's heart. Humbleness will make everyone give blessings to you from their mind. You will receive a lot of blessings. From being a lift in effort, blessings will become a rocket. A lift doesn't uplift as much as the blessings you receive from others will. Humbleness is such a thing. No matter how a person is – whether he is busy, whether he is cold-hearted, short tempered but humbleness will become the instrument in making you receive co-operation from everyone. Humbleness can make you adjust with others' nature. So, the person who becomes humble can adjust himself with everyone's nature. Because of being real gold, he has the speciality to mould himself.

The one who has affection for every soul, only he will be able to stay humble. If someone doesn't have affection, he can neither become merciful nor humble. This is why humility and then, the embodiment of power means the more there is humility, the more there will be mastership. If you have both, softness and strictness, you will be able to mould yourself in every situation. Everyone has to check if the weighing scales of their intellect stay balanced in both, softness and strictness. Extreme humility causes harm sometimes and extreme mastership also causes harm sometimes. This is why you need balance in both. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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## Dead line extended to renovate temple tank



Agatheeswarar Shiva Temple is located on Arcot Road, Valasaravakkam. A contract worth Rs. 2.93 crore was awarded to renovate the temple tank and work was carried out. However, the work of renovating the tank was stopped halfway.

Maduravoyal T.V.K., – MLA, Revanth Saran inspected recently.

The Agatheeswarar temple is 1,150 years old. It has been only three months since we came to power. The current condition of the temple pond came to our attention recently. We immediately called the officials and held a consultation.

We have also spoken to the relevant departmental minister over the mobile phone and informed him about the condition of the temple. We have called the officials and the contractor and discussed the matter of expediting the work.

We have informed the contractor to complete the renovation work within three months. If the work is not completed within that time, appropriate action will be taken against those responsible for the delay.

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### GREETINGS

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## Chennai eateries served notice for poor maintenance

Five restaurants in Kodambakkam Zone served with notices from the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Metro Water) on Wednesday. It includes the areas Ashok Nagar and T Nagar surrounding. These restaurants have failed to properly maintain diaphragm chambers meant to prevent solid waste from entering sewer lines.

The action follows a surprise inspection carried out at 31 restaurants in the areas. During the inspection, officials found that the diaphragm chambers at five restaurants were not being properly maintained and issued notices to the establishments.

The Metro Water said maintaining the chambers is essential to prevent solid waste, including food waste, from entering sewer pipelines. Poor maintenance can result in frequent blockages in the sewerage network, leading to sewage overflow and stagnation. The inspection was conducted in the interest of public health and to ensure proper maintenance of the sewerage system, the board said.



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# Damaged road impossible to drive: Motorists complain of stumbling, falling

Due to the recent rain, more than few roads in city have been damaged. They have become rough and deadly potholes, making it impossible to drive vehicles, and motorists are stumbling and falling and injuring themselves one such road is Arcot Road, Valasaravakkam.

There is an expectation that temporary 'patchwork' road repair work should be carried out immediately. In Chennai, the Chennai Corporation maintains 471 bus routes covering a length of 387 km; 34,640 internal roads covering a length of 5,270.33 km; and 16 tunnels and flyovers.

Although the floodwaters have receded in most places, many roads throughout the corporation have become impassable due to waterlogging for three days. The road has been damaged by large potholes, potholes, and shifting gravel.

This causes drivers to be unable to control their vehicles, causing them to stumble and fall, resulting in injuries. Women, in particular, are the most affected. Every day, atleast one or two people are injured in accidents which goes unreported due to rough and rugged roads.



## AROUND CHENNAI CITY

### Man hangs at Ashok Nagar

Prahaladhan, 57, a resident of 14th Street, Ashok Nagar, was working as a cleaner.

He was suffering from stomach pain even after taking medicines he is unable to manage the pain. He took the extreme step a few days ago and committed suicide by hanging himself in his room. Ashok Nagar police are probing the case.

### Clerk arrested for accepting a bribe in Mangadu

Vaitheeswaran, 35, a clerk was arrested for accepting a bribe of Rs. 32,000 from a contractor in Mangadu Municipality. The clerk who was delaying the payment of Rs. 16 lakh to the contractor who completed the rainwater drainage work for a year now.

When Srikanth, a member of the contractor's company, approached the municipal administration, Vaitheeswaran the clerk demanded Rs.32000 as a bribe to release the 16 Lakh pending amount. Srikanth approached Anti-Corruption Department on the official advice.

Srikanth went to the Mangadu Municipality and handed over Rs 32,000, which had been smeared with chemicals, to Vaitheeswaran. At that time, the Anti-Corruption Department police arrested him red-handed.

### Woman approached by a man in Koyambedu for inappropriate relationship

A 26-year-old woman from Vadapalani went to the Koyambedu bus stand in the early hours on last Sunday

in search of her husband, who had left home due to a family problem.

A man standing there approached her and invited her to have an inappropriate relationship. The shocked woman shouted and scolded him. On hearing the noise the public and the woman's husband caught hold of the man and handed him over to the Koyambedu Police.

Based on the complaint filed by the woman, the police registered a case under sections including the Prevention of Atrocities against Women Act. According to the sources the suspect Sudalaiselvam, 32, a car driver working in a private company and his native of Tenkasi.

### Indane extra light cylinder to be delivered within 4 hours

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has expanded its Indane Extra Light LPG cylinder service to Chennai, offering customers the option to receive the cylinder within four hours of booking.

The new service comes amid concerns over the availability of domestic LPG cylinders and delays in delivery. The 10-kg Indane Extra Light cylinder was initially introduced in select cities and is now being made available in Chennai. Unlike conventional metal LPG cylinders, the Indane Extra Light cylinder is made using special lightweight plastic and fibre materials. Its translucent design also allows customers to check the remaining LPG level from outside the cylinder.

Existing Indane LPG customers who wish to switch to the Extra Light cylinder need to pay a ₹3,000 security deposit. Customers who have already paid a security deposit can pay only the applicable balance amount.

With the expansion of the service, customers in Chennai and other covered areas can book the 10-kg Indane Extra Light LPG cylinder and receive it at home within four hours, according to the company. The service is expected to be expanded to more parts of the country in the coming days.



**ANY TIME IT MAY FALL :** This tree leaning on a bolster block. The huge avenue tree may fall anytime on road in Erikarai Salai, Nesapakkam, K K Nagar. Before any untoward incidents happen GCC should cutdown the tree.

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# Owners let cattle free on residential areas



**T**hey are all over the place. You would find them on most roads causing fear and inconvenience to the public. No, we are not talking about stray dogs but stray cattles.

The area is home to a few milkmen who care two hoots for the rules and allow their cows to roam freely. The stray animals not only obstruct traffic but also dirty the roads with their dung. As a result, the roads get slippery and dirty says Ramakrishnan, a senior citizen. These stray animals obstruct traffic and at times, are causing road accidents too.

There is no effective way of checking the menace as the animals are roaming freely on the streets. Cattle blocked half way in Rayala Nagar, Ramapuram. These cattles too disturbs traffic movement.

Prakash, another resident Jai Balaji Nagar said that, 'all hell breaks loose when the cows and buffaloes suddenly decide to cross the road. The vehicles screech to a halt to avoid hitting them and the traffic keeps piling up from behind. We have to be extra

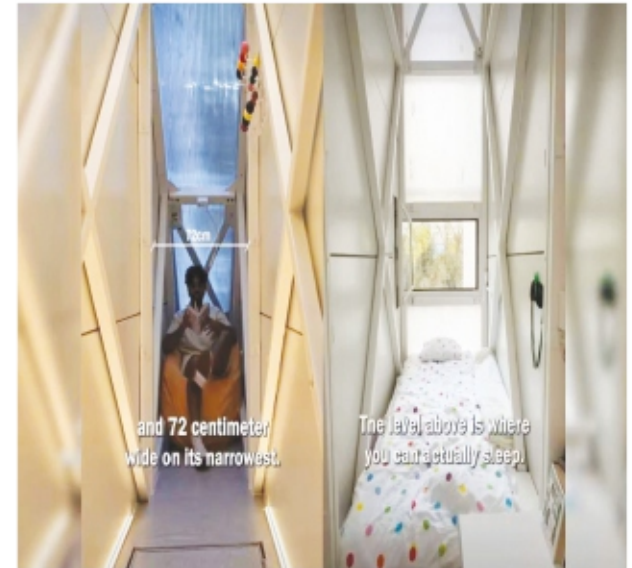
cautions while crossing this particular stretch, as their number keeps increasing day by day,' he added.

The cattle owners should themselves collect the dung and hand it over to the conservancy workers. But we find that they are least bothered about the filth, says Hema, another resident.

A Corporation official when contacted said that the civic body was taking measures to check the menace.

We are aware of the problem and have acted on complaints to warn the owners but the problem will get solved only if they realize the harm they are causing and keep the animals tied, he said.

The Corporation should warn and stern action should be taken against the owners of the roaming cow.



## The world's narrowest house - so many amenities in just 72 cm of space!

**T**he Keret House, located in Warsaw, Poland, is considered one of the narrowest houses in the world due to its extremely narrow structure.

The house was built using a space of just 72 cm wide between two buildings.

Its maximum width is 122 cm. Polish architect Jakub Szczesny designed this house with the idea of turning this unused narrow space into a useful living space. Amazing amenities

This house, which has an area of about 150 square feet, is designed to efficiently use every available cm of space.

This three-level house has essential amenities including an entrance area, small kitchen, sitting and dining area, bathroom, work area, and sleeping area.

Even in such a small space, facilities such as a shower, toilet, and storage space are included. Natural light is also provided inside the house through a skylight installed in the roof.

This house is not directly accessible from the main road, and can only be reached via a narrow alley and stairs. This house was built for the Israeli writer Edgar Gered.

He uses it as a place to work and occasionally as a place to stay. The house was completed in October 2012 after about three years of construction. The Geret House is one of Warsaw's unique architectural landmarks.

This house is a great example of how even a seemingly useless space can be transformed into a useful space through good design.



*New police booth inaugurated at K K Nagar Roundana Bus Depo. This is a important junction connecting towards Ashok Nagar, K K Nagar, M G R Nagar & Virugambakkam. Before this booth traffic cops were standing in the mercy of tree shades.*

## Navaratri return gift kits

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Your purchase is more than just buying a gift; it is a meaningful contribution towards empowering underprivileged special needs students with confidence, skills, and financial independence. Every order helps us create more learning and employment opportunities for them.

Let your Navaratri celebrations spread joy, tradition, and compassion. We warmly invite you to place your orders and select the quantity of gift kits you require. Place your Navaratri order today and make every return gift a gift of empowerment, press release said. Arvind Foundation a charitable organisation for students with special needs K. K. Nagar & Poonamallee. For admission enquiries: 98842 70697 / 98416 15333





## Metro water leaks at Ramapuram

**M**etro underground pipe is broken underneath in Ramapuram Main Road, causing water to leak out. The residents of the area are unhappy with the repeated breakages and water leaks in the same place. This leak is extended to even from Rayala Nagar to Jai Balaji Nagar. This 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, water leaked through broken pipes at more than two 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.



## GCC steps up dengue surveillance amid intermittent rain

**W**ith intermittent rain creating conditions conducive to mosquito breeding, GCC have stepped up dengue surveillance and prevention measures across all 15 zones.

At a district-level review meeting, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Dr Somasundaram directed zonal health officials to maintain close surveillance in areas reporting dengue cases and intensify source-reduction work.

Officials have been asked to obtain daily reports of fever cases from private hospitals and mosquito control workers have also been instructed to collect information on people with fever during their daily house visits and immediately alert health inspectors for further reporting. The Corporation has also directed officials to intensify removal of potential mosquito-breeding materials from vacant plots, hospital and school premises, government offices, parks and construction sites.

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Residents have been urged to remove waste accumulation, keep water tanks and wells properly covered, and empty stagnant water from flower-pot trays and other household containers at least once a week.

## Eight Chennai Smart City projects dropped: Audit report

**E**ight projects originally planned under the Smart Cities Mission in Chennai, involving an estimated cost of Rs.279.03 crore, were not implemented, according to an audit report tabled in the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

The performance audit of the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission in Tamil Nadu found that 48 projects worth Rs.1,366.25 crore had originally been planned for Chennai. Of these, eight projects valued at Rs.279.03 crore were not taken up.

The audit report specifically pointed to two major projects proposed under the City Challenge initiative — a street-light monitoring system estimated at Rs.248.47 crore and an Intelligent Traffic Management System estimated at Rs.100 crore. The audit found that the records did not contain adequate justification for dropping these projects.

At the same time, 20 projects that were not part of the original plan were taken up at a cost of Rs.189.66 crore. These included restoration of water bodies, a biogas plant, modernisation of the Kannammappet crematorium, smart classrooms, traffic parks and a green building at the Chennai Corporation campus.

The audit also pointed out that such projects were undertaken without adequate consultation with the public.

Another significant finding was that 13 projects costing Rs.76.32 crore were implemented outside the approved area earmarked for area-based development under the Smart Cities Mission.

The report further noted that Rs.16.23 crore from funds earmarked for administrative and office expenses of the Chennai Smart City Limited had been diverted. The findings have raised questions over project selection, implementation, financial management and adherence to the approved Smart Cities Mission plans in Chennai.



## Chennai police issue guidelines for Vinayaka Chaturthi festival

**G**reater Chennai Police (GCP) Commissioner A Amalraj on Tuesday (September 8) held a meeting with representatives from over two dozen Hindu outfits and issued guidelines for safe celebrations of Vinayagar Chaturthi celebrations on September 14 (Monday). The rules and regulations are given below :

The organisers must also secure no-objection certificates (NOCs) from the Fire and Electricity

departments, and the applications should be submitted at local police stations along with an undertaking to comply with the rules.

Authorities have set a height limit of 10 feet for idols and barred their placement near places of worship, hospitals, or schools.

Slogans that could incite communal disharmony are prohibited, and political or



religious banners will not be permitted. Organisers must appoint two volunteers at each pandal for security. On immersions, police stated that idols can be taken only along approved routes, on authorised vehicles, and only on permitted days. The use of crackers in pandals, processions, or immersion points is banned.

The police also advised the representatives to not install banners supporting political parties and religious leaders. Officials reiterated that immersions must be conducted peacefully in accordance with court and government orders.

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