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## Devotees oppose long queues at temple for mobile phone deposit centres

Devotees visiting major Chennai temples, including Vadapalani Andavar Temple, Parthasarathy Swamy Temple and Kapaleeswarar Temple, are facing difficulties at mobile phone deposit centres, particularly during weekends and special occasions.

As mobile phones are not allowed inside these temples, devotees have to deposit their phones at designated centres before darshan. During peak hours, long queues form to both deposit and collect mobile phones, adding to the time

required for the temple visit. Marimuthu a long time resident of Bajana Koil Street says that this scheme is unnecessary already devotees are flooding at temples we can't stand for another few for depositing mobiles phones. Government should consider to bring back the old system.

Another regular devotee of Vadapalani Murugan temple says that if government thinks that taking mobile phone inside the temple will spoil the temple atmosphere a simple solution to have a jammer inside the temple premises. The whole process can be simpler.

The lack of GPay and PhonePe facilities is another concern. Devotees said they often struggle to pay the ₹5 deposit charge when the centres do not have sufficient change. Officials said a QR code-based digital payment facility will be introduced

soon.

At Vadapalani Andavar Temple, around 350 mobile phone lockers are available, with two counters for depositing phones and two for collecting them. Two additional counters are being planned.

The mobile phone deposit centres began functioning on September 1. The introduction of digital payments and additional counters is expected to make the process faster and more convenient for devotees.

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## Mandirapureswarar Temple, Tiruvusaattanam

This is the 224th Thevaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 107th sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place is now called Kovilur. Since there are a lot of places named Kovilur, to differentiate, the place Muthupettai /Muthupet is added and called Muthupettai Kovilur. In Periyapuram, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Idumbavanam.

Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Moolavar : Sri Mandhirapurieswarar, Consort : Sri Birukantha Nayagi, Sri Periyannayagi.

Some of the salient features of this temple are... The temple faces east with a 5-tier Rajagopuram. A Temple tank is in front. A Vinayagar sannathi is on the banks of the temple tank. The second-level Rajagopuram is of 3 tiers. Dwajasthambam, balipeedam, and Rishabam are before the second level of Rajagopuram. Moolavar is of swayambhu, ruddy, and white in color on a square avudayar. In koshtam, Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Lingothbavar, Brahma, and Durgai. Dwarapalakas and Sangu Nidhi, and Padma Nidhi are at the entrance of the sanctum sanctorum.

In the praharam Suriyan, 63var, Jurahareswarar with three heads and 3 legs, Katchi kodutha Nayagar with Ambal, Saptamatrikas, Saptakannis, Veerabhadra, Kali, Kasi Viswanathar, Suthavana Vinayagar, Somaskandar, Varunan worshiped Linga, Ramar and Shiva Linga worshiped by him, Markandeyar and worshiped Lingas, Annapoorani, Valli Devasena Subramaniam, Gajalakshmi, Saraswathy, Navakannis, Saneeswarar, Bhairavar, Chandran and Natarajar Sabha. Sthala Purana is painted on the walls of the praharam.

### ARCHITECTURE

The temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam. A two-tier vesara Vimanam is on the sanctum sanctorum. Ambal is in a separate temple with Kodimaram, balipeedam, and Rishabam.

### HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple might have existed before the 7th Century. The same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and further extended and maintained by Nayaks and Nattukottai Nagarathars.

The inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to Chozha Kings Vikrama Chozha, Kulothunga Chozha-III, Rajendra Chozha-III, and Pandya King Sundara Pandya. As per the inscriptions, Lord Shiva was called "Thiruvusathanamudaya Nayanar," and Ambal was called "Periya Nachiyar".

Rajaraja Chozha-I's 25th reign-year inscription at Thanjavur Rajarajecharam records this place as "Purakarambai Nattu Koyilur Puthukudi alias Kothandarama Chaturvedi Mangalam".... Lord Shiva was called "Thiruvuchathanamudaya Nayanar" and "Thiruvuchathanamudayar".

Ambal was called "Periya Nachiyar". The same was mentioned in Rajaraja-III's 20th reign-year inscription, which mentions "Thirukamakottamudaya Periya Nachiyar". In that, Pillaipurosaikudayar was mentioned as the son of Rajaraja-III. One part of the temple, thirupani, was done by Ezhupathonpathu Nattupathinen Bhumikarar, alias Karpaga Pillayar, and Andar Prasanna Devar.

## Your Stars This Year

**Aries :** The week begins with a slightly unsettled mood. Expenses can rise, one expected result may disappoint, and rushing through traffic or errands can make you unusually irritable. Don't carry that frustration into every conversation. Your presence carries more weight, people respond well to you, and work.

**Taurus:** Opens with sweet speech, useful money sense, and a pleasant atmosphere at home. Family interaction grows, and one sensible financial step can help you later. Then comes a more awkward patch. Expenses may run ahead of income, travel can disappoint, and irritation with a spouse or close relative may disturb.

**Gemini:** Begin the week with charm, visibility, and useful movement. Your words carry weight, people notice you, and business natives may receive new enquiries, orders, or income from more than one direction. A long-pending wish can also move closer.

**Cancer:** The week begins with a softer and more meaningful mood. Prayer, family time, charity, or simply a quieter routine can steady you, while children or younger relatives bring warmth. Work improves early too. Seniors may support you, useful contacts appear, and an old professional worry begins to loosen.

**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 encouraging movement in relationships, legal matters, business proposals, or a meeting you have been waiting for. Unmarried natives may hear of a serious proposal, while some receive practical help through in-laws or extended family. Tuesday and Wednesday are more sensitive. Blocked money may finally arrive, yet disappointment.

**Libra:** Keep your plans private at the start of the week. Energy may feel low, office politics can irritate you, and too many opinions will only cloud your judgement. Speak less and observe more. Students preparing for competitive exams can do well if they protect their concentration and stop comparing.

**Scorpio:** Week begins with energy, confidence, and a strong urge to move ahead. Students concentrate well, business natives can make an important decision, and working people handle responsibilities with greater certainty. Brings cheerful news from children, invitations, family gatherings, and useful movement.

**Sagittarius:** Home brings much of the happiness this week. Support from your mother, elders, or family can settle your mind, while property, repairs, appliances, or household improvements may come into discussion. Spending rises, but useful purchases can be worthwhile. Midweek brings a livelier rhythm.

**Capricorn:** Begins with pressure, unfinished work, and a mind running ahead of itself. Don't judge the whole week. A meeting with an old friend, neighbour, or familiar contact can quickly lighten the mood. Midweek is much better for home, parents, property, and practical purchases.

**Aquarius :** Opens with pressure and heavier work than usual. Tasks may take longer, systems can move slowly, and your patience may wear thin. A younger sibling, cousin, or helpful colleague can give you the push needed to move one stubborn matter forward. Brings better courage and focus. One bold decision can change.

**Pisces:** The week begins with family warmth, social ease, and a sweeter tone in your speech. A gathering, guests, or a quiet evening at home may feel better than another unnecessary shopping trip. Tuesday is useful for savings, practical investment planning, and family money matters. Midweek makes you bolder, but don't mistake courage for endless energy.

**PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK**  
**05.09.2026 TO 11.09.2026**

## A deeper delve into the power of tolerance

**D**o you consider yourself to be the embodiment of success? In order to be the embodiment of success, what main virtue is it essential to imbibe? In order to be the embodiment of success, you need the main virtue of tolerance. Tolerance and easiness will make any task successful. Just as when a patient person carries out a task after careful consideration and so receives success, in the same way, those who are tolerant, are able to make those who have strong bitter nature cool, or make a difficult task easy, with the power of their tolerance.

Those who have the power of tolerance will also definitely be deep and mature. Those who are mature go into the depth, and those who go into the depth will never be afraid of any task. They will attain success by going into the depth. Those who have the power of tolerance will not allow either the vibrations of extroversion, or the thoughts that are created in the mind to confuse them or make them afraid. With their power of tolerance, they will be able to face that also. What is visible from the face of those who have the virtue of tolerance? The face of those who have the virtue of tolerance constantly reveals them to be content. Their eyes and features will never be those of discontentment. So those who themselves remain the embodiment of contentment will make others content, and whilst walking and moving, they will be experienced as angels. The virtue of tolerance is a very important virtue. The more you see the power of tolerance within yourself, accordingly, you should consider yourself to be content with yourself, and also others to be content with you. To be content means to attain success. There are those who are able to tolerate anything; to tolerate something means to go into the depth of it. Just as when you go to the bottom of the ocean, you emerge with jewels, in the

same way, those who are tolerant go into the depth, and through this depth, they are able to attain many powers. The power of tolerance is very essential. Their faces will be the embodiment of virtues. You have to pay this much attention to the inculcation of tolerance.

Constantly keep one or another virtue in front of you and go into the depth of it. The more you go into the depth, the more you will know the value of that virtue. And the more you know about the value of any particular virtue, the easier it is to imbibe it and to speak about it. There is so much depth in each virtue; however, only those who know this can become as valuable. Only they are praised, as being those who are complete with all virtues, that is, only on the basis of virtues is there this much value. So there would be that much value in each virtue, and it is on that basis that you become as valuable. Go into such depth, and the more you know about the value of something, the more you will be able to relate it to others with that value.

Change ordinairness into excellence and keep tolerance ahead in every task. Bring in simplicity on your face and speech. Then look, how elevated the success of your duty will be!

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Ramapuram Social Welfare Federation constructed new booth and inaugurated recently for R11 Ramapuram Police Station.

## Seven-hour power outage in Ramapuram

Residents of Ramapuram suffered a seven-hour power outage due to work to replace an electric pole.

The Kambar Road connects Valasaravakkam and Ramapuram areas. There was a risk of an accident due to a falling electric pole on this road. Following this, the electricity board staff was engaged in the work of replacing the electric pole Thursday.

As a result, there was a power outage in the surrounding areas from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm yesterday. The work was carried out without any prior notice, causing a power outage and causing inconvenience to the people of the area.

## Ration shops to sell onions at Rs 35/kg

The Tamil Nadu government will sell onions at Rs 35 per kg through urban ration shops from September 3, benefiting around 80 lakh urban ration card holders.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister P Venkataraman said the government will procure 1,000 metric tonnes of onions through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India.

The move comes as onion prices in Tamil Nadu have increased to around Rs 56-Rs 60 per kg, mainly due to higher transportation costs and reduced supplies from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

Meanwhile, the second Kanda Express carrying 840 tonnes of onions from the Centre's buffer stock reached Chennai on August 31. The onions will be distributed across various districts to improve supply and control seasonal price increases. The Centre has maintained 1.21 lakh tonnes of onions in its buffer stock this year. Additional supplies through rail and road transport are expected to help stabilise onion prices across Tamil Nadu.



# Monsoon works intensified in Valasaravakkam

With the Northeast monsoon approaching, the Greater Chennai Corporation has stepped up precautionary works in Valasaravakkam Zone, focusing on stormwater drains, canals and other flood-mitigation infrastructure.

Regional monitoring officer Dr J Vijayarani inspected various ongoing works in the zone on Sunday and directed officials to complete them before the onset of the Northeast monsoon. She also instructed officials to keep motor pumps, machinery and vehicles ready to respond to flooding and waterlogging.

Among the key works inspected was the construction of a retaining wall along the Virugambakkam Canal in Ward 148. Officials are also undertaking stormwater drain works along Arcot Road and near Porur Junction. Drainage-related works are also being carried out along Mount-Poonamallee Road, particularly at locations where Chennai Metro Rail-related construction is under way. The authorities are rebuilding stormwater drains at such locations to ensure that rainwater is not obstructed during heavy showers.

Desilting work is also under way along the Nandambakkam Canal. The removal of silt and other obstructions is expected to improve the carrying capacity of the waterway during periods of intense rainfall.

The inspection assumes significance as several parts of Valasaravakkam, Virugambakkam and adjoining areas



have experienced waterlogging during heavy rain in previous monsoon seasons.

Officials were directed to complete the pending works at the earliest and ensure that all equipment required for emergency response remains operational and readily available.

The Corporation has been accelerating monsoon preparedness across Chennai, including desilting canals and waterbodies, clearing stormwater drains and strengthening flood-prevention infrastructure.

The civic body has set a target of completing major preparedness works by the end of September or the first week of October, according to a recent review by senior officials.



## Vinayagar idols arrive in Chennai ahead of festive celebrations

With Vinayagar Chaturthi just weeks away, colourful and creatively designed Vinayagar idols have begun arriving in Chennai, signalling the start of preparations for one of the city's major festive occasions.

Vinayagar Chaturthi will be celebrated on September 14 this year, and idol makers across Tamil Nadu have stepped up production to meet the growing demand. Orders have also been placed with artisans in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, with the idols now being transported to Chennai.

The city's Purasawalkam-Kosapet area has already begun to wear a festive look, with rows of Vinayagar idols displayed along the roadside. Idols ranging from three to five feet in height have been placed prominently, attracting the attention of residents and passers-by.

Traders said the idols are being prepared in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Pollution Control Board. With more consignments expected to arrive in the coming days, the number of idols displayed across the city is likely to increase.

Sales are expected to begin in about a week. Traders have also covered the idols with plastic sheets to protect them from rain as the city continues to experience intermittent showers.

Apart from Kosapet, Vinayagar idols are expected to be available for sale in several parts of Chennai, including Koyambedu, Mylapore and T Nagar.

The idols are priced between Rs 5,000 and Rs 25,000, depending on their size, design and workmanship. With the festival approaching, Chennai's streets are set to take on an increasingly colourful and festive appearance in the days ahead.



### Man arrested for morphing woman's photos

Ranjithkumar, 37, of Mother Teresa Street, Valasaravakkam, working as the in-charge of a pharmacy in a hospital. His colleague a 24-year-old woman a native of Kanyakumari district, was also working in the same hospital in Valasaravakkam. Ranjithkumar already married and have two children proposed the woman to marry him.

But she rejected his proposal and also said that she was in love with another man. He forced many times with his marriage proposal. Dejected Ranjithkumar in anger morphed the woman's photograph and harassed her regularly. As a result, the woman quit her job.

However, Ranjithkumar continued to threaten the woman that he would send the morphed pictures to everyone if she reject him. As Ranjithkumar went aggressively and adamant to marry her she lodged a police complaint in Valasaravakkam station. The police arrested the man and filed case and remanded to judicial custody.

### Nephew stabs step mother and father

Naveen Kumar, 34, is a resident of Ramakrishna Nagar Housing Board flats in T Nagar. His elder brother Kumar also lives in another house in the same complex. There has been a dispute since their mother divided the two houses between her sons.

In this situation, Naveen Kumar and his wife Revathi, 32, were walking along Tilak Street in T Nagar. Kumar's son Parthiban, 18, and three of his friends, who arrived there, stabbed them with a hidden knife and escaped.

At the local government hospital, Naveen Kumar received 12 stitches on his head and nine stitches on Revathi's shoulder.

Upon investigation police arrested four people in this case they are Parthiban, 18, his associates Ruban, 19, Gokulkannan, 20, and Dinesh, 21. Further investigation on.

### Molesting case one arrested in T Nagar hotel

William Alexander alias Alex, a film distributor was arrested in a molesting case at a hotel in Thirumalai Road, T Nagar.

Alexander was staying at a hotel. When an acquaintance came with a young woman, Alexander allegedly made lewd comments and attempted to touch her inappropriately after which her friend, another woman who was nearby, came to her rescue and supported her. In this situation he also abused her after which the women left the scene and alerted the authorities. Police reached the spot and conducted an enquiry after which Alexander was arrested immediately and produced before a magistrate and remanded to judicial custody.

### WhatsApp-based street-racing gang held

*Ten people, including six minors, who were part of a street-racing ring linked using WhatsApp group, were caught after they endangered other motorists with reckless riding on the 100 Feet Road near Vadapalani. The police seized five motorcycles from them.*

A total of 10 youths were arrested for allegedly racing on bikes and performing dangerous stunts along the 100-feet busy road in Vadapalani on Sunday morning. Five of their motorcycles were also impounded.

According to Traffic Investigation Wing (TIW) police, the group was racing towards Koyambedu from Vadapalani on the morning time a biker was riding with his family on 100ft Road, one of them near brushed against the bike of the man who was riding with his wife and child. The man then stopped the bike and confronted

## DMK councillor flags E coli contamination in water supply in Valasaravakkam zone



The Chennai Municipal Corporation meeting was held on August 28. DMK Valasaravakkam Zonal Committee Chairman V Rajan accused the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) of supplying water contaminated with Escherichia coli (E coli) bacteria at several locations in the Valasaravakkam zone.

During the council meeting, Rajan said that the water samples collected from 48 locations across the zone were sent for laboratory testing.

"The results showed that samples from 46 locations were substandard and had high levels of E coli bacteria," he said.

"In most of them, the drinking water supplied by the

one of the biker on seeing the incident public gathered and thrashed other bikers. Clips, purportedly of the incident, are doing the rounds online.

They also informed the police who then took the 10 into custody. The police recorded the statement of the man who was hit by the racers and let go.

A police official said the gang had raced twice or thrice before they nearly hit the man's bike. While racing, some of them fell and sustained minor injuries the officer added.

The group had created a WhatsApp group to discuss the race. A few of them had monitored the area for police presence before setting out on it, the police said. Following inquiries, the four men in the group were taken for remand while the boys were produced before the Juvenile Justice Board.

### House burgled in Kodambakkam, one arrested

'Market' Suresh (49) a burglar was arrested in a theft case in Kodambakkam. The burglary took place on Saturday at the residence of Baskar, a private firm manager, on Subramania Puram Second Street. The family was away at the time of the incident.

'Market' Suresh took several precaution measures to conceal his identity, including covering his face and damaging the lights, was nabbed after police recovered his fingerprint from children's clothes at the crime scene. He also damaged the exterior lights before entering the house, covered his face and searched the rooms for valuables. While rummaging through a bureau, he allegedly handled some children's clothes with his bare hands.

Ashok Nagar police recovered 30 sovereigns of gold jewellery and Rs 1 lakh in cash allegedly stolen from the house in Kodambakkam.

He left Rs 20,000 beside the clothes before fleeing with the remaining cash and jewellery. A neighbour noticed that the lights were on inside a room and alerted Baskar, who informed the police.

Fingerprint experts recovered a print that matched Suresh's records. Police said Suresh usually wore gloves during burglaries but had handled the clothes with his bare hands, leaving behind the clue that led to his arrest. Suresh faces more than 30 theft cases, including cases relating to a jewellery shop burglary in T Nagar and other areas.

drinking water board has been found to contain E. coli bacteria. The department under the Chief Minister has never been so bad in India. Therefore, the drinking water supplied by the drinking water board throughout the city should be tested," he said.

The Chennai Water Supply Board has issued a clarification on this: The information provided regarding the quality of drinking water is untrue and may lead to misunderstanding. To ensure that safe and quality drinking water is provided to the public in Chennai, regular field tests and laboratory tests are being carried out during the supply of drinking water.

The samples were collected from several neighbourhoods, including Nalambur, Valasaravakkam, Mogappair West, Porur, Ramapuram and Maduravoyal. "Residents in these areas have raised serious concerns over water safety. E coli contamination in drinking water pipelines indicates sewage mixing or pipe leakages, which can cause severe waterborne illnesses.

The Chennai Metropolitan City Government is continuously ensuring that safe and quality drinking water is provided to the people of Chennai. The allegations made by the councillor are untrue. Complaints regarding drinking water can be reported by calling 044- 4567 4567. This was stated by the Chennai Water Supply Board.

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The Adyar River, which begins at Athanur, passes through Mannivakkam, Varadarajapuram, Anakaputhur, and Gaulbazar and meets the sea near Pattinapakkam. In many places, numerous residential areas have been built encroaching on the river banks.

## Will the encroachment removed?

The encroachment of houses on the banks of the Adyar river in Saidapet be removed? The Adyar River flows through MGR Nagar, 137th and 138th wards, Jafferkanpet, 139th ward and Saidapet, 142nd ward, which are part of the Kodambakkam zone. In this, the areas up to Kanunagar, Choolapallam, Jafferkanpet and Kashi Theatre Bridge are low-lying areas.

Due to this, during the rainy season, these areas are prone to rainwater, severely affecting the public.

In the past survey alone in M.G.R. Nagar 137 - 138 wards 455 houses have been surveyed and removed and resettled in another area.

The residents were resettled in the Urban Habitat Development Board housing schemes and their old houses were also demolished.

Similarly, in Ward 139, Jafferkanpet, 320 houses were found to be squatters.

However, in Ward 142, Saidapet, along the banks of the Adyar River, 519 houses were identified.

The Urban Habitat Development Board was recommended to allocate houses for resettlement of the residents here.

After the demolition of the Urban Habitat Development Board housing in the Gothamedu area of Saidapet and the construction of new housing, the work of removing encroachments was hampered due to a demand to resettle all 519 families there.

With the change of government, there has been a demand among social activists that steps be taken to remove encroachments along the riverbanks and that work to prevent the effects of monsoon floods be continued without delay.



## Raksha Bandhan celebration at Arvind foundation

Arvind Foundation celebrated the beautiful festival of Raksha Bandhan with immense love, joy, and togetherness. The day was made truly special by the wonderful special needs students, who lovingly handcrafted colourful rakhis using their creativity, patience, and dedication. Every rakhi was unique and reflected the warmth and affection with which it was created.

Embracing the true spirit of Raksha Bandhan, the students tied their handmade rakhis to one another, celebrating the precious bonds of care, protection, friendship, and unconditional love.

The campus came alive with smiling faces, laughter, and heartfelt moments as students, staff, and everyone present celebrated as one family.

For admission enquiries: 9884270697 / 9841615333. Arvind Foundation a charitable organisation for students with special needs K. K. Nagar & Poonamallee.

## WhatsApp tests animated emoji reactions on android

WhatsApp is testing a new feature that brings animation to emoji reactions, making responses to messages more engaging and dynamic.

The feature is currently available to a limited number of Android beta testers. When users long-press a message and select an emoji from the reaction tray, the emoji may appear with an animation instead of remaining static.

However, animated reactions are currently supported only for selected emoji. If the chosen emoji does not have an animated version, the reaction will appear as it normally does.

The animation plays once after the reaction is added and then stops. WhatsApp enables animated reactions by default for accounts that have access to the feature, but users can disable them through the relevant settings if they find the animations distracting.

Since WhatsApp is gradually rolling out the feature, its availability may vary between users, even when they are using the same beta version.

For now, animated emoji reactions remain limited to selected Android beta users, and it is not yet clear when the feature will be made widely available.





## The only river in India that flows backwards! Do you know the interesting background?

India's rivers are not just sources of water. They support agriculture, provide drinking water, help generate electricity and are the livelihood of millions of people across the country.

India has over 400 rivers. Most of the major rivers originate in the Himalayas or the central highlands, flow eastwards and empty into the Bay of Bengal.

However, in contrast, one of the major rivers flowing westward is the Narmada River. At about 1,310 kilometers long, the Narmada is known as the fifth longest river in India.

It originates near Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh, flows through Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, reaches Gujarat, and empties into the Arabian Sea near Bharuch. Although some rivers, including the Tapi, also flow westward, the Narmada is distinguished by its length, geographical uniqueness, and cultural significance. Reason for Backward Flow

The reason for the Narmada flowing westward is the rift valley formed by ancient tectonic activity. The river flows westward following this valley, which slopes from east to west.

It is bordered by the Vindhya Range to the north and the Satpura Range to the south. The upper reaches of the Narmada basin are mountainous and densely forested. Towards the west, the terrain becomes flat and fertile.

Wheat, cotton and pulses are cultivated here, which depend on river water. Dams including Sardar Sarovar, Indira Sagar, Omkareshwar play a major role in water resource management.

Along with its geographical and agricultural importance, the Narmada River also has deep spiritual and cultural significance.

Holy places like Amarkantak, Omkareshwar, Maheshwar are located on its banks. Moreover, the Narmada Parikrama Yatra undertaken by devotees showcases its spiritual significance.

Thus, while most of India's rivers flow eastward, the Narmada flows westward due to its unique geographical configuration, and assumes great significance in natural, agricultural, and spiritual terms.

## A mango was auctioned for 11 lakhs in Jaffna..!

A mango from the Nagercoil North Murugaiah Devasthanam festival in Jaffna has been auctioned for 11 lakhs.

'Murugaiya Devasthanam' is a famous Murugan temple in the Nagercoil area. Competitive bidding

While the annual festival was held successfully, a mango was auctioned for 11 lakhs at the mango festival. While last year the mango was auctioned for 10 lakhs, this time it has been auctioned for 11 lakhs.



It has also been reported that the money will be spent on temple development.

## Robot tries to attack customer who pushed it away, causing a stir

Humanoid robots have been employed in various places, including restaurants, in the past few years. There is also a fear among humans that robots may operate without human control in the future.

To reinforce this, a video of a robot trying to attack a customer in a store has been released and caused a stir.

A customer in an electronics store in Russia reached out to shake the robot's hand.

But when the robot didn't extend its hand, he pushed the robot lightly in anger. The robot immediately tried to attack him.

When the employees tried to control it, it also tried to attack them. After that, the robot stopped its movement.

After this video was released on the Internet, many people commented that it was a Terminator, a machine.

But some people questioned the authenticity of this video and raised suspicions that this robot could have been operated remotely.



## Diwali train ticket booking dates announced

Passengers planning to travel home for Diwali can start booking train tickets from September 6, with the festival falling on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Tickets for travel on November 5 can be booked on September 6, while bookings for November 6 travel open on September 7. Return journey tickets for November 9 and 10 can be booked on September 10 and 11 respectively.

Railway reservations open at 8 am. Passengers have been advised to keep their travel and passenger details ready and log in before the booking window opens to secure preferred berths.



## Corpn removes 25 tonnes of old sofas and mattresses from homes

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) removed around 25.2 tonnes of old sofas, mattresses, wooden furniture and clothes directly from residents' homes on Saturday, August 29, based on requests received from the public.

The initiative is part of the Chennai Corporation's special solid waste collection service, under which municipal workers visit residents' homes every Saturday to collect and safely dispose of unwanted bulky waste.

Chennai Corporation Collects Old Sofas and Mattresses

According to a statement issued by the Greater Chennai Corporation, the door-to-door collection service has been operating since October last year.

Residents can register in advance to have old sofas, mattresses, wooden furniture, clothes and other solid waste collected directly from their homes.

- Register through the "Namma Chennai" mobile app
- Call the Chennai Corporation helpline at 1913
- Send details through the Corporation's dedicated WhatsApp number: 94450 61913

After receiving the request, Chennai Corporation workers will visit the registered address on Saturday and collect the specified items.

The Greater Chennai Corporation has appealed to residents to make use of the service and ensure the safe and responsible disposal of old household items.



## MOUs signed for 11 high-tech AC bus shelters in Chennai

For the first time, the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) will upgrade 11 modern, AC bus shelters equipped with high-tech amenities.

As a pilot initiative, MoUs were signed today (September 1) at Ripon Building in the presence of GCC Commissioner GS Sameeran, Police Commissioner A Amalraj, and private corporate contributors.

These shelters will be funded under CSR to enhance commuter comfort and safety.

Speaking about the initiative, Commissioner Sameeran said that these pilot shelters were part of municipal infrastructure development projects, as per the directive from Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay.

"With the help of the GCP, high-footfall bus shelters are identified. These facilities aim to provide good waiting facilities for the public who wait at the bus stops," he added. Seven firms will construct and maintain 11 bus shelters under CSR funds at different locations across the city. AC waiting rooms with heat-insulating 'puff panel' roofing, toughened and laminated safety glass, CCTV surveillance and enhanced lighting facilities, free Wi-Fi access and USB mobile charging ports, integrated bus route information displays and accessible ramps built into the footpaths for easy wheelchair access.

The 11 locations identified are DMS on Anna Salai, Mylapore Bus Stand, Jawaharlal Nehru Road in Vadapalani, Vijay Nagar Bus Terminus in Velachery, Vadapalani Bus Stand near SIMS Hospital (incoming), SIMS Hospital (outgoing), Little Mount, Guindy, Avichi School on Arcot Road, Alandur Metro and Egmore (north and south sides). In the first phase, agreements were signed with seven entities:

Apollo Hospitals, Kauvery Hospital, Guru Nanak College, SIMS Hospital, Rohini Hotels, SRM Prime Hospital and Freyer International Logistics. The respective companies will construct, maintain the shelters and deploy a security guard at each facility. In return, they will be allowed to display advertisements at the shelters without paying charges to the corporation.

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## 100 barricades donated to improve road safety

As part of this initiative, 100 barricades have been provided by MGM Healthcare Malar under the jurisdiction of J2 Adyar Police Station, supporting better traffic regulation, pedestrian safety and smoother movement in the area.

The barricades were distributed in the presence of Thiru A.C. Karthikeyan, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Adyar; Thiru R. Aldrin, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ashok Nagar; and Mr. Venugopal Bhat, Vice President – Group Strategic Initiatives and Chief Operating Officer, MGM Healthcare Malar, Adyar.

With hospitals requiring clear and timely access, particularly for ambulances and patients, better traffic management can make a meaningful difference. The initiative is a practical step towards creating a safer and more accessible environment for patients, healthcare workers, pedestrians and motorists in Adyar.



## Signature drive against govts decision

The Indian Democratic Youth Association (IDYA) held a signature drive in front of the hospital Thursday, protesting against the government's decision to hand over the K K Nagar Government Suburban Hospital to the nearby ESI Medical College Hospital.

K.K. Nagar Government Suburban Hospital was established in 1976. More than 1,500 outpatients are treated here daily. A 100-bed inpatient unit is also functioning.

Several lakhs of people from areas including Virugambakkam, K K Nagar, MGR Nagar, Ashok Nagar are using this hospital mainly. In this situation, the government has decided to hand over this hospital to ESI Hospital. The youth association, urging the government to reverse this decision, started a signature drive in front of the hospital Thursday and protested.

Subsequently, the association executives submitted a petition to the Principal of the Kilpauk Government Medical College Hospital, Kavitha.

Upon receiving the petition, she said that she had already reported to higher authorities regarding the public's opposition to the decision to transfer the government hospital.

## Traffic and water logging in many areas reported

Light rain in Chennai and its suburbs this week caused waterlogging on main roads, disrupting traffic.

Traffic congestion was reported in areas including Ashok Nagar 100 Feet Road, Ashok Pillar Road, T. Nagar Usman Road, and Brindavan Street, causing difficulties for motorists.

Rainwater accumulated like pools on roads including T. Nagar Usman Road, Prakasam Road, and Nathamuni Street. This made it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road and two-wheeler riders to operate their vehicles.

With the recent light rains causing waterlogging on major roads, motorists are questioning what will happen to these roads when the northeast monsoon intensifies.

They have demanded that the corporation authorities conduct a thorough inspection of the rainwater drainage systems before the continuous rains and take steps to find a solution.

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**ராகு கேது பெயர்ச்சி மஹா யாக விழா அழைப்பிதழ்**

அன்புடையோர்! வணக்கம், நவக்கிரகங்களின் முக்கியமான கிரகங்களாக கருதப்படும் ராகு மற்றும் கேது ஆகியவற்றின் பெயர்ச்சி வரும் ஜப்பசி மாதம் 27ஆம் தேதி (13.11.2026 - நவம்பர் மாதம்) வெள்ளிக்கிழமை மாலை 5:14 மணி துளையில் ராகு பகவான் "சும்ப ராசி"யிலிருந்து "மகர ராசிக்கு" கேது பகவான் "சிம்ம ராசி"யிலிருந்து "கடக ராசிக்கு" பெயர்ச்சி அடைகிறார்கள். இந்த ராகு கேது பெயர்ச்சி ஜோடிப்படி முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்ததாக கருதப்படுகிறது.

இதன் பொருட்டு, உலக நன்மைக்காகவும், ராகு கேது பெயர்ச்சி பரிஹாரமாகவும், 13.11.2026 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை காலை 7 மணிக்கு தொடங்கி அன்று மாலை 8 மணி வரை விசேஷமாக ராகு-கேது பெயர்ச்சி மற்றும் ராகுவின் அதிதேவதையான தேவனுடைய பித்திரியத் தேவதையான நிருரதி பெயர்ச்சி, அதிபுடான தேவதையான துர்கா தேவி, கிஷ்ட தேவதையான நாகராஜர் மற்றும் கேதுவின் அதிதேவதை மும்பா, பித்திரியத் தேவதை சித்திர கும்தி, கேதுவின் அதிபுடான தேவதை வைரவர் மற்றும் ஆக்சுதேவர் ஆகியோர்களின் ஜபமும் சாஸ்திர முறைப்படி செய்யப்பட்டு, விசேஷமான ராகு கேது பெயர்ச்சி பரிஹார மஹா சாந்தி யாகம் 13.11.2026 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை அன்று நடைபெறவுள்ளது. இந்தாளில் அனைவரும் ஸ்திரிக்கு இந்த பரிஹார புணையில் கலந்து கொண்டு ராகு கேது கிரகங்களின் அருளை பெற வேண்டுகிறோம்.

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1.மஞ்சள், 2.விபூதி, 3.குங்குமம், 4.அக்ஷதை, 5.வெற்றிலை, 6.பாக்கு, 7.தேங்காய், 8.வாகைப்பழம், 9.ஹோம ரகசை, 10.ராகு எந்திரம், 11.கேது எந்திரம், 12.ரகசை கயிறு

புகளையே Whatsapp, Facebook, Youtube, மற்றும் குறிப்பிட SateLLite சேன்சர் மூலமாக மாற்று பண்பெறலாம். நேரடியாக கலந்துகொள்ள முடியாதவர்கள் ஹோமரகசை மற்றும் அனுகூலமான ப்ரசாதம் அஞ்சல் மூலமாக அனுப்பிவைக்கப்படும்.