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Vandurai Nathar Temple, Tiruventhurai

This is the 229th Thevaram Paadal Petra Shiva sthalam and the 112th Shiva Sthalam on the south side of the River Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place was called "Vendurai" during the Thevaram period and is now called "Vanduthurai" and "Vanduthurainathar Thirukovil".

In Periyapuranam, Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Kottur.

Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Madhuvaneswarar, Sri Barmeswarar, Sri Bramapureeswarar, Sri Vendurainathar. Consort : Sri Sathyathaayathakshi, Sri Brahathambal, Sri Vel Nedunganni.

Some of the Salient features of this temple are…… The temple faces east with a 3-tier Rajagopuram. Balipeedam, Dwajasthambam and Rishabam are after the Rajagopuram. In koshtam, Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Arthanareeswarar as Rishabandhikar (keeping a hand on Rishabam) in place of Lingothbavar, Brahma, and Durgai.

In the praharam, Madhabhotha Vinayagar, Subramaniar, Natarajar Sabha, Chandikeswarar, and Ambal Sannadhi and Pichadanar. Ambal sannadhi is in the artha mandapam facing south, and Ambal is in a standing posture.

ARCHITECTURE

The main temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, artha mandapam, and an open mukha mandapam. An open mandapa was built around the sanctum at a later date.

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, and the same was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and later extended by the Vijayanagars and maintained by Nattukottai Nagarathars.

LEGENDS

It is believed that Birungi Munivar worshiped Lord Shiva by passing between Lord Shiva and Parvati (in some legends, he made a hole in Shiva, and since there was no gap between Lord Shiva and Parvati), without worshiping Ambal. Angered, Ma Parvati cursed Brunki to become a Vandu/bee. Hence, Lord Shiva obtained the name of "Vandurainathar. It was mentioned in the old texts that "Vandu reengaram/bee sound" can be heard by placing the ear on the Komuga. Nowadays, the same is not observed.

It is believed that Vidyadhara, Brahma, Dhuruvan, and Maha Vishnu worshiped Lord Shiva of this temple.

POOJAS AND CELEBRATIONS

Apart from regular poojas, special poojas are conducted on Vinayagar Chathurthi in the month Avani (Aug – Sept), Navaratri in the month Purattasi (Sept-Oct), Skanda Sashti in the month Aippasi (Oct – Nov), Thirukarthigai in the month Karthigai (Nov – Dec), Thaipoosam in the month Thai (Jan – Feb), Maha Shivaratri in the month Masi (Feb – March), and monthly pradosams.

TEMPLE TIMINGS

The temple will be kept open from 08.00 hrs to 11.00 hrs and from 18.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.

Your Stars This Year

Aries : Someone who genuinely stands beside you. Students can make progress if they put in proper effort rather than depending on luck. Business partnerships, paperwork and useful offers may also move forward. Difference of opinion can disturb your mood, so watch your tongue at home and don't rush while driving.

Taurus: Students, employees and anyone facing an interview, test or presentation can start strongly, while a family function or social gathering adds some welcome colour. Business or expansion plans may also come up. Stay away from unnecessary borrowing and don't assume every friendly colleague needs to know your strategy.

Gemini: Family gatherings, friendly conversations and outings can lift your mood, while students find it easier to tackle difficult chapters and working natives handle meetings or clients with confidence. Business people may consider travel, expansion or a major decision.

Cancer: Family warmth, especially support from your mother or parents, helps recent tension fade, and a function, outing or simple gathering can put you back in good spirits. You may discuss a vehicle, appliance, repairs, decoration or property, and spending can rise around comfort and convenience.

Leo: One firm decision can change everything. Once you've chosen your direction, you'll work hard may bring crowded schedules, delayed replies, commuting pressure and mental tension. Drive carefully and don't live on random outside snacks while rushing from one task to another. Midweek feels much warmer.

Virgo: You may begin with a bold decision, short journey have been avoiding, but money remains average and your body needs care. A sharp exchange with your spouse can flare over timing, spending or travel, so don't make winning the argument your main achievement. Support from a younger sibling or loyal colleague, and progress for students and children.

Libra: Social warmth and a stronger voice. People listen when you speak, and business natives may receive fresh enquiries, orders or useful contacts. Family gatherings also lift the mood, while income can arrive through more than one source. Still, your own confidence may wobble even when others are impressed, so think.

Scorpio: Plans can slip and tension with a spouse, younger sibling or close relative may test your temper. Keep unnecessary purchases on hold and don't chase a quick profit simply because someone makes it sound easy. Students may struggle with focus early, so set small targets instead of declaring the whole week lost.

Sagittarius: Income and expenses are fairly balanced, but a long journey may get postponed and property plans are better. Don't force a door that isn't opening. Students can benefit from a friend's help, while work continues at a steady rather than spectacular pace. Midweek is more demanding.

Capricorn: Father's health can show recovery, though your mother may need extra attention. Start with better concentration, business orders and smoother dealings with clients or senior people. Your confidence may still wobble inside. Don't say yes to every opportunity.

Aquarius : Earnings can exceed expectations, children or younger people may bring encouraging news, and past effort may finally return something useful. Your mind is still restless, though, so don't let a good result tempt you into a hurried decision. More reflective mood. Peaceful visit or simply some quiet time can help.

Pisces: Drive carefully, stay alert around tools, stairs and routine household work, and don't rush into arguments when you're already tired. Tuesday may bring low energy, work delays, weaker concentration and tension with a spouse or colleague. Money decisions also need patience. Keep your cash where it is rather than shopping for comfort or investing.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
17.10.2026 TO 23.10.2026

Kill the actual Ravan on this Dusshera

The meaning of Dusshera:

The deities are worshipped. God too is worshipped. Ravan is burnt on Dussehra. What was that day named? Dus (ten) hara (destroyed), why? Why was it named Dussehra? Why wasn't it named nau (nine) hara or aanth (eight) hara? Why wasn't it named do (two) hara? Why is it named Dusshera? It is because when the word 'ten (dash)' is said, who is indicated? Ten heads of Ravan because of which he is [named] Dashaanan. Aanan means head. The one with how many heads? The one with ten heads. That Ravan with ten heads is destroyed.

Ravan's ten heads:

Ravan is shown with then heads. Ten heads mean ten kinds of intellect. All the thoughts that originate in his intellect give sorrow. All the actions that he performs on the basis of those thoughts are also sorrow-giving. He gives sorrow even through his vision. He indeed gives sorrow through his actions; he gives sorrow through his speech as well. So, his head like intellect is sorrow-giving. It generates sorrow. All those ten heads are destroyed. When someone is killed, his head and the rest of his body is separated. This means that his ten heads were destroyed. So, the day was named Dussehra. What do they do on the day of Dussehra? They don't just kill Ravan. They kill him and then burn him to ashes. Then why does it keep taking on a bigger form every year?

These ten enemies namely lust, anger, greed, attachment, ego and their companions i.e. the Earth, the deity water, the deity wind, the deity fire and the sky become Ravan's constant companions. It is even written in the scriptures; what is written? It is written that when Ravan used to sleep comfortably, he used to tie these deities to his bedstead in order to serve him. If he needs something, he will order: hey, do this! Wind isn't blowing; I am feeling hot. He will press a button, make a gesture and the wind will start blowing. It is very cold; it is snowing outside and the atmosphere becomes completely warm by turning on a switch. The atmosphere of the room becomes warm. Does that happen or not? Whether it is fire, wind or water, he has controlled everyone.

Kill the Ravan present within us:

There are the sanskaars of Ravan within us too. When you become body conscious, the five vices in the form of Ravan capture you. What is the main reason behind the soul being affected by the five vices? For example, if there are ten children, who is the originator of those ten children? The word 'children' itself proves that they are originated from a father. So, what is the root of five vices? Who is the seed, father? Who is Ravan's father? Who is the father of the five vices? Body consciousness. A donkey's head is shown on Ravan's head. What does it signify? It signifies body consciousness. Those who make others cry are called Ravan. So, this lust, anger, greed, attachment, ego are making the whole world cry today. Their origin is body consciousness; to consider ourselves as a body and to see others in the form of the body, soil. If we see the body i.e. soil, the soul is forgotten. When you stay soul conscious, no vice will capture you. This is why, you have to become soul conscious and remember God very lovingly. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Temporary shades in Virugambakkam not in proper use

As sweltering heat makes routines harder in the city, the absence of bus shelters at multiple bus stops along Kali Amman Koil Street in Virugambakkam is a significant difficulty for residents and commuters, as they are forced to wait under the hot sun.

Along the Kali Amman Koil Street stretch, where Phase 2 of the Metro Rail Corridor 5 works are under way, stops such as Sayee Nagar, Natesan Nagar and Elango Nagar lack shelters entirely.

Regular commuters at Annaji Nagar say there have been no designated shelters for over two years. As buses move through congested traffic, passengers are forced to stand on the road under the scorching sun while passing vehicles kick up dust.

"The absence of clearly marked bus stop boards or structures makes it difficult for drivers to identify stopping points, forcing passengers to walk to the next stop to alight," said a regular commuter.

Similarly, R Siva, who frequently uses the Virugambakkam bus stop, said commuters often take refuge in the shade of nearby buildings while waiting for buses.

The Poonamallee, Vadapalani route started its operation atleast now the Virugambakkam bus stop needs proper shelter as earliest. The commuters urged.

Kavignar Villupattu Subbu Arumugam daughter passed away



Dr S Subbalakshmi, 70 years (1956-2026), daughter of Padmashree awardee Kavignar Villupattu Subbu Arumugam passed away on 10th Oct 2026. She was serving as Senior Principal, SMS group of Schools, Chennai for more than 4 decades and was identified as a renowned academician in the field of education and literature.

Born as the eldest daughter of Kavignar Villupattu Subbu Arumugam, she completed her Masters education in both English and Tamil, and obtained her Doctorate in Villupattu from the University of Madras. She is a dedicated academician and Villupaattu poet and has authored more than 10 books including the famous Ammavin paadalgal and Nallunarvu kadaigal. Her book Pillai deivam was well received by the readers.

She was identified as famous and favorite teacher among her students, faculty and staff. Students who attended her funeral said 'Madam doesn't focus only on our academics, but she also focusses on our latent talents and personal life'. Ms Vijayalakshmi, Correspondent of SMS Group of schools said 'Subbu mam is an excellent leader. Beyond academics she takes care of her students and staff keeping her workplace a happy and peaceful one. Above all she is an inspiring leader and a good human'. She is known for extending a strong alumni support to her students, which is evident by the 300 plus students' crowd that attended her last rites.

Being an ardent devotee of Ramakrishna mutt, she has written various devotional, educational, health and social theme-based songs for audio and video cassettes. She has penned various educational and health programs for television and radio programs.

She has received numerous awards such as 'aasiriya mamani', 'Best teacher award', 'Dr. APJ Abdul kalam award' and so on.

She is survived by her son, daughter in law and a grand-daughter.

Her family lives in Paneerselvam Salai, K.K Nagar. For further details contact : Mr S Vivekanandhan (Son) - 99402 03664

TN allocates Rs 8.45 cr for district book fairs



The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned Rs 8.45 crore to organise book fairs in all 38 districts during the 2026-27 financial year, with the aim of promoting reading habits and expanding access to books across the State.

According to a government order issued by the School Education Department on October 9, 2026, the expenditure will be met from the revised estimates for the 2026-27 financial year. The order provides for district-level book fairs to be conducted annually from 2026-27 onwards.

The latest allocation is expected to bring book fairs closer to local communities, particularly students and readers in rural areas, reducing the need to travel to major cities to access a wider range of books and participate in literary events.

The fairs will provide opportunities for publishers, authors, students and book lovers to interact and explore publications across different subjects and genres.

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Srly warns of fine for loud music in trains

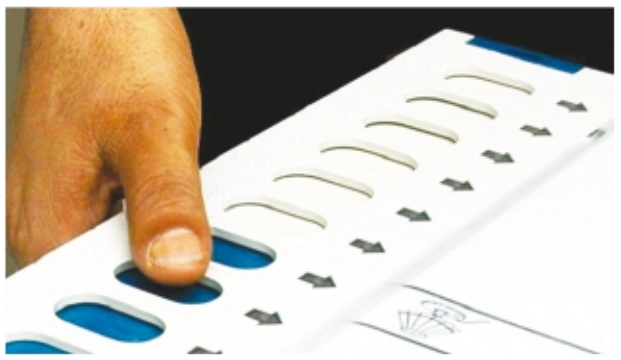
The Southern Railway has warned passengers against playing music, watching videos or viewing reels on mobile phones at high volume without using headphones during train journeys. Violators may face a fine of up to ₹1,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both, according to the reported warning.

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Diapalated bus stop it's time for replacement

In a scathing indictment of the city's collapsing public infrastructure and administrative indifference, the Kamarajar Salai bus stop in K K Nagar has not in good condition more over this bus stop is not in use all the buses stop at P T Rajan Salai. One of the resident of Ottagapalayam Senthil says that this bus stop is in collapsing condition. Many sit here and chat unnecessarily in this shade. Government authorities should dismantle this unused old bus stop.



Chennai voter registration drive sees 2,483 forms received in two days

A total of 3,364 voter registration forms were issued across 16 Assembly constituencies in Chennai during the special drives held on October 10 and 11, of which 2,483 (78%) had been received.

Form 6, used for registration of new voters, accounted for 2,517 issued and 1,854 received. Form 8 applications used for shifting residence, correction of entries in the electoral roll, replacement of voter ID cards etc. 838 were issued, of which 620 were received. Virugambakkam constituency (323 issued, 294 received).

Meanwhile, Chennai District Election Officer and Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner G S Sameeran inspected a special voter registration camp at Mar Thoma Higher Secondary School in the Virugambakkam Assembly constituency on Sunday.

MTC to strengthen feeder bus services along Poonamallee-Vadapalani Metro corridor

The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) will explore ways to strengthen feeder bus services along the Poonamallee Bypass-Porur Junction-Vadapalani corridor of Chennai Metro Rail Phase II in coordination with Chennai Metro Rail Ltd.

The initiative aims to ensure seamless connectivity between the 11 Metro stations on the corridor and various parts of the city, enabling commuters to switch easily between Metro trains and buses.

According to the MTC, buses currently operate in both directions through the corridor's Metro stations, connecting them to different parts of the city. Bus stops are also located near Metro stations to make transfers easier.



CMRL Poonamalle, Vadapalani coaches not enough

Chennai's new metro line was welcomed by public who travels through Arcot Road up and down regularly. This was faster alternative to the city's congested roads. Coaches are not enough says Murugan a resident of Porur. A bus journey will take atleast one hour to reach Vadapalani from Poonamallee but now the time saved by half an hour.

The new trains appeared larger than those on Phase I but lacked dedicated baggage space. They also had no separate ladies coach. Instead, a designated enclosure for women was monitored by a Pink Squad policewoman until Porur station. Beyond that point, some men occupied seats in the enclosure after the woman police officer left. "At least one more coach should have been added. There is hardly any space," a commuter said.

A metro rail official said that the issue would be addressed.

For the western corridor, the metro promises more than quicker journeys: it could alter local transport choices and accelerate development. Whether the service can sustain that promise will depend on its ability to accommodate rising passenger numbers while ensuring women's safety throughout the route.



Strict legal action against those involved in bike racing

"Those involved in bike racing will be monitored by Chennai Super six. Their service was flagged off by Commissioner Amalraj.

CSK Managing Director Viswanathan and police officials, among others, participated in the event. Chennai Super Six has provided 63 two-wheelers to the traffic police at a cost of Rs. 1 crore. Then, Amalraj said, "In Chennai, people involved in bike racing come together as a group through social media and participate in the race. Strict action is being taken against them as per the law. Since children are also involved in the race, we are also taking action against their parents," he said.

These vehicles have been provided under the Chennai Super Kings management's social contribution program.



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Welfare Assistance Distributed

A free matrimonial meet for differently-abled persons is being conducted continuously for more than last two years, from 10 AM to 1 PM on the second Saturday of every month, on behalf of Sun Star Marriage Information Centre located opposite Canara Bank near Dunlop, Ambattur.

In the arrangement made by Thiru. Ravi, Social Activist and founder of Sun Star Marriage Information Centre, the 29th Monthly free Matrimonial Meet for Differently-Abled Persons was held on the morning of 10/10/2026 at the Ramar Temple premises, Ambattur, Chennai.

In this program Lion Dr. Aavin K. Gopinath, State General Secretary of Tamil Nadu Udavikkaram Association for the welfare of Differently-Abled participated as the Chief Guest and in his special address, he very clearly explained how differently-abled persons can benefit from the Tamil Nadu Government's scheme of 8 grams of gold for Thali along with cash assistance during marriage, and how to apply for it.

In this matrimonial meet, more than hundred differently-abled persons from various districts across Tamil Nadu participated, introduced their profiles, and benefited by enquiring about the details of the



prospective brides and grooms who participated in the meet.

In this event, Social Worker Ramapuram Mary, Social Worker and Advocate Ponnurangam, Dentist Nagaraj, and Social Activist Madhi participated as special invitees and delivered felicitation addresses.

Considering the upcoming rainy season, raincoats and umbrellas were distributed to all the differently-abled persons who participated in this event.

A delicious lunch was provided to all those who participated in this matrimonial meet.

AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Ganja addict damaged items inside mosque

The Qaidul Millat Al Masjidul Hamidiya Madrasah Mosque is situated on Gangai Amman Kovil Street, Vadapalani.

An unidentified person entered the mosque at 5.00 am on Wednesday morning and destroyed things inside. In this, the glass of the main entrance of the mosque, plastic chairs, loudspeakers and surveillance cameras were damaged.

Upon receiving information, the Vadapalani police rushed to the scene and arrested the man. He was intoxicated. When they tried to arrest the drug addict, he hurled obscene words at the police and attacked them with his hands. Blood was flowing from his right hand. He was identified as Saravanan who works at a hotel in Pondy Bazaar as a parotta master.

Subsequently, the police caught the drug addict and sent him to the K.K. Nagar Government Hospital in a '108' ambulance. From there, he was admitted to the Royapettah Government Hospital. Subsequently a police complaint was filed by the caretaker of the mosque. The arrested person was under the influence of ganja, so his name and details are not known. It is also not known why he entered the mosque and broke things, Vadapalani police said.

Man arrested for 'love torture' of woman

A 19-year-old woman and a man both from resident of Virugambakkam were reportedly in a relationship. They both broke the relationship before six months due to some difference of opinion as per the sources the man Rupesh continued to harass her by forcing her to fall in love. On the night of September 1, he entered the woman's house, damaged her belongings and threatened to 'slash her neck and commit suicide if she does not love him'. He also threatened the woman's parents. The Virugambakkam police, who investigated the case, arrested the man.

Man gets 20 years in prison for assault

A man resident of Koyambedu has been sentenced for 20 years in prison for forcibly sexually assaulting a college student. According to the sources both were in relationship. The college student was a minor.

Following the complaint POSCO Act was registered against the man at All Women's Police Station. Hearing the case, Chennai Women's Court ordered, 'Saying that the charges against Manikandan were proven, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison and a fine of Rs 10,000.'

The judge also ordered the Tamil Nadu government to pay Rs 7.50 lakh as compensation to the victim student.

Chennai-Tirupathi Express train cancelled from Dec. 1 to 27

Chennai-Tirupathi Express train will be cancelled from December 1 to 27. Development work will be carried out at Renigunda Yard under South Central Railway in Andhra Pradesh for 48 days. Due to this, the services of some express trains have been changed.

In that regard, the Southern Railway has announced that the Chennai Central - Andhra Pradesh State, Tirupati 4:35 pm and Tirupati - Central 6:30 am express trains will be cancelled from December 1st to 27th.





New designs add colour to Chennai's Navaratri kolu doll shopping

With Navaratri just days away, kolu doll sales have picked up across Chennai, with traditional shopping hubs such as Poonambalam Salai, K K Nagar Opposite to Ayyappan Temple & Vadapalani drawing families looking to add new pieces to their collections.

In K K Nagar roads have once again turned into a colourful marketplace for kolu dolls. Shops and temporary stalls are displaying hundreds of dolls in different sizes, designs and price ranges. Small dolls are available from around Rs.100, making them accessible to families looking for affordable additions to their existing collections.

Traditional devotional sets continue to have a strong presence this season. Ashta Lingam, Sivan-Parvathi, Kanchi Divya Desam, Nava Tirupati, Nachiyar Thirukkolam and figures of spiritual leaders are among the collections available to shoppers. Prices range from around Rs.50 for smaller dolls to several thousands for elaborate sets, catering to households with different budgets and display requirements.

The demand for new themes is also shaping the market. Apart from religious and mythological characters, Chennai shoppers are increasingly looking for dolls and sets that help create a story-based kolu.





Shakti Kolu at Vadapalani Murugan Temple

On the occasion of Navratri, at the Vadapalani Murugan Temple, Deputy Commissioner Chithradevi lit the lamp and inaugurated the Shakti Koluvai. Many people including the temple Thakkar Ila Aadhimoolam participated.

On the first day, the Meenakshi Amman, who resides in the temple, was adorned with Rajarajeswari. Meenakshi is blessed with the adornment. Second day of Navaratri, Goddess Ambal graced the Sakthi Kolu in the Meenakshi Amman attire.

From till the 19th, Annapurani, Abhirami, Kejalakshmi, Karumari, Kambanathi, Saraswati Amman, Parivettai adornment will be displayed. Special poojas and deeparathan will be performed in the Amman Kolu Mandapam every day during the 10 days of Navratri at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. From 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, programs such as Lalitha Sahasranama Parayanam, Veda Parayanam, Thirumurai Parayanam, and Kolu Pattu by the women's group will be held. Kolu Visiting Hours Vadapalani Murugan Temple, Koluvai, can be visited by devotees and the public from 6:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

GCC reviews enforcement of single-use plastic ban

Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner G S Sameeran, who is also chairman of the Greater Chennai Region Special Task Force, reviewed the enforcement of the ban on single-use plastic items across Chennai at a meeting held at Ripon Building on Tuesday.

The third review meeting examined enforcement measures to prevent the sale and use of 28 banned single-use plastic items, awareness programmes conducted in schools and colleges and among the public, and the responsibilities of various departments involved in implementing the ban.

According to officials, the Corporation had inspected 13.17 lakh commercial establishments since the ban was introduced in 2019, up to October 8, 2026. During this period, 499 tonnes of banned plastic items had been seized and fines amounting to Rs 9.40 crore collected from violators.

The Corporation had also distributed more than 1.52 lakh cloth bags to students and members of the public as part of efforts to encourage alternatives to single-use plastics. During the meeting, Sameeran instructed all departments concerned to coordinate their efforts to prevent the transportation of banned plastic items into Chennai and strengthen enforcement. The public was urged to avoid banned plastic products, switch to eco-friendly alternatives such as cloth bags and cooperate with the authorities in creating a plastic-free Chennai, press release said.

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Recurring black silt in metro water tanks complaints residents

Residents of Sri Ayyappa Nagar in Virugambakkam have complained of recuring black silt deposits in their household water tanks. The water supplied to their homes has developed a different taste, and their tanks often show a thick layer of black sediment. They said the silt returns within days of cleaning the tanks, raising concerns about water quality and health risks.

The problem has persisted despite repeated cleaning and complaints to metrowater. 'In the last two months, I have cleaned my tank twice. Within 10 days of cleaning, there is again a thick deposit of black silt', said Sathish a resident of Sri Ayyappa Nagar.

Several residents have replaced multiple water filters over the weeks, but the sediment keeps accumulating, he said. The silt mixing with the water has led to panic among residents over possible health implications. 'Residents contacted Metrowater officials several times and sent them emails, but the issue has not been solved, he said. Residents said they suspected that silt is entering the water supply lines after recent civic work in the area. They urged Metrowater to identify the source of the contamination and inspect and flush the affected pipeline to prevent further deposits from entering household water tanks.



India's first AI Powered daily life skills platform for differently abled children and adults

Rewin helath, a Chennai based digital therapeutics company, officially launched Jadhu, India's first AI powered daily life-skills platform for differently abled children, teens and adults. Jadhu combines AI personalised daily programming, virtual reality based real-world practice environments and real-time physiological monitoring to build everyday skills needed to participate confidently and independently in everyday life. The platform has been clinically validated in collaboration with eight premier medical institutions, special schools and care organisations.

Jadhu exists because too many families in TN are told to wait – for a diagnosis, for a therapy slot, for a professional to have the time to see their child', said Vijay Karunakaran, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Rewin Health.

'Our own study found that 83 per cent of parents say what their child learns in therapy does not carry into daily life, and that 72 per cent of families are not in structured therapy at all. That is not a failure of therapists; it is a failure to give families a structured way to practise. Jadhu puts 60 minutes of guided, personalised practice into the home every day, in the situations where independence is actually needed and gives the therapist objective data on what happened in between. It does not replace clinical diagnosis or professional therapy – it makes both go further.

Special Trains for Ayudha Pooja

Southern Railway has announced additional unreserved special trains to accommodate the rush of passengers during the Ayudha Pooja holiday season. Special MEMU services will operate between Chennai and destinations including Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) and Manamadurai to help passengers travel during the festive period.

Chennai - Manamadurai Unreserved Special Trains

Southern Railway has announced the following unreserved MEMU special services between Tambaram and Manamadurai:

- October 16, 2026: A special MEMU train will depart Tambaram at 5:30 PM, with 12 unreserved coaches.
- October 17, 2026: Another unreserved MEMU special train will depart Tambaram at 11:55 PM.
- October 17, 2026: The return service from Manamadurai to Tambaram will depart at 10:45 AM.
- October 20, 2026: A return MEMU special train will depart Manamadurai for Tambaram at 2:45 PM.

Chennai–Trichy Unreserved Special Trains

Special unreserved MEMU trains will also operate between Chennai Egmore and Tiruchirappalli.

- October 16 and 17: Special trains will depart Chennai Egmore at 7:00 PM on both days.
- October 17: A return special train will depart Trichy at 5:50 AM.
- October 20: Another return special train will depart Trichy at 10:45 PM.

The Chennai Egmore–Trichy special trains will operate via Panruti, Sirkazhi, Kumbakonam and Thanjavur.

Other Special Trains Announced

Chennai Central - Podanur

- Train No. 06023 will depart Chennai Central at 11:55 PM on October 16 and reach Podanur at 9:15 AM the following day.
- Train No. 06024 will depart Podanur at 2:00 PM on October 17 and arrive at Chennai Central at 11:55 PM.
- Train No. 06033 will depart Chennai at 11:55 PM on October 18, reaching Podanur the following morning.
- Train No. 06034 will depart Podanur at 6:15 PM on October 20 and arrive at Chennai Central at 3:35 AM on October 21.

Tambaram - Sengottai - Train No. 06089 will depart Tambaram at 11:55 PM on October 19 and reach Sengottai at 12:15 PM on October 20.

- Train No. 06090 will depart Sengottai at 3:00 PM on October 20 and arrive at Tambaram at 3:20 AM on October 21.



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