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## Vandurai Nathar Temple, Tiruventhurai

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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**
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# 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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## Maintain public toilets

Setting yet another example of wastage of public money, the civic officials have left the public toilet built at South West Boag Road in T Nagar abandoned. Everything installed in the public toilet is either stolen or in poor shape. It is kept locked. The shopkeepers do not have provision of any public toilet. The civic agency has wasted taxpayers money. It is misuse of public funds, laments Subburaj, a long time resident.

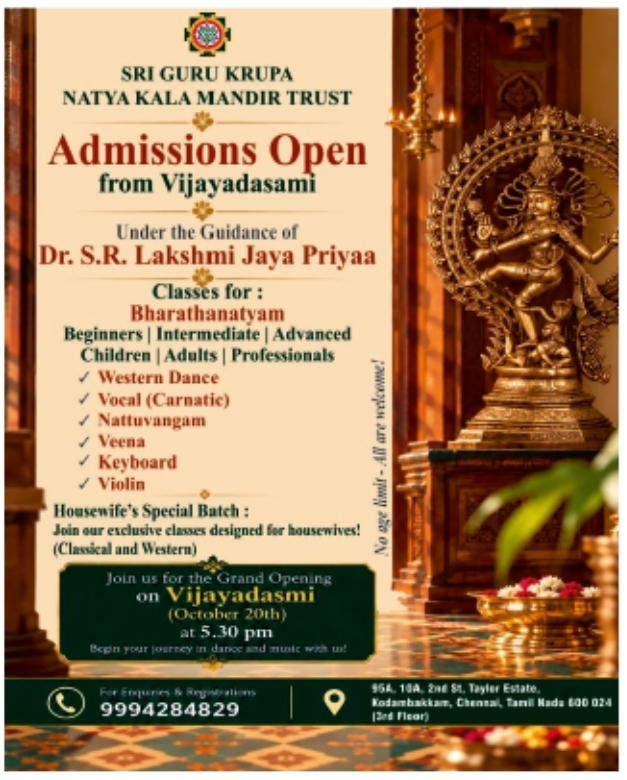
It is kept locked from operation due to maintenance purposes, he added. It is sheer wastage of public funds as the people are unable to utilize the same, he lamented. He said there should be action against the officials concerned. He claimed that it is not the first example of wastage of funds. Many other things are lying waste, he added.

To curb open defecation a drive was conducted to get some public toilets constructed. At most of the places, the public toilets are in dirty condition due to poor maintenance, complains Mohammed, another resident. Residents appeal to maintain the toilet without locking down the toilet.


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# 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.

## CMRL clears flyover construction above Teynampet, Nandanam metro stations

Construction of the 3.2 km Teynampet - Saidapet elevated corridor is set to resume above the Teynampet and Nandanam Metro stations after Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) granted permission to the State Highways Department to proceed with the work.

The project, being built along Anna Salai, had been stalled for several months due to design-related concerns over construction above the operational Metro stations. A Japanese consultant appointed by CMRL reviewed the design and recommended installing portal frames along a 300-metre stretch above the two stations at 15-metre intervals. CMRL has now approved the revised construction plan.

Around 2.3 km of the corridor has already been completed, with 50 of the planned 69 piers erected. Of the total 3.2-km stretch, about 2.4 km runs directly above the Metro tunnel, including a 460-metre section over the Teynampet and Nandanam stations.

The project is expected to be completed by March 2027. Officials said the portal-frame installation alone could take three to four months.

The ₹621-crore project is considered a major engineering challenge as it is being constructed directly above an operational underground Metro tunnel. The tunnel runs around 14–15 metres below Anna Salai, while the flyover foundations have been drilled only up to about seven metres to avoid affecting the Metro infrastructure.

# 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

## More cameras will be installed in T. Nagar constituency

To increase public safety and monitor crime, more than 1,000 surveillance cameras are planned to be installed in key areas of the T. Nagar constituency. In the first phase, 350 surveillance cameras are to be installed at 146 locations at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund.

The first CCTV camera project was inaugurated by Rural Development and Water Resources Minister Anand at the office of T. Nagar MLA.

All these cameras are set to work with artificial intelligence technology.

These cameras have features such as facial recognition, vehicle movement monitoring, and crowd detection.

The event was attended by Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development Mohammed Parvez, Deputy Commissioner of Police, T. Nagar District Kumar, Chennai South-North District Secretary Appunu alias Velmurugan, and Tamil Nadu Housing Board Chairman Siva.

## Grievance redressal camp

A customer grievance redressal camp on behalf of the Postal Department will be held on the 27th at the office of the Chief Superintendent of Posts in T Nagar at 11:00 am. The camp will investigate and resolve individual grievances regarding postal products and services. Before that, customers should send their complaints by regular or express post to the office of the Chief Superintendent of Posts, Chennai City South Division, by the 22nd, the Department of Posts has announced.

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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.




# 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.

# 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.

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# WhatsApp to introduce message scheduling feature for android users

WhatsApp is reportedly testing a new message scheduling feature that will allow users to send messages automatically at a chosen date and time. The feature is currently being tested with select Android beta users and may reach more users in the coming weeks.

The update is expected to let users schedule messages without having to send them immediately. It could be useful for birthday wishes, reminders, work-related messages and group announcements.

How to schedule whatsapp messages

According to information published by WABetaInfo, the feature is being rolled out to some users of WhatsApp Android beta version 2.26.40.7.

Once available, users are expected to be able to schedule a message by typing it in a chat and pressing and holding the send button. WhatsApp may then display an option to select the date and time for delivery.

The feature is reportedly expected to support text messages, links, photos and videos. Users may also be able to edit an image or add a caption before scheduling it. However, scheduling may be limited to one photo or video at a time.

Reports suggest that messages could be scheduled from as early as 10 minutes ahead to a maximum of two weeks in advance. Scheduled messages may work even when the phone is offline

One of the key aspects of the reported feature is that WhatsApp may automatically deliver scheduled messages at the selected time, even if the app is closed or the sender's smartphone is offline.

The feature is also expected to work in individual and group chats. In group conversations, only members who are part of the group when the scheduled message is sent may receive it.

Users may be able to review or delete scheduled messages

WhatsApp may introduce a dedicated section within the chat information screen, allowing users to view their scheduled messages before delivery.

Users are expected to have the option to delete a scheduled message before it is sent. If a message is deleted in advance, the recipient will reportedly not receive a notification about its cancellation. The feature is also expected to support end-to-end encryption, although its final functionality will depend on WhatsApp's official implementation.

When will the feature be available?

The message scheduling feature is reportedly being tested among select Android beta users through the Google Play Store. WhatsApp has not confirmed a general release date.

If the rollout proceeds as expected, more users may gain access in the coming weeks. Until then, the feature remains a reported update rather than a widely available WhatsApp function.




# 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.



# Water rocket workshop

Velammal Vidyalaya, Karambakkam, celebrated World Students' Day on 15 October 2026 by organising an exciting Water Rocket Workshop for students of Classes VI to VIII. The hands-on activity aimed to foster scientific curiosity, creativity and innovation while introducing students to the basic principles of rocket propulsion, air pressure and motion. The workshop provided students with an opportunity to learn through practical experiences, explore the wonders of science and develop a spirit of scientific inquiry.

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# Avoid sticking posters on street boards

Sticking posters on a street name board off 4th Main Road, CIT Nagar attracts a fine of Rs. 5000. The Greater Chennai Corporation has announced that a police complaint will be filed against people who damage the digital signages and name boards across the neighbourhood and action under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959 will be initiated against the persons responsible. But to the irony no action is taken against offenders. Because of this, those who visit the place first time miserably fail in reaching the right destination.

The person or organization, whose name is visible should be fined. Additionally, they must give the name of the person that undertook this task, and he should be fixed too. It will become a deterrent and quickly effective, says Ravichandran, a long time resident. Name boards are used to identify people in the building and their location, he added. Placing stickers on stop signs or other public property without proper authorization is generally prohibited and may be considered a violation of the law. It is important to be aware of and adhere to local regulations regarding sticker placement. Street name signs are valuable when people are trying to find an address to deliver a package or visit a friend, he added.

A street name is the initial building block for any address. Any new street name should be distinctly different to any other existing street name in the local area. This is critical for the provision of emergency services and essential in the delivery of other services to the properties in the street, says advocate Ramanan. A street suffix is the part of a street or road name that describes what type of road it is. As they are commonly repeated between roads, they are often abbreviated, he added. The rule must be strictly implemented, he added.









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