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Sudden cave in on Valasaravakkam-Arcot Road stretch

On Thursday morning a sudden road caved in on the stretch of Valasaravakkam-Arcot road. A pothole formed near the top of the underground sewer, causing motorists to drive in fear.

Metro rail works are underway on the Arcot Road, which connects key areas including Valasaravakkam, Vadapalani, and Kodambakkam, from Kodambakkam to Porur.

In addition, work is underway to construct stormwater drains on both sides of the road. Due to this, the road has become narrow and there is traffic congestion.

In this situation, a pothole has formed and created traffic jam in this stretch near the 'Titan Showroom' on the Valasaravakkam Arcot Road.

Due to this, there is a risk of vehicles passing through that area getting into an accident.

On Thursday plastic barriers have been erected around the ditch.

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Voice of GOD



Vilvaranyeswarar Temple, Thirukkollampudur

This is the 230th Thevaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 113th sthalam on the south side of the river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This place is on the banks of the river Mulliyar, alias Vettaru. This place was called "Kollampthuthur" during the Thevaram period and called "Thirukkalambur" and "Thirukollampudur".

In Periyapuranam, Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshiping Lord Shiva of Thirupathaleecharam.

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

Moolavar : Sri Vilvaranyeswarar, Sri Vilva Nathar, Consort : Sri Soundaranayagi, Sri Azhagu Nachiyar. Some of the salient features of this temple are...

The temple is facing east with an entrance arch. Stucco images of Rishabaroodar, Vinayagar, and Subramaniar are on the entrance arch. Mahalakshmi Sannidhi is in the midst of nandhavanam on the right side after the entrance arch. The second-level Rajagopuram is of 5 tiers. Poyyatha Vinayagar and Dhandapani sannadhis are on both sides of the Rajagopuram. Dwara Vinayagars are on both sides like separate temples. The bas relief of the Thirugnanasambandar sailing boat is on the Rajagopuram entrance side wall. In the koshtam, Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Chandrasekar, Lingothbavar, Brahma, Durgai.

In the praharam, Nalvar, Valampuri Vinayagar, Somaskandar, Gaja Muktheeswarar, Mullaivananathar, Satchi Nathar, Paathalavarathar, Mahalingar, Gangai Amman, Dakshinamurthy, Saraswati, Visalakshi, Choza King with his wife, Arumugar, Mahalakshmi, Bhairavar, Palliyarai, Navagrahas, Saneeswarar, Chandikeswarar, and Suriyan.

Urchavars Vinayagar, Pichadanar, and Chandrasekarar are in the mandapam.

RCHITECTURE

Ambal is in a separate sannadhi facing south and in a standing Posture. 12 Rasi bas-reliefs are on the ceiling of the Ambal mandapam. Nattukottai Chettiar and his wife's sculptures are on the opposite side of the Ambal Sanctum

The main temple consists of the sanctum sanctorum, antarala, and artha mandapam. A two-tier Dravida Vimanam is over the sanctum sanctorum. Stucco Brahma and Maha Vishnu are with their consorts on the Vimanam.

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 Vijayanagara and maintained by Nattukottai Nagarathars.

Sri Lanka's Swami Vibulantha's research book on "Yazh", a musical instrument, was published from this temple in the year 1947.

Narchanthupatti Pe. Rama. Raman Chettiar and Pe. Rama. Lakshmanan Chettiar reconstructed this temple as a stone temple with their own fund, and Kumbhabhishekam was conducted on 1st July 1979. Still, they are maintaining the temple.

The inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to Chozha kings Rajarajan-III and Kulothunga Chozha-III. As per the inscriptions, this place was called "Armumozhideva valanattu Chotroor kootrathu Thirukollamputhur", Lord Shiva was called "Kollamputhur Udayar", and Ambal was called "Azhakiya Nachiyar".

Your Stars This Year

Aries : The week opens with respect, friendly conversations and a welcome lift in family spirits. Business owners may receive fresh orders, while employees find that seniors appreciate their reliability. Money can arrive from more than one source, but don't mistake good fortune for permission to gamble.

Taurus: Expenses run ahead of income, your energy dips and small disagreements with your spouse or younger sibling can turn bitter. Don't shop to improve your mood or lend money without thinking. Students may find it difficult to settle down, so begin with simple revision rather than worrying about results.

Gemini: The week begins at an ordinary pace, with income and expenses nearly balancing each other. May be postponed, but a classmate's help, warmer family conversations and an unexpected guest can brighten the early days. Speech and careful long-term financial.



Cancer: Work becomes easier, an old worry loosens and a useful conversation with a senior person can open a door. Your relationship with your father or an elder may improve, though your mother may need attention. Tuesday is especially promising for recognition, business orders and social respect.

Leo: Fortune gives the week a cheerful opening. Good news from children, family pride and better earnings can lift your confidence, even if the mind keeps circling around small worries. Business owners may feel ready to start something fresh, while a helpful senior or influential contact makes work easier.

Virgo: Disappointing news and more friction at home than you expected. Keep your temper in check with your spouse, especially over family opinions or routine expenses. Commuting, stairs and machinery demand extra care, and some of you may feel discomfort in the left leg. Don't take financial risks simply to escape a low mood. The clouds begin to move by Wednesday.

Libra: Opens with affection and support from your spouse or someone close to you. Marriage talks may move forward for unmarried natives, while business owners could receive an interesting partnership proposal. Savings also improve if you keep your spending purposeful. Students have a fair chance to make progress.

Scorpio: Sharper focus and the chance to earn appreciation through work, studies, sport or a social occasion. Business owners may think about travel or reaching new customers. Tuesday asks for secrecy and care. Don't discuss every plan with colleagues, borrow casually or get pulled into an unnecessary argument.

Sagittarius: Students may see better concentration and encouraging results, while those in sport or performance can receive praise for their efforts. Family gatherings and a warmer romantic mood add to the cheer. Business owners may consider travel, expansion or a new market.

Capricorn: Bring relief from worry and more comfort through home and family. Your mother or parents may offer practical support, and discussions around property, repairs, a vehicle or household appliances can move forward. Simple meal together lifts the mood.

Aquarius : Hard work, mental restlessness and a decision that asks for courage. Earnings are tied closely to effort, so follow up on unfinished tasks rather than hoping somebody else will solve them. Students can make progress once they return to a proper timetable. Early fatigue or irritation may tempt you to rush.

Pisces: Sudden wish to tackle something you've been putting off. Short journeys and busy errands are possible, but money looks average and a sharp reply to your spouse could spoil the mood. Postpone a vehicle purchase and take care. Hard work becomes the main story. Feel restless, even lazy at moments, yet a bold decision can pay off when followed by steady effort.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
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Show this magic!

What are the signs of being easy-natured? Those who themselves are easy-natured are able to make others easy- natured. To be easy natured means whatever you see, hear and do should be filled with essence and just pick the essence and whatever situations you are in or whatever actions you yourself perform should be filled with essence. Then, your effort will be easy and those who are easy effort-makers will make others into easy effort-makers too. Easy effort-makers will be all-rounders in all aspects. There won't be anything lacking visible in any aspect. They would not be lacking courage in any situation. They wouldn't say: I cannot do this now. By putting this main practice into practical form, you are able to become simple in every situation. By being simple in all aspects, you can pass with honours. Do you ever say for anything that you don't have any practice of it? To be an all-rounder is a different matter, because that is an earning. To be an example of an all-rounder is a different matter, but become a sample in front of everyone. Take a step forward in every situation and create enthusiasm for everyone in their earning through yourself. Do your zeal and enthusiasm always remain constant? What points do you have to remember for that? For that, whilst relating either with students or companions, there should be the desire to make everyone content. By maintaining constant enthusiasm, your Godly zeal and enthusiasm will constantly remain stable. At all times, keep picking up virtues from whoever you see. By taking power from everyone's virtues, your enthusiasm will remain constant. The reason why your enthusiasm reduces is that you see and hear about the different forms and situations. If you have the desire to see virtues, your enthusiasm will remain constant. If you steal virtues, all other thieves will run away. Do you know the method of conquering everything? In order to become victorious, you have to understand the secret in each one's heart. When you simply listen to the sound coming from each one's lips, you are not able to know the secret in each one's heart. By knowing the secret in each one's heart, you can conquer everyone's heart. You need introversion in order to know the secret of everyone's heart. The more you understand the secrets, the more you will be able to please everyone. The more you please everyone, the more you will know the secrets, and then you will be able to become victorious. The fragrance of those who remain in the essence lasts longer. Their impression lasts forever. There is an impression of those who simply have sense, but it doesn't always last.

Which power does a seed have? That of having the expansion of a tree merged within itself. You have to be fearless and able to merge the expansion in one second. Unity and stability have to be learnt: how to change many different sanskars into one pure sanskar i.e. I am a point of light soul. You have to spend less time on things and speak less, yet there should be greater success. What do magicians do? They show something very big, and pack it into something very small. So you have to learn the magic of merging the expansion. When you go into expansion, you must make the effort to merge it there and then. You have to show such magic.

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After reporting in Kodambakkam Times regarding the problem faced by the passengers without shades in Chinmaya Nagar concern official has taken a swift action and erected bus stop seen in the above picture.





Commissioner inspected Virugambakkam canal work

Corporation's Central Circle Deputy Commissioner Kaushik inspected the Kannagi Street flyover work. He instructed the Corporation's flyover department officials to expedite the work and complete it as soon as possible.

He also inspected the ongoing dredging work on the Virugambakkam-Coovam canal, which passes through areas including Arumbakkam Tamilar Veethi.

As the monsoon rains intensify, the construction of a bridge across the Virugambakkam canal in Kannagi Street, Choolaimedu, has been dragging on for six months, causing fears that homes could be flooded.

The Virugambakkam Canal, one of the main waterways of Chennai, begins at Nelkundram and travels 6.80 km through Arumbakkam, Choolaimedu, MMDA Colony and merges into the Coovam River near Aminjikarai.

Therefore, local residents are urging the corporation authorities to take action to quickly complete the bridge construction and the retaining wall before the flood damage occurs.



CAUTION PLEASE : *In need of proper manhole cover at Kamarajar Salai, Vinayagam Street, Saligramam.*

GCC helpline numbers and zone-wise contacts

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has intensified precautionary measures across all 15 zones to tackle heavy rainfall, strong winds and potential flooding during the Northeast Monsoon 2026. Rescue teams, relief centres, emergency vehicles and essential equipment have been instructed to remain ready to handle weather-related emergencies.

Chennai Corporation Steps Up Flood Prevention Measures

Following the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister`s directions, the corporation has instructed zonal officials to coordinate with residents` welfare associations and public representatives to improve monsoon preparedness.

Special attention is being given to flood-prone areas, where residents will be informed about safety measures and emergency arrangements. Relief centres are being equipped with essential facilities, including food, lighting and toilets. Rescue teams, police personnel, fire and rescue services, and medical teams have been instructed to remain on standby.

Emergency Equipment and Medical Facilities

The corporation has directed officials to keep JCB machines, lorries, tipper trucks, tree-cutting equipment and other emergency machinery ready. Measures are also being taken to remove dangerous banners, advertising boards and temporary structures that could cause accidents during strong winds.

Hospitals and urban primary healthcare centres have been instructed to maintain essential medicines, backup power facilities and generators to ensure uninterrupted services during heavy rainfall.

Chennai Corporation Rain Complaint Helpline Numbers

Residents can report waterlogging, damaged roads and other monsoon-related issues through the following channels:

GCC Helpline: 1913

GCC WhatsApp: 94450 61913

Namma Chennai App: For registering civic complaints.

GCC Social Media: Residents can report issues through the corporation`s official social media channels.

The integrated command and control centres at Ripon Buildings and the North, Central and South regional offices are operating 24 hours a day to coordinate emergency responses.

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Poonamallee-Vadapalani Metro line to start services at 6 am

The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has advanced the commencement of train services on the Phase II Corridor 4 (Yellow Line), between Poonamallee Bypass and Vadapalani, to 6 am from October 23 (Friday), instead of 7 am, following feedback from commuters.

Services will operate from 6 am to 9 pm in both directions, with the last train departing from both Poonamallee Bypass and Vadapalani terminals at 9 pm. The revised schedule will enable passengers to travel earlier in the morning along the 15-km stretch, which connects 11 elevated Metro stations.

CMRL announced the revised timings, stating that the change was intended to improve passenger convenience and facilitate early-morning travel towards both Vadapalani and Poonamallee. Under the revised timetable, trains will operate at different frequencies during peak and non-peak hours on weekdays and Saturdays.

During peak hours, from 8 am to 11 am and from 5 pm to 8 pm, trains will run every ten minutes. During non-peak hours, between 6 am and 8 am, 11 am and 5 pm, and 8 pm and 9 pm, services will operate every 15 minutes. On Sundays and public holidays, there will be no separate peak-hour schedule. Trains will run at 15-minute intervals throughout the day, from 6 am to 9 pm.

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.

Tirumala Vaikunta Ekadasi 2026 details

Tirumala Vaikunta Ekadasi 2026 is scheduled for December 20, 2026, according to the dates shared in the event announcement. The festival attracts thousands of devotees to the famous Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirumala.

Devotees planning to visit Tirumala for Vaikunta Ekadasi should check the latest announcements from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) regarding darshan arrangements, ticket bookings and visitor guidelines.

Tirumala Vaikunta Ekadasi 2026: Important Dates

The key dates mentioned in the announcement are:

Vaikunta Ekadasi: December 20, 2026

Dwadasi: December 21, 2026

Vaikunta Dwara Darshan period: December 20–29, 2026

Total darshan period announced: 10 days

During this sacred occasion, devotees seek the blessings of Lord Venkateswara and participate in the special darshan associated with Vaikunta Ekadasi.

TTD Vaikunta Ekadasi 2026 Ticket Booking

The online booking dates for Vaikunta Ekadasi darshan tickets have not yet been announced in the information provided.

Devotees are advised to check the official TTD website for confirmed ticket release dates, darshan availability, entry arrangements and other updates before making travel plans.

Plan Your Tirumala Visit in Advance

Vaikunta Ekadasi is an important occasion for devotees visiting Tirumala. Visitors should monitor official announcements and plan their accommodation and transportation accordingly.

Since the festival attracts large crowds, devotees should confirm the darshan schedule and booking requirements through official TTD channels before travelling.

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Indian rlys introduces optional travel insurance for counter tickets



Indian Railways has introduced an optional travel insurance facility for passengers booking train tickets at railway reservation counters, extending a benefit that was previously available for online bookings. According to the supplied report, the facility comes into effect on October 27, 2026.

Passengers who choose the insurance must pay both the ticket fare and the insurance premium through digital payment methods. The Railway Board has stated that digital payment is mandatory for those opting for this facility.

What happens to the insurance premium if a ticket is cancelled?

The report states that if a ticket is cancelled, ₹0.09 will be deducted from the ₹0.45 insurance premium, along with the applicable ticket cancellation charges.

The remaining premium refund, if any, will be subject to the applicable insurance and railway rules. Passengers should check the terms at the time of booking.

What should passengers know before booking?

Passengers planning to book tickets at railway reservation counters should remember the following points:

- Travel insurance is optional.
- The reported premium is ₹0.45 per ticket.
- Digital payment is mandatory for passengers choosing the insurance.
- Coverage depends on the policy`s terms and conditions.
- Cancellation and premium refund rules should be checked before booking.

Passengers are advised to confirm the latest details through official Indian Railways channels before opting for the facility.

Disclaimer: The information in this article is based on the supplied news report. Insurance coverage, premium refunds and eligibility are subject to the applicable policy terms and official railway instructions.

Sabarimala 'online' bookings begin on the 29th

Online bookings for Mandala Puja Darshan at the Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple in Kerala will begin on the 29th.

Devotees are being allowed to organize a gathering at Sabarimala through 'online' booking. This year, the Mandala, Makara Vilukku Puja season begins on November 16. The Travancore Devaswom Board has announced that online booking for this will begin at 10:00 am on the 29th.



Devotees can book their places on the website www.sabarimalaonline.org. 60,000 people will be allowed daily via the Nilakkal-Pambai route, and 3,000 people each on the Erumeli, Peruvazi route and Vandiperiyar and Chathiram routes. 'Spot booking' facility has been arranged at Nilakkal, Erumeli Vandiperiyar.

Chennai - Tirupati express trains cancelled from December 9 to 27

The Southern Railway has announced the cancellation of four express train services between Chennai and Tirupati from December 9 to 27 due to railway track modernisation and restructuring work at Renigunta yard in the Guntakal Division of South Central Railway. The cancellations will affect passengers travelling between Chennai Central and Tirupati in both directions.

The Chennai Central–Tirupati Express (Train No. 16057), which departs Chennai Central at 6:30 a.m., will remain cancelled from December 9 to 27. The corresponding Tirupati–Chennai Central Express (Train No. 16054), scheduled to depart Tirupati at 10:10 a.m., will also be cancelled during the same period.

Similarly, the Chennai Central–Tirupati Express (Train No. 16053), which departs Chennai Central at 2:40 p.m., will not operate from December 9 to 27. Its return service, the Tirupati–Chennai Central Express (Train No. 16058), scheduled to depart Tirupati at 8:05 p.m., will also remain cancelled.

The cancellations are due to modernisation and restructuring work involving railway track crossings at Renigunta yard in the Guntakal Division of South Central Railway.



AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Kerala police arrest Chennai man

Premkumar, 58 a resident of Sanjay Gandhi Nagar Vadapalani was arrested by crime Branch police from Kerala. Alleging that 80 crore rupees were illegally transferred from the company account to various accounts using PLM, a company in Kozhikode, based in Kerala. According to the complaint by Naveen, 33, CEO of the company. A complaint was filed against Premkumar, 58, a member of the company.

Kerala police are questioning Premkumar for the alleged fraud of Rs 80 crore.

In this situation, the Kerala Crime Branch police arrived early morning to arrest Premkumar.

At that time, Premkumar was admitted to a private hospital in Vadapalani after he complained of chest pain. After receiving treatment there, he was taken to the Saidapet court.

Man snatch mobile phone at K K Nagar

Mohammed Rafiq, 52, a resident of West Mambalam, is working in a private company. While waiting for a bus at ESI hospital bus stop in K K Nagar. A person named Jagan from Andhra Pradesh snatched Mohammed Rafiq phone and fled the scene. Later he was arrested by police.

Two-wheeler theft, one arrested

Anantharaman, 43, a resident of Sankarapuram, Choolaimedu; an employee of a private company. He parked his bike on Railway Border Road. While returning in afternoon he found his bike missing. Based on the complaint, the Kodambakkam police analysed CCTV and arrested Sebastian alias Surya, 45, a resident of Ayapakkam and seized the bike.

30 sovereigns burgled at Vadapalani

Sudhakaran, 40, a resident of Rajangam Madhya Street, Vadapalani. A construction supervisor. His wife is Nandini, 34. The couple has two daughters.

Sivasenthurpandian, who is a family friend and helping the Sudhakaran family like a relative, had gained everyone's trust; he had often visited the house. As a result, he knew where the jewellery was and where the house keys were kept. In this situation Nandini kept her 30 sovereigns of gold jewellery in the bureau of her house. On the 25th, when she opened the bureau to her shock she found 30 sovereigns of jewellery missing.

A complaint was filed at the Vadapalani police station regarding this. Nandini's friend, Sivasenthurpandian, 29, from Jafferkhanpet, has been avoiding the police for questioning, citing various reasons. This has raised suspicions against him. A check of his mobile phone location revealed that he is in Puducherry.

The police who went there arrested and interrogated Sivasenthurpandian. Subsequently, it was revealed that the jewellery was stolen while they were not at home. The police arrested him, produced him in court and remanded him. Further investigation on.

Woman dies under the wheel of a water truck

Sivakumar, 56 and his wife Nirmala, 47 a resident of Ganga Nagar, Valasaravakkam travelling to nearby temple in a scooter.

While riding at Arcot Road, Valasaravakkam a water tanker hit from behind and crushed to death. She died tragically under the wheels. Her husband escaped with minor injuries.

The couple has two sons, Satish and Mahesh.

The Maduravoyal Traffic Investigation Police sent Nirmala's body to the Kilpauk Government Hospital for a post-mortem.

The water truck driver who caused the accident fled the scene and surrended to Valasaravakkam police station.



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Youth dies in head-on bike-car collision

A youth (Praveen Kumar) from Thiruvallur district, tragically died in a head-on collision between a bike and a car. He was working in a private car company in Sriperumbudur.

He was riding his Honda Shine bike through Panagal Park in T. Nagar. At that time, an oncoming car hit his bike. Praveen Kumar, who was thrown from the road, suffered serious head injuries and died on the spot.

On receiving information, the Pondy bazaar Traffic Investigation Police recovered the body and sent it to the Royapettah Government Hospital for an autopsy.

They are interrogating the person from Assam who caused the accident by driving the car.

Three men arrested for meth possession

Virugambakkam police seized 7 gm of synthetic drug methamphetamine and arrested three persons, including the son of a junior artiste and a techie. The arrested men were identified as Koushik (31) of Ekkaduthangal, Abinesh (33) of Saligramam and Chandrasekar (29) of Purasawalkam.

The Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) had intercepted Koushik and seized three grams of methamphetamine from him.

During questioning, Koushik told police that he had been buying the drug from Abinesh, whom he had met through a friend in the film industry. Based on this, police traced Abinesh to Saligramam and seized 1 gm of meth from him.

Police arrested Chandrasekar, from whom another 3 gm was recovered. They said that Abinesh had been previously booked in a narcotics case in 2024. The trio were handed over to Virugambakkam police for further investigation.

Following questioning, they were remanded in judicial custody. Police are investigating the source of the narcotic and are inquiring to identify others involved in supplying drugs to the accused.

Corpn to conduct special door-to-door collection of e-waste on Oct 31

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) will conduct a special door-to-door E-waste collection drive on October 31 as part of the GoI's Special Campaign 6.0. The initiative aims to ensure effective collection, segregation, and proper disposal of electronic waste across urban and rural local bodies.

Residents, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), educational institutions, and commercial establishments are requested to segregate electronic items from regular household garbage and hand them over separately to conservancy workers.

Acceptable items include old mobile phones, chargers, computers, laptops, keyboards, electrical cables, and other discarded electronic devices. The GCC strongly advises against dumping e-waste in public places, along roadsides, or into water bodies, warning that improper disposal causes severe environmental pollution and poses serious public health risks.

All electronic waste collected during this drive will be processed and recycled through authorised e-waste recycling agencies in compliance with government rules and environmental regulations. The civic body appeals to all denizens and stakeholders to extend their full cooperation to keep the city clean, green, and sustainable.

"Vani Kala Sudhakara" award



Renowned Dramatist, Writer and Actor Shri S. Lakshminarayanan, popularly known as S L Naanu, will be receiving the prestigious "Vani Kala Sudhakara" Award from Thyaga Bramha Gana Sabha, Vani Mahal on 9th December 2026, during the inauguration of their Iyal Isai Nataka Vizha 2026. SL Naanu is the resident of Ceebros Gardens, Virugambakkam.

RIys plans night-time restrictions on train charging points for safety

Indian Railways has decided to introduce time restrictions on the use of mobile phone and laptop charging points in train coaches as part of efforts to improve passenger safety. According to a report published on October 28, 2026, the power supply to charging points is to be switched off between 11 PM and 5 AM.

Charging points are provided in various types of train coaches to allow passengers to charge their mobile phones, laptops and other electronic devices during their journeys.

Power banks explosion raises safety concerns

The proposed restriction follows an incident reported on a train operated by the South Eastern Railway zone. A passenger reportedly left a power bank connected to a charging point while sleeping. The device subsequently exploded and produced smoke. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in the incident. The incident has raised concerns about the risks associated with charging electronic devices unattended during train journeys, particularly overnight.

Railway board issues instructions

Following the incident, the Mechanical Engineering Directorate of the Railway Board reportedly issued a circular to all railway zones, instructing them to disconnect the power supply to charging points in train coaches between 11 PM and 5 AM. The measure is intended to reduce potential fire hazards linked to charging electronic devices while passengers are asleep.

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It was published recently in Kodambakkam Times that the public money was wasted and it was rectified by the concern officials and the signal post was erected at the same junction. Thanks to the officials.

Structural damage at K K Nagar Peripheral Hospital



The hospital in K K Nagar is a key healthcare facility providing medical services to residents in the locality. Thousands of outpatients visit the hospital daily for treatment.

Lack of timely maintenance at K K Nagar Government Peripheral Hospital has led to the structural damage of the building, in which concrete from the ceiling has fallen in some areas. Inadequate toilet facilities are also causing difficulties for patients.

In some parts of the hospital, the ceiling coating has fallen off, exposing rusty steel rods. Adding to patients, stray dogs freely roam around the hospital premises, including the wards, says a visitor at the hospital. Many outpatients visit the hospital to receive anti-rabies vaccinations after being bitten by dogs.

Joseph, a resident of M G R Nagar, said that only few doctors were often available during morning hours it leading to long queues. "Most patients are elderly people, and they struggle to stand in line for extended periods," he added. "There's only 1 toilet available for men. How is this sufficient for hundreds of male patients and their attenders?"

The K K Nagar Government Peripheral Hospital also has a newly constructed building behind the old structure, which is reportedly used infrequently. The building is intended to provide specialised treatment for burn injuries and emergency cases.

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