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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, Mullaivanananthar, 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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Heartfelt thanks to the Greater Chennai Corporation officials for their swift response to our complaint, published in Kodambakkam Times last week.

We deeply appreciate the care and commitment shown through the prompt action and concrete steps taken to resolve the issue and help keep the public safe and comfortable.

Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of our community.

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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.

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.

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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.

Book fair inaugurated by student author



The Book Fair 2026 at Velammal Vidyalaya Vanagaram was inaugurated by a Class 6 student who has published her own books. The young author inaugurated the 3-day fair being held from 29th to 31st October, 9 AM to 5 PM at the School Campus. The fair displays thousands of books for all classes.

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.

14th annual Diwali workshop

Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachar Sabha, T.Nagar) conducted its 14th annual Diwali workshop on first aid for firecracker injuries to the eyes on Oct.27 at its main branch in T. Nagar. 65 school students and 30 teachers from 20 schools in Chennai attended and benefited from the hands on workshop conducted by Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham, Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya.

The students enacted out several scenarios of cracker injuries under her expert guidance.

All the participating students received certificates of participation, pamphlets to be distributed in their respective schools and first aid kits from the hands of the chief guest Rajasthan Rathna Shri Subash Chand Ranka, a known philanthropist and entrepreneur. Dr. Praveen Krishna, Medical Director Radhatri Nethralaya said that this was the 14th time Radhatri Nethralaya was conducting this workshop with thousands of students benefitting till date.



My Body, My Right"

Jothi Madhar Sangam (Burkit Road, T.Nagar) serving the community in T. Nagar has organised a health awareness programme titled "My Body, My Right" for women in informal work at Corporation Division office, Thomas Road, T. Nagar on Oct.30. More than 70 women benefited from the program.

The program was sponsored and supported by All India Women's Conference, New Delhi.

Dr. Asmitha Chandramohan, MD (Paediatrics), Specialist in Paediatrics, Greater Chennai Corporation, and Dr. Mahalakshmi, MDS, Periodontist (Gum Specialist), addressed the participants on personal hygiene and preventive healthcare.

Dr. Asmitha Chandramohan explained menstrual hygiene and post-delivery care in detail, emphasising the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy body. Dr. Mahalakshmi shared practical guidance on gum care, oral hygiene and the prevention of dental problems, using examples to make the session easy to understand. Padma Venkatraman (President, Women's Indian Association) and Booma Srinivasan (Vice President) attended the program along with Esther of Action Aid Association. Lakshmi Raghukumar (President, Jothi Madhar Sangam) led the program and said there will be skill oriented program in coming days. Jothi Madhar Sangam distributed nutritious snacks to all participants.





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Bus shelter on the verge of collapse

A bus shelter on Kodambakkam High Road, near Gemini has remained unattended for the past few weeks, raising concerns over public safety. The shelter roof and some of its supporting pillars are in poor condition, with a few pillars seen leaning. A portion of the structure has also been tied with ropes as a temporary safety measure, prompting the public to fear that it could collapse at any time.

Another resident, Gopal, pointed out that vehicles moved in both directions along the stretch from Kodambakkam High Road towards Valluvar Kottam as it's a two-way road. "At night, visibility is lower, and if any part of the damaged shelter collapses, motorists and pedestrians may find it difficult to notice it in time. This could lead to accidents. The damaged shelter should therefore be removed immediately," he opined.

The shelter is located close to a temple and fair price shop, and with regular movement of residents in the area. Several employees working in nearby IT companies and other shops also use the footpath on this stretch. Residents fear that the damaged structure could collapse any time, posing a risk to pedestrians and motorists.

A local grocery shop owner said that, the shelter may have been damaged after a large vehicle hit it during the night. Since the incident happened at night, it is not clear who hit the structure. People are now hesitant to go near the fair price shop. As a result, many are forced to walk on the road instead of using the shelter area." Its better to dismantle the structure as soon as possible as rains season starts.

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