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## Barricades fall due to strong winds



With the falling of barricades kept as a centre median on Anna Main Road in K K Nagar due to strong winds recently due to heavy rains. But luckily no one was harmed. Commuters must have had a miraculous escape when metal barricades fell down due to strong winds while passing along the road. The place is highly chaotic and always loaded with traffic, laments Subramani, a long term resident. To avoid it from falling again officials have left it as it is and does not keep it in its earlier position. As there is no hold to keep the barricades there is always risk involved, says a traffic official. Implementing proper safety measures is crucial for protecting the public. One critical yet often overlooked area is barricading work zones and danger areas.

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# Voice of GOD



**Adi Kumbeswarar Temple,  
Thanjavur**

This is the 143rd Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and 26th sthalam on south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. The temple is centre of Kumbakonam city near Potramarai kulam. Mottai Gopuram is the land mark of this temple.

In Periyapuramam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Sivapuram and Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal from Thiruvanchuzhi. Moolavar : Sri Adi Kumbeswarar, Sri Amutheswarar Consort : Sri Mangalambigai. Some of the Important features of this temple are....

The temple is facing east with a 9 tier Rajagopuram. Except south, the other three directions has the Rajagopuras and three prakaras. After Rajagopuram Vinayakar and Dhandapani sannadhis, Dwajasthambam, Rishabam ( Nandhi is little big and beautiful ) and balipeedam are under the recent period Mandapam. There is a 3 tier second level Rajagopuram. Moolavar is little big made of sand, under a golden kavacham in inclined position. No abhishekam is done and punuku is applied. The Shiva Linga top looks like mouth of a kalasa.

In Prakaram Navagraha Sannidhi, Vallabha Vinayagar, 63 var, Urvavars, Veerabhadra, Saptha Kannis, Ashta Lingas, Somaskandar Sannadhi, Valanchuzhi Vinayagar, Mahalingeswarar, Pichadanar, Shanmugar, Karthikeya, Shiva Lingas, Annapoorani, Maha Lakshmi, Saraswati and Ambal Sannadhi.

Ambal is in a separate sannadhi facing south. There are 14 theerthas. Next to Bhairavar ( Kiratha murti ) who had broken the Amirtha Kuda with arrow, Jurahareswarar with 3 legs, Govinda Dekshithar with his wife, Chandran, Suryan and Natarajar Sabha. The 15th Century Saint Arunagirinathar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Muruga of this temple.

**ARCHITECTURE**  
The sanctum sanctorum consists of sanctum, antarala and artha mandapam. A Vesara vimana is on the sanctum. Unfinished Rajagopuram is called as mottai gopuram which is a land mark for this temple. Architecture is beautiful and some of the stucco images are damaged. Hindu deities are in the Mandapa niches and over the mandapa parapet wall.

## HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

There is a saying that the Kumbakonam has many temples both Saivam and Vaishnavam. Even though in literatures, this place was mentioned as Kudamooku, now called as Kumbakonam. Once in 12 years Mahamaham is conducted in Mahamaha Theertha Tank on the day when Guru stands in Simha rasi and Chandran in Kumbha Rasi.

The Mahamaha Theertha tank is spreads over 15 acres and it has 9 wells and 16 sannadhis around the 4 banks. Apart from small temples, the Kumbakonam has 14 big temples with 14 tanks. They are Brahma theerthesam, Mukunthesam, Thanesham, Rishabesam, Banesham, Konesam, Bhakthesam, Bhairavesam, Agasthesam, Vyakesam, Gangadhresham, Bramesam and Moothatheerthesam. In addition to this temples, it has 14 Theerthas has, 7 Thadahas, 3 wells and 4 rivers steps. The maintenance of these tanks and Vimanas of 16 Shiva temples was built during Vijayanagara period by Achuthappa nayak's minister Govinda Dheekshithar. He carried out all these with Gold with thulabharam ie equal amount of his weight. His stone image is in Kumbeswarar Temple. Govinda Dekshithar was instrumental in establishing Raja Veda Padasala, Schools, Pushba mandapas with Jodi / twin Vimanas, Velvi Sala next to Raja Veda Pada Sala, The Silver Chariot & Rishaba vahanam at Thiruvaidaimaruthur and extension of Mandapas at temples, atc.

## Your Stars This Year

**Aries :** Your primary strength will be the ability to endure and find ways to cope with the fluctuations in your financial situation. The stars recommend that some alterations may emerge, which would force you to reconsider financial plans. Instead of feeling that you are losing your ground, embrace the change—your ability.

**Taurus:** Your career choice is affected by the experiences of the past. You might be focussing on situations which made you angry or made you realise that you were wrong. These thoughts may be daunting, but they are also your pathways to change. Recognise such experiences but do not allow themselves.

**Gemini:** This is a perfect time to improve your work and attract more customers. Your magnetism will help you find ways to better engage with clients, thereby increasing your clientele and profile. During the first half of the week, generous surprises are in store for you.

**Cancer:** This week allows you to slow down and think about personal development and overall mental health. The mundane routines and obligations might be less attractive right now. Rest and focus on your job and self-improvement. It is about time you looked at where you are now and where you really want to be.

**Leo:** You may feel the pressure of the work you have to do. The amount of work may be cumbersome, and even if you try hard, you may not get what you intended. This may be discouraging, but it is vital to understand that such instances make people stronger. If you are at the point where you feel you must apply pressure.

**Virgo:** You will be the ray of sunshine that the workplace needs to have a bright time. Your fantastic mood will be a source of light for colleagues facing career issues. In one way or another, you will be the type of person who brings joy to people's lives by positively encouraging them. Your ability to promote effective.

**Libra:** If you are open-minded regarding criticisms, you will improve your work and gain the regard of your peers and bosses. When you signal the employer that you are more interested in growth than in who wins, you set the stage for building trust. Your demeanour and commitment to growth will also influence people.

**Scorpio:** Boost your career so you can easily face challenges confidently. Your assertiveness will enable you to be more proactive in making changes where necessary, making you a game changer who can drive team objectives. When it comes to situations that require standing one's ground, the stars say otherwise; avoid it.

**Sagittarius:** Will be lucky for independent workers, particularly those who deal with international clients. Consumers from other countries will gladly get your services and be willing to pay highly for them. Try to do a good job and stay conscious about communication because word of mouth.

**Capricorn:** Avoid analysis paralysis and start doing something instead. It is good to be cautious when planning your career path, but there is a danger of procrastination. If you have been planning a change or feeling bored, this is the moment to take small, significant steps towards.

**Aquarius :** All efforts and commitment you have been putting into work will be recognised in your workplace. In most cases, higher authorities are also likely to commend you for the effort you have put in, particularly in an endeavour to meet or accomplish projects. You will be rewarded with compliments.

**Pisces:** May be the start of the change from delays, miscommunications and career hitches that have slowed you down. The fog lifts and is replaced by clear interaction, favouring coherent and well-thought-out actions. Work tasks that seem stuck will progress, and discussions with peers or supervisors will be more straightforward and come across more effectively.

**PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK  
21.12.2024 TO 27.12.2024**

## Parents are Patterns

**P**arental rules approved by God: The rules made in scriptures are very strict: panchvarshaanetaadanti; what? Love the children till they are five years old. Don't beat or scold them. Never punish them. It is their childhood and the childhood is forgivable. Then gradually, das varshaanetaadanti [it means] you also have to punish them till the next ten years, till they are 15 years old. Beat them if they make a mistake. Scold them. Tat paschatputrenamitravatsamacharen [it means] after that, have a friendly behaviour towards your children. Don't force them. Let them do what they want. How to treat the naughty children?

Small children are called mahatma (great souls). They are certainly vice less. So, you shouldn't get angry with the children. You shouldn't slap them. You can't abuse them either. Teach them with love. When love doesn't work, you have to glare. Glare at them so that they would transform. Don't beat them. Tie them up. If they are more mischievous, lock them up in a room. Don't give them sweets. Don't give them any food for one or two days; then they will understand. If you want to punish them, catch them by their ears. Just catch their ears; not more than that. You can hold their ears tightly as well.

How to deal with the teenagers?

There is the teen age. This period is a curse for the attraction of the world. Or else their [connection] with the outside world should be broken completely. They should neither be allowed to watch cinema nor to read novels, they should neither be allowed to watch T.V. nor to listen to film songs on radio. If children are kept in so much seclusion from the world, it is then that they can be reformed. Otherwise, in the name of western education, children are being spoilt a lot. It is as if the character like bird is flying away very far and high. A negative effect of Westernization

Today, the western culture has dominated the Indian population. The Indians are adopting the western culture.

Their mentality is falling down continuously. Only when you consider yourself inferior, you follow others. What are the Indians doing today? Are they following the English civilization or are they exploring and bringing up the Indian civilization to light? Whatever the foreigners are doing, the Indians are also adopting the same ideas. They are using all foreign medicines. They are adopting the foreign lifestyle. They forgot their own superiority and are considering others superior. What is the solution?

Running away from the problem isn't the solution. Certainly, no one except God can provide the solution to this problem. It is because no one knows the solution at all. In order to solve all the problems, God is giving the Godly knowledge now.

For further more Contact : 9445520108, 9891370007.

## Sastha Thirukalyanam

**A** gri' Kannan Guruswamy has organised 40th year of ' Sri Poorna Pushkala Samedha Sri Dharmasastha Thirukalyana Mahavotsavam on Dec.28 and Dec. 29 at Gandhimathi Kalyana Mandapam, Dr.Narasimhan 2nd Street, North Boag Road, T.Nagar. The program will be led by 'Bhajanaamrudha Sagaram' V.S.Sivasubramaniam Bhagavathar. The following are the program schedule:

Dec.28: 6 a.m: Maha Ganapathi homam. 8.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m: Sri Poorna Pushkala Samedha Sri Dharmasastha pooja, Lakshacharanai, Maha Deeparadhanai and Annadhanam 3 p.m to 5.30 p.m: Bhajan. 6 p.m: Lalitha sahasranama paarayanam, Sri Vishnu Sahasranama paarayanam and special poojas. 7 p.m: Janavasam and dolautsavam.

Dec.29: 8 a.m to 3.p.m: Sri Poorna Pushkala Samedha Sri Dharmasastha Thirukalyana Mahavotsavam, Bhajans, Sastha varavu songs, Anjaneya utsavam and special prasadam. All are welcome.

For further details contact : 98403 05141, 97898 25596 and 97898 25597.



# Remove and bring respite

**A**bandoned tricycle and construction waste form a conducive environment for mosquito breeding. The Greater Chennai Corporation will soon install AI-enabled CCTV cameras to monitor garbage hotspots to ensure that those dumping waste in public places are identified and action is taken to collect fines. These AI-enabled CCTV cameras will monitor hotspots of garbage vulnerable points and will be linked with the Integrated Command and Control Centre at the Ripon Building. Construction waste is dumped with absence of any action by the concerned civic authorities. The GCC had urged residents to segregate dry and wet waste in two different bins and hand it over to workers during door-to-door collection.

It is an eyesore to see garbage dumped at the entrance of the street. Lack of awareness has resulted in poor maintenance. The garbage dump serves as an open urinal making the stretch feel uncomfortable. Residents have demanded immediate action to clear waste. It can even pollute the environment and cause health problems and diseases, residents opine. They opine that disposal of waste is very crucial for a healthy environment and appeal for immediate action. One often comes across people urinating in public places, indicating a lack of civic sense in our society. It is alarming when educated people indulge in such behaviour, residents opine.

## AROUND CHENNAI CITY

### Previous enmity bank employee attacked with knife

The Bank employee working in T. Nagar branch on Thursday was attacked by another Bank employee who was working previously with him. The accused Satish came to the bank on Thursday he quarreled with victim Dinesh is a senior manager in the bank. Suddenly the accused took out his knife and slashed him on the ear. It was told that he had previous enmity with him when they were working together in the same bank. Dinesh joined the HDFC bank's T. Nagar branch while Satish remained unemployed. He had attacked Dinesh for personal vendetta.

A complaint was registered and at the Mambalam police station and he was arrested.

### Drugs seized two arrested

Saidapet police have arrested two persons hailing from Kerala for possession of methamphetamine. Following a tip-off, a police team from Saidapet stepped up surveillance on Wednesday afternoon and, on suspicion, intercepted two persons at 5th Main Road, CIT Nagar.

The police seized 2.8g of methamphetamine from the duo identified as Ramees, 25, and Isakku, 28, of Kannur, Kerala. The two of them were arrested and remanded in judicial custody after being produced in a court,

### CMRL to attract more passengers to use NCMC cards

The Chennai Metro Rail Limited or CMRL has been taking huge efforts to make many commuters use the Singara Chennai card or NCMC or National Common Mobility Card. In this aspect, CMRL in the month of October made the process of acquiring this card simple. The KYC or know your customer process was eliminated by the CMRL and had introduced NCMC dispensers in August in the metro stations in Chennai.

the police said.

### Woman attacked in Valasaravakkam, one held

The Valasaravakkam police arrested a 25-year-old man on Saturday for allegedly attacking and harassing a woman, with whom he had been in a relationship. The police said the suspect – R Sriram, an employee of a private company in Tiruvarur – forced the woman to talk to him after she had ended their relationship.

According to the police sources, Sriram and the woman, the latter hailing from Mayiladuthurai, pursued MBA together. A few months ago, the woman moved to Chennai, where she has been employed at a private company. After she broke up with him, Sriram allegedly followed her often and argued with her. On Saturday, Sriram went to the woman's house near Valasaravakkam and an argument broke out between the two, during which he attacked her with a stone and fled.

Based on the woman's complaint, the police arrested Sriram and remanded him in judicial custody. Further investigation is underway.

### Obscene dance event, 5 arrested

Five men were arrested by the MGR Nagar police for allegedly conducting an obscene dance event at a private bar late Friday night. Police said that based on a tip-off, a team went to the bar and found an event going on. Five men who organized the event prevented police from performing their duty and allegedly threatened them. Police arrested M Dhanu (47), P Vijay Amirtharaj (38), P Vinoth Kumar (31), P Kodish (26) and S Balamurugan (22). The team also seized an amplifier, 330 currency notes of toy money, 10 party cards and 6,100.



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HR&CE Minister P K Sekar Babu (not seen in the picture) on Saturday, hands over silver doors crafted at a cost of 33.85 lakh to Vadapalani Murugan temple.

### Blessings of guru

1008 Srimad Bhagavatham lekhanam is set to begin. This is the golden opportunity for the devotees to experience the divine nectarine of Sri Bhagavatham. Duration of Srimad Bhagavatham Lekhanam 2 years. For further details contact : Sri Giri Ji **93809 65680**.

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## TN govt school student wins Gold medal in Karate championship

13 year old girl Nithila a student of Government School in Ashok Nagar wins Gold medal in Karate championship in 46kg category that took place in Ludhiana.  
 After winning several such types of karate championships in TN, Nithila was selected for this event in Ludhiana. It must be noted that in the state level karate championship that took place at Karaikudi in TN, as many as 252 students participated in the 46kg category.  
 Her father, Mr. Sampath Kumar (who himself is a karate coach) was very happy about her daughter winning the Gold medal at Ludhiana. He spoke about how it was a proud moment for all. He threw light about how Nithila from TN Govt School winning the Gold medal for the first time would inspire other students



also. It is superb to note that Nithila has been participating and winning many karate competitions in the past also. She made many heads turn when she won a Silver medal at India Open Karate Tournament.

## Chennai-Mysuru Express superfast to be operated as ordinary from Jan 3

The Chennai-Mysuru Intercity Express will be downgraded from a superfast to an ordinary express starting January 3, following a decision by the South Western Railway (SWR) and approval from the Railway Board. The change comes after a steady increase in stoppages over the years, which has impacted the train's average speed.  
 Four more trains operated by the Southern Railway will undergo a similar downgrade in January, leading to reduced fares. For the Chennai-Mysuru Intercity Express, ticket fares will drop by Rs 15 for second sitting and Rs 45 for chair car classes. Additionally, passengers in districts like Tirupattur, Vellore and Ranipet, where the train is highly patronised, will benefit from express season tickets priced Rs 150 lower than the superfast season tickets.  
 As per an official note, the Chennai-Mysuru Superfast Express will be renumbered from 12609/12610 to 16551/16552 starting January 3. The train currently departs Chennai Central at 1.35 pm, reaches Bengaluru at 7.55 pm, and arrives in Mysuru at 10.50 pm, with stoppages at 23 stations. Covering a distance of 497 km in nine hours and 15 minutes, the train maintains an average speed of 54 km/h. Initially operated between Chennai and Bengaluru, it was extended to Mysuru in January 2019, press release said.



**Bharathi Kanda Puthumai Pengal**  
 Bharathi Kanda Puthumai Pengal award was given to 100 numbers, conducted by Jai Hind Bharath Academy. One of the Puthumai Pen award was given to Bike trainer Padmini Narasimhan, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar. She also received certificate and mamendo by Sami Chandrasekar on 11/12/24. Chief Guest Arjun Sampath and Nalli Kuppusamy.

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## Do night school function?

Siva Trust on 57th street in Ashok Nagar works towards socially backward children and women living in rural and semi-urban poor communities. It runs a night school for the community. Night school could be a better fit for the study schedule.

Students who take night classes have the advantage of being able to take time to study during the day. They can study on lunch breaks, during their morning commutes, before work, and so on — which means late-night study sessions aren't necessary. But does it function properly?

The infrastructure of it is so ailing that the students are forced to sit on the ground. Only a single teacher is playing different roles in the school. The school is confined to one room only. Being in a classroom with lack of resources adversely affects children's mental health. The government is spending a large chunk of budget in providing free education to the poor and destitute, residents opine. Money is not properly spent, residents opine.



## 21st Annual Music festival

Rasika Fine Arts and Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School (83, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) has organised 21st Annual Music festival from Dec.22,2024 and Jan.1, 2025 at JGHV, Postal Colony, 4th Street, West Mambalam.

The music festival will be inaugurated at 5 p.m on Dec 22 by Justice Lakshmi Narayan in presence of N.Kamakoti (Managing Director and CEO, City Union Bank), 'Cleveland' V.V. Sundaram (Musicologist), S.Vedantm (President, Rasika Fine Arts) and Girija Seshadri (Secretary).

There will be conferring the birudhu with a cheque of each One Lakh ' Rasika Kala Bharathi' on Hyderabad D Raghava Chary (Carnatic Vocalist) and 'Rasika Kala Nipuna' on ' Kalaimamani' Desur D.S.D. Selvarathinam (Nathaswara Vidwan) by the chief guest during the inauguration day.

The following are the program details:

Dec.22: 3.45 p.m: Mangala isai; 6.45 p.m: Vocal concert by Dr Pantula Rama, accompanied by M.S.N.Murthy (violin), Sai Gridhar ( mridangam) and Sunil Kumar (Kanjira).

Dec.23: 4 p.m: Vocal concert by Lavanya Sundararaman, accompanied by ' Karaikal' Venkatasubramaniam (Violin), 'Kumbhakonam' A.Saravanan (Mridangam) and 'Kumbhakonam' S. Balaji Sairam (morsing); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Bharat Sundar accompanied by L. Ramakrishnan (violin), 'Trivandrum' Balaji (Mridangam) and Sunil Kumar (Kanjira).

Dec.24: 4 p.m: Vocal concert by V.Shravan, accompanied by ' Madurai' Vijayaganesh (Violin), Rohit Prasad (mridangam) and Shivaramakrishna (Kanjira); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Abhishek Raghuram accompanied by H.N.Bhaskar (violin) and N.C.Bharadwaj ( mridangam).

Dec.25:4 pm : Bharathanatyam performance by Sahana Rajagopalan, accompanied by Gurus - Hema Rajagopalan and Krithika Rajagopalan, G. Vijayaraghavan (Mridangam), Chitrabari Krishnakumar (Vocal), Kalaiarasan Raamanathan (Violin) and Praveen K Narayanan (Nattuvangam); 6.30 p.m : Vocal concert by Gayatri Girish, accompanied by 'Mysore' Srikanth (Violin), ' Poongulam' Subramaniam (Mridangam) and N.Rajaraman (ghatam).

Dec 26: 4 p.m: Vocal concert by 'Maharajapuram' Ganesh Viswanathan, accompanied by R.Rahul (violin) and 'Palayamkottai' B Guru Raghavendra (mridangam); 6.30 p.m: Nathaswaram performance by 'Mylai' Karthikeyan, accompanied by Visvesh (Violin),

M.S.Venkata Subramaniam ((mridangam) and 'Trichy' Krishna (ghatam).

Dec.27: 4.p.m: Vocal concert by 'Sathur' Krishna Ramarathinam, accompanied by Dr .Usha Rajagopalan (violin), 'Nellai' Balaji Mridangam) and 'Madipakkam' Murali (ghatam); 6.30 p.m: A.Kanyakumari (violin), V.Sanjeev (Violin) and Patri Sathish Kumar (Mridangam).

Dec 28: 10 a.m to 11 30 p.m: Music program by JGHV and GKSHV students; 4 p.m: Vocal concert by Jayasree Jayaramakrishna, accompanied by 'Kovai' Chandran (Violin), 'Kumbhakonam' Ramakrishna (mridangam) and Narasimhan (ghatam); 6 30 p.m: Vocal concert by Akkarai sisters accompanied by Vinjamuri Kamalakiran (violin), Kulur Jayachandra Rao (Mridangam) and Giridhar Udupa (ghatam).

Dec. 29: 10 a.m to 11.30 a.m: Music program by JGHV teachers; 4 p.m: Violin concert by Sherya Devnath, accompanied by Praveen Sparsh (mridangam) and Sunil Kumar (Kanjira); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Dr.Nithyasree Mahadevan accompanied by 'Parur' M.A.Krishnasamy (violin), 'Karaikuruchi' Mohanaraman (mridangam) and 'Trichy' Krishnaswamy (ghatam).

Dec.30: 4 p.m: Vocal concert by Dr Adesh Sundersan, accompanied by Vivek Dinesh (Violin) and A.Vamsidara (mridangam); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Ashwath Narayanan, accompanied by Vittal Rangan (violin) and 'Delhi' Sairam (mridangam).

Dec 31: 4 p.m: Vocal concert by Sproothy Rao, accompanied by Vishal Soumyan (Violin) and S Hariharan (mridangam); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Prince Rama Varma, accompanied by S R Vinu (violin), B.Harikumar (mridangam), Dr S Karthick (ghatam) and 'Payyannur' Govindaprasad (morsing).

Jan.1 : 4 p.m: Bharatnatyam performance by Varsha Chandrasekar (disciple of 'Naty Kala Saraswathy' Malathy Thothadri) accompanied by Sai Sabapathy (Vocal), G Vijayaraghavan (Mridangam), E Devarajan (flute) and Radha Venkateshwaran (Veena); 6.30 p.m: Vocal concert by 'Papanasam' Ashok Ramani, accompanied by B.U.Ganesh Prasad (violin) and 'Kallaidaikurchi' Sivakumar (mridangam). All are welcome.

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Focus on cooperation over competition - Help siblings recognize and appreciate each other's unique strengths rather than comparing achievements.

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## Centenary celebration of Sri N K Mahadevan

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December 25

6 30 pm: Ms Jayashree Jayaramakrishnan, Guru Krupa

Group and party

7 30 pm: Devotional discourse by Dr Kalaiselvi

Venkatesan

December 26

6 30 pm: Vocal music by Kriya and Krivaidh Krishnan

7 30 pm: Tamil devotional Sri S Srinivas

December 27

7.15 pm: Devotional music by Kalaimamani K

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# Absence of bus shelter

Forced to wait under the scorching sun without any shade, commuters are left fuming at P T Rajan Salai bus stop in K K Nagar. They blame it on the shifting of regular bus shelters owing to the second phase work of the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL). Commuters have to brave the scorching heat as there is no roof or shelter. There are hardly any other projections, either by way of a roof or a sunshade for them to take shelter under when it rains.

Chennai Corporation is planning to redesign bus shelters to improve facilities for commuters, focussing on better aesthetics, and protection from the extreme weather phenomenon. Engineers have started redesigning the bus shelters, ensuring safety and security of women, making it a safe place during a disaster event. Scores of regular commuters along the road wait every day under the scorching sun due to lack of bus shelter.



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## GCC aims to rectify 'pothole-free' Chennai

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has promised its residents a 'pothole-free' city in six months amid repeated complaints of damaged roads from them. The promise comes as the civic body plans to acquire 15 mobile jet patchwork machines to expedite the repair of potholes on bus route and interior roads.

# Perennial problem needs to be addressed



There has been rain water stagnant at the Aavin Junction located at Alwarthirunagar in Valasaravakkam due to recent rains and may even rise further with a yellow alert announced. There are chances for the groundwater getting contaminated. Concerned authorities must take action to pump out the stagnant water. Rain has worsened the situation. It is a mini pond now and needs immediate action. The problem seems to do with a clog, residents opine. There are many independent houses. With many apartments having come up over the years, the population has increased

multifold. There is a threat for the spread of water borne diseases, they lament.

To ensure an uninterrupted supply of milk and milk powder during heavy rains, the Aavin announced that eight of its parlours will remain open for 24 hours. One consumer can avail a maximum of four milk packets, said Aavin. Once a beautiful place is now counting its last days.

Will it be refurbished? It was always crowded with kids and parents of the locality, says Subburaj, a long time resident. The park, now a mini pond next to it, is a place for kids to enjoy especially on weekends and then great refreshments for both parents and kids were made available. Items ranging from different types of milk, sandwiches, french fries and many more. Even the items have reduced sales.



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## Unusual cold in Chennai city

Normally, Chennai would be hot and humid and the residents have got used to that type of weather condition. In the last few days, Chennai has been colder and the residents are finding it difficult. It is revealed that the cloudy skies coupled with rainfall have brought the temperature down by 4 degrees Celsius in Chennai.

## What action will be taken?

Colour coated asbestos sheets used for replacing compound walls to cover a vacant land to bring down the construction cost are broken and destroyed on Rajamannar street in K K Nagar. Few persons mint money with many of them parked for repair. Women in the area are scared to walk alone on the streets at night.

The concerned authorities must use an earth mover to clear the area. Officials have the power to penalize those who dump waste on vacant land. The abandoned plots have to be cleared during summer rather than in monsoon when they turn into breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

With the widespread lack of clear titles and inadequate records, even the government does not know how much land it owns. It would not only compound the existing issues but also pose significant risks to the safety and well-being of residents residing nearby. The peace and tranquillity that residents have invested in, is severely compromised. The open land threatens to erode the qualities, leading to a potential exodus of residents who seek safety, security, and a peaceful living environment.



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