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Expecting for a solution soon

A stretch on Duraisamy Road in Vadapalani is an impediment to pedestrians. Pedestrians are facing immense hardships due to rampant encroachment of footpaths. Dumped construction material, roadside parking and illegal vends have taken over walkways forcing pedestrians to walk on busy roads while putting their lives at risk. Fed up with encroachments, residents

are demanding for immediate action. Due to encroachments on footpaths, they are forced to find their way amid heavy vehicular traffic on roads. Basic facilities must be made available for the public.

It is an eyesore to view a stretch like this, laments Gajendran, a long time resident. No department has

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Voice of GOD



Someswarar Temple, Kudanthai Karonam

This is the 145th Devaram Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and 28th Shiva sthalam on the south of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. The temple is situated near Porthamarai kulam in centre of Kumbakonam city. This one of Karonam temples in Tamil nadu after Nagai karonam and Kanchipuram karonam. People calls this temple as Somesar Koil / Temple. As per the inscriptions this place was called as Somanatha mangalam and Lord Shiva was also called as Banapureeswarar.

In Periyapuramam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Kudanthai Keelkottam. Thirugnanasambandar and Vallalar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple.

Moolavar : Sri Somesar, Sri Chikkesar, Sri Somanathar, Consort : Sri Somasundari, Sri Thenar Mozhiyal. Some of the important features of the temples are.....

The Temple is facing east with 5 tier Rajagopuram which is kept locked and entrance is from road side. Dwajasthambam, balipeedam and Rishabam are in front of the sanctum. In sanctum Moolavar Somesar is of Swayambhu and short. In Koshtam Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Brahma and Durgai. On the right side is the Ambal Thenar Mozhiyal.

In outer prakaram Kalyana Sundara Vinayagar, Sri Valli Devasena Subramaniam, Navagrahas, Sekkizhar, Nalvar, Natarajar Sabha. In the inner prakaram Kodi Panchara Koil, Vinayagar, Sri Valli Devasena Arumugar and Gajalakshmi. Chozheeswarar & Thiripura Sundari (believed to be worshiped by Parantaka Chozha), Maleesar and mangala Nayaki (are believed to be worshiped by Maha Vishnu) are also in the prakaram. Natarajar, Sivakami and Somaskandar are in the artha mandapam.

Ambal Mangala Nayagi is big in size and in standing posture. Malleeswarar Shiva Linga is by the side of Ambal. Kalyana Sundarar Sannadhi is opposite to Ambal sanctum. 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.

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, Thanesar, Rishabesar, Banesar, Konesam, Bhakthesam, Bhairavesam, Agasthesam, Vyakesam, Gangadharsam, 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 Deekshithar. He carried out all these through Gold with thulabharam ie equal amount of his weight. His stone image is in Kumbeswarar Temple.

Govinda Deekshithar was instrumental in establishing Raja Veda Padasala, Schools, Pushba mandapas with Jodi / twin Vimanas, Velvi Sala next to Raja Veda Pada Sala,

Your Stars This Year

Aries : You may encounter a person who will ignite your curiosity. A party, get-together, or simple gathering could present you with a new and interesting character to interact with. Discussions could be carried out smoothly, resulting in hours of meaningful discussions. If this blossoms into a friendly relationship.

Taurus : Romantic harmony is in focus this week, which will help you and your partner feel more secure. If you and your partner have recently experienced some difficulties. People can talk to each other more freely, and there is a need to get closer emotionally. If you are single, you may be attracted to someone.

Gemini : A social-spirited mood might take you and your partner to the community this week. Social or local event, you may be shaking hands with neighbours or meeting friends and acquaintances again. It is possible to come across a cause or topic that would interest both of you.

Cancer : Love becomes more poetic this week as you look forward to saying sweet things to the person you love. It is easy to find the right words, and you might want to write a beautiful message for the person you love. There is very little that can be done to question your feelings. If you are single, this may be the best time.

Leo : Light-heartedness and warmth are the keynotes in your love life. You need some change and to spend time with your partner more entertainingly. A casual weekend getaway or a simple time spent at home, having fun and being affectionate might do the trick. Do not have the urge to schedule all the activities; just let the week.

Virgo : New ways of thinking about things can bring about major changes in your love life. Your effort into self-improvement and learning is slowly starting to define your perception of relationships. When you are open to new opportunities and experiences, your partner may feel that you have changed how you share love.

Libra : This week is all about feelings as a warm conversation with a partner or a friend unveils a new level of intimacy. Conflicting perceptions may be resolved or uncertainties cleared up when people are open and honest. It is a chance to find out your common interests at the beginning of your relationship.

Scorpio : This week, the universe is full of energy. All kinds of admirers appear to be captivated by your spirit, so it's a great time to strengthen connections or consider fresh ones. If you are single, you may be surrounded by attention; your potential partners may reveal their feelings or start an interesting conversation.

Sagittarius : You get the much-needed answers about issues of the heart. You will start questioning what you want in a partner. The energies of the cosmos are urging you to go for something more serious and find people with whom you can build a connection. You might meet someone you do not expect to see.

Capricorn : You must learn how to manage your feelings well. There is no reason to share your feelings and emotions with those who do not care about your welfare. Do not waste your energy in the wrong places. Talk to your partner for some time and discuss your worries.

Aquarius : You may feel extra sensitive and wonder how people behave towards you. Sometimes, people may be genuinely harsh, but your nervous system makes you feel more offended than warranted. If you are in a relationship, do not hide your feelings from your partner. Discuss with a non-aggressive attitude.

Pisces : The pressures and responsibilities of work and other obligations may make you tired and stressed, which will not be good for your relationships. The stars encourage you to take care of your health. Sometimes, it is possible to get a fresh perspective by stepping back for a day or two. Best time to take a break and have a vacation together.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
04.01.2025 TO 10.01.2025

Udayam theatre closed permanently

Udayam Theater is the place where many of today's top actors have celebrated their ideal heroes. This cinema was started in 1983 with four screens namely Udayam, Chandran, Suriyan and Mini Udayam. Udayam Theatre, which had been a major entertainment venue for 41 years, was closed permanently.

10, 15 years ago, Udayam Theater used to be bustling every Friday with the celebratory sound of drums and tall cutouts. Udayam Theater is now a quiet scene on the side of the ever-busy 100 Feet Road. After the boom in multiplex cinemas, many of the older theaters are also closing down.



Maths Day Celebrated

The Mathematics Department of Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Senior Secondary School, Arumbakkam, organized a vibrant Maths Day Celebration on 23rd December 2024. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Smt. Geetha Ganesh, VP, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kilpauk, Shri. Vishal Agarwal, Management Committee Member, PTA Members, Principal, Shri.T. Ramasubramanian, Vice Principal, Smt.S. Silambuselvi, parents and all the well wishers. The event was a showcase of creativity, innovation, and teamwork. Students from classes VI to VIII

enthusiastically participated by presenting a wide range of working models, static models, charts, and explanations. Each exhibit reflected their deep understanding of mathematical concepts and their ability to apply them to real-world scenarios.

Highlights of the Exhibition was cultural performances like the Tangram Dance and Shape Walk.

Working & Static Models and Charts: Innovative projects, colourful and informative charts elucidated complex theories, formulas, and problem-solving techniques in a simplified manner.

Explanations: The students confidently explained their exhibits, impressing the audience with their clarity, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

The Chief Guest lauded the efforts of the students and teachers for organizing such an enriching event. She emphasized the importance of mathematics in everyday life and encouraged students to continue exploring and enjoying the subject.

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Blocking free movement

The history of this decoration extends back to the Sangam period. In those days there were no printed invitations, so the decorations served to indicate to people visiting that place whether it is a happy occasion or mourning. Thoranams are made up of tender coconut leaf blades that find a place. Torans are used to decorate the main entrance of the home. The main idea behind decorating the homes is to please and attract the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. These torans are the first thing that welcomes guests.

According to a theory, the air filled with carbon dioxide, which is lighter than the pure air gets purified immediately while passing through the Toran. In addition, insects get attracted to the green leaves. This stops the insects from entering the room.

But thoran tied by a house on 5th Avenue in Ashok Nagar is a threat to road users. Tied across the road the inmates are ignorant of the danger it poses that too at night. It is not visible during the day and what about night, residents question.

It is an impediment to drivers and must be immediately removed. It's a gateway towards the pure interiors of the house and not the polluted street. This practice has been based on beliefs for a long time. Toran must be tied to the door and not across the street that may end up fatal, residents opine.

AROUND CHENNAI CITY



Woman tried to set herself on fire in Vadapalani

A 35-year-old woman tried to set herself ablaze, alleging her lover had cheated on her. Who was having an illicit relationship with a married man created a flutter at Vadapalani police station on Wednesday night.

The woman said to be a club dancer, was under the influence of alcohol, reached the police station around 1 am on Thursday, wanting to lodge a complaint against her boyfriend as he was not ready to marry her.

The woman claimed that despite both of them being married to other people, they had been living together and carried on the affair for three years without the knowledge of their spouses.

The policewoman on guard duty asked her to file a complaint with the all-woman police station. She went back to her two-wheeler, took a bottle of petrol, poured it over her to mark her protest and threatened to set herself on fire.

Her boyfriend, was informed and he reached there, prevented her from setting herself on fire with the police personnel's help. The police also called her husband over to take her back and advised them.

Chennai boy rescued from Pondy, woman arrested

A class 10 student from Chennai who was reported missing by his family was traced to Pondy by the police. A probe revealed that the teen was taken to Pondy by his tuition teacher's sister. Police said the boy had joined a tuition class in Ashok Nagar, where the teacher's younger sister befriended him.

After coming to know of their relationship, the boy's family filed a police complaint.

The boy went missing a couple of days ago after which the family filed a missing complaint. The police arrested the woman and a friend who assisted her, under the Posco act. They have been remanded in judicial custody.

Police arrested man for hoax bomb threat

The Vadapalani police arrested Vivek Maran, a 35-year-old resident of Triplicane for issuing a hoax bomb threat to Vadapalani Andavar temple. Heavy security was deployed in front of the temple after the bomb threat was made. A senior official of the Chennai City police said an unidentified person contacted the police control room in the early hours of Monday, claiming that a bomb had been planted at the Lord Murugan temple.

Senior police officials were alerted immediately. St. Thomas Mount Deputy Commissioner directed Teynampet Assistant Commissioner and Vadapalani Crime Branch Inspector to conduct searches on the premises. A police team reached the spot at 1.30 a.m., along with a Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad and a dog squad. The premises were searched, and on concluding that there was no bomb, the temple was allowed to be opened at 4 a.m.



Under the auspices of Hanumanthavanam Trust, 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar, Anjaneya Swami Temple in Ashok Nagar was decorated with Vetrilai Malai Alangaram on 02.01.2025 to bless the devotees thronging the temple in large numbers.

2.55 Crore Pilgrims Visit Tirupati Temple in 2024

Devotees have been flocking to the temple in large numbers, with approximately 99 lakh people shaving their heads and making offerings over the past year. Following the easing of the Covid-19 pandemic, the temple's daily income from monetary offerings has consistently exceeded 3 crore. On weekdays, the average daily income from offerings is 3.6 crore, rising to 3.85 crore on weekends. Notably, on December 31, the temple recorded a peak income of 4.10 crore in a single day. On January 1, the first day of the new year, 69,630 devotees visited the temple, contributing 3.13 crore in offerings. Additionally, 18,965 devotees shaved their heads and made offerings. Before the pandemic, an average of 80,000 devotees visited the temple daily. However, over the past three years, the daily footfall has reduced to 70,000. Despite this decline, the temple has reported an annual income exceeding 1,200 crore for the last three years, demonstrating its enduring significance and the unwavering devotion of its followers.



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Construction waste dumping a threat

It's been a common sight where garbage is dumped on the roadside. In many cases, the residents dispose of kitchen waste, furniture waste debris, and all kinds of perishable and non-perishable items which they find convenient to throw away. During the night hours, few residents in the area dump the waste here causing difficulty for others in the area.

The construction waste is left on Bhakthavatchlam Colony I Street, Vadapalni by the workers who work in a construction site who stay nearby and dump the waste during the odd hours. The waste is lying for a few weeks and during the rains, it leads to mosquito and other insect menace which raises various health concerns, residents opine. The city corporation has announced designated locations across its 15 zones for the disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) waste free of charge.

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) had recently increased the fine for illegal dumping of construction waste from Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000 per tonne. The GCC has also mandated private lorry owners, individuals and agencies involved in collecting and transporting construction waste to register with the solid waste management department. A one-time registration fee of Rs 1,000 will be collected for registration. Only registered vehicles will be permitted at the sites, and unauthorised or mixed waste dumping will be prohibited. GCC has warned that strict action will be taken against those dumping waste near water bodies.

35% hike in professional tax to be implemented soon

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has finalised a 35% hike in professional tax during its council meeting at the Ripon Building on Monday. The proposal, earlier introduced in July, will be implemented from the financial year 2024-2025.

Under the revised structure, individuals with a half-yearly income of 21,001 to 30,000 will pay 180 up from 135. For those earning from 30,001 to 45,000, the tax increases from 315 to 425, while income between 45,001 and 60,000 will see an increase from 690 to 930. However, the tax for income above 60,001 remains unchanged at 1,025 as the union government caps the maximum professional tax at 1,250.

The tax rates are increased once in five years and it was last revised from the first half of 2018-2019.

MTC to add Electric Buses to Fleet by 2025

In a significant step towards enhancing public transportation and promoting eco-friendly mobility, the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) has announced plans to add 1,320 electric buses to its existing fleet of 3,200 by the end of 2025. This move will increase the fleet size by 28%, reaching 4,500 buses, according to MTC sources.

Currently, MTC operates about 3,200 buses daily, serving 32 lakh commuters across Chennai. Alongside replacing aging diesel buses with modern low-floor and high-floor models, the corporation aims to procure 1,000 electric buses under the World Bank-funded Chennai City Partnership Programme through a Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model.





Heavy rush seen on New Year eve in Vadapalani Murugan Temple on Wednesday. Thousands of devotees had dharshan to welcome this New Year.

Dumping continues

It's been a common sight where garbage is dumped on the roadside. In many cases, the residents dispose of kitchen waste, furniture waste debris, and all kinds of perishable and non-perishable items which they find convenient to throw away. During the night hours, few residents in the area dump the waste here causing difficulty for others in the area. The construction waste is left here by the workers who work in a construction site who stay nearby and dump the waste during the odd hours.

The waste will be lying for a few weeks and during the rains, it leads to mosquito and other insect menace which raises various health concerns, residents opine. Even though the civic body has announced designated locations across its 15 zones for the disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) waste free of charge it continues to be prevalent in Sannathi Street near Vengeeswarar Temple, Vadapalani.

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Flower Show at Semmozhi Poonga

The fourth edition of the Chennai Flower Show commenced at Semmozhi Poonga, offering an 18-day celebration of floral artistry. Inspired by the iconic Ooty Flower Show, the event features 50 types of flowers arranged in three million pots, forming 20 intricate shapes, including elephants, peacocks, trains, and butterflies. Flowers have been sourced from Ooty, Yercaud, Kodaikanal, and Krishnagiri, creating a vibrant display. Initially scheduled to conclude on January 11, the show has been extended to January 19 due to public demand. Entry fees have been revised to 200 for adults and 100 for children, sparking mixed reactions from visitors.

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come forward to find a solution, he said. A portion of the drain is kept open. There are barks of trees nearby.

When are the barks going to be removed and the stretch cemented questions Gajendran. Every day many use the stretch and find it very difficult. It is more than a month now, he added. Footpaths are meant for walking.

Authorities must take strict action to reclaim footpaths. Walking on roads is a nightmare. We are forced to walk on the road while risking our lives, he lamented. The problem is particularly acute in the area where footpaths are narrowed or completely blocked by dumping of construction material, parking of vehicles and makeshift stalls. Residents suggested that immediate removal of encroachments from footpaths, strict penalties on shopkeepers and vendors violating rules, designated parking areas for vehicles and regular checking to ensure that footpaths remained clear could help improve the situation.



Remove them to lead a peaceful life

There is no little space available to dump on the vacant land on 35th Street in Ashok Nagar. Residents are very worried and need a solution to it. Women in the area are scared to walk alone on the streets at night. Officials have the power to penalize residents who dump waste on vacant land.

But in reality no one is penalised. People continue to dump waste in vacant plots without any discretion. GCC has taken a zone-wise census of vacant lands as part of the dengue eradication drive with the data not made public. Most vacant plots are stuck in court disputes and so are not maintained at all, residents opine.

An empty plot in the heart of the city is very hard to find these days. But this one is an eyesore and a constant irritant for the nearby residents. The place must be very serene to live in. The residents are not sure to whom the plot belongs to. The plot is becoming a threat to pedestrians. The open land is easily accessible to the public. Today, people come and use the land for open defecation, causing fear of diseases among the residents, and the stench is unbearable.

Anna Main Road to be dug up soon to lay drinking water pipeline

The busy Anna Main Road in K.K. Nagar will soon be dug up again to lay a pipeline to provide drinking water to Ashok Nagar residents. The Metrowater has sought permission from the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) after they are unable to supply water to residents in ward 135 for the last two months due to a pipe burst in the road under the Vadapalani flyover. In the GCC council meeting held on Monday, ward 135 councilor Shanthi took up the issue with the mayor, asking for permission to cut the road.

Metrowater officials said they could not repair the pipe burst under the Vadapalani flyover as it required closure of the entire highway and the highways department would not allow them to cut and cover the road. So they had to suspend water supply to the residents. Only option left with us is to connect a new line through the Anna Main Road. The work will be started soon after getting permission from the GCC, said an official.

Metrowater is hesitant to cut and cover the pipe burst site as it passes under the bridge. It will be impossible. They had come up with an option to lay a new line through Anna Main Road. So we are left with no option but to cut the Anna Main Road," she said.

The officials plan to cut Anna Main Road in front of ESI Medical College Hospital and it will lead to Natesan Salai through Kamaraj Salai. It will probably create trouble for thousands of motorists. Meanwhile, residents of K.K. Nagar said that Anna Main Road had been dug up multiple times for various.



Dangerous junction

The main objective of junction design is to increase convenience, comfort and safety while at the same time enhancing the efficient movement of all road users. But the situation at Dr Radhakrishnan Salai, Valasaravakkam and Arcot Road in Valasaravakkam continue to be dangerous. Junctions are intended to operate where vehicles often must share space with other vehicles and pedestrians. But most drivers violate rules risking their lives and also others lives. With CMRL work in progress the junction remains a nightmare.

An important safety aim is to match the speed at which drivers negotiate the junction with the complexity of the decisions to be made. This can be done by only allowing simple merging manoeuvres on high speed roads or by ensuring that drivers reduce speed on the junction approach. Drivers can make safe decisions with sufficient information, but not be tempted to try to select short gaps in conflicting traffic flows.

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