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Remove barricades disturb traffic

renches dug for storm water drain construction and not closed properly at Rangrajapuram Main Road, for vehicles proceeding through Kodambakkam to Ashok Nagar via cause traffic jams and pose a threat to life. Rangrajapuram Main Road is one of the busiest, which makes things worse. Barricades are placed to alert motorists to avoid the stretch.

Work on storm water drains had been happening for a week and locals said though storm water drain construction was attended at Rangrajapuram Main Road side, a barricade is placed as the trench is not properly covered. Adding to the traffic chaos are vehicles taking no

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சனிப் பெயர்ச்சி-2025

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Gomuktheeswarar Temple, Thiruvaduthurai

This is the 153rd Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and 36th Sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. This is one of the Paadal Petra Sthalams in which Moovar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Aa+ thurai – Aduthurai - a place with a lot of cows on the banks of river Kaveri. In Sanskrit, this place is called Komukthipuram.

In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar, requests Lord Shiva, to give him the required materials/money for his father's velvi and Lord Shiva gave 1000 porkili (gold) through a Shiva Gana, which was placed on the balipeedam. In Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal Puranam, Sekkizhar records that, Appar spent/stayed many days in this temple, by doing thirupani or the Ulavaram.

Thirugnanasambandar, Thirunavukkarasu Swamigal, Sundarar, and Vallalar have sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple. Thirugnanasambandar in his hymns requests Lord Shiva, to give him the required material/money for his father's velvi. Lord Shiva gave 1000 gold coins (porkili) through the Shivaa Gana, which was placed on the Balipeedam.

Moolavar: Sri Masilamanieeswarar, Sri Komuktheeswarar, Consort: Sri Oppilamulammai, Sri Athulyakujambigai. Some of the important features of this temple are.....

The temple faces east with a 5-tier Rajagopuram. The temple tank is in front. Balipeedam

(Thirugnanasambandar received gold, which was kept on this balipeedam), Dwajasthambam, and a big Stucco Rishabam are in front of the sanctum sanctorum. A 3 tier second-level Rajagopuram is after the Nandhi. In koshtam Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy, Brahma and Durgai.

In prakaram Vinayagar, Sri Valli Devasena Subramanya. Thiagarajar is in a separate temple. Thiagarajar is called by different names, such as Thyagesar, Sempon Thyagesar, Puthrathyagesar, and Swarnathyagesar with murtis/idols.

Samadhi of Thirumoolar and Thirumaligai thevar are in this village. In, Kshethra Kovai Pillai Thamizh it is mentioned that Thirumaligai Thevar who had composed Thiruvisaippa belongs to this place and praises Lord Murugan as Kangeyan.

ARCHITECTURE

The sanctum sanctorum consists of Sanctum, antarala, artha mandapam and a mukha mandapam. The sanctum Sanctorum is on a pada bandha adhistanam with jagathy, three patta kumudam, and pattikai. The Bhitti starts with Vedikai. The pilasters are of Vishnukantha pilasters with kalasam, kudam, mandi, palakai, and vettupothyal. The prastaram consists of valapi, kapotam. The Vimanam is of Vesara style. HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

This is the Nandi Sthalam of Thiruvidaimaruthur's parivara sthalangal. Lord Shiva sat under Deva's "Padar arasu". Cheraman Peruman Nayanar and Vikrama Pandian worshiped Shiva at this temple. The temple was constructed during the Pallava period and later expanded by Chozhas, Pandyas, and Vijayanagaras. The Inscriptions recorded from this temple belong to Parantaka Chozha-I, Rajarajan-I, Rajendra Chozha-I, Vijaya Rajendran, Kulothunga Chozha-I, Vikrama Chozha, Rajaraja-II, Pandya Kings Maravarman Vikrama Pandian and Vijayanagara

* Your Stars This Year

Aries: Communication is the prime care in love. Before you start discussing anything, verify that your partner's thoughts about the relationship's future match yours. Straightforwardly talking about your expectations and what you expect from the future. Before getting carried away by the excitement, make sure.

Taurus: Brings love through its cheerful and humorous aspects. Small disagreements should remain minimal without escalating between you and your partner. You should handle these situations with humour and friendly intentions. You will effortlessly eliminate tensions, which will create stronger bonds between you.

Gemini: Current situation will make you wonder about what exists in reality and what appears to be just a fantasy. Should pause your fantasies to understand relationship realities. Enchanting magic and everyday practicality make up love, which you should fully accept.

strength. Your words hold extraordinary strength. Your words will exceed their typical impact. Pay attention to your message delivery because tiny communication actions will produce major effects. The current astrological conditions make it ideal to express yourself sincerely to resolve misunderstandings.

Leo: Take the opportunity to engage in real two-way discussions with your partner rather than simply imparting advice. When both partners feel understood and valued, love deepens. Also, remember that you should listen just as much as you speak. This balance will create a richer and more supportive environment.

Virgo: The current week offers an excellent opportunity for you to address any hidden thoughts that occupy your mind. Release your deep emotions through conversations since they probably don't exceed what your mind has magnified. A sincere dialogue will resolve all doubts and bring calmness.

Libra: Invites you to delve deep into your emotions and thoughts while trying to understand yourself and how you approach relationships. Time for an honest confrontation with your feelings and behaviour, which may bring to light some uncomfortable truths. Enough to understand what you want; to have a successful.

Scorpio: Prompts you to be extra observant due to the possibility of misunderstandings arising in romantic relationships. Be conscious of not letting any mid-communications balloon into severe strains. In reality, understanding each other would help you avoid possible problems. Be cautious every time.

Sagittarius: Some sudden chat could lead to a more significant understanding of relationships and love. What begins with a rather unsubstantial talk may end up critical in judging the dynamics of your current relationships. This may call for a few unexpected alterations. Make sure you are open to new scraps.

Capricorn: You are encouraged to improve communication with your partner. Being considerate in discussing mutual needs would serve to enhance understanding and negotiation. It's mostly a case of the grass seeming greener from the other side, and one might get committed.

Aquarius: You have only made some progress in your love life. The present week calls for a more profound excavation into the underlying problems at hand. Superficial answers rarely reach the roots of issues, which justifies the need for a thorough examination before deciding on any course of action.

Pisces: Developing affection might well take time; hurrying it might ruin the potential. As you meet someone new or deepen an existing relationship, let things take their own course. Quick sparks do not hold much weight but rather a building-in-process of trust into which the deep and unending connection will grow. Remaining patient at the dawn of a new relationship.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK 09.03.2025 TO 15.03.2025

Be the time and turn the tide

What is the most valuable thing in today's world? Time. Even a second of this invaluable Confluence Age is a treasure. Just like you make attainments from treasures, similarly you can make elevated attainments from each and every second of this Confluence Age. So, this time of the Confluence Age means each and every second is a bigger treasure than many padam (multimillions). Even if you collect many padam [on one side] and keep a second of the Confluence Age on the other side, the single second of the elevated Confluence Age will outweigh it. It is because you attain the fruit of all time in this one second. The elevated reward of 5000 years is based on these few moments. So, you should spend such priceless moments in a priceless manner, shouldn't you? If you use a jewel like a stone, what will be its result? To spend it in an ordinary way means to evaluate a jewel like a stone. If you waste your time, you use a jewel like a stone. Even if one second is wasted; the value of one second is also high. It is because there is no guarantee of time. You cry: 'I made a mistake'. Make up, don't [repeat] the mistake. Move ahead with determination. Don't speak wasteful talks. Don't waste time.

Then, you will make up. If a train becomes late for three, four, five, six, eight hours and sometimes when it travels a long distance [ahead], it makes up. They go ahead as well. The train reaches the station before time. So, you too reach well before. Now, make your life [worth] a diamond after studying from God. If you keep wasting time, you will have to repent later. You can neither bring your own nor anybody else's welfare. Now is the time to deposit one lakh fold for [something that you do] once. This is why, [you] should always pay attention to [checking] if you are depositing [in your account] all the time. This isn't the time to move along with self-indulgence. If you move along with indulgences even during the delicate time, you will only suffer loss as a result of it. This is why, now you have to

become an embodiment of destruction. What do you have to destroy? Your own sanskaars.

This is the time to take on a fearsome form for your own wrong actions and the sinful souls who are present now and burn them to ashes in a second... Now is the time to reveal yourself on the battlefield. Just like the time is slipping out fast, you also have to run in the same [pace]. When you have to catch a train physically, you have to pay attention to time or else you miss it. Time is certainly running. It doesn't wait for anyone. Now, it's the time to jump. If you feel there is any shortcoming [in you], transforming it in a second is called making a jump. For example, when king Parikshit came to know that he was going to die in seven days, every second of his time became valuable. To value time means to value yourself. You do recognize time, but to behave as an embodiment of recognition is something you have to pay attention to. Now is the chance to create your future and the future of others as much as you want. Now, this is the deal (sauda) of forever (sada). The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are

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Walkathon in Saree by 1000 women for Women's Day

In connection with the Women's Day celebration, Rotary district 3234 and Inner Wheel District 323 are organizing a unique saree walkathon on Sunday, 9th March 2025, between 5.30 to 7.30 am at YMCA, Nandanam. This is to create awareness and to promote nutrition and fitness among women. This engaging initiative is aimed to encourage women to embrace a healthy lifestyle, while proudly showcasing traditional attire. Around 1000 women will attend and participate in a saree zumba session, talk by a nutritionist, live band performance, flash mob performance, and a saree walkathon.

Life time achievement award

India's legendary cricketer and top bowler Mr. Ravichandran Ashwin was presented with 'Life Time Achievement Award' by Rotary International District 3234 at its annual district conference 'Sanghamitra' held in Chennai on March 2nd 2025 in recognition of his significant achievements in cricket and shining as pride of nation.

Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Ravichandran Ashwin for his achievements in cricket by Industrialist and renowned film producer AVM Balasubramaniam in the presence of Rotary District Governor N.S.Saravanan and District Conference Chairman Ravi Sundaresan at the Rotary International District 3234 in Chennai recently.





AVM Women Achiever Award Celebrates Excellence & Empowerment

In celebration of International Women's Day, Avichi College of Arts & Science hosted the prestigious AVM Women Achiever Award on March 7th at the AVM Auditorium. The event honored the exceptional achievements of women across various fields, including education, sports, social service, and leadership. The highlight of the ceremony was the AVM Women's Champion of Change Award, which recognized women for their remarkable contributions and transformative impact in society. The honorees included Mrs. A.S. Kumari

their remarkable contributions and transformative impact in society. The honorees included Mrs. A.S. Kumari Vijayakumar, Dr. Girija Seshadri, Mrs. Sheela Rajendra, Dr. Arathi Arun, Ms. Narmatha, and Dr. Vandana Gopikumar.

Additionally, the AVM Excellence in Education Award was presented to outstanding educators who have shown unwavering commitment to shaping young minds and fostering academic excellence.

Dr. Anisha Shanmugam, Secretary of Avichi College of Arts & Science, and Dr. N. Bhuma, Principal, honored the recipients by presenting the awards, recognizing their remarkable work and commitment.

The event was a resounding success, celebrating the vital role of women in driving change, empowering communities, and inspiring future generations. The occasion was further graced by singing and dance performances, adding a vibrant touch and enhancing the overall celebration of women's achievements.



100 days of free consultation @ VHS Multi-Speciality Hospital

VHS Multi-Speciality Hospital Launches Hundred Day Wellness Initiative "Aarogyam 100" for Senior Citizens Madhya Kailash, Taramani – VHS Multi-Speciality Hospital, a leading non-profit healthcare institution in Chennai, proudly launched "Aarogyam 100", an initiative aimed at enhancing healthcare accessibility for senior citizens through 100 days of free speciality consultations. The launch was

graced by the Chief Guest Padmashree Dr. V.S. Natarajan, Father of Geriatrics in India and Guest of Honour Dr. D.S. Ramaiah, a 98-year-old resident of the VHS Senior Citizen Centre located within the VHS

Speaking at the launch, Padmashree Dr. V.S. Natarajan praised the hospital's efforts towards affordable providing hig-quality healthcare in service to the community. He highlighted the hospital's experienced physicians and infrastructure who were dedicated towards the wellbeing of senior citizens.

Aarogyam 100 program, which offers 100 Days of free first-time consultation in the following specialities: General Medicine, General Surgery, Geriatrics, Urology, Neurology, Neuro Surgery, Ophthalmology, Dental Care, Diabetes & Endocrinology.

The event also saw the launch of the Aarogyam Card which aims to provide a holistic healthcare experience for senior citizens, ensuring their medical needs are met with priority and care.

The card offers a host of lifetime benefits for senior citizens including: Free Registration, Free Ambulance Pickup Services (within a 5 km radius), Priority in Appointments & Admissions for Senior Citizens, Discounts on Medical & Lab Investigations, Cataract Surgeries, Optical Services, and Pharmacy For further details contact via WhatsApp to or 93840 03115 or 9150017981.

Arrival of seasonal fruits in Chennai now, prices to reduce soon



File photo

The temperature is rising slowly and days are becoming hot now. The arrival of seasonal fruits like watermelons and mangoes etc at the markets in the Chennai city has brought huge delight on the faces of many residents now. Fruit traders were of the view that the prices of fruits would go down soon by the March end,

The increase in the arrivals of fruits would bring down the rates at the Koyambedu market. It is known that this market is highly famous and many go to this market regularly. It must be noted that the fruit prices have increased in March when compared to February.

For fruits like apples and oranges, the season is almost completed. The low production of pomegranates has increased its cost in the markets now. This was as per a wholesale supplier to the Koyambedu market. He added that the prices of pomegranates would come down due to the increased supply from states like AP, Karnataka and TN etc.

The retail rates of apples are Rs 250 per kg now. Similarly, the retail rates of other fruits like oranges, mangoes, water melons, guava and pomegranates are Rs 100 per kg, Rs 200 per kg, Rs 20 per kg, Rs 85 per kg and Rs 300 per kg respectively.

Grand cultural event

The Thamizhnadu Brahmin Association, Rangarajapuram /West Mambalam unit, is set to organize a grand cultural event featuring the Pancharatna Keerthanas on March 15, 2025. The event, celebrating the rich Carnatic music heritage of Sadguru Thyagaraja, will take place in Kothandaramar Temple, West Mambalam.

The event will commence at 5:30 PM with a traditional Kolattam (folk dance) performance by Sree Jeyam, followed by a short drama on Sadguru Thyagaraja by the same group at 6:00 PM. The highlight of the event, the Pancharatna Keerthanas, will be presented by the talented students of Sri Kamakoti Triveni Sangeetha Padasalai, West Mambalam, at 6:30 PM.

Music enthusiasts and devotees are invited to attend and immerse themselves in the divine compositions of Sadguru Thyagaraja.

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Vadu manga throng city markets

Summer is here. So is the humble vadu manga (baby mango). The start of this season is seeing its arrival in large quantities in market areas like Arya Gowda Road and Station Road at West Mambalam, so to say.

"There is a high demand for the tiny fruit. I sell several kilograms of this a day," said vendor here. While the kaambu vadu (mango with branch intact) is sold at 300 hundred and without kaambu 200 per kilo. Hawkers say the prices will drop a bit as more stocks arrive.

"The season is seeing a good produce of vadu manga, and hence we are able to cater to the



demands, after procuring it from various places in Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu," he said, adding, "Vadu with kaambu will last for long and is therefore highly priced'," he pointed out. Similarly, vadam sheets can also be seen in various terraces across the neighbourhood, as the womenfolk are busy preparing these rice crispies.



Cable hazard continues

angled cable wires that fall on the road obstruct traffic on Lake View Road in West Mambalam for more than half an hour have become a cause for concern for people. It poses a threat to pedestrians and people alike. The wires got stuck not allowing the vehicle to move forward. It was later cut to free the vehicle to motion.

The wires are dangerous, especially for motorists and pedestrians, residents lament. Another resident aired similar grievances. Already the road lacks walking space. A stretch of pavements is occupied for illegal parking and hawkers and the rest by cables, forcing people to walk on roads. If not fixed properly it is dangerous to negotiate the road. No use blaming the driver, residents opine.



Womens day awareness

n eve of International Women's Day BJP womens wing came forward to donate their organs with their self-On eve of International Wolliell's Day Day wolliells wing can be day. The continuous efforts of the interest through the TRANSTAN website and also registered the same day. The continuous efforts of the Tamil Nadu BJP Women's Wing to create awareness about organ donations are welcome said Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan, Tamilnadu Mahila Morcha State President others were present are Smt. Umarathirajan guidances, Tamilnadu Mahila Morcha State General Secretary R. Nathiya Srinivasan, Mahila Morcha State Vice-President Smt. C. Sangeetha Mathivanan, Tamilnadu Mahila Morcha State Secretary Smt. Thangashobana, Mahila Morcha District President Smt.Deepa, District General Secretary of Mahila Morcha Smt.Sheeja Sasindran and District Secretary Smt. Varalakshmi Senthilkumaran.



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"Are Your Kidneys OK?" " Exception Protect Farly, Protect Kidney Health

Arise.. awake.. stop not till your kidneys are screened World Kidney Day (WKD) is a global health awareness campaign celebrated annually on the second Thursday of March. This year's theme is "Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect Early, Protect Kidney Health."

The kidneys are vital organs responsible for filtering waste products, balancing body fluids, regulating blood pressure, and supporting red blood cell production and bone health. The incidence of kidney disease in India has been rising significantly over the years.

Kidney diseases often progress silently, manifesting noticeable symptoms only in advanced stages. Regular screening is particularly crucial for individuals with diabetes, hypertension, obesity, or a family history of kidney disease, as these conditions heighten the risk of developing CKD.

The tests for early screening of kidney disease include a simple blood test for creatinine, a urine examination and urine protein measurement. This along with information on an individuals weight, blood pressure, blood sugar measurements and risk factor profile can help in detecting kidney disease early. Remember very early stages of certain kidney disease can be

Dr Rajeevalochana, Senior Consultant Nephrologist Medway Hospitals suggested some tips for healthy kidneys

- · Stay Hydrated:
- Maintain a Healthy Diet: Limiting salt, sugar, and processed foods can reduce the risk of diabetes and hypertension.
- Exercise Regularly:
- · Monitor Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Levels
- Avoid Overuse of Painkillers: Excessive use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and over the counter medications without proper prescription can harm kidney function, press release said.
- To keep your kidneys healthy Contact 9455794557, Medway Hospitals, Kodambakkam.



Atchaya foundation women's day in Natesan Park

animeghalai (Founder of Atchaya Foundation, Ramasamy Street, T. Nagar) jointly with Dr. Natesan Park Joggers and Walkers Association (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) and Dr. Natesan Park Laughers Club celebrated international women's by awarding 'Sakthi Awards' to 60 women conservancy workers on March 8 in the park premises. The program was headed by Manimeghalai, awards were presented by Dr.Sivakami (IAS), Kannagi Bhakiyanathan (IAS) and other eminent personalities.

Parking fee hike sparks debate

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has approved a significant hike in parking charges, with on-street twowheeler fees rising by 300% and car parking rates doubling in congested areas. While off-street parking for cars remains unchanged, the steep increase has drawn criticism from residents' associations, who argue that public



transport and last-mile connectivity need improvement before such measures are enforced. Many fear that higher parking costs will lead to more illegal parking in residential areas, further worsening congestion.

The economically weaker sections, especially daily wage workers and conservancy staff, are expected to bear the brunt of these new rates. Experts suggest that proper park-and-ride facilities at transport hubs could encourage public transport use instead of heavy parking fees. CUMTA's decision aligns with efforts to reduce vehicle dependency, but many believe it lacks the necessary infrastructure support. Without alternative solutions, these revised parking rates could create more challenges than benefits for the city's commuters.

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The event featured an insightful keynote address by Prof. Dr. A. Stephen, Professor of Nuclear Physics, University of Madras, who highlighted the importance of scientific inquiry and innovation in shaping the future. Additionally, six competitions were conducted, where around 200 students showcased their scientific talents. A panel of nine judges from reputed institutions evaluated the participants, with winners receiving certificates, medals, and trophies.

The celebration successfully inspired young minds to explore the world of science, reinforcing the significance of research, innovation, and critical thinking in today's evolving scientific landscape.

Corpn to enforce stricter rules on construction pollution

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has proposed new guidelines to curb pollution from construction activities. The draft regulations include penalties ranging from 30,000 to 5 lakh for violations and mandate corrective actions within 15 days. Construction violations are classified into high, medium, and low significance. Site inspections will be conducted to ensure compliance, and failure to adhere to norms may result in project suspension.

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Jaywalkers a common sight at Kodambakkam Station



Dozens of commuters are putting themselves at huge risk at Kodambakkam station when crossing the railway tracks to reach Kodambakkam Railway Station. This has become a regular affair after the wall was demolished.

This photo shown in the picture was taken when a person crosses the track for the shortest route to the Taylors Estate and Sation View Road.

Many were also talking over a mobile phone or listening to music while crossing the tracks.

This is a very dangerous method of getting out of the station, said a senior railway official.

'This is because commuters would be cross the fast line used by Mail and Express trains. These do not stop at Kodambakkam and just rush through', the officials said.

Jaywalkers may be under the impression that every train stops at

Kodambakkam and hence they would be safe. If a train so much as brushes against a person, it could lead to instant death, the official warned.



Bids open for multi-level parking

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) will float a tender for the development of multi-level parking (MLP) facilities with commercial complexes in Kodambakkam and Tiruvottiyur for 25 years. Developmental work for the MLP facility with a commercial complex at the Kodambakkam Zonal office will be implemented on the basis of Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and transfer (DBFOT) for 25 years.

For the development works, the Chennai Corporation has allocated Rs. 5 lakh each, and the tender will be floated on April 23. Authorities will chair a pre-bid meeting on March 13 at 3 pm.

It is noted that the tender will be opened at the inviting authority's office at the Ripon Building on the same, day. Bidders must submit the required documents, including the latest contractor registration certificate from either the State or Central government to the respective officials.

Remove barricades.



entries and another part many vehicles encroached by share autos at the junction. The road crams into the narrow path, available for vehicles to squeeze in. The civic agencies don't have any alternative arrangements. If several places throughout the

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neighbourhood have been dug up at the same time, it leads to traffic jams for hours, said Francis, a long time resident of the neighbourhood. Moreover, the barricade is an impediment for free flow of traffic. The work of sealing the dug up area can be completed in 2 or 3 days time, and the barricade can be removed instantly, he lamented. Do not know why the concerned authorities delay the process? he questions. Residents opts for an early solution.

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