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## Lack of waste bin

Waste dumping continues at Elaiamman Koil Street West Mambalam, opposite to Public Health Centre Hospital. People continue to litter on roads and public spaces. People continue to throw waste spoiling the whole place. Residents appeal for a bin. It is a regular sight to see furniture waste and thermocol waste lying on the roadside. It is being misused as an open urinal. The corporation need a special plan for waste movement and treatment.

Placing waste bins at each and every place is not desirable. People litter all around the bins. The corporation must provide waste bins in public spaces. All types of waste are being dumped. The Corporation must plan to strategically place more dustbins to ensure effective garbage collection and maintain the cleanliness, residents. More bins can encourage people to recycle and reduce the amount of waste thrown away. Bins can help reduce waste, promote sustainability, and keep the environment clean.

## Ramakrishnapuram to be renamed after cricketer Ashwin

The GCC approved a resolution to rename Ramakrishnapuram First Street in West Mambalam as Ravichandran Ashwin Road in honour the



Chennai-based cricketer who announced his retirement from international cricket in

December.

GCC sent a proposal to the government in this regard following a letter by S Karthick, chief operating officer, who advocated renaming either Ramakrishnapuram. After the government gave its nod, the resolution was adopted at the meeting on Friday. Ashwin, who retired at the age of 38 on December 18, 2024, was honoured with Padma Shri in January 2025.

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# Voice of GOD



**Vedapureeswarar Temple,  
Thiruvazhunthur**

This is the 155th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 38th sthalam on the north side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu. During ancient times this place was called Santhanaranyam with sandalwood trees.

In Periyapuramam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Thirunallam. In this, he registers that Therazhundur temple was a mada koil/ temple. But now the temple is on the ground level, may be brought down during renovation, by the Chozhas. Moolavar : Sri Vedapureeswarar, Sri Athyabakesar. Consort : Sri Soundaranayagi Some of the Salient features of this temple are...

The temple faces west with a 5-tier Rajagopuram. Balipeedam, Dwajasthambam, and Rishabam are immediately after the Rajagopuram. In koshtam Vinayagar, Dakshinamurthy (Medha Dakshinamurthy), Lingothbavar, Brahma, and Chathurbhuj Durgai. In prakaram Sri Madheswarar on the left and Ambal Sannathi on the right. Ashta Dikku Thisaipalaka's paintings and Stucco dwarapalakas.

In the inner prakaram Subramaniam, Navagrahas, Kshethra Lingam, Kadambavaneswarar, Valanchuzhi Vinayagar, Kaveri Ashta dikpalakas in painting, Stucco dwarapalakas, Agasthiyar and Chandikeswarar. In Navagrahas except Suriyan others are facing Suryan and Suryan is facing west.

## ARCHITECTURE

A Vesara Vimana is over the sanctum. The sanctum sanctorum consists of sanctum antarala and artha mandapam. The artha mandapam is of Vavval nethi type. A Moat is around the sanctum, which may be due to the rise of ground level.

## HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original Mada temple existed before the 7th Century and may have been built by Ko Chengat Chozha. Later the same was reconstructed as a stone temple during The Chozha period and further extended during the Vijayanagara period.

As per the inscriptions, this place was called Jayankonda Chozhavalanattu Thiruvazhunthur nattu Thiruvazhunthur, and Lord Shiva was called Thiruvazhunthur Udayar and Thiruvazhunthur Udayar Thirumadamudaya Nayanar.

Kulothunga Chozha-III's inscription records his meikeerthi as Thiribhuvana Chakravarthi Maduraiyum, Eezhamum, Karuvorum, Pandyan Mudithalaiyum koNdu Veerabhishekam and Vijayabhishekam panniyarulina Thiribhuvana Veerathevan and Maduraiyum Karuvorum Eezhamum Pandyan mudithalaiyum kondaruliya Sri Chozha Kerala thevan. One of the inscriptions records the endowment of thirumanjanam of Lord Shiva for which water was brought from river Kaveri. Donations were made for the same.

On 23rd June 1999, maha Kumbhabhishekam was conducted after renovations.

**LEGENDS :** Vedas, Devas, and Ashtadikpalakas worshiped Lord Shiva of this temple.

When Agasthiyar was worshipping Lord Shiva of this temple, without knowing a Deva was traveling in the sky in a Chariot, which disturbed Agasthiyar's worship. So Agasthiyar made the Deva's Chariot to ground. Hence this place is called Therazhundur. He found that the sage Agasthiyar was worshipping Lord Shiva. He realized the reason why his Chariot got struck up and landed here. He prayed to Agasthiyar and pardoned him. Hence this place was called Therazhundur.

## Your Stars This Year

**Aries :** You will have power in words right now. These words must be spoken with judgment and wisdom, and you must speak truthfully. Being patient sometimes works against the feeling that you have been waiting for everybody to get some kind of sense. Know that sometimes, giving a warning shot helps things.

**Taurus:** When overthinking, trust in yourself rather than getting lost in the detail. You are a lot smarter than you give yourself credit for, and your gut won't lie to you. If something feels right, run with it. Fear of spoiling just gets in the way, and sitting in action gives clarity. Direct action, with precision, brings others to safe action.

**Gemini:** Be prepared for lightbulb moments this week! There will be flashes of creativity in the unlikeliest places—perhaps whilst at work, running errands, or even mid-conversation. Do not let these bright ideas slip away—write them down, think over them.

**Cancer:** Waiting always feels like forever, yet sitting still will not bring answers any quicker. There is no point in worrying about the things that are outside your control. So if you have been hoping to hear from a job, promotion, financial news, or buying, then do not just wait. Follow up and show some initiative!

**Leo:** May be busier than ever, but the way you handle this perception is paramount at this point. See ways of moulding scenarios that allow you to find solutions rather than regular frustrations. Compliments bring their reflection onto you, so turn and take that deep breath, suffocate any undue stress, and feel that things.

**Virgo:** Not everybody will see things your way, and that is OK. Conflicted opinions might lead to arguments at work. That does mean you have to go absolutely against your vantage point to appeal to others. Love what you believe in and have an open ear towards the opinions of others. Compromise is not always.



**Libra:** Difficult conversations are not made of disappearances when they are avoided. This week is for facing them squarely. An honest discussion is what life calls for, whether about work or money matters. You might be uncomfortable with saying or showing what has been on your chest, but, in reality, once you get past.

**Scorpio:** This week should be spent getting the necessary work done, as the multitasking environment that exists shall help you in getting to most things quicker. Instead of stressing about a backlog that needs completion or money matters to be resolved, dive right on in and tackle one thing at a time.

**Sagittarius:** Throw up some surprises for you, yet adaptability looms as a major player. So, rather than battling sudden unforeseen changes around corners, learn to accept them. Chaos is believed to contain within itself a unique brand of opportunity. Career-wise, something may not go as expected.

**Capricorn:** Some setbacks here and there this week that will test your patience, but it's of paramount importance you don't get easily sidetracked by them. Whether it is in the form of technological hitches, belated replies, or tiny monetary issues, remember to take a deep breath.

**Aquarius :** Do not deserve a reaction to every opinion. You let into your mind space—unnecessary worrisome thoughts and negative voices may come in to cloud you off from right thinking. Take a step back and don't worry about this noise. Let your gut be your guide; doubt borne outside your spirit never helps.

**Pisces:** Teamwork is the secret weapon you must use. Though comfortable and acquainted with lone wolf tactics, you must understand that teamwork carries a person further. So, remember to ask for help or discuss ideas; another perspective can make obstacles shift into opportunities in no time. With the correct people by your side, every step, be it towards your career.

**PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK**  
**23.03.2025 TO 29.03.2025**

# God in the limelight

It is seen in the world that today, devotion and faith towards the soul and the Supreme Soul is decreasing gradually in every human being and materialism is increasing gradually. It is mentioned in the Gita itself: O Arjuna! Whenever there is defamation of the religion, I incarnate from the Soul World to establish the True Ancient Religion and destroy the wicked ones. But who that form is? Here, the predictions that have been described are of those people whose predictions have proved to be correct till date:

**Kalkipuran:** After independence, a great person will appear in Bharat (India) who will be the master of all the scientists. He will reveal the secrets of the soul and the Supreme Soul. His attire will be ordinary. His father himself will inspire him to pursue yoga. He will play the greatest role in yoga at the age of 24.

**Anderson (America):** There will be terrible bloodshed and communal revolts in the Muslim dominant states including the Arab countries. In the meantime, the power and reputation of a great person born in the land of Bharat will rise. This person will be the most elevated messenger in history.

**Grayrard Crysay (Holland):** In Bharat, a great person has been born who will make plans for the benefit of the world.

**Joel Burn:** The most capable person in the world has incarnated. His spiritual revolution will spread throughout the world. That great person was born before 1962.

**Professor Keiro:** Bharat will rise up in the form of the leading power, but to be so, it will have to struggle very hard. This situation will appear to be very difficult but an angel will come in this world who gathers thousands of ordinary people and fills them with so much spiritual power that they will prove the beliefs of the great intellectual people to be false.

**Gopinath Shastri:** There will be a great revolution of

thoughts through a great person incarnate. There will be an expansion in science and in the new fields of Geography, Chemistry, mechanics, mineralogy, study of magnets and so on; it will be represented by such a religious gathering in the land of Bharat whose guide is God Himself. The religious ashrams will work as the centers for awareness of people.

The body, in which God enters, has been mentioned in the scriptures in the form of a ship or a bow. "Shankar caapjahaaj, Jehi car utarepaarnar, Buurhsakalsansaar." The ship 'Chandrakant Vedant' is famous in the scriptures as well. Shankar himself has been referred to as the ship, the bow, the boat and the chariot of Arjun. Only the people who recognize and take the support of the one ordinary body God enters will be able to survive the forthcoming destruction. It is written even in the Quran: The servants of Khuda will be very elated at the time of destruction. God has come to save us from destruction and is cautioning us... We have to recognize God in this little time and tie ourselves in the protective armour shown by Him. It is also sung: "Nobody can kill the one whom God protects. Even if the whole world turns out to be his enemy, they can't even harm a hair on his head." So, are you experiencing yourself to be so safe every moment and in every situation? Would you like to experience it? The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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## Boating in Chennai

This summer you can visit with your friends and family the eco-park at Chetpet, then don't be surprised if you come across an aquarium, an amphitheatre, musical fountains, water sports facilities etc there!! The CMDA has proposed renovation works at the Eco Park in Chetpet for around Rs 10 cr. This is one of the go-to recreation spots in Chennai for many.

Information gathered is that CMDA would create water sports facilities, musical fountains, bird-view decks plus renovated fishing spots, rock climbing space, aquarium, an amphitheatre etc.



## Bhoomi pooja

The members of Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) performed bhoomi pooja for constructing 'Annadhanam koodam' at 14, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam located opposite temple recently.

The new building will be constructed with silt plus three floors, equipped with modern kitchen, dining hall to serve 500 to 1000 persons.

Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj serving Annadhanam daily outside the temple from 300 to 500 deserving persons, distributing foods to various needy homes and organisations. Those who are interested to contribute for this noble cause may contact in phones 84282 42842, 93428 50974 and 72004 33455.

## Summer camp

Velammal Vidyalaya, Alapakkam conducted summer camp for the students which was an enriching experience for students, offering a diverse range of activities such as basic computer skills, photography, video and photo editing, rifle shooting, western dance, and entrepreneurial skill-building.

Designed to keep young minds engaged during the holidays, the camp provided children with an excellent opportunity to develop new skills and excel in them. Students got an opportunity to explore their interests and express their creativity in various forms. Beyond learning, it became a platform for enjoyment.



## Introduction of digital ticketing

CMRL would like to inform passengers that, the facility of purchasing Group Ticket issued as Paper ticket, at ticketing counters for a group of 20 & above with 10% discounted fare, will be withdrawn w.e.f 1.3.2025. This measure is taken to facilitate migration to digital ticketing.

However, the same product can be purchased through CMRL mobile App as a QR-Group ticket with 20% discounted fare. CMRL is committed to continuously improve the quality of its services.

## SR targets may completion for Kilambakkam Station

Southern Railway aims to complete the construction of the Kilambakkam halt station by May 2025. Chennai Divisional Railway Manager B. Vishwanath Eerya confirmed that 50% of the work is done, with platform earthwork and gravel filling completed. Platform shelter and overhead electric line installations are progressing rapidly. Originally set for completion in February, the project was delayed due to a State government request for an additional rainwater drainage culvert. The halt station, located between Vandalur and Urappakkam, is crucial as south-bound bus operations are shifting to Kilambakkam. The State allocated 20 crore for the station, while a 79 crore skywalk connecting it to the Kilambakkam bus terminus remains in early stages. To support commuter movement, MTC plans to introduce over 100 additional buses to Kilambakkam, adding to the existing 600 buses making 3,800 daily trips across 80 routes.

## Roof makeover at 200 bus shelters in Chennai



The shocking disclosure that came from the survey conducted by CUMTA was about the presence of 200 bus stands without any roofs in Chennai.

Under the GCC or Greater Chennai Corporation, there are 2000 bus stops and 200 bus shelters on major bus routes are without roofs. Mayor R. Priya made it clear yesterday that these 200 bus shelters would get roofing make-over at a cost of Rs 34 crores.

Information is that bus shelters present in places like Ekkatuthangal, Guindy and West Saidapet etc would get a makeover with tensile roofs at an cost of Rs 4.47 cr. At an amount of Rs 16 cr, 4 bus terminals present in places like Saligramam would be upgraded. This would decongest the traffic and aid in easy bus movements.

## TTD to introduce world's first gold, silver pendant ATMs at Tirumala

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is set to introduce the world's first Gold and Silver Pendant ATMs at the sacred Tirumala temple. The machines, which will dispense pendants embossed with Lord Venkateswara and Goddess Lakshmi Devi, aim to mergedevotion with technology. Unlike commercial gold ATMs in the UAE, these feature AI-enabled interfaces similar to banking ATMs, requiring minimal additional steps. The initiative, led by TTD executive officer (EO) J Shyamala Rao, is part of TTD's digital transformation, with installations planned at Tirumala Temple, Govindaraja Temple in Tirupati, and Padmavati Ammavari Temple in Tiruchanoor.

"The software is designed for ease—anyone can operate it with just one or two extra steps compared to a cash ATM," Rao told TNIE. However, he clarified that the project would move forward only if it aligns with sacred scriptures and Agamas, ensuring adherence to temple traditions. TTD is actively engaging with software firms and AI startups to finalise the technology. Several companies are scheduled to present proposals and demonstrate machine prototypes.

The Gold and Silver Pendant ATMs will offer pendants in 2g, 5g, and 10g variants. These will enable purchases without human intervention, marking a significant step in integrating technology with tradition.





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## Women's Day celebrated

Members of Jothi Madhar Sangam (70/44, Burkit Road, T.Nagar) celebrated women's day by honouring their members contributed in the social activities in a function held at their premises on March 19.

Lakshmi Raghukumar (President of Jothi Madhar Sangam) said that members were actively participated in various games and Rs.10,000 education assistances given to the girl students.

Members were performed awareness drama on women empowerment and about hundred participants were underwent free health check up conducted on the occasion. Jothi Madhar Sangam conducting skill development programs exclusive for women in regular intervals, those who are interested may register their names 98411 58018.

## Mega isai kondattam

The Rotary Club of Chennai Port City donated Rs 2 lakh to the Thalassemia Welfare Association, Chennai, at an event held at Kamarajar Arangam on March 16. The cheque was handed over to Dr. Mythili by the chief guest, Rtn. N.S. Saravanan, District Governor, RI District 3234, along with past governor Rtn. J. Sridhar, governor-elect Rtn. Vinod Saraogi, and Rtn. Suresh Jain.

The evening featured a 'Mega Isai Kondattam' by the Ganesh Kirupa orchestra, with music directors Sabesh, Murali, and Srikanth Deva, as well as singers Krishnaraj and Vivek Sarathy, as guests of honour. They captivated the packed audience with soulful performances.

Organised as a fundraiser, the Mega Isai Kondattam aimed to support crucial humanitarian initiatives, including providing treatment for children affected by Thalassemia, improving education and sanitation facilities in government schools, and equipping rural hospitals with essential medical equipment.

Chennai's music lovers were in for a treat as the event showcased stellar performances by 35 celebrated playback singers, including Ananthu and Super Singer winners Nikhil Mathew, Alka Ajith, Saicharan, Hritik, and Mookkuthi Murugan, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Rtn. C. Muthusamy, chartered president, Rotary Club of Chennai Port City, highlighted the club's long-standing commitment to supporting

## New SWD lines for Saidapet

Saidapet, an area highly prone to water-logging in the city, is set to get a new stormwater drain (SWD) network, worth 12 crore, to prevent the perennial annual inundation. Health minister Ma. Subramanian on Thursday launched the work in 1.54km worth 5.10 crore, covering various streets.

Inaugurating the work, the minister said that areas like Subramanya Salai, Thiruvallur Street, Jothiamman Nagar, and Jothiramanlingam Nagar experienced annual inundation in the past. But now these areas are prevented from flooding.

Govindan Road, Vadivelpuram, Kodambakkam Road, and K.P Koil Street areas were affected due to the water flowing from Ashok Nagar Avenue Road. Usually this water flows through Pushpavathi Street canal which was blocked for the last two years.

The new SWD work will be executed in K R Koil Street (520 m) Samvana Street (220 m) Ellaiamman Koil Street (455 m) and Govindan Salai (345 m). Apart from this, a contract has been awarded for SWD work in Thalaivar Street, Kumaran Street (441 m) Govindan Salai Street (445 m) and Reddykuppam Road (4.5 m).

## Appeal for land to shift temple

The above temple (Baroda main road, behind Mootha Jain School) was opened 10 years back. A number of devotees visits the temple daily, with the crowd swelling on Thursdays & Saturdays. Hence, devotees find it difficult to park their vehicles to get to the temple.

The temple trust requests the readers of Kodambakkam Times to donate land for shifting the temples to a nearby spacious location, press release said. Those interested in helping, can contact Sangalpam Sevas Trust in 98404 57113 / 89460 36541



Thalassemia patients since its inception 12 years ago. He emphasised the impact of the club's efforts and urged the public to contribute through blood donation, financial aid for surgeries, and post-surgical care to help those affected.





## Demand dips as price of fruits soar

The soaring temperatures have affected the sales of summer seasonal fruits in Chennai. The escalating price of seasonal fruits has also made these fruits dearer for the heat-thirsty Chennaiites. Overall for the fruit sellers market has been dull and discouraging. Fruit vendors and traders said that the cost of watermelon and lemon has surged in the past few days. They also said that the public consumption of fruits has been relatively low due to higher prices.

‘Two months ago the lemon was sold for Rs. 30 per kilogram and now the rate has tripled to Rs. 120 per kg in the market. Now, due to the summer, a greater number of people consume lemon, which has increased the demand and led to an increase in the rate as well’, said Koyambedu Semi Wholesalers Association president.

‘Lemon is brought from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Mysuru’, he added.

## Blocking road for construction activity



One of the busiest street in Mambalam is Mahadevan Street a builder construct a building in this street blocks partially the road by keeping hallow block bricks. This is not only causes inconvenience to motorists and commuters. Will the concern officials take action against the illegal occupation.

## March 31 deadline for water and sewer tax payment

The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) has urged consumers to clear their water and sewer tax dues by March 31 to avoid surcharges.

Payments can be made via cheques or demand drafts at collection centers in area offices and headquarters at Chintadripet. Online payments are also available at [bnc.chennaietrowater.in](http://bnc.chennaietrowater.in) using debit/credit cards, net banking, UPI, and QR code.

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The railings fixed recently for beautification purpose at Mooparappan Street, T Nagar was dugup for pipe laying works.

## Annadhanam

Bhaktaswaras Shri Akshaya's Annadhanam for the month of March 2025 is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 23.03.2025. Place: Arulmigu Nagathamman Temple, Railway Border Road, Kodambakkam. Bhajan by Bhaktaswara Bhajan Mandali will be held from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm. We request you to send donations to the monthly Annadhana scheme of Bhaktaswaras Shri Akshaya in the amount of Rs. 100/- or a specified amount in multiples of one hundred to the following bank account. At 12.01 pm, Deeparathanai and Annadana will be held for the venerable Nagathamma. Bhaktaswaraas Sree Akshaya : SB A/C NO. 053 201 000 22768, Bank of Baroda, T.Nagar Branch, IFSC: BARB0THEAGA (NOTE: In IFSC the fifth letter is ZERO). All are welcome.

## Radhkalyana Mahotsavam

Sri Radhkalyana Mahotsava Sabha Saradha Nagar, Virugambakkam cordially inviting Bakthas for their 48th year Radha Kalyanam at Lakshmi Vinayagar koil front on March 22 & 23, 2025. The program performed by BrhumaSri. Kalaimamani. Dr. Udayallur Kalyanarama Bhagavathar & Goshti. Asthika bandus and Bhakthas to participate in large numbers with their mighty contributions and get the blessings of Radhekrishna. 22.03.25 Sat. Program starts at 3.00 pm & on 23.03.25 starts at 7.30 am with Unjavruthi. Anjanrya Utsavam and prasadam around 1.00 pm.



# AROUND CHENNAI CITY

## Police arrested youth for burgling house

A youth from Tambaram was arrested by Choolaimedu police for burgling cash and gold in a house in Choolaimedu. Police recovered the stolen gold jewellery that he had hidden by the side of railway tracks near Tambaram. According to the police, on March 15, V. Venkatasubramanian of Gill Nagar in Choolaimedu and his family locked their house and went out at 10.30 a.m. When they returned at 3.30 p.m., they found that the house had been broken into. In the complaint, Venkatasubramanian said 38 sovereigns of gold jewellery and 20,000 in cash were stolen.

Police found out from camera footage and arrested the accused, who was identified as V. Vicky alias Vignesh, 22, of Tambaram. During interrogation, he confessed to the crime. Vignesh told the police that he had spent all the cash and hid the jewellery at a spot by the railway tracks near Tambaram. Following his confession, the police recovered 36 sovereigns of gold jewellery.



## Woman dies after being hit by EMU train at Saidapet

A woman lost her life after being hit by a EMU train at Saidapet railway station in the early hours of Thursday. Disturbing footage of the incident, showing the woman being thrown by the force of the impact, has raised concerns and shocked viewers.

Authorities are now working to determine whether this was a case of suicide or if the woman accidentally crossed the tracks and was stuck by the train. The police have launched a detailed investigation into the circumstances surrounding the woman's death.

## Man poses as delivery agent, attacks elderly woman

A 41-year-old man who allegedly barged into a house in Valasaravakkam and tried to rob a woman after attacking her with a knife on Friday, has been arrested. According to police, N Mani (65) was a retired nursing professor. She was living with her daughter and son-in-law in Valasaravakkam. On Friday, when she was at home, the accused, M Nagamuthu, allegedly entered the house claiming to have come to deliver medicines.

However, he pulled out a knife, slashed the woman and

threatened her to part with all her jewels and money. When the woman's domestic suddenly help raised alarm, the accused panicked and fled the spot. Police arrested Nagamuthu later in the day, and he was sent to judicial custody on Saturday.



## Fire accident in Ramapuram

A massive fire broke out in Ramapuram Sunday evening. Following this, the public left their homes. The electricity supply was also cut off. The fire was extinguished after several hours of struggle.

A fire broke out Sunday evening at a second-hand goods shop in Kothari Nagar, Ramapuram. The fire then spread to nearby shops, including a car mechanic shop and a furniture godown. Upon receiving the information, firefighters from various areas including Virugambakkam and Ramapuram rushed to the spot and started extinguishing the fire by spraying water.

However, the uncontrollable fire, which spread with smoke and smoke, caused a huge commotion. Nearby residents fled their homes and took shelter on the road. The power supply in the area was immediately disconnected. More than 10 fire engines and water trucks were brought in from various areas such as Ramapuram, Virugambakkam, Koyambedu. The fire damaged plastic items in the second-hand shop, mattresses and sofas in the furniture warehouse, and cars in the car shed. Ramapuram police are investigating the incident.



## Route changed for devotees

Considering the long-pending demand of Sabarimala devotees, the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) has decided to change the 'Darshan' route at Sabarimala, allowing devotees to have darshan directly as they climb the holy 18 steps at Sannidhanam. TDB president P S Prasanth announced that this change would be implemented on a trial basis from March 15 during the monthly pooja and would continue for 12 days during the Vishu Pooja. "If it proves successful, this change will be made permanent during the next Mandalam-Makaravilakku season," press release said.

## Prathishta Day

Mahalingapuram Sree Ayyappan Guruvayurappan Temple Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Consecration of Swami Ayyappan Shrine on Sunday 23rd March and 51st Prathishta day of Lord Ayyappan Temple on Tuesday 25th March.

The program as follows : 23rd Sunday 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm public function and 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm Nadabrahma, The Divine Frequency, Nambi & Co. 25th Tuesday, 9.00 am onwards : Special Poojas & Kalabhabhishekam to Swami Ayyappan. Brahmasree Kantaru Mahesh Mohanaru Thanthri. Pancharimelam by Padmasri Jayaram. 7.00 pm onwards Devotional Songs and Orchestra. All are welcome.



## Tamil name board is must

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) is set to launch a drive soon compelling all shops to be named in Tamil. The State government is likely to intensify action against violators. The Corporation would initiate action as per the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023, for revocation or suspension of trade licence. Around 70,000 shops receive trade licences from GCC every year.

The Corporation issues trade licences for shops after the traders give a declaration that they would use name boards in Tamil, English and a third language with a font size ratio of 5:3:2.

## 2,000 monthly pass for all bus services

The MTC is set to launch a new 2,000 monthly pass, allowing unlimited travel on all Chennai city buses, including AC services. According to a scheme is expected to roll out by May or June, with MTC finalizing the implementation process.

Currently, a ₹1,000 monthly pass is available for commuters. Passengers have urged MTC to retain the existing pass alongside the new scheme to ensure affordability for all.



## WBWA 11th anniversary celebrations

World Brahmins Welfare Association is celebrating its 11th anniversary on 23rd Sunday, from 8 am to 7 pm in Sri Krishnaswamy Kalyana Mandapam, near to Hindi Prichar Sabha Road, T Nagar.

Program as follows : Award Ceremony 10.20 am to 10.50 am & 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm. Jeevanakaala Upalabdh Puraskar - Life time achievement award.

Sri Hariharan Raja, National Council Member, BJP, Dr J S Rajkumar, Chairman, Lifeline Group of Hospitals,

Sevalaya Sri V Muralidharan, Founder & Managing Trustee Sevalaya,

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Dakshina Bharatiya Bhajana Sampradayam,

Nellai Dr K Sadagopan, M.A. Ph.D.,

Sri Meenakshi Sundaram, Philanthropist, owner Sri Krishnaswamy & Kanthimadhi Kalyana Mandapam.

Yuvak Prerak-Netritva Nidhi Puraskar - Treasure of Leadership & Inspiring youth award : Major Sri Madan

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Uththama Samaj Seva Vishesh Puraskar, Excellence in Community Service Special Award : Sri Kartik

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## Appeal for an additional trash bin

As the trash bin is overloaded passerby are dumping garbage outside the bin in Gopala Menon Street, Kodambakkam. Residents appeal for an additional trash bin to accommodate the garbage lying scattered around it. Even after many complaints the civic body is not cleaning the wastage dumped near the trash bin.

The sight of overflowing trash bins along the roadsides has been common nowadays and it is time the civic body place an additional bin in place, says Ramachandran a local resident. Inadequate bins and delay in clearing the garbage leads to public dumping garbage on roadsides or at places of their choice. This leads to stench emanating in the area and the bins turn into a breeding place for mosquitoes.

Many bins kept along the roadsides were filled with plastic materials and dumping of waste by hawkers or shopkeepers consumes most of the space. Even chopped tree branches and cardboard boxes used for packaging were dumped in the bins leading to overflowing.

Residents point out that bins starts overflowing in a day whereas it is cleaned every two or three days. We are forced to dump on the roads due to increase in population, says Ravi a local resident. The civic body for effective implementation must take steps to accommodate an additional bin to bring a permanent solution laments residents.



## Pothole-ridden street irks commuters in T Nagar

Commuters are having a tough time riding on the pothole-ridden in Burkit Road, T Nagar and several motorists have skidded and got injured, and the public is complaining that it had been over a year since the road was re-laid. Residents and public are urging the civic body authorities to relay the potholes at the earliest to prevent further mishaps.

"It has been a year ever since the city corporation re-laid or repaired the road. The road condition is pathetic and the number of potholes depicts a dug up road, said R Rajesh, a resident of T Nagar.

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