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Sand mounds to remove

Sand dug up is accumulated as a pile on 64th Street, 10th Sector, K K Nagar at different stretches barring pedestrians using path way. Residents appeal to remove them at the earliest. Roadside dumps are a form of illegal dumping. Serious environmental concerns are associated with dumping wastes. They may contain pollutants and toxins that percolate, or leach, through the soil and into groundwater and surface waters. Additionally, dump sites raise concerns regarding public health and safety, property values, community pride, and overall quality of life, residents lament.

Sand mound with a garbage dump on the road

adds to residents' woes. Up until a few decades ago, the place was neat and has

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Sri Thurai Kattum Vallalar Temple, Thiru Vilanagar

This is the 157th Thevara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam and the 40th Sthalam on the south side of river Kaveri in Chozha Nadu.

In Periyapuranam Sekkizhar records that Thirugnanasambandar came to this temple after worshipping Lord Shiva of Mayiladuthurai and Thiru Chemponpalli (Sembanarkoil).

Moolavar : Sri Thurai kattum Vallal, Sri Usiravaneswarar. Consort : Sri Veyurutholi.

Some of the important features of this temple are as follows...

The temple faces east with a 5-tier Rajagopuram. Balipeedam and Rishabam are after the Rajagopuram. In Koshtam Dakshinamurthy, Mahavishnu is in place of Lingothbavar, Brahma, and Durgai.

In Prakaram Somaskandar, Vinayagar, Arumugar, Nalvar, Arunachaleswar, Gajalakshmi, Saneeswaran, Navagrahas, Suryan, Chandran, Nalvar and Bhairavar. Ambal Veyuru Tholi is in a separate sannadhi in a standing posture, holding chakra and Conch.

The sanctum sanctorum consists of sanctum, antarala, and artha mandapam. Except for Moolavar Sanctum and other structures are built with bricks. A two-tier vimana is on the sanctum.

HISTORY AND INSCRIPTIONS

Since Thirugnanasambandar has sung hymns in praise of Lord Shiva of this temple, the original temple existed before the 7th Century. Later the temple was reconstructed as a stone temple during the Chozha period and further extended during Pandyas, Thanjavur Nayak's period.

There are 3 inscriptions recorded from this temple. As per the inscriptions Lord Shiva was called Thuraikattum Thambiranar, Thurai nattuvan.

Parakesari Varman Uthama Chozha's 5th reign inscription records the endowment of artha jama pooja by his wife and Queen Mahadevi for which land was donated to this temple.

During Thanjavur Nayak's period Artha mandapam and maha mandapam were built with Palace fund and Public fund. Thurai kattu mandapa was built by Deekshitha Iyyan.

Even though this temple is one of the 27 temples under the control of Dharmapuram Adheenam, the temple is in bad shape and thiruppani has to be done. The last Kumbhabhishekam was conducted on 02nd February 1959.

LEGENDS

During Ancient times this region was densely covered with "Vizhal plants"- a type of grass, hence called Vizhal Nagar and Lord Shiva was called "Sri Vizharkattu Nathar"

After worshipping Lord Shiva of "Kadaimudi", Thirugnanasambandar came to this place. During that time the river was flooded and couldn't cross the river. So Thirugnanasambandar prayed to Mayuranathar to show him the Thurai as "Thurai Kattuvar Everenum Ularo".. Lord Shiva appeared before him in the form of Hunter and lead Thirugnanasambandar to cross the river. The river water miraculously reduced to his pada level. After crossing the river when Thirugnanasambandar searched for the hunter, found disappeared. He realized that the hunter who helped him to cross the river was none other than Lord Shiva and praised the Lord as "Thuraikattum Vallalo".

Your Stars This Year

Aries : New opportunities abound as love is in the air. Deep meaningful conversation with someone new or an incomplete tie to your excitement. Such minor instances can give you a sense of emotional well-being. Love should be about the single moment. Giving in and racing at the moment is one of the best privileges.

Taurus: A special date or a heartfelt moment may mark the beginning of something wonderful. The secret is to be oneself. There is no need to be someone else. Love thrives on transparency and authenticity. Provided he or she sees you in the light and values you above all else, all the rest will fall into place.

Gemini: Attraction happens instantaneously. Acting in love requires time. Try not to rush into something this week. Being impulsive can be rather enchanting, and patience and understanding take care of the rest. Let conversation flow, emotional boundaries.

Cancer: Sometimes love could come at the least expected times, but you will have to get uncomfortable and let the unknown in. These can be deliberate conversations or mere glances, but trust the Universe to walk you toward something more purposeful. Trust your gut while opening your heart to the moment.

Leo: Your longing for deep and true love is vehement, and the Universe is listening to you. This week, be sure to hold on to and stay focussed on what matters most to your heart. Love is not about compromise; it is about finding a person who matches your level of enthusiasm, vitality, and belief system.

Virgo: There are specific experiences shared between people—the tiniest thing, a weekend trip, or an overlong chat—that have a profound impact on the relationship from that moment forward. Attention and effort help create love; now, those will be repaid to you in full this phase by fitting into your own love stories.

Libra: The warmth and caring of another can open one to the stirrings of unexpected desire. One day, love may be found in the admiration that blossoms into something more. Don't hurry; things come into existence naturally. Every so often, we are caught off guard by a love we never knew, and today you are being invited.

Scorpio: This week, an innocent, friendly encounter may blossom into something quite romantic. Cupid's love has this reputation of befalling one unexpectedly, so stay open to new connections. Yet to materialise or one you already have with someone you know, the moment you experience is meant to evoke.

Sagittarius: The power to rewrite the entire narrative of your heart. The day to do the work of forgiving yourself, not for them, but for you. Perhaps spend this time engaging in self-reflective activities that bring happiness. Come to put that chapter behind you, learning from it but opening your heart.

Capricorn: A peaceful, loving phase of your romantic life washes across. This week, take a moment to appreciate your partner with whom you have shared time through both windfalls and challenges. Love is built from small acts of kindness, so please nurture your relationship.

Aquarius : Despite reminders of past eros, a shadow on old, familiar walls, an unexpected renewal experience may present itself this week, sparking a longing for a resurgence. Universe is sparkling with fresh memories and fresh insights into the world of a renewed mentor. Cherish all existence without distinction.

Pisces: Love is beyond perfection; it is during the worst of times that both of you remain true to each other. Facing any difficulties in your relationship, just go the extra mile, be patient, and keep the communication open. Don't make drastic decisions based on a single mistake. Possession of that error shall always multiply both of your swords into bonds.

PREDICTION FOR THIS WEEK
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Feeling down? It's a nudge to discover God's presence

Happiness is the breath of the life of God's children. It is God's inheritance. If there is no happiness, it isn't a divine life. And it should be eternal happiness, not the happiness that you experience sometimes at a percentage. Happiness is happiness. If you have fifty percent happiness today and hundred percent happiness tomorrow, the breath of your life is fluctuating, isn't it? Even if you leave your body, your happiness shouldn't vanish. So, is this lesson always firm or is it a little weak? Have you underlined [the word] 'always'? Whenever an obstacle comes, think: it has come to go away. If someone comes as a guest, it shouldn't be that he comes as a guest and takes away everything [from the house]. You will be alert, won't you? So, the obstacle came and it will go away, but it shouldn't take away your happiness. [Your] happiness should always be with you.

The very aim of taking on the divine life is to stay happy forever. You have become God's child only to lead a happy life. You have neither become His child to work hard for making efforts nor for being entangled in some or the other problem. You have become that for attaining the spiritual inner joy or super sensuous joy that can't be attained in the entire cycle. However, check whether your happiness [depends on] any means, any limited attainment, short lived success, value, popularity, the limited wishes of the mind or [feeling] that itself is good – whether it is about a person, place or wealth – [check,] the bases of your happiness aren't based on your likings, are they? To attain happiness through these bases – this isn't any real or imperishable happiness. No matter how severe the karmic sufferings are, they too become a thorn from a spear. You shouldn't experience

the slightest sorrow even in your dreams. No matter if your body falls ill or you suffer ups and downs with regards to wealth, no matter what happens, you shouldn't have the wave of sorrow within. The wave should go past you.

To experience a wave of sorrow in the mind is also crying. You experience it when your relationship gets severed from God. So, to cry means to break your relation with the Father, to turn your face away from Him. When someone cries, you must have seen that he won't face anyone, he will certainly hide it. Similarly, when you also cry from within, you automatically avert your face from God. Being the children of the Giver of Happiness and having a wave of sorrow doesn't befit [you]. Having a gloomy mood is also crying through the face. Despite having the knowledge that this is sorrow, this is happiness, don't come under the influence of sorrow. Give credit to even sorrow, thinking, happy days are coming [soon]. People should understand even from a distance: these people are different from us.

Just like darkness vanishes in a second just by switching on [the light], similarly saying 'God' means [bringing] an end to everything like darkness or sorrow, restlessness, confusion, sadness, tension [etc.] in a second; God has given you such a mantra. It is a one-word mantra. Only 'God'. No matter how the time is, this mantra takes you across in a second. Just use this mantra methodically and on time. This one-word mantra does wonderful magic. So, always stay happy. The author is solely responsible for this article. The publisher or editor are not responsible.

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Large pipes blocking stretches of footpath in 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar was removed after publishing in Kodambakkam Times.

AROUND CHENNAI CITY

Gold chit fund scam one held

A jewellery store owner named Mulligiri Anandakumar was arrested by CCB for allegedly cheating people who invested in Kanaga Mahalakshmi jewellery showroom in Valasaravakkam in his gold chit fund scheme.

The CCB police apprehended him from a hideout in Andhra Pradesh. Mulligiri is currently lodged in the Puzhal prison.

Meanwhile, at least 40 people have approached the police commissioner's office with cheating complaints against Mulligiri.

As per the complainants, they approached him to retrieve the gold pledged from another pawnbroker by repaying their loan.

Mulligiri further pledged the jewellery in a private bank in K K Nagar for a higher value, while the additional amount collected from the bank was loaned to the complainants.

They were asked to pay the interest and principal amount every month at the jewellery showroom.

An investigation officer said, 'according to the complaint's version, the jewellery retrieved 4,400 grams of gold for them worth Rs. 3.74 crore. While they paid the interest and principal for the loan, they alleged.

Advocate's body found in Virugambakkam apartment

Police on Sunday recovered the dead body of an advocate from his rented apartment in Virugambakkam after residents complained of a foul smell from the apartment.

Police sources said that the deceased was found with cut injuries on his head and face, and a murder angle is being probed.

The deceased, Venkatesan, was staying at the apartment on Ganapathy Raj main road with a friend for the last four months.

The probe revealed that the front door of the apartment had been locked for the last two days. However, residents in the apartment complex sensed a foul smell emanating from the apartment and alerted the house owner.

Subsequently, Virugambakkam police were also alerted, and a team led by the Inspector visited the apartment and entered the apartment through the back entrance and found the deceased advocate.

While the body had started decomposing, there were visible cut injuries, after which police suspected murder. Joint Commissioner (West) and Deputy Commissioner (Koyambedu) visited the scene and conducted investigations in the neighbourhood about the deceased man. Preliminary investigations revealed that he was residing in Velachery and moved to this apartment four months ago.

The body was secured and moved to Kilpauk Medical College Hospital for postmortem. Further investigations are on.

Drunken youth arrested for hit and run

A 32-year-old police constable was injured after being hit by a sports utility vehicle (SUV) that was driven by a youth in an inebriated condition on Saturday night. The Pondy Bazaar Traffic Investigation Police have impounded the SUV and arrested the driver, M. Manikandan, for causing the accident. The police constable, R. Ganesan, who was attached to the Saidapet police station, was on Saturday night returning home on a two-wheeler after duty when the SUV, which was driven by M. Manikandan, a medical student in a private college in Tiruchi, rammed a median.

Following this, he hit Ganesan's vehicle when he was attempting to reverse the SUV at a high speed. Ganesan did not suffer any major injury as he was wearing a helmet. Other motorists rushed him to the Government Royapettah Hospital for treatment. The Pondy Bazaar Police detained Manikandan and took him to the Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital for a medical examination, where the doctors confirmed that he was under the influence of alcohol. Following this, they arrested Manikandan.

College student dies after bike rams wall

A 19-year-old college student died after the bike he was riding rammed a compound wall in Ashok Nagar on Saturday night. The victim has been identified as Santosh Kumar, who was a second year commerce student at a private college. He was residing in Kodambakkam. The Guindy traffic police recovered the body and sent it for post-mortem.

Tamil New Year celebration

Tamil Nadu Brahmin Association of Virugambakkam Unit is celebrating Tamil New year day function at Padma sarangapani Kalai Arangam, Venkatea Nagar 3rd Main Road, Virugambakkam on 13-04-2025 Sunday 9-10.30 AM.

The meeting will be presided over by Unit President Sri.S. Nagarajan and welcome address will be given by Sri. K.V. Ramanathan General Secretary. First copy of Panchangam will be released by Sri.S. Nagarajan, Unit President and received by Sri. C.K. Ramachandran Unit Vice President. Sanskrit Scholar Sri.S. Jambunathan will deliver on the speech on values of Panchangam.

The Panchangam Pooja will be done by Vedic Scholar Sri.R. Ravikumar Sastrigal and bless the audience. Chennai Central District General Secretary Sri.R.M. Srinivasan is participating in the function. Vote of thanks will be given by Organising Secretary Sri. D. Jayagopal. All the members with family and friends are

requested to participate in the function and collect the free Panchangam. Donations welcome. For further particulars contact: Sri.S. Nagarajan, Unit President, Mobile No:94445 22150.



Free pocket panchangam

Sri Akri Kannan Gurusamy has published a free pocket panchangam for the 38th years. Those who need can get it for free of cost from 4 pm to 7 pm only in person. Further details contact : 98403 05141

Sand mounds to ...

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lost its charm over the years due to human activity. This is very unhygienic for the children, as it is a breeding ground for germs and diseases. Now the garbage is piling up after the sand mound. Residents blame unplanned urbanisation and encroachments by business establishments for destroying it.

Creation of awareness at all levels is a must in order to get support from the people and political parties, laments residents. The solid waste management measures are not enough, which in turn is polluting the environment, says Kala, a long time resident.

Traffic Cops received sunglasses

As part of various initiatives undertaken by the Greater Chennai Traffic Police (GCTP) to ensure the well-being of traffic police personnel during summer, Commissioner A Arun on Tuesday distributed sunglasses

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Large amount of construction debris was removed from SSR Pankajam Road, Saligramam after publishing in Kodambakkam Times.

Dumped auto turned as garbage bin

A dumped auto in P V Rajamannar Salai as turned into a garbage bin. When the garbage is overflowed the remaining filth is dumped in the auto. With the advent of seasonal rains, the local bodies are again confronted with the problem of unoccupied areas turning the breeding ground of vectors, even as residents increasingly express concern over a potential outbreak of diseases, including dengue.

Lack of maintenance of this platform in residential areas, has resulted in accumulation of waste including plastic cups, making the unoccupied areas perfect for breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Residents staying around that area said that this place not cleared in regular intervals.





Vacant land a nightmare for locals

Lying in the heart of the city, it is worth crores of rupees. But for the neighbours, this vacant piece of land near Palaru Street, Valasaravakkam a garbage pile, an open toilet, an ideal breeding place for mosquitoes and a hub for drinkers at night.

The city corporation has placed bins there, but the garbage is almost always thrown on the land. Even city corporation workers were seen dumping non-recyclable wastes on the ground, taking only wastes such as paper and bottles to the nearby mart to be sold. Making matters worse, auto drivers nearby use the land as a toilet. Over the years, the garbage there has become an ideal home for rodents, mosquitoes and stray dogs.

If this is not enough, at night the place becomes a haunt for drinkers, and even those using narcotic substances, allege locals.

"There are hundreds who live in the neighbourhood. With dengue at its peak, we recommend all our patients to clear their houses and ensure there is no space for mosquito breeding. But this open land gives more opportunity than all the nearby houses combined," says Arun, who used to live there till a year ago. "A private party owns this land, but the public always throw the waste there despite dustbins being placed," said.



Corporation workers trimming avenue trees in SSR Pankajam Road, Saligramam has left out the remaining on the road itself. Concern authorities should clear it immediately.



The Kindergarten Graduation day of M.A.K.School, Jafferkhanpet was Celebrated with Great Enthusiasm and Fervour on Saturday, 29/03/2025. Dr. Mr K.T. Manivannan, Professor of Loyola College was the Chief Guest and Convocated the Kids. The function also had Cultural Performance by their UKG Kids. The function was Chaired by Mr. M A.K. Sriraam, Secretary of M.A.K. Group of Schools.

Pedestrian and motorists struggle to navigate the dug up road near ESI



Motorists passing through 100 Feet Road, near ESI, have been experiencing inconvenience as about 200 m of the road has been cut for work for sewage line works for the last couple of weeks. The road, one of the main roads in the city, is being used by thousands of motorists every day. Due to the continuing delay in its restoration, the road became sandy and uneven, putting the life of motorists at risk, especially during peak hours. A portion of the road was cut and motorists struggle to negotiate with the long patches as the road is often overcrowded during busy hours. On Wednesday sudden rain has also worsened the struggle of the motorists.

The width of the road has shrunk by half due to the delay in the restoration works. Motorists find it extremely difficult to navigate the shrunken road. John, a regular commuter through the stretch, said the road was cut and left in poor condition for over two weeks now. We don't know whether it is the highways department or GCC or Metrowater. Whoever it is, we want the road restored at the earliest, he said. He also expressed anger against the authorities for delaying the work. The officials should take steps to complete the work at the earliest. The continuing delay creates trouble for the people. This is the sad situation across the city.

An official of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) said work on restoring the road would be launched soon as the pipeline laying works were almost over. We have got approval from the police and GCC to dig up the road. The work will be completed on time, said the official.



SWD WORK UNDER PROGRESS : The SWD work was under progress in 8th sector, 39th street, K K Nagar. Concern agencies has barricaded one side of the dugged road. But left out open on the otherside shown in the picture. In the night time it is not visible to see the dugged up road. Will the concern authorities close both the sides properly.

Stray dog drive by GCC

Residents in the neighbourhood of Chennai are increasingly facing threats from stray dogs, with frequent incidents of attacks, night-time chases, and injuries reported across several localities. Areas such as K K Nagar have witnessed a significant rise in stray dog populations, causing concern among the public recently a person in Kanum Nagar died of rabies on the instruction of GCC corporation workers search for stray dogs in Kanum Nagar and adjoining areas.

Many residents, especially children and senior citizens, are at risk due to the growing number of stray dogs. R. Selvaraj, a resident of K K Nagar, expressed his concerns: "Early in the morning and late at night, moving around is a challenge. Stray dogs chase pedestrians and two-wheeler riders, often causing accidents. Despite several complaints, the issue remains unresolved."

Similarly, Sujatha R, a mother of two from Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, stated, "My kids are afraid to walk to the bus stop because of aggressive strays. Some children

have even been bitten, and the fear among parents is growing."

Hospitals in Chennai suburbs have reported an increase in cases of dog bites, with doctors cautioning people to seek immediate anti-rabies vaccination after any attack. Dr. Priya Kannan, a general physician, emphasized, "We have seen a rise in dog bite cases recently. It is essential that people do not provoke stray dogs and avoid feeding them in public spaces, as this sometimes makes them territorial."

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and local municipal bodies have been conducting Animal Birth Control (ABC) programs to curb the stray dog population. However, many feel that these measures have been inadequate. A GCC official stated, "We are carrying out sterilization drives and vaccination campaigns, but controlling the growing stray population takes time."

Despite these efforts, residents demand immediate action, including increasing dog-catching drives and



setting up designated animal shelters.

Animal welfare activists argue that mass culling is not a solution and that proper sterilization and responsible pet ownership are crucial. K. Aravind, an animal rescuer, suggests, "Instead of harming stray dogs, we must focus on vaccination, sterilization, and designated feeding zones to prevent aggressive behavior."

While authorities continue their efforts, residents remain worried about their safety, urging a stronger and more consistent approach to managing the stray dog menace.

Kavignar Muthulingam honoured



(On the above picture) – Actor-director K. Bhagyaraj, President of the Writers Association, presented Kavignar Muthulingam with a Certificate of Achievement. He was felicitated by esteemed guests, (L-R) V.I.T., University Vice-Chancellor Vishwanathan, Former Mayor Saidai Duraisamy, Actor Sivakumar, Nalli Kuppuswamy Chettiar, Actor-Politician Karunas, and Mylapore Ganapathy's owner Balaji and Saravanan.

On March 29th, 2025, at Narada Gana Sabha, Alwarpet the South Indian Film Writer's Association, in association with Mylapore Ganapathy's Butter and Ghee Store, honoured renowned lyricist and poet Kavignar Muthulingam for his 50-year contribution to Tamil cinema. The event paid tribute to a literary icon whose words have enriched Tamil cinema for five decades.

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to the traffic cops who endure extreme heat during duty hours.

As many as 1500 traffic cops will be given the sunglasses, issued by a private company. Each pair of sunglasses costs Rs. 1,990, and a total of Rs. 29.85 lakh was allotted for the initiative, police said. Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic) and other senior police officers were present during the event.

Earlier, the city police had distributed pith hats to traffic cops to fight the summer heat and also started the distribution of buttermilk to traffic cops twice a day until June. According to an official release issued by the city police commissionerate, Rs.30,789 is spent on buttermilk daily by distributing it to 4,864 police personnel. The total cost for distributing buttermilk is estimated at Rs. 37.56 lakh for 120 days.



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