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1. Amma Unavagam canteens which offer food at low prices are open and they come in handy for people doing odd jobs or do not have cooking facility. The staff here asked people to keep a distance. Scene in Alwarpet.

2. Civic workers disinfecting public spaces on TTK Road, Alwarpet.

3. Police are asking motorists in Mylapore to prove with documents reason for their presence on the roads/streets. If you are out for a valid reason, carry support documents.

4. Mami's Tiffin centre on Mylapore's Pitchu Pillai Street (near Sri Kapali Temple) are among the few food joints which offer food but only as take-aways (parcels). Open morning and evening but open till food lasts. A list of take-aways is posted at www.mylaporetimes.com

5. Autos parked on Luz Church Road. With people staying off the street, public transport is almost nil.

Photos: Madhan Kumar / MT



Senior cricket umpire stays home after long worklife and plays pallankuzhi with family



Alamelumangapuram resident R. Rajesh Kannan, a Top 80 professional umpire in the rolls of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) who played for IOB in the TNCA first division league for 20 years has just returned to the city after five months of umpiring matches across the country.

He is now spending the locked up time at home by getting back to playing traditional games with his two daughters, games that

he once played in his childhood. Rajesh has spent most of the last three decades on the cricket field playing and umpiring matches. Says Rajesh Kannan "The current scenario of being locked up indoors has evoked memories of the traditional games that I once played as a young school boy in the 1970s. This is a very different experience from the one I have had as a cricketer and umpire being out in the hot sun. It is also exciting to

educate our children on how these traditional games also help improve the math and calculation abilities in them"

Last weekend, he spent several hours playing Dayakattam, Paramapatham and Pallankuzhi at home with his 77-year-old mother and with his wife and two daughters.

His mother R. Durga is spending her time teaching her two grand daughters and providing insights into Pallankuzhi.

The long hours at home are also drawing young children into traditional arts. Rajesh Kannan's 7 year old daughter, Haasini, a class two student of P. S. Sr. Sec School has also been spending time trying out her hand in drawing and pencil sketching.

Rajesh Kannan is a resident of Alamelumangapuram, his residence is behind the Sri Anjaneya Temple.

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SOCIAL MESSAGES CARRYING PHOTOS OF HOUSES, NOTICES OF PEOPLE UNDER HOME QUARANTINE BEING CIRCULATED, CONDITION MISUNDERSTOOD, SAYS CIVIC OFFICERS

There have been a rash of social media forwards indicating people who are in quarantine in Mylapore area and messages which warn people in the areas there to be extra careful. Now these messages can cause panic and many are being shared blindly.

Chennai Corporation reconfirmed on Mar. 26 that there are a few people who have put into home quarantine in the Mylapore area. They are in this situation because they travelled from areas which had virus cases. This is a Chennai Corporation regulation.

A GCC senior medical officer told *Mylapore Times* on Mar. 26 that if one person in an apartment is in quarantine only that flat is quarantined; NOT the whole apartments block.

The officer advises all others to follow the advisory. And not to panic or share 'fake' news.

One person in quarantine is located on Warren Road; some people have shot pictures of the GCC order pasted on the home wall and have circulated it.

While this person is in quarantine as many others, GCC officials say circulating photos of this kind will harm the personal space of people and their privacy.

POLICE DISCOURAGE PEOPLE MEETING IN OPEN, MOTORISTS ON ROADS

Police stationed on the streets and roads of Mylapore have been tight in dealing with people crowding at strete corners or driving for no urgent reason.

In some junctions, police shouted and chased away groups of 4/5 youths while on the main roads, police asked two-wheeler riders reason for being out.

Police patrol vans are doing the rounds of colonies to warn people who are out and to ensure that law and order was in place.

Newspaper circulation affected, agents to suspend operations: some communities 'ban' delivery

Mylaporeans were reporting on Wednesday that newspapers were not delivered in some areas while some people who subscribe to more than one newspaper did not get one of them.

Informally, news circulation agents are saying that they will have to suspend operations since some clients have suspended receipt and that many circulation boys want to stay home and not do the rounds.

A resident of R. A. Puram said that inside the day's newspaper delivered, there was a handbill notice from the agents saying that circulation will be suspended till March 31.

But another resident of this area said he did not get any such notice.

Many gated or closed communities in the area have asked agents to suspend delivery fearing that the dailies may carry the virus - that has had a ripple effect.

Advice from chest diseases specialist: his clinic is on Appu Street



Dr. U. V. Ramakrishnan, specialist in chest diseases and TB who has his clinic on Appu Street 1st Lane says that he gets patients now who are anxious about the effect of Corona virus.

He advises them and others to follow the basic advisory – wash hands often, wear a mask and do not touch your face and practice social distancing.

He says that it is better that people wear masks even if they are not exposed to possible infection. He says that washable set of masks is best for families so they can be washed and reused every second day. "In Japan and Singapore people wore masks when they were outdoors in the pre-virus times and I think that is a good habit for all," the doctor says.

He says that the virus symptoms appear within hours of each other – dry cough, sore throat and high fever. "Go to a hospital when you feel these," he advises people.

The clinic is open 5 to 7 p.m. and closed on Fridays and Sundays. Phone: 24641771. No.3, Appu Street 1st Lane.

Stores regulate shoppers, ask them to clean hands with sanitisers

Busy stores are taking more steps to regulate shoppers in times of the virus.

The popular Amma Nanna store in the far end of R. A. Puram has requested shoppers not to come as a group or as a family to avoid crowding here. It is also regulating shoppers, leaving just 10/12 shoppers inside.

The shop store owner was seen telling NDTV's correspondent Sam Daniel this week that there has been some panic shopping and that he asks their customers to come in a single line to curb crowding inside the store.

Elsewhere, staff of stores stand outside the door and offer sanitisers for shoppers to use and clean their hands before they go in.

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MYLAPORE ON SUNDAY LOCKDOWN

These were the scenes in Mylapore last Sunday when the state declared a daytime lockdown.

1. Outside a wedding hall in Mandaveli, a life-size model of a elephant greeted the limited guests at the social event.
2. All was quiet in Andiman Thottam, a colony of small apartments beside MTC bus terminus in Mandaveli
3. San Thome Cathedral was shut down. A Sunday Mass said by the archbishop in the tomb chapel was webcast.
4. The doors of Sri Kapali Temple remained closed but pujas are conducted inside as per practice, daily.
5. People remained indoors. A scene in Mylapore.
6. Hawker shops along the temple tank on North Mada Street, Mylapore remained closed.
7. The MTC Mandaveli bus terminus: civic workers disinfected this public space
8. Homeless people being taken in vans to shelters by civic body staff.

Photos: Madhan Kumar



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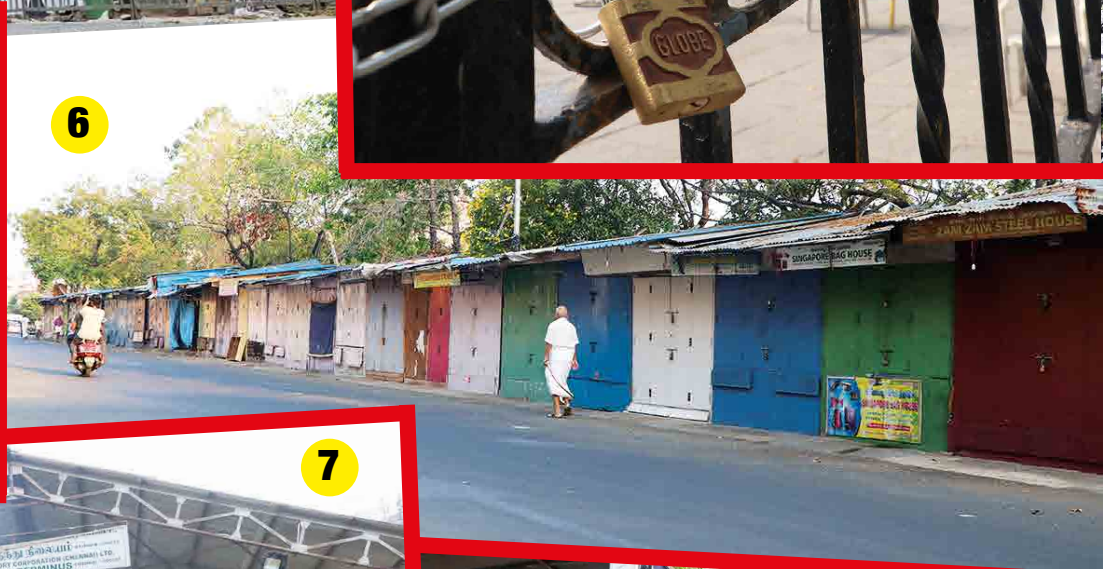


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COMMUNITY

1. SPREADING COLOUR

On Sunday, March 15 morning, nearly 60 people, which included Karam Korpom volunteers, children, residents and visitors, got together to paint the walls at the Corporation Park at Demonte Colony, Abhiramapuram.

The wall art project was sponsored by Greater Chennai Corporation with the support of executive engineer T. Iniyan and area engineer Arul Maran.

The theme revolved around nature and wildlife. Messages about the need to save water and protect trees were also painted on the walls.

This is the 49th project of the Karam Korpom trust. For details visit their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sapschennai/>.

2. SOWMYA CONCERT

Carnatic music vocalist Dr. S. Sowmya was honoured by the R. A. Puram Sri Rama Bhakta Jana Sabha recently. The event was held at the Sringeri Mutt premises in Mandaveli. Sowmya later presented a concert.

3. GOING GLOBAL

R. A. Puram based Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam's Global Citizenship Day(GC) celebration took place on March 7 at the school campus. Under this initiative, the students were given the chance to work on sustainable development goals of the UN such as zero hunger, responsible consumption and production, quality education and clean water and sanitation and present it.

On GC day, the parents and visitors were greeted by an array of stalls showcasing each team's progress and the products they made. Everything from menu planners and notebooks to aerators for taps and do-it-yourself gardening kits were on sale. The visitors also had a variety of handmade 'wealth out of waste' products to choose from.

Reported by Ananya Ganesh, assistant press coordinator, Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam.

4. A TIME TO MEET AND GREET

More than 115 old students and teachers attended M. Ct. M Matriculation School's alumni meet held at the campus on Feb. 29.

The event started off with the school prayer followed by a welcome address by the principal. The alumni of the school then shared nostalgic memories of their time at the school. Later, there was a group light music and solo keyboard performance. Games were held for all after which a photo session was organised.

5. CELEBRATING SRI RAMAKRISHNA JAYANTHI

'The monk who took India to the world'. This was the title of the book on Swami Vivekananda bought out by The Hindu Group of Publications at an event held at Sri Ramakrishna Math, Mylapore on Sunday, March 15.

The book was launched by Swami Gautamanandaji, president, Ramakrishna Math. The first copy was received by N. Ravi, director, Kasturi and Sons Ltd. Also present at the event were Swami Dayatmanandaji, former minister in charge of Vedanta Society, London, K. N. Ramaswamy, director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai, Ashwin from Odyssey and L. V. Navaneeth, CEO, The Hindu Group.

The event, which was held to mark the 185th jayanthi of Sri Ramakrishna, was organised by Swami Vimurtananda, manager of the Math and Swami Naravaranaanda, head PRO of the Math. The book, which covers the life of Swami Vivekananda and his messages is priced at Rs. 399. Copies can be purchased online at <https://publications.thehindugroup.com/book-store>.

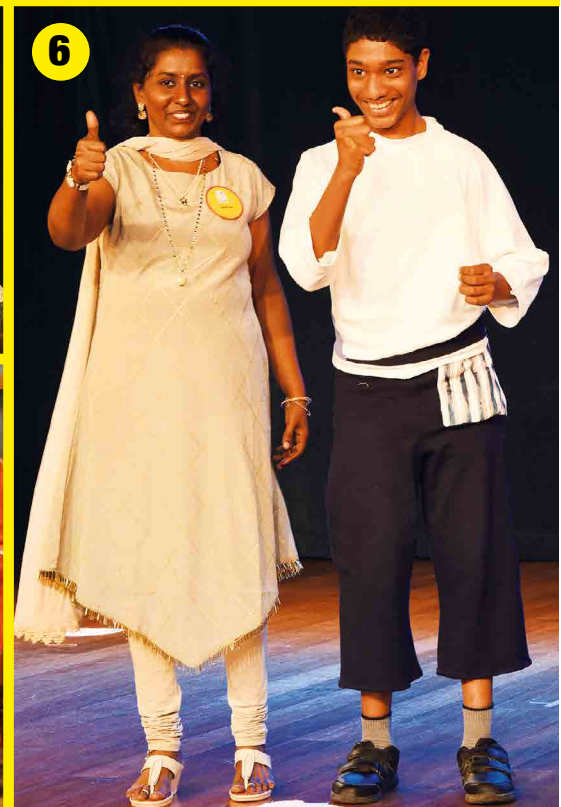
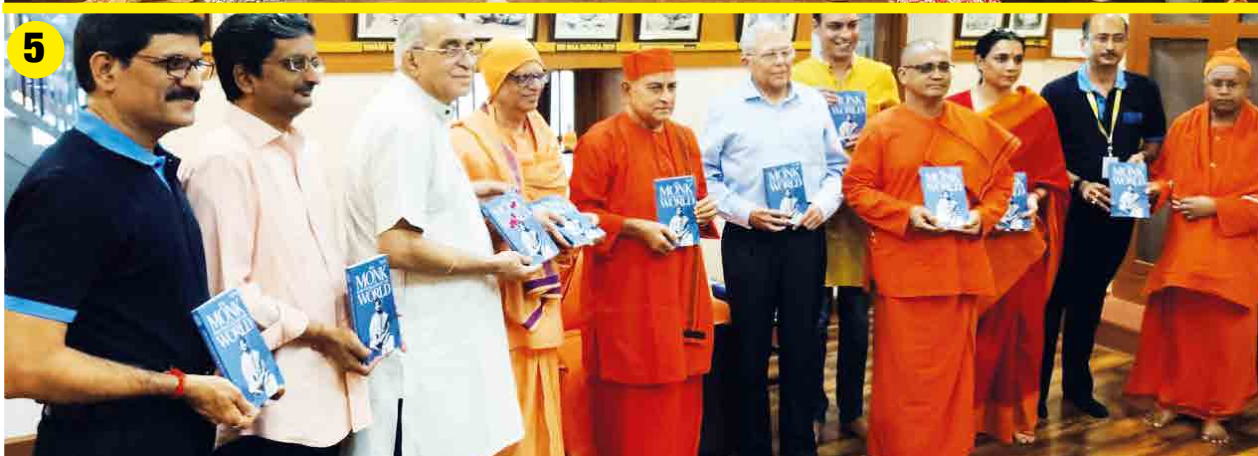
6. A SPECIAL ANNUAL DAY

An innovative fashion show by special children was the highlight of Ekadaksha Learning Center's annual day programme held on Feb. 29 at Narada Gana Sabha, Alwarpet. A short video showing 'A day at Ekadaksha' was played for the audience prior to the show.

The fashion show, which was based on the theme of independence and individuality, was made possible with the help of the students of the 2017-2021 batch of the knitwear design department of National Institute of Fashion Technology.

The chief guest for the evening was Mylapore MLA Dr. R. Nataraj. He presented awards to the children. Awards were also given to Suresh, an auto driver and Balaji, a driver for their compassion while dealing with the children they picked up and dropped to the centre.

The guest of honour was T. N. Manoharan, chairman, Canara Bank. He presented awards to the teachers, volunteers and helpers.



Sewage overflows on streets around Lazarus Church Road: residents say this is recurring

By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of the area around Our Lady of Guidance Church on Lazarus Church Road complain that sewage keeps overflowing from the drains and pollutes the colony and that Metrowater has taken only temporary measures to tackle this issue.

They say sewage from pipelines on Malayappan Street flows through Kanagaraya Malayappan Street towards Lazarus Church Road.

This happens every three or four days, says Dr. Cinthia Jude, a resident of Kanagaraya Malayappan Street.

Others say that they have filed complaints at the local Metrowater office near West Circular Road, Mandavelipakkam but the solutions are stop-gap.



"They come with their lorries and use equipment to suck out the sewage but we don't know what they really do," says Dr. Cinthia.

"Once the water stops overflowing they leave but in a day or two it overflows again. There have been no proper steps that has been taken to fully resolve the issue, in spite of repeated complaints.

The big danger here is that this sewage drains into the rain-water harvesting systems," says Dr. Cinthia. Most affected are students who attend a local tuition center and residents whose access is very close to the local streets where the sewage flows and pollutes.

Photo courtesy: Cinthia Jude

Sewage overflow in Chitrakulam colony worries residents

By Our Staff Reporter



One residential area near Chitrakulam in Mylapore is forced to live with pollution caused by sewage overflow. A problem that has been plaguing the area for many weeks now. The junction of Kesavaperumal East & South Streets (near Chitrakulam) is often stinking because the sewage flows down the streets, gets scattered and dries up leaving a foul smell.

Local residents say Metrowater teams land up when the complaints are severe, and uses equipment and a lorry to suck out the sewage but this is only a temporary measure. "This is the only repeated action that Metrowater has taken over past few weeks but it does not solve the issue, says resident K. Venkatakrishnan of Kesavaperumal East Street.

He says every time he calls the local Metrowater engineer on this issue she says her office has sent a notice to one house-owner here who seems to be the source of the sewage block and overflow.

Earlier this week, the agency staff worked long after a communication from their head office to one resident who complained, promised a solution to the issue. Residents will wait and watch the outcome though.

Photo courtesy: K. Venkatakrishnan

Six-kaala pooja being performed in Agamic way at Sri Kapali Temple

- Reported by S. Prabhu

Sans devotees, the traditional six Kaala Pooja is being performed in an Agamic way at Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple in Mylapore.

The only service personnel inside the temple complex are the Gurukals, Vathiyars, Othuvans and paricharakars.

The musicians who play the nagaswaram during the pooja time are also there outside the sannidhi.

The evening group recital led by Srikanth at the eastern entrance opposite the Annamalayar sannidhi has also been called off.

Othuvar Sathgurunathar says the absence of devotees has meant a certain lack of positive vibration inside the temple.

Between two pooja periods, the two othuvans at the temple are continuously reciting Thiru Neelakanda Pathigam – Avvinaikku Ivvinaiyaam – of Saivite saint poet Thiru Gnana Sambandar which he sang to relieve devotees from viral fever.

In another corner of the temple, the Vathiyars are reciting Sookthams.

Othuvar Sathgurunathar has requested people to recite the Thiru Neelakanda verse at home through the day.

In a Whatsapp parayana of Karpagavalli Lalitha kodi sahasranama, the head priest of the temple, Jayakanthan Shivachariyar said that the current scenario is a sad and painful one.

However, he said those who believe in lord Kapaleeswarar and goddess Karpagambal have nothing to fear. He asked devotees to spend the time at home reciting slokas of God.

Donate essential items for inmates at shelter behind CitiCentre

Chennai Corporation has collaborated with social workers from various NGOs to shelter homeless and daily wage workers at the Corporation's community hall at Karaneeswarar Pagoda Street behind Citi centre mall.

While the team has been providing food and basic facilities to the inmates, they are in need of the following items to better serve the community here.

Floor mats: First aid box with basic medicines: Bed-sheets: Toiletries: Handwash/Hand sanitizer: Facemasks

People who may want to donate these items may contact Shelter Coordinator Prakash at 7092079740

Metrowater's response:

● On Kesavaperumal Puram issue

Says Metro Water AE of ward 124, "The sewage water leaks through the sewage pipeline of an apartment complex and floods the streets. The four house-owners of the complex have to apply for renewal at our head office and get the pipe replaced. I have already issued notice to them twice. But there has been no response from them.



"Once the house owners apply for renewal, our workers will replace the pipe within three days and the issue will be solved."

The engineer says they have also tried to repair the damaged pipe. "We found this is not feasible as the pipe is worn out. If there is no response from the house owners this week, we are planning to disconnect water connection for them. Meanwhile, when-

ever there is sewage overflow we are immediately sending the jet-rodding machine to suck out the sewage."

● On Malayappan Street issue

The Metro Water AE of ward 126 says, "The sewage overflow occurs when the main sewer line on Malayappan Street gets blocked. The block happens due to the accumulation of solid waste like clothes or threads at one point in the pipe. The main pipe is connecting many streets so we cannot ascertain who is disposing the solid waste in the sewer line. We are asking the residents to refrain from doing so."

Why is the issue is recurring? "It happens as the sewer blocks frequently occur at different points in the pipe. To solve the issue now I have asked workers to check the entire pipe and remove all kinds of solid waste to ensure the free flow of sewage water."

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Residents clap and cheer from terrace tops: appreciation for medical community

Last Sunday evening, people came out on their balconies and terraces to ring bells, tap steel plates or just clap their hands across the Mylapore area – as suggested by prime minister Narendra Modi as a mark of appreciation for all those who are in the front line of the battle against the corona virus.

On North Mada Street, as we recorded the scenes of empty streets, the claps began at about 5 p.m. from residents of this street – some on balconies and some on terraces.

The shops though didn't open as news went out that the curfew here was extended to Monday morning.

At Anand Flats at Ranga Road, Mylapore (seen in the picture), about 100 residents formed lines inside their complex and started clapping at 5 p.m., children were seen banging on plates with ladles. Arrangements were made for their flat bell to ring for five minutes as a mark of respect for the caretakers of the sick.



Chennai Corporation rescues homeless persons in Mylapore

Chennai Corporation has rescued around 120 homeless persons in Mylapore and accommodated them at its shelter on Market Street, Mandaveli. People who were stranded due to cancelled bus and train services from across the city have also been provided shelter here.

The civic body has sheltered some of them at the Corporation's community hall at C.P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet.

Now, the inmates are playing games like carrom, and chess to engage themselves. Says Vishanth, the Coordinator at the men's night shelter in Mandaveli, "We also provide the day's Thamizh newspaper for them to read. Those interested also watch films on TV." Food, he says is provided to them thrice a day. GCC plans to house them at this shelter till the lockdown is on.

We are disinfecting and cleaning frequently, says staff at Kaakkum Karangal

Kaakkum Karangal, a home for seniors at San Thome High Road, has about 30 men and women.

When asked about the precautions they are taking to prevent the spread of coronavirus, a staff there says, "We have been disinfecting the premises frequently. Our residents have been asked to wash their hands every couple of hours and adequate soaps and cleaning materials have been provided to them. We have a sufficient stock of medicines and masks available. We also have doctors on standby in case the seniors fall sick.

In addition to this he says, staff from the Corporation have been coming in regularly to disinfect the premises.

Artist Priya Natarajan starts online classes

Priya Natarajan, an artist who has been working on temple sketches for 25 years, has been taking art classes for children and adults in the neighbourhood for quite some time now. Her art school, Lil Studio, was opened in 1997. She also takes classes at Silver N Spring School at R. K. Nagar, Mandaveli.

With the month off due to coronavirus, Priya has switched over to online classes for her students. She says, "I felt that children needed to do something interesting and needed to stay motivated.

So I told them to send me their drawings through Whatsapp and I give them my feedback.

For adults, I have been taking classes through Zoom".

Developing hobbies during this time will prevent boredom from setting in, she says. For details contact her at 9884601159.

Residents of Sriram Nagar, Alwarpet take precautions

The residents of Sriram Nagar Association at Alwarpet have started taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The president of the association Dr. V. B. N. Murthy says, "We have about 40 families here and all of us are connected through Whatsapp. We have been posting information on the need to implement social distancing. The streets are being monitored through the CCTV cameras to ensure that people don't crowd around anywhere"

He continues, "We are also planning to distribute masks to the corporation staff who make their rounds of this area".

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Jottings

VINCENT D'SOUZA

I enjoy field reporting. Reporting live.

And so last Sunday, the day the city was on lockdown I drove off in our car to report the city.

I need not have done this really.

Perhaps do a quick round of the Mylapore area. But the city is also my patch.

And so, we drove across many, different neighbourhoods to report with videos.

From Besant Nagar, through Mylapore, Pondy Bazaar and Vadapalani, to Koyembedu and Anna Nagar, Washermenpet and Royapuram and Triplicane.

The stories must be told, especially at these times when we are battling the corona virus.

And they must be told to the best of our ability and resources.

That Sunday's work was gratifying as the videos went out to many corners of the world, giving people a sense of what life was in our city that lockdown Sunday.

And now, we have a three-week lockdown. And a severe one at that. And at our newspaper, we have many issues to address.

Our circulation boys are prepared to circulate the weekly but some are away from home. From outside, we hear many gated communities do not want newspapers circulated inside.

Our advertising clients have cancelled adverts - all done in one go. The small, the medium and even the classifieds. And this means, almost zero revenue. Imagine what it means to a weekly that is circulated free and costs a bit for each copy to get to you.

And the printing press where we get the weekly printed is facing problems too as staff keep off work and the press cannot promise us anything.

So we have decided to suspend publication.

However, we have ramped up our online coverage. At www.mylaporetimes.com - the web site. On on FaceBook page.

Yesterday, on the eve of the lockdown, we posted 12 stories - perhaps the most since the site was launched. We have posted many videos the past days and they are a visual window to the local world you may not get to see as you stay home and remain safe.

We want to keep sharing useful and timely news and info.

We just put out a list of food take-aways. Then, a list of super stores that are open. We are trying to collate contacts of persons and bodies who can reach out to seniors. They live alone, they are sick, they are physically weak. This community needs help.

Local news and info in extraordinary times is vital despite the dangers, challenges and no-revenue times. News and info that is genuine and can be trusted. And we will do our best - our little team of 41/2 people will strive to gather info and shoot pictures and bring them to you on our web site. You too can share info that is vital.

I wish we have local area Go-To centers in a crisis or otherwise. One place to get info, to get help, to be guided. We need such centers in a large metro like ours. Because local information is vital and can help neighbourhoods a lot in crisis times.

We at *Mylapore Times* hope to keep reporting daily through these trying weeks. Online. There will be many who will miss our weekly. I will miss bringing it out but we know once we get over the crisis, we will back to do what we do best.

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Daily rituals will be done, says priest at Sri Karaneeswarar Temple

At Sri Karaneeswarar Temple, Mylapore, daily rituals for the deity will keep happening, says the chief priest, T. V. Shanmuga Gurukul.

"We have been opening the temple about a hour later than the regular timing every morning and we close early too. The vendors who supply milk and flowers have been doing so for a long time and they continue to do so now too. The rituals of naivedyam and aradhanai will go on. Only staff are allowed to enter the temple", he says. In the absence of devotees, our donations have reduced, he adds.

Food and blankets needed at this shelter in Alwarpet

About 55 people have been housed at the marriage hall right next to the MLA's office on C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet. A Corporation official at Ward 123 says, "We have been providing them food three times a day. Women and children are also there. Any donation, including food, pillows, blankets, biscuits for children and mosquito coils will be very helpful".

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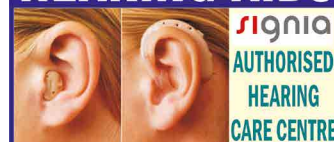
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