

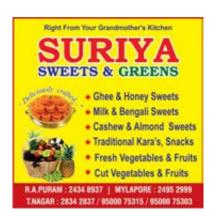
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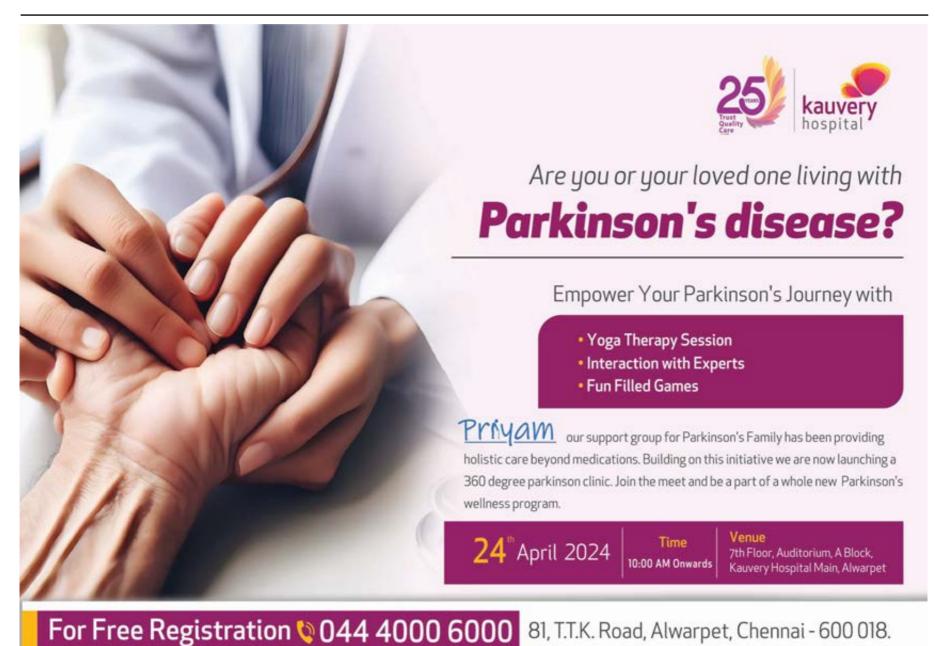
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Nuns from a neighbourhood convent after they cast their ballots at a booth at Rajalakshmi School in Mandavelipakkam on April 19. Long queues were seen at many Mylapore booths even as polling opened at 7 a.m., with people, especially seniors, choosing to vote at dawn to be away from the searing daytime heat.

■ Photos and reportage inside pages



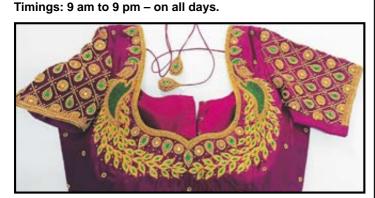
# **NOOKS**

#### DESIGN AND EMBROIDERY ON GARMENTS

Name of the shop: Arika Fashion Designing Boutique Address: 73/2, Bheemanna Mudali 2nd Street, near Aarthi Scans, Alwarpet.

Owner: Shankar

Phone: 9751535858



This boutique executes all types of handwork, design work and embroidery for garments. Machine embroidery is also undertaken.

"We customise designs as per customers' requirement. Our catalogues help the customers choose better," says Shankar, who took to this field 25 years ago.

The boutique moved to the present address eight months back. "Earlier, we were a small shop in Alwarpet," says Shankar, who claims he keeps up with the latest trends and boasts of a large clientele.

"I can create a variety of aari work for blouses, churidhar tops and sarees. The range of designs include rich-looking zardozi work with metal coated shiny threads, bead work and mirror work. I can recreate any pattern given by the customer," he adds.

He charges Rs 2500 for a 'good' aari-worked blouse.

Report by V. Soundararani

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#### PLAY BY CHILDREN

Tasneem Unjhawala, a Mylapore resident, runs a theatre group for children called 'TalkAct Productions'.

The group's 7th annual production is to be staged on April 22 at Dakshinamurthy hall, in the P S School campus. Mylapore. The play is called 'Robin Hood And His Merry Men'. It is open to all.

Tasneem says the production promises a lot of fun, smart dialogues and full-some entertainment. The entire production has been executed and designed by the young actors, she adds.

On April 22, at Dakshinamurthy Auditorium, Mylapore. Time:- 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

#### IN MEMORY OF MANGALAM GANAPATHY: CONCERTS

Mangalam Ganapathy Music Trust is hosting three concerts to be held on April 28 at Swamy's Hall, R. K. Mutt Road, Mandaveli.

3.20 pm - Group singing by students of Radha Kalyanaraman

4.20 pm - Thematic concert on Sri Rama by Padmaja and Mythreyi - vocal

6.00 pm - Madurai N. Sivaganesh presents a vocal concert.

#### READING IN THE PARK: APRIL 21

The Silent Reading Movement group of Mylapore is meeting on April 21, 4 pm, for an hour, to encourage people to meet, and read the book they like or can borrow at this meet. Children are also welcome.

The meet is held near the Chess Square of Nageswaara Rao Park (rear zone), Luz and is open

There is a silent reading session followed by a storytelling session for kids, to cater to the holiday season. Refreshments are served.

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#### MUSIC FEST: **DEDICATED TO MUTHUSWAMY DIKSHITAR**

Veenavaadhini Sampradaya Sangit Trust founded by veena artistes Jeyaraaj and Jaysri will be celebrating the 249th birth anniversary of music composer Muthuswamy Dikshitar at Arkay Center, Luz on April 27 & 28.

Concerts based on Dikshitar compositions will be presented by Anahita and Apoorva and G Ravikiran on April 27 at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm, Revathi Sadasivam (veena) on April 28, 9:30 am and J B Shrutisagar (flute) at 6:30 pm on April 28.

A thematic presentation by the Veenavaadhini team titled "Shubhakara Kaveri Teera", with H R Kamakshi, H R Meenakshi, Dr Aarti and Veena Venkatramani and Sanskrit scholar Rajani Arjun Shankar on April 28 at 4:15 pm. Open to all

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## KODAI NATAKA VIZHA. 12 PLAYS. FROM APRIL 22



Kartik Fine Arts' popular annual Kodai Nataka Vizha presents 12 plays at Narada Gana Sabha, Alwarpet. April 22 to May 3, 7 pm daily and not ticketed. On Day One, at the

launch, late actor Sivaji Ganesan's son, Ramkumar will talk on his father's theatre experience.

Theatre groups presenting plays include Legally Yours, Prasiddhi Creations, thRee, Gurukulam Original Boys, Koothapiran's Navabharath Theatres, Komal Theatre and Dummies Drama.

All plays are new ones. Awards for artistes / directors/plays are given.

#### PLAY ON PUDHUMAIPITHAN'S STORIES

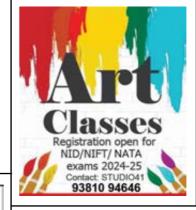
'Nam arumai Pudhumaipithan' is a Tamil play that Theatre Ko is staging at Medai, Alwarpet, April 25, 7.30 p.m. This 1940s/50s famed writer's short stories are the themes for six plays that 11 actors present, with movement and music.

Ticketed show.



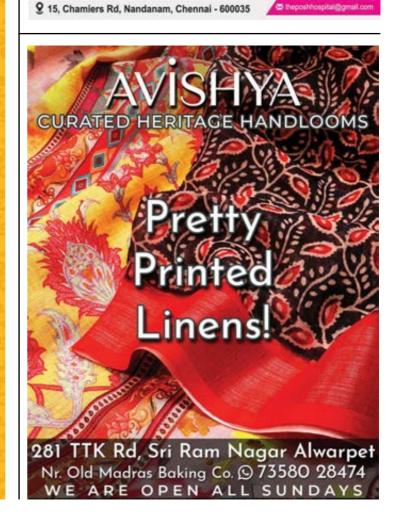
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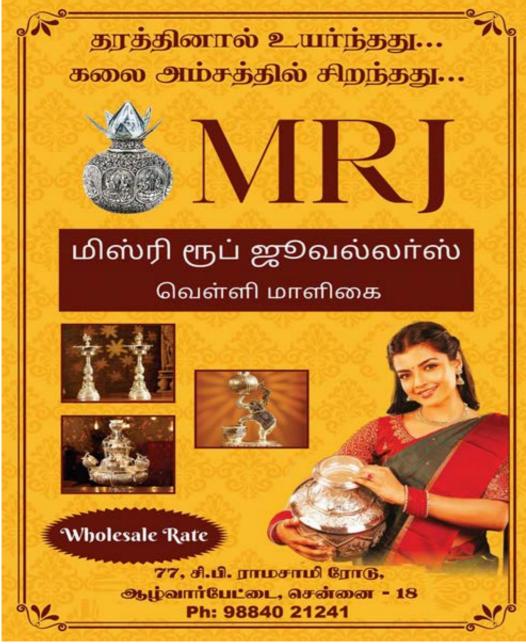
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# VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

#### By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Carpentry. Hospital service. Gardening.

Which of these would appeal to teens were they asked to choose one for some training and service?

When I was in college and the National Service Scheme (NSS) was part of the package, for which we got some credits in our autonomous course, I had to make a choice. I recall the offerings were many - ranging from carpentry to hospital admin support to traffic management.

I first opted for traffic service simply because I had to dash down to Sterling Road on specific days and wave on or stop cars, bikes and buses at this busy junction.

Weeks later, my enthusiasm flagged and I asked my tutor if I had other options. The ones that were on the plate didn't really enthuse me, and so I perked up and said - Would you consider weekend work at a printing press? That's not service, my tutor said, and after I won the argument, he let me go after it and I managed to get my NSS credits.

I wonder what parents are advising their teens as they get to enjoy the holidays this summer.

Firstly, the young ones must be allowed to enjoy their season well. This could also be a time to suggest to and coax teens to get their hands dirty and learn some life skills

Here is what I have observed and wish to share. These are real, critical life skills that a teen needs to learn to go forward. Though my suggestions are limited.

First up, communication. In reading, collating, writing and presenting.

Next, I would suggest some hands-on skills - like dealing with electrical, plumbing and all those for-home skills. May I also add, skills in the kitchen.

And then, financial management skills. More so in a world where teens are handling money all the time in different ways and will have to deal with money with their first job.

Finally, I would add community service. Which builds in us the attitude to look beyond our walls.

At this year's Journalism Program, I find myself going beyond teaching the nine teens attending it, reporting and writing skills. How do you see? - was one topic we talked about one evening on the Mada Street in Mylapore.

## LETTERS FROM READERS

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This column also contains comments posted on our social media pages.

Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund Ltd.: comments of depositors

● Interest payments on deposits for March and April have not been made by the Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund Nidhi Ltd. Hope they resolve all issues in an orderly manner. Most depositors are senior citizens who depend on the monthly interest for their regular expenses.

- Ravi Raghavan

• One person, by the name of Mariadoss, is posing himself as legal advisor of the Mylapore Fund; he has joined the WhatsApp groups created for depositors ( one group now has over 500 depositors as members) and he has made the group to work like Team B of the management.

- Venkat

those whom they failed to pay the monthly interest, if it will they pay extra.

If we fail to repay even one installment they levy a fine and charge extra interest. Similarly will the financial institutions do the same?

- Namasivayem



● The Fund has to clarify to us as to

#### Plea to MTC / Chennai Metro: erect bus shelter in Alwarpet

When will the Alwarpet bus stop near Sri Anjaneyar Temple get a bus shelter? We commuters are tired of standing here in the sun. Also, MTC buses on routes 12G and 12X do not stop at Luz so we walk 1.5 km daily to reach the Anjaneyar Temple bus stop imagine our state.

MTC / Chennai Metro - can you please erect a bus shelter urgently?

- Nikita

## This Mandaveli street is 'exploited'

Builders have started using the streets in Mandaveli to store their construction materials. Norton 3rd Cross Street is an example. Commuters are finding it difficult to use the road. Will police and local authorities look into it?

- Natarajan

#### 'Insensitive' violations

The apartment adjacent to our building (Sri Krishna Apartments) put up metal poles on the compound wall resulting in cracks. We raised the issue with the association of the adjacent building and informed him that our building is 45 years old. While poles were removed, new fixtures came up. We protested by placing a notice paper on the wall explaining how the building is being damaged because of their actions.

An irresponsible office bearer may be responsible for residents to collectively violate the property rights of the adjacent building's flat owners.

- D. Murali

## Barricades in CIT Colony: for what?

Barricades have been placed on the newly re-laid roads on Bishop Wallers Avenue East and West areas, without any regard to rules by traffic police or GCC. Vehicles are parked next to the barricades, making the roads narrower. Will the Corporation remove these 'illegal' barricades?

- Ramdas Naik

# **MY STORY**



# Warm Memories of Kutchery Road

#### By A. AUGUSTINE

The other day I was standing at the corner of Kutchery Road at its junction on Bazaar Street and my eyes moistened.

Reason - the house where I was born was being demolished as part of the Chennai Metro station work here.

My thoughts go back - 70 years ago. I was born in 1944 and till 1955, we lived on Kutchery Road, Mylapore. Our house was right opposite the mosque, co-joined with N R Brothers, the shop which has also been demolished. Behind our house was a huge tract of land extending to Mathala Narayanan Street, with vazhai marams and vegetable gardens.

On the east were two large single-storied bungalows belonging to the State Police (today

these are multistoried apartments) on spacious grounds - the Anglo Indian inspector would allow us a free run of his home and grounds

The tram line from Parrys to San Thome ran down Kutchery Road and the tram was my transport

to St. Bede's School. West of N R Brothers was Tanjore Military Hotel. Only a wall separated our home from the hotel and often, our orders were placed through the ventilator in the house!

A few buildings away towards Luz was located the famous Rayar Café, patronised by film personalities like Gemini Ganesh. Our Sunday breakfast was invariably here.

To the eastern side of the mosque entrance was Lions Stores. It sold mostly imported items like Ovaltine, Horlicks, Cow and Gate, Milk Maid, chocolates and biscuits.

Adjacent to this was a shop owned by Farid bhai. He rented bicycles and repaired them. He taught me cycling. Another activity of his was repairing Petromax lanterns.

Our home had no electricity then and his services were very much in need and appreciated.

Further down, towards San Thome was the famous Ceylon Bakery, owned by Devotta. One of his sons, Anton Devotta, was my classmate in St. Bede's. Anton (may he rest in peace) became a priest and was later elevated to a bishop.

Opposite Ceylon Bakery was Stella Stores - stationers and general goods merchants.

At the corner of Kutchery Road, opposite the Cathedral stood the San Thome Post office of long history. This has now given way to Airtel office.

Adjoining the post office was the residence of Dr. O G C Vaz, a kind-hearted person who treated the poor free of charge. Incidentally though a male, he had a diploma in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Today, much of Kutchery Road remains in memories.

 Augustine worked for Lucas TVS. He is a senior Lions Club member and a resident of Mandavelipakkam.

### Winners of New Year decoration contest





By S Supriya

By Meenakshi Natarajan



By Ganga Sridhar

#### By Our Edit Team

Nine people's presentations of decorations and food displays were chosen for prizes in the Mylapore Times Vishu / Tamil New Year Festival Contest that was held last weekend.

Mylaporeans shared a set of photos shot even as they celebrated the new year at their houses.

Some were of Vishu By Lekshmy Manoj celebrations, many of the Tamil new year festival. Some chose to share visuals of their kolams, pooja spaces and special lunch of the day. Others shot pictures of vishu kani and a few others, everything associated with their celebration.

#### These were the winners -

S. Supriya of Luz Avenue 2nd Street. Santha Kumar of Bazaar Lane. R. Sangeetha of Thiruvengadam Street. Lekshmy Manoj of Anandapuram - Dr Ranga Road. G. Srinivas of Rohini Gardens. Geetha Ramachandran of Papanasam Sivam Road, Lalitha Nagar, San Thome. Ambika Suthanthiraselvan of Kesava Perumal East Street, Mylapore. Ganga Sridhar of Raja Street, Mandaveli and Meenakshi Natarajan of Oliver Road, Mylapore.







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#### 4.45 PM

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#### 6.30 PM

G Ravikiran - Vocal Madan Mohan - Violin Arun Prakash - Mridangam Anirudh Athreya - Khanjira

#### DAY 2 | April 28, 2024

#### **MORNING SESSION - 9.30 AM**

Revathi Sadasiyam - Veena Trichur Narendran - Mridangam N Rajaraman - Ghatam

#### EVENING SESSION

SPECIAL INVITEE: Kalaimamani Dr S Sunder 4:15 PM

Veenavaadhini's Thematic presentation on

'Shubhakara Kaveri Teera'

(Tracing the footsteps of Dikshitar along the river Kaveri) Narration - Rajani Arjun Shankar Vocals - Veena Venkatramani, H R Kamakshi,

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6.30 PM

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Veenavaadhini Founder Directors: JT Jeyaraaj Krishnan & Jaysri Jeyaraaj Krishr





#### Meenakshi Subramanian,

90 years, passed away on April14 in the USA at her daughter's residence.

She resided in Mylapore from 1944 to 1972.

The Kallukaran Street community in Mylapore where she resided feted her as the first woman graduate when she

passed that milestone then, her family said.

She was a teacher in Rosary Matric Girls School, San Thome for nearly 30 years.

She leaves behind her a daughter and a son and their families a sister and brother.

Her brother K. R. Jambunathan lives in Mylapore and can be reached at 9840142678

**Ramu Karra**, 58, and a resident of 3rd Street, East Abiramapuram passed away on March 20.



He was a resident of East Abhiramapuram for the last 30 years.

He belonged to the 1983 batch of Vidya Mandir school, Mylapore. He was working with Kotak Mahindra Bank.

His family said he was known to many of his friends and colleagues for his simplicity and

straightforwardness and remembered for his smile.

He loved travelling and was always there for his friends in good and bad times, the family added.

His Vidya Mandir friends fondly remember him as a handsome guy with a mischievous smile and for his 'whistle-podu' support for Chennai cricket teams.

He is survived by his wife, Vani Karra. The family can be contacted at 9003187319.

**Vankeepuram Sundararajan** of Abiramapuram passed away on April 2. He was 92 years old.



His family said he was a deeply religious Vaishnavite scholar, a connoisseur of Carnatic music, an excellent engineer and mentor and a doll

He graduated as the top scholar from Kakinada Engineering and was awarded the TATA scholarship to study at the

famous Pen State univer-sity (USA) to get a post graduate master's degree.

He held senior positions in reputed institutions such as KGF (Kolar Gold Fields), BARC (Bhabha Atomic Research Center), and notably Dunlop India where as the head of projects, he contributed immensely towards setting up the most modern tyre factory of the Dunlop group at Ambattur in Chennai.

During his tenure at Dunlop, he was also in charge of two collaboration projects for setting up tyre factories in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

Sundar, as he was fondly called, nurtured the music talents of his wife, Dr. Nirmala and daughter Subhashini which led to the mother and daughter duo getting a PhD.

Sunder was a passionate maker of dolls of deities; an art he inherited from his mother. Come Dussehra, friends and relatives would visit his home to see what he had evolved out of the scrap material which he used to make dolls

Contact: Dr Subhashini Parthasarathy – 9962567538 Address: Flat 2B. Bhagyam Sri Ranga, 62/98. 4th Street, Abhiramapuram

#### THAMBRAS' Mylapore unit releases panchangam

TN Brahmin Association (THAMBRAS)' Mylapore Unit released the Krothi year panchangam at an event held on April 13.



B. Ramana Kumar, president of the unit led the event that was held at Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar Girls Higher Secondary School, Mylapore .

The panchangam was released by Sridhar, former TV news presenter on DD and some private channels, and received by Dr. V. R. G. Raji, advisor to the THAMBRAS' Mylapore Unit.

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Vote of Thanks - Shri. Gopinath

Present at the event were Rajesh Narayan, K. Baskar, Abirami and P. V. S. Athreyan and Reguram.

Those who wish to get a copy may contact 96001 28212.





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#### CRICKET, TENNIS, **BADMINTON**

The Mylapore Club in Luz is hosting a series of sportsthemed training camps this summer. The cricket coaching camp is headed by senior coach K. Bharath Kumar, From April 15 to May 31, Mondays to Fridays, 6.30 a.m. onwards for two hours daily. For 35 days. There is coaching in badminton/ shuttle, keyboard music, tennis, snooker. Call Club office at 2499 5315 / 2499 4293 - 11 am to 7 pm.

#### FOR SPECIAL KIDS

This workshop is designed for children with autism, dyslexia and ADD. Participants will be trained in calligraphy, social skills, mental maths and more. Call 9025153198

#### CRICKET, CHESS

Children's Club on V M Street, Mylapore is hosting camps in Cricket and in Chess for summer. In addition, the Club is registering kids who wish to play TT, chess and shuttle besides cricket here in the evenings through the year. Call 9444026237

#### INDOOR GOLF

Golfer's Edge, Eldams Road, Alwarpet is holding indoor golf summer camps with multiple, two -week batches between April 30 - July 31. For kids aged 7-16 years. Fully air conditioned and all equipment provided. WhatsApp/call 9342272041

#### • THEATRE, **MOVEMENT**

Natya Aradhana hosts a camp that offers the basics in theatre, movement and fitness through dance and theatre training. Venue - Children's Garden School, Mylapore. Call 984112968

#### ART

These art classes are for students in NID, NIFT or those who

intend to join courses at these centres. Studio 41 hosts them. Call9381094646.

#### • INDIAN CULTURE

Parampara is organising a workshop from May 6 to 10. This workshop is designed for children to connect to Indian roots - India's tradition and cultural heritage. Parampara is at 46, Kasturi Ranga Road, Alwarpet. Ph.: 24991516

#### RELIGIOUS

Jeeyar Educational Trust presents a week-long camp for 5 to 12 year-old kids that is themed on 'Five forms of God'. From May 13 to 18, day long. Venue ; Andhra Mahila Sabha hall, Luz Church Road. Call - 9884526116

#### ART

Drawing Park - School of Arts, based in First Main Road (R A Puram), is offering courses in drawing and colouring, phonetics, story telling, pot painting, Carnatic music and paper craft. Call 06380768833 / 09080055996

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Artist Priya Natraj is hosting an art camp at a venue in 1st Street, Abiramapouram with fun-filled art activity for teens - from May 1 to 14. Call 9884601159.

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- HOLY Spirit who solves all problems and who lights all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gives me the strength to forgive and forget all evil against me and who are with me in all instances of my life, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I do not want to be separated from you even and in spite of all material illusion. I want to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Sudha
- THANK You St. Jude, wonder worker, hope of the hopeless, worker of miracles, for your holy intercession. - SP



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#### **NOTES ON POLLING DAY**

This is what *Mylapore Times* observed and picked up from people at polling booths on April 19.

■ In most booths, long queues and a steady stream of voters were seen from 6.45 am to about 10 a.m.

Many were keen to vote and get home before the stuffy, searing heat of summer struck.

■ Basic arrangements at booths were good. But in some places, there were either weak ramps or no ramps at all. In some schools, where multi rooms were employed as poll booths, the spaces were dinghy, stuffy and small - just not suited for a public process. More so, not in searing summertime.



Scene at St Anthonys Girls School, R A Puram at 4.30 p.m.

- Seating of limited nature was desirable, more for seniors, the weak and the sick. Police had to spare chairs set apart for them to be used by seniors. When one had to wait in the Q for about 10/15 mins., seating option had to be a 'must have' one.
- Many booths had volunteers/nurses with first aid/medicines and hydration needs and this was appreciated by people. But were these facilities in all booths?
- Police definitely need better briefing on how to work at poll booths: many were courteous they even helped seniors get out of cars or allowed bikes with seniors to get into the campus: some were insensitive to people who sought preference voting for seniors. Perhaps, they played by the rules.

■ The most worrisome, frustrating issue was of people with Voter ID cards who had not checked if their names were still on the electoral rolls; had assumed these were on the list, since they had voted in the previous election, came to the booth and were given the bad news.

People also wondered why they had to travel some distance from home in the re-distribution and allotment of poll booths.

Manner of issue of voting slips frustrated many people – some said the downloaded slips/numbers did not match the data on the rolls. Some people said nobody issued slips at their houses nor were these easy channels to get the slips.

■ Polling almost came to a standstill after 1 p.m. At Vidya Mandir school, location for 6 booths, there were only two people in booths then. After 4 p.m., there were hardly any people at many booths - at St Anthony's Girls School, R A Puram and at P S School / North, a few voters, all the staff and no buzz.

### Mylaporeans share their voting experiences

#### • Srividhya Srinivasan

At Alwarpet's Gandhi Nilayam – of the two EVM machines, one did not work for more than hour in the morning. So had to remain in the queue for over an hour. Some people went back, some people got back later. Inside the voting premises, the arrangement was good.

Seniors were given preference to vote.

Wheel-chair was available. The police did a good job of maintaining the queue and allowed seniors to sit in the chairs kept for police / staff.

#### Chitra Sivakumar

**ELECTIONS** 

2024

Our polling booth was in St. Mary's Road. We went there by 7.45 am. Not very crowded. There was no separate queue for senior citizens but the staff were courteous and helpful – if a senior citizen had some disability or was standing for long in the queue, they politely requested others to allow them to pass. As the crowd started coming in it was difficult to find a place to seat senior citizens. Schools could have spared a few classroom benches.

#### • K. R. Jambunathan

I am a voter of Mylapore for the last 55

years. This time, the arrangements were good (at GCC school on Mundagakanni Amman Temple Rd.) We seniors were allowed to go in our two-wheeler close to the booth; on seeing my wife who is slightly handicapped, the staff brought a wheelchair which she politely declined. We were surprised to see two medical personnel at a table - with basic apparatus like BP machine, tablets and electrolytes. Timely.



At Luz Circle junction, alongside the temple, there were many party cadres at

tables and seated

las, guiding voters, using the data they had and the slips people had. Each party had separate counters set up.

At the Central Chennai booth on Ambujammal Street in Srinivasa Gandhi Nilayam booth at the start there was a faulty EVM machine. But people waited patiently. Some went back, to return later.

• Balasubramaniam (shared this WA message

from a R. A. Puram resident) My friend is 76 years old. Her name is not on the voters list this time though she has voted all these years.

She has her voting ID and Aadhar card and staff did not allow her to vote at Rajalakshmi School / 5th Trust Cross Street. She does not want to give up her vote.

They are residents here for 35 years and have been voting all these years.

#### Bhuvaneswari Natarajan

I reside in Canal Bank Road. I came by auto and brought my 85-year-old maid with me. But they did not allow elders in autos close to the booth (GCC campus, CP Ramaswamy Rd., Alwarpet). There were no staff who could guide us when we came in; it used to be there in the past. Only such steps can encourage people to come and vote.

#### Sai Venkatesh

Nice arrangements at P S High School - with medical facilities at a counter outside.

The presiding officer and others were very polite.

#### Krithika Sekar

At the booths in St Anthony's Girls School, Madha Church Rd, in the morning there were long queues and many seniors standing but the poll staff did not give seniors space to vote quickly outside the queue and one policeman was rude



A deserted Vidya Mandir school campus at 1 p.m. Five booths here.

#### Sheila D' Souza

There were many booths at the Rajalakshmi School campus in Mandavelipakkam but our booth was the size of our bathroom! Maybe, 7 by 4 ft only and in there, were three/ four tables, 5 staff...the doorway was tiny - a big-body person needed to squeeze in. It was stuffy and even the poll staff felt sick.

They hadn't got their breakfast past 9 a.m.

#### Ganga Sridhar

On behalf of Mandaveli Raja Street RWA we thank all the officials for the nice organisation at No. 211 polling booth at Raja Muthiah School. Kudos to the police officials, GCC and others. From Raja Street we escorted our senior citizens who needed help and made sure maximum people voted.

We also made sure to reach the voter slips to the former Raja Street residents and requested them to vote.

The police were cooperative: when we requested, they allowed the cars and autos of seniors to stop at the campus gate so that wheel chair could be brought close.

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# **VOTING DAY SNAPSHOTS**

- Long queues at poll booths at Kumara Rajah Muthiah School, St. Mary's Road
- $\boldsymbol{2.}$  A policeman supports a senior at a R. A. Puram booth
- 3. These women voted at the GCC Hr Sec. School, Alwarpet
- **4.** This woman brought her maid to vote at a booth on C. P. Ramaswamy Rd.
- **5.** People stand in queue at 7 a.m. at Rajalakshmi School gate, Mandavelipakkam
- **6.** Party cadres at counters set up at Luz Circle guide voters to booths
- **7.** A first-time voter gets her photo shot alongside a GCC promo at a Nochikuppam booth
- This family from Raja Street, Mandaveli had a smooth passage voting in a R. A. Puram school



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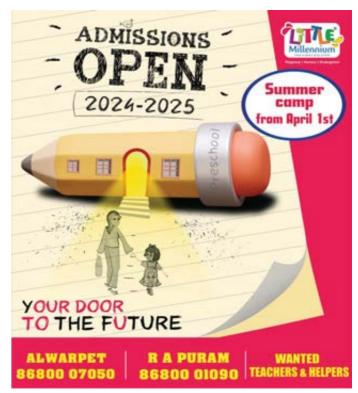














#### Ramnavami themed workshop held for kids

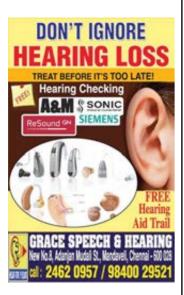
A Sri Ramnavami themed workshop facilitated by the Fabulous Fundigais team of mothers was hosted at Eko-Lyfé Cafe in Alwarpet.

The workshop took place on April 13 and it brought together 16 parentchild pairs who engaged in various activities

The hosts said they attempted 'an integration of learning with fun, through activities such as storytelling, craft, music, and dance.'

Highlights of the workshop included storytelling by Ambujavalli Nagarajan, invigorating Ramayana-themed yoga and meditation led by Ahila Subramanian, and a session on puppet-making featuring Ramayana characters — guided by Karpagavalli Krishnamurthy. Each child received a specially crafted Ramayana-themed activity booklet to take home along with their puppets.

Snacks and beverages were provided by Eko-Lyfe cafe.









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