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Vasanta utsavam

The annual Vasanta utsavam celebration season is on at Sri Kapali Temple in Mylapore. It runs for 30 days and has completed the second week.

A small, circular tank filled with water, a mini mantapam set inside and a mini teppam that moves all around it, is a draw for devotees and more, for children visiting the temple now.

The celebration signals the break of spring, but here, it is the summer season and a time to symbolically offer a cool atmosphere to the gods.

The first section of the utsavam is focussed on lord Kapali, then on lord Singaravelar. Odhuvars recite the sacred verses and deeparadhanai is performed in the evening.



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NOOKS

KERALA APPALAMS, MAVADU, PODIS

Name of shop: Pranavamm Home Needs
Address: No 24, Adam Street, Mylapore.
Owner: Pramod Balakrishnan
Phone: 9444102394
Timings: Monday to Saturday - 9.30 am to 9 pm.
Sunday - 9.30am to 1.30 pm.

Pranavamm Home Needs is a six-year-old shop which sells appalam, podis, vadagams and pickles.

"We are well known for our home-made urad appalam which are made in-house by my family," says Pramod, the business owner.

His father, Balakrishnan managed the production and sale of appalam from home for 40 years.

The shop also sells chakkavaratti (jackfruit preserve), Palakkad mavadu, thamarathandu (lotus stem) vathal and many Kerala special items.

Pramod and brother Prasad manage this business. "We have a loyal customer base. We supply appalam and vadagams to caterers and to the shops," adds Pramod.

The Pranavamm brand urad appalam is priced at Rs 320 per kg.

Other products available here include sambar podi, rasam podi, Kerala tapioca appalams, ilia vadagams and varieties of pickles, thokku and ready-to-use rice paste.

"We source only home-made products that are authentic in taste and safe to consume," says Pramod.

Delivery through courier or online services is arranged.

Report: V. Soundararani



CHECK THIS

CONCERT: VINTAGE TAMIL HIT SONGS

Like vintage Tamil film music? Then this concert is for you. KRS Orchestra is presenting a concert of hit songs of the greats themed 'Tamil Melodies' - songs of A M Raja and Jikki, P Susheela, P B Srinivas and S Janaki.

Singers like Kovai Murali, Viji Valavan and C A Rajah will entertain the audience.

At KaviKo Centre, 2nd Main Road, CIT Colony, Mylapore. Free admission. On May 1, 5.45 pm onwards.



PLAY BASED ON SHORT STORIES OF IMAYAM

A theatre performance based on Sahitya Akademi winner Imayam's short stories in Tamil, adapted and directed by Prasanna Ramaswamy goes on the floor at Medai - the Stage on April 27 at 7pm.



Running for 80 mins without an interval, the stories are played by some of the city's brilliant actors - Janaki Suresh, Geetha Kailasam, Nikhila Kesavan, Prasanna Ramkumar, Sugumar, Nandhakumar, Infant, Roshan, Premkumar and Divagar Ravi.

While this show presents new stories of Imayam, one from the older edition is added to the bill, says Prasanna.

A thief in conversation with his kulasamy, asking for blessings before going for a theft, a woman in her 30s lashing out on a stalker who make her life miserable, outpouring of emotions by a hurtful orderly of an IAS officer, a volley of exchanges between a candidate who lost an election and a woman he bribed.

Tickets available on bookmyshow.com and at the venue. Contact: 9094038623

DIKSHITAR TRIBUTE THEME CONCERT

As part of VeenaVaadhini's celebration of the 249th jayanti utsavam of composer Muthuswami Dikshitar, there is a thematic presentation on 'Shubhakara Kaveri Teera' (Tracing the footsteps of Dikshitar along the river Kaveri)

Presented by Veenavaadhini Team (guided by Jeyaraaj Krishnan and Jaysri Jeyaraaj Krishnan) : Narration - Rajani Arjun Shankar, Vocals - Veena Venkatramani, H R Kamakshi, H R Meenakshi, Dr Aarti Ananth Krishnan, Veena - SV Prerna, Mridangam - Arjun Ganesh

At Arkay Centre, Luz. April 28, 4.15 pm. Open to all.

KODAI NATAKA VIZHA

Kodai Nataka Vizha, a festival of Tamil plays, continues at Narada Gana Sabha hall, TTK Road. Open to all.

By Kartik Fine Arts.

April 27 / 7.00 pm
 S. Sruuthi & Naatya Naadha Nataka Sangamam - Vallamai Thaarayoh' by T. V. Radhakrishnan
 April 28 / 7.00pm - thRee - 'Kaatchi Pizhaigalo' by V. Sreevathson
 April 29 / 7.00pm
 Gurukulam Original Boys Co.'95 - 'Idhu Dhaan Swargam' by M.B. Moorthy
 April 30 / 7.00pm

Koothapiran Navabharath Theatres - 'Surukku Pai' by Ratnam Koothapiran
 May 1 / 7.00pm
 PMG Mayurapriya - 'Big Boss' by P. Muthukumaran
 May 2 / 7.00pm
 Komal Theatre - 'Roudhram Pazhagu' by Dharini Komal
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Photo: Baskar Seshadri



Small civic win for this Luz community. Against civil contractor

By Baskar Seshadri

Civic-minded residents of a colony in Luz won a small civic battle and got some relief from a contractor who was seen violating civic rules.

The face-to-face meeting with officers of Indian Bank which is rebuilding staff quarters here has yielded results.

All the construction materials dumped on Ramachandra Road have been cleared now.

A Namakkal-based construction company is handling this project and like many contractors and builders, dumped materials on the road, let off waste water into the drain and even worked past given hours, causing noise pollution.

■ **REPORT SERIOUS VIOLATIONS BY BUILDERS** – who dump lots of materials on Mylapore streets / roads, who work past 9 pm and noise pollute the area. Mail photo/s and 5 lines on the issue – mytimesedit@gmail.com

Annual Day of nursery, primary schools



Vijay Vidya Nursery and Primary School and Sabhesan Bala Brindavan Primary school, both located in R A Puram, celebrated the 55th Annual Day at The Mylapore Fine Arts Club on March 24.

Dr. J Balasubramanian, director, Canara Robeco Fund, presided. K. Balasubramanian, Geetha Ramakrishnan and Kalyani Muralidharan were the special guests.

220 children participated in this event and many presented a vibrant show based on theme "Enchanting Tamil Nadu"

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VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Chara brought us two stories from her home zone.

One was of a woman who sold snacks in the evening on a *mada* street. She had put up a stall for the *panguni utsavam* of Sri Kapali Temple in Mylapore, sold well and the sales encouraged her to stay put.

So I sent her on another assignment - to capture the mood of the Vasanta utsavam at Sri Kapali Temple. She said she found kids throwing coins into the miniature tank set in the temple premises, and making wishes. Most of them asked that they score well in their exams.

Vihaan spotted a group of women at their annual summer service. They pooled money, made lines of buttermilk and shared it with passers-by and workers at the street junction of their colony.

Laya was quick to locate a place where a team re-packed organic food stuff, like pulses and oils, grown and cycled in farms in the outbacks and sold in this part of the city.

There was only that much we could do at the 12-day Journalism Camp that I hosted at the *Mylapore Times*. But the school students who got into it, seemed to have picked up some soft skills that will hold good as they move up in life.

We had some good learnings when we took a walk down a *mada* street one evening - looking at *keerai* and flower hawkers, a priestess and a less-abled kitchen goods hawker, we looked at leftovers of old-time gardens of bungalows and little doors in large houses which were the 'use this only' for maids and cleaners.

I assume some of our participants would have enjoyed another week or more of the Camp. But they had other considerations on hand; some, leftovers of school academics, some competitions and some back-to-school work.

Teens in our schools are certainly not getting the experience they should at this stage and age. For this new world. They are cogs in a wheel that is suffocating, more of the same and dumbing down.

The Socials or Civics lessons for seniors in the last leg of academic year should have made space for India's elections. The time to learn what our elections are all about, and the role citizens play in them. Ending with a mock poll in the classroom.

And there are many skills that teens need to learn. How do you talk to people? How do you ferret information? How do you look at an issue, the little world around you, the happening in your backyard? How do you take down notes? How do you present a report? How do you write or express yourself?



LETTERS FROM READERS

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Provide full name and short address.

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

Seniors left out of polling

In my apartment complex on Second Main Road, R A Puram, there are 4 voters who are more than 87 years old.

No one from the election office visited our complex to give Form 12D to vote from home. Consequently, we were deprived of our right to exercise our franchise. My complaint was ignored by the deputy tahsildar.

- D. Raghavan



Residents of Raja Street, Mandaveli outside the polling booth at Raja Muthiah School

Voter's slip did not reach houses

We stay in Mandavelipakkam First Trust Cross Street. No government or

election-duty staff came home to distribute the voter's slip. There are many people who are 80 plus years old and they were keen to vote from home.

- Radhakrishnan

Memories of Luz Circle

The 'Memories of Luz' series in *Mylapore Times* evoked nostalgic memories in me.

I moved to Alwarpet in 1978 as a school kid and Luz was the closest shopping area which had something for everyone.

Some of my favourites include Shanti Vihar where I had my first taste of *bhel puri* for a princely sum of one rupee and was hooked thereafter, Poonam Sweets within the complex was famous for its Bengali sweets and the Avin parlour where a softy cost one rupee, with flavours changing each day.

Universal Biscuit Factory used to serve tasty cakes, buns and biscuits. Nehru News Mart and Rex Fashions were other favourites.

- Sharath Kumar

Memories of Kutchery Road

A. Augustine's stories of life on this road in the weekly 'My Story' column in this newspaper was a fascinating read. The details - of the cycle shop wallah and the food maker - were apt and evocative.

Today, this road seems to have two parts to it. The western part is more abuzz while it is fairly quiet on the eastern side. However, work on Chennai Metro has affected this road and this is evident as you walk down the road.

- Rajesh Kumar

St. Isabel's OPD goof-up

The OPD at St Isabel's Hospital needs to put its house in order. Recently, I called and fixed an appointment with a dentist; I was No.1 in the queue and reported at 3 p.m. as suggested. I had to leave my workspot early and rush; and we were told that the dentist was not available for consultation.

Very frustrating. So we went off to another clinic.

- Bhanu

MY STORY



My Mom, Sudharani Raghupathy

By K. S. R. ANIRUDHA

"Can do better"

These words resonate in my circumambience when I try to catch the earliest recollection of my childhood having my mother in the midst and my school, Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, as the proscenium of this memory.

Least did I know that she was of such eminence, most highly respected as a Bharatanatyam dancer and then, a guru.

It was the usual Parent-Teacher Assn. meeting at school where the teachers used to give a condensed report of the student's performance, both academics and otherwise for the entire year, both the report card and the lips of the teacher used to mime the words "Can do better"!

Until the age of 15, I looked anaemic and

She thought I was better without the distractions of any form of the fine arts or sneaking into her dance school, Shree Bharatalaya (on Luz Church Road).

She used to monitor my movement like a hawk and only later did I know that a retired deputy superintendent of police (DSP) had warned her that I would make a brilliant criminal if I was not watched and guided properly! He said this when I was 8 years old and to this day I still believe that she has a third eye!

Childhood at our home was very disciplined. Amma used to run the household and take care of all domestic needs of the family, run her school of fine arts in our premises and also juggle her

my mother was in the habit of feeding me, usually lunch. It was by some miracle that I did not choke over the morsels stuffed down in quick succession. Amma was very strict and wanted me to do well in school academically.

professional dance career.

Then came the hijack! It was 1993 January. Suddenly there was a call from the then Dir. General of Doordarshan, Shashikanth Kapoor, informing my father that Amma's flight from Delhi was hijacked by a terrorist and redirected to Pakistan. I had never heard the word "hijack" before in my life. Of course she came back safe.

The hijack episode had a profound and lasting impact on me. I was a completely changed personality and from then on I took up several household responsibilities and also started assisting the family in administrative errands.

Now, three decades later, as we (me and my mother) take a stroll on Luz Avenue every day, I attribute the discipline, skills acquired and the fulfilment in my life to the strict task master that my mother is, with her grace and affection.

At the same time, her natural *abhinaya* comprising fear, anxiety and concern, to elicit the rasa of *vaatsalyam*, "Can do Better"

● Anirudha is a lawyer and a mridangam artiste.

SUMMER CAMPS

If you plan / hold a camp in Mylapore zone, e-mail 3 lines on it. Mail - mytimesedit@gmail.com. All info on camps is posted at www.mylaporetimes.com

MONEY MANAGEMENT

If you are aged between 15 & 18 years and want to know the basics of money management, you may attend Money Mantra for Teens program that is held on Saturdays in May.

For more information, write to Info@finsherpa.com or call 91592 69900. This is an event by Finsherpa Investments Pvt Ltd., Abiramapuram.

KOLAM DESIGN

Dr. Gayathri Shankar-narayan will conduct a Kolam Workshop for kids at her residence in CIT Colony, Mylapore from April 29 to May 3, from 4 - 6pm. She will teach the basics of this art - how to design a kolam, various types and intricate patterns, traditional and special techniques in kolam design. Contact 9840118711.

BIBLE STUDY, ART, CRAFT

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held from May 2 to 11, 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, at CSI St. Thomas English Church in San Thome. Children in the age group of 4 to 15 years can join - Bible lessons, games, art and crafts, music and competitions.

Annamary Frederick and

Shilpa Malhotra are the directors of the VBS this year. For more details, call the church office:29520925.

MULTI ACTIVITIES

Bhavan's Arts and Cultural wing FACET offers a summer workshop for kids (5 - 10 yrs & 11 -16 yrs), with different activities like communication skills, public speaking, arts & crafts, dance for joy and yoga for memory & focus. Daily 3 hours, mornings.

April 29 to May 3. For inquiries, contact 98843 66700 / 98843 64700

STORY-TELLING

This camp is all about story-telling - meant for children in Class 5 to 8. May 10 to 17 at Sir Sivaswamy Kalalaya Sr Sec. School. Get details through WhatsApp - 8610020904. Hosted by The Mylapore Veda Adhyayana Sabha (Regd.)

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Classes in these skills are conducted at Sri Karpagam Technical Institute, Munda-gakanni Amman Koil St., Mylapore. Call 9840784906.

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Short courses in robotics, 3D images and coding are

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Courses in Extended Reality (XR), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Block Coding are on offer this summer. In Alwarpet. Call 9840034916

YOGA, COMMUNICATION, STORIES

Kala Darsana in East Abiramapuarm is having a camp that covers yoga asanas for breathing, meditation and mental focus; sessions on communication and presentation skills, chanting and more. May 1 to 15, mornings. Call 9600024845

JOURNALISM

Mylapore Times' second program in Journalism of the season is for teens who are just out of school and for college students. Lectures and field assignments - communication, interview and writing skills, news story-telling in words, visuals and videos, reporting and on-the-go writing. Starts May 6, for 12 days. More details in advert posted at www.mylaporetimes.com. Limited seats, free. Hosted by Mylapore Times editor, Vincent D' Souza.

MTC bus roof ripped off as it brushes tree protruding on to St Mary's Road

Photo: Sundararaman Chintamani



By Sundararaman Chintamani

A tree on St. Mary's Road is posing a serious danger to MTC buses and private lorries. It protrudes on to the main road.

On a recent morning, a nasty accident to a bus caused limited damage. A MTC bus on route number 21G was proceeding from TTK Road to St. Marys Road.

Opposite St Francis Xavier's School gate, there was a barricade on the right side of the road to facilitate painting of zebra crossing, so the bus driver took the extreme right hand side of the road and in doing so, the bus hit a large branch of a tree and a section of the roof of the bus was ripped off.

The bus was stopped and the passengers were asked to get down and take another bus.

Local residents say they have complained to Chennai Corporation of the need to either trim the tree or chop it down but action has not been forthcoming.

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SUMMER TREATS

Part 2 of the series on where to get some cool stuff for summer. Drinks, fruits, things for home.



NUNGUS

One popular nungu hawker stall is set behind the Aavin booth off Madha Church Road, R. A. Puram. On sale only on weekends / Sundays; daily sales during *kathri* season. The group is from Koovathur, ECR; sources the fruit from that region and sells locally. Rs.100 for ten nungus.



MELON JUICES

This hawker stall comes alive at summertime, best known for musk melon juice made on the spot. Rs.20 for a glass of the cooler (Rs.25 if you want it parceled). Gets sold out by 2 p.m. Outside CSI St. Luka's Church, R. K. Mutt Rd.



NUNGUS, PADHANEER

A hawker stationed at the rear gate of Nageswara Rao Park, Luz sells nungus and *padhaneer*. The drink costs Rs.40 a glass, and with *nungu*, Rs.50. *Padhaneer* is also sold in 1/2 and 1 litre bottles. The hawker says he brings this from Melmarvathur daily. Gets sold off by 11 am.

■ Last fortnight, we featured coconuts on sale on Luz Church Road, koozh on Mandaveli Street (market zone) and sabja seeds at Dabba Chetty Store. READ this at www.mylaporetimes.com



CONE ICE-CREAM

The hugely popular single point for cone ice cream is at the entrance of Sangeetha restaurant on South Mada Street. Rs.30 per cone. Extra for the chocolate treat topping. Sold on all days.

ROSE MILK

The legendary Kalathi shop is Option No.1. Chill rose milk served in plastic bottles (the shop did not revert to the practice of the drink served in glasses: it has continued the pandemic days practice). Available 7 days of the week, dawn to dusk. Costs Rs.20 per bottle. At the south end of East Mada Street.



Photo: Baskar Seshadri



Section of flyover brought down for Metro work

By Baskar Seshadri

The flyover that connects Royapettah and Mylapore over Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai is now a half-saved block that exists now only on the Mylapore side. All the spans of this flyover on the Ajantha side were removed to enable work on Chennai Metro. The last of this work was completed recently. It was a challenging job, site engineers said. This flyover was opened nearly 20 years ago by the late chief minister M. Karunanidhi.

Aadhi Silks: for saris. And more. In a new location

By Our Edit Team

Aadhi Silks, which was on South Mada Street, has shifted to East Mada Street recently. The new shop was inaugurated by the Mylapore MLA.

This five-year-old shop has sarees from Rs 250 onwards till Rs 32,000. "We have all varieties of sarees and we source them from across different places in India. Some of the varieties include silk, soft silk, silk cotton, Poonam and cotton. We have stitched and unstitched chudidhar material and kurtis as well. We also sell inner wear for both men and women," says Chandrasekar P. K., who has been in this business for 40 years.

Aadhi Silks also takes orders for custom-made sarees. There is an exclusive collection of shirts for men.

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Obituary



K. Arun Kumar, a former Tamil Nadu cricket player, passed away on April 22 in the city. He was 64.

Kumar was a medium fast bowler and played in the state team from 1984 to 1989 and was in the team which won the Ranji trophy, only for the second time – in 1988.

His brother, K. Bharath Kumar, also a top-class cricketer and now senior coach, said that his younger brother studied at Dominic Savio and at St. Bede's schools in San Thome and honed his cricket skills while here.

He was a feared bowler and a friendly man, Bharath adds.

Arun moved to Mumbai and then to the Gulf on work and in recent years was ill. He finally moved back to Chennai to spend his last days in his favourite city.

Contact of the family – 9321732202



C. R. V. Prasad, a resident of Mylapore zone for the past 45 years, passed away on April 6 at his residence after a brief illness.

He was a former employee of India Cements and his wife was the former principal of M. O. P. Vaishnav College for Women – Dr K. Nirmala Prasad.

He was an avid cricketer and played for India Cements teams. He loved watching sports and was a car enthusiast and started driving at the age of 16, his family said. He was familiar with most people in the Venus Colony area where he resided and he visited the Ganesha temple on Warren Road and the Hanuman temple in Alwarpet daily, his family said. He resided in Aashiana Apartments, Venus Colony, Alwarpet. He is survived by his daughter Madhumitha.

Contact – prasad.madhumitha@gmail.com

Mylapore students appeal for support: MT Trust facilitates it

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Srivardhini, daughter of a small tailor, comes all the way from Kannagi Nagar (15 kms) of Class 9. Rebecca Sharon of Class 9 lost her father and her mom works as a maid.

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How to manage waste. Camp held in San Thome Want this team share tips in your colony?

By Our Edit Team

A solid waste management awareness programme – Save the Earth - was organised at Anthu Street, San Thome on April 6. 30 children between the age groups of 6 and 14 years attended the camp.

Tasneem Kutubuddin and Harini Eswari, project heads from Volunteer For India, organised this programme in collaboration with Tasneem Unkhawala, founder of TalkAct Productions, supported by SWM activists and residents of Kasturba Nagar Association (ROKA) – Janani Venkitesh and P Saranya.

Children were briefed about the hazards of non-bio-degradable waste in the landfills and the importance of separating the waste at homes, along with emphasis on refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle (The 4 Rs).

Janani and Saranya explained the concepts through role-play and snappy videos. After the session, the participants were initiated as volunteers under the Eco-Warrior campaign.

To organise a similar session in your apartments, offices, school /college, or as a summer camp, contact 9841610456.

This Ramnavami concert featured young artistes



Left to right – Mridangist Kaushik Sridhar, Niranjan Dinodi, Athreyee Krishna, Shakthi Muralidaran, Nanditha Kanan, Dhanush Anantharaman, Madhumitha Doraiswamy, violinist M Shrikanth with Amritha Murali.

By Deepa Venkatraman

Rasikas enjoyed a thematic kutcheri by young artistes on Ramnavami day at Naada Inbam's Raga Sudha hall, Luz.

The soulful rendition of Lord Rama's kritis by the disciples of vidwan R K Shriramkumar and his sishya, Amritha Murali made this a worthwhile concert.

Amritha thoughtfully curated the thematic kutcheri— Rama Rasamrtam concert that started off with a couple of verses from Valmiki Ramayana on the birth of the deity.

This was followed by krithis depicting instances from the epic and praises of Rama. The compositions were by Anamacharya, Thyagaraja, Purandaradasa, Swati Tirunal, Arunachala Kavi and Muthuswami Dikshitar, Samarta Ramadas and Bhadrachala Ramadasa.

Thanking K. Jayalakshmi of Naada Inbam for the opportunity, Amritha said, "I felt blessed that Shriramkumar sir allowed me to include his students in the program and also train them alongside mine. It was a challenge to ensure that each of them had an equal opportunity to showcase their manodharma bit."

The budding vocalists – Athreyee Krishna, Nanditha Kanan, Niranjan Dinodi, Dhanush Anantharaman, Shakthi Muralidaran, Madhumitha Doraiswamy melodiously sang through this three hour long concert.

The recital was supported by M. Shrikanth on violin, Kaushik Sridhar on mridangam and Shobana on tambura. Ramaswamy Narayanan, art connoisseur blessed the artistes with his words of appreciation at the end of the concert.

DINGHY POLLING BOOTHS IN SCHOOL:

By Our Edit Team

When a couple from Mandavelipakkam stood in the queue on April 19 to cast their ballot, at booths located inside a local area school, they did not expect the shock that would present itself there.

It was already hot by 10 a.m. that morning. As the queues of voters snaked to five different booths at Rajalakshmi Matric School on 5th Trust Cross Street, Mandavelipakkam, this couple (who wish to remain anonymous) found themselves at the tiny door of their allotted booth, said to be a classroom.

The doorway, they said, would be a tad narrow for a well-built person to use.

Inside there were three sets of tables and chairs, and about five poll staff.

There was one small window, the area was "the size of our bathroom" and there was free space just for one voter to stand and move to cast his/her vote on the EVM.

"The place was dinghy," the voter said. "One poll staff woman said she was feeling



sick and that the breakfast had arrived here after 9 a.m."

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Mylapore Times visited this campus on April 20, a day after the polling.

One other booth had been created out of a narrow passage between two blocks. Workers had banged up two sides of it with planks, metallic and wooden; this looked more like a make-shift godown; a fan was hung here. Some furniture was seen.

A huge number of voters voted at the booths here that Friday. This included the AIADMK candidate, Dr. J. Jayavardhan who resides in Leith Castle Street zone.

Of all the polling zones, Mylapore visited on April 19, the ones at this school, some at least, were downright dinghy spaces, unfit for people to work for long hours.

"We just cast our votes and hurried out. We felt uneasy," said the couple who shared their experience here.

"Imagine the condition of children who study in such rooms," commented another local resident, after this report was posted on the *Mylapore Times* social media page.



SHANKARA JAYANTHI

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