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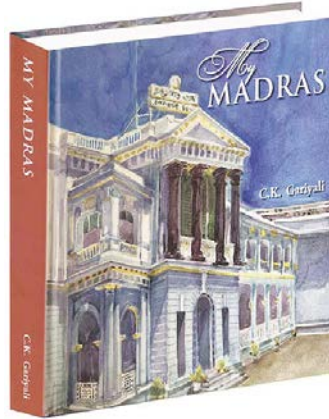
Retired IAS officer Dr. C.K. Gariyali is releasing her book titled 'My Madras' at an event on August 31 at 11 a.m. at C P Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation premises in Alwarpet.

P. N. Vasudevan, MD and CEO, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd. will release the book and Shivdas Meena, I.A.S., chairman, Tamilnadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority, will receive the first copy.

Dr. Nanditha Krishna and Dr. C. K. Gariyali will talk about the book.

The book is full of Gariyali's personal notes on people, places and city experiences she has had for over 50 years in the city. Hailing from Kashmir, she came to the city as a young IAS officer and held top positions in Tamil Nadu.

The event is open to all.



### FREE ORTHO SCREENING CAMP

The Kalyana Nagar Association is conducting a free orthopaedic screening camp on Sunday, Sept.1.

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### SRI RAMANA MAHARISHI THEMED DRAMA

The theatre production premiere themed on the life of Sri Ramana Maharshi is to be held on Sept.1, 5.30 pm onwards at Narada Gana Sabha hall.

It is presented by Dr Ambika Kameshwar and Dr Sarada Natarajan along with senior artistes from RMCL, Bangalore, and RASA, Chennai.

This production is titled Amudha Kadakandam - Arul Oli Sargam and will be a tribute to Shri Muruganar in the centenary year of his meeting with Sri Ramana Maharshi.

Details - Vaishnavi Poorna/ RASA - Ramana Sunritya Aalaya/ 98401 39607

### EXHIBITION: OF 5 CERAMIC ARTISTS



Echoes of Nature is an exhibition now on at InKo, Boat Club zone, R. A. Puram.

This showcase brings together a collection of works by 5 contemporary ceramic artists from Chennai and Auroville, each offering a unique and insightful exploration of the beauty and wonder of the natural world.

The artists - Gukanraj K, Loganathan E, Priya Sundaravalli, Rakhee Kane and Ramkumar Kannadasan. The show is curated by Sandhya Gopinath

Through their art, these artists seek to capture the essence of Nature - its textures, colours, shapes, and rhythms.

The featured artists share a profound connection to Korea, having participated in residencies and exhibitions supported by InKo Centre and partners in Korea and India, says a note from InKo. On view until September 14. (except Sundays and published holidays).

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## Mandaveli's Kamakshi Ashok enjoys making sweets for festivals

By Preetha K.

Mandaveli resident Kamakshi Ashok, a kindergarten teacher in a private school, wears a contended look after the elaborate Krishna jayanthi celebrations at her home.

Kamakshi stuck to tradition even if it meant some sweat. For, she enjoys preparing for festivals

She made uppu seedai, pal payasam, vella seedai, vella avil, nei Appam, muthusaram and kai murukku for this festival.

While muthusaram and kai murukku were made on festival eve, the rest was made on the day of the festival.

Said Kamakshi, "I learnt these recipes from my mother though I never got a chance to try them along with her as she passed away early on."

She is a resident of Mandavelipakkam for 20 years.

A native of Palakkad, Kamakshi moved to Chennai after marriage.



"I prefer to do all the prasadam items myself as I believe it to be a sort of prayer," she says.

Her mother, Shantha Rajan, had documented the recipes in a book - it is called the family book.

The cousins and Kamakshi dig into this valuable book to make sweets and savouries.

"We celebrate all festivals in an elaborate way at home and I prefer to make a huge spread of each item," she says, the enthusiasm slipping into

the conversation.

Kamakshi is also a kolam enthusiast.

"It was during the lockdown that I consciously got into kolam designing. I combine other art forms while making the kolam and it truly is a stress buster," she says.

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## VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

I kept my date with Fort St. George for the Madras Day 2024 season. And had I been in fine fettle, conducted a second Walk at my favourite walking zone in the city.

Taking 103 people on a Walk is not difficult - I don't strap a mike and speaker around me, nor do I have an assistant to carry water bottles and banana. Having done this Walk for over 20 years, the Fort is a backyard in many ways.

I was particularly happy this time, for the many young people who turned up - some as far as Rajakilpakkam. And one kiddo from a Mylapore school who tagged along with his dad.



Ages ago, we had an exclusive Walk for children in the Fort but we found that the weather wore down most of us despite the Marina breeze and when you feel itchy and sweaty, your mind isn't on the Walk.

One of the positives of the Madras Day season is the involvement of youth, though small in size and reach yet. Each group is doing their thing, the way it wants to do so. Some are into art and displays, some curate their own Walks, some host pop-ups.

How I wish a lot many colleges and schools volunteered to be hubs of Madras Day events and invited children in their zone to participate. Our small successes have come about after we have nudged people a dozen times - and we don't have the energy to keep doing this all the time.

Mylapore, for example, can host a great Madras Day season - there are many institutions around, many spaces to host and lots of young people who can volunteer. Gayathree Krishna took members of the Boat Club on a local area Tree Walk. Now she can have a couple of them next year. Madras Inherited hosted a resident to take people around Mandavelipakkam. Can we get people to have Walks in CIT Colony and in R. A. Puram and on Bazaar Road?

Or, a tour of the campuses managed by the FMM nuns - Raphaels and Rosary schools included, would make a fascinating event and perhaps draw dozens of 'old girls' to the campus, ending with picnic snacking, where more stories could be shared. Repeat the idea at the Pennathur campuses.

We have to re-look at local heritage too. The interest can begin when short Walks are taken out in these backyards. These can lead to more action - plaques outside landmarks, mapping of special sites . . .

## LETTERS FROM READERS

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### What is happening to Nageswara Rao Park?

The Nageswara Rao Park is the only park available in Mylapore with reasonable facilities for walkers, mostly seniors. Recently, GCC has started storm water drainage and building works inside the park without any notice to the users. The south east corner fencing has been removed for big excavators and concrete mixers to move.



Huge amount of excavated earth has been dumped on the east side of the park's pavement and on plants and the lawn.

On the west side, due to a building construction nearby, construction materials are placed on the pavement blocking free and safe use. Adding to all these woes, there is no sign anywhere indicating the nature of the projects and name of contact person. I attempted to contact the Mylapore MLA but got no response.

- Gowrishankar

### Woes of residents of flood-prone streets

The drainage system in areas like P. S. Sivaswami Salai was supposed to have been improved after the 2023 monsoon. Then why did the road and streets remain flooded when it rained recently? We hope the new drains being set up will solve the problem.

- Meera Suresh

### EOW officers. Please note issue about Mylapore Fund

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- Lakshmi Srikanth

### Rat Menace

There is a rat menace plaguing Bhaktavatsalam Salai. Rats have bit the engine wires of four cars in our apartment campus.

- Saraswathi Murali

### Frequent power cuts

There have been daily power disruptions at Surya Apartments, 169, Luz Church Road Second Street.

Local TANGEDCO officials say that it is because of the Chennai Metro work effect; Metro officials have promised there won't be any problems hereafter.

- Ganapathi S. Vibhu

### Note for pet owners

The CIT Colony Residents Welfare Association has installed a public awareness sign board in the colony, instructing pet owners to clean up their dog's poop. Hope the residents with pets and dog walkers follow this rule.

- Ramdas Naik

## MY STORY



### My Days with Mylapore Times

By CHITRA SIVAKUMAR

For *Mylapore Times*, thirty years have passed by and what a magnificent innings it has been. This weekly neighbourhood newspaper was launched in August 1994 and I joined the core team within a month.

Looking back, my work experience at *Mylapore Times* was very interesting and challenging.

'Women at Work' was a special column in the weekly and I handled it for over three years. Every week, there was a story on a Mylapore-based woman entrepreneur. This column became so popular that even today, when I get to meet some of the women

entrepreneurs we featured, they come and talk to me and always mention the feature about them. They say that the feature was a turning point in their lives. Writing a column on Mylapore celebrities gave me an opportunity to meet and talk to legends in the field - like writer Sujatha, the multi-faceted 'Cho' Ramaswamy and 'Crazy' Mohan, film-maker K. Balachander and neuro-surgeon Dr. B. Ramamurthy to name a few.

There are a few incidents that remain in my mind. One - the photo goof up we made - in Dr. Ramamurthy's interview. The photo of Justice Mohan was published instead of Dr. Ramamurthy. I called the Doc and apologised to him (though it was not my fault). He laughingly brushed it aside saying that as the article was very good, the goof-up

was pardonable!

Another incident - I had a sore throat and a bad cough when I went to interview 'Crazy' Mohan. When he offered me coffee, I politely declined saying that water would do to which he said, "Believe me you can definitely take coffee prepared by Nalini (his wife). It cannot be bad!" I had the coffee and it was very good, piping hot filter coffee.

*Mylapore Times* launched *KutcheriBuzz* to cover the December Season and started with a Guide to the concerts - I was involved in this project and the memories of working on it are still fresh in my memory. *KutcheriBuzz* also brought out a daily newspaper - a tabloid for the Season which was circulated among rasikas at the Sabha halls.

Bringing out a daily wasn't easy and often, tempers used to fly in the editorial room.

● Chitra Sivakumar edits and publishes [www.padhanhealthnews.org](http://www.padhanhealthnews.org)

# P. S. Educational Society's golden jubilee: launch event on Aug.31

By Our Edit Team

P. S. Educational Society is holding a grand celebration of its golden jubilee, marking 50 years of dedication to education and cultural enrichment.

The inaugural function is on August 31, 4 pm onwards. Padma Vibhushan awardee and former Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. R. Chidambaram and IIT Madras director, Dr. V. Kamakoti, both alumni of the schools run by the Society, will be the chief guest and guest of honour.

The event is at TAG-P. S. Dakshinamurthi Auditorium in the school campus.

The valedictory function will take place on September 7 at 4:30 p.m., at the TAG - P. S. Dakshinamurthi Auditorium: the governor of Tamil Nadu, R. N. Ravi will be the chief guest.

The president of P. S. Educational Society, K. V. S. Gopalakrishnan said,



“Celebrating 50 years of the P. S. Educational Society is a testament to our commitment to educational excellence and cultural heritage. Our journey has been guided by the vision of our founder, Pennathur Subramaniam Iyer, to provide inclusive and

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While the area around it was residential, this zone turned into a buzzing area over a century ago.

Restaurants and salons, taxi and rickshaw stands and tailors, fruit juice and snack shops, garments and knick-knacks, lifestyle accessories and stationery; there were shops for everything.

My favourite spot was Universal Biscuit Factory, a popular bakery; it sold the best, fresh bread. Cakes and biscuits too.

Rangaswamy Studio still remains here. There used to be the Indo-National Bank branch. On the other side was Ganapathy Vilas restaurant.

I have named a few. Mylaporeans may share the names of the rest that made Luz Circle the buzz place.

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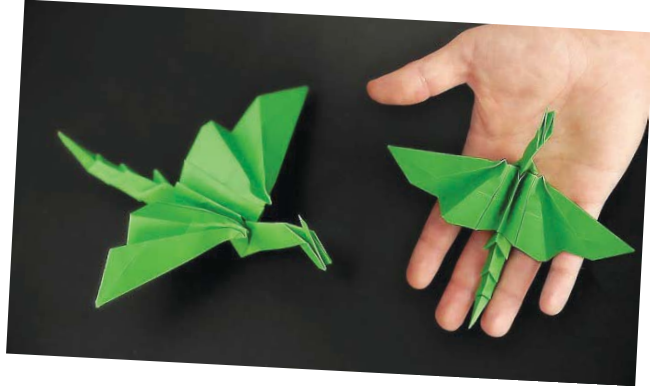
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On September 1, (Sunday) the Japanese art of folding paper – 'Origami Workshop' – will be conducted from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. at the Chamber

There is no admission fee but students are expected to have their names registered for the event.

60 participants on a first-come-first-served basis will be admitted.

Prior registration & confirmation is mandatory. For details contact A. Saravanan 98843 94717

The annual feast at Our Lady of Guidance Church in R. A. Puram was celebrated from August 6 to 15. The grand car procession took place on August 14: the statue of Mother Mary was taken around the streets around this church which is on Lazarus Church Road.



## Police get custody of Mylapore Fund MD

By Our Edit Team

An update on news related to The Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund issue. The EOW wing of TN Police has got seven-day custody of the Fund's MD, Devanathan Yadav.

A city court has given this order.

The charge against Yadav is that he has cheated hundreds of depositors of money totalling about Rs.50 crores - based on complaints filed.

Three others are accused in his case.

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# Section of Nageswara Rao Park ravaged by storm-water drain work. Old trees affected

Report by Sridhar Venkataraman

One section of Nageswara Rao Park in Luz has been ravaged and is in tatters. All due to GCC-driven civic work.

And the nature of the work is such that, with many roots systems of large trees damaged, many of them may not survive cyclonic weather this monsoon.

The GCC-ideated and contractor-executed storm water drain (SWD) work activity has been on for the past three weeks, after similar work was executed outside the park and drains are being constructed in East Abiramapuram now.

The environmental damage that the contractor RVS has done to the park (and that has to be blamed on the GCC design) is enormous.

< The existing SWD on the road adjacent to the park is now orphaned and GCC is not going to bother about it anymore, it seems.

< The new SWD has been constructed in the eastern area inside the park after taking over the walker's pathway. This is now a no-go zone.

< The trees that were on the border of this walkway all have their roots damaged. If there is a Vardha-like repeat this season, all those trees, which are now considerably weakened will definitely fall and there is no hope of making them stand again.

< The new SWD cannot be functional until 2027 for water runoff from Luz Church Road side since CMRL now 'owns and works on' Luz Church Road completely for the tunnel Metro rail construction. So Mylaporeans may have to expect the areas around the park to be flooded over a short or a long duration (unless motors are deployed to pump out water, after every heavy rain).



Photo: Sridhar Venkataraman

## DOES ANYBODY CARE?

Hundreds of people use this park daily. Hardly anyone has raised questions about the current civic work inside the park. Many skip the east end and make use of the rest of the walk space. Community apathy, this.

Civic activists say that when large projects like this one are rolled out, a public notice at the work zone helps people understand the ramifications; they can also contribute in many ways.

When some activists called the local area GCC AE on the Sunday-holiday weekend, he was cool to the calls. No sign of concern. Calls to the Mylapore MLA were not answered, they say.

Keen users of the park wonder if the east end pathway will be restored; because the height of the drain under construction is popping above the park ground level, end to end.



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First photo shows collapsed drain wall. Second shows the scene after 'repairs'

## DRAINS PROJECT IN NAGESWARA RAO PARK ZONE

# Is this shoddy work?

By Sridhar Venkataraman

A major storm water drain (SWD) project has been undertaken by Chennai Corporation in the Nageswara Rao Park zone for some weeks now.

The project, one assumes, is not only to address monsoon flooding issues in this area but also disruptions caused by Chennai Metro work.

We learn that the civic body, GCC, decided to find an alternative to route the rain-water runoff. To lead floodwater to the Buckingham Canal via many drains.

But the whole design is evidently flawed and lacked any input from the public of this area who could have provided useful inputs.

Once the project was approved, contractors were identified and implementation was started, but the local community was not informed about the project or its effects on the roads or the residences.

When the work rolled out on Justice Sundaram Road, a section of this road collapsed when the first walls of the SWD were constructed.

This is when some local residents woke up to the issue and pursued it.

When we reached out to the GCC AE of Ward 123, he never mentioned the purpose and said he was resting on a holiday. Even after the collapse of the road, neither the AE of Ward 123 nor the EE of the GCC zone turned up to explain what was going on.

The RDC of the civic body of the area also promised to send the GCC EE but nobody seems to have turned up days after the partial road collapse.

These are the key faults of the SWD project -

1. The design of the project is bad and faulty based on acceptable engineering practices.

2. The eastern walkway in the park has been taken over for construction of the alternative SWD when the existing along the border SWD should have been used and modified.

3. In the process of construction of the SWD inside the park, trees appeared to have been uprooted and the roots of the bordering trees have been damaged.

4. The flow of water in the new SWD is from a lower gradient to a higher gradient with no consideration done to examine effects at the downstream end because of increased depth.

5. The walls of the new SWD have no support at the base and that is why the road collapsed, pulling down the drain wall.

6. The JCB used to excavate gets the job done in 1 / 2 days, the workers finish setting up the SWD walls and the top cover in 2 / 3 days. Is that an acceptable deliverable for an SWD for any load situation?

7. The walls of the SWD adjoining the houses/housing complexes have made the compound walls very unstable - some could collapse.

Muthamizh Peravai in R. A. Puram hosted an event on August 27 evening to mark the 127th birth anniversary of nagaswaram vidwan Thiruvavaduthurai T. N. Rajarathinam Pillai.

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# Pilgrims Path



On August 29, people from all parts of Chennai took what may be called the pilgrims path that ended at the Annai Vailankanni shrine in Besant Nagar.

Thousands were seen walking down the Marina road and San Thome High Road, to attend the flag-hoisting service that evening. This event signals the start of the annual feast that celebrates the birth of Mother Mary - Sept.8.

In the streaming crowd, were mothers with babies in their arms, the less abled in wheel-chairs, people in their 70s and 80s and groups who pulled small, decorated carts that held the image of Mary.

Photos: Madhan Kumar



A upanyasam series by Brahmashri Sundarakumar was held at Arkay Centre, Luz for four days, daily, on the theme, Shree Krishna Charithram.

Groups presented bhajans daily before the upanyasam. Photo shows students of PSBB School (T. Nagar) on stage.

This was a Madhuradhwani event.

# SRI KRISHNA JAYANTHI SNAPSHOTS

Sri Krishna jayanthi celebrations were grand at Sri Nandalala Cultural Centre on Dr Ranga Road, Mylapore for three days.

The events included Balakrishna pada pooja, kalyana utsavam, special alankaram of the utsavar, kutcheri, gho pooja, amritham kadaithai, special thirumanjanam, Krishna janana vaibhavam and darshan.

“We gave the name of sarva palaka (meaning, the protector of all) to the lord this time. People could rock the cradle in a symbolic manner,” said S. Vishwanathan, trustee of the Centre. The deity had muthangi alangaram (made of pearls) and on the ori adi day, he was dressed in white.

12 people including devotees and trustees spent two days to complete the decoration. 2500 packets of butter wrapped in betel leaves and 3000 ladoos were made for the Krishna janmashtami day and distributed to devotees.

“From now on, we plan to have Srinivasa Kalyanam every Sunday and the chariot procession on every rohini nakshatra. The churning of the curd will be held on every ashtami and navami days,” said Vishwanathan.

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# MADRAS DAY SNAPSHOTS

**1/** A Mandavelipakkam Walk was curated by Madras Inherited. The walk was led by Latha Nathan, a resident of the area, under the Heritage Walk Leader Programme. Latha showed people around this area, highlighting landmarks and local histories.

Karthik Bhatt was in conversation with him.

**3/** 'Cosmopolitan Contributions to Madras' was the theme of the Madras Day talk by writer-historian Venkatesh Ramakrishnan. Hosted by C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation, Alwarpet at its premises.

at the huge sausage tree and a rain tree in the MBC campus and stopped at some rare trees like the Shaving Brush tree as well as native species.  
*Photo: Sreenivasan*



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**2/** Theatre and film artiste 'Kathadi' Ramamurthy was the guest speaker at an event hosted by Madras Musings at Hotel Maris.

**4/** Gayathree Krishna led a Tree Walk for Madras Boat Club members, exploring trees in the Club campus and in the area. She started

**5/** Queen Marys College's geography department students took out a rally in the campus and then sat down for a talk by blogger-historian T. K. Krishnakumar. HoD Dr. G. Geetha and her faculty designed the event.



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# USA resident, Mylapore-rooted, provides son flavours of Krishna jayanthi

By Preetha K.

Rajini Shyamsundar's house on P. S. Sivasamy Salai was a warm hub of grand Krishna jayanthi celebrations this year, as her daughter, Radha Shyamsundar, a resident of California, USA and her grandson, 12-year-old Surya Sethuraman, were at home.

"It has been more than two decades since we were part of the celebrations at home. We had come for our annual vacation. While my husband and high-schooler daughter went back after the planned holiday, my son, who is in 7th grade and I decided to stay back as I wanted him to gain first-hand experience of the Krishna jayanthi and Vinayaka Chaturthi celebrations here," says Radha, a scientist, who claims that "every cell of her body has the flavour of Mylapore."

"I was born in St. Isabel's Hospital. I grew up in Mylapore and I love this place very much, especially the Mada Streets. I wanted my son to understand the culture and flavour of this place. The day before Krishna Jayanthi, he was excited to see Krishna idols and flutes being sold on the streets. He was really smitten by it all," adds Radha.

Back in the USA, these celebrations are generally muted and it all depends on whether the festival falls on a working day or the weekend, she says. Radha says she learnt to make ezha kolam (using wet flour) this time around and also helped



her mother make sweet and sour delicacies for the festival.

"My son saw all the work that goes into making the uppu seedai, vella seedai and other prasada items. We had the puja at 7 pm, he recited some slokas, we sang a few Krishna

songs and I narrated some stories of Krishna. This is a great time for children to learn about the cycles of time," says Radha.

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# Women police officers guests at primary school's sports meet

By Fabiola Jacob

The annual Sports Day of CSI St. Thomas Nursery and Primary School – located on the premises of the CSI St. Thomas English Church in San Thome – was held on August 9.

The campus wore a festive look with colourful flags, and parents of the students were invited.

Jeya Celia and Banu, Sub-Inspectors of Police from the All Women Police Station, Mylapore, were the chief guests for the Sports Day. They were welcomed by the school headmistress, Annalakshmi and Rev. Anitha Christian, the presbyter of CSI St. Thomas English Church along with Gemina Martin, the school convenor.

Jeya Celia hoisted the national flag and took the salute, while Banu declared the meet open. The students, divided into four Houses named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, competed in various sporting events and performed mass drills.

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## Vintage Radha-Krishna statue in St Mary's Road bungalow

By Our Edit Team

Commodore Premkumar is gushing about a vintage Radha-Krishna in his bungalow's garden on St. Mary's Road.



"It is difficult to tell the exact year but it has been there since I was born and I am eighty now," said Premkumar even as Krishna jayanthi celebrations got underway in the neighbourhood.

"We were residing on Harrington Road earlier. It was a huge place of about 20 grounds. We created a garden and my father, Rajapalaniandi, put the statue in the middle of it.

It was facing the house. There used to be a company called CWC. I am unsure about what that company made but CWC is written at the bottom of the statue. I have a feeling CWC was next to Royapetah government hospital but later it closed down," he adds.

The Radha-Krishna statue is painted in silver every year before Krishna jayanthi.

"There is no sign of aging in this statue made of concrete and steel," says Premkumar. The family also possesses another unique two-feet Krishna statue, kept in the puja room.

"This belonged to my mother and is about eighty years old.

For Krishna jayanti, we decorate the statue, the family assembles there and we offer him sweets and savouries," said Premkumar.



## Kerala food dominates menu at this San Thome place

By Our Edit Team

The north end of San Thome High Road has come alive in recent times. A few food spaces have opened and each seems to be doing its best to draw in clients. Being a 'one-way' road due to Chennai Metro work regulations, parking is not a problem for diners who head here at night.

One restaurant that seems to satisfy the wants of foodies is The Coastal Paste; it came up after the Dawat restaurant closed down.

This place seems to promote its Kerala menu well. And those who have been dining here often, come for more of it.

At lunch time, you can order a Kerala-themed food plate; the non-vegetarian plate is popular. Available from noon till about 3.30 p.m.

The Kerala menu stars all the standard fare - seafood, chicken, beef and some vegetarian fare too.

The beef ularthiyathu, slow roasted meat in a spicy mix (Rs.280), a combo of puttu and kadala curry (Rs.250) and kappa biryani (Rs.300) - just to mention a few on this menu.

The menu also includes north Indian and Chinese food, besides fresh fruit juices.

The restaurant is spread over two floors and gets packed on weekends. A nook located off the parking space here serves tea, coffee, juices and light snacks and the staff tell us that since it is open till around 2 a.m., it is patronised well even past the midnight hour.

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