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## NOOKS

### PODIS AND MASALAS

**Name of the shop:** Guru Raghavendra Home needs  
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The couple launched this 15 years ago when Rajeswari joined her mother-in-law Geetha in the latter's little business.

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Rajeswari says their products are totally free of preservatives. The shop used to be on Mari Chetty Street.

Home delivery is accepted for orders above Rs. 500.

All products under Aishwaryam brand have the FSSAI certification and trade permissions needed, says Venkatesh.

Lead for this story : Baskar Seshadri

Report: V. Soundararani

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## CHECK THIS



### TALK: SACRED ART OF SOUTH INDIA

'Expressions Beyond Temples: A Talk on 'Sacred Art of Southern India' is on Feb.17, 6.30 pm. The panelists - S. Marieswaran, K.R. Somasundaram and Pradeep Chakravarthy.

S. Marieswaran is a renowned book layout and wrapper designer. Artist K.R. Somasundaram is the son of Mu. Ramalingum and has studied the evolution of art in Southern India. Pradeep Chakravarthy is an author, collector and art historian.

At Ashvita art gallery, 4, 2nd Street, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore. Open to all.



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At Narada Gana Sabha hall, Alwarpet. On Feb 21. Open to all.

### CHOLA FOOD FEST

Malgudi restaurant at Hotel Savera on Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai is hosting a Chola food festival, Feb.17 onwards. The menu includes oon soru, nei adisil, meen kozhunkurai and vetrilai kozhi, sourced from the kitchens of Thanjavur - Pudukottai- Tiruchi zone of Tamil Nadu.

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# How effective are drives to clear encroachments?

Two recent examples: on Mundagakanni Amman Koil Street. On South Canal Bank Road

These civic drives to remove encroachments on roads and streets turn out to be a mockery, a wasted effort.

A fortnight ago, civic workers, aided by police security, cleared the hawker shops on Mundagakanni Amman Koil Street, mostly those located opposite the busy temple. The busy road looked clean and clear.

The next morning, the hawkers were back – tables set with goods like flowers and pooja articles. And business was back on the street side.

GCC, with the security offered by local police, organised a similar drive on Feb.10 morning on South Canal Bank Road and Madha Church Road.

It was on for about three hours but since the area to cover was big, only some work was accomplished.

The GCC assistant engineer of Unit 126 headed the team with his workers and cleared many bunks and condemned goods that were lying on the platform for ages.

Most cars parked here for many days were locked – some were towed away by the recovery van.

GCC staff said that the drive will continue.

Ridding these roads of dumped goods and vehicles and hawkers is welcomed by people because traffic on these roads has doubled following diversions caused by Chennai Metro work.



- Inputs for this report by Baskar Seshadri

## Court restrains MGM Healthcare from continuing construction at Alwarpet site

By Our Edit Team

The Madras High Court has restrained MGM Healthcare from continuing construction work on a site located off St. Mary's Road, Alwarpet where it intends to build a multi-storeyed hospital.

The court did so, saying that the company has not got the mandatory clearances for this work.

The case being heard is based on a petition filed by senior advocate G. Rajagopalan who stated that the construction was causing widespread noise pollution and that this affected him and his family who reside some 150mts from the site.

A division bench of the Madras High Court, while restraining MGM Healthcare, has impleaded Chennai Corporation in the case as party respondent and asked the commissioner to file a report on steps GCC takes to check such unauthorised constructions.

The court has also asked the TN State Pollution Control Board to report on steps taken to monitor noise created at major construction sites. MGM Healthcare recently took over Fortis-Malar Hospital in Adyar.

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## VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Give Seeman the chance this time, he said.  
Why?  
Because you know what you have got with all these guys,  
he said.

Will he win?  
Of course, he said.  
Are you sure?  
All the youths are with him, only  
people of your age must support  
him now, he said.

On the top of his auto's wind-  
shield, was a sun-burnt religious  
symbol sticker. Above it, on the  
metal, was a tiny sticker of Seeman, leader of the extreme  
Naam Thamizhar Katchi, openly supportive of the LTTE.

But your *thalaivar* is too brash.  
He is never *thalaivar*..he is always *annan*.  
OK but he fires from all sides.  
Yes, he tells you on your face that if you don't change you  
will rot in Tamil Nadu, he said.

I'm getting used to Red Taxi. And its drivers. And their  
stories.

Suresh was at the wheel on Wednesday. Hardly seen from  
my back seat end.

I'm 24, he said.

His eyes were on Google Maps. I knew he was new to our  
city.

I will guide you, I said, and we chatted.

Suresh is from Kamalhassan's *ooru* - Paramakudi, Ramnad  
district.

He used to drive a lorry for two years - transporting  
M Sand. Then he spotted the Red Taxi job offers on social  
media. And got a job here.

Why not Madurai, I asked him. Closer to home.  
The slots were full and pay isn't all that good, he said.  
Here, he gets around Rs.22,000, and free accommodation.  
At the Red Taxi base in Ramapuram.

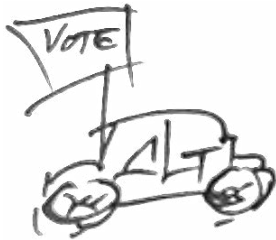
How's the water situation in Ramnad, I asked, having  
known that district closely, having toured for many, many re-  
porting assignments in the past - drought, SL Tamil militancy,  
Tamil refugees and more.

Better now, we get water in pipes at home, he told me.  
Yes, his family owns fields but the produce is just good for  
rice bags for the family and sales in the market.

We got 25 bags this season, he said. Each bag - about  
80 kilos.

So will you take breaks to farm, I asked. He kept quiet.

Stories of drivers of our autos and taxis. Stories of our city,  
of our neighbourhoods.



## LETTERS FROM READERS

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### Airtel, your customers cannot take away pavement space!

The Airtel office on San Thome High Road - Kutchery Road has let its customers park  
their vehicles on the pavement at this busy junction opposite the Cathedral. This zone has  
five schools and students need the pavement to walk safely. Traffic Police must address this  
issue.

- Baskar Seshadri

### Chaos on Venkatesa Agraharam Street

Venkatesa Agraharam Street  
houses the Sai Baba Temple, and the  
road has always been highly difficult  
to navigate on Thursdays and week-  
ends due the big rush of devotees  
and their haphazard parking of  
vehicles on all roads in the vicinity.

Now, with MTC buses and  
other vehicles plying through this road  
due to Metro work traffic diversions,  
the chaos is messy.

The entire footpath adjacent to the  
temple is filled with construction  
materials. The shops near the temple  
have also occupied the footpath.  
Barricades placed outside the temple  
take up lots of space on this busy road.

P. S. Senior School students  
struggle through this stretch. We  
request civic and Metro authorities  
to clear the footpaths.

- Deepa

### Why harass a senior?

Recently, I parked my car, opposite M. Ct. M  
school, for 15 minutes to see the school principal.  
Though it did not hinder the traffic, I was issued  
a challan for parking in a non-parking zone. The  
space was not marked as a no-parking zone.

There used to be a supermarket here earlier and  
the space where I parked my car was its parking  
lot. There is a space constraint for parking, espe-  
cially because of the ongoing Metro work. Traffic  
Police have to regulate traffic first before resorting  
to harassment of a senior citizen like me.

- Srinivasan B.

### Regulate traffic on V. M. Street, Kalvivaaru Street

The traffic diversions due to Metro work are  
difficult to follow but all this is for our future good.

However, the roads must be made freely motor-  
able and traffic must be free flowing.

Regulate the traffic on V. M. Street and Kal-  
vivaaru Street and see to it that One Way is strictly  
followed.

- R. Joseph

## MY STORY



### Community Living Home for Dogs

By VARALAKSHMI ANANDKUMAR

Mylapore is a maze now.

Caused by the recent traffic diversions due to  
work on Chennai Metro rail projects. They pose a  
challenge The 'sandhu' has become the Chakkani  
Raja Margam! Certainly all roads certainly do  
NOT lead to Mylapore now. In fact, Mylapore may  
well be a fortress for the next three years at least.

But there are other things in life besides traffic  
woes. A volley of excited barks greets passers-by  
from the backyard of the place where Thaligai  
restaurant once functioned. This happened a few  
weeks ago.

A peep inside reveals what seems to be a Com-  
munity Living Home for Dogs. Where they came  
from, I don't know. But one thing is sure. These

somebody at the wall of the compound beaming  
all over, while 3 or 4 dogs, furiously wagging their  
tails hang out their tongues, panting and jumping  
at the 'friends' on the other side.

Sundar Shriganesh told me that he makes it  
a point to stop by everyday, to say hello to these  
four-legged friends who reciprocate his handshake  
with euphoric yaps and paws that seek to entrap  
him in their grip. Before he can leave, he is joined  
by a chubby schoolboy in shorts. And then comes  
Nandini Gowrishankar with bits of information.

These dogs were apparently abandoned but  
doing very well thanks to the innumerable animal  
lovers of Mylapore who visit the place, laden with

canines are hav-  
ing a rollicking  
time.

Whenever I  
pass along the  
narrow lane that  
leads from what  
everybody calls  
Luz Church,  
there is always

bits of food, in return for the enthusiastic love  
showered on them by the furry ones.

Somebody even constructed a makeshift shel-  
ter for them in the open premises. One such ani-  
mal lover, Sandhya of the neighbouring SPL Uma  
Apartments apparently takes meticulous care of  
these animals, right from fixing collars, to vac-  
inating them (one dog a day) and feeding them  
with the healthiest of food, even showing disap-  
proval to passers-by who offer unhealthy tidbits.

These animals could perhaps be adopted by  
an affectionate family that will not abandon them  
again. But frankly, seeing these delightful, hy-  
peractive dogs, I wonder if they wouldn't be much  
happier in their present abode, a Dogs' Home  
away from their home..

I just got an update from my daughter this  
week. Those dogs have grown up well and are  
jumping about on the road now. She also says two  
of the older lot are not there any more but new  
ones have 'joined' the Home.

● Varalakshmi Anandkumar teaches at Queen Mary's College and is a  
Carnatic music artiste

# A different kind of Kadhalar Dinam

By Our Edit Team

This was a different kind of Kadhalar Dinam, timed for Valentine's Day.

And it took place in the middle of the chaotic traffic in the Visalakshi Thot-tam zone of Mylapore on February 14 evening. Music, speeches, slogans and cheering around an open-air stage, decorated red, even as MTC buses and cars, autos and bikes eased their way on the edge of this busy roadside venue at rush hour.

The focus of this celebration was two-fold - to celebrate inter-caste and inter-religious couples, of all ages, and to ask the state to enact laws that strongly penalised people who murdered or targeted such couples.

In fact, as Nakkeeran magazine editor R. R. Gopal led other



seniors in felicitating the couples - some in their Sunday best, some with kids, some dressed for the day - the spotlight was on the couples, who held up a little memento and a rose they were given on stage.

A simple exhibition of visuals of the young people who lost their lives in Tamil Nadu in what are labelled 'honour' killings was also made public at this spot where auto repair shops and fast food joints hug the pavement and workers toil at breaking used bricks all along the bridge over the Canal.

The Gokulraj case, a sensational one of 'honour killing' of a Dalit youth in 2015 dominated the speeches of the guest speakers.

The event was got up by members of the AIYF, the CPI party's youth wing and by National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW).

Among those who took part and addressed the audience were V. Arasu of the VCK party, senior lawyer P. Mohan, film director Ganesh Babu, G. Manjula, state head of NFIW, S. K. Siva of CPI party's Chennai south unit and senior AITUC leader R. Krishnamurthy.

The events on stage were as chaotic as the peak-hour traffic but the effort was widely acknowledged by the guests, mostly youths who are cadres of the CPI party. There was a big cheer for the emcee and one of the organisers, Dhivya Mary and her husband, Alexander Manoj who were felicitated towards the end of the celebration.



## Lenten services start at local churches

By Our Edit Team

Local churches observed Ash Wednesday on February 14.

It marks the beginning of the Lenten season and will culminate with Easter, the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Special services were held in all churches, with priests smearing foreheads of people with sacred ash at the services, as a symbolic act on day one of the Lenten season, a time when people are invited to reflect on their lives, repent for their wrongs and indulge in acts of charity.

Our Lady of Light Church in Luz had three Holy Masses while Our Lady of Guidance Church in R. A. Puram had two



Holy Masses. Our Lady of Visitation Church in Abirama-puram had two Holy Masses, CSI Saint Luke's Church in Mandaveli had

one service that evening and at CSI Saint Thomas Tamil church, there were two services.

The Way of the Cross services and Lenten pilgrimages will be held in churches during this season.

Fr. Arulraj of San Thome Cathedral said that the community plans to undertake a pilgrimage to churches in Puducherry, with a stopover at the Oonjal Madha church off the ECR; this is planned for the March.16 weekend.

## Bombay Gnanam's plays this weekend

Bombay Gnanam and her Mahalakshmi Ladies Drama Group are presenting six Tamil plays, all based on religious themes which have got good reception when they were staged.

The festival of plays has been on from

Feb.13 and ends on Feb. 18 - at Mylapore Fine Arts Club sabha hall, Mylapore. Admission is open to all.

The shows start at 6.45 p.m.

On Feb.17 - Baba.

On Feb.18 - Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsar

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

By Our Edit Team

Admissions are on now at some Mylapore zone schools for the 2024 - '25 academic year -

● Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya Matric Hr. Sec. School on East Mada Street, Mylapore Admits students to classes 6 to 9 and to class 11. Call 24957950.

● St. Raphael's Girls School, San Thome. For English and Tamil medium, admission is open to classes 6 to 10. Forms can be had at the school office.

● San Thome Hr. Sec. School, San Thome. Admission open to classes 6 to 10. Forms can be had at the office from Feb.19 to 24.

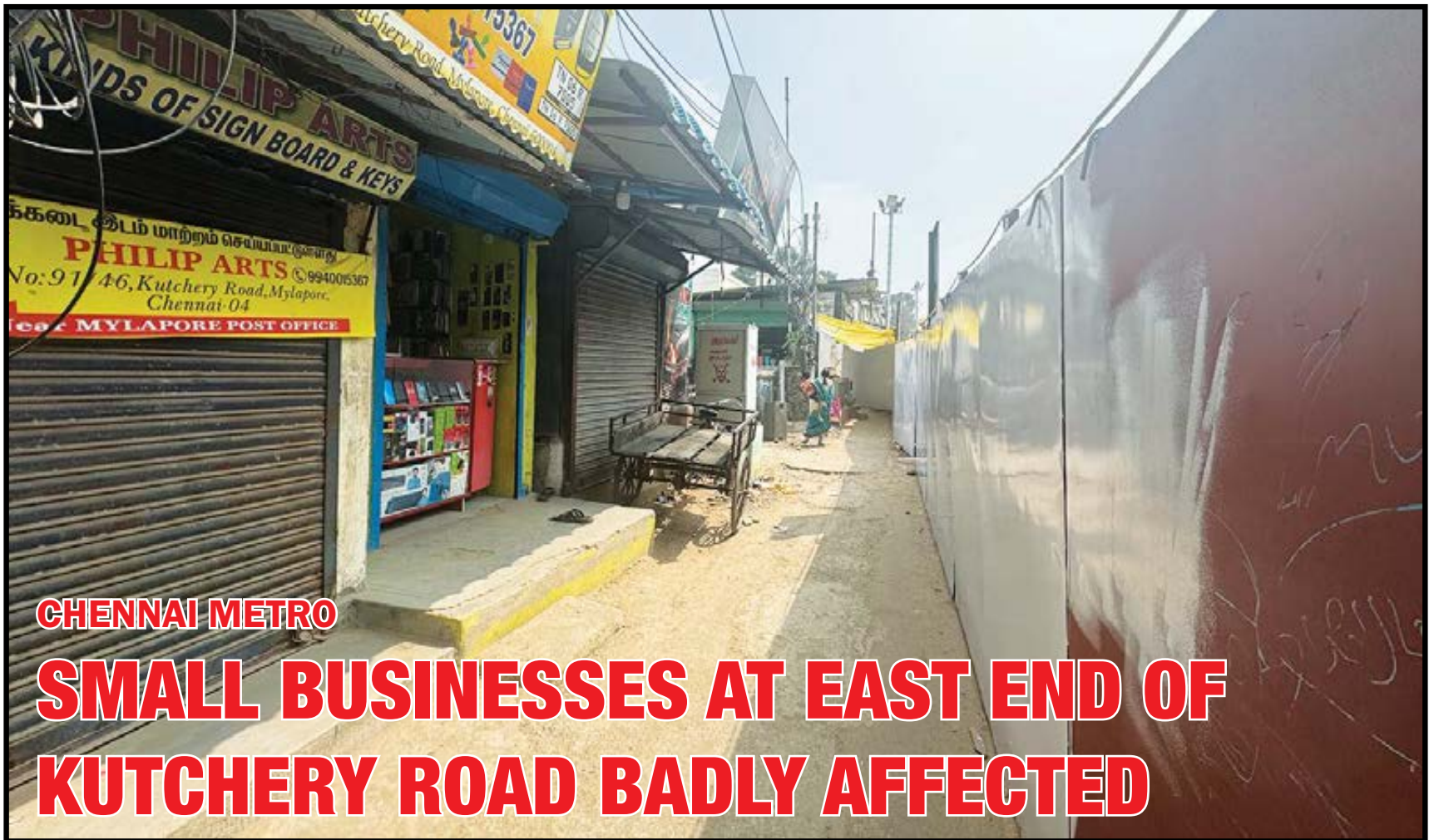
● Dominic Savio Matric School, San Thome Admission is on now for junior KG. Age - 3 1/2 years as on May 31. Admission is also open to senior KG class. Forms can be had at school office - 10 am to 4pm. Ph.;24985396.

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## SMALL BUSINESSES AT EAST END OF KUTCHERY ROAD BADLY AFFECTED

By V. Soundararani

The face of Kutchery Road has changed. Chennai Metro work, the reason.

The changes are stark on the eastern end of the road, the zone around the Jumma Masjid. A zone where work started early, where the Metro's Kutchery Road station is being constructed.

Many small, retail and food shops ran their businesses here. Now, some have shut down, some have shifted and some are finding the going tough.

This stretch is a 'no go' zone. So with traffic closed, people must walk to the shops in this zone. And this discourages many.

N. R. Brothers Shopping Centre is 90 years old and was started by Ismail. One of his three sons who are joint owners, Shah, says they lost their 300 sq.ft. shop space. Like other spaces in the area, it was demolished.

We walked to this shop through a two-foot walkway created alongside the barricaded Metro zone, close to the mosque.

Shah is sulking in his new space - located now opposite where the old shop once stood. "We expected at least 30 lakh rupees more than what they gave as compensation," he says.

Shah says the shop now gets only 30% of the earlier volume of business.

The shop which sold fancy articles, imported and branded products now stocks perfumes, dates and imported medicinal oils.

"The walk-in shoppers are practically nil," says Shah. He says the wedding of his youngest brother was

postponed due to the business hiccups.

The office of A to Z Travels sits in a space rented from the mosque.

Zahir Hussain, it's proprietor is troubled by the fact that he hardly gets new clients now because access is 'narrow'. "Our monthly outgo towards rent, and fixed expenses is roughly Rs 18000 per month. We hardly earn this. We used to earn around 40000 rupees," he says.

Zahir Hussain says he had to send off two staff as part of his cost-cutting measures. "We handle daily work ourselves and employ a courier to deliver," he adds.

Hameed of Reliable Bags used to run his trade in the masjid's zone shops area. He has moved to Norton Road, Mandaveli.

"I am pulling along, he says. "Slowly, my old customers are coming back here so there is some hope."

Many small businesses like snacks, tea and biryani shops that were run on both sides of the road have closed down or the spaces they rented have been demolished.

The famed Dabba Chetty Shop moved to North Mada Street and is doing well here.

Krishnan, the landlord of a building on Kutchery Road near the Arundel Street junction said his 12-year-old tenant is in the process of vacating the place. "I don't think I will get a new tenant here," Krishnan said.

However, Devaraj, the proprietor of the busy T. Chinnappa Chettiar & Sons at the Bazaar Road junction said his business (paints, building materials) has not been badly affected.

"Shops on Bazaar Road have not been affected," he said.

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# Back to school. 25 years after graduation

The 1998 - '99 batch of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls' School were on campus to celebrate. And blue was the colour of the day

By Preetha K.

This was a silver jubilee Reunion for the Old Girls. And they were all excited at the prospect of meeting up in Mylapore.

The alumni of the 1998 - '99 batch of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls' High School combined its silver jubilee celebrations of this batch along with the school's annual Reunion Day held in the school campus on January 26.

It had taken some time and effort to create the core group and then, enlarge it.

As lead member Sudha Pattabiraman, a finance professional explained, "The school authorities got in touch with us for the event. Two of our batchmates visited the school and started the preparations. We formed a group. We were only 20 then but now we are 75."

The then sports captain of the batch, Sandhya, now in the US was in touch with many of the batchmates. She assigned the coordination to Sudha and Srividhya.

Sudha adds that they were able to locate many batchmates on social media sites and through intense networking. 45 attended the January 26 event.

Says Sudha, "Our batch was 200 students strong. Many have studied in this school from LKG to Class 12. The best part is that we were able to sign-up students who studied here only for a few years."

The silver jubilee batch collected Rs.1.30

lakh as corpus fund, out of which Rs.30,000 was used to buy gifts for retired teachers, Rs 25,000 was given to the Reunion committee and Rs 75,000 was donated to the school's breakfast scheme.

The silver jubilee batch shipped the gifts to retired teachers who could not make it to the event. They also gifted a mixie to the school kitchen. Retired headmistress G. Nirmala and retired teachers Vanaja, Ranga, Kalyani, Revathi and Lakshmi were present for the event.

Blue was the batch's colour for the Reunion. Why? "Our uniform was blue, back then."

Besides chatting with teachers of their time and sitting in 'their' classrooms, they even had lunch there.

Subhalakshmi Kesavan, retired associate professor, Ethiraj College for Women from the 1970 alumni batch was the special guest for the alumni meet. Dr. Thangam Meganathan, chairperson, Rajalakshmi Engineering College, of the 1973-74 batch, also spoke briefly at the event.

Every year, January 26 is marked on the school's calendar for the Old Girls' Reunion. The school's staff in charge of its alumni work hard for weeks to collate data, plan the Reunion and communicate to the old girls.

**HAVING A REUNION? Share report and photos - mytimesedit@gmail.com**



## 75 artists to showcase works at park in Luz. Feb.25

By Our Edit Team

75 artists from Chennai and outside will exhibit their paintings and sculpture at the 2024 edition of Art Fest Chennai which is to be held next Sunday, February 25.

Open from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. at Nageswara Rao Park, Luz, this fest is set in a verdant space, courtesy Chennai Corporation and Sundaram Finance.

Artists will showcase their work and visitors can enjoy them as they walk from one end of the park to the other.

Art Fest is a public art festival ( non-profit). Each artist gets 6ft space in the open air to showcase his / her works. Two workshops, for children, will be held that Sunday. Follow updates on the Art Fest at -<https://www.facebook.com/artmartchennai/>

## Art Fest: two workshops for teens. Register now

Educator and artist Shreya Suraj will conduct two art / craft workshops for children at Art Fest 2024 on Feb. 25 ( Sunday). These will be held at the Chess Square zone at the rear of Nageswara Rao Park, Luz. The first workshop starts at 11 am, runs for 45 minutes. The second workshop starts at 3 pm and runs for 45 minutes. These are free.

Details of the events -

**Workshop 1 ( morning ) - T-SHIRT into A BAG.**

Participants must bring any form of used T-shirt and a pair of scissors.

**Workshop 2 ( evening ) - ECO-FRIENDLY DECOUPAGE.** Participants must bring one clean bottle and a few pictures according to the size of the bottle.

Prior registration must ( limited to first 20 only).

WhatsApp your Name and Phone number and mention if you are signing in for Workshop 1 or Workshop 2.

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## Curry, kootu, sambar and rasam. In Mandaveli, 7 a.m. onwards

By V. Soundararani

Moremilaga.com who are in the business of delivery of home-cooked food for the last seven years has launched a retail food joint in Mandaveli. Curry, kootu, sambar and rasam is available from 7 a.m. onwards

Says Viji Ganesh, its promoter , "This place is a kind of pickup point for home-made food made available for the benefit of school and office-goers. That is why we open at 7 a.m."

The shop also offers coffee and tea, idlis and varieties of rice. Pulkas with sabzi, sundal and paniyaram are made in the evenings.

The standard packets will be priced at Rs 30. There will be an option for a customer to buy a smaller portion as well.

A few books ( English and Tamil ) have been left on shelves at the shop for dine-in customers to browse. About six people can sit and dine here. At No. 26, Mandaveli Street, Mandaveli. Near Sambandam Cycles / Balasundara Vinayakar Temple. The food joint is open from 7 am to 8 pm

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## Sri Madhava Perumal Temple’s kumbhabishekam on February 21

By Our Edit Team

The kumbhabishekam of Sri Madhava Perumal Temple in Mylapore has been scheduled for February 21.

Yagnams and homams will be done from Feb.17 onwards, inform temple authorities.

The major poojas start on Feb. 20 with thirumanjanam for the utsavar, around 3 pm. This will be followed by sayyanam for Perumal and Thayar and the Mahasanthi homam. Prasadam will be distributed thereafter.

On Feb.21, vishwa roopam darisanam will be at 4.30am, followed by nahasamprakshanam formalities.

The preparations for the kumbabhishekam started on February 1.

The temple renovation work including repainting, cleaning of temple premises and temple tank, and electrical work has been majorly supported by the TVS group.

While the yagashala has been constructed with funding from one devotee who remains anonymous, many other devotees have also contributed towards the kumbabishekam.

Obituary



**T. N. Krishnamurthy**, retired officer of LIC of India and longtime Mylapore resident passed away on February 4. He was 85 years old.

His family said TNK or Tinku, as friends and LIC colleagues called him, was known for his wittiness and a smiling countenance.

His body was donated to Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute.

He is survived by four daughters. His family can be reached at 7397441022.

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< Once the ambulance arrives, the family’s consent letter is secured by that team before the body is taken away. The body can be stored in the hospital’s mortuary to allow for rituals, in case family/ relatives are flying in to pay their respects.

< If the dead person’s organs are useful, they are harvested and body is used for study/research purposes, as willed by the person.

### Police arrest man for vandalism

Mylapore police say they have arrested Deenadayalan in connection with the incident last week when petrol was spilled outside the locked east gate of Sri Kapali Temple at the midnight hour and it was then set alight.

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On this occasion, the church honoured all the previous pastors who served in this parish.

Special achievement awards were given to two church members.

The duo were Dr. Kingston who has been honoured for being the best in general surgery by the Tamil Nadu government and Kabilan who won a bronze medal for boxing in the Khelo India



Games held recently.

A pattimandram was organised. The grand celebration ended with a special lunch.

The event was organised by pastor Rev. Earnest Selvadurai along with K. Sudhakar Immanuel, secretary, E. Sugirson Vincent,

treasurer and members of the pastorate committee.

Recently, three weddings of economically-weak couples were held in the church. The entire expenses were borne by church member V. P. Raju and his family.

# Stiff complaints checked contractor's round-the-clock work at bank's quarters campus

It needed some stern messages to the contractor, some timely messages to Indian Bank and a police complaint to ensure that civil work at the Indian Bank Staff Quarters off Ramachandr Road was stopped at the stipulated hours.

Rama Rao Road in East Abhiramapuram is a dead end road abutting Justice Sundaram Road.

Indian Bank had its quarters on Ramachandra Road near Nageswara Rao Park. Recently, the quarters were demolished for re-development.

The contractor at the site carried on work almost all of 24 hours resulting in noise pollution at night, residents said.

“Residents of Rama Rao Road including senior citizens lost their sleep due to

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