

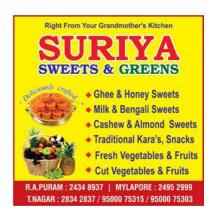
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T. M. KRISHNA CONCERT. JULY 26

Vocalist T. M. Krishna will present a concert as part of the Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer birth anniversary series organised



by Naada Inbam at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 26 at Raga Sudha Hall, Luz. Alongside him are artistes Akkarai Subhalakshmi, K. Arun Prakash and N. Guruprasad. Open to all.

REMEMBERING 'SRUTI' N. PATTABHI RAMAN

To remember N. Pattabhi Raman, founder of Sruti magazine that was based in Alwarpet, a special concert themed 'Grand Compositions of Chittaiswarams' has been arranged at the mini hall of The Music Academy. On July 30, 6 p.m. onwards.

The artistes are Sriranjani Santhanagopalan, Sayee Rakshith, N. C. Bharadwaj and Anirudh Athreya.

LECTURE BY CHITHRA MADHAVAN. JULY 26



The series of lectures on 'Ancient Temples of Tamil Nadu' by Dr Chithra Madhavan (author, historian) continues. An illustrated lecture is to be held on Saturday, July 26, starting 6 pm. It is organised by Tattvaloka

Venue: Tattvaloka, 76, Eldams Road, Chennai – 600 018 All are welcome

ANNUAL DAY OF LADY SIVASWAMI AYYAR GIRLS SCHOOL

The 157th Annual Day celebration of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School will be held on July 30, 3 p.m. onwards at the auditorium in the school campus.

Dr. T. S. Prema, principal of St Thomas College of Arts and Sciences is the chief guest. Srinivasan K. Swamy, president of the National Boys and Girls Education Society which manages this school will take part.

The school's annual report will be presented; so will be the special awards and prizes for students and a cultural medley by the students will round up the day.

FREE EYE-SCREENING CAMP. JULY 27

Jaya Eye Care will conducta free eye-screening camp on July 27 (Sunday) at The Kalyana Nagar Association premises -No.29, T.M.S.Road, Mandavelipakkam. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents of Mandaveli and Mylapore may utilise this opportunity provoded by The Kalyana Nagar Association.

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TALK: EARLY CHALUKYA INSCRIPTIONS

Dr. Shrinivas V Padigar, eminent Kannada epigrapher and historian, has been chosen for the V Venkayya Epigraphy Award for 2025.

On Saturday, July 26, Dr Padigar will receive the award from Dr T S Ravishankar, director - epigraphy (retd), Archaeological Survey of India, Mysuru. The event is at Arkay Convention Centre, Mylapore, 6 p.m. onwards

Dr Padigar will also deliver the award lecture on "Beyond the Texts: Insights from Early Chalukya Inscriptions".

This one-of-a-kind award was instituted by Sunitha Madhavan, great-granddaughter of V Venkayya. The award commemorates Rao Bahadur V. Venkayya, a pioneering epigrapher who was the first Indian Chief Epigraphist to the Government of India.

ANNUAL DAY OF SIVASWAMI KALALAYA SNR. SEC. **SCHOOL**

The annual day celebration of Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya Senior Sec School will be held on July 27, Saturday at Narada Gana Sabha, Alwarpet. Starts

The sabha's secretary, K. Harishankar is the chief guest.

There will be a medley of choir singing, dances and short plays, then the formal part of the programme and more plays and music, including a skit in Sanskrit.

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Plastic road dividers set up on Alwarpet flyover

Plastic road dividers are now set up on the Alwarpet flyover. The dividers create two lanes for the vehicles that move from the TTK Road side to C. P. Ramaswamy Road side.

They are meant to streamline traffic, which can be heavy at peak hour time. Often, due to clogging of vehicles at the Dr. Ranga Road traffic signal, cars and bikes are seen packed on the south end of this flyover

Rosary School's alumni's carnival on July 26 to have lots of events

By Our Edit Team

The alumni of Rosary Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, San Thome's carnival – Alumera – is on July 26 - in line with the platinum jubilee celebrations of the school.

Sr Maria Selvi, regional superior, Sr Amala, correspondent and Sr Vensi Sahayarani, principal are expected to be present.

The event will start by 9.30 am and will go on till 7 pm.

Eminent alumni are to be felicitated and the list includes N. Ram, N. Murali, N. Ravi, Rhoda David, Dr Nalini Ramamurthy, Dr Manjula Krishnaswamy, Dr Vanamala Parthasarathy, Dr P P Bapsy, Charumathi Ramachandran, B. Bhamathi, Sumathi Iyer, Preetha Reddy, Suneeta Reddy, Pushpa Kandaswamy, Maheshwari Natarajan, Sangita Shroff, Shobana Kamineni, Geetha Ravichandran, Sangita Reddy and Revathy Ramachandran.

In the morning, there will be choir, dance and a narration of the school history in an audio-visual form. Audio messages from the 1950 (founder batch) students will be played. 10.30 am onwards, there will be dance, songs, jukebox play and fun activities by the alumni in the quadrangle.

"The valedictory starts around 5 pm - cultural programmes including three rounds of fashion show,



two rounds of Retro and a final round with a celebrity alumni ramp walk," says Matengi S. Suresh, one of the organisers.

Stalls for games and food and for merchandise (home décor, T-shirts and ceramics) will be set up. "We have a Polaroid photo booth for guests to capture moments with friends and family," adds Matengi.

Entry to the show for alumni is through registration. Alumni who have not registered yet can spot register: for others an entry fee of Rs 30 is charged.

The entry to the campus will be through Papanasam Sivan Salai and the exit through San Thome High Road. Parking is available at St Raphael's School campus.

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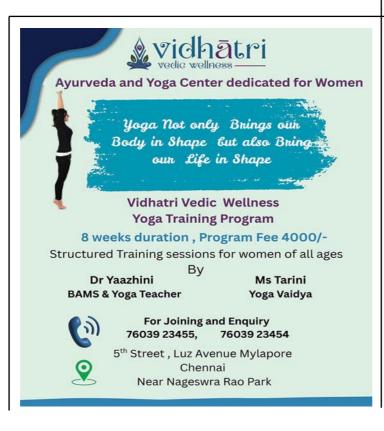
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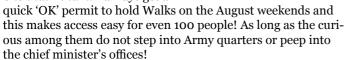
By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Now I can take even 99 people on my annual Fort St. George Walk for the Madras Day season. In August.

When I started out some 20 years or so ago, and some 20 plus people would gather at the start point, a car parking lot where youths and older men from the Sowcarpet-Parrys Corner areas would belt the ball for their weekend tennis ball cricket

match, the police posted at the Fort gates would check us out; they were wary of groups assembling in front of a campus that also houses the state Assembly hall and Secretariat.

The state officers have made life easy for us; perhaps acknowledging the spirit behind Madras Day/ Chennai Dinam. I always get a



Walks of various hues have increased in this city. We now have people who offer Walks for a fee. And some have been curating theme Walks across Royapuram, Royapettah and Thiruvanmiyur.

Last week, retired journalist G. Krishnan called me from his monsoon-battered 'green' residence in Palakkad, keen to bounce some queries on conducting Walks for small groups. He said many local schools had shown interest in curated tours that their students could benefit from. Krishnan and his colleagues have already held some Nature Walks in and around the town; even asking people to sketch leaves and trees on the way. I just had to acknowledge what Palakkad was doing and asked Krishnan to do more!

We need to have local area Walks in our city, led voluntarily by seniors and young people and offered to schools. There's a lot out there to form a theme.

Take Mylapore. Music and Dance and Food and Temples and Architecture are all done and flogged and popular. How about looking at four or five nooks where men and women pursue age-old vocations, be it music instruments, jewellery, soda water and embroidery? Or stepping into Queen Mary's College, with the help of its botany department, to study a set of old trees by the Marina?

If you gave me 45 minutes, I would pick five points in the eastern precinct of Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple and share my notes on the changing face of this zone. Wouldn't our children want to be on such a Walk?

Btw, to know more on Walks for Madras Day, go to www.themadrasday.in. Events are posted through August.

E-MAIL your letters to - mytimesedit@gmail.com. Provide full name and short address. This column also contains comments posted on our social media pages.



Give us a 'smooth' **Thiruvengadam Street**

A patch of Thiruvengadam Street has been relaid but there is no improvement in the overall condition. The uneven surface is posing danger to all, especially two-wheelers.

- Dharshiv

Postwoman's story was lovely

Loved reading the story about Leela Kalaivani, our postwoman; a very beautifully written article. The woman has always impressed me as she works beyond her call of duty, to give that personal touch to what is just a government job.

She is not the type who throws the letters randomly even if the receiver doesn't reside there anymore: she will go out of her way to find their new address and get the mail redirected.

- Ganga Sridhar

Rosary School jubilee: when boys were admitted

Good to know Rosary School is celebrating its platinum jubilee. I studied when boys were admitted to Rosary. Including my cousins, six from my family studied there.

- Ashok Kumar

Kennedy First Street residents' woe

A long-standing public safety issue has affected residents of Kennedy First Street, Mylapore for a long time. It has remained unresolved for nearly four years, despite multiple complaints, inspections, and communications from residents. In October 2021, a grievance was lodged regarding an exposed electric cable inside a manhole adjacent to door no 10, 11 and 12 - Kennedy First Street, Mylapore.

Also the improperly sealed sewage chamber lid, causes continuous loud noise from vehicular movement. A field officer (AE-123) after an inperson inspection, had acknowledged the existence of the electric cable and forwarded the case to TANGEDCO. The AE also assured that mud would be cleaned periodically and that relaying of pipes would be reviewed after January (2022), citing monsoon constraints.

- A resident of Kennedy First St. (wants to remain anonymous)

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This column carries excerpts from Mylapore Times, 1996 onwards. This week, we focus on January 1996

Keeping margazhi bhajanai tradition alive (Jan. 6-12, 1996)

By S. Janaky

Braving the morning chill on a cold margazhi morning, men and women clad in traditional attire, gather outside Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple on Sannidhi Street, ready to begin the margazhi bhajanai. This involves singing devoutly, even as the groups slowly wind their way through the Mada Streets and the Chitrakulam bylanes and circumambulate the Kapali Temple. The bhajanai session is held between 5 am and 7 am. There are several groups—people from different walks of life bound together by their firm belief in the margazhi bhajanai bhakti. There is a group of

Vedic scholars. Members of the Gnanananda Nama Sankirtana group are regulars. There is a sangeetha goshti that follows the tradition of the late Papanasam Sivan. Some others sing verses from

One of the margazhi bhajani groups

the Thevaram and Thiruvempavai. Interestingly, the children are the loudest, singing lustily. The session concludes with a vibrant namavalli at the temple.

Abhiramapuram police team in Orissa to probe murder (*Jan. 6–12, 1996*)

Abhiramapuram police have dispatched a team to Orissa on the trail of a murder suspect. Umadevi Bhuwalka (69), a resident of Archbishop Mathias Road was found murdered in her house by her family. They found her lying on a quilt in her room on the first floor, said sources. A male maid from Orissa, who guit his job recently, appears to be a suspect. Two gold bangles on her person were said to be missing.

Third volume of Samaithu Paar in English released (Jan. 6–12, 1996)

S. Meenakshi Ammal Publishers on R. K. Mutt Road recently published an English translation of the third volume of the popular Samaithu Paar cookbook series in Tamil. The third volume has been translated by Meenakshi Ammal's son Sankaran. Besides recipes for pickles and bakshanams, the third book in the three-volume series also includes detailed instructions on how to conduct poojas and festivals. The first volume

of the series was recently translated to Hindi by Priya Ramkumar and is now available for sale. The first volume is now available in Hindi, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

College students sort one lakh greeting cards at Mylapore PO (Jan 6-12, 1996)

Forty-seven college students are feverishly working to beat time at the Mylapore Post Office. For a remuneration of Rs. 97 for eight hours of work, these students are sorting over one lakh greeting cards a day on the fourth floor of the post office, which has been exclusively allotted for the sorting work. From ten days before Christmas, up to Pongal, their job will continue, with a short break. Ponni Vallavan, an MA (Tamil) student said he is here because the extra money will help pay the college fees.

Thiagaraja aradhana at Vidwath Samajam (Jan. 6–12, 1996)

The 149th Thiagaraja Aradhana organised by the Sangeetha Vidwath Samajam, Mylapore will begin with mangala isai on January 9. Senior artiste T. Rukmini will preside over the function. The rendition of the pancharatnakritis and the aradhana is on January 10.

This column is curated by Kanaka Cadambi.

Legendary leg spinner V. V. Kumar is 90. Friends join hands to bring out commemorative book

By Partab Ramchand

It was an occasion for the cricket fraternity in the city to celebrate a great player of yesteryears: and so they did in style. Mylapore resident V. V. Kumar turned 90 on June 22 and his teammates got together to host a party for the legendary leg spinner at the Madras Cricket Club.

Present were many of Kumar's teammates over the years.

Four of them – V. Krishnaswamy, P. Mukund, A G. Satvinder Singh and P. R. Ramakrishnan – were of the view that the landmark birthday should be celebrated in a befitting manner and with the help of veteran sports writer Partab Ramchand, brought out a commemorative book on the occasion.

The book, which has been circulating fast and far now, has articles by a number of cricketers writing about their experiences with Kumar, touching on not only his ethereal skills as a bowler but also his playful and helping nature, complete with amusing anecdotes. At the party, journalist-editor N. Ram and former India cricketer



C. D. Gopinath spoke. Gopinath released the first copy of the book 'Celebrating V V Kumar @ 90' while Satvinder Singh presented a memento to Kumar who also cut a cake to mark the occasion.

Kumar played just two Test matches in the early 60s but was a stalwart for Tamil Nadu in the Ranji trophy for over 20 years.

He was the first bowler to take 300 wickets and 400 wickets in the premier national competition and finished with 418 wickets.

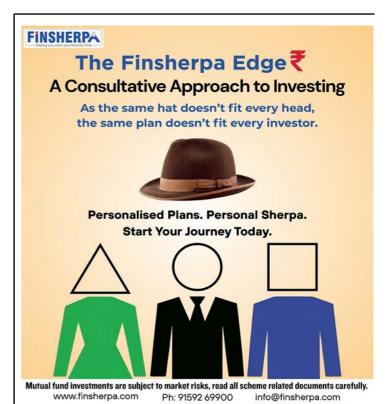
In first class cricket, Kumar had a tally of 599 wickets.

Naama Sankeerthana Festival

Brahma Gana Sabha will be conducting a six-day Naama Sankeerthana Festival, daily at 6.30 pm from Aug. 1 to Aug.7 (except on Aug. 3) at Dakshinamurthy Hall (PS High School campus), Mylapore.

The bhagavathas featured are Gayathri Mahesh, Visalur Ravi, Ashwin Kumar, Karthik Gnaneshwar, Muralidaran and Braga Balu.

This event is open to all



Free screening for memory, attention loss

By Our Edit Team

The Dementia Care Foundation (TDCF) is a non-profit organisation based in OMR, Chennai, dedicated to providing quality care for elders living with dementia. It is organising a free cognitive screening camp in Mylapore on Aug.2, 10am to 4 pm.



TDCF focuses on building sustainable models of care by promoting a psycho-social approach that complements the medical model—together aiming to enhance the quality of life for both elders and their families.

This camp is designed to provide early screening for memory, attention, and other cognitive functions.

The centre's goal is to facilitate early identification of cognitive difficulties, which is crucial in managing conditions like dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and age-related memory concerns. Screenings will be conducted by trained psychologists, and all participants will receive a free, one-on-one consultation-to discuss the results and potential next steps.

No prior registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome throughout the day. Contact: $93442\ 57901$

Mylaporeans continue to donate to MT Trust

Mylaporeans continue to support the Mylapore Times Charitable Trust for small local projects that it supports. The Trust's final scholarship for this academic year was given to Mylaporean Reeneeta Brigith, Stella Maris College - Rs.14000. Through the year, the Trust supports a breakfast kanji project for poor students at St. Lazarus Middle School, R. A. Puram.

This past week, donations came from C.V. Rajanarayan, R. A. Puram - Rs.1000 and K. Natarajan, Mylapore - Rs.20000. You can donate online; please talk to manager Shanthi at 2498 2244.



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1.	25-07-2025	Friday வெள்ளிக்கிழமை	108 Modaka Shri Ganapathi Homa 108 மோதக ஸ்ரீ கணபதி ஹோமம்	ஸ்ரீ மஹாகணபதி அனுக்ரஹம், காரியசித்தி, தடைகள் விலகிட
2.	26-07-2025	Saturday சனிக்கிழமை	Shri Lakshmi Narayana Hrudaya Homa ஸ்ரீ லஷ்மீ நாராயண ஹ்ருதய ஹோமம்	ஸ்ரீமஹாலக்ஷ்மீ நாராயண க்ருபையால் அழகிய தோற்றப் பொலிவு, ஆனந்தம் பெருகிட
3.	27-07-2025	Sunday ஞாயிறுக்கிழமை	Shri Medha Sooktha Dakhinamurthi Homa ஸ்ரீ மேதா சூக்த தக்ஷிணாமூர்த்தி ஹோமம்	அறிவின் மேன்மை, குருவருள் பூரணமாகக் கிடைத்திட
4.	28-07-2025	Monday திங்கட்கிழமை	Maha Mruthyunjaya Homa மஹா மருத்யுஞ்ஜய ஹோமம்	நீண்ட ஆயுள், நிறைந்த செல்வம் பெற்றிட
5.	29-07-2025	Tuesday செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை	Sarpa Sooktha Homa ஸர்ப்ப ஸூக்த ஹோமம்	ஸர்ப்ப தோஷ நிவராணம் மற்றும் தடையற்ற வாழ்க்கை
6.	30-07-2025	Wednesday புதன்கிழமை	Shri Subramanya Moola Mantra Homa ஸ்ரீ ஸு-ப்ரஹ்மண்ய மூல மந்த்ர ஹோமம்	குழந்தை பாக்யம் மற்றும் மகிழ்வான வாழ்வு
7.	31-07-2025	Thursday வியாழக்கிழமை	Shri Dattatreya Homa ஸ்ரீ தத்தாத்ரேய ஹோமம்	ஸகல தோஷ நிவர்த்தியால் குடும்ப நலன் மேன்மை
8.	01-08-2025	Friday வெள்ளிக்கிழமை	Shri Chandi Homa ஸ்ரீ சண்டீ ஹோமம்	தேக ஆரோக்யம் மற்றும் ஸகல ஸௌபாக்யம் பெற்றிட
9.	02-08-2025	Saturday சனிக்கிழமை	Navagraha Homa நவக்ரஹ ஹோமம்	நவக்ரஹ தோஷ நிவர்த்தியால் குடும்பநலன் மற்றும் தொழில் மேன்மை
10.	03-08-2025	Sunday ஞாயிறுக்கிழமை	ManyuSooktha Homa மன்யுஸூக்க ஹோமம்	எதிரிகளின் தொல்லை நீங்கவும், வழக்குகளில் வெற்றி பெறவும்
11.	04-08-2025	Monday திங்கட்கிழமை	SwayamVara Shri Parvathi Homa ஸ்வயம்வரா ஸ்ரீ பார்வதீ ஹோமம்	விரைவில் திருமணம் கைகூடிடவும் நல்ல வரன் அமையவும்
12.	05-08-2025	Tuesday செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை	Shri Lalitha Homa ஸ்ரீ லலிதா ஹோமம்	அம்பிகை பேரருளால் ஸகல ஸித்திகளை அடைந்திட
13.	06-08-2025	Wednesday புதன்கிழமை	Shri Pavamana Homa ஸ்ரீ பவமான ஹோமம்	முற்பிறவிகளில் செய்த பாவங்கள் விலகி நலன்கள் பெருகிட
14.	07-08-2025	Thursday வியாழக்கிழமை	Shri Anjaneya Homa ஸ்ரீ ஆஞ்ஜநேய ஹோமம்	கஷ்டங்கள் நீங்கி இன்பமயமான வாழ்வு பெற்றிட
15.	08-08-2025	Friday வெள்ளிக்கிழமை	1000 Avarthana ShriSooktha Japa & Homa 1000 ஆவர்த்தன ஸ்ரீஸூக்த ஜப ஹோமம்	உயர்ந்த செல்வங்கள் பெற்று மகிழ்வுடன் வாழ
16.	09-08-2025	Saturday சனிக்கிழமை	Upakarma உபாகர்மா	
17.	10-08-2025	Sunday ஞாயிறுக்கிழமை	Shri Gayathri Homa ஸ்ரீ காயத்ரீ ஜபம்	
18.	11-08-2025	Monday திங்கட்கிழமை	Shri Bho-Varaha Homa ஸ்ரீ பூவராஹ ஹோமம்	பூமி லாபம், புதிய வீடுகள் வாங்கிட
19.	12-08-2025	Tuesday செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை	Shri Chandi Homa ஸ்ரீ சண்டி ஹோமம்	அனைத்து நலன்களும் கூடி குடும்பம் மேன்மை அடைய
20.	13-08-2025	Wednesday புதன்கிழமை	Shri Dhanvanthari Homa ஸ்ரீ தன்வந்த்ரி ஹோமம்	உடல் ஆரோக்யம் மற்றும் நோய்கள் நீங்கி பரிபூரண நலம் பெற
21.	14-08-2025	Thursday வியாழக்கிழமை	Shri Santhana Venugopala Krishna Homa ஸ்ரீ ஸந்தான வேணுகோபல க்ருஷ்ண ஹோமம்	நல்ல குழந்தைகளைப் பெற்றிட மற்றும் பரம்பரை செழித்திட
22.	15-08-2025	Friday வெள்ளிக்கிழமை	Shri Lakshmi Narayana Hrudaya Homa ஸ்ரீ லக்ஷ்மீ நாராயண ஹ்ருதய ஹோமம்	செல்வ வளம், உயர் பதவி, தொழில் மேன்மை அடைய
23.	16-08-2025	Saturday சனிக்கிழமை	Shri Anjaneya Homa ஸ்ரீ ஆஞ்ஜநேய ஹோமம்	அனுமன் பேரருளால் வாக்கு வன்மை, மன தைரியம், வெற்றிகள் பெற்றிட
24.	17-08-2025	Sunday ஞாயிறுக்கிழமை	Shri BalaTripura Sundari Homa ஸ்ரீ பாலா த்ரிபுர ஸுந்தரீ ஹோமம்	ஆண், பெண் இருபாலருக்கும் சிறந்த வாழ்க்கைத்துணை அமைந்திட
25.	18-08-2025	Monday திங்கட்கிழமை	Shri Rudra Homa ஸ்ரீ ருத்ர ஹோமம்	மிவகடாஷம் மற்றும் உயர்ந்த ஆத்மஞானம் பெற
26.	19-08-2025	Tuesday செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை	Shri Durga Homa ஸ்ரீ துர்கா ஹோமம்	தடைகள் நீங்கி விரைவில் திருமணம் நடைபெற
27.	20-08-2025	Wednesday புதன்கிழமை	Shri PurushaSooktha Homa ஸ்ரீ புருஷஸூக்த ஹோமம்	ஸ்ரீ லஷ்மீ நாராயணின் பேரருளால் பரம்பரை செழித்திட
28.	21-08-2025	Thursday வியாழக்கிழமை	Shri Narasimha Moolamanthra Homa ஸ்ரீ ந்ருஸிம்ஹ மூலமந்த்ர ஹோமம்	மன தைர்யம் மற்றும் எதிரிகள் தொல்லை நீங்கிட
29.	22-08-2025	Friday வெள்ளிக்கிழமை	Shri Vanadurga Homa ஸ்ரீ வனதுர்கா ஹோமம்	கஷ்டங்கள் முழுமையாக நீங்கிடவும், நல்வாழ்வ பெற்றிடவும்
30.	23-08-2025	Saturday சனிக்கிழமை	Navagraha Sahitha Maha Mrutyunjay Homa நவக்ரஹ ஸஹித மஹா ம்ருத்யுஞ்ஜய ஹோமம்	ஸ்ரீ மஹாதேவனின் பேரருளால் நீண்ட ஆயுள்
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St. Bede's Al Hr. Sec. School's under-16 cricket team won the annual TNCA cricket tournament for city schools recently. The team was presented the C. Ramaswamy trophy by former India cricketer Robin Singh. The team is coached by Satyanarayana Rao. The team -R. Tejesh Kumar (captain)

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People of V. C. Garden 3rd Street ask: Book fair at Hari Shree Vidyalayam why has GCC not built drains, water stagnates and stinks



By Our Edit Team

Residents of V. C. Garden 3rd Street are wondering why Chennai Corporation has ignored their street in laying new stormwater drains when these were built in other local streets.

By ignoring the street for a drain, water stagnation is severe when it rains as was the case in recent days.

"The water drains after a long time and poses problems like pollution and mosquito breeding," said K. Babu, in an e-mailed report. He says that storm water drain work was carried out by GCC in V. C. Garden 2nd Street and also in St. Marys Road. But V. C. Garden 3rd Street was ignored.

Residents say that this issue has been brought to the notice of GCC through a letter and also through personal visits to the local office but GCC has not responded.



Classical dancer-choreographer Ambika Kameshwar was presented the Kartik Rajagopal Memorial Award 2025. at an event held to celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary celebration of Kartik Fine Arts sabha founder, Rajagopal on July 3. Dance guru and senior artiste Chitra Visweswaran did the honours. The event was held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore

draws good response

A book fair held on July 11 and 12 at Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam in R. A. Puram was part of the Reading India Programme initiated by the Ministry of Culture.

This special initiative aimed to rekindle the joy of reading and make quality literature accessible to young minds. With over 5,000 titles from 40 reputed publishers, the exhibition featured a wide array of books.

Ranjani Muralidharan, manager (enrichment) of Chettinad Education and Services said that 'the energy on campus was vibrant as learners browsed through the curated collection with curiosity and enthusiasm'.



Writing on Chennai: workshop by Praveena Shivram

Have you been itching to write a 'very Madras' story? Or verses on Chennai? Or an essay on something unique about this metro?



And you need tips, or a mentor, or some help to accomplish this? Sign up for this free writing workshop by city-based author. Praveena Shivram.

Praveena Shivram is an independent writer. Over the past two decades, both her fiction and non-fiction

have been widely published.

Read more at praveenashivram.com

Said Praveena, "We will explore the many facets of a city through fiction, and work with the elements of storytelling in a very Madrasesque context."

This workshop, held in connection with the annual Madras Day celebration is on Sunday, August 10 at the Ranade Library, Luz (the Srinivasa Sastri Hall block). Time: 3:30pm to

Mail your request to sign up to themadrasday@gmail.com.

This event is supported by Mylapore Times and SINA (venue partner)

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Scores of people joined priests on the banks of the tank of Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore to take part in rituals on the occasion of aadi amavasya, a day when Hindus remember the departed. The busiest place was the west bank of the tank, its north end, which was left open. The space on the pavement here was also used for the rituals.

Chess tourney for unrated, rated players

KQ Chess Academy is organising the P. S. Senior Secondary School golden jubilee, state-level chess tournament on August 3 (Sunday) at the school's campus.

There are three categories unrated for those aged under 11 years; unrated for those aged 12 years plus and one for rated players. There is a fee for taking part.

Vinoth Kumar (FIDE master) of KQ is managing this event. Details at - http://www. kqchessacademy.com

KQ runs chess coaching classes in Mylapore and in R. A. Puram besides other centres. Call 9444475095

AADI CUL-FEST AT BHAVAN

For the Aadi season, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan is hosting a fest themed 'Aadiyin Arpitham', from July 28 to 31 at its main auditorium. Music show curator Subhashree Thanikachalam presents 'Anaithum Avale; Deviyin Thirai Vadivangal' on July 28 evening. July 29 has Veeramani Raju and his artistes performing on stage; on July 30, Udayalur Kalyanaraman presents Namasankeerthanam, and on the final evening, is a music concert titled 'Bhakthi Paamalai', starring singers Vidya, Vinaya, Saindhavi and Suchitra. Open to all.

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By Preetha K.

Humour Club International, Triplicane Chapter. You would expect the ambitiously-named group to have hosts who crack jokes and make people laugh. Or poke people and make the rest laugh, in jest. Or reel out anecdotes that intend to be funny, even as the guests guffaw.

This Club does much of all this. With good intentions.

But its intentions go beyond clean humour. The Club (not in the sense we all assume is, where people have fun, imbibe spirits and chatter) also celebrates its senior citizens.

Yes, this is a Club where seniors congregate. Because the events are just the kind they will enjoy and 'timepass' two hours. It is a community.

"Senior citizens who attend our monthly meets and our annual day celebration are taken care of specially



got emotional on stage and one man fell at his wife's feet in a symbolic way to say thanks." At that event, the men honoured their wives and also gifted them.

"Many women of our Club welcomed this event and asked us to conduct this more often," says Sekaran.

The Club has done more. It donates one lakh rupees as aid to war widows. Monetary aid is provided for education to the third gender and to people running a 'gosala'. The club also gives awards - named after humorist and broadcaster Thenkatchi Ko. Swaminathan, film maker K. Balachander and actress Manorama; awards given to people who have made remarkable contributions in their sphere of work.

SIMPLE HUMOUR DRAWS SENIORS, **CREATES A COMMUNITY**





R. Sekaran, Club secretary:

arranged for the sashtiapthapurthy for 140 couples.

At the monthly meet of May, a member-couple celebrating its golden jubilee wedding anniversary was honoured and this was followed by a play - 'Sikkal Sivaraman' - starring Kathadi Ramamurthy.

This year, Sekaran told us, the Club conducted a programme called Manaivikku Mariyadhai where 50 men, mostly seniors, spoke about their wives' strengths.

"It was a very emotional event," recalls Sekaran. "Some men began to cry and

FROM TRIPLICANE TO MYLAPORE: **OVER 2500 MEMBERS**

The Humour Club was started on October 16, 1983 withs some 15 members at Hindu High School, Triplicane. Actors Vivekh and Charlee were part of this club in the initial days before their got into movies.

For the first 10 years, the meetings were conducted at the school in Triplicane

and the annual subscription was just Rs 12. "Due to the non-availability of a good auditorium in Triplicane, we shifted to Mylapore," said Sekaran.

The Club meets every second Sunday of a month at TAG-Mylapore Fine Arts Club hall, Mylapore. The first 80 minutes is for sharing "clean jokes without hurting anyone", as he puts it.. The next 75 minutes is for guest speakers.

Sekaran recalls that in the 1980s, when the Laughter Club was launched, 20 retired people used

to attend the meets, which included one woman. Slowly and steadily, the club has grown and now it has some 2500 members with 50% women. "At our annual day on July 20 at the St. Bede's School auditorium, we had some 2300 people, some from the districts." said B. Kannan. Club treasurer.

There is a membership fee of Rs 1000 per year. The Club also seeks sponsors and donors for its shows and projects. The monthly meet is held every second



Sunday at MFAC at 4 pm and on every third Sunday of July, is its annual day.

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well," says R. Sekaran, secretary of the club.

He and his team have turned social in recent times.

The Club has organised many events to celebrate seniors. One year, it conducted the sadabhishekam for 51 couples, another year it

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temple-goers suggest that all vehicles must be kept off this

- Inputs by Baskar Seshadri and

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Chapatis, kurma and thokku

By Our Edit Team

Chapatis seem to be selling hot and fast in the heart of Mylapore. A new place for chappatis has opened on South Mada Street called Murugan Chapattis. Besides chapatis, four different kinds of curries are also on sale here.

This business is run by N. Thanigainathan.

Home-made chapatis are sold at Rs 10 per piece.

Chapatis are sold from $5.30~\rm pm$ to $10~\rm pm$. The side dishes on sale are vegetable kurma, paneer butter masala, thakkali thokku and channa masala. While $250~\rm ml$ of the kurma costs Rs 45, paneer butter masala costs Rs 90, thakkali thokku costs Rs $25~\rm and$ channa masala costs Rs 60.

"If people want to eat at the outlet, then one chapati served with a side dish costs Rs 20," says Thanigainathan.

Thanigainathan runs an electrical shop at this location. He added a rose milk sales outlet first; perhaps sensing the demand for chapatis, the addition was started about a month ago.

Call Thanigainathan at 9444559474

Police set up barricades on street leading to Sri Kapali Temple: to curb cars, autos

By Our Edit Team

Cars, autos and vans have been asked to avoid the two street sections that lead to the east gopuram of Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore. on the north side.

This step has been taken following suggestions from people, mostly residents of this zone, who stop by at the gopuram end and offer prayers, some daily. The



Traffic Police have installed barricades on Ponnambala Vadyar Street, closer to Jannal Bajji Kadai on the south side of the street and near Ambika Appalam store, off North Mada Street,

curb also reduces congestion at this busy point.

In the past, even VIPs have got their cars driven to the gate and posed problems.

Years ago, a group calling itself Namma Mylapore, used

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