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Student Leaders



These are the four student leaders chosen by a simple election held at the Chennai High School on Sringeri Mutt Road. Class leaders were also chosen on this occasion. The initiative for this step came from Headmaster Paulraj and his team. Paulraj says this step will motivate the student leaders and enhance their skills too.

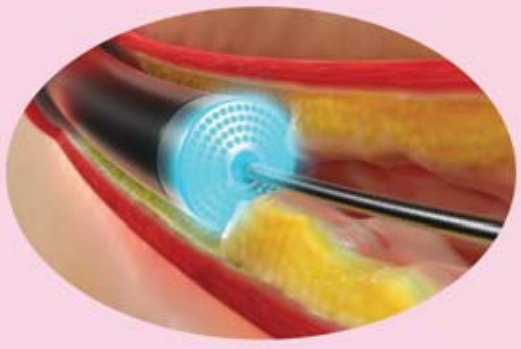
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Chennai Metro: more work spots on busy roads

By Our Staff Reporter

More and more work spots for Chennai Metro rail line work are popping up in the Mylapore zone.



Metro on TTK Road

In the past few days, two spots – one near M. Ct. M. School on Luz Church Road and the other opposite the tank of Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore – have come up. Workers say they are undertaking soil tests. TTK Road (south end) also sports a few such work spots

As more and more such spots, all barricaded, pop up across Mylapore, covering the two rail lines planned, traffic will slowly begin to crawl and peak hours could well witness jams at all these spots which are on busy and key roads.

Meanwhile. Chennai Metro has sent a notice to film personality Kamal Hassan, seeking a portion of his property in Alwarpet to be used for work on the rail line and the station proposed in this area. Kamal used to have his office here; the old bungalow made way for a new one which also has other stores. But there is some confusion on CMRL's info – while CMRL mentions the property being on Bharathidasan Road, Kamal's office campus is on TTK Road, diagonally opposite Ethiraj Kalyana Mantapam.

The rail line runs from the Luz side into Alwarpet, with a station near the temple and moves south along TTK Road, with a station at Bharathidasan Road junction and then moves further, towards Hotel Crowne Plaza side.

Many objections were raised by property owners in the C V Raman – TTK Road – Bharatidasan Road zone when CMRL first put out the plans, with some saying there was no need for a station. CMRL later said that only small slices of plots would be acquired.

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Kathak dance classes at Bhavan

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore is offering Kathak dance classes now. They are held from Monday to Thursday at the Bhavan's premises from July 4.

Lakshmi Kannan, artistic director, Jathiswaraalaya Academy of Dance and Music will be conducting the classes.

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VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Anu Hasan has a way with her Insta videos. Light, goofy and yet, focussed on subjects close to her heart. Fitness is on this artiste's list.

I chanced on a recent one, shot on her way to the airport. Walk to the Metro station, back-pack fitted. Use the stairs to reach the platform. Stand in the train and loosen the ankles and feet. Walk to the airport from the station . . . the day's exercise is done before you take the flight.

When she is on her walks locally or elsewhere, Anu's camera takes in the sights and sounds around her. It is not on her. Gives you a feel of the place even as you listen to her snappy fitness gospel.

A lot many people are out on fitness trips now. Walking is the simplest form. And in the Madras weather, it is easy to sweat.

I restrict my walking to my small compound. I used to do the rounds of my neighbourhood streets, mixing up the paths every other morning. Two slips - one across blue jelly dumped by the roadside and one into a peeping drain cover put an end to the street walks. I didn't want broken bones at this stage in life. And suing the civic body would only massage my ego.

But I learnt to add some pep to the restricted walks around our single block of apartments. To slow down at the clump of plants and make mental notes. At the end of the walk, to cool down and unwind, I walk to some of these plants - to show some love, clip the dead leaves, admire the banana flower and spot some crawlies in the soil.

This morning, I dipped my finger into the little pond and the kutti fish came at it, poking at it . . . Had I hung in there I would have got a little massage or a clean-over!

We need to reward ourselves when daily routines appear to get a bit boring. I wonder if exploring your neighbourhood is a good option.

Let's admit it - few know our neighbourhoods well. Walks provide you the opportunity to get closer. When you wander into streets you have not taken at dawn or after dusk, you come across the playground round the corner you have never seen, admire the row of pungai trees a kind heart planted to cool the place many years ago, spot the new grocery store that opens at 7 a.m. and mentally note the local office of the city's civic body.

Some of my 'other' walks often take place off NSC Bose Road - areas like Evening Bazaar, Devaraja Mudali Street and Armenian Street. Yes, into the middle of chaos, colour and animation. I keep a good pace, do not get run over by tri-shaws, slow down to take in vintage sights and stop to make small talk with a hawker. An hour later, my kurta is soaking in sweat. I reward myself with some lemony tea.

If you walk daily, try to discover your backyard and beyond. It may be a jolly experience if you have a companion like Anu Hasan.

LETTERS FROM READERS

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Silt from drains packed in bags, dumped on pavements

We came across the silt and waste that had been removed from the drains on Lazarus Church Road and packed in waste bags, dumped on the pavements. If these bags are removed inside 24 hours of the cleaning, the work is complete.

Else, it leaks off when it rains or causes a stink around.

- V. R. Rajamani



● Silt in bags were kept all over the streets on Desika Road and Lady Desikachari Road too. They should have been removed once the desilting was done.

- Prerna Jain

'Incomplete' civic jobs

Civic agencies (GCC, Metrowater) dig roads or clear drains and do not complete the job. Leveling the road or clearing the muck is not their problem. Similarly with TANGEDCO; dig, rectify and cover the hole: road laying, tarring, removing the waste is someone else's job. If an agency's workers replace old manholes with new ones, the old ones will lie on the street corners or on the pavement.

- Ramdas Naik

Revised property tax

I received a notice from Chennai Corporation intimating the proposed revised house tax. Having seen reports that a 40% hike was likely, the steep increase seems excessive. Especially in view of reports that tax hikes may occur annually in future!

True, taxes have not been raised periodically in the past. Nevertheless, cynics might feel that it is the intention to quickly reach the four-fold hike levels proposed some years ago.

A case of bitter medicine administered in small doses frequently? Politics being what it is, roll back promises might be made in the next election. Only to be forgotten.

Mylaporeans may notice from the GCC notice, that info on wards, bill numbers, etc. have changed. Oddly, a notification of 2018 is cited as authority for the change. Yet the Corporation website I consulted after reading a *Mylapore Times* report still had the old listing. That was also the case with the Corporation and Metrowater sites indicating tax dues!

- Mohan Raman

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MY STORY



Teen years in San Thome of the 1960s

By LOYOLA RODRIGO

My family moved to San Thome in 1955. From Sri Lanka to my village in Manapad and then to San Thome for our schooling. We lived at a house named 'Halcyon' at No.2, Nimmo Road, paying a rent of fifty rupees for the ground floor portion of a house. I studied at Rosary Matric School till Std. II and moved to St. Bede's from 3rd standard and completed my High School. Three places in this area that I still remember are Orient Stores, for groceries and National Ice-Cream Parlour which was a rage and the famous Ceylon Bakery.

After school, we 'Catholic boys' would head to the San Thome beach behind the Cathedral to play - what a clean beach it was! There was a public radio system set inside a circular complex here and at 5 p.m., the All India Radio broadcast would start. Everybody who came here sat around to listen.

The snacks hawkerman (nicknamed Dick) who used to be at the St. Bede's school gate all day would be at the San Thome Beach in the evening - wood apples, gooseberries, jamun, raw mango, *kamarakat* . . . . small joys of that era, all seasonal stuff. I say 'Catholic boys' because San Thome was essentially a Catholic area. Tamils, Goans, Mangaloreans, Anglo-Indians…they were all around the Cathedral.

On weekends, we would head to the Adyar Estuary to fish and shoot at 'blood suckers' with our catapults.

The area opposite Quibble Island Cemetery was a vast ground where some 50 teams would be seen playing cricket. Also used for kite flying. To amuse ourselves, we would sneak into Oceanic Hotel at the junction to see if we could spot visiting cricketers; this is where they and film stars stayed in those days. Another place to play was on the campus of the Minor Seminary which was located opposite the Cathedral. Here we used to play *gilli thandu* and alis (*marbles*)

In our time, all the young ones were religious as were our families. We would attend all the services at the church - it was a way of life. Sunday School and fun events were held at the house of Doreen Lazaro, opposite Bishop's House, next to the old Post Office. Doreen was a great host and so was her husband Carlton.

On the opposite side were the Millets. Young Aubrey Millet (whose daughters became India swimming champs, they are now in Bangalore) had formed a Youth Club at his house and we played all kinds of games here. I was in the Scouts and St. Bede's would take us to the camp at Tonakela near Avadi; Cycling all the way, we loved that.

When Father Leon D'Souza served at the Cathedral, he would take us church altar boys to night film shows on Mount Road. At night, San Thome was a dead place. Boys at St Bede's told us they would run out to the gate to watch the rare car drive down the road. There were hardly any cars. 12B bus would make a 'U' turn near the Cathedral; it went to T. Nagar.

There was the St. Thomas Club where we could play indoor games. (Today, the Archdiocese Pastoral Centre stands there). This is where I learnt to play rummy! The Catholic Institute stood opposite the Cathedral; we could play games there: it was famed for the socials and dances.

Christmas was a great time here. Michael Gaspar would lead our choir team carol singing continuously on 7 or 8 nights. Nimmo Road, Linn Pereira Street, Rosary Church Street….houses would be lit up for Christmas.

It was a San Thome I cannot forget though I have moved out of the area.

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Re-settlement of residents of R. A. Puram colony: MLA in talks to sort out key issues

By Our Staff Reporter

Mylapore MLA Dha Velu is having meetings with the residents of Govindaswamy Nagar in R. A. Puram who have lived for years on the banks of the Buckingham Canal and were ordered to be cleared out by a court order following a case filed by a private person

A sustained, stiff protest by the nagar's community had followed (one person immolated himself and died) after the state machinery demolished a few houses after asking these families to occupy flats given to them in the city's periphery. The protest became intense and chief minister M. K. Stalin promised the community that families would be given accommodation inside the city.

The MLA has to find a solution quickly in order to meet a legal need in this case and Velu says he has involved state officials in the daily meetings held locally. "Our priority now is to provide housing to families who are still staying in the nagar but must move out for the complete demolition to be carried out," says the MLA.

State officials have located some 100 flats built by the state off Anna Salai (near the JBAS College junction) and some 30 flats in Kotturpuram. Allocation will follow, says the MLA.

"The people who moved out to the outskirts have been complaining a lot and want to get residences here," admits the MLA. "We are going to get spaces for them in the new blocks that are coming up and are planned now in the Mylapore zone."

The MLA says he has asked the state officials to give an assurance to the families already resettled elsewhere of housing in the city.

He says some opposition parties are asking people not to vacate, promising them pattas. Says Velu, "These people are creating confusion but residents appreciate the issues and the legal standing. I am convinced the issue can be sorted out."

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A note from T. Venkatachalam, Jt. Commissioner (appointed by the Madras High Court) who now manages the repayment says 'cheques towards the 15th instalment of 5% of the principal amount subject to a minimum of Rs.1000 to savings, recurring and fixed deposit holders will be issued from August 29.'

All cheques will be sent by courier and depositors are asked not to visit the ABF office. ABF office asks account holders who have moved residence or made changes in their bank status to inform the office by post, with support documents.

ABF is at 40, C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet.
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Donation camp in Alwarpet: for flood affected

Neighbourhood volunteers are conducting a two-day materials collection camp for Goonj, the NGO on July 9 & 10 - (Sat & Sun) in Alwarpet, to raise donations to the flood affected in Assam and India's north-east region. Clothes, utensils, school materials, toys and dry rations can be donated here.

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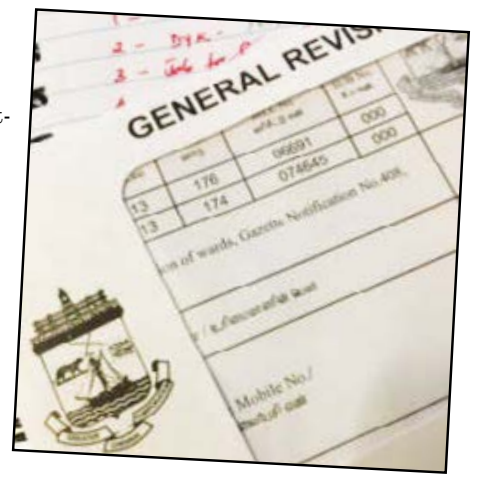


The community at St. Thomas Cathedral in San Thome celebrated the annual feast of saint Thomas last weekend. On Saturday evening, they took out a car procession to honour the saint.

Two years of the pandemic had frozen the celebration, limiting it to Masses said at the cathedral. On July 2 evening, the faithful, in twos and threes started out from the campus of Our Lady of Guidance Church on Lazarus Church Road, walked down the high road, saying prayers even as the weekend traffic roared in the middle; and ended the procession at the cathedral where a Mass was celebrated.

Girls, carrying flower baskets, kept throwing flowers in front of the colourfully decorated palaquin with an image of the saint.

GCC mails property tax revision notices: Mylaporeans raise issues



Owners of properties across the city have the past week received communication from Greater Chennai Corporation property tax general revision notices. Sent by registered post via India Post, postal staff began delivering these notices in Mylapore since last Monday.

Besides a note on the revised half yearly tax you need to pay, you may want to note the new assessment ID that you have been given – with changes made either in the zone, the ward and the bill number too (these details are given at the top left corner of the communication).

Objections if any, may be raised within 15 days of receipt of the notice at the GCC's Regional Deputy Commissioner's office of your zone; else it will be assumed that the revised tax is accepted.

GCC has revised the tax after many years and many property owners have said that it is steep. GCC has now said that people who want to raise objections may do so by calling 1913, the helpline.

WANT TO COMMENT on this tax revision?
Mail - mytimesedit@gmail.com

MT Trust funds students, seeks donations from well-wishers

Mylapore Times Charitable Trust (MTCT) has started handing over small funds to local area school students who need support to continue their studies after doing well in Board exams. For now, those who passed the Std.10 exams have got support.

Here are the first set of beneficiaries -

1) Chennai Hr. Sec. School, Alwarpet - Rs.3000/-
2) Rajah Muthiah School - Rs.8000/- 3) St.Francis Xavier's Mat. School - Rs.20,000/-
4) St. Antony's Girls Hr. Sec. School - Rs.20,000/-

All this is possible with donations from well-wishers and *Mylapore Times* readers. This past week, these were the donors -

- Srikala Ganapathy, Mandaveli - Rs.750 -
R. Chandrasekaran - Mandaveli - Rs.10,000.
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Vasantha utsavam

By S. Prabhu

It was a colourful start to the 20-day Vasantha Utsavam at Sri Velleeswarar Temple, Mylapore's South Mada Street, on July 4.

A tastefully-decorated mini temple tank model was set up in the temple yard and floats, fitted with small motors did the rounds of the tank which was filled with water. People visiting the temple took time off to appreciate the utsavam special.

There will be a procession of Sri Velleeswarar inside the temple at 7 pm daily on the first nine days culminating in a pancha moorthy procession through the Mada Streets on the 10th day (July 13).

From July 14 onwards, there will be the 10-day Vasantha Utsavam for Sri Murugar.

Talk : Namakkal Kavingar and Papanasam Sivan

Madhuradhwani's series themed 'Vaniyin Vamsam 03' continues with this talk and music presentation on July 9, Saturday, 6.30 pm onwards.

This time, the talk is on Namakkal Kavingar and Papanasam Sivan - by historian-columnist Venkatesh Ramakrishnan. Alongside is Kalaimagan on vocal music. Open to all. At Arkay Centre, Luz

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• 3 BHK with pooja room, Mylapore opp. Kapali Temple, 5 minutes walk, close to schools, 1015 sft. At 11500 per sft. Contact: 9444901528, 9444848933

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FLAT FOR SALE
Mylapore
2 BHK Apartment, 800 Sq.ft, 3rd Floor with Lift, south facing, good location, 30' Road, wood work done, Open Car Park, 17 yrs old. Price 1.15 cr.
Flat 11, Ananti Apartments, No. 21, Appu Street 2nd Lane, Mylapore.
Brokers excuse
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• MYLAPORE, North Chitrakulam Street, near schools, market, koil; 2 BHK, 2nd floor, 730 sq.ft., no lift, 2 wheeler, UDS 314 sq.ft., Rs. 78 lakhs. Contact: 9444104495, 9445830766

• 1350 SQ.FT., Office space, T. T. K. Road, 2nd & 3rd floor, no lift, for sale. Contact Agent: 9884434207

• MANDAVELIPAKKAM, 860 sq.ft., UDS 430, 16 years old, 2 BHK, west facing, Rs. 1 crore nego. Ph: 8015184176, 9884214816

• MAMBAKKAM, Arun Excello, Sankara, 2 BHK, 775 sq.ft., 1st floor, geyser, inverter with CCP for resale. No brokers. Owner 9940229644.

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• MYLAPORE 735 sq.ft, 2 BHK, 1st floor, 20 years old, woodwork, pooja room, service area, near temples, CBSE schools, MRTS, 65 Lakhs negotiable. Brokers excuse. Ct: 9500013520

• MYLAPORE Abhiramapuram, 535 sft, one BHK apartment with CCP for sale. 15000 per. Sq.ft., Ph: 9840299014

• EAST Abiramapuram, nearby 1200 independent house G+1 3,70 posh location, Mandaveli Devanathan st, 980 sq, 2 bedroom, CCP, CCTV, UDS 640 sq, 1,30. 8 year old, east facing, 1,30c. Ct: 9840736132.

• NANGANALLUR Flat for sale, 3BHK, 1516Sqft, 3yrs old, GF, prime location, CCTV, CCP, 40 Feet Road. Ct: 9551002222

• NANDANAM Turnbulls Road, deluxe flat, 2 bedroom, 2nd floor with lift, CCP, genset, UDS, 690sft, 1.10cr Charles Realty: 9884239783, 9444117669.

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• PALLIKARANAI on Main Road, East facing, 10 ground per ground Rs. 2.75 crore. Agent: 6382066595

• ALWARPET, 2 BHK, 1086 sq.ft., UDS 492, 3 yrs old, lift, CP, Rs. 1.30 crore. Mandaveli, 2 BHK, 1000 sq.ft., UDS 500, 10 yrs old, CP, Rs. 1.25 crore. Ph: 9445950786, 7299540480

• R. A. PURAM, 1200 sq.ft., 2 BHK, Rs. 1.60 crore. 600 sq.ft., UDS, lift, CCP, swimming pool, gym, gated community apartment, near school. Ph: 7200718369

• ADYAR, Gandhi Nagar posh area, 1550 sq.ft., 3 BHK, North facing, Rs. 2.70 crore. 880 sq.ft., UDS, lift, 2 CCP, full backup security, gym. Ph: 7010257539

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FLAT FOR SALE
Mylapore
2 BHK Apartment, 625 Sq.ft, 3rd Floor with Lift, East facing, good location, 30' Road, wood work done, Open Car Park, 17 yrs old. Price ₹91 Lakhs.
Flat 12, Ananti Apartments, No. 21, Appu Street 2nd Lane, Mylapore.
Brokers excuse.
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• MYLAPORE, 1000 sq.ft., 2 BHK, Rs. 1.30 crore, East facing, 100% vasthu, modular kitchen, wood work, balcony, service area, lift, power backup, CCP, security, near Vidyamandir School. Ph: 7010257539

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• NEAR Sivaswami Kalalaya School, ground floor, 2 bedroom flat, for bank / IT people, vegetarians, Rs. 17000, East facing, scooter park. Agent: 9841633166, 9884529618

• R. A. PURAM, 1250 sq.ft., 1st floor, 2 BHK, lift, car park, Rs. 30K. Mandaveli, Srinivasan Street, 1000 sq.ft., 1st floor, 2 BHK, Rs. 22000. Ph: 9380063177

FLAT FOR RENT
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• MYLAPORE, C. I. T. Colony, 2 BHK + study, Rs. 33K. another flat, 2 BHK, Rs. 40K, Luz, 20K. Mayur Realtors: 9940051164, 9566291287

• MYLAPORE, opp Nageshwara Rao Park, 2 bedroom flat, ground floor, Rs. 18K, two wheeler park. C I T Colony, 2 bedroom flat, Rs. 40K, fully furnished: for bachelors also. Ph: 9841350607

• R. A. PURAM, 400 sq.ft., near Rani Meyyammai School, 2nd floor, 1 BHK, 2 wheeler parking, Rent 13000, 24 hrs water, Metro water, independent house. Ph: 9952967772

• MYLAPORE, Luz Church Road, Palanam apartments, near Isabel's hospital, two bedroom flat, 800 sq.ft., 3rd floor, no lift, Rs. 20000/-pm. Contact: 9884635525

• ALWARPET, 1000 sq.ft., 1st floor, 2 BHK, 2 bathroom, 1 CCP, lift, Rs. 30K, brand new, 1700 sq.ft., 3 BHK, 2nd floor, 1 CCP, lift, North facing, Rs. 60K. Ph: 7299141164, 6380844247

• R. A. PURAM, 3 bedroom flat, 1400 sq.ft., 2nd floor, lift, covered car park, Rs. 28000, two bedroom + study room, 1200 sq.ft., ground floor, car park, Rs. 30000. Ph: 9841188817

• ABHIRAMAPURAM, 1300 sq.ft., 2 BHK, 2 bath, Rent 28K, 1 OCP & Alwarpet, Chaitanya nest, 3 BHK, 3 bath, 2 CCP, Rent 50K. Ph: 9840999577

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• MYLAPORE, near Sankaramadam, 700 sq.ft., 2 BHK, 2nd floor, no lift, only two wheeler parking, veg. only. Rent Rs.15000/-pm. Ct: 9940294098.

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The restaurant a day before it shut down

SAGAR VIHAR BY THE MARINA SHUTS TO MAKE WAY FOR METRO

It was on the beach for over 40 years. Now, the Parikhs who ran it hope PWD can give them a space to continue the business - for the sake of their staff.

By Our Staff Reporter

The Parikhs have just moved out the last of the kitchen equipment at their restaurant on the Marina beach. The shelves, tables and chairs were carted away sometime ago. And when the last of their property was packed, they were emotional.

The Parikhs



It will not be long when the JCBs will work hard to demolish what was a popular destination for tea and snacks off the beach, nestling under trees alongside the lawn, not far from the Gandhi statue.

The shutters had to come down for good on Sagar Vihar. To make way for work on the Chennai Metro rail project, for the corridor that will link the Marina to Poonamallee in the far west of the city.

Sagar Vihar's life here ran for about 40 years.

The Parikhs, Jaikumar and Sushila are well past the age to be crestfallen at the pass of circumstances. Even when their restaurant had to be shut for close to two years during the pandemic, a time when the Marina was a 'no-go' zone for weeks.

"We understand why our place has to go," says Sushila. "But we are appealing to the government to permit us to set up a bunk closely."

The Parikhs had scheduled a meeting with a senior PWD officer to present their case but it fell through. But the hope lives.

Business has to carry on. The couple manage a restaurant at the Vummidiars Shopping Complex near Higginbothams on Anna Salai.

Bombay Bhelpuri Centre was their first venture and they offered shoppers snacks that Gujarat is famed for, and adding the big-sllers, bhel and pani puri and bread-channa.

"We were perhaps the first to sell such snacks in this part of the city," says Sushila. Vummidiars Complex was among the early shopping centres to develop off the city's showcase main road and the umpteen stores drew a big crowd; the hungry ones stopped at Bombay Bhelpuri after their shopping.

The couple also launched their catering business once they found there was a need for North Indian food at social functions and get-togethers.

And when they got to know of offers being made public to rent the restaurant off the Marina by the state's PWD department, the Parikhs applied and got the rental offer.

"We felt this was a good place to run a restaurant since the Marina was so popular," says Sushila. They invested in kitchen accessories and equipment and fitted the place with furniture too. But red tape and legal issues delayed the launch and led to many frustrations and losses. "When we were finally given the order to open we found the restaurant had been stripped of the furniture and accessories we had already installed," recalls Jaikumar.

It didn't take beach-goers long to smell the snacks on the tawa and the rotis being rolled here and business began to grow. Actors visiting the Marina would drop in. "Female film stars would use our washroom and then snack here. They became our regulars," says Sushila.

As time and taste changed, Sagar offered South Indian snacks and later, noodles and burgers too.

Sushila and Jaikumar recall their most vivid memory of the Marina that lingers fresh to this day - the days leading to the Mass and meeting of Pope John Paul II on the beach. That was in 1986 when the Pope celebrated the largest-attended Mass on this tour of India.

"We were open 24 hours, providing food to the workers and to the visitors to the Pope's event," says Jaikumar.

Some years ago, the couple allowed a coffee brand to use a small part of their space but it ended in bitterness. "The agreement was that they would sell only coffee but they also sold all kinds of snacks," says Sushila.

The pandemic hit them badly, like it did to all small businesses in the city. "Our staff were the ones who got hit but we somehow took care of them," says Sushila. "But this order to vacate now will affect at least five staffers and that's why we want permission to set up a kiosk or a snacks bunk closeby," says Sushila.

Meanwhile, the couple take turns to manage the Anna Salai joint. Here too, the complex which has lost much of its sheen does not offer great business. But the Parikhs carry on. Hoping that the tryst with the Marina will continue.

● SHARE your memories of snacking at Sagar and visits to the Marina in the 1980s.



BVB's drama fest is on

The annual drama fest of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan was launched on Thursday, July 7 evening. Senior actor Delhi Ganesh was decorated with the 'Iyakkunar Singaram K. Balachander' award. Arts promoter Nalli Kuppuswami presented the award. Nalli Silks is supporting this drama fest, which is free admission.

The late drama and film personality K. Balachander's family - daughter Pushpa Kandaswamy, daughter-in-law Geetha Kailasam and son Prasanna were present at the award event.

Later, SBS Creations staged its popular play ' Bharathi Yaar?".

Plays are to be staged on July 8, from July 11 to 15 daily at 6.30 p.m. The festival time table is here - http://www.bhavanschennai.org/programmes.html

EATING OUT / ALWARPET

‘Teru’ offers choice snacks popular at street corners

On the western edge of Alwarpet, is a new restaurant called ‘Teru’, some two months-plus old. And as its name hints, it serves traditional snacks which are popular at crowded street corners across south India.

Young Anirudh Rao who studied at Ashoka University, worked big and then launched this business of his own after he had travelled around and close, to study the real food sold at bazaars, that makes mouths water.



Rao sources the raw coffee from Chikmangalur and serves it fresh only at dine-in (“This coffee loses that real taste when it gets packed!”).

The restaurant, being small can seat 10 people inside, four outside. Though a joint like Teru would be abuzz in an area that has its own buzz.

Along the way, the menu has added ‘rice items’ served only at lunch time. Teru now gets people from offices in this area and the girls from JBAS (formerly SIET) College in the vicinity. The place gets busy after 4 p.m.

“I’m still learning,” says Rao. So he and his team spend an hour before the joint opens to clients, going through the SOPs that must be adhered to - if they are to get the food the way people have enjoyed it elsewhere.

Soon, Teru will also offer a simple breakfast menu.

Home delivery is offered on the popular online platforms.

Open from 11.30 am to 7.30 p.m. At No.5, 1st Street Cenotaph Road (opp. Japanese Consulate), Alwarpet. Call 9150422232

WATCH video on Teru at www.youtube.com/mylaporetv

Now, Teru, his 300 sq. ft. food joint on 1st Street, Cenotaph Road serves a choice few - Thattu Vadai and Masala Vadai, Akkki Roti and Maddur Vada





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Rao has received lots of feedback from the early diners and has tweaked the food; he says he spent two months getting the SOPs right for his kitchen. People told him to better the Thattu Vadai and now, he sources it from Salem, where it is made just the right way.

So what are the popular orders this far at Teru?

Akki Roti and Filter Coffee, he says.









Pandemic-time success at local GCC-run school

By Our Staff Reporter

A Covid-time initiative by a NGO at a Mylapore school, as part of covering many schools run by Chennai Corporation bore some fruit. Lessons taught using simple technologies impacted. So much so that when it was time for the project's teachers to say goodbye, the kids were in tears.

Photo: NalandaWay



Schools had remained closed for the better part of the academic year 2021 - '22. Children in GCC-managed schools suffered the most as they did not have the resources to run online classes. Only a few families owned smartphones.

NalandaWay Foundation had started an initiative in July 2021 to teach the children over the phone - a basic cell phone with speaker was enough.

With the help of Heads and teachers at schools, this NGO had gathered the parents at the schools to distribute custom designed workbooks, stationery and art materials. And the NGO's specially-trained Teaching Assistants reached out to every student individually, a minimum of four times a week - 45 min. sessions each, on English and Maths.

The Chennai Primary School on Veera Perumal Koil Street, Mylapore benefitted from this project.

When the schools re-opened briefly in Dec. '21 and Feb. '22, the Teaching Assistants continued their sessions in person at the schools. Says Rajagopalan V., director - projects of NalandaWay Foundation, "The children showed remarkable progress in both the subjects vide the assessments done by our team."

He says that in most cases, the children used the simple phones their mothers owned and that the consistency of classes helped.

When the academic year came to an end in April this year, Certificates of Completion were given to students. Recalls Rajagopalan, "Parents were profusely thankful. Children welled up with tears as the sessions had to end and that they would miss our Teaching Assistant akkas and annas."

For this event, Teaching Assistant Girija Murali had made graduation caps for every student at Mylapore and the children beamed as did their parents.

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Student leaders sworn in at Chettinad Vidyashram



The investiture event for the new academic year was held at Chettinad Vidyashram school in R. A. Puram on July 1. Newly elected prefects of the school's student body were sworn in and conferred with badges by Dr. Amudha Lakshmi, the principal, in the presence of teachers and students.

Dr. Amudha Lakshmi urged the students to live up to the ideals of the leadership roles the students have undertaken to handle. School captains Mustafa Topiwala and Sowmya Narayan spoke on this occasion.

Free eye-check camp for civic workers

Ramana Eye Clinic of R. A. Puram Third Main Road in association with Raja Annamalaipuram Residents' Association (RAPRA) and Rotary IT City Club is conducting a free eye-screening camp on July 10 for the benefit of Urbaser Workers and conservancy and health department staff of Greater Chennai Corporation.

The camp will be at Ramana Eye Clinic on Third Main Road.

Blood pressure and blood sugar levels would also be checked at the camp. For registration, contact 42327005

GCC school in Alwarpet needs teachers on 'contract'

By Our Staff Reporter

The Chennai Corporation-run Higher Secondary School in Alwarpet (in Bheemanapet, off C. P. Ramaswamy Road) is seeking three teachers, on contract under the PTA rules.

- One teacher for Physics and one for Chemistry - Must be M.Sc., BEd. and no teaching experience required.

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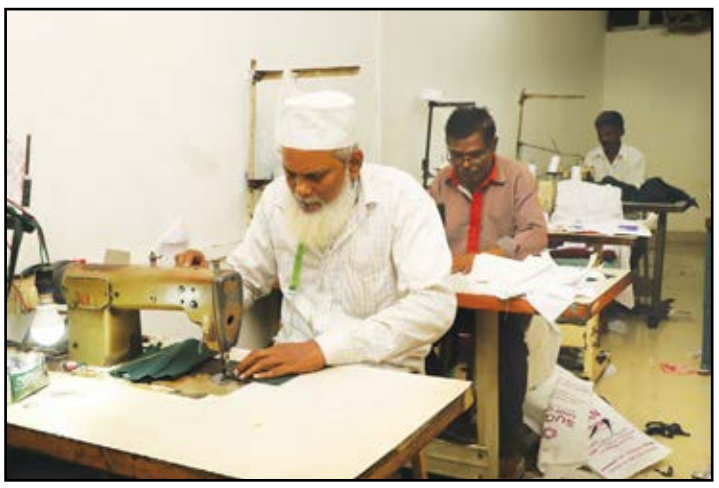
Moinu, the go-to tailor in Luz for school uniforms

His team is working 24 hrs nowadays

By Our Staff Reporter

They call him Moinu. Or London Tailor. The customers of his who have known him for ages.

M. Khaja Moinuddin is his full name. He runs London Tailor in Oxford Arcade, in the basement of the shopping complex close to Vivek's in Luz.



Moinu and his team of six have been working their electric sewing machines for 24 hours mostly, through the past 4 weeks. School uniforms season, you see. And Moinu is the go-to man in this part of Mylapore.

He says he has just landed an order for some 700 uniforms from a local school. "It came in late through a store that sells the cloth but we don't say no!", says the senior tailor who was born in Mannady in North Chennai and resides there.

"The work is seasonal . . .ends by July and then there's other stuff to do," he adds.

Blouses and gowns for weddings, salwar kameez sets, trousers for men.

Khaja Moinuddin got to be known as 'London Tailor' because he was the lead tailor for the famed London Stores in this city. When readymades became popular and tailoring orders dropped, he chose to undertake orders and work from home till he got this shop space in Luz. In 1997.

"We stitch for students of many Mylapore schools," he says. "People have to give us the cloth and we know the designs."

Yes, he knew his 'brother' tailor who ran the famed Eros Tailors in Shanthi Vihar complex and shifted to the arcade recently and has now closed down the business. The man whom legions of Rosary Matric students knew so well.

So why is there a big rush for school uniforms even in July?

"Because people didn't stitch uniforms for two years due to the pandemic lockdown! Now they all want new uniforms," Moinu says.

The shop is open from 10 am to 10 pm. Call 80560 55316 / 93821 75459.

■ **You can read the story on Eros Tailor online - www.mylaporetimes.com**

At Veera Bhadra Swamy Temple, a special

By S. Prabhu

On the occasion of Aani Pournami (July 13), Veera Bhadrar, the utsava deity of the Veera Bhadra Swamy Temple in Thyagarajapuram will be anointed with a three fruit decoration.

That evening the priest will decorate the Lord with mangoes, jack fruit and bananas. The moolavar deity will be decorated with betel leaves – *vettrilai alankaram*.

Aani Pournami is the day when Lord Shiva disguised himself as Bikshandar and asked for food at Karaikkal Ammaiyar's house. She handed him one of the two mangoes that her husband had given her that day.

When the husband after consuming one mango asked for the other, she invoked the blessings of Bikshandar who in a magical moment presented her with the second mango as well.

Devotees will be able to have darshan of Veera Bhadrar in Bikshandar kolam in the three fruit alankaram with Karaikkal Ammaiyar by his side between 6pm and 8pm on July 13. Veera Bhadrar Swamy Temple is located near Madhava Perumal Temple.

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17.7.22 - Bajan by Vidyavanee Sangeetha Vidyalaya students of Kalaimani MS. SV. Usha
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English stand-up comedy gets full house at sabha hall

By Our Staff Reporter

Actor-entrepreneur and stand-up comedian Karthik Kumar recently launched his new, English comedy production 'Aansplaining' with a series of shows at SOCO in Hotel Savera, Mylapore. The show toured outside the city and last weekend, was staged in the heart of Mylapore - at R. R. Sabha.

This show, as Karthik puts it 'is a standup comedy unraveling of manhood and the gender inequalities that exist in our world.'

So what brought this kind of a show to Mylapore, where sabhas host kutcheris, Tamil plays and discourses?

Photo: Karthik Kumar FB page



"SOCO has age restrictions. It is open only to people 21+," says Karthik, who has been getting good reviews for his performance in R. Madhavan's film, 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect'. "And we wanted lots of students in."

He got them, some 500 he says. The show was sold out.

Evam, the company he co-founded is based in CIT Colony, Mylapore.

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