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The senior students of Rosary Matric Higher Secondary School, San Thome took part in campus elections on June 11. They chose P. T. Vaishali as Student Pupil Leader (SPL) and Riya Kumaraguru as Assistant SPL. They were crowned by the new headmistress of the school, Dr.(Sr) Jasinthia Quadras.

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SUNDAY SATSANG IN TEMPLE

Sri Krishna Sweets and Sri Vittal Rukmani Samasthanam, Govindapuram is jointly organising Pravah with SRIJI - Sunday Satsang Program in Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore at 6.15 pm on June 21. This programme will be presented by Sri Srinathdass Maharaj, son of Sri Vittaldas Maharaj, Govindapuram.

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Photo: Yuvan Aves

Quality of water in Tholkappia Poonga poor, indicates severe river pollution, says naturalist

By Our Edit Team

The Adyar river's estuary shows ominous signs.

This is an alert that Yuvan Aves, a city-based naturalist, writer and Nature-educator has shared in an online post.

Yuvan, posted a set of photos of the estuarine water inside the campus of Tholkappia Poonga in R A Puram and said that 'the water is a paint-green algal-bloom right now. This area is now bird-less – an area where flocks of hundreds sat around just weeks ago.

'The colour (of the water) shows the sheer quantum of sewage flowing in, concentrated by summer heat and sand blockage,' Yuvan noted.

MLA sets up e-mail ID, number to call

By Our Edit Team

Ever since Mylapore MLA and state minister P. Venkataramanan opened his MLA's office in Alwarpet, he has received a stream of residents, community leaders and others here.



The office is on the first floor of the Chennai Corporation Complex on C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet, near Kirtilal Jewellers store.

The MLA has also set up an email ID now - Mylaivenkattvk@gmail.com

Some Mylaporeans who dropped in earlier had said there was no system in place to record petitions of people nor was an e-mail ID shared.

The MLA's personal assistant is Gunasekaran. His contact - 63741 88528.

Since Venkataramanan is a minister in charge of a busy department (food and civil supplies), his ministerial work and state tours takes up his time now. He will have to find a way to also communicate/ address constituency needs / calls.

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● June 25 – 6.15pm. 'Royal compositions of Trivandrum' - Kolkata Aishwarya - vocal R D Shyam Raghav - violin, Pazhani Balaji – mridangam

● June 26 – 6.15pm. *'Mylapore & Triplicane - Music from the ancient twin Towns'* by Archana & Aarathi - vocal Bombay Madhavan - violin. B Ganapathiraman - mridangam. S Hari Kishore - kanjira

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VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

I spotted them from my nook in my apartment campus. It opens to a junction of two busy streets. The audio messages were familiar; the sight wasn't.

The big-made Bhai, the heavy knife-sharpener on his broad shoulders, seemed to be dragging himself in the 38 degrees heat. Trailing behind him a woman in burqa, holding up a red-white megaphone.

I hailed them, a delayed response, as they turned into the opposite street. And asked my help to fish out the *kathis* at home (don't ask me why I stock these! You don't want to know my darker side yet!).

Sharpener Bhai is from the famed Arakkonam community; they not only sharpen knives but also sell stuff they make. "Apply some coconut oil always," Bhai advised me.

But why is this lady with you in this hot sun?

Tall story, short - Bhai is recovering from an operation. He cannot cycle as he used to, on his local rounds.

"We have to earn na," she told me. "It is past 7 when we get back home."

Gave him a little more than he expected for the job. He did a namaskaram and put the money away.

The megaphone was switched on again.

Street-scouring service providers are welcome. Their tasks are tough though. And there aren't enough of the reliable among them.

We have been on the look-out for a man to harvest mangoes on the lone, tall tree in our campus. We tried to coax the familiar coconut-harvester to double up; he was not willing. We tried our luck with another and he promised to bring a better skilled person for the job and has not turned up. I even posted our need on 'X'. We may now do this job ourselves.

My late friend Vivekanand of R. K. Nagar often cribbed about the vegetable hawkers of his area. Their megaphones blared as early as 6.30 am and he said it was disturbing. He did his best to request them to play down the volume; it didn't work. He gave up.

In our area, I spot these men on audio-fitted bikes, promising to repair sofas, to service stoves and men who sell reed mats. They have a knack of driving at slow speed, scanning every apartment, from ground to third floor and making bids.

My favourite mobile hawker may get you irritated with the volume of his megaphone. He plays all the vintage Tamizh film songs. He says this music earns him some customers. He looks contented.



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Demolish this section of flyover: build new one along Dr. R. K. Salai

I reside in Thiru vi Ka 3rd Street, Mylapore. A flyover stands on the main road here. The service lane is too narrow on the Royapettah High Road - there is no space for pedestrians to walk on; no platform. The space for buses and cars is also limited. During monsoon, waterlogging takes place further reducing the space to walk. Now that half of the flyover on the Royapettah side has been broken down to pave way for Chennai Metro station construction, we suggest that the other half of the flyover also be demolished. A new one can run on Dr. R. K. Salai.

- P. S. Raghavan

Plaint against Bharat Gas Agency of Mylapore

Over the last several months, it has become impossible to contact any one in Sowmya Traders Bharat Gas Agency of Venkatesa Agraharam, Mylapore regarding refill bookings made with them. They have given half a dozen phone numbers but no-one answers any of them. Even their Manager's phone is switched off. Senior citizens are inconvenienced a lot. Bharat Gas should set right the situation.

- V. Gopalan

This act is not right

The staff of Ruia House on C. P. Ramaswamy Road routinely dump garden waste around the trunk of the avenue tree outside their compound on the footpath. This hinders pedestrians. It is also an unauthorised act - a Urbaser garbage bin is 100 metres away. Time to educate the Ruia House staff.

- Kannan Santhanam

Small stores suffer as Chennai Metro work continues

Chennai Metro work has ruined the businesses of many small stores around Luz Circle. The few that survive are frustrated. They have paid a big price for a 'better tomorrow' for millions of others.

- V. T. Ravi

Tribute to PT Teacher

Periyanayaki, the retired PT teacher of Lady Sivaswamy Girls School who passed away, was the mentor and guide for all the sports people of our school.

- Jaya Rani



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MYLAPORE REWIND

This column carries excerpts from Mylapore Times, 1996 onwards. This week, we focus on January 1997.

Jewellery stolen from Mylapore temple (Jan. 25, 1997)

By S. Janaky

Jewellery theft in Sri Vedanta Desikachari Temple (also known as Srinivasa Perumal Temple) in Chitrakulam led to this place of worship shutting its doors to the public for two days.

This is the first time in four centuries that the temple was closed to devotees. January 17 was the first Thai vellikizhamai, and Perumal and Thayar were dressed resplendently for the occasion.

On that day, after the ucha kala poojai, the archakars of the temple locked the sanctum sanctorum and left the key at the usual place inside the temple.

They used their keys to lock the main door. "When locked, the temple is like a fortress," said Soosai Antony, inspector / crime at Mylapore Police Station.

He believes that the security guards at the temple could not have got in.

TN's first pollution checking centre in Mandaveli (Jan. 25, 1997)

Sarathy Service Station, opposite the Mandaveli MTC bus depot, will soon be the first private pollution checking centre in the state. S. Prabhakar, the manager of the service station, said that the company has already purchased the equipment required for it. On January 9, the company's 20th anniversary, the gas analyser and smoke meter were inaugurated. Each of these costs around Rs. 1.4 lakh, Prabhakar said.

Huge kolams to express Pongal fervour (Jan. 18, 1997)

By S. Janaky

Kolams designed for Pongal



Intricate, elaborate and painstakingly-done kolams and rangolis enriched the streets of the old neighbourhoods on Pongal day. Youngsters Ramya (17) and Poornima (13), from Arisikaran Street, said they began designing the kolam at 4.30 am. Their giant

kolam highlighted the traditional Pongal panna and sugarcane. Sisters Jayalakshmi, Poorna and Kumudha felt that South Chitrakulam Street, where they live, was too small for their creations. Jayanthi Kuppuswamy and her daughter-in-law, Jayanthi, were up by 5am to create their art. Manjula Natarajan's kolam on East Mada Street was easily the day's best.

She said she had put in two and a half hours of effort.

Thiruppavai in English (Jan. 11, 1997)

Mylapore resident Dr. Chennai Padmanabhan has written two books, one on the concepts of Thiruppavai and the other titled Sri Andal's Thiruppavai. He said he put in eight years of work on this project after his retirement. The books were brought out by RP Publishing, located in Mandaveli. The foreword has been written by Dr. Avvai Natarajan. The second book includes pronunciation guiding text in Tamil and Telugu, a transliteration and an English rendering of the verses.

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This column is curated by Kanaka Cadambi.

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On Day One of the vidayatri vizha at Sri Veleeswarar Temple, Mylapore the students of Mylai Priya Music School performed a set of Thirupugazh songs among others at the concert. The school is run by Priyashree Shankar who is an All India Radio-ranked vocalist. She has been training students for 30 years. Contact - 9444110362



All the masala in apartments. Nikhila Kesavan's new play

By Our Edit Team

A hundred and one things happen in a gated community. In a campus of apartments. They make life. And this makes the core of a new play presented by The Madras Players, the oldest English theatre group in India and directed by Mylapore-based Nikhila Kesavan.



Scene from the play.

Titled "Minor Disturbances at Grand Life Apartments" this play will be staged on June 26, 27, 28 at 7.15 pm at the Museum Theatre, Egmore.

This play is an original stage adaptation of Hema Sukumar's novel. Nikhila Kesavan says she has adapted the novel into a play and is also directing this production.

Set in present day Chennai, the play focuses on the residents of Grand Life Apartments.



Nikhila

Soon-to-be-retired Kamala spends her days counting down to her daughter's annual visits from abroad. Thirty-two-year-old engineer, Revathi, is frequently reminded by her mother that she's fast reaching her expiry date in the arranged-marriage market. Heartbroken Jason is here because he's running away—from his home in Canada, and from his past.

The cast comprises an interesting mix of veterans and emerging talent. Anu Bhaskararaman, Anuradha Rao, Bhavya Balantrapu, Faheem Moosa, Janaki Srinivasan, Juni Srinivasan, Smrithi Parameswar and Venkataraghavan.

Nikhila has been working as an actor and director in English theatre for 25 years. She is currently the President of The Madras Players. As a director, she is known for her original stage adaptations of Jhumpa Lahiri's A Temporary Matter, Chetan Bhagat's Five Point Someone, and two novels of Manu Joseph. She adapted seven stories of R. Chudamani into a play titled 'Chudamani'.

Donor passes, priced at Rs.300, 500 and 750, can be booked online on www.mdnd.in or by calling 9381911977.

MT Trust funds students, fourth round. Donations welcome

Mylapore Times Charitable Trust (MTCT) has now provided the fourth round of funds to eligible students who have gained admission at Plus Two / college level and needed some support.

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June 22 - International Yoga Day event June 23 - Singing for Pleasure (Theme - Shreya Ghoshal/ Saindhavi songs) - only online. June 24 - 'How to Handle Mobile and Computer/ Laptop - talk by Vidhya. Registration is free. Contact 7395938954, 9962526608



KANCHI PONTIFF VISITS P. S. SENIOR

P. S. Senior Secondary School hosted the visit of Pujyasri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi on June 10 evening, as part of the school's golden jubilee celebrations. The pontiff was welcomed with *poorna kumbam* and the school correspondent P S Prabhakar and the secretary of P S Education Society, Dr K V S Gopalakrishnan spoke on the occasion. The pontiff blessed the school management, teaching and non-teaching staff, and the student community. Principal of the school Dr. Revathy Parameswaran gave the vote of thanks.

SHOP EAT VISIT

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- By Baskar Seshadri



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'One way' opened for cars, autos at Mandaveli Chennai Metro junction

By Baskar Seshadri

A major traffic movement change has been made at Mandaveli junction which had been closed for months, for Chennai Metro work.

Cars, autos, small vans and bikes can now move from the St. John's School side (Canal Bank Road) to the Venkatakrisnan Road side.

But they cannot move in the opposite direction. However, this path is two-way for cycles and bikes.



MUSIC & MEDITATION. JUNE 21

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Sahaja Yoga Meditation is holding a cultural and spiritual event, "Strings and Vibrations." On June 21, 6 pm at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

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CORRECTION:

With reference to the obituary on Dr. S. A. Joseph, his family clarifies that he was head at St. Louis College for Deaf, Adyar and not the principal of Patrician College

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A Mylaporean's journey from IT to community service

By Kanaka Cadambi

Gnana Prakash from St. Mary's Road is an IT professional who is transitioning from IT to community service.

A die-hard Mylaporean, he completed his schooling in Mylapore (P S Senior Secondary School and the Savitri Ammal School). He graduated from the Hindusthan College of Engineering and completed an MBA from the Bharathidasan Institute of Management in Trichy. His work took him to far-flung places such as Singapore and Japan. He lived in the US for eight years.

But what brings Gnana Prakash into focus is his passion to give back to society, especially through the daily annadanam initiatives.

In the last nine years, he has fed no fewer than 20 lakh persons in Chennai and Tiruvannamalai. Kodungaiyur and Mylapore are the areas he focuses on in Chennai. Every morning, he serves breakfast to around 150 people on R K Mutt Road, at a spot opposite the Ramakrishna Mission campus.

How did this story begin? After Covid, he



Gnana Prakash distributing packets of food

and his friend, Dr. Selvam (who is now no more), were motivated to do something for society. They began with *annadanam* for about 700-750 persons, covering the entire Marina Beach area. Family and friends supported the duo. Along the way, Gnana Prakash founded the A R Skanda Foundation.

The Foundation's activities include *annadanam*, animal care, serving senior citizens and the homeless, and providing *koozh/kanji* at four government hospitals in Tiruvannamalai. He says it is his dream to provide rice and pepper *kanji* at more government hospitals in the state.

He is seeking volunteers and donors from Mylapore to support him in his mission.

A R Skanda Foundation also runs two *goshalas* that save local breeds from being slaughtered.

Gnana Prakash's wife is a physiotherapist by profession. Driven by the same passion, she serves at the Ramakrishna Mission.

Gnana Prakash resides at Lakshmi Apartments on St. Mary's Road, Mandaveli. He may be reached on 8754760711.



On June 5, World Environment Day, photographer Madhan Kumar walked between hawkers in Mylapore's South Mada Streets; to spot people who used cloth bags to shop. Many seniors did so. Mandaveli resident Ramaswamy said that when he sets out daily to Sri Kapali Temple and then to shop, he carries two bags to buy flowers and vegetables. "People must be sensitive," he said.

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Uma akka Tiffin Kadai. For appams and dosa

By Madhan Kumar

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One such enterprise is based in Mullaima Nagar, located at the south end of the road's neighbourhood.

It is locally named 'Uma akka Tiffin Kadai' (ask for it if you get lost!). They say it has been around for 20-plus years.

Located in a tiny house, with bricks exposed, tin sheets providing shade and set in a row of small houses, this place is clean.

The breakfast is the big deal here - dosa, appam and mutta appam - are best sellers. The place is run by two sisters, Uma and Viji. The elderly one sits outside and cooks and serves vada, chutney and sambhar while the younger cooks inside



and delivers through a window, much like the famed Jannal Bajji Kadai in Mylapore.

Prices start at Rs.10 and regulars enjoy a hearty breakfast. MTC bus drivers and conductors park their buses in the Pattinapakkam terminus and walk north across the sand and kuppam to head here while others take a pathway behind the Amman temple on the Loop Road.

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