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The annual ritual of the abhishekam in milk at Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple, Mylapore took place last Sunday morning (March 10).

Early that morning, men and women gathered at the Sri Kapali Temple to pick up pots filled with milk and be part of the procession from here. 1008 pots were kept in the mandapam here.

Well-organised, the procession left the Sannidhi Street area and took the Kutchery Road before turning into Mundagakanni Amman Street to head to the temple, where the abhishekam was performed.

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While wood-pressed gingelly oil costs Rs 420, steel-pressed gingelly oil costs Rs 380. Door delivery is available for a minimum order of 2 litres - in the Mylapore and Adyar areas. Other items available in the store include Uthukuli ghee, brown sugar and palm sugar.

Report: V. Soundararani

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HERITAGE WALK: PANGUNI FEST THEME

Writer-historian V. Sriram will host a heritage walk themed on the annual Panguni Uthiram festival of Sri Kapali Temple on Sunday, March 17.

The festival begins on March 16, with the traditional hoisting of the temple standard. For ten days, the deities will be brought in procession twice a day, on various mounts. Sunday, March 17 will mark the first of the processional outings at around 9.00 am.

On this walk, Sriram will share stories about the festival, its unique traditions and customs. It starts at 6 am, is on for two hours and ends with breakfast.

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Gandhi goes Golden



Artists and city-fans are upset that the iconic statue of Gandhi on the Marina has been painted in a garish gold. This takes away the classical dark black stone look that was sculpted by the famed sculptor, Debi Prasad Roy Chowdhry. He also created the ‘Triumph of Labour’ sculpture that stands on the Marina, north end. The Gandhi statue was carefully relocated from its place on the promenade to a space closeby due to work on Chennai Metro’s rail and stations project work. Some workers on this spot said that the repainting was carried out by their colleagues. Some city-based artists are writing to the state / central governments to express their annoyance and request restoration.

New gym, for men and for women in Nageswara Rao Park

By Our Edit Team

The foundation stone for building a gymnasium inside Nageswara Rao Park, Luz was laid last weekend. Present were Mylapore MLA Dha. Velu and local area ward 123 councillor Saraswathy of CPI (M). There will be separate gyms - for men and for women. Rs.1.06 crores from the MLA constituency development fund has been allotted for this project. The gyms will come up near the rear gate of the park, in the area where park waste was stores / recycled. An open-air gym exists inside the park, set up when R. Natraj of AIADMK was the MLA. Sparse maintenance and vandalism renders the equipment here often unusable. Many women use this facility every day.



Dry waste collection drive. San Thome. March 17

Volunteer For India is organising a dry waste collection drive at San Thome on Sunday, March 17, 11 am to 1 pm. This is in partnership with Wasted 360 Solutions. You can bring your waste and drop it off at 15, Rosary Church Street, Moonlight Apartments car park, San Thome. Articles accepted – usable or unusable washed and cleaned clothes (inner garments, kitchen rags, socks, etc.) packed separately, X-rays, empty tablet strips, unbroken glass bottles, ballpoint pens, clean plastics, books and papers, thermocol and electronic waste. Contact 9841610456

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VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Sitaraman Shankar isn't really a Jekyll and Hyde. He is CEO of The Printers (Mysore), which publishes among other titles, the *Deccan Herald* newspaper. And he is also the Editor of this popular newspaper of Karnataka. Which means he dons the CEO hat during the day and the Ed's cap after dusk.

Sitaraman did a delightful feature one recent weekend. He tracked his newspaper from the time it hit the printing press to the time it was delivered to homes - he jotted his observations, let photos be shot of the operations and even hopped on the bike of a newspaper agent in Bengaluru, to personally deliver DH to a few readers. In doing this and writing about the experience, he brought the DH story closer to the newspaper's readers.

Over the past three decades, as editor of *Mylapore Times*, I have made many and different attempts to encourage readers to be community reporters. And in this age of smart tech and faster communication, building this band of people should be easy. But it is not.

However, our efforts have borne some fruit. And readers have shared leads to some very local stories.

This morning, my former colleague Raji Muthukrishnan, shared her social media post on the lousy facility at TANGEDCO's office in Mandaveli - where you have to negotiate three flights of steps to reach their bill payment counters. Hell for elders. We hope to work on this lead and follow-up on it.

Ganga Sridhar and Bala from the R. A. Puram zone are regular in reporting community events and headaches. Ganga's inputs on the developments of the work by Chennai Metro which has posted some difficult consequences lately on the community where she resides have been timely and invaluable.

Bala never loses the opportunity to report on all the good work that the R. K. Nagar community is doing.

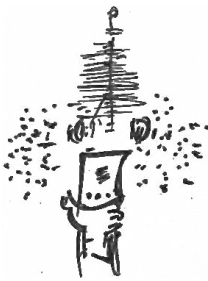
Veteran Mylaporean Ganapathi Vibhu often reports from the Luz Church Road zone and bank retiree Jambunathan not only reports issues of his area, Kallukkaran Street, but on anything amiss and amazing in and around Mylapore.

There are a dozen and more readers mailing us. Or posting on our social media pages. Most are brief notes on events in their campus or sob stories in their backyard.

We would encourage readers to step out and go around a bit and take a look at their area, the others in the community and at people who we generally ignore.

If the civic body's anti-mosquito campaign staff comes by, join him / her over the next 50 mts, observe what is going on, ask questions and shoot pictures and report. If your istri-wallah has opted for a gas-based ironing contraption, talk to him, shoot a video and share this story with us. If your local group is greening the colony, don't limit your report to pretty photos and a few lines on this effort; tell us what sort of plants suit the spaces, where to buy them, how to take care - these details of real experience may be useful to other readers.

Mylapore Times needs lots of Community Reporters. Welcome!



LETTERS FROM READERS

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Provide full name and short address.

This column also contains comments posted on our social media pages.

Chennai Metro: concerns in Mandaveli

Not sure why Chennai Metro even chose a densely populated area in Mandaveli instead of going with the line on the R K Mutt Road. With the kind of experience and the previous lessons by the contractor - L&T, the expectation was to have hassle-free work.

To the contrary, we have started encountering serious issues as soon as they started digging in the densely populated area around Raja Street. I think it is not late even now. We should have representation to change the path of the Metro. Or it should start only after having a clear plan and measures to ensure that such incidents do not



happen again. As a resident of R. A. Puram area, I am really flabbergasted by this sudden change of Metro passage.

- Prabhakaran

At Sri Kapali Temple, seniors need a Q facility

I have never seen before such large police security in Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple that it was from the evening of the day for *pradhosham* and Mahashivratri 2024.

The exit was closed from the East Mada Street end. The *pradakshanam* was restricted except during *pradhosham* time.

Was this the trial for management at annual Brahmotsavam i.e. Pangu Peruvizha, which starts from March 15?

We would appreciate the temple authorities for a separate queue for senior citizens.

- Sudhakar Srinivasan

Plea to MTC

MTC buses from the Mylapore side headed to Central Station must stop on Dr. R. K. Salai either near AVM Rajeswari Mantapam or near the petrol station.

Commuters who were alighting or boarding buses at Ajantha stop now have to make it either to Valluvar statue or to TTK Road near Music Academy.

- Rohit Thakkar

Another plea to MTC

Senior citizens are facing lots of

difficulty following traffic diversions caused by Chennai Metro work when it comes to travel by bus from Mylapore to Chennai Egmore/Vadapalani/T. Nagar etc.

If MTC can introduce a circular route mini bus service from Mylapore to various places, it may reduce the burden on us. We have been forced to walk or incur heavy expenses on travelling by auto. Will MTC listen to our plea?

- Ramamurthy

Gyms for women: welcome GCC plan

Chennai Corporation's plans to set up exclusive gyms for women is timely and welcome. It must ensure the equipment women prefer is set up, perhaps a trainer appointed and the place secured.

- Rama V.

Memories of Luz

Thank you for the two-part series on memories of Luz. The memories expressed by many people took us to a different age of shopping, eating out, fellowship and more. I wish we had lots of photos of that time of Luz which could be made into a document.

- S. V. Vasu

MY STORY



When director Samudrakani made us cry

By SHYLAJA CHETLUR

Cinema is fascinating because of the operations of the various departments involved in producing the end result of moving and speaking images. Discussing cinema has always been an engaging activity that also forged fabulous friendships.

Having been a hostess in Vijay TV's *Cinema Karam Coffee* that discussed Tamil cinema, my area of interest had always been about the technicalities that went into crafting the cinematic experience. This made me take up a film appreciation course in FTII Pune.

My film viewing with two of my best friends, director Naga of Marmadesam, Ramani vs Ramani fame, and cinematographer Arunmani

vera Hotels was very kicked and encouraged me to start the film club I desired. Cinema Rendezvous was born thus, in the basement of Hotel Savera.

From 2012 to 2024 we have held one 'date' every month, romancing cinema. Dir Naga created the logo and we added a tag line 'Licensed to Date'. Our dates were very personal where we invited 'special invitees' from the industry to show us one of their favourite films that had engaged their minds and impacted their craft.

Vetrimaaran showed us a black & white World War film, GVM suggested 'Scent of a Woman', Atlee went for a Hollywood blockbuster 'Manhattan'. We have had more than 130 special invitees

went into a new high that made us want to be involved with more film buffs discussing cinema.

My dear friend Nina Reddy of Sa-

that includes actors, singers, music directors and writers and the likes. Director Samudrakani made us cry with the impromptu narration of a real life incident while talking about influences on stories they select.

Catching glimpses of film personalities through the cinemas they love and bonding with the film club friends through unguarded conversations about the stories we saw, have been the biggest takeaways for most of our colourful members.

We have had quarrels on and offline and have had equally dramatic emotional moments in our dates, which have moved over to several screening halls in the city.

There is never a dearth of excitement in our dates where we dress to kill and share thoughts over chai, samosa & popcorn. The club is run by the not-for-profit CR Trust that is actively involved in charitable services to needs sections of the society.

● Shylaja Chetlur is an actor & entrepreneur. Founder & managing trustee of Cinema Rendezvous Trust. www.cinemarendezvous.com / 9514895141



MAYANA KOLLAI



The annual Mayana Kollai celebration at Sri Angalaparameswari Amman Temple is a huge celebration. And it gets bigger every year.

This year, on Sunday, March 10, just as the procession began around 3 p.m., there were over 3,000 people packed into Sri Mundagakanni Amman Temple Street, despite the day temperature of 33 degrees. As the 'ther' moved, very slowly, and made many stops, people offered fowls. Others threw vegetables and coins on the Amman.

"It's for a vow I made," said a woman who flung coins which fell on the volunteers on the 'ther'.

Men and women went into a trance of sorts, some men bit into fowl presented to them, and splashed the blood that flowed out on their chests and head. Quite a few men walked along, in blood soaked banians or shirts.

Transgenders, in groups of two and three, came by, prayed and moved on.

The procession headed to the crematorium that lies behind the TN Police Headquarters' campus, for the final rituals.



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MAHASIVARATRI 2024

All the temples dedicated to lord Shiva were packed with devotees for Mahasivaratri. In fact, people had begun to stream into Sri Kapali Temple since Friday morning (March 8) and joined long queues for dharisanam here.

By 9 p.m., there were many thousands at Sri Kapali Temple, and the orderliness allowed people access smoothly and when some got tired they dozed off in corners inside – seniors though said they wished a better system was set for them on such occasions. The temple was grandly illuminated and police kept vigil outside the campus.

As the night progressed, people began to visit other temples closeby, on foot and in groups – given the huge volume of bike and auto traffic transporting people to one temple, walking in groups to each of the seven Shiva temples made practical sense.

This made the heart of Mylapore a buzz place even past midnight.

At Sri Veleeswarar Temple, South Mada Street, volunteers sat and peeled fruits and collected coconut water to prepare for the abishekams. Devotees kept donating here, much of it being milk in sachets sold by hawkers outside.

At Sri Virupakseeswarar Temple, besides the illumination and music, the display of lingams, all decorated, caught everybody's attention.

There were thematic music and dance concerts through the night at some temples. At Malleeswarar Temple, on a small stage, we saw young classical dancers perform. Outside some temples, hawkers sold milk sachets by the dozens, bought by devotees and donated for the abishekams inside.

Three temples where balalayam is in process did not have the abishek-



hams – these were Sri Malleeswarar, Sri Karaneeswarar and Sri Valeeswarar Temple (which is close to Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple) - while the kumbhabhishekam has taken place in the first temple mentioned here, the grand events at the other too are to be held soon, we were told.

Mylaporeans who chose to visit all the local area Sivan temples, made it also to Sri Teerthapaleeswarar Temple, which lies on Dr Besant Road, opposite Citi Centre mall, in Triplicane zone.

● Report inputs from Madhan Kumar

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PANGUNI FEST BEGINS

Prayers to the *grama devathai* were held at Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple on March 15, on the eve of the start of Panguni uthiram festival at Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple.

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1974 B Sc. (Chem.) batch of Vivekananda to meet

The 1974 batch of B Sc. (Chemistry) stream students of Vivekananda College, Mylapore are planning a meet-up.

It is to be the golden jubilee of their passing out of college. The meet is to be on March 23, 10 a.m. onwards at the college campus, at Room No.G23.

Alumni from Chennai and outside, including many from the USA, are scheduled to attend this meet.

Said Dr. V. S. Panchatsharam, in an e-mail, "We are contributing Rs. 2 lakhs to our college to renovate the glorious classroom where we attended our classes."

This group started a Trust in the name of VIVECHEM

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IN MANDAVELI

Many women who reside in and around Raja Street and R. K. Nagar in R. A. Puram made use of the health checkup camp organised by Raja Street RWA with the help of Spectrum Clinic recently. They got free gynaecological consultation and blood tests done at discounted prices. Many maids were sponsored by the respective houses for pap smear and blood tests. Raja Street RWA sponsored the test for its Ur-baser sweeper, Sridevi. This camp was a part of Raja Street's Women's Week celebration.

- Report: Ganga Sridhar



SPORTS PEOPLE MEET

It was time for sportspeople to celebrate Women's Day at the GCC indoor stadium in Karpagam Avenue's 4th Street last weekend. Some singing, some fun and a cake shared with all those present made the event.

The community which attended it included those who play badminton at the two courts here and the teens who train and play football in Pattinapakkam.

Those who wish to play badminton here need to pay a small fee; two sessions are open - one starts at 6 am and the other at about 5 p.m. Contact Nirmal - 8122143861.

RAGAMALIKA PARTY

The senior citizens of Ragamali Apartments, Thiruvengadam Street, Mandaveli hosts a Women's Day on March 9 evening with a medley of events.

30 senior women took part in the celebrations, all of them wearing a trademark saree. The seniormost was 83 years old.

The NextGen women of this campus conducted fun games like Tambola and Anthakshari.

The celebrations ended with a special dinner, with ice cream for dessert.

- Report: Kalyani Muralidharan



NANDALALA's EVENT

Nandalala Seva Samithi Trust celebrated Women's Day on March 10 at its premises in Mylapore.

Awards were presented to Dr Uma, founder and MD, Suyam Charitable Trust, Gayathri Krishnaveni Lakshmanan, Bharatnatyam dancer and teacher and to Dr Swarnalakshmi, retired associate professor at Guru Nanak College. The function was presided over by Dr. Republica Sridhar, founder and managing trustee, RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust.

- Report: Meena Suresh



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This clinic is for R. A. Puram elders. To treat cold, coughs and aches and pains

By Our Edit Team

Raja Annamalaipuram Residents Association (RAPRA) has opened a free clinic in R. A. Puram – at No.2, 7th Main Road.



Rajagopal, MD of Sangeetha group of restaurants, cut the ribbon to formally open this little clinic last Sunday (March 10) .

This service is supported with funds from donors. It will operate from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a senior doctor offering consultation for common and minor ailments.

Medicines will be given free of cost to the needy.

The clinic is only for the needs of the R. A. Puram community.

RAPRA's Dr. Chandrasekaran said that residents always seek a general physician for treatment of common minor ailments and find that GPs are limited. Often they have to go to hospitals even for minor issues.

Residents can also discuss with the clinic's doctor to have second opinion on treatment they are currently undergoing

One of the consultants offering free service is Dr. Satyamurthy, cardiologist, Apollo Hospitals.

The clinic has started functioning with Dr. Parthasarathy, chest specialist and the doctor in

charge of the free clinic.

DOES YOUR AREA HAVE AN ELDERS' CLUB / MEETING PLACE / LOCAL SERVICE? Share the story. Mail a 4-line note with your contact - mytimesedit@gmail.com

Lenten charity: collecting rice and money at home

By Juliana Sridhar

The community at Our Lady of Guidance Church led by Parish Priest Fr. Y. F. Bosco went on a Lenten pilgrimage to five churches on March 10. Four hundred parishioners signed up for the pilgrimage.

On Ash Wednesday (held some weeks ago), Lenten donation boxes were handed over to each family to collect money during the season of Lent. Each family was also asked to put in a handful of rice each day in a bag. These rice bags and donations will be handed over to the church during the Holy Week service and will be distributed to the poor and needy.



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