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Record number of people participated in the grand thirukalyanam event of the gods at Sri Kapali Temple's Panguni festival in Mylapore on March 25 evening. Members of the Thirumylai Uzhavara Thirupani Thirukuzhu Sangam contributed to and presented seer-varisai for the thirukalyanam.



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Report : V. Soundararani

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READING IN THE PARK

The next 'Reading in the Park' session is to take place at Nageswara Rao Park, Luz is on March 31, Sunday, 4 pm onwards, for an hour. This time, there is a fun story-telling session for children. Open to all.

Bring your books or choose from a set that is available here. The group meets around the Chess Square zone at the rear side of this park.

Refreshments are provided to all those who participate in this event, courtesy; moremilaga.comhis

CARNATIC MUSIC CONCERTS

Two Carnatic music concerts to check out this weekend at Arkay Centre, Luz.

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VIDAIAATRI FEST OF MUSIC, DANCE AT TEMPLE

The annual fest of music and dance for the Panguni festival of Sri Kapali Temple, the vidaiaatri started on March 27.

The fest is on from March 27 to April 2 and then, from April 4 to 9 and this year, features many dance productions. Featured at the fest are the Ranjani - Gayatri duo (March 31 evening) besides others. The dance productions are of Meenakshi Chittaranjan, Roja Kannan, Urmila Satyanarayanan and Sheela Unnikrishnan.

LECTURE: ANCIENT TEMPLES OF TAMIL NADU

Dr Chithra Madhavan (writer and historian) continues her series of illustrated lectures on 'Ancient Temples of Tamil Nadu' organised by Tattvaloka. The latest is to be on March 30, 6 pm

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Caravans zip across large constituency

By Our Edit Team

The campaign caravans of the candidates of three major political parties have been criss-crossing Chennai South constituency this past week.

While the DMK's Thamizhachi Thangapandian covered Mylapore and moved west, the AIADMK's Dr. J. Jayavardhan reached out to areas like Thiruvanmiyur, T. Nagar and Virugambakkam and Koyembedu.

The BJP's TAMILISAI Soundararajan, having completed the Virugambakkam - T. Nagar zones toured Mylapore on

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Thursday, her caravan slowing down in areas dominated by apartments and also at buasy street junctions.

Chennai South is a vast area, from San Thome in the east to Thiruvanmiyur-Velachery in the south and Virugambakkam-Koyembedu is the west. Clearly, even zipping across these zones takes lots of time. So candidates are forced to move quickly in their open-air jeeps, greet cadres and people at junctions and make snappy speeches at street corners.

You do not get to hear much of the candidates' plans / promises/ issues for the constituency. Their social media pages are packed with snappy videos and photos - of their campaigns, excerpts from media interviews.



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VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

You promised to address the issue of our flats falling apart, where were you all these days?

Where were you when the floods hit us last year?

Why do you now come here to seek our votes when you didn't come when we needed you?

These are some of the cries heard around the campaign caravan of the sitting member of parliament for Chennai South, Thamizhachi Thangapandian of the DMK. She has been chosen again, to contest in Elections 2024. And some people are questioning her, right or wrong.

The issues that people of a constituency raise are issues that affect them.

And they can get amplified only at election time. And that too where the community speaks in one voice - because people can be nudged, poked and dragged away by ruffians of a party. As we may have observed at one road campaign of the BJP candidate, Tamilisai Soundarajan. A auto driver raised some issues even as she walked around and met people; quickly, party cadres poked and shoved him out and his voice got drowned.

With our poor political knowledge and awareness, communities are not 'educated' enough to deal with our Reps and the system around them.

Members of parliament deal with large issues that concern the central government and its policies, centre-funded projects. locally. Members of the legislative assembly deal with a constituency's larger local issues - projects, funding, implementation besides burning local issues. Members of the city council deal with very local issues - water, roads, lighting, law and order, garbage and such.

So to deal with each of these Reps, our knowledge must be focussed and deep.

That fetches better results, though if you persist, any smart Rep will make the right noises at the right time and move on or get some things done.

This far, our newspaper, on request, is yet to receive a note from each of the candidates of three leading parties in the poll fray, on issues they are standing for, and what their past record is. We did not get a response from the DMK candidate though we mailed. The AIADMK candidate has, a month ago, listed key issues he addressed when he was MP (2014 onwards) and the 'failures' of the DMK candidate as MP. Issues broadcast on social media. Less has been heard from the BJP candidate.

What we get to see is meant for the mikes and cameras and for community buzz. One candidate buying a vada and eating it and paying online - "see the progress our government has made". One candidate waving and waving and greeting people in a caravan even as some media folks make much of a charge that she has 'faked a fall and is limping around'. And one candidate keenly saying hello to all families in the Marina kuppams where the vote bank is large.

Elections indeed.



LETTERS FROM READERS

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Panguni fest: thanks to temple officials, police, volunteers

Sri Kapali Temple authorities and Police deserve appreciation for their well-planned arrangements to meet the unprecedented rush inside the temple on Thirukalyanam day. They, and volunteers, did a commendable job in managing the crowd.

We are slightly disabled senior citizens but we were allowed to park our scooter closer to the temple and we were taken into the sanctum sanctorum by a police official and within 20 minutes we were able to come out after having darshan.

- K. R. Jambunathan

Panguni fest: good and bad

Every year, the morning after the Arupathu-moovar day of Panguni festival, the temple zone used to look clean.

This year, the situation was so pathetic with many places remaining sticky and dirty. The temple administration should have paid more attention to the basic cleanliness of the premises. Kudos to Ramakrishna Mission students who cleaned the Mada Streets, the same night!

- C. R. Ramaswamy

Why so many pandals?

For the past three years, I have been observing that a lot of *pandals* are being erected on South Mada Street.

Deities are kept down and lifted in each *pandal* causing delay in temple rounds and this affects the commuters. Earlier, there used to be only five *pandals* on South Mada Street. Authorities should not give permission to erect so many *pandals*.

- Ashok

Power wastage at Nageswara Rao Park

At Nageswara Rao Park, it is a common sight to see all the bulbs burning even at noon. Can the GCC park authorities instruct the staff about this issue and also conduct surprise checks to prevent wastage of electricity?

- Preetha Rengaswamy

TASMAC shop menace

A liquor sales shop opposite ThiruMylai MRTS station is adding to the chaos caused by the ongoing Metro construction. The width of the road has been reduced. Pedestrians, residents and commuters face trouble, especially during evening hours. Officials should step in and ensure safer movement for all.

- Hariram Rajeev Menon

MY STORY



Volunteer-teacher at a Govt. School

By SRIDHAR VENKATARAMAN

One of my passions is to mentor the underprivileged. Having embarked on teaching for the last 15 years, I did not want to lose the opportunity that Bhoomika Trust recently provided me to assist on career guidance.

With additional help, I managed a pro-bono position to teach subjects on computers for higher secondary at the Perumbakkam Govt. School where I completed a full academic year.

With education becoming a business, entrance exams becoming rat races, and great teachers ending up doing tuitions outside school, a significant

section of society has been pushed out trying to find ways to go up the academic ladder.

Though the population, in general, is financially well off compared to a decade ago, there is no significant improvement in the way education is being imparted or absorbed primarily because the educational Boards are more concerned about the pass percentages rather than the quality. I have a lot of learnings about curriculum, process and evaluation.

The government schools are a lot more flexible.

Useful avenues for those looking for teaching opportunities.

Coming from notorious ecosystems, financially deficient and nothing to aim for, what we need for underprivileged students is a committed approach to be with them for a year or two, identify their strengths and weaknesses, give them a grounding of the practical world, unlearn all the bad habits that they may have acquired and mentor them with skills towards a good attitude and aptitude that they can rise up to.

After all, qualifications only get you to the next higher program. Only capabilities can get you a job that you can perform and get recognized.

I am willing to engage with anyone interested in this context. Please reach out to me at 9790957208.

● Sridhar Venkataraman likes to provide a voice for any issue affecting the quality of life of Mylapore residents.

Depositors of Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund Ltd. feel cheated with delayed / part payments, uncertain future

By Our Edit Team

For many weeks now, people have been trooping into the ground floor office of Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund Nidhi Ltd. located on South Mada Street, with worries all over their faces. And the staff here are giving them stock answers, wearing them down or sharing small rewards.

These are some of the thousands of depositors who are customers of what was once a celebrated Nidhi (incorporated in 1872) . Over the past weeks, nobody wants to go near it.

This, for many reasons - interests on deposits have been delayed, part paid or postponed badly, matured investments are paid in parts or delayed, fore-closures are discouraged.

“There are some hiccups but we will honour all our customers,” a senior staff of the MHPF told *Mylapore Times*. “Because some Nidhi shut down and didn’t pay depositors somewhere in the city, some of our depositors got anxious and demanded back their deposits all at once and so there are delays.”

“That excuse has been trotted out since December last,” says one depositor who claims some Rs.20 lakhs of his money is stuck here. “They offer excuses to some, pay partly to some and are rude to some.”

It is the crassness of a Fund officer who claims to be legal adviser that has bruised many depositors, many in their 70s and 80s.



Said an Adyar-based depositor, “The man says - do what you want, file an FIR, go to police..let’s see.”

On Thursday morning, there were at least 60 Fund clients all over the office, all asking questions and being pacified.

Depositors say that deposits must be over Rs.300 crores here and though the Fund furnished the last balance sheet, they fear there’s hanky-panky behind the scenes.

This fear got compounded when news got out that the CMD, of the Fund T. Dhevanathan Yadav is to contest Elections 2024 from Sivaganga. (the other director is P. A. Devasenathipathy)

Most depositors are restraining themselves from going to the Economic Offences Wing of TN Police, fearing this could lead to a closedown of the Fund and immense loss.

Many, being people in their 70s and 80s and residents in fringe areas and the suburbs now, cannot trudge it to Mylapore now and then.

Recently, depositors say, the Fund staff asked people to open a SB kind of account into which interests can be shared. But many suspect the motives behind this move by the Fund.

Every day, depositors have been visiting the office, sitting for hours, seeking relief. Most go home empty-handed.

Mylapore Times e-mailed questions to the Fund: there was no response.



THE MAN WHO HEADS THIS NIDHI

T. Devanathan Yadav is contesting Elections 2024 as the BJP’s candidate in Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu.

A business-man, his bio-data lists him as having many companies. Along with his wife Meenakshi Yadav and two daughters, the family has assets

to about Rs.300 crore, as stated in his affidavit. Yadav also states he has a Ph.D in behavioural science which he obtained in USA. He has two criminal cases pending against him, the affidavit says.

The affidavit also states that Yadav has liabilities amounting to Rs.91.48 crores and the family also has immovable assets in many cities in Tamil Nadu.

Among his many businesses is WIN TV channel that operates from a building adjacent to the Fund office block in Mylapore.



SAD STORIES OF DEPOSITORS

(The identity of the three quoted here are not revealed on request and for valid reasons)

DEPOSITOR No.1

I invested Rs.20 lakhs in 2012 because my father advised me. Interest got delayed in Jan.2024; I used to get it on time.

It got further delayed the past two months. When I visited the office recently, I witnessed how badly one staffer treated depositors who are seniors. One woman who sat there for four hours, was asked to pack off. I am told their cheques bounce, and many get post-dated cheques now.

DEPOSITOR No.2

I invested a large sum 8 years ago and got my interest on time then. The return of one deposit that matured in May 2023 was dragged on and on by the Fund. To get interest, they asked me to come in person, open an account in the Fund and take out the interest from this. This is fishy.

DEPOSITOR No.3

I have close to Rs.20 lakhs in the Fund. I trusted it because of its history. But the interest has been delayed now. I am 81 years old and I cannot always visit the Fund office. I think they are sidelining seniors like me who have less access and cannot fight.



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HOLY WEEK



Ecumenical procession

The community at three San Thome churches got together on Sunday, March 24 for a ecumenical Palm Sunday procession.

The congregations of three local area churches – of San Thome Basilica, the CSI St. Thomas Tamil Church and CSI St Thomas English Church assembled at St. Raphael's Girls Higher Secondary School campus at 7 am.

Church-goers and priests held palms in

their hands, a symbolic act commemorating an event in Jesus' life, and walked down the streets here – each group then branching off to their respective churches for the Palm Sunday services.

Palm Sunday signals the start of the Holy Week that the Church observes – commemorating events that led to the condemnation, crucifixion and death and resurrection of Jesus.

Biblical scenes on carts

This is a Lenten practice which the community at CSI St. Luke's Church in Mandaveli observes on Palm Sunday.

They take out a procession where some teens in costumes and positioned in carts symbolically hold up events that led to the death of Jesus, which is what the Lenten season is all about.

Last weekend's Palm Sunday procession started from a church located in Adams Street, Mandaveli and passed through Mandaveli Street, St Mary's Road, Jeth Nagar Main Road, R K Nagar 2nd Main road, School View Road and reached St Luke's Church campus church located in R K Mutt Road. The congregation members in the procession carried palm leaves and sang Lenten songs.

Palm Sunday service was then celebrated here after the procession.

Reporting inputs by Juliana Sridhar



Choir renders Passiontide music

Choristers, young and senior, presented an evening of Passiontide music on Palm Sunday, March 24 evening at CSI St. Thomas English Church.

Led and accompanied by Anila Manoharan, the choir sang selections from 'Man of Sorrows' by Van Denman Thompson – a cantata for Holy Week, with songs about Christ's suffering, his crucifixion and redemption, to resurrection on Easter morning.

Rev. Anitha Christian, the Presbyter, shared a brief message on the theme. CSI St. Thomas English Church has two worship services planned for Easter. The Easter Vigil is on Saturday, March 30 at 11.30 pm, and the Easter morning sung Eucharist is at 8.00 am on Easter Sunday.

- Report: Fabiola Jacob

This Cathedral group animates Lenten prayer services

By Juliana Sridhar

Lenten season in the Church calendar that is currently on is also a time for church groups to get involved in prayer and social action. The Immaculate Conception Curia, a group attached to the San Thome Cathedral is engaged in doing social service throughout the year.

The group's vice-president Geraldine Fernandez said that during the Lenten season, they prepare and animate Lenten retreats.

Their members have been visiting the sick in hospitals, and the elderly in the San Thome area and in some orphanages.

Their Whatsapp group called "Outreach" has been created to help those in need. Information about government welfare schemes, scholarship programmes, job opportunities and subsidised medical facilities are shared in this group.

They also help poor and less-educated people to process government-related and bank paperwork.

Acts of Charity Abiramapuram Church

Members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul unit at Abiramapuram's Our Lady of Visitation Church has been involved in charity work the past days in connection with the Lenten season the Church observes.

They have distributed donation boxes among the parishioners and requested them to sacrifice some amount and make donations at home – the donations will be used

for the education of the poor. Last Sunday, the group visited Premavasam, an orphanage in Kundrathur and made donations there.

The group planned a blood donation camp on March 29, on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, the group intends to share a meal packet with 30 needy people

Reporting inputs by Juliana Sridhar



Shankara Vijayam Festival

to mark **Suvarna Bharathi** - Golden Jubilee Year of Sannyasa Ashrama of **Jagadguru Sri Bharathi Theertha Mahaswamin** (Shankaracharya of Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham)

Date : Sunday, 7th April to Saturday, 13th April 2024

Venue : Kalyana Mandapam next to Sri Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple
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7th April - 10.30 am - Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland, **Sri La. Ganesan** inaugurates; 4.00 pm - A debate to discuss "What Sri Adishankara emphasized in His Teachings" – presided by Ilangai Sri Jeyaraj.

8th to 13th April – 6.30 pm - Special public discourses on various facets of Sri Adishankara by the following eminent speakers

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Woman who ran tiffin kadai is ill. Seeks support

By Baskar Seshadri

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At Our Lady of Guidance Church on Lazarus Church Road, parish priest Fr. Bosco led the service and washed the feet of seniors – as seen in the photo.

Adoration services continued after Holy Mass, going up to midnight. These continued through Good Friday.

Relaid road is dug up

Photo: Baskar Seshadri



By Baskar Seshadri

P. S. Sivaswamy Salai in Mylapore has been the zone of civic headaches for years – flooding, sewage outflow, badly-maintained road, traffic chaos.

Remember the flooding that severely affected people of this area last December? The MLA had to call for boats to save people marooned here.

Now here comes another messy civic act. This busy road was milled and relaid a month ago. This road connects Vivekananda College side to Royapettah High Road and the new-look road was welcomed.

Now, this road had been dug up – the section opposite to Metrowater's pumping station.

Local civic staff say the digging was unavoidable. It is said this civil work is for a sewage pipeline that will connect the pumping station and this work will be on for a week.

This green zone in R. A. Puram is a community effort

A small patch of greenery developed under a huge peepal tree on R. A. Puram's 4th Main Road was formally presented to the community at an event held on Sunday, March 3.

The Mylapore MLA, Dha. Velu, took part.

This green spot under a peepul tree was developed under the state government's scheme called Namakku Name Thittam promoted by GCC. This scheme was introduced two years ago as part of Singara Chennai project.

RAPRA, the local association, says it is the first community body to have collaborated in this scheme.

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The fest is on from March 27 to April 2 and then, from April 4 to 9 and features many dance productions.

Photo is of the inaugural concert by vocalist Kunna-kudi Balakrishnan on March 27 evening; he had alongside him T P R Ramanathan on nagaswaram and Thanjavur T R Govindarajan on thavil, besides others.

All concerts take place in the Navaratri mantapam.

The concerts can be viewed live at the YouTube channel of Mylapore Kapaleeswarar Temple.

The joys and gains of shopping at local veggies nook

By V. Soundararani

Photo: V. Soundararani

Some of us still enjoy buying our veggies at the little neighbourhood shop than at the glitzy, smart store of a chain. Such shops have an old-world charm though they are now few in number.

One such shop is Gomathi and Gunasekaran's shop off Eldams Road, Alwarpet.

The 3ft by 3ft shop springs to life at 5.30 a.m., and does brisk business the next three hours.

Ask for a bundle of marudhani (mehendi leaves), modakkatha and any from the half a dozen keera varieties it sells here. If your choice is not there today, you may place a request for the next day - Mookuthi keera, kuthu keera, keezhanalli, karisalankanni and more.

The veggies are fresh: banana stem, banana flower, cauliflower, Broccoli, varieties of gourds, beans, cabbage, carrot, ladies finger and more - picked up by morning walkers of this area.

Many regulars chit chat with the couple amidst the hectic business - about recipes, medicinal values and even real estate rates! The neatly-dressed Gomathi's verbal accounting is quick - 20+25+16+20...81!

If you come by here after 10 a.m., the stocks run out. Only a few onions, some potatoes and the odd cabbage are left.

What do they do for the latter half of the day? They sell greens 4 p.m. onwards - only keera, brought from a wholesale market.

Gunasekaran says he sets off for Koyambedu wholesale veggies market every morning.

The couple's two daughters are in college. The family owns the small house behind the store. Gunasekaran moved to this business seven years ago, when he had to give up his wavering books binding trade. The shop is on Thiruvalluvar Salai, off Eldams Road.

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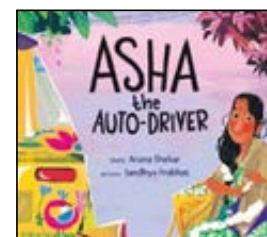
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