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Giving Thanks

At the annual Thanksgiving Festival celebrated at CSI Church of the Good Shepherd, Alwarpet, last Sunday, families set up food and snacks stalls after the prayer service, raised money for community projects through these sales and then enjoyed a biryani lunch.

● Photo: Madhan Kumar

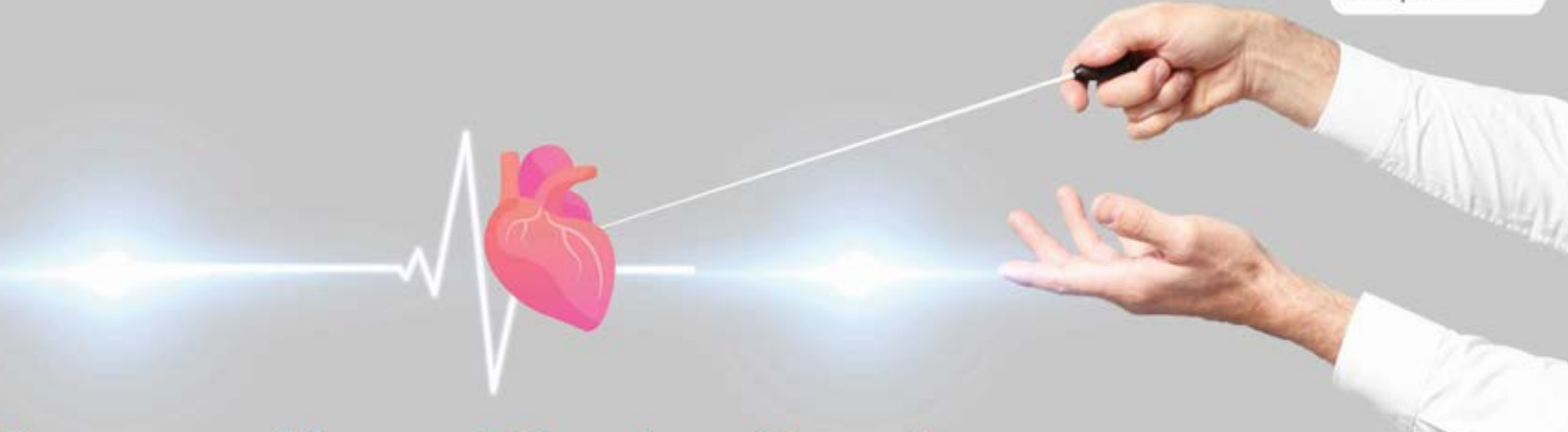
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*Report by V. Soundararani*

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## CHECK THIS

### ■ TALK, CONCERT

Both at Arkay Centre, Luz.

- On Sept. 19, 6.15pm

Madhuradhwani presents திருவாசக தொடர் இசைப் பேருரை-02 - by Madhusudhanan Kalaiselvan. with Kalai Magan on vocals.

- On Sept. 22, 6.15 pm

Madhuradhwani presents 'Single Mike Concert' by Ramakrishnanmurthy - vocal; R K Shriramkumar - violin; K Arun Prakash - mridangam; B S Purushotham - kanjira.

**Open to all.**

### ■ NAVARATRI WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Baala Vidhya, a small initiative to impart culture and heritage to children by way of creative and engaging activities is conducting a workshop themed 'Ram Leela with Raas Leela'. V. Deepa who runs this initiative says the highlight of this fun-filled event is the garba / dandiya Raasleela dance for participants, apart from storytelling session, art and fun activities.

On Sept.18, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. At R. A. Puram. Call 90807 82535 to register.

### ■ BONSAI - WORKSHOP / EXHIBITION

Bodhi, the Chennai Bonsai Association, is holding a Bonsai exhibition at Sankara Hall, TTK Road from 10 am to 6:30 pm, Sept.17 & 18. Entry is free. You can buy gardening tools and pre-Bonsai materials at the hall. You can get tips from George who is available on 98411 79183. There's a workshop for beginners on September 18 - 10 am to 12 noon. Experts in the subject will share tips on potting mixture, styling, maintenance and manure needs. The fee for this workshop is Rs. 1500.

For registration, contact: 9840273708 / 9841179183 / 9677029265/ 9840067749 / 9884153418.

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## Kolu bommai bazaar

The first lot of hawkers of Navaratri kolu bommais have set up shop on North Mada Street in Mylapore. They put away the images of Krishna and Vinayaka that they hawked till recently and unpacked bigger crates of bommais for the season ahead, bommais sourced from the traditional crafting centres in Panruti-Villupuram-Puducherry.

These are all big bommais and prices start from Rs.500. Small bommais, and made in the classic style, are hardly to be seen just now.

As the days roll on, the street will sport close to 100 hawker stalls and a bazaar will spring up, staying here till the end of September.

## Sri Karaneeswarar Temple: major renovation to start soon

By S. Prabhu

Large-scale renovation will start soon at Sri Karaneeswarar Temple, Mylapore. Apart from painting of the rajagopuram and the outer walls, the vahanas of the temple will also be repaired and painted.

Shanmugha gurukul told *Mylapore Times* that the major works include flooring, drainage and wiring. He said that the work will start in a month or two and that the entire exercise is likely to take about a year.

Donors have already come in for painting and repair works. Donors will have to be finalised for flooring, drainage and wiring works.

The last renovation took place almost two decades ago, in 2003.



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## VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

I am often writing Tributes. One every five or seven days. It isn't that Yama is my partner. But when he has done his job, mine begins.

I believe people's lives need to be celebrated at their farewell. Some people have taken offence at the 'celebration' side to my approach to Tributes. They want me to be in sack cloth and ashes and pen sad lines. I like to celebrate people. And I do it often.



Earlier this week, I posted on my social media page a Tribute on K. Kalpana; we lost one of Madras' passionate architects who worked a lot in the conservation world here and outside. Lost her some weeks ago - she went out quietly, succumbing to cancer.

Kalpana put to good use her education and training in conservation and one of her biggest projects was restoring the Senate House of the University of Madras. Kalpana did not let her grave illness stand in the way of smaller projects she undertook as her life ebbed - one was consulting to the caretakers of a very old mosque in south Tamil Nadu. As her colleagues who were not aware of Kalpana's passing paid their Tributes, I suggested that the community of young architects of our city create a body of work or a project that keeps Kalpana's memory alive.

The past fortnight, I edited a Tribute on a 40 years-plus old chartered accountant, a Mylaporean, a P. S. Senior alumni. Some days ago, I paid Tribute to Sister Loretta, the Irish missionary nun of the Presentation Sisters (their best known campus is Church Park) who devoted some 70 years of her life to primary school children and to the poor of Perambur. This nun boarded a ship at age 18, sailed for over four months, reached Bombay, took a train to Madras and began her life locally.

Last weekend, I wrote on Carnatic music vidwan T. V. Sankaranarayanan, a long-time Mylaporean. Midway through lunch recently, I had to pen a Tribute to V. Kalidas, friend, great fan of our newspaper and once, the boss of The Hindu's Advertisement Department and R. A. Puram resident.

Tributes have been central to our newspaper. Be it on a VIP or the owner of the neighbourhood grocery store. Any form of note on the passing of a Mylaporean that falls into our mail box gets top priority - last weekend, we had one on the owner of a popular *seeval kadai* on Mylapore's mada veedhi.

I've been very, very disappointed with our daily newspapers shunning Tributes, save for eulogies on the VIPs.

On your part, when you respond to news of a death or a social media Tribute, please do not rush with those shallow e-mojis. Write from your heart.

## LETTERS FROM READERS

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28 years of Mylapore Times: readers' opinions

● Congrats *Mylapore Times* for making it 28 years.

This is truly a neighbourly, friendly newspaper that has reached this milestone, and survived even the pandemic. I always look forward to the weekly; it covers so many aspects of our daily life.



- Padma S. Raghavan

● We in CIT Colony always look forward to the Saturday weekly newspaper. Please continue the good work.

We request you to include coverage of Ward 119 though this ward is part in Triplicane zone. By heart, all CIT Colony residents consider themselves as Mylaporeans!

- Ramdas Naik

● Always feels awesome to read *Mylapore Times*.

- Nirmala Ravisankaran

● Excellent service (by *Mylapore Times*). We look forward to it every Saturday. Very good coverage and factual information. Thanks a lot for this great service.

- Jaya Raghunathan

● Congrats Vincent D' Souza and the *Mylapore Times* team. I admire your excellent coverage and my gratitude for helping in bringing many local area issues to the attention of the authorities.

- Rekha Suresh Kumar

● Congrats! I can't remember the number of times my family and I have benefitted from *Mylapore Times*. Thank you! Wishing you many, many more years.

- R. Deepika

● Congrats! It is a quality newspaper. We always cherish it.

- Ram Kumar Srinivasan

● *Mylapore Times* has become our companion on Saturday and the most informative and readable paper for the residents of this area. Best wishes.

- Neelakantan Ranganathan

● Congrats! Excellent service as well to our community; we are proud of you.

- Vaidya Ramakrishnan

● Congrats! Excellent service. Unique style. Superb contents. I used to regularly pick up the weekly from Karpagamal Mess when I was living at Gopalapuram, Chennai.

Lost touch when I shifted to Madurai. Will restart my journey and browse the e-paper.

- B. Vishwanathan

## MY STORY



### Why I love Chennai Metro

By SUNDARARAMAN CHINTAMANI

In 2016, I took my mother on the Chennai Metro rail from Alandur to Koyambedu. She enjoyed the ride - like a kid would. By the end of the year, she passed away.

After that, none of our family members had a chance to get into Chennai Metro, except my second son, with that occasional ride. Last Sunday, a big family - my wife, sons, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law and grandsons - decided to take a ride in the Metro to get an experience of it.

We went to the Metro's Nandanam station and parked our cars there. CMRL charges a nominal fee for parking. (Parking details - <https://chennai-metrorail.org/.../Parking-Tariff-updated.pdf>).

Since we wanted to explore the journey on a

We boarded at Nandanam and went up to the airport (the last stop as of now) on the Blue Line. Till Little Mount, the journey was underground and after that, on an elevated platform. Beyond Little Mount, we could get a glimpse of the city from an altitude. At the airport, we got down and took some photos.

From the airport we took the Green Line which passes through Guindy, Kathipara Junction and Ashok Nagar. We got down at the Vadapalani station and went down to have a cup of coffee. We came back and proceeded towards Central Rail Station. By the time we reached Central, the children were tired and the family wanted to call it a

hop-on, hop-off mode, we took a day pass for Rs.100. Actually, for a day pass one has to pay Rs.150 per person including the deposit. At the end of your journey, if the ticket is surrendered inside 24 hours, a refund of Rs.50 is paid. You can do this at any counter at any station.

day. But we asked them to stay awhile, while my son Anirudh and I looked around Central Square near Central station and up at Ripon building - this zone looked smart.

We then took the Blue Line from Central to Nandanam. On the way, I told my son that it could take us 15 minutes to reach Nandanam. My son said it would take more time. Both were proved wrong. We reached Nandanam in 12 minutes. We took our parked vehicle and reached home in Abiramapuram in less than five minutes.

It was a fantastic ride. Chennai Metro is on par with global standards. Though the patronage is not great now, I am sure that once the five phases of the Metro are completed, Chennai will be truly knitted, logistically.

● Sundararaman Chintamani is a trainer, speaker and digital consultant. He has interest in Carnatic music, quizzing, civic issues and Tamil literature. Contact - 9840923764.





Residents of Ragamalika Apartments, Thiruvengadam Street, in R. A. Puram celebrated Onam over the last weekend. Said Bharath Srinivas, a resident, “Dressed in traditional Kerala attire, the women in our campus spent some four hours creating a large poo-kalam. The fun continued into the evening as they danced around the poo-kalam to some peppy Malayalam songs.”

67-year-old R. Govindarajan, a resident of the apartment, designed a Kathakali image, using flowers.

8 TIPS TO MAKE SMART KOLU



- Now that the Navaratri season is going to be with us in days and many families will prepare to create their best kolu, here are some tips to make the kolu look great.
- These are tips from Surendranath, Amarnath and Aparna, the Mylapore Trio who are known for setting up 2/3 room-full kolus.
1. Light colour plain or buttaa silk sarees can be draped on kolu steps. But it must not distract the beauty of the dolls.
  2. Certain pallu designs like chakra or big flower patterns - from old sarees - may be utilised as vidhanam for the kolu.
  3. Old pattu saree and veshti with double-side border may be used as borders for kolu padi. It gives a grand and rich look.
  4. Always try to adapt red, green and yellow as much as possible which will always give a traditional and auspicious feel.
  5. Traditional korai paai may be used as backdrops and side-drops. Will be creative / innovative, with a natural touch.
  6. For thematic kolus: background scenes / pictures may add value - use visuals from old calendars, posters, etc.
  7. For water-effect, use blue paper for creating the pond / rivulet/ well - and surgical cotton for snowy / cloud effects.
  8. To highlight certain prominent dolls, create stands and place them there. Waste materials, cardboard boxes can be used to make the stands.

R. A. Puram community’s AGM on Sept.18

RAPRA (Raja Annamalaipuram Residents Society) will hold its 7th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Narayani Ammal Kalyana Mandapam, Jeth Nagar, Mandaveli.

RAPRA has arranged for 12 stalls that will showcase products and services of interest to members – sale of plants, jewelry, sarees, air-conditioners, investment advice, etc. The stalls will open at 9.15 am and close by 2 pm.

A special demo on garbage segregation at the source has also been arranged. For details contact, 9841030040.

Kesava Perumal Temple: Pey Azhvaar to make annual trip to Thiruvallikeni on Sep. 21

Photo: S. Prabhu



By S. Prabhu

The annual trip of Pey Azhvaar to Sri Parthasarathy Perumal temple in Thiruvallikeni will take place on September 21.

Pey Azhvaar will leave Kesava Perumal Temple at 2.30 pm and will be taken to the Avathara Sthalam on Arundel Street. From there, he will make his way to Sri Parthasarathy Temple where there will be a joint street procession at 7 pm with Parthasarathy Perumal. Following the procession, Pey Azhvaar will return to Mylapore by 9.30 pm.

Srirangam Srimad Andavar in Alwarpet

Srirangam Srimad Andavar Swamigal is currently camping at the Andavar Ashramam in Alwarpet. He is expected to stay here up to Sept. 21. Devotees desirous of darshan and theer-tam can visit the Ashramam between 8.30 and 9 in the mornings and 5 and 6 in the evenings. Srirangam Srimath Andavan Ashramam - 31, Desikachari Road. Phone: 2499 3658

Free medical camp

CIT Colony Residents Welfare Association is organising a free medical camp at St.Isabel’s Hospital on Sept.18 - only for CIT Colony residents.

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## Church in Alwarpet holds Thanksgiving Day

By Juliana Sridhar

The community at CSI Church of the Good Shepherd came together to say thanks to God last Sunday at its TTK Road campus and then, it was celebration time, with sale of foodstuff, auction of donated articles and a biryani lunch.

The Thanksgiving Festival is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of September at this church. Members of this congregation brought in offerings, either in cash or in kind and these were placed at the altar.

The Sunday service was held at 7.30 am. After the service, various fellowships - youth, men, women, the church choir and the Sunday class students - put up food stalls and served breakfast, snacks and cool drinks.

Some games stalls were put up to provide some simple fun.

The auction of donated articles was also held. Church-goer Paripoorani Packiaraj said that each family is encouraged to bring at



least one article and bid for one article at the auction. The proceeds of this auction will be used for charitable and missionary purposes.

The event was organised by the Bishop chaplain Pastor Ernest Selvadurai and the Pastorate Committee.

The secretary of the committee is Y. Bhuvanesh Kumar and the treasurer is Rajini Kannan.

Said Bhuvanesh Kumar, "We had piping hot biryani for lunch and it was served to all members of the congregation."

## At Velleeswarar Temple, this 83-year-old offered services as Othuvar

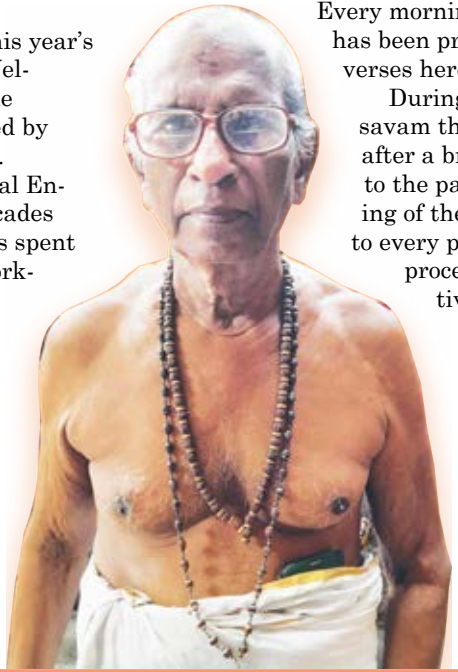
By S. Prabhu

A special feature of this year's Vaikasi utsavam at Sri Velleeswarar Temple was the Othuvar service presented by 83-year-old T. Jayabalan.

Having served at Royal Enfield for close to three decades from 1964, Jayabalan has spent the last three decades working at Saiva Siddhantha Peru Mandram and Pongu Tamizh Pannisai Mandram as well as at the Sekkizhar Centre.

During this phase, he learned the Thevaram verses as well as Thirupugazh and Abirami Anthathi.

In 2016, the Velleeswarar Temple authorities invited



him to provide Othuvar services. Every morning and evening, he has been presenting the sacred verses here.

During this annual utsavam that was held recently, after a break of two years due to the pandemic, his rendering of the sacred verses prior to every pancha-moorthy procession was a distinctive feature.

In 2019, he was presented an award by the TN Government for performing Othuvar service at the age of 80.

He credits his wife Gandhimathi for motivating him to learn the sacred verses so late in life.

## Sanjay Pinto's book is on court judgements that affect our life

By Juliana Sridhar

Sanjay Pinto, a resident of Abhiramapuram, is an advocate at the Madras High Court who made a transition from the newsroom to the courtroom. His fourth book, on legal issues that concern the common man, has been released recently.

'High and Law' is the title of his new book.

The book is an offshoot of a legal column Sanjay writes for a city newspaper. Sanjay says this book presents relevant provisions of statutes with the crux of judgements that touch your life. Thirty branches of law are lucidly explained, he adds.

The book is published by Thomson Reuters and is available on sale online on Amazon.



## Obituary



**K. N. Raghuram**, who was in the business of supplying graphite powder to engineering companies across Tamil Nadu, passed away on September 8. He was 79 and a resident of Ramachandra Road.

He was born in Mylapore – on May 13, 1943.

He was an honest, kind and lovable person who touched the lives of many people from all walks of life, his family said.

He is bereaved by his wife Aruna.

The family can be reached at 9444222574. Address - C-3, Grihalakshmi Apartments, Ramachandra Road, Mylapore.

**Sulochana Kunjithapatham**, a senior resident of Fourth Trust Cross Street, Mandavelipakkam, passed away on September 6. She was 88 years old.



She was born in Kumbakonam - on February 4, 1934 - to the Natesa Iyer family of Rose Cottage.

After marriage, she moved to Mumbai. After her husband's retirement, they settled in Neelankarai for some years; they were Mandavelipakkam residents for many years – since 2009.

"If there is one word to describe Mrs. Sulochana, it is 'perfectionist'," said a relative of the family in a tribute.

She is survived by her two children, K. Rajaram, her elder son who lives in Dubai, and K. Murali, her younger son who lives in the USA.

Contact: Sriram – 9790986054.

## Grandparent's Day at Sprouts Montessori

On September 10, Sprouts Montessori school invited the grandparents of its children in Toddler and Primary classes to celebrate Grandparent's Day.

The invitees enthusiastically participated in fun activities. There was also a fashion show. The school had arranged for some props where guests could take pictures of seniors and the children. A few of the invitees spoke about the difference in the joys of being a parent and a grandparent.

The event was held at the school premises, located at 10/56, Luz Avenue.



## ShoppeSeva awards winners of its contest

ShoppeSeva is a shop on the Mada Street in Mylapore that sells utility and craft products: the proceeds going to Sevalaya, the NGO, whose mission is to provide services to the underprivileged. Shoppeseva holds contests at festival time every year.

This year, a contest on eco-friendly Ganeshas was promoted and the prize distribution ceremony was held on September 10 at ShoppeSeva store. The first prize went to Murali Shanker. Second prize winner Yazmozhi, currently based in Hyderabad joined online and young Harini got third prize.

The chief guests were Sharada Prakash, Director, Giri Trading Agency and Hema Mani, President, Rotary Club Madras, Vadapalani.





The resident community at Aashiana Apartments in Venus Colony, Alwarpet, often gets together on common issues. Recently, a call was put out to adults and children by the Aashiana Green Club to sign up to make simple thamboolam bags from newspapers and waste paper sheets. A few creative people here guided the workshop attendees through the basics of making the gift bags. A few men also signed up. The team behind this initiative sad, “The objective of holding such a meet is to reduce the use of plastic this festival season.”

## Broken accessories at gym at park poses danger to users



A senior Mylaporean who goes on walks and exercises in Nageswara Rao Park in Luz escaped from a nasty injury while using the exercise equipment at the run-down open-air gym in the park.

Luz Church Road resident S. Murari, a senior journalist who had a fall and escaped unhurt on Wednesday evening said that the equipment he was using gave way. He says that while some equipment is in bad shape and un-usable, some are just okay to use and plastered but there are no warning boards asking people to avoid the gym nor is this zone sealed now.

Park users had previously said that the gym, put up by a private company, was sealed last month after equipment was vandalised.

Users say people bring their children into the gym area and many tend to misuse it; so it breaks down. They say there is nobody in the park to secure the gym zone: the private agency does not seem to care about it.

Sundaram Finance, which has been managing the large park for years, says that since the gym was set up by another private agency, it cannot maintain this zone. The gym was an idea initiated by the previous Mylapore MLA, R. Nataraj.

On Friday, reacting to the *Mylapore Times* report on its website, workers were seen sealing off the rundown accessories.

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# REPORT CARD ON THE MLA

This review, made a year after Dha. Velu of DMK was sworn in as Mylapore’s MLA, is based on two factors - Mylapore Times’ observations and the sharings from Mylaporeans over the year of his place in office



THE PLUSES

1. **EASY ACCESS:** From day one, access to the MLA has been easy. Be it on phone (for those who have access here) or at his office on C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet. He has made an effort to connect with communities across the area.
2. **PUBLIC PRESENCE:** The MLA has a busy day - making sure he is at state/public events taking place in the constituency. And he keeps his date at private events he is formally invited to. At schools, kappams, association’s A-days, etc.
3. **FOCUS ON CIVIC ISSUES:** The MLA has, at the first step, given importance to local civic issues when they come to his attention or are attended to by state agencies. Re-developed housing by TN Urban Habitat Board (formerly Slum Clearance Board) has topped the agenda.
4. **HIGH ON PUBLICITY:** The MLA has a well-oiled PR machine, and he/his supporters spend handsomely on posters / banners / decorations to mark party milestones / meetings / local events. He manages to keep himself in the public eye alternatively.
5. **QUICK COMMUNICATION:** Dha Velu has always responded to queries, we as journalists have raised, at any time of the day. The information may be limited in some cases but answers are forthcoming.

**6. SMART MANAGEMENT:** The MLA runs a tight ship at the local party level, using his own experience as elected head of a ward. Ward councillors, mostly members of the DMK, follow unwritten codes when it comes to being present at public/state events, obeying internal hierarchy. Even in zones where DMK-ally councillors are in charge, a DMK senior shows up at key events. He has, this far, ensured councillors do not become local satraps.

THE MINUSES

1. **POOR FOLLOW-UP:** The MLA is quick to show up where civic issues are messy and people seek his help or at events ministers / senior officials are present. But follow-up on the issues is average / poor. He does not have the clout to ensure a serious local issue is solved quickly and loses track of them. People also give up. This also exposes the limitations of any MLA in the ‘system’.
2. **THE UDHAYANIDHI CARAVAN:** From Day One, Velu has hitched, like other party-men, on to the caravan of Udhayanidhi Stalin, the chief minister’s son and a city MLA. Udhayanidhi’s visits are made into song-and-dance events locally and often, on U. Stalin’s directions / hints, the projects / events executed locally have faded quick.
3. **POOR ATTENTION TO CORE SUBJECTS:** Mylapore zone’s GCC-run schools play a key role in education of the large community of economically poor. Most schools lack full infrastructure, teachers and even basic facilities. Despite pleas from these schools, the MLA has not been able to make any impactful progress here save for tokenism. Nor has GCC cared to look this way. This is one core issue the MLA has failed to address deeply.
4. **PARROTING PROMISES:** Ministers visiting Mylapore have made many promises. The MLA repeats them when convenient. That is it. Ministers are happy to launch a facility or two and move on. The MLA is saddled with promises he really cannot take forward. Examples - the much-touted Mylapore Temples Circuit and redevelopment of playground secured from P. S. School.

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## Day-long bazaar held in Mandavelipakkam

This was more of a community-driven bazaar, mostly featuring women who manage small or home-based businesses.

Sadhana Bazaar is a regular shopping event that the women's wing of Kalyan Nagar Association in Mandavelipakkam (called Sadhana) hosts at its premises – tables are rented out for a fee and people can run stalls for the entire day.

On Saturday, some 30-plus stalls opened in the morning – foodstuff, fancy jewellery, decorations, utility products and the like. As the day wore on, footfalls increased and business picked up.

Local ward councillor Amirdavarshini formally launched sales at this bazaar. Some stall holders said the footfalls were steady and business good.

## GCC honour for R. K. Nagar activist K. L. Balasubramanian

By Our Staff Reporter

K. L. Balasubramanian of the R. K. Nagar community body in R. A. Puram was among a few citizens recognised by Chennai Corporation as part of its 'Clean Chennai' movement to promote local area solid waste management.

Three other individuals were also recognised besides civic workers, residents' associations and NGOs.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, GCC commissioner and others of the civic body were key guests at this recent event held at the headquarters of the civic body.

The 'R. K. Nagar community' says it recycles its kitchen waste, disposes off the segregated rest in an orderly manner to GCC-contracted Urbaser staff and maintains its local area streets, greening and painting them well.

However, its grouse is that the segregated waste gets mixed up down the line as the civic body's waste units do not function as per rules.



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