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The football team of Rosary Matric Girls School, San Thome has won the Chennai Zone B inter-school football tourney for school girls in the under-14 category. The team beat St. Raphael's Girls School team 2 – 0. The final was played at the GCC 'Alphonsa' playground in Mandavelipakkam recently. Six teams participated. The team will now play at the next level involving winners of all the city zones. Epsie Kala is the PT teacher at Rosary. The coach is Nirmal from Pattinapakkam who runs a football academy.



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Photo, report : V. Soundararani

## CHECK THIS

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Barricaded land opposite Vivek store on Royapettah High Road ( above); a section of Luz Church Road near Luz Circle barricaded ( below)

# Chennai Metro: large plot of land in Luz barricaded.

## Prelim work on stations will begin

By Our Edit Team

Preliminary work on the Luz stations of Chennai Metro’s Phase II project has begun now.

Two areas on either side of Luz Circle, one on Kutchery Road and another alongside the Sri Navashakti Vinayaka Temple have been barricaded.

The sprawling plot of land at the north side of the junction of Luz Church Road and Royapettah High Road, opposite Vivek’s store is now barren, with buildings on this plot demolished and barricading the plot is on now.

This will be a key work zone for the Luz Metro station. A bhoomi puja was held



here last week. Chennai Metro officials have said that work on the twin-stations that will service two rail lines underground will be taken up much later since this is a busy junction and the project is challenging too.



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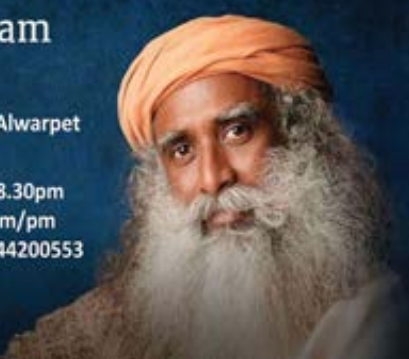
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## VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Do you need to have a puja for the installation of some public lights in a park?

Perhaps yes, perhaps no.

One of the councillors for a ward in the larger Mylapore zone chose to post photos of this event on her social media page. And I was amused.

People's reps, be they at the top end or at the grassroots end, need to generate buzz and communicate.

And councillor Amirda Varshini of the Congress party, who is very active on social media, makes the most of her public life. The puja was a reason for a post.

But how active is grassroots politics and community interaction in a neighbourhood like Mylapore?

The record of area sabha meetings, which are a platform for a community of one area in a Ward, to interface with the local councillor and local officials, is a good indicator of what is taking place in the middle.

In the recent spate of area sabha meets in this neighbourhood, some councillors chose to hold them on a weekday morning. Was this the best time to hold such a meeting? Not really: and yet the councillors went ahead and hosted them. Attendance was poor but those who were present raised some very pertinent local issues, loud and clear.

Generally this far, one gets the feeling that these meetings are now being held for the sake of holding them. Some councillors have woken up late and are trying to make amends. Have they all made sincere attempts to publicise the meetings among residents? Or have these meetings been pushed through in 24 hours to meet some deadline?

Let us look at the role of the community.

Do residents take some interest in local issues and use platforms like area sabha meetings to raise these issues and pursue them?

Those public-spirited people who highlight issues and take them to all levels to ensure something good comes of it, have not been very, very successful. But they do not give up. By persisting in their campaigns, questions, e-mails and social media posts, they keep issues alive. They let engineers and officials and elected reps know that their actions are being monitored and recorded and made public.

However, when the numbers in a community who raise their hands or sign a petition are substantial, elected reps and officials think twice before brushing these aside.

Has your ward councillor made the effort to communicate information on area sabha meetings this far? Is he or she scheduling them on a day which is most inconvenient for most residents to attend the meets? Then, six or eight residents must write a note, sign it and send it to the councillor. Or call him or her and express your opinion.

Has your councillor circulated a gist of key issues discussed at the recent area sabha meet? Ask for it to be shared on the local WhatsApp channel.

At the grassroots, we too have key roles to play.



## LETTERS FROM READERS

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### Drain overflows on Royapettah High Road

On Royapettah Main Road, near Ishan Flats (former Thanithurai market area), drainage overflow has been left unattended for months. GCC workers have been informed, but no action has been taken.

The street vendors and hawkers have been pouring waste and tea cups on the waste. The place is becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes. I request GCC local unit authorities to take immediate steps.

- Harish Ranganathan

### Area sabha meets: why not held regularly?

We learn that councillors have been holding area sabha meetings now but we do not advance information on the events. How can we participate? Also, there is no use holding meetings at working hours on weekdays. How can we attend these when most of us are at work?

- V. P. Jayalakshmi

### Revisit rates, TANGEDCO

The state government's new rules for the domestic users on consumption of electricity will fleece the public. A common man, even without using AC and fridge can consume a minimum of 8 to 9 units per day, which works out to 480 to 540 units in the bi-monthly bill. For this, we are forced to pay extra charges for using over 500 units. When AC is used, the consumption increases by a minimum of 4 to 5 units per day. This means the consumption during summer months will be more, which gives a blanket permission for TANGEDCO to bracket almost 90% of domestic users under the new excess consumption rates. The government should exempt the domestic consumers from paying the development charges for the excess units consumed.

- N. Mahadevan

### Why is St. Mary's Road section not relaid yet?

GCC says it is relaying sections of streets / roads that need urgent attention. Take the case of the section of St. Mary's Road from the Devanathan Street junction to R. K. Mutt Road junction. It has been in tatters for months. But for some fillings that were made using rubbish to fill the many potholes, GCC has not relaid this busy bus route road. What is the MLA of Mylapore doing?

- Prakash R. S.

### Memories of San Thome life

I enjoyed reading the 'My Story' column by Eunnan Rego in *Mylapore Times* on his St. Bede's School days in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Having lived off Kutchery Road in those times, the anecdotes brought back many memories. Two stand out - youths hanging around the wall of the now-demolished San Thome Post Office and making the community radio centre on the beach side, behind the Cathedral, another of our hang-outs in the evenings.

- Patrick V.

## MY STORY



### Small acts of an Eco-journey

By KARPAGAVALLI K.

Growing up in Mylapore, where the concept of karma runs deep, I often humorously remind my house-help, "If you don't want to be born in a plastic-filled place next lifetime, now is the time to put in that little effort and support me segregate." :-D

My eco-journey has been quite a fulfilling ride, and it all started during my first Art of Living program, in my early 20s. We planted around 100 saplings over two weekends and did a shop-to-shop campaign advocating to stop the usage of plastic carry bags. This was way before the government brought in the rules.

It felt so elevating. In addition to this, at the

Art of Living Bangalore ashram, a volunteer had transformed a 7-acre 'wasteland' into a thriving food forest, using only kitchen wastes and dry leaves. Witnessing this remarkable transformation piqued my curiosity and drove me to learn how he did that!

That's when I organised a permaculture workshop in Mylapore, inviting the teacher from Bangalore, not just for myself, but to ensure my then less than a year old son grows up in an eco-friendly community. It amazes us every time, when we see loads of kitchen waste turning into rich soil, without doing much.

In August 2019, we embraced rainwater harvesting in our apartment. During this project, we unearthed abundant clay from recharge wells, which led to our idea of crafting Ganesha idols, especially as Ganesha Chaturthi was approaching. Seeing the kids in our apartment revel in this, my friend Ahila Subramanian and I realised

that our festivals are inherently eco-friendly and fun. Every festival is uniquely connected to the local, seasonal materials of that particular season, including fruits, vegetables and flowers.

These 'aha' moments led us to begin workshops themed 'Fabulous Fundigais' for children, where they learn to reconnect with their roots and celebrate festivals while staying connected to nature.

We recently teamed up with an engaging storyteller Ambujavalli Nagarajan, to make the journey even more captivating for kids. Together, we explore eco-friendly art and crafts, engage in soul-soothing chants, and share enchanting stories. Our dream is to make eco-friendly traditions fashionable, once again. We believe that by imparting these values to more children, we can ensure that they grow up with these principles deeply ingrained.

● Karpagavalli Krishnamurthy is a passionate nature lover, yoga teacher, spine alignment expert with a mission to make natural wellbeing possible and fun. Contact - karpagavalli.krishnamurthy@gmail.com





Local area councillor Amirda Varshini formally inaugurated the annual Sadhana Bazaar conducted by the women’s wing of The Kalyan Nagar Association in Mandavelipakkam on Sept. 23, last Saturday. This event hosts small women entrepreneurs at the hall of the community body to promote sales of their products. The day-long sale had local residents and guests dropping in, checking out what was on sale and shopping.

As part of the state-wide ‘Kalaigunar 100 years’ celebration ( an event that commemorates the 100th birth anniversary of DMK leader and former TN chief minister late M. Karunanidhi) students of the state-run TN Government Music College in R. A. Puram presented a day-long cultural programme on Sept.22. The concerts, which began with nagaswaram-tavil series, were held in the heritage block of the college. Then followed classical music concerts and finally, some dance items were performed – all by the students. This college is located in a campus located off Greenways Road, R. A. Puram



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## 1973 BATCH OF St. BEDE'S HOSTS JUBILEE MEET-UP

By Our Edit Team

They produced a T-shirt that had the legend - Take It Easy.

A T-shirt to mark a special occasion.

Members of the 1973 batch of St. Bede's Anglo-Indian Hr Sec. School in San Thome met up recently to mark the golden jubilee of the alumni group.

23 'old boys' made it to the event held in the city, with 19 accompanied by their

spouses. A few flew in from the USA and from the Gulf.

"We had worked extra hard to enlarge this group since last year," said member S. V. Krishnamurthy.

The effort paid off - some 45 students got networked online. Krishnamurthy guesses that there were about 75 students in the two batches of 1973.

But he admits that the core group could not locate the borders of this batch and hopes that word gets around to them and some of them make contact.

The meet-up day began with the 'old boys', wearing the special T-shirt visiting the school and meeting the Headmaster, priests and a few staff. With them was 'old teacher' D' Netto.

Said Krishnamurthy, "We had very good teachers and the school encouraged extra-curricular activities.

Students did quite well in studies, given the grounded education and foundation we were given. All of us have done quite well professionally too."

The group then moved to a star hotel resort in Mamallapuram for a weekend of conversation, fun games, local tours and good food.

Contact S. V. Krishnamurthy: 9841080759



### CONCERT IN THE PARK

October's 'Mikeless Concert in the Park', to be held this Sunday morning, will feature a vocal performance by Malavi G. at Nageswara Rao Park, Luz. The concert, where mikes and audio systems are not used, is on October 1, from 7 am to 8 am. In Chess Square area.

12 year-old Malavi is from Bengaluru; she is learning music under Kalavathy Avadhoot. She will be accompanied by Pranavi G. on the violin and by B. S. Samarth on the mridangam.

Sundaram Finance supports this series, held on the first Sunday of a month and open to young artistes.

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People are welcome to carry their favourite book and join the community that 'reads silently' in Nageswara Rao Park, Luz on Oct.1, Sunday, 3 p.m. onwards, for an hour. Children are welcome. Books and magazines also provided at venue. Refreshments will be served. Venue: Chess Square inside the park.

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# Valleeswaran Thottam community angry at huge delay in allotting flats to them

By Our Edit Team

Over 250 people who used to reside in the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board blocks in Valleeswaran Thottam in R. A. Puram gathered on Wednesday at the gate of the campus where re-development is taking place to launch a protest for what they say is the very long delay in handing over the newly- built flats to them.

When the nearly 600 families vacated the old flats in late 2019, they were promised the new housing in 18 months but they are yet to be given admission to the new spaces.

Just as the community began to gather for the protest, senior engineers of the TN Urban Habitat Development Board landed at the site and spoke to the community. The engineers have promised to hand over the flats in November. The community has held similar protests in the recent past and promises were made but were not honoured.

Though work by the private contractor began at a good pace on the new flats, the pandemic forced a long suspension of work here. But after work was re-started, it was slow and carried out in parts and this began to frustrate families who had lived here and

now paid rents as much as Rs.10,000 and Rs.15,000 to reside in small spaces in the same zone.

One resident said that what is left to be done is to provide water, sewage and power supply connections to all the flats.

Many families are said to be living on borrowed money the past few years because they cannot afford to pay the rents and care for their families. They were all given a one-time amount of Rs.8,000 towards shifting.

According to the agreement between the Board and the families, they will have to pay Rs.1.5 lakh, in instalments once the new flats are handed over.

But community leaders say that they have asked the Board to waive this payment because of the huge delay in granting the new flats and the huge financial burdens they have endured this far.

There used to be about 580 families living in 15 blocks in this campus that is located off Kamaraj Salai in R. A. Puram. In the redeveloped space, about 630 flats have been built in three blocks, which have 9 / 11 floors and 12 lifts to service them.

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The day-long immersion of images of lord Vinayaka in the sea after the celebration of the festival went on smoothly on the seashore of Pattinapakkam on Sunday, September 24.

Police had made extensive arrangements – with barricaded zones, watch towers, JCBs and cranes and security and safety pandals. So when groups of people transporting the images from this part of the city arrived by vans, lorries and carts, there was a system in place for the immersion.

However, volunteers had to wade into the waters to ensure that the images which kept floating back to the shore, were pushed into the sea as the waves receded. The long queue for immersion was thick and by late evening, there was significant waste lying all along the shore here.

Since the police have been overseeing this event for some years now at this spot and have plans in place, the immersion here takes place fairly smoothly.



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4. Contest closes Oct.19, 7 p.m.

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- Best kolus will be decided on the basis of the pictures/video mailed. The judge for this contest may also visit some houses if it is required during Navarati week (10 am to 6pm).
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## Maharashtrian community celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi

Members of the Maharashtra community in the city got together in Alwarpet to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi last Sunday. The event, hosted by the Mahratha Education Fund, was held on Sept.24 at the community's hall on TTK Road.

It began with a puja performed by Venkoba Rao. Then, six Bharatanatyam students of teacher Ranjana Vinod Kumar performed on stage, presenting the Ganesha Samarpanam. Vibhushika and Srinidhi presented a snappy music concert on the violin.

The community celebrates key occasions on the community's calendar and makes it a point to include traditional practices and food that are at the core of this community.

Contact secretary Shyam Sundar – 9841053368

## Union finance minister participates in 90th year meet of Society of Auditors, Chennai



By Karthik Bhatt

The Society of Auditors, Chennai with its office in Luz, is the oldest known accountants body in the eastern hemisphere of the globe.

The best known names in the Indian accounting professional world from this part of the country were not only instrumental in the formation of the Society but also in nurturing it to ensure its steady and influential presence to an extent that the body was a precursor and a trendsetter for many such organisations to germinate, grow and flourish across the country.

The Society itself was a persuasive force to the Government of India to even formulate the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India under an Act of Parliament in 1949.

The Society is a nice amalgamation of experienced senior professionals and young professionals sharing knowledge on one platform.

Thanks to advancement in technology,

strong teamwork and vibrant participants, the monthly meetings have rapidly grown to weekly dissemination of knowledge.

The Society is currently celebrating "We are 90 marching to 100" season.

As a part of this celebration, it hosted Nirmala Sitharaman, union minister for finance and corporate affairs at its recent meet held at a star hotel in R. A. Puram.

Photo shows – left to right -R: Mahesh Krishnan, Jt Secretary, S Mohan-Vice President, Anusha Sreenivasan-President, union finance minister, G N Ramaswamy – Secretary, V Swaminathan – Vice President and B Rajagopalan – Treasurer.

The first woman president of SOA, Anusha Sreenivasan welcomed the gathering and briefed about SOA's activities and G N Ramaswami, secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

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