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### TRIPPLICANE SISTERS ENTER THE RECORD BOOK FOR RARE FEATS

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## A temporary problem, but it hurts still



CMRL work-induced traffic diversions brought buses to East Abhiramapuram First Street "shrinking" the road for regular users. Ongoing stormwater drain work, expected to be completed in two weeks, has shrunk it further. On one section of the road, an effort is being made to protect trees (a welcome move) by getting the stormwater drain to skirt around them. Obviously, this section has become narrower on account of this exercise — though its reduced girth is a temporary situation, it nevertheless causes hardships to motorists. Ever since CMRL diversions were in place, this road was made a one-way, but local residents would use it as if it were a two-way: it did not matter then, but now, with the road having narrowed on account of the SWD work, this practice should be checked. The images were taken on September 18, 2025.

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### QMC Alumnae Association to hold AGM on Sept. 24

Queen Mary's College Alumnae Association (QMCAA) has announced its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) will be held on September 24, 2025.

The venue for the AGM is Srinivasa Gandhi Nilayam No. 332 at Ambujammal Street in Alwarpet. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:40 p.m., says a press release.

According to the release, the proceedings include the presentation of the Secretary's Report; members confirming the minutes of the previous meeting and deliberating on the association's development activities.

Other important items on the agenda include the adop-

tion of the audited accounts for the financial year, appointment of the auditor for 2026-27, admission of new members, and the election of office bearers. Any other matters may also be discussed with the permission of the Chair, the press release says.

QMCAA members can confirm their participation by calling any of the following numbers: 93846 61580/ 94448 60363/ 98401 28739, the release adds. The Alumnae Association also invites contributions towards AGM expenses. New members can enrol by paying a life membership fee of ₹500 (via cheque or DD in favour of "QMCAA"), the release adds.

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# Triplcanne sisters enter the record book for rare feats



Liffy



**T**wo sisters, who are residents of Triplicane, find their names in the Guinness World Record for how they solved the Rubic cube and Tetrahedrons puzzle.

Class XII and Class X respectively at Sherwood Hall Senior Secondary School in Chetpet, Navyasri and Manusri did the solving in the most uncomfortable of circumstances.

On August 12, Manusri worked out a rubic cube (3x3) with one hand (left) while being suspended

upside down – she did the cube in 16.44 secs. On September 2, Navyasri solved a rotating puzzle tetrahedrons sitting on a moving bicycle – it was accomplished in two hours and one minute.

According to a press release, Manusri had four good attempts, all less than 17 seconds. Two of those attempts were sent to Guinness and the better one was selected. The last three attempts (16.8 secs, 16.72 secs and 16.44 secs) were done on the trot without any rest between them. Needless to say be-



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record, she had to cycle continuously and solve the puzzle simultaneously without touching the ground or dropping the puzzle. She should not stop the cycle even for a second. As per rule if she drops the puzzle at any moment, then she has to redo from beginning and the completed puzzles will not be considered. At 274th puzzle she almost dropped the puzzle, but caught it immediately, said the release. Both the siblings were practising sincerely and consistently for two years – setting aside two hours every day on an average for practice. In the last six months, the practice got intense.

The two are active member in Patel Scouts and Guides group.



ing suspended upside down did not do much for her comfort.

Continuously circling in a turf on a bicycle, Navyasri felt nauseous, even had a headache after completing 100 puzzles. For this

Navyasri and Manusri with their certificates and during the record breaking performances

The girls are daughters of Sasirekha and B. Srinivasan. This is the 3rd Guinness world record in their family as their father B. Srinivasan received a Guinness World Record in February 2025 for the fastest solo unsupported cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in a single speed cycle in 12 days and seven hours.

## READERS WRITE

### An unlikely speed breaker

A pothole is serving as a speed breaker, ironically. All four-wheelers tend to slow down at this cross-road in CIT Colony 2nd Link Street though two wheelers swerve which can knock down a pedes-

trian.

This gaping pothole has been there for three months now, courtesy Tangedco.

*Ramdas Naik  
Secretary, CIT colony RWA*



### Missing slab on pavement near Marina pool



During my routine evening walk to the Marina Beach, I noticed this 'cavity' in the pavement. I request the authorities to fill this. The exact location: 10 feet away from Presidency College, opposite Marina swimming pool.

*C. R. Sainathan, Tiruvallikeni*

### Mandaveli depot premises 'messy' now

Ever since the Mandaveli depot was moved to other locations, the activity at the Tasmac outlet near it has increased. In fact, things have gone beyond 'limits'. Most visitors do not spare even the old depot and park their vehicles and some

after boozing, sit or sleep on the depot premises. Residents of a few apartments and shops nearby are complaining about it. Police vigilance has now reduced and the area has become messier.

*Baskar Seshadri, Mandaveli*



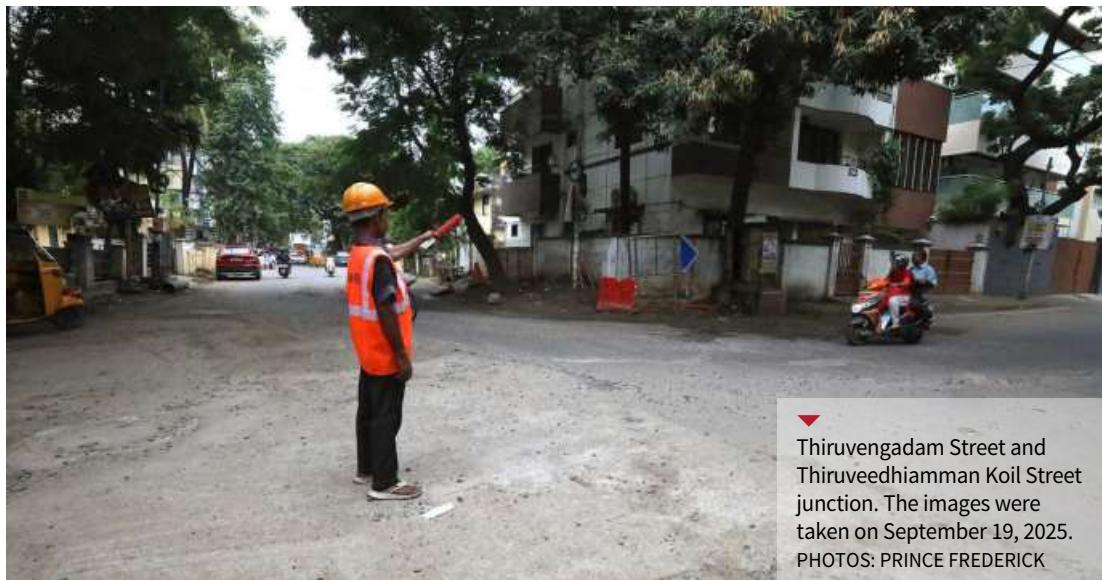
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## STATUS REPORT

# Unruly junction gets a marshal



Thiruvengadam Street and Thiruveedhamman Koil Street junction. The images were taken on September 19, 2025.  
PHOTOS: PRINCE FREDERICK

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The four-way junction of Thiruvengadam Street and Thiruveedhamman Koil Street has received a marshal. Motorists hitting that junction, a powder-keg of unruliness during rush hour, probably did not expect this feature, let alone seek it. They knew something out to be done, but in all likelihood did not have this in mind. But they would receive this gift from CMRL with both hands. A pair of hands out there to disentangle impudent vehicles must be welcome.

Thiruvengadam Street is a curiously T-shaped road, which means it makes up three arms of this four-way junction. The vertical bar of this T-shaped road branches off RK Mutt Road and it is a one-way. The top horizontal bar of T is a two-way. Where the vertical and horizontal bars meet to make Thiruvengadam Street a T-shaped road is also where Thiruveedhamman Koil Street connects to it, making this a four-way junction.

Heavy vehicles, particularly buses, trundling in from the one-way section of Thiruvengadam Street turn clumsily at the junction due to lack of sufficient turning space. As often as not, vehicles on the two-way section of Thiruvengadam Street come close to getting t-boned by these buses. A watchful pair of eyes with power in the hands to slow down vehicles barreling into the junction should address the issue.

The carriageway at the junction is uneven, and seems to have developed "burls" like a diseased tree. It needs to be concreted well, if not properly relaid with bitumen topping. The images were taken on September 19, 2025. Photos: Prince Frederick

## Carnatic concert today in Mylapore

The Triplicane Cultural Academy and The Kasturi Srinivasan Library is organising a special programme "Aatmanaadham - Mystic Music of India", a Carnatic vocal concert by Anahitha and Apoorva, supported by Sayee Rakshith on Violin, Praveen Sparsh on Mridangam and Trichy Murali on Ghatam. The programme will be held on September 21 at Raga Sudha Hall, Luz, Mylapore at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

## Events for World Alzheimer's Day

Centre for Ageing, Madras School of Social Work in collaboration with Heritage Foundation celebrates World Alzheimer's Day on September 21 with a host of events. An art exhibition will feature works done by students from across city colleges on the theme 'Memory, Identity and Intergenerational difference between youth and elderly'.

Student of Madras School of Social Work will present a play on how elders deal with Alzheimer's. The programmes will be on from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the auditorium in Egmore. Entry is free and open to all, but one must register. For details, call Melvin at 73582 81490.

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Madras School of Social Work, The Centre of Excellence in Health Psychology, The Madras Memory Clinic and National Institute of Social Defence will be observing World Alzheimer's Day 2025 on the theme 'Ask about Dementia, Ask about Alzheimer's'. The programme starts from 10 a.m. onwards on September 23 at the college premises in Egmore.

## Ramnad Krishnan Award of Excellence conferred on Vegavahini



son of Ramnad Krishnan while welcoming the gathering recalled the legend's centenary year with concerts every month.

Sangita Kala Acharya Prof Ritha Rajan, one of the prime disciples of Ramnad Krishnan, recalled her glorious days of tutelage under her guru and also thanked the awardee for helping her immensely in her studies on padams and javalis.

Vidwamsini Vegavahini, daughter of Carnatic music legend T. Brinda, explained how her own mother made her daughter get music tutelage under Ramnad Krishnan.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks from R.K. Vaidyanathan, the second son of Ramnad Krishnan.

The function was followed by a veena concert by Vidhushi Jayashree Aravind, said a release.

The 107th Jayanthi of the Carnatic music wizard Ramnad Krishnan was celebrated at Narada Gana Sabha recently.

Ramnad Krishnan Award of Excellence in the field of classical music was conferred on Vidwamsini Vegavahini by Carnatic music scholar Ritha Rajan.

R.K. Ramanathan, the eldest



## Rotary Spotlight conducts badminton tournament

Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight, an all-women's club from Rotary International District 3234, successfully hosted the 4th edition of its flagship badminton tournament

Addi Saathu on September 13 at Wesley Badminton Academy, Royapettah. Nearly 140 players across 70 teams competed in three categories - Casual 1 (under 35

years), Casual 2 (35 years and above), and Expert (for passionate players with advanced skills, excluding state/professional players and coaches). Matches were held in Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles formats.

The tournament was inaugurated by Vinod Saraogi, District Governor Nominee, along with Thangamalar, Managing Partner, Vasanth & Co., and Z. Annie Vijaya, DIG Police Training, a guest of honour. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Suresh Jain, District Governor Elect, and Susan Verghese, Vice President, Hindustan Group of Institutions, as Guest of Honour.

Trophies, certificates, medals, and gift hampers were awarded to winners and runners-up, with special awards presented across categories.

The event was spearheaded by Rtn. Shoba Cecil, secretary, with support from President Rtn. Dharamjai, Chairman Rtn. Sunayana, and Treasurer Rtn. Soni Vijay.

# Under the Mango tree

A Navarathri celebration from September 24 to 28 at My Bungalow, 40 Eldams Road will offer multiple cultural experiences under one roof

**M**y Bungalow, in association with Acharyanet Foundation, presents Under the Mango Tree - a Navarathri celebration from September 24 to 28 at My Bungalow, 40 Eldams Road, Teynampet.

What makes this festival distinctive is the setting itself – a 75-year-old, recently restored charming bungalow nestled amidst lush greenery. It offers the perfect backdrop for an immersive experience that brings together saris, food, art, music, dance, discourse and talks.

On these four days, every evening, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., performances will take place under the mango tree in the backyard, while the sari (featuring a sari kolu and a fashion ramp starring clients of the brand) and art exhibitions will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. indoors. From 3 p.m. onwards, Arusuvi Arasu will present a specially curated Navarathri menu every day, making the pro-



perty come alive under soft lights and the vibrant spirit of the season.

Festival highlights include per-

formances by both emerging and acclaimed artistes, talks by scholars offering cultural and spiritual insights, fine art exhibition of the

A sneak peek into the dance performances and discourses lined up at My Bungalow

Goddess featuring Meghna Unnikrishnan, traditional Navarathri menu curated by Arusuvi Caterers, and festive edit of saris by Chettinad Handloom, said a release.

Visit the Instagram page @my\_bungalow\_eldams\_rd

**'Navarathri Music Series' at Bhavan's Mylapore opens tomorrow**



Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan is celebrating "Navaratri Music Series" under Smt. Saroja Parasaran Memorial Endowment between September 22 and September 30 at Bhavan's Main Hall in Mylapore. The music series starts with a puja on September 22 at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a vocal concert by Abhilash Venkitachalam (in picture).

Other performances include September 23, Sankari Krishnan (vocal); September 24, 6 p.m.; Chinmayi Sisters (vocal); September 25, 6 p.m.; Mambalam Sisters; September 26, 6 p.m.; Akshay Padmanabhan; September 27, 4.30 p.m.; Aishwarya and Soundarya (vocal), 6.30 pm; Sri Easwaran Bhattathiri (vocal); September 29, 4.30 p.m.; Lalitha Mohan (vocal), 6.30 p.m.; Vidy Kalyanaraman (vocal); and September 30, 4.30 p.m.; Vivek Mozhikulam (vocal); 6.30 p.m. Amrutha Venkatesh (vocal). The programmes are open to all.

## Explore Bihar's food, fashion and culture

Homepreneurs will showcase their products at the Durga Puja celebration of Bihar Chaupal Chennai that opens on September 22

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**S**wati Kumari's world pivoted around being the caretaker of her family which includes three children to the exclusion of everything else worth pursuing. The pandemic broadened the horizons for her. The family ran out of *achar* (pickle), a staple in the household which is brought in huge quantities from their home town in Bihar which they visit during vacation. None of the families or shops had them as COVID has restricted travel for over a year. That is when Swati started making *achar* in a small way at her home in Velachery and giving it to her friends and people from the community. Today, this small venture by the name Kailash Hari Enterprise supplies to outstation addresses, accepts orders through Amazon and runs a small outlet at

VGP Selva Nagar in Velachery where they specialise in selling Bihar-style pickles and masala powders.

On September 22, when Bihar Chaupal Chennai, an organisation for people of Bihar and Jharkhand residing in Chennai, kickstarts its Durga Puja celebrations, through homemakers such as Swati one can get a slice of the state's cultural legacy.

"Bihari-style pickle is known for its bold flavours and made with mustard oil. We add certain ingredients that help in digestion," says Swati adding that she engages two women to help her with the preparation. At the venue, she will be selling a variety of them including *mirchi ka barwa*, *haldi ka achar*, *imli-khajur achar* and *grated mango*.

Likewise, homemakers will showcase Madhubhani paintings,

Bhagalpur silk materials and products from other home-based enterprises in these two states.

Ashish Kumar, an Ayurveda doctor and an organiser of Bihar Chaupal Chennai, says this year they have consciously tried to showcase the cultural aspects of the two states during the Durga Puja festival besides the traditional celebrations held every year.

"Events such as these help us meet new people from Bihar who have made Chennai their home as well as those from bordering states that associate with the traditions and culture of the state," says Ashish, adding that they host other events as well through the year.

The durga puja celebrations are on from September 22 to October 2 at Sankaralayam, Spurtank Road in Chetpet.

For details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/biharchaupalachennai/>



Swati Kumari (right) with a staff preparing jackfruit pickle

## Youngsters let their paint brushes do the talking



Young artists across the city came together to celebrate creativity and culture at *The Hindu* Made of Chennai Painting Competition, presented by Casagrand. The event was hosted across two venues on September 13 at SBOA School and Junior College, Anna Nagar, in association with venue partner State Bank of India Office

ers' Association Educational Trust, and on September 14 at Shivalaya Auditorium, Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, with Vels Group of Institutions as the venue partner.

The competition drew enthusiastic participation from school students in both junior and senior categories, who expressed

their imagination and talent through vibrant artworks.

At the SBOA edition, the winners in the junior category were Darshan V. P. (SBOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School), Santhosh Sivan S. (Sri Chaitanya School), and P.L. Anna Poorani (SBOA Global School). In the senior category, Thiyyakshwa S. (SBOA Junior School), Kajol K.

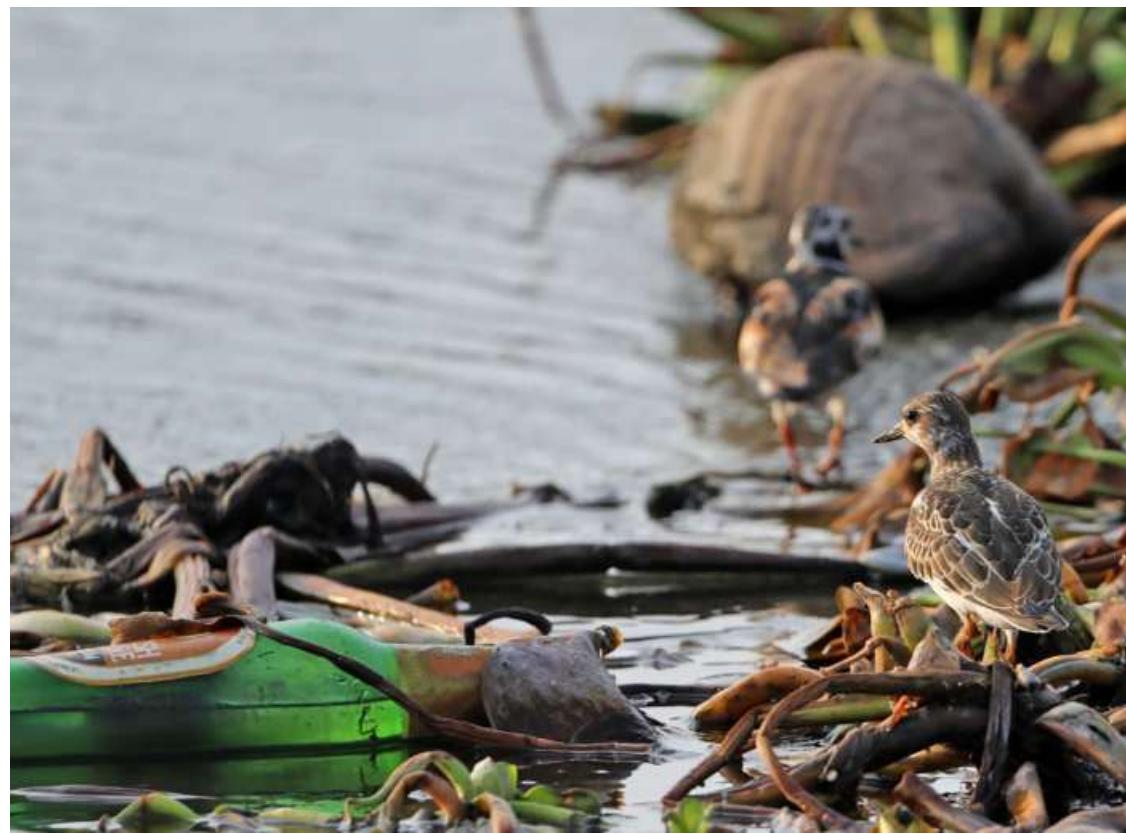
(Godson Public School CBSE), and Divyadharshini (Chinmaya Vidyalaya) secured the top three spots.

At the VELS edition, the junior category winners were Maryam Fathima (Al-Hira Model School), Sara Athriya Dinesh (Christwood School), and V Akshith (PSBB, K.K. Nagar). In the senior category, Aaradhana Ann Ziona K.

(E.J.M.M Higher Secondary School), Nirmayee Nikhil Valsangikar (Vels Vidyashram, Thalambur), and A. Akshaya (Bharath Senior Secondary School) bagged the prizes.

The competition highlighted the city's young talent and their ability to portray Chennai's vibrancy, culture and heritage on canvas. With overwhelming participation and striking creativity on display, the event reinforced the spirit of Chennai as a city made of art, tradition and imagination.

## Raise a glass to recycling



PRINCE FREDERICK

A roll call of migratory birds have begun at the Adyar Estuary. But a word of caution. Those birders trying to stay stone-cold sober should think twice before putting themselves on the path to the Estuary. In a stroke of ill luck, they might find one trigger that could end up throwing them off

the wagon. If the sight of liquor bottles, even empty ones, could be the trigger they better bird elsewhere.

On the evening of September 15, the excitement over the sighting of the Saunders's tern by a multitude of human eyes was still alive. The Saunders's tern was around, but staying out of view, even beyond the reach of those elongated telephoto lens. But the surprise sojour-

ner was not greatly missed. Eurasian oystercatchers and Ruddy turnstones, both put together still accounting for just a handful of feathers, had checked into Hotel Adyar Estuary. A lone Terek sandpiper tried valiantly but unsuccessfully to wrench the limelight from them. The smaller ones – Tibetan sand plovers, Sanderlings, Kentish plovers and Greater sand plovers – gave birders more reasons to linger



With the advent of the bird migratory season, the focus on Adyar Estuary has increased. And it would be the time to shine a light on the glass bottles washing up there. Images from Adyar estuary on September 15 and 16, 2025. Photos: Prince Frederick

longer, not too far from where Adyar disgorges into the sea.

The binoculars and cameras were following two Ruddy turnstones, the other migrants being out of range at that point of time. Those two Ruddy turnstones were gently poking around in a pile of discards, deposited by tidal action. The colours they wore matched those of the mixed garbage including partly browned floating vegetation, to a feather. They would have loved to turn a few things around and find an insect or two, but they did not. The bill of fare seemed unappetising, and that included a couple of empty liquor bottles, one of them with the brand name still pasted on it.

The next day, September 16, when one had a short look-in at the patch, during the liminal time zone between an ageing afternoon and a young evening, it dawned that these migrants (as also the resident birds) hit the bottles regularly. Fo-

cus on a space with birds, and there was a gratuitous offer of empty liquor bottles to add zing to the frame, and eventually the photo.

Birder and environmentalist Kumaresan Chandrabose who is more acquainted with this patch than the back of his palm remarks that glass bottles, ones that once held liquor, end up on this patch in noticeable numbers often, and that these bottles are largely "runoffs" coming in from elsewhere on account of tidal action. Glass bottles can be recycled for eternity, again and again, but they are the least recycled piece of discard. And they are not good for the sea and sea creatures in there and as well as land animals such as us (those bottles, pieces of them can come back to us to our plates by way of biomagnification).

Here is a thought: any biodiversity organisation should focus on collecting these glass bottles washing up at the Estuary, aggregate and send them for recycling.



## *It is not that SIMPLE, folks!*

Community-led waste management in the outer patches of Chennai Metropolitan Area faces unique challenges. Here is a way out of that complicated situation

PRINCE FREDERICK

You have not failed until you have capitulated to a sense of failure. Shefali Ganesh, resident of Dinesh Vihar, a gated community in Thalambur, has come within a hair's breath of just that kind of capitulation, but held herself back with poise, and well, hope.

Her attempts to influence her neighbours to segregate waste, send different categories of it to their rightful places and not the dumping grounds, have met with resistance as impregnable as the walls of Gibraltar. It is a frustration of the stripe that can drive one to self-help paperbacks dispensing chicken soup for the soul persevering against all odds.

Shefali is still persevering: she was in attendance at the recent dry waste collection drive by Residents of Kasturbanagar Association (ROKA), as she has been in every other drive held by the group in preceding years. As usual, she carted her dry waste plus a few neighbours' as well her parents' dry waste (they live at Indira Nagar in Adyar) and dropped it at a venue in the Adyar area. One of

those days when her car agrees to take on the duties of a garbage pick-up truck.

She calls herself a hopeful apprentice of ROKA methods, hoping there would be ROKA-like, pan-Chennai drives originating in OMR.

Here are Shefali's peeves. Recyclers fight shy of coming to her neck of the woods. Nameplates at households change. Neighbours vacate, new neighbours move in – it is a revolving door that never stops, never goes out of order. Shefali finds herself having to start sensitisation training all over again.

Of the six towers in the community, she focuses on two with her "trash talk", and that is challenging enough. Bringing the apartment committee on board to have a well-rounded waste management system underpinned by sustainability goals is another struggle. The association committee changes, so does the composition of the housekeeping staff.

If she notices the systemic problems inherent in the situation, Shefali would go easy on herself. Those problems are as clear as a football to someone like Bhuvana

Raj, a Thalambur resident and co-founder of SIMPLE, which interestingly is not a simple acronym – it stands for Sustainability Improvement through Multiple Projects for a Lovelier Environment. But then, the obstacles green-conscious people in this region are up against are not simple either.

Bhuvana lists what makes the situation complicated.

One, the Chengalpattu district administration would want bulk waste generators (which would include the big gated communities) to manage their waste, which is fair enough, says Bhuvana. But there is the catch. "The administration does not offer a list of empanelled vendors with expertise in managing different kinds of waste. In the absence of this provision, these communities are driven to unauthorised aggregators without a track record for proper waste disposal."

Two, lack of buy-in from residents associations for sustainable waste management. Bhuvana illustrates it with a familiar experience. SIMPLE was born in Casagrand Elan, a gated community in Thalambur, five years ago – but it still represents only a section of the community (close to 100 households) as only they are willing to be involved in efforts to treat household waste responsibly. "When the Association of a gated community is averse to giving the rallying cry for source segregation and related best practices, it does not inspire confidence in a recycler to enter the picture, as they would not have the volume to sustain the business," she explains.

Where does the solution lie? What is the way forward for the Shefalis of the world to tread?

Bhuvana answers that: "After five years, SIMPLE is now working

▼  
Shefali Ganesh with her son Harsha Prashanth (right) at a previous ROKA collection drive.

towards creating a 'green coalition' of like-minded people from various communities. We are about the work of creating a green team in each community to drive waste management there – it is all done *pro bono*. Every three months, we have a dry waste collection drive, essentially clothes and e-waste. These drives are not Elan-centric, touches other communities as well. We have there re-

cyclers on board to conduct our quarterly drives as well as the weekend drives where the regular dry waste such as plastic waste is covered."

Bhuvana goes on to offer a glimpse of what happens when "pockets of responsibility" from various communities come together.

"Our June 30th collection drive in Thalambur communities: Elan total – 1020 kg; Smart Town – 200kg; Jains Springs – 282 kg. KG Earth Homes also collected 921 kg on the same weekend. This was done in collaboration with an authorised aggregator."



### ROKA's dry waste collection drive: the distance says it all

The effectiveness of ROKA's 11th dry waste collection drive should be gauged by two parameters – weight and distance with greater emphasis on the latter. At the end of the day, two days actually, 10.6 metric tonnes of dry waste was in the net and sent for processing. But the more encouraging indicator of success was the fact that ROKA managed to organise the drive from 10 centres, bringing the city as well as its outlying areas under the purview of the exercise.

"Close to 900 people from across Chennai dropped off their materials at ten different locations. We had student volunteers from Kumararani Meenaa Muthiah college, Stella maris, St. Peters, SPIHER (Avadi), SRM university and Loyola supporting us with their energy and enthusiasm on both days of the drive," observes Janani Venkatesh of ROKA.

She believes what these students did for the drive and what the drive did for them are of equal weightage, neither tipping the other on the scales.

"It was a whole new experience for them about waste and how conscious consumption is the need of the hour,"

says Janani. The repair workshops and thrift store grabbed a lot of attention this time. We thank our aggregators Wasted 360 and KRMM college."

The watch repair section was reportedly a big hit with participants – Lekha, a resident of Kasturba Nagar in Adyar, returned home to bring her non-functional watches.

A communication from ROKA, featuring testimonies of student participants, reads this:

Suhita from Stella Maris College: "Turning Waste into Useful Resource", where we collected a lot of waste including clothes and plastic, provided a different volunteering experience for me. I enjoyed helping ROKA's collection drive."

Najima from SRM University, Kattankulathur: "Turning Waste into Hope" where we collected reusable items to support underprivileged communities, emphasised sustainability and gave a second life to items while making a positive social impact. It was heartening to witness the generosity of donors and the impact collective action can have. The experience not only gave me a sense of purpose but also reinforced the importance of giving back."

# EVENTS

## Safety engineers meet at Anna University campus

The Safety Engineers Association of India (SEA India), a pioneering professional body in the field of occupational safety, health, and environment, celebrated its Silver Jubilee at Anna University Campus recently.

The event was graced by industry leaders and safety professionals from across India, says a press release.

The occasion saw the honouring of SEA Founder Lakshma-

nan, whose vision laid the foundation for the association's remarkable journey, the release adds.

The chief guest, S. Ananth, Director of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH), delivered the keynote address, highlighting the critical role of safety engineers in nation-building and industrial growth. Guest of Honours and senior leaders from various industries were also felicitated for

their contributions.

The highlight of the event was a series of technical sessions and knowledge-sharing programmes which included "Leveraging AI for Safety Compliance", a session by Mohan Venkatesh; a presentation by Dr. G. Jayaraj focused on emerging trends in occupational safety practices; and a HSE quiz programme.

The 24th AGM of the Association followed.



## Annual sports meet celebrated



The Annual Sports Meet 2025 of St Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Broadway, Chennai, was held with great enthusiasm, commencing with an impressive march-past by the four Houses, led by the school band. The event was graced by the presence of Chairman Rev. Fr. Stalin T Francis and Chief Guest Olympian Mr. P. Ramachandran, IRS, Assistant Direc-

tor of Customs. Students captivated the audience with energetic drills, cultural performances, and Karate and Yoga demonstrations. Thrilling track and field events added to the excitement and competitive spirit. The highlight was the announcement of Topaz House as the Overall Champion, celebrated with loud cheers.

## New boutique in Mylapore

Athyusha's Boutique has opened in Mylapore. Run by Vidya Subramaniam, the store stocks customised saris sourced from weavers across India, and prints and designs on them.

The saris are made from pure fabrics with no synthetic fibers, polyester or viscose, said a release.

The store also stocks kadhi cottons, mangalgiri silks and cottons, ahimsa tussar silks, linens, Kancheepuram cotton saris, salwar set materials and readymade kurtas.

Vidya Subramaniam also undertakes corporate annual events, business meetings, or celebrations.

The store is located at 56, North Mada Street. Ph: 7358793380, 9025868940.



## Hospital launches dedicated fever clinics

Be Well Hospitals has launched fever clinics to address the seasonal surge in fever-related illnesses, dengue, malaria and viral infections. The clinic aims to provide fast, high-quality and affordable care with a focus on early diagnosis and prompt treatment, said a release. The fever evaluation package, priced at ₹150, includes a doctor consultation, vital checks and injection administration, if needed. The complete fever package at ₹999 provides comprehensive tests, including a dengue NS1 test, CBC, Widal, malaria parasite smear and urine routine.

The fever clinics have been launched at its hospitals in Ambattur, Anna Nagar, Kilpauk, Poonamallee, Selaiyur and T. Nagar.

For appointments, call 9698 300 300. Or visit [www.bewellhospitals.in](http://www.bewellhospitals.in)

## Property fair concludes today

Today is the last day of 'Idhu Ungal Sothu', a property expo happening at Kailash Garden in Sholinganallur.

Investors and real estate developers are showcasing plots, villas, apartments and row houses, said a release.

Bank officials will be available to offer home loan assistance and to simplify financing for interested attendees, the release added. Entry is made free, aimed to encourage real estate as an investment.

For details, call 9444456087.

## Free physiotherapy session for people with Parkinson's

Parivarthan for Parkinson's runs appointment-based physiotherapy for people diagnosed with Parkinson's (PD) at their Supportive Care Centre in Anna Nagar.

People with Parkinson experience symptoms such as stiffness, slowness of movement, and tremors. Physiotherapy is a critical therapy that helps manage these symptoms, while improving mobility, balance and reducing the risk of falls.

Each session is tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual, and progress is closely monitored, said a release.

For details, contact 96000 52531.

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