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## Pattabiram RWA seeks restoration of water channel

**G**opalapuram Residents Welfare Association in Pattabiram seeks restoration of a water channel running parallel to Hindu College railway station and Pattabiram railway station on CTH Road in Pattabiram.

The association notes encroachments and dumping of solid waste take away from the channel's effectiveness, resulting in flooding of Gopalapuram.

"A natural channel, it originates at Mitnamalli and connects to Viliinjambakkam lake. In the last five years, construction activity has encroached upon the water channel. Sewage discharge and garbage dumping have added to the water channel's degradation," says C. Sridhar Kumar, the association's secretary.

Dense vegetation over the channel is another factor contributing to sluggish flow of water.

Sridhar adds: "Roads in Gopalapuram remain waterlogged for days; water entering the houses is not uncommon. Our petitions to Railway authorities to have the water channel restored, the latest given a year ago, have been ignored."



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## On MTH Road, footpaths serve shops not pedestrians

The footpaths at MTH Road in Villivakkam are non-existent for all practical purposes — that is, for pedestrians. For shop owners though, the footpaths function as extensions of their shops. On these footpaths, commercial establishments park their wares and name boards, elbowing pedestrians to the carriageway. Customers park their vehicles in front of the shops, causing pedestrians to move further into the carriageway. “Making matters worse, stray cattle are allowed to roam on the road. Despite the location of Villivakkam police station on this road, safety rules are violated,” says a resident of Villivakkam. Connecting New Avadi Road and Konnur High Road, MTH Road is a busy road. PHOTOS: B.JOTHI RAMALINGAM



## An unlikely study centre

From an economically disadvantaged family, Merlin Asha successfully prepared for the Agriculture Officer examination making use of the facilities at Lutheran Anbunathar Church in Anna Nagar

EBENEZER STEPHEN DURAIAPPAN

**W**hen Merlin Asha left her hometown in Ramanathapuram district for Chennai to pursue her civil services career, she had no idea a church in Annanagar would be her ‘study centre’ and the clergy and congregation would be her caretakers.

The BSc. Agriculture passout from RVS Agricultural College in Thanjavur, who was determined to crack the public service exams, had to settle for group study with fellow aspirants in her hometown after coaching centres were shut due to the pandemic in 2020.

Asha appeared for the Agriculture Officer examination called for in 2021. Though she cleared stage one, Asha was not able to make it through the interview. However, sheer determination and grit, along with parental support, helped her to explore newer avenues in public services, and in getting selected for the post of Agriculture Officer with the Tamil Nadu Government. With general studies and general knowledge being her core areas of strength, Asha left for Chennai in 2022, setting her sights on the “much higher” Group 1 and UPSC. Initially, she had joined a coaching centre in Anna Nagar and found accommodation in a PG hostel in the vicinity.

The physical space she found herself in not being conducive for effective exam preparation, she turned to an unconventional “study centre”. It was in fact light years removed from being a study centre of any kind, let alone one for competitive exams. It was a church.

But Asha found the Lutheran Anbunathar Church campus in Anna Nagar suffused with enough quiet for her to pursue her public service dream with focus. “I approached the then pastor Rev. Augustin, who, along with the other church authorities, readily agreed to open the campus for me to prepare for my exams,” she recalls. Being a devout Catholic, she never skipped the Sunday Mass - be it at a faraway Roman Catholic Church, or other Parishes in the neighbourhood. The Lutheran church’s congregants became something close to family. The church helpers - Neskann and his wife Jean - would sit beyond their working hours and wait till the time I flip through the last page, and then close the gates,” says Asha. She acknowledges the monetary help provided by the church in 2023 when her family back home was struggling to make ends meet with a younger daughter to provide for. Despite all odds, her father, a health inspector, and her mother, a housewife, were determined to help their daughter pursue her public service career.

Between 2022 and 2024, Asha appeared for the Group 1 and Group 1-A examinations, but could not clear the final interview. However, Asha did not lose heart. Instead, she found the experience “progressive” as she was able to improve herself at every stage. Even as she was preparing for the Group 1 exams, Asha stayed focused on her initial career choice as Agriculture Officer, and cleared the exams held in 2024. However, this is not her final destination - the 23-year-old says she is determined to pursue her UPSC dream.

Merlin Asha at the church. PHOTO: EBENEZER STEPHEN DURAIAPPAN





# Have ‘challan posts’ dwindled on **social media**?

Some users on X say Greater Chennai Traffic Police is no longer providing status updates about complaints raised through posts

LIFFY THOMAS

**H**as Greater Chennai Traffic Police stopped issuing challans based on complaints on X? Browse through the official handle of GCTP @chennai-traffic and one would find no challan-related posts in the recent weeks. Challan is issued to levy a fine on a motorist after verifying the complaint posted by a user. This exercise builds trust among social media users about the traffic police taking action on their complaints, and also keeps the department informed about new

concerns and issues faced by people. Shenoy Nagar resident Chinni Krishnan, who regularly posts complaints on X, says the handle @chennai-traffic has not posted any challan for close to 50 days now.

“They used to investigate and then issue challans. They acknowledge the tweet but then it goes all dark,” says Chinni.

The resident has posted multiple complaints about vehicles abandoned at the junction of 3rd Cross Street East and Pulla Avenue that pose a safety risk to both pedestrians and motorists. He

says his complaints have not been acted upon.

The social media team of the traffic police say they post challans based on what they get from the traffic and planning wing of the department.

A senior official from the planning section says issuing challans is a continuous process and they will resume it soon. Once a user posts a complaint, their team has to investigate whether it is a violation or an action done unintentionally. They have to review it and then take action, says the official.



Screenshot of a traffic challan issued by Greater Chennai Traffic Police on April 23, 2025

In June, GCTP had issued an advisory on fraudulent WhatsApp messages circulating using the GCTP logo as a display picture and sharing links that mimic traffic challan payments. It asked us-

ers not to click unless one is sure it is from an official source. Social media users wonder if the traffic police has been going slow on challans based on the fraudulent messages.

## READERS WRITE

### ‘A section of New Avadi Road plagued by traffic logjams’

C. SUBRAMANIAN

**O**n New Avadi Road, from the regional rail museum to Nathamuni Signal, which accounts for one kilometre of the road, motorists are up against a severe traffic bottleneck on account of encroachments. The encroachments have largely to do with commercial retail establishments. New Avadi Road being an important link road to central Chennai from the north/ north western Chennai suburbs, a traffic congestion often causes a hugely chaotic situation. MTC buses, school college buses and ambulances struggle to get past this stretch. In addition, trailer transport vehicles bringing heavy cargo to ICF furnishing division where the prestigious Vandhe Bharat rail coaches are produced, huff and puff through this section.

On any weekday both during the morning and evening peak hours, vehicular movement is hugely affected. Whenever any VIP visits this region passing through this road, the traffic police appear on the scene and pave the way for their smooth travel. But the ordeal continues for the general public on odd days. The traffic on this road gets thick and turns more chaotic whenever any funeral procession passes through it.

Will the authorities concerned look into this issue?

(C. Balasubramanian is a resident of Ankur Apartment on CTH Road in Padinjarampet)

### ‘Road in SIDCO Nagar waits for relaying’

Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) started cable laying work on SIDCO Nagar First Main Road in Villivakkam last year and the work got completed four months ago. However, the road has not been relaid to this day. Driving through this uneven stretch is difficult. Encroachments, parking of vehicles, and garbage bins add to the problem.

It should be noted that Metropolitan Transport Corporation operates a bus connecting SIDCO Nagar and Secretariat via this road. The bus skipped this road when the work began and it has not resumed service on this road to this day though the cable-laying work got completed. It is learnt that MTC crew cites the battered road as reason for this.

M. Senthil,  
Villivakkam



Sidco Nagar First Main Road, Villivakkam. PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

### ‘Lifts at Hindu College railway station breaks down often’

It is less than a year since lifts were installed at Hindu College railway station in Pattabiram.

However, technical glitches crop up often and it gets addressed.

Southern Railway is requested to provide a lasting solution. The staircase at the station are quite steep. Hence, the lifts are a necessary here. Otherwise, commuters tend to cross the railway tracks.

C. Sridhar Kumar,  
secretary, Gopalapuram Residents Welfare Association, Pattabiram, Avadi.

### ‘Seats at Perambur Locoworks railway station not user-friendly’

The height of the platforms at Perambur Locoworks railway station was increased around five years ago. But the height of the seats were not increased accordingly. Due to this commuters find it quite inconvenient to sit.

Raghukumar Choodamani, convenor, Perambur Neighbourhood Development Forum





Starting this week, in the spirit of Aadi Pattam, a tradition celebrating the sowing season, stretching from mid-July to mid-August, *The Hindu Downtown* will feature volunteering groups that promote greening exercises. The spotlight this week is on Team Green which began in Mogappair East and now has a pan-Chennai presence due to consistent efforts by its volunteers



A short tour of Team Green's greening activities

Green provides saplings for free, except when they do not have the saplings of a specific tree species that has been sought. In such an event, they help procure it from a nursery, with the cost being borne by the one making the request.

#### Vidiyal: an offshoot

Deepa Lakshmi is part of a force driving an initiative called Vidiyal, which splices women's empowerment with environment action. Vidiyal is designed in a manner that gets groups of three to four women from an underprivileged background to gather every day at a designated school to nurture saplings. They are provided with soil, seeds and used milk packets, these materials having been collected and supplied by Team Green volunteers. The women work from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., nurturing saplings and starting new ones with the soil and seeds. In case you are wondering what the milk packets are for: they serve as coverings for the saplings. Currently, around 15 to 20 women are engaged in this work on a full-time basis.

The project operates on a community-supported model where volunteers contribute financially to pay the women for their efforts. For instance, a donation of ₹900 is enough to pay three women ₹300 each for a day's work. Those who wish to support just one person can contribute ₹300. Deepa mentions that they never have to actively seek sponsors, as there is always a steady flow of generous volunteers who come forward to pitch in and help sustain the project.

Deepa notes that Team Green is not an NGO, only a scattered but tightly-knit group of individual volunteers. The volunteering group functions on its own except for collaborations with Exnora from time to time. Deepa finds the most supportive volunteer in her hearth: her husband Mohanasundaram who has handed over the reins of his earthmoving business to his team, distancing himself from its day-to-day activities and thereby freeing up time for Team Green's activities.

For details about Team Green and its activities, call 9042594891 / 6379072259

## Branching out to other neighbourhoods

SHARON JESSICA MICHAEL

**T**he pandemic had two contrasting effects on newly sprouted initiatives. Some went into a tailspin and never recovered from it. And there were others that got their tail up, the pandemic years, strangely, providing them with a conducive environment for growth.

Deepa Lakshmi and her husband K. Mohanasundaram had barely started a hyperlocal greening exercise around their moorings in Mogappair East when the pandemic struck. Deepa Lakshmi is an English teacher at Chennai Higher Secondary School on Subbrayan Street in Shenoy Nagar, and in addition to her teaching role, serves as in-charge headmistress of the school. While latching the doors of the school (and taking the classes online), the pandemic threw wide open the door to environment action. Deepa Lakshmi seized that opportunity.

"It all started during COVID. There was so much free time," re-



calls Deepa Lakshmi, co-founder of a volunteering force called Team Green. "We used to water the few plants we had, and then one day, we just planted some saplings. Neighbours noticed, and slowly people started joining us."

The streets in the neighbourhood saw more green; and then the streets beyond the neighbourhood did. What began as a simple act became a habit not just for this duo and their neighbours in Mogappair East, but also for many eco-conscious people elsewhere in Chennai.

Team Green – as this group of

sapling-toting volunteers are called – has expanded to Perungudi, Keelkattalai, Madipakkam, Gated Communities in OMR, Perumbakkam, Tiruvottiyur and Thirumullaivoyal.

Team Green provides saplings of native trees for free to residents and individuals upon request – a huge volume of such requests being honoured on special days such as Environment Day – but not before extracting a promise from them.

The recipient has to take a vow to never abandon the saplings. They would be put through a



wringer of questions, much like someone adopting a puppy would be before taking the bundle of fur home.

A quick run-through of the posers high up on the questionnaire: who will be responsible for the care of the saplings? Has proper soil preparation been done? The interviewee will find themselves being edified about plant care. Team Green does not leave anything to chance. A volunteer would one day invite themselves to the recipient's stomping ground to see how the saplings are coming along. This stringent process weeds out diletantes, and brings on board only those extremely keen on greening their neighbourhoods and personal spaces.

Residents interested in greening their patches constitute much of the demand. Colleges (through their outreach wings such as NSS units) also seek saplings for their environmental initiatives. Team



Grace Sheela teaches compassion and empathy to her students by taking care of injured animals



# Principal's *love for animals*, a lesson for children

LIFFY THOMAS

**K**indergarten students at Madras Christian College Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Chetpet have someone dropping in on them, mid-class, at least once in a day. They look forward to this interruption. This visitor is a rescued myna living on the campus.

Principal and correspondent Grace Sheela, known as a saviour of injured birds and animals, got the myna from her friend Sabeena Varghese on July 4. She ensures the “patient” is under her direct care; so much so that the bird “joins” her when she goes on school rounds.

“It was lifeless and shaken when Sabeena brought it in. It had a fall from the third floor of a building

where it had built a nest near the AC unit,” says Grace.

Grace took the bird under her wing, doing everything it takes for the bird to adapt to its new environment.

“The moment she sees me she needs food and I need to keep feeding her,” says the principal sitting in her chamber with the myna next to her.

The myna is also the latest friend of students and staff at MCC School. In the past, injured pigeons, young parakeets and tender hare had been rehabilitated on the campus.

“When they are severely injured I take them to the veterinary hospital for treatment, take care of them till they can be on their own,” says the principal who has had stints with Vidyodaya Girls Higher Sec-

ondary School in T.Nagar and Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Chetpet.

The English teacher’s love for nature began while teaching nature-related topics and it reached a new height during a visit to Parambikulam Tiger Reserve as part of a school project.

“Exnora Naturalist Club started a nature club at Vidyodaya School as part of which I took 76 girls to the Parambikulam forest,” she says.

She associates with groups working on conservation programmes and ensures the children are taught conservation issues in an engaging manner.

She had organised a visit for the students to Supraja Dharini’s Tree Foundation to have a ringside view of rescued turtles.



Grace Sheela with the dog Whitey and her students; (below) the rescued myna with kindergarten children; woodpeckers and snakes are often spotted on the campus. PHOTOS: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

take up green initiatives.

“When a bird is rescued I take it to the classes so children develop love, empathy and connection with these creatures,” she says.

The principal has her home on the campus, which has enabled her to spend considerable time with her rescues.

The story of Whitey, a mongrel with a fluffy tail, is known even to visitors to the campus.

The puppy set paws in the campus during the time of the Board examinations in 2019 along with a constable who was deputed to the school.

“A hostel staff was taking care of it when I joined the school, but once he left I entered the picture and today she is an integral member of my home and school,” she says.

The vaccinated dog roams on the campus as if she owns the place.

She impress everyone but cannot stand another furry animal coming to the campus. “Many a time she has fought with them and they in turn have bitten her. At least four times she got injured this way and once her ear was torn and we had to rush her to the hospital,” says the principal.

Most children make sure they get their turn to play with “ma’am’s dog”.

The principal, who has a busy schedule as she has registered for a PhD programme in environment literature, says how good or bad Earth turns out depends on how well we take care of it. “I tell my children that every single creature matters. When I see a small caterpillar on the floor, I move it to a plant so that vehicles do not crush it,” she says, adding that every small action counts.



At MCC School, as part of an initiative by non-profit School Health Annual Report Programme ‘Conserve my planet’ programme is conducted where 100 students take part in a month-long programme where they go about creating awareness about conservation. Under the ‘Green Ambassador Award’ students are nudged to





School children sprint to catch a bus near Chintadripet MRTS Railway Station. FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

# Schools say 'no' to motorised vehicles

To encourage the safety of children, many educational institutions in Chennai discourage them from driving to school

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**L**ast month, a higher secondary class student in South Chennai was stopped at the school gates.

He was on two electric wheels, but what powered the vehicle, a battery-assisted motor or an internal combustion engine was not the sticking point.

As a policy, the private school would not want its students to ride any powered vehicle (electric or otherwise) to school. So, when the boy put forth his argument that it was a

low-powered e-scooter, and he was in the age bracket to ride that machine, he did so weakly, knowing that it would not cut ice with the management.

Before proceeding further, a peek into the rule book. According to the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), those aged between 16 and 18 can get a special driving licence for an e-scooter with a maximum power of 4 kilowatts and a maximum restricted speed of 70 km per hour.

Electric vehicles might be in the limelight, and the law might even favour even 16-year-olds to ride low-powered e-vehicles. But many educational institutions in Chennai are not open to the idea.

Chettinad Vidyashram sends reminders every academic year asking parents not to let their children operate two or four-wheelers to school. Staff from the PET department stand

outside the school to keep an eye on students breaking the rule.

Teachers of many other schools *The Hindu Downtown* spoke to note that although schools discourage students from riding any two-wheeler, many students park them on streets outside the schools or ride them to tuition classes or for last mile connectivity.

Meenakshi Kukreja, director, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, says in India the process of according licences is not stringent, and the question of whether a 16-year-old is adequately equipped to meet the challenges of the road cannot be answered satisfactorily. Many do not take their two-wheeler classes seriously is her contention.

"We discourage students from driving two-wheelers before the age of 18. A few of our member companies like Hero and Honda have been providing training to young drivers and that covers the dangers on road," says Meenakshi.

The rule book states that no person under the age of 18 years shall drive a motor vehicle in any public place. And as stated above, someone aged 16 or 17 could ride a low-powered e-bike with clearly spelt out power specifications. In terms of bikes with an internal combustion engine, a similar law exists, but has become obsolete. It states that a motor vehicle with engine capacity not exceeding 50 cc might be driven in public places after someone attains the age of 16 years with a valid learner's licence.

As manufacturers do not produce vehicles of this specification anymore, this provision is null and void for all practical purposes.

## Monsoon session: RSN wants spotlight on children's safety

**T**he Road Safety Network (RSN), a collective of civil society organisations working to reduce road crash fatalities, wants policymakers to address four critical gaps in road safety when the Monsoon Session of the Parliament begins on July 21. They are child safety, speed management, stronger State Road Safety Action Plans and targeted amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act (MV Act).

According to a report by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), children made up nearly 10% of fatalities in 2022. Between 2011 and 2022, road accidents claimed the lives of 1.98 lakh children. Informal modes of school transport – such as vans and auto-rickshaws – play a major role in student mobility yet they are often found operating outside existing regulatory frameworks. RSN is urging the government to amend Section 2(11) of the MV Act to explicitly include informal school transport – such as vans and auto-rickshaws – and ensure their registration and safety oversight. The coalition also recommends coordinated local action through mandated safe school zones, especially as 60% of Indian children walk to school, says a press release.

RSN is advocating for a scientific approach to speed zoning, tailored to local environments such as school areas, markets and residential lanes. States such as West Bengal have introduced zone-wise speed guidelines, which RSN recommends as a national model.

RSN also called for states to implement robust State Road Safety Action Plans, especially for urban areas often excluded from standardised design practices. Though the 2019 MV Act brought uniformity to highway design, urban road planning must also align with Indian Roads Congress safety standards, ensuring safer infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users, added the release.

Members of RSN include Parisar, SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF), Consumer Voice (CV), Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG), Synergie, Centre for Environment Education (CEE), and CUTS International.



N. RAVIKKUMAR

**H**addows Road-Uttamar Gandhi Salai junction in Nungambakkam is not easy to cross by foot. Haddows Road, permanently one way, has fast-moving traffic. Uttamar Gandhi Salai, made temporarily one-way a year ago except for a small stretch of it, is narrow around this junction due to Metro rail work.

At this junction, a traffic police personnel or a marshal of Chennai Metro Rail Limited is present only during rush hour. In recent times, they are not to seen even during rush hour. This junction witnesses heavy traffic even during lean hours.

Two other junctions on Uttamar Gandhi Salai where pedestrians need help – Kodambakkam High Road-Uttamar Gandhi Salai junction near Gemini flyover (one traffic police personnel is parked here but it needs two or three) and Thirumurthy Nagar Main Road-Uttamar Gandhi Salai junction near ICAI campus.

*N. Ravikkumar is a resident of Nungambakkam*

## Pedestrians need help on Uttamar Gandhi Salai

The junctions near Kodambakkam High Road; Thirumurthy Nagar Main Road and Haddows Road.

PHOTOS: VELANKANNI RAJ B



## Bus shelter in Padi remains unused

PHOTO: VELANKANNI RAJ B



Buses do not halt at the shelter at TVS Lucas bus stop in Padi on 200 Feet Inner Ring Road, but a little distance away, near a pedestrian crossing. Commuters suggest either the buses should be made to halt near the shelter or the shelter be relocated to the spot where buses stop. This stop is meant for buses headed toward Anna Nagar and Koyamedu.

## Waterlogging at Swathi Street in Thirumullaivoyal

Last week, Swathi Street at Kovilpathagai in Thirumullaivoyal retained rainwater much after the spell of rains. Tamil Nadu Progressive Consumer Centre, an Avadi-based citizens group, attributes the waterlogging to the road being on an uneven footing with the adjacent Thirumullaivoyal Main Road. "When it was relaid four years ago, Thirumullaivoyal Main Road increased in height, dwarfing the adjacent Swathi Street," says forum's president T. Sadagopan, adding, "The lack of a stormwater drain aggravates the problem."



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## Hockey fever grips the city

▼ The 96th All India MCC Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2025 is happening at Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Egmore till July 20. This is the first time an international team is taking part in the prestigious tournament, which will see the participation of 10 teams. This image was taken on July 11 with Tamil Nadu unit competing with the Indian Army. PHOTO : B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

## PLAN YOUR WEEK



### Workshop on traditional paintings

A workshop on Indian traditional paintings will be conducted for ladies and children covering a variety of traditional and contemporary styles, including Tanjore and Meenakari. The next batch starts on July 14 at SAF Games Village, Koyambedu.

For details, contact Kanimozhi at 93811 57831

### Free pain management therapy in Arumbakkam

Parivarthan for Parkinson's Foundation, a Chennai-based organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with Parkinson's, is introducing free pain management therapy at its centre in Arumbakkam. This non-invasive physical therapy targets a range of chronic pain areas, including the shoulders, neck, knees, lower back, ankles, and muscles. Each session lasts 45 minutes and is customised to

the individual's needs, with an emphasis on regular intervention for long-term relief.

Led by trained professionals, Parivarthan ensures care is delivered in a safe, supportive environment, said a release. The sessions are completely free, but a prior appointment is required as slots are limited.

To register or book a session, call 96000 52531.

### Anna Nagar humour club meets today

The monthly meeting of Anna Nagar Humour Club will be held on July 13 at Shri Krishnaswamy Vidhyashram, J - Block 15th street, Anna Nagar West at 4 p.m.

N. Balasubramanian, N. Karthikeyan, R. Rangadorai, R. Sivakumar, N. Arjuna Chetty, Kamala Eswaran and Dr Anantharamakrishnan will tell jokes on various events of this month like Father's Day, Yoga day, ocean day and Bicycle Day.

All are welcome.

For further details, contact Balu (secretary) 97910 80791 / Karthik (executive) 98400 76022

### Free medical camp by trust

Anna Nagar Sri Ayyappa Charitable Trust Healthcare and Diagnostic Centre is organising a free medical camp covering dental screening and consultation for general medicine.

The camp is being held on July 20 at Vellanur Panchayath, Arikkamedu. For details and registration, call 7200469351 / 93611 86633 / 9360386453

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### Workshop on entrepreneurial opportunities in solar energy sector

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According to a press release, the following concepts will be covered: introduction to solar energy, entrepreneurial opportunities in solar energy sector, business models in this sector, relevant computer software, financial planning, regulations and subsidy schemes.

Those above 18 years of age and who have completed class 10 can take part. The institute offers hostel facility for the participants on first come, first serve basis.

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