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Perambur RWA seeks **widening of water canal**



The canal at Perambur railway station and (right) near Ekankipuram neighbourhood.
PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Solid waste is being dumped in Ekankipuram Canal

Perambur Neighbourhood Development Forum, a residents association, seeks widening of a decades-old water channel that flows through the Perambur railway station (near the pedestrian subway which is now closed to facilitate refurbishment work carried out under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme).

This channel begins at the three-vent underpass near Murasoli Maran flyover, passes through the railway station, drains into Ekankipuram Canal on Perambur High Road - South which in turn is connected to Otteri Nullah at Ayanavaram.

“Called Ekankipuram Canal, the decades-old channel is said to have been created during British times.

It was wide then. The channel is now noticeably narrow and clogged with all kinds of waste.



The poor maintenance of the channel causes inundation at the vehicular underpass near Murasoli Maran flyover and also at the railway station. We want this channel to

be revived by deepening and widening it,” says the forum’s convenor, Raghukumar Choodamani.

The association also cites unevenness of the roads at the underpass as another reason for waterlogging.

“The difference in the levels of the roads of each vent also paves way for water stagnation. This flaw should be corrected. The possibility of diverting the water directly to Ekankipuram Canal from the underpass should be explored. This will mitigate waterlogging at the railway station,” adds Raghukumar Choodamani.

The association also draws attention to the clogging of the Ekankipuram Canal near Ekankipuram neighbourhood.

“All kinds of solid waste including food, garbage, plastic items, clothes and mattresses are dumped in the water channel. Further, untreated sewage is also being discharged into this canal. This is yet another reason preventing water flow and causing stagnation at the railway station and the underpass,” adds Raghukumar Choodamani.

The association also raised concerns about encroachments in the canal.

Text by L. Kanthimathi

‘Transformer needs to be fenced’



TANGEDO has to fence its transformer on First Main Road at SIDCO Nagar in Villivakkam.

The public is dumping waste around it.

A spark in the waste can lead to a major fire accident.

Greater Chennai Corporation should install a signboard cautioning against dumping of waste here.

M. Senthil,
Villivakkam



‘SWD ineffective at Jawahar Nagar’

First Main Road at Jawahar Nagar is prone to waterlogging. It takes nearly three days for water to clear. The stormwater drain here is ineffective.

K.V.Ramesh Nair, Agaram

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Listening with the heart

The John Millns Chorale might have been silent during the carol roll call, but its Yuletide sounds from years ago still resonate with the Christian music cognoscenti. Let us revisit the magical notes that used to fill St. Mary's Church at Fort St. George

SHARON JESSICA MICHAEL

Reviewing a concert that happened five years ago is the equivalent of doing multiple backflips. Supposing that concert has to do with Christmas carol singing, a swan song by a celebrated choir fading into the sunset, the review enters trickier terrain. Emotions and not just notes need capturing.

The 2019 Christmas carol concert at St. Mary's Church in Fort St. George was its famed choir's last gasp. It was probably not officially announced, nothing put down in black and white, but the choristers could see the writing on the wall, as clearly as when each letter is the size of a football.

Jabez Janagaraj, the chief architect and conductor of the choir, John Millns Chorale, had passed on the previous year. It was going to be an emotion-packed concert from the get-go. The quaint little church that has aged well was packed to the wooden rafters. The pews were overflowing with the faithful. The choir had to bring their beloved 'Uncle Jabez' alive in every song they sang. The most memorable performance of the concert had to do with Jingle Bells, uniquely arranged by Jabez.

In addition to the songs that were performed, the audience listened in to one that was not, that evening. The John Millns Chorale

had its anthem – an old anthem that Jabez discovered by chance and brought to life recreating it in its "atelier". It was "Bells in the Church Steeple Ringing". It became the choir's signature piece, and Jabez's wife Cheryl Janagaraj recalls how the choir's voices would blend perfectly with the rhythm, filling the St. Mary's Church with something irresistibly haunting.

"When we finally nailed that harmony," Cheryl recalls with a smile, "it was not just about the music. It was the joy of creating something together, of sharing that perfect moment." Jabez had worked on this old composition he literally picked from nowhere, but only when the choir perfected it

was the cup of joy full.

The preparation for the annual Christmas concert at St. Mary's church would be on a slow boil but the fires would be stoked regularly. Multiple-part singing amplified by an orchestra would automatically mean diversity. Diversity usually presupposes various entities drawn from multiple addresses. The choir obviously sported talent not just confined to the church. The John Mills Chorale was famously associated with the orchestra led by Jerry Fernandez. Marshalling resources drawn from various sources takes passion and patience, boxes Jabez ticked.

John Collison, a pianist who was assistant conductor when Jabez was around, and now played the pipe organ at St. Mary's Church, Fort St. George, says: "The John Millns choir is unique to interpretation, tone and balance." Note the present tense,

suggesting hope – John Collison remarks that to "continue the legacy of Jabez Janagaraj," the choir should regroup, and he believes it could.

Months of preparation

For those who were part of it, the run-up to the annual Christmas carol service was a time of anticipation, a season unto itself.

Cheryl remembers the excitement that filled the air long before December. John Millns Chorale had a "practice pad", an upper room at a home in Thacker Street, Purasawalkam that was swept into the overall excitement.

"Practices often started in June, but Christmas – Christmas was always the highlight," she said. "There was something about the way the music came together, the way the room felt when we sang, that made everything seem possible."

Massive choral concerts are obviously about teamwork and alignment, but to leave leadership, organisational skills and human resource management out of the picture is to ignore the giant piece in the puzzle. Jabez had these skills, imparted to him in his early years.

Jabez's music journey began on the right note, and kept hitting the right notes as it progressed. It started with piano learning with A. Charles of Thanjavur and J. Dawson of Madras. He then became a student of singing under the teaching and mentorship of Rev. John

Millns, a renowned tenor, organist and conductor. He also learnt singing from Marina Cocali, a gold medalist of the Salzburg Academy and Prima Donna of the Athens Opera. Jabez's training was further enriched with speech lessons under Colin Mortimer, a British Council speech expert. This was as robust a foundation as one can get to raise an edifice of choral music.

Employed in the Secretariat, Jabez was instrumental in getting Tamil Nadu Government Staff Choir started. In 1968, he founded a modest-sized choir, a male voice choir. It would eventually change its character, welcome female voices as well, grow gigantesque and come to be known as John Millns Chorale in 1993.

Besides conducting the Christmas carol concerts at St. Mary's Church in Fort St. George, Jabez garnered attention for conducting the Egmore Wesley Church Choir and helping mould and conduct the choir of St. James Church in Ayanavaram and the Tanjore Male Voice Choir.

Cheryl reflects on the years Jabez was battling ill health and on the final concerts with a deep sense of pride.

"Even when he was struggling with his health, he never let that stop him from sharing his love of music," she remarks. "He showed us that even in the hardest moments, there was beauty to be found in the smallest details."

John Millns Chorale in action; and a view of St. Mary's Church. PHOTOS: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND JOTHI RAMALINGAM

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Chennai resident excels on global stage



Globalart's International Competition conducted recently at Mariot Hotel in Putrajaya, Malaysia drew 350 participants across the globe,

including 48 from India.

The theme for the competition was 'I Love my country'. Children in the age group of 4-18 years show-

cased their creativity through artwork, says a press release.

All 48 Indian students excelled in this competition and won prizes in the various categories. Alorika Sinha (aged 17) from Chennai and a student of Globalart, KK Nagar was adjudged Champion in Group D (for participants between 13 - 18 years) which is the senior most category in the Competition, says the press release

The participants were from 17 countries - Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, UAE & USA, the release adds.

Limelight Diamonds now in Anna Nagar

Limelight Diamonds, lab-grown diamond brand, recently opened its first store in Chennai, which makes it 23 stores across India.

The store was inaugurated by actress Nikkii Galrani Pinisetty. Brand's co-founder Nirav Bhatt was present along with regional partners, V. Sreenivasan, K. Krishnamurthy and V. Udayakumar, says a press release

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tion, lifetime buyback, and a 100% exchange guarantee along with value-protected complementary jewellery insurance, says the release.

The store is located at Ranga Plaza in Anna Nagar.

To explore more designs, visit www.limelightdiamonds.com

CGHS health centre shifts to new building

Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Wellness Centre on the HVF Campus in Avadi which has been functioning from a decades-old British period building has now been shifted to a new building within the same campus.

The new building, which began to be constructed in June 2022, was inaugurated last week. It is spread across 4,000 sqft and has three floors in addition to the ground floor. The new health centre can be accessed from CTH Road (opposite Tube Products of India). "A new building was badly needed as the old one was prone to water leakage and termite attack. Hence, the senior officials of the centre made a proposal to the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for a new building in 2012. Ordinance Factories & Allied Establishments Pensioners' Welfare Association also pursued the cause. We are happy that the new facility has come into existence. It has



The new building. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

got a laboratory which is an additional facility. Another advantage of the new building is that it is easily accessible as it has got an entrance on CTH Road where a good number of MTC buses are operated. Considering the health centre, a bus-stop should be created," says T. Sadagopan, president, Tamil Nadu Progressive Consumer Centre, a citizens group based in Avadi, and also a beneficiary of the health centre.

Podiatrist of the Year award for Chennai doctor

Dr. Rajesh Kesavan was awarded the Podiatrist of the Year at the 2024 Global Edition of the Fortuna Global Excellence Awards in the Health & Wellness Leaders Category. The award was presented to him by Dr. Sandra Katz, a renowned Professor at the Columbia Business School, USA on the 7th of December 2024 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



Programme on liver health

GTS Centre For Wellness, based in Anna Nagar, is conducting a healthy liver programme from January 2 to 10, according to a press release.

"Liver problems are not just caused by alcohol. An unhealthy diet, lack of exercise, poor sleep, being overweight, and conditions like uncontrolled diabetes can all harm the liver, leading to serious issues like fatty liver or cirrhosis," says the press release.

For details about the programme, call 8300170026. To know more, visit www.gtsclinic.com

A cleansing procedure

Life Plus Ayush Vaidhyasala, which treats patients through Siddha, Ayurveda and Naturopathy, provides toxin-removing Nasyam treatments, says a press release. Nasyam is one among the Panchakarma procedures, where medicine is administered through nose. It cleans and rejuvenates the nasal passages and mainly treats head, throat and eye-related problems, says the press release.

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