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Blaring chaos at junction

R. RAVINDRAN

With traffic regulation not moving in tandem with a traffic change, the junction of Semmozhi Salai and Velachery Main Road in Medavakkam has shades of pandemonium in the busy hours of the day. The change involves allowing motorists coming in from Pallikaranai and rolling down Velachery Main Road to proceed further and reach the Mambakkam-Medavakkam Main Road junction, which was earlier not possible, as the stretch of Velachery Main Road from the Semmozhi Salai junction to Mambakkam-Medavakkam



The junction of Semmozhi Salai and Velachery Main Road.
PHOTOS: R. RAVINDRAN

Main Road junction was made out of bounds for vehicular traffic due to Metro rail work. While the movement of vehicles is being allowed, corresponding regulatory traffic measures are not in place, which often leads to a chaotic situation. The presence of traffic police personnel is patchy. As this section is one of the gateways to the IT corridor, better traffic regulation is badly needed. Besides, this junction being pummelled by wheels, the carriageway often gives way, further slowing down vehicular movement and aggravating the traffic problem. The solution is two-layered: the traffic police should ensure regular presence of its personnel at this junction, and the state highways department should undertake frequent patchwork of this section of Velachery Main Road during the monsoon.

'Ensure Chitlapakkam residents get treated water supply'

The Madras High Court has directed the Tambaram City Municipal Corporation to prepare an action plan to ensure that the water drawn from various sources for drinking water supply is properly treated.

The order is based on a Public Interest Litigation filed by the Chitlapakkam Rising Charitable Trust, represented by its director, Udhayavani Subramaniam, which highlights the water quality drawn from the Palar River, Chembarabakkam Lake, and abandoned quarries.

The volunteers of Chitlapakkam Rising shared a copy of the order with *The Hindu Downtown*.

Moreover, regular testing of samples drawn from the open well, bore well, and private tankers is necessary, the Court noted.

At Palar River, eight infiltration wells along the riverbed at Palayaseevaram, eight borewells along the bed at Melacheri, and infiltration and borewells along the riverbed at Vengudi, in addition to open wells and private tankers.

The Court directed the Corporation to collect samples from these sources, conduct the test, and the water from these sources should indicate the contamination level before and after the treatment.

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Mastering *public speaking* skills

For over a decade, Valluvar Gurukulam School in Tambaram has been the venue for Coromandel Toastmasters Club

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

What goes into giving a winning speech? A powerful introduction, voice modulation and body language.

For 12 years, the Coromandel Toastmasters Club has been helping improve the public speaking and leadership skills of its members, a majority of them from areas in and around Tambaram.

Started on September 6, 2013 with a small team, today the Club has more than 30 members who meet every Saturday at 5 p.m. at Valluvar Gurukulam School in Tambaram - a venue that has stayed with them all these years due to its proximity to the railway station and bus terminus.

Madhavan Nambodri, the char-



ter president, says Coromandel Toastmasters Club was the first community club in the area as other clubs were in the city.

The motley group includes professionals from various fields and students.

Through regular meetings, members practice public speaking, receive constructive feedback, and take on leadership roles that build confidence, clarity, and presence - both personally and professionally.

On October 4, the 'Toastmaster of the Day' Prithivi spoke about Sivakasi also known as 'Kutty Japan' and a table topic session was con-



Members at a meet-up and (below) during the anniversary meet

ducted by Shaju.

Sathya Agila, vice president - Public Relations with Coromandel Toastmasters Club, says the group has evolved in many ways.

"For instance, we conduct 'Round Robin Master', an activity where the guest speaker as well as the member get to take part, which is not so common in other clubs," says Sathya.

Likewise, the Club started the practice of reading the minutes of the meeting before the start of a new session, which was inspired after attending meet-ups of other groups.

The Club is gearing up to host its next milestone meet-up: 625. "Every 25th meeting is celebrated and we welcome those who are looking to overcome their stage fright, become a more persuasive speaker, or enhance their leadership abilities to attend our sessions. To become a member there's a membership fee but for those wanting to attend as a guests we don't charge any fee," says Sathya.

She adds that this is the only community club in this part of the city.

For details, call Prithivi at 95976 71796

Keys to empowerment

Rotary Club of Chennai Velachery gifts an autorickshaw to a woman

T. Premila, a widow and mother of two, will soon be making it to the driver's seat. On October 12, members of Rotary Club of Chennai Velachery, pooled in money to gift her a pink auto.

The club sponsored 50 percent of the auto's cost and the rest a bank loan was arranged. The club will assist the woman with auto driving, obtaining an auto driving license, and securing the permit, according to a release.

Rotarian D. Devendran, governor, Rotary District 3233, handed over the auto at a function held in Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram.

On the occasion, certificates were distributed to more than 25 girl students who had completed training in spoken English and Artificial Intelligence courses.

The courses were conducted in co-ordination with Rajeswari Radhakrishnan Trust and Altrusa, the release added.

The club has also initiated a new tailoring training course for 25 women on the occasion. For details, contact V. Sriram, chairman, Rotary Club of Chennai Velachery at 98406 04471.



PLAN YOUR WEEK

Inter-school quiz competition

Casagrand, in collaboration with Nexus Consulting, has opened registrations for 'Battle of Brains' - Chennai edition, an inter-school quiz competition designed to engage young minds. Schools from across Chennai can register teams of two students from classes VI to IX to compete for the prestigious trophy and exciting rewards. The registration is restricted to six teams per school. The citywide contest will kick-start on October 25. Interested schools and students can register for the quiz at www.casagrand.co.in/bobquiz.

The quiz will be conducted in

two phases. Phase 1 will consist of zonal rounds across North, Central, South, and West Chennai, where registered teams will compete at a prominent venue namely PVR Spectrum Mall, Perambur (October 25); Inox Citi Centre, R.K. Salai (October 26), PVR Grand Mall, Velachery (November 1) and PVR Grand Gallada, Pallavaram (November 2) within their zone. The top three teams from each Zonal Finale will then qualify for phase 2, the semifinals will be held in two batches of six teams each, said a release.

Venkatesh Srinivasan will be the quiz master.

Special buses for 'Soorasamharam'

In view of Soorasamharam, a ritual folk performance to be held on October 27 in Tiruchendur, the Tamil Nadu State Express Transport Corporation will operate special buses from Chennai and other cities on October 26.

On October 26, the transport corporation will operate special buses from Coimbatore, Salem, Erode, Tirupur, and Bengaluru.

On October 27, special buses will operate from the pilgrimage site to the cities listed above. According to a press release from the transport corporation, passengers can book tickets on www.tnrtc.in and through the TNSTC official app.

Competitions for World Standards Day

As part of 'World Standards Day 2025', the Bureau of Indian Standards, Chennai, is conducting a series of competitions to raise awareness among students about standards and quality.

The competitions will be held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, on October 27.

Competitions include a standards quiz, poster designing, logo competition, standards debate, guess the logo, project expo, and standard presentation competition.

A Manak Carnival and Quality Walk will also be held. Several reputed organisations such as Kraft Zone, Funskool (India) Ltd, Appasamy Associates, Masterpage, Fusionsole Footwear, Ergoofis, Wheels India Limited, The Ramco Cements Limited, Apollo Tyres and ESAB India Limited will be setting up interactive stalls at the event.

For details, call 044 - 22542519, 98415 95202.

Water stagnation a stubborn problem at Tambaram vehicular subway

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

Motorists taking the Tambaram vehicular subway have requested the Southern Railway (Chennai Division) to refurbish the neglected subway that connects Sudhanandha Bharathi Road and GST Road, Tambaram (East and West).

L. Swathi Lokesh, a pedestrian, says, “The subway gets easily stagnant after the rains. And during heavy rains, the subway gets marooned. No repair work has been carried out. Walking during rain is a struggle.”

Pedestrians and vehicle users have to use the footbridge across the Tambaram terminal and the flyover-grade-separator.

The subway's carriageway is riddled with craters, and water leaks from the ceilings and walls, making it slushy and slippery, posing a danger to motorists and pedestrians.

Though steps are taken to drain the water using a long hose pipe from the stormwater drain network to Peerkankaranai Eri, the drains are still slow due to blockages and due to craters in the subway, says P. Kuzhandaivelu, a motorist.

“The drains also should be cleaned and de-silted.”

A good number of educational institutions are located in Tambaram (East) and are frequented by students and visitors to the decades-old market and bus terminal at Tambaram (West).



Reconstruct the rainwater culvert in Pammal



T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

Residents of Moovendar Nagar in Pammal have made a fervent appeal to the State Highways Department to reconstruct the broken culvert on Thiruneermalai Road.

Some months ago, the Tambaram City Municipal Corporation dug the road to lay underground sewer pipes. An area on the carriageway was dug deep, causing damage to the culvert. The culvert was filled with debris from the digging of the stretch.

S. Edward, a resident of Anakaputhur and a social activist, says that rather than reconstructing the broken culvert, steps should

have been taken to clear the debris. The damaged culvert was covered with mud and a slab, adds Edward.

The culvert receives rainwater from the stormwater drainage network in Moovendar Nagar through a channel along Moovendar Nagar and Thiruneermalai Road and is drained into the Adyar River.

On October 22, the channel was stagnant with water. During heavy rains, water from the channel will overflow and stagnate in the locality and then enter homes.

The Corporation and the Highways officials should inspect and construct a wide and a heightened culvert to ensure free flow of water, says Edward.



Rainwater culvert on Thiruneermalai Road, Pammal.

A quick fix



Workers filling potholes in a battered section of Tambaram Velachery Main Road near Pallikaranai on October 18. PHOTO : R RAVINDRAN

Plea to deepen the lake's excess water channel



Volunteers of Thiruneermalai Periya Eri Padhukaapu Kuzhu are unhappy over the monsoon preparedness work.

They fear flooding in case of heavy rains, as the lake's excess water channel has not been de-silted.

B. Saravanan, a core volunteer of the group, says that the

Water Resources Department (WRD) to carry out restoration work on a lake area, is draining the water from Chromepet Lakshmiapuram, New Colony, and Dr. Soundarammal Street, Tambaram Sanatorium Durga Nagar, and Madras Export Processing Zone, Veeraghavan Eri, and Nagalkeni Arkeeswarar Co-

lony, into 'Nattu Kalvai', the channel draining excess lake water to the Adyar River.

“Earlier, the water (from the places mentioned above) used to get stored in the Lake, and when the tank reached its full capacity, the water would drain into the channel. Now, with water flowing directly into the channel (a separate pathway has been made), water from homes along the lake and rainwater, the risk increases during the rains,” adds Saravanan.

The WRD should de-silt and deepen the 'Kavai', and high walls and a closed channel must be constructed to prevent flooding of homes. Recently, during one hour of heavy rainfall, the water almost reached the channel bunds.

Nowhere to run when it pours

That is the current state of commuters at Guindy Race Course bus stop as the shelters have been removed

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

Commuters at Guindy Race Course stop (towards Five Furlong Road) are frustrated over the removal of shelters and the delay in installing new ones.

Recently, Greater Chennai Corporation carried out an exercise to install new shelters, say Metropolitan Transport Corporation officials. It has been weeks since the old shelters were removed, and there is no sign yet of the new ones.



M. Bhuvana, a commuter, says, "There was no need to remove these shelters, which were helpful

during the summer and rains."

Now, most commuters have nowhere to go, so they gather at



Guindy Race Course bus stop when it had shelters; and now, when the shelters have been removed. PHOTOS: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the timekeeper's makeshift office, which is surrounded by trees. On the other side, commuters need to be careful not to get hit by buses. A small shelter along the timekeeper's office has been put up with no seating arrangements. How can the commuter traffic at this halter fit under the roof? questioned commuters

"Commuters had a tough time

scrambling for shelter, says D. Sathyanarayanan, a long-time resident of Guindy and a social activist.

At any time of the day, the stop (no less than a terminal) sees hundreds of commuters heading to Kilambakkam, Tambaram (East and West), Poonamallee, Kunderthur, Guduvancherry and Pazhanthandalam.



The 58-acre Tholkappia Poonga in R.A. Puram is now open to walkers and visitors all days of the weeks except on Thursdays and public holidays.

The Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust has earmarked certain days of the week for visits by educational institutions. For instance, Chennai Corporation Schools are permitted on Tuesday and Saturday; Government / Government Aided Schools on Friday; and Private Schools / Colleges on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday. It has an online booking system.

Morning walkers can use the sprawling campus and book monthly passes that are priced at ₹500. Just as in Semmozhi Poonga, additional charges levied if someone wants to use the premises for video and camera shoots.

The Eco Park will be closed on Thursday for weekly maintenance.

Walkers and visitors can obtain passes/ tickets on online payment at www.crtr.tn.gov.in.

A big draw

The redeveloped 58-acre Tholkappia Poonga is now the place to visit



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‘Roll out additional trains to southern TN’

The second ‘Amrit Samvaad’ programme held at Egmore railway station saw commuters seeking measures to ensure safety for women passengers

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

Better security measures for women at Egmore railway station was a key point stressed by commuters at the ‘Amrit Samvaad’ programme held recently at the terminal.

Tej Partap Singh, additional divisional railway manager, Chennai Division, who took part in the meeting, heard grievances from commuters and also shared measures that are being taken.

This is the second ‘Amrit Samvaad’ programme in the Chennai Division, which is aimed at engaging with passengers and listen to their grievances, the Southern Railway said in a release.

Other feedback shared by participants includes improved facilities for Divyangjan passengers and additional trains for southern districts.

Interacting with passengers, Partap Singh said the Egmore terminal, which is getting a facelift, will feature “airport-like amenities” including a separate arrival and de-



parture terminal to ease passenger flow.

The renovation work has been thoughtfully planned keeping comfort of all passengers, especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

As part of the modernisation, all platforms will be connected by wide foot overbridges

, with each platform equipped with sufficient lifts and escalators (32 escalators and 44 lifts across the station), ensuring easy and convenient movement, he added.

In addition, several inclusive features are being introduced to make the terminal a passenger-friendly station, he pointed out.



These include tactile flooring to guide visually impaired passengers from the entrances to platforms, booking counters, and waiting areas; reserved seats, booking counters, and dedicated waiting



Tej Partap Singh, additional divisional railway manager, Chennai Division presided over the meeting.

lounges for Divyangjan passengers; wheelchairs; Braille-enabled signage and clear audio announcements for better navigation; and parking spaces near entry and exit points.

Similar programmes were held at Saint Thomas Mount and Tambaram railway stations.

At Saint Thomas Mount, commuters suggested adding additional lifts and ticket counters to en-

hance convenience, particularly during peak hours.

The Tambaram railway station will soon be equipped with nine lifts and 10 escalators to enhance passenger convenience. Apart, work on the new foot overbridge is progressing well, and platforms 7 and 8 have been widened to facilitate smoother passenger movement and improve station capacity, the release added.

‘Increase frequency of bus services’

There is no denying that the redeveloped Thiru Vi Ka bus terminus packs a punch in terms of style, but it still has to work on its offerings, says a regular commuter

K.P. NARENDRAKUMAR

Residents of Thiru Vi ka Nagar and surrounding areas and those floating in and out of this region on work are happy with redeveloped Thiru Vi Ka Nagar bus terminus, but are unimpressed with the frequency of the bus services. The current frequency is woefully inadequate, resulting in prolonged waiting time and considerable inconvenience to commuters. Route numbers 46 (Thiru Vi Ka Nagar bus terminus to Koyambedu via Ayanavaram and Anna Nagar) and 38C (which covers central railway station and Triplicane) particularly represent a gnawing gap between frequency and demand.

We seek an increase in the frequency of buses on existing routes to reduce waiting time; introduction of new routes to cover areas that are currently underserved and these include the Thiru Vi Ka Nagar to Anna Square, Besant Nagar, Ambattur and Thiruvatrur routes; introduction of a direct ser-



vice from Thiru Vi Ka Nagar bus terminus to Saidapet; and the launch of small buses that can operate within a three-kilometre radius, providing last-mile connectivity.

Small buses are needed to provide connectivity from Thiru Vi Ka Nagar bus terminus to Perambur Bus Stand, Moolakadai, Villivakkam via Periyar Nagar, Thanikachalam Nagar via Balaji Nagar and An-

na Nagar Metro. If minibuses are introduced, it could be more helpful to the residents of above-mentioned areas as well as areas that “share fences” with Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, which include Anbhazhgan Na-

gar, Kennedy Square, George colony, Vetri Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Ram moorthy Nagar, Ram Nagar, K C Garden, Teeds Garden etc.,

(K.P. Narendrakumar is a resident of Thiru Vi Ka Nagar)



On rain duty at Koyambedu metro station. This image was taken on October 23.
PHOTO: VELANKANNI RAJ B

LIFFY THOMAS

A tech boost

Water pumps need not be alone
in the battle against flooding

Low-lying, Elaya Street junction in R.K. Nagar has been a bugbear every monsoon for residents and Greater Chennai Corporation. Rainwater from VOC Nagar, Thiruvalluvar Nagar and surrounding areas would pour into it. This monsoon, a number of interventions are making sure the water level at this junction does not cause any hindrance to the movement of people and vehicles.

A 280 HP submersible pump is stationed at the junction. A sump and a well ensures water drains easily. If that is not enough then additional drains and an additional pump have been put into service to ensure excess water goes down easily. An executive engineer says that because of various measures taken well ahead of the monsoon the inundation time has reduced at this vulnera-

ble spot by almost half. "In the previous monsoon, water would stay on for a day. Now in hours time water is drained out," says the engineer.

With the help of GPS-enabled tracking devices installed in portable water pumps, Greater Chennai Corporation officials are monitoring many such areas prone to flooding during heavy rains.

"Until last year, they arrived at a decision based on the feedback we presented. There was no mechanism to cross check whether the information that was fed was right or wrong. Suppose three 100 HP motors are stationed on

the road they can monitor whether it is being put into service and for how many hours it ran etc.," says the engineer with

Zone I.

A clause in the tender

Use of GPS in dewatering equip-

ments such as pumps/ motors and tractors saw a mention in the GCC tenders from this year. The move is aimed at ensuring accountability.

"In the previous years, engineers would manually verify and cross-verify with us if an area is getting flooded or if the pumps are running effectively. Now in real time they can monitor the pump functioning," says an entity associated with the industry.

GPS when installed in the motors and pumps helps to correlate the info that GCC is getting through other platforms. This can also be used by the department to give a status report on an area.

While technology can enhance flood mitigation through advanced monitoring, it can only be effective with other measures on the ground and can also fail at times. For example, in 2015, the city went without power for an extended period, and in such scenarios, one would need to look beyond this technology, say experts.

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Based on her experiences during her pregnancy, Carnatic vocalist Divyalakshmi Kamalakannan has designed a programme for expectant mothers

A mom's project

Can music begin to shape a child's life before birth? Carnatic vocalist and educator Divyalakshmi Kamalakannan believes it can and has designed a programme to help expectant mothers explore this possibility.

An engineering graduate who chose music over a corporate career, Divyalakshmi founded her music school at the age of 23. Aarohanam - the school of music ran for close to six years in Kilpauk until

the pandemic forced her to down its shutters. It was also the time when her daughter was born.

Recently, Aarohi opened in Shenoy Nagar, with noted conductor Augustine Paul as chief guest. The event also saw the launch of her latest initiative: music lessons curated exclusively for expectant mothers.

Her inspiration comes from her own journey as a mother. "My daughter, Aarohi Kiran Kumar, would identify 1,000 pictures when she was just one-and-a-half

years old and played the violin at 3.5 years," says Divyalakshmi, a resident of Shenoy Nagar. Divyalakshmi notes that music is partly behind her daughter's intellectual precocity. As a vocal trainer, Divyalakshmi sang almost daily, and that constant exposure did play a role.

She has been researching on the role of music with a small circle of expectant mothers for over four years - many of whom shared positive experiences - to launch this programme.

"Each musical note carries a unique frequency. When sung at the

During the inauguration of the music school; and Divyalakshmi with her daughter

right pitch, these vibrations resonate through the mother's body - which is largely water during pregnancy - and may positively influence the baby's development," she says.

The six-month pregnancy curriculum includes simple vocal exercises, the basics of Western music theory and introductory piano training.

Beyond foetal development, she notes, music has proven benefits for mothers too: it reduces anxiety, lowers blood pressure, and increases dopamine levels, supporting both physical and emotional well-being during pregnancy.

For details, call 9003225123



During the award function held recently. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ALERT bags an award

ALERT, a Chennai-based NGO that works to enable a holistic emergency response eco system to save lives, has won the Bridges-tone Mobility Social Impact award in the Road Safety Innovation and Excellence category out of 93 nominees from across India.

ALERT was recognised for its continued work towards robust emergency response ecosystem through community awareness and training, policy advocacy, and technology, said a release. AL-

ERT has trained over 4.5 lakh citizens in first response and mobilised youth through the ALERT Golden Army with support from medical and government bodies, said a release. Bridgestone India in its 5th edition of the Mobility Social Impact Awards (MSIA) 2025 celebrated organisations that have harnessed mobility to create meaningful social change. The awards were presented in two categories, namely Empowerment of Vulnerable Communities and Road Safety Innovation and Excellence.

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Two Adyar residents add to the greenery on a divider near Kasturbanagar MRTS station by planting *mahilam* saplings; over the years, this divider and its surrounding area have been the focus of greening exercises by individuals. In the light of this commitment, here is a sweeping look at a few efforts by residents to green other patches in the region



Saranya P. during the recent planting exercise; C. Namachivayam with M. Sundararaman.

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A green tradition continues

PRINCE FREDERICK

Recently, a cherished practice among residents of Adyar gained more ground, nay more soil.

From time to time, a divider on a broad concrete pathway running past the Kasturba Nagar MRTS station has been the focus of a greening exercise. The exercise is almost always of a minor key – a volunteer or two in attendance and presiding over a green exercise – but the message it sends out is always huge, and it plays out at multiple levels. One, engagement with public spaces. Two, bringing natural relief to a drearily grey, concrete environment. And three, emphasising the indispensable role of trees in fighting one of the stiffest environmental battles of our times, the battle to check climate change.

Recently, this green bank was enriched by an addition of five *mahilam* saplings. The divider itself has been designed as a row of concrete planters, rectangular in shape. The planting of the five *mahilam* saplings was carried out by C. Namachivayam, a resident of Indira Nagar and Saranya P., a key member of Residents of Kasturbanagar Association (ROKA).

“In the past, residents of Kasturba Nagar and members of ROKA such as Janani Venkitesh have planted saplings on this divider, as also the pathway that extends further,” observes Namachivayam.



“Some of them have grown to maturity and are strike any observer as full-grown trees. Some others have disappeared as infrastructure work has overtaken them.”

But the effort to keep the greening tradition continues, with some resident or the other taking the time to keep it alive.

A scattered team

The whole of Adyar has a rich tradition of residents-driven tree planting. These residents can together be seen as a scattered team fighting green battles individually.

At a park on Gangai Street in Besant Nagar, 15 poovarasan trees stand as testimony to an effort of this kind. A resident of Sashtri Nagar, M. Sundararaman, aged 85, recalls the genesis of those poovarasan trees.

Sundararaman is known for collecting seeds in public spaces, turn them into seedlings, and put them on the path to being trees. “I aimed at having 45 Poovarasan trees, and raised as many seedlings. Only 15 of them prospered,” he observes. And that is not a bad number at all, when you know they are indeed 15 robust trees.

In 2007-08, Sundararaman along with another resident, Sivaraman, collected seeds, raised seedlings and proceeded to green the park near the gym at Elliotts Beach. Part of the greenery there was born out of that initiative.

‘Pasumai’ Murthy is a veteran of tree-planting in these parts, and his efforts continue with unflagging intensity.

An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. M.



Parthasarathy was an inspiration to “green beings” with his enthusiastic efforts to green various parts of Adyar and beyond. He had also undertaken tree planting exercises at Periyar Science and

Technology Centre on Gandhi Mandapam Road.

In what a massive loss to Adyar’s scattered green team, Dr. Parthasarathy passed on, on May 11 2025.

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