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## The wait for piped water continues

Residents of areas in Ward 31 of Tambaram Corporation are dependent on private tankers

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

More than 1,000 households at Saraswathipuram, Saraswathipuram Extension, Ranga Nagar, Temple Town, N.S. Krishnan Street, Kasi Garden and Subburayan Nagar in Thiru-

neermalai are waiting for piped water supply.

The areas come under the Tambaram City Municipal Corporation. For many years, residents have been buying water cans or fetching water from tankers.

B. Saravanan, a resident of Thiru-

neermalai, says there is no Palar river water; nor Metro Water drinking water connections. The issue has not been taken seriously despite numerous petitions to elected representatives and officials, he says.

"In 2023, the civic body's water

board assistant engineer inspected the localities and took measurements for pipes to be laid and said Palar river water connections will be provided before the summer of 2024," he says.


The social activist filed an RTI in


June 2024 to learn about the work status. In October, he receives a reply stating that a scheme has been drawn at a cost of ₹ 1.70 lakh to construct an overhead tank and lay distribution pipes. The same has been sent to the Commissionerate of Municipal Administration in June 2024.


"We (the residents) learnt that the scheme has been approved and tenders will be floated in June this year, followed by commencement of work. But the work is yet to start."

Water is supplied from a tank located at Subburayan Nagar, once in three days. The residents fetch water from taps provided on the stretches. The water can be used only for washing clothes.









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## Subway project near Vaishnav College **dropped**



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**T**he State Highways Department has dropped the plan to construct a Heavy Vehicular Movement (HMV) subway at the Level Crossing 26, near SDNB Vaishnav College for Women, Chromepet, due to unavailability of land.

It was said that the project would be undertaken after the completion of the Radha Nagar subway. With the subway at LC 27 nearing completion, V. Santhanam of Chromepet filed an RTI to know when the construction of the underpass will begin. The activist received a reply stating that the project has been abandoned.

Residents who have petitioned government departments for years

are disappointed. They say a subway was badly needed to cater to hundreds of people living in localities in Chromepet (East).

People from these localities commute through LC 26 and 27 to GST Road.

When the gates are closed for a longer time, people make their way through the Ponds Flyover in Pallavaram or the MIT Flyover in Chromepet. Some put their lives in jeopardy by walking over the tracks.

The subway would have helped emergency vehicles, ambulances and fire tenders move quickly.

Santhanam says, "The Radha Nagar subway is for light vehicles. The railways is eliminating level crossings to increase train frequency. The government should acquire lands and construct the subway."

'Temple tank in Thiruneermalai is toggled up in unwelcome green'



Manikarnika Theertham, the sacred tank at Sri Ranganathaperumal Temple in Thiruneermalai, is toggled up in water hyacinth. The steps leading to the tank are littered with trash and marked by vegetation, which can weaken the structure. Garbage is strewn along the water-holding area. The tank comes under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department. PHOTO: B. VELANKANNI RAJ.

## 'Widen the staircases in the underpass'

Pedestrians taking walkway at the Pazhavanthangal subway, which connects to the Pazhavanthangal terminal, have requested the State Highway Department to widen the staircases of the underpass.

The exercise should be carried out along Railway Station Road, say pedestrians.

Though there are two entry and exit points, one along Station Road and the other along Ellai Muthu Amman Kovil Street, most commuters use the one along Station Road. Pedestrians use the other, but not in large numbers.

K. Aravind Krishnan, a long-



time resident of Nanganallur, says the underpass is 'invaded' by a crowd of people during peak hours. Senior citizens can have a fall at such times. If the staircase cannot be widened then construct an escalator at the footbridge

across the terminal connecting Railway Station Road and Noble Street. People who want to go through the subway or the escalators can choose their routes, says Aravind.

Text: T.S. Atul Swaminathan

## 'Ply the buses through Hospital junction'

**C**ommuters want MTC buses to halt at the stop near the Kamakshi Hospital junction in Pallikaranai.

On the lane towards Velachery, route numbers 51 (Velachery-Tambaram (West)), 51A (T. Nagar - Tambaram (East)), 51AX (T. Nagar-Kilambakkam), 51B (Saidapet-Karanai), A51 (Broadway-Tambaram (West)) and M51V (T. Nagar - Mambakkam Kolathur) should pass through the stop, but they avoid it.

"Months ago, the Tambaram City Police introduced traffic changes on Pallavaram - Thorai-

pakkam 200-Foot Radial Road and Velachery Main Road to ease traffic congestion at the intersection," says P. Vijaya Prabhakaran, a commuter.

The drivers should halt at the Hospital haltover. However, the buses go on the Pallikaranai flyover, forcing commuters to wait for V51 (T. Nagar-Tambaram (West)) and 91R (Velachery-Kilambakkam). No announcements are displayed at the stop advising commuters to board buses at Narayanapuram.

The V51 service shows up due to Metro Rail work on Medavakkam Main Road.



An MTC bus plying on Pallikaranai flyover. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.



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# Scope for charity on Padur Bypass Road

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

With this wide thoroughfare constructed by TNRDC now fully operational, those taking it regularly would do well to carry things they want to give away. They can deposit them on the shelves at this facility, established by a non-profit and the Padur panchayat

A cursory look might cause one to mistake this facility for a trillion things it is not. Taking in its GISS, one can get it terribly wrong. It has the shape and size of a bus shelter and entertaining commuters is not its mandate. In the morning hours, workers tend to congregate at this facility, being seated on its steps as they wait for trucks to take them to work sites. And it is not a designated shelter: it does offer shelter to those needing to cool their heels before their awaited wheels arrive, but that is not its primary mission. Located at the beginning of the Padur-Thaiyur bypass road and standing alongside the Padur panchayat office,



this facility invites people to leave behind eatables and clothes for the underprivileged, and also take sanitary napkins from a dispenser. Called "Anbukudil Helping Hands Center", it has been established by Mattrathai Nokki Charitable Trust with the support of Padur Panchayat Council. According to a habitue of that area, one who is familiar with the initiative, the panchayat is interested in the effort on a daily basis, keeping an eye on it.

With the bypass road now fully being completed and made operational in its entirety, many wheels would roll down, and those hitting the road would help the cause of charity if they carried with them eatables and clothes they would not mind giving away. There is a fridge to place food items in and two shelves to place clothes and any other items that that the donor might want to give away.

The facility also comes with a sanitary napkin dispenser.

A helpline has been displayed at the facility for anyone looking for guidance on how they could help the needy. It is 73583 36011.



The community fridge and shelves at Padur Bypass Road on June 27, 2025. PHOTOS: PRINCE FREDERICK

## Railway increases 9-car EMU rakes to 12

The Chennai Division of the Southern Railway has upgraded all the existing 9-car Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) rakes in the suburban railway network's southwest and northeast lines.

The augmentation was carried out in phases at the EMU Car Shed in Avadi.

The EMU services on these lines: Chennai Beach - Chengalpattu, Chennai Central - Arakonnam and the Gummidipoondi and Sullurpetta sections will have 12 rakes.

The upgrade has resulted in a 21 per cent increase in seating capacity, effec-

tively enabling the division to accommodate an additional four lakh commuters daily, compared to the previous 1.2 million suburban commuters and non-suburban passengers, said a release.

This initiative is expected to substantially reduce commuters and passengers congestion on trains, thereby providing a more convenient, safe, and comfortable commuting experience, particularly during peak hours on the demand corridors, according to a release issued by Southern Railway.



## 'Solve for Tomorrow' challenge

June 30 is the final day to apply for Samsung 'Solve for Tomorrow', a national innovation competition for those in the 14 to 22 age group. The programme empowers students with design thinking tools, mentorship from Samsung and IIT Delhi experts, investor connects, prototyping support, and a chance to win ₹ 1 crore, said a press release. Solve for Tomorrow is not about being a genius coder or a tech expert – it is about empathy, curiosity, and the courage to try. It is for students who dream of a cleaner city, safer roads, healthier communities, and a future where no voice is left unheard, said the release.



## Making cakes look as good as they taste

Speech- and hearing-impaired R. Sathish Kumar can make cakes look as good as they taste. The 48-year-old is a professional cake artist.

His son U.S. Niraj remembers how Sathish made one of his birthdays memorable by designing a cake in the form of a racing car track.

"People usually draw and show what design they need in the cake or bring photos, and he gets it perfect most of the time," says Niraj. Sathish began his career working in a bakery where he picked up the skill to decorate cakes with fondants and other decorative features. A skilled artist, Sathish now takes classes in cake decoration for those with disabilities as well as able-bodied individuals at Cheshire Homes in Coimbatore. He is a regular to most cake decoration competitions and has many victories to his credit. The medals from these competitions are displayed at his home. Besides creativity, one needs steady hands and precision to shine in this field, he says.



Participants from various editions of Abilympics. PHOTOS: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



## Greeting the world with a resilient heart

Swetha Kulkarni has been dabbling in painting since her school days, having been motivated by the encouragement provided by her teachers.

"It was Vijaya Lakshmi ma'am who taught me to design greeting cards and do many other crafts. She took me to many competitions as well," says Swetha, who is hearing-impaired.

Her disability has not been a deterrent to pursuing excellence. She went on to study BE Computer Science at a college in Davangere. Now, she works with a leading software company in Chennai as business process lead. "During weekends I make it a point to sketch or draw and it helps me de-stress," says Swetha, showing the many greeting cards she has designed.

From YouTube she has been picking up new techniques in art and also does photography.

# From Chennai to Helsinki

An event aimed at shortlisting participants for Abilympics 2027 in Finland was conducted at IIT-Madras recently. *The Hindu Downtown* spoke to some of the winners at the event, which went under the title South Zone Regional Abilympics 2025

## Weekends are for wellness

While he was between jobs, Parul Agrawal stumbled upon a diploma programme in spa therapy. He took it up. "It was a six-month programme. There was some pessimism, initially, when I considered the job prospects of this course. Now I am glad I am able to juggle work as an HR professional during weekdays and that of a massage therapist at a wellness centre during weekends," says Parul, who is visually-challenged.

He is happy winning gold at the South Zone Regional Abilympics 2025 and is looking forward to bigger platforms where he can showcase his skills. "Visually impaired people can provide excellent massage therapy services because our sense of touch amounts to a big advantage," says Parul. His employer is happy that like other able-bodied employees in the wellness centre he is able to take up tasks such as foot reflexology and massages.

# Heard of Abilympics? Here is the lowdown on it

LIFFY THOMAS

**F**ifteen new vocational skills will be showcased in the form of contests at the 11th International Abilympics scheduled to be held in Finland in 2027.

According to Dr. Jitender Aggarwal, secretary-general of National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI), these additional categories at Abilympics are aimed at increasing the number of participants. Abilympics is organised for those with disabilities.

Before starting Sarthak Educa-

tional Trust in 2004, Dr Aggarwal was a dental surgeon; he continued as one until he lost his vision due to macular degeneration.

*\*Of the 40 plus categories in vocational skills, 15 are being introduced for the first time. How and why is this important?*

Newly-introduced categories (also called "trades") include Baking, Hairdressing, Fashion Technology, Hotel Reception, Child-care and Massage Therapy. These additions reflect emerging employment opportunities for the disabled community.

International Abilympics is

held once in four years where participants compete in 45 trades. India is also one of the members of the governing body and I am an executive member in it, where we brainstorm about new skills to be added and the ones that can be omitted. We prescribe skills that are mentioned in the IAF charter.

*\*India hosted International Abilympics for the first time in 2003 in New Delhi. How has Abilympics or "Olympics of Abilities" evolved since then?*

The National Abilympic Association was formed in 2001 so that

India could host the 2003 edition, where we had 1500 participants and 40 countries competing. In 2016, NAAI was handed over to Sarthak Educational Trust and we revived it. Besides tapping into talents among those with disabilities, we also need to support them by identifying expert coaches, offering infrastructure and equipment to help them compete at the international stage.

The 2023 Abilympics in France was our first major outing where we noticed that the talent pool from Japan, France, South Korea and China were highly competi-

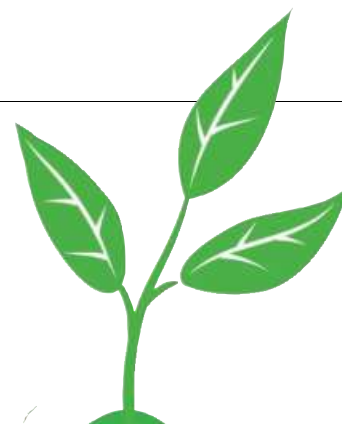
tive. We learnt a lot from them. We are making Abilympics also professional like Olympics and Paralympics.

*\*What are the expectations for Indians from Abilympics 2027?*

In 2023, we returned with seven medals. This year, our target is 30. We have faculty from IITs and other premier institutions to train and guide our participants, both physically and emotionally. We want more persons with disabilities to showcase their vocational skills. We are planning to have a wild card category next time.



# Stock exchange with a difference



At its massive annual gathering, Chennai Maadi Thotta Kootam enables an exchange of native seeds of vegetables among its members, and also gives them away to anyone outside the fold who would care to ask for them. The only precondition is that they use the seeds, not waste them. It also courier seeds to those removed in geography. Everything is done *pro bono*. And that begets the question: what is this group all about?

SHARON JESSICA MICHAEL

**W**hen the pandemic had people cooped up in their homes imposing debilitating restrictions on their routine and movement, the terrace was “discovered”. The top deck became well-hoofed, residents becoming alive to its potential. Little wonder then that a terrace gardening group in Chennai that was seeded before the pandemic truly germinated in 2021, becoming a full-fledged community. Maintaining that momentum over the last four years, Chennai Maadi Thotta Kootam, as this group is called, has risen several levels to accommodate 500 terraces (read “over 500 members”). Terraces outside the fold also benefitting from this group’s programmes, the number should actually be pegged much higher than that.

In organisational parlance, seven members would be the equivalent of charter members, having cranked the initiative and push-started it when it showed signs of stalling. They are spread across Chennai, in fact the Chennai Metropolitan Area: Bhuvaneshwari is from Anna Nagar; Rama from St. Thomas Mount; Sujo Jones from Tambaram; Mohan also from Tambaram; Logamary from Kodambakkam; Uma from Saidapet; and Rajesh from Thiruvallur. There are other early members, but these are counted among those members that have continued to keep this informal, largely WhatsApp-centric and rarely offline group together.

Mohan, one of the founders, clarifies that this group is far from being an organisation, and defines it as a loosely structured but tightly knit network of terrace gardeners. Chennai Maadi Thotta Kootam has no formal hierarchy, office or funding. It thrives on shared commitment, a shared interest in sustainable, fertiliser-free gardening. Seeds are packed at dining tables. Deliveries are arranged in group chats. Advice is traded with the air of informality and bonhomie one would expect among friends.

A salient feature of this group that has remained prominent to this day is exchange of traditional seeds



From an earlier event. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

among members. The batches of seeds the group collects come into sharp focus at one grand annual gathering.

Every year, ahead of the Tamil month of Aadi (mid-July to mid-August), which marks the sowing season, the group organises a massive Saturday Seed Exchange Meet.

At the time of this article going to print, a meet of this proportion and significance was being organised at Anna Nagar Tower Park.

Unlike typical markets or agricultural expos, these events are entirely non-commercial. Seeds are not bought or sold – they are freely given, with trust as the only currency.

“We pack around 500 packets for each variety and hand them out to whoever is interested,” Mohan says. “There is no cost involved. The only expectation is that the seeds are used, not wasted.”

The event typically features more than 30 types of native, non-hybrid seeds of vegetables – including brinjals, tomatoes, lady’s finger, snake gourd, cluster beans and compact varieties of bottle gourd – are ideal

for urban terraces. These are carefully sorted into ziplock bags and handed over to anyone willing to try their hand at gardening.

Attendees share the origin stories of the seeds, and discuss what worked and did not in their soil. For those unable to attend the meet, the group arranges for the seeds to be couriered to them, ensuring that the cycle of growth and sharing continues uninterrupted. In some weeks, more than 200 such couriers are sent out, says Murugan.

## Wider impact

These meet-ups bring seeds and voices from across India on one platform. Renowned seed savers and farming advocates are invited as guest speakers. Sundar from Pondicherry, a visual communication graduate turned traditional seed conservator, is a regular presence. Over the last decade, he has travelled across Tamil Nadu collecting and documenting over 200 types of vegetable seeds, including 50 varieties of tomatoes and nearly 30 types of brinjals.

“Out of just three sorakais, I can get 150 seeds,” Sundar says. “I give a few to others, and if they grow them, the cycle continues. It is not just agriculture – it is a form of trust-building.”

Joining him this year at the meet at Anna Nagar Tower Park are Appa Rao, a national award-winning seed conservator from Andhra Pradesh, and Pambayan, an advocate of pesticide-free gardening. Together, they promote inter-state seed exchange—Tamil Nadu’s native yam seeds are shared with Appa Rao, who in return brings hardy Andhra varieties to the city. It is an example of grassroots biodiversity cutting across state borders.

## Digital gardening

A WhatsApp group is the glue keeping these terrace gardeners together. Have you ever come across pest control techniques and potting mix ratios being hurriedly spat out into voice messages? In this group, you will on a daily basis, sometimes on an hourly basis. Members regularly post photos of wilting leaves or insect sightings, asking for quick advice – and receiving responses often within minutes. Chennai Maadi Thottam Kootam is largely women-led, with 90% of members identifying as female. For many, terrace gardening has become more than a hobby; it is a way to reconnect with nature, manage kitchen waste, and introduce children to the rhythms of growth and seasonality.

## A larger goal

Sundar’s philosophy resonates deeply with the group. Since 2015, he has been working to revive traditional farming practices through awareness, seed sharing and documentation. His goal is to build a community seed bank that functions independently of commercial seed markets or government schemes. He also hopes to compile his knowledge into a book for future generations. “There is still hesitation among beginners,” he says. “People do not believe these small seeds will really work. So I show them videos of my own farm, and when they see 200 chillies growing from native varieties, they start to believe.”



## ‘Service road in Sanatorium resembles a trash yard’

The Service Road, opposite the railway tracks in Tambaram Sanatorium towards Bharatha Matha Street, Tambaram (East), resembles a trash yard. Even on the lane towards Chitlapakkam Second Main Road, Tambaram Sanatorium (West), the railway area is littered with trash, creating a foul smell. Will the Southern Railway, State Highway Department, and the Tambaram City Municipal Corporation do what is needed?

*M. Sivakarthyayan is a resident of Tambaram*



## ‘Regulate traffic near railway station in West Tambaram during rush hour’



The vehicular traffic opposite the Tambaram (West) railway station must be regulated during the morning peak hours. The traffic congestion is due to erratic stopping of the MTC buses at

the haltover. The bus stop needs to be shifted some yards away, as it is located where the traffic from the GST Road and Tambaram flyover merge.

Even though the traffic personnel are deployed, crossing

this stretch becomes a hassle. MTC buses occupy most of the space, leaving little room for other motorists.

*P. Thirumalai is a social activist and a resident of Guduvanchery*

## ‘Implement these works at the lakes’



‘Seemai Karuvellam’ trees were felled recently at the Thiruneermalai Lake bund. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It is heartening to see that Environmentalist Foundation of India is restoring Thiruneermalai and Nanmangalam lakes.

At Thiruneermalai Lake, work is being done to drain the water into ‘Nattu Kalvai’, a channel carrying excess water from the lake to the Adyar river. Apart from this, ‘Seemai Karuvellam’ on a section of the lake bunds has been weeded out.

Besides, water hyacinth should be removed, bunds formed, sewage arrested, and inlet and outlet points readied.

At Nanmangalam Lake, garbage is being removed, and water hyacinth should be removed, the lake should be desilted, the bunds strengthened, and garbage dumping should be permanently stopped.

*V. Santhanam is a resident of Chromepet*

## ‘Tar the patchwork area on Market Road’

Months after Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board laid sewer pipelines on Fourth Main Road in Nanganallur, only patchwork has been carried out on that section.

Motorists want the patchwork replaced by regular tar-topping.

A. Raghavan, a long-time resident of Nanganallur, says, “The damaged cement concrete patchwork can tear the tyres and vehicles can skid.

Starting near First Main Road and continuing up to Ellangovadigal Street and College Road, Pazhavanthangal –Nanganallur, the patchwork is damaged and uneven.

On Ellangovadigal Street, there is no patchwork.

*Text: T.S. Atul Swaminathan*



The dug up area on Ellangovadigal Street in Pazhavanthangal.

## Teach For India opens applications for 2026 fellowship

Teach For India, a non-profit championing educational equity, is opening applications for its 2026 fellowship programme. Fellows will have the opportunity to transform the lives of children and cultivate future leaders with compassion and dedication. Applica-

tions for the 2026 Teach For India cohort open on July 1, 2025.

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## The *food delivery partner* on three wheels

Saidapet resident Lakshmanan Angamuthu represents a small but significant group of food delivery partners whose day is powered by a specially designed vehicle, resilience and a soupcon of understanding from customers

PRINCE FREDERICK

The evening is visibly worn out. And the opportune night is poised to tear into it with fangs of darkness and gobble it. The crowd has thinned out on Besant Nagar Second Avenue.

The lights have gone out in the shops except for food outlets given to entertaining customers and orders well into the evening. About fifteen minutes to eleven, a staff from Jonah's Bistro steps out with packed food and hands it to a food delivery partner who would not budge from his two-wheeler. He could not budge from it. Attached to Zomato, Lakshmanan Angamuthu is differently abled, a locomotor disorder making him dependent on a specially designed three-wheeler for movement. Unlike other delivery partners, he cannot sweep into the restaurant and pick up the order to be delivered. Unlike other delivery partners, he cannot step off his bike, ring the bell and deliver that order at the customers' doorsteps.

Lakshmanan notes that the delivery details would contain a reference to his condition so that customers are ready for it and step out to collect the order. But if they had

missed that detail that came up on the screen, Lakshmanan would enlighten them about it over a call.

Unlike other delivery partners, he does not muscle his way through traffic, moving at a clip. He cannot. Being low-powered, his vehicle is hugely limited in speed. One could see that for oneself, after the conversation outside Jonah's Bistro on Besant Nagar Second Avenue, when Lakshmanan rolled into Tiger Varadhachari Road and then Beach Road, and the vehicle was taking him to his destination at a leisurely pace.

Lakshmanan has been a food delivery partner for two years, and he enjoys being on the road moving from point A to point B. For, when asked if he would prefer a more settled work day, one that enables him to stretch his heels under a desk, and dig his feet into one address and not waltz from one address to another, the 33-year-old's answer is a 'no' that comes right off the bat without a hint of hesitation.

"I am enjoying this job for now; I like to roam around and this job is all about moving around the city." He works eight hours every day.

Lakshmanan is a resident of Saidapet, and this work would have familiarised him with a multitude of roads around Chennai.

As one treats him as a *rara avis*, Lakshmanan notes that there are other delivery partners with locomotor disorders dependent on such a vehicle and the understanding of customers. He also points out that Zomato makes these vehicles available to such delivery partners through a partnership with customised mobility solutions provider NeoMotion.



## 'Choose core engineering over computer science'



Modern Senior Secondary School in Nanganallur recently celebrated 'Student Mentorship Day' at the school campus.

V. Kamakotti, director of IIT Madras, was the chief guest.

Addressing class XII science students, the director began with an engaging session on the elegance of numbers, urging students to approach Mathematics with curiosity, not fear.

The academician stressed the importance of higher order thinking skills in building a strong academic foundation.

He encouraged students to prioritise core engineering disciplines like mechanical, Electrical, civil, and biological sciences over computer science.

"These fields are critical to nation-building and technological progress. Core engineering is not a career but a commitment to the nation."

## Three day workshop on agricultural export

Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute and Tamil Nadu Food Processing & Agri Export Promotion Corporation (TNAPEX) are conducting a training programme on agricultural export from July 9 to 11. According to a press release, the session will cover mandatory procedures, product quality and testing, packaging and branding, excise clearance, logistics, cold chain management, market research, export finance, and government schemes. Also, exporters in agricultural and processed food sector will share their experiences.

It is a free residential training programme, adds the release.

### Workshop on baking

Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute is conducting a workshop on baking on June 30 and July 1. Time: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those above 18 years of age with a minimum educational qualification of Class 10 may apply. According to a press release, the session will focus on brownies made from dry fruits, millets, and the ones with eggs and egg-less. Also labelling and marketing aspects of bakery products will be taught.

Both the workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the institute's premises at SIDCO Industrial Estate, EDII Office Road, Guindy. Prior registration is required. For details, call 8668102600.

## Training session on Tally Prime on July 3 and 4

Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute, Department of MSME, is conducting a training programme on the basics of Tally Prime, a business management software used for accounting and inventory management. It will be held on July 3 and 4 at the institute's premises at Parthasarathy Koil Street in Ekkattuthangal. Time: From 10 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. According to a press release, the programme will be useful for entrepreneurs and those aspiring to become one. For details, call 95437 73337 / 93602 21280

## Workshop on Bonsai

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Information & Training Centre, Guindy, is conducting a culinary workshop on vermicomposting on July 3.



Another workshop on Bonsai art will be held on July 4. Both the sessions will be held at the centre's premises at Agro Tech Green

Park, First Floor, Thiru. Vi. Ka. Industrial Estate, Guindy. For details, call 044-29530048.



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