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Newly-opened park near Kilambakkam terminus suffers from lack of maintenance

T.V.SUNDARAM

Some of the facilities at the newly-opened Kalaignar Climate Interpretation Park next to Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus in Kilambakkam are not in functional mode. This space was inaugurated on December 7, 2024 and boasted of many amenities such as a sculpture garden, musical fountains, a play area and a walking track.

The fountains located in pu-

blic parks and along walking tracks have been out of service for several months. There are three such water fountains (six-feet fountain, musical fountain and a rainbow fountain). The water fountains are now completely dry and rusted. This state of neglect is causing inconvenience to the general public and children who are regular visitors.

In addition to this, there are also many minor unfinished works at the park such as paver

blocks rectification, pebble stones placement and rubber mat placement on the walking tracks.

Despite repeated complaints by residents, there has been no effective response from the private agency which currently maintains the park.

I urge the departments concerned to take immediate steps to repair and maintain these public utilities.

T.V.Sundaram is a resident of Urappakkam



The fountains have turned dry and some minor works are pending.



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'Bus stop in Santoshpuram should be relocated'

Garbage is being dumped near Forest Office bus stop at Santoshpuram (meant for buses toward Medavakkam) on Tambaram - Velachery Road. The spot is unhygienic.

The stretch of the road where the bus stop is located is narrow and known for traffic chaos. Therefore, buses halt in a haphazard manner putting commuters to inconvenience. The bus stop should be relocated.

The distance between the dumping spot and the bus stop is just 100 metres.

R V Baskaran is a resident of Selaiyur



The Madambakkam Lake. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'No need for park at Madambakkam Lake'

The current trend of converting waterbodies into eco-parks may satisfy the public's recreational needs, but this will not preserve the ecosystem.

The lake is an ecological unit that houses many living beings including animals, birds and plants. It also provides drinking water and agricultural land.

By turning a lake into an eco-park, these creatures will vanish, and the lake will soon become a sewage storage tank.

A preliminary survey was con-

ducted for Madambakkam Lake to ascertain the requirements for having an eco-park at this beautiful, pristine lake. About 63 percent of the residents are against this.

They also believe that alternative Government land can be provided for creating parks with recreational space and that the lake should be left as a pure drinking water source.

At most, the lake bund can be made a walking path.

A. Krishnan is a resident of Madambakkam

Scaffolding blocks movement of pedestrians at R.P. Road

A scaffolding erected on the pedestrian path is blocking the movement of public on the busy R.P. Road. While the footpath of R.P. Road has been callously encroached upon by traders on both sides, this scaffolding is blocking the entire footpath for about 20 ft. endangering the lives of pedestrians.

K. Devanathan is a resident of Nehru Nagar, Chromepet

Upgraded parking lot at St. Thomas Mount station

The two-wheeler parking area at St. Thomas Mount Railway Station has received a facelift under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. PHOTO: VELANKANNI RAJ B

Poor response to complaints made through WhatsApp

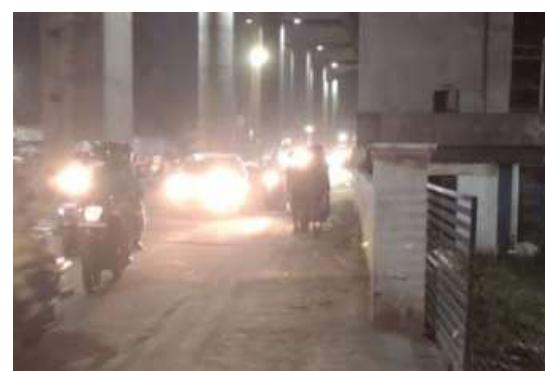
I have made several complaints to the Tambaram City Municipal Corporation's WhatsApp number and to the senior officers about civic issues but the response is poor.

For example, nine months ago, an underground drainage network in Ward 23, Postal Nagar, Chromepet was repaired. Till date, the roads in the locality have not been relaid, nor has patchwork been carried out.

Kulakkai Street in the locality has not been relaid for the past two decades, making it difficult for people to travel.

The dust-ridden road is causing severe breathing problems to people living around it.

P. G. Sethu Madhavan is a resident of Chromepet

**A neglected section of Medavakkam Road**

Chennai Metro Rail Limited should pay special attention to this section of Medavakkam Main Road where it is executing the work along Eechangadu - Keezhkattalai - Nanganallur - Vanuvampet regions.

For a four-kilometre stretch, the road is in a sorry state, leaving pedestrians and motorists to deal with perilous conditions daily.

The stretch is too narrow, marked by potholes and uneven surfaces, which worsen during rainy season. The absence of footpaths forces walkers to share space with speeding motorists.

R. Saravanan Ramanathan is a resident of Keezhkattalai.

SAFETY

No laser light, please!

Police issue advisory to RWAs and hall owners functioning around the airport after a recent incident sparked a debate about the safety of pilots manoeuvring aircraft

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

On May 26, St. Thomas Mount Police Station convened an urgent meeting with representatives of residents' welfare associations and hall owners in Nanganallur and surrounding areas regarding the use of laser beams at stage events and celebrations.

The meeting follows an incident on May 25, where a green laser beam was inadvertently directed at a flight from Dubai that landed at



A. Murali, Assistant Commissioner of Police, and V. Balan, Inspector, St. Thomas Mount Police, chaired the meeting with residents.

the Chennai airport.

The laser beam was pointed at the cockpit, making it difficult for the pilots to manoeuvre the plane. The police personnel urged the public to be vigilant and comply with aviation safety norms while organising functions.

V. Rama Rao, a social activist and a long-time resident of Nanganallur, who took part in the meet, says that according to aviation protocols, the use of laser beams is strictly prohibited within a five-kilometre radius of any airport due to the risk it poses to pilots during critical phases of flight.

The police advised residents to avoid using laser lights at events, es-

pecially in open spaces or on rooftops. Residents were asked to alert the police in case of suspicious activity involving lasers or other hazardous items.

"When used near the airport zone it is a criminal offence and endangers hundreds of lives," police told the residents and owners during the meeting.

S. Chandrabose, president, Federation of Nanganallur Welfare Associations; G. Ravindran, secretary, Lakshmi Nagar Welfare Association, Nanganallur; and S. Kothandaraman, secretary, AGS Colony Residents Welfare Association, Nanganallur; and V. Latha, organising secretary, Senior Citizens Forum,

Nanganallur, were among those who took part.

Advisory by airport

The Airports Authority of India and Chennai International Airport issued an advisory to the public on May 27 regarding the incident. It states that every safe landing begins with responsible behaviour on the ground.

Laser lights, hot air balloons, tethered balloons, gliders and other light-emitting or flying objects near Chennai Airport pose a serious threat to aviation safety.

These can impair a pilot's vision, especially during the landing, and endanger lives in the air and on the

ground. AAI has declared the use of these objects on rooftops, streets, houses, buildings, playgrounds or during events held at farmhouses, banquet halls, hotels, and restaurants as strictly prohibited.

Active enforcement checks are currently under way to maintain a safe and laser-free flight zone. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), acting under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, has officially declared such activities a punishable offence.

Citizens are encouraged to report any such activity (within a five-kilometre radius of the airport) to the nearest police station.

Pond in Chitlapakkam slips into neglect

Office bearers of Chitlapakkam Muthulakshmi Nagar Welfare Association (CMNWA) have submitted a petition to S. Balachander, the Commissioner of Tambaram City Municipal Corporation, to desilt and deepen Chitlapakkam pond.

The pond is on Nehru Street, along Sree Gangai Amman Temple.

Years ago, the former Chitlapakkam Selection Grade Town Panchayat restored the pond and formed a walking path above the pond. But due to lack of maintenance, the pond is dry and overgrown with grass, algae and moss.

L. Sundararaman, president of CMNWA, says, "Cleaning and desilting the pond will help to maintain the groundwater table and recharge the groundwater in Haridossapuram, Nehru Street, Anna Street and Muthu-

lakshmi Nagar."

At a meeting in 2019 organised by the Water Resources Department (WRD) to discuss the Chitlapakkam Lake restoration project, residents requested WRD to divert excess water from the lake to the pond to maintain the groundwater table. "Nothing has been done till date," says Sundararaman.

Rainwater culverts on Anna Street end and Nehru Street should be cleaned and desilted to store rainwater in the pond.

The revetment walls are overrun with vegetation and littered with trash, sand, stones, and garden waste, which can weaken the structure.

The garden area has to be cleaned, which is littered with construction debris, tree waste and trash.

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The pond is overgrown with vegetation and algae. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Revisiting two initiatives that are aimed at encouraging people to cycle to work

LIFFY THOMAS

Kothari Petrochemicals in Manali did not just tell its employees to cycle to work; it enabled them to do so.

It gifted Hercules cycles to over 140 employees on its rolls on National Safety Day in March 2022. The management's request to its staff: pedal to work at least once a week. Incentives nudging employees to take the eco-friendly route followed.

And that "route" is well-travelled. In addition, the company has been taking other routes to energy conservation and pollution control. All these efforts have resulted in a plethora of recognitions for Kothari Petrochemicals including the National Award for Excellence in Energy Management 2024 by the Confederation of Indian Industries. The biggest encouragement however comes from the fact that neighbouring companies in Manali emulate its example by gifting bicycles to their employees.

"Once a month, usually on the fourth Saturday, we observe "No Bike Day" encouraging employees

'Manufacturing' a cycling movement in Manali



Employees of Kothari Petrochemicals take part in an awareness rally.

to pedal to work or use public transport," says Premapiriyam P., vice-president, Kothari Petrochemicals.

Next, the company switched to vehicles running on liquefied natural gas (LNG) for employee transportation. Two electrical cars were added to the fleet, and a fork lift was converted from diesel to electrical.

Employees who bicycle to work the maximum number of days in a month are incentivised with cash awards and carbon offset certificates.

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Company encourages employees to cycle to work

The Manali plant of Kothari Petrochemicals gifts its workforce a bicycle and wants them to pedal to work once a week.

LIFFY THOMAS

When fuel prices are on the rise, employees of the Manali plant of Kothari Petrochemicals do not have asked for a better gift than their employer. The company recently rewarded its workers by gifting them a bicycle each.

The message was loud and clear: stay fit and do your bit for the environment.

The plant has 142

employees on its rolls, and right from then at the beginning level to the highest level of the same: a bicycle.

"We have already distributed 80 bicycles and the remaining 60 will be given in the next 15 to 20 days," says V. Mangayarkarai, senior manager (Human Resources) and HR head of Kothari Petrochemicals, adding that the cycles were distributed at an event held to observe National Safety Day.

The company has been



promoting green modes of transport among its workforce for a few years now. Last year, in pursuit of the same, the company organised a cycle rally to encourage employees to pedal to work.

"We only had a few employees coming by bicycle, and thus is where we decided to gift all of them a bicycle," says Managerian.

Sugunan says that the company hopes that employees will inspire each other to pedal to work.

"We slowly started asking employees to switch to bicycles, which may be on a road to the day," says Sugunan.

"Our main aim is to force the employees to make the switch to bicycles, evaluation should be available."

How good is the infrastructure in the neighbourhood for cycling?" says Sugunan.

"It is not very good, so I am asking the authorities to make the infrastructure and even ask for a sega-

Carbon dioxide emission has been reduced by 650 kilos on account of employees commuting by

bicycle, says data shared by the company.

With a good number of em-



ployees living within a five to seven km radius of the plant, the management had a solid reason to push for a bicycle commute.

Once an employee pedals to work for a minimum of 10 days, a carbon dioxide math is done and certificates and gifts are given accordingly.

M. Rajavel, whole time director, Kothari Petrochemicals, says currently 20-25% of employees bicycle to work on a regular basis and they want to raise this percentage by another 50% this year.

"It is also important to understand the bottlenecks that employees face while cycling, which could be due to bad roads or chaotic traffic in the city, so I have asked the team to study the reasons. If their concerns can be addressed by the company then we will take it up or we can represent it to the Corporation," says Rajavel.

The management will be purchasing another round of bicycles to be given to employees who have joined the organisation in the recent years.

A feeder service between a Metro station and a college

When the new academic year kicks off at M.O.P. Vaishnav College in June, the students and staff will have the advantage of taking a feeder service from the closest Metro Rail station to the college campus on Nungambakkam.

Chennai Metro Rail Limited is offering this service to support the college's "No Vehicle Day" launched in August 2024.

"CMRL authorities got in touch with us and wanted a schedule in advance for them to arrange a service for the benefit of students, which we plan to take up from June," says Archana Prasad, principal, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women.

Currently, DMS or Thousand Lights are the closest metro stations accessed by a majority of the students. The shuttle

service, if implemented well, would encourage more students to ditch their vehicles on other days of the week as well to rely on public transport - which was also the larger goal of keeping vehicles off the campus every last Thursday of the month, later changed to any one day in the month, based on students' feedback.

The principal notes that students' comfort level had to take precedence: if No Vehicle Day fell on an exam day, students

would be handicapped by not using their own vehicle. There could be delay in reaching the college. So, the date and day of No Vehicle Day have been kept flexible.

The initiative runs on the steam of flash mobs and messages on social media earlier on. No campaigns are needed today: just an announcement a day before No Vehicle Day.

Archna says the initial two months the departments tried not to schedule visitors on the campus on the D-Day but now guests are also asked to switch to public transport.

The agenda for the coming academic year is to encourage students to pedal to college and also to get students and staff to switch to e-vehicles, says the principal, adding "on No Vehicle day, e-vehicles are allowed."



SUSTAINABILITY



Connecting the dots

Ahead of World Environment Day, here are two stories from Chennai that serve as a reminder that the circular economy thrives when organic linkages between stakeholders are noticed and then strengthened

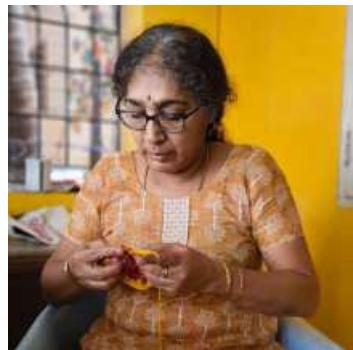
SHARON JESSICA MICHAEL

Sometimes, one discovers with amused wonder that someone integral to one's landscape and therefore inconspicuous, is pitted in the same battlefield as an ally by default. And the discovery extends to the fact that what they do can be a helpful tie-in to one's own work.

Kavitha Sivakumar, a resident of a gated community in Medavakkam, recently added this truth to her worldview, thanks to a casual conversation with a neighbourhood kabadiwallah, Suryagandhi Kumar. She found out he welcomes sirattai – coconut shell – into his storing house in Pallikaranai, and when a substantial amount of it is aggregated, sells the pile.

Kavitha works with Namma Ooru Foundation (NOF), and she realised straightaway that Suryagandhi and his ilk could further a NOF initiative.

Ever since the team at NOF realised coconut shells go into the making of activated charcoal, useful in water purification, and that there are entities looking for sirattai for the same purpose, Sustainable Sirattai Campaign was born, its details spelt out by NOF founder Nat-arajan.



Recently, NOF notched up 150 kg of coconut shells, having aggregated it for a while, notes Kavitha. The source of coconut shells is currently "responsible citizens and green events". Kavitha now advocates empowering local scrap dealers as aggregators of coconut shells, educating residents on cleaning and storing the shells, and



tapping into apartments for them.

"The biggest hurdle is connecting the dots between households, collectors and buyers. Without proper segregation, most shells end up in dumping grounds."

Hygiene concerns such as mould and pests also deter scrap dealers from collecting shells, she adds. Collecting sirattai, Suryagandhi comes across as an outlier. He buys them at Rs 10 per kilogram and selling at a small profit. "Sirattai is used to make activated charcoal, which helps in melting gold," he explains. Though only a few households contribute regularly, the numbers are growing.

Every piece of fabric matters

A massive part of humanity would give the thumbs up to this observation. College education of the first

Fabric jewellery created by Vijayalakshmi; Suryagandhi Kumar at his scrap collection shop; and Vijayalakshmi at work.

adept in beaded jewellery, paper quilling, crochet, and finally fabric accessories, particularly fabric jewellery.

People who know Vijayalakshmi would use an epithet to describe her – "creative".

Fabric jewellery is closer to her heart as it is the ne plus ultra of creativity. Besides, it takes care of the smallest pieces of leftover fabric.

Enter Ganga Sridhar, a resident of Mandaveli, a sustainability campaigner and a connoisseur of upcycling-based fashion. An aficionada of Vijayalakshmi's delicate fabric accessories, Ganga was impressed with Vijayalakshmi's ability to turn small-sized fabric pieces into stunning fabric jewellery. Giving her leftover fabric pieces from

cloth that went into making customised kurtis, Ganga urged her, "Can you turn these into earrings or bangles?" During COVID, matching masks became the norm, and Ganga took it a notch higher. She would keep sending fabric to Vijayalakshmi to create accessories that perfectly matched her outfits (and of course, masks too). Making fabric jewellery for the last seven years, Vijayalakshmi now has a full accessory line – earrings, necklaces and bangles – all lightweight, affordable, and eco-friendly. "It is exciting to get exactly what you want by recycling fabric instead of settling for store-bought accessories," Ganga says. "I have recommended Viji's work to many. It is a simple idea with a big impact."

After years into it, Vijayalakshmi passes her verdict on fabric jewellery: "easy to make, profitable and loved by customers."



An annual books distribution event by RYA Book Bank in the past . FILE PHOTO

As RYA Book Bank invites new students to register with it, the window of opportunity open this year till August 31, one cannot help notice what made this long-standing charity a synonym for free college textbooks in the Chennai Metropolitan Area — digitalisation of its processes

SHARON JESSICA MICHAEL

If you popped by ryabookbank.com now, you would notice the home-page header has relinquished its top slot, offering it magnanimously to a tangerine-coloured panel. It is the season (one returning every year) when this transfer of power happens. Ensconced at the top, the panel "hollers" at you: "RYA Book Registration Open. New Application Registration Open from 12-05-2025."

An invitation to another wave of students

The announcement ends with a blinking imperative, one demanding a click of the mouse: the hyperlink leads you to a page where old members can check in with their credentials, and to-be members start the registration process with the Rajasthan Youth Association (RYA) Book Bank.

The student can check off the course and the year for which registrations are open. Proceeding infield, the student has to provide a wide range of details, the highlights being Aadhar card and 12th mark certificate and college details to establish the registrant is a *bona fide* college student seeking textbooks on loan. By the time they wrap up the process — either registering a new member or an old member looking for new textbooks — they have an inkling of what made RYA Book Bank a synonym for cost-free lending of college textbooks in the Chennai Metropolitan Area. Beyond the Rajasthani communi-

ty's commitment to social responsibility and the dedication of the book bank team, there is a clear and undeniable element — digitalisation of mundane processes.

Technology has reduced the workload on the team at RYA Book Bank, which largely consists of volunteers whose time is a freewill gift, and cannot be coaxed out of them, even less demanded.

Casting his mind back to the time when a truckload of processes were carried out manually, Raj Kumar Dugar, past chairman of RYA Book Bank, presents the contrast ushered in by technology: "Students' records are now better maintained, and caution deposit payments (just ₹ 500) have become more convenient. Earlier, payments were made in cash at the office, which was difficult when staff were unavailable. Now, all transactions are processed smoothly through banking channels, eliminating cash handling."

Non-profits struggle with marshalling human resources, and RYA Book bank has demonstrated how technology brings a shedload of invisible hands to the deck. Interactions between the staff and students happen more online than at Atkinson Street in Vepery, where RYA Book Bank is located.

RYA Book bank has impressive numbers to bear this out — be it the number of colleges, beneficiary-students or the textbooks distributed — and much of it was racked up in the last 10-12 years through digital processes.

On the e-registration form, the dropbox for colleges seems to list every college in the Greater Chennai, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu districts, displaying RYA Book Bank's immense reach.

The years behind RYA Book Bank, born in 1963 — do the math and know the distance of this charity run. At any given time, more than 9,000 students are in possession of books provided by the project, says Raj Kumar. He continues: more than 1.45 lakh students have benefited from the project since its

inception, and each year, over 1,500 sets of books are distributed.

Initially, the book bank built the girth of its books inventory by collecting old textbooks from outgoing students, and as this approach was riddled with "if's" (the major 'if' having to do with the willingness of the students who have bought textbooks from the market to part with them), the switch was made to purchasing new textbooks under various disciplines and loaning, collecting and reloaning them till the book displays the effects of age and sustained use and, of course, slips out of the curriculum on account of a syllabus rethink.

Donors are encouraged to support the initiative in any of two ways: Gyan Deep (a donation of ₹11,000 to cover the textbook costs for the entire course of a student in the arts, science and commerce streams) and Vidya Deep (a donation of ₹21,000 for a deserving engineering student for the entire eighth semester).

On the future trajectory of this RYA Book Bank, Raj Kumar notes the project is considering the integration of e-books into its offerings. He is quick to qualify it: "However, it presents certain challenges, especially since students still prefer reading from physical books. The effectiveness of building a robust e-book section is yet to be determined."

For this year, RYA Book Bank registrations close on August 31, 2025.



Students' records are now better maintained, and caution deposit payments have become more convenient

STATUS REPORT

Veerathamman Koil Street: in a state of persistent brokenness

Located in Jalladianpet, this street is part of a grid of roads providing connectivity between the IT Corridor and Tambaram Velachery Main Road

PRINCE FREDERICK

Veerathamman Koil Street which straddles Jalladianpet and Perumbakkam is persistently unmotorable, the road languishing in a state of brokenness due to successive waves of Chennai Metrowater-related work – installation of sewage lines first and then drinking water pipelines. And there is ongoing work.

John Paul, a resident of Casagrand Tranquil, points out that ever since his family moved into the community – which was one and half years ago – the road has been in this state, more muddy than bitumen-topped.

M. Mani, president, Casagrand Tranquil Owners Association, understands the limits to what could be done.

"As the work is still progressing, we cannot expect a proper bitumen-topped road right now; but it should be possible to level the road



and make it reasonably motorable," says Mani.

"We have made a representation about this to elected representatives, and are still waiting for some redemptive work to be carried out."

Mani points out that the road falls in ward 191, Zone 14 of Greater Chennai Corporation.

A raft of gated communities are located on this road, and Mani notes the collective sigh of despair at the state of the road comes from



These images were taken on May 25, 2025, before the spell of rains in more recent days, when the road would have looked and felt even more broken. PHOTOS: PRINCE FREDERICK

Ram Sarovar Apartments, Isha Signature Villa, Ozone Green Apartments and India Bulls Apartments.

Mani also draws attention to the presence of St. John's Public School on the street, and when the new academic year begins, students and parents would be put to great inconvenience navigating this street.

Veerathamman Koil Street is part of a grid of roads that provide connectivity between the IT Corridor and Tambaram Velachery Main Road. Software professionals travelling from sleeper towns to the IT Corridor take this road.

With Metro Rail work chugging through Perumbakkam Main road, Veerathamman Koil Street has emerged even more of a significant link road between those heading to parts of Velachery Main Road, particularly Jalladianpet and Pallikaranai from Perumbakkam, and in the light of this new reality, the road should not be allowed to continue in this tumbledown situation. Mani observes that as it is, Metro Rail work places immense stress on the motoring population and it has to be endured for the sake of necessary development.

And poorly managed interior roads only add to what has to be endured.

Babies Home at St. Thomas Mount gets two ACs

The Madras Cosmopolitan Round Table (MCRT) 94 and Ladies Circle (MCLC) 38 donated two air conditioners, each of two tons, and newborn supplies to Holy Apostles Convent for Babies Home in St. Thomas Mount.

The air-conditioners have been installed in the rooms for the newborns to help with the excessive

heat during summer.

Holy Apostles Home is a 124-year-old institution committed to serving children and specialising in caring for newborns.

Ashwin Baburaj, chairman of MCRT 94, and Sathvika Ranganathan, chairperson of MCLC 38, and their team members, were present at the installation.

Handloom mela in Chromepet

The Rajasthan Artisans and Weavers Trust is conducting a handloom and handicrafts expo, 'Rajasthani Gramin Mela' till June 3 at Selvam Mahal, Radha Nagar Main Road, Chromepet.

The public can shop for Orissa saris, Rajasthan bedsheets, door curtains, Madurai saris, readymade shirts, leather bags and belts, fashion and silver jewellery.

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'Expedite work on key link road'



SHINOJ G.K.

Pipeline-laying work on Nookampalayam Link Road in Semmancherry has shut off one side of the road for motorists. This disadvantage is felt keenly by motorists during rush hour. The excavated section of the road is completely battered.

Nookampalayam Link Road pro-

vides connectivity to the busy Rajiv Gandhi, and it is a route taken by school and college goers.

There are no alternative routes. With schools and colleges scheduled to reopen in two weeks, this stretch will witness heavy traffic congestion and bottlenecks. The departments concerned must expedite the work.

Shinoj G.K. is a resident of Thazhambur



Nookampalayam Link Road in Semmancherry on May 30. PHOTOS: R. RAVINDRAN.



Inviting residents to help clean Nanmangalam lake

Ahead of World Environment Day, the Save Nanmangalam Lake Forum is conducting a mass lake clean-up on June 1 from 7 to 8.30 a.m.

The Forum's members have cleaned the lake for 49 weeks.

The public is requested to assemble under the Banyan tree (near Jayendra Nagar) at 7 a.m.

For details, call 90038 35423.

MTC introduces a new route number

Metropolitan Transport Corporation has introduced a new route number: 51C - travelling via Saidapet, Velachery, Pudupakkam and Vandalur Koot Road.

From Saidapet, the route number will leave at 05.05, 05.55, 06.30, 06.55, and 11.50 a.m., and 12.55, 13.20, and 13.55 p.m..

From Velachery, the route number will leave at 08.25, 09.20, 09.55, and 10.20 a.m., 15.10, 15.55, 16.30, 17.05, 18, 18.45, 19.15, and 19.50 p.m..

From Pudupakkam and Vandalur Koot Road, the route number will leave at 07, 07.50, 08.25, 08.50, 10, 10.50, 11.20, and 11.55 a.m., and 13.45, 14.30, 15.05, 15.40, 16.35, 17.20, 17.55, 18.30, 19.30, 20.15, 20.50, and 21.15 p.m..



New office-bearers for HCWA

At the recently held annual general body meeting of The Hindu Colony Welfare Association in Nanganallur, the following office-bearers were unanimously elected for one year.

G. R. Arun as president, S. Sundara Raman and V. Narayanan as vice-presidents, D. Velavan as secretary, Shobana Raman as joint secretary, and R. Ramesh as treasurer.

The executive committee members are K. Anandan, S. Gopinath, P. Jayaraj, M. V. Raghavan, M. Raghavendar Raj, K. Shyam Kumar, V. R. Srinivasan, R. Venkataraman, and P. S. Venkatramani.

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