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## Check sewage discharge at waterbody in Zamin Royapettai



Kallukutti at Zamin Royapettai in Chromepet.

V. SANTHANAM

Kallukutti, a waterbody at Zamin Royapettai (Ward 23, Zone 3, Survey No: 234), is in a pitiable state.

Once a groundwater source for the area, the waterbody is now overrun with trash and covered with water hyacinth due to discharge of sewage from homes nearby.

As a result, the water is not getting stored, resulting in flooding in the area. The groundwater is contaminated

and is unfit for use, forcing people to rely on water cans and tankers.

Despite many petitions to the Tambaram City Municipal Corporation to restore the waterbody, no action has been taken.

I request the civic body to take up the restoration work so that the waterbody can store rainwater during this year's rains.

*V. Santhanam is a civic activist and a long-time resident of Chromepet*



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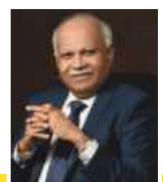
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Third Street in Vimala Nagar, Medavakkam on January 25, 2026.

## Launching the ‘built-in speed breaker’ for school zones

When CMRL work began in the Medavakkam area, Third Street in Vimala Nagar gained prominence as part of a ganglion of interior roads connecting two major corridors. In a school zone, this street is often noticeably battered and the patchwork it receives unravels after a downpour, as it did on January 25

**PRINCE FREDERICK**

**L**ess seen, but more effective” is the maxim echoing across modern spaces meant for living and moving. Utilities hidden under surfaces (example: induction stove slipped under the kitchentop with only the cooking surface staying visible). Utilities extending from surfaces (example: a bed blending into the wall being pulled down at bedtime). Utilities indistinguishable from surfaces (example: Third Street in Vimala Nagar, a school zone where the road itself functions as speed breaker).

Ever since the Medavakkam section of Velachery Main Road began to be defined by CMRL work more than anything else and the left turn at the junction of Semmozhi Salai and Velachery Main Road started providing movement down the latter road as restricted as that of a piston in a cylinder, interior roads gained prominence. They became the overnight celebrities, social media influencers if you like, with sudden traffic, often overwhelmingly huge in volume.

In this category of interior roads are those found in Babu Nagar, Vimala Nagar and Neela Nagar in Medavakkam (under Medavakkam panchayat), new highlight marks on commuters' road map. Off Me-

davakkam Mambakkam Main Road, the roads in these neighbourhoods function somewhat like a nerve plexus. They are a ganglion of minor nerves providing connectivity between the spinal Velachery Main Road and Medavakkam Mambakkam Main Road. The added pounding due to motorists preferring interior movement rather than taking a right turn at the Semmozhi Salai-Velachery Main Road junction and threading their journey through the U-turn near Jeyachandran Textiles and climbing on to the Medavakkam flyover towards Tambaram.

Following the battering they received during the 2025 North East monsoon, the roads in three neigh-

bourhoods were relaid, notably Babu Nagar First, Second and Third Main Road. Even then, Third Street in Vimala Nagar received just a patch-up, being brutally honest, a parody of a patchwork, debris wheeled in to fill the cracks. Days after seeing the light, the patchwork began to unravel. The worst part of the road happens to be the patchwork carried out near a school, Saraswathi Vidyalaya and a temple, Sri Chandramouleeswarar Thirukoil.

A school zone needs speed breakers, which have been provided on Third Street, Vimala Nagar (two neatly laid speed breakers exist on this street), but these real speed breakers are eclipsed by that ghost speed breaker, which is es-

sentially the road being so battered that it exerts the power and influence of a speed breaker on the vehicular traffic. This non-existent speed breaker gains prominence after a downpour, when this section of road opens up further, as it did following the showers of January 25-26, 2026.

While the battered section slows down traffic, it also impedes it, making commuting unpleasant, and potentially dangerous too, as motorcyclists can have a fall negotiating the potholes. The solution is simple: relay Third Street in Vimala Nagar the proper way with bitumen topping, doing away with the ghost speed breaker, but keeping the real ones.

## Wider pedestrian crossing sought on Race Course Road

**T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN**

Pedestrians crossing Race Course Road outside the Guindy railway station have asked the State Highway Department (SHD) to widen the pedestrian crossing.

Pedestrians jump over the median railings, walk on the carriageway, and cross at a section

of the road (crossing area) marked by a sharp bend, obstructing visibility for motorists. In the process, vehicular traffic is disrupted. Pedestrians use the footbridge to reach Anna Salai and companies in the Industrial Estate, and to board metro and suburban trains from the station. The bus stops are also close by. The crossing area was provided

to prevent vehicles from taking right and left and U-turns outside the station.

A large, elevated pedestrian crossing area must be provided to ensure safe passage without disrupting vehicular traffic. The crossing area should be facilitated along the footbridge up to the row of refreshment stalls, pedestrians opined.



Pedestrians walk in the middle of Race Course Road or jump over the median, disrupting vehicular traffic on the stretch.  
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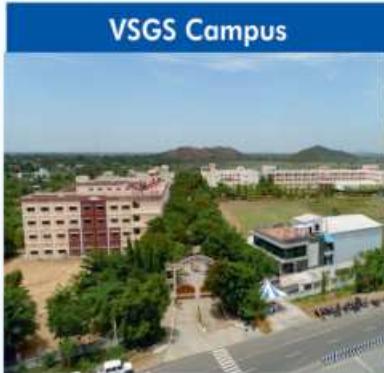
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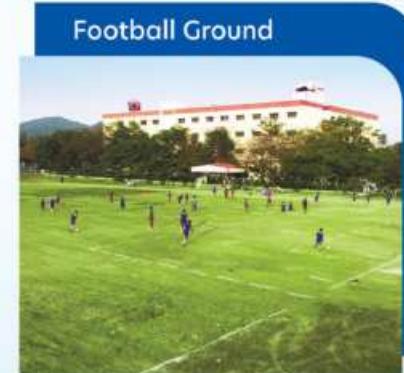
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# Citizens' forum honours Good Samaritans

T. ARVIND

The People's Awareness Forum (Makkal Vizhippunnaru Sangam) on January 25 honoured S. Padma (48), a sanitary worker from Krishnampet, for her honesty after she returned a bag containing about 45 sovereigns of gold jewellery found while on duty in T. Nagar recently.

On January 11, Ms. Padma handed over the bag to the Pondy Bazaar police with the help of her supervisor, enabling it to be returned to its rightful owner. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin later acknowledged her act and presented her with a cheque for ₹1 lakh.

Forum convenor Santhanam said the decision to honour her was driven by the values she represented. "Despite financial hardship, she chose honesty. If such people are not recognised, something is wrong with our societal mindset," he said.

A similar incident involving Ms. Padma's family was recalled at the event. About five years ago, her husband Subramani, an autorickshaw driver, had returned an unclaimed bag containing around ₹1 lakh to the police.

The event was held at Parvathi Hospital, with its chairman, Dr. S. Muthukumar, as the chief guest. Dr. Muthukumar and the forum felicitated Padma with a cash award and a shield.

Separately, on Republic Day, the forum honoured Sreedhar Iyer, for voluntarily cleaning a burial ground at Pallavaram, which he makes it as a routine service.

A spiritual psychologist present at the event said that while honesty among the affluent was often taken for granted, acts of integrity by those facing economic hardship carried deeper moral weight. Such gestures, he said, lent meaning to everyday life and served as a powerful reminder to society – particularly younger generations – that values need not be shaped by wealth.

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Padma being honoured by People's Awareness Forum's founder V. Santhanam (right) and Dr. S. Muthukumar, Parvathi Ortho Hospital at an event in Chrompet on January 25, 2026. Photo: Special Arrangement

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

Residents of Rayappa Nagar in Varadharajapuram have requested the Water Resources Department to provide a valve shutter (valve dam) along the Adyar river tributary (running along the Outer Ring Road) to ensure free flow of rainwater into the river.

The stormwater drain network along the 30-feet road in Rayappa Nagar and the culvert below the Ring Road overbridges is at a level lower than the culvert along ORR on the lane towards Mudichur, obstructing rainwater flow into the river's tributary from the locality.

V. Rajasekaran, president of Thiruvalluvar Rayappa Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, says a piped facility must be provided to drain the water from the locality to the shutter valve through tunnelling across ORR without digging the stretch.

Years ago, the same was done in Amudham Nagar, Mudichur.

"The valve dam can be operated (releasing water into the

## 'Provide a shutter along river tributary'



The culvert below the road overbridge on Outer Ring Road.  
PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

tributary) depending on the tributary's flow. Otherwise, the water from the network and the

tributary would overflow, causing flooding in Rayappa Nagar and on ORR."

## City college holds conference on 'Vikshit Bharat'

Guru Nanak College, Velachery, recently organised a two-day national conference, 'Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems and Innovation: Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047'.

The conference aimed to provide a common platform for academicians, researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, scholars, and students to discuss the relevance of Indian knowledge systems in addressing contemporary societal and developmental challenges, a release said.

Bhalchandra Vidyasagar, former vice-chancellor of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Maharashtra, inaugurated the conference. J. Radhakrishnan, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, was the guest of honour.



In his keynote address, professor Vidyasagar focused on the next steps for integrating IKS into contemporary education, particularly in the context of the National Educational Policy 2020.

He emphasised the importance of shifting from memory-based education to analytical, experiential, and interdisciplinary learning.

Radhakrishnan urged students to go beyond participating

in the conference, become co-creators and drawing strength from Indian knowledge systems while remaining critically aware.

Divided into six themes: science, commerce and management, law, engineering and technology, social sciences and languages, and multidisciplinary studies, the conference had an overwhelming response of registrations and paper presentations, the release added.

## 'Introduce a cut service from Vijaya Nagar terminus'

T.S. ATUL SWAMINATHAN

Bus commuters from Madipakkam want a cut service from Velachery connecting West Tambaram and Kilambakkam terminuses. The service, they say, will help them reach Velachery Main Road and GST Road.

At present, route number V51, connecting T. Nagar and West Tambaram and V51X (Kilambakkam) terminuses operates through Velachery Main Road

(Madipakkam) and Medavakkam Main Road.

A. Narayanan, a commuter, says that as the frequency is on the lower side, commuters end up waiting longer. Another commuter, E. Sakunthala, says that as the buses operate from T. Nagar, by the time they reach Madipakkam, considerable time has elapsed.

A section of the commuters board M1 (Thiruvanmiyur - Keezhkattalai), disembark at Keezhkattalai, from where they

board 14M NGO Colony - Medavakkam terminus.

From the terminus bus stop, commuters board buses towards Tambaram and Kilambakkam regions.

The other option for commuters to reach Kilambakkam is to board buses from the Kovilambakkam junction on Pallavaram - Thoraipakkam 200-Feet Radial Road and Tambaram, from Balaji Nagar halftown in Pallikaranai on Velachery Main Road.

Metropolitan Transport Cor-

poration should also reintroduce V51, a cut service between Keezhkattalai and Saidapet, covering Eechangadu and Pallikaranai regions. The services should also be extended to Broadway.

Besides, commuters also sought that 51C travelling from Pudhupakkam and Vandalur Koot Road to Velachery and Saidapet to be extended to Island Grounds or Royapuram.

An MTC official said the suggestions would be considered, and necessary steps taken.



## ACCESSIBILITY

Between Panaiyur and Mahabalipuram on East Coast Road, inclusive bus shelters really do not help the differently abled. This section of ECR is maintained by TNRDC; three of these bus shelters are found within GCC limits

# Ramps for luge athletes?



PRINCE FREDERICK

Would anyone in their right mind ask a wheelchair-bound person to perform the manoeuvres of a luge athlete? Two line agencies throw a gauntlet as ridiculous as that to the wheelchair-bound on a section of East Coast Road (ECR), one agency doing the actual throwing and the other in a position to countermand it, doing an Ostrich.

On ECR, between Panaiyur and Mahabalipuram, one would come upon these quaint-looking bus shelters with pitched, corrugated metal roofs and concrete benches. And if the zooming lens is held closer, one would see ramps, actually what passes off for ramps.

Let us narrow down the focus to three bus stops (the wheels moving in the direction of Mahabalipuram) on the section of ECR between Panaiyur and Uthandi alone, just to make sure the two line agencies are found in the same picture.

Enter Tamil Nadu Road Development Company (TNRDC), a special purpose vehicle. TNRDC manages ECR from Akkarai to Mahabalipuram and is the architect of these bus shelters, which hold up against the elements commendably but score poorly on its inclusivity design quotient. Ramps exist, but not all ramps are easy to use. Besides, the overall design of

these "inclusive bus shelters" ignores most facets of accessibility for the wheelchair-bound from the bus stop to the bus and vice versa; and these include sufficient space on the floor of the bus shelter and a mechanism for the commuter to slide their wheelchair from floor of the bus shelter straight on to the floor of the bus.

These bus shelters instead have two components, an ascent ramp and a descent ramp, the latter hard to use by anyone, let alone the

wheelchair-bound.

### First stop

The Nainarkuppam bus shelter offers an ascent ramp with a comfortable gradient. It has a long run, and a controlled rise. Ramps in the ratio of 1:10 (the first number denoting the rise and the second, the run) make for a comfortable gradient; when the second number goes up, the comfort factor is upped.

The descent ramp, short and



Take a close look at these ramps at the Nainarkuppam and Uthandi bus shelters. PHOTOS: PRINCE FREDERICK

steep, is what seeks to turn the wheelchair-bound into a luge athlete. Words would not suffice to communicate the inadequacy in the design; the picture would.

The descent ramp at the bus shelter in Uthandi plummets to a new low. It hardly resembles a ramp, and short by birth, it has become shorter still by damage. Broken, the ramp resembles a thread of thought that stopped woefully short of conveying the meaning. Again, only the picture can manage an adequate description.

The ramps and the overall effort at including everyone illustrate tokenism, an act of extending the hand of inclusivity to the differently abled without stretching it

enough for them to take hold of it.

Now, enter the other line agency, Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC). GCC limits extend up to Uthandi on ECR. The question to be asked: though TNRDC manages this road and therefore takes responsibility for the bus shelters, should GCC intervene and take charge of the "inclusive" bus shelters on ECR within its limits?

It probably should because these bus shelters strike a jarring note against the narrative in the central parts of GCC limits where well-designed inclusive bus shelters (example: Ice House bus stop near Vivekanandar Illam bus stop on Kamarajar Salai) are becoming common sight.



The bus shelter at Meeran Nagar on ECR. PHOTO: PRINCE FREDERICK

### The ramp that refuses to cover one 'step'

At this bus shelter on East Coast Road in Meeran Nagar, which comes under Kanathur Reddy Kuppam panchayat, one ramp does not even reach the floor of the bus shelter, demonstrating a huge flaw in the design, not to mention the steep gradient, a challenge to even an able-bodied person trying to walk down its surface, let alone a differently abled person seated in a wheelchair trying to navigate it. The section of East Coast Road from Akkarai to Mahabalipuram comes under management of the special purpose vehicle Tamil Nadu Road Development Company (TNRDC); and the installation and maintenance of bus shelters on this stretch are part of its responsibilities. The image was taken on January 30, 2026. Photo: Prince Frederick

By the side of ECR at Therkupattu. The images were taken on a morning before the weekend set in. During weekends, this patch is plagued by massive littering.  
PHOTOS: PRINCE FREDERICK



# The bins are still the best bet

PRINCE FREDERICK

For Tambaram residents given to long drives on ECR, the beachside expanse at Therkupattu is a familiar bivouacking spot. The patch is plagued by littering, particularly during weekends. The garbage bins are largely ignored by visitors but the solution ironically lies in having more of these bins

**T**hambi, the respectful, palms-folded, horse-faced, dhoti-clad mascot of the 44th chess Olympiad at Mamallapuram in 2022, has found the cleanest spots in Therkupattu on East Coast Road: the garbage bins. There is no dearth of litter on the beachside of Therupattu hugging ECR like a legging. It is found everywhere only rarely in the garbage bins. In effect, Thambi has been given the pride of place. No left-handed

**Efforts to arrest the waste-flinging hands of bivouackers mid-throw have been made by the Therkupattu panchayat and even NGOs**



compliment here, not even a faint whiff of it.

Inveterate day-trippers from Chennai with the addiction of a caffeine fiend to long drives on ECR cannot but be familiar with Therupattu, drawn as much to its lazy sands by the side of the arterial road as to its sequestered beach. It is the closest bivouacking spot on ECR from Chennai. And as with any unregulated bivouacking spot, visitors leave traces of the good times behind on the soft beach sands of Therkupattu. It is largely plastic waste; and the wisps of garbage are found mostly by the side of ECR and the shoreline is largely clean. Efforts to arrest the waste-flinging hands of bivouackers mid-throw have been made by the Therkupattu panchayat and even NGOs such as Hand In Hand. By the side of the road, garbage bins and boards blaring exhortations against littering are the visible signs of these efforts.

The most striking demonstration of this effort is a drum "weld-

ed" into an alternative role as a garbage bin. A neat slot, enclosed by a swinging metal flap has been created for garbage to be slipped in; and an opening has been carved on the rear side for the garbage to be cleared.

Human beings imitate the majoritarian action more than they initiate original action thinking for themselves. So, rather than keeping the discards with them till they reach any of the garbage bins, they would take the cue from those around them and fling those plastics and cardboards in the sands. The learning and the action happen subliminally, the imbiber and the initiator unaware they are following cues.

The garbage bins might be ignored, but strangely, the solution lies in having more bins across the vast bivouacking terrain. That is the only way to increase the visibility of the better and socially responsible cue of people taking the trouble to use the bins.



An international teacher-training programme at Madras Christian College explored how chess can be used as a structured educational tool to strengthen learning outcomes among tribal students

The FIDE Chess in Education Commission (FIDE EDU), in partnership with Madras Christian College (Autonomous) and the Emmanuel Chess Centre, conducted a three-day Chess in Education - Preparation of Teachers' Course at Madras Christian College recently. The programme, supported by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, focused on equipping teachers from tribal schools with chess-based pedagogical methods.



Presiding over the inauguration, P. Wilson, principal and secretary of Madras Christian Col-

lege, said the programme reflected the institution's commitment to evidence-based educational innovation and inclusive learning practices. Woman International Master Rita Atkins, secretary of FIDE EDU, who was the

guest of honour, explained how chess has evolved globally from a competitive sport into a structured educational discipline. She highlighted research linking chess instruction with improvements in executive functioning, concentra-

tion, planning skills, and academic performance.

Chief guest G. Lakshmi Priya, secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, noted that such cognitive tools could play a significant role in promoting educational equity and long-term social mobility. S. Annadurai, Central Labour Service, director, Tribal Welfare Department, expressed the Department's commitment to introducing internationally benchmarked educational practices in tribal schools. He described the collaboration with FIDE EDU and Emmanuel Chess Centre as an important step towards strengthening classroom instruction at the grassroots.

More than 40 teachers from the Tribal Welfare Department, along with faculty members from Women's Christian College, Meston Training College and Madras Christian College, participated in the FIDE-certified training programme conducted by WIM Rita Atkins and Ebenezer Joseph, Senior Lead Instructor, FIDE EDU.

## Postwoman and conservancy staff honoured



At Pradeep and Karthik Avenue.

Various resident welfare associations celebrated the 77th Republic Day with enthusiasm. At Chitlapakkam Muthulakshmi Nagar Welfare Association, L. Sundararaman, president of the association, unfurled the National Flag. He spoke about how unity and togetherness have developed the area and the region.

Two senior citizens, P. Karunanidhi and T. Lakshminathan, were honoured. A senior member of the association, K. Raghunathan of Rajiv Gandhi Street, donated ₹5,000.

### Frontline workers honoured

Soodamani, a senior citizen, and a resident of Blue Moon - Harsham Apartments, unfurled the National Flag at Thiruttani Nagar, Old Pallavaram. At Central Welfare Association in Nangallur, Colonel Varadharajulu (retired), Indian Army, unfurled the National Flag. Grahadurai, Deputy Director (Retired), Indian Space Research Organisation, Satish Dhawan Space Center, was the special guest.

Shyam, supervisor (conservancy operations), Urbaser Sumeet; Ramesh, operator, Battery Operated Vehicle (Ur-

baser Sumeet), and Amala, a postwoman, were honoured with a cash award and a citation for their sincere work.

### Vote without fail

K. Dayanand Krishnan, president of Pradeep and Karthik Avenue Residents' Welfare Association, Chitlapakkam, unfurled the National Flag. Residents took an oath not to receive money from any political party. Saplings were distributed to residents and association members.

N. Chandran, chairman, Zone 12, Greater Chennai Corporation, unfurled the tricolour flag at Lakshmi Nagar in Nanganallur. V. Rama Rao, advisor of the Lakshmi Nagar Civic Welfare Association, said on the R-Day, the Flag is unfurled, and on Independence Day, it is hoisted.

C. Jagan, member of Ward 43 of Tambaram City Municipal Corporation, unfurled the flag at the locality's park at Sri Sarvamangala Nagar in Chitlapakkam. Many children took part.

At Srinivasa Nagar RWA, Hasthinapuram, K. Mahalakshmi Karunakaran, member, Ward 37 unfurled the flag.

## Remembering the teachers

Old students of St. Bede's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School celebrate their 40th year reunion

The alumni of St. Bede's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School in Santhome, who passed out in 1985, celebrated their 40th year reunion at a grand get-together held at MRC,

Guindy.

Thirty Bedeans of 1985 batch participated including the six from the U.S. and the U.K. Members of the batch are well placed in various

professions and as a mark of gratitude presented mementos to 10 teachers, three of whom are headmasters. They are former headmasters Fr. P.J. Sebastian, Fr. K.J. Antony and Fr. Santhosam John, along with teachers Rajamoni, F.Samuel, G.Ramamurthy, N.Devdoss, T.Amalraj, J.Tharcius and Mary Nathan.

Several alumni expressed their deep gratitude to St. Bede's for providing them with a strong academic foundation, discipline and opportunities in extracurricular activities, which played a crucial role in shaping their careers and personal lives.

## Business challenge test on February 15

Santhoshni Academy's Business Challenge Test has launched a unique diagnostic initiative designed for Grade 11 or Grade 12 commerce students. It seeks to understand whether students are able to apply their academic learning in Accountancy and Business Studies to real-life companies, startups, and business situations that they have already observed around them.

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## AM Jain College holds alumni meet

**A**. M. Jain College hosted 'Alumni Meet 2026' on its campus in Meenambakkam. The event was a lively celebration of memories, enduring bonds and the collective accomplishments of the alumni community.

The meet provided a platform for students to reconnect with classmates and faculty and relive their campus experiences.

More than 1,500 alumni came together to celebrate tradition, connection, and

pride in the institution, said a release.

The highlight of the evening was an engaging, thought-provoking performance by mentalist Abishek Baskar, whose interactive show captivated the audience. The celebrations were further elevated by a live musical performance from singer Nithyashree Venkataraman.

Retired principals and faculty members encouraged alumni to actively engage in institutional development, mentorship, and student support initiatives.

## Diagnostic centre offers services at subsidised cost

Real estate developer Casagrand has opened the Casagrand Foundation's Diagnostic Center in Besant Nagar. Launched as a not-for-profit initiative, the state-of-the-art facility aims to make diagnostics and preventive care affordable and accessible, offering more than 100 essential services and advanced screenings at affordable costs, starting from just ₹50, said a release. The centre focuses on offering diagnostic care targeted at one-third price.

It offers a comprehensive range of services, including digital X-rays, ECGs, CT scans, thyroid and diabetes profiles, troponin tests and blood tests. Creatinine screenings, along with a master health check-up and specialised women's health packages, are also available. Located on First Avenue, Shastri Nagar, Besant Nagar, the centre is open Monday to Saturday, 7 am to 7 pm, and on Sunday until 1.30 p.m. For appointments, contact 9790 566 566.

# An honour for mothers



This is the 15th year of the initiative by Sri Krishna Sweets

**S**ri Krishna Sweets held its annual event honouring mothers of achievers for the 15th consecutive year at Narada Gana Sabha in Alwarpet recently.

Several mothers of prominent personalities were honoured with shawls and mementoes during the ceremony.

Among them were Bama Ramanan, mother of Saraswathi, founder of Event Kala; K. M. Dhanaponnadai, K. M. Annamalai, chancellor, Gandhigram University; Hamsa Kalyanasundaram, Meera Nagarajan, managing director of Kalyana Malai; Kalyani, Venkatesh, a spiritual speaker; Parvathi Subramaniam, Sundar Subramaniam, a social activist, Sathyabama Chandran, Saini Surendran, a sports and nutrition consultant; V. Vijayalakshmi, V. Uma, founder of Suyam Foundation; Dhana Lakshmi Natarajan, Senthil Natarajan, Kovai

Pazhamudir Nilayam, Gomathi Lingam, Subasree Sriram of Sriram Capital; Jaya Palanivelu, Dr. Praveen Raj, Gem Hospital; Meenakshi, M. Swaminathan, a legal advisor, Subha Narayanan, Sandip Narayanan, a Carnatic singer; Sunanda Sripathi Udupa, Ganesh of Highway Motels; and Vasantha Devanathan, Anu Sriram of Integra Software Services.

Nalli Kuppuswami Chetty, chairman of Nalli Silks; V. Kamakoti, director of the Indian Institute of Technology - Madras; Ramdass Rao, president of the Tamil Nadu Hotels (Hoteliers) Association; and writer Sivasankarai attended and spoke.

Nalli Kuppuswami Chetty said the initiative to honour the mothers had deeply touched him, noting that mothers' sacrifices plays a crucial role in shaping successful individuals.

He commended M. Murali for acknowledging them and honouring their contributions.

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