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▲ Students of Saraswathy Venkataraman Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Thiruvannmiyur, celebrated Pongal on Jan.13. The campus was transformed into a traditional village featuring elaborate house models and a miniature paddy field showcasing farming and harvesting. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances, including folk dances, Villupattu, and a lively Pattimandram.



▲ The Indra Nagar Women's Association marked the harvest festival on Jan.13, with a vibrant cultural program. The event featured members sharing diverse regional Pongal traditions, a soulful musical performance led by bhajan teacher Vijayalakshmi, and an energetic Oyilattam dance by Najma Begam. The festivities concluded with a traditional community lunch and the distribution of Sakkarai Pongal.



▲ The Appayya Dikshita Foundation (ADF), Kottivakkam, celebrated Pongal at the Dr. Sadhana Rao Goshala, commencing with a Vedaparayanam by students of Sri Chandrasekara Prasada Gurukulam. Chief guest Seshadri Rajappan, MD of Sical, underscored the importance of protecting abandoned cattle and presented a cheque for essential supplies on behalf of ADF, while Sri Murali of New Viswatara provided clothing and groceries to the goshala staff. The foundation also distributed gift hampers containing clothes and essentials to local daily-wage workers of the locality. Ph: 95000 43938.

▼ The staff of the Besant Nagar India Post celebrated Pongal with lots of fanfare.



## Beachfront festivities: ECBWA hosts 8th annual Pongal vizha



The Thiruvannmiyur beach came alive with traditional fervour as the East Coast Beach Walkers' Association (ECBWA) celebrated its 8th annual Pongal Vizha on Jan.11. The two-day festivities, which drew over 1,200 spectators, kicked off Jan.10 evening with a vibrant Kolam contest featuring 35 participants, organised in collaboration with the Nivedita Women Development & Welfare Organisation.

Jan.11 started with a disciplined Silambam demonstration by students of the J Silambam Academy in the morning, followed by 35 sporting events that saw more than 300 entries across all age groups. Highlights included the traditional Uri Yadi (pot-breaking), a spirited Tug of War, and a fancy dress competition for children. A decorated cow and calf remained a central attraction, symbolising the harvest spirit, while a



health camp was conducted by MGM Healthcare Malar, Adyar.

The association also distributed Pongal gift hampers, worth Rs.1,000 each, to 26 beach conservancy staff. Lucky dip winners were presented with traditional Vengala Pongal Panai. Sponsors for the events included MGM Healthcare, Cotton House

Sri Krishna Sweets, OM Serma Enterprises and others.

President R. Vivekanandan welcomed the gathering, while Secretary Pon Mahendran and Hon. Secretary T. Arunachalam coordinated the proceedings. Treasurer Ganesh Babu concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

## Councillor distributes gift packs in Ward 170



To ensure a festive and dignified Pongal for all residents, Ward 170 Councillor K.R. Kathir Murugan spearheaded an extensive three-day community initiative, culminating in a special celebration at the Councillor's Office in Kottur on Jan.15, where nearly 500 beneficiaries received essential festive kits.

In total, 4,760 Pongal gift packs were distributed through a door-to-door cam-

paign across the ward. Each comprehensive kit included sarees, traditional Pongal vessels, dining plates, and all necessary ingredients for sweet pongal, such as rice, cardamom, and nuts. Beyond festive supplies, the initiative also focused on long-term livelihood support by providing iron boxes to two underprivileged beneficiaries to assist in their self-employment and small business efforts.



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▲ Chennai Sangamam 2026 comes alive at Besant Nagar Beach. "A grand celebration of Tamil culture, heritage, art, food, traditional games and togetherness, reflecting the true cultural soul of Chennai at Elliot's Beach, till Jan.18, 6 pm to 9 pm.



Families gathered to celebrate the harvest festival as a community at the Ward 170 Office, near the Kotturpuram signal. The event featured traditional festivities, to mark the auspicious occasion of Pongal. Cultural and Community oneness marked the event as a unique one. More on page PJ2.

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Commuters can access the chatbot by simply messaging "Hi" to the official number 94450 33364. The interface supports both English and Tamil to ensure broad accessibility for all residents.

## Fines charged for tree cutting

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has announced that from January 12, all applications related to tree cutting, pruning of branches, removal of dead or hazardous trees, and tree transplantation within city limits must be submitted online. According to a press release issued on January 10, applications will be accepted only through the Greater Chennai Corporation website ([chennaicorporation.gov.in](http://chennaicorporation.gov.in)) and the 'Namma Chennai' mobile application. The move is aimed at simplifying procedures, ensuring transparency, and reducing delays in granting permissions.

Under the new system, applications will be inspected on-site by GCC zonal officers or supervisors, along with officials from the Forest Department and representatives of environmental organisations. Inspection reports will be forwarded to the District Green Committee for approval, and applicants will be informed of the decision through SMS and the GCC website.

The GCC warned that unauthorised cutting of trees in public places will attract strict action, including a fine of Rs. 1 lakh. Violations such as cutting tree branches or fixing boards and lights on trees will invite a penalty of Rs. 15,000.

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▲ Malathi Sreedhar, a resident of Gandhi Nagar, has been uniquely celebrating the auspicious month of Margazhi by translating the verses of Aandal's Thiruppavai into her daily devotional rituals. "I depict the essence of each day's verse in my Kolams, ranging from Aandal's and Lord Krishna's ornaments to the sacred ritual objects like the peacock-feathered fan and bronze mirror used in temple worship," says Malathi.



# Events >

## Art & Exhibitions

● **Artisans' Alley:** A vibrant exhibition of local craftsmanship featuring terracotta, ceramics, weaving, and crochet. Jan. 18, 10 am – 7 pm at Cholamandal Artists' Village, ECR. Ph: 98406 7808.

● **Chithra Tottam:** A four-artist collective exhibition featuring Annapurna, Vasumathi, Murugesan (Besant Nagar resident), and Ram Rangarajan. Jan. 22–24 at Lalit Kala Academy, Thousand Lights. Inauguration on Jan. 22 at 5 PM.

## Music and Dance

● **Kala Madhuryam:** Classical dance performances at Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON, Thiruvannamiyur, at 5.20 pm. Jan. 18: Nataraja Nrutya Kala Nilayam; Jan. 24: Jaya Achuthalaya. Ph: 96003 30108.

● **Kishore Da Hits:** Satrangi presents an evening of Kishore Kumar hits by Promod and Ramya. Jan. 25, 5.45 pm at Teach Auditorium, Taramani. Tickets: 98847 78073.

● **Dr. Annie Besant Memorial Music program:** The Young Men's Indian Association (YMIA) is organising music program at Dr. Annie Besant Centenary Hall, Mylapore. Jan. 18, 6 pm: Hindustani Classical concert by Madhumitha Rajasekaran.

## Workshops & Training

● **TNAU Training:** TNAU Guindy hosts workshops on Jam/Squash preparation (Jan. 22) and Organic Vegetable Farming (Jan. 23). Contact: 29530048.

● **ECR Toastmasters:** 160th milestone meeting for public speaking and leadership. Jan. 18, 4.30 pm at Vaels International School, Injambakkam. Ph: 98841 14700.

## Spiritual

● **Madhura Mahotsava:** Spiritual festival with kirtans and discourses. Jan. 18, 9 am – 9 pm at ISKCON Akkarai, ECR.

● **Weekly Satsang:** Spiritual discourse and guided meditation by JKYog Chennai. Every Sunday, 3 pm – 5 pm at Yogalaya, Adyar.

● **Varshikotsavam:** Temple anniversary with 'Thiruppavada – Anna Koota Utsavam'. Jan. 22, 9 am – 11 am at Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Temple, Kottur.

## Community

● **Kottur Hindu Kudumba Sangamam:** 'TYARKAI' themed event with science demos, skits, 3R workshops, stalls by self-help groups and much more. Jan. 25, 3.30 pm at Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Kalyana Chatram. Ph: 98410 71961.

● **Sakhyam Activity Centre:** Sessions from 4 pm - 6 pm KNRA Hall, Adyar. Jan. 19: Yoga and Games; Jan. 21: Yoga and Board Games; Jan. 24: Meditation. Ph: 98409 41973.

● **'Naalai Namadhe' Cycling Rally:** Awareness rally against women trafficking. Jan. 25, 5.30 am from Kottur signal. Registration: 98406 43023.

● **Checkmate for Palliative Care:** Online chess tournament by BeyondGrades to support Pallium India's patient care activities. Jan. 26, 7.30 pm. Ph: 93634 70073.

## Campus

● **Vidyodaya Alumni Reunion:** Annual meet with teacher felicitations and scholarships. Jan. 26, 2 pm – 6 pm at school auditorium. Ph: 98410 94333.

● **Math Talent Test:** For students of Classes 5–8. Event on Feb. 8; Registration deadline Jan. 27. Periyar Science Centre, Kotturpuram. Ph: 24410025.

## Other events

● **Army Day Commemoration:** Probus Club honours war veterans. Jan. 29, 4.30 pm at Youth Hostel, Indira Nagar.

● **Book Launch:** Tina Fernandez launches 'The Last Descent'. Jan. 19, 5.30 pm at Odyssey, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar.

## Drama fest at Hamsadhwani

Hamsadhwani will present a series of dramas from Jan. 18 to 31 at 6.45 pm as part of its 36th Annual festival, at Youth Hostel, 2nd Avenue, Indira Nagar. Membership is open. Ph: 97909 09567.

● **Jan. 18:** Stage Creations presents Kathadi Ramamurthy in 'Yathirai' by Dummies Srivathson;

● **Jan. 22:** Brahma Fine Arts presents 'Gnanathangame';

● **Jan. 23:** ThRee Entertains Lavanya Venugopal and M.V. Bhaskar in 'Kalavu Neekiya Padalam';

● **Jan. 24:** Dummies Drama presents 'Kapidhwaja';

● **Jan. 25:** Komal Theatres presents Sivasankari's short stories, dramatisation by Dharini Komal;

● **Jan. 26:** United Visuals presents T.V. Varadharajan's 'Sangeetha Mumorthighal', a musical play on the Trinity;

● **Jan. 30:** PMG Mayurapriya Creations presents 'Ennedi Penne';

● **Jan. 31:** UAA presents Y.GEE Mahendra's 'Lights On'.

New members will be enrolled at the venue on the days of the programmes from 5.30 pm onwards. Annual members can renew their membership.

## Hastakalaa Handicrafts Exhibition

Hastakalaa, a vibrant exhibition celebrating India's rich heritage of handicrafts and handlooms, will be held till Jan. 25, at the CERC campus exhibition ground, Thiruvannamiyur. Organised by Many Arts & Kraft in collaboration with Smart Art Events, the exhibition will be open daily from 11 am to 9 pm, including Sundays.



The exhibition brings together skilled artisans and craft collectives from across the country, showcasing an extensive range of handcrafted products, including traditional and contemporary textiles, home décor items, jewellery, wooden artefacts, metal crafts, paintings, and ethnic accessories. Visitors can explore a diverse collection that reflects regional craftsmanship, indigenous techniques, and cultural aesthetics.

Hastakalaa aims to provide a platform for artisans to connect directly with customers while offering the public an opportunity to experience authentic, handmade products at one venue. With free entry and parking, the exhibition is expected to attract families, art enthusiasts, and craft lovers during the festival season.

At CERC campus exhibition ground, Kalakshetra Road, Opp. Pamban Swamy Koil, Thiruvannamiyur.

# News >

## Tonnes of Threads & Treads collected by RWAs



In a significant step toward urban sustainability, the inaugural edition of Threads & Treads has successfully diverted almost 3 tonnes of post-consumer waste from landfills. Initiated by Spreco Recycling, the community-led collection drive saw active participation from 17 residential societies across Chennai's Tambaram–OMR belt.

The drive specifically targeted overlooked waste streams, collecting 2,100 kg of textiles and 650 kg of footwear. Unlike traditional disposal methods, this initiative ensures a circular lifecycle for every item; all collected materials will be responsibly repaired, refurbished, reused, or recycled.

By establishing a transparent, community-level system, Threads & Treads addresses the growing challenge of fabric and shoe waste. The project's success was bolstered by strategic partnerships with Simple, FOMRRA, ReCity, and Bisleri's Bottles for Change. This collaboration highlights the power of collective action in building scalable, eco-friendly solutions for a cleaner Chennai.

## Special camp for free bus passes for persons with disabilities

To streamline the free travel scheme for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), a special online registration camp is being held at the South Chennai District Welfare Office (TMS Campus, Teynampet), till Jan. 31. District Collector Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, IAS, stated that the camp is designed for students, employees, and those travelling for medical treatment.

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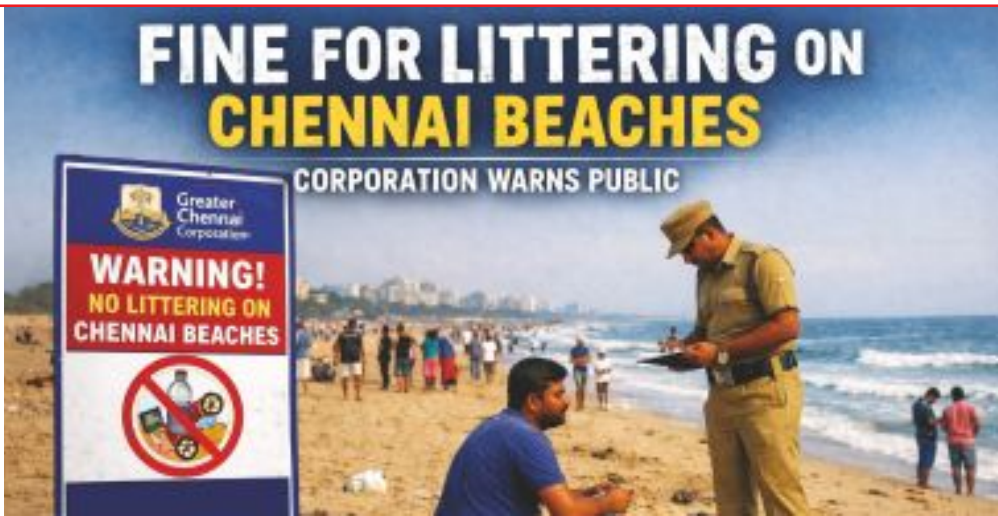
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**Rs.5,000 fine for littering on Chennai Beaches: Corporation warns public**

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has issued a strict warning against the irresponsible dumping of garbage on Marina Beach and other important beaches in the city, stating that violators will be penalised with a fine of Rs.5,000 under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Cleanliness measures have also been extended to other beaches, including Elliot's Beach, Thiruvannamiyur, Palavakkam, Neelankarai, Akkarai, and Injambakkam, where 53 sanitation workers are deployed daily in shifts.

Dumping of waste of any kind, including food waste, plastics, and other refuse, in public places and on beaches is a punishable offence. To ensure cleanliness at Marina Beach, the Corporation has engaged Chennai Enviro Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (SPV), a private

agency. Under this initiative, seven beach-cleaning machines and 274 sanitation workers are deployed daily in shifts to carry out continuous cleaning operations. On average, nearly four metric tonnes of waste are removed from Marina Beach every day.

Despite these efforts, the Corporation has observed persistent littering due to poor public cooperation, with waste often dumped in open areas instead of designated bins. This not only affects the environment and public health but also damages Chennai's image among tourists.

With a surge in visitors expected during the Pongal festival, the GCC has urged citizens and tourists to dispose of waste responsibly and cooperate with sanitation workers. Strict action will be taken against offenders.

## Tamil Nadu Hindi Sahitya Academy honours Dr. Yuvaraj Ravi



In a grand national-level function held at Coimbatore, the Tamil Nadu Hindi Sahitya Academy recognised Dr. Yuvaraj Ravi for his exceptional contributions to Hindi language and literature in Tamil Nadu. The event witnessed eminent scholars, academicians, and literary enthusiasts celebrating decades of dedicated service to Hindi education.

Dr. Ravi, a resident of Thiruvannamiyur, has been an active member of the Academy for nearly 40 years, tirelessly working to promote Hindi through teaching, writing, and translation. His literary journey is an impressive portfolio of over 84 published works, including textbooks, short stories, poems, and translations.

Among his notable works are: Subodh Hindi Vyakaran – A prescribed grammar textbook for XI and XII standards; Gadya Sanchayan (Parts I & II) and Galpa Sanchayan – Published by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha. Swarna Sanchayan – Approved as a

matriculation textbook by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Nearly 20 key textbooks for Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, spanning from Prathamik to Praveen levels, numerous short stories, poems, and translations of Tamil dramas and serials into Hindi for television.

Dr. Ravi also served as a high-level syllabus committee member for the Department of Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, and was appointed as a main author for textbooks from VI to XII standards. His efforts in translating works between Tamil, Hindi, and English have played a vital role in fostering national integration.

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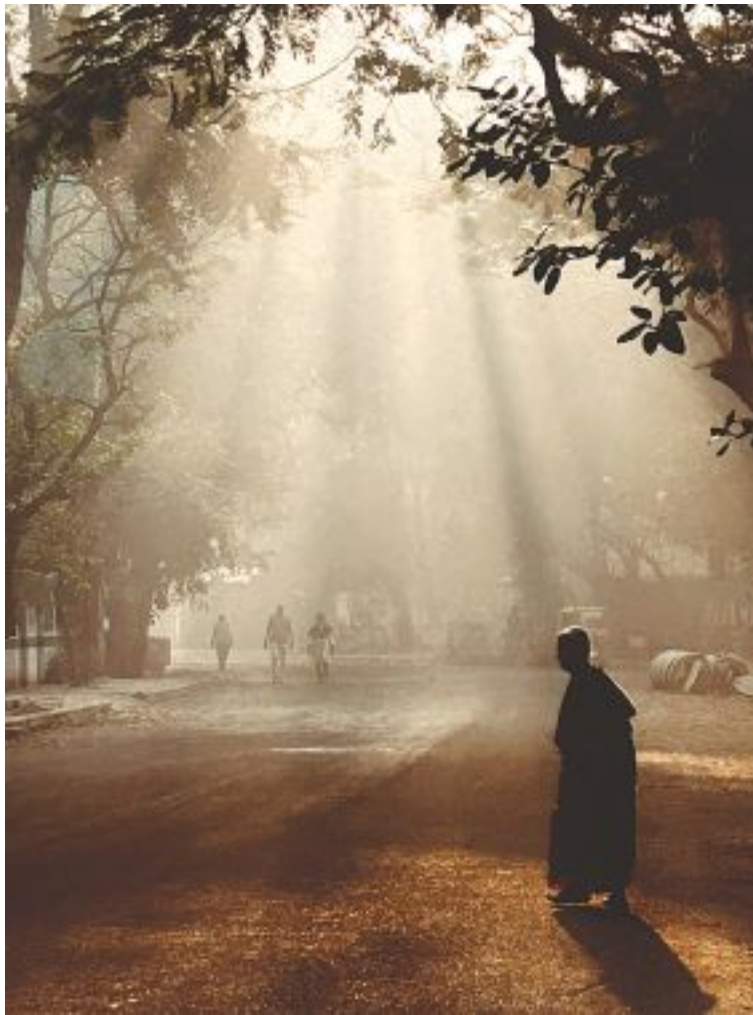
## Traditional fervour marks Pongal at Venkatesapuram



The Arulmighu Sri Vijay Ganapathi Aalayam in Venkatesapuram, Kottivakkam, became a hub of community spirit on Jan.15 as it hosted a vibrant Pongal celebration. The event brought together residents of all ages to honour the harvest festival through a blend of traditional rituals and modern fun.

The festivities featured a diverse range of activities, including a Kolam competition and musical chairs for women, alongside slow cycling races and music and dance performances for children. The highlights of the day were the traditional displays of Uriyadi (pot-breaking) and a high-energy Silambam and martial arts demonstration, showcasing local talent and heritage.

The celebration culminated in the preparation of community Pongal, where the families gathered to offer prayers and share the festive harvest. The event served as a platform for residents to display various traditional skills, further strengthening the neighbourhood's cultural bonds.



## If "Cleanse Your Aura" was a picture

Rumpa Guha, Besant Nagar.

On an early morning walk through the quiet streets of Besant Nagar, the city reveals a gentler rhythm — one that is often missed in the rush of the day. The sky, still soft with dawn, filters its pale light through a canopy of trees, illuminating leaves freshly dressed in dew.

Thin veils of smoke rise from Bhogi fires lit in neighbouring homes—an age-old ritual of letting go, where the old is offered to flame to welcome renewal. As the smoke drifts through the cool air, it catches the sunlight and transforms the street into a canvas of gold and shadow. The warmth from these fires, both literal and symbolic, seeps gently into the surroundings, calming the body and steadying the mind.

At this moment, the city pauses. Footsteps soften, sounds recede, and time seems to stretch. The mingling of dawn light, sacred smoke, and winter air becomes a quiet meditation—one that reminds us how deeply culture and everyday life are woven into our streets. These fleeting mornings, shaped by tradition and light, are not merely seen but felt, leaving behind a sense of peace long after the sun has risen.



◀ Prime Terrace, L.B.Road, marked its milestone 20th Annual Day and Pongal festival on Jan.10. Managed by an all-women Executive Committee, the event was curated by residents Shubha Chandrasekhar and Ankita, featuring cultural events and a vibrant mix of home-grown stalls and local vendors. Highlights included record-breaking sales from neighbourhood favourites like 'Brinda's Podi Shop' and Akanksha Torka's homemade treats, alongside a nostalgic Goli Soda stall run by resident Varshini. Mentored by resident Kumar, the celebration successfully reinforced the "Big Family" spirit shared by the association's diverse residents.



◀ The Adyar Vyabarigal Sangam ushered in the harvest season with its community Pongal celebrations on Jan.4 at Food Village, ECR. The event brought together member families for a day of traditional festivities and camaraderie. The gathering featured a variety of spirited fun games and cultural activities, fostering a strong sense of unity among the business community.



◀ Pongal celebrations at Chithkala Nursery and Primary School, Indira Nagar, Adyar.

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## RENTAL

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## RENTAL

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#### PAYING GUEST ACCOMMODATION

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■ **ADYAR 1850 sft.** 3 bedroom 3 bathroom flat's independent house rent 45K, Adyar Besant Nagar 1200 2 bedroom carpark rent 30K, family, bachelors, office. Negotiable. 9940544669.

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■ **ADYAR Kamaraj Avenue** 2 bedroom 1250 sft. flat lift, covered carpark, power backp, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, rent 40000+ 4000, vegetarian only. Thiruvanniyur near Signal 3 bedroom 1400 sft. flat 43000, non vegetarian ok. Agent: 8610605698.

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■ **ADYAR near Nalli Silks**, room available for rent. Pluck pointa, sink to facilitate cooking, mattress and pillow, attached bath with washing machine, one or two can accommodate. Rent Rs. 10000 per month. Contact: 9176174227.

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■ **ADYAR Kasturba Nagar**, 2½ bedroom, 980 sft. for commercial use only, semi-furnished independent house, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. No brokers. Contact: 9790889600.

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■ **ADYAR Indra Nagar** near metro, spacious two bedrooms, ground floor, first floor, combined duplex flat, 2 halls, 3 AC, 34000. Sastri Nagar two bedrooms, third floor, no lift, 25000. 8939635971, 8939635973.

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CONTACT

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■ INJAMBAKKAM ECR Posh Two Adjacent Corner Plots 6000 Sft. Total Five Grounds CMDA Approved. 33 Feet Roads. Single/Joint Buyers. 7667786688.

■ KARPAGAM GARDENS Prime location 2160 sft. 4 bedroom hall kitchen one apartment per floor 2 carpark, 5.5 crores. Vaidyanath Estates: 9710424456.

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■ KOTTIVAKKAM seaside villa sale, 1200 UDS with 3200 built-up 4 bedroom hall kitchen, 3.90 crores with swimming pool, Palavakkam 3 bedroom hall kitchen villa, 2400 sft. UDS 1050 patta 2 crores. 9025525599.

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**99300 34663**

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**NEW FLAT FOR SALE**  
**ADYAR**  
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**96000 08771**

■ PALAVAKKAM Seaside 9.5 ground land with 4500 sft. 4 bedroom hall kitchen building, servant quarters, covered carpark. Contact: 9841363830.

**NEW FLAT FOR SALE**  
**ADYAR**  
**BESANT NAGAR**  
3 BHK 1800 SFT, UDS 1020  
2nd Floor, Lift, North Facing  
1CCP, Power backup,  
close to beach, Brahmins only  
**4.65 Cr. Nego.**  
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Contact: Owner  
**95662 49171**

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# Community

## Thirty Days, Thirty Pasurams, One Sacred Canvas

By R.Swathi

This Margazhi holds special significance for Priya, as it is her first, after joining the family of Jaysri Ravi. Together, the duo have elevated the celebration of this sacred month to a truly artistic and devotional experience.

"Traditionally, during Margazhi, young girls draw colourful kolams and place a pumpkin flower at the centre. They then go around the neighbourhood singing the Thiruppavai, in praise of Lord Krishna, and the Thiruvempavai, in praise of Lord Shiva. The month is filled with sacred observances, including the 20 days of Vaikunta Ekadasi, Aarudra Darshan, Gajendra Moksham and more," explains Jaysri.

This year, Jaysri and Priya have dedi-



cated the entire month to depicting, through their daily kolams, the 30 pasurams of Thiruppavai. "There are 30 pasurams for the 30 days of Margazhi, and each day we illustrate that particular pasuram through our kolam," she adds.

While it takes over two hours each day to create the kolam, Priya notes that the planning and conceptualisation take even longer. "A lot of thought goes into translating each pasuram into a visual form," she says.

After completing the kolam, a different *naivedyam* is offered each day, in keeping

with the day's significance. At a time when learning and reciting Thiruppavai is becoming increasingly rare, their effort to celebrate it through art lends devotion a traditional yet refreshingly creative expression.

## ROKA honours conservancy workers with support kits



The Residents of Kasturba Nagar Association (ROKA) organised a community outreach program to support conservancy workers at the Kasturba Nagar Residents Association Hall, on Jan.13. The initiative included the distribution of essential provision kits and gently used clothing to the frontline staff.

Beyond the distribution, the event featured a thought-provoking skit performed by the workers themselves. The performance depicted their daily interactions with residents regarding waste segregation, highlighting the challenges they face when handling unsegregated waste.

"The varied reactions of residents, though entertaining in the skit, were truly thought-provoking," a ROKA representative stated. "Listening to their concerns goes beyond charity; it's about

showing genuine respect for their labour and finding ways to ease their work as a collective team."

The event served as a powerful reminder of the behavioural shifts needed in the community to support a cleaner, more empathetic neighbourhood. ROKA also distributed provision kits to the support staff at Chennai High Schools in Kamaraj Nagar and Thiruvanniyur, where they have been working on SWM awareness and set up a food-waste treatment plant too.

## Wonder Word of the Week

This word corner has completed one episode of words from A-Z. We start with another set of words. Any suggestions or comments regarding this exercise may kindly be sent to [adyartimes@gmail.com](mailto:adyartimes@gmail.com)

### Clandestine

**Synonyms:** Secret, Covert, Undercover military operation, Surreptitious.

**Antonyms:** Public, Overt, Acknowledged, Obvious, Authorised.

**Usage:** The CIA might run a clandestine operation to infiltrate terrorist organisations. The business heads had a clandestine meeting before the merger of their companies.

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# Colours of Pongal >



Indira Nagar 7th Lane, was beautifully transformed, during Margazhi. Women and children adorned their entrances with exquisite rangoli designs, reflecting their artistic spirit and rich cultural heritage. Here is a glimpse of the stunning creations that turned the street into a vibrant open-air art gallery.



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# Sports >

## Ramki Krishnan wins National Crossword Champion title for record eighth time

Ramki Krishnan of Thiruvannamipur clinched the National Crossword Champion trophy for a record eighth time on Jan. 11, emerging winner at the Grand Finale of the 13th Indian Crossword League (IXL) held in Bengaluru.

One of India's most accomplished cryptic crossword solvers, Krishnan returned to the top after a gap of two years, reaffirming his stature in the country's competitive crossword circuit. The offline Grand Finale, among the most anticipated events on India's crossword calendar, featured 24 finalists who qualified after nearly two and a half



months of intense competition.

The journey to the finale included 10 demanding online rounds contested by crossword enthusiasts from across India and abroad. From these, six solvers advanced to the on-stage finals following a rigorous two-grid preliminary round.

With this victory, Krishnan once again claimed the National Crossword Champion title. He has also previously represented India at the World Crossword Championship in London, organised by Extra-C. He can be contacted at 98403 56974, or ramkikk66@gmail.com.

## Golden finish for Nikkhil at World Youth Table Tennis meet

India's rising table tennis star Nikkhil delivered a stellar performance to win the U-17 Boys Singles gold medal at the World Youth Contender (WTT) Table Tennis Championship 2026, held at Manama, Bahrain, from Jan. 14 to 15.

Displaying exceptional skill and composure, Nikkhil began his title run with a dominant victory in the semifinals, overcoming a strong challenge from Kim Ryeowin of Korea, winning 3-1 (8-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8).

In the championship match, Nikkhil produced a commanding performance

against Leon Vlasov of Russia, securing the title with a convincing 3-0 win (14-12, 11-8, 11-6) and claiming the gold medal.

Nikkhil is currently ranked No. 1 in Tamil Nadu State and No. 5 in India in the U-17 Boys Singles category. His triumph at the WTT Youth Contender further cements his position as one of



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