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Kolu Contest 2026 >

Tradition and creativity celebrated at *Adyar Times* Kolu Contest 2026



Kolu contest winners with the judges

The annual *Adyar Times* Kolu Contest 2026 concluded on Nov.1 with a vibrant prize distribution ceremony honouring neighborhood tradition, artistic expression, and community spirit. Chief guest Radha Seetharaman, Managing Trustee of the Rasee Charitable Trust, congratulated the participants and praised their dedication to keeping cultural heritage alive across generations. Guests of honour Revathy Venugopal, Padma Ramachandran and Hemalatha Krishnamoorthy also addressed the gathering, encouraging families to deepen their understanding of cultural roots.

Sharing their experiences from evaluating nearly 50 households, contest judges Rajalakshmi Ganesh and S. Swathi highlighted the diverse themes and storytelling on display, noting the enthusiasm of young children welcoming them into their homes. "I will have a lot of stories; I learnt from here to tell my great-grandchildren," said Rajalakshmi Ganesh. They also requested the participants to avoid plastics and not give manjal and kumkum in packets.



Volunteers and teachers from Sankara Vidyashram School, Thiruvanmiyur, along with the judges (seated L to R): Golu judges: Rajalakshmi Ganesh and S. Swathi; Indrani Janakan; Guests of honour: Revathy Venugopal, Hemalatha Krishnamoorthy and Padma Ramachandran, and chief guest Radha Seetharaman.






Participants of the poetry and drawing competetions

Speaking on the festival's cultural significance, Indrani Janakan, wife of *Adyar Times* Managing Editor J.P. Janakan, highlighted traditional craftsmanship, including Tanjore and Marapachi dolls, as well as GI-tagged textiles like the Bhavani Jamakkalam and Korvai Pai (mats). She urged the audience to support heritage artisans by purchasing traditional products. She also drew fascinating parallels between South Indian Kolu customs and similar doll-display traditions in cultures such as Japan and Vietnam. The ceremony also celebrated senior citizens, recognising elderly women who participated in the event's English and Tamil poetry and drawing competitions. The emcee, Dr Chandrika Rajaram, kept the audience warmly engaged throughout the proceedings.

The *Adyar Times* team expressed gratitude to the student and teacher volunteers from Shankara Vidyashram School, Thiruvanmiyur, for their logistical support, as well as the event's partners: Cotton House, Prakruthi Vummidi Bangaru Store, Hamsadhwani, K.T. Kalyana Sundaram of MKTK Sundaram Realty, Mia by Tanishq, HattaKatta, DiFA, and Three Square Meals.

Community >

TLC organises annual competition for domestic workers



The Thursday Ladies Club (TLC), Besant Nagar, hosted its annual competition and appreciation event for domestic workers on Oct.31, at the Corporation Playground on 22nd Cross Street, Besant Nagar.

Designed to honour the essential contributions of domestic staff, the event drew 36 enthusiastic participants. Competitions included a Kolam contest judged by expert Latha Nathan, a blindfolded bottle-crossing challenge, and a movie-star identification game.

In addition to cash prizes awarded for first, second, third, and consolation placements, every participant received a 3-ltr pressure cooker and a snack box in recognition of their everyday service.

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THAMBRAS Besant Nagar unit distributes Diwali gifts

The THAMBRAS Besant Nagar Unit organised a Diwali gift distribution event on Nov.3, at Sekaran Kalyana Mandapam, extending festive cheer to economically weaker sections of the community.

Nearly 150 beneficiaries were presented with sarees, dhotis, and sweets.

Retired Southern Railway Chief Electrical Engineer K. Vishwakumar and chief guest Pammi Madhu Babu, proprietor of Shri Aishwarya Silk Sarees, distributed the gifts. Vedic scholar S. Ramachandran also attended.

Unit President K. R. Sundararaman, Secretary R. Ramanathan, Treasurer B. Suresh, and Women's Wing Secretary Mala Shankar coordinated the drive.

▼ The Probus Club of Madras South held its monthly meeting on Oct.24 at the Youth Hostel in Indira Nagar, Adyar. R. Janani Soundarya, Special District Revenue Officer, Kancheepuram District, addressed the gathering as the chief guest, speaking on the topic 'Brain Power Beyond 60'. Also present were: Col. A. Krishnaswami, Shabari Sairam, R. T. Namasivayam, and V. Ramaraj.



Olcott school hosts Project Day to showcase student innovation



Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School, Besant Nagar, organised its annual Project Day for students from Kindergarten to Class 8, offering a platform to demonstrate experiential learning through creative displays and working models.

Students presented projects across Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science, Environmental Studies, and Social Science. The exhibits covered diverse topics including robotics, DNA structure, the solar system, pollution control, human anatomy, national leaders, and foundational grammar and mathematics concepts.

Chief guest, Revathi Krishnamurthy (Former Academic Director of the BVM Group of Schools), inspected the projects, interacted with the students, and commended both the children for their presentation skills and the teaching staff for their mentorship.



▲ Students of OMR Taekwondo Academy secured a total of 14 medals at the State Taekwondo Championship 2026, held at SRM University from Oct.2 to 4. A total of 23 students from the academy competed across Kyorugi, Poomsae, and Virtual Taekwondo events. The medal haul included seven gold, four silver, and three bronze. Ira Sharma led the tally with three gold medals, while Avnitha secured two golds and a bronze. Vishal and Adhav won a gold medal each. Silver medals were claimed by V. P. Ashwin, Diya, Aryan, and Liyashri, while Harish, Chavsvitha, T. P. Nithin, and Yash earned bronze medals.

BVM students shine at CBSE inter-school chess tournament



Bharath Senior Secondary School, Adyar, hosted the CBSE Inter-School Under-14 Chess Tournament on Oct.28, bringing together 16 boys and 13 girls from prominent schools across the region.

Inaugurating the event, Dr. K. Vijayasekar, Correspondent of Bharath School, emphasised the institution's focus on encouraging chess to foster strategic thinking and intellect among students.

Bala Vidya Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, achieved a double victory as J.Varchas Krishna and G.Nikitha secured the championship titles in the boys' and girls' categories, respectively. S.Sai Vishnu of P.S. Senior Secondary School, Mylapore, finished as the runner-up in the boys' division, while M.Mridani of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, claimed the runner-up spot in the girls' category.

The valedictory ceremony featured the presentation of awards by Jessy George, Principal of Bharath Senior Secondary School; S.Vidyalakshmi, Principal of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School; and Dr. J.Sundar, Principal of Bala Vidya Mandir.

Book launch and more for Children's Day

An evening of storytelling, dance, and interactive discussions celebrating childhood and parenthood will be held on Nov.14 (5.30 pm) at the Book Launch Hall, Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram.

Writer Shreekumar Varma will be the chief guest for the event, which focuses on exploring the world through a child's perspective. The program will culminate with the release of 'Another Lovely World', an illustrated children's book published by Adyar-based Tellable Books to promote shared reading between parents and young children.

Kala Madhuryam at Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON

Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON, 1st Seaward Road, Valmiki Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, conducts Kala Madhuryam. Programme at 5.20 pm. Ph: 96003 30108.

- Nov.7: Bharatanatyam by Ananta Natanam, Kerala.
- Nov.8: Carnatic vocal by R.Gautham & team, Porur
- Nov.14: Bharatanatyam by Parikrama Dance Academy, Siruseri.

Children's Day event

Shri Physio and Rehab and Shri Bone & Joint Clinic will jointly organise Shri Little Champions, a Children's Day fitness and wellness session on November 14, 2026, from 4 pm to 6 pm at Shri Bone & Joint Clinic, Adyar.

Led by Dr. Shriram Krishnamoorthy, the event will feature fun fitness games, parent-child activities, balance and coordination exercises, and age-appropriate movement sessions. The initiative aims to encourage children to stay active, reduce screen time and develop healthy movement habits while creating awareness about bone and joint health.

At 14/31, 3rd Avenue, Indira Nagar. Contact: 93636 00206.



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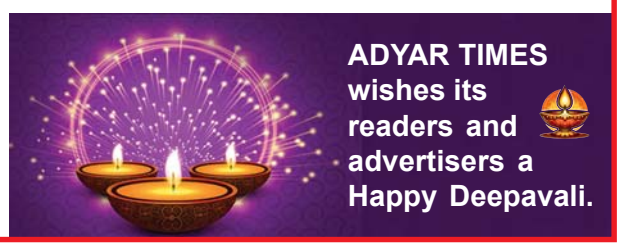


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Shopping for Sparklers and Blasters has kickstarted in the neighbourhood. More on page 4.

















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Profiles in Neighbourhood:
Planet care

By M. Rajini



Kumaresan Chandrabose is a hardcore naturalist and wildlife enthusiast who conducts nature walks, bird walks, butterfly walks, and tree walks, connecting people with local ecosystems and Tamil literature. His passion is to create ecological awareness among the general public and students through nature education. He is a UPSC aspirant currently working with Pitchandikulam Forest at the Theosophical Society, Adyar. He had previously served as Faculty for Environment at Madras Christian College IAS Academy, teaching UPSC aspirants.

Kumaresan has played two significant roles in contributing to conservation:

"Working alongside Madurai-based organisations, we documented several incidents at **Arittapatti**. Based on this evidence, the site was declared Tamil Nadu's first Biodiversity Heritage Site by the Tamil Nadu Government.

The Government had proposed to establish a prison at **Idayapatti Sacred Grove**. Along with an organisation called the Madurai Nature Culture Foundation and other environmentalists, we collectively documented evidence demonstrating that it was an eco-sensitive terrain. The Government rolled back the proposal. Our team was very happy that we had done our bit for the environment."

His work encompasses biodiversity surveys and wildlife censuses in collaboration with the Forest Departments of Tamil Nadu and Bihar. Through environmental education, nature interpretation, wildlife photography, and citizen-science initiatives, he encourages local communities to appreciate their natural heritage and participate meaningfully.

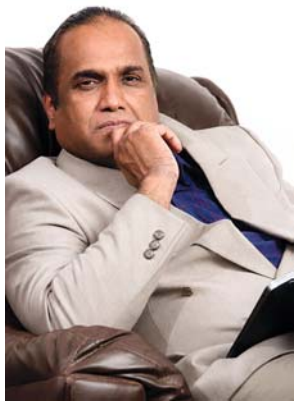
He has documented over 500+ bird species, 200+ butterfly species, 200 +moth species, and 50+ odonate species, alongside numerous wasps, native plants, insects, reptiles, and amphibians.

Kumaresan can be contacted at 73052 07841. Instagram @kumaresan_chandrabose.





Mahadev, a neighbourhood actor shaping up to be silver screen's favourite villain



By R. Swathi

"I love to play the role of a villain," remarks Mahadev, an upcoming actor from Kottur Gardens. He is currently playing the antagonist in an upcoming Tamil film, Paper Agent.

Until COVID season, Mahadev was working as an event manager in the USA. Deciding to return around that time, he felt his home calling out to him and made Kotturpuram his base. Encouraged by childhood and college friends who recalled his knack for mimicry, he decided that acting was his next calling and soon landed an opportunity in a short film.

Today, he is part of seven of the top ten Tamil shows on Disney+ Hotstar, having worked in over 150 projects in just the last three years, the latest being Assistant Commissioner in the Chennai Crime Files and the hero's father in the movie Sweetheart.

"Initially I pursued opportunities through agencies, but later I started doing it myself," Mahadev shares, stressing the importance of identifying genuine talent networks. "I started with small roles like a doctor or lawyer—moving from non-speaking roles to short dialogues, and now to characters where I can truly emote and prove myself," he beams. "I am also looking forward to making myself versatile by performing comic and character roles."

To support others, Mahadev started a WhatsApp group called 'Aspiring Actors', where newcomers and established artists share guidance and legitimate leads. "My journey has been a continuous learning process. It gives me immense satisfaction to share knowledge and guide aspiring actors appropriately so they aren't deceived," he says, adding that the initiative has also expanded his professional network.

Looking to the future, Mahadev is eager to expand across regional industries. He is currently working on a Malayalam web series, Death Invitation, and hopes to make his mark in Telugu cinema. "I really look forward to setting foot in the Telugu industry and creating a brand," he smiles.

In today's digital landscape, Mahadev emphasises maintaining an active online presence. "I make use of AI to update my portfolio and regularly post about my work on WhatsApp status and Instagram," says the actor, who currently commands a following of 12,000.

Driven by passion, adaptability, and a strong sense of community, Mahadev continues to carve out a distinct presence for himself across digital and regional media. He can be reached at 89258 34333; Instagram @Devaraj100.

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IIT Madras, Hyundai Screen 2,800+ for Cancer in Pink October Drive

The 'Hyundai Hope for Cancer' Initiative, run jointly by IIT Madras and the Hyundai Motor India Foundation (HMIF), screened over 2,800 individuals across Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Haryana during October 2026 for Pink October. The outreach included a major camp in Sriperambudur that benefited over 400 people.

Nationwide, the Rs.64 crore initiative has conducted over 420 free camps, reaching 72,000 people and identifying 20 confirmed cancer cases. Beyond screening, the program provides financial support for paediatric cancer patients and has administered 1,000 HPV vaccine doses out of a planned 5,000.

The initiative also powers research at the Hyundai Centre for Cancer Genomics at IIT Madras. Team members have completed whole-genome sequencing on nearly 900 cancer samples to build the Bharat Cancer Genome Atlas, aiding future precision treatment for Indian patients.

Hindu School conducts E-waste management drive



The Hindu Senior Secondary School, Indira Nagar, Adyar, organised a week-long e-waste collection drive and awareness campaign in late October 2026, driven by members of its Eco and Science Clubs under the guidance of Principal C. Kala.

The campaign featured dedicated drop-off kiosks across the campus where students, parents, and teachers deposited obsolete electronic items, including old mobile phones, chargers, keyboards, batteries, and appliances, ensuring their diversion from municipal landfills toward an authorised recycling agency.

Alongside the collection drive, the school held an awareness rally, a theme-based poster competition, an eco-quiz, and student-led instructional reels on responsible waste sorting.

The initiative aimed to connect theoretical environmental education with practical waste segregation habits among students.

TNPCB appeals for a noiseless and pollution-free Diwali

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) has appealed to the public to celebrate Diwali this year in a noiseless, smoke-free, and environmentally friendly manner, highlighting the harmful effects of firecrackers on human health and the environment.

The government, on Nov.3, pointed out that bursting firecrackers can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss, depending on the intensity of noise, apart from contributing to land, water and air pollution.

Following the Supreme Court's directions in its October 23, 2018 judgment, the Tamil Nadu Government has permitted the bursting of firecrackers only between 6 am - 7 am and 7 pm - 8 pm during Diwali this year.

The TNPCB is also undertaking awareness initiatives through schools, colleges, Eco Clubs and National Green Corps (NGC), with the support of various government departments and local authorities.

The public has been advised to use less-polluting, low-noise green crackers and organise community firecracker celebrations at common locations with permission from the district administration or local bodies. People have also been urged to avoid bursting series crackers, crackers near hospitals, schools, courts and religious places, and those near huts and fire-prone areas. The Government has appealed to residents to celebrate the festival safely with family, friends and neighbours, making Deepavali a festival of light rather than noise and smoke.



















Diwali Shopping>

Solitaires by Prakruthi

For Diwali, Prakruthi Vummidi Bangaru Store has unveiled its latest daily-wear diamond line, 'Solitaires by Prakruthi', featuring festive offers across its gold and diamond jewellery collections.



The new line features lightweight solitaire pieces for daily wear and festive occasions. The range includes studs, pendants, bracelets, and rings crafted in geometric patterns and distinctive diamond cuts. Blending traditional crafting techniques with modern customisation, the store continues to focus on bespoke jewellery design tailored to client preferences.

To mark the festive season, the store is offering 12% off value addition (VA) on gold jewellery and 10% off value addition on diamond jewellery. At No. 44, B. Ramachandra Adithanar Road, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar; Ph: 98416 72021.

Mia by Tanishq announces festive discounts on Diamond Jewellery



Mia by Tanishq has announced a suite of festive promotional offers valid till Nov.11.

The showroom is offering up to 100% off on making charges for its diamond jewellery collection, including its newly launched range, 'Lightscapes by Mia.' Known for its modern aesthetic and lightweight craft, the brand from the House of Tata features fine jewellery designed specifically for everyday wearability, workplace attire, and special celebrations.

Additionally, the outlet has introduced special gold policies to give buyers maximum value, including up to 0% deduction on old gold exchange alongside a 'Best Gold Rate Offer,' which allows customers to book their purchases in advance and safeguard themselves against fluctuating gold prices. At No. 8, Kasturba Nagar 3rd Cross Street, Adyar. Ph: 78452 95999.



99 Crackers stocks 373 varieties of Standard Fireworks

99 Crackers, a neighbourhood collective founded in 2011 by a group of friends from Besant Nagar, has announced its 2026 festive inventory as an authorised distributor and retailer of Standard Fireworks.

The retailer procures stock directly from the factory and stores all inventory in an authorised fireworks warehouse to ensure 100% genuine products. "We sell products by the price list given by the company. Our only motto is to do honest pricing," says Rajasekar, proprietor of 99 Crackers.

For this season, the collective has stocked 373 varieties of fireworks across its company-owned retail locations, complete with computerised billing and barcode scanning for a seamless checkout. Customers can find their store at: **Adyar**: S.P.Road (opposite Adyar Bakery); **Neelankarai**: SH49, Saraswathi Nagar, Neelankarai.



Suresh Stationery launches Diwali firecracker sale



Suresh Stationery has commenced its seasonal Diwali firecracker sale featuring products from Standard Fireworks, operating out of a new store location in Adyar till Nov.9.

The shop is offering discounts up to 80% alongside 'Buy 1 Get 1 Free' offers on select items. Discounts include 10% off on purchases above Rs.2,500, 15% off above 7,000, and 25% off above 15,000.

The crackers span sparklers, chakkars, flower pots, rockets, bombs, deluxe repeating shots, magic crackers, and novelties for children and adults. Pre-packed gift boxes range from 28 items priced at Rs.1,170 to 50 items priced at Rs.1,980 after discounts.

At No. 163, L.B. Road, Adyar (Next to Sony Showroom, near Adyar Bus Depot / MG Road Junction); Ph: 99414 67717.

Adding sweetness to Diwali celebrations, Anandhaas Sweets & Snacks has introduced three exclusive festive sweet boxes – Heritage, Prime and Noble. Curated to suit different tastes, the collections offer a delightful assortment of traditional sweets made with quality ingredients.

The Heritage box (milk sweets) starts at Rs.320, the Prime box (ghee sweets) at Rs.410, and the Noble box (kaju sweets) at Rs.640. For festive gifting, the 'Festive Moments' collection features a Mini Hamper at Rs.1,459 containing nuts, special mixture, and kaju sweets, and a Premium Hamper at Rs.2,800 filled with dry fruit mix, luxury laddus, and savouries.

Available from Nov.4 to 7 across all Anandhaas outlets, including Adyar and Palavakkam, these specially curated boxes make ideal gifts for friends, family and loved ones this festive season. At **Adyar**: No. 9/2, 1st Cross Street, Kasturba Nagar; **Palavakkam**: No.4/193, Palavakkam Beach Road.

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Kapaleeswarar Nagar hosts annual appreciation lunch





Continuing its annual tradition, the Kapaleeswarar Nagar Residents Welfare Association organised a special appreciation lunch on Nov.4 to honour local civic and public utility personnel.

The event hosted approximately 200 frontline workers who maintain the neighborhood's sanitation, electrical grid, and water infrastructure year-round. Attendees included Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) sanitation staff, auto and lorry drivers, TNEB technical teams, and Assistant Engineers from both the GCC and CMWSSB, alongside their departments.

The gathering gave Executive Committee members and municipal staff a platform to strengthen community ties; the association thanked resident volunteers who helped fund and execute the appreciation drive.



RBL Bank distributes Diwali ration kits

Under its CSR initiative 'Har Ghar Diwali', RBL Bank distributed essential ration kits to 175 underprivileged families across Chennai, forming part of a nationwide drive supporting 1,000 households.

The distribution targeted vulnerable communities in North Chennai, Besant Nagar and Semmancheri, and was executed through the bank's branches in Besant Nagar, Karapakkam, and Parrys.

Now in its second year, the festival initiative aims to support low-income households with essential food supplies during the holiday season.

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Letters

Pedestrian safety woes on LB Road

■ I write with immense frustration regarding the persistent apathy shown by civic and utility authorities towards pedestrian safety on L.B Road, Thiruvanmiyur, particularly outside the Prime Terrace apartment complex. Despite multiple representations to our constituency MLA (through his PA), the Assistant Commissioner of GCC (Adyar Zone 13), and the DCP (Traffic South), navigating this high-speed stretch remains perilous for ordinary residents and senior citizens.

While we appreciate the prompt action by the DCP (Traffic South) in painting zebra crossing markings opposite Prime Terrace, half measures do not save lives. Without a dedicated pedestrian crossing signal, motorists and two-wheelers speed recklessly across the zebra line, leaving elderly residents unable to cross safely.

Compounding this hazard, large electrical junction boxes have been installed on both sides of the footpath outside Prime Terrace. These obtrusive installations choke the pedestrian pathway, block sightlines, and force walkers onto the busy road. Representations sent to the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Guindy, requesting their relocation have yielded no action.

The Supreme Court of India has repeatedly affirmed that safe, obstruction-free walking is part of the Right to Life under Article 21. Walking is a basic necessity, yet authorities treat pedestrian safety as an afterthought, prioritising vehicular traffic over residents' lives.

We urgently appeal to the Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai Traffic Police, and TANGEDCO to coordinate and implement the following measures immediately:



● Install a functional, push-button or timed pedestrian crossing signal.

● Relocate the electrical junction boxes blocking the LB Road footpath.

● Install rumble strips and automated enforcement to curb speeding.

● Install sturdy bollards along the platform outside Prime Terrace to prevent vehicle encroachment onto pedestrian space.

We demand safe, accessible streets, not hollow assurances.

- P. V. Ranganathan, *L.B. Road, Thiruvanmiyur.*

Burnt cable pole poses hazard

■ I am a long-time resident of Kasturba Nagar, 8th Main Road. On 16th Oct. at around 3:54 am, there was a fire in the pole housing the cables of various internet service providers.

This pole is very close to our house's compound wall; hence, our watchman and the neighbouring house's watchman called the police, and the fire was put out in a timely manner. TNEB officials also visited the spot immediately to check if any EB cables were damaged.

Photos showing the pathetic condition of the road are attached herewith. With heavy rains predicted in the coming days, it is imperative that these be removed immediately to avoid any flood-related issues.

- V. Ramanathan, *Kasturba Nagar.*



Damaged wheelchair-accessible ramp at Elliot's Beach

■ There is an urgent public safety concern regarding the wheelchair-accessible wooden ramp at Elliot's Beach, Besant Nagar. The ramp was established to improve beach access for persons with disabilities, wheelchair users, senior citizens, and others with reduced mobility. Photographs taken on Oct.27 show several worrying defects:

1. Exposed or raised nail heads and fasteners, which could cause cuts or puncture wounds.

2. Broken, displaced, and uneven wooden planks, creating gaps and potential tripping hazards or obstacles for wheelchair wheels.

3. Sunken and damaged sections of the walkway, raising concerns about the safety of continued use.

4. Apparent loss of support beneath some sections, which merits urgent technical inspection, particularly during the monsoon.



These conditions are especially concerning because they defeat the very purpose the ramp was designed for. In the interest of public safety, the Corporation should immediately barricade or close unsafe sections (or even temporarily close the ramp), carry out a structural and accessibility inspection, replace damaged components, and reopen the affected areas only after they are found safe for users.

The Corporation should also clarify who is responsible for maintenance and how frequently inspections are performed. The current condition warrants a review of whether maintenance arrangements are adequate. This is a matter of public safety and accessibility, not partisan politics. Public infrastructure intended to advance inclusion must remain safe and usable well beyond its inauguration.

- Name withheld on request.

Sports >

TEAM J Silambam Academy students Win seven medals in Malaysia



Students of Chennai's TEAM J Silambam Academy delivered a stellar performance at the International Silambam Championship held in Malaysia on Oct.11, securing seven medals for India.

Competing against athletes from Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and China, the Indian team bagged one gold, three silver, and three bronze medals under the guidance of chief coach Dr. G. Jagadeesh.

Malavika won the gold medal, while Hari Prasad, Thamaira, and Harshitha secured silver medals. Sabarish, Hanish Kumar, and Tharun earned bronze medals in their respective categories.

Adyar student clinches triple title in state table tennis



Ananya Muralidharan, a Class 11 student of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, delivered a stellar performance at the 6th State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament, securing a triple title victory.

Organised by the Tamil Nadu Table Tennis Association at the ICF Stadium, the tournament saw Ananya dominate across multiple categories, winning the Women's, Under-19 Girls, and Under-17 Girls singles titles.

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