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Differently abled, senior citizens above 85 yrs can vote-from-home

persons and senior citizens over 85 years of age living in the city can fill and submit Form 12D by

The differently-abled March 25 to vote from Radhakrishnan said home in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Greater Chennai Cor-

poration Commissioner J

booth level officials have been going to the homes of such persons and getting the forms filled with details from their voter ID cards.

According to the electoral rolls, there are 11,600 persons with disabilities and 65,800 persons in the 85+ category in Chennai.

Any queries or issues regarding this voting option can be made to toll free number - 1950 and 1800 425 7012.

In Tiruvallur, there are 24,565 voters who are in the 85+ category and 19,478 Pwds. The helpline numbers are 1800-425-8515 or 044-27660641, added a press release.



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Ambattur Railway Station set for modern makeover



By N Rathi Chithra

Ambattur Railway Station, nestled in the heart of the neighbourhood, is poised for a significant transformation, gearing up to embrace modernity. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation for the ambitious makeover project, placing Ambattur among the ten selected railway stations earmarked for revitalisation under the Southern Railway jurisdiction in Tamil Nadu.

Officials from the Southern Railway have revealed

that the redevelopment of Ambattur Railway Station falls under the comprehensive initiative known as 'Amrit Bharat Station'. This initiative aims to modernize railway stations across the nation, enhancing both infrastructure and passenger experience.

An artist's impression showcasing the proposed redevelopment and modernization of Ambattur Railway Station has been unveiled, offering a glimpse into the station's future. The release of this visual representation has sparked excitement among many train

commuters in the Ambattur vicinity, leaving them in awe and anticipation for the impending changes.

The redevelopment plans have garnered widespread acclaim, with locals expressing enthusiasm and support for the endeavour. Ambattur Railway Station holds a special place in the community's heart, not only for its functional significance but also for its historical and cultural resonance.

Interestingly, Ambattur Railway Station has a notable cinematic legacy, having served as a filming location for the iconic Tamil movie 'Jeans' over two decades ago. The station welcomed the presence of the renowned Miss World Aishwarya Rai, who graced its platforms during the filming of the movie. This cinematic connection adds an extra layer of significance to the upcoming modernisation efforts, evoking nostalgia and fond memories among residents.

The proposed makeover of Ambattur Railway Station signals a promising future for the area, promising improved facilities, enhanced aesthetics, and a more seamless travel experience for passengers. The project aligns with broader efforts to revitalize transportation infrastructure and promote sustainable development across the region.

As anticipation builds and plans are set into motion, stakeholders remain optimistic about the positive impact that the revamped Ambattur Railway Station will have on the local community and beyond. With its rich history, cultural significance, and promising future, Ambattur Railway Station stands poised to undergo a remarkable transformation, reflecting the spirit of progress and innovation.

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water drains, 24/7 security, children's play area and electricity. Ground water is potable and the plots are ready for construction.

Exciting offer is a gold coin for spot booking. Actual price is Rs. 52 lakhs but there is an offer now for Rs. 48 lakhs. 90% bank loan can be availed.

For details contact GP Homes Pvt Ltd 6384 003 003.

Colourful flowers bloom on road median in Anna Nagar

By N Rathi Chithra

The road median stretching from the iconic Roundtana to the Thirumangalam Water Tank junction in Anna Nagar Second Avenue has transformed into a vibrant tapestry of colours, courtesy of the blooming flowers adorning the plants. Motorists traversing this route are greeted by a delightful sight as the once mundane median bursts with hues of various blossoms.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Greater Chennai Corporation, has garnered praise from commuters who appreciate the effort to maintain greenery and aesthetic appeal along the city's thoroughfares. The meticulous care taken



to water and nurture the colourful flower plants hasn't gone unnoticed, with residents commending the laborious endeavours invested in preserving the floral splendour.

"The sight of these blooming flowers adds a refreshing touch to our daily commute. It is heartening to see the authorities take such initiatives to beautify our city," remarked a local resident,

Keerthika Srihari.

However, amidst the admiration for the vibrant median, concerns have been raised about the consistency of maintenance efforts. While the current display of floral magnificence is lauded, there are apprehensions about its long-term sustainability. Residents emphasise the importance of ongoing maintenance to ensure the longevity of the colourful

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spectacle. "It is crucial that these efforts are sustained over time. Proper maintenance

time. Proper maintenance is essential to preserve the beauty of our surroundings," voiced another resident, Vedamoorthy.

Moreover, motorists and residents alike advocate for extending similar initiatives to other road medians in the vicinity. Some areas within the neighbourhood have witnessed neglect, leading to the withering of plants on the medians. The contrast between the flourishing median in Anna Nagar Second Avenue and the neglected ones elsewhere underscores the importance of equitable distribution of beautification efforts across the locality.

The colourful road median serves as a testament to the potential of urban landscaping and foster a sense of community pride. With continued support and concerted efforts from both authorities and residents, initiatives like these can pave the way for a more visually captivating and environmentally sustainable urban landscape.



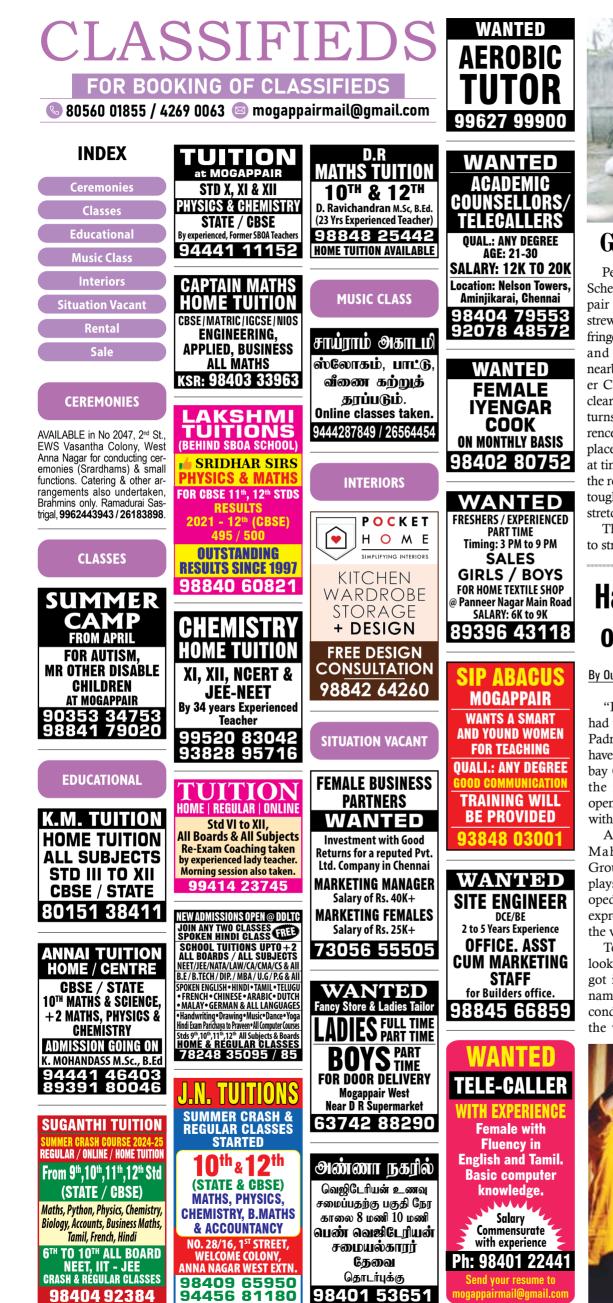
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Garbage – a never ending problem

Pedestrians walking through Eri Scheme 4th Main Road in Mogappair complain about the garbage strewn over the pavement and the fringe of the road causing hindrance and health hazards. Though a nearby resident said that the Greater Chennai Corporation workers clear the garbage every day but it turns out to be a repeated occurrence within a few hours. At certain places the bins are overflowing and at times the garbage is dumped on the road and not the bins making it tough for pedestrians to cross the stretch.

The overflow of waste also leads to stray cattle menace as they tend

Having the best of both worlds

By Our Correspondent

"I deem it as fortunate to have had the twin blessings of Goddess Padmavathy and Lord Vinayaka, to have come under the wings of Bombay Gnanam. Yes, it has to be on the name", Padma Ganapathy opened up on her fruitful sojourn with the ace dramatist.

As a permanent member of the Mahalakshmi Ladies Drama Group, in all six of the spiritual plays, Padma said ``she is enveloped by a Divine feeling hard to express but only my eyes will know the volumes of happiness."

To use a cliche, there was no looking back for Padma since she got introduced to Bombay Gnanam by a dear friend of her. ``The conditions were crystal clear as to the volumes of rehearsals to be



to feed on the excess food dumped outside the bins. It is high time the residents correct themselves for a cleaner environment.



attended and the doors were opened only for the passionate ones without the monetary aspect."

Padma said she took the plunge without the slightest hesitation and the past decade had been the best part of the middle age syndrome.

"There is a saying that if one is lucky to find the job of one's liking, you do not have to work for the rest of your life. I derived the true meanings of life, richer by the experience of the travel with Gnanam madam."

For Padma, the takeaway moments in the rehearsals are the space in which women can express themselves freely. ``In an allwomen troupe, there is no inhibition factor and we can go easy on the costumes. All the same, it is fun to slip into a `man' with the luxury of a moustache. In spiritual plays, there is no room for error as the facts had to be given the revered due. That has been the bottomline of all Gnanam's plays and as an artiste, nothing short of perfection will please me."

With a settled look in a world which looked a distant dream initially, Padma saw the happy augury, at the best phase of her middle age. `` Having donned hues of men characters, the female in me could do with characters, harping on women empowerment, befitting my experience. And why restrict myself, when the floodgates had opened from all quarters.," Padma rounded it off with contentment written all over her face."

(Padma Ganapathy is a resident of Mogappair East)

Unhygienic conditions near drinking water tank raises concern

By Our Correspondent

The residents of Sixth Block Burner Salai, 12th Street in Mogappair East, are growing increasingly concerned about the deteriorating conditions surrounding their primary drinking water source. At the heart of their apprehensions lies a stinking ditch adjacent to the public water tank situated near the street's entrance, posing significant health risks to the local community.

For residents relying on the public water tank for their daily water needs, the sight of the adjacent broken ditch, emanating foul odours and hosting stagnant water, is deeply troubling. What was initially designed as a storm water canal has now transformed into a breeding ground for mosquitoes, exacerbating concerns about the spread of vector-borne diseases.

Anitha, a resident of the locality, expressed her dismay over the unhygienic surroundings of the drinking water source, empha-



sizing the potential health hazards it poses to the community. "It is appalling to see our drinking water source surrounded by such unsanitary conditions. The stagnant water in the ditch not only emits foul odours but also serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes, putting us at risk of various health infections," she lamented.

Residents are urging the Greater Chennai Corpora-

tion authorities to intervene and implement measures to address the issue promptly. A common demand among the residents is for the storm water drain to be securely sealed with a slab, effectively isolating the drinking water source from the contaminated ditch water.

"We implore the authorities to take immediate action to close off the storm water drain adjacent to the drinking water tank. This simple measure can significantly mitigate the risk of contamination and safeguard the health of the residents," asserted another concerned resident.

The deteriorating conditions near the drinking water tank underscore the pressing need for concerted efforts to prioritize public health and sanitation in urban planning and infrastructure management. With the looming threat of waterborne illnesses and vector-borne diseases, timely interventions by municipal authorities are imperative to address the underlying issues and ensure the well-being of the com-

munity.

As residents of Sixth Block Burner Salai, 12th Street continue to grapple with the challenges posed by the unhygienic conditions near their primary water source, they remain hopeful that their concerns will be heeded, and swift action will be taken to rectify the situation.









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