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109 candidates to contest in three city seats

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A total of 109 candidates will contest the Lok Sabha elections from the three parliamentary constituencies in the city. Out of the 109 seats, nine candidates are from registered state and national parties including DMK, AIADMK and the BJP

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In North Chennai 36 candidates will contest and in South 41 candidates will contest and in Central 32 will contest the elections.

A total of 80 applications have been rejected. Applications of candidates from the major political parties have been accepted. The elections will be held in seven phases for the 543 parliamentary constituencies.

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It's summer and Metrowater offers online booking

By Our Correspondent

ith the onset of summer season, sourcing drinking water is a key challenge. The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB or Metrowater in popular parlance) has therefore begun delivering water in bulk to

domestic and other consumers in the neighbourhoods of the city including Mogappair and Anna Nagar.

To facilitate easy booking for bulk supply of water, the Metrowater is offering online booking for consumers and publicising the same on different platforms including social media. "Need water delivered? Look no further. We offer easy water tanker booking and our hassle-free booking system makes it a breeze to get water tanks delivered right to your doorstep," says

the water agency, which has been meeting the drink water needs of the residents for many, many decades now.

Responding to the initiative, Giridharan, a resident of Maraimalai Adigalar Street in Mogappair East, said, "The water tariff is cheaper with the Chennai Metrowater as compared to the water tariff of the private drinking water tanker suppliers. Therefore, I prefer to use this online booking facility of the Metrowater. More people should become aware of this."

The tariff of the Chennai Metrowater for its water tanker supply is different for the domestic consumer and the commercial consumers.

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a tanker with 16 kilolitres of capacity and for partly commercial consumers the tariff is Rs 1,785.

"While a domestic consumer can book a water

tanker with six kilolitre ca-

pacity by paying Rs 475, the tariff for the partly com-

mercial consumer is Rs 735," explained a staff at

the Mogappair office of the

Chennai Metrowater. Like-

wise, the tariff for nine

kilolitres of water tanker is

Rs 700 for residents and Rs

1,050 for the partly com-

mercial consumers. The

rate is Rs 1,200 for domestic

consumers wanting to book

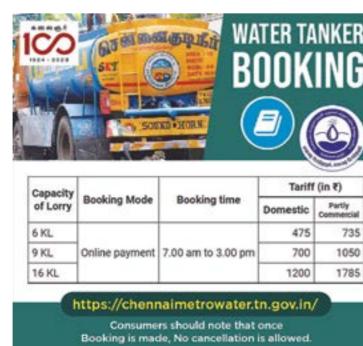
According to the staff at the Mogappair office of the Chennai Metrowater, the booking is online centrally. "The booking has to be made between 7 am and 3 pm only," he said, adding that the booking once made and paid for cannot be cancelled under any circumstances. The online booking can be made on the website https://cmwssb.tn. gov.in/ the agency said.

Repair works: Traffic diverted on Main road



Traffic movement has been disrupted on the busy Thiruvallur Salai due to repairs on the main sewage pipeline carried out by the Chennai Corporation. This road is one of the major thoroughfares that connects Ambattur main road to Poonamallee High Road with a couple of renowned higher secondary schools, hospitals, shops leading to many residential areas. For shopkeepers and residents it's a daily battle against sewage water and stench, in addition to broken road.

The other problem is the long strip of mud path almost in the middle of the road. This leads to inaccessibility and all hell breaks loose during peak hours. Traffic is now diverted through the sub lanes and it may take almost a week to get back to normalcy.



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Madras HC asks Corporation to consider plea of ANWEA

By N Rathi Chithra

he Madras High Court has directed the Greater Chennai Corporation to resolve an issue involving the Anna Nagar Western Extension Association and the civic agency smoothly in the best interests of the local residents.

On a writ petition filed by the Anna Nagar Western Extension Association represented by its secretary P. Vadivel, Justice R N Manjula quashed an order passed by a Zon-

al Officer of Greater Chennai Corporation on February 21, 2024 asking the association to remove its belongings from a public library in the locality.

The Association submitted to the court that the locality earlier fell under the jurisdiction of the erstwhile Ambattur Municipality (since merged with Greater Chennai Corporation). The Municipality had in July 1991 permitted the Association to construct a public library on a part of land meant for a public

park. Consequently, a library and a reading room were constructed. This was later taken over by the Local Library Authority.

On the first floor of the library, the Association put up a shed to teach yoga, music and dance to the children of the neighbourhood. It also conducted small functions at the venue.

Without any complaints, the Zonal Officer started to issue notices to the Association since April 2022. Eventually, the Association was directed to remove its belongings from the premises. Hence it moved the court challenging the same.

The judge, while passing orders in the case recently, said the issue could have been solved better through talks between the Association and officials of the Greater Chennai Corporation instead of resorting to punitive measures such as locking and sealing a public premises.

Noting that the Zonal Officer's order had been taken on appeal to the

Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner, the judge directed the latter to resolve the issue smoothly in the best interests of the local residents and after taking into consideration the observations made by her.

In the order, the judge added that civic bodies such as the Greater Chennai Corporation need not show hostility towards residents' welfare associations by locking and sealing public buildings if vacant spaces in those buildings had

been used by the residents for celebrating birthdays or for teaching yoga/ music/dance to the children in the locality without any commercial motive.

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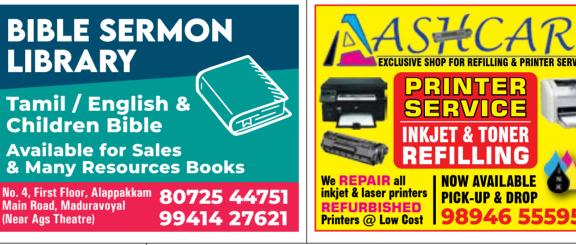
21:30 hrs on Sunday and

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Central at 8:30 hrs on the

Southern Railway on next day (Monday). It is also reported that this train will have an extra

> stoppage at Perambur. Super fast train No.06049 will depart from Chennai central at 10:20 hrs on 1 April and reach Coimbatore railway at 20:25 hrs on the same day, the press release added.







on a trip to MGM Theme Park on March 22. The fun-filled trip provided students a memorable experience.

Velammal Vidyalaya Annexure celebrated the Kindergarten graduation ceremony 'Alegria 2024' on March 26. The ceremony was graced by Mr. Mari Selvaraj, Film **Director and** Mr. Niranjan Bharathi, film lyricist.

Naval Cadet Corps (NCC) Aadarsh, S. Gowtham, B. Sanjay, RK Akshara and Kirithika from Velammal Vidyalaya, Mel Ayanambakkam exhibited their marksmanship prowess in a recent riflery event held at the Tambaram Naval Base.

The four road junction at the entrance of Ambattur Industrial Estate, leading to MTH road, Thirumangalam and Mogappair West finally gets the much needed automated signal lights and that too with countdown timers.

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Plain 'idli' emerges most popular variant

idlis is between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., with consumers from various cities including Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Coimbatore and Mumbai also savouring the delicacy during dinner time, the company said in a statement.



Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai emerged as the top three cities where idlis are ordered the most, followed closely by Mumbai, Pune, Coimbatore, Delhi, Vizag, Kolkata and Vijayawada.

The plain *idli* emerged as the most popular variant across all cities, with a plate of two pieces being the most common order.

"Rava idli enjoys particular popularity in Bengaluru, while ghee / neyi karam podi idli is favoured in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Thatte idli and mini idli also find regular spots among Idli orders across cities," said Swiggy.

Idlis ranks as the secondmost ordered breakfast item on the platform, following closely behind masala dosa. Source: Internet

Mogappair residents call for action against illegal sewage discharge

By N Rathi Chithra

A cross section of residents living in the neighbourhood of Mogappair, closer to the Cooum River near the Koyambedu -Maduravoyal Highway, has called for increasing crackdown and action against those illegally discharging sewage into the water course in the locality.

According to the residents, they keep spotting sewage tankers that illegally discharge sewage into the Cooum River near the Rail Nagar Bridge, which connects Mogappair and other nearby areas with the Koyambedu - Maduravoyal Highway, as well as in some other areas such as closer to the Madura-



voyal New Bridge. This ends up worsening the already highly polluted water course that originates from Kosasthalaivar in Tiruvallur districts and ends in the Bay of Bengal near the Marina beach. Recently following reports about such illegal discharge of sewage into the Cooum River from the Mogappair Bridge, the authorities of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board had taken action against the offender in addition to

lodging a complaint against the party concerned with the Thirumangalam Police Station. The public agency said it had impounded the tanker lorry that was involved in illegal discharge of sewage into the water course. The Greater Chennai

City Traffic Police's wing in Thirumangalam Police Station tracked down the violating sewage tanker when the driver was plying near Nerkundram.

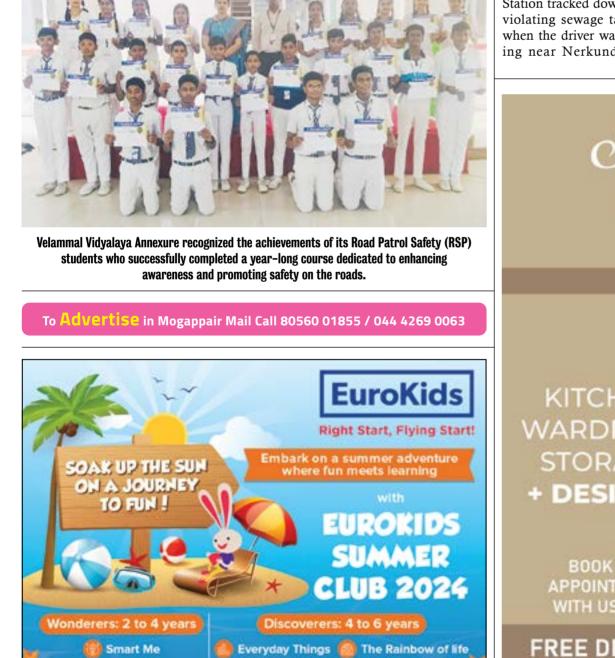
The police imposed a penalty amount of Rs 4,500 on the owner of the sewage tankers for polluting the Cooum River by illegally offloading the sewage there.

While the residents of Mogappair neighbourhood hailed the action by the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board as well as by the Traffic police personnel at the Thirumangalam Police Station, they also expressed their desire that such action should not be

an isolated case. "We are happy that in this case after the incident of illegal sewage discharge in the locality was reported, the authorities concerned stepped in to take necessary action against the accused. However, our concern is that this should not be a one off case. Instead, the authorities must ensure that the action is sustained so that in future none would dare to pollute the water course with impunity," said a local resident Thanappan.

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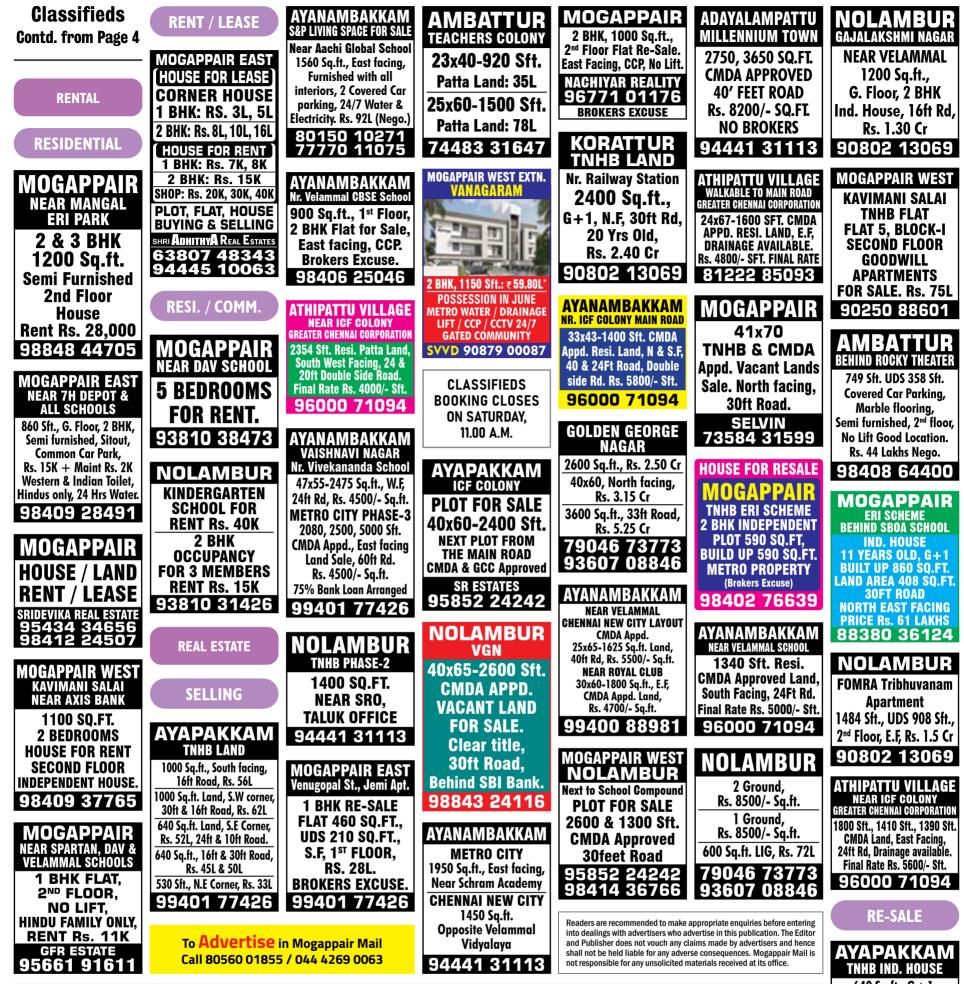
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Toll plaza user fee to go up from April 1

When there is a call from various parties demanding the removal of toll plazas within Tamil Nadu, 36 toll plazas on National Highways across the state would witness a hike in user fees ranging from Rs 5 to Rs 20 for various category of vehicles from April 1. The fee hike will be

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enforced at 34 toll plazas maintained by the NHAI, including two plazas at Paranur and Athur on Chennai-Tiruchy NH, Surapattu and Vanagaram on (Chennai Bypass), Vaniyambadi on Krishnagiri-Walajahpet NH, and other sections. Additionally, the fee will also increase at three toll plazas on Vellore-Villupuram NH that became operational last year.

Similarly, five plazas maintained by the Vandiyur,

Tamil Nadu Road Development Company (TNRDC) -- four on the Minjur-Vandalur Coast Road

-- will also undergo fare revision. Furthermore, toll fees will be hiked by Rs 5 to Rs 15 per vehicle at

Chinthamani, and Valayankulam plazas on the Madurai bypass operated by the Tamil Outer Ring Road and Nadu Road Infrastrucone at Uthandi on East ture Development



Corporation (TN-RIDC).

The toll charges are revised based on the wholesale price index under the provisions of the National

Highway Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008.

Of the 40 toll plazas, the NHAI has not notified the revision for Nemili (Sriperumbudur) and Chennasamudaram (Walajahpet) toll plazas on the Sriperumbudur - Walajahpet section of the Chennai Bengaluru Highway due to the ongoing sixlaning works. Two toll plazas -Parali Pudur in Madu-

rai and Velampatti in Tirupur, which commenced commercial operations this year would witness user fee revision starting next year from April 1.

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Change in school exams dates

In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on April 19 in Tamil Nadu, the Department of School Education has decided to make changes in the annual exam schedule for the students of classes 4 to 9.

The exams were earlier scheduled to begin on April 2 and end by April 12. According to a press re-

lease, there were requests from parents and public to change the exam date in view of *Ramadan*. Based on that, the exam schedule has been changed.

The science exam which was to be held on April 10, will be held on April 22 and the social science exam which was to be held on April 12 has been postponed to April 23.

The District Education Officers are asked to give instructions to all the school headmasters regarding this change, the release added.



Velammal Matriculation HSS, Mogappair East felicitated 198 students of Upper Kindergarten with Graduation on March 23. Captain Soniya Jain, Cmd Pilot, Air India & Mr Mashook Rahman, Writer & Lyricist conferred the

graduation to the Kids. 13 Kindergarten Teacher Trainees were also conferred with the Kindergarten Teacher Training Certificates.

