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Velammal's Gukesh in joint lead in World Candidates Chess

With just two rounds to go in the World Candidates Chess tourney, 17-year-old D. Gukesh, a student of Velammal Vidyalaya Annexure, Mel Ayanambakkam is in joint lead with Ian Nepomniachtchi (World No. 7) of Russia and Hikaru Nakamura (World No. 3) of United States. He surged ahead to share the

lead after his victory over Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan in his last match on April 18. His next two games will be against Alireza Firouzja (World No. 6) of France (on April 21) and Nakamura (on April 22).

Gukesh is currently ranked 16th in the world. Praggnanandhaa, another renowned star of Velammal is 1.5 points behind the leaders.

Gukesh is only the second youngest in history to compete in Candidates tournament and the last time someone younger played was way back in 1959.







Video recording of vehicles undergoing emission test a must

The State Transport Authority (STA) plans to make recording videos of vehicles undergoing testing for the issuance of pollution certificates in the State mandatory. This comes after some of the emission testing centres were caught flouting the rules during surprise inspections.

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The Commissioner of State Transport and Road Safety has directed the department to take measures for creating a software to compulsorily upload the videos of the vehicles undergoing pollution testing at emission testing centres.

Several complaints were being received about some emission testing centres issuing pollution certificates, which are needed for renewal of registration of vehicles, without physically undergoing the tests. Taking cognisance of these complaints, the Commissioner issued orders to Regional Transport Officers (RTOs) and Motor Vehicle Inspectors (MVIs) to organise surprise checks in several of these centres.



A high raised shed is put up on the east and west sides of the walking track at Mangal Eri Park in Mogappair. This has been erected to shelter the daily walkers from a sudden downpour during rainy season.



Dharshan of Velammal Vidyalaya Annexure won a first and second place in two different categories at a swimming competition organized by Decathlon Sports India, Mogappair and Stingrays Swimming Academy.



Scores of motorcycles left to ruin outside Police Station



By Our Correspondent

In a scene reminiscent of a postapocalyptic wasteland, scores of motorcycles and scooters lay abandoned and exposed to the elements outside the Thirumangalam Police Station in the Anna Nagar division. These vehicles, presumably seized by the traffic police for involvement in accidents or crime, now face an uncertain fate as they deteriorate under the open sky.

The sight has drawn the attention of residents and passersby, sparking concerns about the lack of proper storage for impounded vehicles. "It's shocking to see so many motorcycles and scooters left to rot like this," said Ramesh Kumar, a local resident. "It's not just an eyesore, but it's also a waste of resources."

Authorities have acknowledged the situation but cite logistical challenges in managing impounded vehicles. "We are aware of the issue and are working to address it," stated Inspector Rajesh Sharma of the Thirumangalam Police Station. "However, our resources are limited, and we have to prioritize other aspects of law enforcement."

The lack of a designated storage facility for impounded vehicles has left many questioning the effectiveness of the current system. "Leaving these vehicles out in the open not only damages them further but also poses a safety risk," remarked Priya Patel, a concerned citizen. "What if someone decides to tamper with these vehicles or salvage parts from them?"

While some hope that the impounded motorcycles and scooters will be released soon after the resolution of their cases, others fear that they may be left to deteriorate beyond repair. "It's a shame to see these vehicles abandoned like this," commented Suresh Menon, a motorcycle enthusiast. "Many of them could still be salvaged if they were properly cared for."

The situation has also raised questions about the need for better infrastructure and resources to manage impounded vehicles across the city. "This is not just a problem isolated to Thirumangalam," noted Sunita, a city planner. "There needs to be a comprehensive strategy in place to ensure that impounded vehicles are stored and managed appropriately."

In the meantime, as the motorcycles and scooters continue to languish outside the police station, concerns grow about the environmental impact of their neglect. "These vehicles, if oil leaks,could contaminate the soil," warned environmentalist Arjun. "It's imperative that action is taken to address this issue before it escalates further."

As residents and authorities alike grapple with the challenge of managing impounded vehicles, the fate of the motorcycles and scooters outside the Thirumangalam Police Station remains uncertain, serving as a stark reminder of the need for better oversight and resources in law enforcement.

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Ambattur, Maduravoyal Residents vote better than those in Anna Nagar

By N Rathi Chithra

The voter turnout for the Lok Sabha polls that were conducted on Friday was higher among residents of the Ambattur and Maduravoval Assembly segments in Sriperumbudur parliamentary seat as opposed to the turnout registered in the Anna Nagar Assembly segment of the Chennai Central constituency.

Several neighbourhoods in Mogappair East and Mogappair West fall within the Maduravoyal Assembly segment of Sriperumbudur parliamentary seat.

An analysis of the data on turnout of voters in the

two constituencies provided by the Election Commission of India's Voter Turnout application as of Saturday 3 pm showed that as many as 60.21% of the voters spread across the Sriperumbudur Lok Sabha seat had turned up to exercise their franchise in the crucial general elections that was held in a single phase across Tamil Nadu. The six Assembly segments, which fall within this parliamentary seat, are Alandur, Ambattur, Maduravoyal, Pallavaram, Sriperumbudur and Tambaram. Among them Sriperumbudur segment recorded the highest voter percentage of 70.54%,

while Ambattur segment posted 60.37% votes and Maduravoyal registered a voter turnout of 57.83%.

In contrast, as far as the Chennai Central parliamentary constituency is concerned, the overall voter turnout, according to this source of data made available on the Voter Turnout application, was only 53.91%. This parliamentary constituency comprises of the Assembly segments Anna Nagar, Chepauk Thiruvallikeni, Egmore, Harbour, Thousand Lights and Villivakkam. Incidentally, at one point in time Villivakkam was the largest Assembly constituency, however, post delimitation exercise, its size has shrunk. The data showed that only 53.74% of the voters in the Anna Nagar Assembly segment had gone to the polling stations to register their votes. The rest had either remained indoors or left out of town.

Commenting on this situation, a resident of Anna Nagar, lamented that the voter turnout is so low. "The people of Anna Nagar often complain about civic issues. But they failed to discharge their duty and be a responsible citizen when it came to the time of voting," said John, a resident of Anna Nagar. Some like Amruthavalli

justified her decision to

stay away from the polling booths by citing the piercing summer heat. However, her neighbour, Jayanthi, who had cast her vote, said this is not an acceptable excuse as people could have gone to the polling booths early before the sun began to scorch.



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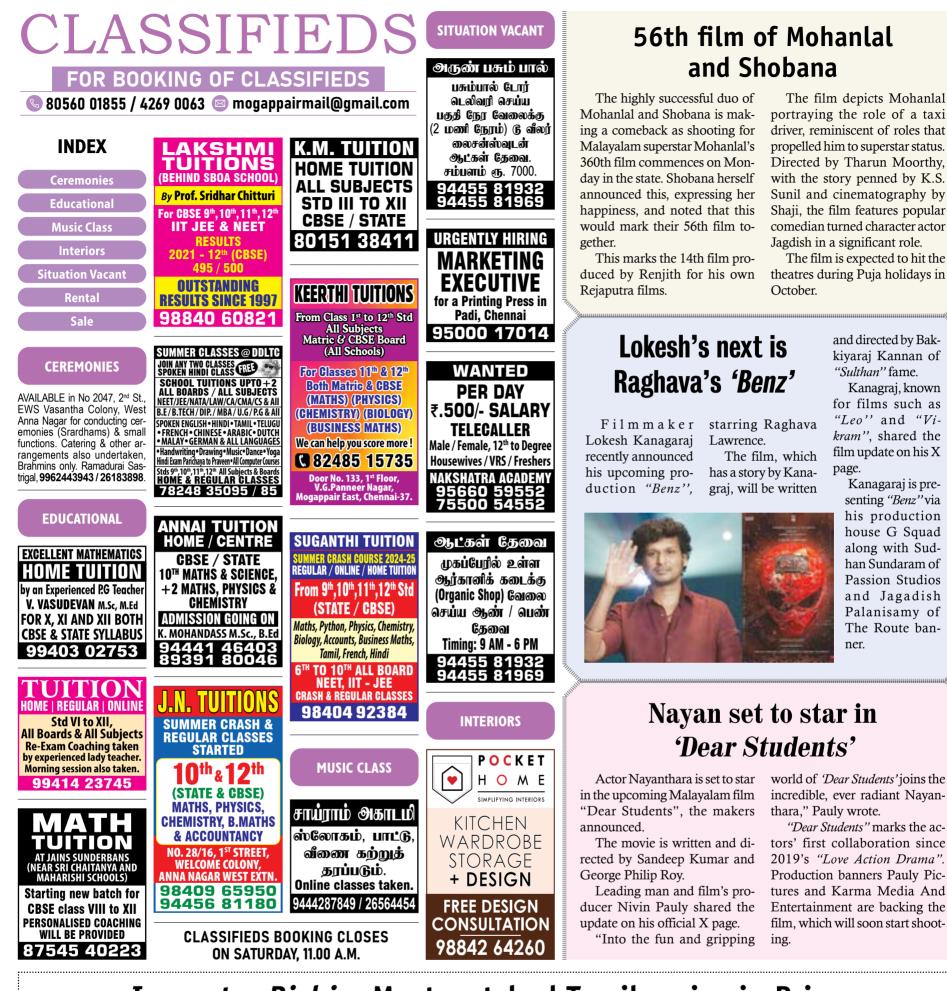
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Inspector Rishi – Most watched Tamil series in Prime

Following its worldwide premiere, Inspector Rishi has navigates through this scripted a milestone by becoming the most watched Tamil plete with horror and Original series on Prime Video suspense, he confronts India. With its gripping narrative, larger-than-life visuals, and excellent performances, the horror crime drama showcases the gripping story of a skeptical police inspector, Rishi Nandan, whose steadfast convictions are challenged when he investigates a series of peculiar murders entwined with supernatural occurrences.

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As Inspector Rishi mind-bending case reformidable obstacles, both in unraveling the mysteries shrouding the crime and grappling with his own inner turmoil. Rishi is tasked with the challenge of uncovering the secrets of the forest and finding out the truth behind these in-



explicable events. With the help of two sub-inspectors, the trio not only navigates through challenges in their personal lives but also battles supernatural forces at play, which test their resolve and abilities to the limit.

The series received rave reviews from critics and immense appreciation from the viewers worldwide.

The audiences were hooked to this exhilarating experience which sent chills down their spine and kept them at the edge of their seats.

This well mounted, superbly crafted show makes all kinds of right noises amongst the global audience for having a story which is locally rooted set in a small village of Tamil Nadu but had a greater mass appeal. Inspector Rishi is streaming on Prime Video in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malavalam and Hindi.



Jallikattu-inspired fountain captivates visitors at Millennium Park



By N Rathi Chithra

In the heart of the Anna Nagar Western Extension neighbourhood, a unique water fountain has emerged as a captivating attraction at the Millennium Park on Park Road. Featuring a figurine depicting the ancient sport of jallikattu, where a man courageously clings to the hump of a raging bull, the fountain has garnered attention and admiration from park-goers. The statue not only serves as a striking visual centerpiece but also symbolises the rich cultural heritage of jallikattu, a traditional bull taming sport deeply rooted in Tamil Nadu's history. "It's wonderful to see our cultural traditions being celebrated in such a creative manner," remarked Sangeetha Rajan, a local resident. "The fountain not

only adds beauty to the park but also serves as a reminder of our heritage."

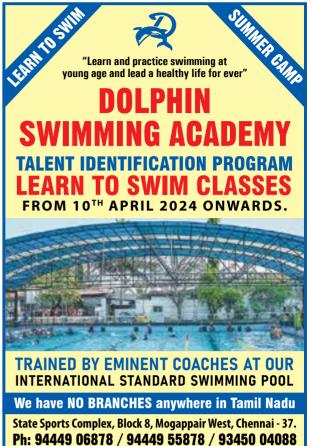
For many children visiting the park, the jallikattuinspired fountain has become a source of fascination and wonder. "I love watching the water cascade around the statue of the man and bull," exclaimed eight-year-old Nakul Rajan. "It's like a scene from a brave warrior's tale!"

The fountain has quickly become a popular attraction, drawing visitors from across the neighborhood. "Every time I come to the park, I make sure to stop by the jallikattu fountain," said Ravi Kumar, a frequent park user. "It's become a highlight of my visit."

However, some parkgoers are concerned about the maintenance of the fountain to ensure its longevity and continued appeal. "This fountain is a unique addition to our park, and it should be preserved and maintained well," stated Meena Devi, another local resident. "It has the potential to become a landmark of sorts, attracting even more visitors to the park."

Echoing similar sentiments, park users emphasized the importance of preserving cultural symbols and promoting awareness of traditional practices. "Jallikattu is not just a sport; it's a part of our identity and heritage," remarked Karthik Subramanian, a supporter of traditional Tamil Nadu customs. "By showcasing it in public spaces like this fountain, we are keeping our traditions alive for future generations."

As the jallikattu-inspired fountain continues to cap-



tivate visitors and spark conversations about culture and tradition, the hope is that it will serve as more than just a decorative feature but as a symbol of pride and identity for the community. With proper care and attention, it has

the potential to etch itself as a cherished landmark in the heart of Millennium Park, embodying the spirit of jallikattu and celebrating Tamil Nadu's rich cultural legacy.

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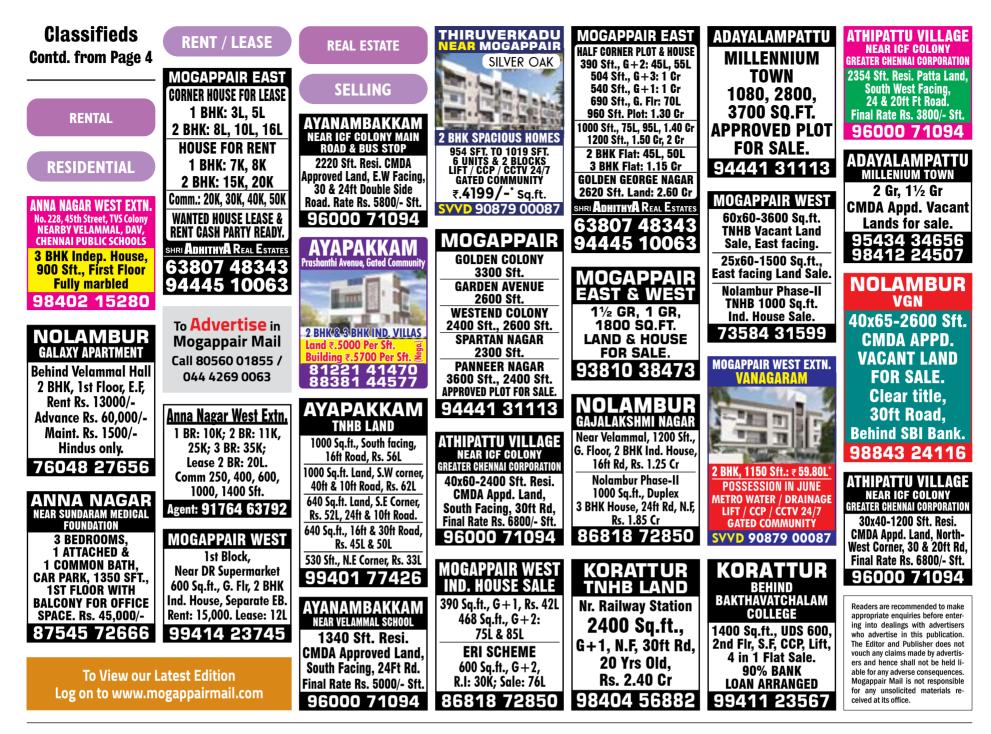
Vel's Natalaya Students perform at Thanjai Periya Kovil Chithirai Thiruvizha.





The budding artists of Velammal Academy, Nolambur exhibited their creativity and commitment to environmental awareness on World Art Day.

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Italian course from May 11

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Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is set to commence its upcoming batch of Italian language courses starting May 11, 2024. Aimed at students aspiring to pursue higher education in Italy, employees of Indian companies, joint venture establishments, and members of the general public keen on learning the language, the course promises to cater to beginners' needs.

According to a press release, participants stand to benefit significantly from this initiative, which aims to equip them with the necessary linguistic skills for various purposes, including academic pursuits and professional endeavors.

For those interested in enrolling or seeking further information, visit www.languagelabchennai.com or contact 9080582082. This course presents an exciting opportunity for language enthusiasts and individuals with a keen interest in Italian culture and language to broaden their horizons and enhance their linguistic proficiency.

Liver diseases in kids up due to junk food, sugar consumption

Medical experts have found that one in three children have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), primarily caused by excess sugar consumption.

It has become a significant concern even among children aged 5-16 years. Previously, children were thought to be safe from this liver disease.

The number of children with NAFLD has risen alarmingly from 10-33 per cent in just a decade.

Paediatric hepatologist at Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS), Piyush Upadhyay said The consumption of processed meals high in sugar and unhealthy fats is a major contributing factor to NAFLD in children.

Warning against the dangers of sugary drinks and junk food, he explained that triglycerides, a type of fat, accumulate in liver cells when there is an imbalance between the amount of fat the body takes in or produces and the liver's ability to process and eliminate it. The liver normally processes and removes fats from the body.

"This imbalance can be caused by several factors, including genetics, a sed-



entary lifestyle, obesity, insulin resistance and an unhealthy diet. Decades ago, fatty liver disease was primarily caused by alcohol addiction," a report added. "However, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is becoming increasingly common. I see around 60-70 children with NAFLD every month, which is more than double the number I saw a decade ago," said a doctor.

Another gastroenterologist said, "Many studies have shown that NAFLD can be reversed in children as well as adults by making lifestyle changes, such as reducing sugar and junk food intake and exercising regularly for at least 30 minutes."

He emphasised the potential of NAFLD to progress to liver cirrhosis, a serious condition requiring a liver transplant.

Director of the gastroenterology department at Medanta hospital, Ajay Verma explained, "When we look at all the costs involved in the consumption of junk food and sugar and the number of healthy years of life lost, cutting down on sugar seems to save money and keep people healthier for longer." *Source: Internet*



Mahathika of Velammal Vidyalaya, Annexure emerged victorious in a yoga competition held at Ambattur on April 15.

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239 trips of special trains to clear extra rush

Southern Railway on Friday said that 239 trips of special trains will be operated in 19 routes to clear the extra rush of traffic owing to the summer season.

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These special trains interlink the states of Tamil Nadu & Kerala serviced by Southern Railway with Karnataka, Rajasthan, Bihar, New Delhi, West Bengal, Gujarat.

Some of the special trains are also operated within the zone connecting the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu. Vande Bharat special trains are also operated between Chennai Egmore and

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number of trips are augmented and the number of trains or the number of trips run by additional trains are static for the entire season, said the release.

Government Railway Police (GRP) & Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff are deployed at footover bridges to regulate crowds smoothly in order to avoid stampedes.

RPF personnel have been deputed at originating stations to ensure a queue system for entry in general class coaches and in CCTV control rooms to keep a watch on the crowded areas and render real time assistance to passengers, added the release.





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