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police, he was identified as T Balaraman of Mogappair West. He was flung a few feet away and sustained severe head injuries. Despite being rushed to a hospital he was declared dead.

Possession of drugs, Three arrested in Nolambur

The city police arrested three persons, including a fashion designer, for possession of drugs on the service road in Nolambur. During vehicle checks a police team intercepted a car on suspicion.

They found methamphetamine and ganja hidden. The police arrested Praveen (30) of Padi, Sarathkumar (24) of CIT Nagar and Gopinath (23) of Kottur. Praveen worked as a fashion designer while Sarathkumar and Gopinath are two-wheeler mechanics. They seized 51 grams of methamphetamine, 12.4 kg of ganja and 190 grams.

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Matricide by jobless youth causes shock in Mogappair West

By N Rathi Chithra

A chilling case of matricide has shocked a section of residents in Mogappair West, raising disturbing questions about family dynamics, unemployment stress, and the growing fear among parents of speaking up to their adult children.

The Nolambur Police have arrested a 27-year-old man for allegedly murdering his own mother at their rented house on Kaalamegam Road in Mogappair West near Nolambur. The accused, identified as Nikhil Britto, is a mechanical engineering graduate who, investigators say, flew into a violent rage after his mother repeatedly questioned him about not going to work.

The victim, Auxilia (56),

was unwell and financially dependent on stability at home, police said. With her son having quit his job at a private software firm in Bengaluru a few months ago, she had allegedly been urging him to seek employment again. What should have been a routine parental concern turned fatal, highlighting a deeply unsettling reality — that even basic expectations voiced by parents can now provoke deadly outcomes.

According to police, the incident came to light on Wednesday when Nikhil allegedly sent a message to a friend stating that he had killed his mother. The message triggered an alert to the police control room. Acting swiftly, personnel from the Nolambur police station rushed to the house. When officers arrived and attempted

to enter, the accused reportedly tried to flee but was apprehended on the spot.

Inside the house, police found Auxilia lying dead with severe bleeding injuries. Preliminary investigations revealed that she had been assaulted using a mobile phone charger cable and a knife. During interrogation, Nikhil is said to have confessed to the crime, stating that he lost control after repeated arguments over his unemployment. The police seized the charger cable, two knives, and a mobile phone believed to have been used during the incident.

Auxilia's body was sent to Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital for post-mortem examination to ascertain the exact cause of death. A murder case was registered

based on a complaint lodged by the house owner, Samadha-nadurai, a resident of Mogappair West.

The accused was produced before a court later in the day and remanded in judicial custody.

The case has sparked grim conversations about rising domestic tensions, prolonged unemployment among educated youth, and a frightening social undercurrent where parents increasingly feel compelled to "keep quiet" rather than risk confrontation with their grown-up children.

"This tragedy stands as a stark reminder of how fragile family bonds can become when frustration, entitlement, and suppressed anger collide — with irreversible consequences," said a local resident.

Gukesh to participate in Norway Chess for 2nd straight year

By R Srinivasa Raghavan

DOMMARAJU Gukesh will be competing at the Norway Chess for the second straight year, which gets underway at the Norwegian capital of Oslo from May 25. The World champion will be looking to better his third-place showing last year in the six-player double round-robin tournament. Five-time World champion Magnus Carlsen, Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa and Vincent Keymer are the other three players to confirm their participation in the tournament. The other two players will be announced soon.

Gukesh, who will be defending his World title this year, started 2026 on a

moderate note. The Indian shared the eighth spot with Anish Giri and Vladimir Fedoseev (all 6.5) at the Tata Steel Masters in Wijk aan Zee. He posted three wins, three losses and seven draws. Gukesh's victories came against Fedoseev, Yaagiz Kaan Erdogmus and Thai Dai van Nguyen. After taking the second spot in 2024 and 2025 tournaments, it was an underwhelming performance by Gukesh this time by his high standards.

Former Velammal student had a good performance in last year's Norway Chess. The talking point of the tournament was Gukesh's stunning victory over Carlsen. Gukesh turned a losing position into a winning



one, thanks to the Norwegian's blunder. An angry Carlsen banged the table after his loss, which got all the attention in the social media.

Having won the World title and Candidates in 2024, Gukesh will be aiming for a title triumph in Norway Chess, which is one of the strongest closed tournaments. Considering the depth of the field, it will be a tough challenge

for Gukesh. However, Gukesh, who is known for his spectacular performances, twice winning individual gold medals (top board) at the Chess Olympiad (2022 & 2024), will have a shot at the title if he finds his best form.

Carlsen, who finished 2025, winning the World Rapid and Blitz titles in Doha, will be gunning for his eighth title in Norway Chess. The world No.1 starts the tournament as a favourite in the mixed format (Classical & Armageddon).

Women's World Cup winner Divya Deshmukh (India No.2) will be making her debut in Women's Norway Chess, which will take place simultaneously. Women's World champion Ju Wenjun, Anna Muzy-

chuk and Bibisara Assaubayeva are the other three players confirmed for the tournament so far.

Abdusattorov champion

It was fourth time lucky for Nodirbek Abdusattorov, who bagged the Tata Steel Masters crown for the first time in Wijk aan Zee, The Netherlands. Securing nine points in 13 rounds, the Uzbek No.1 sealed victory by half a point margin. Gaining 19.5 rating points, Abdusattorov came up with a performance rating of 2862! After winning the London Chess Classic in 2025, it was his second straight classical title. Uzbek No.2 Javokhir Sindarov (8.5) took the second spot. Thanks to a better tie-break, Jorden van Fore-

stedged Hans Niemann and Keymer (all 7.5) for a podium finish.

Indians had a forgettable tournament, with Praggnanandhaa (5.5) taking the 11th spot. Aravindh Chithambaram and Arjun Erigaisi (both 4.5) finished joint 12th. Andy Woodward emerged champion in the Tata Steel Challengers (10/13). This victory earned the USA youngster a spot in next year's Tata Steel Masters. Former World Rapid champion Vasily Ivanchuk (9.5) came second, followed by Aydin Suleymanli (9) in third place.

Vedant Panesar, who was the only Indian in the fray, claimed the 12th spot, scoring four points.

(The writer of this article is a senior sports correspondent)



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By Our Correspondent

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"Now, it will be the responsibility of the Greater Chennai Corporation to

maintain the roads, street lights, high-mast lights and storm water drains in the expansive Ambattur Industrial Estate," the official, who did not want to be quoted, said. Not just that the civic agency will also be in charge of undertaking the solid waste management in the industrial estate.

According to the official of the Small Industries Development Corporation (SIDCO), the Ambattur Industrial Estate has as many as 128 roads which run across to a total length of 41.38 kilometres. The industrial estate is spread

across a vast expanse of 1,167 acres and it now houses both old economy manufacturing facilities and factories as well as new age companies in the field of Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES). It is also home to some big names in the world of media publication.

The development has been welcomed by a cross-section of industrial units in the Ambattur Industrial Estate. "This is indeed a big welcome step in the maintenance of our industrial estate. This news has brought cheers to all of us. In fact, I would say that this was a step that was long overdue in the area," said the spokesperson of a factory in the region.

"Such a takeover of the maintenance of the Greater Chennai Corporation is only a logical measure. The civic agency handles waste generated in residential and commercial areas outside the industrial estate. When it is so, it should handle the same in the industrial estate also", said a representative.



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Neglect outside Shri Venduthal Vinayagar Temple raises concerns

By N Rathi Chithra

THE surroundings of the Shri Venduthal Vinayagar Temple, located at the corner of Veeramunivar Street in Mogappair East, have fallen into a state of neglect, causing concern among devotees and local residents. Piles of debris, loose gravel, discarded wooden boards, and construction waste lie scattered along the temple's outer boundary, presenting both safety hazards and sanitation issues.

The temple, which witnesses a decent flow of devotees especially during mornings, evenings, and festival days—now finds its entrance and surrounding stretch obstructed by rubble. Devotees, including senior citizens and children, are forced to navigate uneven ground while approaching the temple, raising fears of slips and injuries.

"There is no proper pathway left to walk," said Kannan, a regular devotee. "Elderly people find it very difficult to step over the stones and waste. This is not the kind of environment one expects outside a place of worship."

Local residents allege that the debris has been lying unattended for several weeks, possibly following some construc-



tion related works in the area. However, no effort appears to have been made to clear the waste or restore the footpath, they say.

"The problem becomes worse during the rains," said Lakshmi Narasimhan, another devotee. "Water stagnates in the uneven surface, and the stones become slippery. We come here seeking peace, but even entering the temple has become stressful."

Apart from posing a safety risk, the accumulation of waste has also raised hygiene concerns. Residents point out that garbage mixed with construction debris attracts stray animals and creates an unpleasant atmosphere around the temple premises.

"This is a residential area with a temple," said Meenakshi, a resident of Veeramunivar Street. "If this condi-

tion continues, it will only encourage dumping and further neglect. Authorities must act before an accident happens."

Auto-rickshaw drivers and pedestrians using the road have also complained that the debris has narrowed the usable road space.

Devotees and residents have urged the Greater Chennai Corporation and other authorities to immediately remove the debris, level the ground, and ensure proper maintenance around the temple. They have also called for regular monitoring to prevent the area from turning into a dumping zone again.

"A temple is not just a religious place; it is part of the community," said Kannan. "Keeping its surroundings clean is a basic responsibility," he added.



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