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Mosquito control stepped up in Anna Nagar along Otteri Canal

By Our Correspondent

THE Greater Chennai Corporation has intensified mosquito-control measures in Anna Nagar, with civic workers carrying out spraying operations along the Otteri canal to curb mosquito breeding and protect public health.

The anti-mosquito operation was undertaken in Thendral Colony in Anna Nagar, falling under Zone 8 and Ward 104. Corporation workers used a vehicle-mounted spraying machine to apply mosquito-control chemicals along the canal stretch, where stagnant water and accumulated waste can create favourable conditions for mosquito breeding.

The initiative comes as part of the civic body's ongoing efforts to prevent mosquito proliferation in residential areas and other locations vulnerable to breeding. The Otteri canal, which passes through several densely populated parts of the city, is among the water channels that require regular monitoring and maintenance to prevent the accumulation of



stagnant water and other materials that could contribute to mosquito breeding.

The Greater Chennai Corporation initiative showed workers operating the spraying equipment along the canal-side stretch in Thendral Colony. The operation was carried out from a civic body vehicle equipped with a spraying machine, enabling the workers to cover the canal margins and nearby areas.

The mosquito-control drive is particularly significant for residents living close to the canal, as mosquito menace can increase substantially in areas surrounding stagnant or slow-moving water. Regular spraying is required to reduce the mosquito population and help minimise the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

The Corporation has been undertaking various vector-control activities across the city, including identifying potential mosquito-breeding sources, removing stagnant water and undertaking chemical spraying in vulnerable locations. Officials have also been urging residents to ensure that water does not remain stagnant in and around homes, as even small quantities of stagnant water can become breeding sites.

For residents of Thendral Colony and neighbouring parts of Anna Nagar, the latest operation is expected to provide relief from mosquito-related problems, particularly along the canal-side stretches. The civic authorities' intervention also highlights the importance of maintaining water channels and their sur-

roundings as part of broader public-health measures.

Residents have welcomed regular preventive action in areas adjoining the canal, while stressing the need for such operations to be carried out periodically rather than only after mosquito activity becomes severe.

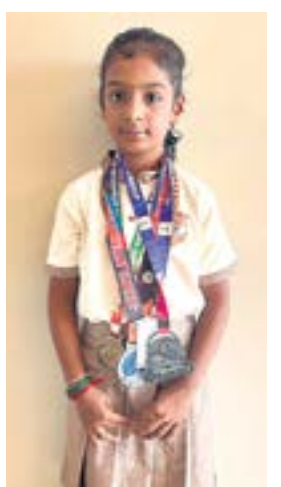
Residents said continued surveillance of the Otteri canal and prompt action to address stagnant water, waste accumulation and other potential breeding points will remain important to sustain the impact of the mosquito-control measures.



(22-08-26) காவை project management institute உடன் இணைந்து 92-ward மாமன்ற உறுப்பினரும், தென் சென்னை மேற்கு மாவட்ட தலைவர் திரு கே. வி.திலகர் அவர்கள் மங்கள் ஏரி பூங்காவில் தூய்மை பணி மேற்கொண்டார்.



Velammal Vidyalaya Annexure organised a career guidance and motivational programme for classes X and XII students and their parents on Aug 19 at the Velammal Hall. Renowned speaker Gopinath, of Neeya Naana fame, graced the occasion and shared valuable insights on parenting.



Aditi Isai D of Velammal Vidyalaya – Ayanavaram won a gold in the 200m and a silver in the 400m event at the Roller Skating Championship recently.



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Velammal Academy, Nolambur and Velammal Vidyalaya, Mogappair West jointly organised an effective parenting programme for parents. The session was led by Mrs. Kavitha Jawahar, motivational speaker and orator.

Construction work in progress at ABC Centre in Ambattur

By N Rathi Chithra

CONSTRUCTION work on an Animal Birth Control (ABC) Centre at Athipattu in Ward 86 of the Ambattur Zone of the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) is progressing, with the facility expected to strengthen the civic body's efforts to control the street-dog population through scientific and humane methods.



accordance with the prescribed procedures.

The centre is being developed as a dedicated facility for implementing the Animal Birth Control programme, under which stray dogs are sterilised and vaccinated and subsequently released back into their respective localities in

The ongoing construction assumes significance as the Ambattur Zone has been identified as having the highest number of street dogs in Chennai. Earlier data compiled by the Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS) through a sight survey estimated that

the zone had around 23,980 stray dogs, with an average density of 64 dogs per kilometre.

The high concentration of street dogs has underscored the need for sustained and systematic sterilisation and vaccination programmes in the zone. The proposed ABC Centre at Athipattu could provide the GCC with additional infrastructure to undertake such operations locally and on a regular basis.

An official said Animal Birth Control is aimed at preventing uncontrolled breeding while also supporting rabies-control measures through vaccination. Animal welfare

groups have also emphasised that sterilisation, vaccination and proper post-operative care are essential components of a humane and effective street-dog management programme.

The construction activity at the Athipattu facility is currently focused on completing the building and related infrastructure. For residents, the facility could bring greater attention to long-standing concerns over the increasing presence of street dogs in several parts of Ambattur. Complaints in urban areas often include dog bites and chasing of motorists.

However, the success of the new centre will depend on its operational capacity and the frequency with which sterilisation are conducted.

Raindropss celebrates 15 years of hope, humanity and impact

RAINDROPSS Charity Foundation celebrated its remarkable 15 years of humanitarian service and social impact with a grand celebration titled "15 Years of Hope, Humanity and Impact" at the VGP Heritage Resort. The milestone event brought together eminent personalities, patrons, supporters, volunteers, beneficiaries and well-wishers who have been part of Raindropss' inspiring journey.

A special highlight of the celebrations was the launch of the commemorative book "15 Years of Hope, Humanity and Impact," which chronicles Raindropss' journey, key initiatives, milestones and the many lives touched through its humanitarian efforts. The book was officially released by Dr. VG. Santhosam, Chairman of VGP Group and the first



copies were received by MVM. Velmohan, Correspondent, Velammal Educational Trust, and Sudha Ramen, IFS, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission in the presence of several eminent personalities.

The event witnessed the participation of distinguished personalities including VGP Rajadas, Senior Director, VGP Group; Organic Scientist Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail; Dr. TV. Devarajan; Media Personality Ramesh Prabha; Industrialist's Prithvi Balan, Bhupesh Nagarajan;

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Music Director and Raindropss Goodwill Ambassador AR. Raihanah presided over the function in the esteemed presence of Raindropss Founder and Managing trustee Ara-

vind Jayabal and appreciated Raindropss for its sustained commitment to humanitarian service and its efforts to create meaningful social change.

One of the most memorable moments of the celebrations was a special ramp walk by beneficiaries of Raindropss' key initiatives. The beneficiaries took centre stage with confidence and pride, transforming the ramp into a powerful celebration of dignity, inclusion, resilience and empowerment. Their participation reflected Raindropss' belief that

every individual deserves an opportunity to be seen, celebrated and given a platform to shine.

Free Home for Senior Citizens

Marking the beginning of its next chapter, Raindropss Charity Foundation also announced its upcoming flagship initiative, "Raindropss Anbagam" – a free home for senior citizens in Chennai. Raindropss Anbagam is envisioned as a safe, dignified and compassionate home and day-care space for senior citizens, particularly

those who are vulnerable, neglected, destitute or in need of care and companionship.

Mr Aravind Jayabal is the Founder and Managing Trustee of Raindrops Charity Foundation and recipient of Chief Minister's State Youth Award - 2021.



Harini Ranjith R of Velammal Vidyalaya – Ayanavaram claimed a gold in judo at the YMCA Buck Memorial Sports Festival.

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Velammal Vidyalaya Annexure celebrated its 6th Annual Sports Meet – Vincere '26 on Aug 14. The event was graced by Mr. Suresh Babu R., Coach, Indian Railways Hockey Team, and Master Harsh Suresh, IM and Bronze Medalist at the World School Chess Championship – Under 18, as the guests of honour.



Dayasadan Agarwal Vidyalyaya celebrated the 80th Independence Day on Aug 15. Major S. Selvarani (Retd.), Indian Army, was the Chief Guest. (Below) The school's Bharat Scouts; Guides students presented a cultural performance at the Bharat Scouts; Guides State Headquarters in the presence of Mr. Rajmohan, TN Minister for School Education.



Pragg loses Sinquefield Cup by tie-break

By R Srinivasa Raghavan

WESLEY SO won the 2026 Sinquefield Cup by tie-break in St Louis, USA. It was So's second straight victory and third overall victory. It was a fantastic victory. So, Pragg. Fabiano Caruana and Vincent Keymer qualified for the Grand Chess Tour Finals.

There was a two-way tie for top spot between So and Pragg (5.5 out of 9) which resulted in a play-off for the title. The two rapid games ended in a tie. One game shootout to decide the Sinquefield Cup title. Pragg got the initiative but missed the winning move to hand over the advantage to So, who converted the victory.

"I just picked White and tried to flag him... and he almost got flagged," said Pragganandhaa. More than the time pressure, however, Pragg

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was winning on the board. But he explained that, without the increment, it was hard to tell where he needed to pause and think; he remarked that if he'd stopped for two or three seconds, he would have found one of the wins. There were several.

"You can't win all tournaments, not this year!" So told Pragganandhaa right after the game. But the Indian GM, who can still win another \$200,000 in the GCT Finals, took the loss in his stride. "It's always a little disappointing when you're so close and miss it, but I think overall it's great that I managed to make it to the Finals."

Tan Zhongyi Supreme

Tan Zhongyi was simply unstoppable on her way to win-

ning the Cairns Cup. She won with 6.5 points having five wins, three draws and one loss. "Winning the Cairns Cup for the second time is very special to me, and I'm proud to be the only player to have achieved that," said GM Tan Zhongyi. "I believe success is about more than what happens over the board. Having a supportive network of friends and a strong team around me makes a big difference. I'm especially grateful to my second, GM Jeffery Xiong, who I spent time with in Dallas preparing for this tournament. I was also able to fully adjust to the time zone in advance, which I felt was very beneficial to my performance. I'm very happy to have won the tournament and grateful to everyone who supported me along the way."

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



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MGM conducts community health and cancer awareness

REINFORCING its commitment to taking preventive health-care and cancer awareness closer to communities, MGM Cancer Institute, in association with Urbantree Fantastic Apartments, Vanagaram, successfully conducted a Community Health & Cancer Awareness Camp on Aug 16 at the apartment premises.

The community-focused initiative brought together residents for a day centred around health, wellness and cancer awareness. The programme featured engaging activities including a fitness session and mehendi activity, followed by an informative health talk by experts from MGM Cancer Institute.

The health awareness session focused on the importance of early cancer detec-



tion, regular health check-ups and healthy lifestyle choices. Residents also had the opportunity to learn about cancer risk factors, the importance of timely screening and simple steps that can support better overall health.

The camp was designed to encourage individuals and families to be more proactive about their health and recognise that

early attention to changes in the body and regular screening can play an important role in detecting health concerns at an early stage.

Through initiatives such as this, MGM Cancer Institute continues to engage with communities and promote a culture of prevention, awareness and timely healthcare.

MGM Cancer Institute is a comprehensive cancer care centre offering advanced diagnosis, treatment and supportive care under one roof. With a multidisciplinary team of specialists and state-of-the-art technology, the institute is committed to delivering personalised, evidence-based cancer care while driving cancer awareness, prevention and early detection initiatives across communities.

MTC's apprenticeship training camp

THE Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) has invited eligible ITI-qualified candidates from Tamil Nadu to apply for 1-year ITI apprenticeship training for the year 2026-2027, with a monthly stipend of Rs 14,000, MTC Managing Director Thiru T Mohan said.

A special recruitment camp for the apprenticeship training will be held at the MTC Industrial Training School, Chromepet, on September 2 at 10.00 am. Eligible candidates can attend the camp and submit their applications. Candidates who have completed ITI courses in mechanical motor vehicle, diesel mechanic, auto electrician, electrician, fitter, welder, painter and turner trades are eligible to apply. Eligible candidates are requested to participate in the special camp.



Velammal Vidyalaya, Mogappair West, celebrated its 35th Annual Sports Day, INFINITO 2026, on Aug 15. The event was graced by Mr. M. Raja, FIH Level 1 Hockey Coach, and Mr. M. Nandakumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, CID, Chennai, as the guests of honour.



VKids West celebrated Independence Day with great joy and patriotism. Students delivered short speeches about the importance of the Day.



Velammal Vidyalaya Annexure organised an effective parenting programme for KG parents at the Velammal Hall. Renowned speaker Erode Mahesh graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Residents welcome ban on manja thread, kite flying

By N Rathi Chithra

RESIDENTS of Nolambur and Ambattur have welcomed the Greater Chennai Police advisory prohibiting the use, sale, manufacture, storage, import and trade of manja thread for kite flying, saying the move will help prevent injuries to motorists and pedestrians.

The police order is in force across the Greater Chennai Police limits from August 18 to October 16, 2026. The prohibition covers manja thread used for kite flying as well as its sale, manufacture, storage, import and trade.

The advisory has received particular attention in Nolambur and Ambattur, where several open grounds continue to be used by youngsters for kite flying. Residents said kites are frequently flown in these areas, with some users resorting to manja thread, which is often coated with glass powder to make it sharp.

The use of such strings has raised safety concerns, particularly for two-wheeler riders. A kite string stretched across a road can be difficult for motorists to spot in time and can potentially cause serious injuries when it comes into contact with a rider.



Residents said the problem becomes more concerning when kite-flying activity takes place close to roads and residential areas. They welcomed the police intervention, while urging enforcement agencies to ensure that the ban is effectively implemented in open spaces where kite flying is common.

"The ban is a welcome step because these sharp strings can pose a serious danger to motorists, especially those travelling on two-wheelers," a resident said. The Greater Chennai Police advisory also prohibits the use of drones, remote-controlled micro-light aircraft and paragliders within its jurisdiction during the period specified in the order. The restric-

tions have been imposed in the interest of public safety.

Residents of Nolambur and Ambattur said awareness among youngsters and parents would also be important to ensure compliance. They pointed out that open grounds in the two neighbourhoods provide convenient spaces for kite flying, making regular monitoring necessary.

The police action comes at a time when residents are increasingly concerned about road safety and avoidable hazards. While kite flying remains a recreational activity, the use of sharp manja strings can turn it into a public safety issue when the strings cross roads or come into contact with unsuspecting

road users.

Residents have therefore called for the restrictions to be enforced consistently throughout the period of the order and for those using open grounds for kite flying to be made aware of the dangers posed by manja thread.

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