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**R. Suresh Babu**, son of L. Ramanathan and Meera Ramanathan and husband of Padmalakshmi Suresh (director of Padmalaya School of Bharatanatyam) passed away on May 3.

He was born on 14th April, 1968. He was a talented cricketer who played in the 2nd division in the TNCA league: he was a top order batsman who bowled medium pace and was acknowledged as an acrobatic fielder in his times. He graduated from MCC and also represented the college cricket team in various prestigious tournaments.

He worked for Marico Industries and was later, a distributor for Gold Winner and Kellogg's. His last job was as Tamil Nadu head for Pickit company. He was also part of the organising committee of IPL games at Chepauk.

His family's address : GF4 Sri Lakshmi Apartments, Rangiah Garden Street, Sivaswami Salai, Mylapore. Phone no : 9094938105, 77088 04235

**Padala Sridhar** (72), a Mylapore resident, fondly known as Babuji, passed away on Saturday (May 1).



His wife, Nagamani (70) had passed away on Thursday (29 April). Sridhar, a fighter who fought many adversities in life and won, failed in a weeklong fight with Covid, his family said.



Family and friends said they were deeply grateful and indebted for his timely intervention and selfless support to them. He will be remembered for his generosity, quick wit and his infectious smile and warmth, they said.

He will be remembered fondly by his family and friends from Mylapore as well as from Chembur, Mumbai, they added.

Address: 17, Nadu Street, Mylapore. Contacts - Daughter Charumathi: 9962158514. Sister Ammani Kumar: 9444664612. Brother: 9444007637

**Brigadier M. R. Nagarajan** (ret'd) from the Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (EME) and an outstanding officer of the Indian Armed forces passed away recently.



After his mechanical engineering degree study from Bangalore, he was the only person to be selected from his batch in the former state of Mysore, into the first technical corps (EME) of independent India in 1947.

During his various assignments, he headed the Army base workshop in 1962 near Calcutta and his major efforts were in producing room-heating equipment for forward posts during the Chinese aggression.

In 1965 he was instrumental in setting up the first Inspectorate of Heavy Vehicles at the Avadi Tank Factory, Madras. In 1967, he was the head of Army Base Workshop at Kirkee and involved

in the production and overhaul of the famed Army patrol vehicles with turret-type recoil-less guns.

In 1971, as a Brigadier he headed the famed Army Technical College at Baroda and was the Commander of South Gujarat providing security cover during the Pakistani aggression to key Indian heavy industries such as petroleum, fertilisers, heavy water, nuclear, and other vital industries.

He retired in 1975 as Director - Technical, from Directorate General of Border Roads (DGBR) at New Delhi.

Post retirement, he served as chief executive of an overseas-based technical organisation for a few years. From 1982 onwards, he devoted his time to charitable and religious pursuits.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters, sons in law and daughters in law and a host of grandchildren and great great children.

In the last decade of his life, he resided with his eldest son Ravi and daughter-in-law Rajalakshmi at Abhiramapuram, Chennai. You can reach Ravi Nagarajan at 9841247938 or email him at ravinagarajan24@gmail.com.

Junior state basketball player from the 1970s, **S. Venkatramanan** fought many a tough game on the court and won but he failed in a weeklong fight with Covid at MIOT Hospital and passed away on Monday (May 3). He was 60.



He retired after almost a three-decades long career in Hindustan Lever (Unilever).

His basketball teammate

from the 1970s, K Sundar, now an international golf referee, played with him for many years and recalls the days at the basketball court on Venkatnarayana Road. "We played for the Junior Basketball Club and every evening would meet at the court on Venkatnarayana Road opposite Natesan Park. He swapped between forward and center pivot positions and was a tremendous team mate. While he called him Ramana, his pet name was Chetty."

Chitra Ravichandran, mother of India cricketer Ashwin, worked for over two decades with Venkatramanan at HUL. She recalls the association, "He came to HUL through the Ponds merger in 1991. After working in Sales for a few years, he moved out of his comfort zone and joined the HR department in 1997. We worked very closely for over 20 years in HR. He was a sweet person, pious and one with a helping tendency. Every morning, starting 4.30am, my husband, Venkat and I would go on an hour long walk along the Cathedral Road - R. K. Salai stretch.

He was such a disciplined person that even during the pandemic he would call us for the morning walk."

S. Vijayalakshmi is currently a Master Coach and President of International Coaching Federation, Chennai Chapter. She was the HR Head-South, HUL and his boss there for many years. She has fond memories of Venkatramanan "He reached out to me only recently with the good news of the birth of his grandchild and the suddenness of his passing away is shocking. He connected well with people and they could reach out to him easily."

Venkatramanan's elder brother S. Srinivasan, a top notch cricketer, played for Bombay and Tamil

Nadu in the Ranji trophy says that his brother was a kidney recipient from his mother, 18years ago. He recalls him as a 'picture perfect gentleman.' Venkatramanan was a resident of Subramaniam Street, off St. Marys Road.

Brother Srinivasan can be reached on 98400 56657

- Written by S. Prabhu

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### GCC-run Vaccine Centres.

The jab is offered from 9 a.m. onwards at Health Centres of Greater Chennai Corporation. Carry a valid identity card like voter card or Aadhar Card. Prior registration is not required. The vaccine is given free of cost.

### This is the list of local area UPHCs:

**Dvn 122:** Teynampet UPHC, 40, K.B. Dasan Road, Teynampet ( this is the road where JBAS / SIET College is located; midway, the clinic is set opp. the Govt. Library).

**Dvn 123:** Beemanampet UPHC, Multi-speciality clinic, 29, C.P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet. ( a few metres from the flyover, near Winners Bakery).

**Dvn 125:** San Thome UPHC, 14A, Appu Street 2nd Lane, Mylapore (Located behind the petrol bunk opp. Dooming Street, set in a lane that leads off from the High Road)

**Dvn 126:** R.A. Puram UPHC, 17, R.K. Nagar 2nd Main Road, R. A. Puram (Take the street adjoining the Spencer store on Venkatakrisna Road)

GCC managed clinic in a block of Ashraya Andhra Mahila Sabha, San Thome. Set inside a large campus; the gate is set opp. St. Raphael's Girls School).

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**S. Rajeswari**, wife of late V. V. Sivaram-akrishnan Iyer passed away on May 10 at her residence 16/43, Bhakthavatsalam Salai, Mylapore



She was born 23.12.1926.

Her family said she was a Sanskrit scholar "whose thirst to learn continued all through her life of 95 years."

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons and a daughter.  
Contact V. S. Srinivasan - 9841050809

**V. Varadan** born on 21.01.1926 at Kancheepuram passed away on May 6 at his residence in Mandaveli at the age of 95. He was a very senior citizen in the neighbourhood



He studied up to Matric and then migrated to Chennai and got married to V. Ranganayaki in June 1946. He joined the state government service in the PWD and retired at the age of 58.

The couple had 7 children, all married and settled. His family said he was a visionary. In 1956, he bought a housing plot in West Circular Road, Mandaveli, through City Improvement Trust, which was beyond his capacity. He built a small dwelling and later constructed a single storey bungalow in 1958. He added the second storey in the early seventies.

In 1995, by way of a joint venture

San Thome resident **Joyce Esther Fredericks**, 79 passed away on April 30.



The funeral service was held at Our Lady of Guidance Church, R. A. Puram and the burial at the GCC cemetery in Mandaveli.

Joyce spent her early years in Vizag where, in school she was friends with the person who later married her, Fredericks. She was a teacher.

The duo moved to Madras in 1975, settling down in San Thome after Fredericks' employer Beardsell moved him here as the base for his work that took him across India.

In San Thome, at their house opposite St. Bede's school, Joyce chose to be a home-maker, to take care of their four children – two girls and two boys. Her husband says Joyce loved cooking and baking – pickles, pastries, snacks. "She would cook for the family and then offer the rest to friends," he said.

In her last days, Joyce underwent compounding medical problems. "She led a full happy life," her husband said. "She took care of our grand-children and great grand-kids."

The couple resided on Dooming Street and now, Frederick will shift to Bengaluru in June.  
Contact – 8925130790.

arrangement, he developed an apartment block, where six of the family members are living now.

After his retirement in 1983, he attached himself to Bhagavath Kankaryams. and took part in honorary service at Sri Adikesava Perumal Koil, Mylapore, popularly known as "Andheri Swamy" ( his native place being Ananderi village, near Uththukottai ); he was in service here till the age of 90.

When his health condition stood in his way of walking to the temple which is hardly 750 metres from home, he used to travel by auto, participating in the important utsavams of Alwars and Ramanujar at Kancheepuram and Sriperumbudur.

He was a scholar in Tamil and English and mastered the Divya Prabhandam.

He was associated with drama activities when he was young, writing scripts and acting, and travelled a lot for this purpose. He was associated with some veterans like Devan, Major Sundararajan, S. V. Venkatraman and S R Veeraraghavan.

Being a voracious reader he had a good collection of books, buying them from pavement hawkers in Moore Market and in Triplicane.

He was a very good astrologer too, but non-commercial.

In February 2020, his wife passed away after 74 years of wedded life. His health was affected thereafter.

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Mylapore-based NGO, Viswajayam Foundation celebrated International Nurses Day by distributing a special lunch to all the nursing staff at Govt Royapettah Hospital and at the Institute of Child Health, Egmore.

"This was our small humble way of saying thanks to the nursing sisters and brothers for their great service, particularly during this pandemic risking their lives," said Sekar Viswanathan of this NGO. The menu had pongal, masal vadai, chappathi and kurma, vegetable briyani. butter milk and banana.

## Team of P. S. Senior students leverage tech to address pandemic issues

By Our Staff Reporter

With Board exams postponed in light of the second wave of the pandemic, a group of 10 students decided to channel the extra time on their hands into creating a team to address the current condition.



that will maintain its relevance over a longer period of time, For instance, guidelines on Tamil Nadu lockdown, mental health resources in India, etc.

However, the key service offered by the team is its personal aid service, which seeks to converse with individuals and address their need for resources.

The workload was lighter as the team started out, but as the page started gaining more recognition, it began to demand more time and effort. This was managed through a division of duties.

The team says originally, account reach was extended through friends and acquaintances, while the Linktree page was circulated in Whatsapp groups.

As resources got scarcer day by day, more time had to be spent aiding people in emergency situations by calling up hospitals all over the city. Most of the time, calls were left unattended or the phone numbers weren't functioning.

Despite these difficulties, the team says its members operate tirelessly to help people.

With this Team's help, emergency patients have got admitted in hospitals around Chennai, (like SIMS hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, etc).

Contact – Email ID: covid19infohub@gmail.com

The team consists of 10 students from P. S. Senior Sec School, Mylapore. The team is Abhiram, Adithi, Akilesh, Akshya, Aryan, Bhuvana, Darshana, Gayathri, M, Kavita and Sidaarth.

A member of the team came up with the idea to create a platform that would contain centralised information on Covid resources.

This information hub operates exclusively on Instagram through its handle @cov-19infohubindia, where users can reach out to them by messaging their account directly.

The team operating the account offers 5 major services – their Linktree, stories, posts, reels and personal aid services.

The Linktree is a web portal which has access to various links that redirect you to websites providing details pertaining to Cowin alerts, food services etc. The story feature on Instagram enables them to give out live updates on availability of beds, oxygen concentrators, cylinders and leads on home ICU set-ups.

Posts and reels are used to carry content

## Man with a big heart

Charity begets charity.

This group of residents of the city which has engaged the services of a veteran Mylapore caterer to cook and supply meals to families affected by the virus had a huge surprise on Sunday.

A senior citizen who resides off Bazaar Road asked one of the group members to come by – no, he did not want a meal.

Meet me, he said.

One of them did.

The man handed over Rs.10,0001, saying this was his donation for the service the group was offering seniors and the virus-affected.

The service is taking off slowly, the caterer now has people to deliver – breakfast and lunch only. Free. IT professional Vasanth Swaminathan says that his group is humbled by the donation.

Contact Vasanth – 9566146768 / Prasanna – 9500167977 to order meals.

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## Two churches get new parish priests

This is the time for transfers of priests manning parishes in the Madras-Mylapore diocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

So there have been some good-byes and welcomes this past week, though on a low-profile due to the pandemic conditions.

Fr. G. J. Anthonyswamy and his assistant priests at San Thome Cathedral said a thanksgiving Mass here on Saturday; this priest has been posted at Our Lady of Light Church, Luz.

Fr. Arulraj takes charge as parish priest at the Cathedral.

Fr. Peter Thumma who was in Luz has moved to Golden George Nagar.

There are no changes in the parish priests at R. A. Puram and in Abiramapuram churches.

## CREATIVE WORKS OF YOUNG MYLAPOREANS

These are the contributions posted online at the MYLAPORE TIMES SUMMER MAGAZINE - by school students. (you can read them at <http://www.mylaporetimes.com/childrens-mag/>)

- Plastic Flower by Vishal DBS.
- Mandala Art by Swetha Jayakumar
- Hope /Story by Vibha Krishnakumar
- Crossword - by Vedant Vinod
- Quarantine / poem by R. Priyamvatha
- Best Friend / poem by Eesha M. Sambasivan
- Ever-changing Canvas / poem by Varsha Karthik
- Kolam / Drawing by Hiranmayi
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- Copycat / poem by Vidyuth Ashok
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- The grumbling football / poem - by M. Manasa
- Health & Hygiene / poem by Arvind Saravanan
- Variety of Art - by Aradhana Padmanabhan
- Mayil / Drawing by Anagha Dilip.
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## VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Seetha had messaged around 3 a.m. IST.

She wants to know how she can arrange two things for her aged parents who are in Mandaveli and have a mild virus infection. A sanitising spray and a daily English newspaper.

We replied after 7.30 a.m. IST. Since March 2020, *Mylapore Times* has addressed a few thousand queries, online and off. We continue to do that.

Off the cuff, I suggested to Seetha that all her Dad could ask a neighbour to hail a newspaper circulation boy the next morning who could pass on a local agent's contact.

Minutes later, recalling the free social service two youths were offering, I shared their contacts.

Seetha has been, for three weeks now, 'managing' her parents from her base in Singapore. And there must be dozens others who 'manage' seniors from Nagpur and Kolkata, from Boston and Sydney. They are also falling back on local threads of help to make life a bit easy for elders.

In the past fortnight, lots of NGOs, social bodies and community groups have got down to reaching out. Providing info on ICU beds, purchase of O2 generators, food and essentials . . . Communities are also joining hands to counsel and to converse to lift the gloomy greys hovering around us. But there are gaps in core areas of service.

Recently, we at the newspaper realised that there was no reliable information of the availability of vaccines at five GCC-run centres/clinics. Which meant people massed up at the gates at 8 a.m., got tokens and got the jab or were asked to come on another day.

So we got one of our staff to hop from one clinic to another, pick up the vaccine dose count and posted it on our Facebook page. Because medical and nursing staff recognise us and our work, they have been forthcoming and hundreds of people have benefitted from our daily jab on the news front.

But we have not got a call from anyone, offering to take over our sweaty morning work and ease the critical info flow. We are 2 1/2 people at work and we too need a break.

In all this social enterprise in crisis time, I see how weak we are in a local-area focussed, all-weather, critical care and support system. We witness a bunch of state agencies, individuals, NGOs, community groups that pop up and do great work. But much is missing.

This system must not be created only for tsunamis and pandemics. It is at the core of life in our zones and neighbourhoods.

We just received a mail from a senior living off the OMR. 'I keep a tab on your daily FB posts on the vaccine stock. Can you help me get a jab in your area if I come there?'

 Vincentsjotting

## LETTERS FROM READERS

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### Discourage groups gathering at temple gates

Refer photos posted on the *Mylapore Times* social media page on prodosham evening at Sri Kapali Temple.

What is State Govt. doing? This is a serious issue. It is a matter related to the lives of people who had gathered there. I now request the present govt. (known for its quick and sound decisions) to take urgent steps to avoid anything that will lead to the spread of Covid-19.

It is not only to do with Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, but it equally matters at other places where a large number of people gather.

- Manian, USA

### Congrats Mylapore MLA

Congratulations and welcome to our new Mylapore constituency MLA. We are very eager to know his contact email ID and phone number/s so that we can easily contact him.

Many local problems faced by our people can be addressed over an email.

- N. Ramamurthy

### Useful Info on Vaccine Availability

Your daily posts on vaccine status in all local GCC-run clinics is very helpful to residents. Can you please see if you can include K. B. Dasan UPHC status also in your list?

- Sridevi

### 'Old Boy' of Vivekananda College wants help

I studied B Com in Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College and was in the 1975 - 1979 batch.

Venkatasubramniam and Ganesh were Principal and VP respectively. I would like to get a copy of the group photo of this batch taken in the rear of the college and of the group meeting held along with the swamijis at Woodlands Hotel.

- S. Vijay / srinivasanvijay1952@gmail.com

## MY STORY



### A Baby at Corona Time

By SUBHA DILIP

Somewhere in the beginning of last year, the word "Corona" had just started to make its rounds in India.

I was in my second trimester. With the nausea and tiredness reduced, I was greatly hoping to venture out, meet people and eat at all my favourite food outlets. Then came the news of corona, and though it was not a lockdown, I decided to stay safe and eat self-made, home food.

There is a saying "When you wish something from the bottom of your heart, Nature

paves the way for you to experience it."

A day after my self lockdown, my doorbell rang. I went to attend and there she was!! My neighbor aunty with her home-made gift hamper. It had mangaithokku, pulikaachal, a stationery kit for my daughter, and

home-made fried snacks (murukku, seedai and so on). The joy I experienced knew no bounds.

The best part was that it just did not stop with that aunty. I live in a community of 64 flats off Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, mostly of residents who know each other for decades. Though I have been living here only for the past three years, my neighbours made snacks for me every now and then. The love and care increased the taste of the already delicious food. From koozh, omapodi to elaivadaam, I

had all types of snacks served with utmost care and unselfish concern.

I remember the day I was going for a short walk downstairs: one of the residents saw me and hurried inside her house. She came running with what looked like a newspaper ball. Well, it was uppuseedai and vellaseedai wrapped in the newspaper. Who shall do all this but for love?

With God's grace, my supportive family and good people around, I delivered a baby boy (Shrikrishna) in July 2020. I couldn't name my child with all the names of my great neighbours but at least I thought of writing about their deeds - to show my gratitude.

● Subha worked for Ernst & Young and then decided to become a home-maker on a career break; with an elder daughter, Anagha (6 years old), son Shrikrishna (9 months old) and husband Dilip.

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Many top artistes were featured at Panguni utsavam of Sri Kapali Temple

By S. Prabhu  
Photos: Madhan Kumar, S. Prabhu

54-year-old Nagaswara vidwan Sembanar Koil SGRS Mohan Dass came as a young boy to the Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple in 1979 to perform on the arubathumooavar day of the Panguni utsavam.

In those years, his father SRG Sambandam had

## STAGE FOR NAGASWARAM

performed on all 10 days of the festival at this temple. Almost three decades later, Mohan Dass was appointed as the 'Asthana Vidwan' of the temple and has been here for the last 14 years. Before taking up the post at Sri Kapali temple, Mohan Dass performed at the historical Mayuranathar temple in Mayiladuthurai for 25 years, the one Saivite saint poets have praised.

In an effort to provide opportunity and promote Nagaswaram vidwans, the temple has been historically signing up artistes who are not at the temple - they perform during the

evening processions. In the last decade or so, Mohan Dass has been bestowed with the responsibility to organise Nagaswaram and Tavail artistes for the evening processions at the utsavam.

### Opening opportunities

Mohan Dass said that this year he organised five troupes from outside Chennai - from Kottur, near Tiruvarur, Irumbuthalai, near Thanjavur, Thirumai Gnyanam near Poonthottam, Thirumaalam near Peralam and the renowned vidwans of the Kalyanapuram Perumal Koil, near Thiruvai-

yaru to perform on five evenings.

"On the other five evenings, I roped in troupes from the city to perform at the street processions. In addition, I brought in a special troupe to perform at the Adhikara Nandhi procession on Sunday.

While the remuneration is not very high when compared to their performances for private functions, they see it as a blessing to perform in front of Kapaleeswarar and Karpagambal."

### Long performances

The evening troupes typically comprising a couple of Nagaswaram vidwans, two Tavail, a Taalam person and one for the shruthi box perform for around two hours prior to the procession on the make-shift stage inside the temple and then for about 2-3 hours during the street procession.

On all the mornings of the utsavam, the traditional troupe of Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, headed by him, presented Nadaswaram and Tavail performances.

On the Rishaba Vahanam night, as on a couple of earlier evenings, the pancha vadyam



Vidwan Sembanar Koil SGRS Mohan Dass

troupe performed close to the nadaswaram troupe.

The loudness of the drumbeat drowned the nadaswaram presentation. Asthana vidwan Mohan Dass was seen pleading with the pancha vadyam artistes to move forward so as to maintain a reasonable distance but to no avail!

For rasikas of traditional music, the concerts were a big treat. Real, live music this.



## DONATE HERE

A government-registered not-for-profit trust, Samarpana, based at Abiramapuram, is raising funds to help ease the bottlenecks in oxygen supply.

It is doing this with the help of the Dean and doctors of Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital, Stanley Medical College and Thiruvallur Medical College and KMC.

Samarpana has been promoting #helpchennai breathe for this fundraiser.

"We have identified vendors and estimated a cost of Rs.3 crores to procure these materials.

We have been able to collect Rs. 25 lakhs in a matter of 3 days," says Gayathri

Suryanarayanan, founder, Samarpana.

She says she intends to source 420 oxygen cylinders with regulators and trolleys, 240 oxygen concentrators and 500 oxygen masks, NRBM masks and nasal prongs.

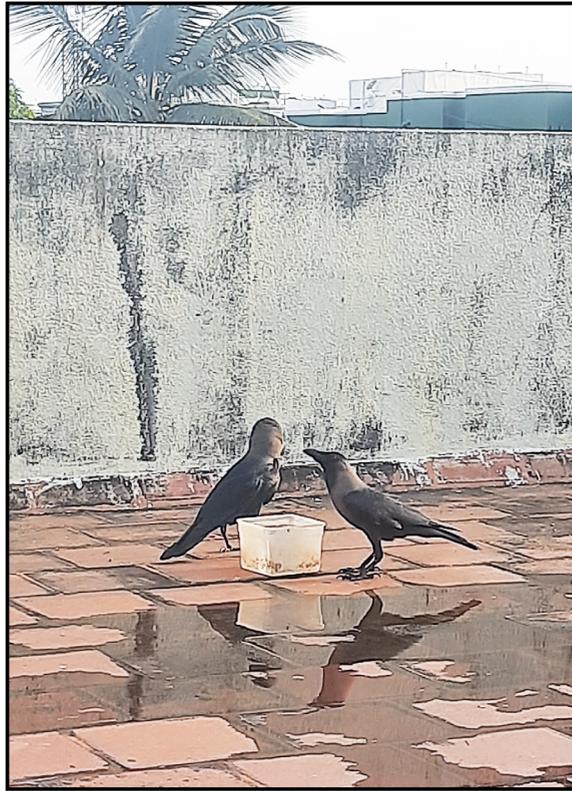
Gayathri is a classical dancer as well as a digital marketing professional.

Weblink to the fundraiser: [tinyurl.com/help-chennai-breathe](https://tinyurl.com/help-chennai-breathe)

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Photo: Aarthi Satish



Aarthi Satish, a student of DAV and a resident of Lalitha Nagar shot this photo on a summer's evening this week.

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## New Covid care hospital to open this weekend in heart of Mylapore

A new Covid care hospital is to open this weekend in Mylapore.

It promises to treat Covid-sick and offers 25 beds and all medical facilities, one learns even as the final stage of work is now on at the address – next to the Vetri Vilas restaurant at the junction of South Mada Street and R. K. Mutt Road.

It is said a private hospital group based in Tambaram is promoting this project and is due to open on Friday.

It isn't clear now what the nature of the parking facility will be considering the sensitiveness of the service and the demand one expects.

## This temple priest needs support

By S. Prabhu

Sri Venkatesa Perumal temple is on Mari Chetty Street. While the first half of the utsavam had seen street processions, the restrictions that came into effect on April 10 meant that the second half had to be held inside the temple.

But the closure of the temple for devotees has been a big setback for 51-year old Vasudeva Bhattar. Over the last three weeks, he says it has been a rather lonely life for this sole archaka at this temple

Hailing from Kaattumannar Koil, the historical birthplace of Vaishnavite saint Natha Muni, he has been performing archaka service at this temple for the last two decades. While there is a small fixed salary component, he is largely dependent on 'Thattu Kaasu' from devotees for his financial survival.

In the last 20 days, he has been all alone at the temple for three hours in the morning and three hours in the evening performing Thiru Aaradhanam for Venkatesa Perumal. He also doubles up as the cook in the Madapalli and presents Thaligai to the Lord every day.

He may not say so openly but he will be happy to receive donations from residents of this area.

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## At GCC-run clinics now, small queues

There are only small numbers of people queuing up to take the jab at GCC-run clinics after this lock-down set in. Two clinics have had stocks of Covaxin and Covishield this past week ( at Alwarpet and Appu St.).

*Photo here is of the scene at Alwarpet clinic.*

## MLA and team now prepared to help seniors



Mylapore MLA Dha Velu says he and his team can help seniors and those who have isolated in the area with arranging dry food, vegetables and home needs.

He will also arrange for anybody 80-years plus to get the state-ordered Covid care aid that will be given at ration shops. They will need to provide certain documents for the same.

WhatsApp your info to 9677243222. Mention name, address, contact phone number and your need.

## Can you help provide water for street dogs? Vijayalakshmi wants your help

By Our Staff Reporter

Mandaveli resident Vijayalakshmi Sivakumar has been a bit jumpy the past few days – personal issues have prevented her from going about her daily routine of providing water and biscuits to street dogs in her zone.

She had extended her service beyond her home circle to as far as Greenways Road



MRTS station because the animals look for water as summer days become severe.

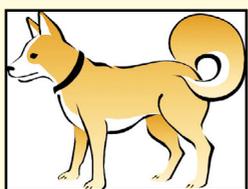
This resident is asking residents of the areas where she feeds dogs and has kept water bowls to hop across after 5.30 pm and refill the bowls and drop some biscuits if dogs are seen around.

Here is a list of spots where you can refill water and drop biscuits.

Saibaba Temple cycle / bike parking area, parking area of Thiru Mylai MRTS station, R. A. Puram 2nd Main Road - near auto stand, Greenways Road MRTS station entry zone, Mandaveli MRTS station entry zone, She requests people residing in each of these areas to refill water in the bowls since that is the priority. Ping her on her Facebook page if you need guidance

- If you or your colony provides water to birds / dogs please share your story – mail – mytimesedit@gmail.com or post a line here with contact phone.

### Thankless service



Not everybody appreciates the Good Samaritans who care for animals and birds.

CIT Colony's G. Narendra, classical dancer and teacher says that some people dumped the water bowls in the waste bins saying that the water in them would breed mosquitoes. "I have had to retrieve these bowls all the time," he says.

Vijayalakshmi says she found people dumped waste in the bowls and she had to educate them on their function.

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