



40 parks will be opened next week: Kovai corporation chief



'Industrial visit must for students to understand work place.'



'Indigenous healthcare equipment better than imported.'

Top honour predicted for MSS

DC CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI

Aug.7: A Bharat Rathna could come to Chennai next year with it being widely expected that eminent agricultural scientist Prof. M.S. Swaminathan will be honoured by the President with the country's top civilian award in 2011.

"Bharat Rathna is the only national award which has eluded Prof. Swaminathan. He has been honoured with the Padma Sri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan in the past," R.S. Paroda, president, Indian Academy of Agricultural Sciences said here on Saturday. "Now we are all looking forward to the day Prof. Swaminathan receives the Bharat Rathna from the President."

The observation by the former director-general of International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics was well received.

Techies learn from visits to aid juvenile offenders

PRAMILA KRISHNAN

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Aug.7: Several young IT pros from Chennai and Bengaluru head for Chengalpatu, about 45 km south of here, to visit a juvenile detention centre, not only to teach the inmates English and math but also to learn how the kids are able to shake off their criminal past to build a positive future with confidence.

The home is perhaps the oldest in Southeast Asia. Built by the British in 1887 to rehabilitate juvenile offenders, it now houses about 50 inmates aged 14-18. Several of their 'seniors', released as reformed young men, are gainfully employed across the country and even abroad. Shah Jahan is one of them. The child-thief has grown up to be a policeman in Dubai and even visited

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his alma mater to sponsor a borewell to provide clean drinking water for the inmates.

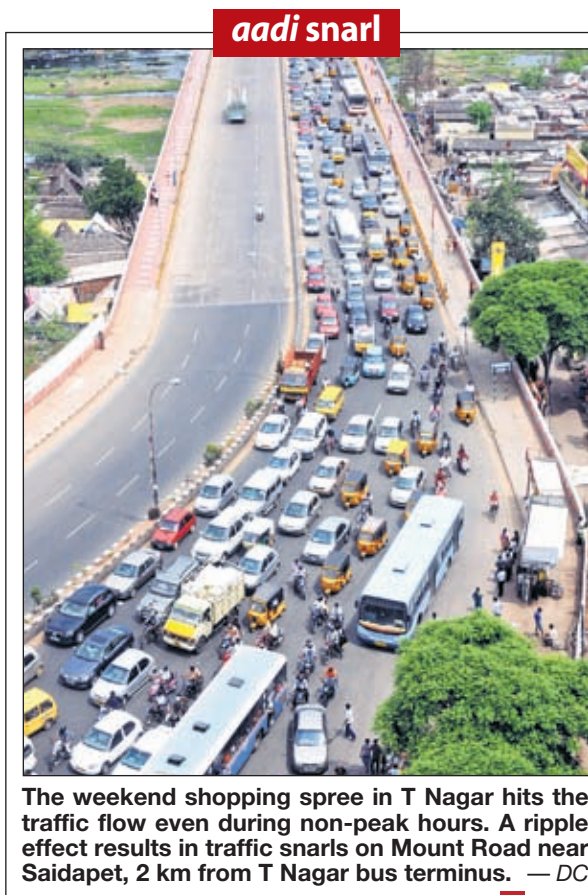
"We were awestruck when we heard about Shah Jahan, who is now well settled in Dubai and yet visits this place now and then. Many of us IT professionals graduated from Indian universities and trained by the companies here, fly off to the western countries and never turn back," said V.

Udhayakumar, an IT pro with IBM at Bengaluru, during a brief break from his interaction with a group of inmates at the home.

In the adjoining room, M. Karthikeyan of Chennai's Tidel Park was learning from 14-year-old Dinesh (name changed) how to set right a fault in his mobile phone.

"That boy is here after stealing over 2,000 mobile phones. But over the last three months, he has learnt how to repair phones and now is an expert. When we release him, he will set up a mobile repair shop," said home superintendent Thansekar Pandian.

Mr Pandian expressed happiness that IT professionals from Chennai and Bengaluru have become regular visitors and even set up useful facilities for the inmates, such as an e-learning centre.



aadi snarl

The weekend shopping spree in T Nagar hits the traffic flow even during non-peak hours. A ripple effect results in traffic snarls on Mount Road near Saidapet, 2 km from T Nagar bus terminus. — DC

Kids play with emergency no.

SHRI PRIYA GOPINATH

DC | CHENNAI

Aug.7: Children are toying with the 108 EMRI ambulance service, jamming the emergency hotline with baby babble and prank calls. Shockingly, parents of fussy kids often let their children dial the toll free number and talk to the operator to distract them while giving their food, representatives of the service say.

Take the recent case of a homemaker in the city, who put her toddler on the phone with the 108 operator while feeding lunch. "After 15 back-to-back calls from the same number in which we heard only jibberish, we called the number, and the mom confessed that she had seen posters of the number across the city, and had put her kid on the phone, as

there are no charges to call the number," says Ashwath Narayan, head of the call centre at EMRI, who says that the services receives at least 10-15 such calls a day.

"Apart from our regular awareness programmes in schools and colleges, we also call back the children who have misused the number and tell them how they were preventing actual emergency calls from going through," he explains.

However, the operators have also seen cases where children have saved adults in distress by reaching out for the phone and dialing 108. Earlier this week, a 10-year-old girl from Cuddalore rang the number when her mother complained of chest pain, and three months ago, a 12 year-old girl called in to report a case of domestic violence.

FERAL CITY

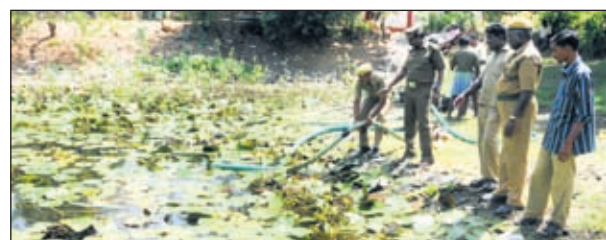
Croc hunt is wild goose chase

DC CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI

Aug.7: Residents of Sadanathapuram near Peerkangaranai have been living in mortal fear of crocodiles since the reptiles mysteriously appeared in the area three years ago, entering houses on occasion and even taking the odd chomp on people's legs.

On public request that the crocodiles be caught from their haunts in the locality, forest department personnel



Forest department personnel drain the abandoned Sadanathapuram pond on Saturday. — DC

on Saturday drained water from an abandoned pond. After six hours, when the foresters returned empty-

handed, wildlife personnel used fishing nets to trawl a lake nearby, but there was no sign of crocodiles there

either.

Seven crocodiles, from 1 foot to 4 feet in length, have been fished out from the water bodies in the past three years. Forest range officer David Raj, who led Saturday's operation, said all seven rescued crocodiles could have been hatchlings from Vandalur zoo nearby, caught and dropped by birds of prey.

"A deluge could also have washed the hatchlings to the fresh water bodies here," the ranger added.

All well at child centre, says TN

DC CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI

Aug.7: The state health department on Saturday clarified that there is no problem with the equipment at the cardiology department at the Institute of Child Health at Egmore, and that the government had performed 15 open-heart surgeries in June and July.

Deccan Chronicle had in a report on Saturday pointed out that more than 20 patients were waiting for open heart surgeries at the institute for a month and that their surgeries had been

put on hold because the oxygenator, a crucial part of the heart-lung machine, had not been replaced.

Health secretary V.K. Subburaj claimed that the patients are being screened for various tests, which is why they were not operated, and that there was no shortage of funds to ensure that equipment at the hospital is up to the mark. Even though the CM's health insurance scheme had given them opportunity to get their children operated at private hospitals, parents preferred the ICH because of the services rendered there, he said.

Casual labourer falls to death

Chennai: A construction worker, Ezhumalai, 27, died when he fell from a building in Mogappair West on Friday.

The police said Ezhumalai was trying to fit some tiles at a construction site when the platform gave way and he fell to the ground. He died in hospital.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who makes me see everything and who shows me the way to reach my idea's. You who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask from you

Say above prayer for 3 days in difficult times. In return for favours granted, please spread devotion to the Holy Spirit by circulating this prayer.

Thank's Giving
KIM BURLE & FAMILY

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PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM SPREADING H₁N₁ Flu (Swine Flu)

DO'S

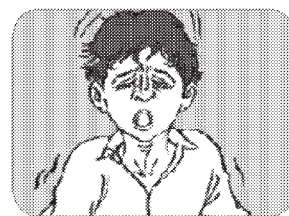
- Cover your mouth and nose while coughing and sneezing with a hankie or cloth.
- Wash your hands with soap frequently before and after touching your nose, eyes or mouth.
- Stay away from public places and visit a health screening centre or a doctor if you have flu symptoms. Stay at home till you have fully recovered as advised by the doctor.
- Look for the following early warning signs and visit a designated hospital immediately, if you have:
 - Constant high fever
 - Cough with traces of blood
 - Disoriented behaviour
 - Purple or blue colour change of lips and skin

DONT'S

- Shake hands, hug and kiss socially, or use other contact greetings.
- Take medicines without consulting the physician.
- Spit in public places.

Symptoms

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Difficulty in breathing



Contact:
Outbreak Monitoring Cell, or call National Centre for Disease Control at 011-23921401