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Enthralling Ms. Meena on stage

By Anisha Mahtani
Student Reporter

A play titled 'Ms Meena' was presented on June 3, 2011 at 7.30 pm at the Museum Theatre in Egmore.

The theatre group Perch staged the play. Rajiv

Krishnan, an acclaimed theatre actor and director had directed the play. The actors are professional and have acted in several plays throughout the country.

It's a story about a lady,

Asha who was thrown out of her house, because the one she loved was to get married to his boss's daughter the following



A Scene from the play - Photo: Anisha Mahtani

week. So she travelled to Madras in search of a new life and she ended becoming a famous movie star in the film industry. She was also given the title 'Ms Meena' by her adoring fans.

Twenty years later, she travels back to her village to stage her last film

which was based on the story of her life. She offers everyone in the village a small role in her movie, but asks for some-

thing dreadful in return. She wanted to take revenge on her lover- to see that justice is served- to kill him.

This story is basically a musical, but is also filled with drama and suspense, but not as much as it is filled with comedy.

The lead of this play, Karuna Amarnath, who acted as Ms Meena performed splendidly on that day. She has been acting since 2004 and has done about 10 plays with her

group. But, acting is not her profession; she is actually a freelance journalist!



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Chennai's streets shout 'NO PLASTICS'

By Prerna Subramanian
Student Reporter

At 7 in the morning, men and women are seen cleaning the roads of Abusali Street, Saligramam and collecting plastics. A glimpse of their effort is seen in the picture. A cartload of water bottles, soft-drink bottles and all of plastic.



Plastic bottles at a local shop - Photo: Prerna S

Small and big load like this finally land in the

old magazine & plastic shops. Look at this shop on Kaveri Street. It sells the old magazines at low prices or sends the plastics for recycling.

A man working in a Coffee day shop refuses to give a carry bag any more. When asked why, he says, "It is a harmful commodity, and we are trying not to use it anymore in our shops."

It was very proud to see people

bracing up for saving our environment.

One has to accept the fact that in this era, we can't stop using plastics at once. Plastic being a cheap resource can reach easily to the poor, so it is not an easy task to simply eradicate the issue.

When the world is celebrating Environment day what can we young people do to preserve it in the natural form?

Some sources that make you aware of the environmental issues:

1. International Chennai's Civic ExNoRa project:

Exnora International has a basic aim that community participation at all levels of functioning is essential to transform the city's

environment.

2. Tamil magazine "Paadam" :

This magazine focuses on all fundamental issues like Health for all, Public education, Environmental issues,

3. Manitham publications:

This online publication helps in promoting human rights and focuses on environmental issues.

Learning to wrap the gifts

By Sara Karthik
Student Reporter

As part of Crossword Bookstores' Children's Hour programme, a gift wrapping workshop was conducted on Sunday, the 29th of May, 2011.

The workshop was for one hour, from 5 to 6 pm. About eight children participated in the event. Any visitor to Crossword could also sign up on the spot.

Not just the wrapping technique, but the resource person Mr.

Arumugham also showed the children how to gift-wrap any average, large, small, and irregularly sized parcels in brightly coloured wrapping sheets.

The parcels were finished into a beautiful bow or gift tags that the children decorated themselves.

Want to take part in future events of Children hour? Get in touch with Crossword Bookstores at 47, TTK Road, Alwarpet. Phone: 42031705

Love animals and birds?

By Nandini P S
Student Reporter

Nothing is better than a cool sip of

water during these hot summers. But what about those poor street dogs and other animals and birds who don't have clean sources of water?

To overcome this is a project titled 'Water Bowl Project' has been initiated in Chennai. According to the organizers 'This is just an initiative for all the animal lovers in Chennai to help animals beat the scorching heat this summer'.

All you have to do is register your name with the official project website <http://www.waterbowlproject.tk/> and within a couple of weeks you will receive a cement water bowl. The bowls are made of cement so that they wouldn't get stolen.

You need to install your water bowl in a place which is accessible to as many animals as a possible and ensure each day that the bowl is cleaned out and clean water is filled.

Register soon and help our fellow animals.

MLA meets Choolaimedu citizens

By Sahanaa Lakshminarayanan
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The Choolaimedu Exnora innovator's club and the residents of Choolaimedu came together and appealed to B. Valarmathi, MLA of Thousand Lights constituency, to take immediate steps to address civic issues in their locality at an event held on May 28, 2011.

The meeting was held at 17th Main road, Zackria colony in Choolaimedu.

The MLA Ms. Valarmathi and Dr. A. Panneerselvam, president of Choolaimedu Exnora Club released a board promising to keep Choolaimedu green and clean.

The MLA said, "Anytime ,anywhere – call me and I will be there as it is my duty to serve the people of my constituency."

She also promised that she will look into the following problems faced by

the residents as soon as possible, among others

- problems in changing door numbers
- electricity supply and maintenance
- garbage collection

CSK Ku Whistle Podu

By Nikila Raman
Student Reporter

Chennai Super Kings crowned The Champions of IPL IV.

Defending champions of IPL Chennai Super Kings

emerged winners in the final of IPL-4 after they defeated Bangalore Royal Challengers by 38 runs on May 28, 2011 at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Saturday.

It all started when passionate cricket lovers flowed in the chepauk stadium at 5pm for a match which is to take place three hours later.

The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed tapping beats to songs

like San de Paul's temperature, Shakira's *waka waka*, and *evandi onna pethaan* and *ringa ringa* while waiting for the match to begin. The crowd was going crazy wearing CSK jersey and cap, holding posters, swaying CSK flags putting of CSK logo as tattoo on their faces what not did they do for cheering their home team.

The fans were roaring as CSK won the toss, Dhoni Vettori and their boys were busy practicing and attending pre match interviews. There was a huge scream as the match began by the words of the umpire saying let's play.

Murali Vijay and Mickel Hussey came up with a mind bogging innings for the first wicket partnership earning their team a 159 for no loss.

The openers filled in runs for their team by hitting shots all around the stadium which was felt like a cracker of a innings by the opposition.

After the fall of Hussey and Murali came in M.S. Dhoni followed by Albie Morkel and then Suresh Raina and Subramanian Badrinath who played a fair game and in the last ball Gayle was punished for a six by his teammate Dwayne Bravo by hitting a six of his first ball and bringing up 205 for the Chennai super kings and it was only the big man.

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