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## RENAMING OF

# CHENNAI ROADS

About 50 roads in Chennai city named after Britishers and other Europeans will be renamed soon. The Chennai Corporation has planned to rename the roads after Tamil scholars who have contributed to the language.

Some of the major roads identified for renaming include Greams Road, Eldams Road, Montieth Road, Pantheon Road, Sterling Road, Harrington Road and Madley Road.

A few street names like Adams Street and Erran Street are also in the list.



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With changing times, we all evolve.

So does YOCEE.

When big corporates are trying to go paperless to save trees and thereby the green earth, YOCEE too decided to take the small step of cutting down on papers.

While the website is buzzing through the week, our readers suggested that a sleek online edition of the updates on the

website in the form of a newspaper would be useful. Also, it would help the readers download the document and read it at their leisure.

So, here is the online newspaper. This will be published weekly and will be e-mailed as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to the subscribers on every Sunday.

This online version will have interactive features for the whole family!

The online newspaper will also be available on the website anytime for free download.

How do you like the new avatar of YOCEE's newspaper?

Do give us your feedback. Write to [yocee.in@gmail.com](mailto:yocee.in@gmail.com)

And if you like it, please recommend to your friends,

classmates and to all those you think would love to read news about our city!

We will meet again next week with lots of interesting features.

**Revathi**  
Editor  
[www.YOCee.in](http://www.YOCee.in)

The announcement about renaming of roads with colonial names came ahead of the World Tamil Conference hosted by the Tamil Nadu Government in Coimbatore from June 23 to 27.



The other well-known roads that are in the list of roads to be renamed include Anderson Road, Haddows Road, Ormes

Road, Halls Road, Landons Road, Jones Road, Burkit Road, Casa Major Road, Binny Road, Patullos Road, Whites Road, De Silva Road and New Boag Road.

Chennai Corporation has said that only roads that merely commemorate the foreigners would be renamed and roads like Ellis Road would not be renamed since the road is named after the person who had translated Thirukkural.

The corporation has been consulting historians and the residents of these streets on renaming. Historian opine that the roads named after foreigners who have contributed to the city and the society in various ways should remain and only those roads named after people who owned huge properties on the road or just named after the foreign officers without any history behind them should be renamed.



## Where are these roads?

Do you know in which area and Postal Code, these roads are located? Write them on the lines next to the name of the roads.

1. Harrington Road \_\_\_\_\_
2. Westcott Road \_\_\_\_\_
3. Blackers Road \_\_\_\_\_
4. Madley Road \_\_\_\_\_
5. Eldams Road \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pantheon Road \_\_\_\_\_
7. Taylors Road \_\_\_\_\_
8. Robertson Road \_\_\_\_\_
9. Murray Gate Road \_\_\_\_\_
10. Lawrence Road \_\_\_\_\_

Now turn to page no. 7 to check your answers.

If you have scored 7 or more, you know your city well.

If your score is 4 to 6, well, you know your neighbourhood fairly well.

If you have scored less than 3, you need to keep your eyes open while you travel across the city and be curious!

## TOY STORY 3

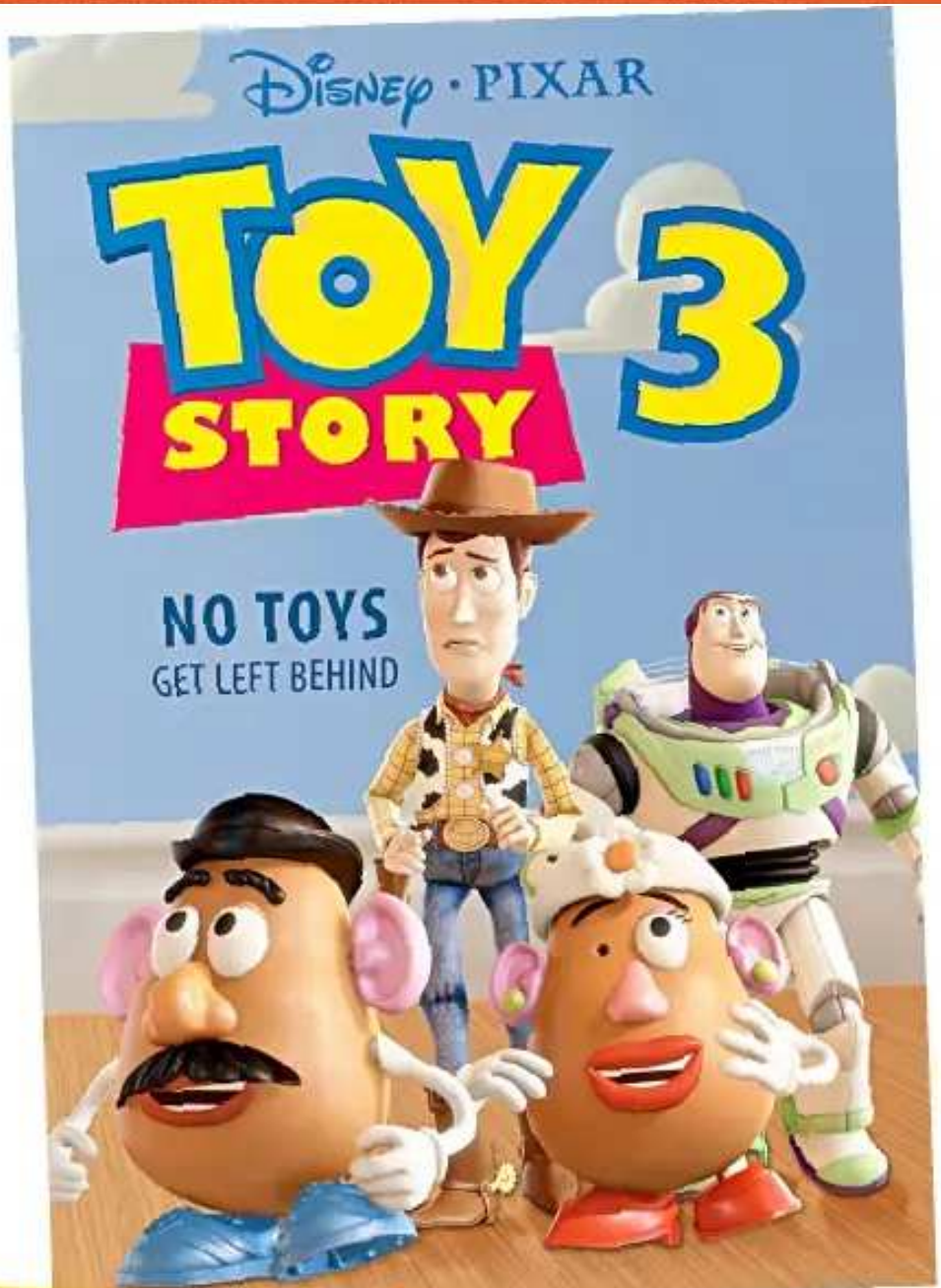
The creators of the popular 'Toy Story' films re-open the toy box and bring moviegoers back to the delightful world of Woody, Buzz and the favorite gang of toy characters in Toy Story 3.

Woody and Buzz had accepted that their owner Andy would grow up someday, but what happens when that day arrives?

In this third part, Andy is preparing to depart for college, leaving his loyal toys troubled about their uncertain future. Lee Unkrich who co-directed 'Toy Story 2' directs this highly anticipated film. Michael Arndt, the Academy Award-winning screenwriter of 'Little Miss Sunshine,' makes sure that we enjoy the movie through his unique talents and comedic sensibilities.

It is fun to watch the movie wearing those 3D glasses. Moviegoers say that it is made for kids of all ages.

Released on June 25 in Chennai, the movie runs in Satyam, PVR and INOX theatres.



## Donate your toy

To celebrate Disney-Pixar's Toy Story 3, Disney and leisure store chain Odyssey has come up with the special toy donation drive – 'Donate a Toy' at its stores.

Your toys will go to brighten the lives of less fortunate kids. Odyssey will donate the toys collected to NGO 'Toybank'.

For your nice gesture you too get something in return! The 'Give and Get' offer, gets you a discount of 10 percent on the purchase of a new toy at the store, upon donation of old toys.

You can do this till July 15.

## BOMMI

the Indian animated icon

distribution company acquiring the international distribution rights of this 3D animation series and its merchandise, the Indian Bommi will travel across the world.



Chennai based animation and visual studio Image Venture is all set to launch its animated television series, Bommi and Friends soon.

If you have watched My friend Ganesha and Chhota Bheem and the like, you will find the Bommi series very different. The producers have worked on a character of a girl-next-door and each of the series will have a story and moral for the young kids.

Bommi and Friends follows the adventures of a young girl Bommi, with her friends in the forest and is mainly targeted at preschoolers.

With Octapixx Worldwide, a Toronto based

# Grand parents in school

The Jain Vidyashram, Puzhal, Chennai, allows grandparents of its students to stay on the premises from this academic year.

The residential school run by the Jain community has classes from I to XII.

The grandparents will reside in a old-age home attached to the school. Children can live either with their grandparents or in hostel.

The Chairman of the school S.Sripal, former DGP, believes that this will deepen the bonding between grandparents and grandchildren, especially at a time when both dad and mom are working and can spare little time for their children.

The school has room for 50 grandparents on the campus with facilities such as lodging, boarding, medical help and space for religious activities as of now.

Jain Vidyashram is at 150, Othavadai Street Puzhal, Chennai - 600066. Phone: 2659 0111

# Football fever at Chennai's Brazil



While the world keenly watches the FIFA World Cup-2010, a small neighbourhood in Chennai celebrates it like a festival with sweets and fireworks.

Referred to as Chennai's Brazil, Vyasarpadi in north Chennai is decked up for their favourite game football.

The football fans painted their faces with images of popular football players, they even cut a cake designed in the shape of Jabulani (the official ball for FIFA World Cup 2010).

Slum Children Sports Talent and Education Development Society (SCSTEDS), which is supported by NGOs have organised a 40-inch LCD TV at the playground on the Chennai School premises in the neighbourhood to watch the games. Young and the old gather at the ground to watch the matches.

SCSTEDS is actively involved in liberating the slum children from social evils and directs them towards a productive path

through sports. SCSTEDS operates from 227, 'B' . Kalyanapuram, Vyasarpady, Chennai-600039.

Website: <http://www.scsteds.org>

# Giant Rangoli to celebrate Tamil



The students of Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mogappair created a giant Rangoli depicting the logo of World Classical Tamil Conference at their school campus.

Students from class 9 drew the giant canvas, spread over 3,600 sq ft. after learning the nuances from their drawing master Raju for a week.

The students drew the Rangoli in small blocks, with each of them given one particular job to complete. The Rangoli was done using salt, sand, and coloured powders.

# Contests for you

Good at mathematics? Then you should compete in the Mathematics Talent Contest conducted by the Association of mathematics Teachers of India.

Students from class 5 to 12 can participate in the contest divided into various levels.

The preliminary test is scheduled to be conducted on August 28, 2010. Last date to send in your entries is July 31, 2010.

For more details, contact The Association of Mathematics Teachers of India, B-19, Vijay Avenue, Old No 37, New No 85, Venkatarangam St., Triplicane. Phone: 2844 1523

Website: <http://www.amtionline.com/NMTC.html>

This one for those having interest in science. A web based science quiz run by Science City has come back. This online quiz will be available on their website: [www.sciencecitychennai.in](http://www.sciencecitychennai.in) and is open to children of 11 to 16 years of age.

A new quiz will be uploaded on the 1st of every month beginning July. The quiz is available in English and in Tamil. Register online and play the quiz. There are prizes for the winners.

Contact Science City at Periyar Science and Technology Centre, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai- 25. Phone: 2445 4054.

Website : [www.sciencecitychennai.in](http://www.sciencecitychennai.in)

## Painting exhibition by special children

Five special children Mehtab Allam, G Suvedha, B.Manasi, V. Lokesh, Karthikeyan and Dinesh have exhibited their paintings at Darshan Art Gallery, Tiruvanmiyur.

The exhibition is now on and will go on till mid July.

Supported by Freedom Trust founded by Rehabilitation Medicine specialist, Dr. Sunder, the gallery is now a permanent one. Each of these special artists trained by professional artist and art curator Rama Suresh will have solo shows after July.

The sale proceeds go completely to the children. All the expenses incurred by the children for the painting exhibition are met with by the Freedom trust.



The artists who have exhibited their paintings at the gallery along with Dr. R. Sunder and art teacher Rama Suresh.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

**WORDLY WISE**, Kilpauk is conducting various after school activities for kids of age 3 to 14 years.

English Language and Genral Knowledge enrichment, craft, drawing, dance, thetare, Bollywood dance classes, library and play time are among the many activities.

Sound Reading Programme from USA to improve reading and spelling skills also finds a place in the activities.

Wordly Wise is located at No.4, Landons road, Behind Ega theatre, Kilpauk. Contact 9884052220, 26413114 for details.

**GOETHE - INSTITUT / MAX MUELLER BHAVAN** is offering after school language learning programme for students of age 12 to 16 years.

The classes are conducted 2 days a week and are held between 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. The course begins on July 5.

For details and enrollment contact Goethe-Institut, No.4, Rutland Gate 5th Street, Nungambakkam. Phone: 2833 1314, 2833 2343.

**THE YELLOW BUS**, Besant Nagar is opening their after school activity hub Olio on July 1.

The activities include keyboard, vocal Carnatic music, dance, drawing and painting, outdoor and indoor games and weekend Chess classes.

## Tree Talk, Tree Walk

Nizhal, a non-profit organisation working for the conservation of trees organises tree walks in different areas in Chennai to bring about an awareness of its rich flora.

One such walk is planned in Ashok Nagar area on July 4. It will be conducted inside Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar. The walk would start at 6.45 a.m.

Besides learning to identify trees, walkers can learn unique and interesting facts about each tree, its nativity and uses, say the organisers.

Nizhal is also introducing a series of Tree Talks from July 2010. These talks by eminent, and experienced personalities will connect Chennaiites, highlight issues concerning trees, and encourage them to promote tree culture in their local residential areas. The first in the talk series will be held on July 3, at Science City (Birla Planetarium). Dr. Narasimhan (professor, Madras Christian College, Tambaram) will interact on "Trees - What they mean to you" from 4.30 p.m to 5.30 p.m

Prior registration is required for the events. Contact 98408-68411 (between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.) for more information and registration.

Website: <http://nizhaltn.org>



YOCee's student reporter Manasvini Mukund was at a Tree Walk held at Nageswara Rao Park, Mylapore. The photo you see is of the group that participated in the walk caught snapped in her camera during the event. Read Manasvini's report here - <http://www.yocce.in/show.php?table=city&id=124>

For details and registration contact The Yellow Bus, E-35/2, Second Avenue, Besant Nagar (Next to ICICI Bank). Phone: 4551 1819, 98845 49688.

**HANSEL & GRETTEL**, T. Nagar conducts Music 'n' Dancercise program that nurtures the development of the whole child in areas of physical, cognitive, social, emotional and language skills through fun music, dance and exercise. For kids of age 4 to 8 years from July 4.

There is also a scrapbooking and journaling workshop. Learn to make scrapbooks, which are a great way of reminiscing the past and is an invaluable treasure that will be cherished for life. This is for children of 7 to 14 yeas and this program also starts on July 4 and runs for six Sundays.

Contact Hansel & Gretel, 11 Jagadambal Street, T.Nagar. Phone: 28152549

# News reports by Student reporters

The news reports published here are filed by the student reporters enrolled with YOCEE at its annual Student Reporter Programme.

## Share happiness

By Vasudha Mishra, Class 8, PSBB, K.K. Nagar.

A group of 15 students from PSBB KK Nagar worked with the students of Udavum Karangal, a social service organisation in

June this year and continue in July too.” The programme, “Happy Moments” is spearheaded by Mrs. Devika Raman, a Social Science teacher of their school.

Devika Raman is an alumna of The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State which provides secondary-school teachers from Europe, Eurasia, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere training and opportunities of exchange programmes to learn innovative methods of teaching.

In addition to this, the program provides grants to alumni to conduct activities for community service. Devika Raman chose to work on the all-round development of the underprivileged children of Chennai and has decided to work with the students of Udavum Karangal.

In April 2010, the student volunteers from PSBB visited the students of Udavum Karangal and distributed books, bags, uniforms among others. A dance programme for the children at Udavum Karangal was performed by the students of Sri Devi Nrithyalaya, run by the well known dance guru Sheela Unnikrishnan.

The sessions which are for children of age group 12 to 15 years include activities like English communication, storytelling, craftwork, creative writing among others. The volunteers also plan to identify each child’s interest and help them to develop it.

In the first session, which was an ice breaker, the children had fun in introducing themselves, sharing their dreams and hopes, drawing, singing and dancing, learning magic tricks and origami.

The student volunteers, who enjoyed the unique experience, now look forward to spending more time with their new found friends during the next session.



Participants at the origami session

## Following a dream through theatre

By Sahanaa Lakshminarayanan, Class 6,  
Lady Andal Venkata Subbarao School, Chetpet



A scene from the play '2020 Unifying India.'

The play 2020 Unifying India, based on the dream of Dr. Kalam witnessed yet another memorable success while being staged for the 10th time in the city on May 1, 2010 in the over packed Top Storey of Alliance Francaise.

The play was put together by Alchemy Kids. A group of 20 children aged 4-14 took part in the play. It was not only the dream of Dr. Kalam but also the play pointed out the mistakes made by many of the Indian citizens.

The play started with a City Corporation Sweeper, who blows out her anger on the citizens who do not respect their motherland.

Ramu, (as the character Ramaswamy is referred to) a second hand book seller enters the scene and defined India from being a land of high rise valleys, big mountains to an ever-progressing technological hub spreads the message about the Indian Culture. Ramu describes himself and about the people who disrespect their country. “Uyirum Neeyi, Ulagam Neeyi, Uravum Neeyi, Thayai” a popular Tamil Song touched the heart of the audience.

The first half of the play was presented with a lot of humour occurred during the counter arguments between Ramu-Suzy and Suzy-Kamala. However the second half which engaged the audience was the strong thoughts of India by the character Ramu who expressed his passion for the motherland with a combination of hard hitting dialogues and a terrific Vande Mataram song during the climax encouraging all irrespective of their caste and class to feel one with India. It was amazing to see the audience who joined Ramu in singing Vande Mataram and giving a big applause.

The touching scenes brought wetness in the eyes of the audience. Mr. Vijay Vishwanathan, director of Alchemy Kids says, “Children have a strong ability to convey the truth in the most genuine and innocent way. The show was graced with educationists Mr. R. Janardhanan, Chairman Kaligi group of Schools and Mrs. K R Maalathi, Education Consultant.

Alchemy Kids operates from 16/15, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross Street, Kasturibai Nagar, Adyar, Chennai- 600 020. Phone: 65121119, 9841047620

## Rosary Matric inaugurates Diamond jubilee celebrations

By A. Lavanya, Class 11, Rosary Matric Hr. Sec. School, Santhome.

Rosary Matriculation Higher Secondary School started in June 1950 is all set to celebrate their diamond jubilee this year.

Earlier the tiny tots of Rosary Matriculation Higher secondary school celebrated Bliss 2010 on Feb. 25 at their school auditorium. This programme was celebrated as an inauguration of their Diamond Jubilee year.

The chief guest of the event was the former principal Sister Leena D'Souza. The active participants of the program were the kindergarten kids of the school.

On that day, Principal Sister Sriya Pushpam gave a small introduction about the future plans for their institution. Their main plan for the year is to create and educate people about the environment awareness. Though they have started creating awareness, their aim is to maximise their efforts.



Now on June 18 and 19, a special prayer and thanksgiving

Mass was held in the school campus.

The school plans to have a grand celebration in August this year.

## Calculated steps

By Shruthi Sailesh Class 6, Chettinad Harishree Vidyashram, R.A. Puram

Mathematics and dance. Have absolutely nothing in common, right? Wrong. This lec-dem at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, CIT Campus, Adyar on June 19, was based on the connection between the two.

The programme marked the 5th anniversary of the legendary Math educator, professor P.K.Srinivasan, affectionately valled PKS.

The function began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a speech by Mrs.Sumitra Gowtham, an associate of P.K.S and the co-ordinator of Outreach (The Krishnamurthy foundation).

She brought back memories of P.K.S who she said was a supreme master of mathematics, and explained how he removed the fear of it among the children. Institute of Mathematical Sciences Professor, K. Srinivasa explained the various methods and different approaches used by P.K.S to help young children learn maths.

P.K.S was a Gandhian all his life and often quoted "Students are not dull, they are dulled by us." He has also written many books and was the first biographer of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Then came the real confluence of arts and math. Senior dancers and musicians M.V. Narasimhachari and his wife Vasanthalakshmi presented a recital showing the connection between math and dance along with their three students. Rhythm, logic, symmetry, coordination and harmony are all dance in math. These were the views of the dance guru M.V.Narasimhachari. The performance was lively and entertaining throwing light about math in dance.

The family of P.K.S also introduced a family who had come all the way from Ooty and their son Master.Vibhu Vignesh, a 11 year prodigy who answered questions to any 2digit multiplications in a matter of seconds without a pencil or paper.

Lastly Mr.Kannan P.Srinivasan and Smt. Nirmala Raman, children of P.K.S delivered the vote of thanks.



### Answers to questions on page 2:

1. Harrington Road - Chetput, Chennai - 600031
2. Westcott Road - Royapettah, Chennai - 600014
3. Blackers Road - Chindadripet, Chennai - 600003
4. Madley Road - T. Nagar, Chennai - 600017
5. Eldams Road - Teynampet, Chennai - 600018
6. Pantheon Road - Egmore, Chennai - 600008
7. Taylors Road - Kilpauk, Chennai - 600010
8. Robertson Road - Vepery, Chennai - 600006
9. Murrays Gate Road - Alwarpet, Chennai - 600018
10. Lawrence Road - St. Thomas Mount, Chennai - 600016

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## Surprise check on school, college buses



A team of motor vehicle inspectors of a Regional Transport Office in Chennai carried out surprise inspection of school and college buses last week.

Forty-four school / college buses and vans were fined for various offences, including overspeeding, overloading, not having proper documents and permits and non-payment of road tax on the day of inspection.

It was also found that a majority of the buses and vans had no first-aid boxes or fire extinguishers. Many did not have a staff member of the institution concerned, which is mandatory under Motor Vehicles Act-1989 and the Supreme Court's guidelines.

## RULES for school bus

- \* Buses should have the words 'School Bus' written on the front and rear.
- \* If they are contracted by a school, the words 'On School Duty' should be displayed.
- \* They should have a first-aid kit.
- \* A fire extinguisher should also be placed in every bus.
- \* Windows should have protective grills, not just a couple of bars.
- \* There should be space beneath seats to accommodate school bags.
- \* The name of the school and its telephone number should be mentioned on the bus, even if it's only on a sticker.
- \* At no time should the number of students exceed the seating capacity of the bus.
- \* Also, the bus driver should have a minimum five years' of driving experience and should have no criminal antecedents.

## TRAVEL SAFE in school bus

- \* Leave home well in time, so that you won't have to run to catch the bus.
- \* At the bus stand, always follow the queue. Board the bus only after it has come to a halt, without rushing in or pushing others.
- \* While in the bus, shouting or making a noise is definitely bad manners. Such behavior can also distract the driver.
- \* Do not board or alight at a bus stop other than the one decided by the school. Never board and alight at a red light crossing or unauthorized bus stop.
- \* Do not sit, stand or travel on the footboard of the bus.
- \* Do not put any part of your body outside a moving or stationary bus.
- \* Always adhere to the bus safety rules.

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