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Model school struggles to keep up, lacks proper classrooms, labs, toilets

After introduction of English medium admissions surge but rejections up due to lack of space

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THOUGH the Government Model Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Vepalodai witnessed its strength doubling to 640 students in the last five years, it is in dire need of additional classrooms, new sanitary complexes and laboratories. The villagers say that admissions have surged, following the invocation of English medium syllabus right from kindergarten to Class 12. Speaking to *TNIE*, Head Master G Sekar, who joined the school in 2019, said, "The school has been achieving 100% pass results for the last five years. Currently, we are forced to deny admissions to students due to lack of sufficient space," he said.

The school is 18 km from

Thoothukudi town and attracts students from the surrounding villages of Panaiyur, Kulathur, Srivaikuntapuram, Kalmedi, Duraisampuram and Venkatachalapuram. In 2018, the total strength of the school stood at 317. After the introduction of English medium syllabus, the total number of students studying in both English and Tamil shot up to 640, including 341 female students. The strength of the faculty of the school is 28, including the headmaster.

Many government schools in the district witnessed a surge of students during the pandemic but post the pandemic, they had to see their students seek admission to private schools. But GHSS, Vepalodai managed to retain students due to their quality of education, the parents said.

Owing to a lack of adequate infrastructure, two of the lab facilities have been converted into four classrooms, and the lab classes will be conducted when the other students are away," a teacher said.

One of the parents noted that there are only three toilets in the school, despite it being a model school.

"We need an additional block consisting of 10 classrooms, laboratories for physics, chemistry and biology, and an additional sanitary complex so that the students would have adequate space and experience a healthy environment," said parent and activist SM Gandhi.

"Three more toilets are being constructed through the funds sanctioned by NABARD," said an official from the district administration. He added that the

district mineral foundation trust has also sanctioned funds to build four more classrooms.

Started as a high school on six acres of land, donated by philanthropist Kasinadar in 2005, the school was upgraded to a higher secondary school in 2011. In addition to the existing five classrooms built by Kasinadar, the state government constructed a new building consisting of 14 classrooms in 2008. It was elevated as a model school in 2019, following which English medium classes were introduced.

The school was honoured with the Kamarajar Award for good maintenance of infrastructure in 2019 and the Perasiriyar K Anbazhagan Award for Best Schools 2022-23, while Headmaster G Sekar is a recipient of the Best Teachers Award in 2020.

NEGLIGENCE

Quack staples 9-yr-old's head, causes sepsis, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tenkasi

A quack, who was operating a clinic in Panpozhi, was arrested by the Achanpudur police on Thursday as his negligent treatment of a 9-year-old boy led to sepsis of the injury.

The accused was identified as K Amirthalal (54). "Amirthalal has been operating a clinic for several years. Babu, a doctor at the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital (TvmCH), got Amirthalal a licence under the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act. The health department officials had already imposed a fine on the accused during the Covid-19 pandemic for treating patients. However, he continued to run the clinic. Recently, the

parents of Kowshik (9), who suffered severe head injuries after falling from a bicycle, took him to Amirthalal's clinic. Instead of administering appropriate treatment, the accused just stapled the boy's head at 14 spots, without cleaning the dirt from the fall, and sent him home. This worsened his condition and caused sepsis. He was taken to TvmCH

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As this negligent treatment caused sepsis, the boy's injury worsened and his parents took him to the Government District Headquarters Hospital (GHQH) in Tenkasi for treatment, the officials added.

Based on a complaint by Kowshik's parents, Joint Director of Health Services Dr Premalatha sealed Amirthalal's clinic and filed a police complaint against him. The Achanpudur police arrested Amirthalal.

"Amirthalal is a native of Kerala, and has been residing in Panpozhi for 20 years. He claimed to have studied Electrohomeopathy through correspondence. An inquiry will reveal what he actually studied," the officials added.

Premalatha told *TNIE*, that she has cancelled the license of the clinic, which is in the name of Dr Babu. When asked if she filed a complaint against Babu, Premalatha said, "Babu has not been visiting the clinic for long. The police have decided to get a statement from Babu in this connection."

Minister flags off camp at Kumari

KANNIYAKUMARI: Minister of Milk and Dairy Development T Mano Thangaraj inaugurated the Makkaludan Mudalvar scheme camp at Thicanamcode panchayat on Thursday. Chief Minister MK Stalin had inaugurated the scheme in Dharmapuri. Thangaraj conducted the inauguration in Kanniyakumari, thanking the chief minister.

District Collector PN Sridhar and District Revenue Officer J Balasubramaniam were among those present.

Appavu distributes sops to beneficiaries

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THE Makkaludan Mudhalvar scheme was introduced by Chief Minister MK Stalin to ensure that all sections of people are able to avail government services without any trouble, said Assembly Speaker M Appavu, while receiving petitions and distributing welfare sops to beneficiaries during a camp organised under the scheme in Kudankulam on Thursday.

Appavu said, "Stalin inaugurated the second phase of the scheme in Dharmapuri, and a camp has been organised in Tirunelveli for the benefit of the residents of Kudankulam, Koothankuli and Vijayapathi. The administration will hold 43 such camps across the district to bring over 50 services of 15 departments to the residents. The petitions received by the officials in these camps will be responded to within 30 days."

The speaker further demanded the administration of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) to offer employment to local youths, instead of recruiting outsiders. "The KKNPP administration should ensure that their construction work in the sea does not cause erosion in nearby coastal villages," he added.

At the event, Appavu also distributed battery-powered wheel-chairs, worth ₹1 lakh, to four persons with disabilities. District Collector KP Karthikeyan was present at the event.

Activist: Got death threat for helping queer couple

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AN activist has alleged threat to her life as well as that of the transgender community living in Sandeep Nagar near Kovilpatti for helping a couple who are in an relationship.

In her petition submitted to Chief Minister's cell and Thoothukudi superintendent of police, Thirunar Urimai Foundation president Grace Banu said the transgender community in Sandeep Nagar had provided shelter to the couple, 19-year-old Karthiga (name changed) from VK Puram in Tirunelveli and a minor from Thalamuthunagar in Thoothukudi.

Sources said though the transgenders had produced Karthiga at the VK Puram police station on May 25 after a woman missing complaint filed by her family, she refused to get reunited with her relatives and returned to Sandeep Nagar. "Later, Karthiga had left Sandeep Nagar and took refuge at a government-run home, nearly 600 km away from Thoothukudi," they said.

The transgenders also produced the teen youth at Kovilpatti All Women Police following a complaint from his parents on June 18. The police personnel sent him with her

mother with the condition that the parents should not to torture him until he becomes major.

On Thursday, the teenager, alleging harassment after revealing her identity change to her family members, left the home.

"She was taken to Thalamuthunagar police station for inquiry," said sources.

Meanwhile, the biological parents of Karthiga and a few "casteist goons" laid siege to Sandeep Nagar and issued death threats to the transgenders for protecting the couple. The transgenders claimed the relatives and those who accompanied them shouted at them threatened to kill Grace Banu. "Who will question? I will manage to come out of jail after 7 years," a transgender quoted one of the relatives of Karthiga.

Sandeep Nagar, named after the former district collector Sandeep Nanduri, is a colony of nearly 30 transgenders near Kovilpatti.

In the complaint, Grace Banu sought protection and appealed the policemen to warn the "casteists persons" against troubling herself and the transgenders at Sandeep Nagar.

"A police patrol at Sandeep Nagar may be better as a safety measure," she added.

TRAIN'S COACH DERAILS DURING SHUNTING

KANNIYAKUMARI: An empty coach of the Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh Vivek Express derailed while undergoing maintenance at the railway yard in Nagercoil. Railway sources said the train reached Kanniyakumari late on Thursday morning, following which the empty rakes of the train were taken for maintenance work. During shunting, a trolley of a coach derailed. No injuries were reported. The sources said that within 12 minutes, the trolley was transferred back onto the track. However, the train's departure is set to be delayed. ENS



Lalitha Jewellery's 54th showroom was inaugurated in Rajapalayam on July 10 by the group's Managing Director Dr M Kiran Kumar. The event was attended by Tenkasi MP Dr S Rani Sri Kumar and Rajapalayam MLA S Thangapandian. Rajapalayam Mills Limited Managing Director PV Nirmala Raja.

31-yr-old kills self in front of temple near Manur, further probe under way

TIRUNELVELI: A 31-year-old man allegedly died by suicide in front of a temple near Manur here on Thursday. The deceased was identified as P Balakrishnan, a resident of Kalakkudi. According to sources, Balakrishnan, who studied a diploma course, had been preparing for competitive examinations. "He seemed upset in the last few days and had gone to the Alankaramudaiyar Sashta Temple to offer prayers. However, he was found dead with his throat slit on Thursday," sources said. Inquiry by Manur police revealed that the youth had killed himself and further probe is on to ascertain the reason behind him taking the extreme step.

(Assistance for those having suicidal thoughts is available on Tamil Nadu health department's helpline 104 and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050)



A Bank of Maharashtra branch was inaugurated in Kovilpatti by Kovilpatti Chamber of Commerce and Industry Association president RS Ramesh, in the presence of bank's Coimbatore Zonal Manager B Ramasekhara. The ATM was inaugurated by M Radha Krishnan, Regional president (Thoothukudi) Tamil Nadu Vanigar Sangankalin Peramaippu, Kovilpatti. ENS

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