



The PM 2.5 level recorded at Arumbakkam on Sunday. Nitrogen dioxide level was at 18 µg/m³ against the prescribed standard of 80 µg/m³

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Mothers fight hard to make the best possible life for their children. In Chennai, a woman negotiates traffic on a busy road on Sunday | PRAVIKUMAR

Chennai sizzles at 40.7° Celsius, heat advisory issued till May 16

Temperature rise due to dry westerlies triggered by extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state capital reeled under scorching heat on Sunday, with the maximum temperature recorded at 40.7 degrees Celsius. This was the hottest day of the year so far.

According to official data released by the Regional Meteorological Centre, the maximum daytime temperature recorded at Nungambakkam and Meenambakkam weather stations was 40.7 and 40.6 degree Celsius, which was 3.3 and 2.2 degree Celsius above normal.

The met office has issued a heat warning till May 16, with mercury likely to rise further. "Due to humid air and high temperatures, discomfort is likely between May 14-16," the advisory said, adding maximum temperature may rise gradually by 2-3 degrees Celsius over the next five days.

P Senthamarai Kannan, director of Area Cyclone Warning Centre, said Chennai may record even 41 degrees on Monday.

"For the next 48 hours, the sky condition is likely to be partly cloudy. Maximum temperature is likely to hover around 41 degrees and minimum temperature is likely to be 30-31 degree Celsius."



People flocked to the Marina to get some respite from the scorching heat on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Vellore recorded 41.5 degrees Celsius, the highest among all the districts and Karur was third with 40 degrees Celsius.

The authorities said there may not be a heat wave, which is declared when the departure from normal is 4.5 degrees to 6.4 degrees above normal for at

least two consecutive days. "In a likely scenario, we will issue the warning," the met office said.

This temperature rise was influenced by the dry westerlies triggered by the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha, which has wreaked havoc in Bangladesh and Myanmar re-

Three inhale toxic gas inside septic tank, die

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Cuddalore

IN a shocking incident near Srimushnam, three men died while attempting to remove scaffolding from a newly constructed septic tank. The victims have been identified as Krishnamoorthy (40) of Manjalai village who was a carpenter, Saktihivel (22) of Thalaivasal, and Balachandran (32) of Kanur, who worked as a mason.

Krishnamoorthy's family members raised an alarm as three of them did not emerge from the tank after a while. Villagers went to check on them and sensed an odd smell emanating from the tank. The information was immediately passed to the Srimushnam police station and Sethiyathoppu fire station.

A team of fire and rescue personnel rushed to the site, but all three had already succumbed to the poisonous gas. The bodies were later sent to the government hospital in Srimushnam for postmortem.

Following an inspection at the site, the Cuddalore district superintendent of police R Rajaram revealed that the septic tank was entirely closed after the roof was constructed. This led to the formation of a poisonous gas and the subsequent deaths of the individuals. The authorities have urged the public to exercise caution while working in enclosed spaces.

DRIVE WITH CAUTION

Man sleeping at shopping complex run over by car

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A 70-year-old man, who was sleeping at a shopping complex in Pandy Bazaar, was run over by a car coming out of the parking lot at around 9 pm on Thursday. The driver did not stop the vehicle and escaped from the spot after the incident, said the police.

The victim identified as Venu of Teynampet was employed as a security guard at a building near the shopping complex. Often Venu would consume alcohol and sleep inside nearby buildings, said the police.

On Thursday night, he went to sleep inside a shopping complex where the incident took place. On hearing his screams, people rushed to the spot and took a grievously injured Venu to the Government Royapettah Hospital, where he succumbed. On information, Pandy Bazaar police registered and began an investigation. The police are analysing CCTV footage from the spot to identify the car.

Car hits theatre wall, 2 college students held

Chennai: Two college students were arrested after their car hit the compound wall of a theatre in Kilpauk on Sunday morning. They were driving under the influence of alcohol, said the police. Anna Square traffic police identified the duo as Mohammad Ali (18) of Mumbai and Arnab Chauhan (19) of Shimla,

both first-year BSc students at a college in Kanathur. Mohammad Ali was driving the car along Poonamalle High Road at 4 am. When the vehicle was near the theatre, he lost control and hit the wall. They were returning from a party in ECR and were drunk, said the police. They sustained minor injuries in the incident, said the police. An investigation is on. ENS

Close to 2,000 encroachments removed in the last three weeks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

OVER the last three weeks, the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has removed 1,366 temporary encroachments and 536 permanent encroachments across all 15 zones of the corporation.

A flying squad under a zonal officer was formed in every zone to patrol city streets, pavements and other public spaces for encroachments every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The flying squads to counter encroachments were set up under former commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi, who is now set to take over as health secretary. The squads would identify and remove encroachments every Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays. The highest number of encroachments - 223 temporary and 55 permanent - were removed from Adyar followed by 199 temporary encroachments in Kodambakkam and 47 permanent encroachments in Anna Nagar, a total of 223 encroachments - 158 temporary and 65 permanent - have been removed.

Apart from the ongoing drive, the corporation, in a statement asked roadside encroachments

to leave by themselves, failing which they will be removed by the civic body, the statement said. The corporation, however, recently received flak on social media for allowing encroachments to spring up in other nearby public spaces after being asked to vacate a particular spot. On asked what steps are being taken on this front, a zonal corporation official said they are keeping track of removed encroachments to prevent them from setting up shop in other public spaces. The official said they will also follow up on complaints raised by residents.

The drive was also criticised in the past, by a section of the population, for being high-handed in approach, with regards to the use of heavy machinery.

While removing encroachments, there is no need to cause damage to the stalls and belongings of the shopkeepers. They can be removed without using force

Vaishnavi P, a local resident

IN KOLATHUR

Two more held for burglary at govt employee's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

PUZHAL police arrested two more persons on Saturday in connection with robbing the house of a retired government employee in Kolathur. Items including 27 sovereigns of gold jewellery, 250 gm of silver articles and ₹36,500 in cash were recovered from them, said the police.

The arrested accused are V Dhinakaran (35) of Ambasamudram, and M Selvakumar alias Abdullah (38) of Ramanaathapuram. The police said the burglars broke into the house of K Gunasekaran (70) at

the Teacher's Colony in Kolathur, when he was out of town. The front door of the house was seen open upon his return on February 16.

Based on his complaint, the police registered a case. One accused, G Mohan alias Motta Mohan (56) of Ennore was arrested on March 1 who revealed that he was part of a gang that burgled the house.

The police said, Dhina-karan and Mohan got acquainted 15 years ago in prison and have been robbing houses in Tiruchy, Thanjavur, Tindivanam and Bangalore since 2008. They are involved in at least 20 burglaries as of now.

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