

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

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RISE 06:21 SET 17:44

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Chennai Weather	max	min
Thiruvallur	30	21
Chennai Airport	31	24
Chennai City	31	24

**Chennai Airport Today**

A few drops of rain are expected. The sky will be mainly cloudy over the city.

**Chennai Airport Tomorrow**

31°C A few drops of rain are expected. The sky will be mostly cloudy. The morning will be comfortable.

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**CHENNAI TODAY**

**RELIGION**

**Gita:** Satyavratana, Kesari High School, Pondy Bazaar extension, T. Nagar, 6 p.m.

**Sundarakaandam:** B. Sundarkumar, Sastra Sathsang, Karnan street, Rangarajapuram, Kodambakkam, 6.30 p.m.

**Thiru Arutpa:** R. Narayanan, Sakthi Vigneshwar temple, P.T.Rajan Road, K. Nagar, 6 p.m.

**Mukunda Mala:** Moksha Vidhyaananda Sarasvati, Thirupugazh Street, Kamatchi Nagar, Valasaravakkam, 11 a.m.

**GENERAL**

**Sri Sai Ram Engineering College:** Five day faculty training programme- innovation in teaching pedagogy, Smart Class room, West Tambaram, 9.30 a.m.

**TANUVAS:** 21st Convocation, Governor of Tamil Nadu Banwarila Purohit presides, Anna Auditorium, Vepery, 11 a.m.

For more engagements:  
<http://bit.ly/ChennaiDec10>

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# Corp. removes vehicles abandoned along roads

Over 10,000 vehicles auctioned; proceeds shared with police

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The Chennai Corporation has removed 10,954 vehicles abandoned by residents on city roads. The civic body has auctioned the cars and motorcycles for ₹3.05 crore and shared 75% of the proceeds with the city police to install CCTV cameras along roads.

Corporation officials on Monday handed over the money to the city police to improve safety and security of residents in various neighbourhoods.

**Health hazard**

Former Corporation floor leader V. Sukumar Babu said the abandoned vehicles were posing a public health hazard to the residents in various neighbourhoods. "Some owners have been reluctant to remove the abandoned cars and motorcycles. We have found mosquitoes breeding inside them and carcasses of stray dogs. Garbage piles up near the vehicles have increased public health risk. Road relaying is also affected because of the presence of such vehicles," he said.

Former councillors have been reiterating the need for removing the abandoned vehicles before relaying the

**Clean-up drive**

The Chennai Corporation has been removing vehicles abandoned by residents along city roads

- In the first phase of the drive, the Corporation removed **7,875 vehicles**
- The civic body auctioned these vehicles for **₹2.14 crore**, sharing **75%** of the money with the police
- In the second phase, the civic body removed **3,079 vehicles** in the past few days
- The auction fetched **₹91.11 lakh**; **₹68.33 lakh** was shared with the police
- More than **25,000 vehicles** have reportedly been abandoned along **33,000 interior roads** and **471 bus route roads**



33,000 interior roads and 471 bus routes in the city.

**'Not informed'**

However, many residents alleged that the vehicles were removed by the Corporation without issuing any notice to owners. For example, Ice House residents alleged that Corporation workers removed autorickshaws and other vehicles damaged during the police action to control riots on the Marina beach and the neighbouring residential areas following the Jallikkattu protests.

"The vehicle was reportedly set on fire by some un-

identified persons. I have to answer the bank that gave loan for the vehicle. I did not get compensation for the loss either," said a resident.

After removing 7,875 vehicles in the first phase, the Corporation has cleared 3,079 vehicles in the past few days.

However, many of the spares of the abandoned vehicles were allegedly taken away by the workers who removed the vehicles. As a result, the residents alleged that the civic body has not been able to auction the entire material collected along the roads.

## Suspect escapes from police station

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A suspect escaped from the custody of police in North Beach police station under the pretext of attending to nature's call.

The suspect, Arul, 32, was caught by the public for sex-

ually harassing a minor and her mother, who were sleeping on the platform in Man-nady on Sunday night.

After one of them raised an alarm, he was nabbed and handed over to police.

Arul was detained at the North Beach police station

and handcuffed.

At 4 a.m., he asked police personnel to unlock the handcuffs as he wanted to attend to nature's call. Police personnel allowed him. However, he escaped after scaling the wall. Police have launched a search for him.