Infrastructure improves

But will we pay to improve it still further?

And using his list, we report the latest position:

- The street lighting has not only improved considerably, but it is also some of the best in the country. Madras Musings understands that the electricity in the city is supposed to be on 24 hours a day, but this is not always the case.
- The water drained last during the recent heavy rains and there were almost no main roads which got waterlogged, causing traffic to stall. Madras Musings understands that the storm water drains were cleared well in advance of the rains, resulting in a reasonable pace of drainage and little flooding. The only areas that got flooded were where traditional wetlands and former water bodies had been filled in.
- The repair work on the roads has been quick after the flooding they received from the rains. Madras Musings cannot say it has seen any of this, but it has noticed inspection parties on the prowl. And it understands the repair work will be carried out within the next few weeks and that, by year-end, the re-laying of many roads will be completed.
- Shade trees are being planted and they seem to thrive. Madras Musings has been noticing this and in some areas there are stretches that are beginning to be shaded by trees as much as in that classic photograph of old Madras’s Reid.
- Much of this improvement, Madras Musings understands, has been made possible by the Chief Minister increasing the limits of the amount the Corporation Special Officer can sanction on a single capital works project. She has raised it from Rs. 7.5 lakhs to Rs. 30 lakhs. Still not totally realistic, but we’re getting there, it would seem. And Special Officer R. Ramesh and his team have ensured that every bit of money is well spent.
- All this, however, is not enough.
- If Madras is to improve and a Madras worthy of an international-level Vision 2000 created, two things are still necessary:
  - The Corporation has to be revived with the election of councillors and a Mayor;
  - An elected Council must raise civic taxes to much more realistic levels.

Who killed Sumati Tyer?

It’s not exactly a new story, it happened early in November. But it hasn’t got as much airing in Madras as it deserved, despite the fact that Sumati Tyer was working on the translation into Hindi of works by such well-known Tamil writers as Indira Parthasarthi, Thulasidharan and Ramu Krishnan.

Sumati Tyer, who was the Hindi Officer in the Employees Provident Fund Office in Kamaraj, was a well-known figure in the Hindi literary world. It has been said that she had “a rare talent for Hindi”, both as a writer and translator. Author of three Hindi short-story collections and a collection of poetry, she was working in Kamaraj for these past eight years. She and her 10-year-old son were living in Karum, while her husband worked in a bank in Kamaraj.

She was alone in the house when she was killed, but three of her cups indicate that she probably knew at least one of the killers, deduce the Karum police. Apart from that, “there is just no clue,” the police add.

But whatever, there’s no gaining saying the fact that the Hindi literary world has not had a considerable talent and many Tamil writers are friendly, understanding and able translator who was making it possible for them to reach a wider audience. In a country where good translation of literature are rare, Sumati Tyer’s tragic loss is a severe blow to both the Hindi and Tamil worlds of letters.
How do you put a stop to tradition?

There was a report in The Hindu recently which said that in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, a local festival is being stopped because the Government has decided to stop the "Kalwadi" and "Bhakkar" festivals. The festival is said to have been causing a lot of destruction and waste to the local environment. The Government has decided to stop the festival in order to protect the environment.

The festival is a popular event in the area and has been going on for centuries. It is said to bring people together and provide a sense of community. However, the Government has decided to stop it in order to protect the environment. The festival involves the burning of large wooden structures and the release of fireworks, which are said to be causing a lot of pollution.

The decision to stop the festival has been met with some resistance from the local community. Some people feel that the festival is an important part of their culture and should not be stopped. However, the Government has said that the festival is causing too much destruction and waste to the environment and that it is necessary to stop it.

In conclusion, the Government has decided to stop the "Kalwadi" and "Bhakkar" festivals in Tamil Nadu in order to protect the environment. The decision has been met with some resistance from the local community, but the Government has said that it is necessary to stop the festival in order to protect the environment.
The Consul was a Nobob

The American Consul-General of the Argentine married a woman who had never been in the United States. He was a man of few words, very quiet and reserved. We never knew his name, but everyone called him 'the Consul.'

On December 1st, 1944, the Consul and his wife were attending a garden party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morgan. The Consul was in a cheerful mood, and he eagerly told all who would listen about his new wife and her family.

"She is a wonderful woman," he said. "She comes from a long line of nobility, and she has been educated in the finest schools in Europe. Her family has lived in Buenos Aires for generations, and they have been prominent in Argentine society for centuries."

The Consul's friends were impressed by his wife's elegance and charm, and they were all grateful to have been invited to the garden party. They wished the Consul and his new wife every happiness in their marriage.

The End
When do fruit bars become an industry here?

Koala and Yumbii are plumishing the barrier between home and abroad. Maybe it was because the founder of the Last Bit business, a company that makes fruit bars, took the leap to expand his business to include international markets. The company has now moved into the fruit bar industry with a focus on healthy, organic, and natural ingredients. The founder talked about the challenges of expanding into new markets and the importance of maintaining quality standards. He also discussed the benefits of working with local suppliers to ensure that the products are fresh and sustainable. Overall, the expansion has been successful, with the company now exporting its products to several countries and receiving positive feedback from customers.

DATING FOR A FEW YEARS

With the increase in the number of people seeking dating apps, the question of whether to date someone for a few years arises. Some argue that dating for a few years allows for a deeper connection to develop, while others believe that it is better to date casually before settling down. The decision ultimately depends on personal preferences and circumstances. It is important to communicate openly and honestly with your partner about your intentions and feelings. Whether you choose to date for a few years or not, it is crucial to prioritize your own well-being and happiness in the relationship. In the end, what matters is the happiness and fulfillment that you experience in the relationship.
An eloquent plea for wider sports sponsorship

Indian Bank, India Cements and "Kumbhatl Group of Companies recently helped the Tamil Nadu Billiards and Snooker Association and the Madras Cricket Club to organise prize money tournaments featuring world stars like Geeth Sethi and Yasin Merchant, both of Gujarat. Madras, indeed, had never before had a green baize carnival like the one that pulled the crowds in, in the last week of December.

Main crowd-puller at all the TNBA's State championships, at its rented building on Royapettah High Road, and the Kumbhatl-MCC Masters snooker tournament was, understand-
ably, Sethi, the world billiard's champion, Maharashtra's Yasin Merchant, Saroj Seshia and Devendra Kale, Gujarat's Syed Murtaza and Rupesh Shah and Tamil Nadu's Rahul Habib, all talented players, were there all right. At pride of place went to Sethi, who rose to the occasion with dazzling performances, the likes of which Madras had never before witnessed. Century breaks, even five-century breaks, flowed from his cue in the same manner in which once came off the bat of Sunil Gavaskar while the age of cricketers was in full flight. Even India's former world champion, Michael Ferreira, and S.W. Edwards lacked Sethi's top-of-the-table artistry.

Well as he is the pride of Indian sport, Sethi is no more champion. He is the most talented and knowledgeable speaker Indian sport has known. After N. Ramachandran, Director, India Cements, presented the prizes and certificates at a colourful function, the cricketer was in full flight. Even India's former world champion, Michael Ferreira, and S.W. Edwards lacked Sethi's top-of-the-table artistry.

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Indeed the world championship's plea for equal sponsorship for all sports was unattended in the local media.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ
1. Kush Mankad; 2. Vaijo Kolhsa-
river. They have been the only Vihars to receive the Music Academy's Saraswathi Kalyani Award. 3. 15th Century. 4. The famous lawer who once saved Charlie 'The Tramp' Chaplin's 6. Bert Martin. 7. S. Rao and others. 8. Nandu. Sharma, the Minister of State for Police. 9. He announced a $30 million grant to US

Public Education, the single largest gift in the country's history

If in spite of Tamil Nadu's known low standards, the star-studded tour-
ment was allotted to the State, it was mainly, it not wisely, due to the lack of any non-
educational, cultural, sport and entertainment activities of any kind.

On the eve of the championship, the MCC president, R. Rajendran, had told Pressmen that while the City was having its annual music festivals, the MNC, was having a sports festival. He was vindicated by the excellent manner in which the badminton championship was gone through a couple of days after the all-India Federation of the Kumbhatl-MCC Masters snooker tour-
ament.

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