

Rallying for our wetlands



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A staggeringly huge number of organisations united by their interest in conservation of natural habitats organised a protest march at Besant Nagar Beach on July 25,

highlighting the destruction of wetlands in south Chennai.

One of the salient features of the march was the eye-catching props used by the protestors. The props included a life-size representation of a flamingo demanding that people stay off its turf.

Others included images of fish that people wear while holding placards.

The organisations that participated in the protest march are: Alliance of Residents Welfare Associations; Agai, The Theater of Voices; Chennai Climate Action Group;



Images from the rally.
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Chennai Wetlands Action Collective; Center for Financial Accountability; Chitlapakkam Rising Team; Foundation for Friendly En-

vironment and Medical Awareness; Federation of Perumbakkam Resident Welfare Associations; Federation of Old Mahabalipuram Road Resident Associations; Friday For Future Chennai; Palluyir Trust; Ramapuram - Youth Climate Resilience Movement; Reached the Unreached; Saving Nanmangalam Lake Team; Singaravelar Padipagam; SPARK; Suzhal Arivom; Tambaram Makkal Kuzhu; Uvakai Research Foundation; Vettiver Collective; Visai; Vinaa Naadaga Kuzhu; Vyasarpadi - Youth Climate Resilient Movement; and Zenith Learning Center.

HGI starts school in Padappai



The Hindustan Group of Institutions (HGI) has established Hindustan International School (HIS) in Padappai to provide a contemporary learning environment that integrates academic excellence, technology, creativity, sports, and values-based education.

Theodosius Mar Thoma, Metro-

politan, Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, inaugurated the campus.

In his speech, he underscored the importance of education rooted in values, character, and compassion in shaping responsible global citizens.

Anand Jacob Verghese, chairman of Hindustan Group of Insti-

tutions, said, "We believe education must go beyond academic achievement to nurture character, creativity, critical thinking and a sense of purpose. Through this campus, we aim to create an environment where every learner is encouraged to explore their potential, embrace innovation and grow into a responsible global citizen while remaining rooted in strong values."

The campus features smart classrooms, robotics and computer laboratories, composite science laboratories, innovation and maker spaces, and dedicated sports infrastructure.

Two books were released: one curated by Anand Jacob, 'Journey of Parables', a collection of reflections centred on leadership and values, and a coffee table book, 'Historia', documenting the decade-long journey of Hindustan International School, a release from HGI stated.

DG Vaishnav College wins basketball title



The Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (Autonomous) won the 29th Sree Raghavendra Inter-Collegiate Basketball Championship, held in the city from July 11 to 23.

In the knockout match, the college defeated Jeppiaar University, 72-47; in league matches, SRM University, 67-56; Hindustan University, 71-69; and Madras Christian

College, 91-51. The team showed outstanding teamwork, which paved the way for an unbeaten run in the tournament and helped them to clinch the title and bring pride to the institution.

The results: Hindustan University, runner-up; SRM University, third place; and Madras Christian College, fourth place, said a release.

Health camp conducted

A health checkup camp was held at the Divisional office of The New India Assurance Company Ltd at Bombay Mutual Building in Parrys on July 22 to celebrate its 108th Foundation Day. R. Jayashree, divisional manager, inaugurated the camp for the field workers and customers.

Family Health Plan Insurance TPA Ltd.(FHPL) coordinated the camp with a team of doctors from Kavery Hospital to takes up various tests. A team from Agarwal Eye Hospital and doctors from Clove dental hospital were conducted screening at the camp.

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