

RA Puram road

le on both sides until the road merges with Greenways Road.

Residents said the road gets choked with traffic in the mornings during school and office hours and that there are no traffic policemen to regulate the flow of traffic. "Flower sellers, fruit sellers and fish vendors set up shop, making it harrowing for pedestrians and motorists. Traffic police should ensure that vehicles are not parked on both sides of the road to ensure free flow of traffic. We have informed the police many times but nothing has happened," said M Shenbagam, a resident of Kamaraj Road.

With several schools located in the vicinity, a number

of schoolchildren use this road to reach their schools. "Every other day, my child finds it difficult to reach his school on time as there is a traffic block on this stretch. It is time civic authorities remove encroachments, and traffic police are posted here to monitor traffic during peak hours," said S Emanuel, a resident of RA Puram.

When TOI visited the area, pedestrians were finding it difficult to cross the road.

Police attached to the Adyar traffic investigation wing said despite them towing away vehicles at regular intervals, the problem persists since there was no parking facility in the area for two-wheelers.

Focus on community college syllabus for better job prospects

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Chennai: Reviewing and upgrading the community college curriculum to offer students better job prospects is the focus of the three-day international conference that began at Loyola College on Tuesday.

Organised by the Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community College Education (ICRDCE), along with the US Consulate General in Chennai, it will see American experts from Montgomery College and Radford University and Indian experts work on coming up with a programme

that can gain National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) recognition.

ICRDCE director and Loyola College vice-principal M S Joseph Antony Jacob said pre-primary teachers training, pre-school training and early childhood care will be the focus in the education sector, while fashion designing and garment making, tailoring and embroidery will be taken up in the apparel sector.

Courses in these sectors were a big draw, with at least

5,000 students enrolling each year, he said. "As NSDC recognition plays a key role for courses offered by community colleges, we wanted to fine-tune the curriculum to that level. In a recent inspection, NSDC didn't give approval for many colleges. We want our colleges to scale up in life skills, communication and work skills," he said.

The ICRDCE, with more than 10,000 students in 200 programmes in 336 colleges, is particularly reaching out to dropouts and collaborating with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for vertical mobility of students, Father Jacob said.

Eric Lund, Cultural Affairs Officer at the US Consulate, said, "We need practical skills coming out of educational institutions and a curriculum with practical implications. Community colleges should produce students who will be ready to be employed immediately," he said.

US consul general Robert G Burgess said community colleges play a key role in adult education, workforce retraining, or even mid-career professionals and retirees to learn new skill sets.

Enrol lawyers only after they clear Bar exam, says HC

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Chennai: Distressed that the quality of the legal profession has been deteriorating over the years, the Madras high court has suggested radical steps such as enrolling advocates only after clearance of the All India Bar Examination (AIBE).

As of now, after graduation, law degree-holders are entitled to be enrolled as advocates in Bar council registry, with a condition that they clear the AIBE and obtain the certificate of practice within two years from the date of completion of the course. It has led to a piquant situation where in more than 1,000 lawyers in Tamil Nadu alone have been suspended from the Bar since they could not clear the AIBE.

Justice S Vaidyanathan, with a view to putting an end to the confusion, suggested that Bar council rules should be amended to make a pass in AIBE a prerequisite for enrolment in the Bar. The Bar Council of India should consider amending the AIBE Rules, 2010 and the Advocates Act, if necessary, to allow enrolment of new advocates only after passing the AIBE, he said.

Mom suffers 49% burns, sister 23%

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Another neighbour soon arrived and switched off the gas cylinder. The three women were rushed to Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital where Indhuja died. Her mother Renuka sustained 49% burns, while her sister Nivedha suffered 23% burns, and remain critical.

After committing the crime, Aakash parked his bike at NGO Colony and went to his grandmother's house in Adambakkam to change before going out with some friends, police said. "Her father had gone to Canada only a week ago. Probably knowing this, the man had targeted them," said Raghu, another neighbour.

IPS shuffle: City gets new traffic police chief

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Chennai: The city got a new traffic police chief, while Coimbatore and Trichy got new police commissioners on Tuesday in the latest shuffle among top IPS officers in the state.

Trichy police commissioner A Arun has been posted as the additional commissioner of Chennai traffic police, replacing the inspector general of police (IGP) K Periaiah.

Periaiah has been transferred and posted as the Coimbatore city police commissioner replacing A Amalraj, who has been posted as Trichy police commissioner. IGP of Tamil Nadu civil supplies CID G Venkatraman has been transferred and posted as IGP of the establishment in the state police headquarters.

IGP of the state administration, R Dhinakaran, has been transferred and posted



(Clockwise from top left) A Arun, K Periaiah and A Amalraj

as IGP of the state establishment. Deputy inspector-general of police Sonal V Misra, who went on an inter-state deputation, has been posted as the DIG of the police training college in the existing vacancy.

Superintendent of police (SP) Amanat Maan, an Uttar Pradesh cadre officer, has been transferred to Tamil Nadu police cadre replacing Nisha Parthiban, SP of the enforcement wing of the state police.

Racer Ashwin case drags on, cops await DNA samples of kin

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Chennai: Adyar traffic investigation police have been struggling to close the accident case involving a professional car racer Ashwin Sundar, 31, and his wife Niveditha, 26, due to lack of cooperation from the deceased woman's parents.

On March 18, the couple was on their way to Leela Palace in a two-seater BMW Z4 sedan when the accident took place in MRC Nagar.

The Adyar traffic investigation wing police registered a case under the Sections of IPC 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) against Ashwin Sundar. As Ashwin died in the accident, the case will be closed as the person responsible is deceased. However, police personnel need a cer-

tificate to prove that the deceased are Ashwin and Niveditha to conclude the case, as the couple was charred in the accident. Police had collected the DNA samples from the deceased during the autopsy.

An investigation officer said, "We have collected DNA samples of Ashwin's parents and we have sent them to the forensic analysis to confirm the death of Ashwin. Likewise, we have requested the parents of Niveditha to appear to collect DNA samples from them too to confirm the identity of the charred woman as Niveditha."

Police said Niveditha's parents have to yet give their DNA samples. Once they do, police officers said they would complete the process and send the samples for forensic analysis to conclude the case.