

MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

VISION 2020

The last of CSK's 'Big Boys'

Indian Premier League in April and May this year will be extra special for Chennai Super Kings fans because this is the last time the older brigade of the team will play together. The core of the ageing side, which gave CSK fans so much to cheer about over the last few years, will be dismantled for the 2021 auctions. With the exception of MS Dhoni, who will continue to play for CSK in 2021, this is probably the last time when the fans will get to see the likes of Suresh Raina, Dwayne Bravo, Ambati Rayudu, Faf Du Plessis, Harbhajan Singh, Shane Watson and Imran Tahir turning out in the famous yellow jersey.



New integrated terminal to be thrown open in September

Chennai airport will get a new terminal meant for domestic and international flights. Work on the superstructure is almost over and the rest of the building is expected to be completed in the coming months. The new terminal will have more space along with modern facilities. Passengers will be able to walk into the terminal using biometrics and face recognition technology. The building is part of the Phase II expansion project of the airport aimed at improving passenger capacity from 20million to 35million passengers per year by 2022.

Work on nine new medical colleges fast-tracked

The state has already been sanctioned permission to start nine new medical colleges by February 2020 under the centrally sponsored scheme. Construction of all these colleges will begin in 2020



so that by 2021 they can start MBBS admissions. Besides offering 150 seats each, these colleges will each add at least 10,000 healthcare workers, including doctors, nurses, paramedics and other allied healthcare workers

Another metrorail line by June

Chennai will get a 9km metrorail line from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar by June 2020. The line is being built at a cost of Rs3,770crore as part of Phase I extension of the project and will help people from parts of north Chennai access core areas of the city faster. The line includes a 1.8km underground stretch comprising Washermanpet, Sir Theagaraya College and Korukupet stations. The rest of the stretch is elevated, with six stations — Tondiarpet, Tollgate, Thangal, Gowri Ashram, Tiruvottiyur and Wimco Nagar.

Spelling out the risks

In an attempt to aggressively bring down maternal mortality, the state health department is working out a protocol to colour code case sheets of pregnant women as green, red and yellow to categorize risk status.

Combating non-communicable diseases

As a part of the national health mission programme, health volunteers will visit people's houses for a

screening of NCDs (non-communicable diseases), including mental health. Those at risk will be sent to professionals for counselling or treatment.

Budget by February

Come February, the AIADMK government will present its last full budget before the assembly elections in 2021. Generally, in the last full budget, the government tries to woo voters by announcing new schemes, along with a cut in tax rates. As of now, since the state's finances are strained, expect the unexpected.



Here comes the citizen register

The decadal census will start on April 1, 2020, and the final results based on the data collected will be released on March 31, 2021. Census will start when the country is seeing protests against CAA. Also called National Population Register (NRC), the census officials will come door-to-door over the year and collect details about individuals and then collate the information to know the total population of the state, literacy rate and other details.

Pedestrian Plaza to get replicas

Following a positive response for the pedestrian plaza in T Nagar, Chennai corporation has planned to develop similar stretches in Anna Nagar, Velachery and Tondiarpet under the Smart Cities mission. A detailed project report is being developed and work is expected to begin after July 2020

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