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PM 2.5 level recorded at Coimbatore on Sunday. Nitrogen dioxide level was at 6 µgm³ against the prescribed standard of 80 µgm³

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Forest dept to probe breed of wild boars shot on govt orders

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THE Coimbatore district forest department is examining whether animals shot under government orders are pure wild boars or hybrids, after farmers continued to report crop damage and public nuisance.

Officials said samples from the culled animals have been sent for genetic analysis. The state government issued an order permitting the shooting of wild boars that trouble farmers and residents in select forest divisions, including Coimbatore division. From January to July this year, the forest department announced that about 60 animals were shot in the Coimbatore division alone.

Farmers claim the problem remains uncontrolled. They say government-recommended repellent liquids have proved ineffective and insist that shooting is the only practical solution. They report that the animals are increasingly leaving forests and moving in groups through inhabited areas. They also suspect the boars moving into human habitation might be hybrids resulting from cross-breeding between wild boars and domestic pigs.

District Forest Officer N Venkatesh Prabhu said Coimbatore ranks first in the number of wild boars shot. He noted that trained forest staff can be deployed to high-nuisance areas if farmers submit formal petitions. At the same time, he acknowledged growing doubts about the animals' identity.

"There is a possibility that the pigs roaming in Coimbatore are hybrids formed through interbreeding with domestic pigs a generation or two ago," he said.

"We have sent body parts for DNA testing to determine whether they are pure wild boars or hybrids," he added.

If the tests confirm the animals are not pure wild boars, farmers and the public can go ahead and attempt control measures without forest department permission.

Food safety dept's 3-mth drive to include eateries, food units with FSSAI license

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THE State Food Safety Department will begin intensive checks at all establishments in the food industry from September 1 for the next three months. Usually, the department does not inspect industries that have obtained central FSSAI licenses, but this time it will check all establishments under its jurisdiction.

Following Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, State Food Safety Commissioner R Lalveena ordered a special inspection drive from September 1 to November 30 to crack down on sub-standard eateries in Tamil Nadu. The inspection will be carried out district-wise under the leadership of the respective District Food Safety Department Designated Officers.

At present, FSSAI officers inspect establishments that have obtained Central FSSAI licenses (turnover above ₹50 crore per year); State Food Safety Department officers do not. But now, under special permission,

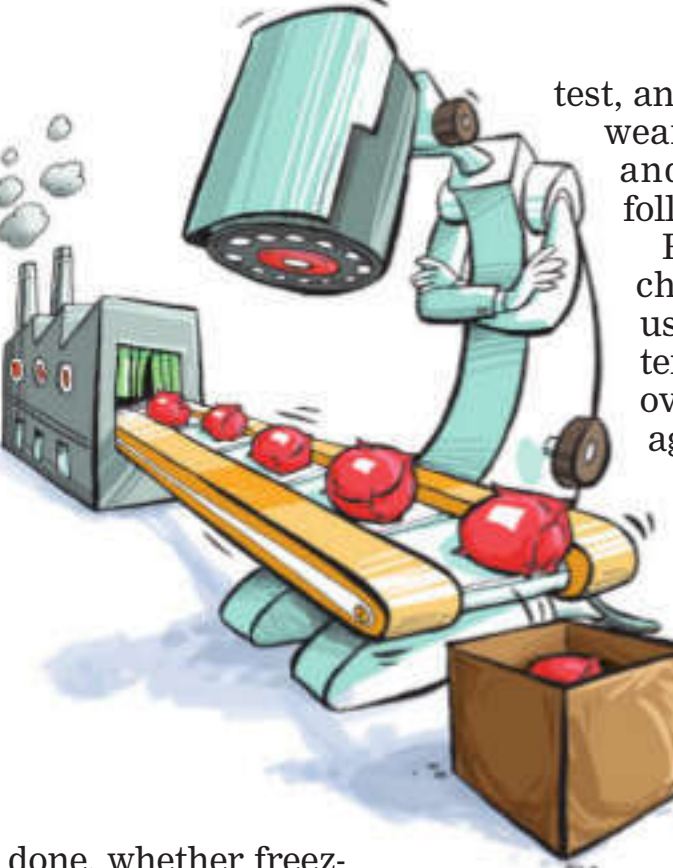
State Food Safety officers have been permitted to bring these establishments also under inspection, according to the order.

As per the order, all food service establishments, including restaurants, hotels, food vending establishments, clubs, canteens, caterers, hawkers, petty retailers of snacks, tea shops and others must be inspected.

"Before the drive, the respective food establishments have been instructed to conduct a self-audit, and the department is ordered to convene meetings with the food service establishments associations to explain the drive.

The designated officers start the drive with the list of licenses and registration certificates within their jurisdiction. During the inspection, if establishments are found operating without a licence, a fine will be imposed, and they should be guided to register.

Officials have been asked to check whether kitchens and go-downs are clean, whether pest control and water testing are



done, whether freezers are maintained at proper temperature, and whether walls are stained with grease and oil and kept in unhygienic condition. They should also check whether non-rust knives, blades and other cutting tools are used in the kitchen.

Further, officials should monitor whether food handlers have undergone the FoSTaC training and medical fitness

test, and ensure practices like wearing gloves, head caps and washing hands are followed.

Records should be checked to see whether used cooking oil from eateries is properly handed over to authorised RUCO aggregators.

"A few states have already begun such checking. In this line, the Tamil Nadu state food safety department has started this drive. Also, the government is showing interest in ensuring hygienic food practices, so the drive is scheduled. Inspection reports should be uploaded on the FoSCoRIS/FoSCoS portal, and samples will be lifted for testing wherever necessary. A weekly progress report should be submitted every Friday. Officials are gearing up for the drive," said Dr T Anuradha, designated food safety officer, Coimbatore.

Vadavalli-Edayarpalayam road yet to be relaid months after UGD work

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THE Vadavalli-Edayarpalayam State Highways road and the Kavundampalayam-TVS Nagar Road remain in unmotorable condition after being dug up for underground drainage (UGD) works.

The Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board excavated the stretches along the centre of the roads to lay UGD pipelines. However, residents alleged that the roads have not been restored for two months after the excavation.

The poor condition has become a concern for two-wheeler riders. Motorists said the prolonged delay in restoring the roads has added to the difficulties faced by people.

"More than two months have



The TWAD Board excavated the stretches to lay UGD pipelines | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

passed since the road was dug up for laying the UGD pipeline. But the road is yet to be restored properly," said Manickam Rajamurali, a regular commuter.

Another motorist, V Dhanaasekar, said, "This is a busy stretch and many people use it to travel between residential areas. The authorities should not leave the road in this condi-



tion after completing the pipeline work. It should be restored at the earliest," he said.

When inquired about it, a CCMC official said that since the road comes under the state highways department control, the latter will be executing the repair works. "The civic body would intimate them on the issue and urge them to expedite the works."

Foundry waste being dumped in farmland, allege farmers

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FARMERS associated with the Tamilaga Vivasayigal Sangam have raised concerns over the illegal dumping and burial of foundry waste in agricultural lands in Periyanaickenpalayam area in Coimbatore North Taluk, saying that the practice endangers soil health and future cultivation.

Farmers said the waste is not merely left on the surface. Large pits are dug deep into farmland, and foundry waste is deposited into these trenches before being covered.

G Ranganathan, district secretary of the association, said that for the past five years, smelter waste soil has been dumped in the area. "The district collector, the revenue divisional officer (North), and the Pollution Control Board engineer have already been informed in writing," he stated. He added that the practice has been advanced to Bilichi Panchayat, digging pits with machinery and using the excavated soil in an attempt to grow crops over the covered waste.

"The toxic waste is said to contain iron along with molybdenum, silicon, nickel and cobalt. The TNPCB should deploy a squad for on-site inspections," he added.

Shutter damaged at Kulapathukulam Tank, crops hit

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FARMERS from the Anaimalai taluk in Coimbatore district alleged that hundreds of acres of crops have been affected as irrigation water cannot be released from the Kulapathukulam Tank due to a damaged shutter.

The Kulapathukulam Tank, spread over 100 acres at Sulimettupathi in Kaliyapuram

village near Anaimalai, is fed by the Upparu River and can store 91.50 million cubic feet of water per year. Under the control of the water resources department, water released through its two sluices irrigates around 610 acres. Of this, paddy is cultivated on 300 acres, while, coconut and other crops are raised on the remaining area, according to

the farmers. Along with a few other water irrigation channels and check dams, the tank was also renovated in 2022 under the Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP) Phase IV. The work was carried out with a funding of ₹34.19 crores. Recently, the shutter of the sluice developed a fault and broke down and blocking the water-

way. As a result, farmers are unable to draw water for irrigation, sources added.

M Sakthivel, a farmer from Vettaikkaranpudu, said, "For the first season, IR50, CO50 and TP55, paddy varieties have been cultivated on 300 acres. These are 120-day varieties. Now we have crossed 60 days and are in the milking stage. Due to the damage, water cannot be taken from the tank for irrigation."

EXPRESS READ

Over 600 strays get anti-rabies vax in a day

COIMBATORE: The Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) vaccinated more than 600 stray dogs against rabies in a single day as part of an intensified anti-rabies vaccination (ARV) drive in several parts of the city. The drive was carried out in Wards 50, 51, 52, 54 and 100. The Animal Husbandry Department supported the initiative by deputing four veterinary interns. Corporation officials said, the coordinated exercise helped substantially expand ARV coverage in the targeted areas. The civic body is now intensifying vaccination activities across all five zones. The vaccination drive is being implemented alongside the ABC programme. The corporation has been carrying out the ARV programme on a sustained basis, aiming to vaccinate 1,000 strays in a day. The CCMC thanked the Animal Husbandry Department and all those involved for their support in the campaign. ENS

Man held for cheating woman of ₹2.5 lakh

COIMBATORE: Vadavalli police on Saturday arrested a 42-year-old man for allegedly cheating a woman of ₹2.5 lakh after promising to arrange a Tamil Nadu Housing Board (TNHB) house for her. The arrested person was identified as R Saravanan of P N Pudur in the city. According to police sources, the complainant, M Padmapriya (48), was an onion vendor from Kalveerampalayam. Padmapriya came to know Saravanan in 2024. He told her that he had contacts in the TNHB and could arrange a house for her. He also claimed that money had to be paid to TNHB officials to facilitate the process. Believing him, Padmapriya allegedly handed over money to Saravanan on various occasions between January and December 2025. The total money she handed over to him totalled to ₹2.5 lakh. Saravanan continued to assure her that he would arrange the house but failed to do so. When Padmapriya later demanded he return the money, he allegedly threatened her. Following her complaint, Vadavalli police registered a case under sections 316(2) and 318(4) of the BNS and arrested Saravanan. He was remanded to judicial custody, sources added. ENS

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e-tender notice no. TGTD/C/WF/W1/07/2026 Date: 29/08/2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION

Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGTD/C) invites Request For Proposal (RFP) from eligible entities for the selection of agency(ies) for the development, operation, and maintenance of a floating restaurant, luxury dine-in cruise boat, and house boat at designated water bodies in Telangana on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis through the e-procurement platform. The RFP document & updates if any can be downloaded from e-procurement platform: <https://www.tender.telanganagov.in> w.e.f. 31/08/2026.

DIPR R.O.No.480-PPCL-AGENCY/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 29.08.2026 Sd/-MANAGING DIRECTOR

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Tenders are invited for the printing and supply of Diary 2027. Last date for online submission: 15-09-2026 at 10.00 AM. Opening of bid: 16-09-2026 at 11.00 AM. Detailed e-tender notifications and special instructions to the bidders are available on www.travancoredevaswomboard.org. For the submission of tender visit the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Asset Charged to The Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Sarfaesi Act") read with rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules"). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Guarantor (s) and Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged (collectively referred as "Property") to RBL Bank Ltd., ("Secured Creditor/Bank"), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under section 13(4) & section 14 of the SARFAESI Act read with the Rules, as detailed hereunder, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" on 06.10.2026, for recovery of the Bank's outstanding dues plus interest as detailed hereunder under Rules 8 and 9 of the Rules by inviting bids as per below e-auction schedule:

Brief Description of Parties, Outstanding dues and Property

S. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor (s)	Amount as per Demand Notice Date of Demand & Possession Notice under SARFAESI Act	Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Date/ Time of e-Auction /Bid Increase Amount	Last Date for Receipt of Bids along with documents	Name of Authorised Officer/ Phone No./ Email id
1.	Mr. Saranraj Rajendran S/o. Rajendran, H.No. 1H, Saravana Apartment, Dr Ambedkar Road, Coimbatore North, Tamil Nadu-641025. Also At: H.No. 1356 Thadagam Road, Rs Puram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu-641002 (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor), 2) Mrs. Rajendran Latha Rajan W/o. Rajendran, H.No. 1H, Saravana Apartment, Dr Ambedkar Road, Coimbatore North, Tamil Nadu-641025. Also At: No. 1356 Thadagam Road, Rs Puram, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu-641002, (Co-Borrower), 3) Mrs. Deepthi Shree, No. 1H, Saravana Apartment, Dr Ambedkar Road, Coimbatore North, Tamil Nadu-641025. Also At: No. 1356 Thadagam Road, Rs Puram, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu-641002, (Co-Borrower), 4) Mr.Radha G Service, Rep By Its Partner Mr. Saranraj Rajendran, No. 1356 Thadagam Road, Rs Puram, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu-641002 (Co-Borrower & Guarantor).	Rs.73,32,996.84 /- (Rupees Seventy-Three Lakhs Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Eighty Four Only) as on 8th Sep 2025 Date of Demand notice: 11.09.2025. Date of Physical Possession: 27.07.2026	28.09.2026 between 11:00 A.M to 2:30 P.M	Rs.83,39,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Three Lakhs Thirty-Nine Thousand Only) EMD: Rs.8,33,900/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Only) Increase amount: Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	06.10.2026 11:30 A.M To 12:30 P.M Without Unlithed extensions of 5 min. Each	On or Before 05.10.2026 upto 5:00 P.M	Mr. Gunaseelan A 9600144498/ gunaseelan.a@rbl.bank.in

Details of the Property: Coimbatore North Registration District, Periyanaickenpalayam SRO, formerly Coimbatore North Circle, Now Annur Circle, Kondayampalayam Village, S.No.388 for an extent of 4.89 Acres R.4.00, S.No.389 for an extent of Acres 6.34 Cents R.5.12, totalling Acres 11.23 Cents R.9.12 and the land was sub divided as S.No.388/1A, S.No.388/1B, S.No.388/2, S.No.389/1,2,3 and the remaining lands excluding S.No.389/1 are divided into plots and Plot Nos: 107 & 120 in the area named Sri Vishwabramma Nagar, a section of Sri Mahalakshmi Gardens and bounded as follows: North of: Plot No:108 and 119; South of: Plot No:106 and 121; East of: 23 Feet wide South North Road; West of: 23 Feet wide South North Road In between: East West on both sides: 90 Feet; North South on both sides 30 Feet. Land measuring 2700 Sq Ft or 6 Cents 86 Sq Ft along with RCC house built on 900 Sq Ft at the above location, including its doors, Ceilings, Roof, Front and Back Doors with all easementary rights over public Roads in Sri Mahalakshmi Gardens.Door No: 7/62-SLB-04-107/; Tax Receipt No.4090; E.B.No: 03-182-002-310; Patta No:623 Current Sub Division Nos: S.No.389/2A/1A/1 & S.No.389/2A/1A4. The above property falls within the limits of Kondayampalayam Panchayat.

Terms and Conditions:

- The E-Auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal. The interested bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms and conditions of auction available on the website of <https://www.bankauctions.com> & <https://www.rblbank.com/pdf-pages/news> before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the Property and specification before submitting the bid.
- The interested bidders shall submit their EMD details and documents through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Demand Draft, issued by a Scheduled commercial Bank favouring "Authorised Officer, RBL Bank Ltd", before 5:00 PM on or before 05.10.2026.
- Interested bidders may avail support/online training on E-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd Contact No: 7291981124/25/26. Contact Person Mr.Prabakaran Mob No:7418281709, e-mail-id: tn@e1india.com and for any query in relation to Property, they may contact, Mr.Gunaseelan A Authorised Officer (Mob. No. 9600144498, email: gunaseelan.a@rbl.bank.in)
- The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, & / or to postpone/cancel the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT

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Date: 31-08-2026, Place: Chennai Sd/- Authorised Officer, RBL BANK LTD.



The STP is being constructed by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board on behalf of the CCMC | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

Locals mount for legal battle against STP at Chinnavedampatti Lake

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THE resumption of work on a 10 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Chinnavedampatti Lake with police protection has prompted local residents and environmental activists to prepare for legal action before the Madras High Court and the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The STP is being constructed by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board on behalf of the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC). The facility is intended to treat sewage generated from the underground drainage network being laid in Kavundampalayam, Thudiyalur, Vadavalli, Veerakeralam, Saravanampatti and Vellakinar.

The project has faced sustained opposition from residents, environmentalists, social activists and public representatives, who have been demanding that the facility not be constructed near the waterbody and opposing the storage of treated water in the lake. A peace committee meeting was held on July 29 and more than 200 people were present. Following demands to identify an alternative location, the commissioner agreed to temporarily halt the works and inspect sites suggested by the protesters. However, officials later said none of the alternative loca-

tions was feasible and resumed construction at the lake with police protection.

Speaking to *TNIE*, VS Kalisamy, president of the Chinnavedampatti Lake Protection Association, said the protesters are preparing to approach both the High Court and NGT. He said officials from the WRD, TNEB, CCMC and revenue department would be included in the proposed case.

Kalisamy alleged that the STP had initially been planned at another location and accused the officials of misappropriation over the decision to shift it to the lake. He also alleged irregularities in obtaining permissions.

However, a senior CCMC official rejected the allegations, stating that the original site near a crematorium had been earmarked for solid waste management works. "Local residents and councillors opposed that location, following which the corporation selected the site near Chinnavedampatti Lake, revised the estimates and obtained the necessary approvals before commencing work."

Meanwhile, the corporation has modified its plan following the protests. Instead of storing treated water in the lake, the treated water will reportedly be released into the lake's outlet and diverted through a canal towards Achankulam for storage. Officials are aiming to complete the STP works within the next six months.

Training programme for improving library activities

COIMBATORE: The district school education department has planned to conduct a skill development training program for teachers regarding library activities. An officer from the district school education department told *TNIE*, "A separate library has been functioning at government schools from middle schools to higher secondary schools. However, teachers who are in charge of the library do not implement the library activities efficiently. We have planned to conduct a two-day training programme to improve library activities. Experts in this field will be holding the training in block level in next month," he said. ENS

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