

Poachers strike again, kill gaur in Gudalur forest

NILGIRIS: The Gudalur forest division officials have formed a special team and begun an investigation into the suspected hunting of a gaur that happened a few days ago at O-Valley forest range. Sources say the poachers used a sharp object to kill the animal as a mark was found in its neck. However, officials confirmed the animal was not killed using a gunshot. The poachers did not take the animal's horn and meat. This is second killing of a gaur at O-Valley forest range in Gudalur forest division in the last three months and third incident in the Nilgiris district in the last seven months. Venkatesh

Prabhu, the District Forest Officer of Gudalur, said "The forest range staff were on alert since April 8 as we have got a specific tip-off that the poachers may target gaur during Ramzan holidays. "We have tightened up the security measures wherever gaurs are found in the range. However, on April 11, our team found a carcass of the gaur with marks on the animal's neck indicating use of sharp objects. However, the back of the carcass had been eaten by carnivores and had scratch and bite marks. "Initially, we thought that the animal could have been hunted using a gun shot since there is a

puncture hole in the animal carcass. However, during the postmortem it was found that there is no presence of pellets and the puncture hole is due to a sharp object. It was also found that the puncture hole is not very deep that is just 3 cm and it is not the reason for the animal's death," said the DFO. "The animal meat was not taken by the poachers. The investigation process has been going on discreetly," said the DFO. The team headed by the Assistant Conservator of forest (ACF) and O Valley range officers have been formed and they are investigating suspects and obtaining their call data records.



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After name trouble, OPS now faces symbol poster challenge in Ramanathapuram

RAMANATHAPURAM. What's in a name? Apparently a lot when it comes to Ramanathapuram, which will witness a contest between five OPSes, including former chief minister O Panneerselvam. As Tamil Nadu is set to go to poll on April 19, electroneering in the constituency has intensified with the namesake OPSes seemingly banking on the brand of the copyright holder. Pamphlets and posters here are faceless, with just the letters OPS blown out of proportion, allegedly to create confusion. The Ramanathapuram constituency has been under the spotlight since Day 1, as five independent candidates with the name OPS, including the former CM, filed their papers. Adding to the confusion, the other four OPSes had sought for symbols which closely resembled that of the original OPS. While, the former CM was allotted the

'jackfruit', two other OPSes got 'bucket' and 'grapes', both of which were also preferred by the original OPS. The third namesake was allotted the 'sugarcane farmer' symbol. All the OPSes are scrambling for votes in the last leg of their respective canvassing trails. Contrary to popular practice, the pamphlets and posters here are faceless. The namesakes have just highlighted 'OPS' and mentioned their respective symbols. A local, who will be casting their vote, said, "This seems to be a tactic to create confusion among voters. Although the original OPS' campaigns with jackfruit cutouts and the spike in the fruit's public appearance, have created traction for the leader, he is still faced with roadblocks like anti-intucency, AIADMK's footprint, and his namesakes. "One of the candidates, 46-year-old O Panneerselvam

of Solaialapuram (with the symbol of the grapes), who has also employed the pen name 'Iyya' OPS given his age, said, "I will win with a huge margin. The first thing that I will do after my victory, is to retrieve Katchatheevu and provide drinking water facilities to the people." The lives of these pamphlets and flyers, however, were short-lived. Following complaints by the flying squad and the OPS side, election officials found that the posters in Paramakudi were pasted without obtaining prior permission and were pasted on government building. Official sources said the posters were cleared on Friday. Responding to the row, MP R Dhamaraj, who is also part of the OPS race, said, "People are aware of such things, and especially about our symbol (jackfruit). Such efforts of the namesakes will prove to be futile."

Modi, Deve Gowda to share dais during electoral rally in Mysuru today

Bengaluru. On Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Mysuru and Mangaluru to campaign for the Lok Sabha elections. He is scheduled to address a massive rally in Mysuru, where he would share the stage with JD(S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda, followed by a roadshow in Mangaluru.

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Hassan. The big gathering will be attended by BJP and JD(S) leaders from around the state. JD (S) state President and former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, who is also a Mandya contender, BJP leader BS Yediyurappa, and Saffron Party p.m. Modi would do a 1.5-kilometer roadshow in

PM Modi unveils BJP's LS campaign manifesto, with special attention on GYAN

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the BJP's Lok Sabha election manifesto on Sunday, with a specific emphasis on the poor, young people, farmers, and women. The prime minister distributed copies of the manifesto to representatives of the four major groups that benefited from the government's schemes: Gareeb, Yuva, Anniadati, and Naari Shakti (GYAN). Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled the manifesto for the elections, which are set to begin on April 19. Singh previously told the audience that the manifesto represents the promises made by the prime minister to the country's people.

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Advertisement for OPS (Original Panneerselvam) featuring a logo with a gaur and text in Tamil and English. The text includes 'OPS' and 'Original Panneerselvam'.

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