



Decades-old trees cut down for development works in Tallakulam | KK SUNDAR

Activists demand steps to protect city's green cover

Decry felling of 60-yr-old tree; say older trees can be translocated and not cut down

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madurai

WHILE development activities are afoot in Madurai, the emphasis on retaining green cover seems to have taken a back seat in the city. Citing the recent felling of a 60-year-old tree in the district by the highways department, environmentalists opined that the officials should have opted for translocation instead of cutting it down.

As pointed out in the National Forest Policy of India, at least 33% of a geographical area should be under forest or tree cover to maintain ecological stability. As per reports, the green cover in Madurai remains under 20%, in spite of afforestation efforts taken by forest and state departments.

"Though frequent tree plantation drives are organised by officials, several decades-old trees continue to be felled in the name of urbanisation. Recently, trees aged over 50 years were cut down in Tallakulam as part of road-laying works. On Tuesday, some saplings, along the Othakadai, were damaged in underground wire laying works," alleged environmentalists.

Pointing out the irony in the

issue, environmentalists also expressed concern over the dropping green cover's detrimental effects on climate change. "While it is important to focus on development, one cannot abandon preserving greenery. The 60 year-old trees in Tallakulam were felled, saying that numerous saplings will be planted in its place. However, the saplings can never release the same amount of the oxygen as the old trees," noted Bharathi, an environmentalist from Madurai.

He said that though frequent tree plantation drives are being taken up by many, only a few spent time to nurture the saplings and ensure their growth. "Authorities should opt for felling only as their last resort, and instead plan in line with environmental preservation," Bharathi added.

Speaking to TNIE, Ashok Kumar, another environmentalist from Madurai said, "A five-decade-old tree was cut down by some department, leaving just the stump behind. Instead of cutting down these trees entirely, the department concerned could have opted for tree translocation." He also urged authorities to opt for translocation in future.

HC gives bail to 7 people arrested for protesting against cops over 'caste bias'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madurai

THE Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Friday granted bail to seven people, who were arrested for staging a protest against the Devarkulam police personnel in Tirunelveli district, after they alleged that the police had foisted false cases against them and targeted members of the Thevar community.

In separate petitions, M Valinayagam, M Subramanian, C

Sivaraj, K Esakkiraj, V Shankarasubramanian, P Manikandan, and M Prasath submitted that they were arrested by the Devarkulam Police on May 8, for raising slogans against the police officials and alleging that the police officials, members of other communities, harassed those belonging to the Thevar community. The petitioners demanded that police officials from the Thevar community alone be posted at Devarkulam. The additional public prosecutor, appearing for

the police, strongly opposed the bail and submitted that there are a total of 58 accused persons in the case, and added that the investigation into the case is yet to conclude.

Considering the facts, circumstances, and taking note of the incarceration period, Justice S Srimathy granted bail to seven people. The Court also directed the petitioners to stay in Thanjavur and report to the inspector of Pattukkottai Town police station daily, at 10.30 am, until further orders.

'Give ₹10 lakh each to kin of dead guest lecturers'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madurai

TAMIL NADU All Government College UGC Qualified Guest Lecturers Association President V Thangaraj urged Chief Minister MK Stalin to provide a compensation of ₹10 lakh to the family of guest lecturers, who lost their lives while in service, and disburse salaries for the month of May to the guest lecturers working in Government Arts and Science colleges across the state. In a press statement, Thangaraj said 17 guest lecturers lost their lives in two years in Tamil Nadu, allegedly due to low salary and stress, whereas, female guest lecturers are not given maternity leave on a par with government employees.

"In the last 10 years, a total of 7,374 guest lecturers have worked in 164 Government Arts

and Science colleges across the state, for a monthly salary of ₹25,000, against the UGC's prescribed salary of ₹50,000 per month. Further, they are given salary only for 11 months in a year, despite being asked to work in May as well," Thangaraj said, adding that guest lecturers are provided with a monthly salary of ₹57,700 in states like Haryana and Punjab.

He further pointed out that though Tamil Nadu has been outrunning other states in terms of higher education, the status of guest lecturers continues to remain pathetic here. "If this continues, then the quality of higher education might deteriorate," he added, and urged the chief minister to grant the compensation and maternity leaves, and make efforts to regularise the employment of guest lecturers.

Five arrested for murder of history-sheeter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Theni

FIVE persons were arrested by the Periyakulam police on Friday for allegedly murdering a history-sheeter on Thursday night. Sources said, G Kannadasan (31) alias Mutta Kannan

of Periyakulam, was attacked by brothers Karankumar (25) and Pugalenthi (24), along with their friends, Alagar (22), Elangeswaran (28) and Charley (23), using sharp weapons.

The Periyakulam police came to the spot and admitted

Kannadasan to a government hospital. He was later taken to the Government Medical College Hospital in Theni, but was declared brought dead. A case has been registered and all five were arrested, sources said. Further probe is under way.

Five fishermen rescued after boat capsizes in sea in Pamban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Ramanathapuram

FIVE fishermen from Pamban were rescued after the boat that they had on, had capsized at sea on Friday. They had ventured

into the sea despite a weather ban in place. Official sources said, a ban on fishing was put in place considering rough sea condition in Rameswaram. The five fishermen, however, ventured into the sea on a country

boat on Friday morning. They were identified as, Prethistan (33), Lenin (52), Francis Karbasev (35), Apson (22), and Jebamalai, of Pamban.

While the boat was 12 nautical miles off the coast, it cap-

sized and sank in the sea. The fishermen were able to stay afloat. The stranded fishermen intimated other fishermen on the shore using a satellite phone. Four boats went in search of them and found all

crew members safe. The fishermen were rescued and brought back to the shore by evening. Fisheries department officials have stated that action will be taken against the fishermen for violating the ban.

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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager / Tiruchchirappalli

NOTICE
DISTRICT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING / DINDIGUL LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY
ROC NO. : JQJ53M5L/2024/ DD-2 Dated. 23.05.2024
In the G.O.Ms.No.327 Housing and Urban Development Department Dated. 24.07.2001 the Government have approved the Dindigul Review master plan and enforced.
The applicants **Mr. A.Leonard Harihara Pandian** and 5 others Door No.10-2-1, High School Periya Street, Pattevaranpatty, Athoor Taluk, Dindigul District - 624 211 is requesting for Change of Land use from Institutional use into Residential use in the Dindigul Review Master Plan of Dindigul District, Dindigul East Taluk, Thottanuthu Panchayat/Village, S.F.No. 667/4B1, 667/4B2A, 667/4B2B, 667/4B3A, 667/4B3B, 667/4B4, 667/4B6, 667/5A1A, 667/5A1B, 667/5A2, 667/6A & 667/7A2, extent of 0.37.18 Hec (or) 0.9185 Acres.
Any Objection and Suggestion to the Change of land use Proposed may be informed to the Dindigul Local Planning Authority in the following address within 30 days.
(Thiru. B.Rameshkumar, B.E., M.B.A.,) Deputy Director / Member Secretary, District Town and Country Planning / Local Planning Authority, Dindigul.
Office Address District Town and Country Planning, Dindigul District, 14, Vivekananda Nagar, Dindigul - 624 001. Ph. No. : 0451 - 2422165.

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(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India)
Regional Office, Pudukcherry
No.101, 100 Feet Road, Cholam Nagar, Olandi Keerapalayam, Tel: 0413-2353055, email : ro.puducherry@epfindia.gov.in Pudukcherry-605004.
No.TN/RO/PD/NaN2.0/2023-24 Date: 22.05.2024
PRESS NOTE
NAN 2.0 (Nidhi Aapke Nikat- PF Near You) is conducted by EPFO on 27.05.2024 (Monday) between 9:00 AM and 5:45 PM at the following venues of the districts mentioned below:

Regional Office Name	District Name	Venue
Pudukcherry	Pudukcherry	M/S. POTHYS, NO.400, ANNA SALAI, NEAR RAM INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, GOVINDASALAI, SUBBARAYAPPILLAI CHATHIRAM, PUDUCHERRY 605001.
Pudukcherry	Karaikal	ESIC, BRANCH OFFICE KARAikal, PUDUCHERRY

The following activities will be conducted during the program.
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➤ Online services for Employers/Principal Employers/Contractors.
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➤ Awareness Program on New initiatives/reforms.
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The Theme for month of May 2024 is **PENSIONERS SERVICES - 2**.
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4. Prayaas PPO on the day of retirement.
5. Pension & EDLI Calculator
Therefore, it is appealed to all concerned to attend the said program.
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
Ref: RO/SAR/SN/23/2024-25 Date: 23.05.2024
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
1) Mrs. Karunya Devi S, Proprietrix of M/s. Manish Pyro Oil, No.4/46, Sholavantham Road, Nagari, Madurai, Tamilnadu - 625221. Also at, No.4/46, Ayyankottai, Nagari, Madurai, Tamilnadu - 625221.
2) Mr. Barkaran T, No.63-A-4, Ward No.29, Ranger Office Road, Cumbum, Theni, Tamilnadu - 625516. Also at: No.63-A8, Ward No.29, Ranger Office Road, Cumbum, Theni, Tamilnadu - 625516.
3) Mr. Santhana Krishnan T, No.4/46, Ayyankottai, Nagari, Madurai, Tamilnadu - 625221.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/ guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd. Branch (Secured Creditor), the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on 28.06.2024 for recovery of an amount of Rs.1,47,43,615.04 (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakh Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and Paise Four Only) as on 22.05.2024, with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Madurai West Branch (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).
Name of Property Owner: Mr. Barkaran T
Description of property:- All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 6606.25 Sq.ft along with building thereon in Cumbum Municipality and along with all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Old Ward No.14, New Ward No.29, Old Door No.199A, New Door No.63A-4 (Assessment No.122/029/00342), Ranger Office Road, Sy No.690/7 within Uthamaparam Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District and owned by Mr. Barkaran T more fully described in Partition Deed No.01/2002 dated 02.01.2002 of Sub Registrar Office - Cumbum and bounded on, North: Municipal Road, South: "A" schedule house & N K Thirumalai Vellaichampillai and others house, East: "A" schedule house & Municipal Road, West: Site sold by T Gopalakrishnan
Reserve Price Rs.1,71,17,000 (Rupees One Crore Seventy One Lakh Seventeen Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.17,11,700/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Only)
Bid Increment amount Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of E-auction 28.06.2024 from 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank Nil Encumbrances from 01.12.2022 to 31.01.2024
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For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact Authorised Officer (Ph. No. 0452 2300205/9894647220) or The South Indian Bank Ltd., Madurai West Branch Mobile No.9400015179 during working hours.
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Ref: RO/SAR/SN/22/2024-25 Date: 23.05.2024
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
1) Mr. Immam Ahmed Hussain S, (Proprietor of M/s. Siraj Milk Agency) No.2/1, M K Complex, Battagundu Road, Begampur, Dindigul, Tamilnadu - 624002. Also at: Door No.85, Jinna Nagar, Madurai Road, Begampur, Dindigul, Tamilnadu - 624002.
2) Mrs. Kousiya I, No.85, Jinna Nagar, Madurai Road, Begampur, Dindigul, Tamilnadu - 624002. Also at: No.2/1, M K Complex, Battagundu Road, Begampur, Dindigul, Tamilnadu - 624002.
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Name of Property Owner: Mrs. Kousiya I.
Description of property:- All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 62 Cents along with all other constructions, improvements, right to use pathway and cart-track, other easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated under S.No.82/1, Re.S.No.82/1B3 of Pillayarnatham Village, Athoor Taluk, Dindigul District and owned by Mrs. Kousiya I, more fully described in Registered Gift Settlement Deed No.4175/2019 dated 22.08.2019 of Sub Registrar Office Nagal Nayakkampatti and bounded on, North: Property Measuring 58.5 Cents Out of 259 Cents in S.No.82/1, East: Property in S.No.82/A, South: Property in S.No.83 & 83/3, West: North-South Cart Track.
Reserve Price Rs.40,18,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Eighteen Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.4,01,800/- (Rupees Four Lakh One Thousand Eight Hundred Only)
Bid Increment amount Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of E-auction 14.06.2024 from 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank Nil Encumbrances from 30.03.2022 to 01.09.2023
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com. Details also available at <https://bankauctions.in>
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