

TNSTC buses skip Kovai village due to caste bias: SC residents

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PEOPLE belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) residing in Anna Nagar are alleging that officers of TNSTC Coimbatore are favouring caste Hindus by not operating two corporation buses to the village (Anna Nagar), where 300 SC families reside, from Kembanur, located near Thondamuthur in the district. Although they have not lodged a formal complaint, Dravidar Viduthalai Kazhagam (DVK) has already petitioned the district administration in this regard. However, the DVK is yet to get a response.

When *TNIE* recently visited Kembanur, people said that due to caste discrimination, caste Hindus do not allow two buses (21 and 21B) to enter Anna Nagar, located just 400m from Kembanur. They alleged that officers of the TNSTC and local politicians are supporting this.

P Dharmaraj (name changed) in Anna Nagar told *TNIE* that even after relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions in 2021, caste Hindus did not allow all corporation buses to operate. "After protests, a few buses were allowed, but only during morning and evening," he said. "When SC people board a bus from Anna Nagar, most of them are



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Child marriage victim's 'husband' booked under Pocso

KRISHNAGIRI: After a 16-year-old child expelled a dead foetus, her husband, a 24-year-old man near Nagamangalam was booked under sections of the Child Marriage and Pocso Act at Denkanikottai AWPS on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday, *TNIE* carried an article titled 'New case of Aad-

haar tampering for child marriage emerges', which said that a 16-year-old girl near Nagamangalam was married by tampering with her date of birth on Aadhaar, and during a health checkup, it was found that she had an Intrauterine Fetal Demise (IUFD). Her relatives initially refused to admit

her to the hospital, but the same day, she was admitted to Government Krishnagiri Medical College Hospital for treatment, and she expelled an IUFD foetus on Thursday.

Following the issue, based on a complaint lodged by the social welfare department, Block Extension Officer of Kelaman-

galam, Komala, Denkanikottai AWPS booked a case under sections 5 (i), 5 (j) (ii), r/w 6 (1) of the Pocso Act on Tuesday night and section 9 r/w 10 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. Police are yet to arrest the accused.

The minor's health condition is stable.

Road damaged by Cyclone Fengal yet to be fixed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@Dharmapuri

NINE months ago, during Cyclone Fengal, a segment of a road collapsed near Bandharahalli Lake. While temporary repairs were done, no permanent solution was provided, and commuters say the road could collapse at any time.

The Bandharahalli lake road in Karimangalam was constructed by the state highways department, connecting the taluk headquarters and markets to ensure easy commute. In early December last year, during the onset of the Fengal cyclone, a segment of the road collapsed, and nine months later, the road poses a safety hazard, as it could collapse further



Nine months on, a segment of Bandharahalli lake road in Karimangalam, which collapsed last year due to Cyclone Fengal, has not been repaired | EXPRESS

any time. Local residents urged the state highways to take steps to renovate the road.

Speaking to *TNIE*, A Murugesan from Karimangalam, said, "It is surprising that the road remains intact. When it rained,

most parts of the road eroded, and the road was damaged. Even now, barricades have been placed by the police, warning oncoming traffic to stop. Nine months ago, the state highways made temporary repairs using

sandbags and logs to hold the road in place, but this is insufficient and could collapse."

Another resident in the area, RP Sivalingam, said, "We have TNSTC buses, cars, two-wheelers, and trucks using this road daily. On the southern end of the road lies a 100-foot-deep well; if it collapses, it will lead to fatalities. Further, this road connects Karimangalam, Pananthur, Arasampatti, and many people use this. Therefore, we urge the state highway department to take steps to renovate the road and ensure people's safety."

When *TNIE* reached out to officials in the state highways department, they said they would conduct an inspection and take necessary steps.

18 escape with injuries as private bus rams into compound wall near Hosur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@Krishnagiri

A private bus from Bengaluru to Kundukottai met with an accident near Hosur Sipcot on Thursday afternoon. The passengers sustained minor injuries and no casualties were reported.

Police sources said, the private bus was en route to Kundukottai from Bengaluru when its front tyre burst near Hosur Sipcot. Driver K Mani (36) of Kundukottai, lost control of the vehicle, causing it to veer off onto two service roads and collide with a private company's compound wall.

Out of the 25 people on board, 18 sustained minor injuries and one K Rasathi (50) of Krishnagiri suffered a leg fracture. Passersby and Sipcot police quickly transported the injured to the Government District



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Headquarters Hospital in Hosur. Most received first aid as outpatients and were subsequently discharged.

Police sources added that the bus driver's actions prevented a more severe accident on the

Krishnagiri-Bengaluru national highway. The Hosur Traffic Investigation Wing is currently inquiring into the incident. Based on a complaint from Rasathi, police have registered a case against the bus driver.

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TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas as per Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi, Environmental Impact Assessment Notification number S.O.1533 dated 14.09.2006 and its amendments public hearing at the site or in its close proximity/district wise, be carried out in the manner prescribed in Appendix IV for ascertaining concerns of local affected persons for the projects covered in Schedule of the said notification.

Whereas the public hearing at or in close proximity to the site has to be conducted by the State Pollution Control Board concerned in the specified manner as per Paragraph 7 & Appendix-IV of the said notification.

Whereas as required public hearing is proposed to be conducted by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for the following project on the date, time and venue as mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Project and Location	Details of Project	Date & Time	Place
1	M/s. Baett India Private Limited, S.F.No.32/2, Plot.No. A-3/1, SIPCOT Industrial Park, Theroyandigai Village, Gummidi poondi Taluk, Tiruvalur District	Proposed Expansion in Saleable Casting Products from 27500 TPA to 95040 TPA	26.09.2025 11:00 am	"Community Hall - Sengarai Village" located at Sengarai Village, Ellapuram Panchayat Union, Uthukottai Taluk Tiruvalur District

In this connection, it is informed that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Executive Summary in English and Tamil is made available for public reference at the following places:

1. Office of the District Collector, Tiruvalur District, Tiruvalur.

2. Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ponneri - 601204.

3. Office of the District Environmental Engineer, TNPC Board, No.88A, SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Gummidi poondi, Tiruvalur District - 601201.

4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

5. State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, No.327 Metros, 9th Floor, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600035.

6. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, (South Eastern Zone), Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034

7. Block Development Officer, Gummidi poondi Panchayat Union, Tiruvalur District - 601201.

8. SIPCOT Industrial Park Office, Theroyandigai, Tiruvalur District - 601202.

Suggestions, views, comments and objections of the public are invited within THIRTY DAYS from the date of publication of this notice, by the District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Gummidi poondi (Email : deegmp@tnpcb.gov.in).

All persons including Bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others, located at the project site / sites of displacement / sites likely to be affected can participate in the Public Hearing and they can also make Oral / Written suggestions to the District Environmental Engineer, TNPC Board, No.88A, SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Gummidi poondi - 601201 on the above project.

Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai - 600032

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