

Farmers flay TN's crop loan waiver announcement, walk out of meet

They say CM's offer deceptive, TVK did not stick to promises made in election manifesto

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FARMERS of the Tamilaga Vivasayigal Pathukappu Sangam (TVPS) walked out of a grievance meeting...



Farmers walk out of a grievance meeting organised by Collector Manish Narnaware in Tiruppur, covering their mouths with black cloth in protest | EXPRESS

Minister C Joseph Vijay had announced in his election manifesto that all loans of farmers owning less than five acres of land would be waived.

waived by 50%. However, after coming to power, he has now issued a deceptive announcement, which is deeply disappointing.

fore that, the value of crop loans waived was ₹7,000 crore. Currently, only about ₹2,000 crore of crop loans have been waived.

A Kalimuthu, president of Tamilaga Katchi Sarbatra Vivasayigal Sangam, said, "The district collector must bring our views to the attention of the government."

Meanwhile, TVPS has planned to organise a protest in Tiruppur on June 1, bringing together all farmer associations and political parties.

8 goats killed in stray dog attack in T'pur

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IN Vellakovil of the district, about eight goats died on Friday after being bitten by stray dogs. Farmers called their protest off after officials assured them that steps would be taken to provide compensation at market value.

Sources said M Gunasekar of Merkku Thottam is a farmer. Apart from that, he is also engaged in animal husbandry. On Thursday night, as usual, he penned the goats in the goat house on the farmland.



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ment to provide relief at market value. Farmers then abandoned the protest.

"We gave up the protest following a written assurance from officials headed by Kangayam tahsilidar," said P Velusamy, president of PAP Vellakovil Branch Canal Water Conservation Movement, who led the protest.

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40-year-old farm labourer killed in wild elephant attack in Erode's Bargur Hills

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A 40-year-old agricultural labourer was killed in a wild elephant attack around 6.30 am on Friday in Bargur Hills, Erode district.

According to police, the victim - C Thangaraj, of Epathampalayam village in Bargur Hills - in order to attend nature's call, went to the forest area adjacent to his village on Friday morning. He was allegedly using his mobile phone and did not notice the lone wild elephant approaching from behind him.

Hearing the victim's screams, nearby villagers rushed to the spot, but the wild animal had left the place by then. Bargur police and forest officials from Bargur range conducted an inquiry.

The victim is survived by his wife and four children. The villagers, who gathered at the spot, appealed to the officials to provide compensation to Thangaraj's family and take measures to prevent the entry of wild animals into the village.

The officials assured the villagers of action, and subsequently, the victim's body was sent to Anthyur Government Hospital. A case has been registered and further investigation is under way.



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Auto driver hands over lost bag with ₹5.64 lakh

Tiruppur: Senior police officials led by Commissioner S Rajendran and Deputy Commissioner Deepa Sathyan praised an auto driver for handing over a bag with ₹5.64 lakh, found on the roadside near Valam Bridge in Tiruppur on Friday.

Minister's breakfast at roadside eatery surprises officials



Animal Husbandry Minister Kamali inspected a cattle farm at Theetukkal on Friday | EXPRESS

S SENTHIL KUMAR @ Nilgiris

OFFICIALS of the Animal Husbandry Department in Nilgiris district were pleasantly surprised by the simplicity of Animal Husbandry Minister S Kamali during her first visit to the district after assuming office.

Ahead of her visit, the young minister, who was elected from the Avinashi Assembly constituency in Tiruppur district, informed officials over the phone that no elaborate arrangements

were required to receive her. Upon her arrival in Coonoor, a team led by Regional Director R Babu took her to a high-class vegetarian hotel for breakfast. However, the minister declined and asked officials to find a simpler place. Eventually, the minister spotted a small roadside eatery, where she had breakfast along with five officials. She further surprised them by personally covering the bill. For lunch, she dined with Collector Lakshmi Bhavya Taneeru at the Tamilagam Government Guest

House. "We have not spent a rupee for the visit," said an official, expressing surprise at her gesture. However, the official said that she accepted a bouquet when it was handed over to her upon arrival. The minister inspected the Veterinary Hospital and Animal Birth Control Centre in Coonoor, the Frozen Semen Production Station within the District Livestock Farm at Theetukkal, and the Animal Disease Investigation unit in Ooty.

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