

SC residents rejoice as bus service hit by 'caste bias' returns to Anna Nagar

Following multiple petitions to earlier govts, issue resolved after social justice min's visit on May 30

N DHAMOTHARAN @ Coimbatore

AFTER nearly 21 years of being denied bus services due to alleged caste-based discrimination, SC residents of Anna Nagar near Thondamuthur heaved a sigh of relief after a TNSTC bus plying on the Gandhipuram-Kembanur route was operated to their locality on Saturday.

TNIE had earlier highlighted the issue on August 22, 2025, titled 'TNSTC buses skip village due to caste bias: SC locals'.

Social Justice Minister Vanni Arasu, who visited Coimbatore on May 30, assured the residents that steps would be taken to operate the bus to Anna Nagar. The assurance came after the residents of Anna Nagar submitted a petition stating that bus no 21 is not operated from Kembanur to Anna Nagar due to alleged caste-based discrimination.

The district administration, TNSTC and the police department took steps to extend the operation of the bus service, which is located about 400 metres away. As part of this, with police protection in Kembanur and Anna Nagar, the bus entered Anna Nagar at 11.30 am. Residents of Anna Nagar,



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Vanni Arasu interacted with the residents through video call, and people thanked him.

D Kittan (name changed) from Anna Nagar welcomed this move and told TNIE that this bus has been operational for over 30 years.

ago, dominant caste people claimed the bus for themselves and opposed its operation to Anna Nagar.

"Following repeated requests, the bus was operated for only one trip to Anna Nagar in 2005. Due to opposition from the dominant caste members, the bus did not operate to Anna Nagar thereafter. After a 21-year gap, the bus entered into our area," he said.

Another youth said, "After TNIE exposed the issue, CPI (M), DVK, DYFI staged demonstrations condemning this. We also submitted petitions to the district administration, the state government and the National Commission for SC and ST, reiterating the same demand. Even after the commission directed the collector to extend the bus service to Anna Nagar, leaders from Dravidian parties and officials denied bus service to Anna Nagar. After a ten-month struggle, the bus has now entered the area," he said.

According to sources, apart from bus (21), five other buses operating on different routes are operated to Anna Nagar for a few trips. But, bus (21) operates regularly to Kembanur from morning to night.

TN will not allow Mekedatu dam at any cost: Sengottaiyan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Erode

TAMIL Nadu will not allow the construction of a dam at Mekedatu under any circumstances, said Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management KA Sengottaiyan, in Gobichettipalayam in Erode on Saturday.

Addressing reporters, Sengottaiyan said, "We have been continuously fighting against the construction of a new dam at Mekedatu across the Cauvery. Our chief minister's vision is that not even a single drop of Cauvery water flowing towards Tamil Nadu should be blocked by Karnataka. The government is closely mon-

itoring the issue and will take all necessary legal steps to prevent the construction of the dam. The chief minister has clearly conveyed Tamil Nadu's stance on the Mekedatu dam issue to the Prime Minister. But what they discussed about it should not be revealed," he added.

The minister also stated that the government is taking steps to maintain reservoirs and water bodies such as Bhavanisagar Dam, Aliyar Dam and Thambarani River in a clean condition. Measures are being taken to prevent sewage and drainage water from entering waterbodies. He added that the govern-

ment's goal is to provide clean drinking water through public pipelines so that people do not have to purchase water.

"Several welfare schemes are being implemented effectively under the leadership of Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay. During the recent Cabinet meeting, detailed discussions were held on development projects and statistical targets for the next five years, and the chief minister has instructed officials to expedite their implementation."

When reporters asked whether there was any possibility of negotiations with the Karnataka government on the Mekedatu issue, the minister did not respond and left.

Application deadline for TNAU courses extended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

THE Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) on Saturday extended the application deadline for undergraduate and diploma admissions for the 2026-2027 academic year to June 17.

Earlier, the deadline for receiving applications was June 8. An official from TNAU's admissions section told TNIE that online registration for 14 undergraduate courses and three diploma courses offered by the university's constituent

and affiliated colleges, and by the Faculty of Agriculture at Annamalai University, has been extended until June 17. "So far, nearly 27,056 applications have been received for the 4,736 seats for undergraduate courses. For the 1,240 seats in diploma courses, as many as 1,702 applications have been received. Students can submit their completed online applications after paying the application fee by June 17. The rank list and counseling schedule will be announced soon," the official said.

Cop drives while drunk on duty in Erode, suspended

ERODE: A policeman in Erode was placed under suspension on Saturday for driving a police vehicle while allegedly under the influence of alcohol. According to sources, a video of a policeman driving the vehicle in a risky manner in Erode went viral on social media on Friday. An investigation revealed that Saravana Prakash of Talavadi police station, was driving the vehicle while allegedly under the influence of alcohol while travelling from Erode to Sathyamangalam. ENS

EXPRESS READ

Man held for attacking two bus drivers, passenger

Krishnagiri: A 25-year-old man was arrested on Saturday for allegedly assaulting two government bus drivers and a passenger over a quarrel about rash driving. According to police sources, a town bus from Hosur, driven by M Mariyappan (49) of Dharmapuri, was heading to Denkanikottai on Friday night. Near Chinnna Belakondapalli, an argument broke out between the driver and two bike-borne men allegedly over rash driving. During the quarrel, the two men allegedly assaulted the driver and a passenger. Thimmaraj (39) from Denkanikottai. While the scuffle was ongoing, Perumal (46), the driver of another government bus from Hosur, stopped the vehicle and intervened. However, the two men allegedly assaulted Perumal as well. The injured persons were admitted to Hosur government hospital. Based on a complaint, one suspect, G Vijayakumar (25), was arrested. ENS

West Asia conflict, US tariff hike dents T'pur's export value by 4.91% in '25-26

P SRINIVASAN @ Tiruppur

AMID various global challenges, Tiruppur recorded an export value of ₹42,544.40 crore during 2025-2026, a decline of 4.91% from the previous year. Previously, the export value of Tiruppur's knitwear sector was ₹44,747 crore in 2024-25. Exporters pointed out various global challenges behind the decline. However, they also expressed confidence that the current fiscal year will achieve export growth of 10% over fiscal year 2024-2025.

Speaking to TNIE, A Sakthivel, Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEP), said, "We faced severe challenges during the last fiscal year. In particular, we were affected by war situations and the US tariff hike. Moreover, shipments were significantly de-

layed at the end of the fiscal year. That is why the export level has decreased compared to last year. But the current fiscal year is good for us since the US-India trade deal is likely to be finalised soon. Therefore, we believe Tiruppur can achieve export growth of 10% more than the exports of the fiscal year 2024-2025."

KM Subramanian, president of Tiruppur Exporters' Association (TEA), said, "Despite global challenges, Tiruppur achieving exports of over 42,500 crore reflects the strength and resilience of the Tiruppur garment industry. It has strong growth opportunities through the effective use of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), the current increase in export orders,

the growing demand for Man-Made Fibre (MMF) garments, and the industry's continued focus on sustainability."

"Tiruppur industry has been regularly submitting various requests to the central and state governments for the growth and development of the textile sector. While some of these requests have been accepted, others are under consideration. With their continued cooperation, Tiruppur has the potential to achieve annual exports of ₹1 lakh crore by 2030. This growth will not only increase exports but also create more employment opportunities, attract new investments, and generate additional business opportunities across the textile and apparel sector."

Slow Thanneerpandal ROB construction draws public ire

ARAVIND RAI @ Coimbatore

RESIDENTS, commuters, and social activists have expressed distress over the slow pace of construction of the Thanneerpandal Rail Overbridge (ROB) near TIDEL Park in Coimbatore. Although the project was revived last year, after years of delays, officials are yet to complete crucial infrastructure work, leaving thousands of commuters struggling with traffic congestion and prolonged travel times.

The bridge, being constructed by the State Highways Department across Level Crossing Gate No 6, has become a symbol of delayed urban infrastructure. Motorists alleged that construction activities are frequently suspended, raising concerns over the project meeting the revised deadlines.

The origins of the project date back nearly two decades. In October 2006, the then DMK government sanctioned ₹12.65 crore for the construction of the rail overbridge. However, escalating construction costs over the years pushed the estimate to ₹15.3 crore. The proposed structure will span 549.14 metres in length and 8.5 metres in width, supported by 15 pillars, with approach roads and service lanes on either side.

However, residents said they have waited long enough for the project to conclude. T Raghunathan, a resident of Vilankurichi, said, "The public and motorists in the region have been expecting the bridge for over 20 years. The delay has been extremely frustrating. Thousands of commuters, including employees travelling to TIDEL Park, continue to face difficulties every day. The authorities should expedite the work."

While Southern Railway completed its portion of the construction above the railway track in 2018, the project soon became entangled in land acquisition disputes. Of the 58 affected landowners, most cooperated with the authorities, but objections from three landowners, including a private school and an industrial establishment, led to prolonged le-



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gal battles in the Madras High Court. The litigation stalled the project for several years.

Following public outcry, fresh tenders were floated for the ROB, barring the service roads, and the bridge construction resumed in July 2025 with an 18-month completion target. However, residents and activists claimed that the progress on the ground has remained sluggish.

State highways department officials attributed the latest delays to pending utility shifting work. A senior official told TNIE that more than 25% of the project has been completed so far. The official said, "Thirteen of the proposed 15 pillars have already been constructed, and the work for the retaining wall is under way on one side of the bridge. The installation of girders and deck slabs is expected to commence shortly." The official added that while the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) completed its utility relocation work before the elections, the relocation of the drinking water pipeline by Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board is yet to be completed. TWAD board sources called the delay "unavoidable", noting that shifting the pipelines would have disrupted drinking water supply to nearby residential areas during peak summer season and added that the work would be completed soon.

TVK warns of TNSTC union drive in its name

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

TAMILAGA Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) functionaries in the Nilgiris district has warned of legal action against Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) bus crew who collect memberships from fellow employees in the name of a TVK-affiliated trade union.

TVK functionaries in the Nilgiris district have also submitted a petition to senior officials of the TNSTC, Ooty region, seeking action against individuals who are falsely claiming to be leaders of a TVK union.

TVK Nilgiris district secretary S Bama Ramesh told TNIE that the party has not yet formed any trade union within the TNSTC. "We came to know that a few conductors and drivers have started collecting membership applications from bus crew, claiming they would become office-bearers of TVK unions in their respective depots. Since TVK has not formed any union in TNSTC, such activities are completely unauthorised and misleading. To prevent these practices, we have warned them of legal action," he said.

"We have also spoken to senior officials of the TNSTC and urged them not to allow such activities in the depots. If anyone continues these practices, we request the TNSTC administration to take stringent action against them," he added. Apart from Ooty, TVK functionaries recently submitted a petition to the branch manager of the Maruthamalai depot with a similar request.

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Office Premises Required in Gobichettipalayam, Erode Dist. Tamilnadu

Bank desires to acquire premises on lease at Gobichettipalayam, Erode Dist. Tamilnadu having carpet area of around 1500 to 2100 Sq. Ft., should preferably be on Ground Floor and located strategically on the main road having good frontage visibility, adequate power supply and parking facility. Interested parties owning suitable premises may apply to General Manager & Senior Regional Head on below mentioned address within 10 days i.e. 6.00 pm on or before 15.06.2026. Shri.Harees, S. G. M. & Sr. Regional Head, RBG Regional Office, 72, Mayflower "E" Castle, Dr.Balasundaram Road, Off Avinashi Road, ATT Colony, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Pin Code - 641 018. Proposals received by 6.00 pm on or before 15.06.2026 will only be accepted. The application should be made as per the "Instructions / Guidelines for submitting the offer" Estate Agents offering premises should submit their offers with full details along with authorization letters from landlords. No brokerage will be paid by the Bank. IDBI Bank Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reasons thereof. Performa and other details can be downloaded from our website www.idbibank.in under Notices - Tenders or collected from any of our branches.

Chennai Sd/
07.06.2026 Chief General Manager - Chennai Zone

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
(See proviso to Rule 8(i))
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	M/s. Leo Fashions Represented by Proprietor Ramadass S No. 1/5, KVR Nagar KRR (Thottam Tirupur- 641604 (Borrower) Mr. Ramadass S Mrs. Sudarvizhi R (Guarantor) Loan Account No. 106105020599	S. No: 135/3, 135/4, 141/3C, 153/1B, 153/3B, New S.No: 153/3B1, Door No. 1998, Site No: 140, Shri Sivasakthi Nagar, Iduvampalayam Tiruppur District- 641687 Residential House Land area 2000 Sq.ft., Built-up area 1584 Sq.ft.,	Rs. 74,59,964/- As on (May 02, 2026)	Rs. 73,50,000/- Rs. 7,35,000/-	June 22, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	July 14, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL: Link-assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s. Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagees/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by July 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM, else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd. SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai- 600058 on or before July 13, 2026 before 03:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before July 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/her offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd. SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai- 600058 on or before July 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Tiruppur. For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7550214251.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. MatexNet Pvt Ltd, 2 Auction Bazaar, have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4ps

Date: June 07, 2026
Place: Tiruppur

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

DBS Bank India Ltd.
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SEC. 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Name & Address of Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s)

1. M/s. Hari Krishna Auto Spare, Prop. Mr. P. Sivalingam, No: 8/1222, Mumoorthy Nagar, Tiruppur - 641 602. Also At: Mr. P. Sivalingam, S/o Mr. Palanisamy, No: 8/1623-A2, Nallappa Nagar, 1st Street, Neruperchial Village, Kollampalayam Road, Tiruppur - 641 602. Also At: Mr. P. Sivalingam, S/o Mr. Palanisamy, No: 3, Amman Nagar, Kathirampatti Road, Sindhankuttai, Nasyanur Post, Erode - 638 107.

2. Mrs. P. Poornima, D/o Mr. Palanisamy, No: 3, Amman Nagar, Kathirampatti Road, Sindhankuttai, Nasyanur Post, Erode - 638 107. Also at: Mrs. P. Poornima, D/o Mr. Palanisamy, No: 8/1623-A2, Nallappa Nagar, 1st Street, Neruperchial Village, Kollampalayam Road, Tiruppur - 641 602.

Branch: Swarnapuri Outstanding Dues: CLAP - Rs. 59,74,136.50 as on 05.05.2026 Date of Demand Notice: 21.05.2026 Date of N.P.A.: 05.05.2026

DETAILS OF THE SECURED ASSETS INTENDED TO BE ENFORCED

Schedule 1: (Details of the immovable Property): Property owned by Mr. P. Sivalingam S/o Mr. Palanisamy: As per the Doc.No: 11743/2016: All that pieces and parcel of the property situated in Tiruppur Registration District, Tiruppur Joint - 1 SRO, Tiruppur North Taluk, Neruperchial Village, Nallappa Nagar, Sarathi Street, in Old S.F.No.129, after Sub Division New S.No: 129/2, As per revenue record Natham S.No: 129/24, Plot No: 16 part of Southern portion, bearing door numbers 8/1623-A1 and 8/1623-A2 with total extent 118.45 Sq.Mt or 1275 Sq.Ft. Boundaries for 118.45 Sq.Mt or 1275 Sq.Ft of land with building: North of: Site No.15 Land, South of: Beharam Southi Site No.16 Northern Portion, East of: 25 ft wide South North Layout Road, West of: Site No.8 & 9 Land. Measurement Details: North - East West: 60 Ft, South - East West: 60 Ft, East - South North: 22 1/2 Ft, West - South North: 20 Ft, Total - 1275 Sq.Ft. With all easements Rights and Pathway.

Subj: Loan Accounts - CLAP with DBS Bank India Ltd (Secured Creditor), as mentioned the above branch, treated as NPA since in the above date.

You have committed default to repayment of loan to the tune of above mentioned amounts, with future interest at the agreed rate from 06.05.2026 to till date of repayment.

The bank issued notice under the Act on above mentioned date calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount. The notice was sent to the Borrower/ guarantor by Registered post and the notices addressed to you as above have been returned unserved For Si.No.1 & 2.

You For Si.No.1 & 2 are called upon to pay the above said sum together with interest from 06.05.2026 to till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the above schedule.

DATE: 21.05.2026 AUTHOURISED OFFICER
PLACE: TIRUPPUR DBS BANK INDIA LTD.,