

# Locals raise a stink over worsening stench at Vellalore dumpyard site

Spraying solutions on garbage not scientifically proven, will ask officials to check: CCMC chief

ARAVIND RAJ @ Coimbatore

RESIDENTS across several parts of Coimbatore say the foul smell from the Vellalore dumpyard has intensified in recent weeks, spreading to neighbourhoods located several kilometres away and causing distress during evening.

People residing in Podanur, Nanjundapuram, Ramanathapuram, Sungam, Singanallur, Sundarapuram and nearby areas say the odour has become a daily problem, particularly during evening. Many residents claim the smell makes it difficult to keep their windows open.

“We can clearly smell the garbage every evening. Sometimes it becomes so strong that we have to shut all the doors and windows,” said R Gayathri Devi, a resident of Nanjundapuram. “Earlier it was occasional, but now it seems to happen almost every day,” she added.

Another resident, M Baasha



A portion of Vellalore dumpyard in Coimbatore | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

from Podanur said the situation has been getting worse over the past few weeks. “Children and elderly people find it very uncomfortable. We cannot even sit outside in the evening. All the commercial stores in the Saradha Mill Road area have started using incense sticks and burners to evade the foul odour,” he added.

Local activists and social workers have also condemned the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation’s failure to take

adequate measures to control the odour from garbage piles. Sources said that in the past, the civic body used to spray water and other chemical solutions over the waste to reduce the smell. But recently no such steps are being taken by the CCMC officials.

Residents claim that the odour often spreads across multiple neighbourhoods depending on the wind direction. Many people have taken to social media and local complaint

channels to highlight the issue and demand a permanent solution to the long-standing problem.

CCMC Commissioner M Sivaguru Prabakaran said spraying solutions over garbage heaps may not be an effective way to control the smell.

“Spraying solutions on the garbage piles is ineffective and not scientifically proven,” he said. “There may be other causes for the smell. I will send officials to the areas where complaints have been raised and instruct them to inspect and take necessary action.”

Residents, however, say they are hoping for quicker intervention from authorities. Many believe a long-term waste management strategy is necessary to address the recurring issue and prevent the odour from spreading to residential areas. Until then, evenings remain unpleasant for many households living in the vicinity of the Vellalore dumpyard.

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AS examinations for school-children are under way, the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNP-DCL) has instructed field officers not to suspend power supply to carry out regular maintenance work.

Meanwhile, field staff worry that operating distribution channels without proper monthly maintenance continuously for four months could run into problems, especially since the demand for electricity usually goes up during summer. The board exams for Class X and Class XII in CBSE schools have already started, and exams for state board students have been scheduled to start on March 2.

A senior official from the Coimbatore metro circle said that the section and field

officers have already carried out large-scale precautionary maintenance in December 2025, to avoid unnecessary power interruptions for the next few months up to April 2026. Unless it is an emergency, the power supply will not be suspended. In areas where supply from alternative sources is viable, smaller maintenance work can be carried out,” the officer said.

Meanwhile, staff said the upcoming assembly election is another reason for skipping the monthly maintenance. “Usually, the department instructs us to keep the electricity supply on without any major interruptions from January to March to assist students in preparing for their examinations. This is

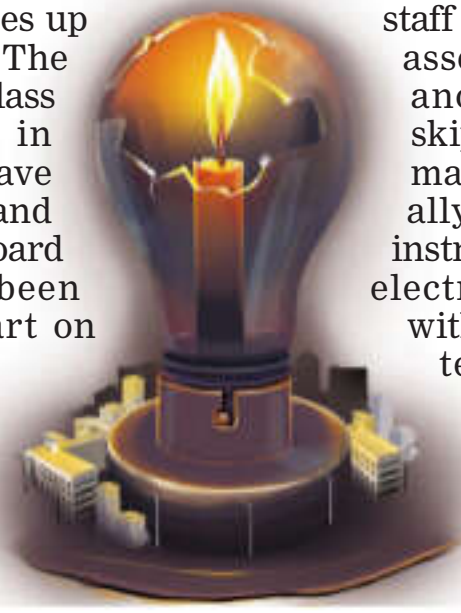
an official order, while the approaching elections are an unsaid reason. The order may be in force until the end of the election season. Until then, we carry out minor maintenance on weekends

“Keeping the situation in mind, we have been preparing for this hectic period in December 2025 itself, even though the distribution network needs a complete shutdown once a month to avoid further repairs. However, we are forced to manage the situation without monthly maintenance, which may increase power cuts,” a section officer from TNPDC said.



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A senior official from Kovai metro circle



# 19-yr-old youth detained for killing minor girl, her grandmom near Negaman

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@ Coimbatore

A 19-year-old man was detained on Tuesday for allegedly killing a 16-year-old minor girl and her 60-year-old grandmother over an altercation regarding their relationship near Negaman in Coimbatore on Monday night. The formal arrest is, however, yet to be made, the police said.

The deceased was P Kowsy and her grandmother M Mylathal of Kongoundanpalayam village near Negaman.

The suspect, Abhishek of Kappalankarai near the victim’s village, was working as a labourer in a private company and got acquainted with Kowsy when he was studying in the same school near Negaman. Investigation revealed that Kowsy and Abhishek were in a relationship over the last few years. Although the accused, along with his parents, had earlier approached the girl’s family for marriage, they were refused on the ground

that she had not attained the legal age for marriage. Despite this, the accused continued to harass her for marriage.

On Monday, around 7.15 pm, the suspect went to the girl’s house and held an altercation for not speaking to him for the last few days. The suspect allegedly took out a knife concealed in his cloth and stabbed her. When Mylathal and elder sister Haritha (17) attempted to prevent him, he stabbed them also and fled.

Negamam Police rushed to the spot and rescued the injured to Pollachi GH where Kowsy and Mylathal were declared dead on arrival. Haritha is undergoing treatment and her condition is stated to be stable.

The accused surrendered at Negamam Police Station and allegedly claimed that he consumed poison in an attempt to end his life. He was admitted to Pollachi GH for treatment and is stated to be in a stable condition. A case has been filed and further investigation is on.



The three suspects arrested in the gang rape case were produced before the Coimbatore court complex on Tuesday | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

# Coimbatore gang rape: Trial enters final stage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore:

THE trial in the gang rape of a 20-year-old college student near Coimbatore International Airport in November 2025 entered its final stage, with closing arguments commencing in the Mahila Court.

The suspects Sathish (30) and Kaliswaran (21) from Singampunari, Sivaganga, and their relative Guna (20) from Karuppayurani, Madurai were produced before the court on Tuesday.

According to sources, a total of 112 witnesses, including the survivor, her friend, and investigation officers, were examined, with witness depositions concluding by February 23. On Tuesday, the court doors were closed for cross-examination of the suspects. Prosecution arguments began in the afternoon and the suspects were produced under heavy security around noon. Defence counsel arguments will follow in the next hearing. Once both sides conclude, the verdict date is expected to be announced by the end of this week.

The incident occurred on the night of November 2, 2025, in Brindhavan Nagar area behind the airport. The victim was in a car with her 25-year-old male friend when three men arriving on a motorcycle, attacked the friend with a sickle, injuring him severely, and abducted the woman to a deserted spot where they gang-raped her. While chasing the suspects, police shot them in the legs on November 3, 2025, and arrested them.

The case, initially in the Additional Mahila Court, was transferred to the Mahila Court on December 19, 2025.

EXPRESS READ

## Man held for swindling ₹1.31L out of store-keeper on pretext of overseas employment

Coimbatore: A 50-year-old man was arrested for allegedly swindling ₹1.31 lakh out of a store-keeper on the pretext of facilitating job abroad. The suspect was P Senthilkumar (50) from Salem. The complainant Isravel (30) of Somanur, a store-keeper in a private company in Thennampalayam, decided to go abroad for employment. He approached an overseas employment agency named Sky Abroad Solution located at RS Puram in Coimbatore in November 2025 through social media. He contacted its proprietor, suspect Senthilkumar, and met him in person for inquiry. The suspect informed him that he needed ₹2 lakh for facilitating a job in France. Following that Isravel paid ₹1,31,000 to him in several instalments. However, the suspect neither arranged the overseas employment nor returned the money. RS Puram Police filed a case and arrested the suspect on Monday. Further investigation is on.



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## Proposal sent for paediatric ward at dist HQ hosp

Coimbatore: The health department has sent a proposal to its headquarters in Chennai, seeking approval for constructing an additional building for the paediatric ward at the district GH headquarters in Pollachi. Officials have sent the proposal to the department requesting an additional building for mothers, and it will be operated adjacent to the newborn ward. A Mother-Newborn Care Unit or Mother-Baby Unit places the mother’s postnatal ward directly adjacent to the newborn nursery or Intensive Care Unit. It facilitates round-the-clock care, allowing mothers to remain with their babies for immediate Kangaroo Mother Care bonding.

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| 2026_WB_3476<br>Dt. 20.02.2026<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Call) | PLOT NO. 18/44 IN ACTION AREA II OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA   | 0.258 Acres | Residential                          | 23.03.2026     | 13.03.2026 up to 14.00 hrs. |
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