

Med negligence, cruelty claims dog ABC centres in Tambaram & Avadi

Activists say many strays died after birth control surgeries performed on unhygienic premises

DHEEPTHI O J @ Chennai

ANIMAL rights activists have levelled allegations of gross medical negligence and cruelty towards stray dogs at four animal birth control (ABC) centres in Tambaram and Avadi, claiming several dogs have died after birth control surgeries and that operations are being performed on already sterilised dogs to inflate surgery counts.

The allegations have been levelled against centres at Bharathipuram, Anakaputhur and Gundumedu in Tambaram, and Konnambedu in Avadi, run by an NGO contracted by the respective corporations. The activists alleged the NGO has not obtained the mandatory project recognition certificate from the Animal Welfare Board of India as required under the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.

The activists claimed lack of transparency and absence of record at the centres. They also said local monitoring committee has not been formed, and the public is not informed about where dogs are picked up from, as mandated under the



The animal birth control centre in Avadi | P RAVIKUMAR

rules.

E Martina, an activist, said, "There is no weighing machine at the Konnambedu centre. We checked the entire premises.

When asked, Dr Sneha, working at the centre, said they would administer (the appropriate dose of) anaesthesia only after seeing the dog. If the anaesthesia is given in excess, the dog may die and if it is given in lesser quantity than required, the dog may experience pain during surgery."

She added, "Some dogs may experience seizures, pain post

surgery so there needs to be monitoring, but the doctor leaves after performing the surgery. There will be no one to take care of the dogs after that."

V Valavan, an activist, said, "When we went to the Avadi centre on Wednesday, operations were performed on around 24 dogs, in which one was a lactating mother. They are focusing 70% on male dogs and around 30% on female dogs, because surgeries on male ones are less risky. More focus should be given to female

dogs."

N Maheshwaran, an activist, said Tambaram centres lack weighing machines and blood testing, adding, the one in Anakaputhur is in poor condition. "The operation is performed in a shed with no required facilities. It is unhygienic," he said, adding several dogs have died post surgery, with stitches coming off, intestines exposed and infections such as canine distemper. Activists also shared photos and videos of affected dogs with TNIE.

The activists further alleged feeders, rescuers and they themselves are not allowed inside the centres. Tambaram corporation commissioner S Balachander said he would check on the recognition certificate, and maintained that norms are being followed, adding 7,000 surgeries were completed in the past year and 44,000 vaccinations done in three months.

Avadi corporation commissioner R Saranya questioned the veracity of the claims made by the activists, and asserted all procedures and certifications are in place.



SUMMER SPLASH

With the mercury soaring day after day, the Marina, with its soothing ocean breeze and warm waves, continues to be a favourite spot for Chennaiites who are frantically looking for a way to beat the heat | P JAWAHAR

Two Chennai cops booked after Raj jeweller ends life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Chennai

TWO Chennai police personnel have been booked after a 24-year-old jeweller from Rajasthan's Pali district died by suicide in the northwestern state on Wednesday, triggering protests by family members. The family members claimed the jeweller ended his life following harassment by the Chennai police personnel and a city-based jeweller. However, the Chennai police denied the involvement of its staff in the incident.

The two personnel have been identified as Shiva and Gopi, constables attached to the Elephant Gate station. Investigators in Rajasthan are examining the possible role of a Chennai police inspector, whose name has surfaced during inquiries, sources said.

The deceased, identified as Vinod Kumar alias Vardaram Gurjar, along with his brother Budharam (22), consumed poison allegedly following repeated threats and extortion demands linked to a theft case registered in Chennai.

The family alleged a Chennai-based jeweller, Mahavir, along with Shiva and Gopi, pressurised the brothers to confess to the theft and threatened to physically assault them. They also claimed the two personnel also threatened that they would attach the brothers' ancestral land in Pali district.

Though senior police officials confirmed that the personnel from Elephant Gate station had travelled to Rajasthan in connection with the case, they denied their involvement, claiming the officers had returned to Chennai before the incident.

Vardaram died at AIIMS Jodhpur, while Budharam is undergoing treatment.

Following the death, the family members staged a protest outside the AIIMS mortuary and engaged in heated arguments with the police in Bagri Nagar, demanding registration of an FIR and arrest of those named. (Assistance for those having suicidal thoughts is available on TN's helpline 104 and Sneha's helpline 044-24640050)

CASE BOOKED

Man, grandson drown in lake in Pallikaranai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Chennai

A 60-year-old man and his 15-year-old grandson drowned in Narayanapuram lake near Pallikaranai on Friday morning.

The deceased have been identified as R Perumal, a resident of Chengalani Amman Koil Street, and E Bharath. Perumal went to the lake around 9 am with his grandsons: Bharath, his son's son, and S Dinesh (14), his daughter's son.

Sources said while the trio was in the water, Bharath, who did not know swimming, ventured into a deeper portion, prompting Perumal to attempt a rescue in vain.

Dinesh, who witnessed the incident, raised an alarm. The passersby alerted the Fire and Rescue Services and police. The recovered Perumal's body initially. Bharath's body was recovered after an hour-long search operation.

Both bodies were sent to Chengalpattu Government Hospital for postmortem. Dinesh is stable, sources said. The Pallikaranai police have registered a case and further inquiry is under way.

GROUND-PENETRATING RADAR

METRO WATER TO SURVEY UG LINES BEFORE STARTING RING MAIN SYSTEM WORK

RUHRAN BARAASU @ Chennai

EVEN as the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Metro Water) is in the process of finalising the contractors to carry out Ring Main System (RMS) to ensure uniform water supply across the city, the water manager has proposed to conduct ground penetrating radar (GPR) surveys to identify underground utilities so as to prevent damages.

According to a report submitted to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the funding agency for the project, a few weeks ago, the Metro Water proposed GPR surveys as pre-construction planning to identify underground facilities of Metro Rail, Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), telecom agencies, and Metro Water itself. Based on the survey results, detailed utility relocation plans will be prepared.

"Underground water lines, sewers, storm water drains, gas lines, optical fiber cable networks, and power cables are positioned close to the proposed trench line. Incorrect utility mapping or uncontrolled excavation may rupture or cut these lines, causing water supply interruption, sewage overflow, stormwater blockage, gas leak hazards, communication outage, or electrical faults," the report said.

Since several stretches of the alignment fall within chronically waterlogged or historically flood-prone areas such as Velachery, Madipakkam, Sholinganallur, and Saidapet, where shallow groundwater, reduced surface

gradients, and dependence on storm-drain networks would increase construction sensitivity, the Metro Water proposes localised hydrology and drainage assessment.

The RMS project will be implemented in three packages based on geographical, operational and logistical considerations. Package-1 includes installation of pumping machinery, creation of feeder mains, surge protection devices, instrumentation, and IT-related works. Package-2 will cover a part of the ring main and transmission mains measuring 42.71 km while Package-3 will cover the remaining part of ring main and transmission mains of 40.12 km. The entire ₹3,100-crore project will be completed before February 2030 and the potential bidder will operate and maintain the RMS for 10 years, as per the document.

The RMS will comprise feeder mains (pipelines from water sources) with a total length of 16 km and ring main pipeline with a total length of 98 km. The transmission mains will run for 115 km. The water manager will utilise existing feeder mains (75% of 16 km), ring main (7% of 98 km) and transmission mains (44% of 115 km) in the project.

As part of the project, drinking water sources such as lakes and desalination plants will be interlinked by a ring pipeline, which will ensure uniformity in water supply across the city. "The tenders will be finalised once the MCC is lifted," a Metro Water official added.

Incorrect utility mapping or uncontrolled excavation may cut the lines, causing water supply interruption, sewage overflow, stormwater blockage or gas leak hazards

Report

Drunk man falls to death from terrace

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A 29-year-old man died after falling from the terrace of a two-storey building in Molachur near Sriperumbudur in the early hours of Friday.

The deceased, S Gnanasekar, a native of Adirampattinam in Thanjavur district, was staying in a rented house with three friends. He was working at a private factory in nearby Pillaippakkam.

The police said the four had been drinking on the terrace around 1.45 am. After his friends returned from the terrace, speaking on his mobile phone, and allegedly fell on to the ground, sustaining fatal head injuries after hitting concrete projections.

Sunguvarchatram police sent the body to Sriperumbudur Government Hospital for postmortem. A case has been registered and further inquiry is under way.

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