

Vizhuthugal centres to be launched in Ariyalur district

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ARIYALUR

A total of two “Vizhuthugal Integrated Service Centres” are set to be established in Ariyalur and Jayankondam divisions.

Vizhuthugal centres provide rehabilitation services and government welfare assistance for persons with disabilities (PwD) in an integrated service hub.

They operate under the Tamil Nadu Rights Project, which is implemented by the Department for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons with World Bank funding. The scheme facilitates easy access to necessary rehabilitation services and government welfare programmes for 21 categories of PwD.

Among the rehabilitation services provided free of charge by experts at these centres are physiotherapy, speech and hearing therapy, psychological counselling, special education and vision screening.

The centres enable beneficiaries to easily avail various government welfare scheme benefits such as UDID card registration and services for parents and guardians.

According to an official press release, in addition to this, Vizhuthugal one-stop service centres have been launched in blocks across Ariyalur district, to provide four types of rehabilitation services to PwD in close proximity to their homes.

The one-stop centres have been set up at Ariyalur (Urban) - V.O.C Nagar, Near Draupathi Amman Kovil Street, (Tel: 04329-220697); Ariyalur (Rural) - Government Primary Health Centre (PHC) campus at Kadugur village (Tel:04329-225132); Andimadam - Government PHC campus (Tel: 04331-242240); Jayankondam (Urban) - Community Hall, Jothipuram, Chidambaram Road, Chinnavalayam village (Tel: 04331-260254) and Thirumanur - Community Hall at Palayappadi village (Tel: 04329-223689).

Over 80 frontline workers will visit the homes of PwD even in the most remote areas to identify their needs and guide them in accessing the necessary rehabilitation services.

More details may be had by contacting the nearest District Differently Aabled Welfare Office or One Stop Centre. Toll-free helpline number:1800-425-0111; to communicate in sign language: (WhatsApp): 94983 45350.

14 goats killed in stray dog attack

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ERODE

Fourteen goats were killed after they were attacked by stray dogs near Chennimalai here on Tuesday.

Gunasekaran, 45, of Thattaravalasu in Ekkattampalayam panchayat, under Chennimalai Union, had released his flock of more than 30 goats for grazing in a forest area near Nallapazhi in the morning. Over seven stray dogs chased and attacked the goats. Ten goats died on the spot, while four died later. The goat rearer has appealed to the district administration to provide compensation for the loss.

RPF deploys drones to step up surveillance in Tiruchi Division

Eight RPF personnel have been trained in the operation of two drones; first time the gadgets are being used in the division

R. Rajaram
TIRUCHI

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Tiruchi Division has begun to deploy drones as a technological tool to enhance surveillance and security over railway tracks in view of rising number of instances of throwing stones on trains and also cattle run-overs.

Two advanced drones equipped with night vision have been procured to monitor large areas and vulnerable locations falling within the division to detect any suspicious activity and initiate appropriate action. A team of eight field-level RPF personnel in the rank of constable and head constable have been trained in the operation and maintenance of drones which were introduced a few days ago, said RPF sources. These personnel have received drone pilot licences.

The drones are fixed with cameras with a speaker mounted on them. The



An aerial view of a level-crossing taken by a drone in Tiruchi Division. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

gadgets can cover a range of 5 km from the spot from where they are launched. Following its deployment in the division, the drones have been flown by the RPF personnel in places such as Thanjavur, Villupuram, Srirangam, and Ponmalai, especially in the vicinity of the railway tracks. Aerial shots of these locations have been taken using the gadgets.

“The drone will act as a force multiplier aiding RPF

security personnel in covering large areas and vulnerable spots in an effort to strengthen surveillance and security over railway tracks and railway assets”, said the sources. In addition to safeguarding railway property and passenger areas at stations and its circulating areas, the RPF is vested with the responsibility of on board escort in express trains besides being empowered to enquire and launch prosecution

against persons committing offences under the Railways Act.

“This is for the first time that drones are being introduced by the RPF of Tiruchi Division to step up surveillance and security”, the sources said. They were deployed especially in areas where throwing of stones on trains, placing of stones or any other unauthorised objects on the railway tracks have been reported and amid rising

number of instances of cattle run overs.

Data compiled by the RPF reveal that there were 39 cases of throwing of stones on trains were registered in 2025 (from January to December) and 12 cases booked so far in 2026 in Tiruchi Division. The division has 12 RPF posts and five outposts in its vast jurisdiction covering over 10 revenue districts.

The RPF has identified several vulnerable locations where stone throwing has been reported. Among these locations are Pullambadi, Puducherry-Chinna Babusamudram, near Tiruverumbur station, Sirkazhi-Chidambaram and Vriddhachalam-Talanallur stretches. Similarly, 53 instances of cattle run overs were reported in Tiruchi Division in 2025 and 91 in 2026. Sources said the RPF has been consistently carrying out awareness campaigns at various places within the division sensitising the general public to a host of safety-related measures for safe train operations.

New healthcare facilities launched in Pudukottai

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PUDUKOTTAI

Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, through video conferencing, inaugurated a slew of new healthcare projects worth ₹4.60 crore in Pudukottai on Tuesday.

Among the projects inaugurated was an additional Government Hospital building at Avudaiarkoil near Aranthangi, constructed at a cost of ₹3.50 crore. The two-storey facility houses an outpatient department (OPD), male and female wards, an operation theatre, a pharmacy, a laboratory, an ultrasound scan (USG) unit, a pre-operative room and a post-operative recovery room.

A new sub-health centre at Melur in Thirumayam

taluk, built at a cost of ₹45 lakh, will provide family welfare services, maternal and child healthcare, ante-natal care, disease screening, and immunisation.

In Neerpalani village of Virallimalai taluk, a Block Public Health Unit, along with an Integrated Essential Laboratory, has been established at the existing upgraded 30-bedded Primary Health Centre. The facility built at ₹65 lakh will support the implementation of public health programmes, disease surveillance, monitoring of immunisation activities, and emergency public health response.

Collector M. Aruna was present at the inauguration held at the government hospital in Avudaiarkoil.

Woman farmer from Pudukottai district reaps profit of digital technology training

Nahla Nainar
TIRUCHI

In her fifties, paddy farmer S. Muthulakshmi of Thirumalairayasamuthiram village in Pudukkottai District, is living the life of her dreams.

“I have realised that farmers can be kings and queens of their land only when they grow crops successfully. For this, we must keep learning and sharing our knowledge with others,” Ms. Muthulakshmi told *The Hindu*.

In recent years, Ms. Muthulakshmi has turned around her profit margin manifold with the help of training in agricultural technology and scientific crop cultivation from M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF).

Widowed in her late 30s and with four young children to support, Ms. Muthulakshmi was left with a loss-making two-acre paddy field approximately 10 years ago. Relying on the



S. Muthulakshmi (left) shares information on a crop through her smartphone to scientists of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation from Thirumalairayasamuthiram village in Pudukkottai district as her fellow farmers look on.

advice of fertilizer and pesticide sellers, she was spending over ₹3,000 per acre, but was getting a paddy yield of only around ₹1,800 kg per acre.

“One day a Plant Clinic camp was set up in our village by MSSRF and we were encouraged to bring our crops for inspection. Watching the creepy-crawlies under the microscope helped us to understand why we were losing out on

our yield,” she said.

Following MSSRF’s advice on scientific crop management, Ms. Muthulakshmi has managed to increase her harvest from 20 sacks to 45 sacks of grain harvested per acre. Her plant protection costs declined to nearly ₹1,800 to ₹2,100 per acre, while paddy productivity increased from about 1,800 kg to nearly 2,160 kg per acre.



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S. MUTHULAKSHMI
Progressive farmer

She learned to use digital extension tools such as the farmers’ helpline, mobile-based voice SMS advisory services, audio conferences with scientists, and the Plantix mobile application for real-time diagnosis of crop pests and diseases.

Ms. Muthulakshmi has also been trained in eco-friendly agricultural practices such as seed treatment with bio-fungicides, application of neem cake as basal manure, preparation and use of botanical

extracts, foliar application of bio-growth promoters, and integrated pest management.

At present, she is the elected leader of a Farmers’ Interest Group, in which capacity she arranges meetings within the local agricultural community and also promotes natural farming techniques.

She leads the Vembu Women’s Group, an enterprise producing eco-friendly agricultural inputs such as Panchakavya, Dasakavya, fish amino acid, vermicompost, and other bio-based agricultural inputs.

“I have been farming from a very young age, but my knowledge about agriculture was based on tradition rather than any scientific reasoning. Once we realise how to nurture crops successfully, we can increase our profits sustainably. I will keep working on my farm, no matter how old I am,” Ms. Muthulakshmi added.

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No.: BWCC/EE/RRND/Tend/05/2026-27 Date: 13.07.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Tender Document System) (Only through E-Procurement (KPPP) Portal) KW-4
The Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, BWCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Road widening at Godrej Properties Goraguntepalya and near Taj Hotel. Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 220.00, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 3.31, Reservation of Works to: Others.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement (kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Portal of the Government of Karnataka from **20.07.2026**.
(2) Pre bid for 2 cover tender meeting will be held on **23.07.2026 @ 11:30 a.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, BWCC, 18th Cross, Ideal Homes, RR Nagar, Bengaluru - 98.
(3) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m on 27.07.2026** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement (kppp.karnataka.gov.in) portal guidelines.
(4) Technical bids will be opened on the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> in the office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, BWCC, on **28.07.2026 @ 4:30 p.m.** (if possible).
(5) Financial bids will be opened on the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> in the office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, BWCC, on **31.07.2026 @ 4:30 p.m.** (if possible).
Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, Bengaluru West City Corporation, Zone-1

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

**Mr. M. Arunachalam**
(Aged 77 Years)
Retired Chief General Manager, Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL)
Passed away peacefully in Chennai on 13 July 2026.
He is lovingly remembered and deeply mourned by his beloved wife, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, and a large circle of relatives, friends, and well-wishers.
The final rites were performed on 14 July 2026.
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