

Crackdown on shops selling banned tobacco products in Tiruppur

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The Food Safety Department, since the start of June, has caused a deterrent effect on sellers of banned tobacco products in the district by sealing shops and imposing hefty fines.

Seventy-eight shops found selling products such as gutka, cool lip, and pan masala were sealed so far this month. The banned products to the extent of 620 kg were confiscated and destroyed.

Fines to the extent of ₹21.25 lakh were imposed on the shops by teams of Food Safety Department officials led by the Designated Officer for Food Safety and Drug Administration in Tiruppur district P. Vijayalalthambikai. The surprise raids were carried out under the instructions of Collector T. Christuraj.

On its part, the District Tobacco Control Cell

(DTCC) in Tiruppur has also been mandated with the task of complete eradication of the banned tobacco products through implementation of the Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Institution (Revised) for effective implementation of Section-6 of COTPA (The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act), 2003.

As per the revised guidelines, the management of the educational institution should ensure that no tobacco products are sold inside the premises and in an area within 100 yards from the premises. Any violation should be reported to the National Quiltline at 1800-11-2356.

Dr. Vijayalalthambikai also invited the public to pass on information over phone: 9444042322, in the event of clandestine sale of tobacco products, or lodge complaint through TN Food Safety Consumer App.

City Police to sensitise parents, school authorities to helmet rule compliance

School managements will be instructed not to allow parents, who come without wearing helmets, into school compound to drop or pick up children, says City Police Commissioner V. Balakrishnan

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With the police coming across a lot of instances of elders not wearing helmets when they come to schools to drop and pick up children, the Coimbatore City Police have decided to sensitise them to the importance of helmet compliance.

City Police Commissioner V. Balakrishnan told *The Hindu* the initiative is also meant to sensitise elders and school authorities to ensure that children also wear helmets.

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teachers association. Once they are sensitised, they will convey the message to the parents and children,” he said.

The traffic police personnel, who are posted to ease congestion in front of schools in the city, will also speak to elders and parents and educate them

about the illegality and risks of not wearing helmets.

According to traffic police personnel, several parents are seen riding two-wheelers with their children in precarious ways. Some of them are found riding two-wheelers with two or more children.

“Riding two-wheelers with children aged five or six on the pillion is risky, especially when the vehicle is driven at a high speed or while crossing a speed breaker or negotiating potholes. Some children are even seen sleeping on the vehicle and parents are not aware of it. Such situations highlight the need for children to wear helmets,” said a traffic police officer.

Mr. Balakrishnan said the police would also instruct school managements not to allow parents, who come without wearing helmets, into the school compound to drop or pick up children.

He added that the police would enforce compliance with helmets for pillion riders across Coimbatore city.

Natham land document registration to resume

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The Registration Department has issued a circular asking the sub-registrars to resume registration of natham land documents without delay.

In a circular dated June 21, the Department clarified that all grama natham residential sites have survey number and guideline value. The patta empty/with house residential sites were classified as ryotwari residential sites (except Chennai city). These are given new survey numbers and are getting uploaded on the Tamil Nilam portal.

But, the new survey numbers are not added in the guideline value registry and new guideline value should be fixed. Since there is a delay in this process, the registrars should get the details from the Revenue Department, fix guideline value for these sites, and add the details to the guideline registry within a month. There should be no delay in registering these

documents, it said.

A senior official of the Registration Department in Coimbatore said the natham sites that are in the name of individuals are now classified as ryot sites and assigned new survey number. These will be uploaded online. The site numbers of these plots are yet to be updated fully on the portal. So, the respective district registrar will collect the details from the revenue officials concerned, fix the guideline value for the site and update it in the guideline registry. This should be done for all such sites within a month.

K. Kathirmathiyon, secretary of Coimbatore Consumer Cause, said there were problems related to Revenue and Registration Departments for the natham sites across the State. Now, the Registration Department has come out with measures so that the public are not affected. The Revenue Department should also look at such measures, he said.

Passenger stopped at airport following discrepancy in passport

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Officials at the immigration bureau stopped a passenger at the Coimbatore International Airport on Sunday following discrepancy in her passport.

The passenger has been identified as U. Thahira, 61, of Naduvilangadi in Malap-

puram district in Kerala.

According to the police, Thahira came to the airport with her husband on Sunday to fly to Singapore by Scoot airlines flight late at night. Her husband submitted her passport at the immigration desk for verification. The immigration official noticed that the bio

of the woman was evident-

ly found pasted on the passport.

The immigration official checked the details of the passport and found out that it was an expired passport issued in the name of her son-in-law Ajmal K.V., 44, of Malappuram.

The immigration official lodged a complaint with the Peelamedu police and

a case was registered against Thahira and Ajmal for offences under Sections 12 (b) (knowingly furnishes any false information), (d) (knowingly uses a passport or travel document issued to another person), and (e) (knowingly allows another person to use a passport or travel document) of the Pass-

ports Act, 1967 and 465 (punishment for forgery) and 471 (using as genuine a forged document) of the IPC. “In fact, the woman has a valid passport. But she attempted to travel using an expired passport. We need to question Ajmal to find out more about the incident,” said a police officer.

COIMBATORE TODAY

Arsha Avinash Foundation: Talk on Katha Upanishad, Tatabad, 5 p.m.

Dr. NGP Institute of Technology: Drug awareness campaign by YI-YUVA CLUB, 2 p.m.

Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts & Science for Women & L&T EduTech: MoU Signing Ceremony, 9.30 a.m.

Hindusthan College of Arts & Science: Awareness programme 10.30 a.m.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (June 26, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- Why do parts of Maharashtra experience different water stress levels? bit.ly/waterstressmaha
- Brains that don't see in greyscale first over-rely on colours bit.ly/colourgayscale

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MSME technology centre project yet to take off in Coimbatore

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A project to set up a technology centre in Coimbatore at a cost of more than ₹150 crore is yet to take off. The project was initiated almost four years ago.

According to MSME sources in Coimbatore, the State government has identified land and handed it over to the Central government for the project. The project is to come up at a total cost of ₹162 crore. Al-

most 40% of this will come as grant from the Centre, while the rest will be a contribution from the development organisation or agency.

The Coimbatore District Small Industries Association (CODISSIA) had written to the Centre saying that it should be involved in operating the centre.

The sources said bearing 60% of the project cost will be a huge financial burden for any MSME agency or organisation to invest.

Professionals honoured

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The Coimbatore East Rotary Club has honoured people from various fields with professional awards for 2023-24 at a function held at the Cosmopolitan Club.

The chief guest, district governor (Designate) Chella K. Raghavendran, presented the awards to Dr. Sudantara Devi, Dr. Maheshwaran (medical), Dhanush (sports) and M. Murugabrabu (physiotherapy).

Hub

High-Performance Summer Camp: A Hub of Athletic Excellence at Kumaraguru



Kumaraguru Institutions recently hosted a groundbreaking 10-day High-Performance Summer Camp, transforming the campus into a vibrant hub of athletic excellence. Organized by the School of Sports Science, the camp benefitted 21 aspiring athletes aged 12-21, providing expert coaching across multiple sports. Participants honed their skills in basketball, football, kabaddi, badminton, volleyball, and cricket under the guidance of distinguished coaches. Sessions emphasized both physical and mental development, utilizing Kumaraguru's state-of-the-art facilities. Highlights included Coach Saraboji's basketball drills, Coach Sharath's football techniques, Dr. Muthukumar's kabaddi agility training, Coach Kathir's badminton strategies, Dr. Kamalakannan's volleyball techniques, and Coach Ranjith's cricket skills. Special seminars on nutrition, injury prevention, and mental toughness, led by Rajmohan and Gopikrishna Mahalingam from the school of sports science, enriched the athlete's experience. Dr. Vijiia Edwin Kennedy, Principal of Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science, inaugurated the camp, emphasizing dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship. This first-of-its-kind camp provided a comprehensive athletic experience, optimizing sports training and performance for the participants.

A Business Initiative

Unitd Living Space introduced MUH, a new segment in real estate that promises to offer futuristic living. The question on everyone's mind, is it possible to get 1000 sq. ft. of space at the cost of 900 sq. ft.? This intriguing proposition has sparked significant buzz and curiosity among potential homeowners and real estate enthusiasts. As Coimbatore experiences rapid urbanization and population growth, efficient use of living space becomes crucial. The city's real estate market is booming, but available land is becoming scarcer, making space optimization a top priority. With growing environmental concerns, the need for sustainable living solutions in Coimbatore is stronger than ever. The city is increasingly focused on green initiatives and reducing its carbon footprint, aligning with global sustainability trends. Eco-friendly housing can significantly contribute to these efforts. The current water crisis in Coimbatore highlights the need for sustainable water management. Innovative housing solutions that incorporate water-saving technologies are essential for ensuring a reliable and eco-friendly water supply. Coimbatore's real estate market eagerly anticipates this launch, which could set a new standard for urban living.

Go Green Marathon and Eco-Friendly Expo at Prozone Mall



The Go Green Marathon and Eco-Friendly Expo, a community-driven initiative, is set to create ripples of environmental awareness and positive impact. Here are the key components of this exciting event. Celebrating Fitness and Nature The heart of the event lies in the inclusive marathon run, welcoming participants of all ages and fitness levels. The picturesque route winds through Coimbatore's scenic areas, showcasing the natural beauty that surrounds us. Participants will receive eco-friendly race bibs and reusable water bottles, emphasizing our commitment to sustainability and minimizing waste. Showcasing Sustainable Solutions Our vision includes setting up stalls at the Eco-Friendly Product Exhibition. Local artisans, entrepreneurs, and organizations will proudly display their sustainable offerings. From organic clothing to reusable household items, visitors can explore and learn about the benefits of choosing eco-friendly products. The event aims to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues, with a special focus on climate change. Participants will be inspired to adopt greener lifestyles. Coimbatore residents, schools, colleges, and local businesses are invited to actively participate and collaborate, fostering a sense of community responsibility. By planting trees during the event and promoting eco-friendly products, we directly contribute to a healthier environment. In collaboration with the Traffic Department, we'll also highlight traffic-related matters during the event. Routes: 10KM Route: Starting from Prozone Mall, the route covers Sathy Road, Saravanampatti, Thudiyalur Road, Athipalayam Road, Maniakaramalayam Road, and returns to Sathy Road before finishing back at Prozone Mall. 5KM Route: Beginning at Prozone Mall, the route follows Sathy Road to Saravanampatti Government School and returns via the same path to finish at Prozone Mall. 1KM Route (Inside Mall Campus): Designed for kids and differently abled participants, this route takes place within the Prozone Mall campus. We extend our gratitude to our event partners, whose support makes this endeavour possible. Approved by - Coimbatore District Athletic Association. - Uptown Confetti - The Hindu - Radio Mirchi - Cineulagam - PSG Hospitals - Events India - NS Catering - PVR Inox - TicketPrix Join us on this journey toward a greener, healthier Coimbatore!

GKNM iOP sets the Asia Book of Records as the 'Largest Integrated Out-Patient Centre'



Asia Book of Records has issued the detailed guidelines and criteria for conducting the event as per International Protocol of Records (IPR) and the claimant 'GKNM Medical Research Institute & Out-Patient Centre (GKNM iOP)' successfully entered into Asia Book of Records - 2025 edition, after its successful attempt as per guidelines and criteria given by Asia Book of Records recently. Adjudicator Mr. Vivek R Nair of Asia Book of Records handed over the certificate to Dr. Ragupathy Veluswamy, CEO of GKNM in front of the media following the successful attempt. Spanning 3.3 Lakh Square Feet on 2.39 acres, GKNM iOP Largest Integrated Out-Patient Centre of Asia, houses 30 medical departments and 200 experienced doctors. With 6 floors (Ground + 5 floors) and 2 basements, it offers comprehensive services including diagnostics, urgent care and day - care surgeries. Other services include Yoga and Acupuncture, round-the-clock pharmacy and home care services, as confirmed.

Timings COIMBATORE	
WEDNESDAY, JUN. 26	
RISE 06:02	SET 18:48
RISE 22:48	SET 10:00
THURSDAY, JUN. 27	
RISE 06:02	SET 18:48
RISE 23:32	SET 10:55
FRIDAY, JUN. 28	
RISE 06:03	SET 18:48
RISE 00:00	SET 11:49

Coimbatore Weather	
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Coimbatore City	33 24

Coimbatore Airport Today 33°C Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds may occur. Day will be warm and humid. Morning will be comfortable.

Coimbatore Airport Tomorrow 32°C The weather will be little warm and humid. Night will be comfortable. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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Policeman held in Ooty for trying to sell marijuana

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UDHAGAMANDALAM

A 29-year-old policeman attached to the 14th Special Police Battalion was arrested for trying to sell marijuana at the Ooty bus stand a few days ago.

The man was identified as Soundararajan, a native of Dindigul, who had joined the Tamil Nadu police force in 2020. It has been alleged that a team of local police from the Nilgiris district were on routine patrol, when they noticed Soundarajan behaving suspiciously.

Soundarajan, who was posted for security at the Pillur Dam, is said to have been selling in the Nilgiris marijuana procured from Theni for the past few months.

He was found to be in possession of 200 grams of marijuana. He was produced before a judge, and remanded in judicial custody.

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2. Chaitanya Ghosh, Jamshedpur
3. Kallol Banerjee, Kolkata

