

Concerns mount over delay in Siruvani Dam repair work

Waiting for fund estimate from Kerala to start work: Top CCMC official

ARAVIND RAJ @Coimbatore

WITH the southwest monsoon just days away, concerns are mounting over the delay in initiating critical repair works at the Siruvani Dam — one of the primary sources of drinking water for Coimbatore city.

The Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) has been waiting for the Kerala Water Resources and Irrigation Department to finalise cost estimates for essential repairs, based on a recent report by dam safety experts.

To address increasing seepage from the dam, a joint inspection was conducted on January 8 by five teams comprising officials from the Pune-based Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M), CCMC, and the Kerala State Government's Water Resources Department. The teams carried out a detailed assessment of the dam's condition and highlighted urgent structural interventions.

The CWPRS team has since submitted a comprehensive report to CCMC Commissioner M Sivaguru Prabhakaran, outlining the extent of the damage

and suggesting remedial measures to arrest the leakage and improve overall dam safety.

The Pune team has suggested two methods — grouting and geo membrane — for fixing the issues in the dam. Due to water seepage, around 10 MLD of water is being wasted every single day. This quantity can be used to supply water for three days to residential areas in the city. And once the issues are addressed, around 50 to 55 MLD of water can be saved during the peak summer season which would be of great use for the people.

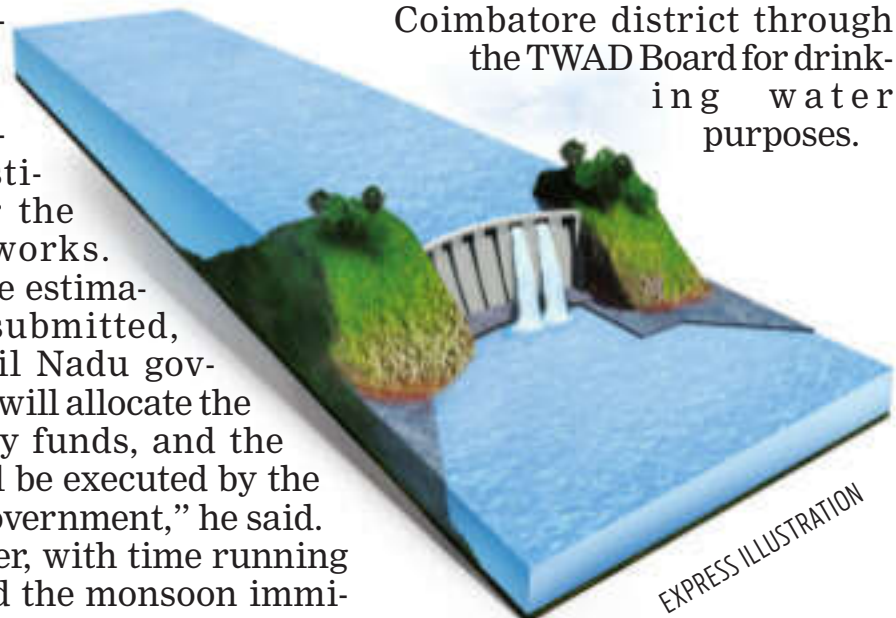
Speaking to *TNIE*, CCMC Commissioner Prabhakaran stated that the Kerala Water Resources and Irrigation Department is in the process of preparing a detailed estimate for the repair works. "Once the estimation is submitted, the Tamil Nadu government will allocate the necessary funds, and the work will be executed by the Kerala government," he said.

However, with time running short and the monsoon immi-

nent, public voices and environmentalists are urging both state governments to act swiftly. Any further delay could result in a significant loss of rainwater from the reservoir, compounding water scarcity concerns in Coimbatore.

Siruvani Dam, located in Kerala, is a lifeline for lakhs of residents in Coimbatore. The increasing rate of water wastage due to unchecked seepage has alarmed civic authorities and residents alike, making timely repairs not just necessary but urgent.

As of Wednesday, the water level in the Siruvani Dam stands at 18.24 feet against its full storage capacity of 50 ft. Around 60.26 MLD of water is supplied from the dam to the Coimbatore district through the TWAD Board for drinking water purposes.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Allocate 6 hrs per week for Tamil, Bharathiar Univ directs colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

BHARATHIAR University has directed all its affiliated colleges to hold Tamil classes six hours weekly for second-year undergraduate students in the upcoming academic year.

University Registrar Rupa Gunaseelan sent a letter regarding this to all affiliated arts and science colleges located in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, and Nilgiris districts. An assistant professor of the Tamil department in a private college in Coimbatore city told *TNIE* that state-run universities introduced Tamil classes for second-year students in the 2023-24 academic year. "Bharathiar University introduced Tamil in undergraduate courses of B.Com and B.Sc Computer Science in the second year in its affiliated colleges. As per the higher education department's direction, six hours should be allocated for Tamil for second-year students. But the university allocated only four hours with the approval of the Board of Studies, and the remaining two hours were used for Naan Mudhalvan skill courses. Due to this, the teaching faculty were unable to complete the portions for second-year students," he recalled.

"The university has now allocated six hours for second-year Tamil classes by giving necessary instructions to the colleges," he said, citing the request of teachers. Sources say colleges have been asked to conduct skill courses during evening hours as per each college's schedule.



SUMMER-SAULT

A group of boys seen enjoying a dip in the cool waters to beat the summer heat at a check dam near AV Bridge in Madurai on Wednesday | KK SUNDAR

Plea to punish schools expelling 'weak' students in centum pursuit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

THE practice of schools forcibly transferring academically weak students from classes 9 and 11 a year before the critical board examinations goes unhindered as they leave no stone unturned to achieve the coveted 100% pass in classes 10 and 12.

Marumalarchi Makkal Iyakkam (MMI) on Wednesday petitioned the School Education Department to take stringent action against schools that 'expel' academically weak students from classes 9 and 11 by issuing Transfer Certificates (TC) in a bid to secure centum results in class 10 and 12 board examinations.

MMI President V Eswaran told *TNIE* that in 2020 he had filed an RTI application with the School Education Department, seeking details of students who were expelled from classes 9 to 11 in the district due to poor performance.

In response, he received letters from only 25 out of all 518 government, aided, and matriculation high and higher secondary schools. He added that, except for a few, the remaining schools lacked sufficient details in their letters on the alleged

expulsions.

"For instance, in the 2019-20 academic year, TCs were issued to three students from Class 11 and 17 students from Class 9 at a government girls' school in the city. Additionally, 21 students received TCs from an aided school in the same academic year. Compared to government and aided schools, this practice is more prevalent in private matriculation schools in Coimbatore district," he said.

"If students who are weak in education are forcibly expelled from their classes, schools can achieve a perfect 'centum' result in board examinations. This helps them to advertise to the public that they are the 'best schools'. These expulsions by the schools deny education to students, thereby affecting their future," Eswaran noted.

The undesirable practice continues unchecked as parents hesitate to lodge complaints against school administration, considering their children's education, and educational officers in the district are not monitoring this due to their lethargy. Repeated attempts to reach the Coimbatore Chief Educational Officer R Balamurali for his response went in vain.

CPM demands withdrawal of tariff hikes, stages protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

MEMBERS of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) staged a protest in front of the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) head office on Wednesday, demanding the withdrawal of resolutions aimed at hiking the charges of key civic services.

Over 100 resolutions, including resolutions 101, 102, and 103 on raising water tariff and UGD charges as well as a 3% annual increase in these rates, were passed without discussion in an urgent council meeting called on May 14 by CCMC Mayor K Ranganayaki despite strong opposition from

the AIADMK and other Communist party councillors.

In response, the CPM had announced a protest against the civic body. Despite being denied police permission, they went ahead with their planned agitation. The protesters led by CPM Coimbatore District Secretary Padmanabhan attempted to lay siege to the municipal office at Town Hall on Wednesday.

As the protest escalated, the demonstrators holding flags and banners tried to forcibly enter the CCMC headquarters but the entrance had been sealed with ropes

and barricades. Undeterred, the protesters continued their attempts to breach the barricades, resulting in a tense standoff.

Police intervened and attempted to disperse the crowd. A scuffle broke out between the protesters and the police, with both sides pushing and shoving. In the melee, one cop and several CPM members sustained minor injuries.

The police tried to detain the protesters, but they resisted and shouted slogans against the city administration. Eventually, more than 150 CPM cadres were taken into custody by police led by As-

sistant Commissioner Murugesan and a team of inspectors. They were transported in vans and temporarily housed at a nearby marriage hall.

Following the protest, over 25 police personnel were stationed at the entrance of the CCMC head office. Meanwhile, CCMC council's opposition floor leader Prabhakaran of AIADMK criticised the protest, terming it a mere eye-wash to cheat the people. Prabhakaran has released a video slamming the civic body, DMK and its alliance parties including the Communist parties over the hike in the charges, causing financial distress to the public.



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NAME CHANGE

I, SATHIYABAMA, D wife of (Late) Mr. Ramasamy Dhanaraj who served as Naik, residing at 266, Sasthri Nagar, Railway Colony, Erode Dt., Tamil Nadu - 638002. That my Name and Date of Birth has been changed from **THIYABHAMA** and **29.03.1962** to **SATHIYABAMA** and **07.06.1954** as per Aadhaar Card and PAN Card as vide affidavit/self declaration dated 20.05.2025.

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E-AUCTION SALE CANCELLATION NOTICE

e-Auction sale notice under the SARFAESI Act, published in this newspaper on 13.05.2025 fixing e-auction date on 28.05.2025 in respect of secured immovable assets in the loan account of S.No.1, Coimbatore Saibaba Colony Branch A/c. M/s.Rajan Milk Dairy has been CANCELLED due to administrative reasons.

Date : 21.05.2025
Place : Coimbatore

Authorised Officer

TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas as per Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi, Environmental Impact Assessment Notification Number S.O.1533 dated 14.09.2006, Public Hearing at the site or in its close Proximity - District wise is to be carried out in the manner prescribed in Appendix IV of the said Notification for ascertaining concerns of local affected persons, for the projects covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Whereas the Public Hearing at or in close proximity to the site has to be conducted by the State Pollution Control Board concerned in the specified manner as per paragraph 7(III) sub para (iii) & Appendix-IV of the said Notification.

Whereas, as required, Public Hearing is proposed to be conducted by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for the following project on the date, time and venue as mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project and Location	Date & Time of Public Hearing	Place of Public Hearing
1.	Proposed Rough stone Quarry		
	1. Over an extent of 2.00.0 Ha of M/s.Thiru.K.Nagamathukumar, Rough stone Quarry, S.F.No.263/1(Part-2) of Sivaganapuram Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District.	09.07.2025 at 11.00 AM	M/s.Samuthaya Kalayarangam, C.Puthur, Sivaganapuram Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District.
	2. Over an extent of 1.62.00 Ha of M/s.Thiru.B.Selvam, Rough stone Quarry, S.F.No.263/1 (part-3) of Sivaganapuram Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District.		

In this connection, it is informed that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and summary of Environmental Impact Assessment Report in English and Tamil are made available for Public reference at the following places.

- O/o. District Collector, Dindigul District, Dindigul.
- District Industries Centre, Dindigul District, Dindigul.
- Block Development Officer, Nilakottai Panchayat Union, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul District.
- O/o. District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Collector Office Campus, Dindigul.
- Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
- Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 034.

Suggestions, Views, Comments and Objection of the Public are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

All persons including Bonafide Residents, Environmental Groups and others, who are likely to be affected by the project can participate in the Public Hearing and they can also make Oral/Written suggestions to District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Dindigul on the project.

Member Secretary,
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Date: 22/05/2025

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