

PRESS RELEASE**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT GETS SANCTION FOR
CREATING A TEAM OF 23 VETERINARIANS FOR
WILDLIFE CARE AND SUPPORT**

Government of Tamil Nadu is a forerunner in providing care and treatment in wildlife conservation. Government has also taken a number of initiatives for creating State-of-the-art facilities for wild animals. The Department of Environment, Climate change and Forest is setting up a new elephant camp at Sadivayal in Coimbatore. A new rescue and rehabilitation centre is coming up at Pethikuttai in Coimbatore district. The Government is augmenting facilities at Theppakkadu elephant camp in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and Kozhikamuthi elephant camp at Anamalai Tiger Reserve. Rescued and sick elephants are being care at MR Palayam elephant camp at Trichy.

With a view to provide best care and treatment for better wildlife conservation, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru M.K.Stalin has approved creation of 23 new posts of Veterinarians including 8 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 6 Livestock Inspectors and 9 Animal Husbandry Assistants. This will enable the Department to man new services that are being created and augment existing facilities for enhanced Veterinary care. At present, the department already has only eleven number of sanctioned posts of Veterinary Surgeons. This is the first time that Tamil Nadu Forest Department has got the sanction of 23 Veterinarians at a time. This shows the commitment of the Government towards wildlife conservation.

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