

**WILDLIFE RESCUE, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRE TO COME
UP AT PETHIKUTTAI IN COIMBATORE**

The Government of Tamil Nadu has issued orders to set up a Rescue Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre at Pethikuttai in Coimbatore Forest Division at a cost of Rs.19.50 crores. The centre will watch on the Rescue of injured, orphaned and sick wild animals, provide expertise for scientific quarantine, rehabilitation and release of wild animals in identified habitats, function as a leading institution for consultation and guidance for addressing human animal conflict issues and develop and standardize protocols for rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals in their traditional habitats.

The Wildlife Protection Act (1972) provides a framework for the conservation, protection and management of Wildlife. Rescue, treatment & rehabilitation are critical interventions towards protection and conservation of wildlife. With increasing biotic pressure and climate change, human wildlife conflicts are bound to rise. This necessitates setting up of specialized centres with professionals to provide most appropriate rescue, treatment & rehabilitation for wildlife. Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to ensure that best possible interventions are provided for Conservation of wildlife in the State. Towards this objective, the first State-of-the-Art Rescue, Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre for wild animals shall be set up at Modur-Pethikuttai Reserve Forest in Sirumugai range in an area covering 53 hectares.

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