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No. II(1)/ECCF/18/2026.—

Jawalagiri – Ulibanda – Thaggatti Elephant Corridor

WHEREAS, the Government of Tamil Nadu is deeply committed to the conservation of Asiatic Elephants and intends to notify elephant corridors, so as to ensure the unobstructed movement of Asian Elephants (Elephas maximus), long-term survival of the species and to mitigate human-wildlife conflict;

AND WHEREAS a Committee has been constituted by the Government *vide* G.O. (D) No. 296, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 26.12.2022, to identify and delineate the corridors and the Committee has submitted its report to the Government through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden of the State;

AND WHEREAS for the aforesaid purposes, the Government of Tamil Nadu after careful consideration of the said reports have decided to notify the areas mentioned in the Schedule below as Jawalagiri - Ulibanda - Thaggatti Elephant Corridor with effect from the date of publication of this notification.

THE SCHEDULE

I. Name of the Elephant Corridor: Jawalagiri - Ulibanda – Thaggatti

II. Description of the Elephant Corridor:

This corridor starts and ends in Ulibanda Reserve Forest of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary by connecting two large habitats i.e. Jawalagiri Reserve Forest in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and Thaggatty Reserve Forest in Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary. The length of the elephant corridor is 18.5 km and the width ranges from 0.73 km to 3.20 km over an extent 3241.53 hectare. It is regular elephant movement along the Madeshvara halla stream (Madeswaran koivai) which connects above two large habitats. Subsequently elephants enter the Thaggatty Reserve Forest and further to Anchetty Reserve Forest.

Devotimaduvu hall, Javugu halla, Rangana Halla, Ichimaduvu Halla, Madesvara halla are the major valley/streams in the Ulibanda Reserve Forest and it further runs up to River Cauvery. This corridor will enable the Trans-Cauvery migration of elephants and other large mammals between the states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. There is no Bottleneck located in this corridor. The above Reserve Forests, namely Ulibanda and Thaggatty forms part of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary which was notified during 2022 and Jawalagiri Reserve Forest is part of the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, which was declared in the year 2014.

III.	Extent of the Elephant Corridor:	Length: 18.50 km Width: 0.73 km – 3.20 km Area: 3241.53 hectare. Note: The corridor lies entirely in Ulibanda Reserved Forests which is part of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary. The legal status of the Corridor is classified as Reserve Forests and sanctuary.
IV.	Geographical coordinates:	**Northern boundary starts from the following Geo-coordinates: -** Northeast in Ulibanda Reserve Forest Lat:12.454596°N, Long: 77.638700°E. Northwest in Ulibanda Reserve Forest Lat: 12.458308°N, Long: 77.627566°E **Southern boundary ended up with following Geo-coordinates: -** Southeast in Ulibanda Reserve Forest Lat:12.319936°N, Long: 77.672106°E Southwest in Ulibanda Reserve Forest Lat:12.317938°N, Long:77.659585°E

V. Boundary Description:

North. — Starting from cairn No.1 situated on the Mysore boundary the line runs north-east along that boundary for a distance of about 4-80 chains to cairn No.3 passing cairn No. 2; thence, nearly east for a distance of about 2-20 chains to cairn No.4; thence, east-south-east for about 15-50 chains to cairn No.5; thence, in nearly the same direction for about 21-72 chains to cairn No.10 passing cairns Nos.6 to 9; thence south-east for about 5-40 chains to cairn No.11; thence, in an easterly direction for about twelve chains to cairn No.14 on the right bank of Devatinadamuhalla (ravine) passing cairns Nos.12 and 13; thence, southward along that stream for a distance of about 58 chains to cairn No.15; thence east-south-east for a distance of about seventy chains to cairn No. 16 situated on Dombahalli (rock); thence, west by north for about twenty-eight chains to cairn No.17; thence, south-south-west for about 24-00 chains to cairn No.18 about sixteen chains north-west of Chennaigoundaneri; thence, south by west for about eighteen chains to cairn No.19; thence, south by east for about 28-50 chains to cairn No.21 passing cairn No.20; thence, south-south-west for about 9-45 chains to cairn No.22; thence, south-south-west for about 7-20 chains to cairn No.23; thence, south-south-east for about 6-45 chains to cairn No.25 passing cairn No.24; thence, east for about seventy chains to cairn No.32 passing cairns Nos.26 to 31.

East. — Thence, the boundary runs in a south-easterly direction for about seventy-five chains to cairn No.33 on Udigundahalli passing through Devangunda Kammala; thence east by north for about 29-50 chains to cairn No.34 on the west side of the path from Madahalli to Arallattam; thence in a southerly direction along the west side of the said path for a distance of about one hundred chains passing cairns Nos.35 to 50 to cairn No.51; thence west by south for about thirty-four chains to cairn No. 52 about sixteen chains south of Byrojiporai; thence south-west for about sixteen chains to cairn No.53 on the west side of Arallattam-Hulibanda path; thence south-south-west for about 3-50 chains to cairn No.54 on the west bank of the Linchandravahalla stream; thence southwards along that stream to cairn No.55 on the east bank of the said stream about eight chains east-south-east of Madesvaran shrine; thence eastwards for about thirty-five chains to cairn No.66; thence east-south-east for about four chains to cairn No.67 on the west side of the path from Arallattam to Milithivi; thence along the west side of the said path for about one and a quarter miles passing cairns Nos.68 to 75 to cairn No.76; thence west by south for three-quarter mile to cairn No.77 on the top of a peak about twenty-nine chains west by north of Kotasvaraswami gudi (temple); thence south by east through Miltihivi village; thence south-east for about forty-four chains to cairn No.79; thence south-south-east for about four chains to cairn No.80; thence north-east for about three chains to cairn No.81; thence south-south-east for about ten chains to cairn No.82; thence south-east for about eleven chains passing cairn No.82 (A) to cairn No.83.

South. — Thence, the boundary runs along the northern and western boundaries of Uthani reserved forest passing cairns Nos.84 to 103 to cairn No.104 a point on the northern boundary of Thaggatti reserved forest; thence along the northern boundary of Thaggatti reserved forest for a distance of about six furlongs passing cairns Nos.105 to 108 to cairn No.109.

West. — Thence, the boundary runs north-north-east for about thirty-nine chains to cairn No.110 on Shankarbandha; thence north-north-west for about forty-seven chains to cairn No.111; thence in the same direction for about twenty-five chains to cairn No.112 east of Muniyavarapondi; thence in the same direction for about twenty-eight chains passing cairns Nos.113 and 114 to cairn No.115; thence north for about twenty-five chains passing cairn No.116 to cairn No.117;

		thence north-west for about eighteen chains passing cairns Nos.118 to 120 to cairn No.121; thence slightly north-west for about seven chains to cairn No.122; thence north-west for about seven chains to cairn No.123; thence north-north-east for about seven chains to cairn No.124; thence north for about two chains to cairn No.125; thence north-north-west for about five chains to cairn No.126 passing cairns Nos.128 and 129 to cairn No.130; thence, west for about eight chains passing cairn No.131 to cairn No.132; thence west-south-west for about sixteen chains passing cairn No.133 to cairn No.134; thence west-north-west for about eleven chains to cairn No.135; thence north-north-east for about 5-70 chains to cairn No.136; thence north-west for about 16-50 chains to cairn No.137 on the east side of the Thaggatti-Hulibanda path; thence along the east side of the said path for about two furlongs passing cairns Nos.138 and 139 to cairn No.140; thence north for about 9-50 chains to cairn No.142; thence north-north-east for about 3-50 chains to cairn No.143 on the east side of the said path; thence north-north-west for about four chains to cairn No.144; thence north-west for about six chains to cairn No.146; thence north-north-west for about five chains to cairn No.147; thence north for about 12-50 chains passing cairns Nos.148 and 149 to cairn No.150; thence north-north-west for about four chains to cairn No.151; thence east-north-east for about ten chains to cairn No.152; thence north-north-east for about 17-30 chains passing cairn No.153 to cairn No.154; thence north for about 10-30 chains passing cairns Nos.155 and 156 to cairn No. 157; thence north-west for about 14-65 chains passing cairns Nos. 158 to 160 to cairn No.161; thence north-west for about six chains to cairn No.162; thence north-north-west for about 8-80 chains passing cairns Nos.162 and 163 to cairn No.164; thence north-west for about twenty chains to cairn No.167 on the Hulibanda-Odipuram path; thence, in an easterly direction for about twenty-one chains to cairn No.168 on the path leading from Hulibanda village; thence east by north for about twenty chains to cairn No.169 on the west side of Hulibanda-Militthivi path; thence north-east for about twenty-five chains to cairn No.170; thence nearly north for about thirty-one chains passing cairn No.171 to cairn No.172; thence north-north-west for about eleven chains to cairn No.173; thence north-north-west for about twenty-two chains passing cairn No.174 to cairn No.175; thence west for about forty chains to cairn No.176; thence west-north-west for about 18-90 chains passing cairns Nos.178 to 181 to cairn No.182; thence west-south-west for about three chains to cairn No.183; thence north-north-west for about 15-08 chains passing cairns Nos. 184 to 186 to cairn No.187; thence north-north-west for about 11-26 chains passing cairn No. 188 to cairn No.189; thence north-west for about 12-97 chains passing cairn No.190 to cairn No.191; thence north-north-west for about 6-00 chains passing cairn No.192 to cairn No.193; thence north-west for about 25-50 chains passing cairns Nos.194 and 195 to cairn No.196; thence in nearly the same direction for about 19-80 chains passing cairns Nos.197 to 198; thence west-north-west for about 30-05 chains passing cairn No.199 to cairn No.200, a point on the Mysore boundary; thence northwards along the Mysore boundary to the starting point.
VI.	Name of the Forest Division/ Forest Ranges/Jurisdiction:	Entire Ulibanda Reserve Forest in Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in Jawalagiri Range, Sulagunta Section, Ulabanda North and Ulibanda South Beats of Hosur Forest Division, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
VII.	Connecting ranges:	Starts and ends in Ulibanda Reserve Forest in Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary. Connects Jawalagiri Reserve Forest and Thaggatti Reserve Forest of Hosur Forest Division, Tamil Nadu State.
VIII.	Current status of the critical Elephant movement path:	The corridor is actively used by elephants. It is connecting two large habitats in the Cauvery North and Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuaries in the State of Tamil Nadu.

NOTIFICATION-II

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THE SCHEDULE

I. Name of the Elephant Corridor: Jawalagiri - Panai – Anchetty

II. Description of the Elephant Corridor:

This elephant corridor starts and ends in Panai Reserve Forest of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary by connecting two large habitats i.e. Jawalagiri and Anchetty Reserve Forests in the length of the corridor is 20.9km and the width ranges from 0.80 km to 5.00 km. The given corridor is regular elephant movement along the Battalmaduvu halla stream which connects above two large habitats Jawalagiri and Anchetty, and form part of the 'Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary' declared in the year 2014.

As per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification S.O. 07(E), dated 01.01.2020, the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) for the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary has been notified as a uniform width of 1 km along the Panai Reserve Forest stretch. The Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) notification clearly specifies the activities that are permitted, regulated and prohibited within the said zone. Panai Reserve Forest is already notified as a Reserved Forest and falls within both the Wildlife Sanctuary and the Eco-Sensitive Zone. Therefore, all applicable Forest, Wildlife and Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) rules and regulations are in force in the area. There will not be any additional regulations in proposed corridor and Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) outside the proposed corridor. Therefore, concurrence from the District Administration will not be required.

III.	Extent of the Elephant Corridor:	Length: 20.90 km Width: 0.80 km – 5.00 km Area: 6881.47 hectare. <u>Note:</u> The proposed corridor area lies entirely in Panai Reserved Forests which is part of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary. The legal status of the Corridor is classified as Reserve Forests and sanctuary.
IV.	Geographical coordinates:	**Northern boundary starts from the following Geo-coordinates. -** Northeast in Panai Reserved Forest: Lat: 12.469311°N, Long: 77.660285°E Northwest in Panai Reserved Forest: Lat:12.468630°N, Long:77.651331°E **Southern boundary ended up with the following Geo-coordinates. -** Southeast in Panai Reserved Forest: Lat:12.370521°N, Long: 77.792602°E Southwest – Panai Reserved Forest: Lat:12.335709°N, Long: 77.767468°E

V. Boundary description:

North. - Starting from cairn No.1 at the point where the southern boundary of Jawalagiri reserved forest touches the north-east corner of the Kandimangalam agraharam, the line goes eastward along the southern boundary of the said reserved forest to cairn No.11 at its south-east corner; thence south-east for a distance of 1.75 chains to cairn No.12; thence, southwards for a distance of seven chains to cairn No.13; thence, south-west for a distance of 8.75 chains to cairn No.14; thence, south-south-east for a distance of 15.25 chains to cairn No.15; thence south-east for a distance of 19.25 chains to cairn No.16; thence, south-east for a distance of seven chains to cairn No.17; thence, south-east for a distance of fourteen chains to cairn No.18; thence, south-east for a distance of 6.75 chains to cairn No.19 where it touches the northern boundary of Sivarapatna village; thence southwards for a distance of fifteen and a half chains to cairn No.20; thence south for a distance of 1.50 chains to cairn No.21; thence south for a distance of 4.75 chains to cairn No.22; thence south-south-east for a distance of nine chains to cairn No. 23; thence in the same direction for a distance of sixteen chains to cairn No. 24; thence south-south-east for a distance of seven and a half chains to cairn No. 25; thence south-east for a distance of 11½ chains to cairn No. 26; thence south-south-east for a distance of 2.75 chains to cairn No.27; thence south-east for a distance of 5.85 chains to cairn No.28; thence east-south-east for a distance of thirteen chains to cairn No.29; thence east-south-east for a distance of 27.75 chains to cairn No.30; thence south-east for a distance of 7.25 chains to cairn No.31; thence south-east for a distance of 9.35 chains to cairn No.32; thence south-east for a distance of 6.40 chains to cairn No.33; thence south-east for a distance of 5.60 chains to cairn No.34; thence south-east for a distance of 4.28 chains to cairn No.35; thence east-north-east for a distance of 10.50 chains to cairn No.36; thence east-south-east for a distance of five chains to cairn No.37; thence north-east for a distance of 11.60 chains to cairn No.38; thence north-east for a distance of 6.75 chains to cairn No.39; thence north-east for a distance of eleven chains to cairn No.40; thence north for a distance of five chains to cairn No. 41; thence north-east for a distance of 9.25 chains to cairn No.42; thence, south-south-east for a distance of 5.50 chains to cairn No.43; thence, south-east for a distance of 6.60 chains to cairn No.44; thence ,south-east for a Number. Distance of 7.60 chains to cairn No.45; thence, south-east for a distance of 4.75 chains to cairn No.46; thence, south-east for a distance of 2.60 chains to cairn No.47; thence, south-east for a distance of 4.90 chains to cairn No.48; thence, east for a distance of five chains to cairn No.49; thence, south-east for a distance of 4.85 chains to cairn No.50; thence, east for a distance of 15.95 chains to cairn No.51; thence, north-east for a distance of 10.10 chains to cairn No.52; thence, north-east for a distance of 5.90 chains to cairn No.53; thence, north-east for a distance of 7.55 chains to cairn No.54; thence, east-north-east for a distance of 6.42 chains to cairn No.55; thence, north-east for a distance of 3.77 chains to cairn No.56; thence, north-east for a distance of 1.46 chains to cairn No.57; thence, north-east for a distance of 2.92 chains to cairn No.58; thence, north-east for a distance of 3.80 chains to cairn No.59; thence, north-east for a distance of 2.21 chains to cairn No.60; thence north-east for a distance of 4.40 chains to cairn No.61; thence, north-east for a distance of 5.54 chains to cairn No.62; thence, north-east for a distance of 15.50 chains to cairn No.63; thence, north-east for a distance of 5.52 chains to cairn No.64; thence, east for a distance of

8.25 chains to cairn No.65; thence, north-east for a distance of 7.10 chains to cairn No.66; thence, north-east for a distance of 4.36 chains to cairn No.67; thence, north-east for a distance of 5.65 chains to cairn No.68; thence, south-east for a distance of 0.40 chains to cairn No.69; thence, south-south-east for a distance of 14.12 chains to cairn No.70; thence, south-south-east for a distance of 5.60 chains to cairn No.71; thence, south-east for a distance of 12.11 chains to cairn No.72 to the village boundary stone where the southern boundary of Kandimangalam and Gollahalli (attarani) villages meet; thence, along the southern boundary of Gollahalli village to cairn No.82 which is the tri-junction stone of Gollahalli (attarani), Paripettam and Agilali villages; thence south-south-east along the western boundary of Paripettam village for a distance of 13.38 chains to a village boundary stone on the western boundary of the said village; thence south-south-east for a distance of 8.68 chains to cairn No.86; thence south-east for a distance of 6.05 chains to cairn No.87; thence south-east for a distance of 3.63 chains to cairn No.88; thence south-east for a distance of 2.76 chains to cairn No.89 where the western boundary of Paripettam village crosses the line; thence south-east for a distance of 2.45 chains to cairn No.90; thence south-east for a distance of 12.39 chains to cairn No.91 situated in the boundary of Mallikajundurgam; thence south-east along the western boundary of the said village to cairn No.99 which is a village boundary stone where the southern boundary of Mallikajundurgam and the northern boundary of Karukottai villages meet; thence southward along the western boundary of the latter village through Virisetty tank to cairn No.105 which is a village boundary stone situated on the southern boundary of the said tank; thence south-east for a distance of 10.82 chains to cairn No.106; thence south-east for a distance of 2.49 chains to cairn No.107; thence south-east for a distance of 8.65 chains to cairn No.108; thence south-east for a distance of 2.45 chains to cairn No.109; thence south-east for a distance of 5.60 chains to cairn No.110; thence south-east for a distance of 2.77 chains to cairn No.111; thence east by south for a distance of 2.60 chains to cairn No.112; thence east for a distance of 5.34 chains to cairn No. 113; thence north-east for a distance of 8.46 chains to cairn No.114; thence north-east for a distance of 11.81 chains to cairn No.115; thence north-east for a distance of 23.05 chains to cairn No.116; thence north-east for a distance of 12.74 chains to cairn No.117; thence north-east for a distance of 3.55 chains to cairn No.118; thence east-north-east for a distance of 2.82 chains to cairn No.119; thence east for a distance of five chains to cairn No.120; thence east-north-east for a distance of 3.60 chains to cairn No.121; thence east for a distance of 2.80 chains to cairn No.122; thence east-south-east for a distance of 9.12 chains to cairn No.123; thence south-east for a distance of 5.10 chains to cairn No.124; thence east-south-east for a distance of 6.46 chains to cairn No.125; thence south-east for a distance of 7.15 chains to cairn No.126 to the south of Amakanagunta and on the west side of Denkanikota–Anchetti path; thence southward along the path for a distance of 4.25 chains to cairn No.127; thence north-east for a distance of 1.50 chains to cairn No.128 immediately on the east of the said path; thence east for a distance of 3.10 chains to cairn No.129; thence, south-east for a distance of 4.25 chains to cairn No.130; thence east-south-east for a distance of 5.75 chains to cairn No.131; thence south-east for a distance of 8.50 chains to cairn No.132; thence, south-east for a distance of four chains to cairn No.133; thence, south- east for a distance of 4.20 chains to cairn

No.134; thence, east-south-east for a distance of 8.75 chains to cairn No.135; thence, south-east for a distance of 4.65 chains to cairn No.136; thence, east-north-east for a distance of eight chains to cairn No.137; thence south-east for a distance of 3.25 chains to cairn No.138; thence, south-east for a distance of 5.45 chains to cairn No.139; thence, south-east for a distance of 2.45 chains to cairn No.140; thence south-west for a distance of 3.70 chains to cairn No.141; thence, south-west for a distance of 15.60 chains to cairn No.142; thence, south-east for a distance of twenty-three chains to cairn No.143; thence, south-east for a distance of 10.65 chains to cairn No.144; thence, east for a distance of 5.90 chains to cairn No.145; thence, east for a distance of 10.75 chains to cairn No.146; thence, along the western and southern boundary of Sivanahalli village to cairn No.176, where it joins the western boundary of Gallatti reserved forest No.31.

East. - From the last point, the line runs south-east along the western boundary of Gallatti reserved forest No.31 to cairn No.189, where it joins the western boundary of Manchi reserved forest No.32; thence south-south-west along the western boundary of the latter reserved forest to cairn No.234, where it joins the northern boundary of Anchetti reserved forest No.67.

South. - From the last point, the line runs in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of Anchetti reserved forest No.67 to cairn No.247; thence north-north-east for a distance of 3.27 chains to cairn No.248; thence north-west for a distance of 8.26 chains to cairn No.249; thence north-north-east for a distance of 7.08 chains to cairn No.250; thence north-north-east for a distance of 7.30 chains to cairn No.251; thence north-north-west for a distance of 9.25 chains to cairn No.252; thence north-north-west for a distance of 7.78 chains to cairn No.253; thence north-west for a distance of 8.73 chains to cairn No.254; thence north-north-west for a distance of 9.56 chains to cairn No.255; thence north- north-west for a distance of 0.40 chains to cairn No.256; thence north-north-west for a distance of 5.00 chains to cairn No.257; thence north-north-west for a distance of eleven chains to cairn No.258; thence north-north-west for a distance of 5.66 chains to cairn No.259; thence north-north-west for a distance of five chains to cairn No.260; thence north-north-west for a distance of five chains to cairn No.261; thence north-north-west for a distance of 7.71 chains to cairn No.262; thence north-north-west for a distance of 1.85 chains to cairn No.263; thence north-west for a distance of 2.75 chains to cairn No.264; thence north-north-west for a distance of 4.90 chains to cairn No.265; thence north-west for a distance of 16.40 chains to cairn No.266; thence north-west for a distance of 17.90 chains to cairn No.267; thence west-north-west for a distance of 16.54 chains to cairn No.268; thence west-north-west for a distance of 23.15 chains to cairn No.269; thence west-north-west for a distance of 3.15 chains to cairn No.270; thence west-north-west for a distance of one chain to cairn No.271; thence west-north-west for a distance of 1.38 chains to cairn No.272; thence west-north-west for a distance of 18.72 chains to cairn No.273; thence west-north-west for a distance of 14.63 chains to cairn No.274; thence west-north-west for a distance of 2.20 chains to cairn No.275; thence west-north-west for a distance of 14.55 chains to cairn No.276 on the Denkanikota-Anchetti path; thence north-east for a distance of 4.90 chains to cairn No.277; thence north-east for a distance of 9.80 chains to cairn No.278; thence

north-north-east for a distance of 10.31 chains to cairn No.279, which is a village boundary stone in the southern boundary of Marivilam village; thence north-east for a distance of 6.66 chains to cairn No.280; thence east-north-east for a distance of 0.79 chains to cairn No.281; thence north-east for a distance of 10.53 chains to cairn No.282; thence north for a distance of 2.48 chains to cairn No.283; thence east for a distance of 3.59 chains to cairn No.284; thence east-north-east for a distance of 3.59 chains to cairn No.285; thence east-north-east for a distance of two chains to cairn No.286; thence east-north-east for a distance of 5.30 chains to cairn No.287; thence east-north-east for a distance of 5.32 chains to cairn No.288; thence north-east for a distance of 4.27 chains to cairn No.289; thence north-north-west for a distance of 5.87 chains to cairn No.290; thence west-south-west for a distance of 6.37 chains to cairn No.291; thence west-south-west for a distance of 3.31 chains to cairn No.292; thence west-south-west for a distance of 3.21 chains to cairn No.293; thence west for a distance of 5.35 chains to cairn No.294; thence west-north-west for a distance of 2.95 chains to cairn No.295; thence west-south-west for a distance of 8.92 chains to cairn No.296; thence west-south-west for a distance of 0.58 chains to cairn No.297; thence west by north for a distance of 7.87 chains to cairn No.298; thence west for a distance of 5.81 chains to cairn No.299; thence west-south-west for a distance of nine chains to cairn No.300; thence west-south-west for a distance of 8.55 chains to cairn No.301; thence west-south-west for a distance of 9.18 chains to cairn No.302; thence west-north-west for a distance of 2.78 chains to cairn No.303; thence north-west for a distance of 5.86 chains to cairn No.304; thence north-west for a distance of 8.00 chains to cairn No.305; thence north-north-east for a distance of 0.93 chains to cairn No.306; thence north for a distance of 4.08 chains to cairn No.307; thence north-north-west for a distance of 4.09 chains to cairn No.308; thence west for a distance of 4.31 chains to cairn No.309; thence west-south-west for a distance of 4.62 chains to cairn No.310; thence north for a distance of 8.62 chains to cairn No.311. thence north-west for a distance of 11.58 chains to cairn No.312; thence north-west for a distance of 11.40 chains to cairn No.313; thence north-west for a distance of 16.40 chains to cairn No.314; thence north-west for a distance of 15.10 chains to cairn No.315; thence north-west for a distance of 5.40 chains to cairn No.316; thence north-north-west for a distance of 17.20 chains to cairn No.317; thence north-east for a distance of 0.30 chains to cairn No.318; thence north for a distance of 8.50 chains to cairn No.319; thence north-west for a distance of 17.42 chains to cairn No.320; thence north-west for a distance of 2.80 chains to cairn No.321; thence west-north-west for a distance of chains to cairn No.322; thence west-north-west for a distance of 5.43 chains to cairn No.323; thence south-west for a distance of 4.58 chains to cairn No.324; thence west for a distance of 2.48 chains to cairn No.325; thence west-south-west for a distance of 4.07 chains to cairn No.326; thence south-west for a distance of 4.02 chains to cairn No.327; thence south-west for a distance of 4.04 chains to cairn No.328; thence south-south-west for a distance of 5.37 chains to cairn No.329; thence south-south-west for a distance of 2.88 chains to cairn No.330; thence west-south-west for a distance of 4.30 chains to cairn No.331; thence south-south-east for a distance of 5.94 chains to cairn No.332; thence south-east for a distance of 3.40 chains to cairn No.333; thence south-east for a distance of 3.40 chains to cairn No.334; thence south-east for a distance of 3.15 chains

to cairn No.335; thence south-east for a distance of 2.25 chains to cairn No.336; thence south for a distance of 3.15 chains to cairn No.337; thence west for a distance of 8.05 chains to cairn No.338; thence north-north-west for a distance of 2.48 chains to cairn No.339; thence west-north-west for a distance of 0.65 chains to cairn No.340; thence west-south-west for a distance of 6.60 chains to cairn No.341; thence south-west for a distance of 5.00 chains to cairn No.342; thence west-south-west for a distance of chains to cairn No.343, which is a village boundary stone in the southern boundary of Peni village; thence west-north-west for a distance of 10.10 chains to cairn No.344; thence west-north-west for a distance of chains to cairn No.345; thence west-north-west for a distance of 9.15 chains to cairn No.346; thence west-north-west for a distance of 7.50 chains to cairn No.347; thence west-north-west for a distance of 7.07 chains to cairn No.348; thence west-south-west for a distance of 1.30 chains to cairn No.349; thence west-north-west for a distance of 5.73 chains to cairn No.350; thence west- north-west for a distance of 13.98 chains to cairn No.351; thence north-west for a distance of 4.97 chains to cairn No.352; thence north-west for a distance of 9.51 chains to cairn No.353; thence north-north-west for a distance of 5.40 chains to cairn No.354; thence north-north-west for a distance of 4.80 chains to cairn No.355; thence north-north-west for a distance of 4.60 chains to cairn No.356; thence north-west for a distance of 1.90 chains to cairn No.357; thence north-west for a distance of 16.20 chains to cairn No.358; thence north-west for a distance of eighteen chains to cairn No.359; thence north-west for a distance of 4.50 chains to cairn No.360; thence north-west for a distance of 7.75 chains to cairn No.361; thence north-west for a distance of 7.00 chains to cairn No.362; thence north-west for a distance of 5.22 chains to cairn No.363; thence north-west for a distance of 7.27 chains to cairn No.364; thence north-west for a distance of ninety-six links to cairn No.365; thence north for a distance of 9.35 chains to cairn No.366; thence north-north-west for a distance of 2.20 chains to cairn No.367; thence north for a distance of 10.86 chains to cairn No.368; thence north for a distance of six chains to cairn No.369; thence north for a distance of 7.90 chains to cairn No.370, where the northern boundary of Gollahalli village touches the line; thence west-north-west for a distance of 5.50 chains to cairn No.371; thence west-north-west for a distance of 10.40 chains to cairn No.372; thence west-north-west for a distance of thirteen chains to cairn No.373; thence west-north-west for a distance of six chains to cairn No.374; thence west for a distance of 3.25 chains to cairn No.375; thence west-north-west for a distance of 8.35 chains to cairn No.376; thence west-north-west for a distance of six chains to cairn No.377; thence north-north-west for a distance of six chains to cairn No.378; thence north-west for a distance of chains to cairn No.379; thence north-west for a distance of 2.35 chains to cairn No.380; thence north-west for a distance of 15.50 chains to cairn No.381; thence north-west for a distance of twenty-eight chains to cairn No.382; thence north-west for a distance of 0.50 chains to cairn No.383; thence north-west for a distance of 30.50 chains to cairn No.384; thence north-west for a distance of 12.50 chains to cairn No.385; thence north-west for a distance of 5.75 chains to cairn No.386 to the south of the Sulikunta-Mavarpitta path; thence north-west for a distance of 22.10 chains to cairn No.387, where it touches the eastern boundary of Pujakeri village; thence north-west for a distance of fourteen chains to cairn No.388; thence north for a distance of 35.75 chains to cairn No.389 near Munthayilvu.

West. – Thence, north-north-east for a distance of 10.85 chains to cairn No.390; thence north-north-west for a distance of 7.25 chains to cairn No.391; thence north-north-west for a distance of 8.85 chains to cairn No.392 where it joins the southern boundary of the anjanagalam Agraharam; thence eastward along the southern boundary of the said Agraharam to cairn No.401 near Pagadimarrumkattu; thence north-west along the eastern boundary of the said Agraharam to the starting point.

VI.	Name of the Forest Division / Forest Ranges / Jurisdiction:	Jawalagiri and Anchetty Ranges in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Hosur Forest Division, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
VII.	Connecting ranges:	Starts in Panai Reserved Forest of Jawalagiri Range and ends in Panai Reserved Forest of Anchetty Range in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Tamil Nadu.
VIII.	Current status of the critical Elephant movement path:	The path is actively used by elephants. It is connecting two large habitats in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and Dharmapuri Division in the State of Tamil Nadu.

NOTIFICATION-III

[G.O. Ms. No.75, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5), 27th August 2026, ஆவணி 10, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

No. II(1)/ECCF/20/2026.—

Bilkkal - Jawalagiri Elephant Corridor

WHEREAS the Government of Tamil Nadu is deeply committed to the conservation of Asiatic Elephants and need to notify elephant corridors, so as to ensure the unobstructed movement of Asian Elephants (Elephas maximus), long-term survival of the species and to mitigate human-Wildlife conflict;

AND WHEREAS a Committee has been constituted by the Government vide G.O.(D) No. 296, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department dated 26.12.2022, to identify and delineate the corridors and the Committee has submitted its report through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden of the State;

AND WHEREAS, for the above said purposes, the Government of Tamil Nadu after careful consideration of the said report have decided to notify the areas mentioned in the Schedule below as Bilikkal – Jawalagiri Corridor with effect from the date of publication of this notification.

THE SCHEDULE

I. Name of the Elephant Corridor: Bilikkal – Jawalagiri

II. Description of the critical Elephant Corridor

This corridor is a part of Jawalgiri Reserved Forest, starts and ends in Jawalagiri Reserved Forest of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary by connecting two large habitats i.e. Jawalagiri Reserved Forest (Jawalagiri Range) in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu and Bilikkal State Forest in Bannerghatta National Park, Karnataka State. The length of the elephant corridor is 2.20 km and the width ranges from 0.66 km to 1.50 km. The given route is regular elephant movement by connecting above two large habitats. Benki falls and other small streams are falling in the Jawalagiri Reserved Forest. This route will enable the Trans-Cauvery migration of Elephants and other large mammals between the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. There is No bottleneck located in this corridor. The Jawalagiri Reserve Forest is part of the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, which was declared in the year 2014.

III	Extent of the Elephant Corridor:	Length: 2.20 km Width: 0.66 km – 1.50 km Area: 196 Hectare. <u>Note:</u> The proposed corridor area lies entirely in Jawalagiri Reserved Forests which is part of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary. The legal status of the Corridor is classified as Reserve Forests and sanctuary.
IV.	Geographical coordinates with boundary description:	**North.-** The boundary, starts in the coordinates of latitude at 12.521030°N and longitude at 77.586921°E in interstate boundary of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Then, it moves eastwards all along the Jawalagiri Reserve Forest boundary till latitude at 12.524419°N and longitude at 77.602539°E. **East.-** The boundary starts in the coordinates Lot latitude at 12.524419°N and longitude at 77.602539°E and forward straight in southeastern direction and ends in the same Jawalagiri Reserve Forest till latitude at 12.514411°N and longitude at 77.611834°E.

		South.- The boundary starts in the coordinates of latitude at 12.514411°N and longitude at 77.611834°E and forward on the western direction within Jawalagiri Reserve Forest till latitude at 12.516492°N and longitude at 77.586318°E then runs forward to West till latitude at 12.51524°N and longitude at 77.60133°E all along the Jawalagiri Reserve Forest boundary till of latitude at 12.51390N and longitude at 77.60689°E and ends in the interstate Boundary of Tamil Nadu Karnataka. **West.-** The boundary starts in the coordinates of latitude at 12.516492°N, and longitude at 77.586318°E and forward on the northern direction along Tamil Nadu - Karnataka interstate boundary and ends in the starting point.
V.	Name of the Forest Division / Forest Ranges / Jurisdiction:	Entire Jawalagir Reserve Forest in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary in Jawalagiri Range, Jawalagiri Section, Jawalagiri North Beat of Hosur Forest Division, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
VI.	Connecting ranges:	Starts and ends in Jawalagiri Reserve Forest in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary. Connect Jawalagiri Reserve Forest of Hosur Forest Division, Tamil Nadu State.
VII.	Current status of the corridor:	The route is actively used by elephants. It is connecting two large habitats in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu State and Bannerghatta National Park in Karnataka State.

KAKARLA USHA,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT

Matrimony.com Ltd to perform Aadhaar Authentication on a voluntary basis to establish the identity of users on its platform

[G.O.(D) No.204, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment [SW6(2)], 28th August 2026, ஆவணி 11, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

No. II(1)/SWWE/21/2026.—

WHEREAS, the use of Aadhaar number to establish identity enables individuals to receive subsidies, benefits and services in a convenient and seamless manner, obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Electronics and information Technology, Government of India, after consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), had allowed *vide* its letter No.eF.No. 13(6)/2021-EG.II, dated 18.05.2026 to SOCIAL WELFARE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU (hereinafter referred to as the said Department) for the purposes prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules) of Matrimony.Com Ltd (hereinafter referred to as Agency) that the Agency may be allowed to perform authentication and be permitted the use of Aadhaar number during authentication for establishing identity of Aadhaar number holder and notify the same under rule 5 of the said rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Central Act 18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the Act);

AND WHEREAS, the Aadhaar authentication shall be performed for establishing the identity of users on its platform in order to enhance trust, prevent impersonation, and curb matrimony-related fraud through a verified user indicator on their profiles, using Yes/No or/and eKYC authentication facilities (hereinafter referred to as the said purpose) as prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the said Rules and the performance of Aadhaar authentication for the said purpose shall be on voluntary basis and that the Matrimony.Com Ltd shall perform the Aadhaar authentication only for users accessing Matrimony.Com Ltd platform [hereinafter referred to as the use case].

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of rule 5 of the said Rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Act, the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the following, namely:-

1. (1) The Agency, as provided in the Act, shall obtain the consent of the Aadhaar number holder for the purpose of authentication herein.

(2) As per sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the said Rules, Aadhaar authentication is on voluntary basis the agency shall inform to the Aadhaar number holder of alternate and viable means of identification and shall not deny any service to the Aadhaar number holder for refusing to, or being unable to, undergo Aadhaar authentication, namely:-

(a) Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988);

(b) Passport;

(c) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card.

2. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

M. PALLAVI BALDEV,
Secretary to Government.

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