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Title:	Tusker dies of suspected anthrax at Anaikatti in Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU – Coimbatore, SSU– Tamil Nadu			

A tusker and a female guar were found dead at Anaikatti and Naickenpalayam, respectively, in Coimbatore forest division in a gap of a couple of hours.

The frontline forest staff spotted the carcass of the tusker near the Salim Ali Centre of Ornithology and Natural History at 11.30am on Thursday, when they were on rounds in the Thadagam reserve forest area.

A forest officer said the elephant might have died of anthrax. “The forest veterinary officer has collected samples from the elephant that is aged around 30 years and sent the same to the forensic science laboratory to confirm whether it’s a case of anthrax. If the results are positive, the carcass will be burned inside the reserve forest.”

The officer said they had deployed eight frontline staff in the reserve forest to prevent other animals from going near the elephant carcass.

The female guar was, meanwhile, found dead at Naickenpalayam north beat of Periyanaickenpalayam forest range on Wednesday evening.

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“The frontline staff and anti-poaching watchers with Periyanaickenpalayam forest range were on rounds when they came across the carcass of the guar with injuries to its foot and hind legs. The animal was not able to walk and couldn't eat,” the officer said.

On Thursday morning, forest veterinary officer Dr Rajeshkumar conducted postmortem in the presence of environmental activists and forest department officials. “Samples of vital parts of the animal were collected to be sent for testing. Later, the carcass was buried inside the reserve forest,” the officer said.

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