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Tanker carrying 40,000 litres of ethanol to Kochi overturns near Coimbatore



CHENNAI – 15 Nov, 2026 A tanker carrying around 40,000 litres of ethanol overturned on the Neelambur bypass of the Salem-Kochi highway near Coimbatore on Saturday (November 14, 2026).

The accident occurred near J.J. Nagar, within the limits of the Chettipalayam police station, at around 10 a.m. when the tanker from Karnataka was heading towards Kochi, Keralam. A Karnataka native was driving the tanker.

According to the police, the driver lost control of the tanker, which veered off the road and overturned on vacant land. Ethanol leaked from the tanker and spilled onto the surrounding area.

A tanker carrying about 40,000 litres of ethanol to Kochi overturned on Neelambur bypass of Salem-Kochi highway near #Coimbatore around 10 a.m. on Saturday (November 14, 20206). The Fire and Rescue Services are in the efforts to avert any untoward incident. @THChennai https://t.co/hnhA7rlUCl

Police personnel from the Chettipalayam station rushed to the spot after being alerted to the accident. Personnel from the Fire and Rescue Services also reached the spot and initiated safety operations to prevent any untoward incident.

A police officer said traffic along the busy bypass resumed after the Fire and Rescue Services assessed the situation and implemented safety measures.