

Sandalwood trees not felled, says Forest Department

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The Forest Department on Monday denied allegations that sandalwood trees were felled on the campus of the Central Academy for State Forest Service near R.S. Puram here.

District Forest Officer D. Venkatesh said no sandal-

wood tree was cut on the campus. According to him, 63 *Prosopis juliflora* trees (*Seemai Karuvelam*), an invasive plant and weed, were axed and cleared on the premises.

He said Coimbatore Forest Range Officer A.M.N. Siva inspected the campus and submitted a report.