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***Kullar dam to be opened for three days to maintain
water level in Pamba***

The District Collector P B Nooh has on Tuesday given the order to raise the shutters of Kullar dam to maintain the water level at Triveni bathing ghat of Pamba and to release the clogged wastes in the river. The order demands strict precaution to be followed while releasing water. The dam will be opened from January 1 to 3 on 25,000 cubic metre water on a daily basis.

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Sabarimala welcomes New Year

Devotees and employees at Sabarimala have given a warm welcome to the New Year. The New Year celebrations were done by the Kerala police, security officials and the Ayyappa Seva Sanghom. Meanwhile, Sabarimala saw a heavy rush in the new year eve as well. Devotees from other states comprise large in numbers.

Devotees are taking the traditional forest route of Erumeli and Pullumedu in large numbers. Police only let the devotees from 7 in the morning up to 2 in the afternoon to take this traditional way through the forest.

The X-Ray baggage scanner installed by the Kerala Police has started working from Tuesday onward. KSRTC has made additional inter-state services in the wake of the heavy rush.

Devotees were given biscuits and drinking water in the long queue. A New Year feat was also made at the Annadana Mandapam.

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Modern scanners to check baggage at Sabarimala

The X-ray baggage scanners by the Kerala Police at Sabarimala has started functioning from Tuesday onward. IG Balram Kumar Upadhyay, who is also the Security Co-coordinator, inaugurated the operations here. The newly installed baggage scanner will detect the chemical,

metal, and non-metal things and this will be displayed in the monitor. Police will check every baggage and only after this that the devotees will be allowed to Soplanam.

The baggage scanners have been installed at various points in Sabarimala. One machine was installed at Pampa and the others have started functioning at Vavar Nada, North Nada fly-over.

A unit with all the modern facility costs around Rs 38 lakh. Another scanner is there at the Valia Nadapanthal to check the devotees coming through Pulmedu way. The new scanners have been installed after the machines of the Devaswom Board went out-of-order.

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