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### **RO plant at Pandithavalam:**

A reverse osmosis plant with a capacity to supply 10,000 litres an hour would soon be installed at Pandithavalam. Drinking water would be supplied from the plant at Nadapanthal and Malikappuram,. The plant is being set up near the 20 lakh litre water tank at Pandithavalam. Already five RO plants of 1,000 litre capacity are functioning in Sabarimala. According to Water Resources Department Assistant Engineer, G.Basanth Kumar, the final process for purifying water is being done at present. As many as 270 taps, water kiosks and water stations have been installed in Sabarimala for providing drinking water to pilgrims. Six RO plants that could supply 600 litres of water have also been set up in Sabarimala. Work on the new RO plant is expected to be completed by December 5. Installation of taps and other paraphernalia braving the crowd was what delayed the commissioning of

the plant, Mr. Basanth Kumar said. But the new plant would help to overcome the drinking water shortage, he said.

### **Call to use toilets.**

Travancore Devaswom Board authorities have asked pilgrims to use the 1022 toilets set up between Pamba and Sannidanam. This includes e-toilets and pay toilets too. But certain pilgrims are not using the facility and go for open defecation. This is causing great inconvenience to pilgrims and would also lead to spread of diseases. Hence, the call to use the toilets and maintain the hygiene in and around Sabarimala.

### **Security tightened**

Steps have been taken for making fool proof security arrangements in and around Sabarimala, DIG in charge of security, Sparjan Kumar has said. The police aims at efficient security and safe pilgrimage. Central forces too would be deployed for boosting security at Sabarimala. Drone was deployed on an experimental basis on Friday as part of the security arrangements. The visuals from the drone are being scrutinised. The police are exploring the possibility of using drone extensively for security management during the festival season, he said. Regular observation would continue, Police Special Officer, Sannidanam, SP, P.K. Madhu said. Coordination of all forces has begun. Searches are being conducted by three teams, including Forest Department personnel. As part of intensification of combing operations, searches would be conducted in shops and lodgings too. Strict vigil would be maintained, Mr. Madhu said.

## **Review meeting today**

A review meeting of the festival preparations would be held at 11 a.m. at the Vinayaka Guest House at Sannidanam. Sabarimala Special Officer, coordinator, sub-collector, Revenue, Police, Forest, Food Safety, Pollution Control Board, Sanitation and other squads representatives of traders in Sannidanam, would attend the meeting, Sannidanam Duty Magistrate said.

## **Explosive power seized**

About 360 kg of explosive powder was seized from the drains near Sabaripeetom. It was hidden in the drains. It was stored in 12 cans weighing 30 kg each. It was moved to safe a place at Sannidanam. Explosive Control Wing has been informed for taking necessary action. This was seized in a joint raid of the Police, Forest Bomb Squad and Commandos led by Sannidanam SI Aswajith S.Karanmayi. ASI Madhu, SPOs Prasad and Rajesh were also there in the team.

## **Kalaripayattu presented**

The Kalaripayattu presented by VallabhaKalari Sanghom of Chavakkad drew the attention of pilgrims. The eight member team was led by Krishnadas Gurukkal. Eight year old Gokul and 61 year old Mohanan were the youngest and oldest members of the team.

## **Fine levied:**

A sum of Rs.72,000 was levied as fine from traders for selling mats and utensils at exorbintant rates near Malikappuram and Nadapanthal. Another shop was closed for three days as punishment by the Duty Magistrate

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