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**Facilities at Sabarimala are satisfactory:**  
**HC Monitoring Committee**

The Monitoring Committee appointed by the High Court on their visit here at Sabarimala has concluded on Tuesday that the facilities that have been made for devotees are satisfactory. They said this while meeting with different department heads at Sannidhanam. The Committee has observed that they have not found in their inspection any difficult situation for devotees for their darshan of Lord Ayyappa. The facilities made at Nilakkal are good and the Committee is happy with that. They have also put forward a certain suggestion for improvement of facilities at Pamba since the area was totally devastated in the floods. They demanded more toilet facilities.

They have also made the suggestion to the KSRTC to run more buses as the crowd increases. They want the department to make sure of the transportation facilities for devotees from Nilakkal to Pamba since the private vehicles are not allowed beyond Nilakkal. KSRTC official said that so far 159 buses are running in the stretch and more services will be added according to the rush.

The committee also instructed the Forest Department necessitate action in removing the hindrance that laid a block to the construction of the tractor path near to Sahas Cardiology centre. A detailed report regarding the Committee visit will be submitted before High Court, said the Committee chairman. Committee Chairman Devaswom Ombudsman Justice P R Raman, members Justice S Sirijagan, ADGP A Hemachandran were present.

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**Mobile septage treatment unit starts functioning**

Mobile septage treatment units have started functioning at Nilakkal from Tuesday onwards. The unit has been brought here by the Suchitwa Mission with the help of UNICEF and Wash Institute. The unit has been brought here on the recommendation of the Sabarimala Special Officer V R Premkumar. The units at Pamba and Nilakkal will help in the treatment of the septage wastes. The unit has been brought to Nilakkal as the place has been faced with difficulty in the treatment of septage wastes.

The Suchitwa Mission has brought two units that can treat to around 3000 litres of waste in an hour. The unit at Pamba will start functioning soon.

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**Sabarimala Sanitation Society volunteers to be honoured**

Sabarimala Sanitation Society has been pivotal for the last 25 years in making Sabarimala clean and clear of wastes. Their significance has imparted in a large way safeguarding the pristineness and holiness of the temple. So with the efforts of Sabarimala Sanitation Society entering its 25th years, the volunteers were honoured on Tuesday at Sannidhanam.

In a meeting chaired by Devaswom Board President A Padmakumar, High Court recommended monitoring committee chairman Justice P R Raman inaugurated the felicitation function. Committee members Justice S Sirijagan, ADGPA A Hemachandran were special guests. Special Commissioner Manoj, District Collector P B Nooh, Devaswom Board members K P Sankaradas, N Vijayakumar, Devaswom Commissioner N Vasu, Sanitation Society Member secretary M A Rahim and others were participated in the event.

The Sanitation Society has been operating for the past 25 years in the regions of Sannidhanam, Pampa, Nilakkal, Pandalam, and Kulanada.

It was in the year 1995 that the Sabarimala Sanitation Society was formed under the patronage of District Collector, RDO and District Police chief.

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