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Third phase of police force takes charge at sannidhanam

The third phase of Kerala Police took charge of sannidhanam in Sabarimala yesterday. Kozhikode Rural SP, G Jayadev is the new special officer and DySP Ramesh Kumar is the assistant special officer. Kozhikode Crime Branch SP, P B Rajeev will be in charge of law and order. The third battalion of Kerala Police was briefed on duties to be undertaken by special officers G Jayadev and P B Rajeev. The new batch comprises 1875 police officers including six women officers. The new batch will observe their duty till December 29.

TDB Vigilance team makes its presence felt

The Vigilance team of Travancore Devaswom Board is making a mark at sannidhanam in Sabarimala through its persistent efforts in thwarting moves to cheat people or to bring in prohibited products. Since the beginning of the pilgrim season on 17 November the interventions of the team saw the contractor who used to take excess payment from devotees who purchased materials for the pushpabhishekam duly cautioned; disciplinary action taken against four Devaswom Board workers for irregularity in the sale of threads at Valiya Kadukka Swami temple; another Devaswom Board worker handed out suspension for tampering the receipts issued at Malikappuram temple and the sale of tobacco products prevented and its distributions channels busted. Further, the TDB

Vigilance team's timely interventions led to the nabbing and suspension of four temporary workers, who while in the process of segregation, took the money that formed part of the rice offerings made by devotees. The team also put an end to the deceitful practice of collecting ghee coconut from devotees after convincing them that they will be broken and thrown into the azhi (fire pit), which never happened and instead found its way to the copra processing yard.

The sannidhanam at Sabarimala is under CCTV surveillance, for which 36 cameras have been installed at various places. At the bhandaram office alone, 16 CCTV cameras have been installed. The visuals from these cameras are monitored on a big screen in the office of the vigilance officer.

The TDB vigilance wing at sannidhanam headed by Chief Vigilance SP, P Bijoy comprises two sub-inspectors Sajimon and, Manu P Menon, bhandaram special officer Sreekumar, two CPOs and a staff from Devaswom.



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The third batch of Police Force takes charge at Sabarimala

The third batch of the Kerala Police has taken over the charge of the security at Sannidhanam on Friday. Kozhikode Rural SP G Jayadev is the new special officer and DySP Ramesh Kumar is the assistant special officer. The law and order charge has been taken over by Kozhikode Crime Branch SP P B Rajeev. The third battalion has been given a brief on Friday morning by the special officers' G Jayadev and P B Rajeev. The new batch is comprised of 1875 police officers including six women officers. The new batch will observe their duty till December 29.

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Vigilance team on high alert at Sabarimala

The vigilance team of the Devaswom Board is on high alert in preventing any kind of corruption at Sabarimala. The team has already made their mark felt by picking up as many cases since the beginning of the pilgrimage season this year. The Vigilance team has found that the contractor of the 'Pushpabhishekam' is taking money from the devotees and warned him. Disciplinary action was taken against four workers who have caught for misappropriation at Kadukka Swami temple here. Another Devaswom Board employee was suspended after he was found tampering the receipt at Malikappuram. Another four temporary workers were also dismissed from the job after the Vigilance team has found that they have secretly taken money from the offering. The team has also taken cases against those who have tried to smuggle in tobacco products to Sabarimala.

The Sannidhanam areas are under strict CCTV surveillance. For this 36 such cameras have been installed at various places. In Bhandaram office alone 16 CCTV cameras have been installed. The footages from these cameras will be screened at the big television screen installed at the Vigilance office.

The Vigilance wing is headed by Chief Vigilance SP P Bijoy and SI's Sajimon, Manu P Menon, Bhandaram special officer Sreekumar, two other CPOs and a Devaswom security is helping to run the team smoothly.

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Irrigation Department is taking care of drinking water sources

The irrigation department is looking after the drinking water sources and the pipelines that take it from these sources to various places at Sabarimala. The Department Assistant Engineer R Jayakrishnan has said that they are monitoring the situation of any leakage in these pipelines and fixing it with immediate effect. Last day the department was quick enough detecting and fixing the leakage of a pipeline at a hotel near to Pamba police station. The department is on vigilance in fixing the problems without any delay and to prevent it from further happening. They are also looking after in preventing the drinking water getting contaminated, said the engineer.

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