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TDB chief assures better pilgrim facility at Sabarimala

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TDB president, M.Rajagopalan Nair, accompanied by K.Cicily, board member; M.Satishkumar, Executive Officer; Jolly Ullas, Executive Engineer and V.S.Jayakumar, Festival Control Officer, addressing a press conference at Sabarimala Sannidhanam on Friday.

Travancore Devaswom Board was taking all efforts to provide maximum possible pilgrim facility to the multitude of devotees pilgrims coming to Sabarimala on their annual pilgrimage, said the board president, M.Rajagopalan Nair.

The TDB chief, accompanied by K.Cicily, board member; M.Satishkumar, Executive Officer; Jolly Ullas, Executive Engineer and V.S.Jayakumar, Festival Control Officer, was addressing a press conference at the

Devaswom Guest House at Sannidhanam on Friday.

Mr Nair said TDB has shifted all hotels from the Lower Tirumuttom and in the vicinity of the Valiya Nadappanthal to Paandithavalom with a view to provide more open space for the pilgrims and to ensure better cleanliness in the immediate surroundings of the Ayyappa Temple complex.

However, he has clarified that the board has not reduced the number of hotels at the Sannidhanam whereas the number of hotels at Pampa has been reduced by three. All the 13 hotels at the Sannidhanam have been shifted to Paandithavalom, he added.

Annadanam

He said as many as six Annadanam centres, including the two free-feeding centres of the TDB, were functioning at the Sannidhanam.

The Akhila Bharatha Ayyappa Seva SANGhom, Sabarimala Ayyappa Seva Samajom, Sree Bhoothanatha Dharma Sthapanom and Bangalore-based ESSAM group are the other agencies that have been doing Annadanam at Sabarimala.

Awareness campaign

The TDB president and Mr K.Jayakumar, Additional Chief Secretary and chairman of High Power Committee for implementation of Sabarimala Master Plan, will jointly convene a meeting in Hyderabad on December 8 in an effort to make the Ayyappa devotees properly aware of the custom, tradition and essential spirit of Sabarimala pilgrimage.

Mr Nair said a similar meeting would be held at Chennai too on December 9.

He said the board has taken steps to augment the facility for Makarajyoti worship from Sabarimala Sannidhanam.

Rs 7.51 cr revenue collection

Mr Nair said the total revenue collection at Sabarimala during the ongoing pilgrim season as on Thursday was Rs 7,51,05,655. This is against the revenue collection worth Rs 5,56,61,750 during the same period in the previous year, he said.

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