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## Food safety officials conduct special drive covering hotels and shelters providing facility to Sabarimala pilgrimage

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KOZHIKODE: Food safety department authorities have commenced special drive covering hotels and shelters providing food and short stay facilities to devotees of Sabarimala pilgrimage. The special campaign was commenced under the Aardram People's campaign of the state government.

The move was taken to ensure that devotees on Sabarimala pilgrimage get good food and safe drinking water. The officials conducting the drive are including it under its routine inspection works. The food safety officials during the drive checks the sanitation condition and overall hygienic quality of the hotel and shelter facilities, waste disposal mechanism and condition of kitchen. They also check the personal hygiene of staff engaged in cooking food.

The food safety department authorities will continue the drive till the end of Sabarimala pilgrimage season.

According to the food safety department authorities, the officials have conducted the inspections covering a total of 84 hotels and shelters of Sabarimala pilgrimage so far in Kozhikode district. Out of 84, fine was imposed on eight cases.

P K Aleyamma, Assistant commissioner and designated officer of Food safety Kozhikode district said that the drive has helped to improve the overall conditions of shelters and hotels serving food items and providing shorty stay accommodation facilities to the devotees. "Two teams conducting sudden inspections covering as much as locations on a daily basis in the district," said the Assistant commissioner adding that the on-going special inspection will be conducted till the end of Sabarimala season.