

Dedication of churches without bishops illegal: lay group

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The Samyukta Sabha Samrakshana Samithi (united forum for Church protection), a group of lay people in the Ernakulam-Angamaly Syro-Malabar archdiocese supporting the official Church hierarchy in favour of a unified Mass, has alleged that the dedication of churches without bishops or avoiding them is illegal. Dedicating new churches avoiding the presence of bishops and carried out by priests was illegal and against the custom, the group said in a statement here on Sunday.

According to Church laws, the affairs are to be dedicated by bishops. The authority for their dedication was vested with bishops. However, in the middle of a dispute over Mass liturgy, some churches had been dedicated by priests. There had been five such instances over the past two years, the group claimed.

Similar dedications are expected at churches that are being completed. One such church was Fathima Church, Anappara, near Angamaly, which was due for dedication on May 12, they said. The group also called upon apostolic administrator Bosco Puthur to ban such acts.

Kanthallur to hold fest to explore tourism potential

Tourism fete, to be held from May 7 to 12, aims to attract tourists to the village that received the Centre's Best Tourism Village award last year. Tribal food and dance to be part of fest



Green scene: A view of Kanthallur village at Munnar in Idukki. JOMON PAMPAPALLEY

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Kanthallur, the sleepy village that won the gold award for Best Tourism Village, will hold a tourism fest from May 7 to 12 at Payas Nagar in Idukki.

According to the organisers, the fest will be conducted in association with Kanthallur panchayat, homestay and resorts association, drivers union, Forests and Wildlife department, merchants associations, and tribal villages under the panchayat.

Kanthallur panchayat president P.T. Mohandas said that the fest aims to explore the village's tourism potential and attract more tourists. "Kanthallur is one of the places in the district where visitors can see different types of farming and tourism activities," he said.

As part of the fest, tourists can visit 49 tourist attractions in and around Kanthallur, including dollops, tribal settlements, Marayur jaggery fields, waterfalls, and viewpoints, according to organisers. "Carnival, amusement park, flower show, and va-

rious cultural programmes will be the attraction of the fest," said Mr. Mohandas.

"Tribal food court and tribal dance are other specialties of the fest. The entry fee is ₹20 per person," said the president.

Expo to be held

The district industries centre will conduct a food processing and marketing expo called "Kanthallur Kanavu" at the fest venue.

According to officials, nearly 40 entrepreneurs will offer food items at the expo, which will also include various stalls. In Sep-

tember 2023, Kanthallur village, under Devikulam taluk, had bagged the gold award from the Government from India in the best rural tourism projects category.

According to panchayat officials, after winning the award, Kanthallur emerged as one of the major tourism destinations in Idukki.

Kanthallur is the only place in the State where apples are cultivated commercially, and the orchards are also a major attraction for tourists.

Police gather evidence of misconduct against Yadhu; to submit report to KSRTC

The Hindu Bureau THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Mounting pressure on the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) staffer involved in a spat with Thiruvananthapuram Mayor Arya Rajendran, the City police has gathered more evidence of misconduct against the empanelled driver H.L. Yadhu.

In a comprehensive report being readied for submission to the KSRTC, the law enforcers will also recommend making police clearance certificates mandatory while empanelling staff members.

Scrutiny of call details A scrutiny of Mr. Yadhu's call detail records has revealed that he had engaged in a conversation on his mobile phone for nearly an hour during the journey from Thrissur to Thiruvananthapuram on April 27.

Notably, the driver had halted the bus and rested for only nearly 15 minutes during the particular trip that later came to an abrupt end following the confrontation with the Mayor, K.M. Sachin Dey, MLA, and others at the State capital.

The finding, which implied that Mr. Yadhu could have spoken on the mobile while driving, further bolsters the police allegation of negligent driving in a manner that endangered the safety of passengers and other motorists.

"Though it is irrelevant to the case (involving Mr. Yadhu's altercation with the Mayor), the Cantonment station house officer will submit a report on his criminal antecedents and driving habits. It is for the KSRTC to take a decision," a senior officer said.

While stressing on the need for background

checks while hiring employees to the public utility, the official pointed out that a candidate's involvement in a crime should not make him/her ineligible for employment.

"However, KSRTC and private bus managements should examine driving antecedents at least to prevent any threat to public safety by way of reckless driving," the source said.

"The managements can also issue warnings against repeating criminal offences while in service," the source said.

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ICU sexual assault case: survivor to demand re-investigation

The Hindu Bureau KOZHIKODE

The survivor in the ICU sexual assault case is planning to demand a re-investigation into her allegation against gynaecologist K.V. Preethi, as the existing probe report has turned out to be unsatisfactory. She has questioned the report by the local police, which said that the junior doctor, whose statement had been recorded, was not present during her physical examination by Dr. Preethi, and parts of the report were untrue.

The survivor had procured a copy of the investigation report after a two-

week-long protest in front of the office of the District Police Chief (Kozhikode City).

"No visit" "No junior doctor has visited me with Dr. Preethi. Then how can she give a statement? There is no mention of such a witness in the chargesheet filed by the police, nor in Dr. Preethi's statement that is part of the chargesheet," the survivor said.

She added that senior nursing officer P.B. Anitha was the only person who accompanied the survivor during her physical examination. The nursing officer, the survivor's husband, and sister-in-law have also

supported this statement. On the other hand, Dr. Preethi in her statement had said that she was not sure if the nursing officer had accompanied her and the junior doctor was with her. The junior doctor was also given a statement regarding her presence during the survivor's physical examination.

"My statement to the gynaecologist has not been used as evidence in the investigation report, nor those of my relative. The report is solely based on the statements of the doctor and her associates," she said. The report denies all allegations of vested in-