

Vipin Vikram Model- The art of organized loot.

Major scam in a local setting during the festivities of Umayanallor Shri Balasubramaniam temple executed by Mayyanad Panchayat politicians together with the temple authorities.

Arattukulam (pond) of the Umayanallor Shri Balasubramaniam temple was supposed to be cleaned up for the festivities. Panchayat obliged under MGNREGA and the activities were led by member Vipin Vikram.



The Devasom officer gave the requisite permission for the cleanup. Under the garb of this cleanup, 200 loads of sand was dredged from the pond using a JCB (Hitachi) and dispatched. Part of the sand is put up on Umayanallor Ela itself for sale.

On studying this further, we learned the person the temple committee authorized to oversee the cleanup of the arattukulam (pond) sided with Vipin, who worked with the regular well entrenched politicians aka shady businessmen of Mayyanad.

The result is that 200 Lorries of sand has been sold. This unearths not just a story of corruption in the local body, but the environmental impact of the dredging and sand loot on the nearby wells. This is sure to have a catastrophic impact in the coming summer months.



Apparently, in a well-orchestrated move, a group of MNREGA worker, women demanded the pond clean up with temple authorities. Based on the group request, the Devaswom officer granted permission after discussion in the administrative committee of the temple. But prior to it, the MNREGA approval was ready as well. Well planned operation with a few benefitting culprits:

- 1) Mayyanad Panchayat
- 2) Devaswom officer of Umayanallor Temple
- 3) Committee member of the temple deputed to oversee the cleanup operations.
- 4) The regular political setup which has been ruling this Panchayat for the last 65 years.

What can we say except, long live politicians for the good of all!

Locals report that at least 400 truckloads of sand were siphoned off in the clean-up. The Panchayat has to be sued along with Devaswom administrator. It's anybody's guess that MNREGA workers cannot do this level of manual work. Member Vipin should be disqualified if the law has such a provision for the loot he has orchestrated.

And to top it all, there is no water in the small enclosure within the aarattukulam for pooja purposes. Because the loot was so deep that water level sank by a few meters.