

## Sumptuous feast for elephants

If serving the feast in most hospitable way is as important as the variety of dishes in a feast, a decorous feast awaits elephants at Thripunithura.

It would be an *Anayoottu*—feeding of elephant—of different type that would take place at the Government Boy's High School, Thripunithura on November 18.

The elephants would be given a respectable treat on the day. The foodstuff, complete with sugarcane, jaggery, fruits and fronds, would be laid on a table and the elephants would be treated as the most honoured guest of the day.

There would be 15 'dishes' on each leaf that would be set on the table and the feast would begin at 4 p.m. "The

elephants would be offered food in a well-mannered way. This *Anayoottu* will be different from others in this respect," says E. Nandakumar, secretary of Elephant Care, the NGO that is organising the programme.

It is estimated that each leaf would cost the organisers around Rs.2000.

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