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Devotees from Czech Republic becomes part of Punyam Poonkavanam

Devotees from the Czech Republic have become part of the 'Poonam Poonavanam' project, which is responsible for sanitation in Sabarimala. Cleaning work near the staff gate at Sannidhanam and in front of Vavar Nada was cleaned by the devotees from Czech.

The 36-member delegation shared the joy of being a part of the 'Punyam Poonkavanam' activities.

Poonyam Poonkavanam Coordinator VS Anil Kumar led the clean-up. Amba Shankar Swamy, Ranganathan Swamy, and Punyam Poonkavanam activists participated in the cleaning program.

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A team of devotees come from Czech Republic visits Sabarimala

The 36-member delegation from the Czech Republic arrived at Sannidhanam to have the darshan of the Lord Ayyappa. The group was led by Thomas Pfeiffer. At eight o'clock in the morning, they reached Sannidhanam. After the darshan, they were received by the Malikappuram chief priest MS Parameshwaran Namboodiri. The team had 22 Malikappuram and 14 Ayyappans. The delegation arrived in Chennai on December 26 and visited various temples in Tamil Nadu including

Mahabalipuram, Chidambaram, Thanjavur, Thiruvannamalai, Kumbakonam, Tiruchi, Palani, Sathuragiri, Rameswaram Madurai and Thirunallar. They said they wanted to have Sabarimala Darshan in the coming years as well. The team is led by Palani Swamy from Chidambaram.

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Anson is still strong as he won the Federation Cup for Kerala

Anson knows to defend the opposing team from scoring goals. He also now knows how to protect the devotees coming to Sabarimala

Former Indian football team member KA Anson is in charge of traffic safety at Pampa from U Turn to Triveni. He was a member of the Indian football team and a long-time member of the Kerala Police team in 1997-99.

The Kerala Police Football Team, which is a stronghold of Indian football tradition, brought the Federation Cup to Kerala for the first time. On April 29, 1990, the Kerala Police won the trophy for the first time in Thrissur's Municipal Stadium gallery. The following year, the police were successful in Kannur. Anson was one of the key players on the team twice.

K.T. Chacko, Mehboob, Baburaj, VP Sathyan, Kurikesh Mathew, Alex Abraham, Sharafali, Jabir, Tobias, Rajendran Kaladharan, Thomas, Santosh, Zakir, Pappachan, Liston, Habeeb Rahman, IM Vijayan, and Kurukesh Mathew were also the members of the dream team. Anson, who was the coach of the Kerala Police team, is currently working as an Inspector at KAP2. It is the sixth time that Anson wields the security charge of Sabarimala.

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Huge rush at Sabarimala

Sabarimala witness a huge rush of devotees with only a few days left for Makara Vilakku. The queue at Sabarimala on Saturday continued till Saramkuthi and to Marakootam. Devotees from the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana have reached the most during the Mandala season. In view of the rush in concern with the Makara Vilakku, various arrangements have been made under the guidance of various departments.

Sannidhanam Special Officer S Sujit Das said that the police are well equipped to control the rush and provide darshan to all the devotees who arrive at Sabarimala. The devotees who have done with the darshan are instructed in various languages through loudspeakers that they should return to Pampa. As of 7 pm, 58,578 people had visited Sabarimala. This is the estimated number of people who have reached Sabarimala via Pampa. It is estimated that the flow of devotees will increase in the coming days.

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Waste bin as part of Punyam Poonkavanam distributed

Waste bin was distributed as part of the Punyam Poonkavanam to collect waste in the Sannidhanam premises. Anil Kumar, Devaswom Coordinator, Punyam Poonkavanam handed over waste bins to Devaswom Executive Officer VS Rajendra

Prasad. Two hundred iron bins are distributed in Sannidhanam. Fifty bins that arrived in the first phase were handed over to the Devaswom Board. The bins will be set up at Nadapanthal, Vadakkenada, Flyover and Malikappuram Thirumuttam.

The 'Punyam Poonkavanam' project was started in 2011 with the objective of keeping the Sabarimala Sannidhanam, Nilakkal, Pampa and Erumeli clean and making safe and smooth pilgrimage to the environment.

Assistant Executive Officer, Duty Magistrate MT Anil Kumar, Devaswom Chief Engineer Ajit Kumar and Punyam Poonkavanam activists also take part in the function.

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