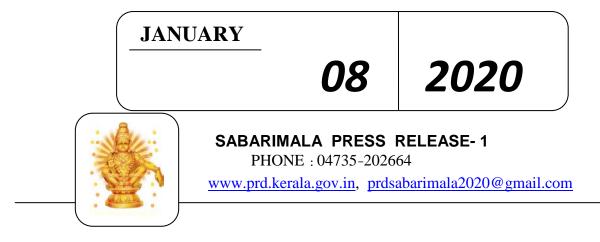


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More than 8,000 people sought treatment in Ayurveda Hospital during Makaravilakku festival

More than 8,000 pilgrims were treated at the Ayurveda Hospital in the state after the opening of the temple for Makara Vilakku festival. As many as 14 doctors, including 5 doctors, are available to treat the devotees here. According to Chief Medical Officer Shyam Krishnan, the hospital has stockpiled essential medicines in the event of congestion.

Most of the cases come with cough, rheumatoid arthritis, muscle aches, body aches, and fever. Special measures have been taken to provide the facility to take nebulization for those who are suffering from colds and coughs. The services of two physiotherapists who specialize in massage are available at Sannidhanam Government Ayurveda Hospital.

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Playback Singer Renuka Girijan performs at Sabarimala

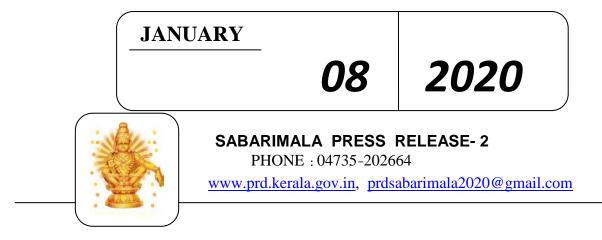
The playback singer Renuka Girijan performed at the Sree Sastha Auditorium at Sannidham. She had come to Sannidhanam with the intention of spreading the Jnanapana in various temples. Hundreds of Ayyappa devotees witnessed the concert at the here. She has worked in film and theater and has also performed at Sannidhanam in 2014. She has won various awards including the Sangeeta Natak Akademi Award.





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Heavy rush at Sabarimala

With only days left for Makara Vilakku, there witness a huge rush in Sabarimala. A long line of devotees was seen extended to Saramkuthy on Wednesday. The various departments, including the police forces, are doing a great job of providing darshan to all the devotees. In order to control the rush and facilitate the darshan, instructions are given in various languages to devotees to return back to Pampa after the darshan. In the wake of the rush at the holy steps, more than 80 devotees are allowed to take the steps in a minute on Wednesday.

Devaswom Board and Water Authority are providing drinking water to devotees who have to stand in queue for long hours due to rush. Apart from water kiosks, medicinal drinking water and biscuits are also distributed in many places.

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Ramakrishnan sees his beloved Ayyappa with his inner eyes

It is the sixth time that Ramakrishnan is coming to Sannidhanam to see his beloved god Sri Ayyappa. This 29-year-old Ramakrishnan is born blind. Ramakrishnan said that he had come to see Sabarimala after a long travel from Sri Kalahasti in Andhra Pradesh to realize the infinite power of Lord Ayyappa. He lives in Sannidhi Street in Chittoor district. Ramakrishnan is accompanied to Sabarimala by his father and mother. He is the only child of the couple. Ramakrishnan's father, PS Subramanian, said that Devaswom board officials and policemen were there to help them. He thanked all of them for their kind help.

