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Emergency Treatment Centers helping devotees

* In case of an emergency, call 203232

Emergency Medical Centers (EMC) between Pampa and Sannidhanam is urgently solving the health problems faced by the Ayyappa devotees while on the trek. The Emergency Medical Team is ready always to provide emergency solutions to any health problems experienced by the devotees during the pilgrimage.

The services of trained health workers are available at these EMCs. There is a facility to understand the patient's physical condition and provide initial treatment and then, if needed, to other treatment centers. The medical officer at Sannidhanam Government Hospital said that everyone should be careful to call the emergency medical team to avoid the tendency to call an ambulance early during any emergency.

The first thing to do is call an ambulance, no matter what happens. That is wrong. The service of the trained medical team should be made available by dialing 203232 in the Medical Control Room. It is important to understand the patient's actual condition and decide what type of treatment he needs. The medical team can be reached with all the necessary setups. There are three emergency medical centers in Sannidhanam alone. A state-of-the-art vehicle service is available in Pampa in just seven minutes from Sannidhanam.

"There are two ambulances, six 108 ambulance services, seven ambulances with

advanced life support and two mini bunkers," the medical officer said.

As of Monday (16.12.2019), 32,425 people have been admitted to Sannidhanam Government Hospital with various health problems. Of the 126 heart attacks, three snake bites, and 13 others who were injured in a tree fall, 123 lives have been saved by the EMCs.

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Sannidhanam is free of drugs

The Sabarimala Sannidhanam has not reported any significant drug use or any drug trade this season, an Excise official said. Since November 13 this year, there have been over 100 raids, but there have been reported only cases of cigarettes, and bidi smugglers. This is an offense punishable by a fine of up to Rs 200 per month. Forty excise officials are working to strictly prevent alcohol consumption in and around the city.

Two illegal traders have been arrested in a raid conducted by the Sabarimala Duty Magistrate in connection with the illegal trade. While they were interrogated at the duty magistrate's court hall, they ran away. A complaint was lodged at the Sannidhanam police station with regard to the incident and the police registered a case and arrested one of the accused.

A Tamil Nadu-based Kumaresan has been booked for allegedly using tobacco products against the use and sale of tobacco.

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Devaswom minister's meeting at Pampa on Wednesday

Travancore Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran will meet at Pampa Conference Hall today (18th) evening to assess the arrangements for the Sabarimala pilgrimage. Devaswom Board President Adv. N. Vasu, board members, and top officials will be involved.

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Solar eclipse: Sabarimala will be closed on December 26th for four hours

On the Solar Eclipse on December 26, 2019, the Sabarimala Shri Dharmasastha Temple will be closed for Solar Eclipse. The temple will be closed from 7.30 am to 11.30 am on the day of the eclipse. The temple opens on that day at 3 o'clock in the morning. There will be Neyabhisheka from 3.15 to 6.45 pm. Thirunada will be closed after 7.30 am.

The Solar Eclipse will be on December 26, 2019, from 8.06 am to 11.13 pm. Thereafter, punyaha ceremony and kalabhabhishekam will take place. After this, the Neyabhisheka will take place for an hour. After the sacrament, the Uchapooja will be followed. The temples at Malikappuram and Pampa will be closed from 7.30 am to 11.30 am. The Sanctum Sanctorum will open at 5 pm that evening.

Those who were assigned to receive the Thanka Anki at 5.30 pm will arrive at Thirunada and wear a special flower garland and proceed to Sharamkuti. At 6 pm, the Thanka Anki will be given a ceremonial reception at Saramkuthy. Then they will be brought to the temple. At 6.25 pm, the Thanka Anki will be brought to the sanctum sanctorum by the Tantri. Millions of devotees will step out in prayer to witness the pious idol of Lord Ayyappa in the splendour of the Thanka Anki. At 9.30 pm, the pooja will be held at 10.50 am.

The temple will be opened for Mandalapooja on the 27th of December at 3 o'clock in the morning. Ushapooja at 7.30. The Neyabhisheka will continue from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The mandala pooja will be held in Kumbha Rasi between 10 am and 11.40 pm with Thanka Anki adorned. The Nada will close at 1 pm. It will be reopened at 4 pm that day. Deeparadhana will be at 6.30 pm. Dinner at 9.30. The Thirunada will be closed at 9.50 pm after Harivarasana recital. This will bring to an end the 41-day Mandala festival at Sabarimala.

The temple will re-open on December 30 at 5 pm for the Makara Vilakku festival. From January 16 to 19, there will be Padi Pooja and procession. Gurusi will be held at Malikappuram on January 19th night. On 20th, after the visit of the Royal representative from Pandalam palace had the darsan and are down the stairs, a key exchange ceremony and a panakizhi (paycheck) hand over will take place. The Makara Vilakku Festival will become to an end as the keys of the Ayyappa temple returns to Sannidhanam from the Royal representative.

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