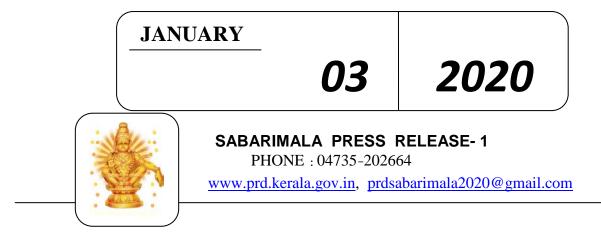


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Devaswom Board President in praise of Visudhi Sena

Travancore Devaswom Board President N Vasu has praised the efforts of the Visudhi Sena in maintaining the sanctity of Ayyappan's gardens. He was speaking after inaugurating the ceremony of paying respect to the sacred service of the Visudhi Sena members at the Sabarimala Valiya Nadapanthal.

The Visudhi Sena plays a vital role in cleaning the surroundings of Sabarimala and related areas. Blankets were kindly distributed to all the members in respect to their service. About 900 service personnel are involved in sanitation at Sabarimala.

Sabarimala Executive Officer VS Rajendra Prasad presided over the function. Assistant Executive Officer J. Jayaprakash, Devaswom Assistant Executive Engineer Ajit Kumar, Sannidhanam Duty Magistrate Anil Kumar, RAF DSP Ilankovan, NDRF Deputy Commandant G. Vijayan, Devaswom Board and senior officials of various departments participated in the function.

(PR-173)

Devotees should cooperate for a smooth Makara Vilakku darshan

Sannidhanam special officer S Sujit Das said the devotees should cooperate fully in order to overcome the 'Makara Vilakku' congestion. Devotees who have had the

darshan should return in order to make way for the newly arrived devotees. A large number of devotees are expected for the Makara Vilakku festival. The police have deployed in such a way to control the congestion. 1397 policemen have been deployed. Additional police service will be made on the 13th, 14th and 15th of this month. The police security will be strengthened at the places where the Makara Vilakku can be seen easily. Security will be strengthened by deploying additional police at the Pandithavalam. The Police, together with the Devaswom Board, will set up temporary barricades before the Makara Vilakku and take special precautions to avoid accidents.

(PR-174)

Man held for selling tobacco products

Police arrested a man for selling tobacco goods in and around Sannidhanam. Shaji, 49, from Kollam was arrested during a raid conducted at Sannidhanam. He was arrested while selling banned tobacco products to pilgrims near Sannidhanam, said station house officer Prajesh. The police said that he was working as a temporary worker at Sannidhanam. Police officers Jayachandran, K Santosh Kumar, Vishnu, Vijayan and Aneesh Kumar participated in the raid.

(PR-175)

Brothers enthrall Sannidhanam with their soulful rendering

The singer brothers enthralled the Sabarimala with their songs in praise of Ayyappa. Vishnuvardhan and Vipin, natives of Kollam Chavara, sang their devotional songs in the Sree Sastha Auditorium, Sannidhanam. It is the tenth consecutive year that the brothers have been singing the song to Ayyappa. Vishnuvardhan is a contestant of Sun TV's reality show 'Sun Singer'.

(PR-176)

Noted flutist Rajesh Cherthala and his team perform at Sabarimala

The concert of Rajesh Cherthala and his team was held at the auditorium at Sannidhanam. They have sung some of the superhits devotional song of Lord Ayyappa. For two hours, the performance was a treat to the devotees. Rajesh Cherthala is a well-known flutist amongst young musicians.

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