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**Everyone should be part of 'Punyam Poonkavanam':
Nodal Officer**

'Punyam Poonkavanam', the programme aims to make Sabarimala clean and tidy, is getting a good response from the devotees and employees. IG Vijayan, Nodal Officer of the programme, has urged that everyone visiting Sabarimala should be part of 'Punyam Poonkavanam'. He added that the aim of the programme is to keep the protected forest area under the Periyar Tiger reserve clean. He said this while speaking at a review meeting of the programme on Sunday.

The programme was started in the year 2011 after when the authorities have found that the plastic and other wastes dumped in Sabarimala is doing harm to the existence of the wild animals and the ecosystem. The programme runs in cooperation with the Visudhi Sena volunteers and every day from 9 to 10 that the programme will be observed in Sabarimala, said him.

The programme is run in Sabarimala by dividing the Sannidhanam to 13 sectors. Upper Thirumuttom, Lower Thirumuttom, North Nada, Bhasmakkulam, Malikappuram Nadapanthal, Bailey Bridge, Police Barrack, Devaswom Mess, BSNL officer, and other places are included in the sectors.

The officers from CRPF, NDRF, Devaswom, Police, Ayyappa Seva Sanghom, Health Department are all taking part in the programme.

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Karunya Community Pharmacy sells medicines, kneecap, ankle support, and others for a discount rate


The Karunya Community Pharmacy run at the Government Hospital here at Sannidhanam is turning to be good to the devotees. The Pharmacy has been operating here for the last six years during every pilgrimage season is giving medicines to devotees on a discount rate. Many medicines can be bought from here with a discount ranging from 10 to 90 percent. This year, the pharmacy has brought the kneecap and ankle support for devotees. Since many of the devotees find it tough and often writhes in pain in their knee joints while descending and ascending the hillocks, these would come as a great help to them. The pharmacy is selling the goods at a discount rate. Devotees can purchase a kneecap worth Rs 240 for 100 and Ankle Support worth Rs 190 for Rs 87. A large number of devotees are availing this from here.

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New ICU opened at Sannidhanam Govt Hospital

The Sannidhanam Government Hospital has been equipped with a new intensive care unit (ICU) facility. The new facility has six beds and other modern medical technologies. In case of emergency cardiac complaints, the patients were given treatment at the Sahas Cardiology Centre. With the new system, the government hospital has been able to impart good treatment to the patients without any time loss. Moreover, the off-road ambulance would take the patient to Pamba within 20 seconds. The new ICU has come as a great help to the devotees. The hospital here has six doctors and sufficient paramedics staff. Dr. Suresh Babu is the nodal officer.

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