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## Heavy rush in Sabarimala

Sabarimala saw a heavy rush on Thursday. To meet the requirement of the devotees, the KSRTC ran as many services. And this has come as a great relief to the devotees. A total of 87,500 devotees have visited the shrine since from Thursday morning to 6 in the evening. Though the heavy rush that has been witnessing from early morning has not affected the smooth movement of devotees at Sabarimala. Devotees are also coming in large numbers through the traditional forest route of Erumeli and Pullumedu. Everywhere in Sabarimala whether it is for the Neyabhishekam, Appam-Aravana counter or at the Annadana mandapam long queues were visible.

Devaswom Executive Officer has said that sufficient stock of Aravana, Appam is at Sabarimala. 15 lakh containers of Aravana and two lakh packets of Appam are in the store.

KSRTC ran around 265 buses in Nilakkal-Pamba route and among this 145 services ran as chain service. They have also run buses to Kottayam, Chengannur, Erumeli, Kumali, Thiruvananthapuram, and Ernakulam with police protection. Meanwhile, they have not able to run inter-state service owing to the hartal.

An inspection conducted by the Duty Magistrate from Marakkottam to Swami Ayyappan has fined 12 juice shops for using stale watermelon, not exhibiting the price board and employing temporary staffs.

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### Cases against 30 for smoking at Sabarimala

The Excise Department on Thursday fined 30 people in Sabarimala for smoking in the public. In Sannidhanam 13 and Nilakkal 17 are fined.

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