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Public health initiatives strengthened at Sabarimala

The Health Department has strengthened preventive measures to contain the spread of endemic diseases at Sabarimala. The Vector Control unit of the department will do the spraying at the locations where the presence of mosquito larvae is larger. The department will undergo this on a daily basis from Marakkootam to Sannidhanam. Fogging will also be done as part of the strengthening initiative. The health officials will also collect details from the dispensaries here and will take action to prevent the spread of the diseases. The department has also sought the help of the Vishudhi Sena volunteers in bleaching activities. Health Inspectors like TR Manilal and I Sherafudeen are leading the public health activities at Sabarimala.

(PR-69)

Blood samples taken from hotel workers to rule out the presence of malaria and filariasis

The Health Department at Sabarimala has conducted blood collection at night to detect filariasis. The blood test taken at night could only give the

result whether a body is infected or not. The test has been done mostly among the hotel workers at Sannidhanam. Around 588 workers are employed at various hotels here and among them, 325 are from other states. Remaining 263 are native works. The department has earlier conducted the blood test among 262 workers and has not found any infected sample.

The department is on high alert in preventing malaria and filariasis here. Special detection kits were also arranged by the Health Department to check the diseases at once.

(PR-70)

**Paravila N Vijayakumar takes oath as new
Devaswom Board member**

Adv. Paravila N Vijayakumar has been elected as the Travancore Devaswom Board member and he has taken oath at the Board headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram. The election was conducted among the 72 Hindu MLAs of the State Legislative Assembly and Vijayakumar emerged winner by securing 61 votes. He has served as the Additional Secretary and also was State Information Commission secretary and Thiruvananthapuram Agricultural Development Bank director. His wife Reeja Thankachi is a shirastedar. He has two daughters, Anjana Vijayan, and Ashna Vijayan.

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**Squads ensure a devotee-friendly trade prevails
at Sabarimala**

The two squads under the Sannidhanam Duty Magistrate is ensuring that a devotee-friendly trade of goods prevailing at Sabarimala. The two squads that include Revenue, Health, Police, Legal Metrology, Food Security and Pollution Control Board members are included and they have been working around the squad in ensuring that the hotels and other eateries are selling good-quality food in a clean environment.

The District Collector has made the price of the food items fixed and every hotel should display it to devotees. If anyone found this violated can contact the squads. Moreover, the squads are also keeping a tab such things. Those get caught with tobacco made items will be barred from entering Sannidhanam for this pilgrimage season. Duty Magistrate has also made it compulsory

to stop the spread of tobacco goods at Sabarimala. People can contact for their grievances on 04735-202013 and toll-free no: 18004251125.

(PR-72)

Sabarimala Pilgrimage: Monitoring Committee appointed by HC is happy with the facilities at Nilakkal

The Monitoring Committee appointed by the High Court to take the view of the facilities at Sabarimala on their visit on Monday has expressed their happiness over the facilities made for the devotees at Nilakkal. The Committee includes Justice P R Raman, Justice S Sirijagan and DGP A Hemachandran. They after reviewing the situation has said more facilities have been made this compared to last year.

The Committee paid a visit to Viri facility, drinking water plant, toilets, KSRTC Bus Stand, Police Bunker and the primary health centres. They after the visit has moved to Pamba for reviewing the situation.

Sabarimala Commissioner M Manoj, KSRTC MD Tomin Thachenkari, Intelligence IG Asok Yadav, ADM P T Abraham, Sabarimala ADM V R Premkumar, Deputy Collector S Sivaprasad and other department heads have also accompanied the Committee.

(PR-73)



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