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Thiruvabharana procession to start on January 12

The golden jewels, Thiruvabharana, to adore Lord Ayyappa on the Makarajyothi day at Sabarimala will be brought to Sabarimala through a grand procession that starts on January 12. The procession will, as usual, starts from the Sree Dharmasastha temple at Pandalam. It takes whole three days of travel through the traditional way to reach Sabarimala and by January 14, Monday is the Makarajyothi. Meanwhile, the preparations for the fest is on its final stages at Sabarimala. The jewels and other items will be brought to the temple in three big boxes and it is one of the most revered customs that has been followed by the temple.

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KSRTC will run buses on general strike days

The general strike announced by the trade unions all over India on January 8 and 9 will not affect the services of KSRTC to Sabarimala. The authorities have said that they will run buses from and to Sabarimala on these days. KSRTC is running 350 buses from Pamba on a daily basis to several parts of the state. They are also running to 1300 services to Nilakkal stretch on a day. KSRTC also hoped that the inter-state services to Palani, Thenkasi, Coimbatore, Theni, and Madurai will not be affected by the general strike.

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Fire Force to make more arrangements at Sabarimala

The Fire Force of the state government will make the necessary arrangements at Sabarimala in the wake of the Makaravilakku festival. The new team of officers taking charge on Sunday will assign the duty of the force. Meanwhile, the Fire Force had a 66-member team operating at Sabarimala at present. They are ready to face any emergency situation of fire accident or gas leakage. There are 35 fire hydrants installed at Sabarimala by the department. They have also brought in a sufficient number of vehicles and firefighting equipment from various districts. They have also enhanced the surveillance at Appam, Aravana, Annadana mandapam and Copra yard here.

The department on Saturday has made a valiant effort in preventing the fire that went awry from the Aazhi and is spread to the banyan tree adjacent to it. The devotees were stopped entering into the premises and the fire force quickly doused the fire.

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View Points at Sabarimala checked prior Makaravilakku

The District Disaster Management Authority on Saturday has gone through a security check at the viewpoints in the wake of nearing Makravilakku festival. The festival was the time when devotees in large number gather at various places at Sabarimala to see the Makarajyothi. A team of officials including the District Disaster Management deputy collector S Sivaprasad, Disaster Management assistant professor Amalraj inspected various viewpoints at Ayyanmala, Nellimala, Panjipara, Attathodu, Elavunkal, Chittar, and Aangamoozhi.

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