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**Annadanam Centre at Sabarimala is getting more  
number of devotees**

The annadanam (free-food distribution) at Sannidhanam is one of the many things the Travancore Devaswom Board has been made for the devotees. The annadanam is considered as another holy thing and it is regarded as the food given to the Lord Ayyappa as a prasadam. From this pilgrimage season to this Tuesday, 2,31, 386 devotees have so far taken the food from here. The annadanam centre here is opened for 24 hours with particular intervals. The day starts at 7 in the morning with the breakfast and by 12 in the noon, lunch will start. This will continue up to 3 in the evening. The dinner time will start in the evening at 7 and goes up to 12 in the night. From the night till morning, light food will be served.

The centre has been equipped with modern cooking facilities. 50 employees are working here and another 180 are for the cleaning of the centre. The Board is giving high priority to the cleanliness of the surrounding. Food is served in a clean atmosphere. Automatic dish wash is used for cleaning of the plates. At a time, 1600 people can use the space here.

Assistant Executive Officer Jayakumar, Annadanam special officer Vinod, G Sujit Nair are heading the activities here. R Padmanabhan Nair from Karuvatta, Haripad is the chief cook. He has been doing this for the last 17 years.

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**Devotees are happy with the peaceful atmosphere at Sabarimala: Devaswom Board member K P Sankardas**

The Travancore Devaswom Board member K P Sankaradas said that the devotees are happy with the ongoing situation at Sabarimala and are satisfied. He also added that the devotees who have come earlier this season have spread the word that everything is fine at Sabarimala is making more devotees coming these days. On Tuesday alone, 80,000 devotees have had a hassle-free darshan here. This points to the calm and peace in Sabarimala.

Board has made all the facilities for the devotees. Devotees coming for Neyabhishekam is staying at the guest houses and returns only after the ritual. More facilities for viri (bed laying) have also been made. Appam and Aravana are in stock and the counters are working round the clock.

At Nilakkal also facilities have been made. Devotees are also happy with those, he said. He also requested the devotees to keep away from bringing plastic in their irumudikettu and thus help the Board in their initiative to keep Sabarimala plastic-free.

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