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Devaswom Board to make improved facilities to witness Makarajyothi

The Travancore Devaswom Board will make improved facilities to witness the Makarjyothi here. With the rush to go up in the coming days, the Board has decided to bring together all the departments in making the view for all the devotees at Sabarimala. Board is giving high priority in ensuring security and safety of the devotees and for this barricades will be made as per the need. The eatables and drinking water will be supplied to devotees standing in long queue. The viri facility and resting places will be improved. The Board will make the necessary arrangements prior to the Makarajyothi festival based on the recommendation of the police and the Monitoring Committee appointed by the High Court of Kerala. The devotees from other states are coming in large numbers and this has helped the revenue to pick up in these days at Sabarimala. The Board has also sought an explanation from the Tantri who closed the nada without anyone's permission.

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Makaravilakku: Devotees number is rising

Then Travancore Devaswom Board member Adv. N Vijayakumar has said that there is an increase in the number of devotees after the Mandala Pooja and these comprise devotees from other states like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. He also denied that the news of the devotee number is slumping is false. The devotees are happy with the arrangements. He also added that in the coming days the rush at Sabarimala will increase. The income at Sabarimala saw a steep rise in these days. A total of Rs 20, 49,72,188 is the revenue between December 31, 2018 and January 5, 2019. The income from the sale of Appam and Aravana has raised to Rs10,39,63,350 and in the abhishekam Rs 26,45,550 has been raised. In Kanikka Rs 8,06,35,334 and Annadanam contribution Rs 16,41,027 were recieved. He also said that this itself shows that the devotees have defeated the attempts to topple the Sabarimala pilgrimage.

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A new batch of Fire Force takes charge

A new batch of Fire Force officials has taken charge at Sabarimala. A team of 72 members under Special Officer B Raj has taken charge on Sunday and they will continue till Makrajyothi festival. The force has been deployed in eight centres at Sabarimala. The team is on strict vigil at Marakkottam, Saramkuthy, KSEB, Nadapanthal, Copra yard, Pandithavalam, Malikappuram, Bhasmakkulam etc. Scuba teams comprising of two member each are also posted at the bathing ghats of Pamba, Laha, Vadasserikkara, Pandalam, and Chengannur. More officers will be posted in the coming days, said the special officer.

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