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Sabarimala is all set ready for Makarajyothi festival

The Travancore Devaswom Board President A Padmakumar has said on Sunday that preparations have been completed as part of the Makaravilakku festival on January 14. He was speaking at the conference of all departments prior to the festival on Tuesday. The Monitoring Committee, Government departments, and the Travancore Devaswom Board have made joint efforts in preparing Sabarimala for the Makarajyothi festival. The Thiruvabharana procession will reach Sabarimala on Monday evening at 6. Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran and Board members will receive the procession at Sabarimala. Deeparadhana will take place at 6.30 in the evening and Makarasamkrama Pooja and Neyabhishekam will take place at 7.52. Arrangements have been made to serve drinking water and biscuits to devotees while waiting for the Makarajyothi. Police have also completed necessary arrangements in making festival safe and peaceful. The NDRF and RAF teams have also equipped to face any situation at Sabarimala. There is enough stock of Appam and Aravana. Devotees can have darshan on January 19. A total of 1,86, 484

people have taken treatment this year at Sannidhanam hospital. Ambulances too have been made in sufficient numbers. He also said that KSEB and Water Authority have made arrangements for non-stop supply of electricity and water.

Board member's K P Sankardas, Adv. N Vijayakumar, Devaswom Commissioner N Vasu, Chief Engineer Sankaran Potti, Sannidhanam Police Controllers S Sujith Das, V Ajith, Devaswom Executive Officer D Sudheeshkumar and other department heads were present in the meeting.

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Nilakkal-Pamba free service under consideration: Devaswom Board President

The Travancore Devaswom Board president on Sunday said that from this Vishu onwards the Board is considering to turn the Nilakkal-Pamba service for free. He said that discussion in the regard has been going on with few organizations and Board is thinking of implementing this on the beginning of the pilgrimage season. He also added that Board is seriously considering of building a bridge over Pamba that won't affect flood. The construction of more viri laying facility at the Kunnathu temple near Chengannur will start immediately on a budget of Rs 18 crore and 73 lakhs. Another construction of Rs four crores is already happening at Aranmula temple. Along with these two feeding places (Oottupura) is also happening. It is estimated that 15,000 people can lay viri here from next year onwards. Board along with state government is initiating more plans to bring the facility to devotees in the coming season. The project recommended by the chief minister of an edathavalam in every 50 kilometers will start from this February. Board is discussing to finalise the plans up to March as soon as possible.

He also added that the Board has no worry if the income to Sabarimala dwindling. Since the state government is with the Board there is no such worry he said. Board will take care of the employees if the income comes down as compared to last year.

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KSRTC ready with 1200 buses to meet demands of devotees

While all the roads lead to Sabarimala, KSRTC too has set their machines running to the pace by arranging a string of services to help devotees. They have arranged services that starts soon after the Makarajyothi darshan from Pamba. Meanwhile, the Police have told the KSRTC not to run buses after 2 in the afternoon. KSRTC made 500 chain services ready to run once the Makarajyothi visible at the holy hillocks. They have already set 1200 buses in their yard in the wake of Makarajyothi festival rush. In need of more buses, they are also equipped to meet the demand of the devotees without sparing time. Officials to handle the workload smoothly has also in place, said special officer G Anilkumar.

The drivers of the KSRTC were given the order not to overtake other vehicles during the rush..

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