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More facilities at Sabarimala in the coming season: CM

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday has said that the infrastructure development at Sabarimala will be increased in the purview of the rise in the devotees. He said that the present government is responsible for this and will implement the necessary steps without any delay. He said this in his Facebook post. This year, the government has successfully made the pilgrim season without any lapses.

Even at the time of an unexpected rise in the number of devotees at Sabarimala, the government made no situation delayed but has only enhanced the facilities accordingly. Chief Minister congratulated the effort of the various government departments in making this pilgrim season a success.

The government had spent Rs 38 crores for the development this year which excludes the Rs 98 crore included in the Sabarimala

master plan. He also said that apart from all these, more money have spent for the development of road and other facilities at Sabarimala.

Makaravilakku festivals will end on 20 January

Sabrimala: The ritualistic procession from Malikappuram as part of the Makaravilakku festival will continue until 19 January. The procession has started on Monday after the Athazha Pooja. Athazha Pooja will take place at 9 in the night, because of the procession, said Tantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru.

The procession that takes place on 18 January from Malikappuram to Saramkuthy is one of the important said the Tantri. This ritual has started ages ago and till last year the procession had the presence of an elephant. With the case regarding this is pending at the High Court, this time the elephant would be missed out.

On 19 January the last ritual to take place is Guruthi. Kuruppanmar is the ones who have the right to conduct the Guruthi and after completing it no one will stay back at Malikappuram, said the Tantri.

On 20th January, the Pandalam King will only have the permission to visit the temple. After his visit, the temple will be closed by singing Harivarasanam. This would also end the Makaravilakku festivals in Sabarimala.

Sabarimala Sanitation Society volunteers to be honoured

Sabrimala: Sabarimala Sanitation Society has been pivotal for the last 24 years in making Sabarimala clean and clear of wastes. Their significance has imparted in a large way safeguarding the pristineness and holiness. So with the efforts of Sabarimala

Sanitation Society is entering to its 25th years, the Pathanamthitta District administration is planning to honour the Society members who have completed 24 years of service in Sabarimala. On 19th January, Water Resources Minister Mathew T Thomas in a function at the Anjaneya Auditorium, Pampa, will honour the volunteers. MLA Raju Abraham will preside over the function. Anto Antony MP will deliver the chief speech on the occasion.

The Sanitation Society has been operating for the past 24 years in the regions of Sannidhanam, Pampa, Nilakkal, Pandalam, and Kulanada.

The 800 of the sanitation workers are from Tamil Nadu. Akhila Bharatha Ayyappa Seva Sanghom is bringing them to Sabarimala every year. K Raju, a Salem native, is the head of these workers. Ramalingam, the team leader, is a panchayath vice-president of the Valimadevi Panchayath near Selam. Most of them are educated and working in various private firms in Tamil Nadu.

It was in the year 1995 that the Sabarimala Sanitation Society was formed under the patronage of District Collector, RDO and District Police chief. They had taken charge of the sanitation activities this year from 12 November and would only leave the place after completing the cleaning activities on 20 January.

Pathanamthitta District Collector R Girija, Devaswom Board president A Padmakumar, Sabarimala Hi-power committee chairman S Sirijagan, Sanitation Society founding chairperson KB Valsalakumari, Devaswom Board members K Raghavan, KP Sankaradas, Pathanamthitta District Police chief Dr. Satish Binu and others will grace the occasion.

