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Classical Concert:

Sabarimala: Carnatic music concert by Puramattom K.S.Sanoj and Ganesh of Nadam Orchestra, Tiruvalla at sannidanam added a new dimension to the devotion-filled ambience at the sannidanam. Composed by Prakash Palani, Sudhir Kallupara and Pradeep Pullad, the concert had Babychan Kottayam on the organ with Bhadran Mallapally and Hari Kottayam on the table and Jayesh Chandran on the mrudangam. The concert took place in front of a packed audience of Sabarimala pilgrims.

Scintillating display of Kalaripayattu:

Sabarimala: The Maruti Kalari Sangham presented a rare Kalaripayattu display at the sannidanam auditorium. Showing exemplary display of concentration and accuracy the sangham that follows the southern style in Kalaripayattu literally stunned the audience through their outstanding skills. The team led by Ajith Kumar, son of Thankappan asan, for the last sixty years had been popularizing Kalaripayattu all over the world. The

team displayed their fighting skills involving sword, stick and a host of other items. The team comprised Vishnu, Visak, Manohar, Ram Lal, Shijumon, Deepak, Anish, Nandu and Aravind; all seasoned and well acclaimed performers.

Booking for Padipooja till 2033

Sabarimala: Bookings for padi pooja over till 2033. Padi pooja during the ongoing festival season at Sabarimala would be held on 16, 17 and 18 of January following the conclusion of the Makara Vilakku festival. The pooja, spanning two hours is performed for the goddesses of the 18 hills surrounding the poongavanam and is performed after the deeparadhana. The fee for the pooja is Rs.75,000. Those booking for the pooja would be permitted for a special darshan, which is limited to 10 pilgrims.

Pushpa Alankaram Offering

Sabarimala: Pushpa Alankaram offering at sannidanam involves the idol of Lord Ayyappa as well as the temple getting decorated with flowers. The fee for this offering is Rs.50,000. Flowers would be arranged by the Travancore Devaswom Board and those undertaking this offering would be entitled for a special darshan, which is confined to five pilgrims.

Sahasra Kalasam:

Sabarimala: Thousands pots of *theertham* would be poured on the idol of Lord Ayyappa as part of *sahasra kalasam* offering. The fees for this offering is Rs.40,000. For the *udayasthamana pooja*, 18 Poojas would be performed for the deity from dawn to dusk. The rate for this pooja is Rs.40,000. *Utsava bali* performed in the presence of the deity's idol is another major offering performed during the Sabarimala festival season. The rate for the *bali pooja* is Rs.30,000. And the *pushpabhishekam* - showering flowers on the idol of Lord Ayyappa would cost Rs.10,000 and can be done without booking.

The rates of other poojas are as follows: *Thanka anki charthu* (Rs.9,000), *laksharchana* Rs.8,000, *kalabhabhishekam* (Rs.6,000), *ashtakbhishekam*

Rs.5,000, *silver anki charthu* (Rs.5,000), *nitya pooja* (Rs.3,000), *usha pooja* (Rs.2,500), *bhagavathi seva* (Rs.2,000) and *manjal pooja* (Rs.300).

Unique dance offering:

Sabarimala: The sannidanam Auditorium witnessed a unique Bharatanatyam ensemble by a guru and the maiden performance of his disciple. Mahesh, the guru, who runs the Maheswara Dance Academy at Nemom in Thiruvananthapuram and his six-year-old disciple Arya, daughter of Thankaraj and Reji of Shangumughom were the performers. Mahesh had been performing at the Sannidanam since 2011 and is the dance teacher at Carmel Jyoti School, Colachel.

Punyam Poonkavanam:

Sabarimala: Nodal Officer DIG, P.Vijayan, Sannidanam Police Special Officer N.Vijayakumar, and Sub-Inspector B.Vinod Kumar led the cleaning operations under the Punyam Poonkavanam project launched by the Kerala Police at Sabarimala. Personnel of National Disaster Response Force, Travancore Devaswom Board, Health Department and Fire and Rescue as well as members of Ayyappa Seva Sanghom and Ayyappa Seva Samajam also participated in the drive.

Pilgrim dies of heart attack:

Sabarimala: A pilgrim died following heart attack while descending the hills after the darshan. A. A. Dasan, 46, a native of Villatoor Karikkada, Kunnamkulam in Thrissur, died at the government hospital, Pamba around 8.45 a.m. on Saturday.

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