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Sabarimala sees a flow of devotees

on the fourth day of Mandala season

On the fourth day of the Mandala pilgrimage, Sabarimala sees a flow of devotees on Monday morning. A large gathering of devotees was seen in wait during the time the temple was opened early morning at 3. Police were seen helping the devotees to ascend the holy steps. Though a large number of devotees are coming for darshan, Police have made arrangements for the smooth flow of traffic and darshan. This time, there were no issues of people forced to stand in long queues for darshan.

The counters of Appam and Aravana at Sannidhanam is receiving a large number of devotees and this has created a rush at these counters. The Travancore Devaswom Board has made necessary arrangements for the devotees to do the neyabhishekam from morning 3.15 to 12.30 in the afternoon. This has helped to stave off the usual rush that has been seen in the earlier season when devotees came for doing the neyabhishekam here. (PR 9)

Sahas Cardiology centre starts

functioning at Sabarimala

Sahas Cardiology centre at Sabarimala has started functioning this season. Kollam District Judge and Sabarimala Special Commissioner M Manoj inaugurated the functioning of the centre. Sahas Cardiology centre has been operating at Sannidhanam from 1993 with OP, ICU and trauma care facility. They have also been operating Sopanam Preventive Centre to give primary treatments to the devotees for the last six years. Apart from giving heart-related treatments, the centre also imparts treatment to the respiratory problems of the devotees.

According to Dr O Vasudevan, around 250 people are availing the service of the centre on a daily basis. (PR 10)

Instructions to Devotees by Sahas Cardiology Centre

Devotees ailing from the heart, respiratory problems should consult a doctor and take advice before coming to Sabarimala. Devotees should take with them the medicines they are consuming on a daily basis. Devotees should keep hot water always while climbing the hill and should drink sufficient water while trekking. Devotees coming from a long distance should take appropriate rest before taking the hill route. They should also check their blood pressure at Pamba and take the doctor's advice. Devotees find any uncomfortable should seek the help of government hospital, Sahas Cardiology centre and Sopanam Clinic. (PR 11)

Devaswom Board makes arrangements to distribute free medicinal drinking water

Travancore Devaswom Board has taken steps in distributing free medicinal drinking water to the devotees at various points at Sabarimala. Around 40 counters have been already opened from Neelimala to Pandithavalam in distributing drinking water to the devotees. 305 staffs have been deployed in these centres said Devaswom Board special officer B Satheesan. He added that more staffs will be appointed in the wake of a rise in the number of devotees. In Sannidhanam alone there are around seven counters and they were at the Sopanam, Valiyanadapanthal, Malikappuram, Pandithavalam, Annadana mandapam, Aazhi, Vellanivedya counter. (PR 12)

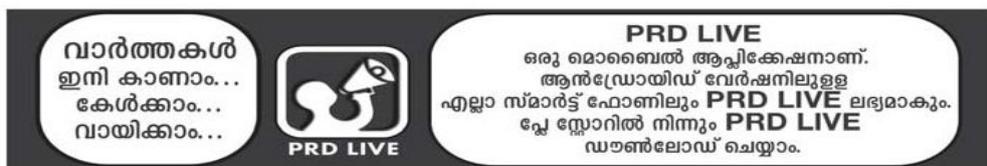
Fire and Rescue officials clean roads at Pamba

The Kerala Fire and Rescue services on Monday cleaned the pathway in front of the Government hospital here at Pamba. The road leading to the hospital was clogged with mud and other wastes. This has posed threat to devotees as well as the officials here at Pamba. Moreover, this was one of the busiest places in Sabarimala. District Fire Officer C Renjith lead his team of 10 officers in cleaning the road off waste and mud. (PR 13)

Union Minister Alphons Kannanthanam

visits Sabarimala

Union Minister for State Alphons Kannanthanam visited Sabarimala on Monday. The minister had come to Sannidhanam after paying visit to Nilakkal and Pamba. He had gone through various arrangements made at Sabarimala as part of the pilgrimage. He later returned by 1.20 in the afternoon. (PR 14)



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Supreme Court verdict is law of the state, everyone is responsible

to follow law: State Human Rights Commission member

There is no terror situation in Sabarimala said State Human Rights member Justice P Mohandas. Supreme Court verdict is the law of the state and every citizen is dutiful to follow it. He added that the delay in the infrastructure developments at Pamba had come as a result of the floods. The Commission member said this to media after visiting Sabarimala and inspecting about the human right situation of the place on Tuesday.

He said that the government had not got sufficient time in making necessary arrangements in Sabarimala post floods. In little time, this government had not got any magic wand in correcting the destruction caused due to the flood, said him. He added that he had find 280 toilets in working condition. And regarding the amenities, the devotees coming from other states have replied to the enquiry that they are okay with the present condition.

He denied to opine on the issue of viri (bed laying) at the Sannidhanam since the issue was under High Court jurisdiction. He also said that it is as important to maintain human rights of the devotees and the peace and calm of Sabarimala. Police are responsible for bringing law and order. The State Human Rights Commission has so far received 12 complaints regarding Sabarimala. The Commission will go through all those complaints and take necessary action. He also said that if complaints regarding the darshan at Sabarimala comes up, Commission will check into it also. If in need would direct the police to give necessary security for the darshan, said the member.

(PR 22)

Four squads to check and ensure food security

Four squads have been deployed at Sabarimala to make sure of the quality of food sold here. The Food Security Department's squad will do their duty at Sannidhanam,

Pamba, Nilakkal and Erumeli. Apart from this, two mobile food testing labs will be on duty at Nilakkal and Erumeli. The squads will collect food samples from hotels, tea shops, Appam-Aravana plants, Annadanamandapam and Devaswom store and will be send to testing to make sure of its quality. Water kioks will also be checked to know the purity of drinking water served.

The food security toll free number will be exhibited in all the shops. Toll free no: 18004251125. Sabarimala Special Squad: 8592999666. (PR 23)



The banner features the PRD LIVE logo, which consists of a stylized white figure holding a bowl, set against a black background with the text 'PRD LIVE' below it. To the left of the logo, there is a white oval containing the Malayalam text: 'വാർത്തകൾ ഇനി കാണാം... കേൾക്കാം... വായിക്കാം...'. To the right of the logo, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the following Malayalam text: 'PRD LIVE ഒരു മൊബൈൽ ആപ്ലിക്കേഷനാണ്. ആൻഡ്രോയിഡ് വേർഷനിലുള്ള എല്ലാ സ്മാർട്ട് ഫോണിലും PRD LIVE ലഭ്യമാകും. പ്ലേ സ്റ്റോറിൽ നിന്നും PRD LIVE ഡൗൺലോഡ് ചെയ്യാം.'

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