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Homeoclinics start functioning at Sabarimala

Homeoclinics have been opened at Pamba and Sannidhanam to impart free treatment to devotees coming to Sabarimala. Four medical officers with 14 staffs are appointed to help devotees here.

Preventive medicines to conjunctivitis, chicken pox, leptospirosis and other communicable diseases are distributed from the clinics.

Dr P R Radhakrishnan and Dr Saji John are taking the responsibilities of the clinics at Pamba and Sannidhanam. Around 1200 devotees have sought treatment at these clinics so far.
(PR 28)

Devaswom Book stall attracts devotees,

The book stall here at Sannidhanam by the Devaswom Board is attracting more number of devotees for its vast, varied collection of devotional books and publications. The souvenirs of the temple are also on sale display here.

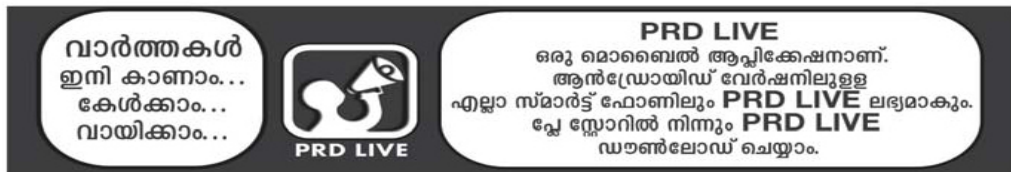
The books purchased here would get a huge discount and that makes the book stall an attraction. The books 'Thiruvathamcoorile Kshethrangal' (Temple of Travancore) published by the Board in three volumes and 'Ramayana attracts more sale in the stall.

Devotees are also interested in taking the diaries and other souvenirs with Lord Ayyappa picture on it. With a discount price for all these devotees are taking as much to gift people as a mark of their visit to Sabarimala.

The stall has also got a wide collection of devotional album CDs. The famous 'Ramakadhasudha' written by Dr Ambalappuzha Gopakumar and sung by Kavalam Sreekumar is on sale here. The documentary that tells the history of the Sabarimala is also another much sought after item in the stall.

The magazine 'Sannidhanam' brought out by the Devaswom Board can also be purchased from here. The stall has also got the facility to subscribe to it. Devotees can avail an annual subscription of the magazine by paying Rs 200, Rs 500 for three years and Rs 900 for life time.

(PR 29)



The banner features the PRD LIVE logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' shape with a lamp on top, and the text 'PRD LIVE' below it. To the left of the logo, there is a list of items: 'വാർത്തകൾ ഇനി കാണാം...', 'കേൾക്കാം...', and 'വായിക്കാം...'. To the right of the logo, there is a block of text in Malayalam: 'ഒരു മൊബൈൽ ആപ്ലിക്കേഷനാണ്. ആൻഡ്രോയിഡ് വേർഷനിലുള്ള എല്ലാ സ്മാർട്ട് ഫോണിലും PRD LIVE ലഭ്യമാകും. പ്ലേ സ്റ്റോറിൽ നിന്നും PRD LIVE ഡൗൺലോഡ് ചെയ്യാം.'

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Sabarimala sees rise in devotees: Devaswom Executive Officer

With the Mandala season progressing, sabarimala has been steep rise in the number of devotees, said Sabarimala Executive Officer D Sudheesh Kumar. He added that the Devaswom Board has made necessary arrangements for a hassle free Mandala pilgrimage. The number of footfalls have increased on Thursday compared to the beginning days of the pilgrimage season.

The prasada counter is working round the clock. Accomodation and viri facilities have also enhanced. Annadanam (free food) serving is also done smoothly.

He also been added that income to the temple would increase in accordance with the rise in devotees in the coming days.

Health Departments open 15 emergency medical help centres

The increase in the number of devotees have made the Health Department to open 15 emergency help centres on the way from Pamba to Sannidhanam. The centres have come as a great help to the devotees.

Neelimala, Appachimedu, Sabarippeedom, Marakkootam, Queue complex, Saramkuthy, Vavarunada, Pandithavalam, Charemedu top, Forest Model EMC, Charalamedu bottom were the places that the emergency medical help centres opened.

In all these centres, expert nurses, paramedics, Ayyappa Seva Sanghom volunteers were deployed for any help for the devotees.

Devotees can avail the service of these centres in the time of emergency. In all these centres, heart resuscitation machines have made available. Devotees with heart and respiratory difficulties should seek the help of medical experts deployed at these centres.

(PR 30)

Devaswom Board provides more facilities for devotees

The Travancore Devaswom Board has made every arrangement for the pilgrims. Despite the floods few months ago, the Board's machinery had worked like a well oiled machine to install sufficient toilets in Sabarimala before the Mandala season.

Board has installed 1161 toilets at Sabarimala so far and out of this, 877 are free use toilets.

On the trekking path, 150 toilets have been made available for the devotees. Separate toilets for gents and women were also functioning at Chandranandan road, Queue complex and Malikappuram. Apart from this, 100 bathrooms and 60 showerpoints are well in operation at Sabarimala.

More cleaning staff have been appointed to clean these bathrooms. Board has made the service of 99 workers in three shifts to keep the bathrooms clean.

Drinking Water facilities are the noteworthy arrangement the Board has been made at Sabarimala. 283 taps have been functioning despite the Board's initiative of supplying medicinal drinking water at 36 points enroute to Sannidhanam.

534 rooms are there for devotees to take rest and stay after a hardous trek. Board has also made the annadanam facilities at Sabarimala.

In handling the wastes collected at Sabarimala, three incinerators are already functioning. In an hour, 750 kilogram of wastes can be handled in it. Sewage treatment plant is also there apart 250 waste bins placed at different places.

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Police arrange special security to devotees coming through Vandithavalam

Kerala Police have made special security arrangements for those taking the difficult trekking route through Vandithavalam. The chances of devotees losing their way are higher in this route and the Police have made the arrangements so as to take quick action if any of the devotees lose their way in the forest.

Police would collect the details such as name and address of the devotees in a register at Vandithavalam. These details then will be handed over to the entry point at Pandithavalam. Through this entry point that devotees enter into Sannidhanam.

The entry through Vandithavalam will be till one in the afternoon. A devotee can reach at Pandithavalam by 4. Police will cross check with register details and find out whether any of the devotees has lost his way in the forest. They will waste then no time in taking action to find these devotees and bring them to Pandithavalam.

Kerala Police have made such a move in the wake that there are chances high of devotees getting lost in the forest.

(PR 32)

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