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#### Revenue at Sabarimala Registers Increase of 14.76 crore

The current Mandala-Makara Vilakku festival season has registered an increase of 14.76 crore compared to last year as the festival entered its 36<sup>th</sup> day, president of Travancore Devaswom Board said during a meet the press programme at Sannidanam yesterday.

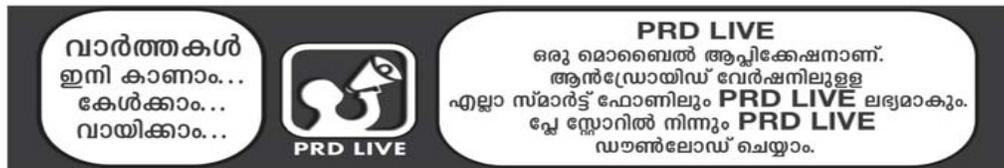
Total revenue of Rs 126,42,74,705 as on 23 December last year has increased to Rs 141,18,84,595 this year. This has come from earnings through Abhishekam (Rs 1,34,57,303), Appam (Rs 11,08,84,825), Aravana (Rs 62,02,22,640), Vella Nivedyam (Rs 6,51,100), Sarkara Payasam (Rs 43,18,380), Archana (Rs 9,91,570), Malavadi Pooja (Rs 1,28,050), Panchamritham (Rs 25,89,980), Adiya Shishtam Ghee (Rs 1,03,08,100), Book Stall (Rs 39,97,755), Kanikka (Rs 47,53,18,354), Malikappuram (Rs 86,28,040), Room Rent (Rs 2,76,18,804), Ayyappa Chakram (Rs 2,79,840), Donor House (Rs 19,02,000), other items (Rs 1,76,15,900), Donation (Rs 80,98,704), Contract (Rs 9,82,56,803), Money Order (Rs 71,514), Holy Bells (Rs 1,38,160), Donation for food (Rs 64,06,773).

## Pump Action Gun for Countering Elephant Attacks

Forest department has come up with 'Pump Action Gun' for preventing elephant-pilgrim encounters on the forest route to Sabarimala. The technology involves firing cartridges that contain several pellets, which will hit an area of 50 cm. The injury is minimal and is enough to scare the elephants away from the pilgrims. The usage of this new gun has advantage over the conventional tranquilizer darts. Once hit by tranquilizer, it would take at least 15 minutes to take effect on the elephant. Very often the elephant would indulge in violent activities and could result in damages to property and the elephant would also charge against people. There are such issues involved in the usage of 'Pump Action Gun'.

## Thanga Angi To Arrive Today at Sabarimala

The chariot carrying the Thanga Angi from Aranmula Parthasarathy temple will reach Pamba by noon today. After the traditional reception there, the Thanga Angi will be carried to Saramkuthi in a procession. By around 3 p.m., officials of Travancore Devaswom Board will welcome the procession at Saramkuthi and lead them to the top of the holy 18 steps. By 5 p.m. the procession will reach the top of 18-steps, where it will be received by Sabarimala tantri. Thanga Angi will then be taken inside the Sanctum Sanctorum and will be followed by *deeparadhana*. Mandalam festival would conclude with the evening poojas on the next day and the temple will reopen in the evening on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December for the Makaravilakku festival.



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