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Sabarimala nada opens for the Makaravilakku festival

On Sunday evening, the nada at Sabarimala has opened as part of the Makaravilakku festival. Chief Priest V N Vasudevan Nampoothiri opened the nada in the presence of Tantri Kandhararu Rajeevaru. The temple has witnessed heavy rush soon after the nada was opened. It was on Thursday that the temple was closed after the Mandala festival.

The various government departments and Devaswom Board has made necessary arrangements at Sabarimala to see the smooth conduct of the Makaravilakku festival here. The new batch of police officers has taken duty here. The dress code for the officers has been made mandatory except for the places at Sopanam, Malikappuram, Holy steps. The police officers have also taken a special meeting in the presence of Special Officer-in-charge Sujit Das. Assistant Special officer K Suresh Kumar, Officer-in-charge at Marakkootam Crime Branch SP Sunil Babu took part in the meeting. The new battalion of police has 15 DySp, 30 CI, 114 SI, 1395 Civil Police officers. Apart from this the Rapid Response and Rescue team of the Kerala Police, NDRF were also deployed for the security of Sabarimala.

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Prohibitory Orders extended to January 6 at Sabarimala

The District Administration has extended the prohibitory orders from Elavunkal to Sabarimala. The District Collector has given orders to extend the prohibitory orders from December 30 to January 6 midnight. The order has been given by the administration so as to give security to the devotees and maintain the law and order, peace at Sabarimala. The order is applicable to all places of Elavunkal to Sabarimala. The order bans assembly of four or more people at the said premises. It also says that procession and other kinds of collective actions are prohibited. The order has been made by the district administration to give protection to the life and property of the devotees coming to Sabarimala. Meanwhile, the order does not restrict the free movement of devotees and in chanting the Sarana Mantra.

Police have taken cases against those who have stopped the Manithi group of women at Sabarimala on December 23. 10 were booked for stopping them at the Guard Room at Pamba and 200 of them were booked for stopping them at the Swami Ayyappan Road. Police have also taken cases against 240 -30-people who have stopped the two women, Bindu and Kanakalatha, on December 24.

The Pathanamthitta Police have taken 106 cases so far for stopping the women from entering Sabarimala. The Supreme Court has given the orders that women of all ages can the temple. The District Collector has clamped prohibitory orders based on the report given by the District Police chief.

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