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Makara Sankrama Puja on 15th December at 2.09 am

The auspicious Makara Sankrama puja this year will be held at 2.09 am on the 15th of December. The Sanctum Sanctorum which opens on 14 of December will not close on 14th. It will close on 15th December morning and will reopen at 4 in the evening. The sun enters the Uttarayana from the South at two o'clock in the morning on the 15th. Tantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru said that the Ayyappa Darshan will be available all night on January 14 baring an hour and a half hour it is closed.

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Sahas to provide medical aid to the devotees

The Sahas and the SRM SIMS hospital is helping the Ayyappa devotees who are climbing the mountain. The Sabarimala Sopanam Preventive Clinic, a joint venture of SIMS Hospital, helps the devotees who climb the holy hillocks. Sopanam Preventive Clinic is giving solace to the elderly who are climbing the holy hillocks with respiratory and cardiovascular disease, blood pressure and diabetes. Patients and Ayyappa devotees are provided with first aid. The primary treatment for minor injuries is available at the Sopanam Clinic.

Chennai SRM Medical College Emergency Medicine Specialist Doctor's service is available from the opening to the closure of the Pilgrimage at the Sopanam Clinic. The services of a trained staff nurse and a nursing assistant are also available.

Shock box, a modern tool used for cardiovascular diseases known as AED machine is also available in the Sopanam clinic. Ayyappa Devotees who are climbing the hill can avail the services of Sopanam Clinic immediately if they experience shortness of breath or heart problems.

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NDRF is at full vigilant at Sabarimala

NDRF Deputy Commandant G. Vijayan said all the preparations have been completed to control the rush during the Makara Vilakku Festival. Three hours after the darshan of the Makara Vilakku is crucial. Devotees who have visited Makara Jyothi at various viewpoints would come for darshan at Sannidhanam. As people move from different places to the Vadakke Nada, there will be greater congestion and a greater chance of disaster. The deputy commandant said that the plan was to bring the devotees in different directions at different times to prevent this. The Fourth Battalion of the Chennai Arakkonam NDRF has been deployed to provide security at Sannidhanam. There are 61 people working for security in Sannidhanam.

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