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Motor Vehicles department makes the road a Safe Zone for Devotees to Sabarimala

The Department of Motor Vehicles has on its mission to make a safe pilgrimage to the devotees within and outside of the state. The department has made wide arrangements on the road to make a secure journey for the pilgrims. The roads that cover 400 km across the Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, and Idukki districts are under the surveillance of the Motor Vehicles Department. The navigation boards, along with helpline numbers, are placed along these routes to help the pilgrims. About 18 patrol vehicles patrol these roads day and night to assist the devotees. The patrol vehicles, including an inspector and driver, will be equipped with First Aid, road safety equipment, wireless and mobile phones. The coordination of activities is at the main control room which is centered at Ilavankulam in Nilakkal.

Safe Zone Special Officer PD Sunil Babu said the Motor Vehicle Department and the Kerala Road Safety Authority are jointly working with Safe Zone to prevent accidents on Sabarimala roads and to prevent traffic jams.

From the date of commencement, 740 breakdowns on these lanes have been rectified by the Department. There have been 79 minor accidents so far. No accident that is worth registering a case has rarely occurred. No deaths have yet been reported. He

said that despite the congestion on the road this year, the number of accidents has been reduced due to the timely intervention of the Motor Vehicle Department and the Police.

Safe Zone also has the cooperation of Fire and Rescue Force, Devaswom Board, Health, Electricity Board, Water Authority, BSNL, KSRTC, and NGOs.

Road safety alerts, route maps, helpline numbers, etc. in six languages, designed for drivers and guruswamis, are distributed at all checkpoints and toll plazas.

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Major Paths included in the Safe Zone Plan

These are the main routes declared as Safe Zone for the smooth movement of the devotees

Pathanamthitta District: From Pampa to Pathanamthitta. From Elavunkal to Kanamala.

Kottayam - Kanamala to Erumeli. Erumeli to Vizhiazode via Ponkunnu. Erumeli Koopally 26th mile to Erumeli Kannimala. Pulkunnu to Mundakayam

Idukki: Kumali to Vandiperiyar Satram. Kuttikkanam to Elappara to Kattappana to Cumbumed. Cumbummedu to Kumali.

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Legal Services Authority provides legal aid to Pilgrims

Legal Services Authority established counters to provide legal aid to pilgrims in Pampa and Sannidhanam. It provides a solution for all types of complaints during the pilgrimage. Legal assistance will also be provided in case of need. Devotees can also contact the 24-hour helpline at 9846700100. Pathanamthitta District Legal Services Authority No. 0468 2220141.

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Misappropriation in hotels: Rs 2 lakh fine imposed

A total of Rs 2,19,000 fine imposed on hotels that have detected with irregularities and misappropriation. The raid conducted by the duty magistrate took action against the hotels in which stale food was found with dirty conditions. The duty magistrate said he there is no compromise on food security. Inspections will continue in the coming days. The excise department inspected for tobacco products and destroyed the seized products under the guidance of the duty magistrate. Action has also been taken against dolly workers and contract laborers who do not have a valid identity document.

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