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ID cards distribution at Sabarimala in full swing

The Identity Card Distribution Unit under Devaswom Board Vigilance is the one department that works silently in every pilgrimage season. The unit is always busy issuing id cards this year as well. 7625 identity cards have been issued so far during this pilgrimage season. This ranges from government employees to devaswom employees, vendors, their workers, daily-wage workers, NGOs like Sabarimala Ayyappa Seva Samajam, Akhila Bharatiya Ayyappa Seva Sangham, journalists, Sabarimala Sanitation Society, temporary security guards, and dolly carriers. The entire identity cards of Sannidhanam and Pampa are issued from the identity card section of the Sannidhanam Festival Control Office. The cards were issued after Devaswom Vigilance SP signs it. The card is valid up to the end of this year's pilgrimage season.

The highest number of cards was issued to the daily wage-earners - 2333. The card was issued to 1858 vendors this time and 1052 government officials have also been issued with the id cards from the office. Sabarimala Sanitation Society-912, NGO-885, Dolly-84, Devaswom employees -73 and Temporary Security Guards-68, such as the number of cards issued so far this year. More than 15,000 cards are expected to be issued this season. Last time it was 13000.

From this time onwards, the identity of each employee's card can be identified by looking at the different colour tags. The government employee's card tag is blue. Orange is the colour for daily wagers. The color of the tag for vendors is green, sanitation-society workers are black, journalists-white and NGO-red. Until last time, everyone had the same colour tag.

Under Vigilance SI Manu Menon, 11 employees are in charge of card issuance from 9 am to 11 pm. The card will be issued to the government employees after they submit the application and photo in the letterhead. NGOs and others need a police clearance certificate, id card, Aadhaar number, and photo.

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Special Security till Friday come into force at Sabarimala

As a precaution, more security arrangements have been made in the Sabarimala Sannidhanam from Thursday (December 5) till midnight on Friday (December 6), said Sannidhanam Police Special Officer Dr A. Srinivas told in a press meet here on Thursday. The rituals will not be affected as per the new security system. Meanwhile, VVIP will visit to Sabarimala will discourage during the period. Pilgrims will not be affected and also will make smooth darshan for them.

Highpoint binocular monitoring will be in place. Sky observation has been done. The bomb squad will inspect the Sopanam after its closure on Thursday night. No additional police force has been deployed but the service hours of the officers have been increased. Police will be deployed at all locations where water is stored. There will be special inspections of firefighters and bomb squads everywhere.

Police will ensure that all the departments have adequate staff to serve. All employees must wear the identification card. The tractors will continue to be inspected at Pampa. The tractors will also be inspected a second time from Thursday afternoon.

NDRF Deputy Commandant G.Vijayan, RAF Deputy Commandant G.Dinesh, Devaswom Board Executive Officer VS Rajendra Prasad, Duty Magistrate MP Vinod, Executive Magistrate CS Anil and ASO Biju Bhaskar also attended the press conference.

(PR-73)

Devotees should switch off mobile phones at Sannidhanam

As part of security at Sabarimala Sannidhanam, Sannidhanam Police Special Officer Dr. A Sreenivas said that the mobile phone should be switched off from Nadapanthal to Malikappuram. A digital display will be installed to propagate the message asking the devotees not to use mobile phones in the stretch. In addition, the police on duty will also inform the pilgrims about this. He said the mobile phone should be switched off they leave the Malikappuram temple. The decision was taken at a meeting attended by the Travancore Devaswom Board Executive Officer.

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Central and Kerala forces held joint route marches at Sannidhanam

In a bid to strengthen security in Sabarimala, the Central and Kerala forces held a joint route march through various parts of Sannidhanam. The bomb disposal and detection squad also conducted extensive inspections. The route march was organized by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Rapid Action Force (RAF), Kerala Police, Commandos of Kerala Police, Rapid Response Rescue Force and Quick Response Team. Sannidhanam Police Special Officer Dr. A. Srinivas, NDRF Deputy Commandant G.Vijayan, and RAF Deputy Commandant G.S. Dinesh, Commando Inspector V.G. Ajit Kumar, Duty Magistrate MP Vinod led the join route march.

The route started from Sannidhanam Vavar Nada and was went through Kopprakkalam to Pandithavalam up to Urakkuzhi. Then they reached the Annadanam Center through the Magunda building. From there, the march reached Marakkuttam via Chandranandan Road through Bhasmakulam and Bailey Bridge. On the way back, they have returned through Saramkuthy and marched through Kopprakalam to the new Forest IB and concluded the walk. The route march was held on as part of a nationwide security inspection on December 6.

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