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18 Instructions to devotees from Fire and Rescue Department

The fire brigade is always on alert at Sabarimala. The Fire and Rescue Department has issued 18 safety directives for safe pilgrimage. These are the instructions everyone should follow, including pilgrims, officials, and vendors.

1. No more than five LPG cylinders should be stored.
2. The cylinder should be set on the floor level and the fireplace on top.
3. Gas cylinders should not be locked down with a chain.
4. If the leakage of LPG from the cylinder is found, the regulator shall be immediately turned off and shifted to the open air.
5. Keep away the gas cylinders from fire. This means that the cylinder must keep a certain distance from the fire.
6. Use gas cylinder tubes with ISI mark only.
7. The LPG cylinders should not be kept upside down.

8. Install fire extinguishers and fire buckets, which are the primary fire extinguishers in the offices and shops.
9. 'No Smoking' and 'Fire Exit' boards in different languages in institutions should be installed.
10. Display emergency phone numbers in different languages visible to the public.
11. Mobile Phone Charging Centers should not use multipin charges
12. In the event of fire immediately uses the fire extinguishers.
13. Ensure that staff is aware of fire safety efforts in connection with firefighting.
14. Avoiding dumping of waste on the exit of the shops.
15. Do not store any fire hazardous liquids or explosives.
16. Devotees should not cook food in viri (bed-spread).
17. Ensure that electrical appliances are properly earthed.
18. Employees of the various institutions should be made aware of the fire rescue efforts in relation to the fire brigade.

In case of any emergency, the Fire and Rescue Service toll-free number 101 and the landline number 04735 202033.

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Flute performance gives thrills to the devotees

A flute concert by renowned Venu Adinad has literally taken the devotees to a thrall. Venu has performing at Sridharmashastha Auditorium at Sannidhanam for the last seven years. He came to Sabarimala with irumudikettu and the performance after darshan here had greeted with applause. He performed twenty devotional songs. Pramod Karunagappally on Harmonium and

Ummannur Manoj Kumar in Idakku accompanied. Praveen Menon's from Kozhikode did the timing.

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50 years of performing 'Parakottipattu'

It has been 50 years since Prasad Aranmula starting singing 'Parakottipattu' front of Sri Ayappa at the Mani Mandapam near Sannidhanam. He started it along with his father when he was only eight. Thousands of devotees have prayed in front of him for relief and solace, he says.

He said that the 'Parakottipattu' was performed at the bottom of the Holy Steps until about half a century ago. His father used to say that tigers could be found in the dome outside the temple during those times. Now the rush is remarkable higher with wildlife retreating to the inner area of the forest. But he also shared the concern that devotion to those who do not take the 41-day is diminishing. Previously, the Sabarimala Pilgrimage was done with naked foot. The devotees have to go through the stones and thorns of the forest before reaching Sabarimala. Ayyappa was the mantra at the time. Everyone's aim was self-purification. A devotee who goes up the mountain comes as a new man after ascending the Holy Steps.

Decades ago, about forty people have performed 'Parakottipattu' here. Now, 14 people are only doing it following a court verdict. It is believed that Lord Shiva came to the palace as a forest tribe to remedy the evil that had inflicted on the prince of the royal Pandalam dynasty. All those who are performing the 'Parakottipattu' are his relatives. Every devotee who sits in front of him is regarded as Ayyappa, said Prasad. He estimates that the changes in Sabarimala within a half-century have been amazing.

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Spacious facility to spread Viri at Sannidhanam

The Travancore Devaswom Board has provided a wide range of facilities for the devotees to lay Viri (bed-spread) at Sannidhanam. There is free and open space available at Prasada Mandapam Nadapanthal, Vavar Swamy Nadapanthal, Vadakka Nada, Front of Guest House and Pandivalam.

There is also a free 5133 sq m facility apart from all these. These include space at the Valiya Nadapanthal, top of the media center, the Magunda Ayyappa Nilayam and near to the Maramath complex. There is 4681.5 sqm of where devotees can hire space on payment. It is located above the Annadana Mandapam, opposite the Police Barrack and at the Pandivathalam.

Rental rooms are also available in 12 centers. Sabari Guest House, Pranavam, Sahyadri, Kailas, Palazhi, Sopanam, Sreemanikanda, Chinmudra, Sivasakthi, Tejaswini, Srimata and Maramath Office Complex. They have all 540 rooms. These rooms can also be booked online. Website: <http://sabarimala.tdb.org.in/>

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