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A dip in Urakkuzhi transforms into a new world

A dip in the Urakkuzhi will transform you into a world of bhakti and love for Lord Ayyappa. The Urakkuzhi waterfall is situated 300 metres north of Pandithavalam. A short walk to there and a dip in the cold water will make your mind content.

The water from the forest comes here and forms a waterfall to about 10 feet above. The name for this place has derived from the legend that the bathing at Urulkuzhi at a time can only afford one person. 'Oral Kuzhi' in Malayalam has shortened to Urakkuzhi. There is also a legend that goes by that the water from the heights falls to ural (rock-grinder) and thus the place came to be known as Uralkuzhi. Thousands of devotees come here to take a holy dip daily.

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Police and Forest departments strict to implement green protocol in Sabarimala

The Police and Forest Departments have made it strict to scold and prosecute those who litter the holy abode of Lord Ayyappa with plastic wastes. The meeting convened under the chair of Sabarimala SpecialOffice has taken the decision to uphold and see the prohibition of plastic inSabarimala this season. The Police officials have found that the devotees arelittering the

places like Appachimedu, Saramkutthy and Charalmedu with pastic wastes.The Forest department was also given orders to take strict actions againstthose who throw plastic in the forest. The police also urged the devotees tofollow the rules and thus make Sabarimala free from plastics. The devoteesshould take care while filling the Irumudi to avoid plastic in it. The plastic bottles also should be avoided. It is the duty of every devotees to follow the greenprotocol in Sabarimala and make it clean and tidy.

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Cardiac Centre at Sannidhanam in full swing; news of it not working is false

The news of Cardiology Centre in Sannidhanam has withdrawn its operation is false said the District Medical Officer Dr A L Sheeja. In the last years, the Cardiology Centre has been not functioning due to lack of facilities and the Department has made the service of the cardiologist, other staffs and medicine available at Sahas medical centre.

The Health Department this year has made all the facilities for cardiac treatment at the Government Hospital here. The service of cardiologist, other doctors and staff were ensured,said the DMO. The centre has so far rescued 16 of cardiac patients here since the start of the pilgrimage season. The cardiac centre is fully functioning for 24 hours a day. The news if it is not working is false.

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Two lakhs or more devotees visit Sabarimala in the last five days

Sabariamala is witnessing a stream of devotees since the start of the pilgrimage season. Five days after the pilgrimage season began, two and a half lakhs of devotees have sought the blessings of Lord Ayyappa. The High Court allowing private vehicles up to 12 seaters have also led to the flow of devotees seeing an increase. The Devaswom Authorities are expecting a steady stream of devotees in the coming two days. The facilities have been enhanced at Sabarimala to receive as much devotees. The facilities to distribute medicinal drinking water, treatment facilities, enough space to viri laying, toilets and many other facilities have been made available for the devotees. A full vigilant team of various department heads are prepared set to take as many devotees.

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