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Chief Priest takes charge of Malikappuram temple

Paramaswaran Nampoothiri, a native of Parakkadavu Madavanu, Puliyanam, Aluva, takes charge as the Melsanthi (Chief Priest) of Malikappuram temple. He was initiated as the chief priest in a ritual conducted at the temple in the morning. Kalakabhishekam under the auspicious guidance of Tantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru also took place at the temple on Saturday morning. The delay in the ordination of Chief Priest of Malikappuram was delayed due to Parameswaran Nampoothiri's kin's death. The poojas at Malikappuram temple will be done from here on under the guidance and leadership of Parameswaran Nampoothiri.

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Emergency Operations Center to tackle any disaster is in full swing

The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority has started functioning the emergency operations centres at Sabarimala to meet any emergency situation. The EOC centre as it is called will function at Pamba and Sannidhanam with its center at Nilakkal. The center will work round the clock. An emergency operations center (EOC) is a central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the principles of emergency preparedness and emergency management, or disaster management functions at a strategic level during an emergency, and ensuring the continuity of operation.

An EOC in Sabarimala has 18 staff among 6 of them are technically good at handling any emergency situations. Apart from them, a representative from Police, Fire Force, and Health Department will be on duty at the EOCs. In Nilakkal, the service of a Hazard Analyst will help in the coordination of the activities. The EOC will work 24 hours and in case of emergency, they will coordinate with other departments to tackle the situation.

Each of the EOCs have been equipped with modern facilities for communication and information transfer. They will also keep a tab on the number of devotees coming and returning from Sabarimala. The data will be made and kept at the EOCs. They will also forecast weather, predict the volume of rain, water occupancy in the dams will be done in the EOCs. The centers will also have the phone numbers of the various departments and their resource inventories.

Phone:Nilakkal: 04735 205225, 9188296118, Pamba: 04735 203295, 9188294118,Sannidhanam: 04735 202984, 9188295119

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Health Department in full action at Sabarimala

The Health Department has completed the initial steps of precautionary activities to prevent the spread of any communicable diseases in Sabarimala. The precautionary activities at Sannidhanam have been made before the start of the pilgrimage season. In the initial stage fogging was done to destroy the likely breeding points of mosquitoes, a mixture of chemical liquid was sprayed in the areas where there find the intensity of mosquitoes. These activities are done on a daily basis under the guidance of Sannidhanam Health Inspector.

Hotels and restaurants were inspected by the officials and given notice to those who have not followed the set of rules put forward by the health officials. The department is also closely monitoring the areas where Appam and Aravana are made. They have also visited the camps of the sanitation workers and given instructions. The blood samples have taken from these workers and were send to the lab to detect filarisis and malaria.

The Health Officials also have visited the copra collection center, waste management unit and given instruction to the workers regarding various diseases like rat fever and other water-related diseases. They have also given tablets for the prevention of these diseases to the workers.

Sannidhanam Health Inspector G Jayaraj, Junior Health Inspector Jayan CC, Rajesh J, Gopakumar RB are the team taking on the activities of the health department.

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