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***Executive Magistrate chips in to clean up Sabarimala***

*Sabarimala: Before the temple opens for the Makara Vilakku festival, Executive Magistrate G Vijayakumar on Saturday himself had come out open in launching cleanliness activities at Sannidhanam. The Executive Magistrate also had launched a raid in shops and eateries at Sabarimala on Monday itself*

*The Executive Magistrate and the team cleaned the areas at Valia Nadapanthal, Sannidhanam, areas under the Holy steps, the aravana counter and rest areas with the help of the fire force.*

*In addition to the Executive Magistrate, Deputy Tehsildar S. Udayan, Revenue Inspector Biju and Sabarimala Sanitation Society also participated in the clean-up.*

*Then, at 3 pm, the executive magistrate began the squad inspection in the business establishments.*

*24-hour cleaning and squad inspection supervised by the Executive Magistrate will continue till the conclusion of the Makara Vilakku festival.*

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## **New Batch of Police takes duty at Sabarimala**

*Sabarimala: In concern with the heavy rush during the Makara Vilakku festival, Kerala Police have made elaborate arrangements and deployment here at Sabarimala said the Special Police Officer S.Sujitdas. He said it while during the officiating ceremony of the fourth batch of police officers at Sabarimala for the Makara Vilakku festival. He said that 1397 police officers have been deployed at Sabarimala.*

*The Special Officer distributed the Pilgrimage Handbook containing 57 items of instructions to the police. ASO Suresh, ASP Viswanath, and other senior officials were present.*

*The Special Officer has given instructions to each delta. 1875 police officials including the higher officials are working now at Sabarimala. Quick Response Team, Bomb Squad, Telecommunications also include in this. At Thirumuttam, Kodimaram Delta 108 police officers under DySP Sree Rama is observing duty and at Sopanam 104 officials under P K L Radhakrishnan are taking duty.*

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## **Sabarimala revenue touches Rs 163 crores**

*Sabarimala: Sabarimala executive officer VS Rajendra Prasad today said the revenue at Sabarimala during the Mandala pilgrimage stands at Rs 163 crore. This is 55 percent higher than the previous years. The coins are yet to be counted. "This could be around Rs 8 crore," the executive officer said.*

*According to a police scanning machine installed on the Valiya Nadapanthal, 30,59,000 people had darshan so far in this Mandala period. The actual number of people who performed the vision may range from 40 to 45 lakhs.*

*Aravana and Appam has enough stock in reserve. "This will be a very happy pilgrimage season," the executive officer said.*

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## **Sabarimala temple opens for Makara Vilakku festival**

*Sabarimala: Thousands of pilgrims have been waiting to see their beloved deity Ayyappan from the morning itself. Tantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru and Chief*

*Priest Brahmashree Areekara Sudheer Namboodiri opened the nada on Monday (Dec. 30) at 5.30 pm.*

*Malikappuram Chief Priest Madavana Parameswaran Namboodiri was given the keys entrusted with the Sabarimala chief priest and took the Vibhuti from the Lord Ayyappa idol and opened the Malikappuram temple. Sabarimala Executive Officer VS Rajendra Prasad, Assistant Executive Officer J Jayaprakash and Administrative Officer Sreekumar was also present.*

*Hours before the opening, the premises and surroundings were so crowded that the pilgrims chanted the Saranamantra. The influx of pilgrims, including Child Malikapuram and Child Ayyappan from other states on opening day is a clear indication that a huge will gather at Sabarimala in the coming days.*

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