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Coordination of Government Departments helped in making Makara Vilakku a success

Despite the unexpected rush, this year's Makara Vilakku went well and the credit of its success goes to the seamless coordination of various government departments. The police department has been cautious in preparing security arrangements. The police system was designed to regulate the lakhs of pilgrims and ensure their safe return.

IG S Sreejith camped at Sannidhanam a few days before the Makara Vilakku leading from the front. Along with the police, the RAF Deputy Commandant G Dinesh and the Disaster Response Force Deputy Commandant G Vijayan also took part in the security operations. The pilgrims were ushered into the northern nada and the Bhandara nada (treasury) by raising the barricade in busy areas. Around 1550 police personnel were deployed at Sannidhanam, 2000 at Pampa and 1285 at Pullumedu. The services of the forest department and fire brigade were also outstanding.

The KSEB operated during the Makara Vilakku without any interruptions. It was also a relief that the Water Authority has continuously supplied drinking water without any delay. The success of the Department of Motor Vehicles' Safe Zone helped the roads devoid of any accidents. There was not even a single fatal accident this year. Safe Zone workers were on the scene and provided emergency assistance in the event of an accident or damage to the pilgrims' vehicles. KSRTC too has made its contribution by making as many services available for the devotees during the Makara Vilakku time. 950 buses from Pampa KSRTC depot

alone operated, 250 buses at Plappally, 500 KSRTC buses at Erumeli, Pathanamthitta, Chengannur and Kottayam. Devotees have been relieved by the emergency medical centers set up by the Health Department from Pampa to Sannidhanam. A police officer who sustained a heart attack on the day of Makara Vilakku was saved by the emergency medical center.

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Sabarimala sees a steady flow of devotees after Makara Vilakku; Darshan for devotees only up to January 20

Even after the Makara Vilakku, Sabarimala sees a steady flow of devotees. Pilgrims' queue had already reached its peak on Friday morning. After the Pongal festival, there is a significant increase in devotees from Tamil Nadu. Devotees from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are also coming in large numbers. The darshan for devotees will come to an end with the recital of Harivarasana on January 20. On the 21st morning, only the Pandalam royal representative will be allowed for darshan. The Neyyabhishekam will end at 9.30 am on the 19th. Kalabhabhishekam will take place after that.

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79,974 patients received treatment at Sannidhanam Hospital

Up to Makara Vilakku, 79,974 people were treated for the Sannidhanam government hospital. Two people were admitted for snake bites. The hospital worked 24 hours and has the services of over 110 specialist doctors. This includes specialties such as cardiac, orthopedic, pediatric, surgery and anesthesia.

The services of 30 staff nurses, 15 pharmacists, and 10 lab technicians were available assured in the hospital dividing them into five batches. The hospital is also equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment, including life-saving medication, operating theater, and ventilator.

There were 59,813 people received treatment in the ayurvedic hospital. The hospital operated in the manner of five doctors and three pharmacists. Devotees relied on Ayurveda for the treatment of muscle pains, joint pains, falls and other common colds, and coughs. Mostly devotees from Andhra Pradesh came for treatment at the Ayurveda hospital.

So far 7500 people have been treated at Homeopathy Hospital. More than 6,000 chickenpox vaccines have been distributed. Devotees choose homeopathic remedies for back pain, and body aches.

Homeopathic hospital distributes preventive medicine

The Homeopathic Hospital at Sannidhanam is active even after the Makara Vilakku. The hospital is distributing preventive medicines for infectious diseases, including chickenpox. The 14-member medical team, led by Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mohandas and Medical Officer Dr. Sibi Raveendran, are camping at Sannidhanam and Pampa. Homeopathic remedies available at the hospital for foot pain, back pain, fever, colds, sore throats, coughs, and allergies.



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