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### ***Additional police to take charge on Monday as part of Makara Vilakku***

*More police forces will be deployed in and around Sannidhanam from Monday morning onward to control the rush as part of the Makara Vilakku festival at Sabarimala. About 200 policemen will be more deployed. Two DySPs, 3 CIs and 16 SIs have also been appointed. In addition, 1475 police officers are currently working in Sannanidhanam. Of these, 15 DySPs, 36 CIs, 160 SIs, and ASIs are currently involved in the safety of the devotees. Sannidhanam Special Officer S Sujith Das said that the Kerala Police's Quick Response Team will also be there as part of the Makara Vilakku security arrangements. As always, the security arrangements have been made in such a way that to curb the rush and congestion soon after the Makara Vilakku is seen. Special attention has been given to controlling the congestion and rush caused by the pilgrims returning after the Makara Vilakku. The Bailey Bridge and the Koprakkalam Road are the main ways that devotees take after the Makara Vilakku to return to Pampa. The road in front of Koprakaram has been widened and cleaned. "We have also decided to raise ground using sand," he said.*

**(PR-218)**

### ***Devotees make Parnashalas for Makara Vilakku***

*With only two more days left for the Makara Vilakku, Devotees coming to Sabarimala to see the Makara Vilakku has started building Parnashalas in and*

around Sannidhanam. They use dry twigs, leaves, roots of the trees to build the Parnashalas. They rest in these parnashalas in the coming days. It is after seeing the Makara Jyothi that they will return to Pampa from Sannidhanam. There are more parnashalas built in Pandithavalam and in front of Koprakalam which provides excellent view for Makara Jyothi. Also, devotees have built parnashalas at Vavar Nada, Near Appam, Aravana Counter, Annadana Mandapam, Incinerator, Marakkuttam, Sharankuti, and U-turn at Pampa. Devaswom Board has set up barricades for the security of devotees in these places. In addition, KSEB has provided night lighting facilities. The Devaswom Board has already advised the people not to cook in these places. So as to avoid fire break out.

**(PR-219)**

### ***Devotees should not cook in parnashalas***

Devotees who arrived at Sannidhanam to attend the Makara Jyothi should be vigilant against the fire. Every Ayyappa devotee who comes to Sabarimala should not carry any fire hazardous material. No fuel cooking will be allowed in Parnashalas. Avoid burning camphor, sandalwood, and firewood in Sannidhanam. They should not throw away such things carelessly. When entering the Bhasmakkulam, take care of the children. They should accompany by elders. Crowding at tall buildings and donor homes will not be allowed. Do not cook food using a stove or in earthen ovens at Viri laying centers. Gas cylinders should not be kept in excess of the allowable amount in hotels. The Sannidhanam Fire Rescue Center is working on fire safety. In case of a fire, contact the number 04735202033 or 101.

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### ***Ban for tipper lorries and driving school vehicles on January 14 and 15***

The district collector PB Nooh has banned tipper lorries and driving school vehicles from plying the roads of Pathanamthitta district on January 14 and 15. The prohibition has been made under Section 115 of the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 aimed at ensuring the safety of the public and the lives of Sabarimala pilgrims and the public in view of the potential traffic volumes and crowds in the district in connection with the Sabarimala Makara Vilakku festival. The district police chief and the regional transport officer were assigned to carry out the order.

**(PR-221)**

### ***Thiruvabharana procession starts on January 13th***

On the evening of Makara Sankrama, the jewels (Thiruvabharana) to be placed on the Sabarimala Ayyappa idol will be taken on January 13 from Pandalam to

*Sabarimala. The Makara Vilakku is on fifteen and the jewels are taken to the temple in a sealed wooden box. Guru Swamy Kulathinal Gangadharan Pillai will lead the Thiruvabharana procession to Sabarimala on foot.*

*Pradeep Kumar Varma is representing Pandalam royal dynasty senior member P Rama Varmaraja this time by accompanying the procession. On January 13, at 4.30 am, the jewels will be brought out the Srampikal palace to the Valiyakkoyikkal Dharamsastha Temple. Devotees will have the opportunity of viewing the jewelry till 12 noon. After that, the rituals will be performed. At 12.55 am, the royal representative of the Pandalam family would leave the temple and travel in a Palanquin. One in the afternoon, the procession will start.*

*The group arrives at Ayiroor Puthiyakavu temple via Kulangada, Ullannur and Aranmula on the traditional route. On the second day, the procession will arrive at the Laha Forest Department inn via Perunad. The procession marches through the traditional forest route on the third day. From Plappally, the group will reach Sabarimala in the evening, passing the Attathode, Valiyanavattam and Cherianavattom. During the evening after the jewels are adorned the deeparadhana will take place and at the same time, the Makara Jyothi will appear at Ponnambalam.*

*The royal representative, accompanying the procession, will reach Pampa and offer blessings to the devotees. On the third day, after the ascending, King Sabarimala will witness the Kalabham at Sannidhanam and Guruthi at Malikappuram, and returns to the Pandalam with ornaments.*

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