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## **'Punyam Poonkavanam' spreads message of plastic-free Sabarimala among the other state devotees**

'Punyam Poonkavanam', the clean drive initiative of the Kerala Police in Sabarimala, spreads the message of a plastic-free Sabarimala. The volunteers on Wednesday have made this message spread among the devotees coming from other states. The plastic in the irumudikettu is littered in the premises and this has become a menace to control for the volunteers. Punyam Poonkavan wants the devotees to take back the plastic wastes back to their homes and destroy it. From the next pilgrimage season onward, stop bringing plastic in irumudikettu. They also should spread the message of not bring plastic materials in irumudikeettu among their villagers.

Kerala Police's 'Punyam Poonkavanam' gives a strong message that pilgrims should not leave the plastic in the sacred garden of Lord Ayyappa. The Kerala police distributed pamphlets among the devotees with messages giving them awareness about the harm of bringing plastic to Sabarimala. The pamphlets also want devotees from throwing their clothes in the holy river Pamba.

'Punyam Poonkavanam' has set up 24-hour offices in Sannidhanam and Pamba to provide awareness and cleanliness. Rapid Action Force, NDRF, Kerala Police, Ayyappa Seva Sanghom, Ayyappa Seva Samajam, and pilgrims take part in the cleaning drive

every morning and evening. Banners, Posters, Notices, Brochures, and Announcements convey the message of the 'Punya Poonkavanam'. The campaign is also available through the website <https://punyampoonkavanam.org/>. A 24-hour helpline is also set up. Helpline Number: 9847800100.

'Punyam Poonkavanam' is also making its presence felt in other states as well.

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## **Government Homeopathic Hospital full-fledged in treating devotees**

The Ayyappa devotees who come to Sabarimala can avail the facilities arranged at the Government Homeopathic Dispensary at the Valiyandapanthal here. The most effective treatment for allergy, coughs, fever, and muscle sprain are given here said the Medical Officer Dr. S Sreejiv.

Homeopathy offers the best treatment for diseases due to climate change and also to respiratory illnesses. Although no epidemics have been reported so far, the dispensary has been equipped with vaccines for preventing infectious diseases such as chickenpox and red-eye, as well as antibiotics. Nebulization is also available at the dispensary for those who faced breathlessness. Infrared rays are also used to treat people with body pain.

The dispensary is open 24 hours a day. The police officials and other officials on duty comes here for treatment, said the Medical Officer.

Three doctors, one pharmacist and one nursing assistant at a shift are working here. Doctors and paramedical staff of homeopathy hospitals in various districts of the state work for 10 days each here.

The only a state-owned homeopathic pharmaceutical company in India, the Kerala State Homeopathic Cooperative Pharmacy, under the Department of AYUSH, provides the quality medicines to the dispensary.

(PR-67)

## **Green guards started operating at Pampa**

Green Guards have started operating at Pampa to discourage those who leave their garments at the holy river Pampa. Travancore Devaswom Board stated that it is not customary for pilgrims to leave their garments in the holy river Pampa. This deed of the pilgrims in addition to obstructing the flow of the river, it also pollutes Sabarimala and its forests. Pathanamthitta District Administration has initiated to deploy Green Guards at Pampa.

Green guards would look for those who leave clothes while bathing in Pampa and whistles to alert the pilgrims. They work 24 hours a day under the leadership of the Suchitwa Mission at the Pampa bathing ghat. The volunteers of Visudhisena under the Sabarimala Sanitation Society is working as Green Guards. The Green Guards have been deployed on the shore under Mission Green Sabarimala project for the past three years under the aegis of the Suchitwa Mission. 24 green guards have been assigned to duty during the Pampa bathing ghat in two shifts. During the last three years of pilgrimage, the amount of garments deposited on the Pamp River has been halved due to the work of these Green Guards. In addition to this, pocket cards and cloth bags written in five languages are being given to the pilgrims at the Nilakkal Base Camp and Chengannur Railway Station.

Sabarimala ADM Umesh N K inaugurated the functioning of Green Guards and also done the uniform distribution at Pampa. Pampa duty magistrate Kripa NK, Pathanamthitta District Suchitwa Mission Coordinator Radhakrishnan C, Program Officer Ajay KR, Technical Consultant Jerin James Varghese, Chris Global Traders CEO Christopher M, officials and members of the Visudhi Sena were present on the occasion.

(PR-68)

## **Heart attack: Pilgrim dies while climbing Neelimala**

Sabarimala pilgrim dies of a heart attack during climbing Neelimala. Radhakrishnan Nair, 73, Bappuji Nagar, Pongumoodu near Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram is identified as the deceased. He died at the Government Hospital in Pampa after suffering a heart attack at the bottom of the Neelimala. The deceased was pronounced dead at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. The body was taken home. Ten pilgrims have died so far during this pilgrimage.

(PR-69)

### 3.37 lakh use virtual queue so far

At the commencement of the Mandala pilgrimage, 3.37 lakh people have used the facility of the virtual queue at Sabarimala. To be precise, 3,36,955 pilgrims till 4 pm on Wednesday reached Sabarimala through the virtual space. The largest number of people visited Sabarimala was on November 29. That day, 28934 Ayyappa devotees used the virtual queue. Virtual Queue is managed through a special website by Kerala Police. The pilgrims should come with a printed document they get after registering in the website.

The registration slip will be scanned and will be inspected by police officers who will send it to a special queue. A special police force has been deployed for virtual queue verification at Pampa, Marakkootam, and Sannidhanam.

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## There is no shortage of ghee in Sabarimala

There is no shortage of ghee for offerings in Sabarimala said the Executive Officer VS Rajendra Prasad. At the time of the when the nada (sanctum sanctorum) closed after Thula month pooja, there were 30 million litres of ghee in stock. In Sabarimala, for the preparation of 20 lakh Aravana requires 20,000 liters of ghee. In August, the tender had been invited for ghee so as to stock sufficient quantity before the pilgrimage season. The ghee the Travancore Devaswom Board has procured is being tested at Pampa. He also said that tenders are being invited every year to avoid any shortage of ghee.

(PR-71)

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