

MANDALA SEASON BEGINS

SABARIMALA: Sabarimala temple opened for Mandala poojas as the Mandala season begun on Vrichikam 1. At 5 o' clock on Monday, in the presence of Tantri Mahesh Mohanaru, chief priest Ezhikkadu Krsihna Das Namboothiri opened the sanctum sanctorum and woke the deity from 'yoga nidra'. Following this, new priests for Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa Temple and Malikappuram Sree Bhagavathy Temple took charge. Kottayam Ayarkkunnam Karakkadu Ellam S E Sankaran Namboothiri is the chief priest for Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa Temple and Malikappurathu Thrissur Thekkumkara Edakkanam Ellam E S Unnikrishnan Namboothiri.



Then the table closed at 10 pm. The temple then opened at 3.00 am today. Then there was Nirmalaya darshan and Neyyabhishekam performed later. Ashtadravya Mahaganapathy homam performed then.

PILGRIM RUSH TO SABARIMALA

Sabarimala: The rush of pilgrims from various parts of the nation started. The Lord Ayyappa temple will be kept open for a total of 16 hours a day during the annual pilgrimage season, Devaswom executive officer Renukumar said.

Meanwhile, pilgrims from different parts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala have already started camping at Pampa. The Mandalapuja will be held on December 27. The temple will be closed in the evening.

The temple will reopen on December 30 afternoon for the Makaravilakku festival.