

Sabarimala: 14.6L opt for online booking

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: As many as 14,60,904 pilgrims registered their names online for the Sabarimala pilgrimage using the virtual queue system - an all-time high ever since the system was launched in 2011. Police said among those who registered, 7,14,246 devotees have already visited the temple. The virtual queue system was opened on November 17.

Police have not opened the booking slots for January 13, 14 and 15 considering the huge crowd expected for Makaravilakku.

Following heavy rains in Tamil Nadu, there was a dip in the number of pilgrims from that state but their numbers have been steadily increasing.

Pilgrims from Tamil Nadu recorded the maximum number of bookings and Meghalaya recorded the minimum with just one registration. Pilgrims from all the states as well as 23 countries have registered their names online.