

Sabarimala: Mandala puja on Sunday



Sabarimala: The 41-day Mandalam festival of Sabarimala pilgrimage season will culminate on Sunday with Mandala puja.

The Deeparadhana with Ayyappa idol adorned with sacred attire - the Thanka Anki - will be held on Saturday

The Devaswom board and police have completed preparations for the smooth conduct of Deeparadhana and Mandala puja at the Sabarimala Temple

The Thanka Anki procession from Parthasarathy Temple will reach Pampa in the afternoon on Saturday

The procession will be received by representatives from Devasom and Ayyappa Seva Sangam and will be taken to Pampa Ganapathi Temple

Arrangements have been made at the Ganapathi Temple for devotees to offer their prayers till 3.30 pm and after which the Thanka Anki will be taken to Sannidhanam

The Thanka Anki will be received at Sharamkuthi at 5.30 pm and will be taken to Sannidhanam from there. When the Thanka Anki reaches Sopanam, after climbing 18 steps of Sabarimala Temple, it will be received by Tantri Kandar Mahesh Mohanaru and Melshanthi S.E. Shankaran Nampoothiri

The Ayyappa idol will be adorned with sacred attire and Deeparadhana will be conducted. Mandala Puja will be held between 11.02 am and 11.40 am on Sunday. The sanctum

sanctorum will be closed at 10 pm, marking the culmination of the first phase of the Sabarimala pilgrimage season. Restrictions have been placed on the movement of pilgrims from Saturday afternoon

The pilgrims will not be allowed to climb the hill from 12.30 pm from Pampa. They will be allowed to climb the hill once the procession reaches Marakuttu

The devotees would be allowed to climb the 18 steps only after the completion of Ucha Puja and after the Sanctum Sanctorum is closed

Chances of devotees to perform Neyyabhishekam will reduce as the Mandala Puja will be held between 11.02 am and 11.40 am on Sunday. Neyyabhishekam will be conducted between 3.20 am and 9.30 am on Sunday

Devasam president Prayar Gopalakrishnan, Devasom member Ajay Tharayil and chief coordinator KR. Jyothilal are overseeing the preparations as representatives of the State Government. ADGP K.Padmakumar is also supervising the preparations