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**TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
SABARIMALA**

PRESS RELEASE

**AT SANNIDHANAM, SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THOSE WHO TREAD
THE TRADITIONAL PATH**

The Travancore Devaswom Board has decided to regard those pilgrims who tread the Traditional Forest Path (*Kanana Patha*) from Erumeli, to reach Sabarimala Temple, with special considerations. The decision was taken at a Board Meeting held today at Thiruvananthapuram. The meeting was presided over by Shri. Prayar Gopalakrishnan (President, Travancore Devaswom Board) and was attended by members of the Board, Shri. Ajay Tharyil and Shri. K. Raghavan.

The Board has instructed the Devaswom Commissioner to assign an official, to issue special passes to these pilgrims on top of *Karimala*. A letter was submitted to the Director General of Police, requesting him to provide the force with necessary instructions, to let the pass holders through the 'virtual queue' in Pamba. The Board has assigned the Devaswom Commissioner to initiate further actions.

The pilgrims who take the Traditional Forest Path (*Kanana Patha*) on feet to reach Pamba, via Azhutha, Kalaketti, Kallidam Kunnu and Karimala, do not have access to water, electricity or medical aid. Yet, they have to be in queue for hours to reach *Sannidhanam*, with those who reached Pamba using vehicles. It is considering this situation that the Board has decided to issue special passes to those who tread the Traditional Forest Path.

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