



SWAMI SARANAM

**TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
SABARIMALA**

PRESS RELEASE

KARPPOORAZHI OF DEVASWOM OFFICIALS ON 22nd

The 'Karppoora Deepam Procession' of Devaswom officials, who are on duty at Sannidhanam, will be commencing on this Thursday evening, ie., 22nd December 2016, as the Thanthri and Melshanthi lights the wick of the bronze vessel filled with Karppooram (Camphor), that is set under the temple flagstaff.

After circling the Ayyappa Swami temple, the procession will reach Malikappuram temple via the fly-over. After circling the temple, the procession will come down and will stop in front of the '18 holy steps' (Pathinettam Padi). The procession will be accompanied by percussions such as Chenda Melam, Panchavadyam and Nadaswaram, and the Devaswom officials dressed up as puranic characters such as Lord Ayyappan on the Leopard, Sreeraman, Seetha, Sivan, Parvathy, Ganapathy, Murukan, Hanuman, The King, The Queen, The Minister and Vavar Swami. The procession is being held every year before the Mandala Pooja, under the auspices of the Devaswom Board. Executive Officer (Sabarimala), Festival Control Officer, Administrative Officer, Public Relations Officer, Assistant Engineer and Special Officer (Sopanam) will be overseeing the procession.

Sannidhanam
20.12.2016

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Public Relations Officer