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Sabarimala faces fire hazards with the number of pilgrims visiting the hill shrine steadily going up.

Ayyappa devotees, especially those from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, make small huts inside the forests in order to cook food, raising the chances of fire accidents.

"Using of dry wood by Ayyappa devotees to make fire is a major threat. It can lead to wild fires," Mr A.R. Arunkumar, assistant division officer, department of fire and rescue, said.

About 100 of its personnel were deployed in Sannidhanam and Pampa to prevent fire accidents. "We have eight aid posts at Sannidhanam and seven at Pampa to avert fire accidents. But when pilgrimage peaks, it is tough to monitor every point," he added.

Mr S. Suresh Kumar, a human right activist, alleged that officials were not providing proper accommodation to pilgrims. "If the Board ensures adequate rest points and food, pilgrims will not take the risk of lighting a fire," he said.

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