

Rains make life difficult for Sabarimala pilgrims..

Sabarimala: After 1.5 hours of continuous rains here, pilgrims to Sabarimala had a tough time managing their travel. While the rising waters in Pampa caused problems for pilgrims, vehicles that were parked at Triveni had to be moved elsewhere.

While pilgrims found it hard to sleep because of the rising waters, certain parts of the temple saw water seeping in. Rains started by about 5 pm and those who reached Pampa at that time had no option than getting drenched. All the available sheds were full of people and many climbed the mountain braving the rain.

The path along Neelimala had resting spots, which helped many. However, those who came by the Swami Ayyappan road had no option other than getting wet. Rains were also quite heavy at Sannidhanam.

Meanwhile, Devaswam Board President Prayar Gopalarishnan has suggested that ministers from various departments need to meet in order to mitigate problems being faced by devotees. He observed that in all meetings of the government, the problems faced by devotees coming through the Karimala route were being ignored. He has written to minister Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan and would follow up with other ministers.