

Andar Nag site in a shambles

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[From [Tribune News Service](#) ; Anantnag] The residents of Anantnag town along with visiting Hindu pilgrims have expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of the Andar Nag, the place from where Nagbal springs originate.

The place has a special reference in the Hindu mythology. It is a pilgrimage site for the Hindu devotees, who keep thronging the place round the year.

“We are organising a mahayajna at the revered site on the eve of Janmashtami. It is painful to see the whole place in a mess,” said Chaman Lal, a devotee.

The place is littered with garbage, say devotees. The once sparkling water of the Nag (spring) has turned murky due to its poor upkeep.

Local residents blamed the presence of a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camp inside the premises for this.

“The place has been occupied by the security personnel for 20 years now and the entry to the place is restricted,” said Ghulam Qadir, a local resident.

They said the security personnel had done little to ensure the well-being of the revered site.

“Half a dozen concrete structures have come up in the compound for the past 20 years. So many structures at such a fragile place can damage the surroundings,” said another local resident.

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The district administration taking cognisance of the squalid condition of Andar Nag, has initiated measures to restore its glory. “The Development Commissioner of the district visited both Andar Nag and Sherbagh at our request.

He has said that proper measures would be taken for the facelift of the site,” said a local resident.