

CS visits Yatri Niwas, reviews final arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra

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JAMMU: Ahead of commencement of the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra from July 3, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Tuesday undertook a comprehensive visit to Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu to take stock of the final arrangements being made by various departments for smooth and secure conduct of the pilgrimage.

Accompanied by the senior civil and police officers, the Chief Secretary inspected all key facilities at the Yatri Niwas, one of the pivotal base camps in Jammu for the devotees.

Those present during the visit included Divisional Commissioner Jammu; IGP, Jammu; IG, Traffic; Deputy Commissioner; Jammu; SSP Traffic (City); Commissioner; JMC; MD, JPDCCL; Director, Information; Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti and PWD besides representatives from various security agencies and other concerned departments.



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

During his walkthrough of the facility, the Chief Secretary took a detailed assessment of the arrangements ranging from accommodation, sanitation and power supply to security and registration counters. He asked for increasing the number of registration counters to ease the process for the incoming pilgrims and minimize waiting times.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed functioning of the dedicated control room set up

to monitor yatra-related activities round-the-clock.

Highlighting the significance of seamless inter-departmental coordination, he later chaired a high-level meeting of officers. He stressed the importance of ensuring a glitch-free and safe experience for the pilgrims during the entire 38-day yatra period. He expressed satisfaction over the meticulous efforts of all the departments. He expressed confidence that the arrangements would offer pil-

grims a comfortable and spiritually enriching journey.

Dulloo remarked that every department has worked with utmost dedication to create a conducive environment for the pilgrims. He further observed that our goal is not only to ensure their safety and comfort but also to leave them with a memorable experience that they can carry home with joy.

He also directed the Information Department to run a targeted communication

campaign across the social and mass media platforms to provide real-time updates on weather, traffic and yatra advisories. The campaign will also help allay any doubts or apprehensions among the devotees and encourage confident participation in the sacred pilgrimage. Earlier, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar briefed the Chief Secretary about the upgraded infrastructure and support services put in place this year. He informed that boarding, lodging, power, water supply, sanitation and fire safety services have been significantly enhanced compared to previous years.

IGP, Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti, also gave a comprehensive overview of the multi-layered security grid and traffic management plan developed in coordination with other security forces. He assured that all necessary measures have been taken to ensure a safe, peaceful and well-regulated yatra this year as well.

Utkarsh, Rita, Madhu return after India triumph

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JAMMU: A moment of pride and celebration, Utkarsh Gupta as a member of the victorious Indian Rollball team, along with team officials, Rita Rehan and Madhu Sharma (all three from J&K), has returned home after an extraordinary performance at the Roll Ball World Cup 2025 which held at Nairobi in Kenya.

The Indian team displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament thus secured the important World Cup title. The returning player, a vital part of the team's success, has brought immense pride to the nation and the local sporting community back home in J&K.

Accompanying the player were key team officials, including coaches and support staff, whose guidance, discipline, and strategic planning played an instrumental role in the team's success. Their (officials) dedication and relentless efforts behind the scenes ensured the team's optimal performance on the international stage.

A warm and grand welcome was extended at the airport and later by local sports authorities and supporters, who hailed the achievement as a landmark moment in Indian Roll Ball history.

Speaking to the media, the officials emphasized the importance of continued support for the sport and called for further promotion of Roll ball at the grassroots level to nurture more champions in the future.

This victory not only highlights India's growing dom-



Victorious Indian Rollball team, along with team officials, Rita Rehan and Madhu Sharma.

inance in the sport but also serves as an inspiration for budding players across the country.

Meanwhile, Jammu and

Kashmir Roll Ball Association thanked J&K Sports Council for the continued support to the game of Roll Ball in J&K.

Director Horticulture Jammu conducts extensive tour of Samba

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JAMMU: Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Sayed conducted an extensive tour of Samba district.

During the tour, he visited Government Fruit Plant Nursery, Vijaypur wherein he planted a sapling of Mango plant. He inspected Mother block of Dragon fruit, an exotic fruit plant, established under the component "Production of Designer Plants" of HADP as well as protected cultivation structure having micro-irrigation facilities. The Director took stock of the ongoing developmental activities in the nursery and gave on spot instructions to the nursery staff regarding the production of quality grafted planting material in the nursery. He also emphasized on introduction of new cultivars of fruit plants and opening of fruit plants sale



Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Sayed visiting Govt Fruit Plant Nursery.

outlet in the nursery. While inspecting the nursery, he appreciated fruiting in the experimental mother block of Date Palm which was established during the year 2020-21 and came into bearing. This nursery is catering the requirement of sub-tropical fruit plants of the farmers of Jammu province to a greater

extent. Further, the officers were instructed to get soil testing of orchard of every farmer so that a balanced dose of fertilizer may be applied in the orchards for better productivity and also asked to issue advisory on plant protection measures to be taken in the orchards for production of quality fruit.

Further, the Director inspected naturally ventilated Poly House structure at Sarore established under HADP by Navneet Sharma, who after rendering 25 years in financial sector has become a Horticulture Entrepreneur.

Meanwhile, Director inspected various projects viz: dragon fruit orchard at Ramgarh and mango orchard at Gupwal. The Director also had an interaction with the farmers and urged them to come forward and avail the benefits of various schemes of the department especially HADP and Revised Modified High Density Plantation Scheme.

He was accompanied by Chief Horticulture Officer Samba Sh. Anil Gorkha, DL Subject Matter Specialist Raivati Raman Sharma, HDO Vijay Kumar and other officials of the department.

Kathua Admin welcomes first batch of Amarnath Yatris at Lakhanpur



District Administration Kathua welcoming first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris at Lakhanpur.

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KATHUA: With chants of "Bam Bam Bhole" and "Jai Baba Barfani" echoing in the air, the District Administration Kathua extended a heartfelt and vibrant welcome to the first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris at Lakhanpur-the traditional gateway to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Lakhanpur, transformed into a dynamic and spiritually charged facilitation centre, witnessed an exuberant reception early this morning. The pilgrims were greeted with traditional warmth and devotion by DDC Chairman Col. (Retd) Mahan Singh, Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas, SSP Kathua Shobhit Sexena, Vice Chairman DDC Raghunandan Singh, MIA Kathua Dr Bharat Bhushan, ADC Vishavjeet Singh (Yatra Nodal Officer) and senior civil and police officers. To ensure smooth facilitation, 12 RFID counters were operational on-site for issuing RFID tags after eKYC verification, a mandatory step for registered yatris before continuing their onward journey. The arrangements saw enthusias-

tic cooperation and timely processing, reflecting the administration's commitment to efficiency and pilgrim-centric services.

Before departing from Lakhanpur at 12:30 PM, the yatris were immersed in soul-stirring devotional performances-featuring Shiv Tandav stotras and bhajans-curated by artists from the District Information Centre Kathua. The spiritual ambiance energized the devotees, setting a powerful tone for their sacred journey ahead.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC welcomed the pilgrims with open arms, reaffirming the district's full preparedness to provide a safe, seamless and spiritually uplifting experience. He informed that dedicated helpines, service desks, medical aid points and sanitation facilities have been set up as part of a coordinated multi-agency Yatra support framework.

This year, Kathua District has gone the extra mile to turn the Lakhanpur Yatri Facilitation Centre into a symbol of hospitality, devotion, and administrative excellence, ensuring that every pilgrim receives not just logistical support, but

also emotional and cultural enrichment.

Later, the Jatha was formally flagged off from

Lakhanpur amidst chants of devotion and spirited farewells by the district officers, marking the symbolic

commencement of this year's pilgrimage. The Jatha of yatris with proper security will now proceed to the

Jammu Base Camp, where the formal commencement of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 is scheduled for July 2.

Traffic Advisory for General Public for 2nd July 2025

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 30-06-2025, 1700 hrs. to 01-07-2025, 1700 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 03 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwri Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora)
- HMVs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HMVs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary haltage between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 02-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions *SANJY convoy/LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides* on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa.

However, HMVs shall be allowed on alternate days . TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

In view of SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS:-

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings.

No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

HMVs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed from *Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar* after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and *NO HMV* shall be allowed after 1900 hrs. TCU Udhampur shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44. UT administration has decided all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG Cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu.

Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, *LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice- versa* on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. *Theses vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HMV other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed* as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF). LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. *However, HMVs (Local Livestock) upto six tyres only shall be allowed from Poonch towards Shopian.* These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffliuz) and Herpora (Shopian) at *0600 hrs. upto 1900 hrs.* as per order issued by District Magistrate Poonch vide No. DMP/JC/8517-23 dated 05-06-2025.

ADVISORY:-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191- 2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

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Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
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