

Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2012

100 Post Offices to also register Shri Amarnathji Yatris from May 7

SRINAGAR, APRIL 30 – The Department of Posts will start the registration of Shri Amarnathji Yatris on behalf of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board from 7th May, 2012 and this will be a major boon to the Amarnathji Yatris. 100 post offices across the country have been identified in this regard. This facility will be in addition to the 174 Bank Branches and via the Internet based e-Registration System already announced by the Shrine Board.

This was disclosed by Shri Navin K. Choudhary, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board. Until last year the registration was done only through J&K Bank and YES Bank. In a major initiative to provide convenience to the Yatris for the registration, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board has tied up with the Department of Posts for registration of Yatris through select post offices.

The pilgrims undertake the Yatra to the Shrine which is located at an altitude of 13,500 feet. Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board had requested the Department of Posts to do the registration of the Yatris across the country, especially in Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and U.P.

Shri John Samuel, Chief Postmaster General said that the Department of Posts has a large network of 1.55 lakh post offices across the country and given the vast infrastructure, the post office is in a position to provide various services to the customers. As a part of registration process, the Yatris will submit the application form along with the prescribed medical certificate.

The Chief Postmaster General also announced that four Yatri Post Offices will be established in the Yatra route for the benefit of the Yatris. These Yatri Post Offices will provide basic postal services, including letter post, Registered post and Speed post facilities for the benefit of the Yatris. For more than 20 years these Yatri post offices have been non-functional. The Chief Postmaster General told that during this year all these four post offices will be revived and made fully functional.

The Chief Postmaster General told that during Shri Amarnathji Yatra special postal covers and Picture Post Cards will be brought out and they will be available at Yatri Post Offices. These will be important souvenir for the Yatris who are undertaking the pilgrimage.

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