

Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2012

CEO SASB takes stock of the ground situation

SRINAGAR, APRIL 30 - On the instructions of the Governor, Shri N. N. Vohra, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Navin K. Choudhary concluded his four days intensive tour of Base Camps and inspected the snow situation and facilities for the upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

Accompanied by Mr. Showkat Mir, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, Mr. Shahid, SP Ganderbal, Mr. Mohammad Yousuf, CEO, Sonamarg Development Authority, Mr. K. G. Bamba, GM, Works SASB and other senior functionaries of the district administration, the CEO took stock of snow accumulation and condition of the infrastructure at the Base Camp of Baltal and Domail. It was informed that PWD, Ganderbal has been able to open the road to the Base Camp of Baltal only two days back with great difficulty as at some places, the snow is more than 20 to 25 feet at the Base Camp. Due to heavy snowfall this year, the Police Camp at Baltal has been completely wiped out and there is massive damage to other pre-fabricated structures. The CEO also inspected the Helipad where the existing structures have been nearly destroyed due to massive snow avalanches. In a meeting with officers of concerned departments at the Base Camp, he underscored the need for hard work and extra efforts for re-establishing these infrastructures in time for the Yatra.

While conducting extensive tour to Nunwan, Pahalgam and Chandanwari, it was observed that the snow accumulation is very high beyond Chandanwari, though the road from Pahalgam to Chandanwari has been opened for vehicular traffic. Due to heavy accumulation of snow, the advance party of PDA to inspect the snow accumulation could not reach Sheshnag and had to return back. Even at the time of inspection, it was snowing at Chandanwari and beyond. Mr. Choudhary discussed the required action plan for clearing of track and erection of infrastructure facilities well in time for the Yatra, which will commence on June 25th. He also issued instructions for immediately starting the work at Nunwan Base Camp. Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Mr Kifayat Rizvi, SSP, Anantnag, Mr. Ramesh Jalla, Mr. Mir Altaf, CEO Pahalgam Development Authority and other district officers accompanied the CEO and deliberated on the Yatra arrangements.

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