

SHRI AMARNATHJI YATRA 2017 PUBLIC INTEREST MESSAGES

Do's and Don'ts to be followed by the Yatris

Do's for the Yatris

1. Do carry sufficient woolen clothing as the temperature may sometimes abruptly fall to below 5 degree Celsius.
2. Do carry umbrella, wind cheater, raincoat, and waterproof shoes as the weather in the Yatra area is unpredictable.
3. Do keep your clothes and eatables in a suitable water proof bag to avoid your belongings getting wet.
4. Do keep in your pocket a note containing the name / address, mobile telephone number of any Yatri proceeding for Darshan on the same date as you are doing, for emergency purposes.
5. Do carry your identity card / driving license and Yatra permit with you.
6. Do travel in a group, with porters / horses / ponies carrying your luggage.
7. Do ensure that all those comprising the group remain in your sight, lest you are separated from your group.
8. On your journey home, you must leave the Base Camps along with all other members of your group.
9. Do seek immediate assistance of the Police in case any member of your group is missing. Also have an announcement made on the Public Address System at the Yatra Camp.
10. Do help your fellow Yatris travelling with you and perform Yatra with a pious mind.
11. Do strictly follow the instructions issued by the Yatra Administration, from time to time.
12. For any assistance, contact SASB Camp Directors / nearest Yatra Control room.

13. In case of any accident or emergent situation, immediately contact the nearest Camp Director / Mountain Rescue Teams (MRTs) deployed at various locations.
14. The gates of Access Control at Domel and Chandanwari open at 05.00 am and close at 11.00 am. Reach the gates on time. No Yatri shall be allowed to undertake pilgrimage after the closure of the Gate.
15. Free food facility is available in the entire Yatra area at the Langars.
16. Do follow the prescribed Food Menu available on the Board's website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com while having food in the Yatra area.
17. Pre-paid SIM Cards from other States shall not work in J&K and Yatra area. Yatris can purchase pre-activated SIM Cards at the Base Camps of Baltal and Nunwan.
18. Earth, water, air, fire and sky are integral parts of Lord Shiva. Therefore respect the environment and do nothing whatsoever to pollute the Yatra area.
19. Yatris are advised to start their journey early in the morning and cross Jawahar Tunnel before 3.30 PM.

Don'ts for the Yatris

1. For women Yatris: They must not wear sarees during the Yatra. Salwar kameez, pant-shirt or a track suit is advisable.
2. **Women who are more than 6 week pregnant shall not be allowed to undertake the pilgrimage.**
3. **Children below 13 years in age and elderly persons above the age of 75 years shall not be permitted to undertake the pilgrimage.**
4. Don't stop at places which are marked by warning notices. Walk only on the tracks.
5. Don't walk barefoot or be without woolen clothing at any time as the temperature in the Yatra area remains low and changes abruptly.

6. Don't use slippers because there are steep rises and falls on the route to the Holy Cave. Only wear trekking shoes with laces.
7. Don't attempt any short cuts on the route as doing so is dangerous.
8. Don't commence journey on an empty stomach. If you do so, you may attract a serious medical problem.
9. Don't do anything during the entire Yatra which could cause pollution or disturb the environment of the area.
10. Do not bring with you any polythene material as its use is banned in J&K and is punishable under law.
11. Avoid throwing coins, currency notes, decorative chunnis, brass lotas or any other material towards the Shivlingam while having Darshans at the Holy Cave.
12. Do not stay at Holy Cave overnight in view of high altitude and harsh and unpredictable weather conditions.
13. Do not leave Panjtarni Camp towards Holy Cave after 3.00 PM as no darshan is allowed at Holy Cave after 6.00 PM.
14. Please visit the website of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and watch the informative Video documentary to get familiarized with the difficulties to be faced on the Yatra route.
15. In case of any query related to Yatra, please contact us at 01912503399 and 01912555662 (Jammu) 01942501679, 01942591821(Srinagar) and website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com.