

# Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board

## Governor visits Yatri Niwas to review Amarnathji Yatra arrangements

**Jammu, April 26:** Governor N. N. Vohra, Chairman of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, visited Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar and chaired a meeting with Divisional Commissioner Jammu Division, Inspector General of Police Jammu Region, and officers of all concerned departments and agencies to review the arrangements being made for this year's Shri Amarnathji Yatra. As earlier notified, the Yatra to the Cave Shrine is scheduled to commence on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018, simultaneously along both the Baltal and Chandanwari routes.



Governor reviewed the arrangements under way for the Yatra from Lakhanpur Check Post to Jammu and there after upto Banihal Pass. Among these are arrangements for the reception of Yatris at Jammu Railway Station and the Bus Stand; arrangements for On-spot Registration of the pilgrims who arrive without securing Advance Registration; requirements of accommodation, catering, hygiene, sanitation, etc. He directed the District and Divisional authorities to ensure satisfactory arrangements in regard to water, power supply, garbage disposal, medicare, transport, and all other requirements for the pilgrims. He also directed the representative of the State Road Transport Corporation to ensure that only buses which are certified "mechanically fit" and qualified drivers are tasked for ferrying pilgrims. He advised the Director Tourism Jammu to encourage and facilitate Yatris to be able to visit tourist destinations in and around Jammu.

Governor directed that: an adequate number of On-spot Registration Counters should be timely set up at Saraswati Dham and Jammu Haat; a strict check is exercised on the fares charged from the Yatris using public transport from the transit camps to the On-Spot Registration counters; pamphlets containing Do's and Don'ts and relevant information about available facilities, routes, distances, fares, etc printed in Hindi and English, should be distributed to all the pilgrims. He also directed that signages should be displayed at prominent locations for guiding Yatris.

Governor asked Sh. Hemant Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, to ensure that adequate arrangements are made for the Yatris at all the en-route transit camps, particularly to take care of any emergency situations.

Governor directed Dr. S.D. Singh, Inspector General Police Jammu Range to ensure that all necessary security related arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Yatra are made well in time.

The meeting among others was attended by Sh. Umang Narula, Principal Secretary to the Governor and the Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Sh. Hemant Kumar Sharma, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Dr. S.D. Singh, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone; Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Additional CEO SASB; Ms. Smita Sethi, Director Tourism, Jammu and Nitu Bhattacharya, Deputy Inspector General (DIG), CRPF.