

**Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2016**  
***7,485 pay obeisance at Holy Cave on 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
Yatra***

**Srinagar, July 13:** On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 7,485 Yatris paid obeisance and, till date, 1,45,204 Yatris had Darshan of the Ice-Lingam at the Shrine.

In the wee hours today, at about 04:30 AM, a Mini Bus (No. JK0IJ 6159), carrying Yatris who were on their way back to Jammu, met with a head-on collision with a Truck (No. JK02A 5365) which was coming from the opposite direction. The driver of the Mini Bus, Billal Ahmad Mir of Kangan, and a Yatri, Pramod Kumar Gupta of U.P., lost their lives in the accident. 22 passengers were injured, out of whom 20 were admitted at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar and 2 at the Bone and Joint Hospital, Srinagar. On the directions of Governor N. N. Vohra, Chairman of Shrine Board, the CEO, Mr. P.K. Tripathi, spoke to the Secretary Health Department and secured immediate medical attention for all the injured persons.

Shri Jitendra Kumar Singh, Additional CEO, visited the injured in both the Hospitals and made all necessary arrangements for their food and other requirements. The Governor has asked CEO to arrange for the injured pilgrims being sent home by air, as soon as they are discharged. The next of kin of those who died have also been contacted and all support is being organized.

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