

STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION THROUGH DESIGNATED BRANCHES OF BANKS (YATRA-2018)

1. The registration and issue of Yatra Permit (YPs) will be done on first- come-first-serve basis.
2. **The Registration of Yatris shall commence from all the Bank Branches from Thursday the 1st March, 2018 onwards.**
3. One Yatra Permit shall be valid for registering only one Yatri.
4. Each Registration Branch has been allotted a fixed per day/ per route quota for registering the Yatris. The Registration Branch shall ensure that the number of Yatris registered does not exceed the allotted per day/ per route quota.
5. No one below the age of 13 years or above the age of 75 years and no lady with more than six week's pregnancy shall be registered for the Yatra.
6. Every Yatri will have to submit Application Form and Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC) to obtain Yatra Permit for the Yatra. The Formats of the Application Form and CHC, and the list of Doctors/ Medical Institutions authorized to issue CHC are available at SASB's website- www.shriamarnathjishrine.com.
7. The Application Form and CHC shall be made available free of cost to the applicant-Yatri by the Registration Branch.
8. To apply for the Yatra Permit, the applicant-Yatri will submit the following documents to the Registration Officer:
 - a) filled-in prescribed Application Form;
 - b) prescribed Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC) issued on or after 15th Feb 2018 by the Authorized Doctor/ Medical Institution; and
 - c) four passport sized photographs (three for Yatra Permits and one for the Application form).
9. The Registration Officer shall check the following:
 - a) whether the Application Form has been correctly filled-in and signed by the applicant-Yatri;

- b) whether the CHC has been issued by the Authorized Doctor/ Medical Institution;
- c) whether the CHC has been issued on or after 15th Feb 2018.

10. The Registration Official shall issue YPs bearing **BALTAL** for Baltal Route and **PAHALGAM** for the Pahalgam Route. For each day and route, the Registration Officer shall issue Yatra Permits as per colour coding given below:

Day	Colour of Yatra Permit for <u>Pahalgam</u> Route	Colour of Yatra Permit for <u>Baltal</u> Route
Monday	Lavender	Lemon Chiffon
Tuesday	Pink Lace	Blue
Wednesday	Beige	Honeydew
Thursday	Peach	Lavender
Friday	Lemon Chiffon	Pink Lace
Saturday	Blue	Beige
Sunday	Honeydew	Peach

11. The specific day on which a pilgrim is registered to undertake the Yatra (i.e., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) has been printed on the Yatra Permit. The day printed on the Yatra Permit is the day on which the Yatri will be allowed to cross the Access Control Gates at Baltal and Chandanwari (Pahalgam).
12. The Bank Branch shall ensure that the date for which the Yatra Permit is issued for crossing the Access Control Gates matches with the day (i.e., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) printed on the Yatra Permit before issuing the Permit to the Yatri.
13. In the Yatra Permit Forms, the Yatra year and date of Yatra has not been printed. **Therefore, it is mandatory for the issuing Bank Branch to stamp / write the Yatra year and date of Yatra and paste the date and year so written/ stamped with a transparent tape (pasting of transparent tape is important in order to make the date and year of Yatra tamper-proof). However, the stamping of the date, year and Bank branch shall be done only at the time of issuance of the Yatra Permit. In no case, should any Yatra Permit be stamped in advance. This aspect be ensured positively. No column should be left blank.**

14. If the Application Form and CHC are in order, the Registration Officer shall issue a YP to the applicant against a payment of Rs 50/- per Yatra Permit (of the aforesaid amount Rs 35/- will be remitted in SASB's account and the remaining amount shall be retained by the Bank), after following the steps mentioned in paras 15-17.
15. The Registration Officer shall affix passport size photographs and fill in the Yatra Permit Form on the spot as per the details mentioned in the Application Form and the CHC. The date of the Yatra be also filled in correctly.
16. The Registration Officer shall sign the Yatra Permit and apply the Bank Branch Seal on the Yatra Permit in such a way that the Seal is partly imprinted on the photograph of the applicant-Yatri and partly on the YP. However, the stamping of the date, year and Bank branch shall be done only at the time of issuance of the Yatra Permit. In no case, should any Yatra Permit be stamped in advance. This aspect be ensured positively.
17. Before issuing the Yatra Permit to the applicant-Yatri, the Registration Officer shall record the following particulars:
 - a) Date of issue of Yatra Permit.
 - b) The Serial Number of Yatra Permit.
 - c) Name, address and telephone/ mobile number of the applicant-Yatri.
 - d) Name of next-of-kin of applicant-Yatri, to be contacted in case of any emergency.
 - e) Route of pilgrimage.
 - f) Date of embarking on the Yatra from Baltal/ Pahalgam.
18. The staff of designated bank branches need to be duly sensitised regarding important issues related to Advance Registration, by the respective Banks by issuing Circular to all its branches indicating the following:
 - i) no column of Yatra Permit Form shall be left blank;
 - ii) no pilgrim less than 13 years of age and more than 75 years of age shall be registered even if they may have obtained Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC);

- iii) correct mobile numbers to be captured while filling the Yatra Permit Forms, so that bulk SMSs on Do's and Don'ts sent through NIC (started last year on Pilot basis) reach all the Yatris;
 - iv) it is mandatory to issue "Nirdeshika", a small booklet containing Dos and Don'ts provided to banks with each Yatra Permit Form, free of cost;
 - v) training workshops to be organised for conduct of Advance Registration of intending Yatris by PNB, J&K Bank and Yes Bank; and,
 - vi) bank branches to keep a vigil on any potential possibility of fake Yatra Permit Forms being sold in the vicinity of their Branch and to inform the Bank authorities as well as SASB immediately if any such information comes to their notice.
19. The Registering Bank will e-mail by 8 p.m. every day complete information about the Yatra Permits issued during the day, particularly including the details listed in paragraph 17 to SASB at the following email-id: sasbjk2001@gmail.com.
20. **The Nodal Officer/ Nodal Bank Branch will consolidate the total number of Yatra Permits issued (Bank Branch-wise and Statewise) during the day and convey to the SASB the status of the same, date-wise and route-wise, by 8 p.m. every day. This requirement needs to be complied with and e-mailed to SASB without fail every day.**
21. Once the Registration process is over, the Registration Branch shall forward to the CEO, SASB, all the Application Forms and CHCs against which YPs have been issued.
22. **All the unused (blank) Yatra Permit Forms will be returned by the individual branches to the Nodal Officer by Registered Post once the Registration Process is finally over. The Nodal Officer shall in turn forward the same to CEO, SASB, by hand, by 27th September 2018.**

23. The Registering Branch may register the Yatris after the normal banking hours, between 3 PM to 6 PM.
24. The distance and time taken for journey up to Holy Cave by two routes is given below:

Baltal Axis (District Ganderbal)

Location	Distance	Mode of Transport.		By Air
		By Mech.Trspt.	By pony	Neelgrath to Panjtarni
Baltal to Pahalgam	200 Kms	5 hours	-	10 min
Sgr to Neelgrath	94 kms	3 hrs	-	
Baltal to Domel	2.75 kms	1 hr (on foot)	30 min	
Domel to Brarimarg	6 kms	3-4 hrs (on foot)	2 hrs	
Brarimarg to Holy Cave	6 kms	2 to 3 hrs (on foot)	2hrs	
Baltal to Holy Cave	14 kms	8 hrs (on foot)	4.50 hrs	

Pahalgam Axis (District Anantnag)

Location	Distance	Mode of Transport		By Air
		By Mech.Trpt	By pony	Pahalgam to Panjtarni
Pahalgam to Baltal	200 kms	5 hours	-	15 min
Distance from Jammu to Khanabal	239 km	8 hrs By car/ Coach	-	
Khanabal to Pahalgam	40 km	90 min By car/ Coach	-	
Pahalgam to Chandanwari	16 kms	1 hr	5 hrs	
Chandanwari to Sheshnag	12kms	6hrs (on foot)	4 hrs	
Sheshnag to Panjtarni	14 kms	8 hrs (on foot)	5 hrs	
Panjtarni to Holy Cave	6 kms	3 hrs (on foot)	2 hrs	
Nunwan to Holy Cave	48 kms	1 hour upto Chandanwari	12 Hours from Chandanwari to Holy Cave	