

SHRI AMARNATHJI YATRA 2022

STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION THROUGH DESIGNATED BRANCHES OF BANKS.

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 through all the designated bank branches from (11th April 2022).**
3. The Banks shall stop registration for a particular date 08 days before to help the SASB to consolidate the figure. For example the registration for for 30th June, 2022 shall be stopped on 22nd June 2022, for 1st July registration be stopped on 23rd June 2022 and soon.
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. A new Registration Yatra Permit Form shall be issued to the Yatris who had registered themselves for Yatra 2021 and had not taken back refund amount through various Banks like Punjab National Bank, Jammu & Kashmir Bank and YES Bank. These Yatris shall approach the concerned bank branch which had issued the Yatra Permit in their favour and surrender the original Yatra Permit Form issued for Yatra 2021. The intending Yatri shall apply on a new Registration Application Form and Compulsory Health Certificate to secure fresh Yatra Permit Form for Yatra 2022. The fee already paid during Yatra 2021 shall be mutually adjusted by the concerned bank when the Registration opens for Yatra 2022.
7. Yatris who had registered for Yatra 2021 and have crossed the age of 75 years will not be allowed to undertake Yatra 2022. They can surrender the original Permit and can take refund amount back from the concerned bank branch.
8. 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.shriamarnathjiashrine.com

9. The formats of Application Form and CHC shall be made available free of cost to the applicant-Yatri by the Registration Branch.
10. 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 **28th March**, 2022 by the authorized Doctor/ Medical Institution; and,
 - c. four passport sized photographs (three for Yatra Permits and one for the Application form).
11. 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 **28th March**, 2022.
12. 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 |
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13. 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 Form. 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).
14. 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.
15. 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. This aspect is to be ensured positively. No column should be left blank. In no case, should any Yatra Permit be stamped in advance the Stamp is not to be applied on QR Code as this practice hampers the scanning of QR code at the Access Control Gates of Domel & Chandanwari while checking the authenticity of the Yatra Permits.**
16. If the Application Form and CHC are in order, the Registration Officer shall issue a Yatra Permit to the applicant against a payment of Rs 120/- per Yatra Permit (of the aforesaid amount Rs 105/- will be remitted in SASB's account and the remaining amount of Rs 15/- shall be retained by the Bank), after following the steps mentioned in paras 15-17. The GST liability shall be on the banks for their shares of Rs 15/-
17. 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.

- 18.** 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 Yatra Permit. 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 is to be ensured positively.
- 19.** 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.
- 20.** The staff of designated bank branches needs to be duly sensitized 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 or more than 75 years of age and no lady with more than six weeks pregnancy shall be registered for the Yatra 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 in year 2016 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.

vii) Bank branches to ensure the maintenance of COVID-19 Protocol norms during the Advance Registration through designated bank branches.

21. The Banks shall ensure punching of data base of registered Yatri through the Portal <https://jksasb.nic.in> for which the username and passwords, are given to Nodal Officers who shall ensure it with individual Bank branches. The step wise procedure is attached as Annexure-I
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 15th September, 2022.**
23. 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 Lower Holy Cave |
| 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 HolyCave | 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 Sangam Top |
| Pahalgam to Baltal | 200 kms | 5 hours | - | 13 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 HolyCave | 48 kms | 1 hour upto Chandanwari | 12 Hours from Chandanwari to Holy Cave | |

