

SHRI AMARNATHJI YATRA 2021

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 from all the Bank Branches from 1st April, 2021 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 formats of 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 March, 2021 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:
- whether the Application Form has been correctly filled-in and signed by the applicant-yatri;
 - whether the CHC has been issued by the Authorized Doctor/ Medical Institution;
 - whether the CHC has been issued on or after 15th March, 2021.
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 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).
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. 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.

14. **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 100/- per Yatra Permit (of the aforesaid amount Rs 85/- 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/-**
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 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.
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 needs 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 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.
19. The Registering Bank will e-mail by 7 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 State-wise) during the day and convey to the SASB the status of the same, date-**

wise and route-wise, by 7 p.m. every day. This requirement needs to be complied with and e-mailed to SASB without fail every day.

21. 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, 2021.
22. The Registering Branch may register the Yatris after the normal banking hours, between 3 PM to 6 PM.
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	-	
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 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 Holy Cave	48 kms	1 hour upto Chandanwari	12 Hours from Chandanwari to Holy Cave	

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Procedure for Registration of Yatris through designated Branches of Banks

1. This year's Shri Amarnathji Yatra will commence on 28th June, 2021, via both the routes Baltal and Pahalgam, and conclude on 22nd August, 2021.
2. **The Registration of Yatris shall commence from all the Bank Branches from the 1st April, 2021 onwards.**
3. Advance Registration is compulsory for all intending Pilgrims.
4. Nobody shall be allowed to undertake the Yatra without securing a Yatra Permit which is valid for a specified day and route.
5. Every intending Pilgrim can secure her/ his Yatra Permit from any of the notified Bank Branches (Punjab National Bank, J&K Bank, and YES Bank) located in various States/UTs of the country.
6. The addresses of the notified Bank Branches which have been authorised to provide Registration are available at Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com .
7. **The Advance Registration for the Yatra 2021, through all the nominated Bank Branches will commence from Thursday the 1st April, 2021 and Yatra Permits shall be issued to intending Yatris by the banks from 28th June onwards. Bank branches shall ensure that the intending Yatris are registered from Monday the 28th June, 2021 onwards.**
8. For Registration/ obtaining Yatra Permit, an intending Yatri shall have to submit filled-in prescribed Application Form and Compulsory Health Certificate issued by the Authorised Doctor/ Medical Institution.
9. The State / UT- Wise lists of Doctors/ Medical Institutions authorised to issue the prescribed Compulsory Health Certificate are available at Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com .

10. The formats of the Application Form and Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC) are also available at Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com .
11. For Yatra 2021, Compulsory Health Certificate issued only after 15th March, 2021, would be valid for the registration purposes.
12. An intending Yatri will be **required to pay Rs.100/-** as Registration fee against proper receipt.
13. **An intending Yatri who wishes to travel by Helicopter will not be required to separately register for the Yatra.**
14. **A Yatri who travels by Helicopter will be required to submit the prescribed Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC) at the time of boarding the Helicopter.**
15. **A Yatri would be allowed to embark on her/ his Yatra only on the day and from the route for which she/ he has been registered.**
16. Banks will invariably provide receipt to intending pilgrim against the amount of Rs 100/- per pilgrim received as cost of Yatra Permit Form.
17. Yatris will have to indicate their mobile number while filling the Yatra Permit Forms.
18. Banks to create a group e-mail of their bank branches designated for Advance Registration and also include SASB in the list. Nodal officers of the banks will ensure creation of group e-mail.
19. Banks will guide the intending pilgrims for availing the Online/ Group Registration facility being provided by SASB in case the banks are unable to provide registration for want of slots/ quota.
20. Banks will ensure that Yatra Permit Forms are not issued for different days or different routes to the members of the same family to avoid inconvenience to them at Yatra Access Control Gates.

21. Bank branches will display, at the conspicuous place, for the benefit of general public the name/ location of another nearest designated branch available in the vicinity for advance registration.
22. The staff of designated bank branches needs 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 and no lady with more than six weeks pregnancy shall be registered for 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 2016 on Pilot basis) reach all the Yatris;
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