

ADVISORY FOR INDIAN TOUR OPERATORS/ASSOCIATIONS ON

KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA VIA NEPAL

Indian Tour operators/Associations operating tours for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY) via Nepal may note the following:

- To ensure that Indian pilgrims get appropriate Chinese visa and Travel Permit for Tibet in hand before commencing their journey from India. The Chinese Visa is to be obtained from the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi and not in Kathmandu.
- Indian pilgrims would be traversing through Simikot and Hilsa in Nepal on their way for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. Both these places have limited tourist/medical infrastructure, and are prone to inclement weather due to which to-and-fro flights get disrupted.
- Indian pilgrims should be advised to get themselves medically examined before embarking on the tour. They should keep at least seven days of medicine, including High Altitude Sickness and other life saving drugs.
- Pilgrims should be advised to carry enough cash, mobile connection (with international roaming facility) and emergency contact numbers of their tour operators and Embassy of India, Kathmandu (**First Secretary (Consular), Embassy of India, Kathmandu at fscons.kathmandu@mea.gov.in; 00977-9851107006**).
- Not to overbook around full moon dates. This leads to pilgrims being stranded for several days due to inadequate infrastructure facilities in Simikot and Hilsa or flight cancellations because of inclement weather.
- Make provisions for tents/extra civil supplies, especially in Hilsa and coordinate with airlines/helicopter operators to ensure enough fuel in Simikot during full moon days.
- Pilgrims should be adequately informed of the difficulties along the route, including inadequate hotel facilities, inclement weather and likelihood of cancellation of flights, high altitude sickness, etc.
- Each group of pilgrims should be accompanied by a representative of the Indian Tour/Travel Agency for necessary coordination with the service providers in Nepal and Tibet.
- Details of various sub-agents (name, contact numbers, emergency resource persons) involved along the route, including partners in Nepal, partner in China, helicopter services operator etc, may be shared with **First Secretary (Consular), Embassy of India, Kathmandu at fscons.kathmandu@mea.gov.in; 00977-9851107006**.