

DC Kishtwar finalises Machail Yatra arrangements

Kishtwar, Jul 02: In wake of the upcoming annual Machail Yatra commencing from August 18, 2018 to the Shrine of Mata Chandi Machail, a meeting to finalize the arrangements was convened by Deputy Commissioner, Angrez Singh Rana today.

In the meeting, the members of the Sarvo Shakti Sewa Sanstha apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the various issues regarding the yatra which will start from July 25, 2018 with emphasis on the supplementary support to be provided to the larger facilities for the devotees which will start functioning at various identified places.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned departments to ensure fool proof security besides ensuring availability of drinking water, electricity, street lights, firewood, gas cylinder, ration supply, electric generator, medical and telephone facilities at every halts, ambulance, fire extinguishers, temporary toilets facilities and sufficient number of vehicles for the devotees' upto the Gulabgarh Paddar.

Meanwhile, DC requested the members of the Sanstha to play key role in keeping the enroute of yatra neat and clean and asked them to request the yatries not to use polythene bags so that the pilgrims would feel better during the yatra. They were requested to make awareness in this regard through print and electronic media.

DC also directed SDM Padder to fix the rates of temporary vendors enroute to Yatra and get them registered in the concerned office.

NHPC authorities will ensure the installation of mobile toilets enroute yatra in coordination with the Sanstha president

During the meeting it was unanimously decided that no Yatri shall be allowed from Gulabgarh after 7:00 PM towards Machail. DC instructed that no yatri will be allowed without raincoat and umbrella during the pilgrimage.

ACR Kishtwar was appointed as Nodal Officer for the Yatra. It was further decided in the meeting that no vehicle shall be allowed from 6 pm from Kishtwar to Gulabgarh and vice versa. Moreover, Secretary Red cross was advised to install the donation boxes at the langar sites.

GREF authorities were asked to immediately repair the road up to Gulabgarh while XEN PWD (R&B) was directed to ensure the removal of the landslide slips between the stretch from Thatri to Kishtwar and also directed PMGSY to repair footpath from Massu to Machail

Among others the meeting was attended by SSP Kishtwar Abrar Ahmed Chodhary, CPO, Commandant RR, ACR, ACD, SDM Paddar, Tehsildar Paddar, Machail, Dhrabshalla, Negsani, OC GREF and other District Officers of KDA, NHPC, CRPF, CISF, Forest, PWD (R&B), PHE, PDD, Medical, Education, Traffic, Cooperative, Information, CAPD, Fire Services, Legal Metrology, BSNL, Municipal, Drug and Safety Officer.