## Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2015

## Governor reviews progress

**Srinagar, August 7:** Governor N. N. Vohra, who is Chairman of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, in a meeting held here at the Raj Bhavan today with Mr. P.K. Tripathi, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Jitendra K. Singh, Additional CEO SASB, reviewed the progress of the Yatra since 1<sup>st</sup> august i.e. during the first 7 days of the Shravan month.

The CEO informed the Governor that in the first week of Shravan month, more than 20,771 yatris paid obeisance at the Holy Cave and, till date, 3,36,055 yatris have had darshan at the Holy cave.

The Governor re-iterated directions for continuous review of cleanliness and sanitation, adequacy of essential supplies, health services etc. and stressed the crucial importance of providing timely medical assistance to any pilgrim or service provider who falls ill or meets with an accident in the Yatra area.

The Governor directed the CEO and the Additional CEO to undertake an early visit to the Yatra area, accompanied by senior officers of SASB, PDA and other concerned organizations, to undertake a critical assessment of the adequacy of facilities and arrangements which have been put in place for the facilitation of the Yatris. He also asked the CEO to finalise the implementation of Action Plan of all repair works which may be required to be carried out in the post-Yatra period, keeping in view the limited working period available after the end of Yatra on 29th August, 2015.

Meanwhile, a Spokesperson of the SASB said that the pilgrimage to the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Amarnathji is progressing smoothly on both the routes, adding that over three lakh thirty six thousand pilgrims had performed darshan at the Holy Cave Shrine so far since the commencement of this year's pilgrimage on 2<sup>nd</sup> July from Baltal and Pahalgam routes.

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