

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Srinagar

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Subject:-

Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on 11/07/2018 in connection with arrangements for Hajj Pilgrims 2018.

The list of participant officers is appended as Annexure-A

At the dutset, the Divisional Commissioner welcomed all the participants and directed them to gear-up for the incoming Haj to ensure that the departure of pilgrims is convenient and smooth. Thereafter Executive Officer, State Hajj Committee apprised the Chair about the total number of pilgrims proceeding for Haj during current year from the Embarkation Points of Srinagar and New Delhi. Out of the total 10183 pilgrims 9660 shall be proceeding for Haj from Srinagar Embarkation Point while-as the rest shall be departing from New Delhi Embarkation Point. The departure of pilgrims to Madinah Munawarah from the Sheikh-ul-Aalam International Airport Srinagar shall begin w.e.f 14th to 25th July, 2018 and four flights will leave for the Holy city of Madina Munawarah on daily basis. Similarly from Delhi Embarkation Point approx. 800 pilgrims would be proceeding for Madina Munawarah w.e.f 14th to 28th July, 2018.

After threadbare discussions and deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

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1.	Close coordination between all the stakeholders: The Chair directed DC, Sgr to create a Whatsapp group and add all the officers so that close coordination between all the stakeholders is ensured.	DC, Sgr.
2.	Shifting of x-ray machine from Airport to Hajj House: Chief Engineer Mech. Will provide a crane / truck for moving the x-ray machine from the Airport to Hajj House on 12-07-2018.	Chief Enginee Mechanical.

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3.	Boarding/lodging of pilgrims: Pilgrims of far off areas of Kashmir Valley and those from Jammu Division/Ladakh Region arriving a day or two prior to their departure shall be provided boarding/lodging facility at Hajj House, Bemina. Further Additional accommodation at Youth Hostel, IMPA&RD and Ustad Ghar Bemina shall be kept available for housing additional Hajis in case of cancellation of the flights. The additional accommodation shall remain at the disposal of DC, Sgr and the departments shall ensure that the above facilities are not booked during the period.	State Hajj Committee/ DG, YS&S/ DG, IMPA&RD and Dir. Edu.
4.	Arrangements at the Airport: Indian Airlines will assure that all the flights operate on time as per the schedule however, in case of any technical issue if the flights get delayed the concerned officers shall ensure that the Hajis are carried on the same day.	Indian Air lines.
5.	Distribution of Foreign Exchange: Bombay Mercantile Bank designated as the official bank for distribution of Forex shall establish counters at Hajj House with deployment of adequate staff. In addition, other Banks viz J&K Bank Ltd, HDFC, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, etc shall also facilitate Foreign Exchange to pilgrims at Hajj House on the premium of last year with 10% escalation on the lowest possible commission on Foreign Exchange rate (10 to 20 paisa per SAR).	Bombay Mercantile Bank, J&K Bank Ltd., HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, etc
6.	Medical Facilities: The Health department to deploy teams of doctors / paramedics at Hajj House, Bemina and at the airport alongwith Ambulances on 13 th July, 2018 at locations.	Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir/Jammu
7.	Dissemination of Information to pilgrims: All the Information about Departure Flight Schedule, etc shall be disseminated through Information department. The department to provide Public Address System at the Hajj House and at the airport as per past practice.	Illioimation
8.	Parking Facility: Parking facility is to be established outside the Hajj House. Pipe barricading at the main entry of Hajj House to be done. Pipe material shall be provided by the PHE Department. R&B to liaise with the concerned departments	Departments
9.	Providing of Flower Pots and vases: For beautification of Hajj House, flower pots and vases are to be provided by 12th July, 2018. Executive Officer, SHO to provide transportation of the material.	Floriculture Department
10	Security arrangements and traffic management: To ensure safe passage of pilgrims from their respective places of origin to the Hajj House and onward journey to Srinagar International Airport. The Traffic authorities sha	Security and Traffic Police

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11.	Deployment of Volunteers: 100 Volunteers from Heme-guards & CD shall be deployed at the Hajj House, Bemina for facilitation / convenience to pilgrims with a Nodal Officer to liaise with Executive Officer	Commandant, Home-guards CD	&
12.	All DC's will nominate a nodal officer who will coordinate with Executive Officer Hajj for the smooth transit of the Hajis from the respective Districts to Hajj House Sgr. Further all DC's will create a help line for responding to any queries from the intending Hajis. The same shall be shared with this office.	All DC's	
13.	Dir. MeT will update the weather advisories and forecast on the Whatsapp group created for Hajj 2018.	Dir. MeT.	

Further, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir also took stock of preparedness for Hajj -2018 at district level through video conference with the Deputy Commissioners and issued following directions:

1. Deputy Commissioner, Budgam to issue orders with regard to deployment of Magistrates at Drop Gate Airport, IGI Road, etc and nominate an officer in-charge for Hajj operation.

2. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar shall dep magistrate at Hajj House, Bemina

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Dated: 1 / 07 / 2018

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2. All the concerned departments.

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