



Government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

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Subject: Temporary Suspension of Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra Movement on July 25 to July 27, 2026, and Issuing of Operational Safety Guidelines.

PUBLIC ADVISORY & ORDER

WHEREAS, the annual holy pilgrimage of Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2026 is scheduled to officially open on 25th July 2026; and

WHEREAS, continuous inclement weather conditions have been prevailing across Kishtwar District, leading to severe terrain vulnerabilities including slippery road conditions, landslips, and persistent shooting stones along the critical Kishtwar-Paddar Road stretch; and

WHEREAS, the safety, life, and physical well-being of the visiting devotees, local residents, service providers, and administrative personnel remain the utmost priority of the District Administration; and

WHEREAS, after comprehensive review with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar, and Traffic Authorities, it has been deemed necessary to regulate public movement strictly to prevent any untoward incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of public safety and in the exercise of powers vested under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned hereby orders and advises as under:

- **Conduct of Rituals:** The ceremonial and customary religious rituals (Puja/Rituals) associated with the commencement of the Yatra on 25th July 2026 shall be performed exclusively by the designated Pujari and authorized representatives as per established tradition.
- **Temporary Suspension of Pilgrim Movement:** The general movement of pilgrims/yatris and general public along the Kishtwar-Paddar-Gulabgarh axis shall remain suspended on 25th July 2026 to 27th July 2026.
- **No Unplanned Travel:** Pilgrims and the general public are strictly advised not to undertake any journey towards Gulabgarh/Machail during these dates and to remain at their respective safe locations/residences.
- **Separate Reopening Advisory:** The physical movement/commencement of the Yatra for general pilgrims shall resume only after weather stabilization and road clearance. A separate advisory/order regarding the exact date and time for the resumption of travel shall be issued.

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- **Mandatory Registration:** Intending pilgrims are advised to complete their Online Yatra Registration through the official portal prior to planning their journey once movement resumes.
- **Compliance with Cut-off Timings:** Upon resumption, all pilgrims and transport operators must strictly adhere to the designated cut-off timings established at security checkpoints along the Kishtwar-Gulabgarh route.

FOR EMERGENCIES & REAL-TIME UPDATES,

Please visit the official portal of Shri Machail Mata Yatra :
<https://shrimachailmatayatra.com>.

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(Pankaj Kumar Sharma) JKAS
Deputy Commissioner
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Kishtwar

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1. Divisional Commissioner Kishtwar, for favour of kind information.
2. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar for information.
3. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar (Nodal Officer, Shri Machail Mata Shrine Management Committee) for information.
4. Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Paddar for information.
5. DIO, Kishtwar for information and n/a.
6. DIO, NIC Kishtwar for information and n/a.
7. Office file.