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**PRESS NOTE**

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It is hereby informed for the general public that a high-level meeting regarding the **Kinnaur Kailash Yatra-2026** was convened on **12th June, 2026** under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Revenue, Horticulture, Tribal Development and Public Grievance Redressal Minister, Shri Jagat Singh Negi Ji. Keeping in view the sentiments and long-standing traditions associated with the pilgrimage, it was decided in the meeting that the **Kinnaur Kailash Yatra-2026** would be organized from **1st July, 2026 to 30th July, 2026**.

In pursuance of the above decision, and as is done every year, a **special reconnaissance (recce) team** was constituted to assess the safety and feasibility of the pilgrimage route. Under the supervision of the Forest Department and the local administration, the team was deputed on **21st June, 2026** to conduct a detailed inspection and evaluation of the route.

The official assessment report submitted by the reconnaissance team has highlighted certain extremely sensitive and alarming conditions on the pilgrimage route, which are summarized as follows:

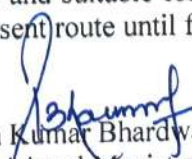
**1. Risk of Glaciers and Rockfall:-** According to the report, large glaciers presently exist along the pilgrimage route, particularly on the stretch from Miling Khata to Shivling.

**2. Unstable Boulders:-** Large rocks and boulders are precariously resting over and within these glaciers, making the terrain highly unstable.

**3. Unstable Boulders between Gufa to Sorang:-** The stretch of the pilgrimage route between **Gufa and Sorang** has been obstructed due to the fall of large boulders at several locations, rendering the passage unsafe for pilgrims. The boulders remain unstable and are suspended against one another, posing a significant risk of further rockfall. Therefore, their removal cannot be undertaken immediately and will require sufficient time, specialized equipment, and necessary safety precautions before the route can be declared safe for public use.

**4. Serious Threat to Life and Property:-** With the rise in temperature, the melting of snow has significantly destabilized these heavy boulders, causing them to roll down onto the main pilgrimage track. This has greatly increased the risk of rockfall, landslides, and falling debris. Furthermore, the stretch from Miling Khata to the Holy Cave, which is generally traversed during night hours, has become particularly hazardous, thereby posing a grave threat to the lives and safety of the pilgrims.

**Important Decision:-** In view of the above findings, and giving paramount importance to the safety and security of the pilgrims as well as the rescue and emergency response teams, and taking into consideration the serious natural hazards identified by the reconnaissance team, the District Administration has decided to postpone the Kinnaur Kailash Yatra-2026 until further orders. The matter shall be reviewed only after the prevailing conditions improve and the pilgrimage route is certified as safe and suitable for travel. All devotees and intending pilgrims are requested not to undertake the pilgrimage on the present route until further orders, in the interest of their own safety.

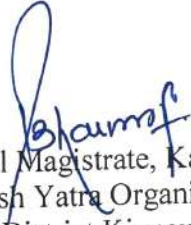
  
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14. The President, Kinnaur Kailash Yatra Committee, Powari, Development Block Kalpa.
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