



Office of the Executive Officer Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board  
(Addl. Deputy Commissioner) Reasi

**Order**

**Sub:-Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)/guidelines for restoration of yatra at Shri Shiv Khori Shrine w.e.f. 16-08-2020.**

Whereas, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to open religious places in a phased manner w.e.f 16-08-2020;

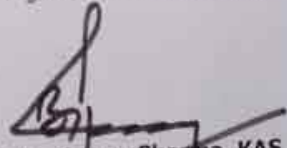
Whereas, in view of COVID -19 related measures, it is felt imperative to put in place a SOPS/guidelines to be followed by the pilgrims as well as SSKSB staff/police personnel engaged to regulate the yatra at Shivkhori;

Therefore, it is ordered that the Holy cave of Lord Shiva at Shivkhori is hereby opened w.e.f 16-08-2020 with following SOPs/guidelines:-

1. Yatra shall be opened initially for yatrics of District Reasi in 1<sup>st</sup> week. After one week may be opened for Jammu Division.
2. Only those pilgrims having COVID certificate negative, issue not later than 48 hours from the date of journey, shall be allowed for darshan.
3. No group of more than 05 persons is allowed to undertake yatra, with strict monitoring at base camp/darshani gate & other areas.
4. A restriction of total number of per day yatrics which is easily manageable for maintaining social distancing norms may be put at place to avoid gathering. Only 500 yatrics per day be allowed for darshan.
5. Yatra shall be allowed at Shivkhori from at 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Darshani Deodi.
6. Traditional cave shall not be allowed to be used for darshan by the pilgrims as it is very narrow, which may lead to congestion and contamination.
7. Registration of Yatra:- Only those yatrics who register through online ([www.shivkhori.in](http://www.shivkhori.in)) or email ([shivkhori2008@gmail.com](mailto:shivkhori2008@gmail.com)) will be permitted to undertake yatra.
8. Only 10 persons at a time shall be allowed inside cave for Darshan & for Aarti Pooja to avoid gathering.
9. Persons above 60 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years shall not be allowed to undertake yatra.
10. All pilgrims shall maintain distance of 6 feet from each other at all times even when queuing up for entry.
11. All pilgrims shall be allowed entry only if they are using face covers/masks.
12. Circles/marks for ensuring maintain social/physical distancing at frisking points & outside/inside cave.
13. Touching of statue, idols or holy books etc. should not be permitted.
14. Physical offerings like sprinkling of holy water, parshad etc. should not be allowed.
15. Sanitization of the premises should be done at regular intervals.
16. Highest level of cleaning and sanitization protocol for the sanctum sanctorum including the holy cave should be followed.
17. Sanitization and hygiene of all toilet blocks, bathing ghats, guest houses shall be ensured by the concerned.
18. Installation and use of Aarogya Setu App shall be mandatory for all visitors.
19. Shoes/footwear should be preferably taken off inside own vehicles.
20. Common prayer mats/Durres should not be used and wherever required, devotees shall carry their own individual mats which shall be taken along.
21. Proper disposal of face covers/masks, gloves and other leftovers by the pilgrims should be ensured.

- .. Manager, SSKSB shall maintain a list of persons (with contactable details) entering their places, which may be required for the purpose of contact tracing.
23. No parshad/flowers and other items shall be allowed to be taken to Bhawan.
  24. Langars/Dhabas shall not be allowed to operate on SSKSB track till further order.
  25. No service providers (including Ponywallas) shall be allowed to ply on the SSKSB track.
  26. Masks, sanitizers are mandatory for yatries, security personnel & SSKSB staff.
  27. Minimum SSKSB staff be deployed for duty on rotational basis.
  28. Security personnel deployed for frisking purposes must wear mask & PPE kits.
  29. No pilgrim shall be allowed to stay at Shivkhori Bhawan during night hours.
  30. SSKSB staff/police shall ensure that no pilgrim be allowed to wait/gather at Bhawan after performing darshan.
  31. It must be ensured that sanitizer/hand wash/soap is available at all the counters is properly used. Also gloves be used at counters where employees have to remain in contact with pilgrims/cash/belongings like cloak room etc.
  32. Auto drivers who are plying autos from Bus Stand to Darshani deodi must sanitize their vehicles/autos after every trip. In addition, transporters/drivers who have engaged their vehicles (buses/taxis etc.) for transportation of yatries from Katra/Jammu or other locations must sanitize their vehicles properly on regular basis.
  33. It shall be ensured that there is no gathering at any counter /track/inside cave or other places.
  34. SSKSB Staff shall sanitize the cash before receiving it, if any (at donation counter, Lorry Adda Parchi Counter etc.).
  35. Two thermal scanners shall be installed at Darshani Deodi and at Bhawan.
  36. Only packed eatable items shall be allowed to be sold by the shopkeepers on SSKSB track.
  37. Booking in hotels/lodges at Ransoo should not be for more than a day. Hotel owners shall ensure proper sanitization of booked room after every checkout and maintain social distancing. The sampling/test of COVID-19 of engaged staff shall be mandatory and staff deployed for service must wear mask & gloves.
  38. A large scale sanitisation exercise involving all stakeholders shall be undertaken beforehand.
  39. Only foot regulated hand washing points to be installed at Shani Mandir, near Pony Stand and at Bhawan. No water (hand washing/drinking water) points shall be made functional along the track & only bottle water to be kept for drinking purposes.
  40. Sampling/test of SSKSB staff before deployment shall be mandatory.
  41. Pilgrims/security personnel/SSKSB staff/local or other must follow these SOPs/guidelines strictly. Any violation if found in this regard, strict action shall be taken against them.

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Copy to the:-

1. Chairman, SSKSB (Divisional Commissioner) Jammu for kind information
2. Vice Chairperson, SSKSB (Deputy Commissioner), Reasi for kind information.
3. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Reasi for kind information and necessary action.
4. Tehsildar Pouni for information and n/a.
5. Manager, SSKSB (Naib Tehsildar) Ransoo for information and inform all the concerned regarding guidelines and paste the said order on conspicuous places.
6. SHO Ransoo/Incharge PP Bhawan for information and necessary action.