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Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY) 2026 – Batch No. 7 Returns Successfully via Nathula Route

The 7th Batch of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY) 2026 via the historic Nathula Route returned safely to Gangtok today after successfully completing the sacred pilgrimage. To commemorate the successful completion of the Yatra, the Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation (STDC) organised a felicitation programme for the returning pilgrims.

The programme was graced by Shri Lukendra Rasaily, Chairman, Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation, as the Chief Guest. It was attended by the two Liaison Officers, Shri Ravi Jain and Shri Gaurav Bharil, Medical Officers, the returning Yatris, Shri Amit Kapil Chettri, Deputy General Manager (Administration), STDC, and officers and staff of the Corporation.

During the interaction session, both a male and a female pilgrim shared their experiences of the Yatra. They expressed heartfelt appreciation for the outstanding services rendered by STDC throughout the pilgrimage. Describing the journey as a once-in-a-lifetime experience, they said they felt spiritually fulfilled and experienced a warm, homely environment from the very beginning of the Yatra. The pilgrims highly appreciated the quality of the food, transportation arrangements, the prompt response to every requirement, and the sincere dedication of the support staff. They remarked that the entire team worked with professionalism, care, and commitment, making the pilgrimage comfortable, safe, and memorable.

Liaison Officers, Shri Ravi Jain and Shri Gaurav Bharil, also conveyed their sincere appreciation to STDC for its excellent coordination and unwavering support throughout the Yatra. They stated that the officers and staff of STDC were experienced, courteous, polite, and ever willing to assist the pilgrims. They further stated that there were no grievances from any of the pilgrims and appreciated the warmth, hospitality, and friendly nature of the people of Sikkim, which made the pilgrimage even more memorable.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Lukendra Rasaily, Chairman, STDC, congratulated all the pilgrims on the successful completion of the sacred Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. He stated that the felicitation programme was organised to honour the devotion, determination, and achievement of every pilgrim who successfully completed one of the most revered and challenging spiritual journeys.

The Chairman presented Yatra Completion Certificates and traditional Khadas to all the pilgrims as a mark of respect and remembrance. He remarked that the certificates would remain cherished keepsakes that future generations could proudly look upon and say that their parents or grandparents had successfully undertaken the sacred Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. He described the pilgrims as a source of inspiration and motivation for others to undertake the holy pilgrimage.

He further requested the pilgrims to share their positive experiences with their friends, relatives, and colleagues, and to promote the services and hospitality of STDC. He expressed hope that they would also encourage more people to visit Sikkim and experience its rich natural beauty, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality.

The programme concluded on a joyous and emotional note with the presentation of Yatra Completion Certificates and traditional Khadas to all the Yatris. The pilgrims expressed their happiness and satisfaction over the successful completion of the Yatra and thanked STDC for making the pilgrimage comfortable, safe, and memorable.

The members of Batch No. 7 are scheduled to depart from Bagdogra Airport tomorrow for their respective hometowns, carrying with them cherished memories, spiritual fulfilment, and the divine blessings of Lord Shiva.

Har Har Mahadev!