



THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
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The following regulations are being put in place for the overall safety of tourists and for protection of the environment. As such the following SOPs shall be strictly followed during the Chadar Trek:

1) **Procedure on arrival to be followed by all tourists is as follows:**

- Day 1 : Arrival at Leh and rest for acclimatization.
Day 2 : Rest for acclimatization.
Day 3 : Medical check-up at the designated area between 2-4 pm,
followed by permit at Tourist Information Centre, near J&K Bank,
Leh.
Day 4 : Departure for Chadar Trek after obtaining permit from Tourist
Information Centre, Leh.

2) **Regulations for the Travel and tour operators are as follows:**

- (i) Travel companies operating Chadar trek have to be registered.
(ii) Tourism Department will check the availability of all the essential trekking and safety equipments which also includes green disposal bags.
(iii) List of porters hired alongwith the certificates of experience and trainings shall be a part of the registration process.
(iv) Identity Card shall be issued to each porter by Wildlife Department.
(v) Detailed information of the tourists should be mandatorily maintained including blood group and address of next of kin by the tour operators.

3) **Regulations to be followed by the Taxi operators and other transporters:**

- (i) It will be mandatory to play the audio advisory issued by Tourism Department in the vehicles (Taxis) for the benefit of tourists.
(ii) Garbage bag provided by District Administration should be kept in the vehicle at all times and the same should be disposed at the waste segregation centre at Solar Colony.

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- (iii) Cleanliness drive shall be organized by Wildlife/Tourism Department Leh with mandatory and active participation by all the travel companies before and after the Chadar Trek.
- (iv) Oxygen cylinder should be kept in the vehicle at all times.
- (v) All drivers shall be trained in first aid and CPR by the Dy. SP, SDRF.

4) Roles and responsibility of the Wildlife Department:

- (i) A maximum of 4 groups per day shall be allowed on the trek. A group shall consist of not more than 10 tourists. Wildlife Department shall ensure this through their check points.
- (ii) Permit shall be issued only to tourists recommended by recognized travel companies on the production of medical certificate issued by the Health Department, Leh.
- (iii) The Wildlife Department shall also maintain a register of garbage collection and disposal.
- (iv) Toilets and garbage collection bins should be installed at important locations of the trek.
- (v) Travel Agencies/Companies shall be imposed penalties or shall be black-listed for non-compliance of the SOPs.

5) Roles & responsibilities of the Tourism Department:

- (i) To prepare the checklist for registration of tour operators especially for Chadar trek. This checklist should be circulated immediately to Wildlife Department and tour operators so that they get ready accordingly for the next season.
- (ii) To circulate the audio advisory for safety of tourists to all taxi operators.
- (iii) To procure and circulate garbage bags to all taxi operators and other tourist vehicles.

6) Roles & responsibilities of the Police Department:

- (i) To provide support at Wildlife check post at Chiling and creation of a new check post near Sangam during the Chadar Trek.
- (ii) Explore the possibility of providing communication network along the route of the trek.

7) Miscellaneous:

- (i) District administration to provide green bags to the tour operators who will ensure that each group going on the Chadar trek will collect its garbage in these green bags and return it to the Wildlife Department at Leh after the trek.
- (ii) All the trekkers must have high altitude and trekking insurance from a recognized Insurance company; otherwise they will not be allowed to trek.


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- (iii) Permission for the trek shall be given only after production/presentation of the medical certificate.
- (iv) All trekkers need to mandatorily go through registration and premedical checkup and get a certificate from the concerned mentioning that the trekker is physically fit for trekking.

If any provision of these regulations is contravened by any tourist, travel company or taxi operator, they shall be held accountable and shall be liable to a fine between Rs 10000 - 20000 in the first instance. Repeated or habitual defaulters shall be liable to a fine between Rs. 20,000 to Rs 50,000. The administration reserves the right to revoke the license of the tour operator for violating SOPs.

All the Covid-19 SOPs/guidelines issued by the Government of India and UT Administration, Ladakh must be strictly adhered to.




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4. Chief Medical Officer, Leh.
5. Technical Director NIC, Leh for uploading on the official website.
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9. Deputy Superintendent of Police, UTDRF, Leh.
10. Medical Superintendent, SNM Hospital, Leh.
11. Assistant Director, Information, Leh for wide publicity.
12. President, All Ladakh Tour Operators Association.