



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT
GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

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NOTIFICATION.

This is to notify that, the tourism in North Sikkim being resumed for destinations like Lachung, Yumthang and Zero point/Yumesamdong routes and to ensure safety and security of the visiting tourists and to have effective traffic management on the Lachung axis the following advisory is hereby issued for strict compliance:

1. Permit Issuance

- All permits must be issued at least **one day in advance** by the issuing authorities including 3rd Mile Police Check Post.
- Same day permits will not be issued.

2. Mandatory itinerary compliance :

- For tourist visiting Lachung: They must adhere to a 3 Days/2 Nights itinerary.

3. Restrictions on Visits.

- Tourists must strictly remain within the areas specified in their permits.
- Any unauthorised travel to non-specified areas will attract fines and penalties as per the Sikkim Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 2024

4. Responsibility of Travel Agencies:

- Travel agencies must take the responsibility of taking care of their drivers and guides.
- Travel agencies are advised to employ local drivers familiar with the terrain.


5. Emergency Return procedure:

- In case of medical emergency tourist must obtain clearance from an army or government doctor stationed at the location.

6. Permit Cancellation:

- Permits may be cancelled in the event of sudden road blockages due to weather or other factors.
 - Notification regarding such cancellations will be issued by the authorities via designated social media platform.
7. To ensure safety on the high altitude routes the traffic movement schedule issued by the District Collector must be followed.
 8. All issuing authorities, check posts and concerned travel agencies must keep record of the daily tourist flow to Lachung/Yumthang axis for correct and easy retrieval of tourist data at the time of emergency.
 9. Tour operators and travel agencies, for the well being of the clients, must ensure smooth rescue and evacuation operation during the time of emergency.
 10. Tour operators and travel agencies must ensure strict compliance with these regulations. Penalties will be imposed for violations including unauthorised travel or neglect of driver.




Additional Chief Secretary.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Department.

Copt for information to:

1. The Inspector General of Police 3rd Mile Police Check Post with the request for strict compliance please.
2. District Collector Mangan with the request for strict compliance please.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Mangan District for strict compliance please
4. The Lachung Dzumsa with the request for kind cooperation please
5. The president TAAS with the request for kind cooperation please.