

HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Statutory body under Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India)

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Sub.: Guidelines for Flight Operation for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.)

This refers to CIRCULAR No.21 dated 20th May, 2022 on the subject matrix of 'Fresh Guidelines for Haj Pilgrimage – 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.)'.

In terms of e-mail dated 30th May, 2022, the Consul General, Consulate General of India, Jeddah has communicated the following fresh guidelines to further enhance the smoothness of Haj Charter Operations :-

- a) Women Haj aspirant in advance stage of pregnancy are strictly not allowed to board the flight as it possess immense health risk to mother and unborn child beside putting incalculable strain on existing manpower and logistical resources. Saudi Haj Authorities have also warned against the same.
- b) Haj Pilgrims are also advised to keep a Hard Copy and Soft Copy of the Paper Haj Visa for ready reference at all times of Pilgrimage.
- c) SIM Cards activation will take place only after arrival in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Sufficient kiosks will be set-up at both Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah by the SIM Card Provider to facilitate Haj Pilgrims. However, activation will require taking finger printing and in some cases activation may take some time due to technical snag. Pilgrims need to exercise patience.
- d) Haj Pilgrims using Smart Phone are advised to download "*Indian Hajis Information System App*". It provides several services including **accommodation locator** and **toll free number connectivity** to register any grievance.
- e) In view of the prevailing COVID-19 vulnerability, the Haj Pilgrims are advised to use Mask all times irrespective of whether Haj Pilgrims of other Countries are following the norms or not.
- f) Haj Pilgrims are specifically advised "Not to touch any items from ground in Haram Area". Further do not display any Flag or any other Banner in Haram Area. Also do not visit outstation areas (such as Taif, Jeddah etc. as they may be restricted to re-enter to Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah.

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may further stipulate more health and administrative guidelines. The same shall be notified in due course of time.

(Mohd. Yakub Sheikh)
Chief Executive Officer.

30/5/22

To:-

The Executive Officer, All State / U.T. Haj Committees for information and necessary action at their end.

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