



Kailash Manasarovar Yatra

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India and China held **23rd Meeting of the Special Representatives (SRs)**, reaffirming the disengagement agreement at the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)**.

- The talks discussed resuming the **Kailash Manasarovar Yatra (KMY)**, a sacred pilgrimage to **Mount Kailash and Mansarovar Lake in Tibet**, which has been suspended since 2020 due to the **Covid-19** and the non-renewal of arrangements by China.
- India organizes the KMY annually between **June and September** through the **Lipulekh Pass (since 1981) in Uttarakhand** and the **Nathu La Pass (since 2015) in Sikkim**.
- The KMY is revered by Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Bon followers. Hindus believe Lord Shiva resides at the peak, while Jains regard it as **Mount Ashtapada**, where **Rishabhadeva** achieved liberation.
 - The Mansarovar Lake, near Mount Kailash is revered for its spiritual power.
 - The pilgrimage is managed by **Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam**, in collaboration with **India's Ministry of External Affairs** and the **Government of China**.
- Mount Kailash (elevation 6,638 meters), is a **diamond-shaped peak** made of **black rock** and the source of major rivers in Asia, including the **Brahmaputra, Sutlej, Indus**, and **Karnali**.



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