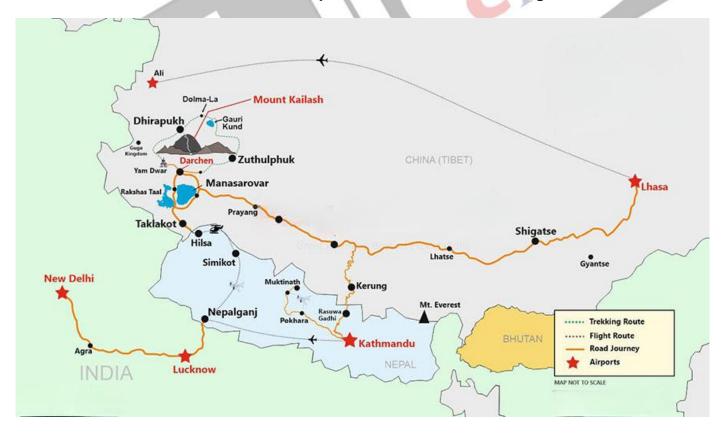


Kailash Mansarovar Yatra

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India and China agreed to revive the annual Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY).

- Mount Kailash is a diamond-shaped peak made of black rock, located in Tibet.
- 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.
- Mount Kailash stands at 6,638 meters and is considered a sacred peak by Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Bons (indigenous religion of Tibet).
 - For Tibetans Buddhists, Kailash is the cosmic axis, or Mount Meru, connecting heaven and earth.
 - In Hinduism, it is the abode of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.
 - In Jainism, Kailash is **Ashtapada**, where **Rishabhanatha** attained **enlightenment.**
- Mount Kailash is considered the spiritual center of the Earth, with the <u>Sutlei</u>, <u>Brahmaputra</u>,
 Kamali, and <u>Indus</u> rivers originating from it.
- Lake Mansarovar is located at the base of the mountain.
- Mount Kailash, though lower in height than Mount Everest (8,849 meters), remains unclimbed as its ascent is prohibited due to its sacred significance.



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