

External Affairs Minister sends-off Yatris of first batch of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra-2014

1. The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is conducted between June and September every year by Ministry of External Affairs in close cooperation with the Government of Peoples' Republic of China. This year, the Yatra is scheduled from 12 June to 9 September in 18 batches of 60 Yatris each. To commemorate the occasion, External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj hosted a function on 11 June 2014 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan to send off the Yatris of the first batch. The Minister felicitated the Yatris on their selection and wished them a safe and fulfilling Yatra.

2. In her remarks, the External Affairs Minister brought out the unique characteristics of the Yatra which takes the Yatris to the Holy Mount Kailash and Lake Manasarovar situated in remote parts of the Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China. The Yatra involves trekking at high altitudes of up to 19,500 feet under arduous conditions and traverses through numerous touristic and religious sites known for picturesque, scenic and the mesmerizing beauty. The Yatra is also a lasting symbol of India-China cooperation.

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