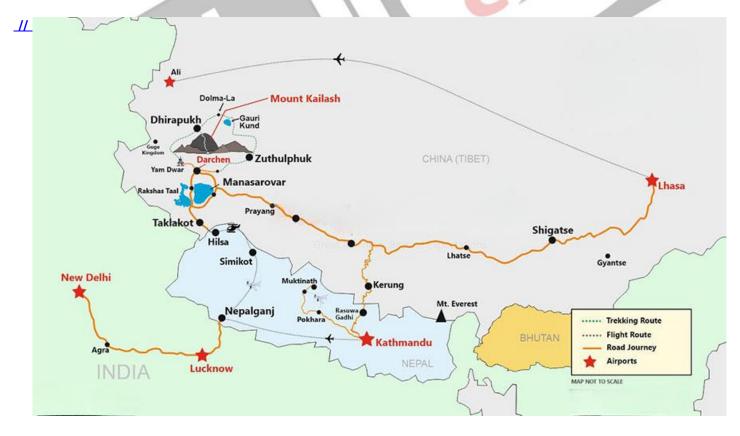
Kailash Manasarovar Yatra

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

- The talks discussed resuming the <u>Kailash Manasarovar Yatra (KMY)</u>, a sacred pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and Mansarovar Lake in Tibet, which has been suspended since 2020 due to the <u>Covid-19</u> 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 <u>Rishabhadeva</u> 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 <u>Brahmaputra</u>, <u>Sutlej</u>, <u>Indus</u>, and <u>Karnali</u>.



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