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Hon'ble Chairman's Message



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The Shrine Board has been striving for continually improving facilities and arrangements for the pilgrims who visit the holy Cave Shrine. The Board has also been endeavouring to promote the welfare of the residents of Katra and the villages located close to the Shrine, particularly of the Baridar families whose children are provided support for pursuing education from the primary to master's level and beyond.

I am happy to learn that the Chief Executive Officer has decided to bring out a Newsletter, "Trikuta", for regularly disseminating information about the major activities of the Board.

I commend the "Trikuta" editorial team and wish success to its endeavours.

(N.N. Vohra)
Chairman,
Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

26th April 2018
Raj Bhavan, Jammu

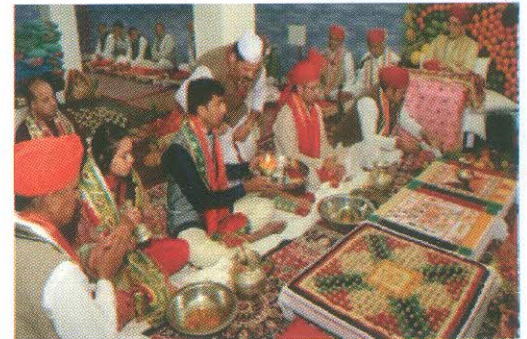
Over 81.78 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at Vaishno Devi Shrine

During 2017, 81,78,318 pilgrims paid obeisance at the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Deviji, thereby registering an increase of 5.88% over the previous year figure of 77,23,721.

16,85,959 pilgrims paid obeisance at the Shrine during the first quarter of 2018 as against 14,67,011 during the corresponding period of last year, thereby registering an increase of 14.92%. Over 2.26 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance during the holy Navratras from 18-25 March.

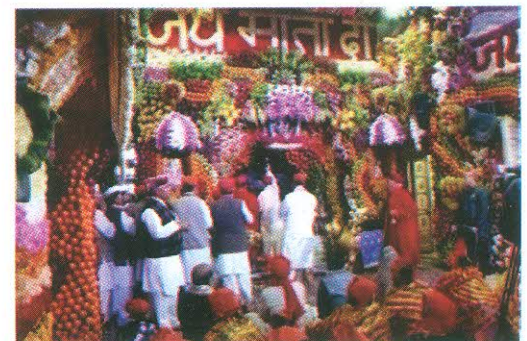
As per past practice the natural Cave was opened on Makar Sankranti for about a month to enable the devotees to have darshan during the lean season of yatra.

Shat Chandi Maha Yagya held at Bhawan



Shat Chandi Maha Yagya concluded with Purna Ahuti on March, 25

Shat Chandi Maha Yagya organized by the Board at the Holy Cave Shrine during Navratras for peace and prosperity, concluded with *Purna Ahuti* on the auspicious occasion of Ramanavami on March 25.



The Bhawan and Atka area decorated with flowers during Navratras in March, 2018

