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The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee, Chennai on behalf of Haj Committee of India, Mumbai, invites Haj applications from the Muslims residing in Tamil Nadu and intending to perform Haj pilgrimage during Haj 2022 subject to certain terms and conditions. Haj-2022 will take place under Special Circumstances with Special Norms, Rules and Regulations, Eligibility Criteria, Age Restrictions, Health and Fitness requirements and other relevant conditions as mandated by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia amid Covid-19. The entire process of Haj Application for Haj-2022 is provisional subject to final Guidelines of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The process of application for Haj-2022 through Haj Committee of India shall commence online from 01-11-2021 and will conclude on 31-01-2022. The applicants should have taken two doses of approved Covid-19 vaccines, at least one month before departure for Haj-2022. Applicants can fill online application through Haj Committee of India website i.e. www.hajcommittee.gov.in or through Mobile App "HCOI". Pilgrims must upload first and last page of machine readable passport valid atleast upto 31-12-2022. Haj Application will be accepted online only. Applicant must read the Guideline Undertaking carefully before filling Haj Application. Pilgrims must upload first & last page of Machine readable Passport, latest Passport size photograph, copy of cancelled cheque of Cover Head and copy of address proof. Payment of Registration Fee (Rs.300/- per head) is to be made online only. Applicants can fill in their applications themselves or through Cybercafes, NGOs or through Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee as per their convenience. Ladies without Mehram (LWM) who have already applied for Haj-2020 and Haj-2021 will be exempted from the payment of Processing Fee of Rs.300/-. However, they have to apply afresh for Haj-2022.

The following changes/features will be the hallmark of Haj 2022:-

- Age limit upto 65 years.
- Cover size is maximum of Five (5).
- Haj Journey 36-42 days.
- Ladies without Mehram in age group 45-65 years & groups of 4-5 pilgrims.

The Embarkation Point for Haj 2022 has been reduced from 21 to 10 namely Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Cochin, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Srinagar. No option/choice has been given to pilgrims for selecting nearest economical Embarkation point. For Haj pilgrims of Tamil Nadu, Cochin will be the Embarkation Point. However, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has written to Hon'ble Prime Minister in this regard requesting to include Chennai as permanent embarkation point for Tamil Nadu State Haj pilgrims.

- No provision of NRI's due to Covid-19.
- Advance Haj Amount is Rs.81,000/- only in respect of provisionally selected pilgrims.
- Machine readable passport validity upto 31-12-2022.

2. For details about Haj 2022, the pilgrims should go through the guidelines for Haj 2022 and for further particulars, applicants may contact Haj Information Center of Haj Committee of India : 022-22107070 (100 lines).

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