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The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee, Chennai wishes to notify that Haj Committee of India, Mumbai, has commenced receipt of Haj applications from the Muslims residing in Tamil Nadu and intending to perform Haj pilgrimage during Haj 2026. Applicants can fill online of application through Haj Committee India website i.e. https://hajcommittee.gov.in and the mobile application "HAJ SUVIDHA (available for both iphone or Android devices). The application window will be open from 07-07-2025 to 31-07-2025 (11.59 P.M.). For Haj 2026, the applicants can submit the Haj Application Form "Free of cost". Pilgrims must upload first and last page of machine readable passport, latest white background passport size photograph, copy of cancelled cheque of cover head or savings bank passbook and copy of address proof. Like previous year, this year also the selected Haj pilgrims may choose any two Embarkation Points of their choice in order of preference.

2. Haj Committee of India has been implementing the policy of "Haj once in a life time" through Haj Committee of India. The intending pilgrims should possess machine readable valid International Passport atleast valid upto 31-12-2026. The pilgrims are requested to go through the guidelines for Haj 2026 in the Haj Committee of India's website https://hajcommittee.gov.in or the mobile application "HAJ SUVIDHA (available for both iphone or Android devices). Based on initial requirement of Nusuk Masar portal for Haj 2025, applicants applying for fresh passport are advised that the Surname/last name field must not be left blank. All individuals intending to perform Haj 2026 through the Haj Committee of India are advised to keep funds ready for the 1st installment of Rs.1.5 lakh and ensure the availability of valid passports.

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3. The last date for submission of filled in online application forms by the intending applicants is 31-07-2025. Cancellation on any ground except in cases of death or grave medical illness of the pilgrims will attract penalties and may result in financial loss to the applicant. Pilgrims are therefore advised to apply only after careful consideration of the preparedness and commitments to undertake the pilgrimage.

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