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AVALANCHE WARNING BULLETIN (AWB)

Valid from 16-05-2026 (1700 hrs IST) TO 17-05-2026 (1700 hrs IST)

SN	Districts	Avalanche Danger Level	Altitude (m)	SN	Districts	Avalanche Danger Level	Altitude (m)
(A) UT of Jammu & Kashmir				(B) UT of Ladakh			
1.	Poonch	1		1.	Kargil	1	
2.	Rajouri	1		2.	Leh	1	
3.	Reasi	1		(C) Himachal Pradesh			
4.	Ramban	1		1.	Chamba	1	
5.	Doda	1		2.	Lahaul-Spiti	1	
6.	Kishtwar	1		3.	Kullu	1	
7.	Udhampur	1		4.	Kinnaur	1	
8.	Anantnag	1		5.	Shimla	1	
9.	Kulgam	1		(D) Uttarakhand			
10.	Baramulla	1		1.	Uttarkashi	1	
11.	Kupwara	1		2.	Chamoli	1	
12.	Bandipora	1		3.	Rudraprayag	1	
13.	Ganderbal	1		4.	Pithoragarh	1	
				5.	Bagheshwar	1	
(E) Sikkim							
Outlook:				1.	North Sikkim	2	Above 3000 m
				2.	East Sikkim	3	Above 3200 m

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For Director

DANGER DEGREE	DANGER LEVEL	INTERPRETATION		
		Snow condition	Avalanche likelihood	Preferred action
1	Green	Generally safe condition. Snowpack on slopes, if any, is generally stable. However, isolated instability may exist.	Rare avalanche activity is possible with disturbance of snowpack due to snow clearance, intense sunshine or external loading e.g., seismic tremors, explosives or movement in formation zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley movement is generally safe. Movement through snow-loaded slopes with care. Explore slope stabilization by Artificial Triggering. Watch/prepare for higher danger level
2	Yellow	Partly unsafe condition. A few avalanche paths are loaded with unstable snow.	Small size natural avalanche triggering is possible on few avalanche paths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict movement within valleys only and with care. Avoid movement through snow-loaded slopes. Explore slope stabilization by Artificial Triggering. Watch/prepare for higher danger level
3	Orange	Unsafe condition. Some avalanche paths are loaded with deep unstable snow.	Natural triggering is possible from some avalanche paths and may reach the valley bottom in medium size.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict movements to carefully selected safer routes through valley only and with extreme care. No movement on snow-loaded slopes. Evacuate from unprotected settlements on/near the avalanche paths. Watch/prepare for higher danger level
4	Red	Highly unsafe condition. Most avalanche paths are loaded with deep unstable snow.	Large sizes avalanches are likely from most avalanche paths and may reach the valley bottom. Airborne avalanches are likely. Avalanche may follow unexpected flow-paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspend all movements. Evacuate from all settlements on/near the avalanche paths. Watch/prepare for higher danger level.
5	Black	Extremely unsafe condition. All avalanche paths are loaded with deep unstable snow.	Large size avalanches are likely from all possible avalanche paths even from moderately steep terrain. Avalanches may follow unexpected flow paths. Airborne avalanches are likely. Avalanche may follow unexpected flow-paths. Some slopes may trigger multiple time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuate from avalanche prone areas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement with care: Restrict movement to early morning hours. Only one vehicle/individual to cross avalanche paths at a time. No stoppage while crossing. Use anti-skid chains on wheels. Use avalanche cords/AVDs. Movement with extreme care: Rescue party shall stand by in addition to above. 				

Disclaimer – Above information / warning bulletin is provided after analyzing the current snow and met data from the field stations and projected weather from models. It is our endeavour to analyse the data with utmost care and draw a precise avalanche forecast. However, snow and weather conditions in mountain may vary rapidly in space and time. Also the above assessment of danger level is wrt the naturally occurring avalanches. Any disturbance in snowpack distribution due to snow clearance, etc. may have adverse effect on snowpack stability rendering the warning irrelevant. Hence due care must be observed while crossing snow-loaded avalanche slopes, irrespective of danger levels issued.