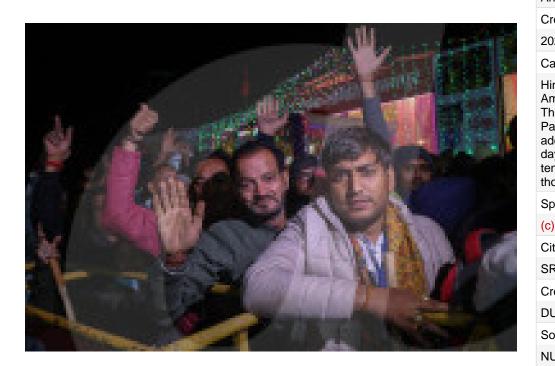


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Caption

Hindu pilgrims gather in the early morning before starting their pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath from a base camp near Baltal, east of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, on July 3, 2025. The Amarnath Yatra begins under an unprecedented security blanket after a terror attack in Pahalgam kills 25 tourists and a local pony handler. In response, the government deploys additional troops along the pilgrimage routes and cancels all helicopter services this year. The 45day Himalayan pilgrimage to the sacred Shiva shrine takes place amid heightened India-Pakistan tensions following 'Operation Sindoor' and cross-border shelling, raising safety concerns for thousands of pilgrims. (Photo by Firdous Nazir/NurPhoto)

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