

## Life Remains Affected Due To Heaviest Snowfall In Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Life remained affected for the fourth consecutive day on Thursday due to fresh snowfall during the past 24 hours in Srinagar, heaviest after 40 years.

"Snowfall during the past 24 hours was heaviest after 40 years in summer capital, Srinagar," officials said on Thursday.

This was the first winter in Srinagar after Jammu and Kashmir became Union Territory (UT) in August. Very less people and vehicles could be seen on the roads today, when entire city was under a carpet of snow.

However, despite snowfall coupled with icy cold winds and other odds, security forces remained deployed in Srinagar to maintain law and order. Students too were also not so

lucky as they were seen marching towards their coaching and tuition classes, mostly covering the snow covered roads on foot.

Srinagar had turned white due to fresh over one foot of snowfall as people woke up on Thursday morning. Roof of houses and vehicles and tree-tops besides roads and open field were under a carpet of snow.

The Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) has pressed into service machines since early this morning to clear the snow. "Snow on majority main roads has been cleared," officials said.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) claimed that men and machinery have also been pressed into service from 0700 hrs to clear snow on inner roads, lanes and bylanes in the city.



However, people alleged that few inches of snow remain on road after machines are clearing snow which often gets frozen and result in slippery conditions. "There is no snow clearance operation in majority inner roads and lanes and bylanes in the city," they alleged.

They said for the past four days SMC workers are not collecting garbage and other waste material from houses.

Very less number of vehicles were seen plying on city roads today. Drivers were driving their vehicles very slowly to avoid accidents due to slip-

pery road conditions. Vehicles which were parked on main roads only could hit the streets as inner roads remained snow covered.

Majority shops and business establishments were closed. However, shops selling "Haareesa" a famous winter dish made by meat in Kashmir, witnessed heavy rush since early this morning as people believe it keeps them warm.

People are resuming their normal business and other activities very late in the morning and close early in the evening. Meanwhile, students, including girls, could be seen covering the snow bound slippery roads on foot to reach their tuition and coaching centres.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar was minus 0.8 degree, a Met department spokesman said.

### DIAL-EMMA

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

### RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

### HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Closed)
- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar- Leh - (Closed)



### This Day in History

- 1287 - King Alfonso III of Aragon invades Minorca.
- 1524 - Beginning of Giovanni da Verrazano's voyage to find a passage to China
- 1601 - France gains Bresse, Bugey, Valromey & Gex in treaty with Spain
- 1656 - Brandenburg & Sweden sign Treaty of Königsberg
- 1746 - Battle of Falkirk Muir, the Jacobites under Charles Stuart defeat Hanoverian forces
- 1757 - German Diet declares war on Prussia
- 1773 - Captain James Cook becomes 1st to cross Antarctic Circle (66° 33' S)
- 1779 - Captain James Cook's last notation in Discovery's ship's log
- 1852 - British recognize independence of Transvaal (in South Africa)
- 1873 - A group of Modoc warriors defeats the United States Army in the First Battle of the Stronghold, a part of the Modoc War
- 1893 - Franco-Russian Alliance is signed
- 1912 - Captain Robert Scott's expedition arrives at the South Pole, one month after Roald Amundsen
- 1915 - Russia occupies Bukovina & Western Ukraine
- 1915 - Battle of Sarikamish ends with a Russian victory over Ottoman forces led by Enver Pasha with loss of over 30,000 men of the Turkish Third Army during Caucasus Campaign
- 1923 - Origin of Brown lunation numbers
- 1928 - 1st fully automatic photographic film developing machine patented
- 1945 - Auschwitz concentration camp begins evacuation
- 1945 - Soviet army enters the devastated city of Warsaw and clears German resistance
- 1946 - United Nations Security Council holds its 1st meeting
- 1948 - Netherlands & Indonesia agree to a cease-fire
- 1955 - US Submarine Nautilus begins 1st nuclear-powered test voyage
- 1961 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivers a televised farewell address to the nation three days before leaving office, in which he warns against the accumulation of power by the "military-industrial complex".
- 1962 - NASA civilian pilot Neil Armstrong takes X-15 to 40,690m
- 1969 - Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 5 lands
- 1976 - Hermes rocket launched by European Space Agency
- 1979 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1980 - NASA launches Fltsatcom-3
- 1983 - Nigeria expels 2 million illegal aliens, mostly Ghanaians
- 1987 - US President Reagan signs secret order permitting covert sale of arms to Iran
- 1996 - The Czech Republic applies for membership of the European Union.
- 1996 - Iraq agrees to talks concerning a UN plan to allow for the Iraqi sale of \$1 billion of oil; proceeds from the sale would be used for humanitarian purposes
- 2001 - OPEC agrees at a meeting of ministers in Vienna, to reduce members' oil production quotas by 1.5 million barrels per day
- 2013 - 33 people are killed by a series of bombs across Iraq
- 2013 - Japan unveils plans to build the world's largest wind farm near the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant
- 2014 - 21 people are killed in a suicide bombing in a restaurant in Kabul, Afghanistan
- 2017 - Search for missing aircraft MH370 over the Indian Ocean is called off

### PRAYERS

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## No relief for people in uptown areas as power failure enters 4th day

Agencies

SRINAGAR: There was still no relief for people living in some uptown areas, where electricity failure continued for the fourth day on Thursday due to some fault in main power grid station at Barzulla.

Reports were also received of frequent and unscheduled power curtailment, leading to protests by people, from different parts of the valley, including Srinagar.

Majority areas in summer capital, Srinagar, including Natipora, Budshah Nagar, Azad Basti, and other areas remained under darkness since Monday, when electricity supply was snapped without any prior information.

People alleged that since 1600 hrs on Monday electricity remained off, badly hitting the normal life in these areas.

Power failure has badly hit water supply in these areas where people could not lift water to their overhead tanks.

People now have to use candles in the absence of power. People were also visiting their

relatives and friends in other areas to charge their mobile phones. Threatening to hit the

day," they alleged. They said, "Even the metered areas are facing eight to ten



streets in case power was not restored immediately, residents of these areas said that PDD engineers have failed to repair the machinery for the past four days. They alleged that for the several months they are facing frequent and unscheduled power cuts. "Despite metered areas, we are facing seven to eight hours power cuts during

hour electricity curtailment against six hour power cut announced by the PDD."

People across the valley alleged that during this winter, particularly after August 5 when centre scrapped Article 370 and 35 A, besides divided the state into two Union Territories (UTs), power situation has worsened.

## KU, BOPE postpone all examinations in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: Kashmir University (KU) has postponed all examinations which were scheduled to be held till Saturday due to bad weather.

The Board of Professional Examinations (BOPE) has also postponed all examinations to be held on January 19.

Meanwhile, students have reiterated their appeal to KU to extend the date for submitting entrance forms for B.Ed examination. The university had postponed all examinations on Wednesday also due to fresh snowfall.

A spokesman of the KU said that due to bad weather all university examinations which were scheduled to be held today till January 18 have been postponed.

He said fresh dates for these examinations will be announced later.

The Cluster University (CU) too had postponed all

examinations due to heavy snowfall in the valley, where educational institutions are closed in view of winter vacation.

Meanwhile, Service Recruitment Board (SRB) has postponed interviews for the post of drivers which were to be held on January 16 and 17 due to bad weather.

These interviews will be held in the first week of February.

The BOPE has also postponed entrance examination for different courses which were scheduled to be held on January 19. These examinations will now be held on January 26.

Thousands of students, including girls, were seen covering on foot snow bound roads from their houses to tuition and coaching centres in Srinagar and other parts of the valley since early this morning due to non-availability of public transport.



## Arbal residents anguished over power woes

SRINAGAR: The residents of Arbal, Shalimar on Thursday expressed dismay over the power scenario in their area, alleging that the poor management by concerned Power Development Department (PDD) is resulting in frequent power cuts in their area.

"Every time there is a little drizzle or light snow, PDD cuts our power supply, leaving us high and dry," a local Mohammed Amin said.

They alleged that the department has put some remote area on their power feeder due to which they suffer frequent power snags. "The power lines in the area which PDD for some mysterious reason has put on our feeder, run underneath the trees. Every time there is a drizzle or light snow, the lines get cut, and to save any mishap the power supply to entire area fed from the feeder gets disconnected," alleged another local Ashiq Hussain, who runs photocopying shop in the area.

They even alleged that the unscheduled and frequent power cut is also affecting their businesses. They requested the concerned authorities to address their issue and an earliest so that they do not suffer in the tough ongoing winter conditions. (KNO)

## Skilled SKUAST-K pass-outs see dark future ahead Seek creation of posts in floriculture Dept

SRINAGAR: The candidates who have pursued their skilled courses in Gardening and maintenance of parks from Sheri Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST)-K are apprehensive of a dark future ahead.

The candidates said a batch of 84 youth was trained by SKUAST-K through proper selection for one year diploma in "landscape gardening and park maintenance" in year 2017-2018.

"Unfortunately, all these skilled and trained youth are wandering jobless," they said. The SKUAST-K pass outs said the youth opted for the course with a ray of hope that floriculture department will adjust such trained youth for the development of floriculture department on modern lines.

"But unfortunately the floriculture department denies to adjust

such trained youth in the department and instead of that untrained youth get adjusted," a group of SKUAST-K pass outs said who have done their diploma in Gardening and maintenance of parks.

They said in 2012, a batch of 55 students pursued one year diploma in Basic Horticulture Training (BHT) after which horticulture department created vacancies for these trained youth just after completion of course as technician 4th and even adjusted them for the best benefit of the department.

"We on behalf of all floriculture trainees request the governor administration to create posts for these trainees in the department of floriculture and other departments in the same way as was done for the BHT trainees by the department of horticulture," the candidates said. They said there is no scope in

private sector for such trainees and neither private land is available with the trainees to develop their own businesses. "Such trained and skilled youth can use their skill through some department for the development of Srinagar as a smart city as well," the candidates told KNO.

The candidates urged the Lt Governor for his personal intervention so that posts of technician or field assistant in floriculture department (universities-landscape division) for the said trained youth.

"It will provide employment opportunities for all trained youth and will be beneficial for department in getting all the parks and landscapes properly maintained as well," the candidates said. Director floriculture was not available for his comments despite repeated attempts. (KNO)

## GREEN SRINAGAR

### SSCL to home-deliver free saplings to residents

SRINAGAR: Ahead of this year's plantation drive in Srinagar, the Srinagar Smart City Limited or SSCL has asked all those interested in getting free saplings of plants to contact it and raise requests in this regard.

Those interested can submit their requirement - written down on plain paper with details of types of required plant sapling and address where these are to be delivered - to the office of SSCL at Kral Sangri (Brein Nishat Chowk) within 15 days from the date of publication of this information.

The advance submission of requirement is to ensure efficient distribution of saplings aimed at successful plantation drive in the district.

NGOs and other environmental organisations and groups interested in taking part in this year's plantation drive in Srinagar can also approach the SSCL.

It should be noted this year's plantation drive in Srinagar will begin from March 15. Saplings of native plants like deodar, kail, cupress, chinar and mulberry will be distributed free of cost to the general public, government and private institutions and NGOs.

Those interested can contact Consultant SSCL Sameer Zehgir at 7006166039 for further information in this regard.

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**NOTICE**

It is notified for information of the students of BG 3rd Semester, Batch - 2017 that their examination evaluation status is available on the official websites of the university (<http://uok.edu.in/>, <http://kashmiruniversity.ac.in/>). The Candidates are advised to approach the DEOs posted in the Govt. Degree Colleges affiliated with the University, Browsing Centre of Allama Iqbal Library and Public Relations Centre, University of Kashmir to check the Evaluation Status.

The candidates whose practical marks are not shown against their roll numbers must approach the Principals of the respective colleges for further necessary action. Where marks (descriptive/objective) of a candidate have not been shown, he/she is presumed to be absent but where a candidate was present, then he or she must report to the "May I Help Desk" operating in the Examination Wing. Where a candidate has failed to mention question booklet series on the OMR sheet, he/she is advised to approach the Principal of his/her College along with the Question Booklet to authenticate the claim and submit the same in "May I Help Desk". The students must get these issues resolved by or before 28th of January 2020, failing which the present examination status shall be treated as final.

Controller of Examinations

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### Only PM can represent us: Farooq

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JAMMU : Chief minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah today questioned the usefulness of Hurriyat delegation to Paki-stan in sorting out problems in Kashmir and said only direct talks between prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pak stan chief executive General Pervez Musharraf would be purposeful for bringing peace in the region.

"Kashmir is part of India and only the prime minister can represent us in any dialogue", Dr Abdullah said after inaugurating a B. Ed college in private sector at Tarore, 22 kilometres from here this morning. He however, added that no authority, even the prime minister, can never afford to think of parting with an inch of Kashmir, 'which was, is and will remain proud part of the nation'.

The chief minister said that after failing to annex Kashmir in favour wars, Islamabad has switched over to proxy war for the past about 12 years. He said the foreigners are attacking security pickets and targeting nationalist forces. Everyday National Conference workers, village defence committee members and SPQs are killed. They are also after those who have laid their arms after realising the futility of gun, Dr. Abdullah said.

"Pakistanis out to eliminate those carrying tricolour in Kashmir thereby snapping the relationship the people of the valley have tied with rest of the nation, but we are determined to give them a befitting fight 'Even if Farooq is killed, Kash-mir will never go to Pakistan', he declared.

According to NAFA, the chief minister said APHC lacked mass support. "It has only militant support. If that support is withdrawn, it will collapse. Why are they eager to go to Pakistan? They are already in touch with Pak through its mission in India. In fact, the APHC is the creation of Pakistan, he said.

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