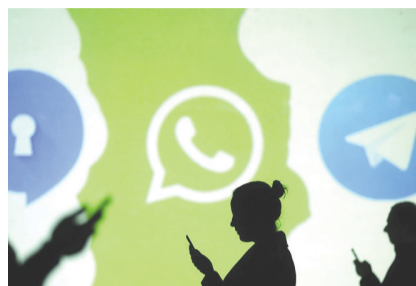


INTERNET GAG

Students miss scholarships in North Kmr



Kupwara: The internet Kiosks set-up by the Government at district headquarters for facilitating the submission of various forms by students is turning damp squib due to heavy rush of students.

A group of students from Baramulla and Kupwara on Friday told KNS that they missed to submit the Pre metric, Post metric scholarship on time as the internet kiosks setup in respective offices of Deputy Commissioners are not able to cater to heavy rush of students.

The students said they couldn't submit their scholarship forms due to heavy rush of students at DC office Baramulla.

"I am visiting the DC office Baramulla continuously for three days and still failed to fill the form due to huge rush in the office," a student from Tangmarg Aqib Zahoor told KNS.

Similar reports were received from Kupwara where dozens of students complained of insufficient number of internet kiosks as compared to rush of students.

A student of Haril Handwara told KNS that they had to travel for more than 35 kilometres to reach deputy commissioner officer Kupwara to access the internet facility.

They students demanded extension of submission of the pre metric scholarship.

The internet services in the Kashmir valley was suspended hours before when the center abrogated the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the erstwhile state into the two union territories (KNS).

With Internet Clampdown, Subsidy On LPG Cylinders Stopped in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The blockade of internet services in Kashmir has left beneficiaries of a flagship programme of present government high and dry here.

The direct benefit transfer (DBT) subsidy being provided to LPG consumers for 12 cylinders per year has come to a halt due to internet shutdown.

The consumers told KNS that they have not received a single penny as subsidy since August. They said the distributors are not making entries on the pass books provided to them.

A consumer from Sopore town told KNS he approached the concerned distributor several times for subsidy but he told me that subsidy money will come to his account only when internet facility



is restored. "Poor people are the worst victims as they have been deprived of subsidised cooking gas. If the distributors are not able to make online

entries, they should provide the cylinders at subsidised rates till the internet is restored," he added.

An official of CAPD department confirmed the non-re-

lease of subsidy amount.

According to the official data, there are 11 lakh customers of HP gas, 3 lakh of IOC and 1.5 of BP.

The official added that if internet is restored to gas cylinder distributors at earliest, there are still chances of people availing benefits.

"After two months, people will lose the beneficiary amount," he added.

LPG Distributors Federation President, Jagmohan Singh Raina confirmed the difficulties being faced by them to upload data of customers. It is to pertinent to mention here that internet services in the valley were suspended by the government hours ahead of abrogation of Article 370 on August 5. (KNS)

Many link roads in valley yet be cleared from Snow

SRINAGAR: Despite the improvement in weather, the link roads in most parts of the Kashmir valley have not been cleared by the authorities yet.

The residents of various districts told Kashmir News Service (KNS) over phone that most of the link roads in their areas have not been cleared by the authorities and the result the residents face hardships.

The residents of South Kashmir Pulwama district said that their villages are still disconnect with their headquarters the villages including Sangerwani, Sonubanger, and Killer, Bihama, Hajin, Tral and adjoining villages said they are facing immense hardships.

Similar reports were received from Beerwah Budgam where residents complained that the link roads in the area



have not been cleared yet by the authorities.

KNS correspondent informed that important roads including Beerwah- Punzoo,

Beerwah -Zabul and other important roads in the area has not been cleared. Residents of Handwara and Villgam also complained that the link roads in these areas are still closed due to which they are facing trouble.

The residents of Haril, Drungsoo, Khuri, Kukroosa, Kalipora, Golipora, surajpora and other villagers said the authorities have completely failed to clear the link roads in the area.

They said only main link roads in these areas has been cleared by the authorities "How could we reach to hospitals when the link roads in these villages area are closed with heavy snow."

It is important to mention that the elderly man allegedly die in Langate area on Thursday as the link road in the area was not cleared (KNS).

SHORT TAKES

Gurez avalanche: Div Com directs DC for relief to victims

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Khan has directed Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Director Health Services Kashmir and Chief Conservator of Forest to provide relief and medical assistance and rehabilitate avalanche victims and injured by snow leopard of Gurez sub-division.

The directions from Divisional Commissioner came after residents from Gurez, Kanzalwan and Tulail led by Mir Hamidullah Gurezi brought the matter into his notice.

Gurez witnessed massive destruction due to massive snowfall. A number of residential houses suffered damages while a person Abdul Rahim Lone died due to snow avalanche. Besides, dozens of people sustained injuries in snow leopard attacks.

There are a number of injured people who are waiting for the medical assistance. Assistant Commissioner with Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, P.N. Hamid confirmed to Kashmir News Trust that the Div Com has directed Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Director Health Services Kashmir and Chief Conservator of Forest to provide relief and medical assistance and rehabilitate avalanche victims and injured by snow leopard of Gurez sub-division.

The delegation from Gurez that met Div Com had decried administrative inertia following heavy snowfall. It had alleged that the administration failed to mitigate the woes of people following recent incessant snowfall and inclement weather.KNT

Duo held with 1200 Corex bottles in Bandipora

BANDIPORA: Police Friday arrested duo in North Kashmir's Bandipora district and recovered hundreds of bottles of cough syrup, Corex, from them.

Police sources told Kashmir News Trust said Manzoor Ahmed Shah and Shahid Shafi were selling the drugs in Argam Bandipora from past many months. They said 1200 Corex bottles were recovered from their possession. The cough syrup is used by youth as a replacement for alcohol.

There has been an increase in the consumption of non-alcoholic addictive substances in the recent past in Kashmir Valley.

The accused have been lodged at police station Argam. A senior police officer while confirming the arrest of duo said that they were luring youth to get addicted to drugs for their personal gains. "We have registered a case against them and more arrests in this regard are expected," he said. (KNT)

Road Safety Week campaign concludes at Shopian

SHOPIAN: Week-long awareness campaign under 31th Road Safety Week today concluded at Mini Secretariat Shopian, here today.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Development Commissioner Choudhary Muhammad Yasin stressed on the need for strict implementation of traffic

rules and regulations to minimise road accidents and traffic jams in district.

Tehsildar Shopian, CPO, Deputy CEO and other concerned officers were present on the occasion. Transporters, drivers, conductors and scores of locals also participated in the concluding function.

Affected WWSs will be restored within 24 hours: PHE Shopian

SHOPIAN: Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Department (PHE), Irfan ul Islam today said that Water Supply Schemes affected due to freezing in Dhobijan area will be restored within 24 hours.

He said that there was snag on resource water which led to freezing of about 20 schemes resulting in drinking water scarcity in most of the areas in the district.

He said that out of 20 affected Water Supply Schemes 08 have been restored and work is apace on restoration of remaining schemes.

Irfan ul Islam requested people to cooperate with the department till the service is restored. He added that officials, technical and field wings of the department are on job for restoration of these WWSS.

DDC Pulwama reviews implementation of Health schemes

PULWAMA: District Development Commissioner Pulwama, Dr Raghav Langer today convened a meeting of officers to review Health Department schemes.

The meeting was attended by Chief Medical Officer, District Health Officer and other concerned officers.

The meeting was informed that under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme 173 reporting units have been set up in peripheral Institutions and 11 Viral Hepatitis, 11 Chicken Pox and 13 cases of enteric fever have been detected during 2019-20 in the district.

The meeting was also informed that 55 samples of water were collected for quality surveillance and 42 MPN Coliform samples were found positive in the district.

It was given out that DMHP conducted various activities to implement National Mental Health Programme in the district, besides conducting Modified Electro Convulsive and Brain Modulation therapies.

The DDC asked the concerned for effective implementation of all health-related schemes so that better patient care services is provided to the people.

He directed the concerned to share MPN Coliform sample's positive results with PHE Department and District Administration for early required action.

The DDC stressed for sensitizing people about mental health and conducting workshops across the district.

DM Kishtwar issues prohibitory orders regarding various matters

KISHTWAR: District Magistrate Kishtwar, Angrez Singh Rana today issued prohibitory orders regarding various matters including ban on transportation of bovine, illegal extraction of stones, imposed section 144 CrPC in Chowgan Ground and power projects sites.

DM issued order regarding bovine transportation that no bovine animal such as Cow, Ox, Calf, Buffalo etc. be transported from Kishtwar to other districts except with the prior permission of District Magistrate/Additional District Mag-

istrate, Kishtwar. Meanwhile, the DM also imposed complete ban on extraction of stones here in and around Zundil and Shalimar Nallah Kishtwar.

DM imposed Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code in the Chowgan Ground to prevent entry of the vehicles for the safety of public life and prevention of damage to greenery.

He said that the movement of heavy or light vehicles, four-wheelers, three-wheelers, two-wheelers, motorcy-

cles and bicycles and all the ice-cream vending carts has been banned in the Chowgan Ground.

DM also issued strict prohibitory orders at the project sites under Section 144 of CrPC. He said that there are complaints received from Project authorities with regard to law and order problems created by some miscreants at project sites thereby causing hindrance in the smooth execution of works.

He further said that for smooth construction of Power

project, Residential Quarters of AFCONS to Pakal Dul Power House site including official site of AFCONS, Tamruchi, Aarzi and Tanji besides Power Project site in Dangdooru and Sourbatti area in Dachhan will remain under Section 144 Cr.P.C till further order.

DM also imposes restrictions to store dry grass, fodder, hayrick near or inside residential areas in order to prevent fire incidents.

He directed the concerned officers to ensure implementation of order in letter and spirit.

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