

Lack Of Female Technicians In SMHS Irks Female Patients



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SRINAGAR: The lack of female ECG technicians in SMHS hospital is concerning for many female patients, who do not feel comfortable with getting their cardiograph done by male technicians.

The lack of the scarcity of female technicians in various departments of SMHS is a matter of concern for female patients and their attendants, who feel embarrassed at the very idea of being touched by male technicians. Many of a times, female patients return back, without getting their investigations, like ECG, Ultrasound and various other investigations, where it is imperative to touch the body of a patient.

While expressing his concern about the inconvenience suffered by female patients on account of non-availability of female ECG techni-

cians in SMHS hospital, an attendant of a female patient Ajaz Ahmed Sheikh, a lawyer by profession told CNS that a few days ago, he went to SMHS Hospital for check up, where doctors prescribed ECG, but when he took her to the ECG lab, there was no female technician available to get her ECG done.

He said, "It was an embarrassing situation for my aunt, who refused to get her ECG done at the hands of a male technician and we had to return without getting her ECG done." He further said that when he asked the lab in-charge to arrange a female technician to get the ECG of his aunt done, he said that they have no female technician available in the hospital, with the result they had to return home, without getting the ECG done.

He further said, "My aunt was right in her domain to

refuse to allow a male technician to conduct her ECG, as it against the law, ethics and religion to do so".

"We as a society are duty bound to object to the practice and demand appointment of female technicians for female patients as there is also a special provision in the constitution to formulate special laws for women and children under Article 15 of the constitution", he added.

Meanwhile Principal Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar Dr. Parvez Shah, in his response regarding the issue said that during the day, both male and female technician staff in Radiology department remains available in the hospital; however during the night hours only male staff conducts various investigations, due to the crunch of sufficient manpower available to the hospital. (CNS)

Unhygienic washrooms pose risk to patients at B&J Hospital

SRINAGAR: Despite tall claims of the state government to improve the health sector in the Kashmir, patients visiting Bone and Joint hospital here in Barzulla are complaining of poor hygienic conditions in the hospital.

Scores of patients at the hospital said the hygienic condition of the hospital especially the washrooms is really poor. They said they were at high risk of infection due to poor hygiene in the hospital.

Shameema Begum, a patient at the hospital said: "There is poor sanitation in the hospital and foul smell emanates from the washrooms inside the hospital. Hospital administration should look into the issue." A sanitation worker at the hospital wishing not to be named said: "We clean the washrooms frequently but due to heavy rush of patients, their attendants and visitors to the hospital it becomes difficult to maintain it all the time."

Bashir Ahmad Parry of Shopiyan, an attendant said: "There is lack of sanitation in the hospital especially the wards and foul smell comes out of the washrooms. We have to use masks inside the hospital and authorities have failed to look into the issue."

He alleged that the toilets are littered and are not cleaned for days. There is bad smell emanating from every nook and corner of the hospital washrooms. "Such situation can cause serious infection to the

patients with open wounds," Parry said adding that in Post Operative Wards, the toilets are blocked with filth causing immense inconvenience to the patients and their attendants.

Another patient Hajra said the toilets here are so dirty that it is impossible to enter it. "The commodes here are broken. What's left of it is so filthy that one cannot venture near. The walls are dirty with people spitting on it. The place does not seem to have been cleaned in days," she added. Doctors also resented the poor sanitation in the hospital washrooms. "Leptospirosis is a disease that can spread through infected urine. A senior doctor at B&J hospital said, the infected urine he added can affect another patient who is already low on immunity. "Waterlogged toilets pose a high risk of Leptospirosis infection." While public hospitals are struggling to maintain cleanliness in toilets, cleaners and sweepers blame lack of civic sense in people for the current state of public toilets. Certain toilets were infested with insects and few others had over-flowing dustbins inside the washroom passages.

An official at the hospital wishing not to get named said the washrooms of the hospital are clean as per the standards. The official blamed attendants of the patients for the poor hygiene in the hospital. He said despite repeated warnings; the attendants refuse to apply civic sense. (KNT)

CLASS 12TH RESULTS

BOSE fails to declare result of 400 students

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Board of School Education in a bid to declare class 12th results in a hurry failed to declare results of over 400 students.

There are over 400 students whose results have been shown in 'later on' category in the result gazette published by the Board last week.

These students staged a massive protest against BOSE demanding declaration of their withheld result.

"We appeared in the examination at centre number 2410 at Green View School

Magam. We were shocked to see that all the students who appeared from this centre couldn't find their results. We are 128 students and are approaching BOSE office on daily basis but the officials fail to give us a reasonable reason," the protesting students said.

They said that recent result declared by BOSE was a real mess which puts hundreds of students in trouble. "It's not about Magam Centre only but over 400 students are unaware about their results. BOSE is doing nothing to allay our apprehensions," they said. (KNT)

House, shop gutted in Sarai Bala blaze

SRINAGAR: A residential house and a shop were gutted in a fire incident in Sarai Bala area of Srinagar city.

Official sources told Kashmir News Trust that smoke started emanating from the residential house of one Shah Basharat Nabi during the middle of the night and it engulfed a shop as well. Both the house and the shop were gutted in this fire incident.

A police official said that prima facie it seems, short circuit was the cause of the fire.

Employees from Fire and Emergency Service and locals tried hard to put out the fire and finally managed to control it. ADC Srinagar Dr Haneef Balkhi visited the spot and assured financial assistance to the victims. (KNT)

Safa Kadal Grenade Attack: An injured dog 'cried for help', but none cared

SRINAGAR: On January 24, in a low-intensity grenade explosion injured a cop, a CRPF personnel and a civilian at Noorbagh-Safa Kadal area of old Srinagar. In a loud bang of explosion, a street dog, who according to locals of the area never harmed anybody, got stuck at a spot where the grenade was lobbed. He received multiple splinter injuries and while fleeing died beneath the veranda of a provisional store.

As the security forces whisked away the injured, a cop, a CRPF

man and a civilian to the nearby Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital (SMHS), the injured dog was dying a slow death. Unattended by those who preferred to remove injured humans first, the dog barked not to bite anyone but to signal that he was seriously injured and was dying and needs a medical aid, but none cared.

"On January 25, when we reached the spot again, we found a dead dog under a shop. He had bled to death," a policeman told KNO. "We could spot multiple

splinter injuries on his body and mouth. It was a quite painful movement to see him death."

Another policeman said that they removed the dog and handed him over to Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) personnel for burial. A shopkeeper said that the dog who died never caused harm to anyone and would remain silent all the time. "He would wait patiently outside a mutton shop for small pieces of meat, eat them and later. He shouldn't have died this way," the shopkeeper said. (KNO)

24 newly approved colleges in Kashmir to be operational by March

SRINAGAR: As the new academic session in degree colleges of Valley is likely to commence from March this year, the Jammu and Kashmir government is all set to make newly approved colleges functional in Kashmir.

Earlier, the Governor administration approved establishment of new 52 colleges in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh out of which around 24 colleges have been already made functional by the Higher Education Department (HED) in Jammu. The new academic session started in Jammu division from July last year.

"The new academic session in Valley will start in March and admission session in new 23 col-

leges will start as well," an official said. The official said the department has decided to make some of these colleges functional in rented accommodations while as classes in some of the colleges will be made functional in make shift arrangements.

"The department has decided to make the colleges functional from school buildings. It is also being decided to construct pre-fabricated huts to start these new colleges," the official said.

A top official further said classes in some colleges will be started from vacant building of rural development department as a make-shift arrangement.

"These options are being con-

sidered to make the colleges functional for convenience of students who have to travel to far off places to reach their colleges. Till permanent campuses come up, the colleges will remain operational in rented and make shift arrangement," the official said.

An official said the finance department has given concurrence for creation of 224 posts including one each post of Principal in newly approved college and three posts of assistant professors as well. An official told KNO around 85 degree colleges including newly established and existing were headless in J&K out of which the vacant posts of 40 principals have been filled.

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

This Day in History

- 1077 - German King Henry IV is absolved by Holy Roman Emperor Pope Gregory VII and invited back to the Church after his penitent Walk to Canossa
- 1099 - 1st Crusaders begins siege of Hosn-el-Akrad Syria
- 1495 - Pope Alexander VI (Roderic Llançol i de Borja) gives his son Cesare as hostage to Charles VIII of France
- 1521 - Emperor Charles V opens the Diet of Worms in Worms, Germany which lasts until May 25th. Produced the "Edict of Worms" which denounced Martin Luther
- 1573 - Articles of Warsaw Confederation are signed, sanctioning freedom of religion in Poland.
- 1671 - British pirate Henry Morgan captures Panama City from its Spanish defenders.
- 1689 - English parliament resolves that the throne is vacant
- 1724 - The Russian Academy of Sciences founded in St. Petersburg by Peter the Great, and implemented in a Senate decree. Called St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences until 1917.
- 1846 - Battle of Allwail, British beat Sikhs in Punjab
- 1855 - The first locomotive runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean on the Panama Railway
- 1860 - Britain formally returns Mosquito Coast to Nicaragua
- 1864 - Battle of New Bern, North Carolina
- 1887 - Work begins on the Eiffel Tower in Paris
- 1909 - US military forces leave Cuba for 2nd time
- 1915 - 1st US ship lost in WW I, William P. Frye (carrying wheat to UK)
- 1915 - The United States Coast Guard is created by merging the US Life Saving Service & the US Revenue Cutter Service
- 1915 - US President Woodrow Wilson refuses to prohibit immigration of illiterates
- 1916 - Louis Brandeis is appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States after being nominated by President Woodrow Wilson
- 1916 - German colony of Cameroon surrenders to Britain & France
- 1932 - Japanese forces attack Shanghai.
- 1933 - French government of Paul Boncour falls
- 1933 - German government of Von Schleicher falls
- 1933 - The name "Pakistan" is coined by Choudhry Rahmat Ali and gradually accepted by Muslims in the Indian sub-continent who use it to push for a separate Muslim homeland in South Asia
- 1935 - Iceland becomes 1st western country to legalize abortion
- 1941 - French-Thai War: Final air battle of the conflict. Japanese-mediated armistice goes into effect later in the day.
- 1942 - Soviet troops under General Timoshenko's troops move into Ukraine
- 1942 - German troops occupy Benghazi Libya
- 1942 - WW II Navy flier Don Mason sends message "Sighted sub sank same"
- 1944 - 683 British bombers attack Berlin
- 1944 - U-271 & U-571 sunk off Ireland
- 1948 - President Manuel Roxas granted full amnesty to all so-called Philippine collaborators
- 1949 - UN Security council convicts Dutch aggression in Indonesia
- 1958 - Construction began on 1st private thorium-uranium nuclear reactor
- 1959 - Soviet Union wins 62-37 for 1st international basketball loss by US
- 1960 - 1st photograph bounced off Moon, Washington, D.C.
- 1961 - Republic of Rwanda proclaimed
- 1980 - USCGC Blackthorn (WLB-391) collides with the tanker Capricorn while leaving Tampa Florida and capsizes killing 23 Coast Guard crewmembers.
- 1986 - Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, with all 7 crew members killed, including Christa McAuliffe who was to be the first teacher in space.
- 1988 - Canada's Supreme court declares anti-abortion law unconstitutional
- 2002 - TAME Flight 120, a Boeing 727-100 crashes in the Andes mountains in southern Colombia killing 92.



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From KO Archives

Shoes will greet APHC team in Pak: Omar

NEW DELHI: Minister of state for commerce and industry Omar Farooq has said that people of Jammu and Kashmir have not given man-date to the Hurriyat Conference to represent them but Hurriyat leaders should be allowed to visit Pakistan and get exposed. By all means give passports, but who has given, them the mandate to represent the people of the state of Jammu and Kashmir in Pakistan, he asked participating in Star TV's 'Janata Ki Adalat' programme. Asked whether the Hurriyat leaders would be welcomed in Pakistan, Omar said ask the Hurriyat people. I suspect they will not only be unwelcome, they will be greeted with shoes.

If Hurriyat Conference represents some segment of Kashmir, we also represent some segment. And what about the representation of Jammu and Ladakh, a press release from the television channel quoted Omar as saying.

Sounding a note of caution on the extension of cease-fire, he said, that National Conference was only saying extend the cease-fire by all means, but plug the loopholes that the militants are taking advantage of as they move from rural areas to urban areas.

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