

Students, Traders Fume As 'Tortoise 2G' Fails To Serve Any Purpose



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SRINAGAR: Despite resuming 2G mobile internet service after over 170 days, people, particularly media persons, professionals, students and traders, continued to suffer in Kashmir valley, where high speed and broadband internet remained suspended since August 5.

All communication networks were suspended in Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, when centre scrapped Article 370 and 35 A, besides downgraded the state and divided it into two Union Territories (UTs).

Even though all Cellular companies announced to resume 2G internet on pre and post paid mobile phone on January 25, the customers alleged that they could not even check their mails as the speed was very slow. "Since Monday morning, we are receiving message that

following instructions by the administration, internet service in your area has been temporarily suspended," the customers alleged.

However, they said when the internet was working on Sunday, no site, including the white listed sites, could be opened. There was also no progress on fixed line internet service which according to authorities was also resumed on January 25. The government had announced allowing fixed line internet service limited to white listed sites in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir from January 25. However, the customers have to give an undertaking before their fixed internet service is restored that they will not access any social media applications.

People, particularly media persons, doctors, students and other professionals continued to suffer as broadband and high speed mobile internet ser-

KPC asks govt to restore internet to media fraternity

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Press Club (KPC) is aghast over the continuous internet blockade to media organizations and journalists in Kashmir for last 177 days.

During a meeting on Tuesday, the KPC management while discussing the government's decision of not restoring internet to media organizations and journalists described it as a deliberate attempt to stifle press in the region.

Pointing out January 10 Supreme Court's verdict defining access to internet as a constitutionally guaranteed right, they said that there appears no headway from the government to ensure this right is available to media fraternity in the Valley. This becomes evident as the government has singled out media organizations and journalists by not restoring their internet. In fact, there is no direction to Internet Service Providers about restoring internet to media houses and journalists.

It also came to fore that Internet Service Providers are seeking a written undertaking in which subscribers are asked to provide complete access to all content and infrastructure as and when required by security agencies. This is a serious breach of individual rights and right to privacy.

In its recent decision about restoration of internet, the authorities have also not taken into consideration net neutrality and whitelisted only 301 websites. Majority of local news websites, national and international news websites are not among the whitelisted websites. It is quite strange to understand the process or yardstick adopted for whitelisting the websites.

We once again remind the government about its duties to ensure freedom of press as well as right to access internet which the Supreme Court declared as an integral part of Article 19 (10) (A).

vice remained suspended since August 5, when all communication networks were snapped in Jammu and Kashmir and UT Ladakh.

The government order has listed 300 white websites, including email service, banking website, education related websites, job platforms, entertainment, tour and travel and weather website. White listing of websites shall be con-

tinuous process.

Meanwhile, media persons and other professionals and students alleged that restoration of 2G mobile service has hardly helped them as they cannot have access to any site despite repeated attempts. Media persons, who were the worst hit, have to go to information department to file their stories to their organizations.

Police arrested 3 in Burglary case

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday arrested three burglars and recovered stolen cash. The trio was involved in the criminal offence.

According to a statement, Police Station Batamalo received a complaint from an electrical goods shop owner Zahoor Ahmad Qureshi wherein he stated that some burglars had unlawfully sneaked inside his shop located at Batamalo and stolen cash of rs 2,10,000 when he had gone outside to offer Friday prayers.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 04/2019 under relevant sections of law was registered and investigation was initiated.

Police taking aid of modern technical gadgets were able to identify one individual involved in the crime. When the officers spoke to him, they learnt about the involvement of the other

two persons in the crime, one of them was employed as a salesman at the same shop.

Officers learnt that the salesman at the shop had entered into a conspiracy with the other two persons and planned to loot the cash while the owner was away for Friday prayers.

Police have recovered the stolen cash. All the three burglars have been arrested and remain in police custody. Further investigation in the matter is in progress. The traders fraternity have appreciated the quick efforts and professionalism exhibited by the officers while investigating the crime. Police have appealed the general public and the traders fraternity to register the tenants and salesman with the concerned police stations in order to avoid the occurrence of such incidents.

Traders' body asks LG to ensure basis amenities across Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Traders and Manufacturing (KTMF) on Monday organized a meeting of district presidents regarding the lack of basic amenities in different areas of Kashmir.

The meeting was chaired by the Manzoor Ahmad Bhat. The meeting was attended by secretary general of the KTMF Bashir Ahmad, Khursheed Ahmad Shah and several other trade leaders.

During this meeting, the presidents of several districts informed about the problems of their areas especially the shortage of water, electricity and road connectivity. They appealed the Lt. Governor to ensure the supply of electricity, water supply to all the areas of Kashmir. They further said such kind of meetings will be conducted in future as well for the benefit of the people (KNS).

Dropping of 'Sher-e-Kashmir': Political parties call it 'unfortunate'

SRINAGAR: Majority of political parties in Jammu and Kashmir have reacted sharply over dropping of words 'Sher-e-Kashmir', a name used for National Conference (NC) party founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, from the nomenclature of J&K police medals, terming the move as 'unfortunate'.

NC, whose top leadership -- including two former chief ministers -- remained under detention since August 5, alleged that the administration was trying to distort the history of J&K by such move.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on January 25 announced dropping of words 'Sher-e-Kashmir' from nomenclature of police medal for gallantry and police medal for meritorious service.

"First and for most we should not put to controversy anything which puts a question mark on the bravery on the bravery and service of J&K police officials, who have received this award. J&K Police is one of the best police forces in the country and in the last three decades has done a remarkable job in serving the state and nation," senior NC leader Devendra Rana said.

He said it is unfortunate that certain attempts have been made to remove the name of Sker-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah from various

institutions and various places. But, he said Sher-e-Kashmir is too tall for such dwarfish action. "History of J&K and the sub-continent is incomplete without the mention of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah... and no effort by anybody will be able to remove his name from the history. He was an iconic Kashmiri who will always be there in the hearts and minds of the people of J&K and sub-continent," Mr Rana said.

"Such actions do not deserve any mention because such attempts have been made in the past as well to remove the name of National Conference (NC) and Sker-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah. But every time it is the people who decide and the people are for Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah," he added.

Meanwhile, senior CPI (M) leader and former MLA from Kulgam, Mohammad Yousuf-Tarigami, said the move is highly unfortunate and condemnable. "By erasing the name of such personality what do they want to achieve," he asked.

He said they (government) have already hurt the feeling of the people of Kashmir by abrogating Article 370. "They have demolished the constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. What more do they want. They had earlier removed July 13 (Mar-

tyrs day) and December 5 (birth anniversary of Sheikh Abdullah) from the holiday list," he said.

Mr Tarigami said he thinks that it is a sigh of desperation. "I may not agree on many issues with Mr Sheikh, but never the less it is a fact that he has been a historic figure as far as his contribution of building the modern Kashmir is concerned," he said.

"Nobody can deny that, whether his name is here or not but the fact of the matter is lives in the hearts of people. It is beyond anyone to remove names of such personalities," Mr Tarigami added.

Terming the move as unfortunate, Senior Congress leader Maroof Wani said that my removing the name of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah the administration is hurting the sentiments of the people of J&K.

"The administration can't win the heart of the people by changing names. Mr Sheikh has played a vital role in accession of J&K to India," he said.

Mr Wani said Mr Sheikh had many options, but he opted to join secular India. "He did it to preserve the culture and identity of the people of J&K. Now, by trying to erase him from the history, they are hurting the sentiments of the people," the Congress leader added.

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
- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

This Day in History

- 661 - Rashidun Caliphate ends
- 1258 - Mongols defeated by Dai Viet at the battle of Dong Dau
- 1523 - Sermon of Constanz: Zwingli defends 67 Schlussreden
- 1574 - Sea battle of Reimerswaal - Admiral Boisot beats Spanish fleet
- 1587 - Deventer and Zutphen surrender to Spain
- 1594 - Mathematician John Napier dedicates his "Plaine Discovery of the Whole Revelation of St. John" to King James VI, predicts end of the world in 1688 or 17001595 - William Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet" is thought to have been first performed. Officially published early 1597.
- 1676 - Feodor III succeeds his father and becomes Tsar of Russia
- 1728 - John Gays' "Beggars' Opera" premieres in London [NS=Feb 9]
- 1732 - Paris churchyard of Saint-Medard closed after Jansenistic ritual
- Music release
- announcement, John Hancock resigns as Governor of Massachusetts, allegedly due to his falling health
- 1834 - President Jackson orders first use of US troops to suppress a labor dispute
- Treaty of Interest/Treaty of Waitangi
- 1879 - Custer Battlefield National Monument established in Montana
- 1905 - Tsar Nicolas II of Russia, unsettled by the rising violence and protest, enacts reforms to improve the conditions of workers; these changes will do little to stop disorder throughout Russia in ensuing months.
- 1907 - Charles Curtis becomes U.S. Senator from Kansas, first Native American to become a Senator
- 1908 - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, at Cornell University, incorporates
- 1912 - Martial law declared in textile strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts
- 1913 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, at Howard University, incorporates
- 1916 - 1st bombing of Paris by German Zeppelins takes place
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- 1917 - British submarine K13 sank in Gaire Loch, Scotland; 32 of her crew died
- 1918 - Ukrainian-Soviet War: Battle of Kruty
- 1920 - Walt Disney starts work as an artist with Klic Slide Co for \$40 a week
- 1921 - Hurricane hits Washington & Oregon
- 1922 - Union of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador dissolved
- 1923 - 1st flight of autogiro (Juan de la Cierva, Madrid Spain)
- 1924 - Ice cream cone rolling machine patented by Carl Taylor, Cleveland
- 1924 - Swiss team of Denis Vaucher (C), Alfred Audenblatten, Antoine Julien & Alfons Julien win the military patrol gold medal at the Chamonix Winter Olympic; first version of the biathlon
- 1925 - British Liberal Party chooses David Lloyd George as leader
- 1941 - Alexandros Koryzis becomes Prime Minister of Greece
- 1942 - German & Italian troops occupy Benghazi, Libya
- 1942 - Peru and Ecuador sign Protocol of Rio (boundary determination)
- 1944 - USS Missouri, the last battleship commissioned by the US Navy, is launched
- 1944 - World War II: The Battle of Cisterna takes place in central Italy.
- 1944 - World War II: About 38 men, women, and children die in the Konichy massacre in Poland
- 1948 - Pakistan Socialist Party is founded
- 1949 - Great Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland recognize Israel
- 1964 - Unmanned Apollo 1 Saturn launcher test attains Earth orbit
- 1970 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Sempalinsk USSR
- 1985 - Oxford University refuses to award Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher an honorary degree
- 1988 - United Airlines Boeing 747SP, circles world in 36h54m15s
- 1991 - Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi meet after 28 years
- 1991 - The Battle of Khafji begins, the first major ground engagement of the Gulf War
- 1998 - Soyuz TM-27 launches to MIR
- 2001 - Thousands of student protesters in Indonesia storm parliament and demand that President Abdurrahman Wahid resign due to alleged involvement in corruption scandals.
- 2002 - US President George W. Bush in his State of the Union address describes "regimes that sponsor terror" as an "Axis of Evil", which includes Iraq, Iran and North Korea



PRAYERS

- FAJR 6:05
- ZUHR 12:43
- ASR 4:19
- MAGRIB 6:00
- ISHA 7:23

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF HORTICULTURE OFFICER SRINAGAR

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Subject:- Schedule of farmers Training/Awareness Programme during the month of January & February, year 2019-20 in District Srinagar.

S.No	Date	Time	Horticulture Zone	Venue
01	01-02-2020	11:00 AM	Srinagar	Village Khanmoh
02	03-02-2020	-do-	Zakura	Village Khimber
03	06-02-2020	-do-	Srinagar	Village Rambairghar
04	10-02-2020	-do-	Shalimar	Village Darbagh

Horticulture Development Officers concerned are directed to give a wide Publicity of the training/awareness programmes in their respective jurisdiction(s) through their field agency for maximum participation of farmers.

(C. L Sharma)
Chief Horticulture Officer,
Srinagar.

No.CHO/Sgr/Dev/3188-96
Dated: 25/1/2020

DIPK No. 6364/M

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL DIVISION, SRINAGAR KASHMIR Corrigendum (01)

Subject: - i. Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of 03 No. Modular Operation Theatres of Size approx. 22'-2" x 23' (02 No s) and i6'-7" X23' (01 No) and allied Items at 100 Bedded Government District Hospital Bandipora . 2. Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning including AMC for 03 years post 02 years warranty period for one(oi) no. 20 Passenger cum Bed Lift (G+3) and one (01) No. 16 Passenger Lift (G+3) at Govt. 100 Bedded Hospital, Bandipora

References: 1. This office NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2019 -20/115/e-tendering Dated n.01.2020 2. This office NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2019 -20/120/e-tendering Dated 15.01.2020

In view of administrative reasons, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT are as extended as follows :-

Sr.	Description	Date
1	Last date of submission of Bids online	10.02.2020 15:00hrs
2	Bids received up to due date & time will be opened on	H.02.2020 16.00 hrs

All the terms and conditions will remain the same.

Executive Engineer
MHCH Division Srinagar
DIPK No. 6320/M

From KO Archives

Missing Garages car keeps cops on toes

SRINAGAR: Hijacking of an Ambassador car belonging to State Motor Garages this afternoon has sent a wave of apprehension through police and various security agencies who fear that it might be used in a Fidayeen strike on or before Republic day.

According to a NAFSA report unidentified militants in a stolen Ambassador car (JK01 1199) gunned down one Tariq Ahmad, allegedly a police informer hailing from Handwara, in Nowpora locality of the city at noon today. The gunmen later abandoned the car at Fateh Kadal and hijacked a State Motor Garages Ambassador (JK02 M 3721) from the area, the report quoting police sources said. The incident prompted police and other security agencies to sound an alert for the vehicle. The police and intelligence agencies the report said remained clueless till late Wednesday despite widespread checking of vehicles.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 29 January, 2001)