

# Rohit Kansal, Manzoor Lone Take Stock Of Public Grievances At Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring, Hospitality and Protocol, Estates, Civil Aviation and Information Department, Rohit Kansal and Secretary Agriculture Production and Horticulture Department, Manzoor Ahmad Lone today took stock of people's grievances during a day-long public grievance camp held here.



During the programme, a large number of deputations and individuals from various parts of Kashmir valley met the Administrative Secretaries and highlighted their issues. During the camp several service matter cases were also taken up. The deputations sought early redressal from the Government.

A deputation of casual labourers from Department of Estates and engineers serving in various Departments sought regularization of their services

and timely promotions in their services.

The Administrative Secretaries assured the deputations that their cases would be examined sympathetically and all possible measures would be taken.

A deputation from Frisal, Yaripora, Kulgam demanded setting up offices of Animal Husbandry, ZEO, Fire Services in the area. They also sought regular visits of Agriculture Department to the fields and compensation of damaged crops.

A deputation of local editors also met the Administrative Secretaries and sought early redressal of their issues.

Several deputations of Horticulture graduates sought relaxation in recruitment rules in selections by the Horticulture Department. A deputation of casual labourers of Sericulture Department sought regularization of their services. A deputation of selected pharmacists sought early issuance of appointment orders by the Health Department.

Deputations of contractors of Rural Development Department of Pahalgam area and sub-contractors of Rambagh fly over sought release of their pending payments.

In a separate meeting with Chief Engineer, (Project Beacon), Brig. Ravi Navet, Principal Secretary, Rohit Kansal discussed the pace of several key road projects particularly widening of Srinagar-Pattan-Baramulla national highway and repairs of Jawahar Tunnel besides other mega road projects coming up in Jammu & Kashmir.

Rohit Kansal said that Government was taking all measures for strengthening the infrastructural edifice besides ensuring better basic needs to people of Jammu and Kashmir. He assured the people that government is endeavouring hard to solve all development related issues of every area.

Various individuals also highlighted their issues including compensation, subsidy under several centrally sponsored schemes in Agriculture and Horticulture departments. Administrative Secretaries assured the deputations and individuals that all their issues would be looked into for redressal.

Director Agriculture, Director Horticulture, among other senior officers of Estates and Information Departments were present during day-long public hearing camp.

## Coronavirus: DAK seeks testing facility in Kashmir

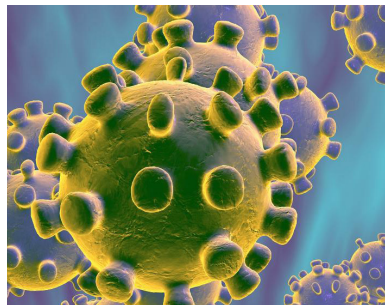
SRINAGAR: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) Friday sought testing facility for the deadly coronavirus in Kashmir that would detect cases faster and speed up the diagnosis.

"When the testing facility is available, we will be able to have the test results in 4 hours time," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan in a statement issued

Dr Nisar said as of now, we are shipping the samples outside Kashmir and wait for the response, and the process takes days to weeks' time. "So far, 9 samples have been sent to NIV Pune, only one sample result has come that is negative and rest of the test results are pending."

He said in order to combat the potential pandemic threat of new coronavirus, and to improve the surveillance and ability to track the spread of the disease, US FDA has approved authorization of diagnostic tests for the novel virus in any qualified laboratory.

"Now, labs can use the test on-site rather than having to ship the samples to other places. We have the recommended biosafety level 3 lab at GMC Srinagar and machine to do the tests. We have the laboratory expertise in molecular detection of the virus. We need diagnostic kits and we



will be doing the tests," Dr Nisar said.

He said the diagnostic kit is designed for the detection of novel virus in respiratory samples like nasal or throat swabs. "Any person with fever and cough and who has been in close contact with a confirmed case or has a history of travel to the affected area within 14 days of symptom onset should undergo diagnostic testing," Dr Nisar said.

Quoting a paper published in the Journal The Lancet, he said persons who are not showing symptoms can still be carrying the virus. "Because asymptomatic infection appears possible, persons who have travel history or history of contact should be considered for testing even if they do not exhibit the signs and symptoms of the disease," said Dr Nisar.

## Juvenile arrested for allegedly raping a girl in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: A juvenile was on Friday arrested for allegedly raping a girl in the summer capital, Srinagar.

A police spokesperson said Police Station Nigeen in pursuance of the investigation of a case pertaining to the rape, apprehended one juvenile individual.

"A case under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Nigeen and further investigation in the matter has been initiated," he said.

He said a police team was able to immediately track the accused and apprehended him. "The accused has been shifted to Observation Home following the orders of Juvenile Justice Board," he said. Further investigation is in progress, he added.

## Effective steps will be taken for weaker sections and community welfare: LG

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu, while meeting several deputations at SKICC Srinagar here today, said that Government is taking several steps for weaker sections, economic development, enabling atmosphere for employment creation, economic development, tribal and community welfare.

Deputations of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry, J&K Gujjar and Bakkerwal Association, Kashmir Economic Alliance, Transporters Welfare Association, Dal Dwellers Association, Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Association, Employees Associations, J&K Wokers Party, PHD Chamber of Commerce, Youth groups and several organizations called on the Lt Governor and projected their demands and issues.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that community involvement in rehabilitation and planning is the hallmark of Dal dwellers rehabilitation process and Government is sensitive to the needs of their livelihood and economic development, for which effective steps have been finalized. On being informed about the issues of the transport organizations, he asked the concerned authorities for coming up with concrete proposals to resolve their issues.

The Lt Governor said that Forests Rights Act will be ex-



tended to Jammu and Kashmir to empower the forest dwelling tribal communities. Emphasizing the need of efforts for tribal development, he said that number of scholarships for students has undergone a massive rise and 100 new hostels are being established. The deputation of Gujjar and Bakerwal association also projected the demand for a Gujjar Regiment, reservation issues and recruitment.

The Lt Governor further stated that steps are being taken for strengthening grassroots level democratic institutions and they have been provided a vital role to play in developmental process as well. He informed that 15000 bunkers will be constructed in border villages affected due to cross-border shelling. Emphasizing the need for constructive engagement of youth in Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that sports infrastructure would be strengthened at Panahcyat level and indoor stadiums are being provided in every

district. He asked the NGOs to play their role in soft-skills, public communication and awareness. The Lt Governor also listened to the demands related to road safety and said that road engineering would be modernized and steps would be taken for establishment of Emergency Trauma Centers along the highways. He also discussed about the steps being initiated by the Government for economic revival, schemes for business community, trade, commerce and supply chain. KCCI thanked the Lt Governor for several proactive steps initiated for economic revival in the state. Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan; Chief Secretary, BVR Subrahmanyam; Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Dheeraj Gupta; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Baseer Ahmed Khan; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary were also present on the occasion.

### DIAL-EMMA

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- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,245222,2452155
- 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 - ( )
- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar-Leh - (Closed)

### This Day in History

- 1622 - King James I disbands the English parliament
- 1672 - Isaac Newton reads 1st optics paper before Royal Society in London
- 1743 - Comet C/1743 C1 approaches within 0.0390 AUs of Earth
- 1744 - French and Spanish fleet leave Toulon.
- 1807 - Battle of Eylau ends inconclusively between Napoleon's forces and Russian Empire - 1st battle Napoleon isn't victorious
- 1809 - Franz I of Austria declares war on France
- 1849 - New Roman Republic established in Italy
- 1867 The Ausgleich results in the establishment of the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary.
- 1879 - Sandford Fleming first proposes adoption of Universal Standard Time at a meeting of the Royal Canadian Institute.
- 1883 - Louis Waterman begins experiment to invent the fountain pen
- 1905 - Cyclone hit Tahiti & adjacent islands, killing some 10,000 people
- 1912 - British Emissary journeys to Berlin to suggest that Britain might support German colonial aspirations in Africa if Germany agrees to hold her current naval strength
- 1920 - Bolshevik troops capture Odessa, bringing an end to foreign involvement in the resistance against Bolshevik rule
- 1926 - Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio becomes Walt Disney Studios
- 1927 - Belgian-Swiss treaty signed
- 1934 - Gaston Doumergue forms new French government
- 1936 Pandit Jawaharlal succeeds Mahatma Gandhi as chairman of India Congress Party.
- 1942 - Nazi architect Albert Speer appointed Minister of Armaments by Adolf Hitler after death of Fritz Todt in a plane crash
- 1943 - Red Army recaptures Kursk
- 1945 - Allied air attack on Goch, Kleefer, Kalkar and Reichswald
- 1946 - Premier Salazar of Portugal forbids opposition parties
- 1955 - The Government of Sindh abolished Jagirdari system in the province. One million acres (4000 km<sup>2</sup>) of land thus acquired is to be distributed among the landless peasants.
- 1960 - Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom issued an Order-in-Council, stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants will take the name "Mountbatten-Windsor".
- 1963 - 1st transmission of Clandestine Voice of Iraqi People (Communist)
- 1965 - President Johnson deploys 1st US combat troops to South Vietnam, with 3500 marines sent to protect key US airbase near Da Nang
- 1971 - Nasdaq Composite stock market index debuts with 50 companies and a starting value of 100.
- 1973 - Mushtaq & Asif Iqbal make 350 stand for 4th wicket v NZ
- 1974 - 3 US astronauts return to Earth after a 85 days in the US space station, Skylab
- 1978 - Crown Prince Sad Abdullah al-Salim Al Sabah becomes Prime Minister of Kuwait
- 1979 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1983 - Ariel Sharon resigns from Israeli government after an inquiry shows he was indirectly responsible for the killings of hundreds of people in 1982
- 1984 - Soyuz T-10 launches with crew of 3 to Salyut 7
- 1988 - NASA launches DOD-2
- 1989 - US Boeing 707 crashes into Santa Maria mountain, 145 die
- 1992 - Ulysses spacecraft passes Jupiter
- 1994 - Kapil Dev sets world record for Test Cricket wickets with 432.
- 1998 - Finland beats Sweden, 6-0 at the Aqua Wing Arena in Nagano, Japan in the first female ice hockey game played in Olympic history



### PRAYERS

- FAJR 5: 58
- ZUHR 12: 45
- ASR 4: 27
- MAGRIB 6: 10
- ISHA 7: 31

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Jammu EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EQ1)

Subject: e-Verification system of passports in J&K State.

CID HQRS J&K is due to install / commission e-Verification system of passports in JStK. In this context "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" is invited from the reputed/registered firms.

The intending firms are required to furnish proposals with tentative financial implications by or before 29/02/2020 at Camp office CID HQRS Canal Road Jammu. Interested firms are also required to give presentation on March 11, 2020 (11.00 a.m) at CID HQRS Conference Hall, Canal Road Jammu, J&K.

This office however reserves the right to accept /reject any proposal. For any other details CID HQRS can be contacted on all working days between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on below mentioned number.

Contact No. 9419180740 / 0194-2580878.

Sd/-

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Sealed quotations are invited from registered firms, documentation centres/Kiosks, suppliers dealing with manufacturing of identity cards for supply of identity cards for the trainees of the Institute.

S. No.	Name of Item	Specification	Rate to be quoted
1	Identity Card	Plastic with card holder & Strip	Per No.

- The sealed quotation should reach the office of the undersigned by or before 12/02/2020 upto 3:00 pm by post or by hand on the printed letter head.
- Quotations will be opened on next working day in presence of bidders who wish to be present.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all for the quotations without any reason.
- The rates should be quoted inclusion of all taxes.

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### From KO Archives

## India needs small dose of dictatorship: Farooq

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI : Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today said his government has accepted the extension of cease-fire by another month with great difficulty in the face of militants continuing to kill innocent civilians.

Admitting that the borders were silent, Abdullah, who was a keynote speaker at a panel discussion on experiment with democracy organised by the International Press Institute (IPI) world Congress, said foreign, groups of Osama Bin Laden and Lashkar-e-Taiba were continuing with their explosions of IEDs and lobbing of grenades.

Taking a dig at Pakistan's desire for annexation of Kashmir, Abdullah wondered that what Islamabad could do for Kashmiri Muslims after it failed to accept Muslims from erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

Sounding a word of caution, the chief minister said the growing religious intolerance in the country is not a happy sign for the country's democracy and the need of the hour was to fight the growing fundamentalist elements from both—Hindu and Muslim communities.

Abdullah said that a small dose of dictatorship was needed to govern a huge population like that of India.

Responding to Abdullah's suggestion on dictatorship, he said it is better to have more discipline than dictatorship.

The panel discussion was chaired by N. Ram, editor the Hindu. Other panelists included Vinod Mehta and Mark Tully.

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