

PHE Daily Wagers Protest In Srinagar, Demand Release Of Pending Wages

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SRINAGAR: The Public Health Engineering (PHE) casual labourers on Monday held a protest in the summer capital, Srinagar, in support of their demands, including regularization of services and release of pending wages.

Scores of casual labourers, under the banner of Kashmir Joint Employee Association, assembled in the compound of PHE office on Exchange road in Srinagar and raised their demands.

Holding placards, which read, 'Regularize our services', 'Release our pending wages', besides other slogans, the demonstrators threatened to intensify their protest if their demands were not fulfilled.

The protestors said they were protesting to remind the Government of its promises. "We



were promised that our issue will be addressed and a committee was constituted to look into the matter," they said.

However, they said so far no headway has been made by the committee and their issues have not been addressed. "We are finding it difficult to support our families as our salaries are not released. We are unable to pay bills or fee of our children... how are we support to cater to the needs of our families," they added.

The association said that it has extended full support to the protest of PHE workers in Jammu, who are demonstrating in the winter capital since last four days.

The protestors also demanded regularization as promised by the administration and threatened to intensify protest, besides boycott services if their demands were not fulfilled.

Mehta, Sarmad Hafeez take stock of public grievances at Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Financial Commissioner, Finance, AK Mehta and Secretary, Youth Service and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, today took stock of people's grievances during a day-long public grievance camp held at Banquet Hall, Srinagar.

During the programme, a large number of deputations and individuals including, Srinagar, Budgam, Anantnag, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian among other areas met the Administrative Secretaries and highlighted their issues.

During the camp several service matter cases were also taken up. The deputations sought an early redress from the Government.

A deputation of casual labourers from Department of Forest apprised the Administrative Secretaries about their issues, seeking regularization of their services.

A deputation of Junior Engineers apprised the officials about their demands, to which they were assured that all their genuine demands would be addressed within two months.

A deputation of Lecturers,

development Forum apprised the officials about their issues. Several delegations and individuals briefed Mehta about the functioning of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank, urging the Government to streamline the Bank for the greater good of the general public. Mehta assured the delegations that the J&K Bank was doing better at present and people must hail their services.

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Physical Education, Department, briefed the Administrative Secretaries about the rectification or up-gradation of grade pay, saying that they were appointed as Lecturer Physical Education.

They demanded that the issue of their pay anomalies should be addressed on priority.

Deputations of Contractors, working across Jammu and Kashmir on government tendered projects called upon the Administrative Secretaries, urging Financial Commissioner to look into their grievances and release their pending dues.

The Financial Commissioner assured them that all their authorized payments would be released and Contractors won't face any issue in carrying out their works. He asked the contractors that all the works would be allotted after completing the requisite formalities including, tendering and authorized allotment from the Government.

He asked the Contractors that government advertises requirement on GeM portal for procurement of goods and services, asking them to follow the formalities.

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Unhygienic conditions and lack of equipments put neonate lives at risk in JVC Hospital



SRINAGAR: Scores of neonates admitted in the critical care ward of JVC Hospital here face a huge risk to their lives as lifesaving equipment installed in the wards are either poorly maintained or have turned defunct. Besides the non-availability of sophisticated equipments, the 'narrow' ward for neonates is unhygienic where rats and cats appear in broad day light.

"It is the duty and obligation of hospital management to bring down hospital infections, use decontaminating equipment to improve basic cleanliness. Management has failed to keep their medical equipment, beds, sinks and even toilets sufficiently clean. You can yourself see blood-stains on bed rails and walls," an attendant said adding that the ward is so filthy and narrow that attendants find it hard stay with their

baby patients. Reports said that the situation in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is terrible as the ventilators and baby warmers are in bad and unhygienic condition allegedly due to the callous approach of officials.

In NICU section of the hospital, where babies are under incubation, ventilation and radiation therapies, the terrible condition of these life saving equipments is evident. Insiders said machines in the ICU and other vital equipments installed in the hospital were not been maintained properly which, according to medicos, may prove fatal for the patients and may lead to death.

The ventilators installed in the ICU are in worst condition as the air filters (bacterial filters and humidifiers) have not been cleaned

for long. "There is every chance of dust and bacteria directly entering into the patients' lungs which can cause acute bronchitis," said a doctor adding that the staff is keen to perform their duties but the lack of facilities and callous approach of higher-ups spoil everything.

"Any ward for neonates should always be kept neat and clean. If we don't do so, they rapidly catch infection that becomes the major cause behind the death of babies," he added.

A top official blamed attendants for spreading the dirt in the ward. "There are inadequate security arrangements in the hospital as a result attendants arrive at any time and litre the hospital," he said and added that there are proper equipments that are in good shape. (KNT)

SMC to start waste segregation at source from Feb 15

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is starting waste segregation at source from 15th February in the city.

Sanitation Officer, Syed Nisar said that initially the segregation will be launched in Ward-1 Nishat, Ward-32 Hyderpora, Ward-33 Humhama and Ward-16 Illahi Bagh. While the segregation process will be extended to the other wards from 1st March.

He said that the Corporation will collect wet waste including kitchen and house hold waste for five days in a week while dry waste including plastic, wrappers and bottles will be collected once in a week.

Administration re-seals 2 illegally operating premises in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: On the direction of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Ahmad Khan, action has been initiated against illegal operation and de-sealing of sealed premises at Polo View and Sonwar areas of Srinagar. Commissioner SMC and SHO Ram Munshi Bagh reached the under-construction Paras Hospital Building at Sonwar and took swift action in the matter and against those involved. Four persons were also detained for being involved in it. The team also resealed the Samci restaurant at Polo View which was operating in violation of sealing orders issued earlier. The Divisional Commissioner has directed suspension and initiation of disciplinary action against the concerned SMC ward officer and enforcement wing officials.

SMC launches sanitation drive, removes unwanted grass, poppy

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipality Corporation's Sanitation Squad today launched extensive sanitation drive across Srinagar Bypass Stretch, besides removing unwanted grass and poppy at Paandrethan.

Under the supervision of Chief Sanitation Officers a squad of 60 sanitary workers removed unwanted grass and poppy at various spots of Jhelum Bund in Paandrethan, besides cleaning various spots Srinagar Bypass.

Commissioner, SMC, Gazanfar Ali visited various areas to take stock of the drive.

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KASHMIR NOTICE

Whereas, an application has been received from one Shri : Muzafar Hussain Dar S/o Mohd Jafir Dar R/o Balhama Sriangar For Vehicle No JK01L-6127 Model 2007 Type of vehicle Maxi cab has lost his registration certificate, RP, FC, RP, NO 4921/MC

Now it is therefore, notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed Duplicate certificate, RP, FC shall be filed in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. JK/RTOK/7816 Sd/ Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir
Dated 10/02/2020



DIAL-EMMA

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- 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 - ()
- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)

This Day in History

- 1918 - US President Woodrow Wilson makes another speech before Congress and announces 'the Four Principles' - freedom of navigation, and end to secret diplomacy, and similar items - that supplement his Fourteen Points
- 1938 - World's first science fiction TV programme - a broadcast of the play R.U.R. by Karel apek
- 1943 - Transport #47 departs with French Jews to nazi-Germany
- 1944 - German troops reconquer Aprilia, Italy
- 1944 - U-424 sunk off Ireland
- 1964 - Greek & Turks begin fighting in Limassol, Cyprus
- 1964 - Taiwan drops diplomatic relations with France
- 1968 - Israeli-Jordan border fight
- 1970 - Japan becomes 4th nation to put a satellite (Osumi) in orbit
- 1971 - US, UK, USSR, others sign Seabed Treaty outlawing nuclear weapons
- 1974 - Titan-Centaur rocket test launch fails
- 1974 - Henry Kissinger unveils Nixon Administration's seven-point "Project Independence" plan to make the U.S. energy independent
- 1974 - Libya nationalizes three US oil companies that had not agreed to 51 percent nationalization in September
- 1975 - Margaret Thatcher defeats Edward Heath for leadership of the British Conservative Party
- 1978 - China lifts a ban on Aristotle, Shakespeare, & Dickens
- 1979 - Iran's premier Bakhtiar resigns, Ayatollah Khomeini seizes power
- 1984 - 10th space shuttle mission (41-B)-Challenger 4-returns to Earth
- 1986 - Iran begins Fajr-8 offensive against Iraq
- 1987 - British Airways begins trading stocks
- 1990 - Nelson Mandela released after 27 years imprisonment in South Africa
- 1994 - Space shuttle STS-60 (Discovery 18), lands
- 1995 - Space shuttle STS-63 (Discovery 19), lands
- 1997 - STS 82 (Discovery 22) launches



HIJRI CALENDAR

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JUMADA AL-SANI
1441

PRAYERS

FAJR 5:56
ZUHR 12:45
ASR 4:30
MAGRIB 6:12
ISHA 7:33

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Fidayeen Storm JKP Nerve Centre

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SRINAGAR: In yet another major strike, Fidayeen this evening stormed the heavily fortified police control room (PCR) here. Army was called out after a 4-member Fidayeen squad gave crashed into the sprawling complex killing two police-men and wounding eight others including a superintendent of police. Lashkar-e-Taiba owning responsibility for the attack, said it was carried out in retaliation to the recent spate of custodial killings.

According to reports, a 4-member Fidayeen squad in police uniforms forced their way to the main gate of the high-security PCR, the nerve centre of the state police in the summer capital, at around 7.10 p.m. hurling grenades and firing indiscriminately on the security guards. A policeman died on the spot while eight others sustained injuries. One of them later succumbed to his injuries. The deceased were identified as head constable Mohan Lal and constable Zahoor Ahmad.

Seven of the injured person-nel were identified as superintendent of police, Jalla, and constables, Rai Singh, Bashir Ahmad, Nazir Ahmad, Manzoor Ahmad, Darshan Lal and Akhtar Husain. Eighth policeman whose identity could not be ascertained immediately had been admitted in the police hospital within the complex. Jalla had received a bullet in-jury in his hand and was stated to be out of danger.

When contacted, the super-intendent of police, PCR, G H Bhat, told Kashmir Observer one militant was killed in the retaliatory fire immediately after they stormed into the complex. Police believed only one more militant, and not three as was reported, was holed up in the single storied building ad-jacent to the main PCR building. Bhat said the building houses the two PCR munshis (clerks). However, he put the number of injured policemen at four only.

While the army had laid the outer cordon around the huge complex, Bhat said, the central reserve police force (CRPF) and SOG personnel had launched an operation to flush out the holed up militant. At least eight police personnel who had been present in the building when the militants sneaked into it, were rescued, he added.

Meanwhile, agency reports said, intermittent exchange of fire was going on when the re-ports last came in inside the complex which, apart from the PCR, houses the headquarters of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 11th battalions of the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police, besides the police telecommunication centre, forensic science laboratory (FSL) and police hospital. Army had surrounded the entire complex, particularly the building in which the militants were holed up.

Citing an unidentified body in the PCR premises, an armoured vehicle of the border security force (BSF) ap-proached the spot at 9.15p.m. The body was believed to be that of the slain militant. However, the vehicle had to stage a hasty retreat after it came under heavy fire from the holed up militant.

Quoting a Lashkar spokes-man from Pakistan, a CNS re-port identified the Fidayeen as Salahuddin, who led the group, Abu Hafiz, Abdullah Umar and Abu Mu'avia. Meanwhile, a NAFSA report said the security forces began shelling the build-ing around 11.45 p.m. after which heavy exchange of fire was heard from a distance of three to four kilometers.