

MAHASHIVRATRI CELEBRATIONS

# Provide Essential Commodities To Pandit Community Areas On Priority Basis: Div Com To DCs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: For smooth celebration of Mahashivratri festival across the Kashmir Division, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Ahmad Khan today directed Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to provide essential commodities to Pandit Community areas on priority.

He further directed them to establish Fisheries, Lotus stems (Nadru), Vegetables, Walnut and floriculture stalls in Pandit colonies and at temples. For hassle free distribution of food items, senior officers were asked to deployed functionaries every minority area for monitoring.

Concerned departments were asked to launch an intense market checking on daily basis to curb black marketing of essential commodities during the festival and to ensure availability of essential commodities like Mutton, Chicken, Vegetables, fruits, Bakery and confectionery in the markets as per the notified rates and quality standards.

The Divisional Commissioner was reviewing the arrangements put in place by the district administrations for the smooth celebration of Mahashivratri festival across the valley.

He sought feedback from Deputy Commissioners regarding preparations for the smooth celebration of the festival.

It was informed that major congregation will be held at Shankaracharya temple in the city where devotees perform day long special prayers. Temples in other districts will also hold similar kind of gatherings.

The Divisional Commissioner directed Fisheries department to deploy mobile fish vans at various places in the city. Besides, local fishermen will install their vending shops at Habba Kadal and Ganpatyar localities.

Power Department was directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply on the eve of Mahashivratri festival at all temples where huge congregations are expected. Public Health Engineering will make adequate



community areas.

On the festival occasion, Health services will set up medical aid camps at all important locations and will ensure round the clock functioning of all Public Health Centres.

He directed DCs to deploy Magistrates at all the important locations with necessary arrangements for the upcoming festival. Concerned departments were asked to work in close coordination for the smooth celebration of Mahashivratri festival.

measures for providing the round the clock water supply in Pandit areas and temples with the deployment of water tankers at the locations.

The Food Department will distribute ration including Rice, Atta, Sugar, K-oil and LPG cylinders in Pandit areas as per notified rates.

SMC will deploy dedicated man power to start cleanliness drive in Pandit areas, temples and the main congregation places besides Urban Local

Bodies and Block Development Councils will take care of sanitation in their jurisdictions.

RTO, Kashmir in consultation with the SSP Traffic City, Rural Kashmir and RTC will make necessary arrangements for inter and intra district transportation services on the routes leading to the temples for convivences of the devotees.

The Div Com directed Fire and Emergency services to ensure availability of fire tenders at all temples and Pandit com-

## Students who miss examination paper due to massive snowfall

University says will decide the matter shortly

SRINAGAR: Kashmir University is yet to conduct examination for the scores of students from Banihal area who had missed their examination paper on in the last week of December last year due to heavy snowfall.

These students mostly females were supposed to appear in the 5th semester Botany paper but failed to make it up to the examination centres at Degree College Anantnag as trains didn't chug on track due to heavy snowfall in Qazigund area.

"We were unable to reach at the examination centres

due to snowfall as traffic and train didn't ply that unfortunate day. Authorities at Kashmir University instead of postponing the examination paper conducted the same, thus ignoring those who lived in far lung areas," said Shugufta to Kashmir News Trust.

The students said that they are frustrated and disappointed. They appealed Kashmir University to look into the matter and save their career.

When contacted Controller Examination said that Varsity will take a decision soon in this regard. (KNT)

## PROTEST:

### JK Bank Job aspirants await results

SRINAGAR: The job aspirants who have appeared in both preliminary and mains examinations of two Jammu Kashmir Bank post last year staged a protest outside Corporate Office Srinagar demanding results should be published without any delay. They said they are awaiting results from past one year.

Scores of protesting aspirants said that the JK Bank conducted the tests in April 2019 for the posts of Bank Associate and Probationary Officer, but the bank did not de-

clare the results even after the expiry of almost a year.

The aspirants told KNT that thousands of unemployed youth applied for these posts that were notified by the Bank in 2019. "We appeared in examination and yet the results are not declared," the aspirants said and sought intervention Jammu Kashmir Bank Chairman and LG GC Marmu.

Pertinently, JK Bank is supposed to fill up the 1200 vacancies of Bank Associates and 25 Probationary Officers. (KNT)

## No end to uncertainty in J&K: NC

SRINAGAR: National Conference on Tuesday rued that no steps are being taken by the central government to assuage the situation in J&K and asserted the uncertainty in Jammu and Kashmir has completed six months with no end to the miseries of people in sight.

A provincial meet of party functionaries, parent body members, women's wing functionaries, YNC members, and scores of other party office bearers was held here at party head quarters Nawa e Subha, Srinagar. The meet was presided over by party's provincial secretary Advocate Showkat Ahmad Mir. The party's district president Srinagar Pir Afaq Ahmad, provincial spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar, Women wing provincial president Er. Sabiya Qadri, Shabir Kullay, G H Rahi, Syed Tauqeer, Younis Mubarak Gull also addressed the meet, which saw a large participation of workers, functionaries and office bearers from across Kashmir division.

The speakers in their address expressed concern over the uncertainty, chaos and confusion that have beset J&K following the measures which

were taken on 5th of August. The speakers also concurred with the pain and suffering of the people of J&K in particular the valley of Kashmir who are living in the think of economic catastrophe, unemployment, fear. The speakers said the new normal in J&K has cost it its jobs, tourism, industry, handicraft and horticulture. They maintained that the people are seeing no light at the end of tunnel and that the government is busy in crowding-out the J&K's legitimate voices, former chief ministers, and former law makers, sitting parliamentarians by demeaning their contribution towards democracy and by keeping them under detention. "The present ruling dispensation has uprooted the frail saplings of democracy in J&K which were watered by our party braving all odds and torments. It is a risky bet to think of changing the political landscape of J&K by crowding out its genuine grass roots level leadership. The continued incarceration of party leaders Dr Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and others defies logic, morality and legality," the leaders said.

## Defunct traffic lights source of traffic mess on roads

SRINAGAR: Despite claims from authorities about the improvement of traffic in summer capital Srinagar, various traffic signals on vital junctions of the city are lying defunct

According to irked commuters and transporters the traffic signals which were installed at vital junctions in and around the city are either dysfunctional or it is only yellow, making commuters suffer.

Reports said that traffic signals at Polo View, Dalgate, Shalteng, Jahangir Chowk, Rainawari, and Nowgam are lying defunct for the many months with people pitching for their restoration and expressed serious concern over the issue.

Commuters are very angry as nobody from the administration is bothered to fix the traffic signal system in the city. "It took me two hours to reach Lal

Chowk from Nowgam due to the heavy traffic jam. Normally the distance can be covered in 30 minutes. Traffic signal is lying defunct for the last many

months which has led traffic mess", said Manzoor Ahmad, a commuter.

As per commuters, most of the traffic signals which were installed in the summer capital several years ago are lying defunct and authorities are least bothered about the issue. Kaiser Hussain, a daily commuter of Dalgate said that some of the

traffic signals are put on off mode which results in the chaos and confusion among the people. "The traffic signals at vital junctions are dysfunctional forcing the Traffic police to manually regulate vehicular movement," he said.

He added in a distance of approximately two kilometer stretch in city centre multiple traffic signals are dysfunctional.

Another commuter, Sameer Ahmad said that due to the dysfunctional traffic signals, vehicles

cross through no entry zones at will. "There is no one to stop people from creating traffic mess," he said. On the other hand traffic authorities in many parts of Srinagar city are having hard time managing traffic due to dysfunctional traffic signals. Since many months several signals are not operating properly. On daily basis traffic policemen in the city are seen managing traffic without signals in the wake of congested roads.

The residents of city alleged that the traffic signals which were installed at the congested junctions were never functional. "Since the traffic signals were installed here, I have never seen them functional. The areas like Dalgate, Ram Bagh and Lal Chowk are very congested and the traffic signal would have been very useful in controlling huge



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



## This Day in History

- 197 - Lucius Septimius Severus' army beats Clodius Albinus at Lyon
- 356 - Emperor Constantius II shuts all heathen temples
- 607 - Boniface III begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 842 - Medieval Iconoclastic Controversy ends as a council in Constantinople formally reinstates the veneration of icons in churches
- 1512 - French troops under Gaston de Foix occupy Brescia
- 1574 - Spanish troops plunder Krommenie, Wormerveer & Jisp, Netherlands
- 1634 - Battle of Smolensk: King Wladyslaw IV of Poland beats Russians [NS=Mar I]
- 1674 - Netherlands & England sign Peace of Westminster (NYC becomes English).
- 1797 - One third of papal domain ceded to France
- 1819 - British explorer William Smith discovers the South Shetland Islands, and claims them in the name of King George III
- 1856 - Tin-type camera patented by Hamilton Smith, Gambier, Ohio
- 1878 - Thomas Edison is granted a patent for his gramophone (phonograph)
- 1920 - Netherlands joins League of Nations
- 1936 - Manuel Azaña becomes Prime Minister of Spain for the second time
- 1942 - Japanese troops land on Timor
- 1943 - German tanks under Generalmajor Karl Buelowius attack Kasserine Pass, Tunisia
- 1944 - 823 British bombers attack Berlin
- 1944 - U-264 sinks off Ireland
- 1945 - 980 Japanese soldiers reportedly killed by crocodiles in 2 days on Ramree Island, Burma
- 1945 - Brotherhood Day-1st celebrated
- 1949 - Mass arrests of communists in India
- 1952 - French offensive at Hanoi
- 1959 - Britain, Turkey & Greece sign agreement granting Cyprus independence
- 1959 - Gabon adopts its constitution
- 1963 - USSR informs JFK it is withdrawing several thousand troops from Cuba
- 1970 - USSR launches Sputnik 52 & Molniya 1-13 communications satellite
- 1977 - Space shuttle Enterprise makes 1st Test flight atop a 747 jetliner
- 1984 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalatinsk USSR
- 1985 - 150 killed when a Spanish jetliner crashes approaching Bilbao, Spain
- 1986 - King Hussein of Jordan severs ties with PLO
- 1987 - US President Reagan lifts trade boycott against Poland
- 1990 - Soyuz TM-9 lands
- 1992 - Peter Collins discovers nova Cygni 1992
- 1998 - Soyuz TM-26 lands
- 1998 US hockey team destroys their rooms at Olympic village in Japan
- 2001 An Oklahoma City bombing museum is dedicated at the Oklahoma City National Memorial
- 2002 - NASA's Mars Odyssey space probe begins to map the surface of Mars using its thermal emission imaging system.
- 2007 - Blogging website Tumblr is founded by David Karp in New York
- 2008 - Toshiba announces its formal recall of its HD DVD video format, ending the format war between it and Sony's Blu-Ray Disc
- 2008 - Serzh Sargsyan wins the Armenian Presidential Election
- 2012 - 44 people killed in prison brawl in Apocada, Mexico, between two rival drug cartels
- 2013 - 12 people are killed and 11 are injured after a Yemeni Air Force plane crashes in Sana'a
- 2014 - Death toll in Ukraine reaches 26 after Government crackdown on protesters
- 2018 - Syrian government forces bombard Gouta in deadliest day in 3 years, killing over 100 civilians
- 2018 - Nigeria says 110 girls missing, presumed kidnapped by Boko Haram after attack on school in Dapchi, Yobe state

### PRAYERS

- FAJR 5:54
- ZUHR 12:45
- ASR 4:38
- MAGRIB 6:20
- ISHA 7:42

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

**Fresh NIT No- 188 of RnB-Sopore of 2019-2020 e-tendering DATED- 17-02-2020.**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of 11 DOC (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contract or	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Construction of File Path and installation of 1.5 TAC (IFB make) at ADCs office at Sopore.	1.35 lacs	200/-	2700/-	20 days	24.02.2020	DEE	Untied grants	

**Position of funds: Available**  
**Approved under:**  
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.iktenders.gov.in](http://www.iktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	17.02.2020
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 17.02.2020 (10.00A.M) to 22-02-2020 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	17.02.2020 from (10.00A.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	22 -02 -2020 upto (4.00 P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	24-02-2020 at (11.00 A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Chilian in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/DR pledged to tender receiving authority Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore 3, The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site [www.iktenders.gov.in](http://www.iktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if-
  - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.iktenders.gov.in](http://www.iktenders.gov.in) acquaint bid submission process.
- The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not full fill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
- The earnest money in favour of unsuccessful/ Non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original with the tender receiving authority, irrespective of submission of hard copies and failure of submission of tender document fee by bidder using the site shall entail him or blacklisting.
- All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No:1 of 2019-20 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form) ad NIT No 168of 2019-20 and NIT 178
- If the contractor/HMPD quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected out rightly.

**For and on behalf of the,**  
**Lt. Governor of J&K.**

**Sd/-Executive Engineer,**  
**R&B Division, Sopore**

**DIPK No. : 7278/M**

## From KO Archives

### Farooq Advocates 'Pro-Active' JK Policy

Observer News Agency

SRINAGAR: Chief minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah today said he was never opposed to prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's peace initiative in the state which would be carried forward to its logical end.

Winding up discussions on the motion of thanks on the gov-ernor's address in the legislative assembly, Abdullah urged the comity of nations to pressurise Pakistan to stop militant violence in Jammu and Kashmir.

The chief minister launched a frontal attack on the Hurriyat Conference who, he said, ac-cused him of scuttling the peace process saying I am for peace, am never opposed to peace. He said killing of innocent peo-ple, were continuing unabated in the state despite the cease-fire and suggested a pro-active strategy to deal with militants. According to a NAFA re-port, Dr. Abdullah advocated a more aggressive 'pro-active' policy for Jammu and Kashmir adding this was the only way Pakistan could be brought un-der pressure.

Stating he was never opposed to talks with Hurriyat leaders, Abdullah said let the Centre treats the Hurriyat the way it wants and let them go to any country.

If those nearer and dearer to Pakistan come close to New Delhi, what objection I have, he said, adding the Centre was doing experiments.