

# Don't Mistake Flu For Coronavirus: DAK To People

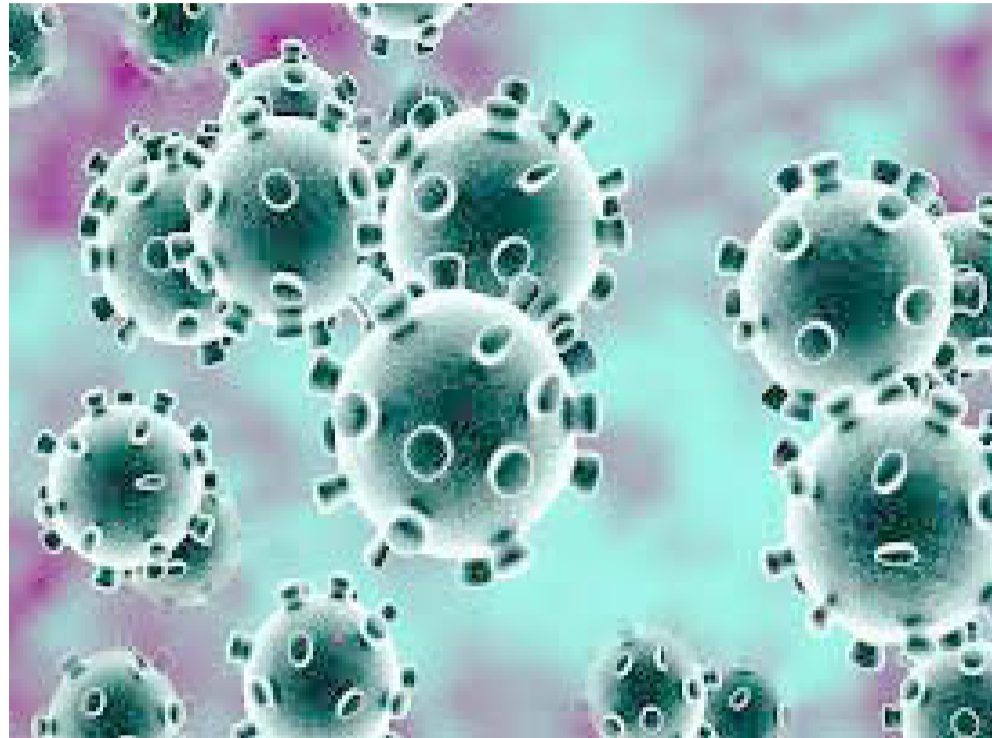
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SRINAGAR: "People should not mistake flu illness with coronavirus as both have similar symptoms which is fever and cough," said Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday in a communiqué.

"Every fever and cough is not coronavirus," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan. "A suspect case of new coronavirus is one who has respiratory symptoms and has a history of travel to the affected area in the past 14 days or the one who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus infection within the last 14 days," he said.

Dr Nisar said despite similar symptoms of coronavirus to flu, there are some important differences.

Quoting a study published in The Lancet, he said coronavirus cases do not exhibit upper respiratory tract symptoms like runny



nose, sore throat and sneezing which are seen in most of flu cases. Dr Nisar said the new coronavirus, like flu spreads mostly from person to person by respiratory droplets, but new research suggests coronavirus can also spread through feces and this could be the reason for the rapid spread of the virus.

"While this year's flu virus is hitting kids especially hard, coronavirus has largely spared this vulnerable group," he added.

"Coronavirus, also called COVID-19 is a novel (new) virus that originated in Wuhan city of China has killed 2,362 people and infected 77,925 people so far.

Men represent the majority of novel coronavirus cases, and they seem to die more often from this deadly infection.

Research has found that the death rate among men was 2.8% compared to 1.7% among women.

Majority of the patients who died of novel coronavirus were older men with underlying health problems like diabetes, hypertension and heart disease," said Dr Nisar.

## Budgam admin sleeps over allotment of land for higher secondary, PHC

SRINAGAR: Despite government claims to have prioritized strengthening of education sector, poor state of infrastructure in government-run schools coupled with official indifference continue to hamper the growth of this vital sector.

Government High School Bemina which was upgraded to the level of higher secondary in March last year invited registrations for admissions in higher classes this year. However, the school authorities say that the school lacks adequate infrastructure and needs more classrooms to accommodate new admissions.

The local people's representative body - Bemina Development and Welfare Forum (BDWF) - accused district administration Budgam of failing to allot land for construction of new school building.

"There is no space to construct new block at the existing school location. Lack of space was always projected as hurdle for upgradation of the school. That is when we suggested identifying and allotting few kanals of land out of state land for this purpose and for construction of PHC and fire station," said Syed Tahir Ali, secretary of BDWF.

"The land measuring 30 kanals was identified for this purpose and the file was sent to the DC office Budgam. Months have passed, but no action has been taken in this regard and the file continues to gather dust there."

Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, another member of BDWF, rued that if the government can transfer state land or even wetland for the construction of housing colonies and duck farms, what is stopping the authorities from allotting state land for the higher secondary. The school, established in 1960 as primary school, is one of the first schools in Budgam. After nearly three decades, it was upgraded to the level of higher secondary in March 2019.

"In March last year, SAC had delegated powers regarding transfer of state land to the government departments to speed up development projects. The order had authorized Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to transfer state land to government departments for public purposes and other development projects."

The BDWF has urged the divisional and district administration Budgam to transfer the land without further delay.

## Kashmir University organizes Mother Tongue Day

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SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir through its Department of Kashmiri celebrated the MatrBhashaDivas (Mother Tongue Day) to highlight the importance of mother tongue in the context of overall regional socio-cultural development, national narrative and international relevance. On the occasion, the contribution of the University of Kashmir to Kashmiri language and literature, mainly through the faculty and researchers of the Kashmiri Department, in terms of books, manuscripts and special volumes was showcased. The Registrar, KU, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir and Coordinator RUSA, Dr. Manzoor A Shah while visiting the exhibition stall applauded the exceptionally rich and intellectually stimulating literary contributions of the past and present researchers at the Kashmiri Department.

Speaking on the occasion Registrar, Dr. Nisar, emphasized the importance of language, in general, and Kashmiri, in particular, in

an ethnographic context. He said that in the overall influence of various cultural and sociological parameters on the recognition of regions and nations, language has a pivotal role, which should be fully realized so far the Kashmiri language is concerned. He assured full administrative support for the development of Kashmiri language at all possible levels.

Dr. Manzoor Shah, while recalling the special appreciation that latest NAAC peer team had about the contribution of Kashmiri Department, appreciated the Department for organizing the MatrBhasha Day at a short notice. In the context of latest scientific research

substantiating the role of mother tongue in proper intellectual development of kids, Dr. Shah called for attention of parents, teachers and other sections of the society to preserve Kashmiri language with its all cultural richness, literary depth and spiritual appeal.

Prof. Majrooh Rashid, Ex-Head of the Kashmiri Department, welcomed the guests and illuminated the other dimensions of culture and heritage, besides language for a balanced society. Giving a global perspective of distinguished literary contributions and critiques, he contextualized the efforts made locally for improvement of Kashmiri language.

Dr. Altaf Hussain, Assistant Professor of the Kashmiri Department, conducted the proceedings and spoke on the relevance of the MatrBhashaDivascelebrations. The event was organized in the context of MHRD directive to all RUSA funded institutions under the ESBS paradigm and was attended by students, research scholars, faculty and others.



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### This Day in History

- 1883 - American Anti-Vivisection Society organized (Philadelphia)
- 1886 - Aluminum manufacturing process developed
- 1886 - "The Times" of London publishes world's 1st classified ad
- 1903 - The US and Cuba sign an agreement by which Cuba releases Guantanamo and Bahia Hondo to the US for naval stations.
- 1903 - The Sultan agrees to an Austro-Russian plan to reform the government of Macedonia in yet another effort to stifle the rising disorder among the rival Bulgarians.
- 1904 - United States acquires control of the Panama Canal Zone for \$10 million.
- 1904 Having occupied Korea, Japan signs a treaty with Korea under which it becomes a Japanese protectorate in return for Japanese protection from other powers
- 1919 - Fascist Party forms in Italy by Benito Mussolini
- 1940 - Russian troops conquer Lasi Island
- 1943 - German troops pull back through Kasserine-pass Tunisia
- 1944 - Forced deportation of the Chechen and Ingush people to Central Asia.
- 1954 - 1st mass inoculation against polio with Salk vaccine (Pittsburgh)
- 1958 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemiya USSR.
- 1967 - US troops begin largest offensive of Vietnam War.
- 1983 - The United States Environmental Protection Agency announces its intent to buy out and evacuate the dioxin-contaminated community of Times Beach, Missouri.
- 1987 - Supernova 1987A in LMC 1st seen; 1st naked-eye supernova since 1604.
- 1991 - US insists Iraq publicly announce it is leaving Kuwait by 12 PM EST.
- 1997 - Scientists in Scotland announce they have cloned an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly"
- 1998 - Osama bin Laden publishes a fatwa declaring jihad against all Jews and Crusaders.
- 2007 - Japan launches its fourth spy satellite, stepping up its ability to monitor potential threats such as North Korea.
- 2012 - A series of bomb attacks across 12 Iraqi cities kills 60 and injures 200.
- 2013 - 51 people are killed and 62 are injured in conflict between rival tribes in Darfur, Sudan.

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### APHC chairman escapes bid on life

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SRINAGAR : The chairman of the Hurriyat Conference, Prof Abdul Ghani Bhat and about 10 of his colleagues had providential escape at Tarzoo today when residents spotted a grenade tied to the footboard of their vehicle just as the APHC delegation was about to drive off from the village.

Prof Bhat had addressed a public gathering outside the local mosque, and he and the rest of the delegation, which among others included Qazi Manzoor, Ghulam Nabi Zaki, Syed Iftikher Hussain Jalali, Mukhtar Ahmad Naqshbandi, Iftikhar Geelani, Sheikh Abdul Hameed, had boarded their Tata Sumo at about 3:30 p m when someone from the surrounding crowd shouted in alarm.

There is a grenade tied to the vehicle! Get down, "the crowd shouted," Prof Bhat told Kashmir Observer.

The grenade, found tied to the rod that serves as the foot-board of the Sumo (JKOIB 7032) was detached by our of Prof Bhat's personal security guards.

"The grenade pin had been pulled half-way out of the socket; the bumpy ride and the vehicle's vibrations would have done the rest", Prof Bhat said. Whether or not it would have killed us, but the grenade would certainly have exploded once we were on our way'.

In all probability the grenade had been planted on the vehicle at the spot when it had been left parked in Taarzoo, Prof Bhat said.

The grenade was handed over to police guard on duty at the local branch of the JK Bank, as, according to Prof Bhat, there were no policemen around in the vicinity.

We didn't encounter a single policeman, even when the public raised an outcry against the attempt', he said. In fact, it was from the local bank that the SHO Sopore was informed.

It is a wild and tendentious assertion on part of the police to claim that they recovered the grenade. There were absolutely no policemen around".

The attack was probably in honour of the three-month extension of the cease-fire. Evidently, a big morsel was required'. Apart from Bhat, nearly 10 of his colleagues had boarded the Sumo when the alarm was raised.

He said he would not like to apportion blame, but that he found the police statement shocking.

The Hurriyat chairman said Taarzoo had not been on their itinerary for the day The Hurriyat group had set out for Bulgaam and Amarpora to meet the next kin of firing victims and it was at Amarpora that the delegation, on an Impulse, decided to visit Tarzoo.

It was prayer time when they had arrived at Taarzoo. "Infact, I led the prayers at the local mosque, and later, at public insistence, addressed a gathering in the adjoining grounds," he said.