

DAK Advocates Early Anti-Viral Drugs for patients with flu Symptoms

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SRINAGAR: Amid flu cases, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Wednesday stressed for early use of antiviral drugs in patients with flu illness.

"Timely use of antiviral drugs prevents deaths," said DAK President and flu expert Dr. Nisar-ul-Hassan in a statement.

Quoting a study, he said "treatment with anti-virals within two days of onset of symptoms reduces the risk of death in flu patients by 60 per cent," adding "clinical and observational data show that antiviral treatment shortens the duration of illness and makes flu milder."

Dr Nisar said clinicians should prescribe antiviral medication to flu patients as early as possible and should not wait for the lab test results as delay could be fatal.

He said flu antivirals work best for treatment when they are started within 48 hours of onset of illness. However, starting them later can still be helpful. Dr Nisar said antiviral treatment is recommended for any patient with confirmed or suspected flu who is hospitalized or has severe progressive illness or is at higher risk of developing flu-related complications. People at high risk of complications include children, elderly, pregnant women and those with underlying medical conditions.



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"Antiviral can also be considered on the basis of clinical judgment for those who do not have risk for severe illness," he added. "Currently, oseltamivir is the most effective antiviral drug for all circulating flu viruses which includes swine flu and this year's dominant influenza B virus," Dr Nisar said, adding "the drug can be safely given to pregnant women and infants aged 2 weeks and older."

"Despite antiviral flu medications save lives, they are unfortunately under prescribed. Clinicians commonly prescribe antibiotics to patients with flu which is not only inappropriate but also puts patients at risk of antibiotic-resistant infections.

Antibiotics do not have activity against viruses and clinicians must know that antivirals work and work efficiently against flu," said Dr Nisar.

COVID-19: Union Health Ministry issues fresh travel Advisory

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SRINAGAR: Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, has issued a fresh advisory asking Indians to refrain from non-essential travel to Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy.

"In view of the evolving situation related to COVID-19 being reported from other countries, besides the travel advisories issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, the Indians are advised to refrain from non-essential travel to Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy, people coming from Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history since 10th February 2020 may be quarantined for 14 days on arrival to India," the Ministry has informed. "For any technical queries, people can contact on 24*7 Health Ministry Control Room Helpline +91-11-23978046 or e.mail at ncov2019@gmail.com," it 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)



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This Day in History

- 1860 - Abraham Lincoln makes a speech at Cooper Union in the city of New York that is largely responsible for his election to the Presidency
- 1879 - Constantine Fahlberg discovers saccharin (artificial sweetener)
- 1881 - Battle at Amajuba: South African Boers vs British army under General Colley
- 1900 - Battle at Pietersshoogte during the Boer War
- 1908 - Sacrifice fly adopted (repealed in 1931, reinstated 1954)
- 1929 - Turkey signs Litvinov-pact
- 1930 - Bouvet Island declared a Norwegian dependency
- 1938 - Britain & France recognize Franco government in Spain
- 1939 - France recognizes Franco's regime in Spain
- 1942 - J S Hey discovers radio emissions from Sun
- 1949 - Chaim Weizmann becomes 1st President of Israel
- 1950 - General Chiang Kai-shek elected president of Nationalist China
- 1958 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1961 - The first congress of the Spanish Trade Union Organisation is inaugurated.
- 1962 - South Vietnam President Ngô inh Diem's palace bombed by dissident air pilots in a failed assassination attempt
- 1967 - Antigua & St Christopher-Nevis become associated states of UK
- 1967 - Dominica gains independence from England
- 1968 - CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite delivers a scathing editorial on America's chances of winning the Vietnam War
- 1969 - General Hafez al-Assad becomes head of Syria via military coup
- 1972 - US President Richard Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issue Shanghai Communiqué
- 1976 - Final meeting between Mao Zedong and Richard Nixon
- 1980 - Israel & Egypt exchange ambassadors
- 1987 - Donald Regan resigns as White House chief of staff
- 1987 - NCAA cancels SMU's entire 1987 football schedule for gross violations of NCAA rules regarding athletic corruption
- 1988 - Bonnie Blair (US) wins Olympic 500m speed skating in record 39.1
- 1988 - Gulfstream G-IV goes around the world 36:08:34
- 1989 - German war criminals Aus der Funten and Fischer freed in Holland
- 1995 - Car bomb explodes in Zakho, North-Iraq (54-80 killed)
- 1998 - Apple discontinues development of the Newton computer
- 1998 - Britain's House of Lords agrees to end 1,000 years of male precedence by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first born son
- 1999 - Korea International School is founded by Soon-Il Chung
- 2004 - A bombing of a Superferry by Abu Sayyaf in the Philippines worst terrorist attack kills 116
- 2007 - The Chinese Correction: the Shanghai Stock Exchange falls 9%, the largest drop in 10 years
- 2009 - Statistics Finland informs that Finland's gross domestic product diminished by 1.3% in the last quarter of 2008 from the previous quarter
- 2012 - Wikileaks begins disclosing 5 million emails from private intelligence company Stratfor

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- ZUHR 12:44
- ASR 4:45
- MAGRIB 6:28
- ISHA 7:48

Samoon, Fayaz take stock of public grievances at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Transport, Animal and Sheep Husbandry Departments, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon and Commissioner Secretary, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Shiekh Fayaz Ahmad today took stock of people's grievances during a day-long public grievance camp held at Banquet Hall, Srinagar.

During the day-long programme, a large number of deputations and individuals from Srinagar, Budgam, Anantnag, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Pulwama, Gulmarag, Kupwara, Kokernag, Pahalgam, among other areas met the Administrative Secretaries and highlighted their issues.

Director, Animal Husbandry, Kashmir, Purnima Mittal, Direc-

which funds were also released. However due to some reasons, the developmental work couldn't take off. They demanded that work should be started—which would help the artist fraternity of the north Kashmir to preserve and promote the folk music.

A delegation of unemployed PhD scholars in Floriculture demanded that more posts should be notified with the department.

They demanded laying down criteria so that PGs and PhD scholars find it viable to apply. A deputation of Pensioners and serving employees of Wool Board appraised the Administrative Secretaries about their issues and sought an early redressal from the Government.

A delegation of casual laborers in Polytechnic Institutes demanded release of their pending



tor, Floriculture and Gardens, Kashmir, Farooq Ahmad Rather, Joint Director, Fisheries, Bashir Ahmad, among other senior officers from the concerned departments were present on the occasion.

During the camp several service matter cases were also taken up and the Administrative Secretaries asked the concerned departments to expedite their cases for early redressal.

A delegation of Kreeri, Baramulla, appraised the Principal Secretary about their issues and sought intervention from the Government. The delegation informed the Administrative Secretaries that few years back Government initiated to establish Culture Centre in Kreeri, for

wages. They also demanded regularization under the new rules of the UT.

A delegation of Contractors—working with several departments demanded release of their pending bills.

Speaking to several delegations and officials during the camp, the Principal Secretary stressed that Government was creating employment avenues in Agriculture and allied sectors.

During the camp, Samoon directed the officers to work in close coordination and reach out to the people with several beneficiary schemes. He also asked the officers to maintain synergy with officials of other works executing agencies for completion of their projects.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC DIVISION ANANTNAG AUCTION NOTICE

NIT No:-02/EDA of 2020

Dated:-25-02-2020

The Executive Engineer Electric M&RE Division Anantnag for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of D&K UT invites Sealed Tenders affixed with Rs.6/ revenue stamps from manufacturers/Distributors/registered dealers for Supply of DPC Aluminum of different sizes against exchange of Salvaged Al. coils,during the Year 2020-21.

The tender documents can be had from office of the undersigned from 25-02-2020 up to 01-03-2020 (4.0 PM) against cash payment of Rs 200 on production of CDR Amounting Rs 2000/ original copies of GST registration. The tenders should reach to the Executive Engineer Electric M&RE Division Anantnag by or before 01-03-2020 up to 4.00PM by hand. Registered post. Courier Or through speed post only. In case of Holiday, Curfew or like on 01-03-2020 the last date for receiving of tenders shall be next working day. Tender documents received after last date due to postal or any other delay shall not be entertained. Any request for extension in last date of receipt of tender is likely to be rejected. Tenders shall be opened on 02-03-2020 or any other convenient day by Tender Opening Committee in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to be present.

Executive Engineer Electric Division Anantnag, reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

S.No	Particulars	Offered Exchange Qty.
1.	Exchange of old salvaged Al. Coils (01 Kg)	Fresh Al. DPC(.....Kg) of different sizes (16,18,13)

Note:- The total quantity of old damaged old Al. coils shall be determined before issuing of final order

Sd/= Executive Engineer Electric M&RE Division Anantnag

Dated:-25-02-2020

DIPK No.2735/NB/M

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION OMPORA BUDGAM E-NIT NO 21 OF 02/2020

For and on behalf of the LT. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors Registered with Union Territory of J&K Govt, for the following works.

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work amount in lacs	Earnest Money	Time of completion	Class of contract	Cost of tender document	Head of account
1	Improvement to existing lining wall on Lainz Khul by way of laying of cement concrete lining jacketing and clearance of canal. Amount of work 3.27 lacs (Including deptt supply) Fresh of e Nit No. 14 of 10/2019.	3.27	6540	10 Days	DEE	400/-	M8.R
2	Construction of protection walls on Minor Gama Khul at Bunpora Chill branch of Lainz Khul. Amount of work 1.66 lacs including deptt supply) Fresh of e Nit No14 of 10/2019	1.66	3320	10 Days	DEE	200/-	M&R
3	Desilting of "Said Khul" from RD 3600mtrs to 5800mtr. Amount of work 1.75 lacs (Including deptt supply) Fresh of E.Nit No.17 of 11/2019.	1.75	3500	10 Days	DEE	200/-	Back to Village
4	Construction of abut cum wing walls and jacketing Shankerpora damaged flume near village ShankerporaKhanchi Kanal	7.06	14120	15 Days	CEE/ DEE	800/-	PMKSY

Total No. of works advertised 4 (four). Position of Funds _____ Demanded.

1. The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, Bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

1	Publishing date	25-02-2020 (4 PM)
2	Download date start	25-02-2020 (4 PM)
3	Bid submission date starts	25-02-2020 (4 PM)
4	Bid submission date ends	02-03-2020 upto (4 PM)
5	Bid Opening date	03-03-2020 at (11 AM)

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.

2. The bids uploaded on the web site up to due date and time will be opened on 03-03-2020 at 11 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ompora Budgam in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of holiday or office happening to be closed on the day of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

3. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ompora Budgam payable at Ompora and earnest money/bid security in shape of CDR pledged to tender receiving authority. The bid for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 ninety days from the date of opening of bid.

4. The earnest money shall be forfeited if-
a. any bidder/tenderer withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification in terms and conditions of the bid. b. the contractor fails to execute the agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract.

DIPK No. 7661/M

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KASHMIR NOTICE

Whereas, Joint application has been received from one Farooq Ahmad Bhat S/o: Assadullah Bhat R/o Khonkhan, Dalgate-Srinagar (Transferor) and Tariq Ahmad Shagoo S/o Abdul Rehman Shagoo R/o Tankipora, Srinagar (Transferee) for transfer of Truck carrying route permit No. 9935/KP covering Vehicle No. JK01H-5569.

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir.

Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer.

Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S STWCO Namely Mr. Noor Mohammad

NO: JK/RTOK /8389
Dated: 26/02/2020

Sd/-
Regional Transport Office, Kashmir

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Replace Geelani, APHC tells Jel

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR : The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) la under-stood to have formally asked the Jama'at-e-Islami to replace its firebrand leader, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, as its member in the multi-party alliance.

According to reliable sources, the APHC has for-warded a communication to the Jama'at Ameer, Ghulam Muhammad Bhat. In this connection, it re-quested Bhat to replace the party's member as his presence was proving to be a stumbling block in the Hurriyat's proposed visit to Pakistan, sources "tea said.

However, when con-tacted, Bhat refused to comment on the report. An earlier report had said two Hurriyat leaders had ap-proached him asking for Geelani's replacement ei-ther by himself or some-one else. A formal let tar has been sent now, sources said.

The centre's reser-va-tions to issue pass part to Geelani was one of the rea-sons for delaying the pro-passed Hurriyat leaders' visit to Pakistan. The gov-ernment of India would, perhaps, have no objec-tion to Bhat accompany-ing the APHC tram, lie al-ready has a passport.

However, the militants in Pakistan controlled Kashmir have Insisted on Geelani inclusion in the proposed Hurriyat team for Pakistan visit.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 27 February, 2001)