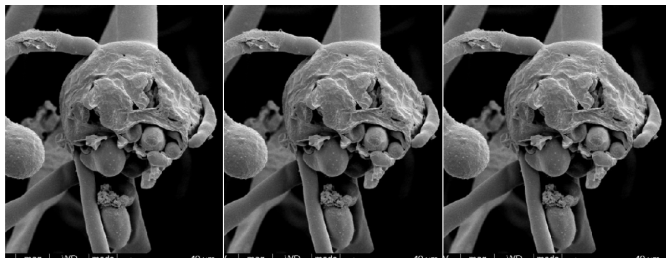


# Experts Sound Alert In Kashmir As Jammu Sees First 'Black Fungus' Death

Auqib Javed

**SRINAGAR:** As Jammu and Kashmir records first death of patient with Mucormycosis commonly known as 'Black Fungus' at Government Medical College Jammu, the health experts in Kashmir have sounded an alert and asked the people to remain on



guard and follow the advisories. Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudan said that the person was under observation for the last two days and subsequently succumbed this afternoon at the health facility. "The patient had recently recovered from Covid-19 and was now suffering from" [More On P10](#)

## Corona Claims 43 More Lives, 3848 Test Positive

As many as 43 more people, including a non-local, succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday while 3848 new cases of virus were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. In Jammu division, 27 more people died of coronavirus on Friday while in Kashmir Valley 16 people [More On P10](#)

## Srinagar Under Siege On Mirwaiz, Lone Anniversary



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Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Restrictions were tightened in and around Srinagar city on Friday and state forces deployed in strength on the death anniversaries of

Mirwaiz Mohammad Farooq and Abdul Gani Lone. The national highway connecting Srinagar to north Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara districts was sealed off, as were [More On P10](#)

## PM Pitches For 'Doorstep Treatment' For Covid

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged bringing medical services closer to COVID-19 patients, coming up with [More On P10](#)

## MOS Singh Holds Review Meeting With DCs

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Friday held a comprehensive COVID review meeting with all the 20 district [More On P10](#)

## HC Seeks Report On Steps Taken By Govt On Pandemic

J&K High Court has asked the government to file a "comprehensive report" as regards steps so far taken by it on [More On P10](#)

## LG Takes Note Of Low Vaccination Rate in J&K



Passes Strict Directions To DCs To Scale Up Vaccination Drive

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Taking serious note of low vaccination rate in some districts of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday passed strict

directions to the Deputy Commissioner for scaling-up the vaccination drive in their respective districts.

The LG passed the directions while chairing a series of meetings with COVID Task Force, Deputy Commissioners and SPs from across the UT, in which important decisions were also taken to strengthen the Covid containment [More On P10](#)

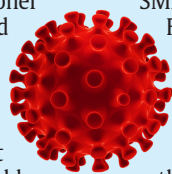
## Peace Only Way To Progress, Prosperity: LG

Asserting that violence can never be an answer and peace is the only way towards prosperity and progress, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Friday that it was high time to defeat [More On P10](#)

## Effective Anti-Covid Therapy Not Available Yet: Expert

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** As Jammu and Kashmir continues to grapple with deadly pandemic, a senior medical practitioner on Friday said that the effective anti-coronavirus therapy was not available yet and that the people should take Covid protocol seriously, which includes wearing of masks,



maintaining physical distance and disinfecting contaminated hands frequently.

Dr Rakesh Kumar Koul, Professor, Medicine, SMHS, Srinagar said Friday that precautions and vaccination were the only defence line against infection and that the people should consult a physician soon after noticing Covid symptoms. [More On P10](#)

## Covid-19 Could Become Like Common Cold In Future: Study

The novel coronavirus responsible for COVID-19 could cause no more than common cold-like coughs and sniffles within the next decade, according to a study. [More On P10](#)

## GMC Sgr To Hire Paramedics For 500 Bed Covid Hospital, Invites Applications

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Bracing up for the launch of under-construction 500 bedded temporary Covid hospital, the government medical college (GMC) Srinagar on Friday advertised various vacancies of paramedics in Kashmir division.

According to the advertisement, GMC has invited online applications from eligible candidates belonging to Kashmir Division for the posts of Staff Nurse, Lab. Technician, Pharmacist and Anaesthesia Technician for the upcoming 500 bedded temporary Covid Hospital that is being set up in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO),

officials said Friday.

According to the advertisement notice issued by Principal Government Medical College Srinagar, the submission of online application forms will commence from 22 May, 2021 from 6 pm while the last date to close the application process has been fixed as 27 May, 2021 up to 4 pm. "The eligible candidates have been informed to check the full details of the posts including pay and qualification which have been uploaded on the website of Govt Medical College Srinagar (www.gmcs.edu.in)," the officials said.

They further said that as per the advertisement notice, these contractual appointments [More On P10](#)

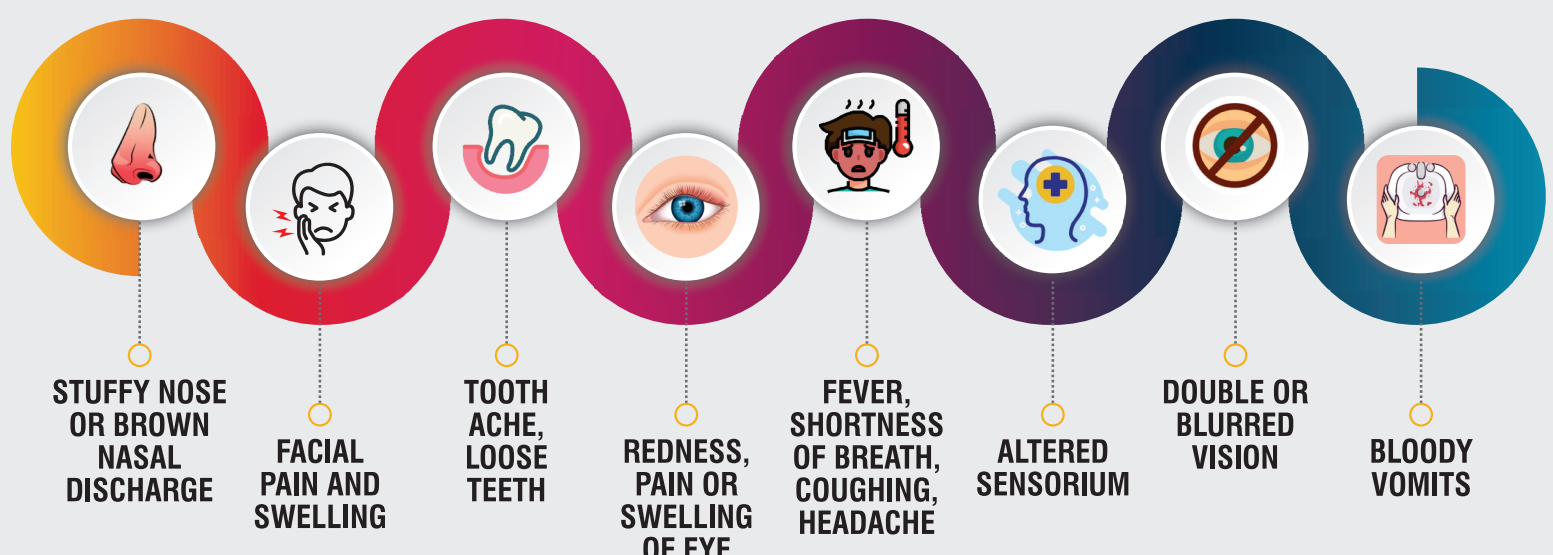


Shri Manoj Sinha  
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor

## ADVISORY ON BLACK FUNGUS (MUCORMYCOSIS)

**BLACK FUNGUS (MUCORMYCOSIS) IS A TYPE OF FUNGAL INFECTION, WHICH SPREADS RAPIDLY IN THE NOSE, SINUS, EYE AND BRAIN.**

**DO NOT NEGLECT IF YOU FIND THESE SYMPTOMS DURING/AFTER COVID**



**PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK**

- ▶ WITH UNCONTROLLED DIABETES
- ▶ WITH CO-MORBIDITIES (POST TRANSPLANT/ MALIGNANCY)
- ▶ ON LONG STANDING OXYGEN THERAPY DURING COVID TREATMENT
- ▶ TREATED FOR COVID 19 WITH STEROIDS/IMMUNOMODULATORS

**Dos**

- Control hyperglycaemia
- Monitor blood glucose level post COVID-19 discharge in diabetic patients
- Use steroid judiciously
- Use clean, sterile water for humidifiers during oxygen therapy
- Use antibiotics/ anti fungal judiciously

**Don'ts**

- Do not miss warning signs & symptoms
- Don't consider all cases of blocked nose as cases of bacterial sinusitis, especially in the cases of immunosuppression and/or COVID-19 patients on immunomodulators
- Don't hesitate in seeking aggressive investigations as appropriate for detecting fungal etiology
- Don't lose crucial time to initiate treatment for mucormycosis

**IT COULD BE DANGEROUS**

*If you have symptoms, seek medical advice immediately*



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