

Jehlum Post News|Srinagar| Feb 5, 2014|Refuting the news item published in a section of local dailies, regarding the death of Arno Roy in an avalanche in Gulmarg few days ago, Deputy Director Tourism Kashmir through a communiqué Wednesday has clarified that the department had issued an advisory for skiers about the threat of avalanche besides the advisories on daily basis available on the departmental website and J&K Cable Car Corporation website, at all the phases of Gandola. However, a group of skiers led by John Falkner, a guide, skied down from G-4 at around 11:15 am and took a right turn at tower no 14. While traversing a ridge, Arno Roy got caught in an avalanche while two of his fellow skiers had already crossed the ridge. As per the spokesman, within 5 minutes, the victim was dug out by the Falkner and the Ski Patrol also arrived at the spot. The victim was given artificial respiration but did not respond and was subsequently brought to Gulmarg PHC. The department as per the communiqué is grieved at the sad demise of Arno Roy.