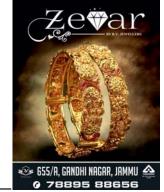


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#### UK issues allergy warning for COVID vaccine

LONDON, Dec 9:

Britain's medicines regulator today issued a warning for people with "significant" history of allergic reactions to medicines, food or vaccines to not have the Pfizer/BioNTech jab, a day after the first set of patients were administered their first of two doses of the vaccine against COVID-19.

The warning comes after two National Health Service (NHS) workers experienced "anaphylactoid reaction" symptoms shortly after being injected, but are now said to be recovering well.

NHS England said all its trusts involved with the mass vaccination programme have been informed and from today, all patients scheduled to receive

#### (Contd on page 11 Col 5) NIA charge sheets 16 persons based abroad for sedition

NEW DELHI, Dec 9:

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today filed a charge sheet against 16 people based in the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada under the anti-terror law, UAPA, for allegedly indulging in seditious activities and promoting enmity on the grounds of region and religion in the country.

The NIA charge sheet alleged that the seven accused from the US, six from the UK and three from Canada were involved in an organised conspiracy for launching a concerted secessionist campaign under the banner of 'Referendum 2020' for the creation of 'Khalistan'.

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## Farmer Unions reject Centre's proposal

NEW DELHI, Dec 9:

Farmer leaders today rejected a Government offer of amendments in the new agri laws and a "written assurance" on continuing the MSP system, saying there was nothing new in it, and vowed to intensify their agitation by blocking key highways linking Delhi and a December 14.

The sixth round of talks between the Centre and the agitating farmer unions slated today was cancelled, but the two sides maintained they were open to dialogue.

The Opposition, which has been supporting the farmers' stir and had backed Tuesday's 'Bharat bandh', approached President Ram Nath Kovind.

### (Contd on page 11 Col 7) 69 appointed to Junior Scale of Administrative,

Police, Accounts Services **Excelsior Correspondent** 

JAMMU, Dec 9: The Government has ordered appointment of 69 candidates to the Junior Scale of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service, J&K Police (Gazetted) Service and J&K Accounts (Gazetted) Service under direct recruitment quote through the Combined Competitive Examination, 2018.

Those, who have been appointed to Junior Scale of J&K Administrative Service are, Malik Kamila Mushtaq, Mir Dawar Habib, Diksha Raina, Manish Sudan, Sahil Abrol, Disha Gupta, Tufail Iqbal, Akshay Sharma, Urvi Singh, Chahat Bharti, Vivek Rattan, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, (Contd on page 11 Col 5)

## WEATHER

JAMMU:

Max: 22.1 Degree C
Min: 13.6 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY 98.0 per cent 76.0 per cent 05.23 p.m. Sunset on Thursday: Sunrise on Friday: SRINAGAR: 07.27 a.m.

Possibility of light rain/thundershower TEMPERATURE

7.6 Degree C
2.2 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY 91.0 per cent 82.0 per cent

TEMPERATURE

# 6 injured in grenade attack

# 3 Al-Badr militants killed in Pulwama

Fayaz Bukhari

Kashmir's Pulwama district Muhammad Mir resident of Shopian today while six civilians were injured in a grenade attack in Baramulla district of North Kashmir.

\*Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

Security forces including Police, Army's 55 RR and CRPF launched an operation in Tiken village of Pulwama in the wee hours today

As the security forces approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired upon them, leading to an encounter.

Inspector General of Police Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said that after initial exchange of fire, Dadsara when it was found that the trapped militants are locals, they Ahmad Allaie, resident of Pulwama encounter. were repeatedly asked to surren- Kadlabal, der by the security forces. Awantipora. "However, they turned down fired upon security forces, who brother of Shahnawaz Ahmad tion over", the tweet read. gunfight three militants were was killed in an encounter on 1st statement issued that one Zamir

**Mohinder Verma** 

after being repeatedly scolded money.

and because of this people of

deprived of better facilities.

several

JAMMU,

Comparing

Kumar identified the three

The encounter took place in militants were hiding also



A civilian injured in a grenade attack at Pattan being shifted to SMHS hospital in Srinagar on Wednesday. Another pic on -Excelsior/Shakeel

Govt officers are like 'Kumbhkarna', wake

up only after being scolded: Acting CJ

Issues directions to bring

transparency in system

'Kumbhkarna', brother of exchequer. He has also issued observed, "this court is once petitions, compliance report is

Court Justice Rajesh Bindal parency in the system and to cre- Jammu & Kashmir as to how adding "this not only results in

public

Awantipora and

repeated surrender offers and August this year. Umar Ali was with 2 rounds and joint operaretaliated and in the ensuing Mir, who was also a militant and

Government officers with causing huge loss to the public Justice Rajesh

from the deep slumber only ciously spending the taxpayers' adding "the result of this casu-

Jammu and Kashmir remain filed by M/s National India Moreover, the casualness is

While dismissing a petition the

Army, in a tweet, said that Owais Farooq son of Farooq three militants were killed in

A police spokesman in a main market of Singhpora,

SRINAGAR, Dec 9: Three militants as Mehraj-ud Din South Kashmir after a gap of received gunshot injuries and militants of Al-Badr outfit Lone son of Bashir Ahmad one month as earlier on 10th was evacuated to hospital for the were killed in an encounter at Lone, resident of Arigam, November two local militants treatment of his injuries where-Tiken village of South Pulwama, Umar Ali son of Ali were killed in Kutpora in district his condition is stated to be sta-"As per police records, the

killed militants were part of groups involved in many crime cases including planning and executing several major attacks on security forces," the state-"Keeping in view the pre-

vailing pandemic and to ensure the safety of people from inherent risk of contracting the infection, the dead bodies of the killed militants shall be sent to Baramulla for their burial and last rites after completion of medico-legal formalities. The nearest family members of the killed militants shall be allowed to participate in the last rites at Baramulla", the statement said.

In the meantime, a woman was among six persons injured in a grenade attack in the "Recoveries include- AK main market of Singhpora rifle- 1, magazines- 5 with 140 area of Pattan in North All three were missing since rounds - pistol- 2, magazines- 2 Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Militants hurled a grenade on a security force vehicle in the

against the Government in this

court, replies/objections are not

filed in some cases even for a

decade. It is not limited to main

succeeding party but even low-

Bindal petitions but even in contempt

"Time to make trustees of public money accountable"

exchequer. institution".

# Two Kashmiris among 7 die of COVID-19 in Jammu

A woman carries her child wrapped in warm clothes on a cold winter morning in Jammu.

Doc, 6 others test +ve in GMC's Emergency

76 fresh cases in Ladakh

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Dec 9: Seven persons including two hailing from Srinagar and Anantnag districts of Kashmir valley, who had come here for winter months which are very harsh in the Valley, died of COVID-19 while 190 tested positive Demon King Ravana, Acting slew of directions to the Chief again constrained to comment not filed for long time", the and 156 others recovered from the virus in Jammu region.

Chief Justice of J&K High Secretary in order to bring trans- on the working of offices in Acting Chief Justice remarked, A female doctor was among today said that they woke up ate better infrastructure by judilightly the litigation is taken", denying fruits of litigation to the seven persons who tested positive during Rapid Antigen alness is causing huge loss to ers public trust in the judicial Testing (RAT) in Emergency wing of the Government Mentioning that the College Medical (GMC) Construction Company chal- not limited to the department Supreme Court had compared Jammu.

Moreover, Justice Bindal has lenging rejection of bid sub- in question but there is hardly a litigant approaching the Of seven COVID casualties once again expressed displeas- mitted in response to the any difference in working of court after huge delay with in the Jammu region today, four ure over the working of the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) all the departments. Less said 'Kumbhkarna', the Acting were reported in Jammu district Chief Justice said, "I think if and one each from Samba. "In the case in hand and what **considered in that light, for fil-** Kathua and Reasi districts."

had come here to spend winters.

woman from Pathar Wali Gali in Safakadal area of Srinagar, same hospital this evening. who was co-morbid and suffering from Anantnag district, who had multiple ailments and was positive for the virus.

GMC Jammu Medical Superintendent Dr Dara Singh told the Excelsior that bodies of both COVID victims from Anantnag as per wishes of the COVID protocol.

Two persons including a died due to bilateral Community

woman hailing from the Valley Acquired Pneumonia in the died in the GMC Jammu as they GMC Jammu this afternoon. An 81-year-old man from Chenani They include 67-year-old in Udhampur district also died of COVID Pneumonia in the

A 64-year-old woman from COVID Billawar tehsil in Kathua district Pneumonia and 75-year-old died of co-morbidities and man from Pethbugh in COVID-19 in the GMC Jammu while 79-year-old from Nandpur village in Ramgarh tehsil of Samba district died of multiple ailments and Coronavirus in ASCOMS Sidhra.

An 80-year-old man from Mahore in Reasi district died of Kashmir have been sent to their the virus and other medical native districts of Srinagar and problems in the GMC Jammu.

A woman and her two chilfamily members under due dren reported positive in Rajpura in Jammu district. Two An 82-year-old man from persons each tested positive for (Contd on page 11 Col 7)

20 seats to go to polling in Jammu, 17 Kashmir

# 3 die of COVID in Kashmir, 179 test +ve

casualness of the officers is Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), is seen in other cases filed

**Excelsior Correspondent** 

Kashmir to 1767 while 179 J&K to 1,14,407. people tested positive.

a 61-year-old woman from Safa Shopian 4. Kadal area of Srinagar died of COVID today.

fatality count in the Valley has recovered,

Government offices in the for construction of a road is better".

Union Territory and said that the under Pradhan Mantri Gram

Macchil in district Kupwara, a Kupwara 12, Pulwama 13, Kupwara has 5302 positive cases 60-year-old man from Chiti Anantnag 8, Bandipora 4, with 189 active, 5026 recovered, Bandi in district Bandipora and Ganderbal 10, Kulgam 4 and 87 deaths; Bandipora has 4502 With these fresh cases, 4332 recovered, 56 deaths and Srinagar has now 23911 positive Ganderbal has 4308 positive

With these deaths, the total cases with 1162 active, 22321 cases with 164 active cases, 4104 428 deaths; recoveries and 40 deaths. Baramulla has 7645 positive Srinagar district with 428 cases with 151 active, 7329 deaths topped the list followed recovered, 165 deaths; Pulwama 107624 have recovered and by Baramulla 165, Budgam 104, reported 5230 positive cases with 1767 have died including 1136 Pulwama 86, Kupwara 87, 175 active cases, 4969 recovered, in Kashmir division. Anantnag 81, Bandipora 56, 86 deaths; Kulgam has 2618 pos-Kulgam 52, Ganderbal 40 and itive cases with 64 active, 2502

recoveries, 52 deaths; Shopian And eight soldiers were has 2395 positive cases with 80 SRINAGAR, Dec 9: Three among 179 people who tested active, 2278 recovered and 37 people died of COVID in positive for COVID in deaths; Anantnag district has Kashmir today taking the Kashmir today taking the 4635positive cases with 121 death toll in Jammu and number of positive cases in active, 4433 recovered, 81 deaths; Budgam has 7191 posi-Srinagar reported 86 cases, tive cases with 303 active and A 70-year-old woman from Baramulla 19, Budgam 19, 6784 recovered, 104 deaths; positive cases with 114 active,

> And out of 114407 positive cases in J&K, 5016 are active,

Moreover, 342 (Contd on page 11 Col 3) (Contd on page 11 Col 1) Keen fight as many prominent contestants in fray today

30 Sarpanchs elected unopposed

**Excelsior Correspondent** 

in Phase-V

JAMMU, Dec 9: Twenty Territorial constituencies spread over all 10 districts of Jammu region will go to votes in fifth phase of the District Development Council (DDC) elections tomorrow including some of the segments which are likely to witness keen contest among prominent political personalities.

CAT quashes final seniority list of SIs

Gundana, Kahara and Thathri (Kathua), Arnas and Bhamag him is joint candidate of

will have voting in Doda district (Reasi), Palmar and Thakraie People's Alliance for Gupkar tomorrow while in Ramban dis- (Kishtwar), Khoon and Majalta Declaration (PAGD) Advocate trict, just single seat of Batote (Udhampur), Kalakote and



Gujroo seats from Kathua on Wednesday. Another pic on page 11.

will go to polls.

Other seats which will see and Lassana (Poonch). polling tomorrow include Sahib in Jammu district, Nud from second Territorial con-Maximum three segments of Marheen and Nagrota Gujroo district tomorrow. Pitted against

Dhangri (Rajouri) and Poonch

Former BJP Minister Shakti Mandal Phallian and Miran Raj Parihar is seeking election and Ramgarh-B (Samba), stituency of Gundana in Doda

Asim Hashmi among others. Parihar was also the BJP candidate from Marmat seat where voting has already been held. \*Watch video on

www.excelsiornews.com

Manju Singh wife of former Cabinet Minister and National Panthers Party (NPP) supremo Harshdev Singh and Juhi Manhas wife of former BJP MLA from Ramnagar Ranbir Singh Pathania are pitted against each other from Women Reserve constituency of Khoon in Udhampur district besides other candidates. In Majalta, the sec-(Contd on page 11 Col 3)

# Wet weather on Dec 11, 12

**Excelsior Correspondent** 

SRINAGAR, Dec 9: After fresh snowfall in the hills of Kashmir, the Disaster Management Authority today issued avalanche warning for the hills of Jammu and Kashmir while Weatherman forecasts fresh snowfall this week end.

\*Watch video on

www.excelsiornews.com The Disaster Management Authority issued a high danger avalanche warning for higher reaches of Bandipora District particularly Gurez.

The DMA also issued medium danger avalanche warning for higher reaches of Poonch, Kishtwar, Kupwara, Ganderbal and Kargil districts and low level avalanche warning for upper reaches of Ramban, (Contd on page 11 Col 3)

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Central Wing of J&K Police and record". issued directions for redraw-

eral respondents who were drawn is that all the candidates the petitioners were placed over probation period and are and above the petitioners.

for the petitioners, the CAT probation period". observed, "there is no record to

deemed to be confirmed on the After hearing Senior same date, their seniority as Advocate PN Raina with amongst themselves shall Advocate Jasbir Singh Jasrotia remain the same as during their

"The malaise of lack of JAMMU, Dec 9: A bench of show that the applicants and the steadfast and continuity in Administration private respondents did not having in place fixed systems Tribunal (CAT) comprising complete their probation suc- in its administration has Judicial Member Rakesh cessfully on the same date", plagued the police organiza-Sagar Jain and Administrative adding "mere averments of tion in J&K. Over the decades, Member Anand Mathur has either party that they completed the administrators have been quashed the final seniority list their probation prior to each unable to evolve and put in of Sub-Inspectors in Executive other is not supported by any place, systems/procedures which have continuity in their "Had it been otherwise, offi- applications to recruitment/ cial respondents should have seniority/promotions", the The final seniority list of placed the record before the CAT said, adding "it seems, Sub-Inspectors of 2010 batch in Tribunal showing different date successive administrations Executive Wing of J&K Police on which the applicants and pri- and at times, different wings issued by Director General of vate respondents passed the of the police have applied dif-Police vide Order No. 2678 of training within the probation ferent rules, procedures, inter-2019 dated 12.07.2019 was period", the CAT said, adding pretations etc leading to challenged to the extent that sev- "the conclusion, therefore to be uncertainty and multiplicity of litigation which has adversely lower in the merit and juniors to passed their training within the affected the efficacy of the ing the national recovery rate to organization at the adminis-

> "This uncertainty and lack of systematic procedures as well as (Contd on page 11 Col 1)

trative level".

## Caseload rises to 97.35 lakh

NEW DELHI, Dec 9:

India's COVID-19 caseload rose to 97.35 lakh today, while the number of people who have recuperated from the disease crossed 92 lakh, pushing the national recovery rate to 94.66 per cent, according to the Union Health Ministry. The total Coronavirus cases

mounted to 97,35,850 with 32,080 new infections being reported in a day, while the death toll rose to 1,41,360 with 402 new fatalities, data updated by the Ministry at 8 am showed. The number of people who

have recuperated from the disease surged to 92,15,581, push-94.66 per cent, while the COVID-19 case fatality rate stood at 1.45 per cent.

The COVID-19 active case-(Contd on page 11 Col 5)



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