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Corona cases rise to 35,365, deaths 1152

Lockdown extended till May 17; complete ban on air travel, trains, inter-State transport

NEW DELHI, May 1:

India will now be under lockdown till May 17 with a complete ban on air travel, trains and inter-State road transport for the general public while educational institutions, theatres, malls, hotels and bars will also remain shut, the Government announced today but gave some relaxations for various business activities and people's movement within areas with limited or no COVID-19 cases.

The decision to extend the lockdown by two more weeks

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after May 3, when the second phase of these restrictions was scheduled to end, came amid a continuous rise in the number of people testing positive for the deadly virus infection across various states, including in major metropolitans, with the nationwide tally crossing 37,000. The death toll has

PM reviews performance of 2 sectors

NEW DELHI, May 1:

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed the performance of the Aviation and Power Sectors, with a focus on reducing costs and making them more efficient.

Reviewing the power sector, the Prime Minister underlined its importance in propelling the economy.

The need for an effective enforcement of contracts to (Contd on page 11 Col 1)

Dr Jitendra allays fears of employees, Advocates

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: The service matters of Central Government and employees of J&K UT and Ladakh will be heard and disposed of by CAT Bench in Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated by Union Minister in PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh here today. He said no clarification has been issued to previous order which has been misunderstood and no corrigendum or amendment has been issued to it as the same order (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Govt issues Helplines for stranded people

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: The Government today issued online registration and Helpline numbers to facilitate migrant workers, students and other persons stranded outside Jammu & Kashmir for their evacuation.

A day after the Centre gave go-ahead to return of migrant workers, stranded persons & students in different parts of the country to their respective destinations, the UT administration appointed seven officers to coordinate and monitor the

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HC grants 2 weeks to Govt on Sagar's plea for bail

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 1: The High Court today has granted two weeks time to Government for filing of response on the plea of senior National Conference leader Mohammad Sagar for changing said stranded people such as pilgrims, tourists, students and his lodgement in light of recent pandemic COVID-19 or setting him free on bail.

The petition has been filed by his son Ishfaq Ali challenging detention order passed by District Magistrate Srinagar

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Nanded Gurdwara closed, 91 more

test +ve

AURANGABAD/ CHANDIGARH, May 1:

Local authorities sealed Nanded's Hazur Sahib Gurdwara today, hours before Punjab reported that 91 more people who returned from the shrine Maharashtra had tested positive for Coronavirus.

So far, 197 pilgrims out of the 3,500 brought back (Contd on page 11 Col 1)

March 25, which was later educational and training insti-However, several experts have ums and sports complexes.

rent fiscal with a few even esti-

mating an overall GDP decline. All major urban centres including Delhi and Mumbai have been identified as 'red zones' or areas with large numbers of cases and therefore not much relaxations would be applicable to them beyond already permitted ones for those

involved in essential services. The Union Home Ministry said the lockdown measures so far have led to "significant gains" in the COVID-19 situation and some activities will remain prohibited throughout the country, irrespective of the zone. These include air travel, rail, metro and inter-state movement by road, running of extended by two more weeks to tutions, hospitality services, Ministry. contain the virus spread. cinema halls, malls, gymnasi-

and many rating agencies and and religious places or places of ing of cycle rickshaws and auto-Prime Minister Narendra industry bodies have forecast a worship for public will also rickshaws, running of taxis and Modi had first announced a 21- sharp dip in the country's eco- remain shut, as per an order cab aggregators, intra-district day nationwide lockdown from nomic growth rate for the cur- issued by the Union Home and inter-district plying of

Permitted, prohibited activities

The Union Home Ministry today issued detailed guidelines, specifying activities allowed in the three zones -- Red, Orange and Green -- apart from what is permitted and not allowed coun-

Prohibited activities throughout the country, irrespective of

* Travel by air, rail, metro and inter-state movement by road, running of schools, colleges, and other educational and training and coaching institutions; hospitality services, including hotels and restaurants

* Places of large public gatherings such as cinema halls, malls, gymnasiums, sports complexes etc; social, political, cultural and other kinds of gatherings and religious places or places

* Movement of individuals, for all non-essential activities shall remain strictly prohibited between 7 pm to 7 am.

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Outside the Containment and saloons. Zone falling within Red Zones, cautioned that the lockdown is All social, political, cultural certain more activities will be Zones with restrictions would severely impacting economy and other kinds of gatherings prohibited and these include ply-

buses, as also barber shops, spas

Activities allowed in Red

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Six cases from Kupwara

of them in 60s while as others

were aged 40, 41 and 50 years.

include 17-year-old girl and 46-

year-old woman from Bemina

12-year-old boy and a 55-year-

old woman from Heerpora, one

of the most affected areas in the

Baramulla and Budgam districts

include a 23-year-old woman

from Gundjahangir, a 28-year-

old man from Hardchilloo and a

39-year-old man from Chrar-e-

(Contd on page 4 Col 7)

Excelsior Correspondent

Government today assigned

additional charge to four KAS

Ahmad Khan, Additional

Deputy Commissioner Revenue

shall hold the charge of the post

of Programme Officer ICDS

Project Pulwama, in addition to

his own duties till further

orders, while Pawan Kumar,

Commissioner Kishtwar will

hold the charge of the post of

Programme Officer ICDS

Project Kishtwar, in addition to

his own duties till further

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri

will hold the charge of the post

of Programme Officer ICDS

Project Rajouri, in addition to

his own duties till further

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Sher Singh, Additional

Deputy

Additional

officers and relieved another.

JAMMU, May 1: The

According to the order, Altaf

4 officers get

addl charge

The cases from Bandipora,

district.

The Srinagar positive cases

The Shopian cases include

from Gonipora

25 test +ve in Kashmir, J&K tally 639

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, May 1: number of COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 639.

Among the fresh Coronavirus cases, 11 were confirmed at Viral Diagnostic Lab

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of SKIMS Soura and include six from Kupwara, two from Shopian and one each from Baramulla, Bandipora and Budgam districts.

Fourteen cases were confirmed at the COVID-19 testing laboratory at Chest Disease hosfrom Anantnag and two from of an ISM pharmacist from years apart from a 48-year-old Srinagar districts.

five members of a family of an ly comprising 52 year old the last week. ISM pharmacist tested posi- woman, her two daughters aged for Coronavirus in 22 and 25 years, a 16-year-old year-old girl, 12-year-old boy Handwara, all men with three **Kashmir today taking the** son and her 32 year old brother besides two men aged 60 and 80

Tailwani Achabal. The 56-year- woman from Larnoo and a 55-The cases from Anantnag old pharmacist, posted at PHC year-old woman from Sangam Twenty five people including include five members of a fami- Achabal, had tested positive for area. The other cases include 8- were



Main gate of historic Jamia Masjid at Nowhatta in downtown

inagar closed as no Friday prayers were allowed amid strict

pital Dalgate and include 12 lockdown on Friday. (UNI)

No adverse impact on COVID mgmt, education, other sectors Pak, terrorists rely heavily on internet for inciting people, planning attacks: J&K Govt

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, May 1: Stating that modern terrorism relies heavily on the internet and the same is being used by terror misconceived on the ground that Kabra, Principal Secretary to the their handlers from across the the Government websites. border to support fallacious

treatment and management of loading e-books. Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

NEW DELHI, May 1:

their respective States, an offi-

transported using trains.

Board will make the necessary

arrangements for the same," she

lems are cropping up in the added.

cial said.

to the nationwide lockdown to empty vehicles.

MHA Punya Salila Srivastava movement of migrant workers,

migrant workers, tourists, pil- other persons stranded at differ-

grims and students can now be ent places is allowed by special

"States and the Railway Ministry of Railways (MoR).

Underlining that some prob- ries for their movement, he

*Says time not ripe for restoration of 4G services

modules operating within current speed was sufficient Government, Jammu and Kashmir and enough to access information on Department, Union Territory of

proxy wars, the Government the Supreme Court that a Court of J&K Union Territory has number of innovative meas- Standing Counsel Shashi Juneja submitted before the Supreme ures have been initiated by the in compliance to the directions Court that time is not ripe for J&K Government to ensure issued in a Writ Petition titled the restoration of 4G services. that education may not suffer Foundation Moreover, the Government in any manner and all the edu- Professionals Versus Union has dubbed the apprehensions cation/e-learning websites of Territory of J&K. that medical professionals and the Government of India/UT the general public are not able to Government are accessible war against an unprecedented access latest studies, manuals on over 2G internet for down-

because of 2G internet speed as explained in details by Shaleen

MHA allows movement of

stranded people by spl trains

movement of trucks and load

allowed the use of trains for rate pass is needed for trucks observed at train stations, plat-

ferrying people stranded due and load carriers, including the forms and within the trains," the

Exercising the powers con-

Addressing a press confer- Management Act, Union Home cial "shramik" trains today to

ence, Joint Secretary in the Secretary Ajay Bhalla said the ferry migrant workers and

trains to be operated by the

with the states and Union territo-

nodal officers for coordinating 4:50 am today.

The Union Ministry of MHA has again written to the and for social distancing and

carriers, Srivastava said the guidelines for sale of tickets,

ferred under the Disaster Railways began running spe-

home secretary said.

Meanwhile, the Indian

others back home from vari-

ous States where they were

stranded since the nationwide

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Jammu and Kashmir in an affi-It has further conveyed to davit submitted to the Supreme through Media

> "The world is fighting a (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

pandemic which everyone hopes will be over sooner than All these aspects have been later but unfortunately the UT

Rlys to run 'Shramik Special' trains

Traffic disrupted on NH for 8 hrs

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, May 1: The vehicular traffic on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained disrupted for about eight hours today. Official sources said that

Home Affairs (MHA) today States, reiterating that no sepa- other safety measures to be National Highway remained blocked since Thursday morning at Mehar Cafeteria Morh near Ramban, was restored around 2.30 am. Thereafter, the strand-*Watch video on

www.excelsiornews.com

ed Army convoy and other vehicles were cleared.

lockdown began on March 25. It has already run the first The highway was again such train with 1,200 passengers blocked due to falling of boul-The MoR will designate from Hyderabad to Jharkhand at ders in the same area at around 10.30 am today. With this, a The other five "Shramik large number of Kashmir and

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2 more with travel history test +ve in Samba

No Hotspot distt in Jammu now, all 4 in Kashmir

*17,000 stranded people brought to J&K: Dr Jitendra

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, May 1: In a significant decision ahead of announcement of relaxations during third phase of lockdown from May 4-17, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken off four districts of Jammu and Kashmir from 'Hotspot' category but included in it two

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new districts from the Valley, which were reporting fresh cases, keeping four districts of

Zonal Classification District Bandipora Red Zone Red Zone Shopian Anantnag Red Zone **Red Zone** Srinagar Baramulla Orange Zone Kupwara Ganderbal Orange Zone Jammu Jdhampur Kulgam Orange Zone Budgam Samba Orange Zone Kathua Orange Zone Rajouri Orange Zone Ramban Reasi Green Zone Pulwama Kishtwar **Green Zone** Ooda Green Zone Poonch

Meanwhile, after four days today reported from Samba dis- reaching there. trict of Jammu taking total cases patients, has again joined the drivers.

They had travel history to New Delhi and Mumbai. SSP Samba Shakti Pathak told the Excelsior that the duo tested positive were put under administrative quarantine at resort in Ghagwal in Samba district soon after their arrival from New Delhi and Mumbai on April 29. One of them had come in a

Doctors said two

from Samba district

tested positive for

COVID-19 today.

hailing

persons

of no Corona case, two more truck and another in an offi-COVID-19 positive cases were cial bus from Lakhanpur after

One of the positive patient, a the Union Territory in Red in the region to 60 and active 32-year old, hailed from village Zone, 12 in Orange and four in cases to eight. With this, Samba Chan in Ghagwal and another, a district which had recently 40-year old, belonged to village Entire Union Territory of become Corona-free after suc- Sola, Rattanpur in Ghagwal, Ladakh has been listed in the cessful treatment of its all four Samba. Both of them were truck

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Pak violates ceasefire, Army gives befitting reply

category of districts having pos-

2 soldiers martyred, 2 others among 6 injured in Uri

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: Two Army personnel were martyred and six persons including four civilians were injured as Pakistan violated ceasefire along the Line of Control *Watch video on

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(LoC) in Uri sector today while army retaliated inflicting heavy causalities on

Pakistani troops. Srinagar based Defence spokesman Colonel Rajesh Kalia said: "Today at about 15:30 hours, Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation (CFV) along the LoC in Rampur Sector, district Baramula. Three soldiers have been injured in the Army gave befitting reply and



Army moving towards Rajwar forests in Handwara during encounter with militants on Friday.

-Excelsior/ Aabid Nabi

firing. Indian Army is retaliating targeted the Pakistani posts inflicting heavy casualties on An official said that the them. He said that posts were (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

Staff told to collect samples, attend OPD

Officials defy Govt's directions on staff segregation in Pulwama

Irfan Tramboo

laboratory staff to do both COVID-19 sample collection ing," read the order. as well as attend the OPD as per routine.

Block Medical Officer (BMO), comprised 3 members each. Pulwama issued an order directing the staff, which includes Dental Surgeons and Lab Technicians to attend to the samdates and attend to the OPD for

the rest of the days. tion of samples of suspected lize the services of the staff

COVID-19 cases of this block tasked with the COVID19 SRINAGAR, May 1: In a Headquarter Tahab on the dates services. bizarre move, the health offi- shown against each. However, cials in district Pulwama today during the rest of the days, they directed the doctors and the shall attend their routine duty at Kashmir it has been decided that their respective place of post-

of doctors and assisting staff work shall not be put on any The move has come after the have been formed. Each group

The order has come in clear violations of directives Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and ple collection on mentioned the Directorate of Health "...the team of following on April had asked all the the lives of the doctors as well as employees is framed for collec- CMOs in the Valley not to uti- the patients at risk and it is equal

and shall report Block related work in other routine

"During a meeting with the Divisional Commissioner, staff which is put on roster duty dedicated COVID-19 As per the order, four teams Hospitals & COVID-19 related other normal roaster and there should be no shifting/ mixing of staff between COVID-19 duty and normal duty," the order

directs all the concerned. Taking note of the "negligence," the Society of Dental Services Kashmir. The DHSK Surgeons, J&K (SDSJK) said in an internal communication that the authorities were putting

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