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PM announces jabs for 15-18 age-group from Jan 3; boosters for frontliners, seniors with comorbidities from Jan 10

'Omicron: Don't panic, Med infra well prepared'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday that vaccination against COVID-19 for children between 15-18 years will start from January 3, while "precaution dose" for healthcare and frontline workers would be administered from January 10, decisions that come amid rising COVID cases linked to the Omicron variant of the virus.

In an address to the nation,

he said the precaution dose will also be available for citizens above 60 years of age

and with comorbidities on the advice of their doctor from January 10 next year as well.

The precaution dose denotes a third dose of the vaccine for the fully vaccinated but

Modi refrained from using the

term "booster dose", as it is generally referred.

Amid Christmas and the coming new year festivities, Modi asked people to be alert and take all preventive measures but added that they should avoid panic as he reassured them about the health measures

in place to deal with any exigencies.

Administration of nasal vaccine and world's first DNA vaccine against Covid will soon start in India as well, he said

The prime minister said global experience shows that following all preventive measures at a personal level is "big weapon" to fight Covid and so is vaccination.

This is time to be careful, while engaging in festivities, he said. "I would urge all

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J&K sees two COVID deaths, 164 new cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 164 fresh COVID-19 cases on Saturday, pushing the infection count to 3,40,598, while two deaths due to the virus were reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Forty of the fresh cases were from the Jammu division and 124 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 51 new cases, followed by 29 cases in Baramulla district.

There are 1,355

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IED expert among four terrorists killed in two encounters; third gunfight underway

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four terrorists, including an IED expert, were killed in two separate encounters with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said.

While two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists were killed in Shopian district, two Ansar Gazwat-ul-Hind ultras were killed in Pulwama district.

Another gunfight was underway between terrorists and security forces in Anantnag district in south



Kashmir:

Giving details, a police official said acting on specific input about the presence of

terrorists in Chowgam village in Shopian, security forces launched a cordon

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36 NTs, Girdawars transferred in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: The District Administration Ramban on Saturday reshuffled Naib Tehsildars, Girdawars and Patwaris within the district by ordering their new postings.

As per order issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, 10 Naib Tehsildars, 3 Girdawars and 23 Patwaris have been transferred in the interest of Administration.

Naib Tehsildar (NT) Ind, Gulzar Ahmed Bhat has been transferred and posted as NT Gandhri, NT

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Azad joins Christmas celebrations; cautions people against divisive politics

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday joined the Christian community to celebrate Christmas in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district and cautioned people against divisive politics having the potential to harm the nation.

Azad also said people are converting out of their own free will and not by swords.

"He (the creator) is benevolent who has given more than what is required by humans but then what is this fight



Former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad participating in Christmas celebrations at Udhampur.

for. Politics is the main devil as some politicians change colours like a chameleon,

dividing people and spreading hatred on the basis

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday addressed a special event to commemorate birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee here at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

While speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor paid tributes to Bharat Ratna, Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth anniversary.

A true statesman, poet, writer, Atal was indeed the greatest orator country has heard after Independence,



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at an event in New Delhi to commemorate birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

said the Lt Governor. Throwing light on

Vajpayee's political life, the

Lt Governor said that Atal has deeply enriched the Indian political space.

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