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candidates had appeared in the exam for the posts. However, soon after the declaration of the result online, unsuccessful candidates took to the street alleging fraud in the recruitment process.

Justice Chandrachud to...

administer the oath of office to him at Rashtrapati Bhawan here.

His illustrious father Y V Chandrachud was the longest-serving Chief Justice of India (CJI) and remained at the helm from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985.

Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJI for two years till November 10, 2024.

Supreme Court judges retire at the age of 65.

He succeeds Uday Umesh Lalit, who had recommended him as his successor to the Centre on October 11. President Draupadi Murmu had appointed him as the next CJI on October 17.

Justice Chandrachud, born on November 11, 1959, was elevated to the top court on May 13, 2016.

He has been part of several Constitution benches and landmark verdicts of the top court including on matters relating to the Ayodhya land dispute, the right to privacy and adultery.

Justice Chandrachud was also part of the benches which delivered path-breaking judgements on decriminalising same-sex relations after it partially struck down Section 377 of the IPC, the validity of the Aadhaar scheme and the Sabarimala issue.

Recently, a bench headed by him expanded the scope of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act and the corresponding rules to include unmarried women for abortion between 20-24 weeks of pregnancy.

The Justice Chandrachud-led bench had also passed several directions to assuage the miseries faced by people during the COVID-19 crisis, terming the brutal second wave of the pandemic last year as a "national crisis".

Recently, he was among the two judges of the apex court Collegium which had objected to the method of "circulation" adopted for eliciting the views of its members on the appointment of judges to the top court.

He was a judge of the Bombay High Court from March 29, 2000 until his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court on October 31, 2013.

Justice Chandrachud was designated as a senior advocate by the Bombay High Court in June 1998 and became Additional Solicitor General in the same year till his appointment as a judge.

After completing his BA with Honours in Economics from St Stephen's College, New Delhi, Justice Chandrachud did his LLB from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University, and obtained an LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) from Harvard Law School, USA.

He practised law at the Supreme Court and the Bombay High Court and was a visiting professor of comparative Constitutional law at the University of Mumbai.

'Hybrid' terrorist arrested...

terrorist outfit LeT in Awantipora and recovered incriminating material, including ammunition, from his possession," a police spokesperson said.

"During preliminary investigation, it came to fore that the arrested hybrid terrorist was in close touch with LeT commanders and was involved in transportation of arms and ammunition," he added.

A hand grenade was seized from him, the official said.

Hybrid terrorist is a term coined by security forces in Jammu and Kashmir to describe those ultras who carry out a subversive task assigned to them by their handlers before slipping back into normal life.

Centre grants 265...

at present there exist more than 250 PG seats across 20 districts in phase 1 of the expansion plan. Two more PG seats will be granted in the second phase.

Fifty per cent of the PG seats are reserved for local in-service doctors to provide them with the opportunity for postgraduate training.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir will be benefited as modern quality healthcare will become more affordable and accessible in almost all the districts. This in turn, would further enhance the quality of primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare, the statement said.

The Indian government has also increased the number of examination centres in the UT to ensure that the candidates do not have to travel to other states to appear in the entrance examinations, the statement said.

Four feared drowned...

National Highway around 7.30 pm, Sub Divisional Magistrate (Thathri) Athar Amin Zargar said.

Quoting preliminary information, he said the car was on its way to Kishtwar from Doda when it rolled down into the fast-flowing river.

The missing include Rohan Mangotra, son of Sadhu Ram, resident of Nayedangri; Adit Kotwal, son of Rakesh Kumar, resident of Paryote; Surjeet Singh, son of Dharman Singh, resident of Jodhpur and Vishal Chandail, son of Jagdish, resident of Shiva Suhanda.

A police party, along with local volunteers and rafters of JK Adventures who are stationed near the accident site at Shishnate, launched a rescue operation but there was no trace of either the vehicle nor its four occupants, the official said.

Reinforcements have been rushed to the scene and a massive search operation is underway to trace the victims, he added.

Former chief minister and Democratic Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is touring Doda and Kishtwar districts, was spotted at the scene of the accident in a video shared from the area.

He was accompanied by his colleague and former minister GM Saroori, who could be heard in the video appealing for expediting the rescue operation.

Azad was returning after addressing public rallies at Changa-Bhalessa and Galibatoli in Doda district, officials said.

Union MoS urges...

about 2 billion dollars and mostly done through e-commerce platforms. So to help the individual craftsperson, the SHGs could help as a bridge for market access, the Minister said.

The Minister also met students and members of tourism clubs who shared with him their ideas of developing Patnitop. In another meeting with electronics engineering students, Rajeev Chandrasekhar spoke of Prime Minister's Modi's vision of New India and how there were tremendous opportunities available for them in the electronics/semicon manufacturing and design segments.

Earlier in the day, Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched a sanitation drive in Patnitop and urged the people to keep this picturesque tourist town clean and plastic-free.

He also held a meeting with representatives from SHGs discussed with them the challenges they face and the opportunities available around market linkages and capacity building. He also met representatives of the PRIs and was apprised of their issues and challenges.

Later in Jammu, the Minister visited National Skill Training Institute and Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Jammu. He took rounds of the various sections of the complex including the laboratory of Computer Software Application Trade and also interacted with the trainees and staff members. Sudarsan Kumar Director Skill Development, Jammu Kashmir, S. Santhimanalan, Regional Director, V. K. Saksena, Principal, NSTI, Srinagar were also present on the occasion.

Four JKAS officers...

Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Kathua, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Kathua, on full time basis; and Pawan Kumar Goswami, JKAS, Collector, Land Acquisition, Northern Railways, Udhampur/Reasi, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur.

Statehood right of...

have to work together to find out an effective solution to these pressing problems."

Addressing another mammoth public meeting at Galli Batoli, Azad expressed his deep concern over the problems being faced by the people belonging to Schedule Tribe community, saying these have accumulated manifold and need immediate redressal.

Azad further added that the people in general need an effective representative dispensation like the government seen by the people of the State during his brief period as Chief Minister.

He also added: "Our problems are similar and as such we have to fight out these internally".

Azad was accompanied by G M Saroori former minister, Abdul Majed Wani former minister, Mohd Aslam Goni former Advocate General, Naresh Gupta former MLC, PR Manhas former IGP, Mohd Iqbal Kohli member DDC, Fatima Begum chairman BDC Kahara and others.

Tragedy stares at...

for a tragedy to happen before they wake up. For 32 years, no repair and renovation was carried out by the JDA and estates department," Bharat Bushan, a migrant, who lives in quarter number 7, with his three-member family on a relief amount of Rs 13,000, told PTI.

"Government should immediately wake up to save the people here," he said.

Meenakshi, his wife, says that they moved to the flat 32 years ago, when her father-in-law, who worked as a government employee with the civil secretariat, and was a Kashmiri migrant, got it in allotment.

"There is no care of us. Despite repeated requests, neither they renovated the

buildings, nor provided us alternative accommodation," said Meenakshi, adding that how will the family afford rent elsewhere, when it survives on a pittance.

Even as the administration put up boards warning the residents of danger, migrants living in these blocks and shopkeepers running trade there refuse to leave the place due to, among other things, fear of loss of business.

"They have left us to die here. We raised issues with all but nobody is listening to us or coming forward to help us. We urge Lieutenant Governor to help us by relocating us to a safer place, said 70-year-old Kishni Wantoo, wife of former civil secretary officer Late T N Wantoo. J

DA declared the buildings unsafe for living and for carrying out trading activity in 2012-13 after considering the assessment of the Public Works department (PWD) which had notified JDA that the buildings had outlived their utility and structural stability.

Though some occupants left the buildings after JDA put up warning boards, still about 50 families live in them and scores of other people run businesses there.

Traders Association Warehouse president Deepak Gupta called for immediate shifting of families and asked the authorities to ensure some mechanism so that livelihood of traders do not suffer during the rehabilitation.

"It is the biggest warehouse of Jammu and Kashmir which has been supplying essential commodities to the twin provinces since 1962," he said.

Government cannot escape from its responsibilities by putting up warning sign boards. They have ensured security of life of flat dwellers and ensure that there is loss to livelihood of the traders and shopkeepers, he added.

Gupta urged the government to relocate residents to safe accommodations and build temporary shops for the traders to carry out their regular work.

JDA which oversees the buildings in the area is working on setting up an India Habitat Centre type hub here.

After it found the buildings unsafe for habitation, JDA put up warning boards for the residents suggesting to them that they should find a new place.

"It is brought in the notice occupants residing in government quarters at Nehru market, warehouse in block A, B (old and new) and D need to vacate the quarters keeping in view the deplorable and dilapidated conditions of the buildings to avoid any untoward mishap to their life and properties.

Despite this notice, if somebody still chooses to reside in these quarters, he or she will be doing it at his or her own risk and cost, the board reads.

Magotra too has appealed to the residents to vacate the premises, but with no alternative arrangement on offer.

"It is my submission to people that it is highly unsafe to live there. It is time you shift from that place. It is urged to both shopkeepers as well as families -- don't put your lives at risk. It is more important than the economic aspect," Magotra told PTI.

He added that the rehabilitation issue is very important and will be raised with the government as it involves the livelihood of the people.

Magotra said that the process of declaring these buildings unsafe was started in 2012.

"State PWD conducted a survey of buildings, which are 70 years old now. They found that these buildings had outlived their utility and structural stability. They notified to us that they have turned unsafe. You (JDA) rebuild it, he said.

He said the authority accordingly began a process for setting up an IIC-type hub here and began work in this direction from 2018-19.

"But it requires that people vacate these buildings," Magotra added.

553rd Prakash Purab...

Gurmeet Singh Incharge Dharam Parchar Committee DGPC Jammu, Balvinder Singh, Tejinder Singh, Avtar Singh and Karan Singh Bali were also present during the Samagam.

Leh: Two-day....

improve access and quality of education in the remotest villages of the Indian Himalayan region.

The DigiLab aids the teacher's traditional face-to-face delivery through highly visual and interactive content and provides an individualised learning platform for each student.

Tsering Angchuk, deputy chairman of LAHDC (Leh) applauded the teachers on the region's improvement in the performance grading index and stressed that the effective implementation of the DigiLabs in schools will further help improve Ladakh's grading. The DigiLab is a solution created by 17000 FT Foundation specifically for Ladakh, which brings the power of digital technology to improve learning, even in areas that are remote, inaccessible and truly off-grid.

The project assumes neither the presence of uninterrupted electricity, mobile connectivity nor existing infrastructure, and brings together all required components in an offline, but a connected system.

It delivers customised and personalised content through a local internet to students, while also enabling the teachers and administrators to assess and monitor performance periodically through a last-mile connectivity app.

In Pictures: Devotees thronging ongoing Jhiri Mela in Jammu



Glimpses of Gurpurab celebrations in Jammu

