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versus Kurmi and Sonar versus Lohar. I warn you, 'ek rahoge toh safe rahoge'." he added. He said a BJP-led government was needed in Jharkhand to drive out infiltrators and eradicate corruption.

"You are hankering for a handful of sand, they are smuggling it and earning crores. I promise to ensure stringent punishment for the corrupt leaders of the JMM-led coalition," he said.

"Recruitment mafia and paper leak mafia created by the JMM-led coalition will be sent to jail and those who played with the future of the youth would not be spared," he added.

Modi claimed there was a strong wave in favour of the BJP -- "Roti, beti, maati pukar -- Jharkhand mein BJP-NDA ki sarkar".

"Ten years ago, there was a Congress government at the Centre from 2004 to 2014. Madam Sonia Gandhi used to run the government and Manmohan Singh was the PM. At that time, the Centre gave Rs 80,000 crore to Jharkhand over 10 years with great difficulty. After 2014, the government changed in Delhi, you gave your 'sevak' Modi a chance to serve you, and in the last 10 years, we have given more than Rs 3 lakh-crore to Jharkhand," he said.

The BJP is committed to restoring tribal pride and 'Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh' will be celebrated for a year from November 15 across the country to honour tribal icon Birsra Munda, he said.

The PM said under Dharti Aba Janjatiya Utkarsh Abhiyan, more than 60,000 tribal villages across India will be developed at a cost of Rs 80,000 crore.

More than 50 railway stations are being modernised in Jharkhand and the airport in Bokaro will be made operational soon, he said.

"It is my dream to ensure that those who wear slippers and are poor travel by air," he said.

The PM said the Centre was reviving closed industrial units in Jharkhand and has already given a new lease of life to the Sindri fertiliser plant, ensuring employment for thousands of people.

"It is Modi's guarantee to implement Gogo Didi Yojna in the state to transfer money (Rs 2100 per month) to the bank accounts of women. Modi lives for you. We will provide piped gas connections at affordable prices," he said.

There is a target to make 3 crore women as 'Lakshpati Didis', he said, adding that Ragi cultivation will be promoted and it will bring opportunities and prosperity to Jharkhand's farmers.

"The next five years are very crucial for Jharkhand's coming 25 years. Your one vote will contribute to making the state developed," he added.

Justice DY Chandrachud...

the administrative side, CJI Chandrachud left his imprint as he led various reforms in the judiciary. He ordered an accessibility audit of the Supreme Court to make the courts accessible to the common man and disabled friendly.

The Chandrachud legacy has a physical manifestation too - a reimagined 'Lady Justice'. The earlier 'Goddess of Justice' in Grecian robes with blindfold and sword has been replaced by a six-ft tall sculpture with scales in one hand and the Constitution in another. She is in a sari, with a crown and sans blindfold.

While that created a stir, so did the decision on his penultimate day at work with the Supreme Court rechristening its summer vacation 'partial court working days', an issue that has led to criticism that the apex court judges enjoyed long breaks.

DYC followed in the footsteps of his father Y V Chandrachud, who served as the CJI with the longest tenure between 1978 and 1985, the only instance of a father and son occupying the highest seat in the highest court of India.

The son, who studied in Delhi's St Stephen's College and Campus Law Centre and then went on to get an LLM degree and a doctorate from the Harvard Law School, became the chief justice on November 9, 2022.

The list of judgements penned by him is long and covers almost all aspects of law. They blend scholarship and jurisprudence and are likely to inform both future decisions and how the law is studied.

The verdicts have included establishing the judiciary's commitment to protecting individual rights and advancing justice, expanding the scope of fundamental rights to include privacy and invalidating the electoral bond scheme.

He was part of a landmark judgement by a five-judge constitution bench that recognised the 'living will' made by terminally-ill patients for passive euthanasia.

The formidable Chandrachud was also part of several Constitution benches and wrote landmark verdicts, including the contentious Ayodhya land title dispute.

He was author of the unanimous 2019 verdict in the Ram Jannabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute which settled the fractious issue going back more than a century and paved the way for construction of the temple. Ranjan Gogoi was the chief justice at the time and heading the five-judge bench.

In his last days in office, the CJI stirred another controversy when he said in a public function that he prayed to the "deity" for a solution to the polarising dispute. The comment was reproduced widely and elicited sharp reactions from various quarters, including politicians and activists.

Chandrachud, who also attracted attention when Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended a widely publicised Ganesh Puja at his home, was the author of the lead judgement that unanimously upheld the 2019 revocation of Article 370 that gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides, he was on the bench that delivered path-breaking judgements on decriminalising same-sex relations and partially struck down Section 377 of the IPC on so-called unnatural sex (of carnal intercourse against the order of the nature).

However, the long-pending issue of granting legal sanction to same sex marriage went against the LGBTQIA++ community and a five-judge bench headed by Chandrachud refused to accord legal recognition to it.

He was also part of a nine-judge bench and key author of the unanimous verdict that declared the right to privacy a fundamental right under Article 21 (life and personal liberty).

The CJI, one of the most prolific judges in independent India, led the charge for significant administrative reforms, including the continued digitisation of court records and processes as a part of the ongoing e-Courts project.

The list is long.

He expanded the scope of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act and the corresponding rules to include unmarried women, even transgender, for abortion between 20-24 weeks of pregnancy.

Chandrachud, who was elevated to the top court on May 13, 2016, was born on November 11, 1959. 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 from October 31, 2013.

Before that, he was designated senior advocate by the Bombay High Court in June 1998 and became additional solicitor general the same year till his appointment as a judge.

Besides his legal acumen, Chandrachud is known for his love of cricket, which, according to some accounts, he played in the backyard of the bungalow Chandrachud Sr was allotted in Lutyens Delhi.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna...

landmark judgements such as upholding the sanctity of EVMs, scrapping the electoral bonds scheme, upholding the abrogation of Article 370 and the grant of interim bail to former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal.

Hailing from an illustrious Delhi-based family, Justice Khanna is the son of former Delhi High Court judge Justice Dev Raj Khanna and the nephew of prominent former apex court judge H R Khanna.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who was elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court on January 18, 2019, was a third-generation lawyer before being appointed as judge of the high court. He is driven by the zeal to reduce pendency and speed up justice delivery.

Justice H R Khanna, the uncle of Justice Khanna, hit the headlines by resigning in 1976 after he wrote a dissenting verdict in the infamous ADM Jabalpur case during the Emergency.

The majority verdict of a Constitution bench, upholding the abrogation of fundamental rights during the Emergency, was considered a "black spot" on the judiciary. Justice H R Khanna declared the move unconstitutional and against the rule of law and paid a price as the then central government superseded him and made Justice M H Beg the next CJI.

Justice H R Khanna was part of the landmark verdict propounding the basic structure doctrine in the Kesavananda Bharati case of 1973.

Among the notable judgments of Justice Sanjiv Khanna in the Supreme Court is upholding the use of electronic voting machines in elections, saying the devices were secure and eliminated both capturing and bogus voting.

A bench headed by Justice Khanna, on April 26, termed the suspicion of manipulation of the EVMs "unfounded" and rejected the demand for reverting to the old paper ballot system.

He was also part of the five-judge bench that declared the electoral bond scheme, meant for funding political parties, as unconstitutional.

Justice Khanna was a part of the five-judge bench, which upheld the Centre's 2019 decision abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution which granted a special status

to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

It was the Justice Khanna-led bench, which for the first time, granted interim bail to Kejriwal, the then chief minister, till June 1 to campaign in the Lok Sabha elections in the excise policy scam cases.

Born on May 14, 1960, he studied law at the Campus Law Centre of Delhi University.

Justice Khanna was the executive chairman of the National Legal Service Authority (NALSA).

He enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983 and initially practised in the District Courts at the TisHazari complex here and later, in the Delhi High Court.

He had a long tenure as the senior standing counsel for the Income Tax Department. In 2004, he was appointed as the standing counsel (Civil) for the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Justice Khanna had also argued in a number of criminal cases at the Delhi High Court as an additional public prosecutor and as an amicus curiae.

LG Sinha flags...

Khajuria; Anjan; Pargun Sharma; Abhiraj Sharma; Prof. Sharat Sharma and Dr Sanjay Sharma were present.

Focus on economic...

cumulative impact is to increase employment opportunities at home.

He said that there are different ways of achieving these objectives and the most basic is to "promote the Indian brand and strengthen international confidence in partnering with us".

"Given the diversity of our country, it is necessary to do that at a state level as well," Jaishankar added.

Noting that it is the business attraction that drives foreign investors and potential projects, he said their inclinations are usually strengthened by a favourable enabling environment and a more granular understanding of India's plans.

Technology flows and best practices are also painstaking two-way exercises that require both ends to appreciate their full potential, he said.

"This focus on economic diplomacy has, in fact, become one of the key changes in our foreign policy in contemporary times. The international situation is also ripe today for more strenuous efforts in that direction. The Covid experience brought home to the world the dangers of depending on a limited geography," Jaishankar said.

"Our interactions with the world and interests in it have grown proportionately... the world is today increasingly appreciating the India story," he added.

The external affairs minister also said, "Today there is a perceptible interest in engaging with us, reflected in the steady flow of high-profile visitors and businesses. Our own very appetite to explore the world has also grown, be it in tourism, education or work possibilities."

"As we enter the era of AI (artificial intelligence), who captures, processes and deploys your data is of utmost importance," he said.

Data privacy and cyber security are consequently paralleling reliable supply chains as a global priority. That manufacturing and data are also more deeply fused is yet another reality to be taken into account, Jaishankar stated.

"So, in this scenario, India has an opportunity to board the manufacturing bus that we missed to some extent in the past. It is incumbent on us to develop the logistics, the infrastructure and the business environment to promote greater industrial production," he said.

Stating that no nation can truly develop in a unidimensional manner, and large ones, in particular, like India, he said, "We must have some basic self-sufficiency."

"That is why we speak of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Otherwise, in an era of weaponised economics, we leave ourselves seriously open to vulnerabilities," Jaishankar remarked.

According to him, India currently faces two big challenges ahead -- "the scale of our producers and the limits of our technology -- both are changing with each passing year and are indeed interlinked in many ways".

For Bharat to rise, he said, it must develop deep technology strengths and create the capacity to research, to design and to innovate, and that will only happen when manufacturing expands and the industrial culture strikes deep roots.

"After all, we must be safeguarded from unfair competition during that process, especially if they could have a strategic intent. Global engagement cannot be argued on narrow economic merits alone without any regard to its social and national security consequences. Indeed, that is one of the takeaways from recent developments in the United States," Jaishankar added.

Two drug peddlers...

police spokesperson added.

In another successful operation, the police spokesperson said two criminals wanted in an attempt-to-murder case were arrested from the Bishnah area of Jammu on Sunday. The criminals had evaded arrest for four months.

BJP will oppose...

long-term consequences of their actions on marginalised communities. The BJP is firmly committed to welfare of all communities but is strictly against any form of reservations for Muslims. As long as there is even one BJP MP or MLA, we will oppose religion-based reservation. This is our commitment," he asserted.

"The MVA parties have compromised the country's safety due to their appeasement politics. They are undermining national security for the sake of votes," he added.

Slamming the Congress and NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, the senior BJP leader said they opposed the construction of the Ram Temple for decades, and only after Narendra Modi became prime minister, the issue was resolved with the construction of a grand temple in Ayodhya.

Shah said the BJP's vision for the state aligns with the ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

The Mahayuti promises a government focused on preserving Maharashtra's culture and prosperity, he added.

Shah also dared Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray to get Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, a Maha Vikas Aghadi ally, to hail Hindutva ideologue VD Savarkar and Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

Under the Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA dispensation, which ruled between 2019 and June 2022, Maharashtra lost its competitive edge in industrial growth and the state fell to fourth rank, Shah pointed out.

Slamming the opposition parties for claiming that industries were leaving Maharashtra and new ones were not coming up, the senior BJP leader said the MVA can do no good for the state.

Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah said terror attacks under previous Congress-led Union governments faced no response, while the NDA dispensation ordered surgical strikes to hit camps across the border.

Praising the Modi government's move to amend the Waqf Board Act, Shah said, "In Karnataka, villages, temples and agricultural lands were converted into Waqf land. But after the Centre's amendments, such acts will not be possible."

Shah said the Modi government, between 2014 and 2024, allotted Rs 10,15,890 crore to Maharashtra, while this figure was just Rs 1.51 lakh crore under the Manmohan Singh-led UPA dispensation's 10-year rule.

The MVA has been misleading people and has failed to fulfil its promises, he said. "The MVA's guarantees are nothing but lies, appeasement and involve corruption. They promise hundreds of things, but as (Congress chief) Mallikarjun Kharge rightly said, promises should be ones that can be fulfilled. The guarantees the Congress gave in Karnataka, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh were not fulfilled," he said.

The MVA cannot protect Maharashtra as its constituents are concerned about their own interests rather than that of the state or nation, he claimed.

"The MVA opposed Mumbai's metro rail lines, coastal road, Pune outer link road, Dharavi redevelopment and Vainganga-Nalganga river linking project. Even the (Mumbai-Ahmedabad) bullet train project was delayed due to the MVA's opposition," he said.

Under the leadership of Modi, the country is witnessing significant growth and its economy is set to become the world's third largest by 2027, he said.

The BJP would continue to champion such policies focused at development at the national and state levels, he added.

Further attacking the Congress, Shah said the country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru put the recommendations of the Kakasaheb Kalelkar commission, which advocated quota for backward classes, in cold storage, while then PM Indira Gandhi shelved the Mandal commission recommendations.

"It was the BJP under Modi which brought real change for backward communities," Shah asserted.

Shah further said "caste politics was over" and that "the poor; women, farmers and youth are the only four castes of the country" for whose development the BJP was committedly working.

Speaking in Mumbai earlier in the day, Shah had said "our Constitution does not provide reservations based on religion" but the Congress was promising such quotas before coming to power.

Maharashtra polls will be held on November 20, while votes will be counted on November 23.

Army distributes water storage equipments

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI : Army organised a successful distribution of water storage equipment to residents of Upper & Lower Sanoti villages. This initiative was aimed at enhancing access to safe drinking water and improving storage capacity for the local community, particularly in households with limited resources. The event saw strong participation with a total of 63 villagers attending the event, who expressed gratitude for the support provided by the Indian Army.



In about 44 households received a 40 ltr Water Jerri can each, helping them to store and transport clean drinking water more efficiently. The event ensured an outreach to all eligible families, especially in the upper reaches of the border villages. It was widely appreciated by the local populace including the community elders who also highlighted the benefit of this essential resource. This effort reinforces the Indian Army's commitment to community welfare and continues to strengthen bonds with the local population through constructive engagement.

JKBS hails, congrats Kaith twin sisters on bagging first prize in dance competition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members in Sunday hailed and congratulated Kaith twin sisters: Kanan and Anvesha on winning the first prize plus cash in dance competition organised in Police Academy Udhampur by the Gurukul Dance and Fitness Academy.

Members also congratulated their parents: Anmol Motan and Shammi Kumar Kaith for this remarkable achievement. Parents told the members that they were so excited to hear the announcement that their daughters have won first prize with cash of Rs 4000. in the dance competition.

May this triumph open doors to new opportunities and adventures in their creative pursuits, wished the members.

Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd. opens new branch in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd., a premier organization specializing in overseas education and immigration services, has officially launched its new branch in Jammu. This expansion marks a significant milestone for the company, reinforcing its commitment to guiding students and professionals towards international opportunities for education, employment, and migration.

The grand inauguration ceremony took place at the new office located at 3B/B, Gandhi Nagar,

Jammu 180004,

and was attended

by esteemed guests

and dignitaries.

Vikram Randhawa,

MLA of Bahu,

Jammu, served as

the Chief Guest,

while Dr. Parneesh

Mahajan, Convenor

of the Department

of Training, J&K

BJP, graced the

event as the Guest

of Honour. The event featured a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, followed by a comprehensive introduction to Flytalks' offerings. The new branch will provide expert services, including personalized study abroad counseling, visa assistance, and end-to-end immigration solutions, designed to empower individuals in their pursuit of global success. Attendees had the chance to interact with the Flytalks team and learn more about the resources available to help them achieve their international dreams.

Speaking at the event, Tarun Garg, Director of Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd., expressed his enthusiasm: "We are thrilled to expand our presence to Jammu, bringing our expertise closer to those who aspire to study or work abroad. With our personalized approach and dedicated team, we are committed to making a positive impact on the community."

The opening ceremony concluded with a networking session over refreshments, where guests, students, and local professionals engaged in discussions about global opportunities and the vital role Flytalks plays in guiding clients through the complex processes of overseas education and immigration.

Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd. continues to be a trusted name in India, renowned for its reliable and expert guidance. The new Jammu branch is set to enhance the company's reach, providing tailored solutions to the region's students and professionals and empowering them to explore opportunities worldwide.

Shakti Udghosh Foundation providing free physical, written coaching to JKP Constable aspirants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shakti Udghosh Foundation (SUF), formerly known as Mission Shakti, has organized regular training from 1st November 2024 with the active cooperation from the administration of Govt Women College Gandhi Nagar and J&K Police program for candidates preparing for the Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) Constable recruitment.

The program, which started on November 1, 2024, offers physical training and exam coaching, with morning sessions at Government Gandhi Nagar College at 5:30 AM and evening sessions at Baba Sehaj

Nath Sports Club, Garhi Purkhoo, available to both young men and women.

This intensive program features rigorous physical drills that challenge participants, building their endurance and preparing them for the demands of a career in uniformed services.

This initiative is part of SUF's ongoing efforts to provide guidance, mentorship, and resources to underserved youth aspiring to join the police force.

Under the leadership of Preeti Choudhary, who has been tirelessly working on the ground to guide young women toward careers in the uniformed forces, SUF has become a recognized force for women's empowerment.

Her dedication has brought unprecedented support and success to young women from marginalized communities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The program's success is a testament to the dedication of both SUF and its community partners.

To date, 21 students from Shakti Udghosh Foundation previous programs have been selected in roles such as JKP Sub-Inspectors or the Border Women Battalion, Sahastra Seema Bal etc.

This impactful initiative is made possible through the invaluable support of J&K Police and the administration of Government Women's College, Gandhi Nagar, who have provided resources and facilities for training.

Shakti Udghosh Foundation calls on society and community leaders to support Preeti Choudhary in her mission to redefine women's empowerment through action and mentorship, offering young women the opportunity to serve in uniform.

Those interested in joining this training program are encouraged to reach out to SUF for more information.

Other who are supporting this mission includes Divya Sharma Coordinator SUF and Anjali Bijyal and Sandeep Manhas.

