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JAMMU: Seven persons, including four members of a family, were killed in three separate road accidents in Udhampur, Jammu and Reasi districts on Sunday, officials said.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has condoled the deaths in a tragic road accident in Udhampur:

"Deeply anguished to learn about the loss of lives in a road accident in Udhampur. In this tragic hour my thoughts are with the bereaved family. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. District Administration is providing all possible assistance to those affected," the Lt Governor said.



Wreckage of ill-fated car at Jhajjar Kotli.

The officials said a couple and their two daughters were killed and another one was injured after their car was hit by a truck in the Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The family from Jammu

was on its way to Kashmir. The accident took place at Salore near Tikri along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway shortly after mid-night and the rescuers had a tough time to retrieve the bodies from the badly

crushed vehicle, they added.

They said a rashly driven truck hit the car which then collided with another truck, resulting in on-the-spot deaths of Nitin Dogra (37), his wife Rittu (32) and daughters Khushi (17) and Vani (11). Another daughter, Brinda (15), suffered critical injuries.

Police have registered a case and a hunt has been launched to arrest the erring driver who fled the scene after the accident, the officials said.

Two persons Aijaz Ahmad (32) and Mohd Asif (26) were killed when their car skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in snow-bound Bathoie

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Law enforcement agencies shouldn't consider borders as hindrance: Amit Shah

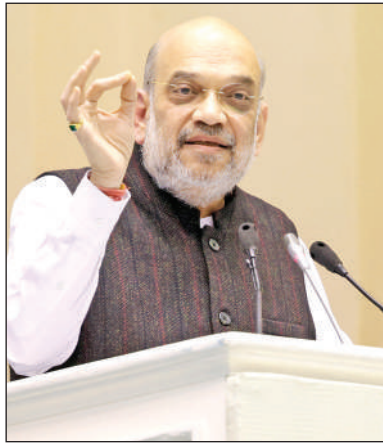
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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said crimes and criminals do not respect geographical borders and hence, different law enforcement agencies should not consider any border as hindrance and rather consider them as meeting points for solving crimes.

Addressing the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) here, Shah also said when the three recently enacted criminal justice laws will be implemented, one can get justice up to the level of high court within three years of registration of an FIR.

He said this conference is taking place at a time when geographical borders have no sense when it comes to commerce and crime.

The home minister said there are



cross-border challenges for justice delivery, trade, commerce, communication and for trade and crime, there is no border.

"The crimes and criminals did not respect geographical borders.

Therefore, the law enforcement agencies should not consider geographical borders as hindrance. In future, geographical borders should be the meeting point for solving crimes," he said.

Shah said the governments need to work in this direction as from small cyber fraud to global organised crime, from local dispute to cross-border dispute, from local crime to terrorism, all have some kind of links.

Referring to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act, he said after the complete implementation of the three new laws, India will have the world's most modern criminal justice systems.

The laws will replace the colonial era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 respectively. The home minister said the

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Police directed to enhance surveillance to thwart attempts to disturb peace in Jammu

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JAMMU: A senior Jammu and Kashmir Police officer has called for enhanced surveillance to thwart anti-national elements' attempts to disturb the peaceful environment in the Jammu region, an official said on Sunday.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range) Sunil Gupta passed the directions during a crime-and-security review meeting at the district police lines in Jammu, a spokesperson said.

Officers were directed to enhance surveillance through measures such as area domination and strengthening checking points, the police spokesperson said, adding that Gupta underscored the importance of vigilance on suspicious persons to thwart the designs of anti-national elements to disturb the peaceful environment.

Instructions were issued to increase the installation of CCTV cameras with proper record-keeping to monitor the activities of

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PM Modi leading BJP juggernaut in J&K to victory: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary and In-charge J&K Tarun Chugh on Sunday said the party will win Parliamentary and J&K Assembly elections with a huge majority.

In a statement, Chugh said that ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government came into power at Centre, people of the entire country have witnessed massive changes on ground, and decided to give another chance to this government so

that India will become a developed nation in the world.

He said BJP didn't shy away from taking action against anti-nationals, who enjoyed patronage of few vested interested politicians in past. "Modi government took strong action against terrorism and anti-national ideology and wiped out terrorism and its ecosystem across the

country. Further those who were patronizing secessionist ideology and were involved in inciting

y o u t h against the sovereignty of country have been banned. This happened only in PM Modi's government," Chugh said.

While lashing out at dynastic political parties, Chugh



said that NC, PDP and Congress had pushed J&K into uncertainty while making people of the territory fool for their political interests and destroyed the future of thousands of youth.

He said BJP has gained huge ground in J&K and people, especially youth have started to go with PM Modi's narrative in making the future of India bright. He added that BJP will win Parliamentary and J&K Assembly polls with huge majority.

CJI Chandrachud: Amazed at younger generation's capacity to address enormous challenges of our time

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VADODARA: Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Sunday said he is amazed at the capacity of the younger generation to rise to the occasion and address the enormous challenges of the present time, also advising youth to learn from failures.

The CJI appealed to younger people not to get swayed by unrealistic expectations and stressed that life is a "marathon and not a 100-metre sprint".

Virtually addressing the



graduating students at the 72nd annual convocation of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda here, Justice Chandrachud

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UPATS arrests Pak ISI agent working at Indian Embassy in Moscow

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LUCKNOW: The police in Uttar Pradesh have arrested an Indian national working at the country's embassy in Moscow for allegedly spying for Pakistan's ISI, an official statement on Sunday said.

The Meerut field unit of UP's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) called Satendra Siwal, who was working as the IBSA (India Based Security Assistant) in the Indian Embassy in Moscow from 2021, for interrogation, the statement said.

Siwal, a resident of Shahmahindipur village in Hapur, could not give satisfactory answers and confessed to his crime during "questioning", it said.

He was arrested after an FIR was registered against him at ATS police station, Lucknow, under Section 121A of the IPC (waging war against the country) and the Official Secrets

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Those in power after Independence were ashamed of their own culture: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GUWAHATI:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday claimed that those who were in power after Independence could not understand the significance of places of worship and set a trend of being ashamed of their own culture for political reasons.

Addressing a massive rally in Guwahati after unveiling infrastructure projects worth Rs 11,600 crore, Modi said

no country can progress by erasing its past.



On the Kamakhya temple corridor project, to be developed by the Centre at a cost of Rs 498 crore, he said a huge number of devotees will

come to visit the 'Shakti Peeth' once it is ready and it will boost the tourism sector of the entire Northeast.

"It will become the gateway to tourism in the Northeast. Despite thousands of years of challenges, pilgrimage sites and temples are the symbols of our culture and how we have stood firm. Many of these symbols, which are part of our strong culture, have become ruins nowadays," Modi said.

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Policeman shoots himself dead

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JAMMU: A policeman allegedly shot himself dead with his service rifle inside a police station here, officials said on Sunday.

Selection Grade Constable Iqbal Hussain, a resident of Poonch, was found dead with a bullet injury at police station Nowabad in the city late Saturday night, they said.

Prima facie, he used his service weapon to shoot himself, the officials said, adding the motive behind his taking such an extreme step was not known and the investigations are under progress.

Prepare to win all LS seats, Azad tells DPAP cadre

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday stressed the need for synergised efforts to carry out effective electioneering in the ensuing elections.

"We must prepare to secure victory in all seats, as our party is the only one deemed acceptable by the people while others have failed to work for the welfare of the citizens", Azad said at a meeting of state and province office bearers.

He said In the past one and



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad chairing a meeting of state and province office bearers of party in Jammu on Sunday.

half year, since the formation of the DPAP, the cadre remained steadfast in seeking redress all of public issues

and highlighting concerns like the land eviction order. "Our unwavering

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Road, air traffic affected by snowfall in Kashmir, avalanche warning issued for hilly areas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Snowfall across the Kashmir Valley affected normal life on Sunday with all flights cancelled at Srinagar airport, officials said.

The plains of Kashmir saw moderate snowfall, while heavy snowfall has been reported in the higher reaches, they said.

Authorities are clearing snow from roads so that vehicular movement is possible, they said. But traffic movement was slow as the roads are slippery.

The snowfall has forced the cancellation of all inbound and outbound flights from Srinagar airport for the day.

Authorities have issued avalanche warnings for hilly



and mountainous areas of Kashmir, urging the residents to avoid unnecessary movement for the next 24 hours.

The snowfall has resulted in a rise in the minimum temperatures but the day temperatures have fallen in

most places of the valley. As per the MeT department forecast, the weather is expected to improve in Kashmir from Tuesday onwards.

Qazigund town in south Kashmir was the warmest place on Saturday, recording

a high of 3.2 degrees Celsius followed by Kokernag at 3.1 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Gulmarg skiing resort in north Kashmir has stayed several degrees below freezing point for the past 72 hours with a low minus 7.0 degrees Celsius recorded on Sunday.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 3.5 degrees Celsius.

Kokernag and Qazigund towns in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius and minus 3.0 degrees Celsius respectively, the officials said.

Srinagar, the summer

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Landslide hits Jammu-Srinagar NH, halts traffic for nearly 4 hours

JAMMU: The traffic on strategic Jammu-Srinagar national highway was stopped for nearly four hours following a landslide in Ramban district as wide parts of Jammu and Kashmir experienced snowfall and rain for the second consecutive day on Sunday, officials said.

The rain-triggered landslide struck the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway at Kishtwari Patheri near Sher Bibi area around 11.15 am, bringing traffic to a halt, officials said.

However, the road clearance agencies immediately pressed men and machinery and managed to clear debris, restoring a partial run of vehicles within four hours, they said.


The road at the landslide hit area is rendered single-lane.

According to authorities, most parts of Ramsu-Banihal-Srinagar stretch of the highway recorded snowfall, while the rest of the 270-km highway was lashed by rain.

Officials said the helicopter service to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district also remained suspended during the day due to inclement weather.

The Bhairo Ghati area of the shrine along with nearby areas witnessed fresh snowfall while the plains including Katra town recorded 2.4 mm of rainfall, they

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 14.3°C Min: 9.6°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 78

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 3.0°C Min: -0.7°C

Humidity
Max: 100 Min: 86

Sunset : 18:05 Hours
Sunrise : 07:24 Hours