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in Mahore area of the Reasi district, they said, adding that bodies of both the deceased were retrieved and handed over to their families.

In another incident, an unidentified truck driver was killed when his vehicle loaded with bovine animals fell down from a bridge near Manwal in Jhajjar Kotli area of Jammu around 5 am, the officials said.

Over a dozen bovine animals also died in the accident, they said, adding that the truck was plying from Jandrah towards Manwal and fell down from the bridge near the Saunoo village.

Law enforcement agencies...

government has worked on the model that justice essentially should have three As - accessible, affordable and accountable.

"I want to assure everyone that after implementation of these three laws, there will be justice within three years, up to the level of the high court, in any FIR registered in the country," he said.

CJI Chandrachud: Amazed...

said that out of the 346 gold medals this year, the university awarded 336 to women, which he called "truly a sign of changing times in our nation".

Calling the current period a "unique time in our history", Justice Chandrachud said technology has made people more connected than ever before, but it has also exposed them to their worst fears and anxieties.

"We see new and unique professions emerging every day, people charting their own professional journey which does not comply with traditional yardsticks. This is an exciting time to be graduating. But I am aware that these circumstances also give rise to unparalleled uncertainties and confusion," he said.

The legal luminary told the students, "As much as you are fortunate to be living at a time when you are more exposed to ideas than ever before, you are also a unique generation which is made aware about the challenges of our time more than any generations before you."

He said he was amazed at the capacity of the younger generation "to rise to the occasion and address the enormous challenges of our times", and urged them to take their time, not get swayed by unrealistic expectations and learn from their failures.

"One thing that our formal education does not prepare for us is how vital failure is to our growth. Our education system is designed for us to despise failure and have a paralysing fear of it. However, life is not meant to be free of failures," he said.

Failures in life are designed to introspect and emerge as a better person, he said.

"Do not ever be disheartened by not having solutions to all the problems which you face, not knowing all the answers, or failing from something from time to time," he said.

The primary purpose of education is to make one a better person, a leader, a good citizen, and someone who cares deeply about the people and world around him, the chief justice said.

Knowledge and education nourish the mind and enable young, optimistic and hopeful people to create a society which our freedom fighters aspired for, he said.

He said that India is undergoing its demographic change when the present and future belongs to the young.

"This will naturally affect you in some adverse ways. But the recipe to sail through this life is to know that life is a marathon and not a 100-metre sprint," he said.

He also urged graduates to become intellectuals and not just learned persons. An intellectual is someone who engages deeply with ideas, theories and concepts and is known for their critical thinking skills and analytical abilities, he said.

"As you pass on from the shelter of the university, you must use your foundational learning and transform it into a life and ethic of intellectualism," Justice Chandrachud said.

He said that the terms 'learning' and 'intellectual' are often used interchangeably, but there are important distinctions between these two.

Quoting Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, the father of Indian Constitution, he said that "a learned person is one who is conscious of his class and makes decisions only in the best interest of his class, but an intellectual is an emancipated being who is free to act without being strained by class considerations".

"You may choose to remain only a learned person. But your empathy towards your companions, your zeal to leave the world a better place than you found it, and your abilities to use your education to channel these emotions will definitely make you an intellectual," Justice Chandrachud added.

For educational institutes and educationists, he said, it is both a huge responsibility and an opportunity to play "a prominent role in creating a capable and intelligent class of citizens who can take our country to new heights".

Justice Chandrachud also talked about the rule of the erstwhile king of Baroda state Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III and said he is known to have contributed immensely to education and public welfare.

It was during his rule that Dr Ambedkar was given a scholarship to pursue higher education, he said. This helped Ambedkar visit the US for higher studies which exposed him to the egalitarian idea of liberty and emancipation.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Education Minister Rushikesh Patel and the university Chancellor Shubhanginiraje Gaekwad were also present at the convocation ceremony.

Police directed to...



DIG JSK Range Sunil Gupta chairing a meeting.

miscreants, the spokesperson said.

The officers attending the meeting were encouraged to engage with local communities to facilitate the installation of CCTV cameras, which would improve surveillance capabilities and create safer environments.

Gupta also stressed the need for special efforts to expedite the resolution of under-investigation cases, including backlogs and inquest proceedings, and firm action against drug peddlers and other anti-social elements.

Additionally, emphasis was placed on tracing missing persons and timely disposal of complaints and online grievances, the spokesperson said.

Addressing the issue of drugs, Gupta urged the officers to adopt a mission-oriented approach to eliminate the menace.

He called for intensified efforts to identify and dismantle the networks involved in the illicit drugs trade, emphasising the importance of eradicating this threat to society.

Prepare to win...

commitment extends to advocating for special status, state-

hood, and various other pressing matters. Rest assured, we will persistently champion these causes. Our agenda is unequivocal - to bring public issues to the forefront and steadfastly concentrate on fostering development and peace within our community", he added.

Azad asserted that other parties have misled the public with false promises, whereas his party remains committed to transparency and avoiding deception. "We don't mislead", he said, adding "My sole aim is to continue the work I initiated as Chief Minister."

Among others present in the meeting included, R.S.Chib, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Vinod Mishra, Ch Haroon Khatana, Anita Thakur, Vinod Kaul, Arvinder Singh Mickey, Salman Nizami, Ch Gharu Ram, PR.Manhas, Zahid Malik, Sujada Bashir, Subash Gupta, Ashok Sharma, Adv Maheshwar Singh, Arun Singh Raju, Riyaz Bashir Naz, Masood Choudhary, Imran Zaffar, Hira Lal Abrol, Sobat Ali, Gurmeet Kaur, Sunita Arora, Prabha Salathia and others.

Those in power...

The 'Kamakhya Divyalok Pariyojana' will ensure a complete turnaround in the pilgrimage experience to the Shakti shrine, he said.

The PM claimed that those who ran the government for a long time after the Independence could not understand the value and significance of such places of belief and neglected them.

"Due to political benefits, they started a trend of becoming ashamed of their own culture and past. No country can develop by forgetting and wiping out its past, and cutting its roots," he said.

"However, the situation has changed in the last 10 years," Modi said, adding the BJP-led 'double-engine' government's policy is that of development and protection of heritage.

He said the government's focus on the development of heritage has massively benefitted the youth of the country.

"In the last one year, 8.5 crore people visited Kashi, more than 5 crore visited Mahakal Lok in Ujjain and over 19 lakh devotees visited Kedarnath. In just 12 days of the consecration of Ram temple, Ayodhya has witnessed over 24 lakh visitors," the PM said.

The livelihood of even the poorest gets a boost with the increase in the number of pilgrims to such heritage sites, he said.

The PM, who was on a two-day tour to Assam, cited the state as an example and said it was a place where beliefs, spirituality and history are connected with modernity.

He said the projects he unveiled will strengthen connectivity not only in the Northeast, but also the rest of South Asia.

"Today, the youth want to see that Assam and Northeast are developed at par with South Asia. Your dream is Modi's resolution. Modi will leave no stone unturned to fulfill your dream. This is Modi's guarantee," he added.

The PM also said that peace has returned to Assam in the last 10 years, and over 7,000 people have put down arms and returned to the mainstream.

More than 10 major peace accords have been signed. At one point of time, I worked in Assam for the party. I have seen with my eyes incidents like road blockades and bomb blasts in Guwahati. It is a matter of past now," he said.

Modi said that the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) has been withdrawn from many areas in the state as well as the region, while inter-state border disputes are being resolved.

"A record number of tourists have visited the Northeast in the past decade. We will launch a new scheme for uplifting historical places and that is why we have focussed on tourism in this year's budget. There is a huge opportunity in Assam and Northeast for that. Northeast is a focus area for the BJP," he said.

The PM claimed that expenditure for developmental activities in the region has been ramped up by four times in the last 10 years.

He also said that 6,000 km of new national highways were constructed in the last 10 years compared to 10,000 km till 2014.

"This was not done earlier even when the prime minister was elected from Assam," Modi said without mentioning former PM Manmohan Singh by name who was a Rajya Sabha member from the state.

Noting that poor connectivity in the region where traveling from one district to another took hours in the past, he credited the BJP-led governments at the Center and the state for the all-round development.

The PM stressed on the importance of establishing targets, and asserted that previous governments lacked objectives and failed to work hard as they had set smaller targets for development.

"We have changed this. Numerous roads in the state are set to be upgraded under the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation, transforming the Northeast into a trade hub," he said.

Modi said the projects will boost connectivity, create employment opportunities in the tourism sector and help sporting talents.

He said that earlier IITs and IIMs used to be set up in big cities only, but now such institutes are being built across the country with the total number of medical colleges in Assam increasing to 12 from six earlier.

"Ease of living is the priority of the present government," he said, noting the building of four crore houses for the poor, supplying tapped water connections, electricity and cooking gas connections, and construction of toilets.

Road, air traffic...

capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 0.7 degrees Celsius.

Although 'Chilla-i-Kalan' -- the 40-day harshest winter period -- ended earlier this week, the cold wave has continued in Kashmir.

The valley is currently going through a 20-day-long 'Chilla-i-Khur'd' (small cold) which shall be followed by a 10-day 'Chilla-i-Bachha' (baby cold).

Landslide hits Jammu...

said. Snowfall was also reported from Poonch, Rajouri, Kishtwar and Doda districts besides the upper reaches of Reasi.

Meanwhile, officials said a pregnant woman in need of medical help was taken from the snow-bound remote Senapathi-Paristan area of Ramban and admitted in the Public Health Centre Ukhral.

Despite continuous snowfall, the district administration of Ramban remained vigilant, ensuring prompt response to emergent situations, an official said.

UP ATS arrests...

Act, 1923, the statement said.

The ATS in its probe through electronic and physical surveillance found that he was involved in anti-India activities with the network of the ISI handlers, it said.

The ATS said that he was providing important confidential information regarding the strategic activities of the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian military establishments for money.

Meanwhile, sources said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is aware of Sival's arrest and working with the investigative authorities in this case.

Govt completely crushed age-old movement for rights of PoJK refugees: Chuni

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JAMMU: Accusing government of reducing the problems of J&K people to a perception of 'mere Kashmir problem', the 'S. O. S. International'---a frontline organization of PoJK Displaced Persons-- blamed the government at the Centre for completely crushing the age-old movement of PoJK refugees under its ill-conceived intentions.

During a refugee awareness rally called by S. O. S. International, the only registered organization of refugees of Mirpur, Pallandri, Bagh, Kotli, Bhimber, Chhamb, Muzaffarabad and Gilgit under the chairmanship of Rajiv Chuni here on Sunday, it was alleged that the government has taken away all rights of refugees vis-a-vis land, property, job, language, clan, tribe, ethnicity, political empowerment, education under a well-thought plan to crush their movement.

"In October 2014, the then cabinet of the Jammu and Kashmir government had approved a comprehensive package for the displaced persons of PoJK. The package was an outcome of the decades-long struggle of community leaders. We demand that the Government of India should religiously and in-principle fulfill the package, announced for PoJK refugees before the formation of the BJP-led government at the Centre in 2014, without any further delay,"



Rajiv Chuni addressing the gathering in Jammu.

Chuni said while addressing a large rally.

He further said, "This package included Rs 25 lakh compensation for each PoJK community family, reservation in professional and technical colleges of the country for our youths and a provision of creation of 8500 jobs for the youths belonging to PoJK community. Unfortunately, the BJP leadership in Jammu and Kashmir has never bothered to utter a single word about this package and they continue to maintain a cryptic silence over it".

He also demanded that all 5,300 PoK displaced families settled outside Jammu and Kashmir should be brought into the ambit of the package passed for PoJK refugees by the then J&K government in October 2014. "We failed to understand the rationale behind the exclusion of these families from the ambit of the relief package. They have not committed any crime or sin and they need to be treated at par with other PoJK displaced persons staying in Jammu and Kashmir," Chuni said.

The senior refugee leader also took a dig at the Centre for reserving a single seat for the displaced PoJK people and described it as "humiliating" and "insulting" for a community of 17 lakh people. Chuni termed it a "grave injustice" with the displaced PoJK people, saying "the people displaced from Kashmir has a total population of 1.57 lakh (as per the statement of Union Home Minister in the Parliament) and they have been allotted two seats while the PoJK community of 17 lakh people have been meted out to grave injustice and humiliation when only one seat has been reserved for them".

"Instead of ensuring political empowerment of PoJK displaced persons who have remained the victim of decades-long turmoil, the Centre has tried to rub salt on their wounds by reserving a single seat for them in J&K Assembly. The PoJK DPs had been demanding eight seats in J&K legislative assembly for decades and it had been strongly recommended by various Commissions and

Committees over the years but the ruling dispensation at the Centre played a cruel joke on PoJK displaced persons," the senior refugee leader said.

The refugee leader also demanded that the PoJK displaced persons living in Jammu and Kashmir be allowed to visit their religious shrines including temples and Gurdwaras in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"An attempt is being made to give control of Sharda Peeth Shrine in PoJK to the people who had never been associated with the shrine before the migration in Kashmir Valley. The real stakeholders including the displaced PoJK persons from Mirpur, Pallandri, Bagh, Kotli, Bhimber, Chhamb and Muzaffarabad have kept out of the purview of Sharda Peeth Shrine which is quite unfortunate," he said.

He also asked the displaced PoJK refugees to get ready for a decisive battle for the fulfillment of their legitimate rights. He also warned the BJP-led Centre government to meet all genuine demands of the displaced persons before the Lok Sabha elections or else be ready to face wrath of lakhs of PoJK refugee voters. Others who addressed gathering includes; Prof. NN Sharma, VK Datta, Bhai Ram Singh, Jagjit Singh, Prof. Suresh Gupta, Prof. PP Raina, Ved Raj Bali, Daleep Singh Chib, Daleep Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar & Prateek Raina.

Narender Trehan elected as President Arya Pratinidhi Sabha J&K

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JAMMU: The election of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir was held in Arya Samaj Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on Sunday . Proceedings started with chanting of poise Gaytri Mantra. Proceedings were initiated by outgoing president of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu Kashmir Arun Choudhary who provided thorough updates of works done and money spent during his tenure.

Choudhary also thanked the Pratinidhis for extending their love and support to him to enable him to perform his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned and for the betterment of Arya Samajs. Distinguished Pratinidhis from the differ-



Members of Sabha during the elections.

ent Arya Samajs, appreciated the services of Arun Choudhary and his team members. The Pratinidhis unanimously nominated Bharat Bhushan Arya (President, Arya Samaj Trikuta Nagar) as election commissioner for the paramount proceedings .

Members in the house also

consented to elect president only and to authorise him to nominate his Antrang Sabha from the Pratinidhis .Taking the chair , Bharat Bhushan Gupta called for nominations for the post of president. The names of Narender Trehan and Chuni Lal were proposed by the members but Chuni Lal

withdrew his name in favour of Narender Trehan.

Narender Trehan was declared president of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir was also authorised to form, in due course, the Antrang Sabha of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir, so that the work of the APS continues to flourish.

Narender Trehan articulated his vote of thanks to each and everyone for posing their confidence and entrusting him with such cardinal designation while reassuring them that the efforts would be taken to ensure results are delivered swiftly. Proceedings were culminated with Shanti Path and subsequently Rishi Langer was served.

Applications for JEE-Main begin on Sunday, to conclude on March 2

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NEW DELHI: Applications for the second edition of engineering entrance exam JEE-Main are now open and will stay on till March 2, according to the National Testing Agency (NTA).

The exam is scheduled to take place from April 4 to 15.

"The candidates who have applied and successfully paid the Examination Fee for JEE (Main) 2024 Session 1 and wish to appear for JEE (Main)

2024 Session 2, are required to log in with their previous application number and password as provided in session 1.

"They may only choose the paper, medium of the examination, state code of eligibility, cities for second session, educational qualification details, and pay the examination Fees," said Sadhna Parashar, Senior Director (Exams), National Testing Agency.

"Those candidates who have not applied earlier,

need to apply afresh as per the schedule," she added.

The first edition of JEE-Main concluded earlier this week. The paper was attended by 95.8 per cent of the total candidates for Paper 1 (BE/ B'Tech) -- one of the highest ever turnout for the JEE (Main) since the NTA started conducting the test.

The exam was held in 13 languages (Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia,

Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu) and in 21 cities outside India, including Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong, and Oslo, where the exam was held for the first time.

The admissions for the centrally funded technical institutions like the NITs and IITs takes place based on JEE (Main) score. The top 20 per cent of the merit list becomes eligible to sit for the JEE (Advanced), the entrance test for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

After Kejriwal, Delhi Police serves notice to Atishi over AAP's MLA 'poaching' claims

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police's Crime Branch on Sunday served a notice to Atishi in connection with a probe into the Delhi minister's allegations that the BJP was attempting to "poach" AAP MLAs, asking her to reply within a day.

The development comes a day after Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was served a notice in the same matter.

Sources said that Atishi's staff have received the notice, after the Crime Branch team visited the AAP leader's residence for a second time at 12.55 pm on Sunday.

According to the notice, the Crime Branch has asked Kejriwal and Atishi to give information on the allegations of poaching bid levelled against the BJP, given statements by them suggest they were privy to certain information regarding commission of a cognisable offence.

The two AAP leaders have been asked to

respond to the notice by Monday.

Responding to the notice, Atishi said that it is just a letter with no mention of any penal provisions, while the BJP said they should not create any hurdles in the probe.

Atishi was not present at her residence when the notice was served, the sources said. Earlier in the day too, police officials had arrived at the minister's residence but she was not present.

"The team visited again to serve notice to Atishi. The team first visited her house in the morning when she was not present at her residence," a senior police officer of the Crime Branch said.

According to AAP sources, Atishi had given directions to her office staff to receive the notice.

Responding to the development, AAP leader Jasmine Shah stressed that the notice does not include anything about a summon or an FIR or any section of the

IPC or CrPC.

"This is just a letter on a white paper," he said.

"Crime Branch officials also reached the residence of Delhi minister Atishi today to serve her a notice. They wanted to give it only to her personally and not to her officials. Should the Delhi ministers always stay at their homes to personally receive each and every delivery? Shah said, adding that police officers had waited five hours before giving the notice to an official of the CMO.

At a press conference later in the day, Atishi said, "This is not notice from Crime Branch but a letter, in which there is no mention of sections of CrPC, IPC, PMLA."

On January 27, Kejriwal and Atishi had claimed that the BJP was trying to poach AAP MLAs by offering Rs 25 crore each and a ticket to contest next year's assembly polls to topple the AAP government.