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But Congress people are openly and shamelessly holding rallies seeking to stop action and proceedings against corrupt people," he alleged.

This was a very important election for the future of the country, Modi further said. "This is an election for the development of new India," he said, adding "we have to take the rocket of development much higher."

The people of Madhya Pradesh wiped out the Congress in the assembly elections last year, the prime minister noted.

He also accused Congress of conspiring to defeat Droupadi Murmu when she was set to become the first tribal woman president of India.

"(When) At G-20 (summit), major global decisions, which seemed impossible, are taken in India, every citizen of the country feels that his power has increased. When India's fame rises from America to Australia, every person in the country feels that his respect has increased," the PM said.

In another jibe at Congress, he said in these elections, its leaders were not fighting against the BJP, but with each other.

Congress governments of the past approached other countries over issues related to India, Modi said.

"But times have changed today, big countries of the world, countries that are at war among themselves, come to India to talk about their issues....Seeing this status of our country, the morale of every Indian goes up," he said.

Congress's thinking after Independence kept the country backward, the prime minister alleged.

"Their minds were full of arrogance regarding the freedom movement. Congress denied the sacrifices made by the common people in the freedom movement as soon as it came to power. The coterie and clan surrounding a family became dominant," he said.

The BJP-led Union government, whose mantra is `Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (with everyone, for development of everyone), is giving priority to every city and every village, and spending lakhs of crores of rupees on the development of modern infrastructure, Modi said.

His government also gives priority to the underprivileged and accords respect to this Dalit-backward class-tribal section of society which was deprived of identity and recognition by the previous governments, he said.

Congress never gave the status of freedom fighter to a revolutionary like Govind Guru, Modi alleged. In an apparent swipe at the Nehru-Gandhi family, he added that the party wanted to give the credit for winning freedom only to its "royal family", and not to any tribal hero.

Thousands throng Vaishno...

present on the occasion.

The Yagya ceremony is being telecasted live on MIH1 Shraddha from 12 Noon to 1 PM daily during Navratras.

The intricate floral arrangements, coupled with traditional motifs and embellishments, have been enhancing the divine ambience of the shrine while evoking a sense of reverence and joy among the visiting devotees.

The Shrine Board has also made elaborate arrangements as per directions of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, , Chairman SMVDSB, for facilitating a large number of pilgrims who are expected to pay their obeisance at the Sanctum Sanctorum during Navratras. These arrangements include round the clock water and power supply all along the tracks leading to the Shrine, sanitation, medicare and availability of special "fast related" food at the Board's Bhojanalayas. Besides, all the routes leading to the Holy Cave Shrine are fully maintained for smooth movement of pilgrims.

The illumination of the Bhawan area with attractive and colourful lights has also been done. For the ease and comfort of pilgrims, facilities like the accommodation, battery operated vehicles, passenger ropeway and helicopter services are operating smoothly. The Shrine Board has also made arrangements for free food for the pilgrims at Tarakote Marg, Prasad Kendra at Sanjichatt, besides free Langar Sewa at Bhairon Ji.

To facilitate the smooth pilgrimage of Divyang pilgrims, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board is also providing free pony and battery car services to ensure their journey to holy shrine without hindrance.

Other special features of arrangements during these Navratra are Bhajan and Bhaint performances during morning and evening Atka Aarti by the renowned artists.

CEO Shrine Board is constantly reviewing and monitoring the regulation of Yatra along with other arrangements all along the track and in the Bhawan Area and interacting with the pilgrims enquiring about the facilities made by the Shrine Board for their facilitation.

Chinar Corps Commander...

motivated them to maintain operational readiness and morale despite extreme weather conditions and terrain. "#ChinarCorps Cdr visited frontline units deployed along the #LoC in the Keran Sector #Kupwara, today, to review the counter infiltration grid and operational preparedness," the Chinar Corps said in a post on 'X'.

India now capable...

Arunachal Pradesh and described them as "strategic assets".

"That's why we have a special feeling of love and respect in our hearts towards all of you. And whenever there was a war with China, the whole of India can never forget the role you played," he Singh said.

"My sisters and brothers, India will always be indebted to you. This is home for all of us," Singh said.

The Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs released the fourth list of standardised geographical names in Zangnan, the Chinese name for Arunachal Pradesh which Beijing claims as part of south Tibet, state-run Global Times reported on March 31.

In April last year too, India had reacted sharply when Beijing released the third list of standardised names of 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh.

The first batch of the standardised names of six places in Arunachal Pradesh was released in 2017 while the second batch of 15 places was issued in 2021.

The ties between India and China came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh border row that began in May, 2020.

Leh Admin lifts...

disturbance to public tranquility... the Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, has reported that now there is no imminent apprehension of breach of peace and public order and has recommended that the restrictions imposed under Section 144 of the CrPC may be withdrawn," read the DM's order.

HC dismisses Kejriwal's...

able to place enough material in the shape of hawala dealers' statements, approvers' statements and own candidates who referred to the fact that he was given money in cash for expenditure in Goa elections. This court has also gone through the statements which complete the chain that money was sent in cash for Goa elections," added the bench.

The court ruled that Kejriwal's arrest was not illegal and the trial court remanded him in the custody of the agency by a well-reasoned order.

"This court holds that arrest of Kejriwal was not in contravention of sections concerned. Consequently, his remand cannot be termed as illegal," Justice Sharma concluded.

She read out the judgement for 25 minutes and also explained certain portions of her decision in Hindi.

The court clarified that it was not dealing with Kejriwal's bail plea but his writ petition challenging the arrest on certain grounds.

It emphasised that law applied equally to all and also held that the rigours of Section 70 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which deals with companies, are attracted in this case. The ED had likened AAP to a company and Kejriwal its director.

The court observed that political considerations and equations are not relevant to legal proceedings, clarifying that the present case was not a conflict between the Centre and Kejriwal but between him and the ED.

"Political considerations and equations cannot be brought before a court of law as they are not relevant for legal proceedings. In the case at hand, it is important to clarify that the matter before this court is not a conflict between the central government and petitioner Kejriwal. Instead it is a case between Kejriwal and Directorate of Enforcement," Justice Sharma said.

The court said the statements of approvers against the AAP national convenor would be judged during trial as it cannot hold a mini trial at this stage. It added that Kejriwal would be free to cross-examine the approvers at the stage of trial.

In his petition, Kejriwal had sought his release on several grounds, including that the belated statements of approvers Raghav Magunta and Sarath Reddy cannot be relied upon as the latter even donated to the BJP through electoral bonds.

"In this court's opinion, who gives tickets for contesting elections to whom or who purchases electoral bonds and for what purpose is not the concern of this court as this court is required to apply the law and the evidence recorded as it is," the court

said in its judgement.

It asserted that the law of approver was "more than 100 years old" and was not enacted to "falsely implicate the present petitioner".

"To doubt and cast aspersions regarding the manner of granting pardon or recording statements of approvers amounts to casting aspersions on the judicial process since granting of pardon or recording of statement of the approver is not the domain of the investigating agency. It is a judicial process wherein a judicial officer follows the provisions of CrPC for recording the statement of approver and also granting or not granting pardon," the court said.

It also asserted that no "special privileges" can be extended to a chief minister by an investigating agency.

On Kejriwal questioning the timing of his arrest, the judge said,"In this court's opinion, this contention has to be rejected since the investigating agency under the Indian criminal jurisprudence cannot be directed to conduct the investigation in accordance with convenience or dictates of a person. ...Investigation qua classes and masses cannot be different."

Kejriwal, who was arrested by the ED on March 21 after he skipped nine summonses for his appearance, had argued that the federal anti-money laundering agency could have questioned him through video conference or by sending a questionnaire or quizzed him at his residence.

"This court would not lay down two different categories of laws-- one for the common citizens and the other granting special privilege to be extended by investigating agencies either to a chief minister or any person in power only on the basis of being in public office...The accountability of public figures has to be held through the public," it said.

The court observed that it cannot accept Kejriwal's contention that he was arrested on account of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, adding that the issue has to be examined only in the context of law, and not the timing.

Displaced KPs celebrate...

KPs. In this regard, the Mata Bhadrakali Trust organised a beautiful programme to celebrate Navreh," he added.

Bharti said the festival of Navreh or Navratrati is celebrated as the first day of the year in our community.

"This day is also being called Sankalpa day in exile as readout Sankalpa with a vow to celebrate it in Kashmir next year. On the first day of the year, we worship 'Mata' so that the whole year passes with happiness," he added.

The Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) thronged the Mata Bhadrakali temple at Phallian Mandal on the outskirts of Jammu to celebrate the festival. They conducted rituals connected with the celebration by wearing traditional dresses.

"We all came to the Bhadrakali temple on Navreh and took a Sankalp that next year, it will be celebrated in Kashmir. Kashmiri Pandits across the world celebrate Navreh," said Vikas Raina, a devotee and entrepreneur.

"I can still recall that in Kashmir, we used to have darshan of a 'thali' decorated with flowers and then would perform the puja," he added.

Several temples and social organisations in Jammu also organised Navreh functions.

Raina said that the century has changed today from the 5099 Saptarishi date to the 5100th year.

"We pray to Goddess for our journey back home to the valley so that we get rehabilitated there in our motherland," he said.

A Maha Yagya was organised by the Uma Devi Temple Complex in Muthi, where hundreds of KPs celebrated Navreh and Navratrati.

Commissioner Secretary Mandeep Kour and her husband, Commissioner Secretary of the Industries department Vikranjit Singh, took part in the yagya and congratulated the community.

Sanjay Pandita, who is the principal of a government higher secondary school, hopes that this Navreh will pave the way for our return and rehabilitation in the Kashmir Valley in this new century according to the Saptarishi calendar.

Navreh falls on the first day of the bright half (Shukla Paksha) in the month of Chaitra (March-April) of the Kashmiri Hindu calendar.

Haryana Guv joins...

the organisation said. The organisers said such a huge Navreh celebration took place at the temple after 35 years.

The Haryana governor, who was the chief guest on the occasion, highlighted the contribution of Kashmir towards the development of 'Sanatan Dharma', the country's knowledge system, and spiritual consciousness among Indians.

Addressing the gathering of the Kashmiri Pandits, Dattatreya assured them to restore the glory of temples of Kashmir through renovation work, the spokesperson said.

The governor dedicated a book written and published by Amit Raina on efforts of Jammu and Kashmir police combatting terror in the region, and also released a special calendar to commemorate 5,100 years of the 'Saptarishi system'.

On the occasion, Raj Nehru, vice-chancellor of Vishwakarma Skill Development University, Hararyana, and Ramesh Chander Bhardwaj, vice-chancellor of Maharishi Valmiki Sanskrit University, announced a seat each on research of Kashmir Shaivism.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also conveyed Navreh greetings to the Kashmiri Hindu community through a telephonic message.

Later, the Haryana Governor visited the revered Kheer Bhawani temple in the central Kashmir's Ganderbal district and paid obeisance there.

Border area got...

border areas due to crossfire and then seeking shelter in a Panchayat Ghar or a government School or in a relative's house without being certain about where was the possibility of their taking a refuge.

After the Modi government took over, Dr Jitendra said, a there was a two-prong strategy. On the one hand, he said, the policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism began to pay dividends and today there is hardly any Pak-sponsored terrorism being discussed as they were discussed before 2014. The other part of the strategy was to create safe and comfortable residing options for the people living here for which for the first time the government headed by Prime Minister Mood took a heroic decision and decided to build a Family Bunker in each household along the border area. Each Family Bunker, he said, is as good as one room flat with a living room and other facilities in place.

Youth of this area, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, were quite aspirational but they were discriminated by the Congress government which gave 4% reservation along LoC but not here along International Border. As a result of this, the huge slot of job opportunity for the youth was shut down they were denied 4% reservation for jobs and admission to higher education institutions which the Congress leaders had laid for LoC, which was delivered to the youth living along LoC but denied to youths living on International border for political consideration.

It was the Congress government which cancelled the Dogra Certificate, thus depriving the Marshal Race youth of this belt of getting recruited in the Forces.

As far border area is concerned, Dr Jitendra said, for the last nearly seven decades, the then governments of Congress and its ally parties deliberately neglected this region, because it was the land of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra known for patriotism and nationalism of its people who had traditionally stood in support of Bharatiya Jan Sangh and later Bharatiya Janata Party.

Dr Singh recalled that only last December, he had laid the foundation of four important road projects and inaugurated nine roads in the Hiranagar sector. The four road projects of more than 25 Kms are at a cost of Rs.2594 Lakh Crore, while the nine roads measuring 73.57 Kms area at a cost 546.8 Lakh Crore. With the construction of these roads, 74 habitations and more than 11,000 people in the border region will be benefited. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra informed that 60-65 percent of PMGSY road projects allotted this year to J&K at a cost of over Rs 3,700 cr belong to his Lok Sabha Parliamentary constituency. He said that several far flung areas have been connected with all-weather roads for the benefit of people living in these locations. Work is underway in full swing to complete the remaining projects, he said. Kuldip Raj former MLA, Adv Vijay Sharma former Chairman Municipal Committee, Abhinandan DDC, Prem Nath Dogra, Janak Bharati, PRIs among others along with BJYM leaders joined the rally.

Shawal moon sighted...

by him (Grand Mufti) with members Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Moulana Rehmatullah Qasimi, Moulana Abdul Lateef Alqandi, Ghulam Rasool Hami and ulemas from Jammu and Chenab valley have concluded that Eid-ul-Fitr will be observed on Wednesday.

He also extended his Eid greetings to the Muslim Ummah, especially to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "May this auspicious occasion bring with it a lot of joy, happiness, peace and prosperity to all of us," he said.

Two killed as...

when they were hit by the Kashmir-bound truck near Dhudar Nallah, a police official said. Rohit Singh and Shubham Samotra, residents of Udhampur, died on the spot, while the other two, Ajay Kumar and Sunil Kumar were injured and shifted to hospital, he said. The erring driver was arrested and a case was registered against him, he added.

Bike lifter arrested, bike recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has arrested an accused person involved in the theft of a motorcycle in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh and recovered stolen bike from his possession.

As per report, on April 2, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Ramgarh by one Kamal Kishore, son of Om Parkash, resident of Taloor, Vijaypur regarding theft of his motorcycle (Super Spendour) bearing registration No. JK21D-2804 from Rattanpur, Ramgarh when he went to his sister's house.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 29/2024 U/S 379 IPC was registered at PS Ramgarh and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, police has arrested the accused namely Sunil Kumar alias Kaka, son of Tarsem Lal, resident of Rattanpur, Ramgarh who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case. Further on his disclosure, stolen bike has been recovered.

Crackdown on illegal mining; 11 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI/HANDWARA/JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Reasi Police on Tuesday seized three vehicles engaged in illegal mining.

In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations team of Police Station Reasi seized three dumpers bearing registration number JK11F-9370, JK11E-3215 and JK11F-3771, which were found loaded with crusher sand.

During checking their mining slips, it is found that the mining slips are made on the name of block number 23 rather than of stone crusher. On this all three dumpers has been seized. After Seizure of these Vehicles, Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal action.

Cracking a whip on illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have seized six vehicles in Handwara. As per reporter, Police parties of Police Station Qalambad and Police Post Langate seized six vehicles (05 tractors & a tipper) bearing registration and chassis numbers JK09A-4144, JK05B-4907, Chassis No. 3S3, Chassis No. 5S3, Chassis No. 3252 & JK02B-1342 involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Handwara.

Teams of Police Post Belicharana & Police Post Canal acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at multiple locations within their respective jurisdictions and seized two vehicles involved in illegal mining.

During the drive, one Tractor trolley with sand bearing engine no: EBWOL6493 seized by PP Belicharana while a Dumper bearing registration No JK21G-7786 was seized by PP Canal. The vehicles were found loaded with minor mineral sand without Form A/permission and so were detained.

Three absconders arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Police in Pulwama have arrested three absconders who were evading their arrest from decades and who are involved in Case FIR No. 193/1989 u/s 379/RPC of PS Rajpora and FIR No. 360/2012 U/s 379,380,547,511,120-B, 457 RPC of PS Pulwama.

As per report, Warrants under section 512 CrPC issued by Court Special Mobile Magistrate Pulwama against accused persons namely Ajab Hussain Shah son of Athar Shah resident of Sangerwani, Mushtaq Ahmad Turk son of Hassan Turk Khan and Javid Ahmad Khan son of Haider Khan, both residents of Bariangam Anantnag who were evading their arrest from decades, were executed and the accused were arrested by special police teams of PS Rajpora and PS Pulwama.

Subsequently, the arrested accused persons were produced before the Court of Law.

Theft case solved, two arrested, stolen property recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM: Police in Kulgam have solved a theft case by arresting two accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property from their possession. as per report, during the investigation of the case FIR No. 45/2024 under section 380, 457 IPC of P/S Kulgam led to the disclosure of the accused Shahid Gull son of Gull Mohd Kumar resident of Pahlloo, successfully culminating in the recovery of the stolen items viz, Spray Motor, Genset, Transformer and 100 meter Spray Pipe from the possession of Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Abdullah Bhat resident of Shahoo worth Rs 2 lakh. The accused have been arrested and further investigation is going on as more arrests and recoveries are expected.

Two bovine smugglers arrested, 14 bovines rescued, vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has foiled two separate bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested two bovine smugglers, rescued fourteen bovines and seized two vehicles used in the illegal transportation of bovines.

as per report, a police team of Police Post Supwal headed by Incharge Police Post Supwal during vehicle checking at Naka Supwal, intercepted a TATA mobile bearing registration No JK02AX-6629 coming from Jammu side for checking.

During checking of the vehicle, four bovines were found laden inside which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified as Mushtaq Choudhary, son of Mohd Asgar, resident of Lower Rangora, Sidra district Jammu and Abdul Wahid Chouhan, son of Abdul Rashid Chouhan, resident of Manzmoh, Anantnag have been arrested and the vehicle has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 91/2024 u/s 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Similarly, a Police team of Police Post Mansar headed by Incharge Police Post Mansar during vehicle checking at naka Mansar, signaled to stop a dumper bearing registration No. JK19A-1290 for checking. But the driver instead of stopping the vehicle accelerated the speed and fled away from the spot. The alert Naka party successfully chased the vehicle and intercepted it near Naka Nud.

During checking of the vehicle, ten bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines have been rescued and the vehicle used in the transportation has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 94/2024 u/s 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Notorious criminal booked under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Acting tough against hardcore criminals and to maintain tranquility as well as to main law and order in the area, R.S.Pura Police booked the most wanted dreadful criminal in Sub Division R.S.Pura and lodged him in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

As per report, the most wanted dreadful criminal namely Yudhvir Singh alias Bablu, son of Aya Singh, resident of Old Agra Chak, Tehsil R S Pura, District Jammu has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the District Magistrate, Jammu.

The booked criminal has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

Pertinent to mention that number of cases were registered against the above mentioned dreadful criminal including Murder, attempt to murder,etc. The said criminal promoting his criminal activities in the area by using illegal Arms. Despite his involvement in many FIRs, he did not mend his activities and was again involved in carrying the criminal activities.

The aforesaid dreadful criminal has remained successful every time in securing the bails from the Court and in order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, a dossier (PSA) was recommended against him, upon which, the District Magistrate, Jammu had issued a PSA warrant against him. The arrest was made by P/S R.S.Pura headed by SHO P/S R.S.Pura assisted by the Incharge BPP Agra Check under the close supervision of SDPO R.S.Pura, SP Hqrs Jammu & overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

