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Decision on holding LS, assembly polls together in J&K after reviewing feedback: CEC '86.9 lakh voters to exercise their franchise in LS polls in J&K'



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Election Commission will decide on holding Lok Sabha and Assembly elections together or separately in Jammu and Kashmir after reviewing the security situation and feedback from stakeholders, Chief Election Commissioner

Rajiv Kumar said on Wednesday.

He also rejected criticism about the "delay" in holding assembly elections in the Union Territory, saying delimitation and necessary legislative processes were completedDecember 2023 only.

"The changes happened in December 2023 and we are in March We know our responsibilities and we are also aware that there should be no political vacuum and the elections should be held sooner," he told reporters before wrapping up his

EC will disclose details of electoral bonds in time: Rajiv Kumar

JAMMU: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar or Wednesday announced sharing details of electoral bonds "in time" and asserted that the commission believed in complete

Speaking to reporters at the end of his visit to Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar also said that the poll body was ready to hold assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections in the Union ter-

Kumar, who ended his nationwide visits ahead of the Lok Sabha election schedule announcement, was asked whether the ECI would be disclosing the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019 following a direction from the

The State Bank of India (SBI) has issued electoral bonds worth Rs 16,518 crore in 30 tranches since the inception of the scheme in 2018

"The SBI was supposed to submit the data by March 12 They have given us the details in time. I will go back and look at the data (and) would definitely disclose it in time," Kumar said. He said the commission believed only "in disclosure, disclosure and disclosure" to ensure high **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

PM launches PM-SURAJ national portal

People from disadvantaged sections biggest beneficiaries of Govt schemes: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that people from disadvantaged sections like SCs, STs and OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of his government's welfare schemes as he accused the previous Congress dispensations of neglecting them and never appreciating their role in the country's progress.

Speaking at the launch of the PM-SURAJ national portal, he cited the election of Ram Nath Kovind and Droupadi Murumu, who come from Dalit and tribal communities respectively, as president to assert that the BJP's efforts to ensure that those from deprived

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacting with beneficiar from Jammu Kashmir on Wednesday.

LG thanks PM for providing support to poor, empowering weaker sections

In J&K, 1747 beneficiaries belonging to SC, OBC, Safai Karamchari provided assistanc JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for sanctioning credit support to one lakh entrepreneurs from the disadvantaged sections of the country. Prime Minister Narendra Mod on Wednesday launched the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan

ACB registers case against EO, MC Shopian, others for misappropriation of funds

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Anti-Corruption Wednesday registered a case of Criminal misappropriation against Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar, Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Shopian, Ghulam Rasool Mir, Khilafwarzi Officer, Naseer Ahmad Indrabi, Head Assistant, Showkat Hussain Teli, Works Supervisor Shakeel Ahmad Bhat, Driver and under 5(1)(e)(d) r/w 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act

During the course of verification, it surfaced that the Municipal Committee Shopian had purchased one

Ashoka Leyland BS-IV Tipper from GeM Portal in the year 2018 against which they had issued fuel of 11,051 litres from January, 2018 to 31st March, 2020 by inflating the figures of fuel consumption.

Municipal Committee, Shopian constituted a committee which had fixed fuel consumption of 11 litres per hour against the said

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Maharashtra Cabinet approves land purchase for its Bhawan in Srinagar

Maharashtra Cabinet on Wednesday approved the purchase of 2.5 acres of land in Srinagar to construct a Maharashtra Bhawan. The budget proposal for

the same was made already in the state budget in the previous budget session of the Maharashtra Assembly.

Maharashtra Bhawan in Srinagar will be the inaugural guesthouse established by the state government in Kashmir. It aims to offer comfortable accommodations and facilities for tourists from Maharashtra visiting

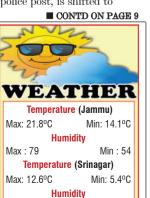
SI suspended for negligence in gangster murder case STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A sub-inspector of the Jammu and Kashmir Police was suspended on Tuesday for alleged negligence in connection with the murder of a gangster hailing from Jammu in Punjab's Mohali last week, officials said.

A departmental inquiry was also ordered against two other police personnel in connection with the incident.

Gangster Rajesh Dogra who hailed from Jammu and had recently come out of jail, was killed by members of a rival gang in broad daylight in Mohali on March 4.

In an order, Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Vinod Kumar said sub-inspector Mushtag Ahmad, posted at the Sarwal police post, is shifted to



Sunset: 18:36 Hours

Sunrise: 06:43 Hours

Max: 71

Min: 70

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar earlier in February said that the state government will con-"Maharashtra struct Bhavan" in Jammu and Kashmir's capital $_{
m city}$ Srinagar and Pradesh's Ayodhya.

Pawar, who also holds the Finance Ministry portfolio, was speaking after presenting the state budget. "It has been decided to construct 'Maharashtra Bhavan' at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir and Sri Ram Janmabhoomi, Ayodhya

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union minis-

ters Nitin Gadkari, Piyush

Goyal and Anurag Singh

Thakur, and three former

chief ministers, including

Haryana's Manohar Lal

Khattar, figured in the BJP's

second list of 72 candidates

for the Lok Sabha elections

announced on Wednesday.

The ruling party dropped

former Union ministers

Sadananda Gowda and

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

Khattar and Goyal will be

from their seats

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party's

National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday termed the opposition leaders' statements on CAA as fact-less, saying INDI Alliance should stop misleading the people of the coun-

Chugh blamed Arvind Kejriwal, the Congress leaders and Mamata Banerjee for their fact-less, ridiculous and misleading statements, saying there there is no threat to any religion, caste or section from the government's notification

"The only threat is to the Rohingyas, illegal infiltrators and their masters in the country' he said, adding that Rohingyas are attempting to make the country's environment unsafe by entering India illegally.

Gadkari, Piyush Goyal, ex-CM Khattar in

BJP's second list of 72 candidates for LS polls

making their Lok Sabha poll

debut from Karnal in

Haryana and Mumbai North

Karnataka chief minister

Basavaraj Bommai will con-

test from Haveri and former

Uttarakhand chief minister

Trivendra Singh Rawat from

BJP chief spokesperson

Anil Baluni will also be fight-

ing his first Lok Sabha poll

as the BJP fielded him from

Garhwal, replacing former

Uttarakhand chief minister

Tirath Singh Rawat.

Former

respectively.

Haridwar.

Chugh said that atrocities against religious minorities, violation of rights. insecurity, atrocities against women and religious conversion have been happen-

INDI Alliance should stop misleading people on CAA: Chugh



ing in the neighbouring countries for many years, which is unbearable. They should get protection on humanitarian basis, he added. Chugh said that after 1947, the num-

ber of religious minorities-- Hindus,

in Pakistan was about 28 percent, which has come down to 1 to 2 percent now. In Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the rights of Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Jains etc. have been violated and atrocities are taking place, which is worrying. There is a legal effort to provide them protection in India when they seek citizenship through CAA, he maintained. Questioning the opposition leaders,

Sikhs, Christians, Jains and Buddhists

Chugh asked is there any problem in giving legal citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists etc. on humanitarian basis through CAA? What sympathy do the leaders of opposition parties have for Rohingyas, he questioned.

Chugh said that it is unfortunate that Kejriwal, Mamata Banerjee and Congress are trying ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CS for making robust plan for savings made in JTFRP projects

Svt 2006 and section 120-B

RPC on the outcome of a ver-

another bank by Mar 15 STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: NHAI has

advised Paytm FASTag users to obtain a new FASTag from another bank before March 15 to ensure a smooth travel experience and avoid inconvenience at toll plazas, an official statement said on Wednesday.

NHAI asks Paytm FASTag

users to procure new one from

This will help avoid penalties or double fee charges commuting on National Highways, as per the statement.

Following the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Wednesday while reviewing the pace and progress of World Bank funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) impressed upon the concerned to make a robust plan for around Rs 140 Cr savings amount out of the total outlay for 213 sub-projects funded under it.

Besides the CEO. ERA the meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Higher Education; Commissioner



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

Secretary, I&C; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Health; Secretary, School Education; MD, JKPCC; Commissioner, SMC besides other officers

Srinagar based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary directed for considering some significant works for upgradation of infrastructure in our education, health, disaster management and livelihood

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Sports icons are true inspiration for youth of J&K: LG

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Gadkari and Thakur will

seek re-election from Nagpur

Hamirpur in Himachal

In the Beed constituency in

Munde has replaced her sis-

ter and incumbent MP

With the second list, the

BJP has announced the

names of 265 candidates for

the Lok Sabha elections due

in April-May. On March 2,

the party released its first

Pankaja

Maharashtra

Pradesh respectively.

Maharashtra,

Pritam Munde.

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that sports Icons are the true inspiration for the youth of Jammu Kashmir and the efforts of the government to take sports to villages, far-flung and border areas have bridged the decades-old gap between talents and the opportunities.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at a function after felicitating the medal winners of National and International Competitions for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23 and congratulated all the athletes and coaches on their outstanding per-



National & International Competitions for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.

A total 368 sportspersons, from 17 disciplines, received special cash awards amounting to Rs 1.35 crore directly in their Bank accounts through DBT mode. Rs 12 lakh awarded to Agsa Gulzar

and Sohan Kamotra was awarded with Rs 8 lakh cash award, in Pencak Silat and Chess disciplines, respective-

On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated a State-of-the-Art Synthetic

Football Turf costing Rs 4.83Cr at Parade Ground, Jammu. He also laid the foundation stone of the Synthetic Hockey Field at Bandhurakh worth Rs 4.85

"Under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have built modern sports infrastructure, providing world-class training and mentoring to athletes and all other supports to ensure J&K's sportspersons are able to achieve excellence in national and international sporting events," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor extended his felicitations to the Para teams and women athletes for their remarkable feat in major sporting events.

He said, the recent successes in Asian Para Games. National Games, National School Games of athletes and GPS control rooms will be

players from J&K have ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

GPS-enabled tracking systems to be installed in J&K poll duty vehicles: official (DEOs) and the CEO for

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In keeping with the directions of the Election Commission, Jammu and Kashmir's election department will procure GPSenabled tracking systems for 12,500 poll duty vehicles for the forthcoming parliamentary elections in the Union Territory

J-K Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pandurang K Pole has issued a request for proposal (RFP) for companies to procure GPS-enabled vehicle tracking systems for election duty vehicles.

established at the offices of district electoral officers

real-time tracking and monitoring of the movement of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) through the installed in the vehicles carrving them, officials said.

This step is being taken for the end-to-end movement of all EVMs and VVPATs on the pre-poll and poll days to ensure careful monitoring at all times. Accordingly, all polling parties and sector officers' vehicles will be fitted with GPS tracking devices, they said. "As per the instructions of the

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