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three-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir to assess the preparedness for the upcoming parliamentary elections. He said the Commission had taken feedback from stakeholders including political parties, security agencies and administration on holding assembly elecions with the upcoming general elections.

"We reviewed whether the two elections will be held together or one after another. We will decide after reviewing the security situation and taking the feedback.

"We have taken feedback from everybody about how much security is required. Each candidate needs security cover (in J-K) so it (holding elections together) will have securiy implications," the CEC said.

Kumar said the Commission is equally concerned about assembly and parliamentary elections. "We had a meeting with representatives of national and regional political parties and questions were raised about the delay in holding of assembly polls. I want to clarify

that there was no delay on the part of the Election Commission," Kumar said. He said the J-K Reorganisation Act came in 2019 followed by a delimitation commission which completed its exercise in 2022, recommending an increase of assembly seats

from 107 to 114 including 24 seats for residents of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. "Now we have 90 assembly seats including nine seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes. There was no chance of holding elections as there was a dissonance between the J-K reor-

ganisation act and the delimitation.

"We have to bring them together and that happened in December 2023 in the form of the J-K Reorganization (Amendment) Act," he said. Kumar said the amended act also included the recommendation of the delimitation commission to reserve two seats for migrants including a woman and another provision of one nomination for displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The CEC said as many as 86.9 lakh electorate ncluding 3.4 lakh first-time voters are eligible to vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections in Jammu and Kashmir. He said 11,629 polling stations with an average 747 voters per polling station will be set up in the Union Territory, where 77,290 voters are above 85 years of age, including 2886 being more than 100 years.

He requested the voters and the political parties to enthusiastically take part in the "festival of democracy", assuring peaceful and inducement-free elections with "level playing field" for all the contesting parties.

"We have been visiting different parts of the country to review poll preparedness and this was our last visit. We met leaders of various national and regional political parties, law enforcement agencies, chief secretary and DGP, and had detailed deliberations," Kumar said. He said directions were passed for ensuring peaceful and temptation-free elections and also for ensuring maximum turnout of the voters.

The CEC said there are 86.9 lakh voters including 44.34 lakh men and 42.55 lakh vomen registered in Jammu and Kashmir. The number also included 67,400 persons with disabilities and 158 transgenders.

The electoral gender ratio of women voters has increased from 945 in 2019 to 954 in 2024, he said, adding there are 16 assembly constituencies where the electoral gender ratio is more than 1000. While 1.56 lakh women electors are between 18-19 years, the new female voters stand at 1.35 lakhs, he said.

Against a total of 11629 polling stations, 9307 are located in rural areas and 2322 in urban areas, Kumar said, and added that 52 per cent of the polling stations (5814) have the facility of webcasting and 267 will be model polling stations. There will be 93 allwomen-managed polling stations and 83 by persons with disabilities.

The CEC said a total of 47 interstate check posts and 385 internal police checkpoints will be set up and manned round-the-clock as part of strict vigil on inter-state and international borders. Directions have also been passed for keeping a watch on the uncharted

Referring to his meeting with political parties, he said they demanded level playing field and no discrimination in providing security for campaigning.

Kumar said the demands and concerns of the political parties have been taken note of and strict instructions were given to the concerned officers so that no such complaint is raised ever again. He said the officers were told to provide adequate security to senior political leaders in accordance with their threat perception so that they can freely campaign during the ensuing elections. The officers were warned of strict action in case they fail to perform their duties and ensure level playing field to all parties without any discrim-

"There is no place for violence, intimidation and threat to voters," he said, directing mmediate action against the culprits.

# EC will disclose...

standards of transparency.

The Supreme Court had directed SBI to submit the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019 to the EC. The SBI is the authorised financial institution to ssue the electoral bonds. The SBI on Tuesday evening submitted the details of entities which had purchased the now-scrapped electoral bonds and political parties which redeemed them. According to the Supreme Court order, the Election Commission will have to publish the details shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March

The Supreme Court had on February 15 scrapped the Centre's electoral bonds scheme that allowed anonymous political funding, calling it "unconstitutional" and ordered disclosure by the EC of donors, the amount donated by them and recipients

The SBI had sought time till June 30 for disclosure of the details. Its plea, however, was rejected by the apex court, and it asked the bank to submit all details to the Election Commission by the close of working hours on Tuesday.

Today, the SBI submitted a compliance affidavit to the Supreme Court informing that total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased by donors between April 1, 2019 and

February 15 this year, out of which 22,030 were redeemed by political parties. It said details, including date of purchase of each electoral bond, names of the purchas-

and the denomination of the bonds purchased have been furnished The affidavit said between April 1, 2019 and April 11, 2019, a total of 3,346 electoral

onds were purchased and 1,609 redeemed. It further said from April 12, 2019 (beginning date as per the Supreme court) to February 15 this year, a total of 18.871 electoral bonds were purchased and 20.421 were redeemed. Kumar, who reached here on Wednesday to review preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, also said that the EC was ready for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. "We will ensure free and fair elections across the country. We request voters across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, to enthusiastically take part in the festival of

to respond to fake news in real time. "Adequate security will be provided to all candidates and central forces will be deployed," he added. Kumar said strict vigil will be maintained on online cash transfers through wallets in Jammu and Kashmir. People above 85 years and those with disability will be provided the voting-at-home facility in the Union territory, he added.

democracy," he said. He said a social media cell will be established in all districts in order

# People from disadvantaged...

sections reach top positions will continue.

The opposition made every effort to ensure their defeat, he said.

Taking a swipe at the Opposition, Prime Minister Modi told the gathering that consisted of people from disadvantaged groups, "How can anyone say I have no family when I have brothers and sisters like you.

Modi said that the biggest beneficiaries of schemes like free ration, free medical treatment, pucca houses, toilets and Ujjwala gas connection are the people on the periphery, the deprived segments.

"SCs, STs, OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of government welfare schemes for the poor. Now we are working with the goal of saturation in these schemes," the prime minis-

The Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) national portal aims to provide credit support to eligible individuals across the country

including those from Scheduled Castes and backward classes and sanitation workers. This initiative is set to facilitate financial empowerment and enable entrepreneurship

opportunities for the most disadvantaged sections of society. PM Modi said one lakh beneficiaries from deprived sections have been given Rs 720 crore assistance till now.

He said the SURAJ portal will facilitate financial assistance to the disadvantaged sections of society, similar to direct benefit transfers from other government schemes, and the process will be free from middlemen, commissions and recommendations.

"Such a system of DBT was unimaginable during the previous governments." he said. The prime minister also spoke about the distribution of Ayushman Bharat Cards and PPE kits to Safai Mitras engaged in sewer and septic tank cleaning.

Talking about the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the prime minister said that it cannot be achieved without the development of the deprived segments.

He said that he has broken away from the mindset of the past and it is being ensured that facilities available to others like gas connection, bank accounts, toilets, etc. are also provided to Dalits, backwards, deprived and tribals. The prime minister pointed out that many generations of deprived segments were wast-

ed in just arranging for the basic amenities.

"After 2014, the government reached the segments devoid of any hope and made them partners in the nation's development," he said.

The prime minister also mentioned schemes for nomadic and semi-nomadic communities and NAMASTE (National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem) scheme for Safai Karamcharis.

Talking about the elimination of the inhuman practice of manual scavenging, he pointed out that 60,000 sufferers have been given financial assistance so that they can rebuild

"The government is making all possible efforts to empower the SC, ST and OBC communities", PM Modi said and informed that the assistance provided to them by various institutions has been doubled in the last 10 years.

Lakhs and crores of rupees were "only associated with scams" during the previous governments, he said and affirmed spending the money for the welfare of Dalits and the deprived and for the development of the country.

He mentioned increasing scholarships for SC, ST and OBC youth, reservation of 27 percent seats for OBC in the all-India quota of medical seats, making inroads for OBC students in the NEET examination, and assistance from National Overseas Scholarship for students from underprivileged communities to pursue Master and PhD degrees

He added that the amount of national fellowship has also been increased to help students pursue PhD in science-related subjects.

### LG thanks PM...

(PM-SURAJ) national portal and sanctioned credit support to one lakh entrepreneurs of socially disadvantaged sections of the country.

In J&K, 1747 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Caste, Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Safai Karamchari community were provided assistance to start a business venture and lead a life with dignity.

"Prime Minister has ensured that no one is left behind. From basic facilities to education and financial inclusion, he has undertaken many reforms to create a large pool of young entrepreneurs from marginalized section of society," the Lt Governor said. Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State, PMO, also joined the launch ceremony from Jammu. On the occasion, Ayushman Health Cards and PPE kits were issued to beneficiaries of disadvantaged section of the society-Safai Karmcharis, Sewer and Septic Tank Workers - under National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE).

Prime Minister also interacted with Neelam Kumari, a resident of Kathua, who availed government loan facility to start her boutique. She is also a beneficiary of many welfare schemes like Ujjwala, PM Awas, Ayushman, and Swachh Bharat. The Prime Minister praised her for being a job giver and providing employment to other women.

The nationwide outreach event for credit support to disadvantaged sections witnessed the participation of about 3 lakh beneficiaries of various government schemes from disadvantaged groups who joined the program from over 500 districts across the country.

ACB registers case...

Tipper, whereas, the same during verification was computed only 3 litres per hour as per opinion of Mechanical Engineering Department. Thus, 8 litres of fuel per hour as such was usurped by the people at the helm of the Committee by misuse and abuse of their official position which aggregated to 11,051 litres for the above period. Besides, against an already grounded Tipper, the committee had also illegally issued fuel measuring 3566 litres from February, 2018 to March, 2020 causing misappropriation of funds amounting to several lakhs. After registration of a case searches in accordance with law were conducted at the residential houses of the accused situated at Bemina Srinagar, Frestbal Pampore, Puchal Pulwma, Batpora Shopian and Hargam Shopian. During search some important documents related to the case were collected and consequently seized.

### INDI Alliance should...

to mislead the people of the country. But they will not succeed in their attempt of appeasement. The leaders of INDI Alliance want to make their own fortune by spreading confusion and provoking the sentiments of some people, he said. "The people of the country know that the leaders of INDI Alliance want to do vote bank politics by doing religious appeasement instead of security and unity of the country. The people of the country want to make a strong and safe India and a developed Bharat under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Mod", he said.

## Maharashtra Cabinet approves...

to provide better and safer facilities to the tourists and devotees of the State at reasonable rates. In both these places, the respective State Governments have provided land at prime locations for which a provision of Rs. 77 crores is pro posed," he said.

CS for making...
generation here so that these savings are spent on a positive developmental front in a time-bound manner.

He asked for identifying the works that are critical and of most emergent nature to be taken up shortly and completed before December this year. He enjoined upon the concerned authorities to assess the viability of such projects beforehand and take measures accordingly to ground them within the onset of upcoming working season.

Dulloo also stressed on holding consultations among different departments to ascertain their urgent needs regarding augmentation of their capacities and mitigating of disaster management in future

He even asked about the issues faced in completion of ongoing projects and the dates for their completion. He emphasised on ensuring that all the ongoing and newly taken up works are completed before December this year, which is the deadline of this project as well.

In her presentation, the CEO, ERA, Dr Syed SehrishAsgar briefed the meeting about the accomplishments made so far under JTFRP. She gave out that 213 sub-projects under different components were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs1810 Cr. She further informed that out of these 186 projects had been completed in the UT at an expenditure of Rs 1363 Cr.

Dr Sehrish further revealed that the major components includes reconstruction & strengthening of Critical infrastructure (40 projects), reconstruction Roads and bridges (31 projects), Restoration of Urban Flood Management Infrastructure (13 projects), Restoration and Strengthening of Livelihoods (26 projects), Strengthening Disaster risk management capacity (22 projects) and Contingent Emergency Response (74 projects).

In addition it was revealed that the project was pivotal in introducing rigid pavement in roads, preparation of a digital risk database, building a semi arched trussed bridge, building schools with BALA (Building as a Learning Aid) feature, building first state of the art Emergency Operation Centre and introduction of Green Hospital Building here in the UT besides augmenting and upgrading critical infrastructure and damaged infrastructure across the districts of

## NHAI asks Paytm...

on restrictions concerning Paytm Payments Bank, the statement said Paytm FASTag users will no longer have the option to recharge or top-up their balance after March 15, 2024.

However, they can continue to use the existing balance to pay tolls beyond the stipulated date, it added.

## Gadkari, Piyush Goyal...

list of candidates for 195 Lok Sabha seats, but two of them -- Bhojpuri singeractor Pawan Singh and Upendra Rawat -- withdrew after their nominations sparked controversies

Of the 72 seats for which the party announced its candidates on Wednesday, 20 each were from Maharashtra and Karnataka, seven from Gujarat, six each from Haryana and Telangana, five from Madhya Pradesh, two each from Delhi. Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, and one each from Tripura, and Dadar &

Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. The BJP's second list includes 10 women candidates.

In Delhi, the BJP has fielded two new candidates -- Harsh Malhotra from East Delhi and Yogendra Chandolia from North West Delhi -- dropping the party's sitting MPs Gautam Gambhir and Hans Raj Hans.

With this, the BJP has named candidates for all seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi, dropping six incumbents.

Tejasvi Surya, the BJP youth wing president, will contest again from Bangalore South while Union minister Shobha Karandlaje has been shifted from her Udupi Chikmagalur seat to Bangalore North, represented by former Union minister and Karnataka chief minister Gowda in the outgoing Lok Sabha. Yaduveer Krishnadatta Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysore royal family replaces Pratap Simha, who was recently in a row for recommending passes to two persons who breached Parliament's security, as the BJP candidate in the Mysore seat. Former Karnataka BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel has been dropped from Dakshina Kannada in favour of Brijesh Chowta, who has served

In Karnataka, Union minister Pralhad Joshi will fight from Dharwad while former chief minister BS Yediyurappa's son BY Raghwendra will contest from Shimoga again.

Union minister Darshana Jardosh has been dropped from her Surat seat, with the BJP repeating only two of the seven incumbent MPs from Gujarat in the

Several Telangana leaders who quit other parties, mainly BRS, figure in the BJP's second list

In the Tripura East seat, the BJP fielded Maharani Kriti Singh Debbarma, sister of Pradyot Debbarma, the Tipra Motha chief and a scion of the erstwhile Tripura royal fam ily. Union minister Bharati Pravin Pawar will join the fray from Maharashtra's Dindor Lok Sabha seat again. Ashok Tanwar, who recently joined the BJP after having a stint with several other parties including the Congress, TMC and the Aam Aadmi Party replaces sitting MP Sunita Duggal in Sirsa in Haryana, while Union ministers Rac Inderjit Singh and Krishan Pal Gurjar will seek re-election from Gurgaon and Faridabad respectively

In the first list, the ruling party had announced Prime Minister Narendra Modi would contest from Varanasi for a third time. It had also named 34 Union ministers, including heavyweights like Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh from their current Gandhinagar and Lucknow seats respectively, in the first list. Two former chief ministers -- Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Biplab Kumar Deb -- also figured in the first list which did not have many surprise omissions.

## GPS-enabled tracking...

Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding the transportation, storage and security of EVMs and VVPATs, it is imperative to streamline their handling, including reserve EVMs and VVPATs carried by sector officers for need-based replacement on the poll day. Pole said in the RFP. He said the GPS tracker devices along with all the necessary hard ware are to be fitted and installed in the election duty vehicles. The tentative number of vehicles will be 12,500, he added. To facilitate this, GPS control rooms will be set up a the DEO and CEO levels to monitor and track the movement of EVMs and VVPATS through the vehicle tracking system and other related infrastructure and applications.

This is a tentative number, subject to change based on the actual requirements calcu lated after the declaration of elections. The installation of GPS tracker devices will be done inside the vehicles." he explained. The vehicles will be stationed at various locations acros Jammu and Kashmir, with the specific locations provided by the respective DEOs, he

### Sports icons are...

kindled brighter hope of  $a\hat{n}$  upswing in performances in many more international events. Adequate sports infrastructure, new sports policy, upgradation in the quality of coaches, youth engagement drives at Panchayat Level, LG rolling trophy and various other initiatives will create a robust sports culture involving all sections and secure attract tive career track for athletes, he said. A total of 702 sports projects have been completed in the last few years. Two athletic tracks, one each at Jammu University and Kashmir University; five synthetic hockey fields and two synthetic football fields have been con structed at Pulwama, Srinagar, Jammu, Poonch, Nagrota. Further, more athletic tracks synthetic hockey and synthetic football fields are coming up at Jammu, Poonch, Sopore Srinagar, Shopian, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Jagti Nagrota and Rajouri, the Lt Governo further added. The Lt Governor commended the endeavours of Sports Department Sports Council and associations for promoting sports activities in Jammu Kashmir.

He also highlighted the commitment of J&K Administration towards the welfare of the sportspersons bringing laurels to the country and the Union Territory. We are determined to complete the recruitment process of sportspersons at the earliest, he added. The La Governor interacted with the sportspersons and handed over sports kits and equipments to the budding players. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor, Sarmad Hafeez Secretary, Youth Services & Sports; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; senior officials, eminent sports personalities and youth in large number were present.

## SI suspended for...

the district police lines and placed under suspension with immediate effect for alleged negligence for his inability to keep a watch on the gangster who was roaming outside Jammu and Kashmir. A departmental inquiry has also been ordered against the Baksh Nagar SHO and the Sarwal police post in-charge, he said. The probe will be conducted by the superintendent of police (headquarters), he said.

Despite the prescribed protocols of the Jammu and Kashmir Police manual, neither the beat officer nor the Bakshi Nagar Police Station SHO took appropriate action of keeping a close watch on the history-sheeter, he said.

### Government of Jammu & Kashmi **Government Industrial Training Institute R.S.Pura**

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7. Experience (Teaching/Industry), if any...

Signature of the Applicant

Note: - Self attested photo copies of each documents shall be attached with the application form.