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ET's Women Conclave 2024

Women entrepreneurs shaping future of J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during the ET's Women Conclave 2024 at Haryana on Sunday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
HARYANA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that women entrepreneurs are shaping the future of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are witnessing extraordinary accomplishments in ITeS, MSMEs, Service Sector, agro-based industry and Handicrafts because of women entrepreneurs' single-minded pursuit of excellence and hard work," the Lt Governor

said while speaking at the ET Women Conclave-2024 organized by The Times Group, at Gurugram.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor saluted the Nari Shakti and lauded their significant contribution in growth journey of Naya Jammu Kashmir.

Highlighting women-led development in Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said the women entrepreneurship in rural and far-flung areas of the Union

Territory is enabling Nari Shakti to foster change at the grassroots.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to create an enabling environment for the socio-economic empowerment of women.

Today, our Nari Shakti is scripting new history in every sector. From academics to sports, from crafts to start-ups, our daughters are leading by an example and are

inspiring others through their remarkable achievements.

At the ET Women Conclave 2024, the Lt Governor also talked about the programmes being run by the Universities and Higher Educational institutions of the UT focusing on skilling and upskilling of women.

"Our prime objective is to achieve gender equality in education," the Lt Governor further added.

Indian long-eared hedgehog sighted in Rajouri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: In a first, an Indian long-eared hedgehog was sighted here in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Sunday.

It was captured by a team headed by wildlife warden, Rajouri-Poonch, Amit Sharma of the the department of wildlife protection in Rajouri district's Nowshera belt, they said.

According to officials, the mammal species identity was confirmed by Zoological Survey of India scientist, Dr Shyamkant S Talmale.

They said samples have been taken to perform a series of other

that all said and done, American politics has not given that kind of space to violent extremist views and activities which Canada has done. So, I don't think it's fair to the US, to lump them together. I would distinguish between the two," Jaishankar said.

The relations between India and Canada saw bitterness last year over allegations linked with the killing of Khalistani separatist and designated terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June in the Canadian city of Surrey. India denied the allegation

World full of examples on fast-tracking of citizenship: Jaishankar on CAA criticism

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Amid criticism of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) from the US and other parts of the globe, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said it is important to put it in the context of the Partition, and underlined that there are a "number of examples" in which many countries have fast-tracked citizenship.

During an interaction at the India Today Conclave 2024 on Saturday, he also responded to questions on an Indian national, facing charges in a murder-for-hire



plot to kill a Khalistani separatist on American soil and US Ambassador Eric Garcetti's remarks a day earlier on its impact on US-India ties.

"You keep using India and Canada seamlessly, I would draw a line there, for a variety of reasons. Most notably

EC makes fresh electoral bonds data public

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Sunday made public fresh data on electoral bonds, which it had submitted in sealed covers to the Supreme Court and was later asked to put it in public domain. These details are believed to be pertaining to the period before April 12, 2019. Electoral bond details after this date was made public by the poll panel last week. Political parties had filed data on Electoral Bonds in sealed cover as directed by the Supreme Court's interim order dated April 12, 2019, the poll panel said in a statement. "Data so received from political parties was deposited in the Supreme Court without opening sealed covers. In pursuance of the Supreme Court's order dated March 15, 2024, the Registry of the Supreme Court has returned physical copies along with a digitized record of the same in a pen drive in sealed cover. ECI has today uploaded the data received in the digitized form from the registry of the Supreme Court on electoral bonds on its website," EC said.

No change in CUET-UG schedule in view of LS elections: UGC Chief

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG will be conducted between May 15 and May 31, 2024, as announced earlier, and there will be no change in view of the Lok Sabha election schedule, according to UGC Chairman Jagadesh Kumar.

The date sheet will be released after the registration process is completed.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) chief had earlier this month said the exam dates could change depending on the schedule of

the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls.

The Election Commission on Saturday announced that polling for the 543 Lok Sabha constituencies will be held in seven phases, starting with 102 seats in the first phase on April 19. The votes will be counted on June 4.

"The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct CUET-UG, as announced earlier, between May 15 and May 31, 2024. In this period, two dates overlap with the election dates on the 20th and 25th of May.

"After the last date for filling out applications on

March 26, 2024, we will know the number of students registered for CUET-UG and their geographical distribution," Kumar told PTI.

"Based on this data and the election dates, NTA will announce the date sheet for CUET-UG. But the dates will not change," Kumar added.

Prospective candidates have until March 26 to complete the application process for CUET-UG, which was introduced in 2022.

This standardised test streamlines admission processes across

Cabinet meet: PM asks ministers to draft roadmap for first 100 days, next 5 years of new Govt

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday told ministers to draft a roadmap for the first 100 days and next five years for new government, sources said.

Chairing a Cabinet meeting here this morning, the PM also asked them to meet secretaries and other officials of their respective ministries to discuss how the agenda for the first 100 days and the next five years can be better implemented.

The meeting took place a day after the Election Commission announced schedule for the Lok Sabha

polls 2024. The Cabinet also initiated the process of notifying the dates of the seven-phase parliamentary elections by sending the Election



Commission's recommendation to President Droupadi Murmu.

The first notification will be issued on March 20 for the first phase of polls on April 19 on 102 seats. The nomi-

nation process begins for a particular phase with the issuance of the notification.

Prime Minister Modi and his Council of Ministers had on March 3 had brainstormed over the vision document for "Viksit Bharat: 2047" and a detailed action plan for the next five years.

A 100-day agenda for immediate steps to be taken after a new government is formed in June was deliberated upon during the daylong meeting of the Council.

Sources had then said that the roadmap for "Viksit Bharat" was a result

Notorious gangster arrested under PSA

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Notorious gangster Vikramjeet Singh alias "Vicky" was arrested under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) here, police on Sunday said.

Vikramjeet Singh had 15 FTRs registered against him in various police stations and had multiple warrants out for his arrest, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said that a team of the Gangyal Police Station executed the PSA warrant of the wanted criminal and lodged him in prison.

"His detention marks another step in improving the law and order in Jammu district," he said.

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Sapna Kotwal to assist SVEEP activities during LS polls

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), UT of Jammu and Kashmir asked Sapna Kotwal, JKAS, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People to look after the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities during Lok Sabha Elections, 2024.

"As you have lot of experience of SVEEP activity. You have done many things

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Secure atmosphere, level-playing field to be provided to all during LS polls: DGP



DGP R R Swain briefing media at Doda on Sunday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain on Sunday said a secure atmosphere and level-playing field

will be provided to all during the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in the Union Territory.

He asserted that security agencies are not far away from completely rooting out

terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, reiterating his resolve to acting tough against those helping terrorists infiltrate through tunnels or picking up drone-dropped weapons.

The Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in five phases -- on April 19 (Udhampur), April 26 (Jammu), May 7 (Anantnag-Rajouri), May 13 (Srinagar) and May 20 (Baramulla). The counting of votes will be taken up on June 4.

"Security is an important aspect during elections. The Election Commission

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J&K: IT Deptt warns Govt employees against fraudulent refund claims

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Income Tax Department has warned stern action against employees of various government departments, including police department, in Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly indulging in large scale fraudulent refund claims.

The issue was raised by the principal commissioner of income tax, J&K and Ladakh, prompting the finance department to issue a circular seeking filing of

updated income tax returns (ITRs) by defaulter employees and withdrawing incorrect claims forthwith.

In his communication, the I-T principal commissioner said majority of employees from different departments including education, health, power, public health engineering, cooperatives, sports, tourism, industry, public works and police, have been found to be indulged in claiming excessive deductions under various

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Two Formula 4 cars ram into barricades during demo run in J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Two Formula 4 race cars taking part in a demo run along the banks of the Dal Lake on Sunday hit the temporary barricades erected for the safety of spectators, officials said.

However, no one was injured in the accident, they said.

The demo run was organised on Boulevard Road along the Dal Lake's banks to promote motorsports in Kashmir.

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Prasidh Krishna
Indian Cricketer, RBI Employee

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