

Double-engine govt to make women self-reliant: Sharma

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JAYPURA: Chief minister Bhagwant Singh Sharma said that the double-engine government at the Centre and in the state is working rapidly towards making women self-reliant.

In this direction, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has started an important scheme such as Lakshmi Parihar Yojana which will be soon rolled in Rajasthan, Sharma said. Addressing a meeting organised on the annual functions of Veer Togi Women's Education and Research Institute.

He said that the state government is working with commitment for the all-round development of women and girl students. The policies and programmes of the state government are being prepared by giving priority to women empowerment.

The chief minister said, "To make women financially self-reliant, we will welcome in farm 2 lakh new women self-help groups and upgrade units up to 11 lakh to 28 lakh women through the Women Empower-



Chief minister Bhagwant Singh Sharma attends the annual function of an education institute in Jaipur on Friday.

ment Credit Card Scheme. To provide proper opportunities for education, the state government also committed to providing 30% reservation to girl students in co-educational colleges and polytechnic and engineering colleges."

He said that in per the guidelines of Prime Minister and the state government are also being given to women for ₹650.

Sharma said that the state government is working diligently for the welfare of the youth and farmers. In its first budget 2024-25 (Vote on account), the government has

decided to increase the annual financial assistance payable to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana from ₹5000 to ₹6000 in addition to the minimum support price of wheat in 2023-24, a bonus of ₹15 per quintal. Impressive decisions have been taken for the welfare of farmers including giving.

He said that the state government is also working to provide equal opportunities to youth and women for employment opportunities in the youth and have their talents. "Sports facilities will also be expanded to every village of the state, so that the young talents of the state can prepare for the 2028 Olympics with confidence," the chief minister said.

On this occasion, Medical and Health Minister Jagendra Singh Khatri said, "This initiative is being implemented in the state. Despite rising inflation in the last five years, there was an increase in the social security of the state in the last five years of the BJP government."

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Explaining the need for right-based politics of Congress, Gehlot said, "During the tenure of the Congress govern-

Minimum income Act continues to help the impoverished: Ex-CM

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JAIPUR: Former chief minister Ashok Gehlot said on Friday that the poor and needy will continue to benefit in the state due to the implementation of the Rajasthan Minimum Income Guaranteed Act during the Congress-led government last year.

In a statement shared on X, Gehlot claimed that social security pension was near the country of India's average state level of ₹10, but earlier, there was an automatic increase of 15% in social security pension in the vote on account presented in Rajasthani assembly on Thursday.

"The poor and the needy will continue to benefit from Congress' rights-based political philosophy," he added.

He added that as soon as Congress again came to power in 2026, it increased the social security pension. "No matter which government comes, the needy should not suffer. Hence,



Ashok Gehlot

we made the Rajasthan Minimum Income Guaranteed Act which had the provision of a 15% automatic increase in social security pension every year with minimum employment," the CM stated.

The state finance minister even targeted the previous Congress government, saying that their hasty policies led to a huge debt of ₹29.79 lakh crore. The per capita debt has increased from ₹26,800 (at the end of 2017-18) to ₹70,800 (in 2022-23), he claimed.

In July 2023, the Gehlot government passed the bill, "to provide entitlement-based social security to support that individual and/or households of the State with an additional minimum guarantee income in the form of a guaranteed wage or social security pension."

In the vote on account budget presented by Kumarji, who also the deputy CM, the social security pension was increased to ₹10,000 from ₹8,000 with a provision of ₹1,000

more. The government also announced re-launching of pension for MSA/DRB detainees. They will get a pension of ₹60,000 and medical assistance of ₹4,000.

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Commenting on X, BJP spokesman Abhishek Patel said, the ruling party's priority is to provide health and education services to all, including the poor and those residing in villages. It is because of the BJP government's poor job, their health, health insurance and progressive education.

"Congress has been rejected by the people of Rajasthan, in the elections, people elect a government after assessment. Had people been satisfied with their work, they would not have voted out," he added.



Kiroli Lal Meena

LAW MUST BE SAME FOR ALL: AGRI MIN MEENA BACKS UCC

JAYPURA: Rajasthan agriculture minister Kiroli Lal Meena on Friday again favoured for the uniform civil code, saying that the law must be same for all and those opposing UCC do not want the country to progress.

The code was adopted after the 2021 election, said Gehlot, who added that voters can register their names added to the electoral rolls. The supplementary lists would be updated till 10 days before the last date of nomination for the Lok Sabha elections.

Uttar Pradesh chief election officer Girija Gupta said.

The data was reported in the final publication of the state's integrated voter lists of 199 assembly constituencies.

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According to the final electoral roll, at present over 53 million names are registered on the voter lists of the Lok Sabha elections.

The code includes the updated figures of Karanpur.

Out of this, 27 million are male, 25 million are female and 16 L29 are service men. The total state has the highest number of women voters registered at 16,06,564, while men have 29,93,435 registered voters.

According to the voter lists, maximum 47,67,797 voters are registered in the assembly constituency, followed by Jaisamand with 194,966 voters in the electoral lists.

After the publication of the voter lists, the assembly election will be held on March 10.

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Over 1.5 mn first-time voters included in Raj electoral roll

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QUOTA STIR

Centre invites Jat leaders for talks

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JAYPURA: The Centre on Friday invited a delegation of the Jat community for talks over their demand for quota in central government jobs.

The delegation of five members headed by Surendra Singh, convenor of Bharat Jatra Shibir, invited by the Centre, met Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Kiren Rijiju on Friday.

The delegation demanded a quota of 4% for the Jat community in central government jobs.

Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot said the Centre's proposal to give 4% quota to the Jat community in central government jobs is a good move.

He said that the proposal will meet their demands and the Centre should consider the demand.

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