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## Ten OGWs of Jaish-e-Mohammed group arrested in Kashmir

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Ten people allegedly working as 'over-ground workers' (OGWs) of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed terror group were arrested by the State Investigation Agency (SIA), a newly carved-out wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, officials said on Wednesday.

SIA officials conducted raids overnight at various locations in the South and Central district of Kashmir, during which the arrests were made, they said.

The SIA was constituted recently, and the agency has a mandate to investigate crimes connected with terrorism and secessionism.

The officials said the 10 people, who were working independently or as 'sleeper cells' of the banned terror group, were identified during a probe carried out by the SIA. Neither of them were aware about each other's activities and were taking

### TERROR CASES: NIA searches multiple locations in J&K

JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday raided a dozen places in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with two cases, one related to the recovery of an IED and another about the recruitment of youth by Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit, an official said.

The raids were carried out in coordination with the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the CRPF. They led to the recovery of incriminating materials and digital devices from the premises of the suspects in the two cases, a spokesperson of the NIA said.

Five accused people have been arrested in connection with the recovery of the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) from Jammu's Bhatindi area on June 27 last year and three of them have already been chargesheeted on December 22, 2021. Four people have been arrested in the case of radicalising, motivating and recruiting youth by the LeT that was registered last year, the spokesperson said.

The NIA said the searches were carried out in connection with the IED recovery case at nine places -- two each in Srinagar and Kupwara districts and one each in Anantnag, Pulwama, Bandipora, Kulgam and Baramulla districts.

The raids were also carried out at three locations in the valley in the connection with the case pertaining to radicalising, motivating and recruiting youth

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instructions from JeM terrorist commanders directly.

"The module, whose members were organised into sub-

modules in the form of verticals so that in the event of detection of one member, the bigger network does not get

compromised, had been painstakingly discovered through discreet surveillance, in which corroborative intelligence capable of being converted into admissible evidence in court was used to ascertain and confirm the JeM membership of these individuals," one of the officials said.

Those arrested were active in recruiting young people, arranging finances, and transporting weapons in south and central Kashmir, besides providing other logistic support.

During searches, cell phones, SIM cards, records to show use of banking channels and even a dummy pistol were seized. Among those arrested is a person at whose house four terrorists were killed on April 4, 2020, the officials said.

The aim of the alleged OGWs was to work towards furthering terror activities in south and central

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### Junior classes in summer zone to open from Feb 21

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the summer zone of Jammu division, schools for junior classes will open on February 21 and all the schools of higher secondary level in the winter zone will open from February 28.

This was stated in the order issued by the Principal Secretary of the School Education Department, B.K. Singh, on Wednesday. "All Summer Zone Schools

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### Singer-composer Bappi Lahiri dies at 69



#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Singer-composer Bappi Lahiri, who popularised disco music in India in the 80s and 90s, has died following multiple health issues, a doctor treating

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## Centre asks States/UTs to review, amend additional COVID restrictions

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre has asked states and Union Territories (UTs) to review, amend or do away with additional COVID-19 restrictions after considering the trend of new cases and positivity rate in their regions, stating sustained downward trend in the nationwide case trajectory.

In a letter to state chief secretaries and chief administrators of all states and UTs on Tuesday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the coronavirus pandemic in India is showing a sustained declining trend since January 21.

The average daily cases during last week were 50,476, and 27,409 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours. The daily case positivity rate declined to 3.63 per cent on Tuesday.

In earlier months, in view of the high case trajectory, certain states had imposed additional restrictions at

### J&K reports 230 new COVID cases, Ladakh 58

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday 230 new Covid cases, 126 from the Jammu division and 104 from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 451560.

Moreover, 827 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 356 from Jammu Division and 471 from Kashmir Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 451560 positive cases, 3683 are Active Positive (1621 in Jammu Division and 2062 in Kashmir Division), 443132 have recovered and 4745 have died; 2323 in Jammu division and 2422 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 22546263 test results available, 451560 samples have tested positive and 22094703 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 70660 COVID tests have been conducted in last

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their borders and at airports, he said.

While effectively managing the public health challenge of COVID-19, it is equally important that movement of people and economic activi-

ties should not be hampered by additional restrictions imposed at state-level points of entries, Bhushan said in the letter. "Presently, as the case trajectory across

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## Army Commander reviews security scenario in Kashmir



Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on arrival at Srinagar.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi reviewed the security situation in Kashmir during his three-day visit to the valley which

ended on Wednesday.

"The Army Commander was briefed by Lt Gen D P Pandey, General officer Commanding Chinara Corps, on the prevalent security

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## ANTF nabs two drug smugglers with over 28 Kg Hashish in Jammu

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Anti Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir police, specialized unit to check rising menace of drugs, achieved another success on Wednesday after it foiled a bid to smuggle Hashish worth crores of rupees.

As per the details, ANTF Jammu received specific information that one Truck (JK18B-4710) driven by Arif Ahmed Wani, son of Abdul Rashid Wani and Amir Hussain Khan, son of Mohd. Afzal Khan, both residents of Bandipora Kashmir which is coming from Kashmir valley



ANTF team during the operation in Jammu.

and going outside J&K UT via Jammu has concealed large quantity of Hashish in the above mentioned truck.

On this information a case FIR 01/2022 under section

8/20/29 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station ANTF Jammu and ANTF team led by DySP Arun Jamwal and Insp Parveiz Sajjad ANTF immediately

swung into action and laid Naka at NHW-44 near Environmental Park Jammu. The above mentioned Truck was stopped by the ANTF team and during its search, 29 Kilograms and 800 grams of Hashish recovered by the ANTF team which was concealed in the cabin of the Truck. Driver along with the other person were arrested in the instant case and truck has been seized. Anti Narcotics Task Force is investigating further links. More arrests are expected. Anti Narcotic Task Force has appealed

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## Woman Sarpanch caught red-handed while accepting bribe

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested one Hafiza Begum, Sarpanch, Khulchohar, District Anantnag, red-handed while accepting bribe of Rs 6,500 for approving files related to works executed in her village.

As per an official spokesperson, ACB received a complaint wherein complainant alleged that Sarpanch Khulchohar, District Anantnag, Hafiza Begum, wife of Ghulam Qadir Kumar, resident of Kulchohar, Block Shangus, Anantnag has demanded Rs 6,500 as bribe for approving

files related to works executed under MGNREGA, 14 FC and SBM through office of BDO Shangus. "On receiving complaint, prima facie offence under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was found made out. Consequently, FIR No. 03/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Anantnag. Subsequently, a trap team was constituted which caught the accused Sarpanch red-handed, while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 6,500 from the complainant. She was arrested and taken into custody by ACB and bribe money

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