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# Govt sets up tribunals to adjudicate whether there are sufficient grounds to ban 2 J&K groups

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday constituted two tribunals under Justice Neena Bansal Krishna of the Delhi High Court to adjudicate whether there are sufficient grounds for declaring the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) and the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Sunji faction) as banned groups.

Both the organisations were declared banned groups by the government on February 28 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for five years for their anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda and for asking people to refrain from taking part in elections.

According to the UAPA, the constitution of a tribunal is necessary for confirming any government decision banning an outfit.

In a notification, the Union

Home Ministry said in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 read with sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the central government constituted the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal consisting of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (MCJK-B) as an unlawful association.

In a separate notification, the home ministry said a tribunal has been constituted consisting of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Sunji faction) (MCJK-S) as an unlawful association.

Earlier, the home ministry had said the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir- Sunji faction (MCJK-S), chaired by Ghulam Nabi Sunji, is known for its anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda and its members have remained involved in supporting terrorist activities and providing logistic support to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

The leaders and members of MCJK-S have been involved in raising funds through various sources including Pakistan and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stonelping on security forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides, the home ministry said, the MCJK-S has constantly asked the people of Kashmir to refrain from taking part in elections and thereby targeted and ham-

pered the very basic constitutionally recognized fundamentals of Indian democracy.

On the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir-Bhat faction (MCJK-B), chaired by Abdul Ghani Bhat, the home ministry said the group has been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty and security of the country.

The home ministry said the MCJK-B has linkages with banned terrorist organisations and has supported terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and its members have been indulging in generating feelings of hatred and disaffection against India to separate Jammu and Kashmir from Union of India.

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## Muftis, Abdullahs should stop playing in hands of forces across border: Chugh 'Days of nepotism, family rule over'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party Incharge of J&K, on Monday warned PDP President Mahbooba Mufti against spreading a divisive agenda among the people for her petty political reasons in view of the coming Lok Sabha elections.

In a statement, Chugh took strong exception to the manner Mehbooba has been spreading anti-India narrative in J&K and said it is time that Muftis and



Abdullahs along with the Gandhis realize that the people of J&K would not accept nepotism and family rule in the Union Territory.

Chugh said, raking up the Pulwama issue at a time when the J&K was

moving towards a new era of development and progress only indicated frustration in the Mufti family. It seems that Mehbooba is trying to seek help of her mentors across the border to once again create a situation of disturbance and violence in J&K to garner votes, he said. Chugh said the way the Modi government has written a new chapter of peace and amity in J&K there are all indications that Abdullahs and Muftis would only lick the dust in the coming elections.

## Army Commander visits Ladakh, reviews operational preparedness

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M. V Suchindra Kumar on Monday visited the high altitude forward areas and reviewed the operational preparedness in Ladakh sector.

The Northern Army Commander appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for their relentless efforts in maintaining highest standards of operational effectiveness under challenging conditions, the Northern Command said.

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## NexGen Energia to invest Rs 1,000 Cr for setting up EV manufacturing unit in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOIDA: Sustainable energy solutions firm NexGen Energia on Monday said it will invest Rs 1,000 crore in setting up a manufacturing unit for electric vehicles (EVs) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Noida-based company said it is currently in talks with the authorities in the Union Territory and scouting for 100-acre land either in the Kathua industrial area or in the Kashmir Valley.

The move comes soon after the company announced Rs 3,000 crore investment for setting up a Compress Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Gujarat.

"Along with 'Make in India', we are on the way to fulfil the dream of self-reliant India. We will establish an EV plant in Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with the government in which we will invest Rs 1,000 crore," NexGen Energia chairman Piyush Dwivedi told PTL. "The manufacturing unit will provide

## PMLA charges can't proceed if investigation into predicate offence is stalled: HC

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Monday observed that that charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) cannot proceed if the investigation into the original crime (known as the predicate offence) is stalled.

"Offences under PMLA are stand alone offences, yet their origin is the Scheduled offences. Once the Scheduled offences ceases to exist or is extinguished, an accused cannot be proceeded against in respect of offences under PMLA" Court observed.

## HC grants bail remand in multi-crore bank scam

This significant order has been passed in a petition filed by Anil Kumar Aggarwal challenged his arrest in a case arising out of Enforcement Case Information Report(ECIR) bearing No. ECIR/JMSZO/02/2023 dated 31.03.2023 registered by the respondent. Challenge has also been thrown to Arrest Memo dated February 6, 2024, Arrest Order dated February 6, 2024 and Remand Order dated February 7, 2024 passed by the learned Special Judge,

(PMLA) Jammu, whereby the petitioner has been remanded to custody of the respondent. In this regard, the petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure(Cr.PC.). By way of interim relief, the petitioner has sought his release from the custody of the respondent.

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## Lok Sabha Polls: CEO issues guidelines for printers, publishers of J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In view of the ensuing elections to Lok Sabha, the Jammu and Kashmir Election Office has issued guidelines with regard to printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters and related material across the Union Territory.

The Chief Electoral Officer on Monday issued a public notice to all the registered printers and publishers of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, informing that the printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters etcetera is being governed by the provisions of section 127-A of Representation of Peoples Act, 1951.

As per "127-A Restrictions on printing of pamphlets,

posters etcetera; no person shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof. No person shall print or cause to be printed any election pamphlet or poster; unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate and unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the document, one copy of the declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document "Where it is printed in the capital of the state, to the

Chief Electoral Officer and In any other case, to the District Magistrate of the District in which it is printed".

For the purposes of this section; any process for multiplying copies of a document, other than copying it by hand, shall be deemed to be printed and the expression "printer" shall be construed accordingly; "Election pamphlet or poster" means any printed pamphlet, hand-bill or other document distributed for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing the election of a candidate or group of candidates or any placard or poster having reference to an election, but does not include any hand-bill, placard or poster

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## SIA files charge-sheet in J&K narco-terror financing module case

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Monday filed a charge-sheet against two people, including a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist, accused of operating a narco-terror financing module in the Union Territory, officials said.

The charge-sheet was filed in the special-designated UA(P)A court under the NIA Act against Zaaheed Ahmad Khoja and Zameer Ahmad Lone under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Unlawful

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## INDIA bloc's manifesto talks about finishing 'Shakti': Modi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAGTIAL (TELANGANA):

'Shiv Shakti' and the opposition parties are talking of



destroying 'Shakti'.

"On Sunday in Mumbai, there was an INDI alliance rally after the announcement of the schedule for elections. They announced their mani-

festo in the rally. In Mumbai's Shivaji Park, they said their fight was against 'Shakti'. For me, every mother, every daughter is a form of 'Shakti'. Mothers and sisters, I worship you as 'Shakti'. I am Bharat Maa's 'pujari,'" he said.

"INDI alliance in its manifesto announced to finish/destroy Shakti. I accept their challenge. I will sacrifice my life for the security of mothers and

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## MCMC to pre-certify all political advertisements

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: As per the Supreme Court Order dated April 13, 2004 and Election Commission of India's guidelines, all political advertisements by any registered political party or any group of organizations/associations or any contesting candidate/individual shall be pre-certified by Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) before telecast/broadcast on TV and cable network/cable channels.

According to a notification

issued here on Monday by the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir in this regard, the pre-certification will also include advertisements to be displayed in cinema halls/radio including private FM channels, audio visual displays in public places, advertisements in e-news papers, use of bulk SMS/voice messages, advertisements on social media and internet websites. The pre-certification of political advertisements is also applicable on print media as well

for one day before poll day (Pre-Poll) and on poll day.

Therefore, all the concerned stakeholders have been informed through medium of this notice to ensure that only the pre-certified political advertisements by MCMC of district or UT Level Committee be telecast/broadcast or posted in social media, internet websites and used in bulk and voice SMSs. Besides, one day before poll day and on poll day only pre-certified print advertisements by

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## ACB J&K's facebook page hacked

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The facebook page of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu and Kashmir, which was in use till December 28, 2023 has been hacked. This has been reported to Cyber Police Station, Jammu. The offender is now posting unwarranted content with malicious intent. All facebook users have been urged to refrain from accessing that page.

The current page of ACB J&K is <https://www.facebook.com/ACBjnK>.

**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 28.3°C Min: 13.2°C

**Humidity**  
Max : 68 Min : 43

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 20.5°C Min: 3.5°C

**Humidity**  
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