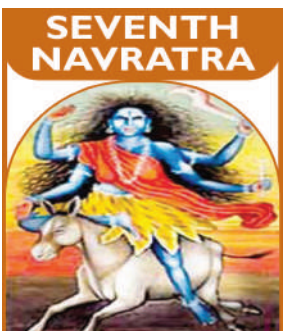


## 03 Tarun Chugh for exposing anti-national rhetoric in JK



**Maa Kaalratri**  
Seventh incarnation of Goddess Durga is Maa 'Kaalratri'. Her body is jet black with spread hair and glittering like lightening beads around her neck. She has three eyes round like universe and flames coming out of nostrils. Her ride is on Donkey. Out of four hands, two right arms are in blessing mode while one left hand has iron Kantha and other Kharag. Though Maa Kaalratri appears very hard and tough, she is always 'Shubh' for her worshippers. She destroys the enemies, bad souls and hurdles of Grahans. Mantra to be recited nine times of Maa Kaalratri is :-

**"Om Aing Hareeng Hung Hung Bhagwati Kaalratri Mam Shatrun Stambhay Stambhay Swaha"**

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं हुं हुं भगवती  
कालरात्रि मम शत्रून्  
स्तम्भय स्तम्भय स्वाहा

### Ramzan Mubarak



**J&K Police releases video of 'The Untold Kashmir Files'**  
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Following the roaring success of 'The Kashmir Files', a film based on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990s, the Jammu and Kashmir Police released a short video highlighting that all Kashmiris irrespective of their faith suffered due to militancy. The 57-second video is titled 'The Untold Kashmir Files'. The clip contains

**Two JKAS officers transferred**  
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Thursday transfers two JKAS officers. According to the order issued by Manoj K. Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Ashwani Hansa, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Under Secretary, Higher Education Department. As per another order, Raj Kumar Katoch, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Member, J&K Special Tribunal (Jammu Bench).

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 36.5°C Min: 20.1°C

Humidity

Max : 38 Min : 27

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 28.1°C Min: 9.3°C

Humidity

Max : 51 Min: 25

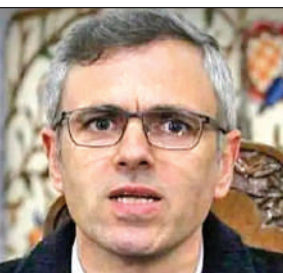
Sunset : 18:56 Hours

Sunrise : 06:13 Hours

## ED questions Omar Abdullah in J&K Bank case

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The ED questioned NC leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday in connection with the purchase of a building by J&K Bank some 12 years ago when he was Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, a move the party termed a "political exercise" ahead of the Assembly elections in the union territory. After spending more than five hours at the ED office here in response to summonses sent last week, Abdullah told reporters that he had not been accused of anything and that he had "answered them as much as I could". He would further help them "if they need me", he added. According to officials, the case pertains to the purchase of a building by the J&K Bank, in which the government has 68 per cent equity, at Bandra Kurla in 2010. A property measuring around 65,000 square feet was acquired at a cost of Rs 172

crores. Sources said the board of directors of the bank had set up a two-member committee headed by its chairman Haseeb Drabu which recom-



mended the purchase of the property, in which another leading bank was also interested. The purchase was approved by the bank board, and the Chief Minister had no say in the matter, the sources added. While Abdullah refused to divulge details about his questioning by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the National Conference (NC) slammed the move as a "vicious vilifi-

cation" and "fishing expedition" ahead of the Assembly elections expected to be held later this year in Jammu and Kashmir.

"There was a time when elections were announced by the Election Commission, but now, it seems that elections are announced by the ED," the party alleged in a statement, which also said that the ED's action was another case of misuse of investigative agencies by the central government.

According to the sources, Abdullah maintained during the questioning that as chief minister, he had no role in the purchase of the building. The bank was subject to the supervision of the RBI.

To media reports that Abdullah was staying in New Delhi at a property associated with former director of the bank Nikhil Garware, NC sources said that the party had rented out a flat in the national capital for use

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### Six JSD AEEs placed as XEns, adjusted

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Thursday placed and adjusted six Incharge Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) as Incharge Executive Engineers (XEns) of Jal Shakti Department. "Sanction is accorded to the placement of the Six Incharge Assistant Executive Engineers as Incharge Executive Engineers in their own

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### Four SED employees relieved

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Thursday relieved four employees of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department (SED). "It is ordered that the four staff members attached in the School Education Department, Civil Secretariat shall be deemed to have been relieved from the School Education Department with the directions to report their

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## J&K to adopt uniform academic calendar from current year

**All colleges to obtain NAAC accreditation, NEP to be implemented fully**



Chief Secretary, Arun K Mehta chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Thursday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir will fully implement the National Education Policy (NEP) from the current academic session. It will also move to a uniform academic calendar which in turn will be synchronized the national academic calendar. In addition, the four year undergraduate programme as per UGC guidelines would be introduced in colleges of J&K from the current academic session. This was unanimously

agreed to in a meeting chaired on Thursday by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, to review and discuss modalities for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting also decided that the centralized admission test CUET would be mandatory for all admissions in J&K from the next academic session. IN addition, all higher education institutions would move towards progressively

greater autonomy. The meeting had a thorough exchange of ideas on steps to be taken for implementation of this ambitious nationwide policy in J&K. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, School Education, Sh. B. K. Singh, Vice Chancellors of various universities of the UT and other senior officers of Higher Education and School Education

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## Labourer from Punjab shot at by terrorists in Pulwama, injured

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot at and injured a labourer hailing from neighbouring Punjab in Pulwama district on Thursday, officials said here.

Sonu Sharma, the helper of a poultry-carrying vehicle, was shot in the right leg by terrorists, the officials said. They said Sharma was rushed to a hospital here where his condition was stated to be stable.

Police has registered a case in this regard under relevant sections of law. Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to

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### LeT terrorist associate arrested in Baramulla

SRINAGAR: Police along with security forces on Thursday arrested a terrorist associate linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT in Baramulla. Incriminating materials including ammunition have been recovered from his possession

Acting on specific input, a special joint motor vehicle checking point (MVCP) was established by Baramulla Police, 29RR and 2ndBn SSB at Dolipora Morh. During checking, a suspicious person upon

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## TRF terror recruitment case: NIA conducts searches in Kashmir

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency conducted searches at nearly a dozen places linked to The Resistance Front (TRF) terror group in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, days after its announced cash rewards of Rs 10 lakh each on information leading to the arrest of its four cadres.

The searches were carried out at multiple locations in Srinagar, Baramulla, Pulwama, Budgam and Kulgam districts in connection with a case related to radicalising, recruiting and

motivating the youth to effect violent activities by TRF' commander Sajad Gul and others, a spokesperson of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said. The spokesperson said the locations searched included the house of active terrorist Basit Ahmad Dar, against whom the NIA had recently announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh.

Besides Dar of Redwani Payeen in Kulgam, the reward was declared against Gul of Srinagar and two Pakistani nationals -- Saleem Rehmani alias

'Abu Saad' of Nawab Shah in Sindh and Saifullah Sajid Jatt of Shangamanga in Kasur.

The four terrorists are wanted by the NIA in connection with the case registered last year under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The NIA said the searches were carried out at six locations in Srinagar, two in Baramulla, one each in Awantipora (Pulwama), Budgam and Kulgam districts.

The spokesperson said

Gul, along with his associate commanders of LeT based in Pakistan, has been recruiting individuals (Over Ground Workers) to do reconnaissance of pre-determined targets, coordinating and transporting weapons to support LeT and TRF.

During the searches, the spokesperson said, various incriminating materials such as digital devices, SIM cards, digital storage devices and documents were seized.

The NIA said investigation into the case was underway.

### Two hurt in 'accidental fire' in Handwara

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: At least two people were injured in an "accidental discharge of weapons" by Army personnel during an altercation with worshippers outside a mosque Handwara area on Thursday, officials said here. The altercation broke out between the worshippers, who were coming out of a mosque in Handwara town of Kupwara district, and the Army personnel, who were recording videos, they said.

A defence spokesperson said two civilians were injured in an "accidental discharge of weapons" during a scuffle between the

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## BSF recovers arms, ammunition near IB in Jammu; troops on alert

**Bangladeshi national arrested in Samba Distt**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) Thursday recovered a cache of arms and ammunition during a special search operation (SSO) along the International Border (IB) in Jammu, officials said.

They said the SSO was launched as there were intelligence inputs about Pakistan-based terrorists attempting to smuggle weapons into the Indian territory.

The troops were on high alert following the adverse inputs and were regularly patrolling the areas near the



Arms and ammunition seized by security forces at Akhnoor.

three-tier border fencing along the IB, they said.

The SSO was launched on the zero-line ahead of the fence along the IB in sub-sector Pargval of Akhnoor dur-

ing which a bag full of weapons and ammunition was recovered, they said.

The recoveries include one AK-47 rifle, 20 rounds

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## Recovery of IED from Bhatindi: NIA files supplementary charge-sheet against two accused

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a supplementary charge-sheet against two accused in connection with recovery of an IED from Bhatindi, Jammu.

As per an official spokesperson, the NIA filed supplementary charge-sheet against two accused namely Fayaz Ahmed Khan, son of Mohammad Afzal Khan, resident of village Panzat, Wampoor, Anantnag and Tawseef Ahmed Wani, son of Late Mohd Maqbool Wani, resident of Village Bangdara, Reshipora, Tehsil Kreeri, Baramaula under section 120B of Indian Penal Code and sections 13, 18, 38 & 39 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 in

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RC 04/2021/NIA/JMU in NIA Special Court Jammu. The case was initially registered as FIR No. 234/ 2021 at Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu and later taken over by NIA on July 19, 2021, he added.

The official further said that case pertains to recovery of an IED from accused Nadeem-Ul-Haq from Bhatindi, Jammu, who on behest of Pakistan-based handlers of TRF, a frontal organization of LeT, had attempted to execute an IED explosion in Jammu. "Investigation has unearthed a larger conspiracy hatched by Pakistani handlers of TRF, involved in recruitment and planning to activate a significant number of

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LG Manoj Sinha during National Health Festival organised in Jammu to honour specially-abled sportspersons on Thursday.

The programme is being organized on World Health Day in connection with "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" in 75 cities of India marking the 75 years of independence, by Special Olympics Bharat,

a sports organization accredited with International Federation of Sports.

The Lt Governor saluted the dedication and spirit of the special athletes. He observed that a good begin-

ning has been made in the UT through a new Sports Policy, which focuses on sporting facilities and welfare of specially-abled.

Terming them as true role models for the younger gen-