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## Parliament passes bill to ban funding of weapons of mass destruction

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Parliament on Monday passed a bill which seeks to ban funding of weapons of mass destruction and also empowers the Centre to freeze, seize or attach financial assets and economic resources of people engaged in such activities.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022, piloted by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, was passed by

the Rajya Sabha with a voice vote even as opposition parties continued their protest over various issues, including the arrest of Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut in a money laundering case.

The bill was approved by the Lok Sabha in April.

Replying to a debate on the bill, Jaishankar said all members who spoke on the proposed legislation recognised that terrorism is a serious threat and so are weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

He said that the current

law only covers trading and does not cover financing of weapons of mass destruction.

"This gap needs to be filled because recommendation...of the Financial Action Task Force requires all countries, including us, to ensure that assets financing for WMD-related activities is prohibited.

"So keeping in mind this lacunae of the current law we have brought this amendment. This is good for the security of the country. This is good for the reputation of the country," Jaishankar

said.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, passed in 2005, only banned manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.

The amendment bill seeks to insert a new Section 12A in the existing law which states that "no person shall finance any activity which is prohibited under this Act, or under the United Nations (Security Council) Act,

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### Satyendra Prakash assumes charge as Principal DG, PIB

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Senior Indian Information Service officer Satyendra Prakash has been appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) and took the charge on Monday.

A 1988 batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, Prakash, the Principal Director General of the Central Bureau of Communication, will succeed Jaideep Bhatnagar, who superannuated on Sunday.

Known for his innovative work style, Prakash was

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## Zero probability of India getting into recession: FM

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India does not face any risk of either recession or stagflation as its macroeconomic fundamentals are "perfect", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asserted in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

In nearly two-hour long reply to a debate on price rise, she said India continues to be a fast-growing economy in the world quoting reports of global agencies.

Not satisfied with the reply, the opposition led by the Congress staged a walkout.

Sitharaman said that India



is doing better than its peers and "there is no question of India getting into recession or stagflation ... there is no question of us getting into stagflation or like the US a

technical recession."

The GDP of the US fell 0.9 per cent in the second quarter, following a 1.6 per cent decline in the first quarter, marking the start of what they call an unofficial recession.

She further said, "A Bloomberg survey which was done by economists says there is zero probability of India slipping into recession, so it is not just me saying. There is zero probability of India slipping into recession even though there are several major economies who are

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### Nigerian man in Delhi tests positive for monkeypox; 2nd case in city, 6th countrywide

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A 35-year-old Nigerian man, living in Delhi and having no recent history of foreign travel, has tested positive for monkeypox, taking the total number of infected people in the country to six, official sources said on Monday.

He is the second person in Delhi to test positive for the infection. The man, who has been staying in Delhi for a year now, has no recent history of foreign or local travel, sources told PTI. His condition was stable.

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### ACB nabs AEE (REW) red-handed while accepting bribe of Rs 4,000

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has nabbed one Ravinder Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer (REW) Boniyar, Baramulla while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 4,000 for release of CDR.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a complaint alleging therein that one Ravinder Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department (REW), Boniyar, Baramulla is demanding a bribe of Rs 4,000 for releasing CDR

amount. "Complainant alleged that he is a contractor and executes development related works in Boniyar Baramulla. He told said CDR was deposited by the complainant for work named 'Upgradation & Extension of Javind Link Road I Panchayat Halqa Nowshera (B) of Block Boniyar' and on completion of work, when complainant applied for release of CDR, the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer demanded bribe of Rs 4,000 for releasing CDR," said official, adding

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## Crime Branch website craves for update on FIRs, PV data during past 10 years

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: With the Government focusing on accountability and transparency in various wings of the administration and to keep the people abreast about key information with regard to various departments, the use of information technology has gained impetus across Jammu and Kashmir in recent years. However, certain departments seem to be adversely not keeping pace with the technology by updating their portals. This happens either due to incompetence of the human resource or with the malicious intent of concealing the vital information to push specific

cases under the carpet at 'appropriate time'.

One such case in point is Crime Branch wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police, which is

one of the vital nodal agencies to investigate the wrong-doings and crimes. The Crime Branch has failed in updating its portal for the reasons best known to the officers concerned.

When pointed out, some of the senior officers of the Crime Branch could not give satisfactory answer. They did not even bother to update

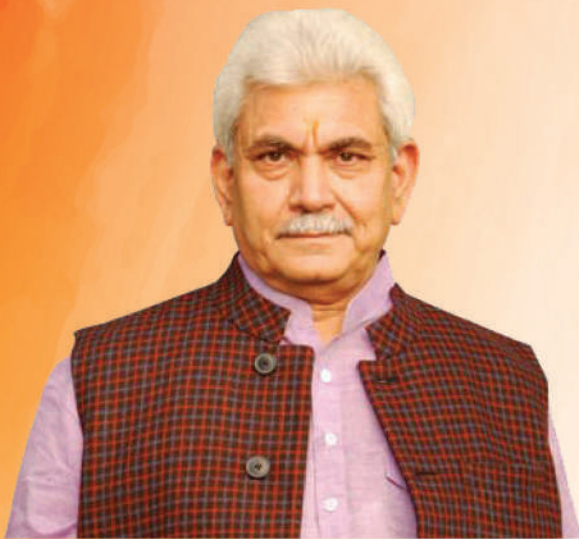
the site once informed about it. The Crime Branch Website continues to crave for its update with regard to the FIRs and PV data for the past 10 years.

The last available report on the Website (<http://crimebranchjkpolice.nic.in>) is "List of PVs under probe with Crime Branch, Jammu and Kashmir-2012", posted a decade ago in 2012. Since 2012-2013, the Crime Branch has not posted the annual FIR data. However, the list of a few cases posted in 2021 show the number of such cases from the executive police to the Crime

Branch till then.

The Website remains updated with regard to the details about officers posted to the Crime Branch from time to time but it has no information about the FIRs, PV data or complaints received since 2012. The annual crime data of the J & K Crime Branch is missing from the site since 2012. This data is instrumental in gauging the crime situation across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The latest available report on the CB Website is "DISTRICT WISE REGISTRATION FROM YEAR 2006 TO 2020 IN RESPECT OF UT OF J&K/ LADAKH".



**SHRI MANOJ SINHA**  
Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT of J&K

# National Anthem Singing Competition 2022

An initiative by Government of J&K

Category



**INDIVIDUAL**

» **Between 13-18 years of age**

» **Above 18 years**



**GROUP**

**THE COMPETITION IS OPEN FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022**

### PROCEDURE

#### Cash awards

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**  
**₹25,000** **₹10,000** **₹5,000**

- District level winners would compete for division level.
- All participants to get certificate of participation.
- All the individual & group winners will get a chance to sing National Anthem at their respective district/division level Independence Day, 2022 celebrations

### ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum age of participant must be 13 years for any category
- The Individual/Group members should be a Domicile of J&K.
- The Individual/Group members should be eligible, as per the relevant Category.
- Submission of entries: Eligible Individuals and groups will submit their entries through the below link: <https://tinyurl.com/NatAnthemdiprjk>
- A video file (preferably HD) of the National Anthem Singing Competition needs to be uploaded by 07/08/2022.

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