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## TERROR FUNDING: NIA carries out raids in Doda, Jammu against JeI members

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/DODA: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday carried out searches at multiple places in Jammu and Doda districts against members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) in a terror-funding case, officials said.

Simultaneous raids were conducted at seven premises of JeI office-bearers and members in different parts of the two districts in the early hours of Monday, they said.

"NIA conducted searches at premises of six suspects in Doda and one in Jammu in the case pertaining to JeI, which even after its declaration as an unlawful association in 2019, continues to raise funds in various forms purportedly for charitable purposes," an NIA spokesperson said.

The NIA said the searches led to the recovery of incriminating literature, receipts of funds raised by JeI, bank and property-related documents, and electronic devices.



NIA team carrying out raids on Monday.

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Official sources said the raids were carried out at Dhara-Gundana, Munshi Mohalla, Akramband, Nagri Nai Basti, Kharoti Bhagwah, Thalela and Malothi Bhalla in Doda district and Bhatindi in Jammu.

The searches were carried out in a case related to terror funding, they said.

The case, registered by

NIA suo motu on February 5 last year, pertains to the activities of the Jamaat-e-Islami members who have been collecting funds domestically and abroad through donations, particularly in the form of 'Zakat, Mowda and Bait-ul-Mal' purportedly to further charity and other welfare activities but are using the money for "violent and secessionist" activities.

According to the NIA, the funds being raised by JeI are

also channelised to proscribed terrorist organisations such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba and others through well-organised networks of Jamaat-e-Islami cadre.

"JeI has also been motivating impressionable youth of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in the Union territory to participate in disruptive secessionist activities," the NIA had said.

In February 2019, the Centre had banned JeI for five years under anti-terror laws on grounds that it was "in close touch" with militant outfits and was expected to "escalate secessionist movement" in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A notification banning the group under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs after a high-level meeting on security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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## 48 DySPs placed in Selection Grade

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Monday placed 48 Deputy Superintendents of Police (Executive) in the Selection Grade (Non Functional).

"On the recommendations of the Selection Committee, sanction is hereby accorded to the release of Selection Grade- Level-10-A (Rs 56600- Rs 179800) of the Pay Matrix, in favour of Aijaz Ahmad Malik, Tanveer Ahmad and Gh. Mohd Sheikh, on the analogy of their seniors/juniors placed in Selection Grade of DySP vide Government Order No.195-Home of 2020 dated September 22, 2020, with the same terms and conditions, as laid down in the ibid Government Order," reads an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha called on President Draupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Monday. Sinha congratulated her and also talked about Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

## No proposal for setting-up 8th Pay Commission: Govt

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government is not considering setting up 8th Pay Commission for central government employees, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Lok Sabha on Monday.

"No such proposal is under consideration with the government for constitution of 8th Central Pay Commission for the central government employees," Chaudhary said in a written reply to a question if the government proposes to ensure timely constitution of Pay Commission for central government employees so that it could be implemented on January 1, 2026.

In order to compensate central government employees for erosion in the real value of their salaries on account of inflation, dearness allowances (DA) is paid to them and the rate of DA is revised periodically every six months on the basis of rate of inflation as per All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers released by Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, he said.

The government had set up 7th Pay Commission in February, 2014. The recommendations of the panel were effective from January 1, 2016.

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## J&K records 452 new COVID cases, Ladakh 21

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 452 fresh COVID-19 cases on Monday, raising the tally in the Union territory to 4,70,201, officials said.

While 94 cases were reported from the Jammu division, 358 cases were reported from the Kashmir Valley, they said.

The death toll due to the disease stands at 4,776 as no fresh fatality was reported in the past 24 hours, the officials said.

There are 5,045 active cases in the Union territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,60,380, they said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh reported 21 fresh cases of Coronavirus in the last 24 hours, taking the union territory's overall infection tally to 29,004, officials said.

As per officials, so far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh.

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 35.6°C Min: 26.4°C

Humidity

Max: 83 Min: 57

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.5°C Min: 19.8°C

Humidity

Max: 96 Min: 70

Sunset : 19:23 Hours

Sunrise : 05:52 Hours

## Two pilgrims killed after getting hit by boulder near Shiv Khori Shrine LG announces Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia each to NoKs of victims

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two pilgrims were killed and another was injured on Monday after being hit by a boulder from a hillock near the famous Shiv Khori shrine in Reasi district, police said.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the unfortunate incident and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased pilgrim.

Shiv Khori, a famous shrine devoted to lord Shiva and situated in between the hillocks about 140 kilometres north of Jammu, is visited by

lakhs of devotees from across the country round the year.

The pilgrims were standing in a queue en route to the cave shrine when they came under the rolling boulder in the Ransoo area of Pouni block around 3 pm, a police official said.

He said two pilgrims -- Sarwant Sahani (45) of Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh and Nirmal Singh (18) of Khawas village in Rajouri district -- were killed while Sahani's younger brother Sahib Sahani (32) was injured and shifted to a hospital. Expressing grief over the loss of lives during the

unfortunate incident, the Lt Governor announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured.

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## UGC-NET phase-II postponed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The second phase of the University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test has been postponed and will be conducted between September 20 and 30, a top official said on Monday.

It was earlier scheduled to be conducted between August 12 and 14.

"The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the first phase of UGC-NET December 2021 and June 2022 (merged cycles) examination on July 9, 11 and 12, 2022 for 33 subjects in 310 examination centres located in 225 cities across the

Unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir has remained a big concern for the past 70 years and in the absence of a private sector, people used to do anything to get a prestigious government job as it was considered a guarantee

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## SIA files supplementary chargesheet against Waheed Para

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Monday produced a supplementary charge sheet against accused PDP leader Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra in the designated court Srinagar in FIR NO:31/2020 PS CIK.

According to an official handout, "The supplementary charge sheet also consists Abate challan against the OGW and terrorists involved in different terrorism acts (now killed) with whom accused waheed-ur-Rehman had developed links and hatched criminal conspiracy for political gains.

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## JEE-Main: 24 candidates score perfect 100

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Twenty four candidates have got the perfect score in the engineering entrance exam JEE-Main, results of which were announced on Monday, according to the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Result of five candidates has been withheld by the agency for using unfair means.

Maximum candidates bagging the top score in the first edition of JEE-Main, 2022 are from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (5) followed by Rajasthan (4) and Uttar Pradesh (2).

One candidate each from

Haryana, Maharashtra, Assam, Bihar, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Jharkhand, has bagged the perfect score.

The top scorers from Telangana are Rupesh Biyani, Dheeraj Kurukunda, Jasti Yashwanth V V S, Busa Siva Naga Venkata Aditya and Aniket Chattopadhyay.

Menda Hima Vamsi, Koyyana Suhas, Palli Jalajakshi, Penikalapati Ravi Kishore, Polisetty Karthikeya are the top scorers from Andhra Pradesh. The top scorers from Rajasthan are

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## DGP visits Army's Delta Force headquarters; reviews security situation

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ahead of Independence Day, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Monday visited the Army's Delta Force headquarters in Ramban district and reviewed the highway and overall security situation, police said.

Earlier, the police chief visited the nearby Kishtwar district and took stock of the security arrangements for the ongoing Machail Yatra, which is scheduled to end next month, a police spokesman said.

Accompanied by Additional Director General of Police,



DGP Dilbag Singh along with army and police officers at Delta Force Headquarters.

Jammu, Mukesh Singh, the DGP visited Delta Force headquarters of the Army in Ramban along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and had a detailed interaction with the General Officer Commanding Major General Ajay Kumar, he said. The spokesman said the overall security and security

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## South Kashmir leading in number of submission National Anthem Singing Competition-2022 receives overwhelming response from citizens of J&K



Students across Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory enthusiastically participating in National Anthem Singing competition.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: To celebrate 75 years of independence and commemorate it as 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) had launched the National Anthem Singing Competition

-2022 for which entries were made open online between

1st August to 7th August, 2022.

Under this competition, the government had called upon

the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to take part in the

group categories. Under the individual category, people in two subcategories, 13-18 years and above 18 years of

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Speaking on this initiative, Director Information and Public Relations, Akshay Labroo said "Under

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For a secure future, the spokesman said.

For the first time in history of J-K, recruitments have been done on merit basis, in a transparent manner which is a living example of how corruption-free, transparent and just system contributes to the progress of the marginalised class and wherever wrongdoings were alleged, investigation was launched by credible and top law enforcement agencies, he said.

He said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha recently cancelled the recruitment of sub-inspec-

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## Electricity Amendment Bill introduced in LS amid oppn protests; referred to Parliamentary panel

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH: The contentious Electricity Amendment Bill, 2022 aimed at giving multiple players open access to distribution networks of power suppliers and also allowing consumers to choose any service provider was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday amid protests by the opposition.

Power Minister R K Singh introduced the bill to amend the Electricity Act, 2003 and urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to refer it to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for wider consultations to address the concerns raised by the opposition.

While the opposition MPs

claimed that the bill seeks to take away certain rights of state governments, two chief ministers-- Bhagwant Mann(Punjab) and Arvind Kejriwal(Delhi), both from the Aam Aadmi Party(AAP)- called the measure "dangerous" and felt it will increase people's suffering and benefit only few companies.

But the Centre said the bill is "pro-people" and "pro-farmer".

The bill is aimed at allowing privatisation of electricity on the lines of telecom where power consumers will have the option to choose the electricity supplier on the lines of opting any telephone, mobile and internet service.

The All India Power Engineers Federation

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