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KATRA: Asserting that speedy development is the new identity of Jammu and Kashmir, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said more than 500 services will be made available online in the next three years for a better digital ecosystem in the Union Territory.

In his address at the valedictory session of the 25th National Conference on e-governance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University here, he said delivering efficient, effective and accountable governance is the top priority of his administration.

"Despite being a late entrant in digital transformation, Jammu and Kashmir has achieved several milestones with solid technical architecture at the service of citizens. Speedy development is the new identity of J&K," Sinha said.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said J&K is an emerging model of digital government with focus on transparent governance and citizen-centric approach to delivering public services.

Results of post-2019 investments in J&K to be visible by next year: Official

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SRINAGAR: The fruits of business investments and industries brought into Jammu and Kashmir after 2019 will be visible by the next year, even as the administration is working to achieve a target of securing investments worth Rs 75,000 crore, a top government officer said.

Till now, the erstwhile state has received investment proposals worth Rs 56,867 crore and this is expected to generate more than 2.62 lakh jobs for the youth in the coming times, said the officer who did not wish to be named.

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LG Manoj Sinha presenting idol of Mata Vaishno Devi to Chief Minister Haryana Manohar Lal during the valedictory session of 25th National Conference on e-Governance at Katra on Sunday.

The event witnessed the launch of J&K Vision Document and J&K Cyber Security policy and a historic MoU between IT Department J&K and DITECH Haryana.

The agreement between the J&K Government and Haryana Government is expected to strengthen and deepen the collaboration on

knowledge sharing, IT initiatives & best practices in e-Governance, said the Lt Governor.

Expressing his gratitude to the Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology; Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, all the depart-

ments of the Central and State/UT Governments, the Lt Governor said that the 25th National e-Governance Conference in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will prove to be a milestone in the direction of fulfilling our resolve of Digital Society.

Observing that technology is making a real difference in people's lives, the Lt Governor said in 2013, the total number of e-transaction was merely 20 Lakh. This year, till 25th November, the number of e-transaction is 38.50 Crore. On an average J&K is recording 550 e-transactions every minute.

Delivering efficient, effective, and accountable governance is our top priority. IT Department coordinating across the departments to ensure citizens interact and access information and services and provide feedback to improve service delivery, he added.

The Lt Governor further observed that the launch of Digital J&K Vision Document and launch of J&K Cyber Security Policy will promote common approach to use the power of innovation and secure the IT assets in the rapidly

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Freedom fighters demonstrated how people with diverse ideologies could come together: RSS Chief

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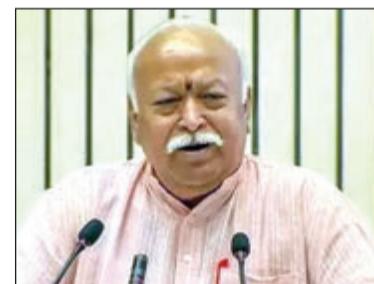
PATNA: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday asserted that those who fought for the country's Independence demonstrated how people with diverse ideologies could come together for a common cause.

Bhagwat was speaking at a function on the penultimate day of his four-day tour of Bihar in Malkhachak village of Saran district, held in the memory of lesser-known freedom fighters.

He was addressing the programme before visiting Darbhanga where he will interact with RSS workers from across the state on Saturday.

Bhagwat also released a book authored by journalist Ravindra Kumar.

Titled "Swatantrata Andolan Ki Bikhri Kadiyan", the book claims to



shed more light on India's struggle for Independence.

"Those who fought for Independence demonstrated how people with diverse ideologies could come together for a common cause," the RSS chief said during his speech.

The function at Saran was also attended by state BJP president Sanjay

Jaiswal and leader of the opposition in assembly Vijay Kumar Sinha, among others.

He also voiced disapproval of the notion of "Vishwa shakti" (world power), blaming Russia-Ukraine on such misplaced ambitions, and claiming that India could never harbour such an aspiration and its ancient civilisation has always stood for universal welfare.

Bhagwat thereafter left for Darbhanga, about 150 kms away, where he is scheduled to meet delegations of RSS "pracharakas" (full time activists) from all 38 districts of Bihar.

His tour of the state will conclude on Monday when he is scheduled to address an open session of the Sangh Parivar fountainhead, which counts the BJP as its political offshoot.

India to develop small nuclear reactors: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday said, India is taking steps for development of Small Modular Reactors (SMR), with up to 300 MW capacity to fulfil its commitment to Clean Energy transition.

Dr Jitendra said, the participation of private sector and Start-ups needs to be explored in development of this critical technology within India. He emphasised that technology sharing and availability of funding are the two crucial links for ensuring commercial availability of



clean energy options is in tune with Prime Minister Modi's roadmap for clean energy transition through bold climate commitments which are reflected in our updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Dr Jitendra pointed out that as we have already taken steps for clean energy transition with penetration of non-fossil based energy resources and achieving net-zero by 2070, nuclear in terms of base load power can play a big role in the de-carbonization strategy. It is in

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BJP has empowered J&K, its people: Chugh Muftis, Abdullahs feeling clueless



grammes of the Prime Minister and a new era has begun in J&K.

He said converting J&K from a terror state to a tourism destination is a big achievement of the Modi.

The Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of development and there is still a long way to go while the party hasn't snatched anything as claimed by the Mehbooba.

"When her party was in power in J&K, she had given nothing except ruin and plunder, for which she will now have to give a full account," Chugh said, adding that Mehbooba herself knows

that BJP has made progress in Jammu and Kashmir, but she is making such statements under frustration.

"Modi led BJP government brought J&K on the path of development. Under privileged people were given rights, hundreds of centrally sponsored schemes were introduced, poor people were benefited and importantly millions of tourists this year visited the UT which is a record breaking", Chugh claimed.

He said that Modi government has also given rights to women while giving

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Srinagar records coldest night of season so far



Tourists at Gulmarg ski resort.

Celsius on Saturday night, which was the lowest so far this season, the officials said.

They said the night temperature was 1.2 degrees below the normal for this time of the season.

Pahalgam tourist resort, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual

Al Amarnath yatra, in south Kashmir, reeled at a minus 3.4 degrees Celsius, and was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded minus 1.0 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius. Kokernag recorded a low of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius.

Leh town in Ladakh recorded a low of

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economy such as itself.

India should focus on bringing a semblance of sanctity back into the global order, said Saran, who is a member of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).

Saran said another important priority for India during its presidency would be to address the issues of concern to the developing world such as energy security, food security, climate security, and to see how India's voice and perspective can be infused into the G20.

He said that unfortunately the entire G20 agenda which is essentially economic has been "weaponised" by the advanced economies.

"So because of the (Ukraine) conflict today we

are confronted with weaponisation of economic and financial transactions in the world and the fault for this lies both on the advanced western economies as well as Russia, and the victims are developing countries like India," he said.

Saran asserted that another key priority for India would be the issue of reform of multilateral international organisations and institutions as they, in the current state, do not reflect contemporary realities, he said.

Saran said the formulation today's era must not be of war that was adopted at the G20 summit in Bali earlier this month was an echo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian

President Vladimir Putin in the wake of the Ukraine conflict and reflected India's growing clout at the world stage.

"It is rare that an Indian perspective is recognised by a powerful grouping like the G20. India's role enabled the G20 to find a consensus on this issue," said Saran, who was the deputy NSA from September 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

Asked about how India would perform the balancing act as G20 president with China as one of the prominent members of the grouping, Saran said, "This is going to be a challenge for Indian diplomacy and it is also going to be a

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