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Showcase vibrant, progressive J&K during India's G-20 Presidency: LG

JAMMU: Terming India's Presidency of G-20 as a unique opportunity to showcase the potential of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday called upon youth clubs, innovators women and tourism entrepreneurs to come together to showcase vibrant and progressive Jammu Kashmir during the event.

"It is an opportune moment for Jammu and Kashmir to showcase its cultural richness and tourism potential on the world stage," the Lt Governor said while addressing the people of the Union Territory through the 21st edition of monthly radio programme 'Awaam Ki Awaaz'.

He also invited suggestions and ideas from the citizens through My Gov J&K, WhatsApp number of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' for the G-20 events to be conducted in J&K.

Sharing his thoughts on recently concluded 'My Town My Pride' campaign, the Lt Governor said that the urban connect movement was celebrated as a festival of vibrant urban local self-gover-

Jan Bhagidari is reflection of a pro-



gressive society. It paves the way for 'Bottom-Up' approach in governance and helps us formulate the policies as per public needs. Recently concluded 'My Town My Pride' campaign was aimed at energizing Urban Local Bodies and directing development efforts in urban areas through community participation, he said.

Awakening of people's power in the direction of inclusive development is the

first step. We all have to make our contribution to bring a positive change in the expansion of infrastructure facilities, cleanliness campaigns, environmental protection, economic activities and green space, lake, river and heritage conservation, he added.

The Lt Governor also shared inspiring stories and voiced several suggestions of citizens received from across the UT.

Making a special mention of Dr Sanya Khan from Doda who is dedicatedly working for women empowerment and gender equality, the Lt Governor congratulated her for special focus on inclusiveness and hoped her work will inspire others to greater effort and success.

The Lt Governor complimented Rankaj Sadotra from Bishnah, Jammu who is providing an enabling environment for youth club and building a bridge between administration and pub-

"Youth engagement in villages and towns through youth clubs building a robust social system," he said.

Saima Shafi from Srinagar has made an immense contribution to popularize pottery. Artist always works from inner source of inspiration. We must appreci-

Surrendered terrorist arrested for drug trafficking

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A surrendered terrorist was arrested on Sunday for his alleged involvement in drug trafficking in Doda district, police said.

His associate, also a surrendered terrorist, however, escaped on seeing the police during an operation in the Gandoh area of the district, a police official said.

He said the two surrendered terrorists, Adil Iqbal of Manoi and Anayatullah Khan of Sanwara, were wanted by police in connection with a case registered under the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at police station Gandoh on November 27.

After hectic efforts, a police party arrested Iqbal from Bagli Modh village but his other associate managed to escape and efforts are on to arrest him, the official said.

He said the duo was earlier affiliated with proscribed Hizbul Mujahideen

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Jammu Woman Sargam Koushal bags Mrs World 2022 title in USA

JAMMU: Jammu woman Sargam Koushal, representing India, was on Sunday crowned Mrs World at a gala event in Las Vegas, USA. Koushal trumped contestants from 63 countries to bring the title back to India after

Sargam Koushal, who hails from Bahu Fort area of Jammu city, also shared a video describing how elated she was to win the title. "We've got the crown back after 21-22 years. I'm so excited. Love you India, love you world," the newly-crowned Mrs World said.

Daughter of a retired Chief Manager, Bank of India, Sargam Koushal did her schooling from Presentation Convent Senior Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar Jammu and graduated from Women College, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. Thereafter, she did her Masters in English from Jammu University and B Ed from Government B Ed College Jammu.

She has previously worked as a teacher also. A content writer, model and painter, the 31year old Sargam is married to Jammu based Aditya Manohar Sharma, Lieutenant Commander in Indian Navy, presently posted in Mumbai.

Mrs World is the first beauty pageant for married women. The pageant was conceived in 1984 and traces its roots to the Mrs America pageant.



IIM Jammu to open transit off-campus in University of Ladakh ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management-Jammu on Sunday signed an agreement with the University of Ladakh in areas such as academic cooperation, faculty exchange and joint research.

The agreement, a memorandum of understanding, was signed by IIM-Jammu director B S Sahay and Ladakh University vicechancellor S K Mehta. The IIM-Jammu will open a transit off campus at the university, an official

spokesman said here. "Today is a historic day for

Former Director Information K L Dhar passes away

Dir Info, DIPR employees condole demise

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former Director Information Kanhaya Lal Dhar passed away at Mumbai this morning after a brief illness.

He was 84. He is survived by his wife Dulari Dhar and two daughters- Aarti and

He was cremated at

Mumbai this after-

Monica Dhar. Coming from a humble background, Dhar started his career in the Information Department and rose to

Director Information. He was inducted in IAS and manned many important

Jonaraja Institute of **Genocide & Atrocities** Studies launched in Jammu STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jonaraja Institute of Genocide and Atrocities Studies, an online venture by a group of Kashmiri Pandit intellectuals, was officially launched here on Sunday to provide a platform to the people desirous of working on the subject.

The Panun Kashmir, a representative body of Kashmiri Pandits, welcomed the

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Railways to roll out Vande Metro train by May or **June 2023: Union Minister** STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU: Railways is manufacturing Vande Metro train which will replace those designed in 1950s and 60s, Railways Communication Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Sunday. He also said that the first

indigenously designed and built hydrogen train

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Director Social Welfare, and Director IMPA.

After retirement, he had

served as Special Assistant to Prof Saifuddin Soz during his tenure as Union Minister for Water Resources and made many friends bureaucracy.

Very popular among politicians and journalists and was known for his wisdom, intelligence and wit. He was a keen political watcher and had interest in developments in Kashmir and Pakistan. An amazing conversationalist,

'National Horticulture Mission' account opened on-email at Mendhar branch

Over Rs 15 cr embezzled from J&K Bank; car loans on fictitious salary slips

VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: Believe it or not, tech savvy fraudsters have stung and duped the Jammu and Kashmir Bank of crores of rupees by adopting an innovative mechanism. But as said 'crime never goes scot-free', the fraud has surfaced and the Bank's Vigilance cell has reportedly sounded alert and geared up after few car loans linked to one major account turned defunct. The luxury cars like Audi and BMWs have been purchased by the dupers using fictitious salary slips.

An account in the name of National Horticulture Mission was opened through an e-mail last year in Mendhar Branch of the J&K Bank as a government account

which started operating with deposits of lakhs of rupees purportedly from the government. Consequently around 40 more

individual bank accounts of the employees were opened and the salaries from the main account were transferred

to the account of each employee. After few months, the employees, though fictitious, used their salary slips and bank statements, applied for car loans from various J&K Bank branches at Rajouri, Gangyal, Jammu University Campus and Shalamar Road in

ury cars were purchased by the socalled employees. An Audi car purchased on loan from Jammu landed in probe as one of loanees stopped paying installments after two months and

The loans were approved and lux-

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quently on initial inquiry the loanee's address also turned out to be fictitious. On initial probe, other loanees' addresses too were found to be

This raised eyebrows of J&K Bank's management which started probing the matter and found that the main account was also fictitious. There is no such organisation under name and style

being run by the UT or central government. The Vigilance cell is now making all out efforts to gather all the evidences while the Bank management has not so far decided to handover the case to police for detailed probe and fix the responsibility of bank officers and to book the fraudsters, who used fake documents to embezzle over Rs 15

"National Horticulture Mission,

The Bank management is tightlipped over this major scandal. However, after a report of the vigilance cell of the Bank, the case has to be transferred to the J&K Police's Crime Branch or J&K Anti Corruption Bureau or CBI for detailed investigations

IIM-Jammu as University of Ladakh

Azad announces head of DAP's Jammu Women Wing; other office bearers

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Democratic Azad

Party (DAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday announced names of several office bearers including the head of party's Jammu women wing, a party spokesman said

Azad appointed Prabha Salathia as the president of Jammu province women wing of the party and said the members of the committee will be chosen later, the spokesman said.

He said Bashir Aarif has been appointed as the secretary to the chairman, while five prominent leaders Ashok Sharma, Naresh Gupta,

Haider Subhash Gupta and Dr. Amar Chand Bhagat were named as Vice Presidents of the Jammu province party with Advocate along Maheswar Singh, Narender Sharma, Shyam Lal Bhagat, Brij Mohan Sharma, Ch. Abdul Latif, Pritam Kotwal, Choudhary Farooq Ahmed Shikari and Subhash Bhagat as General Secretaries as general secretaries and Jai Singh, Advocate Rajinder Sharma, Farooq Choudhary, Gurmit Kaur, Sunita Arora, Choudhary Ishaq, Rajni Sharma, Santosh Manhas and Swarna as Secretaries

"More names of office bear-

ers and members of the executive committee will be announced later." spokesman said. Azad also announced five

zonal presidents with Gulzar Ahmed Wani for South Kashmir Zone, Peer Bilal for Central Kashmir Zone, Chaudhary Gharu Ram for Jammu Zone, Central Prithviraj Manhas Chenab Valley Zone, and Advocate Zahid Malik for Pir Panjal Zone besides 13 district presidents including Ayub Takur as district president for Pulwama, Mushtaq Khandev Ahmed Shopian, Mir Muneer

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Portion of under-construction highway tunnel in Ramban caves in **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BANIHAL/JAMMU: A portion of an under-construction tunnel along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway caved-in in Ramban district but no loss of life or injury has been reported. officials said Sunday.

Workers were not present at the site when the overhead soil lost its grip and came down inside the 400-metre under-construction tunnel at Maroogh late on Saturday night, they said.

According to the officials, such happenings are routine during tunnel construction work and a team of experts inspected the spot.

Govt departments in 3 years: SSB STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: More than 15,000 vacancies in various government departments were filled in three years while the selection process for 8,000 more was in progress. Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (SSB) chairman Rajesh Sharma said.

He said court litigation by aggrieved candidates is one of the major factors for the delay in the recruitment process.

"Against last year's figure of 9,300, this year the SSB filled 4500 posts in various government departments and 3.400 among them are class-IV posts. A total of

1,500 posts were filled up in the year 2020," Sharma told PTI here.

Over 15,000 posts filled in J&K

He said the candidates selected for the class-IV $\,$ posts under phase two were handed over appointment letters at special 'Rozgar melas' presided by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar and Chief Secretary Arun K Mehta in Jammu recently.

Under the first phase, more than 5,000 deserving candidates were given appointment letters last year after the government mandated the Jammu and Kashmir SSB to make recommendations for class-IV recruitments in all departments.

list of 1,600 junior assistants is ready with the board but it. is withheld due to a litigation pending in the tribunal. Once the judgement is delivered, the result will be

Sharma, who took over as Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board chairman in May and oversaw its overhauling following a scam, said almost 8,000 more posts in different departments are available for recruitment

declared.'

In July, Jammu and Kashmir administration headed by Manoj Sinha

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Opposition 'masters in spreading negativity': Modi

SHILLONG/AGARTALA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted his government has removed all obstacles that came in the way of Northeast's develop-

Launching a slew of development projects in poll-Tripura and Meghalaya, he said improved air connectivity to the region has increased agricultural exports, benefitting farmers.

In Tripura, he said the northeastern state was earlier known for conflict but after the BJP came to power in 2018, it is now known for development, connectivity and cleanliness

Addressing a public rally at Swami Vivekananda Maidan



in Agartala, he said Tripura is becoming a logistics hub and is also emerging as the new gateway of trade in the Northeast, which would be connected with South East Asian countries such as Myanmar and Thailand.

He said the 15-km-long Agartala-Akhaura railway

project to connect Northeast with Bangladesh would be completed next year. "Crores of rupees have been

invested in infrastructure after the BJP came to power Tripura. National Highways are getting a massive facelift," he said, adding new possibilities are beckoning the state after an international standard airport has come up.

Lashing out at the Opposition, he alleged ration meant for the poor used to be looted before the BJP came to power in the state.

"Now, poor people are receiving their rightful ration without any trouble. They have been getting free ration for the last three years," he

Modi claimed that development had bypassed indigenous people for long.

The prime minister alleged that the Opposition is "masters in spreading negativity", pulling the reverse gear when the state needed an escalator.

"The double-engine government has a positive outlook

implement development work on the ground," he said.

Modi claimed that the saffron party is the first choice of the indigenous people because of its positive attitude and cited the party's good performance in tribal regions of Gujarat in the recent assembly elections.

Earlier, he inaugurated a slew of development projects worth over Rs 4,300 crore in the poll-bound state.

He launched the 'Grih Pravesh' programme for more than two lakh beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana --Urban and Rural -- schemes. "Over two lakh poor fami-

lies are getting their ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Police officers not required to do moral policing: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS DELHI:

Supreme Court has said police officers are not required to do moral policing and ask

for physical favour or material goods as it upheld the order of the disciplinary authority the

removal of a CISF constable from service.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and J Maheshwari set aside the verdict of the Gujarat High Court of December 16, 2014.

by which it had allowed the plea of CISF constable Santosh Kumar Pandev and directed his reinstatement in service with 50 per cent back

> the date of removal. Pandey, who was working as a constable with the Centra

Industrial Security Force (CISF), was posted at the Greenbelt Area of the IPCL Township, Vadodara, Gujarat, where he was charge-sheeted vide memorandum dated

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