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'Tourism in UT reflection of multi-religious, multi-cultural ethos of India'

J&K stands among developed region of India on some measurable milestones: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir stands now among the developed regions of India on some measurable milestones, and the administration is committed for people's prosperity, both economically and socially.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completely eliminated injustice, exploitation and discrimination which several sections of society faced for seven long decades owing to circumstances that evolved mostly because of orchestration from abroad", the Lt Governor said while addressing the meeting of the 3rd Tourism Working Group (TWG) of G20.

"We are ensuring social equality and equal economic opportunity to all citizens, which is also enabling them to contribute to the nation building," the Lt Governor said, adding that the Prime Minister through development

schemes that empowers masses and Union Territory's effective administration has isolated the terror eco-system in Jammu and Kashmir, which thrived with the support from across the border.

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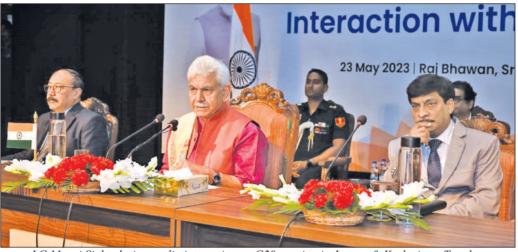
"Now even foreign investments are also coming into Jammu and Kashmir, green shoots of better times people are anxiously looking up to," he maintained.

The Lieutenant Governor underlined why J&K was selected by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for G20 meeting. He explained that Jammu Kashmir is witnessing a new era under the leadership of PM and it has opened up limitless possibilities of growth and peace.

He also said that tourism in Jammu Kashmir is also a reflection of multi-religious and multicultural ethos of India.

importance of peace for growth and tourism.

The Lt Governor underlined the



LG Manoj Sinha during media interaction on G20 meeting in Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday.

tion. The economics of it is fine, that tourism needs good infrastructure, sound policies and effective and responsive administration. No less fundamental to me is the fact that only peace and happiness of people can bring warmth in the hospitality, we

Indians eternally enjoy," the Lt Governor said

Throwing light on the transformation of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that the grass root democracy has been strengthened; new industries are

growth is making our villages prosperous, new institutions have been opened up in higher education, youths are being trained for Industry 4.0 technologies, infrastructure development is progressing rapidly and our empha-

Today's J&K is land of peace, prosperity; not land of hartals, stone pelters: Sinha

SRINAGAR: Today's Jammu Kashmir is not a land of hartals or stone pelters, it's a land of peace and prosperity that responsible and responsive administration is trying too hard to bring in lives of the people, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday.

"I can confidently say that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is on the move. By adopting whole of government approach, ecosystem of terror sponsored by our neighbour has been almost dismantled. Schools and colleges remain open allowing youth to focus on career building", the Lieutenant Governor said while addressing a press conference here.

He said Jammu Kashmir is governed by the Constitution of India, which has established rule of law and supremacy of the people. Grassroot democracy has been growing from strength to strength. The threetier PRI system has ensured stability and consistency in development and participation of people in policy making. We have an open and vibrant press and more than 400 newspapers are published every day. The digital revolution has unleashed socio-cultural transformation, which has empowered every section of the society, especially young generation, he added.

Sinha expressed his deepest gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing this historic opportunity to Union territory of J&K to host 3rd Tourism Working Group meeting of G20 member nations and observer countries. We had a very exciting and productive inaugural session earlier today. The significant deliberation, exchange of views and perspectives will help in building a frame

Border security linked with national security: Amit Shah



STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said security of the country's borders is the priority of the Modi government and it is linked with the

6,000 villages in J&K declared as ODF Plus

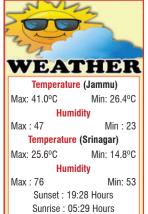
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JAMMU: The UT of J&K has achieved another milestone of declaring 6000 Villages as Open Defection Free (ODF) Plus in the Aspiring category under the "Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen." This has been possible due to strong leadership and support provided at all levels.

These villages are sustaining the ODF Plus status and have systems in place for managing Solid or Liquid waste. The villages have progressed beyond constructing and using toilets to attain cleanliness and adequate sanitation in their villages, hence moving from ODF to ODF Plus.

In its efforts to ensure that all the villages have minimal litter and an adequate system in place to manage waste, the Directorate of Rural Sanitation, department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has taken many initiatives. One such major step in this arena is the initiation of the process of door to door

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on the 'Vibrant Villages

Programme' (VVP) here,

Shah also said that develop-

ing 'vibrant villages' -- with

all amenities, including edu-

DPAP believes in inclusiveness, irrespective of religion, region & caste: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman & former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday asserted that DPAP stands firm in its commitment to justice and inclusiveness, embracing individuals regardless of religion, region or caste.

While addressing party workers convention in Udhampur on Tuesday Azad said, his party will continue to fight for the rights, of people irrespective of caste, religion and will have no space for those who resort to discrimination among people.



workers convention at Udhampur.

Azad said, "The things I can't tolerate in my party is social discrimination since all

are equal to me." "Our party is committed to respect the sentiments of all ties. When we need a blood in hospital we never ask who is its donor so why to discriminate here," he added.

He lauded the people of Udhampur for showing tolerand believing in brotherhood and unity. "In other parts of country,

some parties succeeded in dividing people in the name of religion but in Udhampur you have always rejected such forces. You deserve appreciation for it," he said. Azad said that DPAP is a

hope in these trying times which only believes in healthy politics unlike parties who have no agenda other than to divide people on religious

"It is due to our pro people policies, thousands of people attend our public

Nearly 16 J&K aspirants crack UPSC civil

AC approves absorption of 145 Centaur Hotel employees into JKTDC, JKCCC, SKICC

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here under Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha gave approval to theabsorption of 145 Employees of Hotel Corporation of India Limited (HCIL) working at Centaur Lake view Hotel. Srinagar, in different corporations under the Tourism Department.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Dr.Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K; and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor attended the meet-

The decision was taken on the recommendations of the committee that the existing staff of the Hotel Corporation of India Limited will be absorbed by the UT of J&K on the existing terms and conditions while the payment of retirement gratuity

borne by HCI. The Hotel Corporation of India has 145 permanent employees of Centaur Lake View Hotel as on 01.05.2023 which will be absorbed on existing terms and

and other benefits of the

employees for the period they

worked with HCI will be

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Every member of police force required to have exceptional integrity: DB

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court (Srinagar Wing) comprising Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Moksha Khajuria Kazmi observed that every member of the police force is required to have an exceptional integrity and if a candidate, aspiring to become a police personnel, indulges in fraud at the very initial stage of his service, he cannot be expected to become a good police officer if a lenient view is taken for the fraud committed by him.

This significant judgment

has been passed in a LPA filed by Farooq Ahmed Parray whose selection and appointment as Police Constable is alleged to have been cancelled during his probation for having produced a fake driving license in order to secure few additional points in the selection process so that he gets selected and appointed against the post of Constable.

DB after hearing both the sides observed that it needs no reiteration that every selection and the consequent appointment is subject to scrutiny of the credentials submitted by the aspiring

process of selection. Once the document, on the basis whereof the selection and appointment has been secured, turns out to be fake, the natural consequence would be the cancellation of such selection and appointment and in doing so, the respondents were neither required to conduct any enquiry nor afford any opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

While dismissing the appeal, DB observed that the petitioner's selection and appointment has been

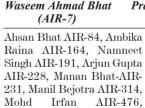
SANJAY SHARMA

JAMMU: Nearly 16 J&K aspirants including four among top 100 cracked UPSC civil service 2022 examination, the result of which was declared by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) its official website

on Tuesday. Out of nearly 16 J&K aspirants, six aspirants were already in their probation period of Jammu Kashmir Administrative (JKAS). 16 J&K aspirants who cracked exams include Waseem Ahmad Bhat AIR-7, Prasanjeet Kaur AIR-11th,







Dwarka Gandhi AIR-505,



Prasanjeet Kaur (AIR-11)

Abhinandan Singh AIR-749,

Nirvanshu Hans AIR-811,

Iram Choudharv AIR-852

Anjeet Singh



AIR-565,

Iram Choudhary (AIR-852)

Manan Bhat, Manil Bejotra.

already in their probation period of JKAS include Parsenjit Kour, Nitin Singh,

Choudhary and and Aadesh Basnotra AIR-Nivranshu Hans.

Ease of film making, up gradation of existing studios has to be pursued rigorously: Dr. Jitendra

Film production can have last impact on travel destinations: Reddy

It's China's loss, not India's: Dr Jitendra

SRINAGAR: China not attending the G20 meeting in Srinagar does not make any difference and it is their loss, not India's, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Tuesday. Delegates of all G20 countries, barring China, arrived in

Srinagar on Monday to attend the third G20 tourism working group meeting. "That (China not attending the meeting) does not make any difference. China not coming is China's loss, not India's,"

Singh told PTI on the sidelines of the G20 meet here. Asked if Beijing's abstention was linked to the eastern Ladakh border standoff, Singh said the Ministry of External Affairs will take a call on that. On holding the G20 event in Kashmir, Singh said different venues ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Union Minister (Independent Science Charge) Technology; MoS PMO, Public Personnel, Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union

Minister of Culture, Tourism and the Development of the North Eastern Region, G Kishan Reddy on Tuesday addressed the side event on theme "Promoting Incredible India through Film Tourism' on the sidelines of 3rd Tourism Working



Incredible India through Film Tourism at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Group Meeting.

The side event was also attended Secretary Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Apurva Chandra.

The side event on Tourism was aimed at furthering the scope of the film tourism sec-

tor and highlighting all the aspects of Incredible India. During the event, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, India has no dearth of talent having the century old film lega-

cy with leading names of

Guru Dutt and Satyajit Ray

who have been acknowledged

for their art work despite no avenues and facilities, Dr. Singh added. Dr. Singh hoped that the

business community will help in scaling up the efforts already taken by the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of

J&K part of India, Pakistan has no right to talk about it: Reddy

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is a part of India, and Pakistan has no right to talk about it and should rather pay attention towards its own people, Union Tourism Minister G

K Reddy said here on Tuesday. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) here, Reddy said Pakistan was battling a crisis and should focus on its own

"Whatever we do is for the benefit of our people. Who is Pakistan to say anything? What right does it have? J-K has been a part of India since ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, ease of film making and up gradation of the existing studious has to be pursued rigorously to support the film industry. Liberalisation of state regulations has to be taken up by the Ministry of Information

Broadcasting to encourage film making throughout India, Dr. Singh added.

During the event, G. Kishan Reddy said, tourism has the greatest ability to generate overall employment especially among the

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