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J&K has accepted changes effected after abrogation of Article 370: HM Appreciates LG Manoj Sinha for successful G20 meet, says it proved peace prevails in Kashmir



Union Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating various developmental projects at Srinagar on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir was

peaceful now and the successful hosting of a G20 meeting in Srinagar proved it. Jammu and Kashmir has

accepted the changes effected after the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution in August 2019, Union Home Minister

Amit Shah said here on Friday.

He also said those who are only aware of Kashmir's history in the last 40 years think of it as a disputed territory. "Jammu and Kashmir has accepted the changes after the abrogation of Article 370," Shah said addressing the "Vitasta Cultural Festival" here.

"Some people who know Kashmir's history of only the last 30-40 years think it is a conflict, a disputed territory. It has seen many conflicts in the past. The same Kashmir is celebrating Vitasta," he added.

Shah said 150 artistes from outside and 1,500 from Jammu and Kashmir are participating in the event. "There will be cultural exchange," he noted. The home minister also said

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UPA Govt was involved in scams worth Rs 12 lakh Cr: Amit Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma during a public rally in Jammu on Friday. (More Pics on PG-8)

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JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Narendra Modi government has laid a strong foundation for the eradication of corruption from the country, while alleging that the previous Congress-led UPA government was involved in scams worth Rs 12 lakh crore.

Besides the Congress, the senior Bharatiya Janata

▶▶ Shah lays foundation of forensic science laboratory in Samba, inaugurates multiple projects in Jammu

▶▶ HM pays obeisance at new Tirupati Balaji temple

▶▶ Amit Shah pays floral tributes to Mukherjee at BJP headquarters

Party (BJP) leader also launched a scathing attack on the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP), and asked who will take

responsibility for the death of 42,000 people due to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Shah said a new Jammu and Kashmir is in the making after the abrogation of

the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution in 2019, with a 70-per cent decline in terror acts and stone-pelting almost done away with.

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Infiltration bid foiled; 4 terrorists killed in Machil Sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Four terrorists were killed as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Machil sector on Friday, police said.

The infiltration bid was foiled in Kala Jungle area of Machil sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

"In a joint operation, Army and Police have killed four #terrorists in Kala Jungle of Machhal sector in #Kupwara who were trying to infiltrate to our side from POJK," the Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

According to a police hand-out, the identification and

affiliation of the killed terrorists is being ascertained. Arms and ammunition including 09 AK Series Rifles, 14 AK Magazines, 288 rounds of Assorted Ammunition (AK and Pistol), 04 Hand Grenades, 03 Pistols, 05 Suspected Narco Packets & other incriminating materials have been recovered from the site of encounter.

The neutralized terrorists were found to be heavily armed, equipped with sophisticated weaponry & narcotics which indicates their malicious intent to carry

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J&K witnessing new era of peace, development: LG 'Launch of movie theatre after 3 decades symbol of aspirational society'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/KISHTWAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a new era of peace and development in Amrit Kaal and the launch of a movie theatre after almost three decades in picturesque Kishtwar is a symbol of aspirational society.

Inaugurating a Digital Movie Theatre at Kishtwar, Sinha observed that art and creativity transcend all boundaries and bring people closer. Cinema is not just a medium of entertainment, but it is also an integral part of the culture, society and a



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating Digital Movie Theatre at Kishtwar.

reflection of change happening around us, he added.

The Lt Governor congratulated the people of Kishtwar; District Administration and all stakeholders on the return of the movie culture to the

talent, he added. The Lt Governor shared the efforts to revive the J&K's bond with the film industry. Significant steps like Film Policy, opening of cinema halls in the districts have created a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT. Today, Jammu Kashmir has become the most preferred destination for the filmmakers and more than 300 movies and web series were filmed last year. This is also providing huge opportunities to the local youth, he said.

The Lt Governor said, in the month of July, three more cinema halls district. Kishtwar has immense potential for film tourism. This movie-theatre and infotainment center for children will be an important step to harness the potential of local

talent, he added. The Lt Governor shared the efforts to revive the J&K's bond with the film industry. Significant steps like Film Policy, opening of cinema halls in the districts have created a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT. Today, Jammu Kashmir has become the most preferred destination for the filmmakers and more than 300 movies and web series were filmed last year. This is also providing huge opportunities to the local youth, he said.

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VC NITI Aayog listens to ideas of stakeholders for Viksit Bharat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, on Friday conducted an exclusive interactive session with representatives from various sectors in Jammu and Kashmir, including Handicrafts and Handloom exporters and artisans, associations of Industries, Agriculture and allied sectors here at SKICC.

The session aimed to address their concerns and discuss strategies for promoting growth and development in the region.

During the session, representatives from the Handicrafts and Handloom

exporters and artisans sector presented their views and highlighted their issues and concerns. They projected their issues related to Pashmina Industry, GST implementation and challenges in exportation.

Similarly, industrial representatives raised their concerns, focusing on the need for incentives for existing MSME units under the new industrial policy. They also stressed the importance of supporting the manufacturing sector; improving connectivity to the outside world, and implementing measures to further ease the

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IPS Sudhanshu relieved to join new assignment

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Home Department on Tuesday relieved IPS officer Sudhanshu Verma (AGMUT 2015) to enable him to take up his new assignment.

"Consequent upon the transfer of Sudhanshu Verma, IPS (AGMUT: 2015), SP Special Crime Wing (SCW), Jammu, from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to Delhi, in terms of Ministry

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Deepak posted as SDM Katra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred JKAS Officer.

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Deepak Dubey, JKAS, Deputy Director (Audio-Visual) in the Directorate of Information, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 38.4°C Min: 31.2°C

Humidity
Max: 70 Min: 60

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 35.0°C Min: 21.0°C

Humidity
Max: 64 Min: 35

Sunset : 19:42 Hours
Sunrise : 05:26 Hours

