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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

peaceful now and the successful hosting of a G20 meeting in Srinagar proved

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 "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

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)

STATE TIMES NEWS

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 mak-

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.

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 sector #Kupwara who were trying to infiltrate to our side from POJK," the Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

According to a police handout, the identification and

IPS Sudhanshu relieved

to join new assignment

SDM Katra

JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred JKAS

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma,

Commissioner/Secretary,

Department, Deepak Dubey,

JKAS, Deputy Director

(Audio-Visual) in the

Directorate of Information,

J&K, has been transferred

and posted as Sub-Divisional

WEATHER

Sunset: 19:42 Hours

Sunrise: 05:26 Hours

Max: 38.4°C

Max: 35.0°C

Max: 70

Max: 64

Administration

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Min: 35

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Officer.

General

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Jammu &

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 Pistols Magazines and 55 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, Sinhs 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



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

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.

The Lt Governor said, in the month of July, three more cinema halls

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VC NITI Aayog listens to ideas of stakeholders for Viksit Bharat exporters and artisans sector

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Chairman NITI 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 Handicrafts and Handloom 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

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Chugh reviews ongoing programmes

Mission Youth an initiative of national importance acknowledged by Prime Minister: Secretary DARPG

Complements CEO Dr Shahid Choudhary for innovative approaches

Kashmir Home Department **STATE TIMES NEWS** on Tuesday relieved IPS offi-

SRINAGAR: Sudhanshu Verma Union (AGMUT 2015) to enable Secretary Department of him to take up his new Administrative Reforms and assignment. Grievances (DARPG), V Srinivas held "Consequent upon the transfer of Sudhanshu detailed deliberations with Verma. IPS (AGMUT: the CEO and team of Prime 2015), SP Special Crime Minister's Award winning Wing (SCW), Jammu, from Mission Youth, Jammu and the Union Territory of Kashmir for it's national sig-Jammu and Kashmir to nificance and replication in Delhi, in terms of Ministry other states for youth empowerment. He shared ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 the personal vision of Prime Minister for supporting the Deepak posted as

youth engagement.

Srinivas complemented CEO Mission Youth Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary for leading an innovative and outstanding initiative over last two years in Jammu and Kashmir which was selected for the Prime Minister's Award out of 2520 projects screened at national level and stood apart as the most innovative model of whole of the Government approach. He underlined the significance of this achievement acknowledged by the Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi himself and appreciated the unique

initiatives for youth empow-

He reviewed various schemes of Mission Youth and held detailed interaction with CEO Mission Youth, Secretaries, Deputy District Commissioners. Nodal Officers and also beneficiaries of various schemes. He also conducted a firsthand assessment of digital applications used for online delivery of services and youth outreach.

CEO Mission Youth, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, who has received the

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Prabhari, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, Tarun Chugh, chaired a meeting to review the ongoing programmes being held in the UT under 'Nau Saal Bemisaal'.

Ravinder Raina, president -BJP, Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh. General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, Seh Prabhari Ashish Sood, MP Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, General Secretary Dr. Devinder



BJP National General Secretary and Prabhari, J&K BJP, Tarun Chugh, chairing meeting at BJP headquarters.

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This meeting was attended by party's senior leaders, who have been assigned the task to oversee different programs under 'Nau Saal Bemisaal', Tarun Chugh sought the current status of programs related to Beneficiary Sammelan, Sampark se Samarthan, social media influencers meets, public rallies, intellectual meet, Vikas Teerath, interaction with

Yoga Day, Balidan Divas. Tarun Chugh expressed satisfaction over the status report presented by the party leaders and stressed upon them to continue with the same zeal to organize the programmes scheduled for the next few days until June end. He said that one-month programmes initiated on June 1 have worked to reach the masses in every length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir. It is surely going to prove advantageous for the party, he added.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting,

India, US to end six trade disputes at WTO; Delhi to remove retaliatory customs duties

WASHINGTON/ DELHI: In a major development, India and the US have agreed to end six trade disputes at the WTO through mutually agreed solutions, while New Delhi will remove retaliatory customs duties on certain American products such as almonds, walnuts, and apples.

Mission Youth in Jammu

and Kashmir in view of out-

standing achievements in

The decision to resolve the six trade disputes outside the dispute settlement mechanism of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) was taken during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US.

According to the joint statement issued after the meeting of Modi and US President Joe Biden, "the leaders welcomed the resolution of six outstanding WTO disputes between the two

countries through mutually agreed solutions".

three initiated by India and as many by the US.

The six cases are countervailing measures on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India, certain measures relating to solar cells and modules, measures relating to the renewable energy sector, export-related measures, certain measures on steel and aluminium products, and additional duties on some products from the US.

both countries can resolve the disputes on mutually agreed terms and later inform the Geneva-based WTO about the same.

merce and industry minister

Piyush Goyal said India and

the US have actively engaged

The six disputes include

According to trade experts, Commenting on this, com-

PM Narendra Modi at the State dinner hosted by the President of USA, Joe Biden at White House in Washington D.C.

in discussions for the last two vears to terminate these six

outstanding disputes. These disputes have been

filed by India and the US

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Modi during Egypt visit to pay tribute to Indian soldiers who lost their lives during World War I

CAIRO: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his first visit to Egypt beginning on Saturday will pay tribute to the brave Indian soldiers who fought and lost their lives in Egypt and Palestine during World War I.

Modi's two-day state visit to Egypt at the invitation of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi is the first bilateral visit by an Indian prime minister since 1997.

He will visit the Heliopolis Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery here, a solemn site that serves as a memorial to nearly 4,000 soldiers from the Indian Army who served and

perished in Egypt and Palestine during World War I. "We are informed that the Prime Minister will soon come to visit the cemetery. Egyptians are generous people and will welcome him," Marwan, a local resident, said.

"The Commonwealth Cemetery is known to be for the soldiers who fought here during the World War. We always welcome visitors and tourists here and in Egypt in general, especially the Indian Prime Minister. We are honoured to have him visit us anywhere in Egypt," Mahmoud, who works next to the cemetery, said.

The cemetery's entrance features pavilions housing the Heliopolis Port Tewfik Memorial, a tribute to the brave Indian soldiers. Tragically, the original memorial at Port Tewfik was destroyed during the Israeli-Egyptian CONTD ON PAGE 9