Urban Planning Conclave in Srinagar addresses Future-Ready Cities

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SRINAGAR: A two-day conclave on urban planning and renewal has started in Srinagar on Thursday, bringing together officers, professionals, and urban practitioners from various states to discuss better development opportunities in urban plethora and ensure smooth resolutions to emerging various urban issues in the urban areas.

The high-level committee meeting, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), building resilient and sustainable cities for the future.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, delivered a keynote address, emphasizing the need for resilient and future-proof urban



extreme weather events, impact of climate change, and unpredictable weather patterns, it is imperative to focus on resilient urban planning for future-proof cities." Lt Governor stated.

Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur highlighted concern over the growing urban population in Jammu and Kashmir, stressing the urgency of urban renewal initiatives.

The conclave aimed to gather input from various states and urban planning experts to formulate a final report on urban planning across India. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha highlighted the importance of sustainable and inclusive city develop-

ment, stating, "Our primary objective is to build sustainable. inclusive. resilient, and safe cities which serve the needs of people and are able to effectively tackle economic. social, and climate challenges

Lieutenant called for collective efforts from stakeholders and communities to unlock urban

potential, recognizing cities as engines of growth for the country. "Our cities play a kev role in fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of citizens," he added.

The conclave's recommendations are expected to shape the future of urban planning in India, with a focus on creating sustainable infrastructure and enabling prosperity for urban residents. As urbanization continues to reflect growing aspirations, the challenge lies in developing cities that can meet the needs of their inhabitants while addressing environmental concerns.

The outcomes of this highlevel meeting are anticipated to have far-reaching implications for urban development policies and

Russian, Chinese Presidents attend SCO; Putin emphasises group's security **Dost Dost** Na Raha

JDI releases music album 'Gaadee Chalee Kashmeera'



Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta and others releasing music album "Gaadee Chalee Kashmeera" on Thursday.

2025 to witness one Indian in Space, another deep sea: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: 2025 will witness one Indian in Space and another Indian in Deep Sea, said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today at "Bharat 24 - Vision of New India Conclave

Speaking on India's progress in Space and Marine sector, Dr. Jitendra shared that four astronauts including three Group Captains and one Wing Commander have been selected for India's 1st Human Space Mission-Gaganyaan. Similarly, he also shared that India's Deep-Sea mission will send three Indians to the deep sea in 2025.

During his address, highlighting the Development in the Northeast $\mathrm{Dr}.$ Jitendra said Infrastructure overhaul in Northeast India in the last decade is the role model of PM Narendra Modi's development."

Going further the Minister referred to the new airports made operational in the Northeast. Increase in network of all-weather roads and highways along with remote connectivity. The railways operating trains from



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking at 'Bharat 24-Vision of New India Conclave 2024', at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi on Thursday.

Itanagar and new waterways have been opened, he said. He categorically mentioned that not only in terms of infrastructure but also the human resource development is commendable as recruiters in the hospitality and aviation industry are now visiting these states for talent acquisition. Going further he emphasized that the Prime Minister is fond of the region and preferred Mizoram to establish first-ever "Citrus Fruit Park- A Centre of excellence' in Mizoram due its favourable conditions.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, when asked about the progress of Jammu & Kashmir in the last decade, said "Record number of tourists visiting Kashmir nearly 2.5 crore in the last season is the testimony of development and peace in the region." He also added that over 1 lakh people have already arrived for Amarnath Yatra. He also mentioned that terrorism is its last phase.

The media group congratulated Dr. Jitendra Singh for making a hattrick by winning from Udhampur constituency and also being the Minister for the 3rd time. The Science and Technology Minister recalled the recent progress and shared the path of India's vision. He said "Space sector is not limited only to launch of rockets and satellites but it will also propel growth and positively impact agriculture, infrastructure, communication, healthcare etc. Land Record management, new geospatial policy, new space policy, and initiatives such as soil health card, DBT, land mapping etc. will boost farmer productiv-

Dr. Jitendra said, "India is among the frontline nations in terms of quantum technology as we have the National Quantum Mission". He also highlighted India's Vast resources which are untapped such as Himalayan resources, Marine Resources of 7,500 km long coastline. The Minister also shared that the government is successful in bringing agriculture and entrepreneurship together by Aroma Mission which promotes lavender cultivation and empowers farmers economically with the help of technology.

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JAMMU: Joint Director Information (JDI) Jammu, Atul Gupta released a music album Chalee "Gaadee Kashmeera", here on Thursday. Deputy Director Information PR, Ankush Hans, DIO Udhampur Rajinder Digra, Singer Bishan Dass, Actress Sonia Verma, Sharma, Sanjay Budkulia were also present on the occasion. The music video is directed By ARJ Productions, while the song is written by Ganesh Singh Salal.

The team associated with the music album apprised the Joint Director that it is the first music album in which all the artists, technicians and supporting

staff are locals. They also informed that the shooting of the album was done in scenic and beautiful locations like Dudu Valley and Daggan Top in Udhampur, Chenab river and Baradari Bridge in Reasi District. The album showcases the unexplored culture and beauty of Jammu division. It is available on YouTube and other social media platThe Joint Director con-

gratulated the entire team and commended the tireless efforts put in to promote the culture, language, scenic views, and potential Jammu Division through songs and videos. He emphasized the importance of encouraging local artists dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich folk-lore of the region.

He strongly vouched for promotion of local talent and emphasised that it's a great initiative of the team to serve the mother tongue

Dr Bharat Bhushan honoured with 'Most Inspiring Gastroenterologist of India' award

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JAMMU: Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta, and experienced Gastroenterology in Jammu, was honoured by Economic Times/Times Now group with the award of the Most Inspiring Gastroenterologist of India.

Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta received the Award and Certificate of Recognition at 7th edition of The Times Now Doctor's Day Conclave 2024 in New Delhi, for his exceptional contributions to the field of medicine.

Bhushan Gunta, brings with him an experience of 35 years and has been associated with some of the best hospitals in Jammu. A dedicated compassionate doctor who handles many challenging cases with the latest cutting edge technology, Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta offers patient-friendly scientific advice to any problems while maintaining the highest professional and ethical val-



Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta recieving Award from Olympic Gold Medallist Abhinav Bindra.

He is recognised for his commitment to medical excellence and pioneering work in patient care and research. His nomination for the Award highlights his role in advancing healthcare in Jammu and

The Times Group, in collaboration with

ET Edge, organised gathering to celebrate the achievements of India's medical

The event included the launch of a commemorative coffee table book, "The Times Now - Legacy of Hippocrates of India 2024," honoring Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta and others who have left an indelible mark on the healthcare land-

Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta's unwavering commitment to the noble profession of medicine and Gupta's exceptional contributions to nationt care research, and the advancement of healthcare in India have earned him a place among this elite group.

This award is a testament to Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta's extraordinary legacy of unwavering dedication, profound expertise, and the countless lives he have touched and transformed. Dr Bharat Bhushan is an inspiration, a luminary, and a true source of national pride.

SSP Jammu reviews security scenario at border area **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In order to strengthen the border grid and to augment the existing paraphernalia of the border zones functioning in the Jammu District, Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar-IPS toured the jurisdiction of Sub division RS Pura, in order to take a first hand knowledge regarding the boarding and logistics that are already existing, with a holistic view to upgrade, in order to strengthen the border grid of Jammu District.

He was accompanied by SP Headquarters Jammu, SDPO RS Pura, where as SHO Arnia and SHO RS Pura were also present on

The visit started with inspection of Border Police Post Allah in the jurisdiction



the Police District Chief had an inspection of Border Police Post Agra Chak in the iurisdiction of Police Station R S Pura with a holistic view to upgrade the same and to look for its existing capabili-

It is pertinent to mention that this exercise is being conducted in whole of the BPP's in coming days. special emphasis has been laid upon the, borders.

SSP Jammu showed satisfaction with the functioning of Border Police posts and instructed officers/officials to work with more commitment and dedication towards assigned duties. He assured further strengthening of

here that the Border Police posts are working as a third line of defence, the primary and secondary being BSF and Army, respectively. Currently the Border

Police post are being augmented & supported led by VDG's along with regular

Maligning Hindus: Is it Rahul Gandhi's deliberate move to appease vote bank?

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha and senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi did it again. In his so-called 100-minute maiden speech as the LoP, he again traversed on his sinister and chosen path of demeaning Sanatan Dharam and belittling Hindus. So far, the Gandhi scion has got away for his boorish behaviour, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given some respectability by describing 'Bal Budhi' but the question arises whether Rahul Gandhi speaks all rubbish against Hinduism out of ignorance and just nonchalantly or with a purpose-purpose to appease vote bank of the Congress and pseudo seculars. Here is what opinion makers say:



DINESH GUPTA

Rahul Gandhi got a chance to $_{
m the}$ Leader of Opposition, a dignified and most responsible position in parliamentary democracy. But he has failed to rise to the occasion by making the most irresponsible statement against Hindus.



PAWAN BAKSHI

Rahul Gandhi has hurt the sentiments of the people, who will obviously resent such types of irresponsible and reckless statements.

One can understand the motive-getting votes to sit in the cradle of power.



Rahul Gandhi should better sit at home. He doesn't deserve to be in public life.

He doesn't understand politics and he is politically naïve. Mark my word; he will never even get in power.

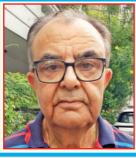


SHOBHA KOHLI Rahul Gandhi has been always speaking against Hindus. See how he displayed the picture of Lord Shiva in Lok Sabha. This is not acceptable. His statement against Hindus is deplorable and we condemn it.



RAMESH CHANDER

Rahul Gandhi should apologize to the nation for his behaviour and what he said in the Temple of Democracy against Hindus. The remarks were uncalled for. Prime Minister Narendra Modi listened to his whole speech but what Rahul Gandhi did-left the Prime Minister's reply to motion of thanks midway. Shameful!



ASHOK MATTOO

Rahul Gandhi has used most wrong words for Hindus. It is wrong to call Hindus violent. We don't approve of such a

He doesn't seem to have any idea, least of all to about knowledge.



SANGEETA GUPTA

Rahul Gandhi calls Hindus Hinsak" (Violent). This is ınacceptable. Rahul Gandhi did this just for vote bank politics but he will never win on such planks. What has happened to him? Even a child speaks carefully after thinking. Doesn't Rahul Gandhi think before he speaks.



SHIVANI SHARMA

Rahul Gandhi should apologize for his statement. He owes public apology for his comments about Hindus. He keeps on doing something or the other just to grab votes to come to