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Union Home Minister Amit Shah, along with Union MoS (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Jitendra Singh and J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Singh, inaugurates new projects under Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana in Srinagar. — Twitter @AmitShah

The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Mr. Amit Shah inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 240 development projects of about Rs. 2,000 crores in Srinagar.

In his address, the Home Minister said the development ushered in by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jammu and Kashmir is clearly reflected in the happy faces of the people in the region.

He said only Rs.15,000 crores investment came in Jammu and Kashmir in 70 years, but under the premiership of Mr. Narendra Modi, an investment of Rs.56,000 crore has come in just three years. He added that earlier, 600,000 tourists used to visit the Kashmir Valley every year, whereas this year alone, their numbers have risen to 2200,000. He said that from 1990 till today, 42,000 people of J&K have succumbed to terrorism. However, he said now terrorism is slowly being weeded out.

Mr. Amit Shah said that electricity has now reached every village in Kashmir and that the Prime Minister has also ensured complete medical treatment of upto Rs. 5 lakh free of cost. He said that 77 lakh people had been given health cards so that they do not have to spend a single penny for their treatment. — [Greater Kashmir](#), [Jammu Links News](#)

HOME MINISTER VISITS J&K

240 PROJECTS WORTH Rs. 2,000 CRORES LAUNCHED

5 NEW DEGREE COLLEGES, MEDICAL COLLEGE PLANNED

The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Mr. Amit Shah, has said that five new degree colleges are also being opened in different areas of Jammu and Kashmir. The work of setting up a residential school with a 100-bed capacity for Gurjar – Bakarwal girls of Baramullah has also been undertaken by the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said a Government Medical College is also being established in Baramulla. He added that since 2014, the Modi government at the center had built nine medical colleges in the UT. — [Kashmir News Service](#)



DEVELOPMENT SECTION

181 VILLAGES TO DEVELOP AS TOURISM DESTINATIONS

A total of 181 villages have recently been selected by the government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under Lieutenant Governor Mr. Manoj Sinha for “The Tourist Villages Development Programme”, launched on 3 September 2021.

The selected locations known for their historical and cultural significance and picturesque beauty will soon be transformed into important tourist destinations to economically empower locally-based women and youth and bolster the rural economic framework.

While the government will set up the essential infrastructure in such villages, any group willing to join hands with its initiative will receive Rs. 10 lakhs for facilitating tourist activities.

On the other hand, while local artists will be able to access Rs. 2 lakhs to film a song in any designated area, the government has also formulated plans to incentivise Bollywood filmmakers to shoot their movies in the marked territories by offering them Rs. 10 lakhs.

Dandipora, Banimullah, Hajibal, Sangar, Basti, Dhara, Baradari, Lehar, Darhal, Nangali, and Malwan are some of the villages that have been identified. – [DailyExcelsior.Com](https://www.dailyexcelsior.com)

THREE WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS LAUNCHED

On 11 October 2022, Union Minister John Barla launched three water supply schemes in Ramban district, along with several other projects, and said that J&K is striding fast on the path of development.

The three schemes are Karol (at the cost of Rs 1.96 crore), Neera - New (at Rs 3.37 crore), and Bhardar (Rs 5.18 crore) under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

He also launched other development projects, namely Amrit Sarovars, Doori Laggali, Dhandrath-B, Thalwa, Pernote B, Livera, Chamwalas, Sanskri Mandir Khaldar and Harvesting Pond, and Bass Bhattan.

He also distributed two-wheelers (scooties) to specially-abled people and other vehicles to selected people under the Mumkin scheme, his spokesman said. — [Daily Excelsior.Com](https://www.dailyexcelsior.com)



CULTURE SECTION

CINEMA RETURNS TO KASHMIR IN THREE DECADES

TOP STORY

HALLS IN PULWAMA & SHOPIAN

Nearly three decades after the cinematic experience was brought to an abrupt halt by militancy in the Kashmir Valley, Lieutenant Governor Mr. Manoj Sinha inaugurated two multifunctional cinema halls in Pulwama and Shopian on 18 September 2022. He dedicated these halls to the local youth, expressing his aspiration that this would provide avenues for conducting seminars, training the youth, and generating employment.

To celebrate this joyous moment, he tweeted, “A historic day for J&K! Inaugurated Multipurpose Cinema Halls at Pulwama and Shopian. It offers facilities ranging from a movie screening, infotainment, and skilling of youth.”

This was made possible due to efforts made by J&K’s Mission Youth Department in conjunction with the various district administrations.

It has also been announced that Reasi, Bandipora, Anantnag, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Ganderbal, and Kishtwar will also have access to such entertainment shortly.

Only two days later, on 20 September, the local administration also launched Kashmir’s first multiplex designed by INOX in the Sonwar area. It can seat 520 attendees. – [The Times of India](#), [India Today](#)



Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, inaugurates the first movie theatre on September 20, 2022, in Srinagar. — The Hindustan Times



People line up outside the INOX multiplex before its inauguration in Srinagar. — Reuters