

Modi connected J&K to mainstream of development, ensured progress: LG

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SRINAGAR, May 31: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today presided over the UT-level event in connection with Garib Kalyan Sammelan, held here at SKICC.

The Prime Minister released the 11th installment of financial benefit under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. An amount of around Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families was disbursed.

To mark the occasion at the UT level, the Lt Governor inaugurated 100 Amrit Sarovar sites and Greh Pravesh Programme for 27,000 Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (Grameen) beneficiaries.

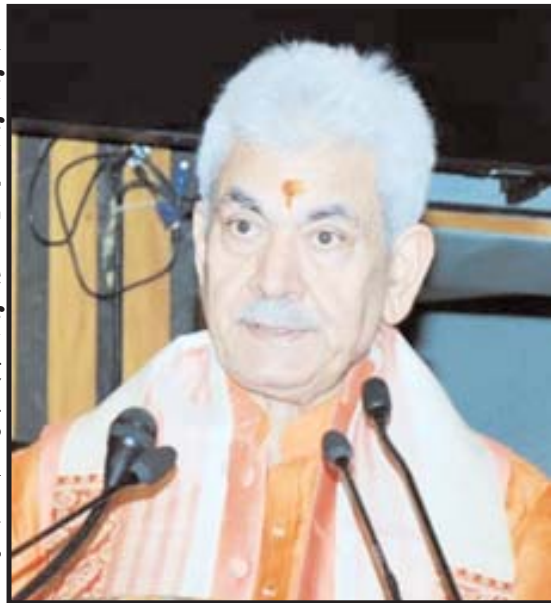
Sinha expressed gratitude

‘Urban, rural areas’ gap reduced’

to Narendra Modi on behalf of the people of J&K, for connecting the UT of J&K to the mainstream of development and ensuring progress, social equality and social justice for all.

"It is a matter of great pride that in eight years of Modi's good governance, the people-centric policies have empowered the most disadvantaged sections of our society," he added.

The Lt Governor termed 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' as a significant initiative to highlight



the stories of positive change in the lives of common citizens.

The last eight years have witnessed a record growth, and it was ensured that the fruits of growth are equitably

distributed for social inclusion, education, health, rural development, agriculture and improving rural and urban infrastructure, he added.

"Under the guidance of the PM, accelerated development and transformation is taking place across the UT of J&K.

Increased allocations for Rural infrastructure and Rural health have reduced the inequalities and gap between urban and rural areas," Sinha said.

"Jammu & Kashmir and its people were deprived of the development for seven decades. Now, the Constitutional provisions to provide equal rights to common people are being implemented on the ground," he added.

"We have kept the aspirations of people at the heart of Government policies and schemes, and we are committed to ensure financial inclusion and that the last man in the queue receives equal opportunity. Under PM's guidance, our aim is to make development a powerful

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people's movement in J&K," the Lt Governor said.

Highlighting the progress achieved in various welfare schemes, Sinha said that the Government machinery at all levels is working with greater dedication and commitment. The speed of execution of projects and saturation of schemes has increased five times as compared to what the government used to achieve earlier, he added.

"J&K has performed better in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban. Farmer-centric reforms introduced by the Government in the last three years have increased the income of the farmers of J&K manifold. The UT of J&K is now among the top five States/UTs in terms of farmers' income with a monthly income of Rs 18,918

per farmer. We have also achieved notable success in our endeavour to end malnutrition in Jammu and Kashmir," Sinha said.

In the current financial year till April 2022, 5458 beneficiaries were linked to the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and an amount of Rs 2 crore 76 lakh has been directly transferred to their account, said the Lt Governor.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production Department, besides Administration Secretaries, senior officers of UT administration and hundreds of beneficiaries were present on the occasion.