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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir: a New Dawn of Change, Peace and Progress

Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of accelerated development and the remarkable progress registered in various sectors since 2019. Never before had infrastructure development taken place at a speed witnessed in the four years. Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir is marching forward with the common vision of peace, progress and prosperity.

Since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, Government of India (GoI) has made significant efforts to foster a conducive environment for the growth of industries in Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir. Government of India is focused on giving Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir its due while harnessing its natural resources, rich cultural heritage and untapped potential to nurture the dreams and pursuit of Kashmiris, who have long been endured the brunt of terrorism. Government of India is focused on implementing numerous projects covering infrastructure, healthcare, tourism, agriculture and education including skill development of the youths.

Panchayat and Block Development Council elections have witnessed remarkable participation, demonstrating the growing democratic fervour in the region. With the establishment of over 1,34,000 houses under the PM Awas Yojna (Gramin) and the approval of the two AIIMS hospitals, one in Jammu and another in the Kashmir Valley (Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir), a new chapter of industrial development has been ushered in. This ambitious plan is projected to create 4,50,000 direct and indirect jobs, elevating the primary sector's role in the region's growth.

Various initiatives taken for progress and development of Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir in the recent years set to benefit the people of Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir are now realising the positives of the change in a big way. Initiatives have been undertaken to attract increased investment, social welfare and stability in the Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir region. Tourism, Film tourism, handicrafts, handlooms, hospitality sectors are getting impetus by the G20 meeting as Government of India is laying emphasis on these sectors to empower people of Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir.

The days of strikes and stone pelting are over and Government of India is building the developmental edifice on the positive changes, winds of which are brewing in the Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir.

Government of India is more concerned with Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir and wants its slogan of Sabka Sath and Sabka Vikas to bring total transformation and development in Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir and it has begun to show positive and desirable results too. Kashmiris in Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir are excited for change, peace and progress and the recently concluded G-20 (22-24 May) event proves and testifies this changed scenario.

The Global event in Srinagar showcased the development of Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir. It exhibited the remarkable facelift of Srinagar, where several smart projects have already been completed and others would be completed soon. These developments signify a positive outlook for the region of Kashmir, as the Government is focused on economic development and infrastructural improvement.

G20 delegates have now the responsibility to spread the message of change, peace & development in Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir and to convey to the International community that a new dawn of Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir is on the horizon besides clearing all the misconceptions related to Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir.