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on

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh: *Developmental Dynamics and Future Trajectories*

August 23-24, 2021

Embassy of India, Seoul and Indian Council for Cultural Relations, in association with Institute of East and West Studies, Yonsei University, India Foundation and Jammu-Kashmir Study Centre, is organising a two-day International Symposium on Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh: Developmental Dynamics and Future Trajectories on August 23-24, 2021.

The Symposium is part of the series of India@75 celebrations being organized by the Embassy. As India's democracy turns 75 years old on August 15, 2022, we will celebrate through numerous events including international symposiums, workshops on India-ROK relations, experience sharing of development models, cultural and educational programmes etc. The Symposium on August 23-24 is an effort to analyse the development strategies of this pristine region and map its future trajectory through sharing of experiences and ideas from the various growth models of India and Republic of Korea.

Republic of Korea has vast experience of economic development through the miracle of the Han River, upgrading and giving modern amenities to developing its villages through development programs like *saemaul undong* (new village movement) and also of trying to bridge the political and development gaps between its different regions. Some of these experiences of Republic of Korea might be relevant for the political and economic development of the recently created Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in India.

With the changes in the policy pertaining to investment, and other activities in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, a number of opportunities for Korean companies have opened up, particularly in the sectors of agriculture, horticulture, tourism development, hydropower, sports and renewable energy.

During the Symposium, Korean and Indian experts, scholars, academics and other relevant stakeholders will dwell upon various issues related to historical themes; unique socio-cultural ethos, new growth and development models and internal security situation and challenges in the two Union Territories and on the lessons that can be learnt from the Korean experiences.

Given the current restrictions on social gathering due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be held in digital mode. The proceedings of the two-day Symposium will be live-streamed on the Embassy's social media handles.
