

Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy, 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the <u>Jammu and Kashmir</u> administration unveiled the **Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy, 2024** to incentivize film shooting in the region

Key Points

- The Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy, 2024 was unveiled on 1st August by J&K <u>Lieutenant Governor</u> in <u>Srinagar</u>.
 - The policy aims to boost both **domestic and international film production** in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
 - The policy includes plans for **high-impact infrastructure and financial incentives** to enhance the attractiveness of filming in J&K.
- Access to Locations: The policy opens up scenic locations, including previously restricted areas
 closer to the <u>Line of Control (LoC)</u> like Gurez, Machil, and Tangdhar, for film shooting.
 - Traditional tourist hotspots such as Gulmarg and Pahalgam remain accessible for filmmakers.
- Administrative Mechanism:
 - The **Kashmir Film Development Council (JKFDC)** has been established as an online **single-window** mechanism for facilitating film production.
 - A 'location permission committee' and a 'script screening committee' will review applications. Final approvals are expected within two to four weeks.
- Historical Context:
 - Kashmir was a popular filming location until the 1950s, with significant movies like
 "Jungle" (1961) and "Jab Jab Phool Khile" (1965) showcasing its beauty.
 - The region's filming opportunities were restricted due to security concerns until recent peace agreements.

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