

J&K is integral & inalienable part of India, says Tirumurti

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Jammu and Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India and if there needs to be a change in status it is the vacation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), India's Permanent Representative to the UN and president of the UN Security Council for the month of August T.S. Tirumurti said on Monday.

India, currently a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the 2021-22 tenure, assumed the rotating presidency of the powerful UN organ for the month of August.

Briefing reporters at the UN Headquarters on Monday, Ambassador Tirumurti said India would host signature events on the key themes of maritime security, counter-terrorism and peacekeeping.



T.S. Tirumurti

In response to a question on Jammu and Kashmir and the abrogation of Article 370, Mr. Tirumurti said, “Right at the outset, I do want to make something very clear that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India. I think it's important to recognise that. And the issues relating to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are internal affairs of India. In fact, even the members of the Security Council, when

this was brought up, almost all of them agreed that this issue was not for the Council to discuss.”

In response to another question on UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' statement of August 8, 2019, on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Tirumurti said, “As I told you, Jammu and Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India. If there needs to be a change in status, it is the vacation of the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.”

The Secretary General's 2019 statement had recalled the 1972 agreement on bilateral relations between India and Pakistan – the Simla Agreement – which states that the final status of Jammu and Kashmir is to be settled by peaceful means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.