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that tackling unemployment was a significant promise in the election manifesto and the government is committed to fulfilling it.

On filling vacant posts across various departments, Rana said that "deliberations vere held on whether the posts should be referred to the PSC (Public Service Commission) or SSRB".

"We will ensure that advertisements for these posts are issued within a fixed time frame," he added.

Rana further emphasized "our election manifesto is no longer just a promise - it is now an official government document".

"Whether it is the provision of gas cylinders or other welfare measures, the CM has lirected ministers to take swift departmental actions to ensure implementation in

Replying to a question about National Conference MP Aga Syed Ruhullah's threat to hold a dharna at the Chief Minister's residence on the issue of the rationalization of reservation, Rana said that Abdullah has decided to form a cabinet sub-committee to engage with all stakeholders.

"As per the direction of the CM, a cabinet sub-committee will be formed. The subcommittee will hold talks with all stakeholders. Any decisions taken will prioritize the public's interest," he added.

Rana stressed that dialogue and consensus are crucial in such matters.

Unrest among unemployed youth was triggered after the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission recently advertised 575 posts of school lecturers, out of which only 238 were for open meritorious candidates, while 337 were for reserved

Responding to the strike call of various youth organizations, NC MP Ruhullah wrote on X "And I will sit with all of you outside the office or the residence of HCM (Chief Minister). I have neither forgotten nor backtracked on the issue of Rationalisation of Reservation. I am assured that the government will take a decision to rationalise the policy soon."

On the issue of age relaxation for job aspirants and daily wagers, Rana acknowledged its urgency and said it was also discussed.

"The cabinet has directed the government to address this matter promptly," he

Regarding the issue of daily wagers, Rana said, "The issue of daily wagers is a big one. There is a large number of daily wagers. The CM has already issued instructions to the ministers to start the process on this direction at their end." Rana reiterated the government's commitment to delivering on its promises, ensuring transparency and addressing the pressing issues faced by people of the region.

Strong foundation laid...
the prime minister said. The "reform, perform and transform" mantra of the last 10 years has been behind the change in the world's thinking, he said in his address to the summit whose topic is 'India and Germany: A roadmap for sustainable

"In every sector, new policies have been made. We ended red tape and facilitated the ease of doing business. India strengthened banks so that timely capital is made available for development. The complicated tax system was simplified," Modi said.

"We made a progressive and stable policy environment so that our business can move forward. Today, in India, a strong foundation has been laid on which the grand edifice of Viksit Bharat will be built. Germany is a trustworthy partner in this," he

For fast development of any country, it is important to increase investments in ohysical, social and digital infrastructure, Modi said.

"In India, on the three fronts, work of infrastructure creation is going on at a fast pace. Our effort should be that India's dynamism meets Germany's precision, Germany's engineering combines with India's innovation," he said.

Germany is one of India's most important partners, Modi asserted.

Army conducts patrolling...

mountain ridges," the GOC said while addressing a function here.

Regarding the challenges posed by terrorism, he said, "The residual terrorism that emains here, we know very well, is due to external forces."

"In my view, it is essential to keep in mind that the Indian Army, the people of Poonch, the veterans' community, police and civil agencies desire only peace and will continue their efforts towards achieving it," he added.

He highlighted the strengthened relationship between the Army and the local popular $\overline{}$ ulation, saying, "The most gratifying aspect of this entire endeavour is the growing bond between the public and the security forces, which has reached a new level."

The GOC further said the Sadbhavana activities, medical camps, support for road construction, response to military schools and participation of youngsters in recruitment rallies are living examples of how the Army and the people of Jammu and Kashmir are progressing together.

"Your participation in today's event is a shining and prominent testimony to this ınitv," he said.

The GOC urged everyone to spread the message of unity, saying, "I request everyone to spread the message that the Indian Army stands with the people at every step. I assure you that the Indian Army and security forces will always strive for the security and peace of this region."

At the function in Poonch, the Army, in collaboration with the War Wounded Foundation (WWF), organised an Ex-Servicemen (ESM) rally, where four modified scooters were presented to war-disabled soldiers to enhance their mobility and independence.

The initiative aims at motivating and empowering differently-abled soldiers enabling them to overcome physical challenges and pursue new opportunities, a

To date, the WWF has distributed 22 modified scooters, three auto-rickshaws and an electric wheelchair among differently-abled ex-servicemen from Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, with plans to expand the programme to Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Chandigarh, Brigadier (Retired) Harcharan Singh said.

"These mobility aids not only provide physical support but also boost psychological morale, encouraging soldiers to start enterprises and engage actively in the society," he said.

Brigadier Singh highlighted the WWF's extensive work, including psychological counselling, pension assistance and support for wedding expenses or entrepreneural ventures for war-wounded soldiers.

"Regular interactions and research studies through the United Services Institution (USI), New Delhi ensure that their needs are addressed, and recommendations are made to government and Army authorities," he added.

The rally also served as a platform for soldiers to interact with welfare agencies and gain insights into government schemes, injury management and employment opportunities

Lt Gen. Sachdeva presented the scooters to the recipients, emphasising the Army's continued commitment to supporting its veterans, even in remote border areas.

The next All-India War Wounded Soldiers Rally is planned for April 2025, rein-

forcing the vision of integrating differently-abled soldiers into the mainstream with dignity and purpose

Northern Army Commander...

carried out firing of the newly inducted Asmi machine pistols at Udhampur," the Northern Command said on X. "The induction of the Made-in-India weapon highlights the unwavering commit-

ment of the Indian Army to Atmanirbhar Bharat," it added. The weapon has been developed by Colonel Prasad Bansod of the Indian Army in

collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The weapon is being manufactured indigenously by Lokesh Machines Limited in Hvderabad.

The Army said the pistol's unique semi-bullpup design allows for single-handed operation, functioning both as a pistol and a submachine gun.

According to the specifications, the gun, which features an eight-inch barrel and a 33-round magazine firing 9mm ammunition, is set to arm the Special Forces for close-quarter battles and specialised operations in the Northern Command's operational area

Fuel stations, schools...

by the people, who have also demanded that all the petrol pumps should follow the

"This is a very good step. Many lives are being lost because of minors driving cars or riding bikes. Life is precious and they should not take it easy," Muneer Ahmad, a

He said the petrol pump owners as well as the administration should not stop it till there is complete ban on minors driving or riding, or riding without a helmet. Another local Sheikh Owais said all the petrol pumps in the valley should make

such a move and stop providing fuel to minors or those without a helmet. On November 14, two young boys died while another was critically injured after a ragic collision between two vehicles near the Tengpora area in Srinagar. This incident sparked a debate on driving by minors and road safety in the valley, and a demand for banning underage driving.

Kashmir Traders and Manufacturers Federation (KTMF) has also announced that no commodities will be sold to minors driving vehicles.

KTMF president Mohammad Yaseen Khan said the decision stems from the collective responsibility of the business community to address the alarming rise in minor driving, which endangers lives on the roads.

"We believe that restricting access to commodities, particularly on items like petrol, cigarettes and other goods often associated with misuse by minors will help discourage this dangerous behaviour," he said. He said KTMF fully supports the initiatives of the Traffic Department and civil administration aimed at curbing minor driving.

We commend their efforts and pledge our cooperation to ensure public safety. This is not just an administrative issue but a societal responsibility that requires all stakeholders to work in unison, he said.

Father-daughter duo...

letters of his sons, the FIR states.

Pooja Choudhary also duped the victim of an additional amount of Rs 5 lakhs on the pretext of getting his both sons selected in JKAS Exam 2023.

After preliminary verification, it was revealed that the accused hatched conspiracy, committed cheating and forgery and duped the complainant of hard earned money, FIR under sections 420, 465, 468,120-B IPC has been registered against Pooja Choudhary, daughter of Subash Chander, resident of Ramgarh, District Samba, Dalip Singh, son of Dayal Singh, resident of Gurha Brahmana, Bantalab, Jammu and Subash Chander, resident of Ramgarh, District Samba for in-depth investigation. Investigation of the case has been entrusted to DySP Naseem Akhter.

CB lodges two...

complaint from the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Jammu. The complaint revealed that the accused had forged signatures of the Assistant Commissioner (Migration Relief) Jammu in order to obtain cash aid and other relief packages intended for migrants.

The investigation, led by a Deputy SP rank officer, was conducted in a highly professional manner, resulting in the identification and arrest of the two individuals involved. SSP Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh, confirmed the completion of the investigation for FIR No. 73/2016 under the aforementioned sections and stated that the challan has been produced before the court for judicial determination.

The Crime Branch has emphasized its commitment to taking strict action against such fraudulent activities and ensuring that justice is served.

Chrysanthemums will do...

It will showcase vibrant blooms in shades of yellow, red, pink, and purple, adding charm to Kashmir's tourism landscape during the traditionally quieter autumn months.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasized the significance of gardens in Kashmir's heritage and tourism.

He remarked: "The Valley of Kashmir is renowned worldwide for its breathtaking beauty, and within that charm, our gardens hold a special place. From the time people began visiting Kashmir, they either established gardens or made it a point to visit them. The Mughals, for instance, created iconic gardens like Chasma Shahi, Nishat, Shalimar, and Harwan. Over time, visitors, even if they saw nothing else, ensured they visited these Mughal Gardens.'

The Chief Minister highlighted how the introduction of the Tulip Garden transformed Kashmir's tourist season, "Our tourism season was once limited to two periods: winter, when people came to witness snowfall, or May, when visitors explored gardens and other scenic spots. However, with the establishment of the Tulip Garden, this pattern transformed. It extended our tourist season into March and April. Today, Srinagarites know how bustling the area around the Tulip Garden becomes during this time. It's a challenge even to navigate through the traffic near

Addressing the need for a similar boost to autumn tourism, the Chief Minister commended the efforts of the Parks and Gardens Department and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology-Kashmir.

He stated, "While the Tulip Garden has had a remarkable impact, a new challenge lies in utilizing the 'off-season' months of October and November, before snowfall draws tourists to destinations like Gulmarg, Sonamarg, and Pahalgam. To address this, I commend the Parks and Gardens Department and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology-Kashmir for their role in introducing Bagh-e-Gul-e-Dawood - the Chrysanthemum Garden." He further explained the potential of the Chrysanthemum Garden: "The chrysanthemum, a flower that blooms in autumn, has the potential to do for October and November what the Tulip Garden does for March and April. Visitors to this garden will also explore other parts of Kashmir, benefiting the entire ecosystem of tourism-be it shikarawalas, taxi operators, houseboat owners, or others."

On the sustainability of the initiative, the Chief Minister said, "Importantly, unlike tulips, which require costly bulb imports to maintain the garden, chrysanthemums can be grown locally without external dependence. Our efforts are already underway to develop tulip bulbs locally to reduce imports and even export them in the future. With chrysanthemums, however, we are self-reliant from the start. I hope this initiative will be fully developed and marketed by next year, providing Srinagar with a new tourist destination in the form of the Chrysanthemum Garden.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also spoke about the importance of promoting high-value, low-volume products like essential oils. "Lavender oil, mint oil, and similar products are already being exhibited, alongside cut flowers and contributions

He congratulated progressive farmers on their success and pledged government support, saving: "If you face any difficulties, do let us know so y The Chief Minister emphasized the need to bolster the private sector to tackle

"It's a reality that we cannot provide government jobs to everyone. Addressing unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir requires a shift beyond government employment. While we will create as many government jobs as possible, the solution lies in boosting the private sector. Unless we empower this sector, unemployment cannot be

effectively tackled," Abdullah said. He added that expecting large-scale foreign investments here (Kashmir) is a challenge. Instead, we must focus on sectors with strong local foundations, such as agriculture, horticulture, handicrafts, and floriculture, he said and added "to those already in these fields or those aspiring to enter them, I assure you that our government is committed to supporting you in every possible way. Together, we can strengthen floriculture and allied industries, paving the way for sustainable growth and opportunities.'

The event was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmad, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Commissioner Secretary Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad, Director Floriculture Kashmir, progressive farmers and other concerned.

The Chrysanthemum Theme Garden, located within the Botanical Garden in Srinagar, is being developed at a cost of Rs. 1.869 crore. With its blooms expected to color late autumn, the garden is set to open to the public in Autumn 2025, marking a new chapter in Kashmir's tourism story.

Govt notifies rates...

PET scan Cardiac metabolism is Rs. 4000, for PET guided Biopsy is Rs. 1200, for PET scan review from outside is Rs. 600 and for CBCT machine charges is Rs. 1200. This significant step has been taken by the government with an aim to provide more affordable diagnostic services to patients, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Modi Govt stands...

made to give them a clean chit. Has Rahul Gandhi ever visited the widow colony of the Delhi riot victims to check on their well-being?"

Chugh lauded the Modi Government for re-investigation of all closed cases related to the 1984 riots, and impartial investigations carried out, leading to the conviction of the culprits. He emphasized that this demonstrates the willpower of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and reflects his deep sympathy, respect, and sensitivity towards the victims' families.

Chugh also hailed the recent decision as a balm for the wounds of the affected families, noting that for them, this is not just a job but a new beginning and a symbol of restored dignity. After 40 years of government neglect, the victims were finally given appointment letters by the Delhi Lieutenant Governor, along with relaxation in certain qualifications, he added.

Srinagar experiences coldest... temperature of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius.

Kokernag, in South Kashmir, was the only weather station in the valley where the

temperature remained above freezing, at 0.4 degrees Celsius.

The Meteorological Department has forecasted light rain or thunderstorms at iso lated places in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday.

Over the next two days, there are chances of light rain or snow, particularly in the higher reaches of Kashmir.

Nine landlords booked in Samba for not providing tenant details to police

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SAMBA: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has registered nine FIRs against house / land owners in district Samba for not providing details of tenants to Police in a drive launched for the verification of tenants/outsiders across the district.

The verification process was initiated by the Samba Police for the outsiders stay ing as tenants and domestic helpers. During the drive, five cases were registered at Police Station Samba and two cases each at Police Station Ghagwal & Police Station Bari Brahmana under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Nine FIRs registered under section 223 BNS at different Police Stations across the district includes FIR No. 303/2024 of PS Samba, FIR No. 304/2024 of PS Samba, FIR No. 305/2024 of PS Samba, FIR No. 306/2024 of PS Samba, FIR No 307/2024 of PS Samba, FIR No. 156/2024 of PS Ghagwal, FIR No. 157/2024 of PS Ghagwal, FIR No. 156 2024 of PS Bari Brahmana and FIR No. 157/2024 of PS Bari Brahmana.

It is pertinent to mention here that District Magistrate Samba has ordered for the Police verification of the tenants and despite orders, the booked persons failed to get the Police verification of their tenant conducted.

SSP Samba urged upon the citizens of the district to come forward and provide the complete details of their tenants/domestic helpers to their nearest Police Station and get the Police verification done timely.

SFs defuse old landmine in Samba

SAMBA: Security forces defused an old landmine in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Friday, officials said. They said security personnel found the landmine during patrolling in the Phulpur border belt on Thursday evening.

They secured it safely and a bomb disposal squad was then called to the scene, the officials said. On Friday, the bomb disposal team defused the landmine in a con trolled manner, they added.

CM calls for transparent probe into allegations of torture of civilians by Army in Kishtwar

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday called for a transparent probe into allegations of torture of civilians by the Army in Kishtwar district, and demanded a court martial of the personnel involved if there is evidence against them "I hope the Army will not show any laxity and conduct an investigation in a trans-

parent manner," the Chief Minister told reporters after a function here. The Army said in a statement earlier that it has launched a probe into alleged ill-

treatment of civilians during anti-terror operations in Kishtwar. Allegations have been levelled against some soldiers for beating up five civilians leaving them injured, during anti-terror operations in the Mughal Maidan area on

The chief minister said the soldiers involved in the incident should be court-mar tialled if there is evidence against them.

"Those responsible for the act should immediately be court-martialled if there is evidence against them and they should be punished," Abdullah said.

The Army has said that based on specific intelligence on the movement of a group of terrorists in the Kishtwar sector, an operation was launched by the Rashtriya Rifles on November 20. The Army's White Knight Corps said that an investigation was launched to ascertain the facts after the allegations were levelled. "Necessary follow up action will be ensured," it said in the statement.

Omar to leave for Umrah on Monday

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will on Monday leave for Saudi Arabia to perform 'Umrah', a minor pilgrimage to the twin Muslim holy cities of Mecca and

Making the announcement in a post on X on Friday, Abdullah said he has received

the political clearance to undertake the pilgrimage. "Alhumdullilah political clearance has come. I will be travelling to Saudi Arabia on Monday to perform Umrah & to offer prayers at Al Masjid an Nabawi (SAW) (The

Prophet's (PBUH) Mosque) in Medina," the chief minister said. Party sources said the chief minister's adviser, Nasir Aslam Wani, Minister Javed Dar and two MLAs Tanvir Sadiq and Mushtaq Guroo are also likely to accompany Abdullah for the pilgrimage.

Abdullah performed the 'Umrah' earlier this year as well. He was then accompa nied by his father and National Conference President Farooq Abdullah.

77th Nirankari Sant Samagam concludes ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HARYANA/PANIPAT: The 77th Nirankari Sant Samagam culminated successfully on Monday, inspiring devotees to expand their lives by connecting with the infinite

In her concluding discourse,
Nirankari Satguru Mata Sudiksha
Maharaj highlighted that God is limitless, and connecting with Him
through Brahm Gyan leads to boundless growth in every area of life.
Satguru Mata addressed societal
issues like casta based discrimination issues like caste-based discrimination and emphasized the importance of liv-



ing with equality and innocence. She \blacksquare stated that devotees who rise above narrow-mindedness reflect true devotion, as Goo is pleased by purity and sincerity. Encouraging vigilance against misconceptions Satguru Mata Ji urged devotees to integrate the teachings of the Samagam into their lives, fostering harmony and positivity. The three-day event, filled with devotional fer vor and inspiring messages, concluded in a divine and uplifting atmosphere.

CUJ organises Tribal Art Exhibition in celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

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JAMMU: The Office of Dean Students' Welfare, Central University Jammu (Cuj) through its Fine Arts Society SOCRITI, organized a spectacular Tribal Art Exhibition at the DDE Building. The event was graced by the presence of Chancellor Central University of

Jammu, Ambassador G. Parthasarathy and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain. Chancellor, Ambassador G. Parthasarathy, inaugurated the Exhibition. The event began with a poignant Pushpanjali ceremony in honour of the Triba

Freedom Fighters as part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Week celebrations. In collaboration with The Manuscript Conservation Centre, Shashwat Ar Gallery Jammu, the exhibition showcased a diverse array of traditional Bakarwal Gaddi. Doora and

Tribal Jewellery, art and paintings providing a rich cultural experience for the The attendees. Chief Guest visited the exhibition and

expressed his appreciation for the intricate and valuable artwork on display.

The winning posters were displayed at the exhibition, with particioffering pants detailed descriptions of their work to the Chief Guest.

The event was organized by the Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, and the Fine Arts Club Convenor, Dr. Anuradha Choudhary

NSS, CU Jammu.

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