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OBG quota in local bodies envisaged: Govt tells LA

The government today informed the legislative assembly that no final decision had yet been taken on reservation for OBCs in panchayats and ULBs, even as such reservation was envisaged under the Jammu and Kashmir Local Bodies Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024, recently enacted by Parliament.

Replies to a question by MLA Sunil Kumar Sharma, the government said that the amendments in the 2024 Act provide

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Soldier shoots self dead

A soldier allegedly shot himself dead with his service rifle at an Army camp late Wednesday night.

According to officials, a 24-year-old Agniveer, hailing from Uttar Pradesh, was on guard duty at Nagrota garrison when he allegedly took the extreme step around Wednesday midnight.

The soldier died on the spot and his body was shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) & Hospital for post-

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Speaker admits PDP MLA's resolution

Legislative assembly Speaker A R Rather today admitted a private member's resolution moved by PDP MLA Waheed Parra, condemning hate crimes against 'minorities' and calling for strict enforcement of law.

According to an official communication issued by the assembly secretariat, the resolution has been admitted under Rule 179 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the J&K Legislative Assembly.

The resolution "condemns all forms of hate crimes against minorities and calls upon the Gov

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Man held with 2 pistols

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A joint team of Army and police today arrested a man along with two pistols, magazines, and live rounds in Nowshera border area of Rajouri district of Jammu.

According to officials, a joint patrol of Army and Nowshera police apprehended a suspect, who was identified as Sachin Kumar of Sair, Nowshera, from Raipur area.

He was apprehended after the patrol party recovered from two Turkey & China-made pistols, four

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13,000 posts of teachers vacant: Itoo

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A total of 12,977 posts of teachers were vacant across Jammu and Kashmir, and the school education department had not upgraded any school since 2024, education minister Sakeena Itoo said today.

In her written reply to a starred question by BJP MLA Shakti Raj Parihar in the legislative assembly here, she said 7,985 posts of teachers were vacant in Jammu division and

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In an announcement that has come as a major relief for daily wagers, chief minister Omar Abdullah today told the legislative assembly that the

process of their regularisation would begin in 2026, and nearly 30,000 vacant posts would be filled during the current year.

"The government will initiate the process of regularising daily-rated, seasonal, ad hoc and other temporary employees in a legally and financially sus-

tainable manner in 2026, even as it works to fill nearly 30,000 vacant posts during the current year," he said while replying to discussion on grants of his departments and cut motions in the legislative assembly.

The assembly passed grants amounting to Rs 61,575.88 lakh for GAD, Rs

47,648.38 lakh for planning, Rs 12,408.31 lakh for information, Rs 12,54,383.63 lakh for PDD, Rs 52,37,955.90 lakh for finance, Rs 7,742.54 lakh for parliamentary affairs, Rs 75,028.93 lakh for law department (excluding election department), Rs 78,461.35 lakh for revenue, Rs 4,22,783.97 lakh for H&UDD, Rs 66,622.88 lakh for tourism, Rs 40,749.54 lakh for hospitality, protocol & estates, Rs 17,622.31 lakh for culture, and Rs 1,46,098.46 lakh for disaster management, relief, rehabilitation & reconstruction.

The grants were passed following extensive two-day discussions in the House. The assembly also passed 19 supplementary grants amounting to Rs 3,52,341.28 lakh.

"The issue of daily wagers and temporary workers has been raised by members across party lines, acknowledging that the problem has persisted

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Infiltration bid foiled along LoC

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accountable governance, N for national sovereignty, A for accessible and inclusive, V for valid and legitimate," Modi said.

Global leaders, including UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, French President Emmanuel Macron, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Swiss President Guy Parmelin, and CEOs from leading technology companies from around the world were among those present at the Summit.

Modi said India's MANAV vision will become a crucial link for hu-



morrow.

Welfare and happiness of all is "our benchmark" for AI to ensure that humans don't become a data point or raw material, he stressed.

"I present the M.A.N.A.V. vision for AI where M stands for moral and ethical systems, A for

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Modi unveils MANAV vision for AI, pitches for human control of technology

NEW DELHI, FEB 19:

Making a pitch for democratising AI, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday unveiled the 'MANAV' vision for a human-centric approach and use of the fast-emerging technology with a strong accent on sovereignty and inclusivity.

Inaugurating the AI Impact Summit here, he said India believes that artificial intelligence will truly serve the good of the world when it is shared and its codes are open, asserting that the country does not fear AI but sees a fortune in it and a blueprint of to-

moder.

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SC slams freebies culture in politics, says it 'hampers' economic growth

NEW DELHI, FEB 19:

The Supreme Court of India today delivered a sharp rebuke to the growing culture of political "freebies", warning that indiscriminate distribution of largesse by States was hurting the country's economic development and work culture.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Panicholi observed that most States were already revenue-deficit but continued to announce free food, cycles and electricity instead of investing in employment generation and development projects.

"The economic develop-

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'Bad things' will happen if 'meaningful deal' not made: Trump warns Iran

NEW DELHI, FEB 19:

President Donald Trump on Thursday asked Iran to strike a "meaningful" deal as a huge American military build-up takes shape in the Middle East amid US threats of action against its adversary.

"It's proven to be over the years not easy to make a meaningful deal with Iran. We have to make a meaningful deal otherwise bad things happen," Trump told the inaugural meeting of the "Board of Peace."

He warned that Washington "may have to take it



a step further" without any agreement, adding: "You're going to be finding out over the next probably 10 days."

Trump's comments came shortly after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened Iran of attacks saying "If the ayatollahs make a mistake and

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