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Rajya Sabha has taken up a discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address to the joint session of Parliament. Initiating the discussion, BJP member Kiran Choudhry said the government has taken monumental initiatives to double the income of farmers. Stating that the opposition is holding a false campaign against the Government over its efforts for the Agriculture sector, the BJP member said instead the UPA government had kept the recommendations of the Dr Swaminathan's Committee under cold storage. She further said the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken several measures to ensure farmers get more income for their produce. She also said the country is currently moving towards Viksit Bharat in a real sense.

The government said that over six lakh applications were received from across the country for the PM Internship Scheme since its launch on October 3, 2024. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha today, the Minister of State for the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Harsh Malhotra, said that the scheme has received an overwhelming response as more than 1.27 lakh internships have been provided by the partner companies under the pilot scheme so far. Mr. Harsh said that, in the first phase, more than eighty thousand internship offers were made by the partnering companies, among which more than 28 thousand candidates accepted the offer. The MoS said that the second phase of the scheme started on January 9 this year, and the companies are in the process of posting fresh as well as pending internship opportunities.

The Government has informed the Lok Sabha that the estimated unemployment rate has decreased from 6 per cent five years ago to 3.2 per cent during the last fiscal. In a written reply, Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Shobha Karandlaje informed that the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey, indicated the decrease of unemployment rate among the persons of 15 years age and above. Stating that the government has implemented several schemes and programmes to enhance employability, the Minister said, five schemes, under the PM's Package, have been announced during the current financial year to facilitate employment, skilling and opportunities for over four crore youth during the next five years.

In a significant breakthrough, Nirjuli Police, with assistance from Digboi Police, Assam, have arrested a habitual offender who had been on the run for seven months after defrauding ` 46 lakh and stealing a Mahindra Thar. The fugitive was apprehended in Digboi, Tinsukia District, Assam. The case dates back to June last year, when two complaints were lodged at Nirjuli Police Station against the offender. Over the past seven months, Nirjuli Police has been conducting extensive technical surveillance and gathered human intelligence to track his movements. Following intelligence inputs, SP ICR Naharlagun, Mihin Gambo, constituted a special police team under the supervision of SDPO Naharlagun and successfully apprehended the offender. The stolen Mahindra Thar was also recovered from his possession. Further investigations are ongoing to identify any additional accomplices and recover other assets linked to the fraudulent scheme, stated a release.

A free health camp was conducted at Namsing village in East Siang district by Siang Trust NGO yesterday. The health camp was led by Senior Ophthalmologist Dr. Beauty Borang Perme, Senior Surgeon, Dr. Kaling Megu, Dental Surgeons, Retired Additional Director (DHS), Retired Joint Director (DHS), SMO in charge, medical staff of PHC Namsing and representatives of the Siang Trust. A total of 246 patients including senior citizens from Namsing and nearby villages were examined. Similar health camps have been planned for citizens of remote villages of the area, the release informed.

The popular festival of Dadam area in Tirap district, Dadamja Hoju Kuhwa, was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Dadam circle headquarters on Sunday. Addressing the mammoth gathering, Borduria-Bogapani MLA Wanglin Lowangdong lauded the people of Dadam for preserving their age-old traditions and cultural heritage. He also emphasised on unity among the Noctes, highlighting that Hoju Kuhwa is a unique festival of the Nocte community. He noted that this festival is celebrated during the lean season – a time when people face hardships due to a lack of livelihood opportunities. Lowangdong urged the youths of Dadam to follow in the footsteps of their forefathers and continue practicing their rich cultural traditions for future generations. Meanwhile, Khonsa West, MLA, Chakat Aboh in her address urged the people of Dadam to remain united and continue their spirit of hard work for the wellbeing of their area and the Nocte community as a whole.

In an official statement, the Indian Army has informed that the online registration from unmarried Male candidates for selection as Agniveers for the recruiting year 2025-26 under the Agnipath Scheme has commenced from the first week of February 2025. Applications are hereby invited from the domiciles of all districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The recruitment of Agniveers will be carried out in two phases, informed a defense release. Interested candidates can log in to [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) to check their eligibility status.