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BOARD DECISION FOR CORPORATE COLLEGES AND 5% STUDENTS ONLY

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Abolishing first year's exams for Intermediate is only to benefit Corporate colleges' business and to debilitate the 95% of students who opt for arts and other courses other than maths and science. Mr. VV Prasad, President of APJMA (Affiliated Private Junior College Management Association), has strongly opposed the decision of the Intermediate Board. Speaking with POINT, he opined that because of this system, 2200 junior colleges will be in trouble, and only corporate colleges like Narayana and Chaitanya will remain in existence. He mentioned that they are planning to write a letter to the Board of Intermediate Education opposing the decision to abolish first-year exams. He explained that if there are no exams for the first year, students will neglect their studies automatically, leading to more failures in the second year. Mostly, rural students and students who depend on government institutions will be the victims of this system, he added. He further informed that a similar system was implemented in 1977 for some time but was later reversed after realizing it would collapse.

In the present system, corporate colleges are already teaching the Intermediate syllabus for months, mostly focusing on JEE and NEET entrance coaching. Under the proposed system, they will complete the Intermediate syllabus in two months, dedicating the remaining time to entrance coaching, he explained. "Presently, we are conducting ethics and environmental exams internally, and all students score more than 90% in these. Now, in the new system, first-year exams will be conducted by the colleges themselves, where everyone is guaranteed 90%. Even we will be under pressure to do the same due to political influence." Out of 5 lakh students studying Intermediate, only 1.5 lakh are taking science subjects and appearing for JEE or NEET entrance exams, while 3.5 lakh are pursuing arts, LAW CET, and other courses. Out of the 1.5 lakh students, only 1000 will secure seats in JEE or NEET from our state. Mr. Prasad questioned why the Board is damaging the entire system for the sake of these 1000 students.



Mr. VV Prasad
President of APJMA

- Out of 5,00,000 students, only 1,50,000 students are going for Maths and Science
- Out of those 1,50,000, only 1000 students are getting JEE or NEET seats from AP
- All those 1000 students are from Corporate colleges like Narayana
- Only to benefit them, the Board of Intermediate has allegedly taken this decision
- Lakhs of students who are opting for arts, commerce, and law will lose in this new system
- 2200 Junior Colleges will be in trouble with the present system
- The market for Corporate colleges will increase rapidly in the new system
- The new system will benefit only Corporate Colleges' Business
- Pressures and suicides are mostly happening in Corporate Colleges
- But in the name of that, the system is changing to benefit them only

Mr. VV Prasad also addressed why corporate colleges prefer this new system. "Definitely, the performance will be poor in all colleges except corporate ones. They will show good performance in JEE and NEET, convincing many parents that their children can only secure a good career through them. Ultimately, their business will grow, and all other players in the Intermediate sector will vanish," he explained.

When asked why the Board of Intermediate prefers this system, which benefits corporate colleges, Mr. Prasad responded, "I cannot say directly, but there are assumptions that corporate colleges have good influence in the present government, which may have led to the introduction of this new system."

Supporters of the new system argue that without exams, student pressure will be reduced, leading to fewer suicides. However, Mr. Prasad disagreed, stating that most of the suicides occur in corporate colleges due to the pressure of entrance coaching and ranks. He added, "Every time, the pressure is on the students studying in corporate colleges. You can verify the records, and you will see that most suicides have happened there."

Mr. Prasad also opined that if the new system is implemented, students will lack proper subject orientation, and discipline will be compromised. He noted that many states are unwilling to follow the Union Government's syllabus, but since there is less syllabus in NCERT, the Board is introducing it. Keeping rural students in mind, he strongly demanded that the Board of Intermediate reverse its decision.

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Highlights Govt's Rapid Development, Outpacing YSRCP's Five-Year Stagnation"



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Amaravati, Jan 13

The NDA coalition government in Andhra Pradesh has marked significant development achievements in the state, according to Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan. In a recent tweet, Pawan Kalyan highlighted the progress made under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, comparing it with the stagnation seen during the five years of YSRCP rule.

Pawan Kalyan stated that in just six months, the coalition government has outpaced the YSRCP's five-year tenure in terms of development, particularly in infrastructure and welfare programs. He praised the government's initiatives, including Amaravati's capital construction, Polavaram project, and the establishment of industrial parks.

The Deputy CM pointed out key accomplishments, including:

- 3,750 km of CC roads being constructed within six months under

the Panchayat Raj Department, compared to only 1,800 km during YSRCP's five years.

- The construction of 22,500 mini Gokulas in just six months, surpassing the 268 built during YSRCP's tenure.
- Rs. 750 crore spent on PVTG housing in six months, compared to the Rs. 91 crore allocated during YSRCP's rule.

Pawan Kalyan also praised the efforts of the Central Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who have supported the state's development through key projects, including the Rs. 2.08 lakh crore investment for various works inaugurated and laid by Modi at Visakhapatnam.

In his tweet, Pawan Kalyan emphasized the coalition government's commitment to furthering the state's development and creating a better future for its citizens, contrasting it with the stagnation that characterized the previous administration.

Never Forget Your Birthplace and Mother: Former Vice President

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Hyderabad, Jan 13

Former Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu emphasized the importance of staying connected to one's roots while participating in Sankranti celebrations organized by the Swarna Bharathi Trust in Muchintal, Hyderabad.

Addressing the gathering, Venkaiah Naidu stated that one should never forget their birthplace and mother, as they form the foundation of one's identity. He urged everyone to return to their hometowns to celebrate Sankranti, a festival that embodies family reunions and cultural values. Highlighting the significance of the Telugu language, he said, "We who were born on this Telugu soil should speak Telugu in all places, be it at home, on the street, in temples, or in schools. Preserving and promoting our language is crucial for maintain-



ing our cultural identity." Venkaiah Naidu also stressed the importance of Indian cultural values and urged the youth to uphold them. He remarked, "Festivals are an occasion to unite with families, strengthen bonds with neighbors, and engage in service activities. They

remind us that the world is a single family, a Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with participants inspired by Naidu's heartfelt message on the importance of heritage, community, and the enduring values of Indian culture.

"CM Chandrababu Inaugurates First Natural Gas Pipeline, Envisions Telugu People as Global Leaders by 2047"

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Tirupati, Jan 13

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the first natural gas pipeline of AG&P in Tiruchanur on Friday. On this occasion, he also launched a door-to-door gas distribution scheme, marking a significant milestone in the state's development.

During the launch, CM Chandrababu personally greeted residents whose homes were receiving gas connections, asking about the differences between cylinder gas and pipeline gas. He demonstrated the ease of use by lighting a stove and making tea. Later, he initiated an environmentally-friendly rally of CNG vehicles, symbolizing the state's commitment to green energy.

In his address, CM Chandrababu expressed his satisfaction with the progress, saying, "I am happy to see the state grow from wood stoves to gas pipelines. Now, we have uninterrupted gas supply." He highlighted the approval of gas connections for 51 industries in Tirupati district and announced that 7.5 lakh jobs will be created through green energy projects in the future.

The Chief Minister emphasized his government's focus on promoting environmentally friendly initiatives, including solar power generation incentives through the Suryagarh Kusum scheme. He also stated that Andhra



Pradesh will become a hub for green energy. Additionally, he welcomed AG&P Pratham's investment of Rs. 10,000 crores and the creation of 10,000 jobs in the coming years.

"We are the only ones who have implemented significant reforms in the electricity sector since 1999," he added, expressing optimism for the future. Referring to the potential of the Telugu people, CM Chandrababu said, "Like the Japanese, the Telugu people will be number one in the world by 2047." He also extended his best wishes for Sankranti to the people of the state.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Participates in Bhogi Celebrations, Emphasizes Farmer Welfare

TPN Correspondent
Tenali, Jan 13

Andhra Pradesh State Food and Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar participated in Bhogi celebrations in Pedaravur village, Tenali, and extended his heartfelt wishes for Bhogi, Sankranti, and Kanuma to the people of the state.

The celebrations were organized in the agricultural fields of Pedaravur, with party leaders, activists, and members of the NDA alliance joining the festivities. Minister Manohar emphasized the importance of celebrating Sankranti in a way that reflects the rich cultural heritage of the Telugu people. He urged that Sankranti be observed as a joyous occasion in every village, with homes lit up and farmers benefitting from the season. Highlighting the coalition government's commitment to farmers, he said efforts are underway to create local job opportunities, reducing the need for migration.

Minister Manohar criticized the previous government for failing to pay ₹1.674 crore owed to farmers. He lauded the swift action of the coalition government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, in clearing these dues within a



month of coming to power.

Key initiatives for farmers include:

- **Grain Procurement:** The government will purchase 28 lakh metric tons of grain, ensuring every grain is accounted for.
- **Swift Payments:** Farmers will receive payments directly in their accounts within 24 to 48 hours of

procurement. A WhatsApp-based system has been introduced for real-time updates, enabling 94% of farmers to receive payments within 8 to 9 hours.

The Minister noted that after years of hardship, farmers from Srikakulam to Guntur are celebrating Sankranti with their families. He expressed the coalition government's unwavering dedication to improving farmers' livelihoods and ensuring their well-being.

Dr. K. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy Leads Agricultural Revolution with Biofactor's Groundbreaking Innovations

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Dr. K. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Managing Director and CEO of Biofac Inputs Pvt. Ltd., is at the forefront of a transformative journey in sustainable agriculture. Operating under the brand name Biofactor, his visionary leadership is redefining farming practices by combining advanced technologies with eco-friendly solutions.

With 19 years of expertise in the agricultural sector and a B.Sc. in Microbiology, Dr. Reddy seamlessly blends scientific innovation with practical farming experience. His groundbreaking contributions, including 8 patents and 35 proprietary microbial strains, have revolutionized the industry, particularly through the development of Microbe Assisted Micron-Sized Particle (MAMSP) technology. This innovation significantly enhances nutrient bio-availability in soil, improving crop performance while preserving long-term soil health.

Under his guidance, Biofactor has emerged as a pioneer in biological encapsulation technologies and na-



ture-based agricultural inputs. The company's DSIR-recognized R&D division collaborates with esteemed institutions like ICAR-CIRCOT and Indian Agricultural Universities, cementing its position as a leader in agricultural innovation.

Dr. Reddy is also a passionate advocate for sustainable farming practices, spearheading Biofactor's efforts to obtain IFOAM accreditation for 17 organic products. These products are designed to enhance soil fertility, improve crop resilience, and promote environmental sustainability without the use of synthetic chemicals.

Expanding beyond agriculture, Dr. Reddy has extended Biofactor's influence into aquaculture, livestock, and poultry sectors, offering advanced solu-

tions that promote animal health and sustainable farming systems.

Facing Challenges and Driving Innovation

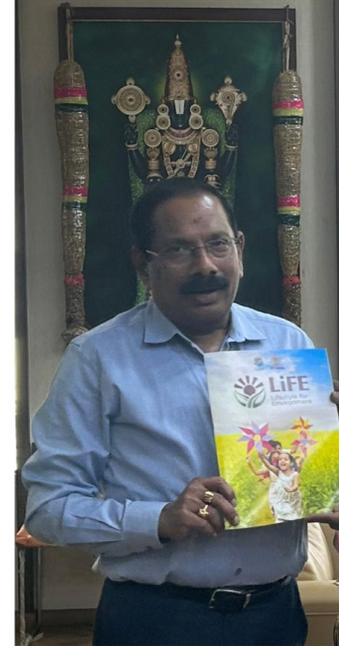
Dr. Reddy overcame significant challenges in promoting the integration of biological inputs with traditional NPK fertilizers. Through extensive research and collaboration with scientific institutions, he demonstrated the synergistic benefits of this approach, winning the trust of farmers and stakeholders. His leadership philosophy focuses on fostering a culture of innovation and shared purpose, empowering his team to push boundaries and deliver impactful solutions.

Vision for the Future

Dr. Reddy envisions a future centered on the "One Health" concept, emphasizing the interconnectedness of soil, plant, and planetary health. He aims to improve soil microbial diversity and nutrient cycling to ensure sustainable crop productivity, mitigate climate change impacts, and enhance food security.

Andhra Pradesh to Lead Mission LiFE and Energy Efficiency Initiatives

Focus on Sustainability, Global Engagement, and Renewable Energy Growth



K. Vijayanand Chief Secretary is releasing a report on Mission LiFE presented by A Chandra Sekhara Reddy (Media Adviser - Southern States/UTs BEE. MOP GOI.)

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Andhra Pradesh is emerging as a frontrunner in sustainability and climate change mitigation by collaborating with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power to implement Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment). This mission, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26, promotes sustainable living, energy efficiency, and a circular economy. Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand emphasized the phased implementation of Mission LiFE, advocating for global consultations and government-backed financial support for MSMEs to adopt energy-efficient technologies. In a meeting with BEE Media Advisor (South) A. Chandra Sekhara Reddy and APSECM CEO B.A.V. Kumar Reddy, he stressed spreading awareness statewide. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reinforced the vision, underscoring the importance of environmentally conscious lifestyles to combat climate change. He called for the swift completion of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects to support Andhra Pradesh's goal of providing 24/7 global-standard power supply to attract invest-

ments and foster industrial growth.

Key Sectors for Energy Efficiency

The Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission (SECM) has identified priority sectors: transport, industry, buildings, agriculture, and fisheries. Targeted energy efficiency measures in these areas, especially MSMEs, are projected to save 2.85-3.88 million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe) and reduce CO₂ emissions by 8-12 million tonnes by FY 2031.

Specific attention will be given to supporting fisheries in West Godavari and the glass and refractory industries in East and West Godavari districts with advanced energy-efficient technologies.

Mission LiFE: Broader Impact

Mission LiFE envisions fostering eco-conscious habits like LED lighting, public transport, electric vehicles, solar energy, and carpooling to lower greenhouse gas emissions and enhance energy efficiency. With the motto "Prakriti Rakshati Rakshita" (nature protects those who protect it), the initiative seeks to improve public health, living standards, and economic prosperity while engaging a billion individuals globally by 2028.

Comprehensive Benefits

- **Economic Growth:** Boosts employment in renewable energy, waste management, and eco-tourism while driving demand for eco-friendly products.
- **Health and Environment:** Reduces pollution, enhances public health, and lowers healthcare costs.
- **Local Revenue:** Eco-conscious tourism generates community revenue while preserving biodiversity.

Global Engagement and Vision for the Future

Andhra Pradesh plans to host a global summit on energy efficiency in partnership with BEE, EESL, and the Ministry of Power. The event will highlight the state's initiatives under Mission LiFE, showcasing its proactive efforts for a cleaner, sustainable future.

The state's dedication to renewable energy, innovation, and eco-friendly practices sets a benchmark for India's climate action and global leadership in sustainability.

Govt Committed to Employee Welfare Despite Financial Constraints

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Andhra Pradesh, Jan 13



State Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Sri Bala Veeranjaneyaswamy reaffirmed the coalition government's commitment to employee welfare, even as the state navigates financial challenges. During a program held at the camp office in East Naidupalem, the Minister, along with several police employees, expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for addressing long-pending arrears. The govern-

ment has released ₹6,700 crores as part of its Sankranti gift to pay the arrears of GPF, CPS, and surrender leave for police personnel, as well as dues for government employees, farmers, students, small traders, and contractors. Minister Dola highlighted that the coalition government is an employee-friendly administration that prioritizes resolving employee grievances. He assured that any issues raised by employees will be promptly addressed. "The government is committed to supporting employees even during financial hardships.

It is now the responsibility of all employees to work diligently and enhance the government's reputation by serving the people effectively," said the Minister.

He emphasized that the government's actions demonstrate its dedication to fostering trust and goodwill among employees, ensuring their well-being, and promoting overall development in the state. The Minister urged all employees to continue their hard work and contribute to building a stronger, more prosperous Andhra Pradesh.

AIG Hospitals Introduces India's First DynamicARC® Proton Beam Therapy

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AIG Hospitals, one of India's largest tertiary care centers, has announced the acquisition of the ProTs®ONE proton therapy system equipped with DynamicARC® technology from IBA, a global leader in radiation oncology. This advanced technology marks a groundbreaking achievement in cancer treatment, as it is the first of its kind in India.

Proton beam therapy, powered by DynamicARC® technology, offers unparalleled precision in targeting tumors while minimizing damage to sur-

rounding healthy tissues. Particularly effective for advanced cancers of the lips, tongue, and other areas near soft tissues, this innovation represents a significant leap in cancer care.

Dr. Dinayageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals, expressed his commitment to providing world-class cancer care. "Proton Beam Therapy is a highly precise form of radiation therapy that significantly reduces collateral damage to healthy tissues. This addition to AIG Hospitals underscores our mission to deliver cutting-edge, personalized care to our patients," he said. Dr. Reddy also highlighted the hospital's new 300-bed oncology unit

in Gachibowli, which will house this revolutionary technology, ensuring comprehensive cancer treatment.

Vice Chairman PVS Raju emphasized the transformative impact of this technology on cancer care services at AIG Hospitals, enhancing offerings in medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, and supportive care. This center is the third proton therapy facility in India and the first in the Telugu states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Positioned at the forefront of cancer treatment, AIG Hospitals aims to set a new benchmark in accessible and effective oncology care with this milestone.



Minister Ramprasad Counters Mithun Reddy's Remarks on Governance

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State Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy responded sharply to comments made by YSRCP MP Peddireddy Mithun Reddy regarding the ruling alliance. Addressing the media, the minister accused Mithun Reddy of failing to actively engage with his constituencies during the YSRCP's tenure and criticized his remarks against the current government. "Mithun Reddy's claims about the ruling party are baseless. It's ironic for someone who didn't take a proactive approach to his responsibilities while in power to now make unwarranted comments," Ramprasad Reddy stated. He reminded Mithun Reddy of the YSRCP's electoral performance, saying, "If the YSRCP secured just 11 seats today, it is due to the mistakes they committed during their governance. In contrast, the alliance has earned the public's trust and won over 160 seats, a clear mandate for our vision and efforts."

Ramprasad Reddy dismissed speculation about early elections, asserting, "No matter how much noise they make, elections will come only after four and a half years. Until then, the YSRCP should fulfill its role as an opposition with ethics and honesty, rather than resorting to baseless accusations." The minister also addressed allegations made by Mithun Reddy that development work in Annamayya district had stalled under the current government. "Pointing out lapses is the opposition's right and re-



sponsibility, but such claims must be based on facts. The ruling government remains committed to ensuring development across all districts," he said. The exchange between Minister Ramprasad Reddy and MP Mithun Reddy highlights the ongoing political tensions as the ruling coalition and opposition parties continue to clash over governance and development issues.

"Death in the Presence of God is a Blessing": TTD Member Jyotula Nehru Sparks Controversy

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The tragic incident in which six devotees lost their lives while attempting to secure Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan tokens in Tirupati has created a political uproar in Andhra Pradesh. Amid growing debates and criticism, TTD board member and TDP MLA Jyotula Nehru made controversial remarks, describing death in the presence of God as a "blessing."

Speaking at an event to hand over compensation checks to the families of the deceased, Jyotula Nehru stated, "It is a kind of blessing to die in the presence of God. There are instances where people seek salvation and end their lives willingly." His comments have sparked widespread debate, with many questioning why a TTD member would make such remarks regarding the tragic deaths of devotees.

Nehru expressed his condolences on behalf of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and explained the immediate measures taken by the government. "Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu responded



promptly, announcing a compensation of ₹25 lakh to the families of the deceased even before TTD finalized its actions," he said. Additionally, the government has offered jobs on a contractual basis to educated members of the bereaved families, pledged to cover the educational expenses of children, and provided financial assistance of ₹5 lakh to the injured and ₹2 lakh to those with minor injuries. Nehru also mentioned that the

injured were given special darshan and sent home with due care. He assured continued support from the TTD, Chandrababu Naidu, and Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan for the affected families. Despite these measures, Nehru's remarks have overshadowed the relief efforts, igniting discussions about the sensitivity of statements from public figures in the aftermath of such tragedies.

Kurasala Kannababu Criticizes Govt Over Tirumala Stampede and Welfare Policies

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Former Minister Kurasala Kannababu launched a scathing critique of the coalition government, accusing it of mishandling the recent stampede incident in Tirumala and failing to address public welfare effectively. Speaking to the media, Kannababu alleged that the government's approach to the tragedy was inadequate and lacked accountability.

"The stampede in Tirumala is a clear failure of the coalition government. Instead of taking responsibility, the Endowments Minister is trying to cover it up by announcing compensation for the victims," he said. Kannababu criticized the refusal of officials to apologize even after Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan demanded it. He further pointed out TTD Chairman BR Naidu's remarks, where Naidu attributed responsibility for the incident to



former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, suggesting that he should apologize to the public. Kannababu also alleged irregularities in the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) administration. "Private individuals have been included in TTD meetings without proper justification. They are talking about introducing artificial intelligence, but the companies being involved are those connected to TDP's past dealings, with no proper

credentials or notifications," he claimed.

Expanding his critique, Kannababu accused the coalition government of failing to implement any significant welfare schemes since coming to power. "They have not delivered on their promises of the 'Super Six' initiatives, nor have they reduced prices. From electricity tariffs to bus fares, they've only burdened the people," he said.

He contrasted this with the governance of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, whom he hailed as the "brand ambassador for welfare." Kannababu asserted, "Jagan has fulfilled his promises and brought happiness to all sections of society. While Chandrababu talks about 'Happy Sunday,' we believe in making people happy every single day." Kannababu's remarks reflect the intensifying political battle as leaders from both sides trade accusations over governance and public welfare.

Govt Sets Ambitious Goal to Create 20 Lakh Jobs - MLC Ashok Babu

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MLC Ashok Babu announced that the coalition government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, is committed to creating 20 lakh jobs over the next five years. Speaking at a National Youth Day program held at Tummalapalle Kalakshetra on Sunday, he emphasized the government's focus on attracting investments to boost employment opportunities.

The event, organized to celebrate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, was attended by Youth Services Commissioner Sharada Devi and other dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, MLC Ashok Babu highlighted the pivotal role of the youth in shaping the nation's future. "Youth is the greatest asset of our country. Indians are excelling in leadership roles across top global companies, proving their potential on the world stage," he



said. He further lauded Minister Nara Lokesh for prioritizing youth empowerment and job creation. "Minister Lokesh is working diligently to create a conducive environment for investments that will translate into employment opportunities for our youth," Ashok Babu added.

Encouraging young people to draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda's teachings, he said, "The future belongs to the youth, and the coalition government is dedicated to providing the necessary support and opportunities for them to thrive."

The National Youth Day celebrations served as a platform to reaffirm the government's commitment to fostering growth and development through youth empowerment. The ambitious goal of creating 20 lakh jobs reflects the coalition's vision of a prosperous and dynamic Andhra Pradesh.

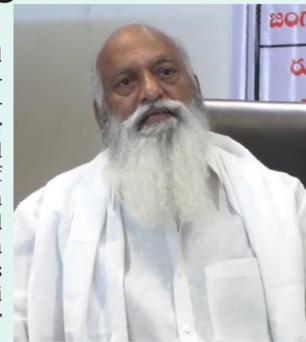
JC Prabhakar Reddy Criticizes Former Minister Roja and Jagan's Governance

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Tadipatri Municipal Chairman JC Prabhakar Reddy strongly criticized former Minister Roja and the governance of the previous Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government during a press meet held at his residence in Lakshmi Nagar, Anantapur city.

Addressing the media, JC Prabhakar Reddy accused the former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy of negligence during various tragic incidents. He pointed out, "During Jagan's tenure, several mishaps like the boat accident, Annamayya project tragedy that claimed 33 lives, the LG Polymers gas leak, and the Ruia Hospital incident occurred, but he didn't visit the affected sites or console the victims."

Reddy also contrasted Jagan's actions with his own response during a 2017 bus accident, where he ensured immediate action by pressuring the Collector and SP. He predicted that Jagan's influence was fading, criticizing him and his allies as "worse than vultures."



Taking a sharp dig at Roja, Reddy accused her of indulging in corruption, claiming, "Roja sold tokens and bought a Benz car. It's not her place to criticize the Anam family, which has been involved in politics since before independence." He further mocked Roja, calling her past into question by mentioning alleged check bounce

cases in Anantapur courts and suggesting that her political career lacked integrity.

He also addressed the 890 cases allegedly filed against TDP workers in Tadipatri, accusing the previous government of harassing opposition workers, particularly during the Lokesh Yatra. Referring to the Tirumala incident, Reddy defended the current government's swift response, which included suspending the responsible officials.

Concluding his remarks, Reddy taunted that politics is not a "drama company" and emphasized the need for accountability and integrity in leadership.

"Elections Are the Only Fear": Former CM Kiran Kumar Reddy Makes Sensational Comments

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Andhra Pradesh | Jan 13

Former Chief Minister and BJP leader Kiran Kumar Reddy made thought-provoking remarks about the state of politics and governance while participating in the 'Sankranti Atmiya Kalmaka' program organized by High Court lawyer Ravi Teja in Vijayawada.

Addressing the gathering, Kiran Kumar Reddy highlighted that despite the state being divided a decade ago, the persistent issues remain unresolved. "Even after ten years of bifurcation, Andhra Pradesh continues to grapple with the same challenges," he remarked.

Speaking about development, he emphasized the BJP's commitment to nation-building and expressed confidence that the promises made during the bifurcation, including the Polavaram project, would be fulfilled under the BJP-led Central government and the NDA alliance in Andhra



Pradesh. Kiran Kumar Reddy also touched upon the need for the Telugu states to amicably resolve

water disputes, stressing cooperation over conflict for long-term regional development.

On the issue of corruption, the former CM did not mince words. "Corruption has skyrocketed in the country. Elections, instead of being a celebration of democracy, have become a cause for fear," he said, adding that money power is dominating politics.

He further criticized the electoral process, stating, "Today, individuals involved in looting public money are contesting elections, and surprisingly, people are voting for them. This trend is deeply concerning."

His comments reflect a growing disillusionment with the current political landscape and underline the challenges of maintaining democratic integrity in the face of corruption and electoral malpractices.

MP Kesineni Sivanath Pledges to Restore Bus Service Between G.Kondur and Duggiralapadu, Inaugurates Development Projects

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Vijayawada, Jan 13
In a major development initiative, MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) promised to work towards restoring the bus service between G.Kondur and Duggiralapadu, addressing the severe transportation challenges faced by the residents due to the dilapidated road infrastructure. The G.Kondur Duggiralapadu road had been neglected by the previous government, causing the bus services to cease, and residents have been experiencing significant difficulties as a result. On Sunday, MP Kesineni Sivanath, alongside MLA Vasanta Krishna Prasad, inaugurated several key infrastructure projects, including the CC roads and Gokulam sheds, in the villages of G.Kondur mandal under Mailavaram constituency. The event was attended by a large crowd, and MP Kesineni was warmly welcomed by the locals. The inauguration ceremony also marked the beginning of Sankranti celebrations in Gangani Palem, where MP Sivanath and MLA Vasanta Krishna Prasad participated in the village festival. They presented prizes to the winners of Sankranti muggula competitions and attended special pujas at the Ram temple in Sunnampadu village.



Speaking at the event, MP Kesineni expressed his happiness over the construction of roads and sheds under the National Employment Guarantee Scheme, emphasizing that these developments will significantly enhance the quality of life for the people in rural areas. He also praised Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for prioritizing rural development projects. MLA Vasanta Krishna Prasad assured the residents that the construction of the road from G.Kondur to Duggiralapadu would be completed soon with the cooperation of MP Kesineni. He also mentioned plans to implement the Thali K Vandanam scheme and the Jal Jeevan Mission for providing door-to-door water taps. The event saw participation from several key local leaders and activists, further reinforcing the strong development push in the region.

Minister Kollu Ravindra Highlights Govt's Efforts to Revamp Education System at Tadinki School Centenary

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Vijayawada, Jan 13
Minister Kollu Ravindra participated in the centenary celebrations of Tadinki Zilla Parishad School in Pamidimukkala Mandal, expressing his joy at being part of the historic occasion. Along with MP Vallabhbaneni Balashowry and MLAs Varla Kumar Raja, Bode Prasad, and Yarlagadda Venkat Rao, Ravindra acknowledged the school's rich legacy, founded during the British period by the elders of Yelamanchili Shivaji, who donated ten acres of land for its establishment. Minister Kollu Ravindra commended the school's contribution to educating millions, crediting the sacrifices made by the elders. He also expressed his anger over the Jagan government's school merger process, which he claimed was an attempt to seize government school lands during the previous administration. Speaking about the current reforms, Ravindra emphasized that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Lokesh are spearheading efforts to enhance the skills of students, particularly those in government schools. He pointed out that Minister Lokesh is working tirelessly to bring government schools to par with corporate



educational institutions, ensuring that students are equipped with the skills to thrive in the competitive world. These efforts, he noted, are part of a broader initiative to provide top-tier facilities in government schools. Furthermore, Ravindra shared that significant changes are underway in the state's education system, with the aim of improving outcomes for students and addressing challenges such as the EAMCET. He praised the radical reforms as evidence of a well-managed and forward-thinking government in the state. MP Balasouri, who also attended the event, extended Sankranti greetings to the people of Krishna district, expressing his happiness in participating in the school's centenary celebrations. He promised to secure central government or CSR funds for the school's future development.

Athkur SI Launches Special Drive at Pottipadu Tollgate for Road Safety Week



TPN Correspondent
Krishna Dist, Jan 13
In a proactive effort to ensure road safety, Athkur Police conducted a special drive at the Pottipadu Tollgate as part of the Road Safety Week celebrations. The initiative focused on enforcing traffic regulations and promoting safe driving practices. During the drive, Athkur SI CH Suresh and his team inspected vehicles for violations such as the lack of helmets, seat belts, and valid fitness certificates. Offenders were fined, and pending challans were also addressed.

Speaking to the drivers, SI Suresh emphasized the importance of adhering to road safety rules, urging everyone to wear helmets and seat belts while driving and to maintain the necessary vehicle fitness certificates. He highlighted that following these safety measures is crucial for reducing accidents and ensuring the safety of all road users. The drive was well-received by the public, and the Athkur Police department remains committed to upholding road safety throughout the district.

CPI ML Liberation Activists Protest NDA Govt for Failing to Implement Super Six Promises

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Eluru Dist, Jan 13
State executive member D. Harinath, while participating in the CPI ML Liberation activists' meeting in Ramanakkapeta, Musunur Mandal, Eluru District, strongly criticized the NDA alliance for not fulfilling their electoral promises, particularly the Super Six scheme, even after five months in power. Harinath expressed his frustration over the unkept promises, stating that the government had deceived the people, especially with regards to the promised free bus travel for women. He raised several demands, including immediate payment of dues to mid-day meal agencies, and the implementation of the Supreme Court's directive to provide unorganized workers with Rs 35,000 per month as part of the equal pay for equal work ruling. Harinath also called for compensation of Rs 1 crore for the families of those who lost their lives due to government negligence in Tirupati. Further, he demanded the cancellation



of the four forest land notifications issued for the Ramanakkapeta block and criticized the government for failing to deliver on housing for the poor, branding it a mirage. Harinath highlighted that even the encroachment of cemetery land in Ramanakkapeta village had not been addressed. The activists also voiced concerns regarding the renovation of the Ayurveda Hospital and the construction of a permanent building for the Veterinary Hospital. The meeting was attended by

AICTU District Secretary Vemula Bakkaiah, Chatla Baburao, Medur Service, Bhavani, AISA Eluru District Secretary Akhil, and others. In the conclusion of the conference, Vemula Bakkaiah was unanimously elected as the secretary, along with 21 other members. The local committee conference was successfully held, with Harinath reaffirming his commitment to continue protesting for the rights and welfare of the people.

AP Volunteer Association President Calls for Protest by Burning Election Manifesto in Bhogi



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Vijayawada, Jan 13
The Andhra Pradesh Volunteer Association State Honorary President, Gujjula Eswaraiah, has called for a protest against the government's failure to fulfill the promises made during the election campaign. Speaking at a press meet held at Dasari Bhavan, Hanumanpet, Vijayawada, Eswaraiah demanded that the coalition government's election manifesto be burned in Bhogi Manta as a mark of protest. Eswaraiah highlighted the government's inaction in addressing promises made by the Chandrababu Naidu-led coalition government, such as providing a salary of ₹10,000, job security, paying pending salaries, and utilizing the skills of volunteers for state development. He criticized the government for repeatedly announcing measures without delivering on any of them, despite 8 months having passed

since the promises were made. The frustration over unmet commitments has led to tragic consequences, with Eswaraiah citing the suicides of four volunteers as a direct result of the government's negligence, calling these deaths "murders" committed by the government. He urged all volunteers to join in the protest by burning the coalition government's manifesto in Bhogi Manta tomorrow, as a demand for the government to keep its promises. Eswaraiah also appealed for the coalition government to adopt a more responsible approach and fulfill its pledges to the volunteers and the people. The press meet was attended by Lanka Govindarajulu, G Mamatha, Jangala Chaitanya Kumar, Rajesh, Naresh, Ramesh, Bhanu, Lasya, and others, who expressed solidarity with the call for action.

Three-Piece Competitions Highlight Women's Creativity

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Vidyadharapuram, Jan 13
The three-piece competitions organized by Jana Sena leaders Eluru Sai Sarath and Mudraboyina Devaki on the occasion of Sankranti in Vidyadharapuram and Old Rajarajeshwari Peta received an overwhelming response. The event, aimed at celebrating Sankranti, was graced by NTR District BJP President Adduri Sriram and MLA Office Secretary Prathipati Sridhar, who participated in the competition and presented prizes to the top winners and participants. Speaking at the event, Adduri Sriram emphasized that the Muggula competitions provide a platform for women to showcase their creativity. He praised the participants for preserving cultural traditions and expressed happiness at the joyous celebrations of Sankranti under the NDA coalition rule. Sriram further stressed that the welfare of all communities remains the coalition government's priority. The event also saw the participation of coalition leaders Gudivada Narendra Raghava, Regalla Lakshmana Rao, Vempali Gowri Shankar, Tirupati Anusha, Malpepu Vijayalakshmi, Kanaka, Reddypalli Haritha, Nunna Krishna, Bommur Govinda Lakshmi, Dhanekula Venkata Subbarao, Shyamsunder, and other prominent figures who supported the cultural celebrations.



Swami Vivekananda's 162nd Birth Anniversary Celebrated at Mangalagiri Rajiv Center



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Mangalagiri, Jan 13
The 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Mangalagiri Rajiv Center under the auspices of the Mangalagiri Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) branch. The event was attended by ABVP and BJP leaders, who paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda by garlanding his portrait. Swami Vivekananda, known for his inspiring teachings, conveyed the inner strength of the youth to the world through his sermons. His call for the youth of India to possess "iron muscles, steel nerves, and diamond deter-

mination" resonated during the celebrations. In line with his teachings, the occasion served as a reminder for the youth to follow in his footsteps, awakening their potential and striving tirelessly to achieve their goals. The leaders emphasized Swami Vivekananda's message to the youth, urging them to wake up and not rest until they reach their destination. The event was a tribute to the enduring legacy of Swami Vivekananda, encouraging the youth to embody his ideals and contribute to the nation's growth.

CM Chandrababu Naidu Visits Native Village for Sankranti Celebrations

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Chandragiri, Jan 13

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, along with his family, has arrived in Tirupati for a four-day visit to his native village, Naravaripalle, to celebrate the Sankranti festival.

The Chief Minister landed at Renigunta Airport, where he was warmly welcomed by a host of ministers, officials, MPs, and MLAs. As part of his visit, he inaugurated a gas pipeline project providing connections to every household in Tiruchanur, a significant step towards improving infrastructure in the region.

Later in the evening, CM Naidu will reach Naravaripalle, where he plans to spend quality time with his family during the festive season. During his stay, several developmental projects will be initiated in the village. These



include the unveiling of a statue of NTR, beautification works, the establishment of a new substation, and the laying of a foundation stone for the construction of new roads. The visit underscores the Chief Minister's commitment to the development of his native village while celebrating the traditions of Sankranti with his family and local residents.

Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy Submits Petition to Reopen SKIT College

Srikalahasti MLA seeks support for reviving the only endowment-run engineering college in the state

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Srikalahasti, Jan 13

In a significant development for the Srikalahasti constituency, MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy has submitted a formal petition to Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh, urging him to reopen SKIT Engineering College through JNTU. The college, previously a prominent educational institution in the region, was privatized under the YSRCP government, leaving many students and locals concerned about the loss of this vital educational resource.



emphasized that SKIT Engineering College, established as the only endowment-run college in the state, holds great historical and educational value. He urged the Minister to take steps to restore the college and make it operational from the next academic year, as it was originally envisioned by Bojjala Gopala Krishna Reddy.

Responding positively, Minister Nara Lokesh assured the MLA that he would make every possible effort to facilitate the reopening of the college, showing his commitment to addressing the concerns raised by local residents and students.

In his petition, MLA Sudheer Reddy

International Delhi Public School, Tadepalligudem Hosts Vibrant Sankranti Sambaralu



TPN Correspondent

Tadepalligudem, Jan 13

International Delhi Public School (IDPS), Tadepalligudem, celebrated Sankranti Sambaralu with great enthusiasm, bringing the festive spirit alive on campus. The event highlighted India's cultural diversity and unity, showcasing vibrant traditions and customs associated with Sankranti. Students dressed in colorful attire performed traditional songs and dances, reflecting the essence of various re-

gional Sankranti celebrations across India. The cultural presentations captivated the audience, emphasizing the rich heritage of the country.

The event was graced by Sri Cherukuvada Naresh as the Chief Guest, who applauded the students for their efforts in preserving and promoting cultural values.

Key attractions of the celebration included Bhogimantalu, Bommala-koluvu displays, and kite-flying competitions, which added to the festive

fervor and provided students with an opportunity to experience traditional Sankranti activities.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal N. Uma Srinivas expressed pride in the successful event and emphasized the importance of cultural celebrations in fostering unity and pride among students.

The Sankranti Sambaralu at IDPS, Tadepalligudem, was a grand success, leaving a lasting impression on students, teachers, and attendees.

Theppotsavam Concludes at Sri Kapileswara Temple

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Tirupati, Jan 13

The grand five-day Theppotsavam at the Sri Kapileswara Swamy Temple in Tirupati came to a splendid conclusion on Sunday.

On the final night of the festival, Sri Chandikeswara Swamy and Sri Chandrasekhara Swamy graced devotees with a divine darshan, completing nine majestic rounds on beautifully decorated rafts. The event was further enriched by the soulful rendition of Annamayya Sankirtans, performed by the artists of the TTD Annamacharya Project, adding a spiritual and melodious touch to the ceremony.

The concluding ceremony was attended by Temple Deputy EO Devendra Babu, AEO Subbaraju, and Tem-



ple Inspector Balakrishna, among others. The event drew large numbers of devotees, who witnessed the divine spectacle with great devotion and reverence.

The Teppotsavam, an integral part of the temple's religious festivities, celebrates the tradition of offering prayers to the deities on the temple tank, signifying the divine journey of the gods on water.

Gold Theft in Tirumala Parakamani: TTD Outsourcing Employee Caught

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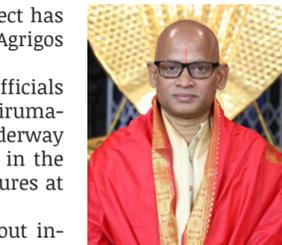
Tirumala, Jan 13

A shocking incident of theft has been reported from the Parakamani, the counting center of the Tirumala Srivari Hundi. Vigilance officials apprehended an outsourcing employee attempting to smuggle gold biscuits from the premises.

During a routine inspection, vigilance officials discovered 100 grams of gold biscuits hidden in a trolley being carried out of the Parakamani. The suspect has been identified as Penchalaiyya, an Agrigos outsourcing employee.

Following the discovery, vigilance officials immediately registered a case at the Tirumala police station. Investigations are underway to determine if others were involved in the theft and to assess the security measures at the Parakamani.

The incident has raised concerns about internal security within the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), which manages the operations of the temple, including donations and offerings made by millions of devotees. Officials have assured the public that necessary steps will be taken to strengthen security and prevent such occurrences in the future.



Venkaiah Chowdhury explained the sequence of events, stating, "Outsourcing employees are responsible for separating and counting coins, notes, and various items donated by devotees. Penchalaiyya cleverly hid the gold biscuit in a small hole on top of a trolley used in the counting process."

However, the temple's robust security measures ensured the theft was quickly uncovered. "We conduct a two-step check when trolleys come out of the counting area. When the trolley was tilted, the gold biscuit fell out. Upon reviewing the CCTV footage, we identified Penchalaiyya as the culprit," he said.

The vigilance team acted swiftly, detaining Penchalaiyya within an hour. "He was interrogated, and the theft was confirmed. A complaint was immediately filed with the police, and Penchalaiyya has been handed over for further investigation," Venkaiah Chowdhury added.

The TTD has assured devotees that such incidents are rare and that all necessary measures will be taken to uphold the sanctity and security of the temple premises.

TTD Additional EO Venkaiah Chowdhury Addresses Parakamani Theft Incident

TTD Additional Executive Officer Venkaiah Chowdhury provided a detailed response regarding the recent theft at the Parakamani, the counting center of the Tirumala Srivari Hundi. The incident involved an outsourcing employee, Penchalaiyya, who was caught stealing a 100-gram gold biscuit.

Visakhapatnam TDP Celebrates Bhogi Sankranti with Enthusiasm

Gandi Babji, Kolla Lalitha Kumari, and other leaders mark the occasion with festive spirit

TPN Correspondent

Visakhapatnam, Jan 13

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Visakhapatnam was abuzz with festive energy as district leaders came together to celebrate Bhogi Sankranti. The event was attended by District President and State Oil Federation Chairman Shri Gandi Babji, S Kota MLA Smt. Kolla Lalitha Kumari, Visakha South Constituency In-charge, NTR Vaidya Seva Chairman Shri Seethamaraju Sudhakar, and other prominent district leaders.



During the celebrations, Gandi Babji addressed the gathering, extending his heartfelt wishes for a joyful and prosperous Sankranti to all. He em-

phasized that this year's festivities held special significance as it marked the first Sankranti after the new government assumed office. The leaders joined in the spirit of the festival, fostering a sense of unity and joy among party members and supporters in the region.

Yellapragada Subbarao Jayanthi Celebrations Held at Tadepalligudem Area Hospital

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Tadepalligudem, Jan 13

As part of the Yellapragada Subbarao Jayanthi celebrations, a statue of the renowned scientist was unveiled at the Tadepalligudem Area Hospital on Friday. The event was graced by Andhra Pradesh State Whip and Tadepalligudem MLA, Hon'ble Boliseti Srinivas, along with other dignitaries.

Chinna Venkataramayya, Maddala Manikantha, Addagarla Suri, Chapala Ramesh, Gattam Nani, Kalla Gopikrishna, and Paluri Venkateswararao participated in the event.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Boliseti Srinivas highlighted the immense contributions of Yellapragada Subbarao to medical science, emphasizing that his achievements have made a lasting impact on global healthcare. He stressed the importance of remembering and honoring such illustrious personalities who have brought pride to the nation.

The dignitaries collectively lauded the efforts of Subbarao in revolutionizing medicine, particularly his pioneering work in developing life-saving drugs. They urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from his dedication and brilliance.

The program concluded with the unveiling of the statue, a tribute to the legendary scientist, in the hospital premises. It was a moment of pride and inspiration for everyone present, as the legacy of Yellapragada Subbarao continues to inspire generations.

Time for Youth-Led Politics in India?



India, with the world's largest youth population, stands at a pivotal moment in its history. Approximately 27.3% of India's total population falls between the ages of 15 and 29, representing a powerful force that can shape the future of the nation. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted at the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025, the nation is waking up to the untapped potential of its youth. The direct engagement between Modi and nearly 3,000 young leaders reflects a growing recognition that India's youth is crucial to the country's progress.

The youth population is India's greatest asset. With an ever-growing number of young, digitally savvy, and dynamic individuals, the country has a unique opportunity to harness their potential for global influence. However, despite their enthusiasm in the electoral process—youth voters aged 18-29 made up 22.3% of the electorate in the 2019 elections—young people remain woefully underrepresented in political leadership roles. In 1952, 33.74% of Members of Parliament (MPs) were between 25 and 40 years old. However, by 2024, this figure dropped to just 10.68%. This underrepresentation highlights a serious disconnect between India's youthful population and its political leadership.

The average age of MPs has risen steadily over the decades, with the average age reaching 55.6 years in the 2024 elections. This increasing age gap between lawmakers and the electorate raises con-

cerns about whether India's government is truly reflecting the demographic makeup of its population. The Youth Representation Index (YRI), which measures the representation of youth relative to their population share, has dramatically fallen from 156 in 1957 to just 41 in 2024. Clearly, there is a need for more young voices in policy-making.

One possible solution is lowering the minimum age to contest elections. Currently, the age requirement for Lok Sabha candidates is 25. If young citizens are responsible enough to vote, they should be given the opportunity to directly shape policies. Opening up the political arena to younger candidates can inject fresh ideas and perspectives while maintaining the balance of experience.

Government initiatives aimed at promoting youth participation, such as increased funding for education and skill development, show promise. However, more needs to be done to level the playing field. Barriers like societal biases, financial constraints, and political dynasties prevent many talented young individuals from entering politics. These barriers must be dismantled for youth-led politics to thrive.

By 2047, the centenary of India's independence, a politically empowered youth could lead the country to new heights, prioritizing issues like sustainability, innovation, and social justice. The future of India's democracy lies in the hands of its youth—it's time for them to take the reins.

The Rise of Ultra-Wealthy Individuals in Politics: Musk's Influence and the Threat to Democracy

The impending US presidential inauguration casts a long shadow, with many uncertainties looming over the political landscape. Among the most troubling concerns is the potential role of Donald Trump's close associate, Elon Musk, the world's richest individual, whose influence is growing both in the US and beyond.

Musk, known for his often reckless public statements, has earned notoriety not just in the tech world but also in global politics. His vitriol extends to countries such as Britain, where he has described the nation as a "tyrannical police state" and expressed a bizarrely violent hostility toward its political establishment. Such inflammatory rhetoric is just one example of how Musk's influence extends far beyond his business empire, raising questions about the potential for excessive concentration of power in the hands of a few ultra-wealthy individuals.

Historically, money has played a significant role in shaping politics, with the rich often buying influence or supporting political figures who align with their interests. While figures like Rupert Murdoch may not directly bribe politicians, they have exerted considerable influence through the fear they instill in leaders who depend on media favor. However, what is particularly striking in 2025 is the increasingly visible role that the ultra-wealthy are playing in government, either by directly holding political power or by seeking it.

Musk's attempt to influence politics took a more direct form when he reportedly discussed donat-



ing a staggering £100 million (\$125 million) to the UK Reform Party, a far-right political group. This would have been the largest political donation in British history and an overt attempt to sway an election. However, the prospect of such a political maneuver became more distant when Musk withdrew his support, possibly realizing the damage it could cause to his reputation and standing.

The growing involvement of billionaires like Musk in political matters signals a troubling trend. Their immense wealth allows them to shape policy, influence elections, and potentially undermine democratic institutions. As ultra-wealthy individuals increasingly step into the political arena, they threaten to consolidate power and influence in ways that could marginalize the public and diminish the voice of ordinary citizens. This shift in political dynamics underscores the growing power of the elite and the potential dangers it poses to democracy as we know it.

INDIA Bloc Faces Growing Challenges, Congress Must Lead to Keep It United



Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has stirred up tensions within the INDIA alliance by questioning its future, suggesting it should be dissolved if it's only meant for the upcoming parliamentary elections. His comments have targeted two key allies — the Congress and AAP — both of which are at odds in the Delhi Assembly elections. Abdullah's remarks come shortly after RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav also implied that the alliance was intended solely for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

In response, senior INDIA leader Farooq Abdullah, Omar's father, tried to reassure the public by emphasizing that the alliance's purpose is to "strengthen India and eliminate hatred." However, his attempts to rally support for the bloc's long-term future appeared unconvincing, signaling that cracks within the alliance are widening. The unity of the INDIA bloc, which had shown promise after its strong performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, now seems increasingly fragile.

The key question is: who is steering the ship? The Congress, which had assumed leadership of the alliance, has seen its grip loosen following electoral defeats in Hary-

ana and Maharashtra. These setbacks, combined with the Congress' diminished standing in Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir, have made it clear that the party no longer enjoys the same influence it once did within the opposition camp.

Despite these challenges, the responsibility of maintaining the alliance remains largely with the Congress, as highlighted by Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena faction. The Congress, still the largest party in the opposition, must take decisive action to keep the bloc intact. The Gandhis — Rahul, Sonia, and Priyanka — along with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, need to engage with disgruntled allies and ensure that they set the agenda for the year ahead. Fostering unity and collaboration within the INDIA bloc is crucial if they hope to present a credible challenge to the BJP in the 2024 elections.

If the Congress fails to act, it risks allowing the alliance to drift further apart, ultimately benefiting the BJP. The coming months will be pivotal for the opposition, and the Congress must rise to the occasion if the INDIA bloc is to survive and remain a force in Indian politics.



The Impact of Bangladesh's Crisis on Hindu-Muslim Relations in India

Bangladesh has recently garnered international attention due to political unrest, with significant developments affecting its Hindu minority. The protests that began in July 2024 against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government have escalated, especially after her departure in August. Amid these disturbances, there has been a sustained campaign of persecution against Hindus, including the destruction of religious sites, arrests, forced resignations, abductions, and other forms of violence. This situation has attracted global media attention, particularly regarding its implications for Hindu-Muslim relations in India.

What makes the news from Bangladesh especially significant for India is the growing sensitivity among Hindus to the treatment of their community across the border. While historically, Hindus in India have not reacted strongly to the persecution of

their co-religionists abroad, the response to the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh has been markedly different. Demonstrations have occurred not only in India but also among Hindu communities worldwide, including in the US, where protests were held in Times Square. This international solidarity highlights a new level of awareness and concern among Hindus regarding the fate of their fellow community members in Bangladesh. Another notable aspect of the response in India is the involvement of traditional Hindu leaders. Unlike political leaders who have been more reserved in their commentary, figures such as Shankaracharyas and traditional Hindu spiritual leaders have been vocal in their condemnation of the violence. These leaders, who command large audiences, could play a pivotal role in shaping the public discourse on Hindu-Muslim relations, adding another layer of complexity to the situation.

Developed Nation Is Achievable with The Strength Of India's Youth: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated that India's dream of becoming a developed nation is within reach, thanks to the energy and potential of the country's youth. Addressing the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 on Sunday at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi, Modi highlighted the crucial role of young people in shaping India's future over the next 25 years. The event, held on the occasion of National Youth Day to mark the 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, witnessed the participation of 3,000 young leaders aged 15 to 29.

Paying tribute to Swami Vivekananda's vision, Modi emphasized his belief in India's youth. "Swami Vivekananda had immense faith in the youth of India. He believed in their ability to solve every problem. Like Swami Ji, I believe in the potential of our youth and in the dreams he envisioned for them," Modi said. He acknowledged the young generation's key role in realizing the country's aspirations.

The Prime Minister drew a parallel to the historic G-20 Summit held at Bharat Mandapam in September 2023, where global leaders discussed the future of the world. "Now, the youth of India are shaping the roadmap for



the next 25 years. It is my great fortune to be here with you," Modi remarked.

Sharing a personal experience, Modi recounted a meeting with young athletes in September 2024, where one athlete referred to him as "PM means param mitra (best friend)." This gesture, he noted, reflected the deep bond between the country's youth and leadership.

Modi expressed his unwavering confidence

in India's youth, stating, "I firmly believe that with the strength of India's youth, the dream of a developed nation is achievable." He acknowledged that while some may view this as an impossible task, he was optimistic that with the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' guiding every decision, India would overcome all obstacles. The Prime Minister concluded by saying that a developed India will be empowered economically, strategically, socially, and culturally, driven by the efforts of its youth.



Sharad Pawar's Betrayal Politics Began In 1978, BJP Ended It: Amit Shah

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Home Minister Amit Shah, addressing a state BJP convention in Shirdi, claimed that the BJP's recent victory in Maharashtra brought an end to the "politics of betrayal and instability" that began with Sharad Pawar in 1978. Shah argued that the BJP's triumph marked the conclusion of a political era characterized by backstabbing, which began when Pawar walked out of the Vasantdada Patil-led government and became Chief Minister in 1978 with 40 MLAs.

Shah emphasized that the BJP's overwhelming win in the 2024 state elections, securing a record 132 seats, had brought about the long-awaited political stability in the state. He further added, "From 1978 till 2024, Maharashtra was prone to political instability. You have shown the way by bringing in a stable and strong Devendra Fadnavis government."

The Home Minister also referenced Ajit Pawar's 2023 move to split the Nationalist Congress Party and join the Eknath Shinde-led government, a development that included BJP's partnership. Shah credited the party's victory to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its focus on "Hindutva and development politics."

Additionally, Shah took aim at Uddhav Thackeray for breaking the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance in 2019 over the Chief Minister's post. "Uddhav Thackeray betrayed us. He left the ideology of Balasaheb in 2019. Today you have shown him his place," said Shah, referring to Thackeray's later rise to power by what he termed "treachery."

Shah concluded by urging BJP workers to strengthen the party further, ensuring its invincibility. He also pointed out that the BJP's win had shattered the confidence of the opposition alliance, INDIA, and put to rest their hopes of a victory in Maharashtra following the 2024 Lok Sabha results.

The Home Minister's remarks underscore the BJP's political dominance in Maharashtra and their belief that their victory has reshaped the state's political landscape for years to come.



Swami Vivekananda said people need bread more than religion: Akhilesh

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Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, while commemorating Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary on National Youth Day, recalled the words of the revered spiritual leader. Speaking at a press conference held at the party's state headquarters, Yadav highlighted Vivekananda's emphasis on addressing the basic needs of the people, stating, "Swami ji had said that the people of the country need bread more than religion. Explaining religious things to the poor will be wrong in today's time."

Yadav's statement underscored his belief in focusing on tangible welfare measures rather than religious discourse, which, he argued, distracts from the urgent concerns of the nation's underprivileged citizens.

In the same address, the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister also discussed the upcoming Milkipur Assembly by-election. Expressing confidence in the SP's victory, he remarked that reports from various media outlets suggested a favorable political equation for his party. He accused the ruling BJP of dishonesty in the recent elections, claiming that the public would decisively support the Samajwadi Party in the Milkipur constituency.

Gautam Adani announces ₹65,000 crore investment for projects in Chhattisgarh



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Chhattisgarh, Jan 13

Industrialist Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, met with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Sunday, during which he unveiled a significant investment plan of ₹65,000 crore in the state. The investment will be directed towards expanding energy and cement projects, marking a major step in strengthening the state's industrial landscape.

The meeting took place at Chief Minister Sai's official residence in Raipur, with officials from the state's public relations department confirming the details. During the session, Adani announced a ₹60,000 crore investment aimed at enhancing the Adani Group's power plants in key locations, including Raipur, Korba, and Raigarh. This expansion is set to increase Chhattisgarh's power generation capacity by an additional 6,120 MW, significantly boosting the state's energy infrastructure.

In addition to the power sector, Adani also committed ₹5,000 crore to develop and expand the group's cement plants in Chhattisgarh, further bolstering the state's industrial base and creating potential for job growth.

The Chief Minister, on his part, advised Adani to focus on projects that would benefit the state's social development. In response, Adani assured the government of a ₹10,000 crore contribution over the next four years under the Adani Group's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. This funding will be aimed at enhancing education, healthcare, skill development, and tourism across the state.

The discussions also explored future collaboration opportunities, including the manufacturing of defence-related equipment and the establishment of data centres and a Global Capability Centre in Chhattisgarh. These initiatives align with the state's vision of expanding its industrial and technological footprint.

"TamilNadu Keen To Elect DMK Once More, Thanks To Efficient Administration"

TPN Correspondent
Chennai, Jan 13

In a message to party workers on the occasion of Pongal, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M.K. Stalin expressed confidence in his party's re-election in 2026, despite challenges posed by the Centre's neglect of the state and opposition attempts to spread rumors. Stalin praised the DMK-led government's transparent administration, citing its efficient management and successful schemes as factors that have won the trust of the people of Tamil Nadu.

In his letter, Stalin emphasized that the people of Tamil Nadu were firm in their support for the DMK government, noting that it had earned widespread approval for its commitment to good governance under the Dravidian model. "Thanks to the Dravidian model government's transparent rule, clear-cut policies, and significant achievements, the people are determined that the DMK should return to power for the seventh consecutive term in 2026," he said.

Acknowledging the political challenges posed by rivals who sought to create divisions and spread rumors, Stalin reassured his party members that the government's record of development and welfare schemes would ensure continued support. He encouraged them to stay true to the trust the people had placed



in the DMK and to work diligently for their welfare.

Stalin also extended his Pongal greetings to the people of Tamil Nadu, urging them to celebrate the festival with joy and unity. The occasion, which marks the beginning of the Tamil month of 'Thai' on January 14, holds significant cultural importance and symbolizes harmony and togetherness.

Stalin's message underscored the DMK's focus on governance and service to the people, as the party prepares for the upcoming election cycle with an optimistic outlook on securing a historic seventh term in office.

Delhi CM Atishi Launches Crowdfunding Campaign for Kalkaji Election

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Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Sunday launched a crowdfunding initiative for her electoral campaign in Kalkaji, aiming to raise Rs 40 lakh—the maximum amount permitted by the Election Commission for campaigning in Delhi. During the campaign's launch, Atishi emphasized that raising such an amount through small contributions from the public is not a challenging task when done transparently, as opposed to using "wrong" methods to collect funds.

Atishi highlighted that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has always fought elections with small donations from everyday citizens, without relying on large contributions from businessmen or contractors. She stressed that such sources of funding would undermine the party's ability to work for the welfare of the people of Delhi. "We do not take money from private schools or hospitals, as it would compromise our commitment to serving Delhiites," Atishi added.

In response to the BJP's criticism of AAP's



funding model, particularly regarding the excise policy scam, Atishi remarked that the BJP may have used its power to gather funds for elections in the past. "They may need money now, but they have already collected it through other means. We, on the other hand, practice honesty and transparency," she stated, defending AAP's approach to political funding.

Atishi launched a dedicated website—atishi.aamaadmi.org—through which supporters can contribute to her campaign. The crowdfunding initiative reflects AAP's continued reliance on public support and its commitment to avoiding practices that could compromise its principles of governance.

Do Not Legitimise Afghan Taliban Rule: Malala Yousafzai To Muslim Leaders

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai called on Muslim leaders to refuse to "legitimise" the Taliban's government in Afghanistan and to "show true leadership" by opposing the severe restrictions the regime has placed on women and girls' education. Speaking at a summit on girls' education in Islamabad, Pakistan, Yousafzai urged Muslim leaders to use their power to stand up against the Taliban's policies, which she described as an affront to true Islam.

Yousafzai's impassioned speech came during the two-day conference, attended by ministers and education officials from numerous Muslim-majority countries and backed by the Muslim World League. Since the Taliban's return to power in 2021, the government has enforced a harsh interpretation of Islamic law, leading to what the United Nations has termed "gender apartheid." This includes the banning of girls from attending secondary school and university, prohibiting women from many government jobs, and forcing them out of public life altogether.

Despite being invited, delegates from the



Taliban government did not attend the event. Pakistan's Education Minister Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui confirmed their absence. Yousafzai, who was shot by the Pakistani

Taliban in 2012 for advocating for girls' education, said of the Taliban's treatment of women, "Simply put, the Taliban do not see women as human beings. They cloak their crimes in cultural and religious justification."

In her speech, Yousafzai emphasized that the Taliban's mission is clear: to eliminate women and girls from public life and erase their presence from society. "They want to erase us," she said.

The international community is divided on how to address the Taliban's policies. While many nations condemn the regime's actions, opinions differ on whether diplomatic engagement or isolation would be more effective in pressuring the Taliban to reverse their stance on women's rights.

Though no country has officially recognized the Taliban government, some regional powers have engaged with Kabul on issues of trade and security, adding further complexity to the debate over how best to handle the situation.

Global Leaders, Tech Giants, and Corporate Donors Eye Trump's January 20 Inauguration



As Donald Trump prepares for his swearing-in as the 47th President of the United States on January 20, a wide array of world leaders, tech magnates, and business tycoons are seeking coveted passes to attend the high-profile event at the Capitol building in Washington D.C. Alongside Trump, Vice President JD Vance will also take the oath during the historic ceremony, with invites extended to major world powers and key U.S. allies, including India.

India will be represented by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, who will attend the inauguration at the invitation of the Trump-Vance Inaugural Committee. The Indian government confirmed that Dr. Jaishankar will also meet with key representatives of the incoming administration and other dignitaries during his visit. With an eye on maintaining momentum in U.S.-India relations, New Delhi hopes the inauguration will add further strength to the bilateral ties that have seen significant growth in recent years.

In a departure from tradition, Trump has extended personal invitations to several world leaders, including Chinese President Xi Jinping. This move is significant given the ongoing geopolitical tensions between Washington and Beijing. Although Xi is unlikely to attend, China may send a high-ranking representative, such as Vice President Han Zheng or Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Other leaders invited include El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele, Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, and Argentina's President Javier Milei, according to Trump's team.

The corporate sector has also been eager to ingratiate itself with the incoming administration. According to reports, the inaugural committee has raised over \$170 million, with industry giants like Boeing, Google, Meta, Microsoft, Amazon, Uber, Apple CEO Tim Cook, and OpenAI's Sam Altman each contributing substantial donations. These large donations are aimed at securing access to the inauguration's VIP events, where major donors typically gain valuable opportunities for influence and networking.

Despite the overwhelming demand, several high-profile donors have been informed that VIP passes have run out due to limited space. As a result, those who had hoped for access to exclusive events will have to rely on free tickets available through members of Congress, though these passes offer less access than the VIP packages typically sought by major donors.

Elon Musk Calls for Opposition to Scholz, Endorses Far-Right AfD in Germany Election

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has stirred controversy by calling on the German public to "say no" to Chancellor Olaf Scholz and endorsing the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party ahead of the country's snap election scheduled for February 23. Musk's comments were made on social media platform X, in response to news reports about Scholz's re-nomination by his party, the Social Democrats (SPD), and a story about a woman receiving a longer prison sentence than the migrant gang rapists she offended.

In his post, Musk urged: "Sag Nein zu Scholz!" which translates to "Say No to Scholz." He has also expressed strong support for the AfD, calling its co-leader Alice Weidel "very reasonable" and urging Germans to vote for the party. During an audio livestream with Weidel, Musk claimed that AfD was the only party that could "save Germany," likening the political situation in Germany to that of the United States during the Trump era. Musk suggested that if Germans were dissatisfied with their current situation, they should vote for change by supporting AfD.

Weidel, in turn, praised Musk for his support and condemned the treatment of former U.S.



President Donald Trump in Germany. She also made controversial comments about protecting Israel and combating what she described as "Muslim crime," positioning AfD as Germany's protector of Jewish life.

Musk's endorsement of the AfD and his criticism of the German government have drawn significant backlash. Government officials have accused him of interfering in

Germany's election, with some likening him to Russian President Vladimir Putin. SPD co-leader Lars Klingbeil condemned Musk's actions, claiming that both Musk and Putin aim to weaken democracy and destabilize nations. Similarly, CDU leader Friedrich Merz expressed concerns about the economic implications of AfD policies, which include the party's push for Germany to exit the European Union.

Israel's Netanyahu Sends Mossad Chief To Qatar For Gaza Hostage Deal Talks



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dispatched a high-level delegation, including Mossad Director David Barnea, to Qatar for ongoing negotiations aimed at securing the release of hostages taken by Hamas during its October 7, 2023 attack on Israel. The Israeli delegation, which also includes heads of the Shin Bet security agency and military officials, is working towards a ceasefire in Gaza and the immediate freeing of hostages, Israel's Prime Minister's office confirmed in a statement on Saturday.

This diplomatic move comes after several months of mediation by the United States, Qatar, and Egypt. US officials, including President Joe Biden's representatives, have been involved in facilitating talks since the onset of the war. Biden, in his final days in office, acknowledged "real progress" in these indirect talks. However, the urgency of the situation remains high, with Trump, who will assume office on January 20, threatening severe consequences if hostages are not released by his inauguration.

The hostage situation emerged after Hamas launched an attack on Israel that killed over 1,200 people, mostly civilians. The attack also saw 251 individuals taken hostage, with 94 still held in Gaza, including 34 people whom the Israeli military has declared dead.

The escalating conflict in Gaza, which followed Hamas's assault, has resulted in significant casualties, with over 46,500 people killed in Gaza, mostly civilians, according to figures from the Hamas-run health ministry. This number is considered credible by the United Nations.

The announcement of the negotiations was positively received by the Hostages and Missing Families Forum, a group advocating for those held by Hamas, which described the move as a "historic opportunity" to secure the return of all hostages. The group emphasized the importance of exhaustive efforts to ensure the safe release of everyone still held in Gaza.

Impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol to Skip First Hearing Over Safety Concerns

South Korea's impeached President, Yoon Suk Yeol, will not attend the first hearing of his impeachment trial scheduled for Tuesday, citing safety concerns, according to a statement from his lawyer, as reported by South Korean news agency Yonhap News. The hearing, which will take place at the Constitutional Court, will be pivotal in determining whether Yoon will be removed from office or reinstated.

The trial comes after Yoon faced widespread criticism and calls for his removal, with allegations of corruption and misconduct surrounding his administration. His impeachment was passed by the National Assembly earlier this year, leading to the formation of the Constitutional Court panel to evaluate the charges against him.

The decision to skip the hearing is significant, as it underscores the tense political environment in South Korea. Yoon's legal team has raised concerns regarding potential threats to his safety, adding another layer of complexity to the proceedings. The trial will see arguments from both sides, as Yoon's supporters seek to overturn the impeachment, while critics argue for his removal due to the charges against him.

The Constitutional Court's ruling will have far-reaching implications for South Korea's political future. If Yoon is removed from office, a new president will be elected, marking a major shift in the country's



leadership. However, if the court rules in his favor, Yoon will be reinstated, and his administration will continue. The trial is expected to be closely watched both domestically and internationally, given the high stakes involved in the outcome.

As the impeachment process moves forward, all eyes will be on the Constitutional Court's decision and whether Yoon's absence from the hearing will affect the course of the trial.

Investors Beware: Volatility Looms as Markets Witness a Correction

Key Stock Recommendations Amid Market Uncertainty

Benchmark indices are bracing for a volatile week as Nifty has fallen below its 200-day Simple Moving Average (SMA), marking an 11% decline from its lifetime high. If the index slips below the critical 23,431 level, it may trigger a medium-term downtrend. Last week, all sectoral indices, except IT, ended in losses, while FMCG showed some resilience. With the Union Budget around the corner, market volatility is expected to remain elevated.



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HCL Tech has emerged as a strong performer in the IT sector, which is currently acting as a tailwind in a declining market. The stock has risen by 6% over the past three sessions and closed last Friday with a gain of 3.12%. Investors are advised to take a position around ₹1990, with a target price of ₹2150. To mitigate risk, a strict stop loss should be maintained at ₹1960.

SBI Life, after correcting 30% from its lifetime high in September last year, is showing signs of recovery with accumulation evident at the strong support level of ₹1400. Despite the broader market downturn, the stock has displayed resilience and reduced volatility. Investors can consider entering at ₹1450 with a target price of ₹1650 while placing a stop loss at ₹1420 to safeguard their investment.



The FMCG sector stands out as one of the few promising areas in the current market, with Hindustan Unilever offering a compelling opportunity. Following a 25% correction, the stock found support at ₹2300 and has shown consistent gains over the past four sessions. Investors should consider entering at ₹2400, targeting ₹2650, with a stop loss placed at ₹2360 for risk management.



Marico continues to display strength compared to Nifty, holding firm above the crucial ₹600 level. The stock has gained 10% in just three sessions, recovering well after a significant correction from its lifetime high. Investors are recommended to take a position at ₹650, with a target price of ₹770, and maintain a stop loss at ₹635.



Britannia, which witnessed a steep 26% correction post its Q2 results, has stabilized and shown strength since late December. The stock closed last Friday at ₹4939 and is recommended for entry at ₹4900, with a target price of ₹5250. A stop loss should be placed at ₹4860 to protect against further downside. The current market volatility emphasizes the need for careful stock selection. With IT and FMCG sectors showing relative strength, disciplined investment strategies and adherence to stop losses remain essential for navigating the uncertainty effectively.

Union Budget 2025 :CII suggests 10-point agenda on ease of biz reforms



Ahead of the upcoming Union Budget, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has outlined a 10-point agenda aimed at driving reforms to improve the ease of doing business in India. The agenda focuses on reducing compliance burdens, simplifying regulatory frameworks, and enhancing transparency to foster a more conducive business environment.

One of the key recommendations from the industry body is that all regulatory approvals at the central, state, and local levels should be mandatorily processed through the National Single Window System (NSWS). This system is designed to streamline approvals and reduce bureaucratic hurdles by providing a single platform for all regulatory requirements. CII argues that mandating the use of NSWS would create a more efficient and transparent process for businesses seeking approvals.

In addition to regulatory streamlining, CII has emphasized the need for faster dispute resolution mechanisms. The body has urged the government to improve the capacity of courts and increase reliance on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods. By enhancing the ADR infrastructure, CII believes businesses can resolve conflicts more quickly, thereby reducing the potential for delays and improving overall business operations.

Furthermore, CII highlighted the critical issue of land access for businesses. To facilitate the establishment and expansion of enterprises, the body proposed that states be incentivized to develop integrated online land authorities. These authorities would digitize land banks and integrate land records to make the process of acquiring land more transparent and efficient. Access to land is a fundamental requirement for businesses, and a streamlined land management system is seen as essential for promoting investment and industrial growth.

Through these measures, CII aims to create a business-friendly environment that supports economic growth, attracts investment, and boosts India's competitiveness on the global stage. The recommendations, which focus on digitalization, regulatory reforms, and infrastructure improvements, are expected to be pivotal in shaping the government's approach to fostering a vibrant and dynamic economy.

Union Government's Infrastructure Focus to Drive Growth in FY2026 and Beyond

The Union government's increased focus on infrastructure development and investments in critical sectors such as railways, defence, power, and data centres is expected to fuel growth momentum into the financial year (FY) 2026 and beyond, according to a report by financial services firm Prabhudas Lilladher (PL).

The report highlights that the government's efforts to accelerate capital expenditure (capex) are laying the foundation for a gradual economic recovery. With the total capital spending for FY25 budgeted at Rs 11.1 trillion, these investments are expected to drive significant growth across various sectors.

PL's report notes that early signs of rising order activity in railways, defence, power, and data centres indicate the potential for faster execution, which could act as a key catalyst for broader economic revival. With food inflation peaking at 10.9% in October, the government's focus on accelerating capex spending is expected to contribute to a gradual economic recovery.



The upcoming Union Budget will play a crucial role in shaping this recovery, with expectations for growth-driven policies aimed at boosting middle-class spending while maintaining fiscal discipline. Despite anticipated shortfalls in revenue collection, the government's measures to stimulate demand and support long-term growth could provide the necessary push to the economy.

For investors, the evolving landscape offers promising opportunities across various structural themes. The India capex story, which includes capital goods, infrastructure, and emerging technologies, is emerging as a major growth driver. In addition, sectors such as healthcare, tourism, discretionary consumption, and financialization are poised to benefit from the recovery, presenting attractive investment opportunities.

DMart Q3 net profit rises around 5%, revenue soars 17.7%

Avenue Supermarts, the parent company of DMart, India's leading food and grocery retailer, reported its financial results for the quarter and three quarters ending December 2024. The company saw a 4.9% increase in its consolidated net profit, reaching Rs 724 crore compared to Rs 690 crore in the same period the previous year.

However, despite the rise in profit, the company's net profit margin slipped to 4.5% for the quarter, down from 5.1% in Q3 of the last fiscal year. Total revenue for the quarter grew by 17.7%, reaching Rs 15,973 crore, up from Rs 13,572 crore in the previous year's corresponding period. The Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) for Q3 stood at Rs 1,217 crore, up from Rs 1,120 crore in the previous year, although the EBITDA margin decreased to 7.6% from 8.3% in Q3 2023.

For the nine months ending December 2024, the total revenue amounted to Rs 44,486 crore, compared to Rs 38,062 crore in the same period of 2023. The EBITDA for this period was Rs 3,532 crore, an increase from Rs 3,160 crore last year, though the EBITDA margin also decreased slightly to 7.9% from 8.3% in the previous year.

Neville Noronha, CEO and Managing Director of Avenue Supermarts, commented on the company's performance, highlighting the increased intensity of discounting in the FMCG category, which has impacted store turnover in metro areas. He reaffirmed the company's commitment to being the preferred value retailer for customers near DMart stores or fulfillment centers. In line with the growing trend in grocery e-commerce, DMart has seen a significant rise in demand for home delivery services, which now outpaces pick-up point sales. The company will continue to offer both delivery options but has increasingly shifted to home delivery in several towns.



India's Steel Demand to Grow by 8-9% in 2025, But Supply Challenges Persist

India is poised to maintain its position as one of the fastest-growing steel-consuming economies in 2025, with an anticipated demand growth of 8-9%, according to a report by CRISIL's Market Intelligence and Analytics. This growth will be largely driven by an increase in steel-intensive construction activities within the housing and infrastructure sectors, as well as stronger demand from engineering, packaging, and other industrial segments.

Despite the positive demand outlook, the report highlights concerns about domestic supply. While steel demand in India is estimated to have grown by 11% in 2024, challenges persist in meeting this demand through domestic production alone. The supply concerns are further exacerbated by a rise in competitive imports and a decline in exports, which contributed to weaker production growth in 2024.



Finished steel imports surged by 24.5% in 2024, while exports declined by 6.4%, leading to a 3.2 million-tonne increase in finished steel availability in the domestic market. This accounted for 2% of total finished steel demand. The influx of imports, particularly from key exporters like China, Japan, Vietnam, and South Korea, has put additional pressure on domestic steel prices.

For example, between 2022 and 2024, finished steel imports from China more than doubled, with hot-rolled coils (HRC) imports increasing by 28 times. HRC is used as feedstock for producing downstream products, and its imports, often priced lower than domestic HRC, have created price competition for Indian producers.

Extraordinary Animals That Thrive Without Oxygen

Most living organisms, including humans and animals, rely on oxygen to survive. However, some remarkable species have adapted to environments where oxygen is scarce or completely absent. These creatures have evolved unique survival strategies, making them stand out as some of the most extraordinary beings in the animal kingdom.



One fascinating group of animals that live without oxygen can be found in the most extreme and hostile environments, such as muddy swamps, deep-sea trenches, or even within the bodies of other animals. Despite the challenges posed by the lack of oxygen, these creatures have developed incredible biological systems that allow them to thrive.

For example, some species of fish, like the *Carassius auratus* or goldfish, are capable of surviving in low-oxygen environments by relying on anaerobic metabolism. Instead of using oxygen to convert food into energy, they break down glucose in a way that doesn't require oxygen. These fish can survive in stagnant waters, where oxygen levels are low, for extended periods of time.

In other extreme cases, animals like the tardigrades (also known as water bears) can survive in environments devoid of oxygen,

such as deep-sea sediments or the vacuum of space. They can enter a state called cryptobiosis, where they effectively shut down their metabolism and can endure without oxygen or water.

Additionally, in the deep sea, certain species of worms, like the *Riftia pachyptila*, thrive near hydrothermal vents, where there is no oxygen but plenty of toxic sulfur compounds. These worms rely on symbiotic bacteria that convert the sulfur into usable energy for the worms, allowing them to flourish in an oxygen-free environment.

These exceptional adaptations demonstrate the incredible versatility of life on Earth. Despite living in conditions that would be lethal to most organisms, these species continue to survive, highlighting the resilience and diversity of life forms in the natural world.

Is Eating Dark Chocolate Daily Healthy? Expert Weighs In

Who doesn't love chocolates? For those with a sweet tooth, it can be nearly impossible to stop at just one piece, and we get it! However, incorporating dark chocolate into your daily routine may come with its own set of challenges, especially for those monitoring their weight. To better understand how to enjoy dark chocolate in a healthy way, Indianexpress.com spoke with health expert Dr. S M Fayaz.



According to Dr. Fayaz, consuming dark chocolate daily can be beneficial for your health—but only in moderation. Dark chocolate is rich in antioxidants, especially flavonoids, which are known to improve heart health, reduce inflammation, and even boost brain function. These properties make dark chocolate a potential addition to a healthy diet when consumed responsibly.

However, the health benefits of dark chocolate can only be fully realized if you choose the right kind. Dr. Fayaz advises opting for dark chocolate with at least 70% cocoa content. Higher cocoa percentages ensure that you are getting a significant dose of antioxidants, while also keeping the added sugars to a minimum. Consuming dark chocolate with a lower cocoa percentage or

high sugar content can negate the health benefits and contribute to weight gain and other health issues.

The key to enjoying dark chocolate as part of a balanced lifestyle is moderation. Overindulging, even with a healthful option like dark chocolate, can still lead to excess calorie intake, potentially affecting weight management efforts. Dr. Fayaz suggests limiting dark chocolate consumption to a small square or two per day, as part of a varied and nutrient-rich diet.

So, while dark chocolate can offer some surprising health benefits, it's important to remember that balance is key. Enjoy it mindfully, and reap the rewards of this delicious yet nutritious treat!



Harsh Goenka Shares Stunning Flamingo Photo from Sambhar Salt Lake

Industrialist Harsh Goenka, known for his engaging social media posts, recently shared a breathtaking image of flamingos flocking at Rajasthan's Sambhar Salt Lake. The Chairperson of the RPG Group took to his social media to highlight this stunning spectacle of nature. Along with the picture, Goenka wrote, "Stunning sight of flamingos flocking at Sambhar Salt Lake, Rajasthan - a masterpiece of nature's beauty!"

The Sambhar Salt Lake, one of the largest in India, is a seasonal haven for migratory birds. Every year, from June to November, thousands of these birds make their way to the lake, turning its expansive, dry salt beds into a vibrant winter refuge. The lake becomes home to a wide range of bird species, but the flamingos, with their elegant stance and colorful plumage, stand out as the most striking.

This natural marvel is not just a treat for birdwatchers but also a vital ecosystem for many species. The lake's rich salt content and seasonal water inflow create an ideal environment for the birds to rest and feed, especially during their long migratory journeys.

Goenka's post has drawn attention to this beautiful, yet lesser-known, corner of Rajasthan, where nature's beauty is on full display. The sight of thousands of flamingos in flight or standing in large groups along the lake's shores offers a truly mesmerizing view and serves as a reminder of the incredible biodiversity that exists across India.

Such breathtaking photographs and observations continue to encourage people to explore and appreciate the hidden gems of the country.

Thai rice fields transformed into vibrant art depicting red dragon, feline deity

In northern Thailand, a breathtaking display of art has emerged in the rice paddies of Tanyapong Jaikham. Using rice plants, Tanyapong has created vibrant images of a red dragon, a local feline deity, and dogs and cats to honor those affected by the devastating floods that hit the region in September. The floods left thousands stranded, and Tanyapong's unique paddy art serves as both a tribute and a symbol of hope.



To craft the intricate designs spanning over 2 hectares (5 acres), Tanyapong employed the help of artificial intelligence (AI) and GPS technology. These tools were used to plot and refine the layout and ensure precise planting of 20 kilograms (45 pounds) of rainbow rice seeds. Tanyapong began the process in October, and by December, the stunning artwork was ready for public view.

The choice of imagery was symbolic. The dragon represents the removal of negativity, a wish for the crisis to pass, while the feline deity, a local figure with four ears and five eyes, holds spiritual signif-

icance. Additionally, the images of dogs and cats trapped by the floodwaters serve as a poignant reminder of the struggles faced by both humans and animals during the disaster.

Since its completion, the rice paddy art has attracted thousands of visitors, including locals, families, and students.

The artwork has provided a source of inspiration, reflection, and hope for those who experienced the flood's devastating effects. Tanyapong, whose work blends creativity and technology, has touched hearts with his tribute, reminding the community of resilience and unity in the face of adversity.

Viral Video Shows Live Worm in Zomato Meal, Cloud Kitchen Issues Apology

A recent incident involving a live worm found in a meal ordered through Zomato has gone viral, sparking debates on food safety and hygiene standards in cloud kitchens. The video, shared on Instagram by a Bengaluru-based user, shows the man pointing to a worm crawling inside a salad bowl from his order.



The man, who goes by the Instagram handle @fitnesskapratik, reveals in the video that he had ordered food from Fresh Menu, a popular cloud kitchen listed on Zomato. While the bill was for four items, he received only three, and when he examined one of the salad bowls, he discovered the live worm. He expresses his disbelief, stating, "After seeing this, I don't want to open the other two," and urges Zomato to investigate the

matter further.

The viral video quickly gained attention, with the man's caption emphasizing the importance of food safety and caution when ordering from outside. He tagged the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and advised others to be careful when consuming food from outside establishments. He also added,

particularly as online food ordering becomes more widespread.

As the video continues to circulate, many are questioning the standards of food safety maintained by cloud kitchens and delivery services, highlighting the growing concern for consumer protection in the ever-expanding online food delivery market.

"Please, guys, try to avoid outside food, and if you have no other option, then please check the food properly before eating."

In response to the incident, Fresh Menu, the cloud kitchen involved, issued a public apology, acknowledging the issue and assuring customers that they were taking steps to investigate the matter. The incident has reignited discussions on the need for stricter hygiene practices in the food delivery industry,

Mohammad Shami Returns to Indian Team for T20I Series Against England



stage.

Shami's absence was due to an ankle injury that required surgery last year. Following the surgery, he was also unable to join the Indian squad for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia due to a knee swelling. This left Jasprit Bumrah to shoulder the pace bowling duties for the team. However, with Shami's recovery progressing well, he is now set to make a comeback and bolster India's bowling attack for the T20I series.

Suryakumar Yadav will lead the 15-member Indian team for the series, which is set to begin on January 22 in Kolkata. Yadav's leadership will be key as India faces a tough English side in the five-match series. The squad includes a mix of experienced players and young talent, with Shami returning as a senior bowler alongside the likes of Arshdeep Singh and Hardik Pandya, who is also part of the squad.

The full team for the T20I series against England is as follows:

Suryakumar Yadav (C), Sanju Samson (wk), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Rinku Singh, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Axar Patel (vc), Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Mohammad Shami, Varun Chakravarthy, Ravi Bishnoi, Washington Sundar, Dhruv Jurel (wk).

With Shami's return, the Indian team hopes to strengthen their pace attack and improve their chances of success against England in this exciting T20I series.

Veteran Indian seamer Mohammad Shami is set to make his return to international cricket after nearly 14 months, as he has been included in the Indian squad for the upcoming five-match T20I

series against England. The 34-year-old pacer has been sidelined since India's 2023 ODI World Cup final against Australia in November, where he last represented the country on the international

Novak Djokovic Stands Alone as Tennis' Big Three Era Comes to an End

The golden era of men's tennis, once dominated by the Big Three—Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, and Novak Djokovic—has officially come to a close. With Nadal retiring after his final match at the Davis Cup in November 2024, and Federer's retirement officially announced in 2022, Djokovic remains the lone survivor of a generation that has shaped the sport for nearly two decades.

As the 2025 Australian Open kicked off this week, it marked the first ma-

ajor Grand Slam since Nadal's retirement. The tournament also brings a fresh wave of anticipation as Djokovic aims to win his 25th Grand Slam title, a record-setting achievement in tennis. Djokovic, who has clinched 10 of his 24 Grand Slam titles at Melbourne Park since his debut in 2005, is scheduled to face 19-year-old Nishesh Basavareddy, a rising star who recently announced he was turning professional after leaving Stanford University.

Djokovic, who has been a fixture in the



Australian Open for years, reflected on his long-standing success at the tournament. "It's a nice number of years that I've been coming to Australia," he said. "The place where I had the greatest Grand Slam success."



1st Time In 48 Years: Jemimah Rodrigues Inspires India Women To Historic ODI Feat

Jemimah Rodrigues scored her maiden century in 50-over cricket, leading India to a dominant total of 370 for 5 in the second Women's ODI against Ireland in Rajkot on Sunday. The Indian top order put on a clinical display, pulverizing a lackluster Ireland bowling attack to set a new record for the team.

The match saw a blazing start from skipper Smriti Mandhana, who scored 73 off 54 balls, quickly laying the foundation for a huge total. Rodrigues, playing at No. 4, followed up with a stellar 102 off 91 balls, while the promising newcomer Patika Rawal contributed 67 off 61 balls. Experienced batter Harleen Deol added 89 off 84 balls to the scoreboard, ensuring India finished strong.

This total of 370 is a historic one for Indian women's cricket, marking the first time in the team's 48-year ODI history that they have crossed the 370-run mark. The Indian innings was built around two major partnerships: a 156-run stand between Mandhana and Rawal, and a 183-run partnership between Rodrigues and Deol. Together, the Indian batters hammered 44 boundaries and three sixes across the 50 overs.

Rodrigues, who had previously struggled to convert promising starts into big scores, celebrated her century with a mock guitar-playing gesture, signaling the relief and joy of reaching this milestone. "It has been a long wait to get this hundred," Rodrigues said during the innings break. "Glad that the team gave me a role at No. 4 and I could deliver."

Reflecting on her partnership with Deol, Rodrigues explained, "Initially, we took time to assess the conditions. While I took my time, Harleen spoke to me to keep believing in myself." She also highlighted the importance of staying till the 50th over, emphasizing the need for composure in such a high-scoring game.

India's impressive total highlights their dominance and sets the stage for what promises to be an exciting finish to the series.

Zheng Qinwen and Casper Ruud Advance Amidst Rain Disruptions at Australian Open



Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen and sixth seed Casper Ruud both made it to the second round of the Australian Open on Sunday, despite heavy storms disrupting play and causing a backlog of matches.

Zheng, the fifth seed and last year's finalist, had the honor of playing the opening point on center court. She faced Romania's Anca Todoni, ranked 110th, and came through with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-1 victory. Zheng struggled early, failing to convert

three set points at 5-3 in the first set, but managed to secure the set in a tiebreaker and then cruised through the second. "The first match is always not easy," Zheng said after the match. "Just happy to get through the match, the tie-break, and find my rhythm." The 22-year-old had a standout 2024, including Olympic gold and three WTA titles.

However, the action on the outside courts at Melbourne Park was de-

layed after a heavy storm rolled in, forcing players and spectators to take shelter. The rain, thunder, and lightning halted play for over an hour, and no matches were scheduled before 6:30 pm local time. Only the three main stadiums, which have roofs, were able to continue.

Ruud, aiming for a stronger showing at the Grand Slams in 2025 after a lackluster 2024, found himself in a difficult match against Spain's Jaume Munar. The Norwegian

managed to secure a 6-3, 1-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 win, though he admitted it was a tough battle.

Japanese veteran Kei Nishikori also fought through a marathon match, saving two match points to defeat Brazil's Thiago Monteiro 4-6, 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 in over four hours.

Meanwhile, Mirra Andreeva, the 17-year-old Russian, made it to the second round with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Marie Bouzkova.

India Clinch 2-0 Lead with 116-Run Win Over Ireland in Women's ODI Series

India defeated Ireland by 116 runs in the second Women's ODI, securing an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

India won the toss and chose to bat, amassing a commanding total of 370 for 5 in 50 overs. Skipper Smriti Mandhana led from the front with a solid 73, while newcomer Pratika Rawal contributed 67. Harleen Deol added a crucial 89, and Jemimah Rodrigues produced a stunning maiden century in 50-over cricket, scoring 102 runs off 91 balls. Jemimah's knock was the highlight of the innings, as she tore apart the Irish bowling attack alongside her teammates, putting up a formidable score.

In response, Ireland fought hard but fell short. Keeper-batter Christina Coulter Reilly top-scored for her side with an impressive 80. Despite her valiant effort, Ireland could not keep pace with India's massive total. Sarah Forbes (38) and Lau-

ra Delany (37) provided support, but it was not enough.

India's spinners were once again the standout performers, with Deepti Sharma leading the charge, claiming 3 wickets for 37 runs. Priya Mishra also contributed, taking 2 wickets for 53 runs. Ireland finished at 254 for 7 in their allotted 50 overs, falling well short of the target.

India 370/5 in 50 overs (Smriti Mandhana 73, Pratika Rawal 67, Harleen Deol 89, Jemimah Rodrigues 102; Orla Prendergast 2/75).

Ireland 254/7 in 50 overs (Sarah Forbes 38, Christina Coulter Reilly 80, Laura Delany 37; Deepti Sharma 3/37, Priya Mishra 2/53).

With this dominant victory, India sealed the series with a game to spare, and they will now look to complete a clean sweep in the final ODI.





Daaku Maharaaj: A Stylish Action Drama with Predictable Storytelling

Nandamuri Balakrishna's latest action drama, *Daaku Maharaaj*, directed by Bobby Kolli, finally hits theaters amidst massive expectations. The film tells the story of MLA Thirumala Naidu (Ravi Kishan), who secretly grows cocaine on the tea estate of Krishna Murthy (Sachin Khedekar). When Krishna Murthy confronts the MLA, chaos ensues, and Nanaji (Balakrishna) enters the scene as a humble driver, protecting Krishna Murthy's family from the dangerous world of drugs. As the plot unfolds, questions arise about Nanaji's past, his connection to the Thakurs, and his true identity. The film explores these mysteries while keeping audiences hooked with high-stakes action.

Balakrishna shines in the dual role of Nanaji and Daaku Maharaaj. His portrayal of the strong yet compassionate character adds depth to the film. He handles both the action-packed and emotional moments with ease, pleasing his fans with well-done character elevations. Unlike his previous films, the reduced use of punch dialogues makes his performance feel more refreshing.

Thaman's energetic background score amplifies the impact of the action sequences, making them even more thrilling. The performances of Pragya Jaiswal, Shradha Srinath, and child artist Veda Agarwal also stand out despite their limited screen time.

The film offers a solid first half filled with entertainment, which is typical of a Balayya movie. The emotional connection between Balayya and the young girl works particularly well, especially in the latter part of the movie.



The story lacks originality, and the writing often prioritizes style over substance. This makes the second half feel predictable and less engaging. Despite Bobby Deol's presence as the villain, his character lacks depth and fails to match the intensity of Balayya's performance.

Certain characters, including Shine Tom Chacko, Urvashi Rautela, and Chandini Chowdary, fail to contribute significantly to the plot. The lack of comedy may also disappoint some viewers. Additionally, the screenplay slows down in the second half, and the climax could have been more impactful.

Director Bobby Kolli presents Balakrishna in a stylish manner, but the film's lack of a fresh storyline holds it back. Vijay Karthik Kannan's visuals are impressive, while Thaman's music elevates the overall experience. Editing by Niranjana and Ruben is efficient, though trimming a few scenes in the second half could have improved the pacing.

Daaku Maharaaj is an action-packed drama with moments of emotional depth, but its predictable plot and underdeveloped characters drag it down. Despite these flaws, the film remains entertaining, particularly for Balakrishna's fans, who will enjoy his powerful performance and the high-energy action.



Pushpa 2 Reloaded: Exclusive Deleted Footage Hits Theaters January 17

The blockbuster movie Pushpa 2: The Rule, starring Allu Arjun in the lead role and directed by Sukumar, has already become a massive hit since its release on December 5. With Rashmika Mandanna playing the female lead, the film has stormed the box office, breaking records, including those set by Baahubali 2, and is now heading toward the remarkable milestone of Rs. 2000 crores in collections.

Amidst the film's tremendous success, the makers have delighted fans with exciting news. They recently announced that 20 minutes of previously deleted footage will be added back to Pushpa 2 in an upcoming re-release. Originally, the addition was scheduled for January 11, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the date has now been postponed to January 17. To build anticipation, the film's crew has released a promo showcasing some of the deleted scenes.

One of the most thrilling additions is the scene where Pushpa (played by Allu Arjun) falls into the water during the intense fight in the opening sequence. This scene was initially cut, but now fans will get to witness it in its entirety. Additionally, an exciting action sequence featuring Kannada actor Tarak Ponnappa will also be included in the re-release. This added content is sure to enhance the movie's already gripping narrative, giving fans more of what they love.

The decision to bring back these deleted scenes comes as a treat to the film's loyal audience, who have already made Pushpa 2 a huge success. The addition of these action-packed moments is expected to further elevate the film's appeal and offer a fresh experience to viewers, ensuring that Pushpa 2 continues to dominate the box office and keep the audience engaged long after its initial release.

With the re-release scheduled for January 17, moviegoers are eagerly anticipating the added content and the chance to experience Pushpa 2 in a new light.

Jailer 2: Special Glimpses to Be Released as Sankranti Treat



Director Nelson Dilipkumar's Jailer was a massive commercial success, marking a blockbuster return for Tamil superstar Rajinikanth after a long period. The movie captivated audiences with its engaging storyline and Rajinikanth's charismatic performance. Following the success of the film, it has now been confirmed that a sequel, Jailer 2, is in the works.

The pre-production work for Jailer 2 has already been completed, and fans are eagerly awaiting updates on the project. In a move to further fuel excitement, director Nelson has announced that a special glimpse of the sequel will be released as a Pongal gift. The film's promotional teaser is expected to drop during the Sankranti festival, a time when moviegoers and fans are looking forward to big releases and

celebrations.

Although an official announcement regarding the release of the Jailer 2 teaser has not been made yet, sources close to the production reveal that the team finished shooting the film in December. This teaser is expected to bring fans a closer look at what's in store for them in the highly anticipated sequel, including action-packed sequences and more of Rajinikanth's powerful screen presence.

The announcement of the Jailer 2 teaser arriving around Sankranti has already gone viral on social media, with fans sharing their excitement and anticipation for the upcoming project. The festive release of the promo is expected to create a massive buzz and give fans a glimpse into the world of Jailer 2, raising expectations for another blockbuster from Rajinikanth and director Nelson.

As the countdown to Pongal begins, Jailer 2 is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films of the year, and the upcoming teaser promises to be a treat for Rajinikanth fans and movie enthusiasts alike.



The Family Man 3 Set to Hit Screens Soon with Exciting New Episodes

Fans of the hit web series The Family Man are in for a treat as the much-anticipated third season is nearly ready for release. Recent updates suggest that the post-production work for The Family Man 3 is almost complete, sparking excitement among viewers who have been eagerly awaiting the next chapter in this thrilling spy action saga.

The first two seasons of The Family Man were massive successes, garnering widespread praise for their gripping storyline, intense action sequences, and stellar performances. The dynamic character of Srikanth Tiwari, portrayed by Manoj Bajpayee, has been a major highlight, and fans are excited to see how his journey unfolds in the upcoming season.

Manoj Bajpayee recently shared an update on The Family Man 3, confirming that the third season will be arriving soon. As Srikanth Tiwari, a patriotic intelligence officer, Bajpayee will once again lead the action-packed narrative, navigating the complex world of espionage and national security. Alongside Bajpayee, the talented Priyamani, Sharib Hashmi, Shreya Dhanwantri, and Vedant Sinha will reprise their roles, adding to the excitement and anticipation surrounding the series.

In addition to its engaging plot, The Family Man has won fans over with its unique blend of thrilling action and heartfelt family moments, making it one of the most popular and critically acclaimed series.

Sundeep Kishan's Mazaka Teaser: Non-stop Fun Ride

Sundeep Kishan is ready to deliver a fresh wave of comedy with his upcoming film Mazaka, directed by Thrinadha Rao Nakkina. The teaser, released today, introduces a hilarious and heartwarming father-son dynamic that is bound to leave audiences in splits.

The teaser presents a light-hearted yet intriguing story revolving around Sundeep Kishan's character, who is in a relationship with his girlfriend, played by Ritu Varma. The comedy escalates when Sundeep's character gets upset upon seeing his father, portrayed by Rao Ramesh, flirt with another woman, played by Anshu. The chemistry between Sundeep and Rao Ramesh stands out, with their playful banter and comic timing injecting an

abundance of energy into the scenes.

Directed by Thrinadha Rao Nakkina, known for his knack for creating engaging comedies, Mazaka promises a non-stop fun experience. Ritu Varma and Anshu also deliver impressive performances, each contributing to the film's cheerful vibe.

Visually, Mazaka is an absolute treat, thanks to the captivating cinematography by Nizar Shafi. The energetic frames complement the lively nature of the film, while the rousing score by Leon James adds even more vibrancy to the scenes. With high production values, the film is produced by Razes Danda and Umesh KR Bansal under the banners of AK Entertainments, Hasya Movies, and Zee Studios.

