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CM Calls for Unity and Cooperation in State's Development



Heated Argument Between MLAs at Karimnagar Collectorate

- Tension Escalates Between Jagityala and Huzurabad MLAs
- Police Intervention as Physical Altercation Breaks Out
- Kaushik Reddy Criticizes Government for Unfulfilled Promises
- Demand for Resignations and Protests Continue Amidst Political Strife

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 13: A heated argument erupted during a review meeting at the Karimnagar Collectorate when Jagityala MLA Sanjay was speaking. The situation escalated when Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy questioned Sanjay about which party he belonged to. This query led to a verbal altercation, with both MLAs exchanging sharp words. The argument quickly turned physical, with the two attempting to attack each other.

The confrontation took place in the presence of three ministers, making the scene even more dramatic. As the situation escalated, police were forced to intervene and escort MLA Kaushik Reddy out of the Collectorate building.

Speaking to the media later, Kaushik Reddy expressed his discontent, stating that an MLA who had won under the leadership of KCR (K. Chandrashekar Rao, the Chief Minister) should fol-

low KCR's agenda. He also emphasized that nobody would remain silent in the face of such provocative statements. Kaushik Reddy criticized the government's handling of various issues, including the demands for Rs. 15,000 for farmers, Rs. 6,000 for the disabled, and Dalit bonds for Dalits. He made it clear that he and his supporters would continue to protest until the government fulfilled its promises.

Kaushik Reddy further stressed that if KCR continues to speak on behalf of Congress, despite his victory under KCR's leadership, they would not accept it. He also demanded that the Mughals resign, further intensifying the tension.

The argument between the two MLAs and the subsequent disruption of the meeting have sparked considerable attention, with political observers closely watching the developments in the region.



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 13: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasized the need for unity and cooperation among all political parties for the development of Telangana, irrespective of their differences. Speaking at a program in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister launched the autobiography of former Maharashtra Governor Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao, titled Unika.

Reddy highlighted the importance of major infrastructure projects like Metro Rail, Regional Ring Road, and Regional Ring Rail in transforming Hyderabad into a global city. He expressed concern over the decline of Hyderabad Metro, which was once ranked



second in the country but has now fallen to 9th place due to lack of progress in the past decade. He urged leaders to push for approval for the Metro's expansion in the upcoming Union Cabinet meeting.

The Chief Minister called for greater cooperation from the Center, stressing that Telangana's development should not be ignored. He urged the Prime Minister to support the state's development in achieving India's goal of a \$5 trillion economy. He also sought permission for a dry port and connectivity to nearby ports, as well as cooperation on the Kazipet Railway Coach Factory.

Reddy further emphasized that 60% of Tel-

angana's income comes from Hyderabad and that the city should be positioned to compete with global cities like New York and Tokyo. He urged all political parties to cooperate, citing the example of Tamil Nadu, where political differences are set aside for state issues.

The CM also discussed key issues like improving skill development through the transformation of ITIs into ATCs, establishing a Sports University, and enhancing sports infrastructure. The event was attended by senior leaders, including Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Odisha Governor K. Haribabu, and Union Minister Bandi Sanjay.

Hyderabad Metro Expansion

- New LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar Route Announced

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 13: As part of the ongoing second phase of Hyderabad's Metro Rail expansion, the proposed route from LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar is set to enhance the city's public transport system. The new 7-kilometer stretch will feature six stations along the way, improving accessibility for commuters in the southern parts of the city.



The Hyderabad Metro Rail is working diligently to complete this project, which will play a crucial role in easing traffic congestion and providing a sustainable transport option for the growing population of the city. The completion of the LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar section is expected to bring significant

The route map, shared by Hyderabad Metro X on Twitter, outlines the stations on the LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar corridor. Starting from LB Nagar Metro Station, the route will pass through Chintal Kunta, Vanasthalipuram, Autonagar, Lecturers Colony, RTC Colony, and finally Hayat Nagar. These stations are expected to significantly reduce travel time for residents along the corridor.

This project is part of the second phase of the metro's expansion, aimed at enhancing connectivity across Hyderabad. The newly proposed corridor will connect with the existing Miyapur-Patan Cheru extension (Corridor 1), which is already operational from Miyapur to LB Nagar. The extension to Hayat Nagar will create a seamless 50-kilometer metro route, linking the city's north-west to the south-east, making it easier for residents to travel across these areas.

improvements to public transportation in the region, benefiting both daily commuters and visitors alike.

With this expansion, Hyderabad is moving closer to establishing a robust metro network that will offer smooth and efficient travel across the city. The new route is anticipated to be a key milestone in the metro's development, promoting better mobility for all.

Kaushik Reddy Warns Congress Leaders

Demands Support for Farmers and Dalits

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 13: Huzurabad BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has issued a stern warning to Congress leaders, stating that they have no fear of threats and will continue to stand by farmers and Dalits. Reddy, who has been vocal about issues in his constituency, expressed frustration over the inadequate loan waiver. He claimed that only 50 percent of the loans had been waived in his area, and he has demanded the remaining 50 percent to be cleared.



requested for these initiatives.

Reddy took a jibe at Congress MLA Dr. Sanjay, alleging that he had been given the MLA post as a "bequest" from KCR and dared him to resign and contest elections with a Congress ticket if he had the courage. He criticized Sanjay for claiming to be a Congress MLA after winning with a BRS ticket and expressed anger over the sit-

uation.

Reddy warned that they would not back down from questioning Sanjay's actions and reiterated that KCR would return as Chief Minister in the next three years. He further emphasized that no one, including officials, would be spared. Reddy's comments come amid increasing political tension in the region.

Reddy also reminded that during Chief Minister KCR's tenure, Dalit Bandhu was extended to 18,500 families, and he demanded the second installment be provided. He accused Congress leaders of abusing them when funds were re-

Good News for Telangana Farmers

Rythu Bharosa Guidelines Issued

TPN Correspondent Telangana, Jan 13: In a festive boost for Telangana farmers, the state government has announced key updates regarding the Rythu Bharosa scheme. On the occasion of the Sankranti festival, the Telangana government revealed that the Rythu Bharosa scheme will be implemented from January 26, with an increase in investment assistance to farmers. The government will provide Rs. 12,000 per acre as investment assistance under the scheme, a significant boost for agricultural activities in the state.



The government has issued clear guidelines for the implementation of the scheme. The financial assistance will be available only for arable lands registered in Bhoobharati, and non-agricultural lands will be excluded from the program. However, farmers with ROFR (Right of Forest Dwelling) pattas will also be eligible for the assistance.

In line with the digital transformation, the Rythu Bharosa funds will be directly deposited into the farmers' bank accounts through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) method, ensuring a seamless and transparent transaction process.

The Telangana government has designated the Director of the Agriculture Department to oversee the implementation of the scheme,

CM Revanth Reddy's Foreign Tour Schedule Announced

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's foreign tour schedule has been officially released. The CM will embark on his trip on January 17, accompanied by a personal team, several ministers, and officials.



conclude on January 23.

On January 18, the Chief Minister will visit Singapore, where he will inspect the construction of shopping malls and sports stadiums. He is also scheduled to meet with industrialists in the city-state to discuss business and investment opportunities.

The foreign tour is scheduled to begin after the Sankranti festival, marking a significant international engagement for the Chief Minister. The trip aims to attract investment and enhance Telangana's global presence in sectors like infrastructure and industry.

Following his visit to Singapore, CM Revanth Reddy will travel to Davos, Switzerland, on January 19 to attend the prestigious World Economic Forum (WEF). He will engage with global leaders and industry experts during the forum, which is set to

Govt Assures Indiramma Homes, Ration Cards for Poor

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: State BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar has assured that ration cards and Indiramma houses will be provided to all eligible beneficiaries. The announcement was made during a meeting held at the GHMC Head Office on Sunday, attended by Hyderabad district public representatives and officials.



Acknowledging the unique land challenges in Hyderabad, the government is exploring solutions, including developing multi-story buildings and improving slums. Minister Prabhakar assured that no eligible person would face injustice and urged people to participate in the process voluntarily.

The Minister highlighted that the government is committed to ensuring transparency in the selection process. Following the Chief Minister's review with district collectors and state-level officials, two schemes—ration card distribution and Indiramma housing—are being prioritized for Hyderabad. Beneficiaries will be selected based on field verification from January 16 to 20, followed by ward-wise gram sabhas between January 20 and 24.

The Minister revealed that 3,500 Indiramma houses are allocated per constituency, and data entry for the list of beneficiaries will be completed by January 25. New ration cards will be distributed starting January 26. Of the 10.7 lakh applications received in Greater Hyderabad, 50% have been surveyed, with 9,913 applicants identified as having house land.

The government has also introduced various welfare measures, including free electricity for 200 units, loan waivers, enhanced health coverage under Arogya Sri, and free bus travel for women.

The press conference was attended by Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Commissioner Ilambarthi, Deputy Mayor Srilatha Shobhan Reddy, and other officials. The Minister reaffirmed the government's dedication to addressing the housing and welfare needs of the poor in Hyderabad.

Kavitha Demands Minority Declaration

TPN Correspondent
Nizamabad, Jan 13: MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has accused Congress Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of having RSS roots, which, she claimed, is the reason for his alleged discrimination against minorities. Speaking in Nizamabad, Kavitha expressed anger over the Congress party's treatment of minorities, who, according to her, had initially supported Congress due to their faith in the Gandhi family.

Kavitha emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), no communal riots occurred in Telangana, in stark contrast to the year when Congress came to power. She questioned why CM Revanth Reddy has failed to take measures to prevent communal unrest, accusing the Congress of sowing discord in a state known for its harmonious Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb.



The MLC also criticized the Congress for neglecting the promises made to minorities, particularly the Minority Declaration. She demanded the immediate release of the Minority Declaration, pointing out that less than 25% of the budget allocated for minorities had been spent. Of the Rs. 3,000 crore allocated, only Rs. 700 crore has been utilized, Kavitha noted.

Kavitha further criticized the Congress for not fulfilling commitments made under the Shadi Mubarak scheme, such as providing Rs. 1.6 lakh and a tola of gold. She demanded the District Collector take responsibility for the arrangements for the Tablighi Jamaat program in Nizamabad, reminding the officials of the large-scale arrangements made during the BRS regime.

Her remarks have added fuel to the ongoing political debate on the Congress government's handling of minority welfare and communal harmony in the state.

Tension in Yadadri: BRS Leaders House-Arrested Amid Protest Plans

TPN Correspondent
Bhuvanagiri, Jan 13: Tensions escalated in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district as police imposed strict measures to prevent a grand dharna organized by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). The protest was planned in response to an alleged attack on the BRS party office by Congress supporters.



Police denied permission for the dharna and set up barricades at Ambedkar Square in Bhuvanagiri town. Large numbers of police personnel have been deployed to maintain law and order. Several BRS leaders, including former MLAs Paylla Sekhar Reddy and Kusukuntla Prabhakar Reddy, as well as senior leaders Bhullu Bhikshamaya Goud and Kyama Mallesh, were placed under house arrest.

Reports suggest that BRS leaders across various mandals in the district were taken into custody and shifted to police stations to prevent their participation in the protest. The arrests have sparked anger among BRS leaders, who accuse the police of treating them unfairly.

Municipal Chairman Shankaraiah from Aleru

was also placed under house arrest, further fueling tensions. BRS leaders have condemned the police actions, comparing their treatment to that of "rowdies and terrorists." Despite the crackdown, they have vowed to make the dharna a success under any circumstances.

The police stated that the measures were necessary to prevent potential disruptions and maintain peace in the area. However, the situation has left Bhuvanagiri town in a state of heightened tension, with residents witnessing heavy police deployment and restricted movements of political leaders.

The BRS leadership continues to demand action against the alleged attack on their party office and calls for a fair resolution to the ongoing political conflict in the district.

Five Naxals Killed in Bijapur Encounter, Police Recover Weapons

TPN Correspondent
Bijapur, Jan 13: In a major security operation, five Naxalites were killed in an encounter between security forces and Naxal militants in the Maddedu forest area of Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh. The encounter, which broke out in the early hours, has continued as security forces maintain their position at the scene.



operation has been lauded. Chhattisgarh's Chief Minister, Vishnu Dev Sai, took to social media to salute the courage and dedication of the soldiers, posting a tribute on the platform "Express."

The police have confirmed that the operation is ongoing, with additional reinforcements deployed to secure the area and ensure no further threats from the Naxal group. The encounter is part of a continued effort by security forces to curb the growing Naxalite influence in the region.

During the operation, the police recovered a cache of weapons, including automatic rifles, one SLR (Self-Loading Rifle), two 12-bore guns, two single-shot firearms, a BGL (Breech-loading grenade) launcher, and a Burmar, all believed to have been used by the Naxal group.

The encounter has drawn widespread attention, and the bravery of the security personnel involved in the

Authorities are closely monitoring the situation, and further updates are expected as the operation progresses. The deaths of the Naxal militants represent a significant success for the security forces in their battle against Naxal insurgents in Chhattisgarh.

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with the National Informatics Center acting as the IT partner for the initiative. The district collectors will be responsible for ensuring the smooth execution of the Rythu Bharosa scheme in their respective districts and for resolving any complaints that may arise.

This announcement is expected to provide much-needed financial support to farmers, particularly as they prepare for the upcoming agricultural season, and is seen as a significant step towards empowering the farming community in Telangana.

Tammineni Slams Anti-Poor Policies

- CPM State Congress Scheduled for January 25 in Sangareddy
- Tammineni Criticizes Demolition of Poor's Houses for Projects
- CPM to Launch Protests Against Anti-People Policies

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: CPM Telangana State Secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram has made a sensational statement, accusing the Revanth Reddy-led government of taking anti-people decisions. Speaking at a party event on Sunday in Hyderabad, alongside Polit Bureau members BV Raghavulu, Veerabhadram unveiled the poster for the upcoming CPM state congress to be held in Sangareddy from January 25. A public meeting will also be held at PSR Ground in Sangareddy district center.



Veeraabhadram made a bold declaration, stating that the CPM would soon begin fighting against the government's policies, which he deemed harmful to the people. He called on party members and the public to join the struggle for a more people-friendly and accountable government. The announcement has set the stage for renewed political action in the state.

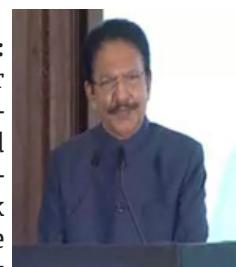
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Veeraabhadram expressed his anger over the alleged demolition of poor people's houses under the pretext

The CPM leader also criticized the Revanth Reddy government for

Former Governor Vidyasagar Rao Launches Book "Unika"

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: Former Governor Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao stated that he is not a writer but wrote the book Unika during his time in jail. Speaking at the book launch, Rao explained that Unika reflects his experiences as a Governor and spans his journey from his involvement with the RSS to his tenure as the state's Governor.



Rao shared that he penned the book during his imprisonment, which lasted a year, and that it is based on the lessons and reflections from his political and administrative life.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who also attended the event, acknowledged the

significance of three colors on the stage, symbolizing the presence of three Chief Ministers who had waited for Rao during his time as Governor. He praised the revival plans for the Musi River and supported the implementation of the Koneru Ranga Rao report.

Additionally, Rao suggested that the Telangana government could earn a positive reputation if tribal lands were allocated properly. The event marked a reflective moment for Vidyasagar Rao as he shared insights from his distinguished career.

Bhatti Slams BRS Over Debt, Failed Projects

TPN Correspondent

Nagarkurnool, Jan 13: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka addressed a public meeting at the Nagarkurnool district headquarters, chaired by local MLA K. Rajesh Reddy, and called on Congress cadres to spread awareness about the government's welfare schemes. He emphasized the importance of ensuring Congress' victory in the upcoming local body elections, especially in the Palamuru district.



The Deputy CM announced the distribution of ration cards to poor families starting January 26 and highlighted the provision of free household electricity to 48 lakh families. Additionally, he underscored the government's commitment to farmers, including free electricity for 28 lakh agricultural pump sets, costing ₹12,000 crore annually, and ₹8,400 crore allocated for farmer insurance.

Bhatti revealed plans to construct Indiramma houses with a budget of ₹22,500 crore, providing ₹5 lakh to each beneficiary. The government is also implementing the Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa Scheme, allocating ₹2,000 crore to support poor

laborers with ₹12,000 annually.

Highlighting education reforms, he mentioned the construction of integrated residential schools, a 40% hike in diet charges, and a 200% increase in cosmetic charges for Gurukul hostel students. He celebrated the issuance of 56,000 appointment letters within a year and ongoing recruitment notifications.

Criticizing the previous BRS government, Bhatti accused it of failing to deliver on major projects and job

creation despite incurring a debt of ₹7 lakh crore. He highlighted the collapse of the Kaleshwaram project, constructed at a staggering ₹1.25 lakh crore, as a symbol of the previous regime's inefficiency.

Reaffirming Congress' legacy, Bhatti pointed out the party's historical achievements in building water projects on the Krishna and Godavari rivers, contrasting them with the alleged shortcomings of the BRS administration.

BRS Condemns Congress Party's Attack, Harish Rao Slams Police Action

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: The BRS party has strongly condemned the recent attack on its party office in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district by Congress party's NSUI leaders, calling for a district-wide sit-in protest today. In response to the escalating tensions, the police have made pre-arrests of several key BRS leaders in the district.

Former Minister Harish Rao took to social media to criticize the Congress party's actions and the police's response. In a tweet on the X platform, Harish Rao termed the use of police force to suppress opposition voices as undemocratic. He expressed strong disapproval of the house arrests and arrests made by the police, which affected BRS leaders and activists not only in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri but also in the joint Nalgonda district.



Harish Rao demanded the immediate release of those who were detained, describing their arrests as illegal and an attack on democracy. The former minister's comments reflect growing tensions between the BRS and Congress in the region, particularly over allegations of political suppression and misuse of law en-

forcement.

The sit-in protest organized by the BRS aims to highlight what they call the unjust actions against party leaders and activists, further escalating the political clash between the two major parties in Telangana.

MLA Danam Takes U-Turn on KTR's Car Racing Issue

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: Congress MLA Danam Nagender has taken a U-turn on his earlier stance regarding the controversial car racing event in Hyderabad, which was organized by Telangana Minister KTR. Initially, Nagender had supported KTR's initiative, but he now claims that his earlier statements were misinterpreted and that the issue has been blown out of proportion.



Speaking to the media, Nagender said, "Whatever I say turns into a sensation. I had mentioned that the car race improved the image of Hyderabad, but I never said there was no corruption involved." He went on to criticize the BJP, accusing them of being inactive on the matter, likening their behavior to "sleeping with the ACs on." He sarcastically remarked that BJP leader Kishan Reddy preferred to eat idlis brought from outside instead

of eating the local jowar, suggesting the BJP was disconnected from the reality of the common man.

Nagender also refuted claims that he had given KTR a clean chit regarding the event. He clarified that KTR had sought his advice before organizing the car race. He emphasized that Hyderabad's low cost of living and the growing presence of companies in the city were clear signs

of its economic progress, which, according to him, made the city an attractive destination for investors. Nagender urged the government to think carefully about the city's future and reconsider its approach to such events.

His comments have sparked further debate, highlighting the complex political dynamics surrounding the car racing issue in Telangana.

Kishan Reddy Pays Tribute to Swami Vivekananda on His Jayanti



TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: Union Minister Kishan Reddy today took to social media to pay tribute to Swami Vivekananda on the occasion of his Jayanti, also observed as National Youth Day. In his tweet, Reddy recalled the timeless teachings and aspirations of the renowned spiritual leader.

The Minister shared a quote from Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing the values of patience and selflessness. "Be a servant while leading. Be selfless. If you have infinite patience, ultimately success is yours," he wrote, encouraging people to embrace these principles in their lives.

Reddy also used the occasion to inspire the youth of the nation, urging them to follow Vivekananda's teachings with dedication and perseverance. "On this National Youth Day, I encourage the youth of the country to embrace the timeless teachings of Swami Vivekananda and move forward with dedication to achieve their aspirations," Reddy added.

His tribute highlights the importance of patience, selflessness, and dedication in the path to success, values that continue to resonate with millions, especially the youth of India, on this special day.

MLC Balmuri Criticizes Kaushik Reddy's Behavior

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: Congress MLC Balmuri Venkat has lashed out at BRS leader and Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, accusing him of engaging in "outrageous behavior" and behaving like a "rowdy" and "street goon." Venkat expressed his anger during a review meeting in Karimnagar and spoke to the media about Kaushik Reddy's actions.

Venkat condemned Kaushik Reddy's behavior, alleging that the MLA was only interested in gaining media attention through provocative actions. He referred to Kaushik Reddy's controversial tactics during the Huzurabad elections, where he allegedly blackmailed Dalit voters by promising their support for his victory in exchange for a "second wave of Dalits." Venkat accused Kaushik Reddy of betraying the Dalit community

for personal gain.

Furthermore, Venkat questioned the BRS party's commitment to Dalit welfare, pointing out that the government had failed to provide funds to the SC corporations, which he argued was a betrayal of the Dalit community.

Venkat warned that if Kaushik Reddy continued his provocative actions, he would face severe consequences. "If Kaushik Reddy behaves like this, he will be beaten in rags on the road," Venkat said, intensifying the political rhetoric between Congress and BRS leaders.

The statements have further escalated tensions between the two parties, particularly regarding issues of Dalit welfare and political conduct.

Former Minister Jagadish Reddy Arrested Ahead of BRS Protest

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: In a dramatic turn of events, former Telangana Minister and BRS leader Jagadish Reddy was arrested by the police on his way to attend a protest in Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district. This comes as part of heightened security measures ahead of the BRS's planned dharna to protest the recent attack on their party office in the district.

The police have been preemptively arresting key BRS leaders in anticipation of potential clashes during the protest. Jagadish Reddy was stopped by the police at Ghatkesar, while he was en route to Bhuvanagiri from Hyderabad. A minor argument broke out between Reddy and the officers, during which the former minister clarified that he was merely going to the party office for observation and not to participate in the protest.

However, the police explained that while they had no objection to his visit, they were concerned that the presence of a large group could lead to unrest. They requested his cooperation, leading to Reddy's arrest and subsequent detainment at the police



station.

This arrest follows a series of preemptive actions by the government to prevent any disruptions during the BRS's protest, with several other party leaders also placed under house arrest. The situation in Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri remains tense as the BRS continues to call for justice in the wake of the attack on their office.

Feuji Unveils Next-Gen Hyderabad Office and GCC Hub to Drive Global Growth



TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: Feuji has launched its state-of-the-art 50,000-square-foot global delivery center in Hyderabad, marking a pivotal step in its global expansion and commitment to innovation. The inauguration event was graced by Chief Guest Shri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary for Industries & Commerce and IT in the Telangana government. Guests of Honor included H.E. Ms. Sofia Salas, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Costa Rica in India. Top CXOs and country heads from multinational corporations and Global Capability Centers (GCCs) also attended, underscoring Feuji's global business influence. Designed as a strategic GCC hub, the facility boasts an AI-Zone, Security Operations Center (SOC), and dedicated spaces for innovation and client engagement. Highlights include a Balcony Lounge with panoramic city views, an Innovation Room for next-gen solu-

tions, a Client Experience Center, and a TEDx-style Stage Arena for leadership forums. Manohar Reddy, Founder and CEO of Feuji, expressed his vision at the inauguration: "This office embodies our dedication to fostering an environment where innovation and collaboration thrive. Hyderabad's talent pool and dynamic ecosystem are crucial to our GCC strategy, enabling us to deliver transformative solutions globally." Notable Feuji board members, including Dr. Ram Charan, advisor to Fortune 500 CEOs, and Sekhar Kamula, acclaimed filmmaker, joined the celebration, highlighting their role in driving the company's vision. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, with operations in Costa Rica and India, Feuji's Hyderabad center signifies its mission to bridge global innovation with execution while contributing to a vibrant local ecosystem.

Retired ASI Who Considered Suicide Finally Receives Benefits

TPN Correspondent
Mahbubnagar, Jan 13: A retired Armed Reserve (AR) ASI from Bhutpur in Mahbubnagar district, M.D. Sadiq, who had threatened to end his life due to delayed retirement benefits, has finally received his dues. Eight months after his retirement, Sadiq had not received any of the benefits he was entitled to, prompting him to release a video stating that suicide was his only recourse. The video went viral, drawing widespread attention.



Responding to the situation, the government has released all pending benefits to him, amounting to approximately ₹52 lakh. This development highlights the plight of hundreds of retired employees in the undivided Palamuru region who, like Sadiq, have been waiting for their retirement benefits since March 2024.

Many retirees are still awaiting their dues and are urging the government to expedite the release of their rightful benefits. The incident has sparked a broader discussion about administrative delays and the need for timely disbursement of retirement entitlements to ensure financial security for retired employees.

Former Nagar Kurnool MP Manda Jagannadham Passes Away

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: Nagar Kurnool's former MP, Manda Jagannadham, passed away recently while undergoing treatment at NIMS Hospital in Hyderabad. His health had been critical for the past few days, and he succumbed to his illness earlier this evening.



In 2014, he shifted to the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) but lost the elections. He was not given a ticket in the 2019 elections. In July 2022, he was appointed as a special representative of the Telangana government in Delhi by the then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. In November 2023, he left the BRS and joined the Congress Party but could not secure a ticket. Subsequently, he joined the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

Manda Jagannadham served as MP of Nagar Kurnool constituency four times. He entered politics in 1996, winning his first election as a Telugu Desam Party (TDP) candidate. He continued his winning streak in 1999 and 2004 under the same party banner. Later, he joined the Congress Party and won the 2009 elections from the same constituency.

Manda Jagannadham's demise marks the end of a significant political career that spanned decades and multiple parties. He is remembered for his contributions to the Nagar Kurnool region.

Nampally Court Shocks Daggubati Family Over Deccan Kitchen Demolition Case

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: The Nampally 17th Court has issued a major order against the Daggubati family, directing the Film Nagar Police to file an FIR and conduct a detailed investigation into the alleged illegal demolition of the Deccan Kitchen Hotel. Despite pending litigation in the City Civil Court and a High Court directive to maintain the status quo, the hotel was allegedly demolished in violation of court orders.



Following a petition by Nandakumar, the owner of the Deccan Kitchen Hotel, the court instructed police to investigate the role of actor Venkatesh Daggubati, producer Suresh Babu, actor Rana, and Abhiram in the demolition incident. On Saturday, the Film Nagar Police registered an FIR under Sections 448, 452, 458, and 120B of the IPC and began their investigation.

In November 2022, partial demolition of the hotel was carried out by GHMC staff with bouncers, despite court orders. However, the entire hotel was allegedly demolished in January 2024, prompting Nandakumar to approach the Nampally Court again.

The dispute arose from a land conflict between Nandakumar and the Daggubati family, which had previously reached the

The court has now directed the police to investigate the demolition and take appropriate action against the accused for violating court orders. Nandakumar, who has been fighting for justice for years, continues his legal battle against the Daggubati family.

Traffic Restrictions in Hyderabad from 13th to 15th January Due to International Kite & Sweet Festival

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: Hyderabad residents are being issued a major alert as traffic restrictions will be in place from January 13th to 15th in Secunderabad due to the International Kite & Sweet Festival at Parade Grounds. The restrictions will affect several routes and diversions will be in place to manage the traffic flow.



Key traffic diversions include:

- The route from Rotary X Road to SBH will be diverted, and traffic will be redirected towards YMCA and Clock Tower.
- The path from Rasoolpura to Plaza will be redirected via CTO

- 'X' Roads towards Balampur. The road from Picket to SBH and Tivoli will be rerouted towards YMCA via Swikaar Upkar.
- The route from NCC to Plaza will be diverted via Tivoli and Brooke Bond.

Public entry will be allowed through Gate No. 1, and parking facilities will be available in five designated areas. Traffic police have advised commuters to plan their journeys in advance and use alternative routes to avoid delays.

Gas Leak Triggers Fire in Old House at Hayathnagar, Elderly Couple Safe

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: A fire broke out in an old house in Hayathnagar, where an elderly couple has been living on rent for the past few months. The incident occurred while they were preparing traditional dishes for the Sankranti festival.



The fire brigade arrived promptly and managed to extinguish the flames, preventing further damage to the property and neighboring houses. No casualties were reported.

The fire was reportedly caused by a gas leak, leading to panic in the neighborhood. However, the timely response of local residents and the swift action of the fire department averted a major disaster.

This incident underscores the importance of regular checks on gas cylinders and appliances to avoid such mishaps, especially during festive preparations. Authorities have urged residents to remain vigilant and prioritize safety.

Found in Biryani Ordered from Hyderabad's Uppal Hotel, Customers Protest Cockroach

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: A shocking incident unfolded at Uppal when a customer discovered a cockroach in a biryani ordered from the Master Chef Hotel through Swiggy.



Balakrishna, a young resident of Uppal, had placed an online order for veg biryani. However, upon opening the delivery package at home, he was appalled to find a cockroach in the food. Disturbed by the discovery, Balakrishna and other customers confronted the hotel staff.



concerns about food safety and the hygiene practices followed by restaurants. Customers urged authorities to conduct inspections and take necessary steps to ensure such negligence does not repeat.

This incident highlights the importance of stringent checks and enforcement of food safety guidelines to safeguard public health.

The staff reportedly dismissed their concerns, which led to further agitation. Upset with the lack of accountability, the customers staged a protest in front of the hotel, demanding strict action and better hygiene standards.

Incidents like these raise serious

200 CCTV Cameras Inaugurated in Boduppal for Enhanced Security

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 13: In a significant move to bolster security, 200 CCTV cameras were installed in the 23rd division of the Boduppal Municipal Corporation under the leadership of Corporator Rasala Venkatesh Yadav. The cameras were inaugurated by Medchal MLA Chamakura Malla Reddy, TPCC Vice President Vajresh Yadav, former MLA Malipeddi Sudhir Reddy, Inspector Govind Reddy, and Boduppal Mayor Thotakura Ajay Yadav.



Speaking at the event, Mayor Ajay Yadav emphasized the importance of CCTV cameras, stating that one camera is as effective as 100 police personnel. He urged corporators across all divisions to take initiatives for installing cameras to enhance surveillance and safety. He also announced plans to discuss the installation of CCTV cameras in special centers during the up-

coming municipal council meetings.

On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, the Mayor advised the youth to steer clear of drugs and substance abuse, calling for a more responsible and disciplined lifestyle.

Deputy Mayor Kotha Kishore Sravanthi, corporators from various divisions, and residents of the colonies actively participated in the event.

Palamuru Adhyayana Vedika Opposes Godavari-Krishna Interlinking, Demands Water Rights for Telangana

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: The Palamuru Adhyayana Vedika, an organization focused on addressing water access issues in Telangana, has criticized the Centre for its role in the Godavari-Krishna interlinking project, highlighting the severe injustice faced by the water-scarce regions of erstwhile Mahabubnagar and Rangareddy districts.

The Vedika leaders called the interlinking project unjust and demanded its immediate cancellation, stating that the Palamuru region, which has already suffered displacement due to various irrigation projects, is now facing a dire water shortage.



They urged the Telangana government to take swift action to secure the region's rightful share of water resources. The group emphasized the urgent need to focus on the completion of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation

Scheme (PRLIS) to address the acute water crisis in Mahabubnagar. They opposed plans to divert resources to Nalgonda through the Palamuru-Dindi Lift Irrigation Scheme, stressing that the needs of the Palamuru region must be prioritized.

Leaders also pointed out that the PRLIS would be insufficient without adequate water from the Srisailem backwaters, which has been impacted by Andhra Pradesh's use of the Pothireddipadu head regulator to draw Krishna water. They called for action to ensure Telangana's access to water from the upstream Jurala project as well.

Prominent figures like Prof Haragopal, Prof Vijay, Prof Kodanda Ram, and Vimalakka, along with convenor Raghava Chary, participated in the discussion, demanding that the Centre guarantee Telangana's fair share of water from both the Krishna and Godavari rivers.

Bird Walk at Kawal Tiger Reserve Brings Nature Enthusiasts Together

TPN Correspondent

Mancherial, Jan 13: A one-day bird walk was organized at Bisonkunta, a percolation tank within the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, near Jannaram mandal, on Sunday. The event attracted 15 bird watchers, nature enthusiasts, and wildlife photographers from various parts of Telangana.

Participants had the opportunity to observe a variety of bird species native to the reserve, including the Crested Serpent Eagle, Woolly-necked Stork, Lesser Whistling Duck, Indian Robin, and Yellow-footed Green Pigeon. They also experienced the beauty of the wilderness, staying and dining amidst nature.

The event was attended by Jannaram Forest Range Officer Sushma Rao, Deputy Range Officer Thirupathi, FSO Chintaguda Shiva, and other forest officials including Naheeda, Lal Bhai, and Sai. The bird walk provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about the diverse avian life in the Kawal Tiger Reserve.

Discom Officials Warn Against Flying Kites Near Electrical Lines This Sankranti

TPN Correspondent

Telangana, Jan 13: With Sankranti celebrations around the corner, the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) has issued a stern warning about the dangers of flying kites near electrical lines and transformers. The company emphasized that such practices can lead to accidents and power outages.

TGSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Musharraf Faruqi urged kite flyers to avoid areas with overhead wires and distribution transformers. He also issued a set of safety guidelines, advising people to fly kites in open areas away from buildings, streets, and highways, and to steer clear of electrical poles and towers.

Key safety precautions include:

- Using only cotton, linen, or nylon strings, avoiding metallic threads or metal-reinforced strings (manja), which are high-



ly conductive.

- Not attempting to retrieve lost kites near electrical lines.
- Keeping a safe distance from utility poles, supporting wires, and transformers.
- Ensuring children are supervised and avoid touching snapped wires.

The company also encouraged the public to report any electrical hazards or emergencies by calling 1912 or visiting the nearest electricity office, mobile app, or website (www.tgsouthernpower.org).

Charlapalli Terminal Railway Station Becomes Key Hub for Sankranti Travel

TPN Correspondent

Charlapalli, Jan 13: In a significant development, the newly inaugurated Charlapalli terminal railway station has emerged as a major hub for rail travel, especially during the Sankranti festival. To accommodate the surge in passengers, the South Central Railway (SCR) has provided stoppages for 17 pairs of trains at the station. The terminal, built at a cost of Rs 413 crore, meets international standards and aims to handle increasing travel demands.

In addition, the timings of the Ramachandrapuram-Ghatkesar MMTS trains have been modified to cater to



passengers traveling to Charlapalli in the evening.

SCR officials are also in talks with the state government for improved connectivity to the station. Requests have

been made to widen connecting roads from the FCI warehouse side and to construct a new road through nearby TSIC land. The existing road from Mahalaxmi Nagar colony is also being considered for widening to ease access for passengers from northern areas.

To further enhance accessibility, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has launched 146 bus services connecting Charlapalli station to Secunderabad, Habsiguda, Uppal metro stations, and other locations. These developments aim to provide smooth and efficient travel for commuters during the peak festival season.

Canal Bund Breach in Karimnagar's Mannepalli Floods SC Colony

TPN Correspondent

Karimnagar, Jan 13: The SRSP D-4 canal bund in Mannepalli, Thimmapur mandal, was breached early on Sunday morning, causing water to flow into the nearby Scheduled Caste (SC) colony. The canal supplies water from the Thotapalli reservoir to various villages in Manakondur mandal. Local residents faced significant trouble as water entered their homes. It is suspected that the breach occurred due to the construction of small sluices by farmers to divert water to their fields, coupled with the poor quality of the canal near the SC colony.

Farmer sarpanch Medi Anjaiah and deputy-sarpanch Venkatesh alerted officials about the breach. In response, Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, directed officials to carry out urgent repairs. Manakondur MLA Kavvampalli Satyanarayana also visited the site to assess the situation.

Rachakonda CP Warns of Strict Action After Skirmishes in Bhongir

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: Rachakonda Police Commissioner G. Sudheer Babu issued a stern warning on Sunday, vowing strict action against anyone attempting to incite public disorder or disrupt peace. This comes after clashes between Congress and BRS party workers in Bhongir town on Saturday.

The tension began when Congress workers allegedly trespassed and damaged property at the BRS party office, protesting remarks made by BRS district president Kancharla Ramakrishna Reddy against Congress leader A. Revanth Reddy. In retaliation, BRS workers staged a protest in the town.

The Rachakonda CP confirmed that police had registered cases against those involved in the trespassing and vandalism at the BRS office, as well as against BRS workers for unlawful assembly and damaging Congress leaders' banners during their protest. Authorities have vowed to take appropriate legal action to maintain public order.



ATM Theft in Telangana: Rs 17 Lakh Stolen Using Gas Cutters

TPN Correspondent

Kamareddy, Jan 13: Burglars made off with Rs 17 lakh in cash after using gas cutters to break open an ATM machine of the State Bank of India (SBI) in Pitlam town on Saturday night. According to police, the thieves, believed to be part of an inter-state gang, managed to access the machine and steal the money. Bank officials confirmed that approximately Rs 17 lakh was taken from the ATM. Authorities are currently reviewing CCTV footage to track the culprits and investigate further.



Seven Arrested for Illegal Cockfights in Mancherial

TPN Correspondent

Mancherial, Jan 13: Police in Mancherial apprehended seven individuals for their involvement in illegal cockfights at Bopparam village, Kotapalli mandal, on Sunday. Acting on a tip-off, officers raided the area and caught the suspects in the act.



The arrested individuals include Janagama Mallaiah, Pottala Rajender, Venkat, Sunarkar Rajesh, Durgam Ramesh, Chippakurthi Babu, and Gandla Ravi, hailing from various villages including Kondapet, Nagampet, and Kalmepet. Along with the suspects, the police seized Rs 59,780 in cash,

seven mobile phones, 10 roosters, and four motorbikes. Cockfighting, a banned and illegal activity, has long been a concern in several parts of Telangana. Authorities continue to take action against such practices to enforce the law and prevent cruelty to animals.

Youth Killed in Road Accident in Yellandu, Two Others Injured

TPN Correspondent

Kothagudem, Jan 13: A tragic road accident occurred near Jandalavagu in Yellandu mandal, resulting in the death of a youth and injuries to two others on Sunday. The deceased, Yetti Naresh (27) from Lachagudem, was killed instantly when the motorbike he was riding collided



with a mini-truck transporting shamiana materials for an event after the Bhadradri Mukkoti celebrations.

The accident happened as Naresh attempted to avoid hitting a buffalo on the Yellandu-Mahabubabad road. Local police, led by CI Bathula Satyanarayana, have registered a case and initiated an investigation.

In another incident in Khammam district, a sand lorry collided with a private bus carrying 50

passengers, which was traveling from Hyderabad to Malkangiri, Odisha. The lorry then crashed into an oncoming truck. Thankfully, all passengers aboard the bus were unharmed, although both truck drivers sustained injuries. The incident led to a significant traffic jam on the Khammam-Kothagudem road for over three hours, affecting the convoys of ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Tummala Nag-eswara Rao.

Four Arrested for Ganja Smuggling in Mancherial

TPN Correspondent

Mancherial, Jan 13: Four individuals were arrested on Sunday for smuggling banned ganja in Rechini village, Thandur mandal. The police seized 1.1 kilograms of ganja from their possession. Thandur Sub-Inspector Kiran Kumar confirmed the arrests, identifying the accused as Sunarkar Ramana, Kodipe Nagarjuna, Macha Rakesh, and Chintapuri Srinivas, all residents of the village. The arrests followed a tip-off that the accused were in the process



of sharing the illegal substance, which they had procured from a local peddler.

Military Hospital Golconda Organises Medical Outreach Camp for Veterans

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 13: In a significant initiative to support retired Indian Armed Forces veterans and their families, the Military Hospital Golconda, under the aegis of HQ Telangana and Andhra Sub Area, organized a medical outreach camp at Golconda. The camp provided specialist treatment in various fields, including general medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, ENT, dental, orthopaedic, gynaecology, and cardiology. Additionally, several diagnostic tests were conducted, and free medicines were distributed to the attendees.

The event saw the participation of the Hyderabad Veterans' Lions Club and the Army College of Dental Services. Brigadier SK Chetty of HQ Telangana and Andhra Sub Area interacted with the veterans, assuring them of continued support and quality healthcare. He reiterated the Indian Army's commitment to reaching out to veterans and addressing their concerns.

Around 350 veterans and their dependents attended the camp, which was well-received as a gesture of gratitude towards the veterans for their service to the nation.

Jackal Attacks Villagers in Sircilla, Woman Injured

TPN Correspondent

Sircilla, Jan 13: A woman was injured in a jackal attack in Maddikunta, Mustabad mandal, on Sunday morning. The incident occurred around 6 am when Sutrapur Radha was cleaning in front of her house. The jackal, emerging from a nearby forest area, attacked her.

Radha raised an alarm, which caused the jackal to flee and attack two other villagers, Nithi Sattaiah and Kishan. The villagers eventually managed to kill the jackal. Radha was treated for her injuries, and authorities have been alerted about the incident.

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

TPN Correspondent
New Delhi, Jan 13

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

TPN Correspondent
Delhi, Jan 13

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

TPN Correspondent
Lucknow, Jan 13

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



TPN Correspondent
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

TPN Correspondent
Delhi, Jan 13

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.



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.

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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.



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.

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

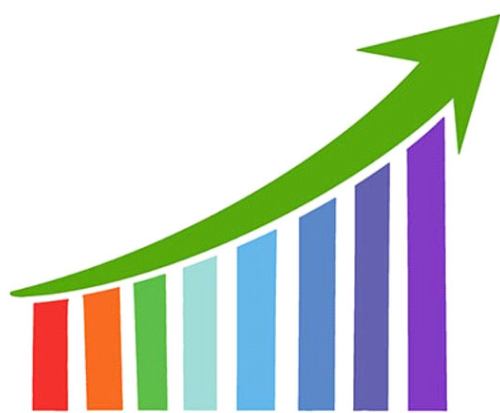
The Union government's increased focus on infrastructure development and investments in critical sectors such as railways, defence, power, and data centres is expected to fuel growth momentum into the financial year (FY) 2026 and beyond, according to a report by financial services firm Prabhudas Lilladher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

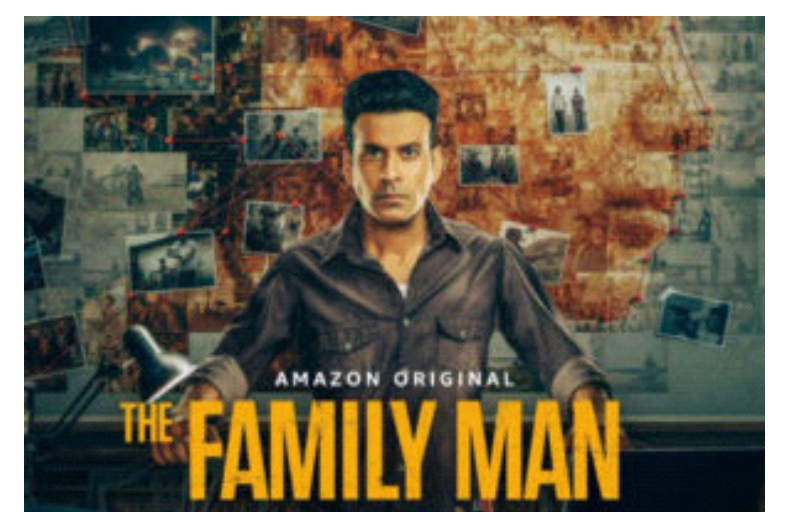
The pre-production work for Jailer 2 has already been completed, and fans are eagerly awaiting updates on the project. In a move to further fuel excitement, director Nelson has announced that a special glimpse of the sequel will be released as a Pongal gift. The film's promotional teaser is expected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

