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# Krishna River Board Discusses 29 Key Issues



Water Sharing and Project Disputes Take Center Stage

Telangana and AP Raise Concerns Over Projects

Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem Projects in Focus

KRMB Talks Aim to Resolve Water Management Issues

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 22: The Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) meeting, held at Hyderabad's Jalsaudha, concluded with discussions on 29 critical issues related to the management and utilization of Krishna River water. The meeting, chaired by KRMB Chairman Atul Jain, focused on several key topics including water distribution, board management, budget allocation, state funds, and the establishment of telemetry stations.

A major portion of the discussion centered on the distribution of Krishna River water shares between the two Telugu states, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh (AP).

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# Telangana Pavilion at Davos Buzzing with Investment Talks

Chief Minister Reddy Leads Investment Talks at Davos

Discussions Focus on IT, Data Centers, and Green Energy

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 22: The Telangana Pavilion at the 55th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland, has become a hub of activity as Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy engages with top global leaders and business executives. Following the inauguration of the pavilion, Chief Minister Reddy met with Union Ministers, state Ministers, and senior officials to discuss various initiatives aimed at enhancing Telangana's global presence.

The second day of the Telangana Rising Debate saw a series of promising investment discussions. Chief Minister Reddy, alongside Hein Schumacher, the Global CEO of Unilever Incorporated (Hindustan Lever in India), will meet with Telangana's IT and Industries Minister, Sri Sridhar Babu, at the pavilion. The meetings are focused on attracting investments and fostering collaboration between the state and leading global corporations.

Discussions will also take place with representatives from major companies such as Amazon Web Services, Sify Technologies, Skyroot Aerospace, Agility, and UPL Ltd. These talks are expected to pave the way

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# BRS Plans Ahead for Greater Hyderabad

Focus on Mayor's No-Confidence Motion

KTR Urges Vigilance Ahead of Elections

BRS Tackles Greater Hyderabad Issues

Talasanani Hosts Lunch for BRS MLAs

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 22: In an unexpected turn of events in Greater Hyderabad politics, BRS leaders met at the residence of Sanathnagar MLA Talasanani Srinivas Yadav. The lunch meeting, which was attended by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), brought together several Gulabi MLAs from the Greater Hyderabad area. Discussions at the meeting focused on the party's activities in Greater Hyderabad, the ongoing no-confidence motion against Mayor Vijayalakshmi, and other important issues.



its stronghold in the region and suggested that regular programs should be organized to engage party ranks and keep the public connected. With local body elections approaching, KTR also stressed the need to plan the party's future course of action and expose Congress's failures across the Greater Hyderabad region.

In the aftermath of the meeting, KTR made key comments to the media. He pointed out that Hy-

derabad had become a hotspot for various issues, and reiterated that BRS would continue to fight for the poor and work on implementing promises made to the people. KTR assured the public that BRS would address problems such as sanitation and drinking water supply in all constituencies of Hyderabad. He highlighted the improvements made in infrastructure during the BRS regime, including

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# Skyroot to Set Up Rocket Facility in Telangana

Rs. 500 Crore Investment to Boost Space Industry

New Facility to Strengthen Telangana's Aerospace Sector

Skyroot's Move Paves Way for Hyderabad as Space Hub



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 22: Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based space technology company, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Telangana state government to establish a private rocket manufacturing, integration, and testing unit in the state. The agreement was formalized in Davos in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister Sridhar Babu.

As part of this agreement, Skyroot will invest approximately Rs. 500 crore into the establishment of the facility. This investment marks a significant mile-

stone in the state's ambitions to become a hub for private-sector space activities. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed his pride in the company's success, highlighting the growing expertise and talent within Telangana, particularly in cutting-edge technologies. He praised the partnership with Skyroot as a demonstration of the state's strategic vision in the space sector, adding that it would help propel Hyderabad to the forefront of private space exploration.

tributing to Telangana's growth under the "Telangana Rising" and "Hyderabad Rising" initiatives. He reiterated the company's excitement about investing in the state, which is known for its growing innovation and tech-driven ecosystem.

This new venture will create a substantial impact on the region's aerospace industry, promoting local manufacturing capabilities and integrating state-of-the-art space technologies. The facility will also provide a boost to the state's economy, creating job opportunities and further solidifying Telangana's position as a leader in the space sector.

# IT Raids Film Personalities in Hyderabad

- Sankranthi Films Under IT Scrutiny
- Dil Raju, Mythri Movie Makers Among Targets
- Raids Focus on Tax Evasion in Film Production
- IT Probes Big-Budget Films and Revenue
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## Telangana Pavilion at Davos Buzzing with Investment Talks

for enhanced partnerships in sectors such as IT, data centers, and clean energy.

clean and green energy, which aligns with the state's focus on sustainable development.

Later, Chief Minister Reddy will meet with industrialists and company representatives under the aegis of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The primary aim of these discussions is to attract significant investments in key areas of growth, including

The Telangana Rising Team's efforts at WEF 2025 are expected to not only boost investments but also position Telangana as a prominent player in the global economy, particularly in technology and sustainable energy.

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The officials also deliberated on the relocation of the board office and acquisition of projects. The meeting addressed specific concerns related to the management of the Nagarjuna Sagar Project, including the use of four TMC (thousand million cubic) of water in the tail pond, repairs to the Srisailem Plunge Pool, and modernization of the Right and Left Canals of the Sagar project.

On the other hand, AP officials raised concerns over Telangana's projects such as the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy, Narayanapet-Kodangal, Achampet Lift Irrigation schemes, as well as the proposed capacity increase of Kalvakurti and hydroelectric power generation.

One of the contentious issues raised during the meeting was the construction of projects without proper permissions. Telangana officials voiced strong objections to several projects, including the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation, Srisailem Right Canal, and the RDS Right Canal.

The meeting saw active participation from key officials, including Telangana Irrigation Department Principal Secretary Rahul Bojja, ENC Anil Kumar, AP ENC Venkateswara Rao, Board Member Secretary Raipure, and other engineers. The discussions were aimed at resolving ongoing disputes and improving water management between the two states.

## BRS Plans Ahead for Greater Hyderabad

pothole-free roads and world-class projects that have transformed the city. KTR also noted that law and order in Hyderabad had remained stable due to comprehensive plans implemented by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

re-admission of MLAs who had switched parties and reaffirmed BRS's support for good government programs. He also raised concerns about the eviction of street vendors, urging for their protection as promised in the Congress manifesto.

Talasaneni Srinivas Yadav, in his comments, clarified that the meeting focused on people's issues and political developments in Hyderabad. He dismissed discussions about the

The meeting underscored BRS's strategy to retain control in Greater Hyderabad ahead of the upcoming local body elections and ensure continued political dominance in the region.

## IT Raids Film Personalities in Hyderabad

**TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 22:** In a significant development, the Income Tax (IT) department conducted raids on multiple film personalities and producers in Hyderabad on Tuesday, January 21st. The early-morning raids, which targeted several prominent figures in the Telugu film industry, are primarily focused on films released during the Sankranti festival.

ties, the IT department is also investigating the offices and residences of Mythri Movie Makers, the production company behind the blockbuster Pushpa-2. Searches are being conducted at the homes of Mythri's partners, Naveen and CEO Cherry, along with their other business associates. The company's significant box-office success with Pushpa-2 has drawn attention from the tax authorities.

The IT department's searches are being carried out in multiple locations, including Banjara Hills, Jubilee Hills, Kondapur, and Gachibowli, targeting big-budget films that were released for Sankranti. Officials suspect large-scale tax evasion in films produced with budgets running into hundreds of crores of rupees, particularly those that have garnered significant promotional attention for their high production costs.

The IT raids also extend to Mango Media Company, with searches at the homes of its partners. The department is probing the financial details of major films, including the budget and revenue of Pushpa-2 and other Sankranti releases, like Game Changer and Sankranti Ki Yaaraman.

One of the primary targets of the searches is noted film producer and distributor Dil Raju, who has produced films such as Game Changer and Sankranti Ki Yaaraman, both released for Sankranti. The IT department is conducting searches at Dil Raju's residence, as well as the homes of his close family members, including his wife Tejaswini, son Sirish, and daughter Hansita Reddy.

In the aftermath of the raids, Dil Raju's wife, Tejaswini, responded to the IT department's actions, stating that the officials had taken her to open bank lockers and asked for bank details. She clarified that the searches were routine and general, with no major findings disclosed by the IT department yet.

The ongoing investigations are focused on understanding the financial dynamics of these high-budget films, including the income generated and potential discrepancies in tax payments.

In addition to Dil Raju's proper-



## Santana Dharma and the Rejection of Caste by Birth

By Dr. Buragadda Srinadh

- **Santana Dharma emphasizes equality, rejecting caste by birth.**
- **Bhagavad Gita highlights societal roles based on actions, not lineage.**
- **Lord Krishna's life exemplifies the transcendence of caste distinctions.**
- **Rishi Vedavyas' legacy proves greatness comes from actions, not caste.**

(guna and karma) rather than by family and birth lineage.

Lord Sri Krishna was born into the Yadu royal family and, by nature, embraced the role of a cowherd caretaker. However, when the circumstances required it, he transformed into a warrior, engaging in battle against demons such as Kamsa and Narakasura. He served as an ambassador for the Pandavas, acted as Arjuna's charioteer, and emerged as a universal teacher through the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. He exemplified the various roles associated with the divisions of labor, including Shudra, Kshatriya, and Brahmin. Additionally, Lord Krishna's sister married Arjuna, highlighting the acceptance of inter-caste marriages. This illustrates the fundamental message that individuals can assume any role based on their preferences and inherent qualities.

Santana Dharma, commonly known as Hinduism, advocates for a society liberated from the limitations imposed by caste distinctions, asserting that caste is not an intrinsic characteristic linked to one's birth. This belief is founded on the idea that an individual's actions, character, and decisions shape their identity, rather than the family caste of their birth. This principle is clearly expressed in Chapter 4, Verse 13 of the Bhagavad Gita, which states that societal divisions are determined by qualities and actions

The narrative of Lord Shiva, often portrayed as a wanderer in cremation grounds, serves as a compelling representation of this principle. Known as Layakaradu, he transcends societal conventions and embodies the notion that divinity is not restricted by caste or social status. His connection to the cre-

mation grounds symbolizes a profound relationship with the cycle of life and death, reinforcing the idea that spiritual advancement is available to everyone, irrespective of their social position.

In a similar vein, the tale of King Satyasharichandram, who assumed the role of a caretaker in a cremation ground, exemplifies the rejection of caste hierarchies. His actions reflect a deep sense of duty and service, illustrating that nobility and honor stem from one's deeds rather than their lineage.

The character of Dronacharya, a Brahmin teacher who fought bravely on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, further exemplifies this principle. Despite his Brahmin background, his courage and dedication to his role as a warrior emphasize that an individual's place in society is defined by their choices and actions, not solely by their caste identity.

The Rishi Vedavyas, born to a fisherwoman, is well-known for his pivotal role in the survival of the Kuru dynasty and as the author of the Mahabharata epic. These examples collectively demonstrate that greatness and leadership can emerge from any background, effectively challenging the rigid caste system.

## 27 Dead in Major Chhattisgarh Encounter

- **Maoist Leader Killed in Chhattisgarh Encounter**
- **Security Forces Achieve Major Victory Against Maoists**
- **Encounter in Chhattisgarh-Odisha Border Clash**
- **Amit Shah Hails Operation as Key Step Against Naxalism**
- **Over 200 Maoists Killed in Chhattisgarh This Year**



**TPN Correspondent Telangana, Jan 22:**

A major encounter took place on the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border in Garibandh, resulting in the deaths of 27 people. The 42-hour operation, which began on Monday night, saw a joint effort from the District Reserve Guard (DRG), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Cobra units from Chhattisgarh, and the Special Operations Group (SOG) from Odisha. The encounter led to the elimination of several Maoist militants, including key leaders such as Jairam alias Chalapati, a Central Committee member for whom the government had announced a reward of Rs. 1 crore.

indicating Naxalism from India. He posted on social media, commending the efforts of the security forces, stating, "Our security forces have achieved a huge success in building a Naxalism-free India." Shah added that the operation marked the first step in the country's broader goal of a Naxalism-free India by 2026. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai also praised the forces' bravery, expressing confidence that the state would be rid of Maoist influence by March 2026 under the leadership of the "double engine government."

The operation, which continued into Tuesday, resulted in the deaths of two individuals on Monday and 25 more on Tuesday. The search operation is still underway, with reports indicating that up to 1,000 security personnel were involved in the mission aimed at dismantling Maoist operations in the region.

As of 2024, approximately 40 Maoists have been killed in encounters in Chhattisgarh, bringing the total number of Maoists killed in the state to over 200 this year. Last year, 219 Maoists were killed, and over 800 were arrested or surrendered. However, the ongoing conflict has resulted in the loss of 18 security personnel and 65 civilian lives.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the operation as a significant step towards erad-

The government remains focused on countering Maoist activities and restoring peace in the region.

## Telangana Leaders Participate in Jai Babu-Jai Bhim-Jai Samvidhan Rally



**TPN Correspondent**

**Telangana, Jan 22:** On January 21, 2025, Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister, Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, along with state ministers, participated in the Jai Babu-Jai Bhim-Jai Samvidhan rally organized by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in Belgaum, Karnataka. The event was held in commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's leadership in the Indian National Congress 100 years ago and to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the Indian Constitution.

The rally, which also included a conference chaired by AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, aimed to highlight the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in shaping the nation's political and social landscape. Gandhi's leadership was pivotal in India's struggle for independence, and the drafting of the Constitution was an essential step towards ensuring equal representation for all sections of society.

Speaking at the event, it was recalled that Gandhi had once stated, "The history of Congress is the history of the country," and under his leadership, the nation secured independence. The event emphasized the sacred nature of the Indian Constitution, which continues to serve as a guiding document for the country's governance.

The Telangana leaders' participation in the rally and subsequent meeting underscored their commitment to preserving the Constitution and honoring the legacies of both Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The gathering was a momentous occasion, reinforcing the call for unity and the protection of democratic values in India.



## Speaker Prasad Congratulates Telangana MLAs

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, addressed the 85th All-India Presiding Officers' Conference held in Patna, Bihar. In his speech, he extended his congratulations to all attendees, marking the 75th anniversary of the Constitution of India's enforcement.

Speaker Prasad emphasized that the laws passed by Parliament, in line with the Indian Constitution, have significantly contributed to strengthening democracy and protecting citizens' rights. He particularly highlighted the importance of the Right to Information Act and the Goods and Services Tax, along with laws in areas such as education, healthcare, and social justice, which have benefitted the country's citizens.

Prasad underscored that the Indian Constitution, designed around the principles of democracy, justice, and equality, has served as a guiding light for the nation for the past 75 years. He praised the Telangana Legislative Assembly for its consistent



adherence to the Constitution's values and guidelines.

The Telangana Legislative Assembly, Prasad noted, serves as a model in designing and passing development and welfare schemes aimed at the state's people. These initiatives are crucial in addressing the needs of Telangana's citizens and ensuring their well-being through the enactment of

effective laws.

Prasad's remarks emphasized the significant role of state legislatures like Telangana's in shaping policies and creating legal frameworks that enhance public welfare, reinforcing the importance of cooperation between legislative bodies across India.

## Hydra PS to Start Operations in Buddha Bhavan



TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** The Hydra Police Station (Hydra PS) will soon begin operations in Buddha Bhavan, with preparations underway to enhance efficiency. Commissioner Ranganath visited the site to inspect the arrangements, directing officials to ensure smooth operations. An ASP-level officer will serve as the Hydra PS SHO, with SP-level officers appointed for each of the three zones. The station aims for speedy resolution of cases, with plans to establish a Hydra Court in the future. Hydra PS is expected to commence its operations in the first week of February.

## Harish Criticizes Government for Anti-People Policies



TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Former Minister Harish Rao has strongly criticized the Telangana government, calling its governance "anti-people" rather than "people-oriented." In a recent tweet, he expressed his concern over the growing public dissatisfaction with the government's actions. Rao pointed out that despite the government's extravagant conduct of village meetings, public opposition to the administration was clear. He stated that the growing anger of the people across villages was evident, highlighting that the Chief Minister and ministers were either abroad or busy in neighboring states, leaving the public neglected.

He condemned the government's handling of the Indiramma Rajyam, where village meetings were held under police supervision, showing the deteriorating situation. Rao also criticized the ruling party for promoting favoritism by giving schemes to party workers while bypassing deserving beneficiaries. He described the government's actions as shameful, questioning the authenticity of village meetings and accusing the administration of going back on its promises. He highlighted unfulfilled promises such as loan waivers, farmer support, Indiramma houses, and ration cards, asking how the people would respond to these failures.

## Sampath Kumar: Welfare for Party Picks



TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Congress leader Sampath Kumar has made a controversial statement, claiming that welfare schemes will be distributed only to those suggested by Congress party workers. During the ongoing village meetings organized by the Congress government for the implementation of welfare schemes, Sampath Kumar openly declared that any government scheme will be given to those identified by party activists. He also referred to the Indiramma Committee, stating that the five members of the committee will recommend beneficiaries in line with the directions given by Revanth Reddy. This follows earlier statements made by Nagar Kurnool MLA Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy, who also asserted that government schemes, such as Indiramma houses and new ration cards, would be provided only to those recommended by Congress party leaders and workers.

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, in his capacity as district in-charge, issued directives to officials, instructing them that only the list provided by local Congress leaders and workers should be considered final when selecting beneficiaries for the schemes.

## Kishan Reddy's Vision for Youth Employment and Coal Sector Growth

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Union Minister Kishan Reddy sent a hopeful message to the youth, announcing plans to create 5 lakh jobs in the coming days. He emphasized the need for skill development and capacity building to meet the growing demand in various sectors.

Reddy specifically pointed to the coal sector, where efforts are underway to generate significant employment opportunities. He revealed that the country requires 2 billion tonnes of coal annually, and coal production has surged by 76 percent since 2014 to meet this demand. Looking ahead, Reddy projected that coal demand would peak by 2040, stressing the need for continuous growth in the sector to sustain job creation and economic development. He also urged state governments to focus on skills development to prepare the workforce for these upcoming opportunities.



## MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy Faces Backlash from Congress Leaders

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy, who switched from the BRS to the Congress after winning on a BRS ticket, faced opposition from local Congress leaders during a recent road inauguration ceremony in Bollaram. The incident unfolded when Mahipal Reddy, along with Minister Damodar, arrived to inaugurate the road, only to be blocked by local Congress leaders who expressed their anger over his defection.

The Congress leaders questioned how an MLA, who had won on a BRS ticket, could now join Congress and proceed with the inauguration. This led to a heated exchange between Mahipal Reddy's support-



ers and Congress members, with chants of "Down Down" directed at the MLA. The confrontation highlighted the tension surrounding his political shift and the backlash he faced within the local political landscape.

## KTR's Shocking Tweet on Farmers' Suicides

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** In a shocking tweet, Telangana Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) condemned the state government's handling of the farmer crisis after four farmers reportedly committed suicide on the same day. KTR lashed out at the government, calling it a "killer regime" that has pushed farmers to their deaths. He criticized the government for failing to provide essential support, such as loan waivers and the Farmer Bandhu scheme, leading to these tragic deaths.

KTR expressed his outrage, stating that the state is no longer a "farmer's state" but one that continues to deceive farmers. He emphasized that these suicides were not mere incidents but "murders" caused by the government's indifference. KTR further accused the government of being cruel and apathetic, blaming the absence of loan waivers and other promised schemes for the farmers' plight.



In his tweet, KTR expressed his deep sorrow for the families of the deceased, calling their suffering a "death sentence" for the government. He warned that the tears of these families would bring down the "fraudulent" government, implying that public outrage and growing discontent would eventually force a change in leadership. The tweet reflected KTR's anger at the government's failure to uphold its promises to farmers, sparking further criticism of the ruling administration.

## Venkat Reddy suffers from 'KTR Phobia'

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** In a strong statement, former minister Jagdish Reddy expressed his anger over the arrest of leaders like former BRS MLA Bhupal Reddy in Nalgonda. He accused the Nalgonda police of operating under Congress and local goons. Reddy also claimed that Minister Venkat Reddy suffers from "KTR Phobia," stating that even the sight of KTR's photo or the color pink causes him fear. He criticized local municipal officials for deliberately tearing down BRS flexes.

Reddy demanded the immediate release of Bhupal Reddy and other party leaders, calling their arrests unlawful. He alleged that Minister Venkat Reddy personally made phone calls to stir up trouble against Congress activists. Reddy declared that the Congress party's real nature was now exposed, and that they were afraid of



BRS's growing strength.

Jagdish Reddy further criticized the Congress party's selection of beneficiaries, claiming that the party was giving benefits to ineligible individuals while bypassing deserving ones. He asserted that a public rebellion against Congress's fraudulent practices was inevitable and called for a movement to ensure a "Congress-free Telangana," starting from Nalgonda.

## CM Revanth Reddy Supports Power Loom Workers and Women's Welfare



TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Government Whip Aadi Srinivas has praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for standing by the state's workers and women, fulfilling his promise of supporting their welfare. He highlighted the government's commitment to worker welfare, with particular emphasis on the state's self-help group women.

Srinivas announced that the Telangana government will distribute two sarees to women in self-help groups. The government has assigned the task of saree manufacturing to the Sirisilla power looms. The first phase of the project includes an order for the production of 4.6 crore meters of saree fabric, ensuring work for power loom workers for the next eight months.

Out of this order, 95% of the work has been allocated to 20,000 power looms in Sirisilla. Srinivas criticized the previous government for importing Bhatukamma sarees from Surat, while the current administration ensures that women receive high-quality sarees produced locally.

This initiative demonstrates the government's focus on empowering women and supporting the local textile industry, strengthening the economic stability of the region.



## Brutal Murder: Husband Kills Wife, Baby

Brutal Act Shocks Hyderabad  
Suspect Nabbed After Three Days

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: In a shocking incident, a man allegedly murdered his pregnant wife in a gruesome manner in the Kusahaiguda police station limits. The accused, identified as Sachin Satyanarayana from Kacheguda, was arrested by the police after investigations confirmed the crime.

Sachin and Sneha, a resident of Capra, met on Instagram and got married in 2022. Initially, Sachin worked as a food delivery agent, but he later became jobless and engaged in illegal activities, leading to financial struggles. The couple had a baby boy in 2023. However, their relationship deteriorated after Sachin allegedly attempted to sell their child for ₹1 lakh. Sneha filed a police complaint, and the authorities rescued the child. Tragically, the boy died a few months later.

Due to constant conflicts, the couple separated but later reunited in December 2023, renting a house in Capra. Recently, Sachin began suspecting Sneha's pregnancy and harassed her. Determined to kill her, he made her consume alcohol on the night of January 15. At

Murder Covered as an Accident  
Financial Struggles Led to Crime



around 5 AM on January 16, he sat on her stomach and suffocated her with a pillow. The force caused the premature baby to be expelled from the womb, leading to its death.

Sachin attempted to cover up the crime by leaking gas from a cylinder, hoping to stage it as an accident. However, his plan failed when the gas ran out. Three days later, on January 18, neighbors reported a foul smell from the house, leading the police to discover the bodies.

After identifying Sachin as the prime suspect, police tracked him to Kacheguda and arrested him. A case has been registered, and further investigations are underway.

## Governor Jishnu Dev Varma Releases Obtuse Angle

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: Telangana Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Varma formally released Obtuse Angle, a book of cartoons by BP Acharya, I.A.S. (Retd.), at a special event held at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad. Addressing an audience of distinguished dignitaries, the Governor lauded Acharya's creative journey spanning over four decades, emphasizing his ability to balance artistic passion with the demands of civil service.

The Governor highlighted the enduring relevance of cartoons in capturing the essence of everyday life, praising Acharya's keen observational skills and subtle humor. "Obtuse Angle provides a window into the ironic and often humorous world of



bureaucracy through the eyes of a seasoned cartoonist. It offers a fresh perspective on the complexities, challenges, and amusing moments inherent in public service," he remarked.

The event was attended by several prominent personalities, including Sri MG Gopal, I.A.S.

(Retd.); Dr. N. Ramesh Kumar, I.A.S. (Retd.), Director General of ASCI; Mr. Ravi Kanth, I.A.S. (Retd.); Mr. N. Ramachander Rao, former MLC; Ms. Sangeeta Verma; Ms. Frauke Qadr, Founder of Save the Rocks Society; Prof. M. Panduranga Rao; Sri Sridhar Rao; Sri Md. Ali Baig, and Mr. BP Singhal from FTCCI.

## Ekashila Nagar Venture Managers Criticize MP Etala's Actions



TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: The Ekashila Nagar Venture Managers have strongly condemned BJP MP Etala Rajender's actions after he slapped a real estate professional in Pocharam Municipality, Medchal district. The MP had accused the individual of harassing homeowners and landowners.

In response, the venture managers criticized Etala's behavior, calling it inappropriate and unwarranted. They stated that they are the rightful owners of the Ekashila Nagar lands and possess all legal documents to prove their claims. They also asserted that court rulings have consistently been in their favor.

Expressing their displeasure, the venture managers revealed that they have lodged a complaint against Etala with the police. They were particularly angered by being labeled as brokers despite being legitimate landowners. They urged the MP to verify the facts before making accusations.

## Inter Student Commits Suicide by Jumping in Front of Train

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: In a tragic incident, an intermediate student from Siddipet district reportedly took her own life by jumping in front of a train near Jamai Osmania Railway Station in Secunderabad. This incident adds to the growing concern over student suicides in Telangana.

The deceased, identified as Bhargavi, was studying at the OU Andhra Mahila Sabha College. According to reports, the railway loco pilot informed the local police about the incident on Tuesday morning. The police arrived at the scene promptly and recovered the body. They have registered a case and are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the tragic event.

The reasons behind Bhargavi's suicide remain unclear, but the rise in student suicides due to academic pressure has been a matter of increasing concern in the state. Authorities are working to gather more information about the incident while continuing their investigation.

## Etala Slaps Broker, Demands Action

BJP leader slaps realty broker  
Etala defends poor homeowners

Clash over land encroachments  
Broker attacked in Medchal dispute

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: BJP leader and Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender was caught on camera slapping a real estate broker in Pocharam Municipality limits of Medchal district. The incident, which has gone viral, occurred when Rajender confronted the broker over alleged land encroachments affecting poor homeowners. During a visit to Ekashila Nagar, several residents, including a woman, complained to Rajender about harassment by real estate agents. Enraged by their grievances, the MP rushed toward one of the brokers and slapped him. Following this, BJP workers present at the scene also attacked the broker.

Speaking to the media after-

ward, Rajender declared that the BJP stands by the poor who have purchased land with their hard-earned money. He accused some officials of colluding with brokers and failing to protect legitimate homeowners. He revealed that he had spoken to the District Collector and Commissioner of Police about the issue and insisted that action be taken against those exploiting the poor through fake documents. Rajender also criticized the government for prioritizing demolitions while ignoring the struggles of the underprivileged. He demanded strict measures against officials who enable illegal land grabs and assured that his party would continue fighting for the rights of affected homeowners.



## Actress Madhaviatha Files Complaint Against JC Prabhakar Reddy

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: Actress Madhaviatha has lodged a complaint against TDP leader and Tadipatri Municipal Chairman JC Prabhakar Reddy at the Cyberabad Commissionerate in Gachibowli. She alleged that his remarks against her were deeply hurtful and caused panic among her family members.

Speaking to the media after filing the complaint, Madhaviatha questioned whether simply apologizing was enough after making indecent comments about women and actresses. She also criticized JC Pra-



bhakar Reddy's behavior, asking what kind of message he intended to send as a senior politician.

What Happened?

On December 31, Prabhakar Reddy organized a special New Year's event for women at JC Park in Ta-

dipatri, which was attended by a large number of women. Prior to the event, Madhaviatha posted a video on social media urging women not to attend, claiming that anti-social activities occurred at the venue.

In response, JC Prabhakar Reddy lashed out at her, making derogatory remarks and referring to her as a "prostitute." Following public backlash, he later apologized. However, Madhaviatha has now taken legal action, demanding accountability for his offensive comments.

## BJP MLA Raja Singh Suggests Shifting Numaish to City Outskirts

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: Goshamahal BJP MLA Raja Singh has made significant remarks regarding the annual Numaish exhibition, held at the Nampally Exhibition Ground in Hyderabad. Singh expressed concerns about the event's impact on traffic, suggesting that the exhibition should be relocated outside the city to avoid disruptions.

Singh emphasized that the event causes massive traffic congestion, with thousands of people attending, leading to hours of vehicular delays. He also pointed out the risk of fire accidents, recalling past incidents at Numaish. The narrow venue, according to Singh, could lead to great-



er damage in case of such accidents. He proposed shifting the exhibition to a spacious location on the outskirts of the city, covering 100-200 acres, and appealed to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for support.

Furthermore, Singh criticized the parking fees at the exhibition, alleging that attendees are being exploited, with charges as high as Rs. 150 for parking a car. He raised concerns about potential corruption in the allocation of parking lots, asking whether proper tenders were issued for the charges. Singh suggested that free parking be provided on government land, calling for the District Collector to consult with him on the matter.

## Venu Swamy Apologizes to Women's Commission



TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: Astrologer Venu Swamy has publicly apologized to the Telangana Women's Commission, stating that he is withdrawing his comments regarding actor Naga Chaitanya's marriage.

Previously, Venu Swamy had predicted that Naga Chaitanya and actress Shobitha would not be together for long and would eventually divorce. His remarks led the Film Journalists Union Association to file a complaint with the Telangana Women's Commission, which subsequently issued notices to him. Challenging the notices, Venu Swamy approached the High Court. However, the court ruled that he must appear before the Women's Commission. Following the court's decision, the Commission issued a fresh notice, summoning him.

Today, Venu Swamy appeared before the Women's Commission and formally retracted his comments. He also issued an apology. The Commission, in response, warned him against making such statements in the future.

## MLA Krishna Rao Pushes for Completion of Water Works

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 22: Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao has called for the speedy completion of pending development works to resolve ongoing drainage and drinking water issues in the constituency. On Tuesday, MLA Krishna Rao held a review meeting with water board officials at his camp office in Kukatpally.

During the meeting, he highlighted the significant progress made during the previous government's tenure, including the construction of large reservoirs and the installation of pipelines in various colonies and bastis. He noted that these efforts had largely resolved the drinking water problems. However, he expressed concern over the pending works, particularly related to pipelines, junction development, and drainage, which were causing issues such as contaminated water supply and low water pressure.

Krishna Rao urged officials to expedite the completion of these works and ensure that any obstacles faced in these areas are reported immediately. He emphasized the need for better coordination with GHMC officials and urged them to take proactive measures to avoid water shortages in the coming summer. He also instructed the officials to prepare plans to address potential water crises and identified areas where work should be undertaken in advance.

# Tensions between Congress and BRS in Nalgonda

TPN Correspondent |

**Nalgonda, Jan 22:** Tensions between Congress and BRS escalated as Congress workers attacked BRS leaders and activists in Nalgonda, following the removal of a flexi related to the Rythu Mahadharna event. The flexi, which had been set up by BRS to promote the event, was taken down by municipal authorities late at night. BRS leaders, including former MLA Kancharla Bhupal Reddy, voiced their dissatisfaction

with the removal. BRS activists attempted to stop the removal of the flexi, but municipal officials proceeded with the action. Bhupal Reddy visited the municipal office to protest the removal and question the Congress-led municipal administration, which he accused of acting in line with Congress interests. He and other BRS leaders were detained in the commissioner's office, but the municipal commissioner did not respond to

their concerns.

As the BRS protest continued inside the municipal office, Congress leaders, including Gummala Mohan Reddy and Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy, entered the premises and allegedly attacked BRS leaders, even throwing flower pots at them. Despite the altercation, the police present did not intervene. The situation became more intense, and BRS leaders, including Bhupal Reddy, were forcibly arrested.



In the ensuing scuffle, Bhupal Reddy collapsed and was taken to the Nampally police station



for questioning. Meanwhile, Congress leaders involved in the attack remained inside the municipal office, with no action taken against them by

the authorities. This incident highlights the growing tensions and political violence in the state.

## Water Leakage from Priyadarshini Jurala Dam Due to Neglect

TPN Correspondent |

**Mahabubnagar, Jan 22:** The Priyadarshini Jurala Dam, the first major project on the Krishna River in Telangana, is facing serious issues due to neglect. Water leakage is occurring from the dam's crust gates, with a total of 12 gates releasing water downstream. The gates have rusted, and the rubbers have blown off, as repairs have not been carried out. The ropes of eight gates have also been damaged, raising concerns about the project's safety.



the gates is leading to water wastage, leaving the area vulnerable to water shortages. Local residents and authorities are worried that if the situation persists, the people dependent on Jurala will face severe water problems by summer.

Meanwhile, critics argue that the Congress government is not paying enough attention to the issue, while Andhra Pradesh continues to illegally transfer water from the Krishna River. The neglect of vital infrastructure like the Jurala Dam is adding to the growing concerns over the management of water resources in the region.

The Jurala project, which started in 1995, has a capacity of 9.68 TMC. Despite heavy

rains in Karnataka recently filling the reservoir, the lack of timely maintenance is affecting its functioning. The failure to repair

## Protests Erupt Across Telangana Over Unfulfilled Government Promises



TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Protests are escalating in Telangana's village and ward councils as people express dissatisfaction with the Congress government's six guarantees. The protests focus on the schemes set to be implemented from the 26th of this month, as officials face backlash during beneficiary selection meetings.

In Sirikonda village, Suryapet district, residents protested against the failure to provide ration cards to eligible individuals. Similarly, in Ayyangaripalli, Jangaon district, villagers expressed frustration over unfulfilled promises tied to the six guarantees. Protesters also highlighted issues such as unpaid loan waivers, unmet gold schemes, and the lack of farmer insurance.

In Venkatreddipalli Gram Sabha, Mahabubnagar district, villagers confronted the Revenue Additional Collector, claiming their names were excluded from the Atmiya Rythu Bharosa list. Amid these protests, reports indicate that police are forcibly silencing the demonstrators.

People are accusing the government of using these schemes as political tools ahead of local body elections. They claim that voting for Congress has failed to bring about the promised changes, leaving their concerns unresolved. The gram sabhas will continue until the 24th of this month, with tensions remaining high.



## Telangana Couple Dies in Road Accident in Tirupat



TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** A tragic accident on January 20 claimed the lives of a couple from Telangana, leaving their three children orphaned. Sandeep Shah (45) and Anjali Devi (40), along with their three children, were returning home to Patancheru, Sangareddy district, after a pilgrimage to Tirupathi, Tiruchanur, Arunachalam, and Kanipakam.

The accident occurred on the Renigunta-Kadapa highway in Tirupathi district when their car was rammied by a private tourist bus near Kukkaladoddi. Sandeep and Anjali died on the spot, while their elder daughter, Chanchala Shah, was critically injured. Their younger daughter, Sonali Shah, and son, Rudrapratap Shah, escaped with minor injuries.

Reports suggest that the family had hired a driver, Naresh Kumar, but Sandeep took over the wheel, asking the driver to sit in the rear seat before the crash occurred.

Sandeep's parents had migrated from Bihar to Patancheru in search of work, and he had been supporting his family through his business. This heartbreaking incident has left their children facing an uncertain future. Authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the accident.

## Prajavani Receives 5736 Applications on January 21

Mostly for Indiramma Housing Scheme

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** The Prajavani programme held at Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on January 21 received a total of 5736 applications. Of these, 5332 applications were for the Indiramma housing scheme, highlighting the high demand for housing assistance.



In addition to housing-related requests, 132 applications were related to the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, 131 for the Power Department, 43 for revenue-related issues, one for Pravasi Janapani services, and 97 for various other departments.

Meanwhile, a Right to Information (RTI) petition filed by Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA T Harish Rao revealed that 37.11% of grievances from the Prajavani programme in 2024 remain unresolved. According to the Telangana government's response to the RTI, out of 82,955 petitions received as of December 9, 2024, only 43,272 were classified as grievances, with the remainder being rejected by the government.

## MLA Rajesh Reddy Schemes Only for Congress-Approved Beneficiaries

TPN Correspondent |

**Nagarkurnool, Jan 22:** Nagarkurnool MLA Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy has sparked controversy with his remarks that government schemes will be provided only to those selected by Congress party workers. He stated that Indiramma houses and new ration cards will be allocated exclusively to individuals identified by Congress leaders in the villages.

Rajesh Reddy further clarified that he has instructed the District Collector, Additional Collector, and DPO to ensure that only the list of beneficiaries prepared by Congress workers is finalized, not the list from the Gram Sabha. He issued a stern warning, saying that if officials publish a beneficiary list without consulting Congress party leaders and activists, they would prevent those villagers from receiving government schemes.

District in-charge Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha also supported Rajesh Reddy's statement, emphasizing that the final list of beneficiaries should be based on the list provided by local Congress leaders.

This statement has sparked widespread anger among the public, with many criticizing the Congress government for using its power to control the distribution of essential resources. Citizens are expressing frustration at the apparent politicization of government schemes.



## Illegal transportation of meat from Anakapalli to Hyderabad

Driver Detained at Vempadu Toll Plaza

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** On Tuesday, January 21, authorities in Anakapalle district, Andhra Pradesh, seized 600 kg of animal meat being illegally transported to Hyderabad. The meat, allegedly coming from West Bengal, was intercepted during a vehicle check at the Vempadu Toll Plaza, following a tip-off about the illegal transport.



Anakapalle Circle Inspector confirmed the seizure and the detention of the driver. Steps were immediately taken to bury the meat. The operation is part of a broader crackdown on illegal cattle transport, commonly seen in BJP-ruled states, where such raids align with the party's stance on cow protection and beef consumption.

These measures have raised concerns over their impact, as they often target the Muslim community, intertwining religious sentiments and communal tensions with enforcement actions.

## Fake Rs. 500 Notes Worth Rs. 1 Crore Found in Telangana Temple Hundi

TPN Correspondent |

**Hyderabad, Jan 22:** Counterfeit Rs. 500 notes worth approximately Rs. 1 crore were discovered among the offerings at the Lashamma Temple in Chadmal Thanda, Gandhari Mandal, after the annual Sankranti festival. The fake currency was found in bundles of notes collected from the temple hundi.



The temple committee, which lends money to villagers at low-interest rates, was alerted when borrowers noticed a few counterfeit notes in the bundles. They immediately reported the issue to the committee, which then informed the police.

Lashamma Temple is a prominent center for Sankranti celebrations, drawing large donations from devotees for its development. The discovery of the counterfeit currency has raised concerns among both villagers and authorities about the integrity of temple donations.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that several individuals have been detained for questioning in connection with the incident. This discovery follows a similar case in the Banskuda division, where police seized counterfeit currency worth Rs. 60 lakh and made arrests. Authorities are continuing their investigation into the source of the fake notes and the extent of the operation.

# Delhi Election 2025 and the Battle for Kalkaji

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The battle for Kalkaji in the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections is shaping up to be a high-stakes contest with Delhi CM Atishi of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) facing fierce competition from BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Alka Lamba, who is aiming for a revival of the grand-old party in the National Capital.

- **AAP's Atishi faces stiff competition from BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Alka Lamba in Kalkaji.**
- **BJP campaigns on local issues and freebie promises**
- **Congress focuses on women empowerment.**
- **NCP's entry into Kalkaji could split votes, complicating the battle for victory.**



Atishi, who has been representing Kalkaji for the AAP, is seeking re-election and has already embarked on a series of rallies and roadshows to galvanize voter support. A day before filing her nomination, Atishi held a major roadshow in Giri Nagar to connect with residents and garner backing for the AAP's third-term aspirations. Under AAP's tenure, Kalkaji has seen initiatives like Mohalla Clinics, MCD school upgrades, and welfare programs. However, with anti-incumbency sentiment at an all-time high and allegations of scams and flip-flopping from Arvind Kejriwal, the party's fortunes might be at risk.

BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri, known for his criticism of AAP's governance, has tailored his campaign around addressing local issues such as road connectivity, water shortages,

and sewage inefficiencies. His promise of implementing similar freebie schemes like AAP's, such as the Atal Canteen offering food for just ₹5, is seen as a bid to attract voters seeking change.

Meanwhile, Congress' Alka Lamba is focusing on women empowerment, critiquing AAP's Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana and pledging to provide ₹2,500 to women under the Pyari Didi Scheme. Lamba's campaign calls out AAP for not fulfilling promises made to women over the last decade. During her roadshow in Kalkaji, she posed a pointed question to voters: "If they wanted to give ₹2,100 to you every month, why didn't they do it until now when they have been in power for 10 years?"

An additional factor adding uncertainty to the race is the Nationalist Congress Party

(NCP) entering the fray, with the party fielding a candidate in Kalkaji. While the NCP has had limited success in Delhi elections, it may disrupt the vote share, potentially affecting the outcome for one of the three major contenders.

The Delhi Assembly elections are set to take place on February 5, 2025, with the results to be announced on February 8, 2025. This election will be closely watched, as AAP seeks to secure a third consecutive term in office, while the BJP hopes to leverage its 2019 Lok Sabha sweep to shift the mandate. Congress, on the other hand, will attempt to make a comeback after being ousted in 2013.

With the vote just weeks away, Kalkaji has become a key battleground in the Delhi elections as the three parties fight for supremacy in the constituency.



## Gautam Adani Attends Maha Kumbh With Family

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Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, accompanied by his wife Priti Adani and elder son Karan Adani, attended the Maha Kumbh festival in Prayagraj today. The family participated in several rituals at the Mela ground, including the preparation of the 'Mahaprasad' (sacred meal) and its distribution to the Kumbh pilgrims.

The family offered prayers at Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers. Following the prayers, Gautam Adani and his family members were seen partaking in the prasad together.

The Adani Group has partnered with ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) to provide meals for devotees during the Maha Kumbh Mela, which began on January 13 and is expected to attract about 40 crore devotees.

Mr. Adani expressed his gratitude in a tweet, describing the experience as "amazing, unique, and extraordinary," and thanked all the workers and security personnel for their dedication to the event.



## Atishi Seeks Security In Kalkaji

### Alleges Bidhuri's Nephew & BJP Workers Threatening AAP Volunteers

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a letter to the Returning Officer of Kalkaji Assembly Constituency, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP candidate Atishi has raised serious concerns over the safety of her party's volunteers in the constituency. She alleged that BJP workers, along with Ramesh Bidhuri's nephew, who is a BJP candidate from Kalkaji, have been involved in intimidating and threatening AAP volunteers in the Govindpuri area.

The incident, according to Atishi's letter, occurred on January 20 in Gali No. 1, Govindpuri. AAP volunteers, including Rekha Bassi, Sanjay Gupta, Mani Mamta, Aradhna, Sunita Pandey, Sher Singh, and Hari Shankar Gupta, were reportedly verbally and physically threatened by BJP workers. Atishi demanded that security be deployed in the Kalkaji constituency to ensure the safety of her volunteers and to prevent further incidents of intimidation.

The ongoing election campaign in Kalkaji has seen rising tensions, and Atishi's request for security highlights the increasingly hostile political environment in the area. The allegations of threats have sparked concerns over the safety of candidates and their supporters in the lead-up to the elections.

## AAP vs BJP Over Arvind Kejriwal's 'Raavan Came As Golden Deer' Remark

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The political battle between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has intensified over Arvind Kejriwal's recent remarks referencing Raavan from the Ramayana. Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva criticized Kejriwal for allegedly misrepresenting Hindu mythology, calling him a "poll Hindu" and accusing him of insulting Hindu sentiments.

At an election rally, Kejriwal recounted the story of Raavan abducting Sita, comparing BJP leaders to the "golden deer" from the Ramayana. However, Kejriwal's recounting deviated from the traditional version, where Maricha, under Raavan's orders, transformed into the golden deer to lure Lord Ram away. BJP leaders seized on this narrative inaccuracy to attack Kejriwal.

- **BJP accused Kejriwal of mocking Hindu faith and called him a "poll Hindu."**
- **AAP countered by accusing BJP of defending Raavan and misleading the public.**
- **The controversy escalates just weeks before the Delhi Assembly elections.**

Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva alleged that Kejriwal's comment was not only inaccurate but disrespectful to Hindu beliefs. "When did Raavan come as a golden deer? Kejriwal is obsessed with gold even after living in Sheeshmahal," said Sachdeva, referring to alleged irregularities in the renovation of the Chief Minister's residence during Kejriwal's tenure.



The BJP also announced that its leaders would fast in protest, asserting their commitment to safeguarding Hindu traditions. "Lord Ram will do justice," added Sachdeva. Responding to the criticism, AAP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia accused the BJP of stooping low by defending Raavan. "Their politics has fallen to the extent of backing Raavan. They may prove more dangerous than Raavan for the poor and workers if they gain power," Sisodia posted on X.

Kejriwal, addressing reporters, mocked BJP's protests, stating, "BJP loves Raavan so much they're camping outside my house. They have demonic tendencies. I warn the poor in Delhi—if these people come to power, they will devour you like demons."

The exchange underscores the heightened political tension in Delhi as the Assembly elections approach, with both parties leveraging faith and mythology to sway voters.

## NCP Fields Candidates Against Kejriwal In New Delhi Seat, Atishi In Kalkaji

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Ahead of the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), led by Ajit Pawar, has announced its slate of 30 candidates. Among them, Vishvanath Agarwal has been fielded against AAP's Arvind Kejriwal in the New Delhi constituency, while Zameel will contest against Chief Minister Atishi in Kalkaji.

The NCP, which has traditionally had a limited presence in Delhi politics, is making a bold move by contesting independently in this election. The party, which has historically struggled in the capital, failed to win any of the five seats it contested in the 2020 Assembly elections. This will mark the NCP's first election in Delhi following the party's split into Ajit Pawar's faction and Sharad Pawar's faction in July 2023.

- **NCP announces 30 candidates for Delhi Assembly elections, including Vishvanath Agarwal and Zameel.**
- **Agarwal to contest against AAP's Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi, Zameel against CM Atishi in Kalkaji.**
- **NCP faces a challenging electoral landscape, with limited historical success in Delhi.**

In the New Delhi constituency, Arvind Kejriwal will face competition from BJP's Parvesh Verma and Congress's Sandeep Dikshit. Meanwhile, Atishi, the current Chief Minister of Delhi, is up against Congress's former Chandni Chowk MLA, Alka Lamba.

## 981 Candidates File Nomination For Upcoming Delhi Polls

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections in February 2025, a total of 981 candidates filed 1,521 nomination papers, with scrutiny scheduled to take place today. The final date for the withdrawal of nominations is January 20.

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi revealed that a significant number of nominations were filed on January 17, the last day for filing. The data shared by the CEO's office highlights the district-wise distribution of nominations. The North district registered the highest number, with 183 nominations from 108 candidates, followed by

South West district, where 153 nominations were filed by 108 contestants.

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- **North district leads with 183 nominations, followed by South West district with 153 nominations.**
- **180 cases of alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct registered by Delhi Police.**

Other districts such as West, Central, New Delhi, North West, and South East also reported substantial nominations. West district saw 170 nominations from 104 candidates, while Central district recorded 154 nominations

from 99 candidates. New Delhi district had 135 nominations from 85 candidates, North West district saw 139 nominations from 90 candidates, and South East district recorded 140 nominations from 93 candidates.

Meanwhile, in the lead-up to the elections, Delhi Police registered 180 cases of alleged Model Code of Conduct violations from January 7 to January 14. A total of 7,454 individuals were arrested for various offences, including violations under the Excise Act, as preventive measures to maintain law and order. Delhi will go to the polls on February 5, with results expected on February 8.





## Kejriwal's Rare Praise For Sheila Dikshit

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a rare acknowledgment of a political rival, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal praised former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit while accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of engaging in unethical practices to woo voters in the New Delhi constituency. Kejriwal, the AAP candidate from the seat, alleged that the BJP was distributing money and gifts in an attempt to influence voters. Addressing the public, Kejriwal said, "This constituency has always been home to educated and peace-loving citizens. Sheila ji, who contested from here before me, was a dignified leader who fought elections with respect. But today, the BJP has turned it into a game of money. They are openly distributing Rs 1,100 to buy votes. Is this what our democracy stands for?"

- **Kejriwal accuses BJP of distributing Rs 1,100, blankets, and gifts to sway voters.**
- **Praises Sheila Dikshit's dignity in campaigning, contrasting it with BJP's alleged tactics.**
- **Urges voters to accept gifts but not compromise on their democratic rights.**

Kejriwal expressed his dismay over reports of BJP workers distributing blankets and sheets even in areas like Kidwai Nagar, home to senior government officials. "They are trying to bribe additional secretary-level officers with sheets. Videos are circulating where officials are asking, 'Do you think you can buy us with a sheet?' This reflects the kind of mindset they have," he remarked, directly attacking BJP candidate Parvesh Verma. The AAP leader advised voters to accept the gifts but not sell their votes. "They are giving away sarees, shoes, and jackets. Take them; after all, it's your money that they have looted. But do not let them buy your vote. Your vote is your voice in Indian democracy. Don't let them insult it by valuing it at Rs 1,100," Kejriwal said, adding, "Come February 5, you won't even see their faces in this constituency."

# 14 Naxalites Killed in Chhattisgarh Encounter

HM Amit Shah Says 'Naxalism Breathing Its Last'

TPN Correspondent | Raipur

In a significant blow to Naxalism, 14 Naxalites, including one carrying a ₹1 crore bounty, were neutralized by Chhattisgarh Police near the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border on Monday. The operation, conducted jointly with the CRPF and Odisha's Special Operations Group (SOG), is still underway, with further details awaited.

The encounter comes amid heightened anti-Naxal operations in the region. Earlier on January 17, two BSF jawans were injured in an IED explosion set off by Naxals in Narayanpur district. The attack occurred during a road-opening deployment near Camp Garpa, confirmed Narayanpur SP Prabhat Kumar.

- **A ₹1 crore bounty Naxalite was among the 14 killed.**
- **The operation involved Chhattisgarh Police, CRPF, and SOG Odisha.**
- **Arms, ammunition, and Maoist literature were recovered from the site.**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah commended the security forces for their success in combating Naxalism. In a post on X, he stated, "Another mighty blow to Naxalism. Our resolve for a Naxal-free India is stronger than ever, and Naxalism is breathing its last today."

This development follows a series of recent anti-Naxal encounters. On January 12, five



Naxalites, including two women, were killed in Bijapur district. Security forces recovered automatic rifles, explosives, and other materials from the encounter site.

IG Bastar P Sundarraj confirmed ongoing search operations in South Bastar, while IG Raipur Zone Amresh Mishra reported the recovery of sophisticated weapons, including AK-47s, SLRs, and INSAS rifles.

The Chhattisgarh government continues its concerted efforts to eliminate Naxalism from the region, with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and other officials reiterating their commitment to achieving a Naxal-free state.

## RG Kar Victim's Father Slams CM Mamata Banerjee, Alleges Evidence Tampering

TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

The father of the RG Kar rape and murder victim has accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of "tampering with evidence" in the high-profile case. His criticism came after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court sentenced the prime accused, Sanjay Roy, to life imprisonment.

In a press conference on January 21, 2025, the victim's father expressed his dissatisfaction with the CBI's handling of the case and claimed that the life sentence was inadequate. He alleged, "She (CM Mamata Banerjee) can say a lot of things, but she only tampered with evidence. The then Commissioner of Police (Vineet Goyal) and others had also interfered. Could she not see all this from the beginning?"

The case has stirred political and public outrage, particularly after the West Bengal government announced plans to appeal the life sentence in the Calcutta High Court, seeking capital punishment for the convict.

- **Victim's father accuses Mamata Banerjee of interfering with evidence in the RG Kar rape-murder case.**
- **The Sealdah court sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment, rejecting demands for the death penalty.**
- **Opposition BJP accuses the TMC government of shielding party-linked individuals.**

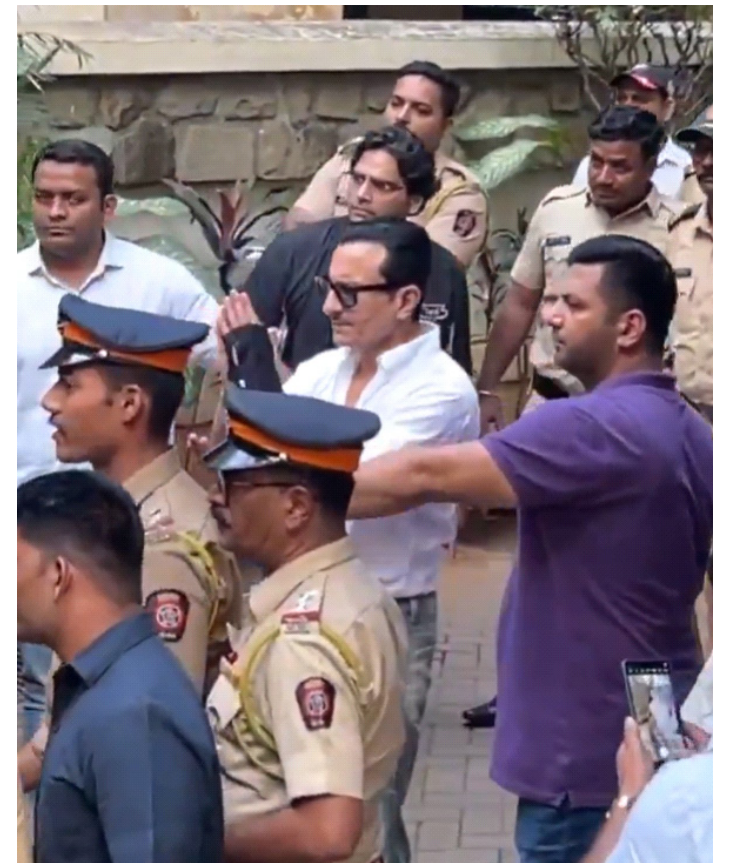
Mamata Banerjee has faced sharp criticism from opposition parties, including the BJP, which has alleged deliberate destruction of evidence to protect individuals linked to her administration. The chief minister has denied all allegations, asserting that her administration and the Kolkata Police conducted the investigation with integrity.

The Sealdah court sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment until death, rejecting calls for the death penalty, stating the crime did not meet the "rarest of the rare" standard. In addition, Roy was ordered to pay a ₹50,000 fine, while the state government was directed to provide ₹17 lakh compensation to the victim's family.



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## Saif Ali Khan Returns Home After Knife Attack



TPN Correspondent | Mumbai

Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan returned home on Tuesday, January 21, five days after being injured in a knife attack during a scuffle with an intruder at his residence. Discharged from Lilavati Hospital earlier in the day, Saif was seen dressed casually in a white shirt and blue jeans as he made his way home to his Bandra residence, 'Satguru Sharan.'

As Saif arrived at his residence, dozens of paparazzi and supporters gathered outside to catch a glimpse of the actor. Surrounded by police and security, he acknowledged their presence with a thumbs up and later paused inside the building complex to wave at the cameras.

The incident occurred at Saif's Bandra residence, leading to heightened security for the actor and his family. Reports suggest that Kareena Kapoor had also visited the hospital to accompany her husband before his discharge. Fans have expressed relief at Saif's recovery and have commended his resilience in handling the ordeal. The police investigation into the attack is ongoing, with the authorities ensuring the family's safety.

## BJP's Delhi Poll Manifesto Part 2, AAP Hits Back

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) released the second part of its manifesto for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, promising to tackle "misgovernance and corruption" by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and ensure solutions to citizens' problems. The manifesto also includes another round of freebies, including free education for needy students in Delhi government institutions and financial support for young people appearing for entrance exams.

Voting for Delhi's 70 Assembly seats will be held on February 5, with results scheduled for February 8. In the 2020 elections, AAP secured 62 seats.

The BJP also introduced a range of proposals, including a 'skills training' program aimed at over 1.5 lakh youth, and special financial benefits for students from Scheduled Castes. In a direct attack on AAP, BJP promised a thorough investigation into the tragic deaths of three civil service aspirants in July, who died after a basement in Old Rajinder Nagar flooded.

- **BJP promises free education for needy students and cash aid for young exam candidates.**
- **Party also proposes welfare board for domestic workers with insurance benefits.**
- **BJP targets auto-rickshaw and taxi drivers, promising life insurance and scholarships for their children.**

Ex-Union Minister Anurag Thakur introduced the "Modi ki guarantee" for these promises, ensuring they would be implemented in a time-bound manner if the BJP wins.

AAP Hits Back

AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal swiftly responded to the BJP's manifesto, criticizing the party for introducing a clause that would restrict free education to "eligible children" in Delhi government schools. Kejriwal claimed this would create unnecessary barriers for families seeking to enroll their children, contrasting it with AAP's policy of offering free education to all. He also pointed out that BJP had previously announced the cessation of free healthcare and education in the city, urging voters to be cautious about BJP's plans for the future.

# Siddaramaiah sparks row with controversial remark on rapes

'Were there none during BJP regime?'

TPN Correspondent | Bengaluru

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stirred a political storm on Tuesday after responding to BJP's criticism of deteriorating law and order in the state following the KR Market rape incident in Bengaluru. Siddaramaiah retorted by questioning whether rape cases did not occur during the BJP's tenure, igniting sharp reactions across political circles.

Speaking to reporters in Belagavi, Siddaramaiah stated, "Did rape incidents not happen during the BJP tenure? There should be no rapes. Women should get security, but some socio-pathic people do such things. We will take stringent action against them."



The incident in question occurred on January 19, when a woman waiting for a bus at KR Market was allegedly misled by two

men and taken to Godown Street, where they reportedly raped her. Bengaluru Po-

lice have arrested both suspects, and Commissioner B Dayananda confirmed the arrests while noting that the case involved extortion and sexual assault.

The BJP has criticized the Congress-led government for its alleged failure to maintain law and order, citing the KR Market rape and other crimes as examples. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka lambasted the government on X, stating, "Law and order in the state has collapsed. The common people are living in fear, and there's no safety for girls. Resign from your position and free the people of the state from this misrule and anarchy."

# Donald Trump Signs Executive Orders on Day One

## Birthright Citizenship, WHO Exit, and more..

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Donald Trump, on his first day as the 47th President of the United States, signed a series of executive orders aimed at reversing Biden-era mandates and reinstating his "America First" agenda. The sweeping orders addressed issues ranging from immigration to energy policy and global alliances. In total, Trump signed over 200 executive actions, including memoranda and proclamations, marking a decisive start to his second presidential term. These actions included: Pardons for Capitol Rioters: Trump pardoned around 1,500 individuals involved in the January 6 Capitol riot, stating his commitment to justice for what he called "political persecutions."

Immigration Reform: Orders declared illegal immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border a national emergency and targeted automatic birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants. He also suspended the U.S. refugee resettlement program for four months.

WHO Exit: Trump fulfilled a campaign promise to withdraw the U.S. from the World Health Organization (WHO), citing its alleged failures during the COVID-19 pandemic and perceived bias toward China.

Paris Climate Agreement Withdrawal: The President signed an order formally withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement, prioritizing domestic interests over global climate goals.

Energy Policy: Declaring a national energy emergency, Trump announced plans to fill strategic oil reserves and ramp up energy exports, calling oil the "liquid gold" vital to U.S. prosperity.

Federal Hiring Freeze: Trump froze government hiring and mandated federal employees to return to full-time in-person work, rolling back remote working arrangements from the pandemic era.



Economic Measures: Orders were issued to cut regulations, lower housing costs, and repeal restrictions on Arctic oil drilling.

Weaponization of Law Enforcement: Trump directed investigations into alleged misconduct by federal agencies during the Biden administration.

Empowering the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE): Trump established the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), led by Elon Musk, to recommend significant cuts to government programs and spending to streamline federal operations.

Rolling Back Transgender Protections: An order was signed declaring that the federal

government will officially recognize only two biological sexes—male and female. This move reverses protections extended to transgender individuals under previous administrations.

Additional Orders: Other notable actions included renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America," reinstating Mount Denali's former name "Mount McKinley," and rolling back protections for transgender individuals.

President Trump emphasized the importance of these actions in his inaugural speech, saying, "We will be a rich nation again, and it is that liquid gold under our feet that will help to do it."

## Putin Calls Xi, Vows To Strengthen Ties After Trump Inauguration

TPN Correspondent | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a video meeting on Tuesday, emphasizing their commitment to strengthening the strategic partnership between their nations. The call came just hours after Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States.

Addressing Xi as his "dear friend," Putin expressed a desire to chart "new plans for the development of the Russian-Chinese comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation." The Kremlin released visuals of the meeting, showcasing Putin waving at Xi during the exchange.

Putin highlighted the alignment of Moscow and Beijing's national interests and views on global power relations. "Our ties are self-sufficient and independent of domestic political factors or the current global situation," he noted. The video call reflects a growing bond between Russia and China, both of which face increasing pressure from the West. Russia is engaged in a conflict with NATO-backed Ukrainian forces, while China contends with US measures aimed at countering its military and economic influence.

The two leaders have framed the West as decadent and in decline, contrasting it with their nations' shared push-back against historical grievances, including the Soviet collapse and European colonial dominance over China. As the United States identifies China as its top competitor and Russia as its primary nation-state threat, the relationship between Moscow and Beijing appears to deepen, rooted in mutual geopolitical interests.



## UK plans "rapid" inquiry into grooming gangs after Starmer-Musk row

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The UK government has announced a "rapid" national review of the sexual exploitation of children by grooming gangs, following a heated exchange between US tech billionaire Elon Musk and Prime Minister Keir Starmer earlier this month. The controversy centers around sex offenses that occurred over decades, committed by men of predominantly South Asian origin in several northern English towns. The government's move comes amid heightened public concern over the issue. Interior Minister Yvette Cooper revealed that she had ordered a three-month "rapid audit" to assess the scale and nature of gang-based exploitation across the country. The review will also consider the "cultural and societal drivers" of child sex abuse, alongside a detailed examination of ethnicity data and the demographics of the gangs and their victims. Cooper emphasized that several local inquiries, similar to those conducted in the past, would be initiated to explore specific cases of abuse. She dismissed the opposition's call for a new national inquiry, arguing that local reviews provide more detailed and relevant insights that can lead to effective change.

## India Hails Neutral Expert's Stand on Indus Water Treaty

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The Neutral Expert appointed by the World Bank has upheld its competence to resolve differences between India and Pakistan over the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects under the Indus Water Treaty. This decision, announced on Tuesday, was welcomed by India as a vindication of its consistent position on the matter.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a statement asserting that the Neutral Expert's decision aligned with India's view that these disputes fall under its jurisdiction as outlined in the treaty. The projects are located in Jammu and Kashmir, with their designs being the focus of contention. The Indus Water Treaty, signed in 1960 with



the World Bank as a signatory, governs the usage of the Indus River system by India and Pakistan. Disagreements arose over the technical design features of the two hydroelectric projects, leading to separate requests by the two nations. Pakistan sought the establishment of a Court of Arbitration,

while India called for a Neutral Expert's intervention.

In 2022, the World Bank appointed both a Neutral Expert and a chairman of the Court of Arbitration. However, India has refused to recognize the parallel arbitration process, emphasizing that the treaty does not allow for simultaneous proceedings.

In its ruling, the Neutral Expert affirmed its authority to proceed with addressing the merits of the points of difference raised. The MEA stated that India would fully participate in the process to ensure resolution in line with the treaty's provisions.

India reiterated its commitment to bilateral discussions with Pakistan on treaty modifications and review under Article XII (3) of the treaty.



## 66 Killed in Fire at Turkey Ski Resort, Some Jumped to Safety

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A devastating fire at the Grand Kartal hotel in Kartalkaya ski resort, Turkey, claimed 66 lives and left 51 injured early Tuesday morning. Witnesses reported guests desperately attempting to escape by using ropes, bedsheets, and, tragically, jumping from windows.

The fire broke out at 3:27 am (0027 GMT) in the 12-storey hotel, believed to have start-

ed in the restaurant area. Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya confirmed the number of casualties and described the incident as a "great pain" for the nation.

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy, cutting short his address at the AKP party congress. He assured the public of a thorough investigation, stating, "All necessary steps will be taken to uncover the cause and hold those responsible accountable."

Television footage depicted thick smoke billowing from the hotel with snow-capped mountains in the background. The wooden-clad structure, partially perched against a cliff, posed challenges for firefighters.

A survivor criticized the hotel's safety standards, alleging the absence of alarms and functional fire stairs. However, Tourism Minister Nuri Ersoy claimed the hotel had two fire escapes.

## Extremely Critical Fire Risk as Winds Batter Los Angeles

TPN Correspondent | Los Angeles

Southern California faced an "extremely critical" fire risk on Monday as hurricane-force winds swept through the region, raising fears of fresh devastation in an area already reeling from deadly wildfires that have claimed at least 27 lives since January 7.

The National Weather Service (NWS) warned of winds gusting up to 88 miles (142 kilometers) per hour, which, combined with dry conditions, could reignite or fuel new fires. Ariel Cohen of the NWS described the situation as "particularly dangerous," emphasizing the potential for explosive fire growth.

- Winds up to 88 mph recorded, heightening fire risks across the region.
- Palisades Fire 59% contained; Eaton Fire 87% contained.
- Los Angeles Mayor promises enhanced preparedness to tackle emergencies.

Firefighters have made significant progress in containing the Palisades Fire, which burned 40,000 acres, and the Eaton Fire in Altadena. However, officials remain vigilant, pre-deploying firefighting resources to high-risk areas to avoid the criticism of unpreparedness faced earlier this month.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass expressed

confidence in the city's readiness, saying, "We will be very prepared for the worst-case scenario, though we hope it doesn't come to that."

The disaster has also sparked political debates, with newly sworn-in President Donald Trump taking aim at California's Democratic leadership over their handling of the crisis. Trump criticized the state's response, calling it inadequate, and pledged federal support during his planned visit to the fire-affected areas later this week. Governor Gavin Newsom responded by urging collaboration and mutual respect, emphasizing the need for partnership to address the scale of devastation effectively.





# Markets Decline Sharply Amid Global Headwinds and Bearish Trends



Domestic stock markets have been bleeding at an unprecedented level. On Tuesday, all the benchmark and broad market indices were shaken. They fell further as if they did not know what to do. This is due to negative international signals, Trump's threat to impose 100 percent tariffs on BRICS countries after his inauguration, the strengthening of the dollar, successive sales by foreign institutional investors, and expectations that the Bank of Japan will increase interest rates. The Nifty fell below 23,000 for the first time since June 7 last year. The fact that it finally closed above that is a positive factor. At present, the bears' grip on the markets is strong.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,073 in the previous session, opened at 77,261 on Tuesday. It touched an

intraday low of 75,641. It reached an intraday high of 77,337. It ended at 75,838, down 1,235 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,421, touched a low of 22,976 and a high of 23,426. It closed at 23,024, down 320 points. The Nifty Bank fell 779 points to settle at 48,570.

In the Nifty50, 9 companies gained and 41 lost. Apollo Hospitals, Tata Consumer, BPCL, Shriram Finance were the top gainers. Trent NTPC, Adani Ports, ICICI Bank, and Adani Enterprises lost the most. All sectoral indices were mixed today. Consumer durables and realty rose more than 4 percent. Bank, auto, finance, IT, media, pharma, oil and gas indices fell by 1-2 percent. Fear Index India



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VIX rose 3.89% to a six-month high of 17.06. Market breadth on NSE today turned in favor of sellers. Out of a total of 2887 stocks traded, only 715 gained. 2095 lost. 77 stocks remained unchanged. Shares of 26 companies touched 52-week highs. 58 stocks reached 52-week lows.

Rupee closed flat at 86.58 against the dollar. Citi maintains Buy rating on Paytm with a target price of Rs 900. Bernstein maintains Outperform rating on Zomato with a target price of Rs 310. ICICI Bank shares fell sharply today. Nifty fell below 23000 for the first time since June 7, 2024. Newgen Soft shares fell 15% after Jefferies downgraded it. Indraprastha Gas has chosen January 31 as the record date for the issue of bonus shares. Adani Energy has been awarded the Bhadla-Fatehpur project worth Rs 25000 crore. UCO Bank's profit is Rs 639 crore. SEBI Chief Madhabi Buch expressed confidence in creating a platform that will allow trading before the listing of shares. TCS has created a record of becoming the world's second IT company with a brand value of \$ 20 billion.

**1. Tata Consumer Products (Tata Consumer)**  
Tata Consumer Products is a lead-

ing player in the FMCG sector, offering beverages (tea, coffee, water) and food products. It is expanding into value-added segments such as health and wellness. Growth prospects driven by product innovation, premiumization, and rural market penetration. Risks include raw material price volatility and competition in the FMCG space.



**2. JSW Steel :** JSW Steel is one of India's largest steel producers, with a diverse product portfolio and global operations. It has consistently expanded capacity and improved operational efficiency. Benefiting from robust infrastructure and construction growth in India. Risks include global steel price volatility and high raw material costs.



**3. Berger Paints :** Berger Paints is one of India's leading paint manufacturers, offering decorative and industrial coatings. It has a strong presence in urban and rural markets with a focus on premium products. Growth driven by urbanization,



housing demand, and premium product launches. Risks include raw material price fluctuations and competition from peers.

**4. Greenlam Industries :** Greenlam is one of India's largest laminate manufacturers, offering a wide range of decorative surface products including laminates, veneers, and engineered wood flooring. Well-positioned to benefit from the growth in real estate and interior design sectors. Risks include rising raw material costs and competition from domestic and international players.



**5. Paradeep Phosphates :** Paradeep Phosphates is a leading fertilizer manufacturer in India, producing phosphatic and complex fertilizers. It plays a crucial role in supporting India's agricultural sector. Growth driven by rising demand for fertilizers and government subsidies for the agricultural sector. Risks include dependency on raw material imports and regulatory changes in subsidies.



## EKO TEJAS Disrupts the EV Market with Affordable Price and Innovative Options

In a rapidly growing electric vehicle (EV) market, EKO TEJAS, a brand under the umbrella of Green Fuel Alternatives Pvt. Ltd., has emerged as a noteworthy contender. Despite fierce competition from established brands, EKO TEJAS is making its mark with its innovative designs, affordable pricing, and customer-centric offerings.

Founded in 2017, EKO TEJAS is headquartered in Gooty, Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh, with its manufacturing base spread across 12 acres and a built-up area of 25,000 sq ft. With an investment of ₹10 crores, the company is capable of producing up to 720 E-bikes and 100 E-carts per month, with an ambitious goal to increase its capacity to 5,000 E-bikes monthly. The brand's focus on providing economical and environmentally friendly transportation has made it a popular choice for customers across multiple states. EKO TEJAS boasts a dealer presence of nearly 100 dealerships in 10 states, including Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Haryana, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. This expanding footprint showcases the growing demand for the company's affordable EV options, especially in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

**Affordable Price Range:** EKO TEJAS offers E-bikes starting at just ₹49,999, attracting customers who would otherwise pay over ₹1 lakh for similar specifications from competing brands.

**New Showroom in Palwancha:**



EKO TEJAS has recently opened a new showroom in Palwancha, further expanding its reach and providing customers with easy access to their products.

**Strong Dealer Network:** With nearly 100 dealers across 10 states, EKO TEJAS continues to expand its footprint, especially in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

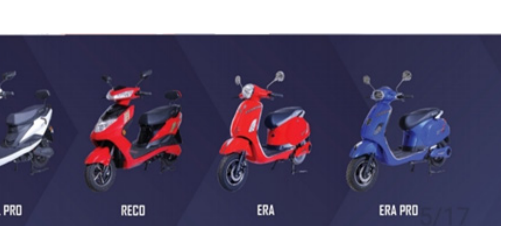
**Customer-Centric Support:** The company offers a range of services, including financing options, vehicle insurance, roadside assistance, and home charging solutions, ensuring a complete EV experience for its customers.

EKO TEJAS offers an impressive range of products designed to meet the needs of various customer segments. Their portfolio includes six low-speed models, such as Axel, Axel Pro, Era, Era Pro, Reco, as well as two high-speed models, EVXTRO and PRIVE. These bikes, priced attractively starting at just ₹49,999, are drawing in customers who would otherwise have to spend over ₹1 lakh for

similar specifications from other brands.

One of the key factors driving the popularity of EKO TEJAS is its range of attractive features and customer options. The brand offers a partnership with over five retail financiers, making it easier for buyers to finance both low-speed and high-speed models. Additionally, EKO TEJAS has tied up with leasing companies to cater to fleet managers and delivery partners.

In line with its commitment to providing a complete EV experience, EKO TEJAS has partnered with more than seven insurance providers, ensuring that customers have access to reliable vehicle insurance. The company also provides roadside assistance in select PIN codes and offers affordable home



charging solutions, particularly beneficial for customers in high-rise apartments. For dealers, EKO TEJAS offers stock finance facilities based on banking credentials and provides dedicated support for retail sales and social media lead generation.

The company's focus on customer satisfaction extends to its after-sales services. EKO TEJAS promises timely delivery, warranty claim services, and the availability of spare parts through a dedicated team. For customers seeking personalized solutions, the brand offers vehicle customizations to meet the needs of individual buyers and B2B customers.

Despite facing stiff competition from larger brands in the EV segment, EKO TEJAS has carved a niche for itself by providing affordable options without compromising on quality. Their approach to making electric transportation more accessible is proving to be a game-changer in the market. As more customers discover the value EKO TEJAS offers, the brand is set to continue its rapid growth, becoming a prominent player in the Indian EV space.



## Deloitte Projects 6.5-6.8% GDP Growth for India in FY2024-25



Deloitte India has projected that India's GDP will grow at a rate of 6.5-6.8% in the current fiscal year, with a focus on adapting to the evolving global landscape and leveraging domestic strengths for sustainable growth. In its latest Economic Outlook report, Deloitte emphasized the importance of decoupling from global uncertainties and harnessing India's inherent potential to drive economic progress.

Despite challenges both globally and domestically, India continues to make strides in moving up the global value chains. One of the key indicators of this progress is the increasing share of high-value manufacturing exports, particularly in electronics and machinery and equipment sectors. These industries have shown significant growth, signaling India's potential to diversify its export base and compete on the global stage.

Deloitte India also revised its annual GDP growth projection for FY2024-25, expecting a growth rate between 6.5-6.8%. Looking ahead, the firm has forecasted an even more robust growth of 6.7-7.3% for the following fiscal year. The optimism stems from the country's ability to navigate global challenges and capitalize on emerging opportunities in key sectors such as technology, manufacturing, and services.

To ensure that this growth is sustainable, Deloitte India has stressed the need for India to adapt to shifts in the global economy. By strengthening its domestic industries and focusing on innovation, India can continue to grow while minimizing risks from external volatility.

The firm also pointed to India's resilience amid global disruptions and its increasing role as a key player in the global supply chain. As the country moves towards a more self-reliant economy, leveraging its strengths in manufacturing, technology, and services will be crucial to maintaining growth and competitiveness in the coming years.

## Never Throw Away Boiled Egg Water – Here’s Why You Should Keep It

Ever wondered if you could make use of the leftover water after boiling eggs? While it may seem like something to pour down the drain, that cloudy, mineral-rich water holds surprising benefits that can positively impact your plants and garden. Instead of discarding it, consider using it in a way that benefits both your greenery and the environment.



The secret lies in the minerals released from the eggshells during boiling. When eggs are boiled, the calcium from the shells leaches into the water, turning it into a natural, chemical-free fertilizer. This nutrient-rich water is an excellent and eco-friendly option to nourish your plants without the need for synthetic chemicals.

Calcium plays a crucial role in supporting plant growth by balancing soil pH and enhancing nutrient absorption. Plants like tomatoes, peppers, and other calcium-loving species will particularly thrive with this natural booster. The process is simple: once the water has cooled down, use it to water your indoor plants or garden. You'll be amazed at how much stronger and healthier your plants

can grow with such a straightforward, sustainable practice.

Not only does this method help nourish your plants, but it also reduces kitchen waste. Instead of throwing the boiled egg water away, you're recycling it into something valuable for your home garden. This small act of reusing a common kitchen byproduct contributes to a greener, more sustainable lifestyle.

So, next time you boil eggs, don't rush to discard the water. Allow it to cool, and give it a second life as a natural fertilizer for your plants. It's an easy, cost-free way to boost your gardening efforts and make your plants greener and more vibrant. Why not give it a try? Your plants will thank you for it!

## Foreign Vlogger Tries To Cook Puri Bhaji And Hates It – Viral Video Angers Indians

A foreign cook's attempt to make the classic Indian dish of aloo bhaji with puri has gone viral on social media, but not for the reasons he might have hoped. Sam Jose (@sam-jose) shared a video on Instagram of his journey to prepare this beloved combo, which left viewers scratching their heads and laughing at his missteps.



In the video, Sam explains that he followed the first recipe for puri bhaji he found on Google. He begins by chopping potatoes and tomatoes for the aloo bhaji and heats some oil in a pan. After adding what looks like cumin seeds (jeera), he tosses in the chopped tomatoes, seasoning them with salt and an unidentified masala. Once the tomatoes have softened, he adds the diced potatoes and mixes everything together, followed by some water to help the curry cook. He covers the pan and waits for it to simmer, but there's no indication of how long he lets it cook or if the flavors properly develop.

Meanwhile, Sam prepares the dough for the puris, using just four basic ingredients: flour, salt, oil, and water. He mixes them in a stand

mixer, which seems to be the quickest and easiest dough he's ever made. However, there's no footage of him kneading the dough, and he doesn't seem to understand the significance of this step. He cuts the dough into small pieces, rolls them out into thin circles, and compares them to "street tacos," even claiming they resemble tortillas. He fries the puris in hot oil, which causes them to puff up, but not as dramatically as the real deal would.

Finally, Sam plates the puris alongside the aloo bhaji and takes a bite. After tasting his creation, he rates it a 4/10, stating that he wouldn't eat it for breakfast again. The video, which has now gone viral, has sparked plenty of reactions from viewers, many of whom are amused by his approach to an iconic Indian dish.

## Next-Generation iPad Air Likely to Feature M3 Chip, New Sizes Expected



Apple is reportedly preparing to launch its next-generation iPad Air lineup, following the introduction of the iPad Air with the M2 chip last year. Ahead of any official announcement, a new leak has surfaced, revealing potential details about the upcoming models, including display sizes, processors, and more. According to prominent tipster Evan Blass, Apple may release two new iPad Air versions with 11-inch and 13-inch display options, both powered by the upcoming M3 chip.

This would represent a significant upgrade from the current iPad Air lineup, which runs on the M2 chipset. Earlier rumors had suggested that Apple might bypass the M3 chip entirely in favor of the M4 chip, but these new leaks indicate that the M3 could indeed be making its way into the next-generation iPad Air models. The M3 chip is expected to offer enhanced performance and efficiency compared to the M2, making the new iPad Air models even more capable.

Blass also noted references to

other upcoming Apple products, including the iPhone SE 4 and iPad 11, which could launch alongside the iPad Air (M3). This suggests that Apple is gearing up for a broader product refresh in the coming months.

Currently, the iPad Air is available with 10.9-inch and 13-inch display options, both featuring a Liquid Retina (LCD) screen. The device is powered by the M2 chip and supports advanced features like Wi-Fi 6E and Bluetooth 5.3 connectivity. Additionally, it includes a 12-megapixel wide-angle camera and a USB Type-C port for charging and data transfer at 20W.

As for the upcoming models, it is expected that the iPad Air lineup will continue to offer a balance of power and portability, making it a strong competitor in the tablet market. The new M3-powered iPad Air models are likely to build on the success of their predecessors, offering users improved performance and an even better overall experience.

## DeepSeek Unveils DeepSeek-R1: A Powerful and Cost-Effective Reasoning AI Model

Chinese AI lab DeepSeek, known for its innovative contributions to the field, has introduced its latest reasoning large language model, DeepSeek-R1. This new model, which follows the same mixture-of-experts architecture as its predecessor DeepSeek-V3, is positioned as a strong competitor to OpenAI's leading model, o1. In various tasks such as math, coding, and general knowledge, DeepSeek-R1 matches the performance of o1, while being significantly more affordable.

What sets DeepSeek-R1 apart is its ability to reason through complex problems in a manner akin to human thinking. The open-source model not only answers questions but also demonstrates reason-



ing capabilities, making it a powerful tool for users seeking more than just straightforward responses. This approach could potentially transform how AI is utilized in solving real-world challenges across multiple domains.

The new model has already generated considerable attention due to its impressive

performance and low cost. DeepSeek-R1 is reported to be 90-95% more affordable than OpenAI's o1, which makes it an attractive option for developers and companies looking for high-performance AI at a fraction of the price. This affordability is a continuation of DeepSeek's strategy of offering robust AI models without the high development and

usage costs associated with models from major players like Meta and OpenAI.

DeepSeek's reputation has been on the rise ever since the launch of its earlier model, DeepSeek-V3, which outperformed other models in terms of both capability and cost efficiency. Now, with the release of DeepSeek-R1, the Chinese AI startup is solidifying its position as a formidable player in the AI industry.

As DeepSeek continues to innovate and push the boundaries of AI development, the future looks bright for the open-source models. The affordability and effectiveness of DeepSeek-R1 could lead to wider adoption and greater access to cutting-edge AI technology across various industries.

## VAC Signals: How Bengaluru is solving traffic woes using AI

Bengaluru's traffic congestion has long been a source of frustration for residents, with an increasing number of vehicles causing gridlocks at major intersections. In a bid to address this issue, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) has introduced Vehicle Actuated Control (VAC) signals at over 100 key junctions across the city. This smart solution utilizes artificial intelligence to optimize traffic flow and help commuters reach their destinations more efficiently.

VAC signals operate differently from traditional traffic lights, which change at fixed intervals regardless of traffic conditions. Instead, VAC signals monitor vehicles in real time at specific junctions. They adapt to the flow of traffic, allowing green lights to remain longer when more vehicles are present and shortening wait times when traffic is lighter.



This dynamic system reduces delays and minimizes congestion, making travel through busy areas smoother.

Moreover, VAC signals are designed to communicate with each other in Adaptive Traffic Control Systems (ATCS) mode. This feature enables signals at different intersections to coordinate with one another, improving traffic flow throughout the city. By working together, the signals can prevent bottlenecks, ensure smooth-

er transitions between junctions, and reduce the overall travel time for drivers.

Currently, Bengaluru has 103 B-ATCS signals in operation, with plans to expand this network. According to MN Anuchet, the Joint Commissioner of Police for Bengaluru Traffic, phase-1 of the project is set to be completed by the end of March, bringing the total number of VAC signals to 165. This expansion will cover more areas and further enhance the efficiency of Bengaluru's traffic management.

The introduction of VAC signals is a step toward modernizing the city's infrastructure and making commuting more convenient. With real-time monitoring and adaptive capabilities, these smart traffic lights hold the potential to alleviate Bengaluru's notorious traffic woes and improve the daily commute for its residents.

## PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen Lead India's Charge at Indonesia Masters 2025

As Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen, along with the men's doubles pair Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, will spearhead India's challenge at the Indonesia Masters 2025, set to begin on Tuesday in Jakarta. The tournament, which is one of the key events on the badminton calendar, will feature a strong contingent from India aiming for glory.



ternational circuit, will aim to replicate their success from previous tournaments, including their impressive run to the semi-finals at the Malaysia and India Opens this year.

PV Sindhu, ranked 16th in the world in women's singles, will start her campaign against world No. 32 Nguyen Thuy Linh from Vietnam in the first round. Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medalist, will be hoping to bounce back after a series of tough outings last year. Joining her in the women's singles draw are Aakarshi Kashyap, Anupama Upadhyaya, and Rakshitha Ramraj, who will all look to make an impact at the prestigious event.

In men's singles, World No. 12 Lakshya Sen will lead the charge for India. After disappointing early exits in both the Malaysia and India Open earlier this month, Sen will face Japan's Takuma Obayashi in his round-of-32 match, seeking a strong start. Also in the men's singles draw are Priyanshu Rajawat and Kiran George, who will look to make their mark at the tournament.

In men's doubles, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, ranked ninth in the world, will be India's sole contenders. The duo, who have consistently performed well on the in-

India's representatives in the women's doubles event are Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto, who will take on Thailand's Ornnicha Jongsathapornparn and Sukitta Suwachai in the first round. Tanisha Crasto will also compete in mixed doubles alongside Dhruv Kapila, facing Indonesia's Adnan Maulana and Indah Cahya Sari Jamil.

**India's full squad for the Indonesia Masters 2025 includes:**

**Men's singles:** Lakshya Sen, Priyanshu Rajawat, Kiran George, Kidambi Srikanth (Q), Ayush Shetty (Q)

**Men's doubles:** Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty

**Women's singles:** PV Sindhu, Aakarshi Kashyap, Rakshitha Ramraj, Anupama Upadhyaya, Isharani Baruah (Q), Tanya Hemnath (Q)

**Women's doubles:** Ashwini Ponnappa-Tanisha Crasto

**Mixed doubles:** Tanisha Crasto-Dhruv Kapila, Rohan Kapoor-Ruthvika Gadde

## Coco Gauff Falls to Paula Badosa in Australian Open Quarterfinals

Coco Gauff's impressive 2025 run came to a sudden halt at the Australian Open on Tuesday, as she was defeated by Spain's Paula Badosa in the quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-4 scoreline. Gauff entered the match with an unbeaten 9-0 record in 2025 and riding a 13-match winning streak, which had begun after her title victory at the WTA Finals in November. However, the 20-year-old American, who had shown exceptional form in Melbourne this year, struggled with her forehand and serve when it mattered most.



the challenge. The 27-year-old Spaniard was spot on in her assessment, executing a flawless game plan and seizing the opportunity to claim her first-ever Grand Slam semifinal appearance. Badosa had previously failed to make it past the quarterfinals in two major tournaments but was determined to perform at her best in Melbourne.

"I'm a bit emotional," said an overwhelmed Badosa after the match. "I wanted to play my best tennis, and

I think I did. I'm super proud of the level I gave today." Her performance on Tuesday showcased her growth and mental fortitude, sending her through to the next stage of the tournament.

The No. 3-seeded Gauff had been aiming for her second Grand Slam title, having triumphed at the US Open in 2023. Her path to the quarterfinals this year had been smooth, dropping just one set in four matches. Despite these strong performances, Gauff was unable to find her rhythm against the resilient Badosa.

Ahead of the match, Badosa acknowledged Gauff's confidence but stated she was ready for

For Gauff, the loss was a tough blow, but she remains a formidable contender on the women's circuit. Despite the defeat, her stellar start to the year and consistent progress in major tournaments highlight her continued potential for future Grand Slam success.

## Zverev becomes first semifinalist in Australian Open 2025, Beating Tommy Paul in quarterfinal

Top German tennis player Alexander Zverev has secured his spot in the semifinals of the Australian Open 2025 after a hard-fought victory over Tommy Paul in the quarterfinals. Zverev triumphed 7-6(1), 7-6(0), 2-6, 6-1, becoming the first player to reach the semifinals in this year's tournament. The 27-year-old will now await the winner of the match between Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic in his quest for a first Grand Slam title.



Tuesday's match marked Zverev's third appearance in a Grand Slam quarterfinal and his second at the Australian Open. His previous best performance in Melbourne came in 2023 when he reached the semifinals. Despite his impressive resume, Zverev faced a tough challenge from American Tommy Paul, who put up a strong fight in the opening sets.

After the match, Zverev was quick to praise his opponent for playing the better game. "To be honest, I should have been down two sets to love," said Zverev. "He played better than me. I was not playing great, and I thought he was. I somehow won the first set, somehow won the second set, and I'm up two sets to love all of a sudden and I need only one more set." Zverev admitted that he was lucky to take the first two sets but acknowledged his strong performance

in the fourth set. "The fourth set was definitely the best that I've played, and I'm obviously extremely happy to be back in the semi-finals now," he added.

Tommy Paul fought valiantly, taking the third set in a thrilling display, but Zverev responded with sheer dominance in the fourth. The German closed it out 6-1, sealing his place in the semifinals with a dominant performance.

Earlier in the tournament, Zverev had extended his remarkable streak against left-handed opponents to 26 consecutive wins, defeating Ugo Humbert in the fourth round. With his solid form continuing, Zverev remains a formidable contender for the title as the tournament progresses.

## Novak Djokovic Defeats Carlos Alcaraz to Reach Australian Open Semi-Final



Novak Djokovic delivered a dominant performance in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Wednesday, overcoming Carlos Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to secure his place in the semi-finals. The victory reaffirmed his position as one of the top contenders at the Melbourne Grand Slam.

Djokovic, a 10-time Australian Open champion, has been a dominant force at Melbourne Park for over a decade, having claimed his first Grand Slam title here in 2008. Despite a disappointing semi-final exit last year and failing to win a major in 2023 for the first time since 2017, Djokovic showcased his relentless determination in the 3-hour, 37-minute battle against the world number three, Alcaraz.

The match featured Djokovic's aggressive baseline play, with the Serbian hitting powerful shots from both sides to assert his dominance. Alcaraz, despite his best efforts, struggled to find his rhythm against Djokovic's relent-

less attack, especially as the match progressed. Although the 20-year-old Spaniard used his drop shots effectively early on, the wind conditions made consistency difficult for both players, and Djokovic seized on a slight dip in Alcaraz's form to take control of the second set with a 3-0 lead.

Following the match, Djokovic expressed his admiration for Alcaraz, stating, "I want to say my utmost respect and admiration for Carlos, everything he stands for and what he has achieved so far in his career." The Serbian's sportsmanship was evident as he praised his opponent's potential and accomplishments.

With this win, Djokovic moves one step closer to adding another Australian Open title to his illustrious career. As he progresses to the semi-finals, his experience and skill will undoubtedly make him a formidable opponent in the coming rounds.

## Vaishnavi Sharma's Hat-Trick Powers India to Easy Win Over Malaysia

Debutant left-arm spinner Vaishnavi Sharma delivered a record-breaking performance as India thrashed Malaysia by 10 wickets in a completely one-sided match at the U19 Women's T20 World Cup. Vaishnavi's stunning figures of 5/5, including a hat-trick, guided India to victory in less than 18 overs on Tuesday, with Malaysia being bowled out for just 31 in 14.3 overs – the lowest total in the tournament's history.

Vaishnavi's exceptional performance overshadowed the rest of the game, as she took full advantage of the turning pitch to run through Malaysia's batting line-up. She claimed a hat-trick

in the 14th over, dismissing Nur Ain Binti Roslan, Nur Isma Dania, and Siti Nazwah, and dismantling Malaysia from 24/6 to 30/9. Fellow left-arm spinner Ayushi Shukla also impressed with 3/8, contributing to Malaysia's collapse.

India's chase was a mere formality, as they reached the target of 32 in just 2.5 overs without losing a wicket. G Trisha played an aggressive knock, making an unbeaten 27 off 12 balls with five boundaries to seal the win.

Reflecting on her remarkable debut, Vaishnavi said, "This was a dream debut to get a hat-trick and a five-wicket haul.



My journey has had its ups and downs. I look up to Radha Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja. I had visualized how to get wickets here last night." Earlier in the match, she had dismissed Malaysia's captain, Nur Syuhada, and Nuriman, with none of the Malaysian batters reaching double digits.

Despite India bowling 10 wides, Malaysia's score could have been even lower. With the win, India sits atop their group with four points, ahead of Sri Lanka due to a better net run rate (+9.1). Vaishnavi's spell played a crucial role in securing the victory and affirming India's dominant position in the tournament.



## Ravi Teja's Mas Jatar Set to Deliver a Blockbuster on May 1

One of the most anticipated films featuring Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja is "Mas Jatar," a solid entertainer directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu. Known for his stellar performances and action-packed roles, Ravi Teja is once again set to deliver a high-octane performance that promises to captivate his fans. After the massive success of her film "Dhamaka," beauty Srileela will once again pair up with Ravi Teja in this exciting project. The film has generated significant buzz, with the makers confident that "Mas Jatar" will provide the kind of vintage treat that Ravi Teja is best known for.

The latest update about the film has added to the excitement, as it is revealed that the teaser for "Mas Jatar" will be released as a special gift for Ravi Teja's fans on his birthday, January 26. This teaser will give the audience a sneak peek into the high-energy action and entertainment that the film promises to deliver. The official announcement and more details regarding the teas-

er release are expected soon, fueling the anticipation surrounding the project.

The music for "Mas Jatar" is composed by Bheems Cicero, who made his debut with Ravi Teja's earlier film and is now returning to collaborate once again. The film's music is expected to complement the intense action sequences and lively performances, adding to the overall entertainment experience. Sitara Entertainments is producing the film, ensuring a high-quality production that fans can look forward to.

"Mas Jatar" is scheduled for release on May 1, 2025, and it is expected to be a massive hit at the box office. With Ravi Teja's mass appeal, Srileela's charm, and a talented team behind the scenes, this film is shaping up to be one of the biggest releases of the year. Fans can mark their calendars and gear up for an exciting cinematic experience this summer.

Rashmika Mandanna, who became a national sensation with her role in the Pushpa franchise, continues to rise in prominence with her diverse film choices. One of her most exciting upcoming projects is Chhava, where she plays the role of Maharani Esubai, the consort of the legendary Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Directed by Laxman Utekar, Chhava is based on the life story of the great king, with Vicky Kaushal portraying the title role.

Rashmika shared her excitement for the role by tweeting a glimpse of her character, stating, "Maharani Yesubai, the pride of Swaraj." The powerful look has left fans eagerly anticipating her portrayal of the strong and influential queen behind Shivaji Maharaj's reign. The film is set to release on February 14, 2025, and the trailer launch is scheduled for tomorrow, adding to the buzz surrounding the movie.

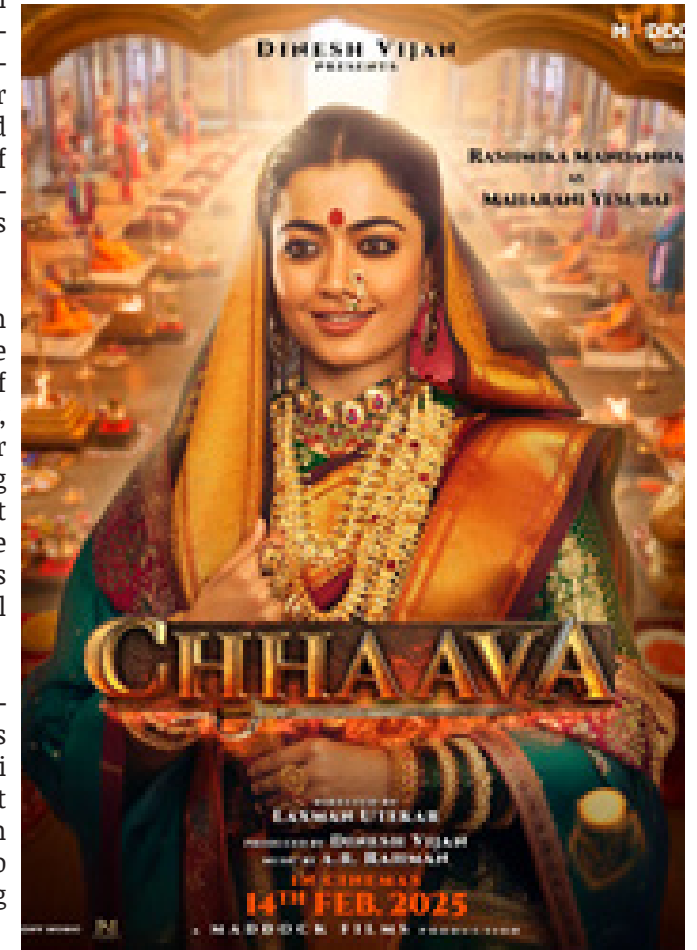
The film, which will be entirely in Marathi, marks a significant departure for Rashmika, as she ventures into regional cinema. Reports suggest that Rashmika

## Rashmika Mandanna to Portray Powerful Esubai in Chhava; Trailer Set for Release

has even learned the Marathi language to authentically portray her role as Maharani Esubai. Chhava is produced under the Maddock Films banner and features the musical genius of AR Rahman, further heightening expectations for the film's soundscape.

Rashmika's choice to take on such a powerful historical role has generated a great deal of excitement in the industry, with fans eagerly awaiting her performance. The upcoming trailer will likely give a first look at the epic scale of the film and the intense emotions that Rashmika's character will bring to the screen.

As Chhava prepares for its release, Rashmika Mandanna's portrayal of Maharani Esubai is poised to be one of the most talked-about performances in her career, as she continues to take on bold and challenging roles.



## Kiran Abbavaram and Rahasya Share Heartwarming Baby Bump Photos



In a heartwarming revelation, Kiran Abbavaram and his wife Rahasya Kiran, who tied the knot in a private ceremony in Coorg, Karnataka in August 2024, have announced that they are expecting their first child. The couple shared the joyous news with their fans on Tuesday morning, posting adorable photos on social media. Rahasya proudly showcased her baby bump, with Kiran lovingly cradling it, while the couple also shared an image of their baby's scan. Rahasya's radiant smile and Kiran's tender gesture have struck an emotional chord with their followers.

The couple captioned their post, "Our love is growing by 2 feet, revealing their excitement for the arrival of their little one. Based on Rahasya's baby bump, it appears that she is in her second trimester, and the couple is eager-

ly preparing to welcome their baby in early 2025. The announcement has quickly become a topic of celebration among their fans, with messages of love and congratulations flooding their social media accounts.

Fans are thrilled for the couple, who have been very private about their personal lives, and are now excited to share this beautiful chapter with their followers. Kiran Abbavaram's career is also on the rise, with his upcoming movie Dilruba slated for release on February 14th, 2025. While his fans eagerly await the film, it's clear that Kiran's heart is full of love and anticipation for his new role as a father.

This exciting news marks a new and cherished chapter in Kiran and Rahasya's lives, as they prepare to embrace parenthood and share more moments of joy with their loved ones.

## Vishwak Sen's Laila Set to Heat Up with Romantic Song Release on January 23

Tollywood star Vishwak Sen, known for his diverse roles and unique approach to filmmaking, is all set to entertain audiences again with his upcoming film Laila. Following his recent success with Mechanic Rocky, Vishwak Sen is ready to surprise fans with a new, intriguing concept in Laila, directed by Ram Narayan. The film has already generated significant buzz, especially with Vishwak Sen's bold decision to appear in a lady's get-up, adding to the movie's appeal.

After the release of a fun and entertaining teaser, the makers have announced the release date for the second song from Laila. Titled "Ichcha Guna Baby," the song will be launched on January 23, 2025. Featuring a hot romantic track, the song is sure to catch the attention of audiences, as heroine Akanksha Sharma delivers a sizzling perfor-



mance alongside Vishwak Sen. Fans are eagerly awaiting this song, which promises to add a fiery touch to the film's overall vibe.

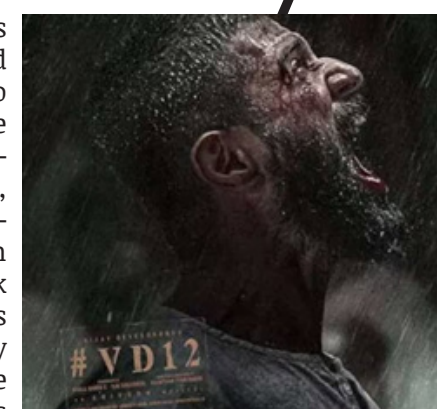
The music for Laila is composed by Leon James, known for his work in Das Ka Dhamki, while Sahu Garapati is producing the music. The film, which is already making waves for its fresh concept and chemistry between the lead pair, is set to release on February 14, 2025, offering a perfect Valentine's Day treat for moviegoers.

With its intriguing storyline, the sizzling romantic number, and Vishwak Sen's bold role, Laila is creating a lot of excitement. As the release date for the movie draws closer, fans are eagerly anticipating both the song launch and the full film, expecting a fresh, engaging cinematic experience.

## Vijay Deverakonda's VD12 Teaser Ready for Release, Film Set for May 30th Debut

Vijay Deverakonda's much-anticipated film VD12 is all set to make waves, with the teaser ready to be released on February 7, 2025. Directed by Gautham Tinnanuri, known for his successful work in Jersey, VD12 follows the success of Family Star and is one of the most awaited projects in Vijay's career. The film will also mark Vijay's debut in a khaki uniform, portraying a powerful police officer for the first time.

The official release date of the film has been widely speculated, with reports indicating that VD12 will be released worldwide on May 30th, 2025. Although the makers have yet to confirm this date, the PR team has hinted at it several times, and fans are eagerly anticipating the official announcement. The teaser is expected to not only showcase the intense character Vijay plays but also likely confirm the much-anticipated release date.



Bhagya Sri Borse, known for her role in Mr. Bachchan, stars alongside Vijay Deverakonda in this gripping action-packed film. VD12 is being produced by Sitara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas-Sreekrara Studios. The music for the film is being composed by the talented Anirudh Ravichander, further building excitement for the movie.

In addition to VD12, Vijay Deverakonda is also working on VD14, a rural action drama directed by Ravikiran Kola, best known for Rajavaru Ranigaru. This film, produced by Sri Venkateswara Creations, is also expected to showcase a different side of Vijay's acting versatility.

As VD12 gears up for its big release in May, fans of Vijay Deverakonda are eagerly awaiting the teaser's debut, which is expected to give a thrilling glimpse into what promises to be an action-packed blockbuster.