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AAP's crushing defeat in Delhi raises concerns over its political survival.

Punjab, the party's last stronghold, faces increasing instability.

Financial troubles mount as Delhi's ad-driven funding dries up.

Leadership crisis looms with Kejriwal's legal troubles.

National expansion dreams shattered.



Kejriwal's Future in Question?

Can he Hold Punjab After Delhi's Defeat?



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) suffered a major political blow with its defeat in the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections, ending its decade-long rule in the capital. The loss not only weakens Arvind Kejriwal's influence but also casts a shadow over the party's ability to retain power in Punjab.

Will Punjab Slip from AAP's Grip?

AAP's rise in Punjab was largely built on the "Delhi model of governance," promising free electricity, improved public services, and clean administration. However, with Delhi voters rejecting AAP and Kejriwal himself losing his seat, Punjab's trust in the party appears to be waning. Discontent among farmers, rising state debt, and lack of industrial invest-

ments have already put the Bhagwant Mann-led government under strain. Additionally, allegations that Punjab is being run remotely from Delhi have only worsened Mann's credibility as Chief Minister.

AAP's political brand has heavily relied on aggressive advertising, often funded through Delhi's government budget. With the party losing its grip on Delhi, its primary financial source for nationwide campaigns has dried up. The only alternative is shifting ad funding to Punjab, but this could further burden the state's already fragile economy. Courts have already questioned AAP's ad spending, making such a strategy even riskier.

Leadership in Crisis as Kejriwal Faces Legal Battles

The party's leadership structure remains uncertain as Kejriwal and other top AAP figures face legal troubles related to the liquor scam. Kejriwal's return to jail could spark

an internal power struggle. While Atishi remains the most prominent AAP leader in Delhi, she lacks Kejriwal's mass appeal. Bhagwant Mann could assert himself as the party's leader, but internal friction with Kejriwal may complicate such a transition. There is also speculation that Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, may step in as an emergency leader, though this remains an uncertain scenario.

AAP's Future: Slow Collapse or Reinvention?

With dwindling financial resources, internal fractures, and a shaky hold on Punjab, AAP's survival beyond 2027 looks increasingly difficult. The party's ambitions for national expansion are effectively over, and even maintaining its presence in Punjab could prove to be an uphill battle. If AAP fails to address these mounting challenges, Punjab might soon follow Delhi's lead in turning away from Kejriwal's leadership.

Delhi's Grand Swearing-In Likely After PM Modi's Return From US

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The swearing-in ceremony of the new Delhi Chief Minister is expected to take place after Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns from his US visit this week, according to BJP sources. The event is set to be a grand affair, marking the party's return to power in the national capital after 26 years, with Chief Ministers of all NDA-ruled states likely to be invited. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to meet BJP president JP Nadda today to discuss the formation of the new government. Meanwhile, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva will meet the 48 newly elected MLAs this evening. Sources revealed that PM Modi, Shah, and Nadda had already deliberated on the government formation and oath-taking ceremony at the BJP headquarters last night.

While the BJP leadership has not yet announced its pick for the Chief Minister's post, New Delhi MLA Parvesh Verma has emerged as the frontrunner after his significant victory over AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal.

A former two-time MP from West Delhi, Verma was denied a parliamentary ticket last year but made a stunning comeback by defeating Kejriwal in his stronghold.

Speaking on the BJP's return to power, Verma credited the people of Delhi for choosing governance over false promises.

"This victory belongs to the people of Delhi, who chose truth over lies, governance over gimmicks, and development over deception. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP national president JP Nadda, we will work tirelessly to bring real change to Delhi," Verma said.

Prime Minister Modi also thanked the people of Delhi for their trust in "Modi ki Guarantee" and assured them of rapid development. "Delhi is the gateway to the country and deserves the best infrastructure," he stated.

The BJP secured a historic victory, winning 48 seats and displacing the AAP government after a decade-long rule.



Biren Singh Quits as CM 2 Years After Manipur Violence Began



- Biren Singh resigned amid dissent in BJP ranks.
- Congress was preparing a no-confidence motion.
- BJP wanted to avoid instability before a floor test.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has resigned amid growing dissent within the BJP and the looming possibility of a Congress-led no-confidence motion. He submitted his resignation to the Governor this evening after consultations with the central leadership. Despite the BJP's majority, the withdrawal of support by ally Conrad Sangma's National People's Party and inter-

nal party rifts posed a challenge. There were concerns that some BJP MLAs pushing for a leadership change might defy the party whip during a floor test. To prevent instability, Singh stepped down after meeting BJP chief JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi earlier today.

Party sources indicate that around 12 MLAs were actively demanding a leadership change, with six others undecided. Additionally, differences between the Speaker and the Chief Minister further complicated matters. With the BJP gaining political momentum after its success in Delhi, the party high command was keen to prevent the Manipur crisis from overshadowing its national narrative.

TPN Correspondent | Imphal

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- 31 Maoists killed in Bijapur encounter.
- 2 security personnel dead, 2 injured in gunfight.
- Large cache of firearms and explosives recovered.

ti-Maoist operation. Two security personnel lost their lives, while two others sustained injuries but are out of danger and have been evacuated for treatment.

The encounter broke out when Maoists engaged a joint team of the District Reserve Group, Special Task Force, and Bastar Fighter Force. After the exchange of fire, security forces recovered the bodies of 31 Maoists in fatigues.

A significant cache of weapons, including AK-47 rifles, Self-Loading Rifles, INSAS rifles,

Kejriwal Meets AAP MLAs, Urges Them to Serve People

- AAP vows to ensure BJP fulfills its election promises.
- Opposition leader to be decided in the coming days.



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

A day after AAP lost power in Delhi, party chief Arvind Kejriwal met the 22 newly elected MLAs at his Ferozshah Road residence and directed them to work for the people and address their concerns.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, outgoing Chief Minister Atishi, who is among the 22 AAP leaders who retained their seats despite the BJP wave, said the party will play the role of a constructive opposition and ensure

that the BJP delivers on its poll promises. Atishi emphasized that AAP will push the BJP to implement its commitments, including ₹2,500 per month for women by March 8, 300 units of free electricity, and continuation of other welfare measures. She also assured that the MLAs will ensure that free services

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

Security forces gunned down 31 Maoists in an encounter in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district today. The gunfight erupted deep inside the Indravati National Park area during an an-

President Murmu to Visit Maha Kumbh, Take Holy Dip at Sangam

TPN Correspondent | Prayagraj
President Droupadi Murmu will visit Prayagraj today to participate in the ongoing Maha Kumbh and take a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam. Her visit, lasting over eight hours, will highlight the spiritual and cultural significance of the event. She will offer prayers at the revered Akshayavat and Bade Hanuman Temple. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also be present on the occasion. President Murmu will begin her day at the Sangam Nose, where she will take a ceremonial dip, reinforcing the deep-rooted faith in Sanatan Dharma. Notably, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, India's first President, had also taken a holy dip during the Maha Kumbh in the past. Following this, she will visit the sacred Akshayavat tree, considered a symbol of immortality in Sanatan culture, and offer prayers. The site holds immense religious significance and is mentioned in ancient scriptures. She will then visit the Bade Hanuman Temple, where she will pray for the well-being and prosperity of the nation. As part of her visit, President Murmu will also explore the Digital Mahakumbh Experience Centre, an initiative integrating modern technology with religious traditions. This center provides detailed information about the Maha Kumbh Mela



through advanced digital tools, enabling devotees from India and abroad to experience the event's grandeur more closely. In light of the President's visit, strict security arrangements have been put in place across the city. Her participation in the Maha Kumbh is seen as a historic and inspiring moment, further enhancing the religious, cultural, and spiritual significance of the event.

NCLT Revokes Insolvency Order Against Logix Infra, Flags 'Fraudulent Intent'

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
In a significant move, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has recalled its own July 2023 order that initiated insolvency proceedings against real estate firm Logix Infrastructure. The tribunal found that the plea was filed with "fraudulent and mala fide intentions" and termed the petition by financial creditor Experts Realty Professionals as "collusive". NCLT observed a "nexus and connection" between Experts Realty Professionals and Logix Infrastructure, concluding that the insolvency plea was "orchestrated" with "malicious intent" rather than for genuine financial resolution. The tribunal directed the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) to conduct a thorough probe and lift the corporate veil to investigate the alleged fraudulent actions.

Key Findings by NCLT

The tribunal ruled that the insolvency petition was filed "with an ulterior motive" and that both parties had "manipulated actions" for non-genuine reasons. It pointed out that Hemant Sharma, an Additional Director in Experts Realty Professionals, had earlier served as a financial creditor before joining Logix Infra as a director, raising concerns over conflict of interest. The ruling also questioned key documents submitted in the case, including a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dated October 20, 2020, and meeting minutes from December 15, 2021. NCLT noted these documents were not stamped as per legal requirements, "raising doubts about their authenticity and genuineness". The ruling came after an application from allottees of the Logix Blossom Country project, who alleged that the insolvency plea was a fraudulent attempt to defraud creditors and flat buyers.

Father of Shraddha Walkar, Victim of Notorious 2022 Murder, Passes Away

Vikas Walkar, whose daughter Shraddha Walkar was brutally murdered in 2022, passed away at his residence in Vasai city, Palghar district, on Sunday morning. According to a police official, Vikas was found unresponsive by his family members and was immediately taken to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



Initial findings suggest that cardiac arrest might have been the cause of his demise, though the official cause of death will be confirmed once the postmortem results are available. No further details have been released by the authorities at this time.

Shraddha Walkar's case had gripped the nation after she was allegedly murdered by her live-in partner, Aaftab Amin Poonawala, in May 2022. The gruesome details emerged that Poonawala had not only strangled Shraddha but also dismembered her body, storing the parts in a refrigerator before disposing of them across various locations in Delhi to evade detection. The Delhi Police submitted a comprehensive 6,629-page chargesheet against Poonawala on

January 24, 2023. The case continues to be a poignant reminder of the dangers of domestic violence, stirring widespread public discourse on safety and justice in personal relationships. The community and those following the case have expressed their condolences, mourning the loss of Vikas Walkar, who had been vocal about seeking justice for his daughter. The family requests privacy as they navigate through this difficult time.

Row Over 'Beef Biryani' Notice At AMU, University Calls It A Typo



TPN Correspondent | Aligarh
A notice mentioning 'beef biryani' on the lunch menu at Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) Sir Shah Sulaiman Hall triggered a controversy after it went viral on social media. The university administration later clarified that it was a "typing error" and took disciplinary action against those responsible.

The notice, purportedly issued by two "authorised" individuals, stated that "Sunday's lunch menu has been changed, and beef biryani will be served instead of chicken biryani as per demand." The announcement led to outrage, prompting the AMU administration to swiftly intervene.

University Clarifies, Calls It A Mistake

As the notice spread, AMU initially refrained from commenting. However, after growing backlash, the administration distanced itself from the issue, stating that the notice had no official signatures, raising doubts about its authenticity.

"The matter was brought to our attention, and we found that the notice contained a clear typing error. It was immediately withdrawn. Our provost has issued a show-cause notice to the two senior students responsible. We are taking this issue seriously to ensure strict adherence to university regulations," a university official stated.

Political Reactions

The incident drew criticism from BJP leader and AMU alumnus Nishit Sharma, who accused the university of mishandling the situation. "The administration's role is shameful. The notice was displayed publicly, and it was the responsibility of the senior food committee members. Such actions indicate that the administration is encouraging radical elements and covering up student misconduct," Sharma alleged. The university has assured strict action against those responsible and reiterated that the food menu will continue to follow institutional guidelines.

Cook Beaten To Death Over Food Spill In Delhi Bus, One Arrested

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A cook was brutally beaten to death inside a bus in northwest Delhi's Bawana area after he accidentally spilled food on a seat. The incident, which took place on the night of February 1, has shocked the city with its brutality.

The victim, identified as Manoj alias Babu, was attacked by three men—the driver of the RTV bus and his two helpers. In a horrific assault, one of the accused allegedly inserted an iron rod into his private parts, police said. After Manoj lost consciousness, the three dumped him near Bawana flyover and fled the scene. Delhi Police have arrested one of the accused, while two others remain absconding.

Manoj, a native of Narela, worked as a wedding cook. On February 1, he and his colleague, Dinesh, attended a wedding in Sultanpur Dabas. After finishing work, they packed some leftover food and boarded a bus home. During the journey, some food accidentally spilled onto a seat, enraging the driver and his associates. While Dinesh was allowed to get off at Bawana Chowk, the three men held Manoj hostage and forced him to clean the seat with his shirt. The driver, Ashish alias Ashu, along with his aides, verbally abused him before launching



a physical assault. In a horrifying escalation, Ashish allegedly shoved a rod into Manoj's private parts, leading to severe internal injuries.

On February 2, police received a PCR call about an unconscious man near Bawana flyover. Initially, officers suspected he was a vagabond, as there were no visible injuries. However, a day-long effort led to his identification through his brother, Jitendra, who had filed a missing person report.

A postmortem conducted on February 5 confirmed brutal internal injuries, revealing the gruesome nature of the attack. Following investigations, police arrested one suspect, Sushant Sharma alias Chutkuli (24) from Karala village.

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grenade launchers, and explosives, was seized from the encounter site. Officials are in the process of identifying the Maoists killed. A search operation is ongoing, with additional forces deployed to the area.

Kejriwal Meets AAP MLAs, Urges Them to Serve People

introduced by the AAP government in the last decade are not discontinued. The Leader of Opposition will be nominated in the upcoming legislative party meeting. The BJP won 48 of the 70 assembly seats, marking its return to power in Delhi after 26 years and ending AAP's decade-long rule.

Swati Maliwal Slams Atishi for Celebrating Amid AAP's Delhi Defeat



- Swati Maliwal calls Atishi's post-victory dance a "shameless display."
- Atishi retained the Kalkaji seat but AAP suffered a massive defeat.
- Maliwal takes a dig at Kejriwal, linking AAP's loss to past wrongdoings.

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Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal has strongly criticized outgoing Delhi Chief Minister Atishi for celebrating her electoral victory despite AAP's crushing defeat in the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections. Maliwal shared a video of Atishi dancing with support-

ers after retaining the Kalkaji constituency and termed it a "shameless display" at a time when the party had suffered a severe loss.

"What kind of shameless display is this? The party lost, all the big leaders lost and Atishi Marlena is celebrating like this?" Maliwal posted on X.

Atishi secured a narrow victory against BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri by a margin of 3,521 votes, making her one of the few AAP leaders to win in the election. Acknowledging the party's defeat, she vowed to continue fighting against the BJP. However, her celebration drew sharp criticism, with Maliwal pointing out the irony of rejoicing amid the party's downfall.

Maliwal also took a veiled dig at AAP's leadership, particularly Arvind Kejriwal, referencing the assault case she had filed against his personal aide Bibhav Kumar. Without naming him directly, she remarked, "If we see history, when something wrong happens to a woman, God punishes those responsible." She further added, "Even Ravan's pride was shattered, and he is only Kejriwal."

BJP Seeks Meeting With Lt Governor After Delhi Win



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

A day after securing a resounding victory in the Delhi Assembly elections, the BJP has sought an appointment with Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena for its newly elected MLAs and MPs to meet him. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva wrote to LG Saxena, requesting a meeting for the 48 newly elected BJP MLAs along with the seven Lok Sabha MPs from Delhi. "I, along with BJP MPs from Delhi and our newly elected 48 MLAs, wish to meet you at an early date. Please allow an appointment as per your convenience," he stated in the letter.

The BJP's win marks its return to power in Delhi after 26 years, de-

feating the AAP, which secured only 22 of the 70 seats. The Congress was completely wiped out in the elections held on February 5.

Party leaders indicated that the government formation process is expected to begin after Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns from his foreign tour. Meanwhile, speculation over the next chief minister is gaining momentum, with several senior leaders in the race for the top post.

Among the key winners, Parvesh Verma, son of former Delhi CM Sahib Singh Verma, delivered a major upset by defeating AAP convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Parvesh Verma Targets Kejriwal With Shayari After BJP's Delhi Victory



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

A day after the BJP ended Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) decade-long rule in Delhi with a resounding victory, newly elected BJP MLA Parvesh Verma took a swipe at AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, sharing a video of his pre-election remarks daring Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the video posted on X, Mr. Kejriwal is seen challenging PM Modi, saying, "I want to challenge Modi ji, you cannot defeat AAP in Delhi in this birth. You would have to be reborn." The clip then transitions to PM Modi's speech where he criticizes AAP, calling it an "AAPda" (disaster) and declaring, "We will not tolerate AAPda, we will bring change." The video concludes by displaying the final seat tally—BJP securing 48 seats while AAP managed only 22.

Shayari Jibe At Kejriwal
Mr. Verma, who defeated

Mr. Kejriwal in the New Delhi constituency, captioned the video with a modified version of Habib Jalib's poetry: "Ik shaksh jo yahan takht-nasheen tha, usko apne khuda hone pe bohut yakeen tha." The lines, which translate to "The one who sat on the throne believed he was God," are widely used to highlight the fleeting nature of power.

Delhi CM Post Still Undecided

Having defeated Mr. Kejriwal in a seat he won thrice consecutively, Mr. Verma has emerged as a strong contender for the Chief Minister's post. However, the BJP is yet to announce its pick. Party President JP Nadda met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss government formation, and sources indicate the swearing-in ceremony may take place after PM Modi's return from his US visit.

Fewer MLAs With Criminal Cases in 8th Delhi Assembly

The newly elected eighth Delhi Assembly has fewer MLAs with criminal cases compared to the previous term, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

Of the 70 elected candidates, 31 have declared criminal cases, a decline from 43 in the seventh assembly. However, serious criminal charges remain a concern, with 17 MLAs facing cases related to attempted murder and crimes against women. Among the elected representatives, one MLA has declared an attempted murder case, while two face charges related to crimes against women. Party-wise, 16 of BJP's 48 MLAs and 15 of AAP's 22 MLAs have criminal cases. Seven BJP MLAs and 10 from AAP face serious charges.

Rise in Assets of MLAs

The total assets of the 70 newly elected lawmakers amount to ₹1,542 crore, with an average of ₹22.04 crore per MLA, up from ₹14.29 crore in 2020. BJP MLAs lead with an average asset value of ₹28.59

crore, while AAP MLAs average ₹7.74 crore.

Three BJP MLAs—Karnail Singh (₹259.67 crore), Manjinder Singh Sirsa (₹248.85 crore), and Parvesh Verma (₹115.63 crore)—are the wealthiest. Verma also has the highest liabilities at ₹74 crore.

About 44% of MLAs have assets exceeding ₹10 crore, while only 3% have a net worth below ₹20 lakh.

Education, Age, and Gender Representation

A majority of the newly elected MLAs in Delhi are well-educated, with 64% holding graduate degrees or higher, while 33% have academic qualifications between Class 5 and 12. In terms of age distribution, 67% of the winners fall within the 41-60 age group, and 20% are above 60. However, gender representation remains low, with only five women MLAs elected this time, a decline from eight in 2020. The analysis also found that 22 re-elected MLAs saw a 25% rise in their average assets, increasing from ₹7.04 crore in 2020 to ₹8.83 crore in 2025.

Owaisi Factor in Delhi Polls: No Wins, Big Impact



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The failure of AAP and Congress to form an alliance in the Delhi Assembly elections gave the BJP a clear advantage, but another unexpected factor played a role in shaping the results—the presence of Asaduddin Owaisi's All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM). While the party did not win any seats, its candidates finished third in both constituencies they contested, significantly influencing the vote share and contributing to BJP's victory in at least one key seat.

AIMIM fielded Shifa Ur Rehman Khan from Okhla and Tahir Hussain from Mustafabad. Notably, both candidates are currently in jail in connection with the 2020 Delhi riots. Despite their legal troubles, they managed to outperform the Congress in both seats, relegating the party to fourth place. In Okhla, AAP leader and three-time MLA Amanatullah Khan won with a reduced margin of 23,639 votes. BJP's Manish Chaudhary secured second place, while AIMIM's Shifa Ur Rehman Khan, currently lodged in Tihar Jail, garnered 39,558 votes. Congress's Ariba Khan, who was expected to gain from the anti-BJP vote, received just 12,739 votes. Although the division of minority votes did not cost AAP the seat, it significantly reduced Khan's victory margin by over 50,000 votes com-

pared to the previous election.

The impact was more pronounced in Mustafabad, a constituency with a nearly 40% Muslim population. BJP's Mohan Singh Bisht emerged victorious by a margin of 17,578 votes, defeating AAP's Adeel Ahmed Khan, who secured 67,637 votes. AIMIM's Tahir Hussain bagged 33,474 votes, while Congress's Ali Mehdi ended up with just 11,763 votes. Here, the split in opposition votes worked in BJP's favor, allowing Bisht to secure a comfortable win.

Both AIMIM candidates were granted interim bail during the campaign period and actively held roadshows with party leaders, including Asaduddin Owaisi, in an attempt to consolidate support. However, their presence in the race ultimately served to fragment the opposition vote, aiding the BJP's prospects. Meanwhile, within the BJP, Mustafabad witnessed an internal reshuffle. Mohan Singh Bisht, a former Karawal Nagar MLA, had previously lost to Kapil Mishra, who later switched to BJP and reclaimed the seat in 2020. Bisht, unhappy with the party's decision to field Mishra again from Karawal Nagar, was instead given a ticket from Mustafabad. The move proved to be a strategic win for the BJP, helping them retain the seat amid a fractured opposition vote.

Haryana CM Slams Kejriwal, Says He Blamed Others Instead of Delivering

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Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has launched a sharp attack on Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of failing to deliver on promises and instead blaming others for his shortcomings. His remarks came as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a historic win in the Delhi Assembly elections after 27 years.

Saini credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for the landslide victory, stating that the people of Delhi had rejected a government that "made false promises" for the past decade.

"After 27 years, the people of Delhi have given us a historic victory under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. For the last ten years,

there was a government that always made false promises," he said. Taking a dig at Kejriwal, Saini alleged that he failed to keep his commitments, including the much-publicized



cleaning of the Yamuna River. "He (Kejriwal) said he would provide clean water and clean the Yamuna. But he never did anything and instead always

blamed others. When he couldn't fulfill his promise, he accused Haryana of polluting the river," Saini added. The Haryana CM further alleged that the AAP government prevented people from benefiting from the schemes introduced by PM Modi. He thanked the people of Delhi for giving BJP a decisive mandate and said the party would work towards fulfilling its promises. Earlier in the day, Saini was seen celebrating the BJP's victory by preparing and sharing jalebis with party workers. Meanwhile, BJP candidate Parvesh Verma, who defeated Kejriwal in the New Delhi seat, received a grand welcome in his native village Mundka. Verma also visited the Dada Bhairav Temple to offer prayers.



CM Stalin slams Centre over US' treatment of Indian deportees, Mahakumbh deaths
TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has sharply criticized the BJP-led central government for its handling of two major issues—the mistreatment of Indians deported from the US and the stampede deaths during the Mahakumbh festival in Uttar Pradesh.

Addressing a public meeting, Stalin condemned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government for "betraying" Tamil Nadu. He accused the Centre of failing to release the state's rightful share of funds and neglecting the state during natural disasters. Stalin warned that if the central government did not amend its approach, it would lose the people's respect every day.

On the Mahakumbh stampede, Stalin expressed his concern over the deaths of at least 48 people, blaming the Uttar Pradesh BJP government for inadequate safety measures. While the BJP government reported 30 deaths, Stalin and others contested this figure. "The media reports suggest the death toll is 48, and some leaders believe the actual number could be higher," he said. Stalin also referenced claims by Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, who alleged that bodies were removed with earth movers, further emphasizing the lack of accountability in the incident. Stalin questioned the government's duty to ensure the safety of the devotees and criticized the refusal to discuss the issue in Parliament.

The CM also condemned the handcuffing and shackling of Indians deported by the US, calling it "cruel." He expressed deep emotional distress over the mistreatment of the 104 deportees, questioning External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's response, which appeared to justify the US's actions.

PM Modi Shares Teaser Of 8th Edition Of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'

- PM Modi's eighth edition of PPC to take place on February 10, featuring expanded discussions.
- Guests include Deepika Padukone, Mary Kom, Avani Lekhara, and spiritual leader Sadhguru.
- 36 students from across India to participate, alongside 5 crore past attendees.



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The much-awaited eighth edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' (PPC) will take place on Monday, February 10th, at 11 a.m., with a fresh, expanded format. This year, the event will feature an exciting line-up of distinguished experts and special guests, aimed at offering valuable advice to students on how to manage exam-related stress.

Ahead of the event, PM Modi shared a teaser video on social media, encouraging students and parents to tune in. In the video, he can be seen engaging in light-hearted discus-

sions with students, explaining how a top-class batsman focuses solely on the ball to perform at his best—an analogy for concentration during exams. The video also shows students demonstrating their talents, including a flower clapping technique and reciting a couplet, building excitement for the session.

"Let's help our #ExamWarriors overcome exam stress," PM Modi shared in his post, inviting everyone to join the event on February 10th.

This year's PPC will bring together prominent personalities from various fields. Among the notable

guests are spiritual leader Sadhguru, Bollywood stars Deepika Padukone, Vikrant Massey, and Bhumi Pednekar, as well as sports icons like Mary Kom, Avani Lekhara, and Suhhas Yathiraj. Renowned figures such as nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar, entrepreneur Radhika Gupta, and digital influencer Technical Guruji will also share insights on overcoming challenges in life and academics.

For the first time, 36 students from all states and Union Territories, including those from government schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Sainik Schools, CBSE, and Navodaya Vidyalayas, will participate in the program.

Prayagraj Sangam Station Temporarily Closed Amid Rising Crowds for Maha Kumbh

TPN Correspondent | Mahakumbh

In response to the growing influx of pilgrims during the ongoing Maha Kumbh, the railway authorities have temporarily closed the Prayagraj Sangam station for the general public. However, train operations will continue as usual, with no disruptions in travel services. To manage the crowd efficiently, additional Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel have been deployed across all stations in Prayagraj.

To further streamline the flow of devotees, a one-way travel system has been implemented at the station, and it will remain in place until further notice. Under this system, pilgrims will only be allowed entry into Prayagraj Junction from the city side at Platform No. 1, while exiting will be directed through the Civil Lines side, specifically at Platforms No. 6 and 10. The decision to



implement these measures aims to ensure the safety and smooth movement of passengers during this busy period, as confirmed by Amit Singh, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Railway Division. In addition, pilgrims will need color-coded tickets to access the designated shelters at the station, with each shelter assigned based on passengers' desti-

nation stations. These shelters are equipped with essential services such as temporary ticket counters, toilets, and resting areas. To accommodate reserved ticket holders, access will be provided through Gate No. 5. Passengers are encouraged to arrive well in advance of their train's departure to avoid delays and ensure a hassle-free journey.



Manipur CM's resignation 'belated', people now await visit by 'frequent-flier PM': Congress
TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Congress party on Sunday termed the resignation of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh as "belated," claiming that the people of the state were now awaiting a visit from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whom they referred to as a "frequent-flier." The remarks came shortly after Singh submitted his resignation to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal.

Jairam Ramesh, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary in charge of communications, stated that the Congress was prepared to move a no-confidence motion against Singh and his council of ministers in the upcoming session of the Manipur Assembly on Monday. Ramesh emphasized that the Congress had been demanding Singh's resignation since the violent unrest in the state began in May 2023, calling the resignation long overdue.

In a post on X, Ramesh remarked, "Sensing the climate, the Manipur chief minister has just resigned. This was a demand that the Congress has been making since early May 2023, when Manipur erupted." He further criticized Prime Minister Modi's lack of engagement with the crisis in Manipur, stating, "The chief minister's resignation was belated. The people of Manipur now await a visit by our frequent-flier prime minister who is off to France and the US now — and who has found neither the time nor the inclination to go to Manipur these past 20 months."

Ramesh's comments underscore the Congress party's ongoing dissatisfaction with the government's handling of the Manipur crisis. With the resignation of the chief minister, the political focus in the state shifts to the next steps, with the Congress pushing for greater accountability and the Prime Minister's attention to the ongoing issues in Manipur.

Russia's Su-57, US' F-35 Fighter Jets To Take Part In Aero India

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

For the first time in history, the Aero India 2025 airshow will feature two of the world's most advanced fifth-generation fighter aircraft, the Russian Su-57 and the American F-35 Lightning II, marking a significant milestone in global defense collaboration and technological advancement, the Defence Ministry announced on Sunday.



Scheduled from February 10-14, 2025, at Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Aero India 2025 is set to be Asia's largest airshow to date. The event will span over 42,000 square meters, with over 900 exhibitors, including 150 international companies, confirming their participation.

The Su-57, Russia's premier stealth multi-role fighter, is designed for air superiority and strike missions. Equipped with cutting-edge avionics, supercruise capability, and stealth technology, the Su-57 will make its debut at Aero India 2025. Attendees can expect thrilling aerial maneuvers and tactical demonstrations showcasing its agility, stealth, and firepower.

The F-35 Lightning II, developed by Lockheed Martin, is hailed as the most widely deployed

fifth-generation fighter. Known for its advanced stealth, unparalleled situational awareness, and networked combat capabilities, the F-35 represents the flagship of the U.S. Air Force. Its inclusion in the airshow offers a unique opportunity for visitors to see firsthand the capabilities of one of the most advanced aircraft in the world.

Aero India 2025's theme, "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities," will provide a rare opportunity to compare Eastern and Western fifth-generation fighter technologies side by side, giving defense analysts, military personnel, and aviation enthusiasts valuable insights.

The participation of both the Su-57 and F-35 at Aero India underscores India's growing importance as a key hub for international defense and aerospace collaboration, solidifying its role in the global defense landscape.

Silent rally in Kolkata on RG Kar victim's birthday, demanding justice

TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

On Sunday, February 9, doctors and residents of Kolkata took part in a silent rally to mark the first birthday of the RG Kar hospital medic who tragically lost her life last year. The rally, which aimed to demand justice for the victim, began at College Square near the Calcutta University campus and made its way toward RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in north Kolkata. However, it was halted at the hospital gate by security personnel.



A strong presence of Kolkata Police and CISF jawans was deployed around the hospital, with officers speaking to the rally participants. The marchers had hoped to reach a specific point inside the hospital premises, where a plaque in memory of the victim had been set up by her colleagues. The hospital has been under the protection of the CISF following the rape and murder of the post-graduate trainee, an incident that sparked widespread outrage and protests across the country.

The day also marked six months since the tragic crime occurred on August 9, 2024. The victim's parents took part in another rally in North 24 Parganas district to commemorate their daughter's birthday. They expressed dissatisfaction with the CBI's investigation into the case and reiterated their demand for the arrest of anyone else involved in the crime

and the initiation of further legal proceedings.

In a recent court ruling, Sanjay Roy, the sole accused in the case, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Despite this, the victim's family and supporters continue to call for justice, believing that there may be others who were involved.

The participants of the rally covered their mouths with black cloth and held placards demanding justice. The march, organized by 'Abhaya Manch,' was kept silent to respect the upcoming Class 10 West Bengal school board examinations. The rally served as a reminder of the ongoing quest for justice and the enduring impact of the tragedy on the community.

PM Modi Hails BJP's Victory in Delhi, Criticizes AAP's Corruption and Failures

PM slams Kejriwal's tenure, promises accountability and development

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Saturday, celebrating the BJP's return to power in Delhi after a 27-year gap. He expressed his gratitude to the electorate, stating, "Delhi is enthusiastic and relieved. Delhi is relieved to be free of 'Aapda'," referring to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). He thanked the voters for giving his promises a chance and declared that the first session of the BJP-led Delhi government's assembly would table the CAG report on the AAP government's tenure.

Modi hailed the victory as a historic achievement, saying, "This is a historic win and not ordinary, the people of Delhi have ousted 'Aapda.'" He emphasized that the people of Delhi had made it clear that the real ownership of Delhi rests with them, not with those who attempted to dominate it. "There is no place for shortcuts and lies in politics," he added, critiquing AAP's approach.

The Prime Minister took aim at AAP and its leadership, specifically targeting Arvind Kejriwal, calling the party's claims of honesty a façade. He stated, "The Chief Minister and ministers of this party went to jail



over corruption allegations... they turned out to be corrupt." He further criticized AAP for scandals, including the liquor scam and issues in schools and hospitals that affected the poor, while also accusing them of ignoring public concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PM Modi also promised that corruption would be probed, with the CAG report serving as the basis for investigation. "Whoever has looted, will have to pay back. This is

Modi's guarantee," he declared.

Addressing issues such as slum housing and access to healthcare, Modi pledged that the BJP government would address the long-standing problems of broken roads, garbage, and polluted air, making Delhi a modern, well-developed city. He concluded by noting that BJP now governs every state in the Delhi-NCR region, marking a significant political shift.

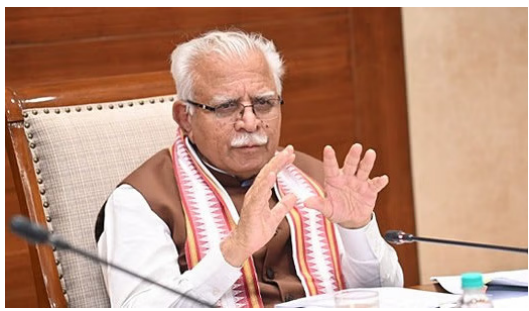
Kejriwal's Statement on Yamuna Poisoning Harmed AAP's Chances: Khattar

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Minister and former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has stated that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) could have won 5-7 additional seats in the Delhi assembly elections had its leader, Arvind Kejriwal, not made controversial claims about the Yamuna river being poisoned. The BJP defeated AAP, securing 48 out of the 70 seats in the Delhi Assembly, with Kejriwal himself losing from the New Delhi constituency.

Khattar, responding to a media query, pointed out that water disputes are common among states, but Kejriwal often blames others when he fails to deliver on his promises. He criticized Kejriwal for his statement regarding the contamination of Yamuna water. "It was a challenging statement from his side. When he failed

to clean up the Yamuna, he blamed its water on the Haryana side, claiming it was being poisoned," Khattar said.



According to Khattar, this claim significantly hurt AAP's prospects in the election. "This statement has cost him very dearly. If he had not made such a statement, his party would have likely won 5-7 more seats," he added. The statement, Khattar

argued, insulted both the people of Haryana and Delhi, particularly as more than 40 percent of Delhi's population comes from Haryana.

The Union Minister also clarified that water for Delhi comes from Palla, a region in Haryana, and that water quality tests conducted by the Delhi Jal Board and Delhi Pollution Control Committee found the water at Palla to be of acceptable quality. He emphasized that Kejriwal's baseless accusation had tarnished the relationship between Delhi and Haryana, damaging his own political standing.

Khattar's remarks highlight the growing tensions between Delhi and Haryana over water issues, with political implications affecting Kejriwal's party in the recent Delhi elections.

Indian Army on High Alert After Firing Incident at LoC in Rajouri

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Indian Army troops have been deployed at the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district following a firing incident on Saturday. The incident occurred when soldiers on patrol in the Keri sector came under fire from a forest across the LoC. Although there were no casualties, the attack prompted swift retaliation by the Indian troops and led to an alert being sounded to maintain strict vigilance in the region.

According to security officials, the soldiers were on routine patrol when a few suspected terrorists, believed to be hiding in the forest across the border, opened fire on them. It is suspected that the attackers were attempting to infiltrate into India. In response, the Indian Army fired back at the suspected terrorists, who are believed to have sought an opportunity to cross the border.

Following the incident, the Indian Army strengthened its anti-infiltration grid to monitor and secure the area, en-

suring that any attempts at infiltration are thwarted. The heightened vigilance aims to prevent any escalation and protect the region from further security breaches.

This exchange of fire comes just a day after CRPF Director General GP Singh visited Rajouri to review the security situation in the forward areas. During his two-day visit, Singh met with J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to brief him on the preparedness of the force for counter-terrorism operations and maintaining law and order. Singh also visited the newly established Kopra Counter Insurgency camp under the CRPF's 237 Battalion, where he interacted with personnel and emphasized the importance of maintaining strong commitment to duty while ensuring a healthy work-life balance for the forces.

The firing incident serves as a reminder of the ongoing tensions along the LoC and the need for constant vigilance to prevent infiltration attempts and maintain peace in the region.

Delhi L-G Dissolves Seventh Legislative Assembly Following BJP's Historic Victory



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V. K. Saxena announced the dissolution of the seventh Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT Delhi) on Sunday, following the results of the recent Delhi Assembly elections. The official notification, dated February 7, stated that the assembly would be dissolved with effect from February 8, 2025. The dissolution was carried out under the powers conferred by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991.

This development comes after the BJP's historic return to power in Delhi, ending the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) decade-long rule. The BJP secured a decisive victory in the elections, marking the end of AAP's 27-year control over the capital. AAP, led by Arvind Kejriwal, suffered a massive defeat with several se-

nior leaders, including Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, and Satyendar Jain, losing their seats. Despite her individual victory, outgoing Chief Minister Atishi, who retained her Kalkaji seat by defeating BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri, submitted her resignation to the L-G.

The BJP's landslide win is seen as a significant political shift, with governance and infrastructure becoming the focal points of voter concerns. AAP's campaign, which highlighted issues such as alleged water contamination from Haryana and Centre-led interference, failed to resonate with the electorate. The party also faced criticism over its handling of the stubble-burning issue in Punjab and its ongoing confrontations with the L-G.

The BJP's victory marks the culmination of a prolonged effort to regain control of Delhi, following heavy losses in the 2015 and 2020 elections. Now, with the dissolution of the assembly, the party is poised to implement its governance model in the national capital, setting the stage for a new chapter in Delhi's political landscape. This shift signals a change in voter priorities, with a growing emphasis on governance over welfare schemes.

No Liquor, Non-Veg Food Around Vaishno Devi Shrine In J&K For 2 More Months

TPN Correspondent | Jammu

Authorities have extended the ban on the sale, possession, and consumption of liquor and non-vegetarian food in Katra, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, for an additional two months. The extension, confirmed by officials on Sunday, will apply to the 12-kilometer track from Katra to the holy cave located on Trikuta Hill, along with surrounding areas.

This prohibition will remain in place for two months from the issuance of the order, unless it is revoked earlier. The restriction, enforced by Katra's sub-divisional magistrate Piyush Dhotra, is being implemented under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, a regulation aimed at ensuring the safety and sanctity of the pilgrimage route.

The ban covers not only the track but also several surrounding villages. It applies to areas within two kilome-

ters on either side of the track, including Arli, Hansali, and Matyal villages. Additionally, the restriction extends to a 200-meter radius on either side of key roads in the area, including the Katra-Tikri Road (covering villages like Chamba, Serli, and Bhagta), the Katra-Jammu Road (including villages such as Kundrorian, Kotli Bajallian, Nomain, and Maghal), and the Katra-Reasi Road (from Katra to Nau Devian and Aghar Jitto).

Further, the ban extends to areas within 200 meters on both sides of the railway station Katra-Sool Road and a 100-meter stretch on both sides of the Panthal-Domail Road.

The authorities are ensuring that these restrictions are enforced to preserve the religious sanctity of the area and maintain the peaceful atmosphere for pilgrims visiting the revered shrine. With the extension of the ban, officials hope to reduce distractions and promote a more spiritual and respectful environment along the pilgrimage route.



Russia's Su-57, US' F-35 to Debut at Aero India 2025

Asia's largest air show set for biggest edition in Bengaluru



TPN Correspondent, New Delhi

For the first time, the world's most advanced fifth-generation fighter jets—the Russian Su-57 and the American F-35 Lightning II—will participate in Aero India 2025, marking a significant milestone in global defence collaboration. The Defence Ministry confirmed on Sunday that these stealth-capable warplanes will take part in the mega air show.

Billed as Asia's largest air show, the 15th edition of Aero India will be held from February 10-14 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. The event, spread over 42,000 sq m, will witness the participation of over 900 exhibitors, including 150 foreign companies, making it the biggest-ever edition.

The broad theme of this edition is 'The Runway to a Billion

Opportunities'. It will provide a rare opportunity for defence analysts, military personnel, and aviation enthusiasts to compare eastern and western fifth-generation fighter technologies.

The Russian Su-57, designed for air superiority and strike capabilities, will showcase its agility, stealth, and firepower through high-speed aerial maneuvers. Meanwhile, Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II, known for its advanced stealth and networked combat capabilities, will represent the US Air Force at the event.

The presence of these cutting-edge aircraft underscores India's role as a key hub for international defence and aerospace collaboration, making Aero India 2025 a landmark event in global aviation history.

Lebanon Forms New Government Amid US Pressure and Reconstruction Hopes

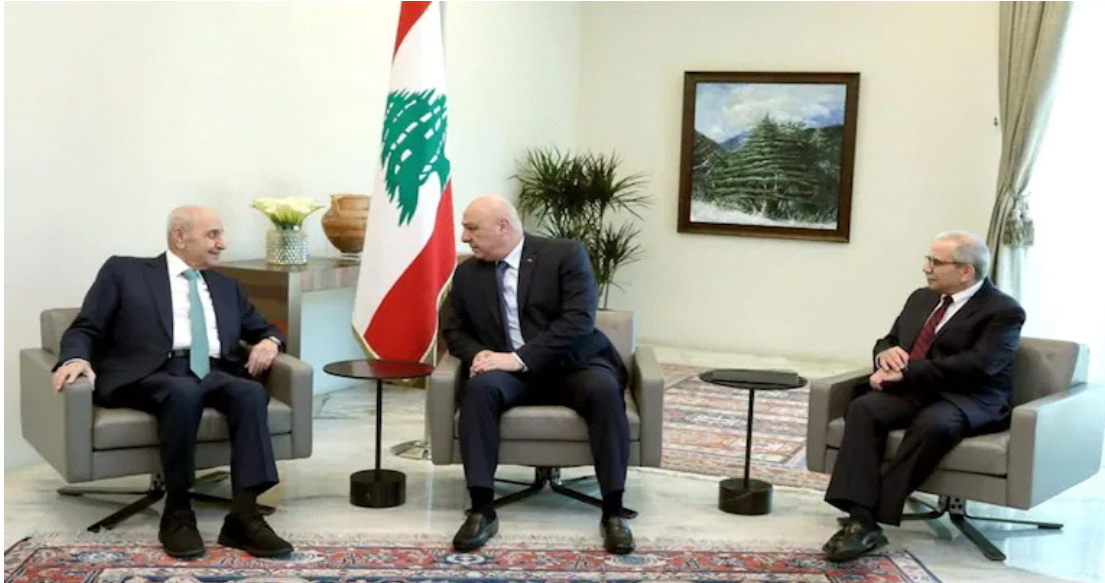
- New Lebanese cabinet formed after weeks of negotiations, limiting Hezbollah's sway.
- US welcomes government, stressing the need for financial reforms and stability.
- Priority set on implementing UN resolution and securing international reconstruction aid.

TPN Correspondent | Beirut

Lebanon's newly appointed Prime Minister, Nawaf Salam, unveiled a 24-member cabinet on Saturday, marking a pivotal moment for the country amid the aftermath of a devastating war between Israel and Hezbollah. The formation of the government follows more than three weeks of political negotiations, with the country's political factions, which traditionally allocate government posts along sectarian lines, navigating the delicate balance of power.

The cabinet's primary goals are to implement financial reforms, initiate the reconstruction of war-torn areas, and execute a crucial United Nations resolution related to stability along Lebanon's border with Israel. These objectives are seen as critical for restoring Lebanon's international credibility and securing much-needed financial assistance.

The process, however, was influenced by intense external pressure, particularly from the United States, which has been vocal in its opposition to Hezbollah's influence within Lebanon's political sphere. US Deputy Middle East envoy, Morgan Ortogus, labeled Hezbollah's involvement in the cabinet as a "red line" and thanked Israel for its successful military strikes against the group, sparking protests within Lebanon. Despite this, Hezbollah's ally Amal, led by Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, secured four ministerial positions in the new cabi-



net, ensuring Hezbollah and its allies do not have veto power in key decisions.

The new cabinet's formation is seen as an essential step toward implementing reforms that could unlock financial support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Gulf countries, vital for Lebanon's economic recovery. Lebanon has been grappling with a severe financial collapse, a catastrophic explosion at the Beirut port, and the aftermath of a prolonged war with Israel, all of which have devastated the country.

The United Nations has welcomed the cabinet formation, emphasizing the importance of implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which calls for disarming

armed groups in Lebanon, a clear reference to Hezbollah. Prime Minister Salam emphasized that the government would prioritize this resolution, along with ensuring the withdrawal of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon and the deployment of the Lebanese army in the region by February 18. The newly formed government now faces the task of drafting a policy statement outlining its approach and priorities, after which it will need to secure a vote of confidence in Lebanon's parliament. The appointment of Prime Minister Salam, following the election of President Joseph Aoun, signals a significant shift in Lebanon's political landscape, especially in light of Hezbollah's weakened position due to recent military losses.

Not Chomping At The Bit: Elon Musk On His Plans To Acquire TikTok



TPN Correspondent | Washington

Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk has stated that he has no interest in acquiring TikTok, the popular short-video platform currently embroiled in national security concerns in the United States. Musk's comments were shared online over the weekend after being made during a January conference hosted by The WELT Group, part of the German media company Axel Springer SE. The Tesla CEO joined the summit via video.

"I have not put in a bid for TikTok," Musk clarified, shortly after US President Donald Trump expressed openness to Musk purchasing the app, owned by the Chinese company ByteDance. Musk further explained that he does not use TikTok personally and is not familiar with its format. "I'm not chomping at the bit to acquire TikTok; I do not acquire companies in general. It's quite rare," Musk added, pointing out that his acquisition of social media platform Twitter, now known as X, was an unusual move for him. "I usually build companies from scratch," he emphasized.

The US government has raised national security concerns over TikTok, claiming that China could compel ByteDance to share data from American users. Despite these claims, TikTok has consistently denied that it has or would ever share such data with the Chinese government. In response to these concerns, former President Trump signed an executive order that set a deadline for ByteDance to sell TikTok's US assets by January 19 or face a potential ban. Apple and Google have refrained from reinstating TikTok on their app stores due to a US law in effect since the controversy began.



Monsters: Netanyahu Vows To 'Eliminate' Hamas Amid Ceasefire Deal

TPN Correspondent | Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged to destroy Hamas and secure the release of all Israeli captives held by the Palestinian militant group, following a fifth hostage exchange on Saturday. The exchange, which took place under a ceasefire agreement in Gaza, saw the release of three hostages who appeared visibly emaciated and were forced to speak on stage after being handed over by Hamas.

In a video statement, Netanyahu condemned Hamas as "monsters" and emphasized Israel's unwavering commitment to dismantling the group. "We will eliminate Hamas, and we will return our hostages," Netanyahu stated, reinforcing his government's resolve in the ongoing conflict. The handover of the three hostages marked a momentary pause in the conflict, but Netanyahu's rhetoric indicated that Israel's operations to neutralize Hamas would continue.

The recent hostage exchange was part of a broader ceasefire agreement aimed at de-escalating violence in Gaza. While the exchange provided some relief to the families of the hostages, the images of the captives — visibly weakened after their ordeal — underscored the brutal conditions they had endured. Their forced appearance on stage further highlighted the psychological and physical toll taken by their months in captivity.

Israel has long viewed Hamas as a significant threat, and Netanyahu's government has been adamant about its commitment to eradicating the group, which it holds responsible for the deaths of countless Israelis in previous conflicts. The Israeli military has launched multiple operations aimed at weakening Hamas's military capabilities, though the group has continued to launch attacks against Israel, fueling the ongoing cycle of violence.

Earthquake Of Magnitude 7.6 Shakes Caribbean, Tsunami Advisory Issued

TPN Correspondent | Washington

A powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 struck the Caribbean Sea on Saturday evening (local time), according to the US Geological Survey (USGS). The quake, which originated north of Honduras, occurred about 130 miles (209 kilometers) from the coast of the Cayman Islands. It was recorded at a shallow depth of 10 kilometers (6.21 miles), intensifying concerns over potential tsunamis in the region.

Following the earthquake, the US Tsunami Warning System issued alerts for the Caribbean Sea, particularly affecting the coastal areas of Honduras. The warning highlighted the risk of hazardous tsunami waves within 620 miles of the epicenter, extending along the coasts of the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico, Honduras, the Bahamas, Belize, Haiti, Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

Despite initial concerns, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) later clarified that tsunami waves were not expected to reach the US Atlantic or Gulf Coast. However, small sea-level changes were still anticipated. In particular, a tsunami wave of between

1 and 3 meters was forecast for parts of Cuba's coastline. Smaller waves between 0.3 to 1 meter were expected along the coasts of Honduras and the Cayman Islands.

The US government monitor later canceled most of its initial tsunami warnings but maintained alerts for three countries, including Cuba, Honduras, and the Cayman Islands. In light of the warnings, several Caribbean nations took precautionary measures, urging residents in coastal areas to evacuate. Honduras, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the Cayman Islands issued evacuation orders for their citizens near the coastlines. The Cayman Islands government advised its residents in coastal areas to move inland to safer locations.

The earthquake and its aftershocks sent shockwaves throughout the region, and the earthquake's sudden impact served as a reminder of the seismic activity in the Caribbean. Local governments and authorities in the affected areas remain on high alert as they monitor potential aftershocks and the possibility of further tsunami waves. Despite the cancellation of some tsunami alerts, residents are still urged to stay vigilant and follow evacuation instructions to ensure safety.



Pakistan Army should return to its constitutional limits: Imran Khan

TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has penned an open letter to Army Chief Gen. Asim Munir, sharply criticizing the military's unlawful actions and its continued interference in politics. In his letter, Khan urged the military to "return to its constitutional limits," addressing his concerns over the growing involvement of the armed forces in national governance.

The letter, posted on X (formerly Twitter), follows Khan's previous correspondence from February 3, where he called for the military to reassess its approach toward national security and governance. In the new letter, Khan highlighted his mistreatment in prison, specifically detailing his 20-day confinement in a death-row cell, where he had no access to sunlight or electricity. He alleged that the treatment was part of a larger effort to break his resolve, describing it as inhumane and unlawful.

Khan's latest letter also expressed disappointment over the military's response to his earlier communication. He criticized the military's dismissive and irresponsible reaction, which he said reflected a lack of concern for the reputation of Pakistan's armed forces. He warned that the widening rift between the military and the public could have dangerous consequences for the country's future.

This ongoing criticism of the military comes amid a broader political crisis in Pakistan, with Khan's party, Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), facing increasing pressure from both the military and the government.

Global Media Reacts to BJP's Historic Win in Delhi Elections 2025

International outlets analyze BJP's dominance and AAP's decline



TPN Correspondent | Delhi
The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) resounding victory in the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections has drawn significant attention from both domestic and international media. The outcome, which marked a major political shift after 27 years of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) dominance, has been widely interpreted as a turning point in the capital's political landscape.

In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated the victory, offering a salute to Delhi for its decisive support of the BJP. His message highlighted the party's stronghold in the capital, a city that had been under AAP's control for three consecutive terms. Modi's triumph was seen as a major achievement for his party, reinforcing its influence in urban centers.

Global media outlets have also weighed in on the BJP's success. Al Jazeera quoted Nivedita Menon, a political professor at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), who remarked, "It feels like BJP will never lose an election again. They have the system sewn up tight." With 48 out of 70 assembly seats in its possession, the BJP comfortably crossed the halfway mark needed to form the government in Delhi.

Rasheed Kidwai, a political analyst, noted that the BJP's victory was the result of meticulous micromanagement of constituencies, showcasing their unmatched organizational strength. This analysis underscores the party's dominance and strategy in securing widespread support.

Internationally, Pakistan's Geo TV emphasized the symbolic and strategic significance of BJP's win in Delhi, positioning the victory as a critical political development in the region. Meanwhile, Reuters described the BJP's triumph as a "landmark win" for Modi's party, noting that the victory reflected the BJP's growing appeal among middle-class voters in urban areas who had previously supported AAP.

In the United Kingdom, BBC highlighted the election as a battle of prestige between the BJP and AAP. The outlet reported that for the BJP, winning Delhi was not just about electoral success, but a significant milestone in regaining power in the nation's capital after nearly three decades.

The BJP's win in Delhi has sent ripples across the global media, marking a new chapter in the political dynamics of India's capital.

Gyalo Thondup, Dalai Lama's Brother and Key Tibetan Leader, Dies at 97



TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh
Gyalo Thondup, the elder brother of the Dalai Lama and former chairman of the Tibetan government-in-exile, passed away at the age of 97. He died on Saturday evening at his residence in Kalimpong, a town nestled in the Himalayan foothills of West Bengal, India. No further details regarding his passing were immediately disclosed.

Thondup was instrumental in advocating for the Tibetan cause, having led numerous rounds of talks with

China and worked tirelessly with foreign governments to garner support for Tibet. His efforts were particularly noted for facilitating U.S. backing for the Tibetan struggle. Tibetan media outlets have lauded his contributions and his significant role in international diplomacy for Tibet.

In a heartfelt tribute, the Dalai Lama led a prayer session for Thondup at a monastery in Bylakuppe, Karnataka, where the spiritual leader is currently residing for the winter. He prayed for Thondup's "swift rebirth," in keeping with Buddhist traditions, and expressed gratitude for his brother's immense efforts in the Tibetan cause.

Thondup, one of six siblings, was the only one not groomed for a religious life. He moved to India in 1952, where he played a key role in establishing

early diplomatic connections with the Indian and U.S. governments in support of Tibet. In 1957, Thondup helped recruit Tibetan fighters for U.S. training camps, according to Radio Free Asia.

He also played a pivotal role in liaising with the Indian government, particularly with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, following the Dalai Lama's escape to India in 1959. Thondup later shifted to a diplomatic approach and began discussions with Chinese leaders in 1979, eventually paving the way for formal negotiations between the Dalai Lama's envoys and the Chinese government that continued until 2010.

Thondup's passing marks the end of an era for Tibet's struggle for autonomy, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to his homeland.

Looking forward to witness future of aerospace sector: Rajnath on Aero India 2025

TPN Correspondent | Delhi
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced on Sunday that he would be attending the 15th edition of *Aero India* in Bengaluru, India. The biennial event, which is recognized as Asia's largest airshow, will be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, in the southern city of Bengaluru. The theme for this year's event is "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities," highlighting India's growing role in the global aerospace and defence sectors.

In his post on X (formerly Twitter), Singh expressed his excitement for the event, stating, "Leaving New Delhi for Bengaluru to attend the 15th edition of Biennial Aero-India. #Aero-India2025 will showcase cutting-edge defence technologies and global aviation excellence. Looking forward to witness the future of aerospace sector."



Aero India 2025 will feature the latest innovations in defence technologies and aviation, with several countries and aerospace giants expected to display their advanced aircraft and equipment. The event provides a global platform for industry leaders, policy makers, and stakeholders to come together and explore collaboration opportunities, while also showcasing India's growing capabilities in aerospace and defence manufacturing.

The Aero India airshow has steadily gained international prominence and continues to serve as a vital showcase for India's defence manufacturing sector, which is rapidly evolving. With India's ambitious goal to become a global player in aerospace and defence manufacturing, this event will serve as a major milestone in that journey.

In addition to cutting-edge aerospace technologies, Aero India 2025 will also emphasize the importance of innovation, research and development, and strategic partnerships within the aerospace industry. Singh's attendance underscores the government's focus on strengthening India's position in the global aerospace market, while also creating new opportunities for domestic manufacturers and businesses.

14 Indian fishermen Arrested by Sri Lankan Navy for Alleged Border Crossing

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Fourteen fishermen from Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on Sunday for allegedly entering Sri Lankan waters. The Sri Lankan authorities also seized two mechanized boats from the fishermen's possession. The incident occurred as fishermen from Rameswaram ventured out to fish in the waters of the Gulf of Mannar between Dhanushkodi and Thalaimannar, with over 400 boats going out on Saturday.

The Sri Lankan Navy claimed to have apprehended the fishermen and seized two boats with registration numbers IND TN 10 MM 979 and IND TN 10 MM 2530 for crossing the maritime border. The arrested fishermen include A John Bose (39), R Anthony Isrose (20), A Nilakaran (44), N Nigithan (16), T Jesu Poongavanam (42), S

Anthony Santhiya (19), M Kaarlose (21), S Nishanth (38), T Tuwiston (21), Ayyavu, R Anthony Dimac (34), S Arulandham (43), A Jelestin (55), and V Anthony Aaron (38).

Authorities are investigating the incident at the Mannar Naval Camp, which has stirred unrest among the Rameswaram fishing community. Tamil Nadu's DMK MP Kanimozhi raised concerns over the issue, urging the central government to intervene and ensure the release of 97 Tamil Nadu fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy. She called for a permanent solution to the matter, stressing that the arrest of fishermen and the seizure of over 210 boats had severely impacted the livelihoods of families dependent on fishing.

Kanimozhi further appealed for justice, highlighting the ongoing harassment faced by



Tamil Nadu fishermen. She emphasized that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin had written to the central government, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take immediate action and resolve the issue. With fishing being a crucial livelihood in the region, the repeated arrests and boat seizures have created significant economic distress for the fishermen's families.

This ongoing issue between India and Sri Lanka over maritime boundaries continues to be a source of tension and hardship for the fishing communities in Tamil Nadu.

duct several experiments. There are no glitches, and right now the spacecraft is docked," Narayanan explained during an interaction at the 15th Biennial Edition of Aero India International Seminar, which is scheduled to take place in Bengaluru from February 10 to 14, 2025.

SpaDeX marks a significant milestone for ISRO, as it seeks to demonstrate advanced capabilities in space docking and enhance India's presence in space exploration.

No glitch in SpaDeX, says ISRO chairman

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ISRO Chairman V Narayanan addressed concerns regarding the agency's maiden space docking mission, SpaDeX, stating that there have been no glitches, contrary to reports in some sections of the media. Narayanan assured that the mission was progressing smoothly, emphasizing that the docking was successful, and ISRO was proceeding step by step.

"We are studying and planning to con-

PM Modi's US Visit to Strengthen India-US Strategic Partnership



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United States, scheduled for February 12-13, 2025, aims to further solidify the growing India-US Global Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The visit presents an opportunity to set an ambitious agenda for the future, fostering a mutually beneficial and trusted relationship across various sectors, according to an official statement.

The visit will mark the first face-to-face meeting between PM Modi and US President Donald Trump after Trump assumed office for his second term. This follow-up meeting comes after a series of interactions between the two leaders, including phone calls in November 2024 and January 2025. Notably, PM Modi last visited the US in June 2017, and President Trump visited India for a state visit in February 2020.

The two nations have witnessed a significant strengthening of ties over the past few years. Notably, under the Trump administration, the Indo-Pacific region gained importance as a key strategic area in US foreign policy. The revival of the Quadrilateral Dialogue (QUAD) between India, the US, Japan, and Australia became a cornerstone of the bilateral relationship. During Trump's tenure, QUAD was elevated to a ministerial-level dialogue, and under President Biden, it has reached a leaders' summit status.

During President Trump's visit to India in 2020, India-US relations were upgraded to a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, focusing on defense, trade, and cultural exchange. Since 2008, India has secured over USD 20 billion in US-origin defense equipment, with platforms like C-130J, C-17, Apache, Chinook heli-

copters, and P8I aircraft being integral to India's defense capabilities. This cooperation is underpinned by the "New Framework for India-US Defense Cooperation," which was renewed for a decade in 2015.

In addition to defense collaboration, cultural cooperation between the two countries is robust. Notably, in 2024, both nations signed the first-ever 'Cultural Property Agreement' aimed at curbing illicit trafficking of antiquities, with the US returning 578 artifacts to India since 2016.

The US remains one of the top destinations for Indian students pursuing higher education, while the Indian-American community has thrived as one of the most successful and well-integrated groups in the US. This visit will further reinforce the enduring and expanding ties between India and the US.



Factors Behind AAP's Defeat in the 2025 Delhi Assembly Elections

The 2025 Delhi Assembly elections have delivered a resounding defeat to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), with party leader Arvind Kejriwal conceding defeat to BJP candidate Parvesh Sharma in the New Delhi constituency by a margin of 3,182 votes. AAP, which rose to prominence on the back of the 2011 Anna Hazare-led anti-corruption movement, has seen its political fortunes change significantly. Despite being seen as a champion of transparency and governance reforms in its early years, the party's internal issues, governance failures, and corruption allegations played a key role in the electoral outcome.

1. Anti-Incumbency and Governance Failures

AAP's decade-long rule in Delhi faced the inevitable challenge of anti-incumbency. Despite some welfare-oriented policies, the party struggled to address the key concerns of the people, particularly the middle class, which had been a loyal voter base. The promises made in the 15-point "Kejriwal Ki Guarantee," including freebies and waivers, were not enough to convince voters. The lack of concrete plans to address critical issues like air and water pollution, sanitation, waste management, and inflation eroded public confidence. Additionally, the party's constant finger-pointing at the Centre and refusal to take responsibility for governance failures were perceived

as excuses, further alienating the electorate.

2. Corruption Allegations and Damage to Kejriwal's Image

Kejriwal's carefully crafted image as a corruption-free, "common man" leader suffered a severe blow with the emergence of corruption allegations, including his involvement in the Delhi liquor policy scam and the "Sheesh Mahal" controversy. These scandals raised questions about his integrity and tarnished the party's image as an alternative to traditional politics. The public's disillusionment with Kejriwal's leadership was palpable, especially when it came to allegations of extravagance in the renovation of the Chief Minister's residence. This marked the collapse of the narrative that had made AAP a popular choice for voters seeking transparency and governance reform.

3. Internal Discord and the Congress Factor

The failure of AAP and the Congress to form an electoral alliance in Delhi played a role in the party's loss. The internal tensions within the opposition bloc, including the Congress's strategic decision to undermine AAP following its setbacks in Punjab and Goa, left the party isolated. This internal discord was exacerbated by Congress's focus on weak-

ening AAP rather than uniting against the BJP. This disunity, combined with the BJP's campaign strategies, made it difficult for AAP to maintain a strong opposition front.

BJP's Strategy and the Shift in Delhi's Political Landscape

While AAP struggled to address these issues, the BJP capitalized on its aggressive campaigning strategy. The party effectively consolidated its voter base across various demographic and caste lines, while also winning over disillusioned AAP supporters. The BJP's extensive digital campaign, spearheaded by platforms like the NaMo app, and its ground-level outreach through key leaders, contributed significantly to the party's victory.

Ultimately, the defeat of AAP in Delhi is a reminder that no government, regardless of its welfare initiatives, can afford to ignore the pressing concerns of its citizens. Short-term political gains, such as freebies, cannot substitute for effective governance. As demonstrated by AAP's loss, failure to address real issues and connect with the electorate can lead to severe long-term consequences, as reflected in the Congress party's failure to secure even a single seat for the third consecutive election. Sreelakshmi Harilal is an Associate at the Centre for Public Policy Research, specializing in research and public policy.

Delhi Elections: How BJP's Strategy of No CM Face Worked in Its Favor



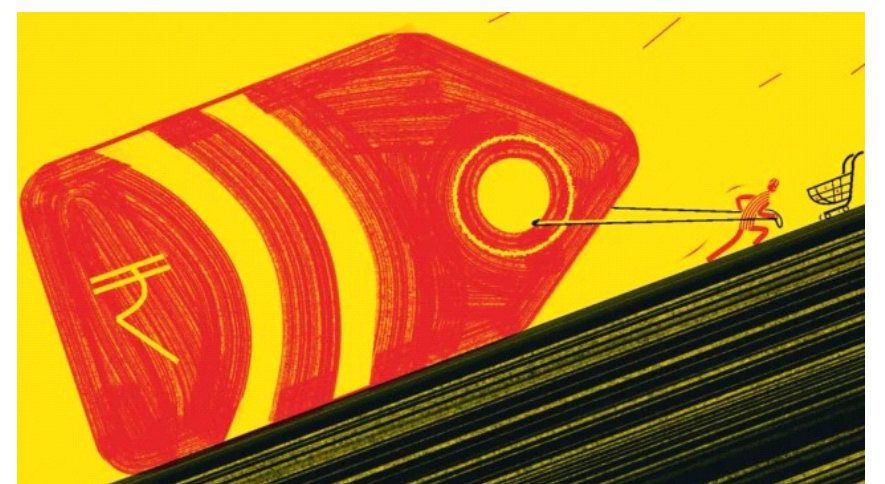
In the Delhi Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) achieved a remarkable victory, marking the third consecutive win for the party in 2023, following triumphs in Haryana and Maharashtra. These states were initially seen as tough battlegrounds for the BJP, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi's influence has only grown since the general elections. His leadership continues to shape the party's dominance, even in states once considered challenging.

The BJP's victory in Delhi is especially significant, not only because it marks a return to power after 27 years but also due to the scale of the mandate. From a mere eight seats in the previous Delhi assembly, the BJP surged to 48 out of 70 seats, turning a tough contest into a sweeping victory. In contrast, Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which had secured 62 seats in the previous election, plummeted to just 22. This outcome reflects the power of the BJP's campaign strategy, which resonated deeply with voters.

One of the most striking aspects of the BJP's victory was its ability to defeat Kejriwal in his own constituency, New Delhi. The BJP's Parvesh Verma triumphed over Kejriwal by over 4,000 votes. Kejriwal, who rose to prominence in 2013 by defeating Sheila Dikshit, had positioned himself as an alternative to PM Modi and campaigned across multiple states. However, this overextension, coupled with scandals like the alleged liquor scam, ultimately weakened his position. Kejriwal's defeat in New Delhi demonstrated that his political stature had taken a significant hit.

Additionally, Kejriwal's closest allies, including his former deputy Manish Sisodia, suffered defeats in constituencies once considered "safe" for AAP. The entire leadership of AAP, with the exception of Atishi, faced a crushing loss. Modi's ability to deliver on promises, including better governance and infrastructure, helped dismantle the belief that Kejriwal's promises of free services would guarantee loyalty from low-income voters.

One of the key factors in BJP's success was its strategy of not presenting a Chief Ministerial face for Delhi. While the absence of a strong local leader initially seemed like a disadvantage, the BJP effectively used Modi's national appeal to counter Kejriwal.



RBI Begins Rate-Cutting Cycle Amid Economic Uncertainty

In its February 2025 policy review, the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) embarked on a rate-cutting cycle, driven by the evolving growth and inflation trends. The committee's decision to reduce rates comes at a time when global uncertainties loom large, reflected most notably in the depreciation of the Indian rupee against the US dollar. Despite the challenging global economic environment, the MPC saw a window of opportunity to initiate a rate cut, as domestic inflationary pressures have eased and economic growth shows signs of stabilization.

Looking back to the MPC's December 2024 meeting, the economic landscape was markedly different. At that time, India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation had breached the 6% mark, surpassing the upper limit of the Reserve Bank's medium-term inflation target range of 2-6%. This high inflation rate made it clear that a rate cut was off the table in December, despite the country's GDP growth decelerating to a disappointing 5.4% in the second quarter of fiscal year 2024-25. With inflationary concerns still fresh, the outlook for the economy appeared precarious.

However, by February 2025, the economic situation had shifted. CPI inflation had receded significantly, and the outlook for inflation in 2025-26 appeared more moderate. High-frequency economic indicators also pointed to a potential recovery in domestic growth, especially following the economic downturn in the second quarter. This shift in inflation and growth expectations provided the MPC with the justification to start a rate-cutting cycle, signaling a move towards more accommodative monetary policy.

Despite this, analysts predict that the rate cut cycle will likely be gradual and shallow. With ongoing global uncertainties, including geopolitical tensions and external economic pressures, the RBI faces a balancing act in fostering growth while maintaining price stability. The depreciation of the rupee against the dollar further complicates the situation, potentially raising import costs and keeping inflationary pressures alive.

Is Air Pollution Making India Age Faster?

The blanket of smog that envelops numerous cities worldwide, including India's capital, Delhi, is not just a health hazard that chokes our lungs but also a significant contributor to premature aging. Studies have shown that air pollution can accelerate biological aging, shortening our lifespans. India, with its vast population, faces this grim reality daily, as several major cities, including Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai, consistently rank among the most polluted cities globally, according to real-time data from IQAir.



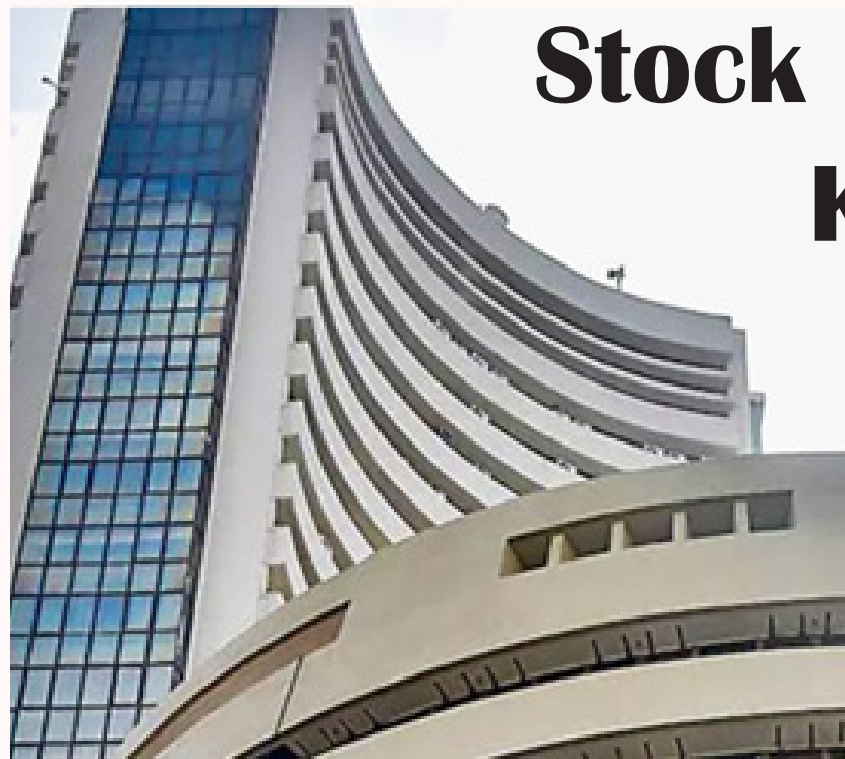
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Air pollution has long been a critical issue, particularly in urban areas, where concentrations of particulate matter (PM) and toxic gases such as sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide are dangerously high. Fossil fuel emissions, primarily from the energy and transportation sectors, are the primary culprits behind this problem. The health risks posed by air pollution are profound. A 2021 study estimated

that 10.2 million premature deaths occur globally each year due to particulate matter from fossil fuel emissions, with nearly 5 million attributed to outdoor air pollution alone. These numbers are expected to rise, with a projected 4.3 million urban deaths by 2050.

India, the world's most populous nation, bears a significant portion of this burden. The country ranks third globally in air pollution levels, and with 65% of its population under the age of 35, the long-term impacts on the younger population are particularly concerning.

A key biological factor in aging is telomere length. Telomeres are protective caps at the end of chromosomes, which shorten each time a cell divides. Over time, this shortening contributes to the aging process. Recent studies have shown a direct connection between air pollution exposure and shorter telomere length, effectively speeding up the biological aging of cells. As toxic substances like reactive oxygen species (ROS) generated by pollutants damage our cells, inflammation and stress follow, accelerating telomere degradation.



Stock Market Shows Signs of Recovery; Key Stocks to Watch This Week



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The domestic stock market is poised for a potential rebound this week as international uncertainties subside, boosting investor confidence. Market sentiment is turning positive with stabilization in global conditions, and fundamentally strong stocks are now available at attractive valuations. Benchmark indices are showing signs of a turnaround, with finance, banking, auto, and consumption sectors performing well, while media, realty, and metal stocks are witnessing improvements. However, energy, pharma, and healthcare sectors are weakening.

Key Stocks to Watch

Tata Steel

Tata Steel shares, which have declined 30% from their lifetime highs, are currently in the accumulation zone. Following the latest quarterly results, the stock has gained momentum and is showing strong relative performance. Investors are advised to take positions around ₹135 with a tar-



get price of ₹165, while maintaining a stop loss at ₹130.

Hindalco

Hindalco shares have corrected 30% from their November highs and have twice found support at the crucial ₹560 level. With increased investor interest in the metal sector ahead of upcoming results, the stock closed at ₹607 last Friday. Investors are recommended to enter around



₹600 with target prices of ₹674 and ₹710, keeping a stop loss at ₹570.

SPIC Limited

SPIC Limited, which had been in a downtrend for months, has now entered the accumulation zone. The stock recently found support at ₹70 and broke through its immediate



resistance level of ₹80, showing increased momentum compared to Nifty. With a last closing price of ₹82, investors should consider taking positions around ₹80, targeting ₹96 and ₹100, while setting a stop loss at ₹77.

Chambal Fertilizers

Chambal Fertilizers shares have been consolidating sideways since June last year. The stock showed resilience last week despite declines in benchmark indices, reaching the crucial ₹555 resistance zone. Investors are



advised to enter at ₹520-540 with a target price of ₹655 and a stop loss at ₹490.

Caffeine Technologies



Shares of Caffeine Technologies, which saw a 36% correction from their lifetime high, are now trading at attractive levels. The stock has gained 16% in the last four sessions and displayed strong momentum following its latest quarterly results. It closed at ₹1,224 last Friday, with investors recommended to take positions around ₹1,200 and target ₹1,550, setting a stop loss at ₹1,155. With improving sentiment and positive sectoral trends, investors will closely watch these stocks as the market gears up for a potential recovery.

India's Trade Set to Grow 6.4% Annually, Reaching \$1.8 Trillion by 2033

India's total trade is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.4% through 2033, reaching USD 1.8 trillion annually, according to a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG). This growth is primarily driven by India's rising appeal as a manufacturing hub, with companies increasingly looking to diversify supply chains away from China.

India's government has introduced significant incentives for manufacturing, combined with a vast low-cost workforce and rapidly improving infrastructure. These factors are positioning India as a key destination for foreign investment and trade collaborations.

Geographically, India's trade expansion will be diverse. Notably, trade with the United States is projected to more than double over the next decade, reaching USD 116 billion by 2033. This growth reflects deepening political and economic ties between the two largest democracies, particularly in the defense and technology sectors.

India's trade with the European Union, ASEAN, and Africa is also expected to increase by approximately 80%. Trade with Japan and Mercosur countries is projected to nearly double, while trade with Australia and South Korea will more than triple. Additionally, India's trade with



Russia is set to surge, driven by increased imports of discounted Russian hydrocarbons.

Europe's trade with India, Turkey, and Africa is anticipated to accelerate, further cementing India's role in global supply chains. Key sectors contributing to this trade expansion will include information technology, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing.

As India grows more cautious about Chinese investments in sensitive

sectors, due to ongoing border disputes and economic tensions, the country is increasingly seeking trade partnerships with other regions. While India's trade growth with Western economies remains strong, China's trade with the US and EU is expected to slow. In response, China is focusing on strengthening economic ties with India, Russia, ASEAN, Africa, and Mercosur nations. However, China's trade surpluses may face resistance from India and its other trade partners.

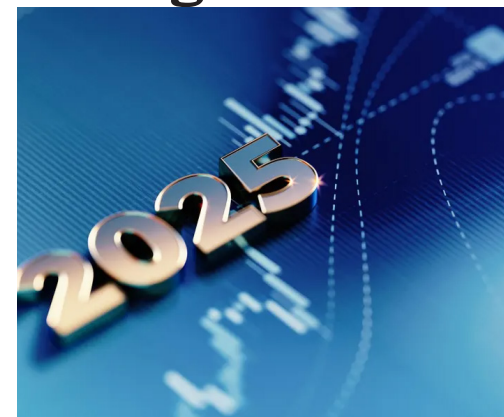
Stock Market Outlook Delhi Polls, Inflation Data, and Corporate Earnings in Focus

The stock market's outlook for the upcoming week will be shaped by several key events, including the outcome of the Delhi Assembly elections, inflation data, and quarterly corporate earnings.

The Delhi Assembly election results, in which the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a strong victory with 48 out of 70 seats, are expected to have a positive impact on investor sentiment. Analysts believe that this political outcome could contribute to market stability and potentially boost investor confidence.

Macroeconomic data will also be a major focus for investors. Inflation and industrial production data, scheduled to be released on February 12, will provide key insights into the country's economic health. January inflation is expected to decline to 4.69% from 5.22% in the previous month, which could influence the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) next policy decision. Additionally, industrial production growth is projected to slow to 4.1%, down from 5.2% in the previous month.

Corporate earnings will play a crucial role in shaping market sentiment. Key companies such as Eicher Motors, Apollo Hospitals, Vodafone Idea, Hindustan Aeronautics, and Muthoot Finance are set to report their quarterly results. The financial performance of these companies will help determine the overall outlook for the stock market in the coming week.



Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued their selling spree last week, withdrawing Rs 8,852 crore from the market. However, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) provided some stability by investing Rs 6,449 crore. This has helped maintain a positive trend in the markets, despite the volatility.

The Nifty index managed to close positive for the second consecutive week, sustaining above the 23,450-23,500 zone, indicating potential for a bottom reversal. Market experts are maintaining a positive outlook, recommending a "Buy on Dips" strategy amid short-term volatility.

On the global front, the release of US inflation data on February 12 will be closely monitored. Any deviation from the expected figures could influence the Federal Reserve's future interest rate decisions. Other key data releases, including UK GDP and China's inflation numbers, will also affect global market trends.

FM Sitharaman: Govt's Fiscal Policies Align with RBI's Decisions for Economic Growth

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated on Saturday that the government's fiscal and monetary policies are working in harmony, which would further boost India's growing economy. This, she highlighted, is backed by the robust Budget and the recent decisions made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Speaking at a post-Budget meeting in New Delhi with RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, FM Sitharaman emphasized the good coordination between the central bank and the government, noting that both institutions respect each other's space and responsibilities. She was accompanied by Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary and Malhotra at the meeting.

The Finance Minister pointed out that industries are beginning to show signs of recovery in terms of consumption and capacity utilization. She saw this as a positive trend and suggested that the RBI's recent decision to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points would provide the necessary momentum for further growth.

"The industry is witnessing early signs of recovery, and this trend will strengthen with the combined efforts of fiscal policies and the RBI's actions," FM Sitharaman said. She acknowledged that the monetary easing from the RBI would help support consumption, improve liquidity, and encourage business investments.

While the government continues to support growth through its fiscal measures, the RBI's monetary policy decisions are also aimed at maintaining economic stability and fostering expansion. The synchronized efforts of both entities are expected to strengthen India's position as it recovers from global challenges and continues on a path of sustainable growth.

The post-Budget meeting was crucial to aligning policies and strategies that will fuel the next phase of India's economic growth, and both the Finance Minister and RBI Governor expressed confidence in the country's future prospects.





Beef biryani for lunch at University? Viral notice reads 'Enjoy the new addition', triggers row



A notice announcing the substitution of chicken biryani with beef biryani for Sunday lunch at Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) Sir Shah Sulaiman Hall has ignited significant controversy. The notice, reportedly issued by two authorized individuals, stated:

"Sunday's lunch menu has been changed, and beef biryani will be served instead of chicken biryani as per demand. We hope you enjoy the new addition to our menu."

The announcement quickly went viral on social media, leading to widespread uproar among students and the public. In response to the backlash, the AMU administration clarified that the notice was a "typing error" and assured that those responsible had been issued show-cause notices. An AMU official stated,

"The matter was brought to our attention. We found that the notice was regarding the food menu. However,

it contained a clear typing error. The notice was immediately withdrawn as it had no official signatures, raising doubts about its authenticity."

The incident has sparked heated discussions online, with some individuals criticizing the administration's handling of the situation and accusing it of encouraging radical elements. BJP leader Nishit Sharma remarked,

"The administration's role in this is shameful. A notice was circulated at the Sir Shah Sulaiman Hall stating that beef biryani would be served instead of chicken biryani. Such actions indicate that the administration is encouraging radical elements and covering up student misconduct."

The controversy highlights the sensitivity surrounding food choices and cultural practices within educational institutions. AMU's prompt clarification aims to address the concerns raised and maintain harmony within the university community

Swiggy Instamart Users Report Receiving 4 to 5 Lakh 'Free Cash' Due to Glitch



India subreddit has sparked a wave of excitement and curiosity, as a Reddit user, @Technical-Relation-9, claimed that random Swiggy Instamart users had received between ₹4,000 to ₹5 lakh in free cash due to a glitch. The user titled their post, "Someone is definitely losing their job at Swiggy," revealing that many users unexpectedly got the huge sums of

money on the app. According to the post, these users were able to use the money to place orders, which were successfully delivered. However, some of them later received calls from Swiggy informing them of a system error and requesting that they return the items. The original poster (OP) shared screenshots of successful orders,

which fueled the discussions further.

The post quickly garnered attention, with Reddit users expressing disbelief and curiosity. One user asked if the money was truly received randomly, and OP confirmed that it was. Another user suggested the glitch could be related to a promotion that went wrong, explaining that instead of the usual ₹50-₹100 discounts, some users received thousands. Once Swiggy realized the issue, they fixed the offer's probability, leading to more typical discounts for others.

While many joined in the conversation, some users were skeptical, asking whether this was just a marketing gimmick. OP responded by insisting that the screenshots shared were genuine, showcasing actual orders from users who received the large sums. One Redditor even claimed that their friend had received ₹4,000, while they only got ₹50 in their account.

Livemint has reached out to Swiggy for confirmation of these claims, and the story will be updated with their response. For now, the mystery continues, leaving Swiggy Instamart users intrigued by what may have been a costly glitch.

Mumbai Woman Receives Life Lesson from Coconut Seller

In the hustle of daily life, it's easy to overlook the simple joys and moments that truly matter. A recent encounter in Mumbai serves as a poignant reminder to pause and appreciate life's small pleasures.

Gargi, a resident of Mumbai, was on her way to an Uber ride when she stopped to purchase a coconut from a local vendor. In her haste, she requested the vendor to expedite the process. Instead of merely complying, the vendor offered a piece of advice that resonated deeply with her: "Why do you earn so much money? Work will always continue, but you should take time to eat and drink."

Gargi shared this interaction on social media, highlighting the vendor's wisdom. Her post quickly gained traction, with many users reflecting on the importance of balancing work with self-care. One user remarked, "The Uber driver would have surely waited for 2-3 minutes... so there wasn't any hurry actually." Another added, "Bhaiya ko kon btaye itne paise kafi nahi hai aur log toh itne se



bahot jayda kamate hai wo de pate hai time" (Who will tell him that this amount of money is not enough. Those who earn more than these can only afford the luxury of time). cite turn search.

This exchange underscores the value of mindfulness and the significance of taking time to enjoy life's simple pleasures, even amidst our busy schedules.

Kerala Kid's Adorable Plea for Biryani Over Upma Wins Hearts Online



A heartwarming video from Kerala featuring a little boy, Shanku, has captured the hearts of people across the internet. In the video, Shanku expresses his deep desire for biryani, instead of the usual upma served at his anganwadi (government-run childcare center). His earnest and adorable plea, in which he mispronounces biryani as "birnani" and also asks for "poricha kozhi" (fried chicken), has gone viral, with social media users absolutely loving the sweet request.

The video shows Shanku, wearing a tiny helmet and in the middle of playing with his bike, making his food wish known. Despite the fun and excitement of his playtime, his love for biryani was undeniable. He insists, "I need 'birnani' and 'poricha kozhi' in the Anganwadi instead of upma,"

a statement that caught the attention of his mother. Amused by his sincere request, she decided to share the moment on social media, and it instantly went viral.

Social media users couldn't help but be charmed by Shanku's innocent and straightforward request. His genuine disappointment over not getting biryani, paired with his cute mispronunciation of the dish, quickly garnered attention. The video resonated with many people, as biryani is often considered the ultimate comfort food for food lovers across the world, especially in India.

Not only did the video win the hearts of netizens, but it also attracted the attention of the Kerala state government. Shanku's lovable plea has turned into a conversation starter, with many pointing out how children's straightforward desires can sometimes be more relatable and adorable than one might think. The video has sparked joy and smiles, making people reminisce about their own childhood food cravings.

Shanku's viral moment has proven that sometimes, a simple, genuine wish for something as beloved as biryani can capture the imagination of people far and wide.

Chocolate Day Is Here And The Internet Is Having A Field Day



Chocolate Day, the third day of Valentine's Week, is a delightful occasion to indulge in everyone's favorite treat. Whether it's a rich truffle, a creamy bar, or a beautifully wrapped box, chocolate serves as the perfect token of affection. It's a go-to gift for loved ones, a mood booster, and often, a comforting companion during long days. From partners to parents, siblings, and best friends, this day is all about spreading happiness through this delectable delight.

While many are savoring their chocolates, others are celebrating in a uniquely 2025 fashion—by sharing humorous memes and jokes on social media. These lighthearted posts add a fun twist to the festivities, offering a blend of sweetness and laughter.

For instance, a popular meme features a playful comparison between the joy of receiving chocolates and the reality of indulging in them alone. Another humorous post showcases a witty take on the classic "I love you more than chocolate" sentiment, suggesting that, in

reality, no one loves you more than chocolate. These memes resonate with many, especially those who find solace in chocolate during the season of love.

Additionally, some memes humorously depict the contrast between couples sharing chocolates and singles enjoying their own stash, highlighting the universal appeal of chocolate. Others playfully exaggerate the lengths one might go to acquire chocolates, adding a comedic touch to the celebration.

These memes not only entertain but also foster a sense of community among chocolate enthusiasts, reminding everyone that, regardless of relationship status, chocolate is a source of joy and comfort.

In essence, Chocolate Day 2025 is a sweet reminder of the simple pleasures in life. Whether you're sharing chocolates with a loved one or enjoying them solo, the day encourages us to embrace the joy that this delightful treat brings. And with the added humor from these memes, the celebration be-



“Felt Like Pakistan Was Away Team”: Ex-PCB Chairman’s Worrying Statement Ahead of Champions Trophy



Former PCB chairman Ramiz Raja expressed serious concerns over Pakistan’s performance after their 78-run loss to New Zealand in the ODI tri-series opener in Lahore. Pakistan’s bowlers, particularly pacers Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah, struggled to contain the Kiwis, with Shaheen conceding 88 runs despite taking three wickets, and Naseem going wicketless, leaking 70 runs.

Ramiz criticized the team’s performance, saying, “It felt like New Zealand was the home team. Players looked fitter, adapted better to the conditions, and played with clear roles.” He pointed out that Pakistan’s bowlers lacked variation and precision, unable to handle the batting-friendly conditions expected at the Champions Trophy. New Zealand set a daunting target of 331, with a

sensational 106* from Glenn Phillips, who scored his last 77 runs in just 32 balls. Despite a promising start where Pakistan reduced New Zealand to 39/2, Phillips’ explosive innings turned the match in favor of the Kiwis, sealing a comfortable win. Ramiz’s remarks highlight the growing doubts about Pakistan’s ability to perform in high-pressure conditions ahead of the Champions Trophy.

India vs England 2nd ODI Highlights: Rohit Sharma Century Helps India Ease Past England by 4 Wickets, Seal Series

India defeated England by 4 wickets in the second ODI on Sunday to seal the three-match series. England, opting to bat first, posted 304 all-out, with Ravindra Jadeja being the standout bowler, claiming 3 wickets for 35 runs. Despite the solid total, England’s hopes were dashed by a sensational century from Rohit Sharma. Rohit returned to form in style, scoring 119 runs off 90 balls, featuring 12 fours and 7 sixes. This century marked his 32nd in ODIs, surpassing Rahul Dravid in the list of India’s most prolific international century makers. Rohit now holds third place, behind Virat Kohli (81) and Sachin Tendulkar (100). Additionally, during his knock, Rohit surpassed Chris Gayle in the list of batters with the most sixes in ODIs. With a total of 332 sixes, he now sits at second place, just behind Shahid Afridi (351). Rohit’s explosive performance guided India to a comfortable victory, wrapping up the series with a 2-0 lead.



India Shuttler PV Sindhu Pulls Out of Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025 Due to Hamstring Injury



Indian badminton star PV Sindhu has withdrawn from the 2025 Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships (BAMTC) due to a hamstring injury. The tournament, set to take place in Qingdao from February 11-16, will proceed without the 29-year-old shuttler, who was a key part of the Indian squad that won bronze in the previous edition.

In a statement on social media, Sindhu explained that she felt a twinge in her hamstring during training in Guwahati on February 4. Despite trying to push through with heavy taping, an MRI revealed that her recovery would take longer than anticipated.

Sindhu has been battling injuries since claiming her first women’s singles gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. A left foot stress fracture during the event sidelined her for the remainder of the year, missing the World Championships and World Tour Finals.

India, placed in a tough Group D alongside South Korea and Macau, will begin their campaign on February 12 against Macau, followed by a challenging match against South Korea on February 13. Sindhu expressed her support for the team, stating that she would be “cheering from the sidelines.”

Haryana in Control vs Mumbai, Tamil Nadu Struggling in Ranji Trophy Quarter-Finals



Haryana captain Ankit Kumar’s brilliant century put his team in a strong position against defending champions Mumbai on the second day of their Ranji Trophy quarter-final. Ankit’s 136 runs guided Haryana to 263/5, closing in on Mumbai’s first-innings total of 315. Despite Tanush Kotian’s valiant 97 for Mumbai, Haryana’s dominant performance with the bat left them just 53 runs behind,

with Ankit leading from the front and punishing the bowlers.

In contrast, Tamil Nadu’s batting woes continued against Vidarbha. Aditya Thakare’s four-wicket haul reduced Tamil Nadu to 159/6, still trailing Vidarbha by 194 runs after the latter posted 353 in their first innings. Young C Andre Sidharth’s 65 was the only highlight for Tamil Nadu, while veterans like Narayan Jagadeesan

and Vijay Shankar failed to make a substantial impact. Tamil Nadu will rely on Pradosh Ranjan Paul and captain R Sai Kishore to turn things around on Day 3.

Mumbai’s hopes of restricting Haryana lie with their seamers, while Vidarbha’s strong batting performance has them in a commanding position against Tamil Nadu.

Three Indian Davis Cup Stars Granted Delhi Open 2025 Main Draw Wildcards

Three Indian Davis Cup players, Sasi-kumar Mukund, Ramkumar Ramanathan, and Kiran Singh, have been granted wildcard entries into the men’s singles main draw of the Delhi Open 2025. The wildcards were announced by the organizers of the ATP Challenger event on Saturday. Additionally, young talents Chirag Duhan, Aryan Shah, Aditya Govila, and Sidharth Rawat have received wildcards for the qualifying event.

The Delhi Open, an ATP Challenger 75 event, will return for its fifth edition at the DLTA Complex from February 10-16. Former World No. 31 Lloyd Harris from South Africa, seeded fourth, and 2019 junior Wimbledon champion Shintaro Mochizuki, seeded sixth, are among the top contenders. Czech player Vit Kopri-va, the top seed, aims to add to his five ATP Challenger titles, while the second and third seeds, Billy Harris from the UK and Australia’s Tristan Schoolkate,

bring in their recent successes to the event.

Rohit Rajpal, DLTA President and India’s non-playing Davis Cup captain, emphasized that the tournament is a significant platform for players to test themselves and climb the ATP rankings. The event offers valuable ranking points and continues to play a crucial role in shaping the careers of both experienced and emerging players.





Chiranjeevi Praises Vishwaksen's Response, Talks About Unity Among Heroes in the Film Industry

At the pre-release event of *Laila*, featuring Vishwaksen in the lead role, Megastar Chiranjeevi shared his thoughts on the energy such events bring. He recalled a recent interaction with Vishwaksen, who gave a witty reply when asked about his relationships with other heroes. Vishwaksen humorously stated, "We have a compound at home, but there's no compound in the film industry," showing that despite industry rivalries, heroes can remain friendly. Chiranjeevi also reflected on the history of fan rivalry



and how, in the past, fans of different heroes often fought over their idols. He shared an incident from his childhood when two of his cousins, who were fans

of different heroes, fought fiercely. This, according to Chiranjeevi, shaped his belief in fostering camaraderie among actors. He emphasized that heroes should

support each other and attend each other's functions, irrespective of the competition.

He also mentioned his personal relationships with industry stalwarts like Nagarjuna and Balakrishna, stating that they often meet and maintain a friendly rapport. Chiranjeevi added that success in the industry should be celebrated collectively as it benefits the entire film fraternity, with many families relying on its prosperity. He urged the industry to maintain harmonious relationships and mutual respect.

Naga Chaitanya's *Thandel* Continues Rampage at the Box Office

Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi's *Thandel* is proving to be an unstoppable force at the box office, with audiences flocking to theaters in large numbers. The film, directed by Chandoo Mondeti, has struck a chord with viewers, resulting in phenomenal growth in ticket sales and collections.

On Day 2, the film witnessed a remarkable surge, selling over 260.15K tickets, a significant jump from its already impressive opening day. The total worldwide gross now stands at ₹41.20 Cr in just two days, reinforcing its status as a massive blockbuster in the making. With Sunday bookings soaring, trade

experts predict that Day 3 collections will be even bigger. If the momentum continues, *Thandel* is set to become the highest-grossing film of Naga Chaitanya's career by a considerable margin.

Internationally, the film is also making waves, particularly in the United States, where it has already crossed the \$550K mark. At this pace, *Thandel* is poised to enter the prestigious million-dollar club in North America very soon. With positive word of mouth and strong occupancy rates, *Thandel* is all set to dominate the box office in the coming days, further cementing Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi's

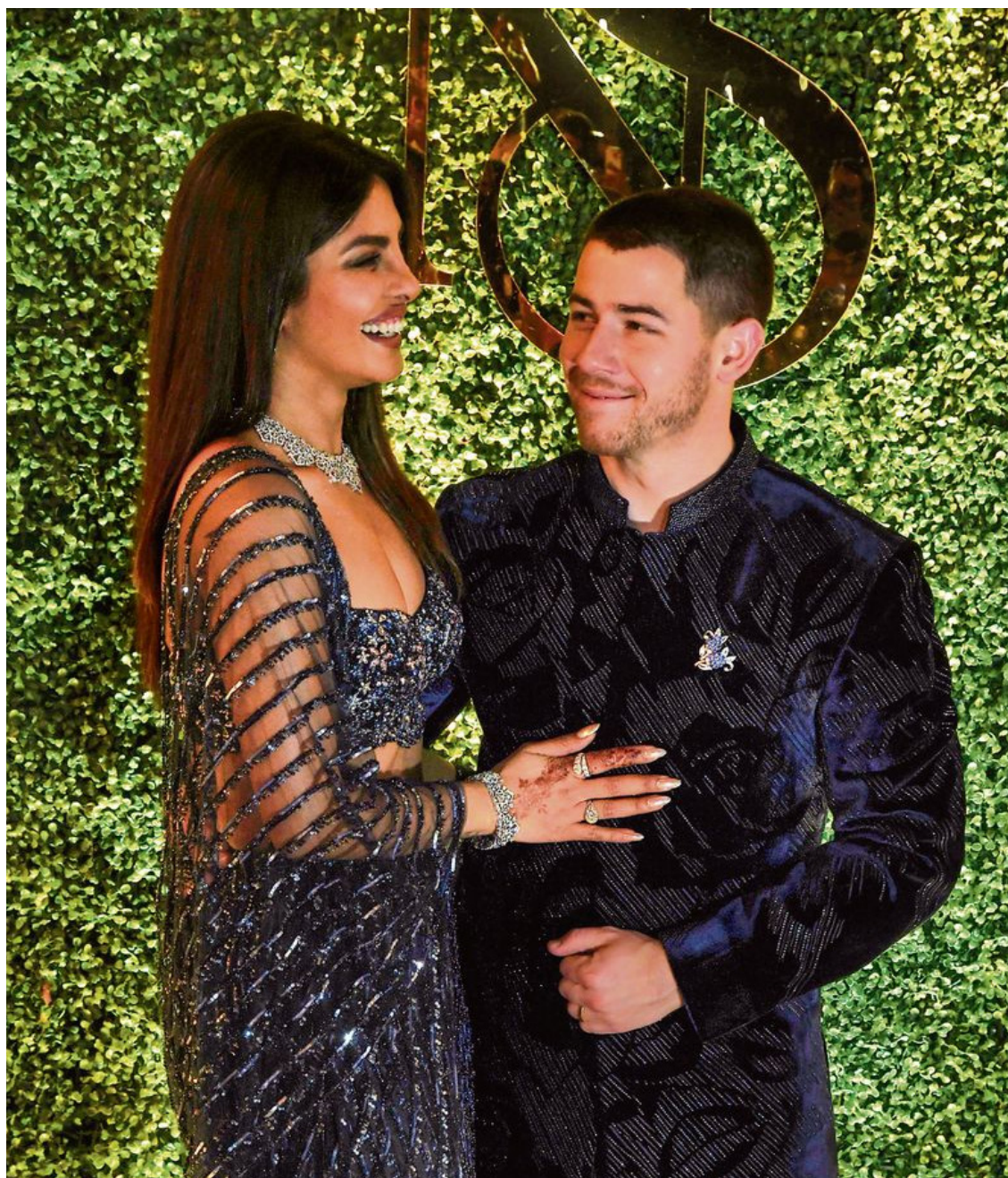


Nick Jonas Embraces Indian Traditions at Brother-in-Law Siddharth Chopra's Wedding

Nick Jonas made a special appearance at his brother-in-law Siddharth Chopra's wedding to Neelam Upadhyaya, soaking in the vibrant Indian traditions. The wedding, which became the talk of the town, followed Hindu customs, including the haldi, mehendi, and baarat ceremonies. Priyanka Chopra's American singer-husband, who arrived from Los Angeles, embraced his role as the jiju (brother-in-law) and took part in the celebrations with enthusiasm.

In a heartwarming video shared by Dr. Madhu Chopra, Nick was seen carrying a pooja ki thali, with a varmala (wedding garland) for the bride and groom. He was dressed in a crisp white blazer suit, paired with a traditional padgi (headwear), adding a cultural touch to his outfit. The video showcased Nick fully immersing himself in the festivities.

The highlight of the celebration was when Priyanka and Nick took over the dance floor, setting it on fire with their energetic moves, bringing even more fun to the already joyous occasion. Nick's participation in the wedding highlighted his deep respect for Indian customs, making it a memorable family affair.



Janhvi Kapoor Stuns in a Mesmerizing Silver Ensemble



Janhvi Kapoor never fails to impress, and this time, she traded the breezy summer vibe for pure glamour!

Draped in a dazzling silver corset top and a mermaid-style skirt, she exuded elegance and confidence. Her cascading hair, bold mascara, and a striking matching necklace added to the allure of her backless ensemble, making it an unforgettable fashion moment.

On the work front, Janhvi is gearing up for her much-anticipated Telugu debut alongside Ram Charan in "RC16." The film, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, promises to be a gripping entertainer, and fans are eager to see this fresh on-screen pairing. With back-to-back exciting projects, Janhvi continues to make waves in both fashion and cinema.

Lisa Mishra to Perform with Ed Sheeran in Delhi's Biggest International Concert

Singer-actress Lisa Mishra is set to create history as she performs alongside global music icon Ed Sheeran in Delhi on February 15. This highly anticipated event is being touted as the biggest international show ever held in the capital.

Lisa Mishra, known for her chart-topping tracks and acting prowess, is stepping into the global music spotlight with this prestigious collaboration. Fans can also expect an exclusive treat, as she might unveil some of her unreleased music during the concert. Expressing her excitement, Lisa said, "Performing with Ed Sheeran is nothing short of a dream come true. He has been one of my biggest inspirations, and to share the same stage with him is surreal. This is a defining moment in my career, reinforcing my belief in the power of music and hard work." This collaboration marks a significant milestone in Lisa's career,



solidifying her place in the international music scene. With an electrifying atmosphere expected at the concert, fans are eagerly waiting for this historic musical moment in Delhi.