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# Telangana's Global Vision



**One Year of Transformative Governance**

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**Musi River: A Revival for Sustainability**

**TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10**

At the Matrubhumi International Festival of Letters, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy outlined an ambitious vision for the state, aiming to position Telangana as a global leader. In his address, CM Reddy emphasized the transformative power of good governance, highlighting significant achievements within the state's first year under his administration.

## A Year of Change with Good Governance

CM Reddy described the Telangana government as a model of effective governance, capable of bringing substantial change within a year. He called upon southern states to collaborate in safeguarding constitutional guarantees and rights, underlining the collective strength of

southern India.

## Telangana Rising: Vision 2050

Revanth Reddy spoke about "Telangana Rising," not merely as a slogan but as a collective dream of four crore Telangana people. He attributed the state's progress to the affection and trust people have in Sonia Gandhi, crediting her for fulfilling Telangana's long-standing aspirations. Economically, he set a goal to escalate the state's GDP from 200 million to 1 billion US dollars by 2035.

## Hyderabad's Global Ambitions

The CM outlined plans to transform Hyderabad into a world-class city, segmenting it into Core Urban, Semi Urban, and Rural zones. He

expressed a desire for Hyderabad to rival not just Indian metropolises like Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, and Chennai but also global cities like New York, London, Singapore, Tokyo, and Seoul.

## Future City and Sustainability Projects

A significant revelation was the development of a "Future City" on 30 thousand acres, aimed to be the greenest, cleanest, and best-planned city in India. This city would also be India's first net zero city, featuring an AI City, Young India Skill University, and Young India Sports University. Additionally, the Musi Revival Project aims to rejuvenate the Musi River, merging Godavari waters to create a Triveni Sangam and developing Gandhi Sarovar on 200 acres.

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# KTR Challenges CM Revanth Over Caste Census Survey



- **BC Reservation Rights in Focus**
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by 5.5%. He stated that the government's prestigious survey was, in reality, "scrap paper" due to its numerous mistakes.

He further demanded that 42% reservations be provided to BCs in local body elections and highlighted that although a budget of Rs 1 lakh crore was announced for BCs over five years, funds have not been adequately allocated to BC corporations. KTR demanded an apology from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to the BC community for the survey's mismanagement.

**TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10**

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president and former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has publicly challenged the Congress government's handling of the recent caste census survey. Speaking to the media on Sunday in front of Telangana Bhavan, KTR demanded a re-survey, emphasizing that even BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) would participate if it were conducted scientifically.

KTR also took a personal jab at Revanth Reddy, alleging that the Congress leaders are now hesitant to venture out among the public due to potential backlash. He claimed that Revanth Reddy moves with police security because of public discontent, suggesting that the insults directed at the Congress party by the Telugu-speaking populace are severe enough that anyone other than Revanth Reddy might have considered suicide under similar circumstances.

KTR criticized the previous survey, calling it full of errors and detrimental to the Backward Classes (BCs), claiming that it reduced the BC population count

This political spat highlights the ongoing tensions between the BRS and the Congress government in Telangana, with the caste census survey becoming a central issue of contention.

# Industrialist Murdered Over Property Feud

- ▶ **Grandson Arrested for Brutal Murder Over Property Feud**
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**TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10**  
Velamati Chandrasekhara Janardhan Rao, the head of the Veljan Group of Companies, was brutally murdered at his residence in Somajiguda, Hyderabad, on Thursday night. The crime came

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# Major Clash in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur

- **31 Naxalites Killed, Two Security Personnel Martyred**
- **025: A Year of Intense Conflict in Chhattisgarh**
- **Bravery Amidst Danger: Two Jawans Martyred**
- **Search Continues After Deadly Encounter**



**TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10**

In a significant operation against Left Wing Extremism, security forces engaged in a fierce encounter in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, leading to the deaths of 31 Naxalites on Sunday, police confirmed. The confrontation took place in the morning within the forest of Indravati National Park, resulting in the tragic loss of two se-

curity personnel and injuries to two others.

Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraaj P, detailed the incident, noting that the encounter happened during an anti-Naxal operation by a joint team of security forces. "Thirty-one Naxalites have been killed in the encounter," he stated.

A substantial amount of weapons and explosives was seized following

the gunfight. The martyred security personnel included one member from the State Police's District Reserve Guard and another from the Special Task Force. The injured jawans, reported to be out of danger, are being airlifted for better medical care.

Reinforcements have been sent to the area, and a search operation continues. This year, the number of Naxalites killed in Chhattisgarh has

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# BJP Targets MLC, GHMC Seats Amid BRS Exit

**BJP Aims for MLC Sweep After BRS Withdrawal**

**Kishan Reddy Leads GHMC Election Strategy**

**Bandi Sanjay, Etala Mobilize Support in Roadshows**

**BJP Eyes Rural & Urban Gains in Telangana**



**TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10**

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is ramping up efforts to secure victories in the ongoing Member of Legislative Council (MLC) elections across seven districts in Telangana, alongside the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Standing Committee elections. With the Bharat Rashtra Samithi

(BRS) withdrawing from the MLC contest, the BJP sees an opportunity to win all three MLC seats. The party has already announced its candidates and filed nominations, intensifying its campaign through regular meetings with district leaders in poll-bound areas.

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**CM Revanth Reddy VS Election Commission**

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# First GBS Death Reported in Telangana

- 25-Year-Old Woman Succumbs
- Neurological Disease Claims First Life in Telangana
- Young Mother Succumbs to GBS After Ten Days of Treatment
- Rising Concerns as Maharashtra Reports Multiple GBS Cases



TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10

The rare neurological disease Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), which has been causing alarm in Maharashtra, has now claimed its first victim in Telangana. A 25-year-old woman from Seetarampally, Siddipet Rural Mandal, Siddipet District, succumbed to the disease while undergoing treatment in Hyderabad.

The deceased leaves behind two sons under the age of five and a newborn daughter. Her health issues began a month ago when she experienced severe nerve pain. Her family sought treatment at various private hospitals and spent significant amounts on her care, but their efforts were in vain.

pain, sudden muscle weakness, and diarrhea.

The disease is believed to spread through contaminated water and food carrying bacteria. Several deaths due to GBS have already been reported in Pune, Maharashtra, raising concerns about its potential spread.

## Understanding Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS)

GBS is a rare condition in which the immune system, instead of fighting infections, attacks the body's nervous system. The disease initially causes numbness, severe fever, and vomiting. Other symptoms include abdominal

Health officials are urging people to be cautious about hygiene and seek immediate medical attention if they experience any symptoms associated with GBS.

According to reports, the woman was diagnosed with GBS ten days ago. Despite receiving intensive medical care at multiple hospitals, including NIMS in Siddipet and Hyderabad, her condition deteriorated, leading to her demise. This marks the first reported GBS-related death in Telangana.

# Telangana Realty Slump: Harish Rao Targets CM

- Realtor Suicides Spark Political Blame Game
- Harish Rao Criticizes Congress for Policy Missteps
- HYDRAA Demolitions, Metro Changes Hurt Investors
- Survey Warnings Ignored, Says Harish Rao



financial distress was driving many in the sector to desperation. He warned that the crisis was escalating rapidly, devastating families and threatening the state's economic stability.

Reacting to the tragic suicides, Harish Rao accused the Congress government of stalling Hyderabad's growth, blaming poor governance as a major roadblock for the real estate sector. He criticized the administration for ignoring warnings from survey agencies, which had predicted a downturn in the industry over the past 18 months.

He pointed to policy missteps such as the HYDRAA demolitions, the stalled Musi Riverfront Development project, the cancellation of Pharma City, and changes to the Hyderabad Metro expansion plans. According to Harish Rao, these decisions have significantly affected investor confidence, driving businesses away from the state.

Targeting Revanth Reddy directly, he remarked that, given the Chief Minister's background in real estate, he should recognize the gravity of the situation and take corrective measures before Telangana's decade-long progress is undone.

Harish Rao also demanded immediate financial aid for the family of Narasimha Goud and urged the government to intervene swiftly to prevent further tragedies in the real estate sector.

TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10

Former Minister and senior BRS MLA T. Harish Rao has held Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy responsible for the worsening real estate crisis in Telangana, linking it to a series of suicides among struggling realtors.

Harish Rao cited the recent deaths of Kompally-based real estate businessman Venugopal Reddy and Adibatla-based Narasimha Goud, stating that

# Bandi Sanjay: "How Can Muslims Be in BC List?"

TPN Correspondent  
Nalgonda, Feb 10

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar made strong remarks against the Congress party, questioning its move to include Muslims in the BC list. Speaking at an MLC election workshop at the BJP district office in Nalgonda, he lashed out at both Congress and BC organizations, accusing them of failing to protect the rights of backward communities.

"How can Muslims be included in the BC list? What is your caste? Do you want your uncle to own a jagir? We have birth stars, clan names, and traditions—this is our identity," he said, criticizing the Congress for allegedly blurring caste distinctions. He questioned whether Hindus should be forced to beg while the government prioritizes others.

Bandi Sanjay further alleged that the Congress and BRS have formed a secret alliance to defeat the BJP

in the upcoming MLC elections. He claimed that BRS is deliberately not fielding a candidate to help Congress win, in return for protection from corruption cases related to the Kaleshwaram project, drugs, and the Formula E Race. He accused the Congress of being the first ruling party in history to lack suitable candidates for the MLC elections.

He also warned that if the current situation continues, Muslims will contest and dominate BC-reserved seats in the state. Citing past GHMC elections, he alleged that Muslim candidates took BC seats while Hindutva activists and BC organizations remained silent. He urged all Hindus, especially BCs, to unite and teach the Congress a lesson in the elections.

Bandi Sanjay also called on graduates and teachers to question Congress leaders about their unfulfilled promises before casting their votes in the MLC elections.

# Centre Not Cooperating with Telangana: Minister Tummala

TPN Correspondent  
Khammam, Feb 10

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao criticized the central government for not extending necessary support to Telangana, particularly in irrigation and road development. Speaking at a party meeting, he emphasized that despite the challenges, the Congress government is implementing welfare schemes at an unprecedented level.

Tummala asserted his unwavering commitment to the party, urging workers to remain united and take elections as a challenge. "We must work with dignity and ensure victory without giving any chance to the opposition. The days will come when positions will be offered to you," he said.

He stressed the importance of party

loyalty, stating that betraying the party is akin to betraying one's own mother. He also cautioned against trusting opportunists and urged workers to strengthen the party's foundation.

Highlighting the achievements of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Tummala stated that the government has allocated ₹1,400 crore for the Khammam constituency. "The CM is implementing welfare programs beyond his capacity, but the Centre is not cooperating and is withholding necessary funds," he alleged.

The minister assured party workers that he would fulfill every commitment made to them. "I stand on my own feet with courage and will ensure that every promised development work is completed," he concluded.

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# Telangana's Global Vision

## Commitment to Rural and Agricultural Development

CM Reddy detailed several welfare measures for rural development and agriculture, including 24-hour free electricity for farmers, financial assistance of Rs. 12,000 per acre, support for landless families, crop bonuses, loan waivers, and free bus travel for women. He also committed to providing free electricity up to 200 units per household, gas cylinders at Rs. 500, and housing assistance through the construction of Indiramma houses for 20

lakh poor families.

## Critique of Previous Governance

Revanth Reddy critiqued the previous BRS government for neglecting public needs and promised a development-focused approach moving forward.

His speech was a blend of past acknowledgments, present achievements, and future aspirations, showcasing a comprehensive plan to elevate Telangana on both national and global stages.

# BJP Targets MLC, GHMC Seats Amid BRS Exit

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, along with MPs Etala Rajender and Raghunandan Rao, and Adilabad district MLAs, conducted roadshows to mobilize support for the graduate constituency elections. Meanwhile, Union Minister and Telangana BJP President G. Kishan Reddy held a key meeting with GHMC corporators at the party office in Hyderabad. The meeting focused on the corporators' role in the MLC election campaign and strategizing for the GHMC Standing Committee

elections.

Kishan Reddy emphasized the need for corporators to address larger civic issues and urged key leaders from across GHMC to participate in statewide party programs. The BJP aims to leverage its recent electoral gains to strengthen its foothold in both rural and urban Telangana, viewing these elections as crucial for consolidating its political presence ahead of future polls.

# Major Clash in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur

now reached 81, with 65 in the Bastar division alone, which encompasses Bijapur. In the previous year, 219 Naxalites were neutralized in the state.

This encounter highlights the persistent challenge of combating Maoist insurgency in one of India's regions most affected by Left Wing Extremism.

# Industrialist Murdered Over Property Feud

to light late on Saturday after police arrested his grandson, Keerthi Teja, for the heinous act.

According to the police, the 86-year-old industrialist, who hailed from Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, had been living in Hyderabad for the past few months. A property dispute is believed to have triggered the murder. Rao had recently appointed his eldest daughter's son, Srikrishna, as the Director of Veljan Group and had transferred shares worth Rs. 4 crore to Keerthi Teja, the son of his second daughter, Sarojini Devi.

On Thursday, Sarojini Devi and Keerthi

Teja visited Rao's residence, where a heated argument erupted over property distribution. Accusing his grandfather of unfair treatment, Keerthi Teja, 29, allegedly pulled out a knife he had brought with him and stabbed Rao 73 times, killing him on the spot.

Sarojini Devi, who had gone to the kitchen to bring tea, rushed back upon hearing the commotion and tried to intervene. Keerthi Teja then attacked her as well, inflicting four stab wounds. He later threatened the security guard, who witnessed the incident, and fled the scene.

The Panjagutta police registered a case of murder and launched an investigation. They arrested Keerthi Teja on Saturday and produced him in court, where he was remanded to judicial custody. Police suspect that he may be a drug addict and are conducting further inquiries.

Janardhan Rao was widely known for his philanthropic work, having made significant donations to the Government General Hospital in Eluru and the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD). His brutal murder has sent shockwaves across business and social circles.

# CM Revanth Reddy vs Election Commission

- Election Commission Plans NOTA Move
- Congress Pushes for Unanimous Wins
- EC to Hold Talks on Unanimous Elections
- Will Telangana Adopt NOTA for Local Polls?
- Govt Promises ₹10 Lakh for Unanimous Villages

TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10

The differences between Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the State Election Commission (EC) regarding unanimous elections in local body polls have sparked a heated debate. In a recent meeting with MLAs, CM Revanth Reddy urged party members to ensure a Congress majority in local body elections and to secure as many seats as possible through unanimous decisions. However, the EC appears to have a different approach, leading to political tensions.

Reports suggest that the EC is considering measures to curb unanimous elections. One key proposal under discussion is the introduction of the "None of the Above" (NOTA) option as a second contestant, even in cases where only one nomination is filed. This model has already been implemented in Haryana and Maharashtra, and the EC is exploring its feasibility in Telangana. The matter is set for discussion in a meeting with political parties on the 12th of this month. However, it remains uncertain whether the state government will support this proposal, even if political parties approve it.

The ruling Congress and opposition parties are engaged in a fierce battle to secure the maximum number of seats in local body elections. Efforts are being made to ensure the unanimous election of panchayat ward members, sarpanchs, and Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs). In some cases, negotiations and financial incentives are reportedly being used to

withdraw nominations and achieve unanimous decisions. The state government has also promised Rs. 10 lakh in grants to panchayats electing leaders unanimously, citing development benefits.

The previous BRS government had also promoted unanimous elections but later failed to fulfill promises linked to such outcomes, leading to protests. In the 2019 local body elections, 16% of sarpanch and ward member positions were filled unanimously. However, critics argue that unanimous elections undermine democracy, favoring the wealthy and influential. The Forum for Good Governance recently urged the EC to prevent such practices, asserting that they compromise the electoral process.

In response, the EC is now considering reforms, including the mandatory NOTA option, to ensure fair elections. The coming days will determine whether the state government accepts these proposals or pushes back against electoral reforms.



# Harish Rao Demands Deputy CM Post for BCs

TPN Correspondent  
Siddipet, Feb 10

Former Minister Harish Rao has demanded that the Backward Classes (BCs) be given the Deputy Chief Minister post in Telangana. He made this statement while participating in an identity card distribution program for members of Sri Krishna Yadava Function Hall in Siddipet town on Sunday.

Speaking at the event, Harish Rao emphasized that the funds collected for functions should be utilized to support underprivileged students. He recalled that during K. Chandrashekar Rao's (KCR) tenure, the Yadav community's contributions were acknowledged in the Assembly, and several MLA



seats were allotted to them. However, he alleged that the Congress government had failed to give even a single ministerial position to the Yadavs. Harish Rao

demanded the implementation of the Kamareddy Declaration, which was promised to BC communities. He criticized the Congress government for conducting

a "fake caste census," claiming that it had underreported the BC population. He insisted that 42% reservation be provided for BCs in local body elections before conducting the polls.

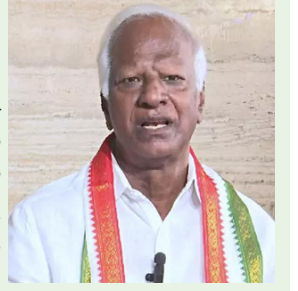
Furthermore, he accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of failing to ensure justice for any caste group and urged the government to fulfill its electoral promises before proceeding with elections.

Harish Rao's remarks come amid growing political debates on BC representation in the state's governance and the demand for greater political inclusion of marginalized communities.

# MLA Kadiam Srihari Ready to Face By-Elections

TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10

MLA Kadiam Srihari, who won the 2023 Assembly elections from the BRS, later joined the Congress party for various reasons. Along with him, several other MLAs also defected to Congress, prompting BRS leaders to approach the Supreme Court against party defections. Recently, the Supreme Court issued notices to the defected MLAs, indicating that by-elections could be imminent.



Responding to the notices, Kadiam Srihari stated that he respects the court's decision and is prepared to face by-elections if required. He asserted that he has no intention of backing down from the electoral challenge.

Kadiam also criticized BRS, stating that the party has no moral right to speak on defections, as it had inducted 36 MLAs into its fold over the past decade and even made some of them ministers.

Speaking on the Delhi Assembly election results, he blamed BRS for AAP's defeat, pointing out that three leaders, including the CM, were jailed in the liquor scam. He suggested that if Congress and AAP had contested together, the outcome in Delhi would have been different and urged Congress to analyze the results carefully.

# Former MLA Rajaiah Challenges MLA Kadiyam Srihari

TPN Correspondent  
Station Ganpur, Feb 10

A heated political battle is unfolding between former Deputy CMs of Telangana, MLA Kadiyam Srihari and former MLA Tatikonda Rajaiah, amid the local body elections in Station Ghanpur. Both leaders have been exchanging sharp allegations, intensifying the political atmosphere in the constituency.

Former MLA Rajaiah challenged Kadiyam Srihari to explain what he had achieved for the constituency in the last 13 months. In response, Kadiyam Srihari countered that he had secured Rs. 1,000 crore in funds for development projects since the Congress government came to power.

Rajaiah, however, strongly criticized Srihari, accusing him of engaging in factionalism and conspiracy politics. He alleged that Srihari had misused his power, filing illegal cases against seven people in the past six months. He further claimed that during his tenure in TDP, Kadiyam was responsible for illegal arrests and encounters. Expressing his disappointment, Rajaiah said that people of Station Ghanpur had trusted Kadiyam and voted for him, believing that he would complete the development programs initiated by the previous KCR-led government. However, he accused Kadiyam of betraying the people's trust.

With these strong accusations and counterclaims, the political rivalry between the two leaders continues to escalate in Station Ghanpur.



# BJP Will Form Government in Telangana, Says DK Aruna



TPN Correspondent  
Mahabubnagar, Feb 10

Senior BJP leader DK Aruna has expressed confidence that the BJP will come to power in Telangana in the upcoming assembly elections. Speaking at a press conference at the BJP office on Sunday, she described the party's victory in Delhi as a historic win, attributing it to public trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. She stated that Kejriwal's corruption and irregularities led to his party's defeat.

DK Aruna criticized the Congress government in Telangana, alleging that it came to power through false promises like the six guarantees and has since failed to deliver,

leading to growing dissatisfaction among the people.

Praising Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget, she called it a boon for the middle class and a reflection of Modi's commitment to welfare schemes. She claimed that local body development in Telangana, including ZPTCs, MPTCs, Sarpanch, and Municipalities, is funded by the central government.

She urged BJP candidates to win the upcoming local body elections and emphasized that a BJP wave has begun in Telangana, expressing confidence that the party will form the government in the next assembly elections.

# BJP Will Win Three MLC Seats, Says Bandi Sanjay

TPN Correspondent  
Nalgonda, Feb 10

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay has asserted that the BJP will secure three seats in the upcoming MLC elections. Speaking at a party meeting in Nalgonda, he urged BJP workers to campaign intensively and directly approach teachers for votes multiple times.



Bandi Sanjay emphasized that BJP candidate Sarottam Reddy's credibility and rapport with employees would help secure victory. He accused BRS and Congress of colluding to prevent the BJP from winning, alleging a quid pro quo between the two parties. He criticized the Congress government for not taking action against BRS leaders involved in scams, claiming this was a political arrangement to secure Congress' win in the elections.

The BJP leader called on party workers to highlight the failures of the Congress government and remind voters—especially teachers, unemployed youth, farmers, women, and students—of the unfulfilled promises made by Congress. He reiterated that BJP has been the only party fighting against G.O. 317, which concerns teachers' job transfers.

Bandi Sanjay also urged BJP workers to promote key central government policies, such as:

- Income tax exemption of ₹12.75 lakh for employees in the central budget
- Filling 10 lakh government jobs
- Regular payment of DAs (Dearness Allowance)
- Timely implementation of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC)

He declared that the Congress should be defeated and that BJP workers must strive to fulfill the dreams of those who have long fought for the party's rise in Telangana.

# AAP's Defeat in Delhi Due to Corruption: MP Raghunandan

TPN Correspondent  
Medak, Feb 10

Medak MP Raghunandan Rao has alleged that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal built Sheesh Mahal using money earned through corrupt dealings. Speaking at a meeting with mandal party presidents in support of BJP's graduate MLC candidate Anji Reddy, he accused Kejriwal of misusing public funds, claiming that Rs. 50 crore was spent on toilets alone in the Mahal.

He further alleged that Kejriwal, who once fought against corruption as a disciple of Anna Hazare, has now become deeply involved in



corruption. He also accused the KCR-led BRS government in Telangana of corruption, particularly in the Kaleshwaram project and ve-

hicle purchases.

Raghunandan Rao stated that the people of Delhi rejected Kejriwal's governance due to corruption, just as Telangana's public is distancing itself from BRS's family rule. He mocked the Congress for winning zero seats in the Delhi elections, stating that the party has become politically irrelevant in the state.

He expressed confidence that BJP will come to power in Telangana, urging party workers to work hard for victory. MLC candidate Anji Reddy, BJP President Mallesh Goud, and other leaders attended the event.

# BRS Indirectly Supporting BJP in MLC Elections: Mahesh Kumar Goud

TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10

PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud has accused the BRS of secretly supporting the BJP in the upcoming MLC elections, similar to their alleged coordination during the Parliament elections. He claimed that BRS has not yet announced its MLC candidates, suggesting a tacit agreement with the BJP.

He stated that Congress workers are actively discussing the BJP-BRS alliance on social media, exposing what they call a "deficient agreement" between the two parties. Meanwhile, he alleged that BRS leaders are strategizing on a zero-sum game approach for the upcoming Parliament elections, indi-

rectly benefiting the BJP.

According to Goud, KTR is attempting to divert public attention by focusing on the Kondagal farmer dharna, instead of addressing the growing discussion on the alleged BJP-BRS understanding. He emphasized that Congress will continue to expose this alliance and ensure the public is aware of the political maneuvers between BRS and BJP.



# KTR Slams Congress Over Drought Concerns

TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly criticized the Congress government in Telangana, blaming it for the re-emergence of drought conditions in the state. He expressed concern over the rapidly depleting groundwater levels and accused the Congress of negligence, which he claims is pushing the state toward a severe water crisis.

KTR highlighted that during KCR's tenure, Telangana saw record-high groundwater levels, with ponds and reservoirs overflowing even during dry seasons. However, he alleged that under the Congress rule, paddy fields are drying up, and the state is witnessing a sharp decline in groundwater levels.



"The groundwater level has dropped by 2 meters in just four months, affecting 32 districts. This poses a serious threat to agriculture and drinking water supply," KTR stated. He blamed the

Congress government for its "political vendetta," accusing it of drying up the Kaleshwaram project and neglecting the Palamuru and Rangareddy lift irrigation systems.

KTR urged the people of Telangana to reconsider the Congress government's policies, warning that its mismanagement is endangering farmers' livelihoods. According to official data, the average groundwater level, which stood at 5.38 meters in October 2023, has now dropped to 7.46 meters as of January 2024, marking a steep decline of 2.08 meters in just four months.

With drought fears rising, KTR called on the government to take immediate corrective measures to prevent further damage to the state's water resources.



# Attack on Chilkur Temple Priest

**Religious Dispute Leads to Violence  
Priest's Home Invaded by Assailants  
Call for Justice After Temple Attack**

**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

The head priest of Chilkur Balaji Temple, Rangarajan, was allegedly attacked by a group of individuals at his residence adjacent to the temple two days ago. According to the police complaint, the assailants, dressed in black, forcibly entered the priest's home and instigated an argument which escalated into physical violence.

The intruders reportedly assaulted the priest, causing injuries, and then left the scene after issuing threats. The Moinabad police have registered a case based on the complaint and are currently investigating the incident.

The attack has drawn widespread condemnation. BRS leader Dasoja Sravan Kumar expressed his shock on 'X' (formerly Twitter), describing the priest as "a revered scholar and



noble soul, tirelessly dedicated to protecting spiritual values, sanatana dharma, and social justice." He urged the Telangana DGP to take action against the perpetrators. This incident



has highlighted concerns over religious tensions in the area, prompting calls for community peace and respect for religious figures.

## House Surgeon's Organ Donation Saves Four Lives

**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

In a remarkable act of generosity, the family of a brain-dead house surgeon from Kamineni Hospitals, L. B. Nagar, donated her organs, saving four lives.

Last week, the young medico was traveling with a friend after attending a function when they met with a tragic accident. Her friend succumbed to injuries on the spot, while she was rushed to Kamineni Hospital, where she received intensive care, including ventilator support, for nearly a week.

Despite the medical team's best efforts, her condition showed no improvement, and doctors ultimately declared her brain dead. In a courageous decision, her grieving family chose to donate her organs through the state-run Jeevandan organ donation program. Hospital officials confirmed that four of her organs were successfully donated, giving a new lease on life to four individuals in need.

Following the donation, the hospital staff honored their departed colleague with a heartfelt farewell ceremony, paying tribute to her selfless contribution. The incident highlights the importance of organ donation in saving lives and has inspired many within the medical community.



## Midnight Gunfire in Tolichowki Over Business Dispute

**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

A fresh gunfire incident in Hyderabad has sparked tension, coming just days after the Prism Pub firing in Gachibowli. The latest incident occurred at midnight on Saturday at the residence of a real estate businessman in Tolichowki under Humayun Nagar Police Station limits.

According to police reports, the gunfire was linked to a financial dispute. A heated argument erupted between Syed Akhtar of Tolichowki and Shakeel Khan, a resident of Golconda, over a flat deal. Shakeel, accompanied by his associates, allegedly opened fire at Akhtar's house.

Alert locals who heard the gunshots immediately informed the police. However, upon arrival, the police found no physical evidence of gunfire. Humayun Nagar Inspector Balakrishna confirmed that a case has been registered, and an investigation is underway to verify the claims and determine further details.



## No Honking Awareness Drive Held in Uppal



**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

The Road Safety Squad and Drive Safe Hyderabad team conducted a No Honking Awareness Campaign at Uppal Junction on Sunday, urging motorists to curb unnecessary honking and help reduce noise pollution.

During the event, volunteers held placards and educated commuters about the harmful effects of excessive honking. Motorists were encouraged to use brakes and alternative

signals instead of honking excessively.

Uppal Traffic Inspector Nagaraju, who participated in the campaign, emphasized the urgent need to control noise pollution. He praised the initiative and advised commuters to explore alternative routes and use vehicle lights to signal other drivers instead of honking. He highlighted that spreading awareness can significantly help in reducing noise pollution and improving road discipline.

## Bag Containing Rs. 23 Lakhs Stolen from Private Travel Bus



**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

A bag containing Rs. 23 lakhs in cash went missing from a private travel bus near Narketpally in Nalgonda district. The theft occurred on Sunday morning while the bus was en route from Vijayawada to Hyderabad.

According to reports, the bus made a scheduled stop at a roadside hotel near Narketpally for tiffin. One of the passengers, who was carrying the bag of cash, got off along with others for a meal. However, upon returning, he discovered that his bag was missing.

The passenger immediately alerted the authorities and filed a complaint with the police. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway. Police suspect that the theft was likely committed by someone traveling on the same bus. They are reviewing CCTV footage from the area and questioning other passengers to gather more information.

The incident has raised concerns over passenger safety and security on private travel buses. Authorities have urged travelers to remain vigilant and avoid leaving valuables unattended.

## Hyderabad Hosts Orthopedic Walkathon to Raise Awareness on Bone Health

**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

Moonnot Healthcare Foundation (MHF), in collaboration with Samskruthi Business Solutions, organized a 3 km, 5 km, and 7 km orthopedic walkathon from Jalvihar to raise awareness about bone and joint health.

The event highlighted the increasing number of orthopedic issues caused by small accidents and lifestyle choices. Special Chief Secretary of Industries & Commerce and IT, Jayesh Ranjan, participated in the program, emphasizing the importance of early diagnosis and proper nutrition for strong bones.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar congratulated Dr. Pradeep Moonnot, Shilpa Moonnot, and Mumbai-based NGO SBS for their efforts in organizing the event. He stressed the need for regu-



lar bone health check-ups and dietary awareness to prevent fractures and other orthopedic problems.

"This program aims to spread awareness about orthopedic health. Each participant should educate at least 50 more people

about the importance of bone care," he added. The Minister also noted that a Road Safety Awareness Month was conducted last month to reduce accidents and praised the walkathon as another significant initiative promoting public health and safety.

## Youths Caught Racing, Performing Stunts on Outer Ring Road



**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

In a reckless display of dangerous driving, a group of youths was seen racing and performing stunts on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Greater Hyderabad, causing serious risks to motorists. The incident occurred in the early hours near Shamshabad, where the youths engaged in high-speed racing and stunts in deserted areas.

Their actions disrupted traffic and posed a significant threat to road safety.

CCTV cameras on ORR captured footage of the dangerous stunts, raising concerns over the lack of strict monitoring. Reports suggest that the decline in police patrolling on the ORR has encouraged some individuals to restart illegal racing activities.

Authorities are now reviewing the CCTV footage to identify those involved. Officials have warned that strict action will be taken against anyone found violating traffic laws and endangering public safety.

## HYDRA Carries Out Massive Demolitions in Hayatnagar's Koheda

**TPN Correspondent  
Hyderabad, Feb 10**

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Agency (HYDRA) undertook large-scale demolitions in Koheda village, Hayatnagar, targeting illegal constructions.

Realtor Sanreddy Bal Reddy had allegedly encroached on 7.28 guntas of land in survey numbers 951 and 952, constructing a massive farmhouse. The demolition drive was initiated after 170 plot owners lodged complaints with HYDRA officials, alleging illegal occupation of their land.

Authorities carried out the operation amid heavy police secu-



urity to prevent any disturbances. HYDRA officials emphasized that the demolitions were part of their ongoing efforts to clear encroachments and protect legitimate landowners.

This latest action underscores the government's commitment to tackling unauthorized land grabs and ensuring justice for rightful property owners.



## Teacher Arrested for Heinous Crime Against Stepdaughters

TPN Correspondent Suryapet, Feb 10

In a shocking incident from Suryapet district, Jatoth Sunil Kumar, a local high school teacher, has been arrested for the sexual assault of his stepdaughters. Following the death of his wife, Kumar began cohabiting with another woman in 2018, who had two daughters from a previous relationship.



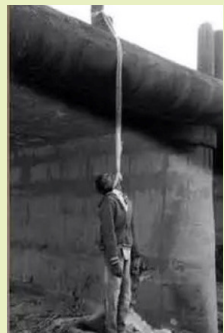
The abuse came to light when it was discovered that Kumar was infected with HIV. The stepdaughters, who had been subjected to repeated assaults, had been threatened by Kumar with death if they disclosed the abuse to their mother. It was only upon learning of his health condition that the girls revealed the truth.

The mother immediately reported the matter to the police. Kumar was arrested based on her complaint, and a case has been registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The investigation is ongoing as the community grapples with the gravity of the crime committed by a man entrusted with educating the youth.

## Alcoholic Man Ends Life in Mangapeta

TPN Correspondent Bhupalpally, Feb 10

A man addicted to alcohol died by suicide due to frustration with life. The incident occurred on Sunday morning in Mangapeta mandal of the Mulugu Revenue Division.



According to relatives, Suresh (37), a resident of Padmasali Vada, was married to Renuka from Ramalayam Street, Eturunagaram. The couple worked in a bakery and lived together for some time. However, Suresh's alcoholism led to frequent quarrels with his wife, and he often skipped work.

A month ago, Suresh left for his sister Narsamma's house in Mangapeta after falling ill. His sister took him to the hospital and informed his wife, but Renuka refused to visit him.

On Sunday, locals discovered Suresh hanging from the Gouraram Vagu bridge. Upon receiving the information, the police registered a case and have begun an investigation.

Authorities urge individuals facing emotional distress to seek support from family and professionals rather than resorting to extreme measures.

## Woman Protests Inaction in Harassment Case



TPN Correspondent Manthani, Feb 10

A disturbing case of harassment has come to light in Manthani town of Peddapalli district, where a woman accused her mother-in-law of sexual harassment and her husband of domestic abuse. According to reports, Mounika, a resident of Khammam district, married Ravula Maruthi Prasad from Manthani four years ago. The couple has a two-year-old son, and Mounika is currently seven months pregnant. On January 12, she was allegedly thrown out of the house by her husband and mother-in-law. Seeking justice, she filed a complaint at the Manthani police station and later took shelter at her parents' home in Khammam.

However, even after a month, no action had been taken. In protest, Mounika staged a sit-in at Ambedkar Square in Manthani, demanding justice. Speaking to the media, she accused her husband of alcoholism, harassment for dowry, and forcing her to sleep with his uncle. Upon receiving information, the police arrived at the protest site and took Mounika to the Manthani police station. Further investigations are underway. This incident has sparked outrage, raising concerns over delayed justice in cases of domestic violence and harassment.

## MDMA Drug Bust in Musa Rambagh: One Arrested

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10

The Special Task Force (STF) B team conducted a raid in the Musa Rambagh area and seized MDMA drugs worth Rs. 1 lakh. Acting on a tip-off, officials arrested a suspect involved in drug peddling.

The accused, identified as Syed Abdul Rehman, was found in possession of 9.28 grams of MDMA. Along with the drugs, the police also seized a bike and a cellphone from him.

The operation was carried out by Sub-Inspector Balaraju, Yadagiri, and Ashish, along with two constables. Following the

seizure, Excise Enforcement Director Baby Kamala Sun Reddy appreciated the efforts of the STF team in cracking down on drug-related activities.

Authorities have urged citizens to report any suspicious drug-related activities to help curb the menace.



## Historic Maha Kumbhabhishekam at Kaleshwara Temple

TPN Correspondent Bhupalpally, Feb 10

After a long gap of 42 years, the Maha Kumbhabhishekam was grandly conducted at the Sri Kaleshwara Mukteshwara Temple in Kaleshwaram, Mahadevapur Mandal, Bhupalpally district. The sacred event took place at the confluence of the Godavari, Pranahita, and Saraswati rivers.



under the auspices of the Tapovan Peetha of Sringeri Peetha, amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras by Vedic scholars. The temple premises resonated with the divine names of Lord Shiva throughout

Ministers Sridhar Babu and Ponnam Prabhakar participated in the rituals, which were performed

the Maha Kumbhabhishekam.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Konda Surekha emphasized the historical and spiritual significance of the Kaleshwara Mukteshwara Temple, the only temple in the country where Mukteshwara and Kaleshwara are worshipped together. She expressed pride in the fact that the Maha Kumbhabhishekam in Kaleshwaram coincided with the Mahakumbh Mela in Prayagraj, where the Ganga, Yamuna, and

Saraswati rivers meet. The minister also announced that the Saraswati River Pushkarams, scheduled from May 15 to 26, will be conducted with grandeur. After the puja, she interacted with devotees, and many took selfies with her upon request. The event saw the participation of Principal Secretary of the Endowment Department, Shailaja Ramayyar, RJC Ramakrishna Rao, and several other dignitaries. Devotees gathered in large numbers to witness this rare and historic occasion.

## Women Protest Over Lack of Mission Bhagirath Water

TPN Correspondent Rangareddy, Feb 10

Frustrated by the lack of Mission Bhagirath water supply, women in Pratap Nagar, Irwin village, Madugula mandal took to the streets with empty bottles in protest.



Residents claim they have not received drinking water for the past year, despite repeated complaints to authorities. They allege that the situation has worsened since the Congress government took power, with no action taken to address the issue.

Expressing their grievances, the protesters demanded an immediate res-

olution to the water crisis. They urged officials to take responsibility and restore the water supply at the earliest.

The demonstration highlights the growing discontent among locals over poor water management and government inaction.

## Father Kills Son for Coming Home Late in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri

TPN Correspondent Bhuvanagiri, Feb 10

In a shocking incident, a father brutally beat his 14-year-old son to death for coming home late. The tragedy occurred on Saturday night in Aregudem village, Choutuppal mandal.



The victim, a Class 9 student at a private school in Choutuppal, had attended a school event that extended late into the evening. Upon his return, his father, Saidulu, enraged by the delay, physically assaulted him, leading to his death.

Family members attempt-

ed to bury the boy without a postmortem, but police intervened after receiving information about the incident. Authorities seized the body and sent it for postmortem at a government hospital. The police have taken Saidulu into custody, and an investigation is underway.

## Professor Haragopal Criticizes UGC Regulations

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Feb 10

Eminent academician Professor G. Haragopal and Osmania University Arts College Principal Professor Kasim have strongly opposed the new UGC guidelines, calling them an attack on university autonomy. They demanded that the University Grants Commission (UGC) function as an independent body, rather than being controlled by the Centre to push its own agenda.



Speaking at a national conference organized by AIFS at the Basheer Bagh Press Club, Professor Haragopal criticized the Modi government's third-term policies, accusing it of

damaging democracy and weakening the education system under the guise of reforms. He alleged that the privatization of education was a deliberate move to erode academic freedom.

The UGC released a draft on January 6, outlining new VC appointment procedures, faculty promotions, and higher education standards. Professor Haragopal argued that these regulations violate the Constitution's federal principles, reducing states' decision-making powers in education. He further claimed that VC appointments are being placed entirely in the hands of Governors, undermining university autonomy.

The academics demanded the immediate withdrawal of the UGC's new guidelines, warning that such policies pose a serious threat to democratic values and the future of education in India.

## Garbage Crisis in Bhadradi Kothagudem as Panchayat Workers Strike



TPN Correspondent Kothagudem, Feb 10

The absence of garbage collection has led to mounting waste piles in six village panchayats of Kothagudem district headquarters, as panchayat workers continue their indefinite strike.

The strike, which began on February 1, has caused severe sanitation issues, with garbage accumulating in homes and public areas, creating an unbearable stench. The protesting workers are demanding a wage increase, the abolition of the multi-purpose worker policy, and

the continuation of wage payments as per the BRS government's structure.

Various political parties, including BRS, CPM, BJP, and tribal organizations, have extended their support to the workers' agitation, which has now entered its ninth day. With no resolution in sight, residents are struggling with deteriorating hygiene conditions and urging authorities to address the workers' demands promptly. The ongoing strike highlights the urgent need for fair wages and improved working conditions for panchayat employees.

## Minister Jupally, MLA Megha Reddy Inaugurate Projects

TPN Correspondent Wanaparthy, Feb 10

Foundation stones were laid and inauguration ceremonies were held for development projects worth ₹17.415 crore across several villages in Peddamandadi mandal of Wanaparthy district. Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and MLA Thudi Megha Reddy participated in the programs.

Infrastructure improvements, including BT roads, CC roads, and drainage systems, were initiated in villages such as Chilakotani Palli, Veltur, Gatla Khanapur, Alwala, Chinna Mandadi, and Pamireddy Palli. Additionally, in Mojarla, floral tributes were offered to Ambedkar and Gandhi statues, and a common center was inaugurated.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Thudi Megha Reddy assured rapid completion of pending projects in Veeraiyapalli and emphasized the government's commitment to providing Indiramma houses and ration cards to the homeless.







## 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.

## 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.

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



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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.

The concentration of pollutants, specifically particulate matter like PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>, is linked to various diseases such as heart disease, stroke, hypertension, and neurodegenerative disorders. Exposure to these pollutants doesn't just affect immediate health but also accelerates the biological aging process.

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



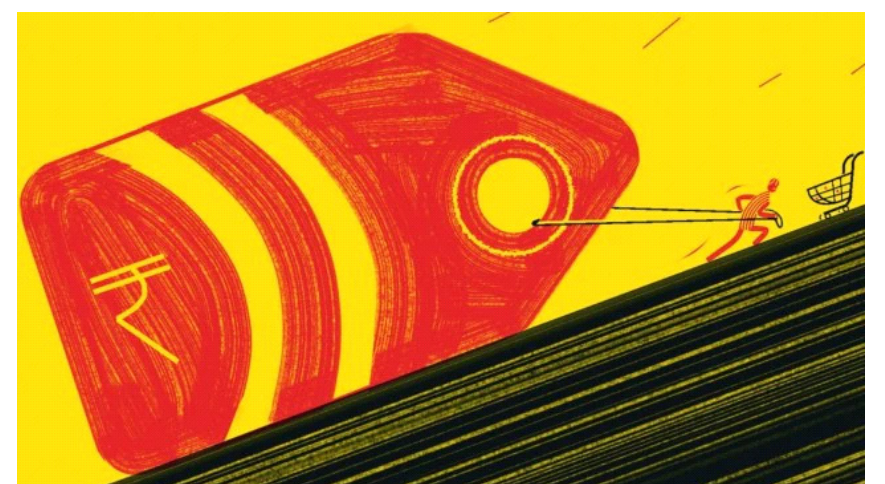
In the Delhi Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) achieved a remarkable victory, marking the third consecutive win for the party in 2023, following triumphs in Haryana and Maharashtra. These states were initially seen as tough battlegrounds for the BJP, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 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.





**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.



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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.



**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.

## 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.

## 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

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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.



# Lebanon Forms New Government Amid US Pressure and Reconstruction Hopes

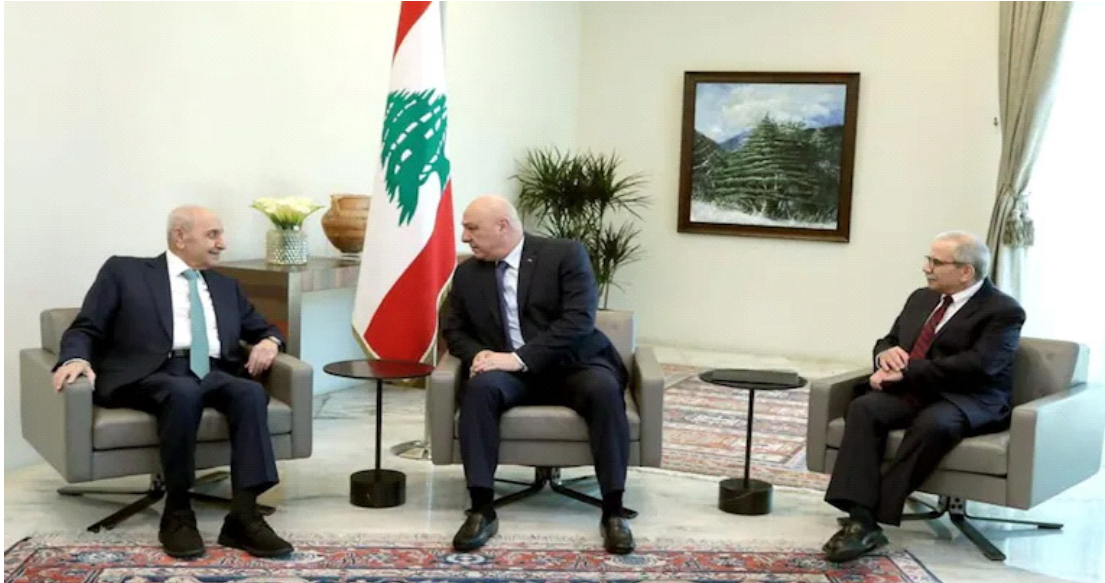
- New Lebanese cabinet formed after weeks of negotiations, limiting Hezbollah's sway.
- US welcomes government, stressing the need for financial reforms and stability.
- Priority set on implementing UN resolution and securing international reconstruction aid.

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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 cabinet,



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



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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

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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

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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

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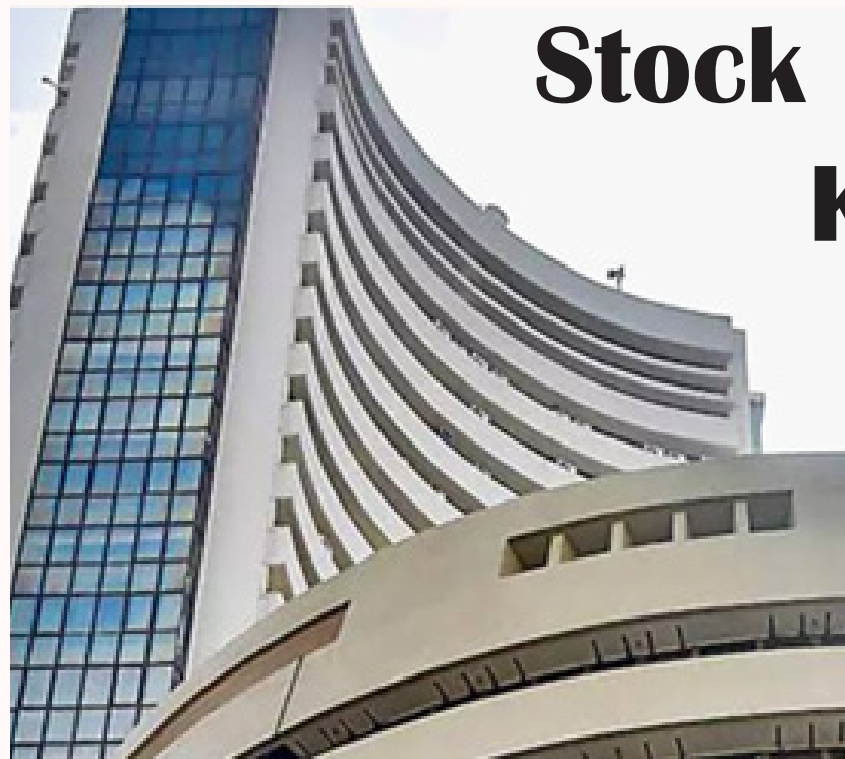
Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has penned an open letter to Army Chief Gen. Asim Munir, sharply criticizing the military's unlawful actions and its continued interference in politics. In his letter, Khan urged the military to "return to its constitutional limits," addressing his concerns over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





# 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

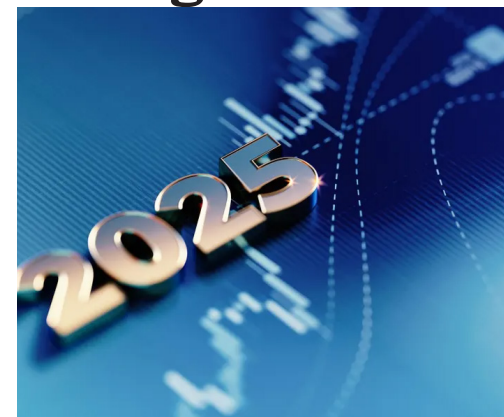
### Delhi Polls, Inflation Data, and Corporate Earnings in Focus

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 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.”

## 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.



## 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

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

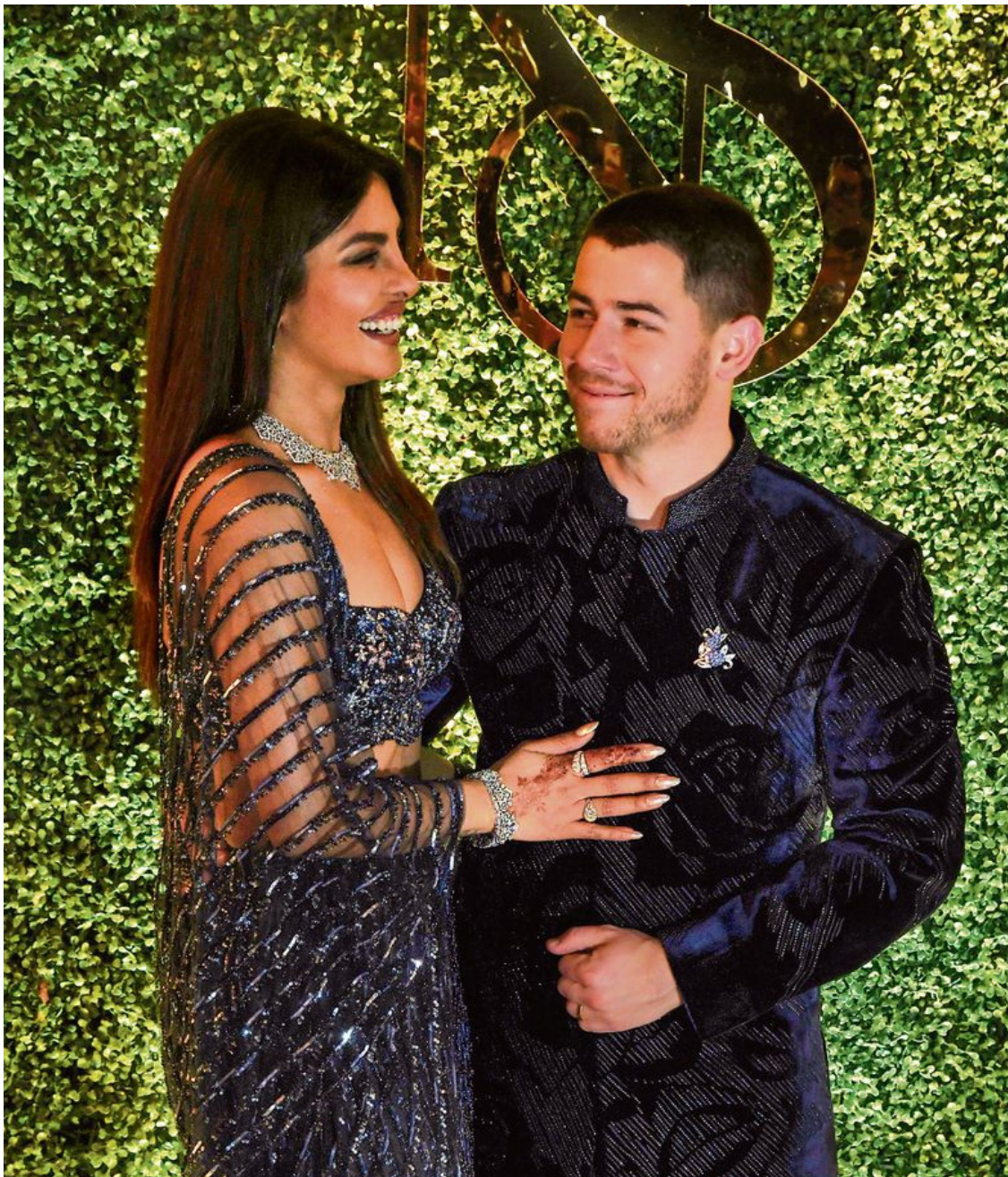


## Nick Jonas Embraces Indian Traditions at Brother-in-Law Siddharth Chopra's Wedding

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.