



AP Govt Extends Suspension of Former CID Chief Sanjay

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The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to extend the suspension of former CID Chief N. Sanjay until May 31, 2025. Sanjay, who served under the previous government, has faced disciplinary action for violating All India Service Rules.

This decision to extend his suspension was made on the recommendations of an inquiry committee that investigated the charges against him. The suspension was initially imposed on December 3, 2024, following the allegations, and the extension will keep him suspended for an additional four months.

Sanjay had previously been granted conditional anticipatory bail by the AP High Court in the ACB case, but his suspension remains in effect as the investigation continues. The government's move to extend his suspension emphasizes its commitment to holding officials accountable for any violations of service rules and ensuring due process.

The inquiry committee's recommendation highlights the serious nature of the charges against Sanjay, and the government's action is expected to be followed by further scrutiny of his role during his tenure as CID chief.

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CM Naidu Offers Silk Clothes and Prayers to Goddess Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari



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On Friday, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu attended the Self-Sacrifice Day celebrations at the Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Ammavari temple in Penugonda, located in West Godavari district. His visit was marked by religious rituals and prayers at both the Sri Nagareswara and Mahishasuramardini temples, as well as the Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Ammavari Shanti Dham.

Upon his arrival, Naidu was warmly welcomed by Joint Commissioner of Endowments, K. Subbarao, and led into the temple by Vedic scholars, where he presented silk robes to the goddess. The priests performed special pujas, after which Naidu received blessings in the temple blessing hall, and a Poornakumbha ceremony was held in his honor. In a significant moment, the Chief Minister visited the 90-foot Panchaloha idol of Vasavi Mata at the Vasavi Shanti Dham, the tem-

ple's focal point for Arya Vaishyas. He also offered silk clothes to the idol of Vasavi Mata and participated in the Bhoomi Puja for a new Meditation Center aimed at promoting peace and spirituality.

In his address to the devotees, Naidu spoke highly of the goddess's significance, emphasizing that Sri Kanyaka Parameshwari Ammavari is the only goddess worshipped by the Vaishyas across India. He reflected on the history of the goddess and praised the community's respect for business, self-reliance, and saving for the future. Naidu also wished for the goddess's blessings of non-violence, peace, and prosperity to reach the people of the state.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including State Minister for Large Irrigation Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu, State Minister for Industries T.G. Bharat, and local public representatives. The community was deeply involved, with Arya Vaishya leaders and residents of the area joining in the celebrations.

- CM Chandrababu Naidu participated in the Self-Sacrifice Day programs at Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Ammavari Temple in Penugonda.

- Naidu performed a Bhoomi Puja for a new Meditation (Yoga) Center and addressed the gathered devotees.



TTD Cancels Recommendation Letter Darshans for Upcoming Rathasaptami Festival

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Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman BR Naidu shared important updates regarding the upcoming Rathasaptami festival, revealing that extensive arrangements had been made for the darshan of Lord Shiva. Speaking to the media after the Board of Trustees meeting at Annamayya Bhavan, Naidu confirmed the cancellation of recommendation letter-based darshans, a move intended to streamline the process and ensure smoother darshan for the devotees.

Naidu explained that all the Sarva darshan tokens issued from Tirupati for Rathasaptami would also be canceled, meaning only those devotees who arrive directly at the temple would be allowed darshan through the Vaikuntam Queue Complex. This decision was made in light of the high number of devotees expected for the event.

To ensure the comfort of the devotees, Naidu highlighted that special arrangements would be made for vehicle seva darshans on the streets without causing any inconvenience. In addition, to protect the devotees from both the sun and cold, special sheds would be set up along the Mada streets.

In a bid to cater to the high volume of devotees, the TTD plans to provide 8 lakh laddu prasadam for distribution. Naidu emphasized that these extensive measures were put in place to accommodate all the pilgrims and to maintain the smooth flow of darshans and services on Rathasaptami.

The Chairman concluded by urging the devotees to cooperate with the new arrangements and follow the guidelines provided for an orderly and spiritual experience during the festival.

AP DGP Dwaraka Tirumala Rao Gets Emotional During Retirement Farewell



- DGP Dwaraka Tirumala Rao bids farewell to the police force after an eventful career.
- He shared his emotional reflections on the changing landscape of policing.

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The retirement farewell parade for Andhra Pradesh's outgoing DGP Dwaraka Tirumala Rao was held in a grand ceremony, marking the end of his distinguished service. On the occasion, Dwaraka Tirumala Rao became emotional, expressing how difficult it was to part with the uniform that had been a significant part of his identity for many years.

Reflecting on his tenure, he spoke about the numerous challenges he had faced and the evolution of policing during his time. He highlighted the shift from traditional policing methods to a more technologically advanced approach, noting the police's efforts in tackling issues like cybercrime, drug trafficking, and crimes against children. He also commended the AP Police for their courageous work during various disasters and emphasized the importance of government support in strengthening the police system.

Harish Kumar Gupta takes charge as the New AP DGP

Newly appointed DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, who took charge on Friday, praised Tirumala Rao for his exemplary leadership and the numerous reforms he implemented during his tenure. Harish Kumar Gupta promised to continue focusing on public safety, with special attention to cybercrimes and social media-related offenses.

He also lauded the introduction of the Agram app as a milestone in traffic control. Harish Kumar Gupta's family accompanied him as he formally assumed his position as the new DGP, while senior police officials congratulated him on his new role.



YCP Chief Jagan Returns to Bangalore After London Visit

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YSR Congress Party (YCP) Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy has concluded his London trip and returned to Bangalore on Friday. Jagan, accompanied by his wife Bharathi, had traveled to London on January 14 to attend the degree conferment ceremony of their daughter, Varsha Reddy. The couple spent over two weeks in London for the occasion. Upon arrival in Bangalore, Jagan was warmly welcomed by YCP ranks and his supporters at the airport. He then proceeded to his residence in the city. It is expected that Jagan will return to Tadepalli on February 3, where he is set to meet top party leaders.



'Janamloki Jana Sena' Public Meeting in Punganur Constituency on Feb 2



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The 'Janamloki Jana Sena' public meeting is scheduled to take place in the Punganur constituency of Chittoor district on February 2. The event, set to be held at the Zilla Parishad High School grounds in Somala village, will feature Jana Sena Party General Secretary Nagababu as the chief guest. Along with Nagababu, several prominent leaders are expected to attend, including Tirupati Jana Sena MLA Arani Srinivasulu, AP TIDCO Chairman Vemulapati Ajay Kumar, and Chittoor District Jana Sena President Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasada. Local leaders from the Chittoor district will also be present to engage with the community and share their vision for the region.

DSC Notification to be Released After MLC Election Code Ends - Minister Nara Lokesh

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Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh has announced that the DSC (District Selection Committee) notification will be released immediately after the MLC election code concludes. The MLC elections, set for February 27, will conclude with vote counting on March 3, paving the way for the DSC process to begin in March. Lokesh assured candidates that the recruitment process will be completed before the academic year starts, providing a significant boost to those awaiting employment opportunities in the education sector. Minister Lokesh highlighted his extensive experience, having overseen 80 percent of teacher recruitments in both the united Andhra Pradesh and the newly formed state of Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized his government's continuous engagement with teachers' unions, ensuring that teachers' voices are heard in all decisions regarding the education sector. The Minister also mentioned that the Education Commissioner is addressing teachers' concerns every Friday, showcasing the government's commitment to teacher welfare. Additionally, a Transfer Act is being introduced to ensure greater transparency in the teacher transfer process. Minister Lokesh underscored that his government is focused on making informed, well-considered decisions regarding education, with extensive discussions involving all stakeholders to ensure effective policy implementation.



Registration Charges in AP increase by 10-25% from Today

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Land registration charges across Andhra Pradesh have increased by 10 to 25%, with the revised rates now applying in both urban and rural areas. This decision, made by the coalition government, aligns registration prices with the current market land values. The announcement has led to a surge in the number of people queuing up at registration offices across the state. On Thursday, the state government earned a record Rs. 107.78 crore in revenue from registrations, with the highest amount of Rs. 13.82 crore collected in NTR district. Visakhapatnam and Guntur districts followed closely with Rs. 13.61 crore and Rs. 13.08 crore, respectively. Over 14,000 registrations were completed across the state, with Guntur registering the highest number at 1,184. Despite the sharp increase in charges, which has been anticipated for months, real estate prices in the state have also been on the rise, particularly after the coalition government came to power. However, the decision to hike registration charges could significantly impact future transactions. People, especially those looking to register land before the price hike, have been flocking to sub-registrar offices in large numbers over the past few days. In Eluru city, more than 130 land transactions have been pending for over three years, with people reluctant to register due to rising costs. Meanwhile, concerns have been raised about the decreased registration revenue in West Godavari district, particularly in housing layouts, where transactions have dropped sharply. YCP leaders' involvement in land encroachments and the increasing taxes levied by them are also contributing to the reluctance among buyers and sellers.

Escape to Araku: A Perfect Retreat Amidst Nature

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For those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life, Araku Valley stands as a serene getaway, offering a refreshing blend of misty mountains, lush green landscapes, and unspoiled beauty. Nestled in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh, this picturesque hill station is known for its cool climate, coffee plantations, and breathtaking viewpoints that make it an ideal destination for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

While the journey to Araku, often via the scenic rail route with its tunnels and waterfalls, is an experience in itself, choosing the right place to stay can enhance the charm of the trip. Among the many accommodations available, Good Morning Resorts emerges as a luxurious yet tranquil retreat, offering a seamless blend of comfort and nature. Set against a backdrop of rolling hills and sprawling greenery, Good Morning Resorts is designed to provide an immersive experience, allowing guests to wake up to the sounds of chirping birds and crisp mountain air. The resort features 19 spacious rooms with stunning views, categorized into Hill View and Valley View suites. Beyond accommodation, it offers a delightful dining experience with a buffet restaurant and an open-air coffee



shop that allows guests to unwind amidst nature.

For those seeking leisure and recreation, the resort boasts a well-equipped activity zone, a terracotta art gallery reflecting local craftsmanship, a dedicated children's play area, and a scenic campfire ground for cozy evenings under the stars. Additionally, its state-of-the-art banquet hall makes it an excellent venue for

events and celebrations. Whether visiting for a romantic getaway, a family vacation, or even a corporate retreat, Araku's untouched beauty and welcoming resorts like Good Morning Resorts ensure a memorable stay, making every moment in the valley truly special.

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TDP Polit Bureau Meeting Chaired by CM Naidu



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The TDP Polit Bureau meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, concluded after a productive session that lasted nearly four and a half hours. The meeting celebrated significant achievements, including congratulating actor and party leader Nandamuri Balakrishna for being selected for the prestigious Padma Bhushan award. The Polit Bureau also extended their congratulations to National General Secretary Nara Lokesh for successfully crossing the one crore membership mark for the party, a milestone that reflects the party's growing influence and grassroots support. A special mention was made of CM Chandrababu Naidu's successful efforts to prevent the privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, a major victory for the state and the party. Looking ahead, the meeting discussed plans to hold the TDP's organizational elections soon, with the aim to complete the process before the upcoming Mahanadu plenary in May. Discussions around nominations for key positions within the party were also held, ensuring the party is well-prepared for the elections and future initiatives.

Request for Regularization of Contract, Outsourcing, and Time Scale Employees

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In a heartfelt appeal to the Honorable Chief Secretary of the State Government, Dr. Potula Nagaraju, the founder of the Reservation Protection Committee, has urged the government to regularize the services of contract, outsourcing, and time scale employees who have been working in various government departments for many years. These employees, despite holding higher educational qualifications and performing duties equivalent to those of regular employees, lack job security, which causes immense mental distress and uncertainty about their future. Dr. Nagaraju highlighted the tragic cases of employees who have lost their lives while working under these uncertain conditions, leaving their families struggling with no support. The plea stresses the urgent need for the government to recognize the invaluable contributions of these employees and provide them with job security by regularizing their positions. The founder of the Committee has called upon the government to take compassionate action and issue a government order (GO) to regularize these employees, acknowledging their dedicated service. The request seeks to ensure that these employees and their families no longer have to endure the hardships caused by the lack of job stability. This request is a call for justice and humane consideration for those who have been contributing to the state's functioning, often without the rights and recognition they deserve.



Varma Criticizes YS Jagan for Mismanagement and Mounting Debt



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Pithapuram TDP state spokesperson SVSN Varma held a press conference at the district TDP office in Kakinada on Friday, strongly criticizing the governance of Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Varma claimed that during Jagan's tenure, the state accumulated a staggering debt of 10 lakh crores, leading to an annual interest payment of 71 thousand crores.

Varma accused the YSRCP government of misusing funds, halting welfare programs, and diverting resources meant for marginalized communities. He also stated that YS Jagan's financial mismanagement led to a massive loss of in-

vestment opportunities, with industrialists fleeing the state. In response, Varma assured that the coalition government, under the leadership of CM Chandrababu Naidu, would reverse this damage by implementing the "super six" promises. He also stated that the coalition would focus on bringing in investments worth 6.3 lakh crores, creating jobs for three lakh people. Varma emphasized that while Jagan's regime squandered 19 thousand crores, the coalition government would prioritize the welfare of the people, including implementing gas subsidies and free bus travel from Ugadi. TDP leaders Madiki Sanyasirao and A Shiva participated in the meeting.

Varra Ravindra Reddy Case Transferred from Hyderabad to Pulivendula



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The case involving YCP social media activist Varra Ravindra Reddy has been officially transferred from Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police to Pulivendula. Ravindra Reddy, who posted threats and obscene content targeting Sunitha, the daughter of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy, sparked an investigation after a complaint was lodged by Sunitha herself.

Last year, Ravindra Reddy's social media posts included threats to harm Sunitha and sharing vulgar content about her, prompting the Cyber Crime Police to file a case. With the case now moved to Pulivendula, the local police have registered additional charges based on their review. Ravindra Reddy, who is currently a remand prisoner in Kadapa Central Jail, faces further legal proceedings as the investigation continues.

Chandrababu Has Once Again Deceived the People - Vellampalli

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Former Minister Velampalli Srinivasa Rao has sharply criticized Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of deceiving the people of Andhra Pradesh once again. Speaking at a media conference, Vellampalli claimed that the coalition government, under Naidu's leadership, failed to deliver on their electoral promises, leaving the state burdened with debts totaling Rs 1.19 lakh crore in just nine months. Vellampalli pointed out that despite Naidu's promises, the government has not implemented key commitments like providing ten thousand rupees to volunteers, and has failed to

fulfill welfare schemes during the COVID-19 pandemic, which were carried out smoothly under the YSRCP government. He also raised concerns about Naidu's push to privatize three major ports, harbors, and 17 medical colleges, all of which were previously under state ownership and part of Jagan's development initiatives. Further, Vellampalli took aim at the Super Six promises made during the elections, stating that if Naidu were to attempt to implement them now, it would lead to a disastrous outcome for the state, potentially bringing about a situation akin to Sri Lanka's economic crisis.

MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy Accuses Former Ministers of Land Grabbing



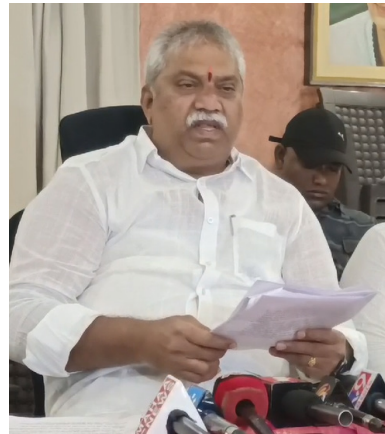
TPN Correspondent
Srikalahasti, Feb 01

Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy held a press conference at the Panchayat Raj Guest House in Srikalahasti, where he raised serious allegations against former Forest Minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy and his associates. Reddy accused Peddireddy and his family members of grabbing hundreds of acres of forest land, constructing roads with public funds, and developing mango orchards and luxurious properties, which he described as "palaces" like the "Jagan Palace." Reddy also implicated Sajjala and Vijayasai Reddy in the land grabbing, suggesting they were partners in the illegal activities. He claimed that the land grabs

had prevented the implementation of the SS scheme, which would have provided water for agriculture in the Srikalahasti constituency. Reddy questioned the legitimacy of land transfers, highlighting how Peddireddy and his associates allegedly registered government lands under their names. He demanded a full investigation into the occupation of Oteri lake and the construction of the YCP office on encroached land. He urged opposition leaders to resign if the allegations are substantiated.

Former MLA Malladi Vishnu Criticizes Chandrababu's Govt

Praises YS Jagan's Welfare Initiatives



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Vijayawada, Feb 01

Former MLA Malladi Vishnu held a press conference where he strongly criticized the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of failing to fulfill his election promises. Vishnu emphasized that YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is the one who deserves credit for fully implementing welfare schemes in Andhra Pradesh, notably offering monthly welfare programs during his tenure. He also praised Jagan for standing by the people during

the financial challenges posed by COVID-19, asserting that his government has brought good governance that is unmatched in other states.

Vishnu accused the coalition government of deceiving the people with false promises during the elections, pointing out the failure to implement the "Super Six" welfare programs and the burden of a Rs 19,000 crore debt accumulated within just nine months. He criticized Chandrababu for not delivering on promises made to farmers and pensioners, particularly for failing to provide the promised Rs 15,000 to poor families.

Vishnu also mentioned that the coalition government has placed a significant financial burden on the people, especially by raising electricity charges. He urged students to submit a petition regarding the pending fee reimbursements on February 5, calling attention to the 150 arrears that have not been addressed.

Vijayasai Reddy Sent His Resignation Letter to YS Jagan



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Vijayasai Reddy, a prominent leader in the YSR Congress Party, has officially announced his resignation from the party and its posts. In a move that has shocked political circles, Reddy confirmed on Friday that he sent his resignation letter to YSRCP chief, Jagan Mohan Reddy. Reddy had previously stepped down

from his position as a Rajya Sabha member, signaling his exit from active politics.

In a tweet, Vijayasai Reddy expressed his well wishes for Jagan, stating that he hopes the YSRCP president returns as Chief Minister in 2029 with a massive

majority. Reddy thanked his supporters for their encouragement throughout his political journey and announced that he is embarking on a new chapter in the field of agriculture, prioritizing a life free of animosity or misunderstandings. His resignation marks the end of his political career, as he now focuses on contributing to the agricultural sector.

Adimulapu Suresh Criticizes CM Naidu Over Governance and Accountability

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Former Minister Adimulapu Suresh has strongly criticized TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu, stating that the sins of his governance will not go unnoticed. Speaking to the media, Suresh expressed deep dissatisfaction over the state of affairs under Chandrababu's leadership, claiming that promises made to the people have been left unfulfilled. Suresh pointed out that there are growing frustrations among the public, as key welfare programs and development schemes have been

stalled, leaving citizens with unaddressed needs. He emphasized that these failures will not be forgotten and will eventually reflect on Chandrababu's political future.

"The hopes of the people are high, but this sin will not go away," Suresh declared, holding Chandrababu accountable for the issues plaguing the state. He reiterated that the coalition government must answer for its lack of progress, and the people are beginning to realize the hollow promises made during the election campaigns.

RK Roja Criticizes Govt for Neglecting Welfare Schemes



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Former Minister RK Roja launched a strong attack on the coalition government during a press conference in Vijayawada, accusing it of neglecting the welfare of students and the public. Roja criticized the government's failure to release Rs. 3,900 crore in dues for education and accommodation, which has led to managements barring students from entering colleges. She pointed out that numerous welfare programs such as Amma Vodi, fee reimbursement, Cheyutha, Nadu Nedu, and others had been halted under the current leadership,

leaving the poor and marginalized communities without crucial support. The lack of salary adjustments, including IR, PRC, and DA for government employees, further exemplifies the government's neglect, according to Roja. Roja also raised doubts about the government's intention to implement the Super Six promises, questioning their sincerity in delivering on the commitments made during the elections. In addition, she condemned Chandrababu's administration for imposing fines on private schools linked to TDP, exacerbating the already struggling education sector.

Chinta Mohan Claims Jamili Elections will be Detrimental to Chandrababu Naidu



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Former MP and Congress leader Chinta Mohan has raised strong objections to the potential for Jamili (simultaneous) elections, asserting that TDP Chief And Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will face significant losses if they occur. Speaking in Guntur, Mohan claimed that Naidu's refusal to accept Jamili elections stems from the realization that it will negatively impact his party.

Mohan also dismissed the possibility of YSRCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy strengthening his position in Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized that even if Jagan requests a second chance, the people

will not offer him one, highlighting that Jagan's earlier promises were unfulfilled. Additionally, Mohan expressed concerns over the distribution of state resources, particularly criticizing the decision to place the capital in Vijayawada instead of Tirupati. He suggested that development funds should be distributed more equitably, especially for Rayalaseema, and questioned the utility of projects like the High Court bench in Kurnool. Mohan also voiced his strong opposition to SC classification, predicting it would lead to the collapse of the TDP.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Offered Silk Clothes to the Goddess in Tenali

TPN Correspondent
Tenali, Feb 01

The Self-Surrender Day of Goddess Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari was celebrated with grandeur on Friday at the Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Ammavari Temple on Tenali Bose Road. The occasion saw a large turnout of devotees who came together to honor the goddess. Andhra Pradesh State Food and Civil Supplies Minister, Nadendla Manohar, attended the event as the chief guest. The minister offered silk clothes to the goddess and participated in the performance of special pujas, expressing reverence and gratitude. Vedic scholars from the temple welcomed the minister with a Poornakumbha and offered their blessings. The ceremony included Homa,



Abhishekam, and special pujas, conducted amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras. In a show of hospitality, Annaprāsada (prasada) was distributed to the devotees, bringing the event to a fulfilling conclusion. The occasion highlighted the deep devotion of the people and the cultural significance of the goddess in the region.

ACB Raid in Nuzvidu Social Welfare Hostel Warden Caught Accepting Bribe

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An ACB raid on the Employees Colony in Nuzvidu town on Thursday night created a stir, leading to the arrest of Social Welfare Girls College Hostel Warden Nagamani. The warden was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 from Jhansi, a sweeper employed at the hostel. The bribery incident was brought to light after Jhansi approached the ACB with a complaint. Eluru ACB DSP Subbaraju confirmed that a case has been registered and an investigation is underway. The raid was part of the ongoing efforts by the ACB to crack down on corrupt practices. Eluru ACB CIM M Balakrishna, K Srinivas, and Rajahmundry CI NV Bhaskara Rao were also involved in the investigation process. The authorities have assured that further steps will be taken based on the investigation's findings.



Janavani Programm at Janasena Party Central Office in Mangalagiri

Thota Sudheer assured immediate action on petitions received



TPN Correspondent
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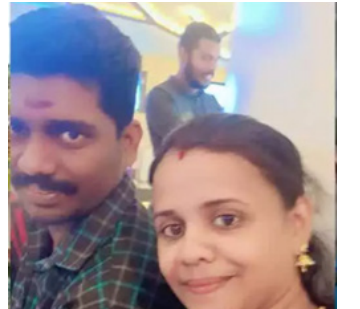
A public meeting was organized at the Jana Sena Party Central Office in Mangalagiri on Friday, offering a platform for people from across the state to voice their concerns and submit petitions. The meeting, which saw active participation from party leaders and the public, aimed to address pressing issues faced by the citizens. State Civil Supplies Corporation Chairman and Kakinada City President Thota Sudheer received the petitions and assured those in attendance that the

necessary steps would be taken. He promptly informed the concerned officials about the critical issues that needed immediate resolution. Other prominent figures at the meeting included party leaders Shri Talatam Satya, Smt. Tirupati Anusha, and Legal Cell Representative Shri Banda Gopi, all of whom actively participated in the discussions and showed their commitment to addressing the concerns of the public. This initiative reflects the Jana Sena Party's dedication to ensuring that the grievances of the people are heard and acted upon swiftly.

Auto Driver Commits Suicide Due to Harassment from Private Finance Company

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In a tragic incident, Ravi Sattibabu (35), an auto driver from Motur village in Gudivada Rural Mandal, committed suicide by hanging himself at his home last night. His wife, Padmavati, stated that Sattibabu had taken a loan of Rs. 7.80 lakh from the Vistar Private Finance Company, but had been struggling to pay the installments for the past ten months due to illness. Padmavati revealed that on the morning of January 27, the finance company's staff visited their home and stayed from 11 AM to 10 PM, pressuring her husband to repay the loan. She explained that despite informing the staff about her husband's illness, they were not understanding and continued the harassment. The situation escalated when, on January 30, the company's management visited again and humiliated Sattibabu in front of others, knowing that he was a member of the auto union in Poranki. Overwhelmed by the harassment, Sattibabu went into another room that night, wrote a suicide note, and hanged himself. Padmavati has called for



action against those responsible for her husband's death and has requested the support of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. The Gudivada Jana Sena Party in-charge Srikanth expressed his support for the grieving family. He called for severe punishment for the finance company, a waiver of the loan, and a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh for the children's education. Srikanth promised to stand by Sattibabu's family in this difficult time. Sattibabu is survived by his wife and two young sons, both under the age of six. The Gudivada Rural Police have registered a case and are investigating the matter. Gudivada in-charge DSP CH Raja, along with other officials, is currently overseeing the investigation. The deceased's body has been sent to the Gudivada Government Area Hospital for post-mortem.

TNSF Charan Sai Yadav Criticizes YSRCP Student Wing for Fee Reimbursement Issues

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Charan Sai Yadav, the TNSF NTR District General Secretary, strongly criticized the YSRCP student wing, stating they have no right to fight for fee reimbursement. He questioned the YSRCP government's actions over the last five years, asking, "Isn't what the YSRCP government has done for students worthless?" He also recalled remarks by Jogi Ramesh, who had called the fee reimbursement given to students by Rajasekhara Reddy a "beggar's fee." Yadav asked whether the government now considers students to be beggars. Yadav emphasized that when Ja-



gan was in power, the issue of fee reimbursement had only been a campaign promise. He highlighted that from 2019 to 2024, only 9 lakh students had received fee reimbursement, raising doubts about the government's commitment.

He further claimed that during the previous government's tenure, the YSRCP leadership had been "behind the scenes" and questioned if any student leader had directly met students to address their concerns. Yadav pointed out the tragic incidents

of student suicides linked to fee reimbursement issues, stressing the seriousness of the situation. Yadav criticized the YSRCP for playing politics with student welfare, particularly with the upcoming protest scheduled for February 5, calling it a "complete flop." He urged the YSRCP leadership to pay attention to the pending dues, which amount to Rs. 4,000 crore, instead of making empty promises. Finally, he praised Nara Lokesh for his continuous work for students, particularly his initiative in starting the afternoon scheme for junior college students, showing a true commitment to the future of students.

Ram Charan fan Shekhar Walks from Vijayawada to Hyderabad to Meet his Hero

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Ram Charan, the global star known for his remarkable roles in films like Magadheera and RRR, has amassed a huge fan following across the globe. His popularity has only grown since the success of RRR, and his fans show their love and admiration in many unique ways.



In a heartwarming display of devotion, Shekhar, a dedicated fan from Rajam in Srikakulam, began his journey from Vijayawada to Hyderabad on foot. Holding a poster of his favorite actor and the national flag, Shekhar has been walking for nearly a week, covering a distance of around 250 kilometers. His journey, driven by his admiration for Ram Charan, is a testament to the strong bond between the actor and his fans. Shekhar, who refers to himself as a "Janasena Sainikudu," has been motivated by the release of Game Changer and his love for Ram Charan's work. Despite the

long and tiring walk, his resolve to meet Charan in person has not wavered. This act of dedication is just one of the many ways Ram Charan's fans continue to express their unwavering support for the actor, a sentiment that has only grown since RRR made waves globally. Ram Charan's immense popularity continues to inspire and captivate his fanbase worldwide.

Three More Arrested TDP Office Attack Case at Gannavaram

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Gannavaram, Feb 01

A significant development has emerged in the ongoing investigation into the TDP office attack case in Gannavaram. The police have arrested three more individuals, bringing new progress in the case. Among those taken into custody is Thota Venkaiah, while Maddala Naveen and Hemanth have voluntarily surrendered to the authorities. In a twist, Devineni Avinash and Jogi Ramesh, who had been seeking anticipatory bail in con-

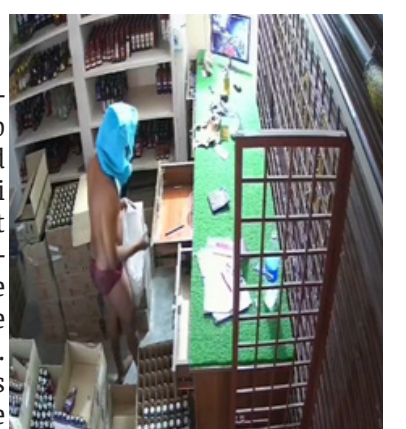
nection with the case, recently received relief from the Supreme Court. The duo had previously approached the Andhra Pradesh High Court, which had denied their anticipatory bail. However, the Supreme Court granted interim protection, providing them some respite from further legal proceedings for now. The investigation into the TDP office attack case continues, and the arrests mark a crucial step in holding those responsible accountable.



Thief Steals 2 Lakhs from Wine Shop in Kaja Village

TPN Correspondent
Kaja, Feb 01

A daring robbery occurred at a wine shop in Kaja village, located along the Mangalagiri National Highway, at around 2 am. An unidentified thief broke into the shop and stole around 2 lakhs in cash. The entire incident was captured on the wine shop's CCTV camera.



The police have swiftly registered a case and launched an investigation to track down the thief. Authorities are reviewing the footage and gathering evidence to identify the perpetrator. The investigation is ongoing, and efforts are underway to bring the thief to justice.

Antarvedi Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Kalyanotsavam to Begin on Feb 4



TPN | G. HARI BABU
Razole, Feb 01

• Grand Kalyanotsavam of Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy from February 4 to 13.
• Chariot festival on February 8 and Magha Pournami sea bath on February 12.
• Authorities making extensive arrangements for thousands of devotees. The annual Brahmotsavam of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy at Antarvedi, the revered "Southern Kashi" where the Godavari meets the Bay of Bengal, is set to commence on February 4. Devotees from across the region are expected to attend the grand celebrations at

this sacred temple, often referred to as the "Golden Temple of Konaseema." As per the directives of Konaseema District Collector Mahesh Kumar, Joint Collector Nishanti, and RDO Madhavil, officials are ensuring that all arrangements are completed in time for the festivities. Temple Assistant Commissioner V. Satyanarayana confirmed that essential facilities will be provided to devotees throughout the event.
Key Events Schedule:
February 4 (Rathasaptami - Tuesday)
• Suprabhata Seva at 5 AM
• Swami Abhishekam at 5:30 AM

- Sudarshana Homam at 10 AM
 - Gramotsavam on Surya Vahanam at 4:30 PM
 - Mudrikalankaran (bridal and groom rituals) at 6:30 PM
 - Chandraprabha Vahanam procession at 7 PM
 - February 7 (Dashami - Friday)**
• Kalyanotsavam (Celestial Wedding) at 12:55 PM
 - February 8 (Bheeshma Ekadashi - Saturday)**
• Chariot Festival at 2 PM
 - February 12 (Magha Pournami - Wednesday)
• Swami's "Chakravari" on Garuda Pushpaka Vahanam at 8 AM
 - Holy Sea Bath
 - February 13 (Theppotsavam & Pushpotsavam - Thursday)**
• Pushpaka Vahanam Gramotsavam at 5 PM
 - Theppotsavam (Floating Festival) on Hansavahanam at 6 PM
 - Final rituals and Pavalimpu Seva
- With thousands of devotees expected to witness the divine wedding and associated festivities, authorities are making comprehensive arrangements for darshan, Anna Prasadam, drinking water, security, and sanitation. The grand festival will conclude on February 13 with Sri Pushpotsavam and Theppotsavam.



TTD Officials Review Arrangements for Rath Saptami on February 4

TPN | K. Kannaiah
Tirumala, Feb 01

TTD Chairman, along with Governing Council members and senior officials, conducted an inspection of the four Mada streets in Tirumala on Friday evening in preparation for the grand Rath Saptami celebrations on February 4. TTD Executive Officer (EO) Sri J. Shyamala Rao, Additional EO Sri C.H. Venkaiah Chowdhury, and In-charge CVSO Sri Manikantha Chandolu examined arrangements ensuring a smooth flow of devotees. Their review included the entry and exit points to the galleries, emergency gates, and the application of heat-resistant white paint on the pathways for devotees' comfort. Officials were instructed to use the public address system to provide timely announcements and ensure seamless arrangements for Anna Prasadam, drinking water, buttermilk, and other amenities within the gallery. Based on previous experiences, steps were suggested to enhance devotees' viewing experience of Sri-vari Vahana Seva.

The inspection began at the Vahana Mandapam, where the TTD Chairman, Governing Council members, and officials walked through the four Mada streets, assessing preparations firsthand. Prominent participants included TTD Board members Sri Jyothula Nehru, Sri M.S. Raju, Sri Bhanu Prakash Reddy, Smt. Panabaka Lakshmi, Sri Anand Sai, Sri Shantaram, Sri Nannapaneni Sadashiv Rao, Sri Nares, and Sri Narsi Reddy, along with EO Sri J. Shyamala Rao, Additional EO Sri C.H. Venkaiah Chowdhury, JEO Sri Veerabrahmam, CVSO Sri Manikantha Chandolu, CE Sri Satyanarayana, and other officials.

AP High Court Judge Justice Sri Venkata Jyotirmayi visited Kanipakam Temple

TPN | C. Sekhar
Kanipakam, Feb 01

Andhra Pradesh High Court Judge Justice Sri Venkata Jyotirmayi, along with his family, visited the renowned Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple in Kanipakam. Temple Executive Officer (EO) Penchala Kishore welcomed the Judge with temple honors and arranged for a special darshan. Following the visit, the Judge received Vedic blessings in the Mushika Mandapam. The temple EO presented him with tirtha prasadam and a portrait of Lord Vinayaka as a token of divine blessings. Several dignitaries and officials



were present at the event, including Temple AEO Ravindra Babu, Superintendent Kodandapani, Inspector Balaji Naidu, Airala MRO, CI Sridhar Naidu, and Kanipakam SI. Staff members from the Chittoor court and other devotees also participated in the program.

Ramasamudram SI Caught Red-Handed by ACB for Taking Bribe

TPN | C. Sekhar
Madanapalle, Feb 01

In a major anti-corruption operation, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials apprehended Ramasamudram Sub-Inspector (SI) Venkatasubbaiah while accepting a bribe of ₹1 lakh. The SI was caught red-handed at a petrol station in Ramasamudram Mandal Center, Annamayi District, on Thursday night around 7 PM. According to ACB ASP Vimalakumari and DSP Jessica Prashanthi, the case is linked to a road accident that took place on the 23rd of this month in the Etavakili area of Ramasamudram Mandal, Madanapalle constituency. A lorry traveling from Naidupeta to Chikkaballapur fatally struck two youths riding a two-wheeler back to their hometown from Bangalore.



Following the incident, the police registered a case and seized the lorry. Despite securing a court order for its release, the lorry owner was allegedly asked to pay ₹1 lakh by SI Venkatasubbaiah. Acting on a complaint, ACB officials laid a trap and caught the SI while he was taking the bribe at the petrol station. He was immediately taken to Ramasamudram police station for interrogation. ACB teams conducted searches at his residence and the police station until midnight. Following his arrest, SI Venkatasubbaiah was presented before the Nellore ACB court. Meanwhile, ACB officials have begun investigating the possible involvement of CI Ramesh in the case. Further inquiries are underway.

Journalist Sheikh Salim's Death Suspected as Murder



TPN | Dhanalakshmi
Kakinada, Feb 01

The death of senior journalist Sheikh Salim has sparked controversy, with allegations that it was a well-planned murder. Salim, known for his strong stance in journalism, was found dead in the Samarlakota canal. Family members and journalist associations believe that Salim was killed due to disputes over his assets and business transactions. Reports indicate that he had transferred ownership of multiple businesses, including

a beauty parlor, a hotel, and the "Madras Coffee" venture, shortly before his death. Journalist groups demand that the case be registered as a murder and call for an inquiry into his asset transfers. They urge authorities to detain and interrogate those suspected of involvement. Eyewitnesses claim Salim jumped into the canal on January 9, but journalist associations insist that hidden factors must be investigated. They are preparing protests, pressing Kakinada SP Bindu Madhav for a comprehensive probe.

Aditya Forensic College Releases Fourth Issue of "Forensics" Magazine

TPN | V. Ananthkumar
Jaggampeta, Feb 01

The fourth issue of Forensics, India's first forensic science-based bi-monthly magazine, was launched at Aditya Forensic Science College, Surampalem. Kakinada ASP MJV Bhaskara Rao and Trainee DSP MJivana released the new edition, emphasizing its role in educating future generations on cybercrime, law enforcement, and forensic techniques. ASP Bhaskara Rao commended the

magazine's efforts in spreading forensic awareness, stating that such publications would help society better understand crime detection and legal processes. The magazine has been gaining national recognition for its valuable insights into forensic case studies. College Principal Vilas Anil Chavan noted that the new edition follows the positive response to previous issues, reinforcing the college's commitment to advancing forensic science education.

SI AGS Murthy Shoots Himself at Tanuku Rural Police Station

TPN Correspondent
Tanuku, Feb 01

A tragic incident unfolded at Tanuku Rural Police Station on Friday morning when Sub-Inspector AGS Murthy ended his life by shooting himself with a service weapon. The shocking event has created a sensation in the region. Murthy, who was recently suspended following several allegations, reportedly arrived at the station in the morning and took the extreme step. Sources suggest that he was



under severe distress after facing departmental action, allegedly for preventing the shutdown of Lehyam Food Products Company. It is believed that he felt pressured after being reassigned to work with the Village Revenue Assistant (VRA) as a consequence of his actions. The incident has raised concerns about the mental health and pressures faced by law enforcement officers. Authorities are investigating further.

Chaos in Chirala Municipality Over Councilor's Suspension



TPN | N. Kasirao
Chirala, Feb 01

High drama unfolded at the

Chirala Municipality meeting in Bapatla district, as tensions flared over the suspen-

sion of the Ward 31 councilor. The situation escalated due to the alleged overreaction of Municipal Chairman Srinivasa Rao, leading to a chaotic scene. Despite MLA Malakondaiah attending the meeting to address the issue, the chairman abruptly adjourned the session and left, displaying what was described as rude behavior. This move infuriated the MLA, who strongly criticized the chairman's conduct, stating that egoism

has no place in public office. Referring to previous disputes between the chairman and the suspended councilor, Malakondaiah questioned whether such drastic action was necessary. He accused the municipality of being run under YSRCP's dominance and vowed to put an end to it. The MLA further urged council members to be prepared for a no-confidence motion against Srinivasa Rao in the upcoming meeting.



Why the Union Budget Should Prioritize Aerospace for India's Growth

India's economy has made significant strides in the last decade, moving from the 10th-largest by GDP in 2014 to the fifth-largest today. Much of this success can be attributed to the country's infrastructure development, job creation, and the growing middle class. The aviation and aerospace sectors have played a pivotal role in this transformation, contributing to an increase in GDP from 3% in 2014 to 7% in 2024. This growth can be credited to factors like a rise in operational airports, a booming domestic passenger base, and the successful privatisation of Air India.

Looking ahead, India aims to become the world's third-largest economy, overtaking Japan and Germany in the next few years. To reach this goal, the aviation and aerospace sectors could provide a critical boost—potentially accelerating the timeline to fiscal 2027. This is a sector that can revolutionize both airline travel and aerospace manufacturing, maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO), and the time to double down on these areas is now.

The Economic Potential of Aerospace

The aerospace sector offers high multiplier effects on GDP. Industry research indicates that investments in aviation and aerospace generate a return of over Rs 3,100 crore for every Rs 1,000 crore invested. This growth leads to an increase in both direct and indirect employment opportunities, with a job multiplier of six. Looking at China's success story—where the

number of civilian aircraft grew from 850 to 8,000 over the past 30 years—India's aerospace sector is poised for similar growth. Currently, India has around 800 planes with over 1,700 more on order by 2028. By 2027, India's GDP will grow by \$1 trillion, and aviation infrastructure will be crucial to harness this growth.

Policy Reforms and Investment

The Indian government can further unlock the sector's potential with policy changes, such as introducing government-backed credit guarantee schemes to help regional airlines reduce leasing costs. The focus should be on making airlines a more affordable option for millions of Indians, directly competing with rail and road travel. The number of civilian aircraft in India has doubled in the past decade, and with continued growth, India will soon extend its aviation network to 220 airports, reinforcing its position as the third-largest air passenger market globally.

Making India a Global Aerospace Hub

India has seen notable progress in aerospace manufacturing, with global companies like GE Aerospace investing in facilities that supply parts for major aircraft engines. However, India needs to climb higher in the aerospace manufacturing value chain. Revisiting performance-linked incentives (PLIs), similar to those in the drone manufacturing sector, could attract aircraft manufacturers to set up facto-

ries in India, fulfilling Prime Minister Modi's vision for a self-reliant aerospace sector.

MRO Sector Growth

The MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) sector, the second-highest cost for airlines after fuel, offers another massive opportunity for India. Currently, most MRO work is done in countries like Singapore and Malaysia. However, the government has made strides to boost domestic MRO capabilities, with tax incentives and the establishment of MRO hubs. By 2028, India aims to meet 90% of its domestic MRO needs, positioning itself as a key player in this lucrative industry.

Skilling the Workforce

To support this aerospace boom, India needs a skilled workforce. As demand grows, the government must focus on large-scale training initiatives for engineers and workers to meet the demands of the aerospace sector. For example, GE Aerospace has trained over 5,000 people in precision manufacturing in Pune over the last decade.

In conclusion, the Union Budget should seize this golden opportunity to invest in the aerospace sector, which promises significant economic and job growth while positioning India as a global player in both services and manufacturing. The time is ripe for India to bet on aerospace as a transformative driver of its economic future.



Economic Survey 2024-25: Growth Strong, But Wage and Employment Gap Remains a Concern

The Economic Survey 2024-25 highlights a strong economic growth trajectory, projecting a real GDP growth of 7% for FY25. However, the Survey also underscores the widening gap between corporate earnings, job creation, and wage growth, posing a potential threat to long-term economic sustainability.

While corporate profits have surged by 22.3% in FY24, employment in these firms increased by a mere 1.5%. Employee expenses only rose by 13%, a slowdown compared to 17% in FY23. This indicates that companies are more focused on cost-cutting rather than expanding their workforce, which is a key issue for the broader economy. Despite this, private investment activity has shown positive signs, with resource mobilization from primary markets reaching Rs 11.1 lakh crore between April and December 2024, marking a 5% increase from the previous year. The number of IPOs surged 32.1%, with capital raised almost tripling from Rs 53,023 crore in 2023 to Rs 1,53,987 crore in 2024. However, India's corporate bond market remains underdeveloped compared to global standards, accounting for only 18% of GDP, which is far behind South Korea's 80% and China's 36%.

While the Economic Survey 2024-25 acknowledges private capital revival, it highlights the persistent wage stagnation problem. Nominal wages have risen by around 5-7% annually in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, but inflation-adjusted wage growth has remained below 2%. This stagnant wage growth, combined with limited employment expansion, results in sluggish demand growth, as workers' purchasing power remains constrained. Despite rising corporate profits, real wage growth remains stagnant, contributing to a growing disconnect between economic growth and living standards.

The Survey also discusses the concept of "enlightened self-interest" for businesses, encouraging them to raise wages to boost consumption and support corporate revenues.

The Maha Kumbh Tragedy: A Fatal Glimpse into the Dark Side of Blind Faith and Governance



On the occasion of Mauni Amavasya, thirty pilgrims tragically lost their lives during the Maha Kumbh, as they were crushed in a stampede. This calamity occurred just days after the Union Home Minister, accompanied by Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister and Baba Ramdev, participated in the grand Kumbh rituals, showcasing the event for political and religious purposes. However, this tragedy quickly punctured the BJP-led government's self-congratulatory narrative, revealing the flaws in managing such large gatherings and exposing the dangerous intersection of faith, politics, and governance.

Despite the tragic loss of life, the Ut-

tar Pradesh government attempted to downplay the incident, framing it as an unfortunate but inevitable consequence of large-scale religious gatherings. A judicial inquiry was promptly announced, but the tragedy was glossed over with no significant accountability. This attempt to sidestep responsibility is hardly surprising, as it fits a pattern of evading blame and shifting focus to avoid addressing systemic failures.

Perhaps more troubling is the argument propagated by a section of the saffron ecosystem, which tries to divert attention from the tragedy by emphasizing the triumph of faith. According to this view, the Kumbh must be celebrated, not

overshadowed by the death of a few pilgrims. This perspective echoes a dangerous regressive mindset, reminiscent of a bygone era of fatalism, where faith was placed above all else, and inaction was justified by divine will.

The excessive glorification of "faith" has been manipulated for political gain, distracting the public from pressing issues such as inequality, corruption, and governance failures. This argument, which seeks to justify the loss of life in the name of religious celebration, diminishes the importance of political accountability. Such rhetoric diminishes the sanctity of human life, fostering a dangerous national insensitivity.

The Growing Disenchantment of India's Middle Class with the Government

For months now, I have been observing a growing sense of disenchantment within India's middle class, the very demographic that propelled Narendra Modi and the BJP to power. While the middle class lacks the electoral weight to swing outcomes on its own, it was once Modi's core constituency. Despite unmet promises over the past two terms, this group held firm in its support. However, that may now be changing.

In recent weeks, I have sensed a deeper shift, one that goes beyond frustration over inflation or high taxation. There's an underlying concern that the government is failing to deliver on the broader promise of India's global ascent. When the BJP first came to power a decade ago, many educated Indians believed the country was on the cusp of greatness. The idea of the "Indian century" was alive; we were poised to be a dominant global power, both politically and economically. There were high hopes that foreign investment would flood into India, the rupee would stabilize, and the world would respect the Indian passport.



Yet, nearly all of these expectations have been shattered. The rupee has not strengthened but has weakened considerably. From a value of Rs 59 to the dollar under the UPA government, it now hovers around Rs 86-87. The Indian passport, once a symbol of rising global stature, has fallen in rank, and it's more difficult than ever for Indians to secure visas to Schengen countries or the United States. Instead of becoming a trusted partner to the US, India now finds itself at odds with Washington, as President Trump has expressed dissatisfaction with India's tariffs and warned of retaliatory measures.

PM Modi: No Foreign Interference Before Budget Session for First Time Since 2014

Focus on Development, Women's Empowerment, and Economic Growth

- No external interference before the Budget Session for the first time since 2014
- Focus on innovation, inclusion, and investment in economic growth
- Session will strengthen 'Viksit Bharat' and future leadership

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a swipe at the Opposition while addressing the media ahead of the Budget Session of Parliament, stating that for the first time since 2014, no foreign forces have attempted to create disturbances before a session. He remarked that it had become a trend for external elements to "ignite a fire" before key parliamentary proceedings, often with support from within the country

"Since 2014, this is the first Parliament session where no 'videshi chingari' (foreign interference) has been seen," PM Modi said, alluding to past disruptions triggered by external reports and allegations, including the controversy surrounding the US-based short-seller Hindenburg. The remark also comes weeks after Hindenburg announced its closure

Budget Session Highlights

The Budget Session began today with President Droupadi Murmu addressing a joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to table the Economic



Survey today and present the Union Budget tomorrow

PM Modi outlined that this session would emphasize women's empowerment, economic reforms, and investments to drive India's growth forward. He underscored that historic bills and amendments would be discussed, advancing the 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) model

Empowering India's Youth

Emphasizing India's young demographic, PM Modi stated that citizens in the 20-25 age group will be the biggest beneficiaries of 'Viksit Bharat'. He noted that by the time they turn 50, they will be leading the country's policymaking efforts

"This session is a golden opportunity for young MPs, who will witness India's transformative journey. Our efforts today will be a gift for the future generation," he added, calling for collective action in shaping India's growth trajectory.



Shubhanshu Shukla: The Indian Astronaut Who Will Pilot Axiom-4 To Space

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

First Indian on a Private Space Mission – Shubhanshu Shukla will pilot Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) to the ISS. Experienced Combat Pilot – Over 2,000 flight hours on multiple aircraft, including MiG-21 and Su-30 MKI. Training Across Continents – Trained in Russia, India, and selected for ISRO's Gaganyaan mission.

Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected as the pilot for Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), NASA announced on Thursday. With this, he will become the first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) on a private mission. The mission, a collaboration between NASA and ISRO, is scheduled for spring 2025 and will launch from Kennedy Space Center in Florida aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft. The crew will spend up to 14 days in space, conducting scientific experiments, outreach programs, and commercial activities in microgravity

Who is Shubhanshu Shukla?

Born on October 10, 1985, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, Shubhanshu Shukla is a highly decorated pilot and one of India's most promising astronauts. He graduated from the National Defence Academy (NDA) in 2005 and was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force in June 2006. Over the years, he has flown a variety of aircraft, including An-32, Jaguar, Hawk, MiG-21, MiG-29, and Su-30 MKI, accumulating over 2,000 hours of flying experience

In 2019, he was selected for the Indian astronaut program through the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), and in 2021, he completed basic spaceflight training at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Russia. Upon returning to India, he continued training at ISRO's Astronaut Training Facility in Bengaluru. He was promoted to group captain in 2024, just before being selected for Axiom Mission 4

Second Indian to Fly to Space

With this mission, Shubhanshu Shukla will become the second Indian to travel to space, following Rakesh Sharma, who flew aboard the Salyut 7 space station in 1984. His selection for Axiom Mission 4 is also seen as a major step toward his potential role in ISRO's Gaganyaan mission, which aims to send India's first astronauts into space aboard an indigenous spacecraft

Shukla is the youngest of three siblings and the first in his family to join the armed forces. He is married to Kamna Shubha Shukla, a dentist, and has remained committed to advancing India's space ambitions. His upcoming mission will be a landmark moment in Indian space history, paving the way for future astronaut collaborations between ISRO and global space agencies

"India's GDP Growth At 6.3-6.8%, Inflation To Stay Under Control"

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Indian economy is projected to expand at a growth rate of 6.3% to 6.8% in the financial year 2025-26 (FY26), according to the Economic Survey 2024-25 presented in Parliament by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The survey, released ahead of the Union Budget, highlights strong domestic economic fundamentals, declining unemployment, and stable inflation as key factors underpinning this growth forecast.

The Economic Survey states that the domestic economy remains robust, supported by a strong external account, calibrated fiscal consolidation, and stable private consumption. These factors are expected to drive growth within the projected range, although the 6.3%-6.8% forecast marks the lowest growth rate since the COVID-19 pandemic year of 2020-21, when India experienced a negative growth of 5.8%. In contrast, India's GDP growth rates for 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 were 9.7%, 7%, and 8.2%, respectively.

The survey also points out that rupee depreciation in 2024 was largely driven by a strong US dollar amid geopolitical tensions and uncertainties surrounding the US election. Additionally, it warns that a significant market correction in 2025 could have adverse effects, particularly due to the increased participation of new retail investors.



Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Union Budget 2025-26 on Saturday, and the survey has outlined several key highlights:

- Food inflation is expected to ease in Q4 FY25 due to the seasonal drop in vegetable prices and Kharif harvest arrivals.
- India's economic prospects for FY26 are balanced, with challenges arising from elevated geopolitical and trade uncertainties.
- Managing global challenges will require strategic policy management and strengthening of domestic fundamentals.
- To boost global competitiveness, India needs to implement grassroots-level structural reforms and deregulation.
- The risk of inflation from higher commodity prices is limited for FY26, but geopolitical tensions remain a concern.
- The survey also raises concerns about the potential misuse of AI technologies due to the lack of an appropriate governance framework.
- It highlights that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has been successful in encouraging early distress resolution.

Myanmar Military Extends State of Emergency Amid Ongoing Crisis



TPN Correspondent | Myanmar

Emergency Extended for Six More Months – Military junta justifies move citing the need for stability. Civil War Ongoing – The country remains embroiled in conflict since the 2021 coup. Election Plans Criticized – Critics label the military's election plans as a sham.

In a state media announcement made Friday, Myanmar's ruling military junta declared the extension of the state of emergency for another six months, just a day before the fourth anniversary of the 2021 coup that overthrew the elected government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. The extension comes amid the ongoing civil war and the junta's plan to hold elections this year, which critics argue are designed to entrench the military's power under the guise of democracy.

State-run Myanmar Digital News cited the need for "stability and peace" to ensure the success of the planned general election, claiming more tasks were required before the vote could be held fairly. However, the military's control over the country and the mounting violence have led many to believe that the planned election will be nothing more than a "sham", aimed at legitimizing the junta's rule and maintaining its grip on power

Looking For Justice, RG Kar Victim's Parents Call On West Bengal Governor

TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

Victim's Parents Meet Governor – Request intervention from President Murmu and Home Minister Amit Shah. Supreme Court Plea Withdrawn – Parents granted liberty to file a fresh petition. Convict Sentenced to Life Imprisonment – Calls for the death penalty and reinvestigation intensify.

The parents of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder

victim have approached West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose, urging him to take up their case with President Droupadi Murmu and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The family, still seeking justice, submitted a formal representation detailing their grievances. The Governor assured them of support, emphasizing that "humanity stands with them" and that justice shall prevail

Meanwhile, the victim's parents have

withdrawn their plea before the Supreme Court, which sought a fresh investigation into the case. The plea was initially filed as an Intervention Application (IA) in the suo motu case registered by the Supreme Court in August 2024, shortly after the tragic incident. However, during Thursday's hearing, a Bench of Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar noted that a similar case was already before the Calcutta High Court.



White House Offers Buyouts to Federal Employees Opposed to In-Person Work

Trump Administration Moves to End COVID-19 Remote Work Policies

- Federal employees must return to in-person work
- Workers can resign with pay and benefits
- Deadline – Offer expires February 6, 2025

TPN Correspondent | Washington

In a sweeping move to eliminate COVID-19-era remote work policies, the White House has introduced a buyout offer for federal employees unwilling to return to office. The plan, part of President Donald Trump's directives, could lead to the departure of thousands of government workers, reshaping the federal workforce.

Currently, only 6% of the federal workforce—which includes over 2 million employees—works in-person full-time. The administration estimates that 5% to 10% of employees may take the buyout, impacting hundreds of thousands of positions.

How the Buyout Works

According to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), employees who opt for the buyout will receive administrative leave



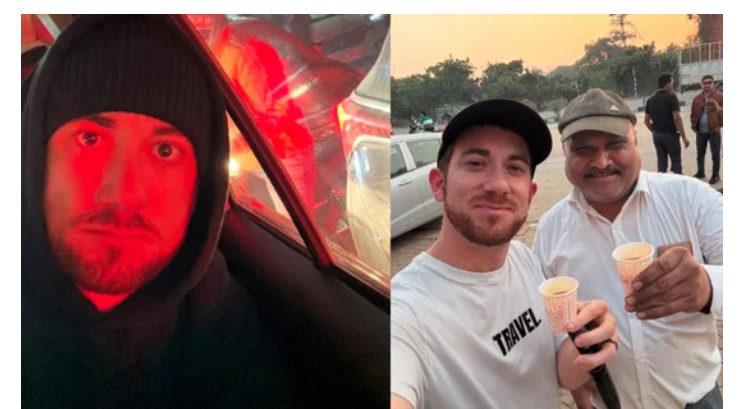
with pay and benefits. The resignation process is simple, requiring employees to reply to an official government email with the word "Resign" in the body of their message.

Certain groups, including military personnel, postal workers, immigration enforcement officials, and national security employees, are exempt from the program.

Trump's Workforce Overhaul

- This move aligns with President Trump's push for federal workforce reforms, including:
- Mandatory in-person work for government employees
- Greater accountability for senior officials
- A merit-based hiring process

With a February 6 deadline, the White House is signaling a rapid transition in federal employment policies, setting the stage for a reshaped post-pandemic government workforce.



Travel Vlogger Drew Binsky Misses Mahakumbh Mela After 19-Hour Traffic Ordeal

TPN Correspondent | Mahakumbh

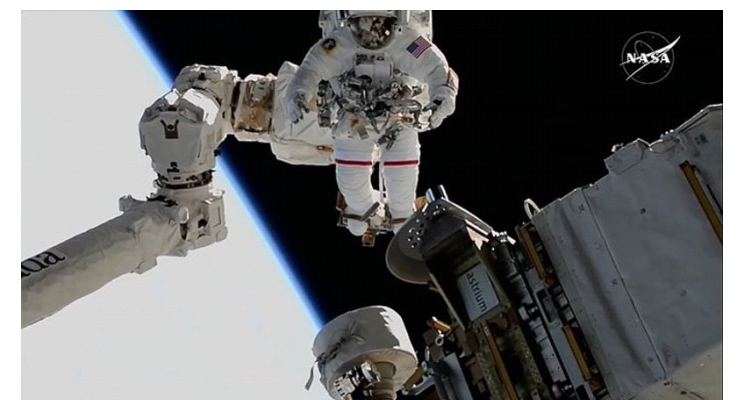
Trapped in Traffic – Binsky stuck 21 km from Mahakumbh, unable to attend. Exhausting Travel Experience – Police checkpoints, smog, and chaos hampered his journey. Missed Opportunity – Vlogger reflects on the once-in-a-lifetime event missed, with 144 years until the next.

US-based travel vlogger Drew Binsky recently shared his disappointment over missing the Mahakumbh Mela, one of the world's largest human gatherings, despite months of meticulous planning. In a heartfelt social media post, Binsky recounted his 19-hour ordeal stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic, just 21 kilometers away from the sacred event in Prayagraj.

Describing the situation as "complete chaos," Binsky explained the roadblocks, police checkpoints, and smog that made his journey almost impossible. He even contemplated walking the remaining distance but ultimately spent the night in his car, unable to reach the site.

This was a particularly frustrating experience for Binsky, as it was the first time since starting his travel vlogging journey in 2017 that he failed to capture a story. Reflecting on the rarity of the Mahakumbh Mela, which only takes place once every 12 years and will not occur again for another 144 years, Binsky expressed his disappointment.

Despite the setback, Binsky shared plans to head to Beirut, hoping to reflect on his travels and move forward from the experience.



Sunita Williams Breaks Spacewalking Record During 92nd US Spacewalk

TPN Correspondent | Washington DC

Historic Spacewalk – Sunita Williams breaks total spacewalking time record. Spacewalk Duration – Expected to last about six and a half hours. Controversy Stirs – Elon Musk comments on delayed return of astronauts.

On January 30, 2025, NASA astronaut Sunita "Sunni" Williams set a new milestone in space exploration by breaking the total spacewalking time record previously held by Peggy Whitson. The achievement was announced during Expedition 72, as Williams spent several hours outside the International Space Station (ISS) to maintain hardware and collect surface samples for analysis. This spacewalk, which began at 8 am EST, was the 92nd US spacewalk. Williams, donning a red-striped space suit, was joined by Butch Wilmore on his fifth spacewalk. Despite the challenging nature of the spacewalk, it was a momentous occasion for Williams, who had already completed nine spacewalks. Controversy surrounding delayed astronaut returns emerged after Elon Musk made comments about the astronauts, including Williams and Wilmore, being "stranded" on the ISS due to delays in their Boeing Starliner capsule. Despite the confusion, the astronauts' safety was never in jeopardy, and their return to Earth was scheduled for March 2025.



Ukraine Receives Largest Swedish Defense Package Worth USD 1.23 Billion

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On January 31, 2025, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed his gratitude towards Sweden for providing the 18th and largest defense aid package to Ukraine. The Swedish defense package, totaling 13.5 billion SEK (approximately USD 1.23 billion), is set to significantly bolster Ukraine's military capabilities, particularly in strengthening its defense and long-range capabilities.

In a post shared on X, Zelenskyy thanked Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, the Swedish Government, and the Swedish people for their continued support. He emphasized that this substantial military aid would directly address Ukraine's urgent defense needs. The President stated, "We deeply appreciate that this military aid meets the urgent needs of the Ukrainian army and significantly contributes to strengthening our defense capabilities. Its reinforcement of our long-range capabilities and investments in weapons production in Ukraine are invaluable."

Zelenskyy also stressed the importance of collective strength in the face of ongoing threats, particularly from Russia. He noted that the support provided by Sweden helps solidify Ukraine's defenses, ensuring peace through strength. "We must all remember that threats like Russia's do not stop on their own; they advance only until the line where they are met with strength. That is why we must continue to strengthen this line together—from the Black Sea to the Baltic—to ensure peace and protect lives," Zelenskyy concluded.

Along with thanking Sweden for the defense package, Zelenskyy also shared updates on the tragic situation in Sumy, a city in north-eastern Ukraine. He reported that a residential building was destroyed following a Russian Shahed drone strike, resulting in the deaths of nine people and injuries to thirteen others, including a child. Zelenskyy extended his condolences to the victims' families and assured that those injured were receiving medical assistance.

Israeli Hostages Freed from Gaza: Netanyahu Welcomes Their Return



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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has welcomed the safe return of three Israeli citizens who were released from captivity in Gaza on Thursday. The hostages—Agam Berger (19), Arbel Yehud (29), and Gadi Moses (80)—were freed after lengthy negotiations with Hamas. Netanyahu, expressing relief and gratitude, said, "Agam, Arbel, Gadi — welcome home. The entire State of Israel embraces you, as do my wife Sara and I."

Netanyahu credited the success of the release to the "heroic soldiers" of Israel and the country's determined stance during the negotiations. He emphasized the significance of Israel's position in ensuring the safe return of its citizens. "This release was achieved, first of all, thanks to our heroic soldiers, and it was also achieved thanks to the steadfast and determined stand that we took during the negotiations," he added.

Despite the relief surrounding their return, Netanyahu was vocal in his criticism of how Hamas conducted the release. He condemned the chaotic scenes witnessed during the handover process, which he described as shocking.

Imran Khan Writes Letter to Pakistan's Chief Justice on Electoral & Human Rights Violations



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Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has written a 349-page letter to Pakistan's Chief Justice Yahya Afridi and Justice Aminuddin, addressing serious concerns over electoral fraud, human rights violations, and the arrests of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) members. The letter includes reports of alleged election rigging, the detention of PTI workers, and widespread human rights abuses, particularly around November 26, 2024.

In his letter, Khan claims that numerous PTI workers were arrested between November 24 and 27 of last year, with some hospital records being sealed and altered to cover up the facts. He also accused the judiciary of failing to deliver justice, despite multiple petitions highlighting electoral malpractice and human rights violations over the past 18 months. Khan asserted that PTI members have faced extrajudicial killings and forced disappearances under the current regime.

Khan criticized the government for coming to power through "electoral fraud and historic rigging," while accusing them of severe oppression against PTI, including demolishing party offices and subjecting leaders to brutal torture. He also recounted his own arrest on May 9, 2023, which he described as unlawful, and claimed the authorities deliberately aired the event to incite public outrage.

PTI Rejects PM Sharif's Offer for Talks Amid Political Tensions



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Pakistan's opposition party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), has rejected an offer from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to resume talks and form a parliamentary committee to address the political conflict between the two sides. In an interview on Geo News' Capital Talk, Omar Ayub, a senior PTI leader, emphasized that the party's demands for the release of "political prisoners" remained firm, and it would not

engage in further discussions without addressing these key issues.

Meanwhile, Senator Irfan Siddiqui, a spokesperson for the government's committee, criticized PTI's refusal to engage, accusing them of adopting a "non-democratic" approach. He argued that the PTI had lost a significant opportunity to resolve its grievances through dialogue.

Earlier, PM Sharif had expressed

willingness to resume talks with PTI, recalling previous efforts to address election-related concerns, particularly regarding the elections of 2018 and 2024. However, PTI had cancelled a scheduled meeting in late January, leaving the negotiation process in limbo.

As tensions remain high, the political impasse in Pakistan continues, with PTI's refusal to re-engage further complicating the national dialogue.

Stock Markets End Volatile Session with Modest Gains Amid Budget Session & Profit Booking



Domestic stock markets witnessed huge volatility today. Mixed signals from international markets, the start of the Budget session and profit-taking are the reasons for this. The indices, which started flat in the morning, swung to huge gains in the afternoon. They fell into losses again as investors took profit-taking at daily highs. They recovered somewhat in the end as buying resumed. Realty, energy and pharma shares were the main drivers of this. Overall, the Sensex gained 226 points and the Nifty gained 86 points. The Nifty has a strong resistance at 23300. If it is broken, the index may recover a little more.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 76,532 in the previous session, opened at 76,598 today. It touched an intraday low of 76,401. It reached an intraday high of 76,962. It finally closed at 76,759, up 226 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,249 on Thursday, touched a low of 23,139 and a high of 23,322. It closed at 23,249, gaining 86 points. The Nifty Bank rose 146 points to settle at 49,311.

In the Nifty50, 35 companies gained and 15 lost. BEL, Power Grid, Hero Moto, Bharti Airtel, Cipla were the top gainers. Tata Motors, ITC Hotels, Adani Enterprises, Shriram Finance, Bajaj Finserv were the biggest losers. Auto, IT, Media, Consumer Durables,

Oil & Gas indices rose today. Bank, Finance, FMCG, Pharma, Healthcare, Oil & Gas indices were in the red.

Market breadth on NSE today slightly shifted in favour of buyers. Out of 2091 stocks traded, 1549 gained and 1256 lost. Shares of 18 companies reached 52-week highs while 64 reached 52-week lows.

The rupee weakened slightly against the dollar and settled at 86.62. Wari Energies' net profit in the third quarter rose 36.2% to Rs 492 crore from Rs 361 crore. Coromandel International's net profit rose to Rs 511 crore from Rs 231 crore. HSBC has maintained a buy rating on Bajaj Finance with a target price of Rs 8900. It is noteworthy that Nomura has given a reduce rating to JSW Infra. Dabur India's net profit was recorded at Rs 516 crore. Max Healthcare's revenue grew by 35% to Rs 2281 crore from Rs 1689 crore. Welspun Living's net profit fell by 31.7% to Rs 120 crore from Rs 176 crore. GAIL India's net profit was recorded at Rs 3870 crore with a growth rate of 36%. Revenue was recorded at Rs 34,960 crore. It declared a dividend of Rs 6.5 per share. Adani Enterprises' net profit fell by 97% to Rs 57 crore. Despite an increase in mining and airport revenue, foreign exchange losses of Rs 296 crore were a drag. Bharat Electronics' profit rose 47% to Rs 1316 crore from Rs 893 crore.

India's GDP Growth Projected Between 6.3% and 6.8% in FY26

India's GDP growth is projected to range between 6.3% and 6.8% for the financial year 2026, as per the Economic Survey 2025 presented in Parliament on Friday. This marks the second consecutive year of sub-7% growth for the country. According to the first advance estimates released by the Central Statistics Office ahead of the Union Budget 2025, India's GDP and Gross Value Added (GVA) are expected to grow by 6.4% in FY25.

While these projections reflect a steady pace of growth, the country faces challenges in sustaining high economic momentum amid global uncertainties, domestic demand pressures, and inflationary concerns. The subdued growth estimates signal that India may be transitioning to a phase of more moderate expansion after the post-pandemic recovery years.



The projected growth for FY26 reflects continued resilience in sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and services. However, the survey highlights concerns about the slowdown in private investments, rising input costs, and sluggish wage growth, all of which could limit the growth potential. Despite these challenges, there is optimism regarding the government's fiscal stimulus measures, infrastructure spending, and policy reforms,

which are expected to support economic activities.

The government is also focusing on revitalizing key sectors like MSMEs, infrastructure, and manufacturing to boost employment and consumption. However, sustaining economic expansion will depend on the resolution of several underlying structural issues, including wage stagnation, the quality of job creation, and improving the ease of doing business.

In conclusion, while India's economic outlook for FY25 and FY26 remains positive, there are risks that could temper growth. Policymakers are likely to continue pushing for reforms and investments to address these challenges and boost the country's long-term growth trajectory.

India's Global Manufacturing Share Rises, Still Far Behind China: Economic Survey 2024-25

India's share of global manufacturing stands at 2.8%, significantly lower than China's 28.8%, according to the Economic Survey 2024-25. Despite this disparity, the survey notes that India's manufacturing contribution to the global economy is gradually expanding, offering substantial potential for further growth. This presents a unique opportunity for India to enhance the role of the industrial sector in its overall economic development.

The survey highlights that while India's manufacturing sector is growing, it still lags far behind China, which dominates the global manufacturing landscape. This gap indicates room for India to ramp up its industrial output, potentially improving its share in global

manufacturing and boosting its GDP contribution in comparison to other countries.

India's manufacturing growth has been supported by initiatives like "Make in India," aimed at fostering domestic manufacturing and attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). However, despite these efforts, India faces challenges such as infrastructure deficits, bureaucratic hurdles, and high labor costs that hinder its competitiveness on the global stage.

The Economic Survey emphasizes the importance of addressing these issues to realize the full potential of India's manufacturing sector. Enhancing the ease of doing business, improving infrastructure, and focus-



ing on skill development could drive further industrial expansion and increase India's global market share.

The survey also points out that India has made strides in sectors like electronics, textiles, and automotive manufacturing. Nevertheless, it is still far from achieving a manufacturing ecosystem comparable to China's, which benefits from economies of scale, established supply chains, and advanced technological

capabilities.

In conclusion, while India's manufacturing sector shows promise and is poised for growth, it needs sustained policy support, infrastructure improvement, and strategic investments to significantly increase its global share. This would not only boost India's economic stature but also provide the necessary push for more robust industrial growth in the coming years.

Key Highlights from India's Economic Survey 2024-25: Growth Prospects and Emerging Trends

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Economic Survey 2024-25 in Parliament on January 31, 2025, offering an in-depth analysis of India's economic performance and projections for the coming fiscal year. The survey outlines several macroeconomic trends, providing valuable insights into key sectors and offering a glimpse of the government's economic agenda ahead of the Union Budget 2025.



ecosystem. India accounts for 28% of the world's STEM workforce, further bolstering its reputation as a talent powerhouse.

Self-Employment on the Rise: A Shift Toward Entrepreneurship

A significant trend highlighted in the survey is the rise of self-employment in India's workforce. The proportion of self-employed individuals increased from 52.2% in 2017-18 to 58.4% in 2023-24, reflecting growing entrepreneurial activity and a preference for flexible work arrangements. This shift is especially noticeable among rural women, where the percentage of 'own account workers/employers' has risen sharply, indicating a shift towards independence and entrepreneurship.

Climate Action Challenges: Funding Shortfalls and Revised Targets

The survey also underscores concerns about climate action, particularly the lack of adequate funding from developed countries. With the new financial package from COP29 failing to inspire optimism, India may need to rework its climate targets. The report stresses

the importance of domestic resources in addressing climate change, which could impact the country's sustainable development goals.

Economic Outlook for Investors

For investors, the Economic Survey offers valuable guidance. The forecast for steady GDP growth, coupled with a focus on manufacturing, infrastructure, and digital transformation (particularly AI and SME growth), presents long-term opportunities. The survey's emphasis on these sectors will help wealth managers develop long-duration investment strategies targeting emerging trends in innovation and infrastructure, while maintaining a balanced view of risks and rewards. In conclusion, the Economic Survey provides a comprehensive look at India's evolving economic landscape, highlighting growth opportunities and potential challenges. As the country prepares for the Union Budget 2025, the insights provided by the survey are critical for understanding the government's fiscal approach in the year ahead.

FM Sitharaman Set to Present Record-Eighth Consecutive Budget Amid Slowing Economy



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to make history by presenting her eighth consecutive Union Budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 on Saturday. This landmark moment comes at a crucial time as India faces an economic slowdown, making the upcoming budget a significant focus for both the government and the public.

Expected to introduce measures aimed at boosting consumption and promoting growth, the budget is likely to include relief in the form of income tax relaxation for the middle class. These provisions could help revitalize spending and provide much-needed support to households grappling with inflation and economic uncertainty. With the Indian economy showing signs of slowing down, the government is keen to implement strategies that stimulate demand and foster growth across sectors. Analysts predict that the

budget will prioritize sectors such as manufacturing, infrastructure, and technology, with a special focus on creating jobs and addressing fiscal challenges.

For those interested in following the presentation of the budget live, there will be options for streaming, allowing citizens to tune in and understand how the government's plans will shape the nation's economic landscape for the coming year.

As Finance Minister Sitharaman prepares to present the budget, her speech will be closely watched for any significant changes in fiscal policy, tax reforms, and measures aimed at alleviating the economic stress experienced by the middle class. The government's strategy to address these challenges will play a vital role in determining the economic trajectory for India in 2025 and beyond.

Apple Shares Surge After Positive Sales Outlook for Next Quarter

Apple's stock saw a notable increase in after-market trading on Thursday following the company's optimistic forecast for the upcoming quarter. Executives at the tech giant projected higher sales than analysts had anticipated, hinting at a potential recovery in iPhone sales, fueled by the introduction of new artificial intelligence features.

During their earnings call, Apple executives revealed they expect sales for the next quarter to grow in the low- to mid-single digits. When adjusted for the anticipated 2.5 percentage point impact of foreign exchange fluctuations, this forecast suggests a growth rate that exceeds Wall Street's projections. Analysts had predicted a 5% rise, estimating a total of \$95.3 billion in sales for the quarter ending in March. The company's forecast appears poised to surpass these expectations, providing a positive outlook for the tech sector as a whole.

Apple's ability to incorporate artificial intelligence features into its devices has garnered attention as a key factor in boosting demand, particularly for the iPhone. As the company continues to expand its AI-driven capabilities, investors are hopeful that these innovations will stimulate sales growth despite broader economic challenges. This positive sentiment is reflected in the market response, as Apple's



shares rose in after-hours trading, signaling confidence in the company's future prospects.

The forecasted growth, coupled with the potential for a rebound in iPhone sales, points to a more resilient Apple heading into the spring. With AI at the forefront of its strategy, Apple is positioning itself to capture consumer interest and maintain its leadership in the tech industry. Analysts and investors will be closely monitoring the company's performance in the coming months to gauge the success of its AI initiatives and the impact on its sales trajectory.

Need A \$1 Massage In China? Better Own An iPhone, Porsche Or Luxury Bags

A massage parlour in Shenzhen, China, has caused a stir with a unique promotional offer: an 80-minute full-body detox treatment for just 9 yuan, or \$1. While the deal seems too good to pass up, there's a catch—only women who meet specific, high-end criteria are eligible for the offer.

According to a report by the South China Morning Post, the parlour's promotion is limited to women who meet at least one of 27 conditions, including owning luxury property, driving high-end cars like Audi or Porsche, or working for major tech companies such as Tencent or Huawei. Other criteria include carrying designer luggage, having residency in Hong Kong or Macau, or having traveled to Europe or the United States. The parlour also targets social media influencers with over 500,000 followers, as well as professionals like doctors and bankers.

In a message shared by the parlour, it stated, "If you do not meet the conditions, keep working hard in 2025!" The business defended its controversial offer, claiming it was meant to inspire self-improvement and not merely provide personal gratification.



Despite the exclusivity, the parlour has already received over 100 orders through its app, although one anonymous customer reported that the detox service itself felt no different from a typical massage. This has led to mixed reactions from the public, with some questioning the discriminatory nature of the promotion.

The parlour's selective approach has sparked concerns that it may be violating China's Consumer Rights Protection Law, which ensures fair trade practices for all consumers. Critics have also pointed out that those meeting the lavish criteria are unlikely to be motivated by the low price, raising doubts about the sincerity of the offer.

This isn't the first instance of exclusivity in China drawing criticism. In August 2024, a swimming club in Jiangsu province only allowed women under 45 with high IQs and specific personal qualities to join, further fueling debates about discrimination and the societal implications of such policies.



The Hidden Dangers of Microplastics: How They Impact Our Health

Microplastics are tiny plastic particles less than 5 millimeters in size, created by the breakdown of larger plastic items, synthetic fibers, and industrial processes. These particles are now pervasive in our environment, contaminating water, food, and even the air we breathe. Due to their small size, microplastics can easily enter the human body through ingestion, inhalation, or skin contact. Recent research indicates that microplastics may carry toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and harmful pathogens, posing significant health risks. Here's a look at how microplastics can affect the human body.

1. Digestive System Damage

Microplastics consumed through food and water can accumulate in the digestive system, causing inflammation, disrupting the gut microbiome, and impairing nutrient absorption. Over time, this can lead to digestive issues and metabolic problems.

2. Toxic Chemical Exposure

Microplastics often contain harmful additives such as bisphenol A (BPA), phthalates, and flame retardants, which are known endocrine disruptors. These chemicals can interfere with hormone regulation, potentially leading to reproductive issues, developmental disorders, and metabolic imbalances.

3. Cellular Damage and DNA Alteration

Studies show that microplastics can penetrate cells and induce oxidative stress, damaging cell membranes and DNA. This damage increases the risk of chronic diseases like cancer, neurodegenerative disorders, and accelerated aging.

4. Respiratory Issues

Inhaled microplastics can cause respiratory irritation and inflammation. Prolonged exposure may lead to asthma, lung fibrosis, and even a higher risk of lung cancer due to plastic particles accumulating in lung tissue.

5. Brain and Nervous System Effects

Some studies suggest that microplastics may cross the blood-brain barrier, leading to cognitive decline, memory loss, and an increased risk of neurological conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

6. Immune System Disruption

Microplastic exposure can lead to chronic inflammation and weaken the immune system, making individuals more susceptible to infections, autoimmune diseases, and allergic reactions.

7. Reproductive Health Problems

Endocrine-disrupting chemicals in microplastics may affect reproductive hormones, causing fertility issues, menstrual irregularities, and developmental problems in unborn children.

8. Cardiovascular Risks

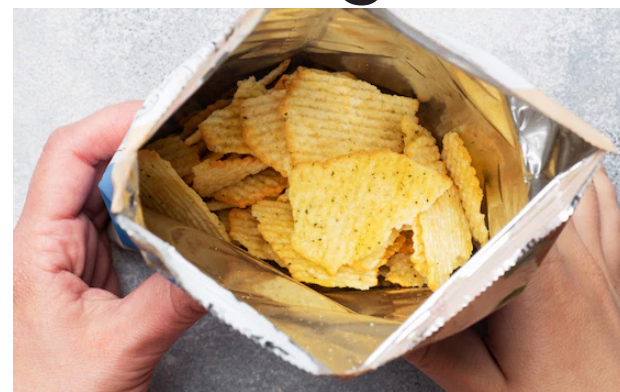
Microplastics in the bloodstream could increase the risk of cardiovascular diseases, promoting inflammation and oxidative stress in blood vessels, potentially leading to hypertension and heart disease.

Given the potential risks, minimizing plastic use, filtering water, and choosing natural materials over synthetics are steps we can take to reduce exposure and protect our health.

FDA Classifies Lay's Classic Potato Chips Recall as Highest Risk Level

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has classified the recall of Lay's Classic Potato Chips as a Class 1 recall, the highest level of health hazard. This decision follows concerns about "undeclared milk" in certain bags of chips, which can pose serious health risks to individuals with milk allergies or severe milk sensitivities. Frito-Lay, the manufacturer, announced the voluntary recall in December, affecting approximately 6,000 bags of 13 oz. Lay's Classic Potato Chips.

The affected chips, labeled with a "guaranteed fresh" date of February 11, 2025, were sold in select retail stores and e-commerce platforms in Oregon and Washington. Consumers may have purchased these products as early as November 3, 2024. Frito-Lay stated that the recall was initiated after a consumer contact-



removed from store shelves and the marketplace.

The FDA's decision to categorize the recall as a Class 1 reflects the significant health risk associated with the product. A Class 1 recall is issued when there is a reasonable probability that exposure to the violative product could cause serious adverse health consequences or even death. In this case, the undeclared milk poses a critical danger to consumers with milk allergies.

ed the company to report the issue. The company stressed that the presence of undeclared milk could lead to severe or life-threatening allergic reactions for those sensitive to milk.

Frito-Lay also clarified that no other flavors, sizes, or products in the Lay's line are part of this recall, and as of now, no allergic reactions have been reported. The company assured that the recalled bags have already been

Frito-Lay emphasized that the recall, which was fully coordinated with the FDA, was limited to just two states, Oregon and Washington. The company continues to work with the FDA to ensure consumer safety and proper disposal of the affected product.



Mount Taranaki Maunga In New Zealand Is Now A Living Entity

In a groundbreaking move, the New Zealand government has granted Mount Taranaki, now officially known as Taranaki Maunga, the legal rights of a human being. This historic decision aligns with a growing global movement that seeks to honor the cultural and spiritual significance of natural landmarks, particularly within indigenous communities. Under this new legal status, Taranaki Maunga is considered a living entity, a concept rooted deeply in Māori beliefs, where all elements of nature—humans, animals, plants, and even mountains—are interconnected.

Taranaki Maunga joins a select group of natural features in New Zealand to be granted individual status, including the Whanganui River and Te

Urewera National Park. This recognition elevates Taranaki Maunga from a geological feature to a cultural entity that deserves both respect and legal protection. The decision is part of an ongoing effort to acknowledge and respect indigenous traditions, while also fostering environmental conservation.

Māori people view Taranaki Maunga as an ancestral and spiritual entity. The granting of legal personhood allows the mountain to be defended and nurtured, with Māori iwi (tribes) and the New Zealand government working together to ensure its well-being. This agreement also includes reparations for the Māori communities in the Taranaki region, acknowledging the historical injustices they faced during colonization,

including the extensive confiscation of their ancestral lands.

Minister Paul Goldsmith emphasized the importance of recognizing past wrongs to foster a brighter future for the iwi and their aspirations. In a related move, the government also renamed the mountain from its colonial name, Mt. Egerton, back to its Māori title, *Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki*, meaning "the highly regarded and treasured land of Taranaki." The new law now refers to the mountain as *Te Kahui Tupua*, recognizing it as an indivisible whole.

Taranaki, New Zealand's second-highest mountain, is a dormant stratovolcano and a popular tourist destination known for snow activities and hiking.

Sachin Tendulkar to Receive BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award



Mumbai, Jan 30: Indian cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar will be honored with the BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Board's annual gala on Saturday. The award, instituted in 1994 in honor of India's first Test captain, Col. C.K. Nayudu, recognizes outstanding contributions to Indian cricket. Tendulkar will be the 31st recipient of this prestigious honor. A record-holder across formats, Tendulkar played 664 international matches, including 200 Tests and 463 ODIs, the highest by any player in cricket history. He remains the leading run-scorer in both formats, amassing 15,921 Test runs and 18,426 ODI runs. His one and only T20I appearance remains a unique trivia in his illustrious career. Tendulkar was a key part of India's historic 2011 World Cup-winning team, featuring in six World Cups. His career spanned

over two decades, debuting as a 16-year-old in 1989 against Pakistan and retiring in 2013 after an emotional farewell at the Wankhede Stadium. His batting genius inspired generations—from his maiden Test hundred at Perth (1992) to the 'Desert Storm' century in Sharjah (1998) and his near-match-winning effort against Pakistan in Chennai (1999). His tears of joy after India's 2011 World Cup victory were shared by a billion fans. Considered the greatest batter of his era, Tendulkar's impact transcended cricket, making him a symbol of Indian excellence. While Indian cricket has seen many stars, none have commanded the same unadulterated love and respect as the 'Master Blaster'. As he receives this prestigious honor, it is Indian cricket that remains indebted to him for his 24 years of unparalleled service.

India Clinch T20I Series with 15-Run Victory Over England



India defeated England by 15 runs in the fourth T20I on Friday, sealing the five-match series with an unassailable 3-1 lead. The match saw a stunning comeback from the hosts, led by Hardik Pandya (53) and Shivam Dube (53), who powered India to a competitive total of 181/9 after an early collapse. Invited to bat first, India struggled at 12/3, but an 87-run partnership between Pandya (53 off 30 balls) and Dube (53 off 34 balls) rescued the innings. Saqib Mahmood (3/35) was England's standout bowler, while India's lower order contributed crucial runs to push the score past 180. **Bowlers Seal Victory for India** Defending 181, India's spin attack took charge as Ravi Bishnoi (3/28) and Varun Chakravarthy (2/28) troubled England's middle order. Concussion substitute Harshit Rana (3/33) also made an impact,

restricting the visitors to 166 all out in 19.4 overs. Despite Harry Brook's fighting 51 and Ben Duckett's 39, England fell short as wickets tumbled under pressure. **Series Decider Not Needed** With India now leading 3-1, the fifth T20I will be a mere formality. This win solidifies India's dominance, with key performances from both the batting and bowling units. **Brief Scores:**

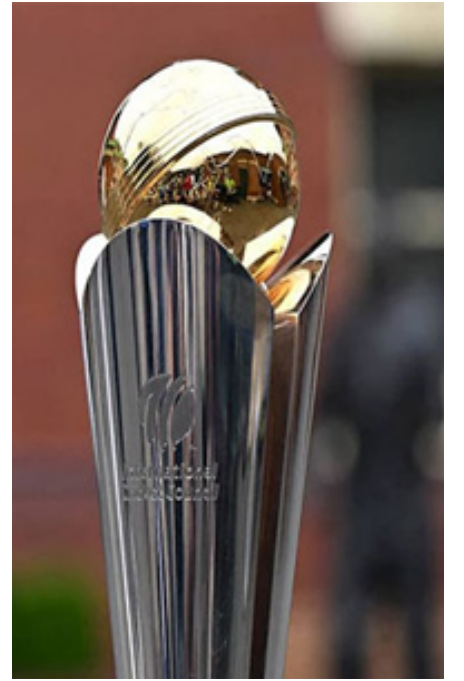
- India:** 181/9 in 20 overs (Hardik Pandya 53, Shivam Dube 53; Saqib Mahmood 3/35)
- England:** 166 all out in 19.4 overs (Harry Brook 51, Ben Duckett 39; Ravi Bishnoi 3/28, Harshit Rana 3/33)

With this series victory, India continues its strong form in the shortest format, building momentum ahead of future tournaments.

ICC Unveils Champions Trophy 2025 Campaign Featuring MS Dhoni

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has launched the official campaign for the Men's Champions Trophy 2025, emphasizing the 'all or nothing' format, where every match is a must-win encounter. With the world's top-eight teams competing, the stakes are at their highest, making every game crucial for qualification. The campaign film, produced by Star Sports Network, features MS Dhoni, India's 2013 Champions Trophy-winning captain, in an uncharacteristically intense avatar. The promo showcases Dhoni sitting in a bathtub filled with ice, sweating under immense pressure, symbolizing the tournament's high stakes. Dhoni, known for his cool demeanor, delivers the impactful line: "Ek bhi match mein phisle, samjho tournament se nikle." (Slip in even one match, and

you're out of the tournament.) Speaking about the tournament, Dhoni expressed his excitement: "The Champions Trophy has always been special to me. It's where the best go head-to-head in high-pressure games. While players handle pressure on the field, fans experience an entirely different level of excitement." India's fixtures in Champions Trophy 2025 Team India, led by Rohit Sharma, will begin their campaign against Bangladesh in Dubai on February 20. The group stage includes a blockbuster clash against Pakistan on February 23 and a match against New Zealand on March 2. The Champions Trophy 2025 kicks off on February 19, with the final scheduled for March 9. Fans are set for an electrifying tournament where every match is a do-or-die battle.



Manchester City to Face Real Madrid in Champions League Play-Off Round



Defending champions Real Madrid will take on 2023 winners Manchester City in the highlight fixture of the Champions League play-off round, following the draw held on Friday. This marks the fourth consecutive season that the two European powerhouses have clashed in the knockout rounds. Last season, Real Madrid emerged victorious in a penalty shootout in the quarter-finals, while City had beaten them in the 2023 semi-finals en route to their first Champions League title. Real had also won a thrilling semi-final tie in 2022, making this fixture a true European rivalry. Pep Guardiola's side will host the first leg at the Etihad Stadium before traveling to Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu for the decisive second leg. "It feels like a derby already," Guardiola remarked. "Four years in a row facing Real Madrid. Hopefully, we arrive at our best for both legs." Real Madrid legend Emilio Butragueno acknowledged the challenge but emphasized the club's historic success in the competition: "They are a great team, experienced in these games. But the Champions

League is special for us, and we will have the second leg at home." **Other Play-Off Fixtures**

- Bayern Munich vs Celtic – The Scottish champions return to the knockouts after 12 years.
- PSG vs Brest – An all-French battle.
- Juventus vs PSV Eindhoven – A clash between two former European champions.
- Feyenoord vs AC Milan – A meeting of two past winners.
- Atalanta vs Club Brugge – Last season's Europa League winners face Belgian opposition.
- Sporting CP vs Borussia Dortmund – A tricky contest for the German runners-up.
- Monaco vs Benfica – A rematch from the league phase.

Teams Already in the Last 16 Liverpool, Barcelona, Arsenal, Inter Milan, Atletico Madrid, Bayer Leverkusen, Lille, and Aston Villa have automatically qualified for the next round after finishing in the top eight of the league phase. The Champions League final will take place at Allianz Arena, Munich, on May 31.

Annabel Sutherland Makes History with Century as Australia Dominate England in Ashes Test



Annabel Sutherland created history on Day 2 of the Women's Ashes Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), becoming the first woman to score a Test century at the iconic venue. The young all-rounder smashed 163 off 258 balls, leading Australia to a commanding 422-5 at stumps, securing a 252-run lead over England. Starting the day on 24 not out, Sutherland played with elegance and resilience, hitting 14 boundaries. She reached her century with a well-placed cut shot, describing the moment as a dream come true. "It's a pretty special place, especially as a Victorian. Growing up, there was no better place to be than the 'G,'" Sutherland told Fox Cricket. She shared a 154-run partnership with Beth Mooney, who remained unbeaten on 98 and became Australia's fourth-highest female international run-scorer. England's fielding struggles were evident, as they dropped nine catches and missed a crucial stumping, allowing Sutherland and Mooney to capitalize. Former England captain Alex Hartley criticized their lackluster performance, calling it their worst fielding display of the Ashes series. Australian skipper Alyssa Healy (34) fell LBW in a controversial decision, while Ellyse Perry's availability remains uncertain due to a hip injury. With Australia firmly in control, the focus shifts to when Healy will declare and put England under pressure with the ball as they push for an early breakthrough.

Pakistan Announces Champions Trophy Squad: Mohammad Rizwan to Lead, Four Players Make Comeback

Pakistan selectors have announced a 15-member squad for the upcoming Champions Trophy, with Mohammad Rizwan named as captain. The squad includes four changes from the team that last played an ODI series in South Africa, with Fakhar Zaman, Khushdil Shah, Faheem Ashraf, and Saud Shakeel making their comeback. A major surprise in the selection is the inclusion of just one specialist spinner, Abrar Ahmed, who has played four ODIs and taken 10 wickets. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) stated that the squad can be modified until February 11, as per ICC regulations. **Key Squad Changes:**

- In:** Fakhar Zaman, Khushdil Shah, Faheem Ashraf, Saud Shakeel
- Out:** Saim Ayub (injury), Abdullah Shafique, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Sufyan Moqim

Selector Asad Shafiq emphasized that domestic performances played a key role in selection. "We have picked players who have consistently performed in



domestic competitions under similar conditions," he said. Pakistan's squad features four fast bowlers – Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf, Naseem Shah, and Mohammad Hasnain. The

selectors are considering either Babar Azam or Saud Shakeel to open alongside Fakhar Zaman. Before the Champions Trophy, Pakistan will play a Tri-series against South Africa and New Zealand from February 8-14 in Karachi and Lahore. **Pakistan Squad for Champions Trophy 2025:**

- Captain:** Mohammad Rizwan
- Vice-Captain:** Salman Ali Agha
- Batters:** Babar Azam, Fakhar Zaman, Saud Shakeel, Kamran Ghulam, Tayyab Tahir, Usman Khan
- All-rounders:** Khushdil Shah, Faheem Ashraf
- Bowlers:** Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf, Naseem Shah, Mohammad Hasnain, Abrar Ahmed

The Champions Trophy begins on February 19 at the National Stadium, Karachi, with Pakistan aiming for a strong performance.



Anshu Returns to Tollywood with 'Mazaka,' Teases Fans with Stunning Bridal Look

Actress Anshu, who regained widespread fame for her role in Manmadhudu alongside Akkineni Nagarjuna, is making her comeback to Telugu cinema after a long hiatus. She will play a significant role in the upcoming film Mazaka, directed by Trinadharao Nakkina of Dhamaka fame.

In Mazaka, Anshu is set to share the screen with Tollywood actor Sundeep Kishan and actress Ritu Varma. Rao Ramesh will also appear in a key role. The filmmakers recently released a special look of Anshu in a bridal outfit to celebrate her birthday, which has quickly gone viral on social media. In the image, Anshu sports a glamorous bridal attire, paired with stylish sunglasses, adding to the excitement surrounding the film.

Mazaka is a mass entertainer, scheduled for release on February 21. The film is being produced by AK Entertainments, Hasya Movies, and Zee Studios. The title and the first look of the movie have already garnered attention, with Sundeep Kishan presenting a fresh look that has increased anticipation among fans.

The film's recently released song, "Bachelor's Anthem," has also been receiving positive feedback, giving audiences a glimpse of the fun-filled vibe of the



movie. The teaser features light-hearted banter between the hero and heroine at a station, where Sundeep Kishan humorously asks whether beer or whiskey is better. Ritu Varma responds with playful dialogue, teasing the audience further and promising a film full of entertaining moments.

With Anshu's return to the spotlight, the buzz surrounding Mazaka continues to grow, as fans eagerly await its release next month. The film's intriguing mix of humor, romance, and drama is expected to be a hit, drawing attention from both old and new fans of the actors involved.

Rukmini Vasanth Turns Heads in Dazzling Blue Elegance!

Rukmini Vasanth, who captivated audiences with her stellar performance in Sapta Sagaradaache Ello, is making a strong mark in Tollywood. After her recent appearance in Appudo Ippudo Eppudo, the actress has once again set social media abuzz with her latest fashion statement. Dressed in a stunning blue one-shoulder gown with bold cutouts and a thigh-high slit, Rukmini radiated confidence and charm. Her effortless grace and impeccable style made for a breathtaking visual, leaving fans mesmerized. On the professional front, Rukmini is gearing up for her next major venture, NTR 31, where she will star alongside Jr. NTR. With her undeniable talent and rising stardom, audiences are eagerly awaiting her next big-screen performance.



Squid Game 3: Netflix Announces Release Date for Final Season

Netflix has officially announced that Squid Game Season 3 will be available for streaming on June 27, 2025. Fans of the popular South Korean series have eagerly awaited the conclusion of the story, and with this announcement, anticipation is building for the highly anticipated final season.

The new season will once again feature Lee Jung Jae, Lee Byung Hun, and Wi Ha Joon in key roles. The announcement poster teases a chilling tone, featuring a masked guard in the signature pink outfit, dragging a body, and a black coffin box tied with a pink ribbon—suggesting the high stakes and dark twists that lie ahead.

Season 3 will continue the journey of Lee Jung Jae's character, the protagonist who seeks to put an end to the brutal and dystopian games that have captivated au-



diences worldwide. The second season, which premiered on December 26, 2024, left viewers on a major cliffhanger, and

the third season promises to address these unresolved questions and bring the story to its conclusion.

Interestingly, both the second and third seasons of Squid Game were filmed simultaneously, so fans will not have to wait long to see how the series wraps up. The first season of the show became a global phenomenon, dominating Netflix during the lockdown with unanimous praise. While the second season received more mixed reviews, the pressure is now on the third season to deliver a satisfying conclusion to the intense and thrilling story.

As the final season approaches, all eyes are on how Squid Game will end, and whether the show can recapture the magic that made it one of Netflix's biggest hits.

Kannada Producer Accuses Nani's Hi Nanna of Copyright Infringement



Nani's Hi Nanna, which has been a major success both at the box office and in terms of accolades since its release on December 7, 2023, is now facing a copyright controversy. The movie, directed by Shauryuv, has earned widespread appreciation and awards. However, the film is now at the center of a legal dispute after Kannada producer Pushkara Mallikarjunaiah, known for producing hits like Avane Srimanarayana and Kirik Party, leveled serious allegations against it.

Pushkara Mallikarjunaiah has claimed that Hi Nanna is a direct copy of his 2020 Kannada film Bheemasena Nala Maharaja. According to Mallikarjunaiah, the makers of Hi Nanna did not obtain official permission or remake rights to adapt his film into Telugu. He has accused them of remaking his work without any legal clearance, which has led to the allegations of copyright infringement.

In Bheemasena Nala Maharaja, the protagonist invites the her-

oine to a resort to narrate his love story, and a child also plays an important role in the plot. Mallikarjunaiah pointed out the striking similarities between the two films, with the core storyline seeming almost identical. While the setup and presentation in Hi Nanna may differ, the general premise appears to resemble that of Bheemasena Nala Maharaja.

The accusation has sparked significant debate among movie enthusiasts and netizens. While some are questioning the originality of Hi Nanna, others are keen to see how Nani and the film's director, Shauryuv, will respond to these allegations. The controversy has brought attention to the broader issue of copyright infringement in the Indian film industry, where remakes and adaptations often become contentious.

As the legal proceedings unfold, fans of both films are closely watching the situation to see how this issue is resolved.

Parasakthi Title Controversy Resolved: Siva Karthikeyan's Film Secures the Name

The title controversy surrounding the iconic name "Parasakthi" has finally been resolved, bringing clarity to the Tamil film industry. The issue began when two major actors, Siva Karthikeyan and Vijay Antony, both announced their upcoming films with the same title, leading to widespread speculation and confusion among fans.



Siva Karthikeyan's film, directed by Sudha Kongara (known for her hit film Aakasam Nee Haddhura), had initially been planned with Suriya as the lead. However, due to certain reasons, the project was later revamped with Siva Karthikeyan in the lead role. The film, which also stars Atharva, Jayam Ravi, and Srileela, released a title teaser showcasing the name "Parasakthi." This sparked a controversy as the title

of the movie was shared with the 1952 blockbuster starring Sivaji Ganesan, a highly revered classic in Tamil cinema.

Coincidentally, actor Vijay Antony, known for his breakout role in Bichagadu, also announced a film titled "Parasakthi" for his upcoming project. Vijay Antony's team had reportedly registered the title in Telugu back in July of the previous year, causing fur-

ther confusion when the two films were set to be announced on the same day.

To resolve the issue, Vijay Antony clarified that he would drop the "Parasakthi" title for his film, allowing Siva Karthikeyan's movie to retain it. In a statement, Vijay Antony explained that he had registered the title in Telugu but had no problem relinquishing it for Karthikeyan's project, which had gained more traction. As a result, Vijay Antony's film will be renamed in Telugu, while the iconic title will officially remain with Siva Karthikeyan's film.

This resolution brings an end to the controversy, and fans can now look forward to the film Parasakthi starring Siva Karthikeyan, directed by Sudha Kongara.