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AGRICULTURAL BILLS REPEAL Further Directions

- Professor R.P. Singh



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MSP Law and Production Cost - Now, there is a talk of bringing in an MSP Guarantee law - Minimum Support Price for agriculture produce. When we can mandate the Minimum Wages Act to Industry workers, the povertyline determined; provide Employment Guarantee (MNREGA) and Food security - MSP can also be introduced in respect of the sale of

agricultural produce. It can be a variable system of progressive pricing from time to time. Measures have to be taken to prevent exploitation by individual intermediaries, brokers, and companies. But, in general, more important than the poverty line is the determination of the Amiri Rekha or a ceiling on the accumulation of wealth that deprives others of opportunities. According to PROUT, agriculture should be considered on par with the organised industry. Only then can the cost per production unit be systematically

mined, eliminating the farmers' poverty. As a result, farmers will get a fair price for their goods, achieving stability in the agriculture sector. Economic planning should include the following factors-the cost of production, productivity, purchasing capacity and collective necessity.

Cost of Production Traditionally, farmers and their family members Work to grow crops in many rural economies. However, when fixing the price of their produce, they do not calculate the labour costs involved in cultivating the land or pay wages to their family

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How Third and Fourth Mumbai Will Shape Maharashtra's Next Economic Boom



Maharashtra is building Third and Fourth Mumbai, near Navi Mumbai Airport and VadHAVAN Port to create jobs, improve infrastructure, and boost

Staff Reporter - When you hear "Mumbai," you tend to think of the island city, the Western Suburbs, the Bandra-Kurla Complex, and perhaps the monsoon-waterlogged roads. But the government of Maharashtra is now planning an expansion: two entirely new cities (or city-regions) that could change how we think of Mumbai altogether. They have been labelled "Third Mumbai" and "Fourth Mumbai." Mumbai is preparing for its biggest transformation yet. With the

announcement of Third Mumbai and Fourth Mumbai, Maharashtra is taking bold steps to ease the pressure on its financial capital and build the cities of the future. These ambitious projects will expand the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), creating new centers of innovation, investment, and infrastructure that can rival the world's best. Once, Mumbai meant just the island city and its suburban sprawl. Later came Navi Mumbai, often

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96 lakh 'fake' voters in Maharashtra: Raj Thackeray; demands clean-up before local polls

Staff Reporter - MNS chief Raj Thackeray on Sunday alleged that 96 lakh fake voters have been added to Maharashtra's electoral rolls and challenged the Election Commission, asking how it will hold the local body polls

without cleaning up the voters' list. Addressing booth-level agents of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS), Thackeray said if polls are held by rigging the voters' list, then it is the biggest insult to electors. He urged his

party workers to verify the voters' list to find out fake voters. Various Opposition parties, including the Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress, NCP (SP) and MNS, recently met the State Election Commission

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ICICI Bank commits ₹ 625 crore to set up radiation therapy facilities at Tata Memorial Centre, Navi Mumbai



Staff Reporter - ICICI Bank, along with Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), have announced the commencement of construction of a new cancer care building at TMC's Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research & Education in Cancer in Navi Mumbai. Funded through the Bank's CSR contribution of ₹625 crore, the facility will be among India's largest radiation therapy centres, equipped with cutting-edge cancer treatment technologies.

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Bengaluru professor's body found in 1,200 ft valley in Matheran

Staff Reporter - The body of motivational speaker from Bengaluru, professor Shanmuga S Balasubramanian (58), was retrieved from more than 1,200 ft deep valley of King George view point cliff, Matheran, on Sunday. He had arrived to deliver a lecture for the management team of a company but was last seen on the CCTV camera leaving the hotel on the morning of Oct 15. His family members and a few company personnel had reached the hill station. According to police, he had not intimated about his Matheran visit to the company in advance. The company started inquiring about Prof Balasubramanian after he skipped the event. Matheran police had launched a social media campaign seeking information about him after being alerted by the hotel owner. Police could not confirm whether it was an accidental skid during his morning trek or suicide since they noticed the railing intact at the view point stretch.

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Editorial

BEST : Not the best bus

BEST is not the best bus in the world or in India, as the name suggests. Their drivers and conductors are sometimes rowdy and use filthy language with passengers. Most of the bus drivers do not halt their buses at the actual bus stops, in spite of them being empty at times. They also never start their trips on time. Sometimes, one has to wait for more than an hour to board a bus. And when they do arrive, they are crowded. This is the reason why people in Mumbai prefer to travel by train or the Mumbai Metro or rely on share-a-cab or auto services. Some bus conductors also never return the change.

Anatomy of a miracle

TOGO

A lady got cured of the psoriasis that had seriously affected her hands and sole of her feet. She was under treatment by a skin specialist for the past couple of years.

It got so worse during her recent Guruvayoor pilgrimage in July that, she came back her feet bleeding and she was in pain and discomfort. And now in October, she is free of the affliction. What happened?

Believers would be pleased that Guruvayoorappan blessed her and rid her of her ailments. This is highly important from the perspective of restoring Faith, because: The story behind the NARAYANEEYAM holi verses is that Bhattathiri, a poet, was afflicted with very serious arthritis and in desperation he prayed before Lord Krishna and created the abridged version of Sri-mad Bhagavatham. He was cured..

Let us try to understand what constitutes a miracle.

1. An intense desire / desperation for a solution.
2. An unwavering belief that the LORD alone can save you.
3. GRACE is activated at this stage and the subject person 'acts/ feels/ thinks' somewhat differently. This change in approach [could be a paradigm shift] sets in

motion the CURE.

Now let us examine, what happened with this lady.

She came back from Guruvayoor all shaken up. Seeing her sore and bleeding feet, IT OCCURED TO her husband that this exacerbation occurred upon her walking barefoot all around the temple premises. He thought, LET US first get a disinfectant.

He got fresh Neem leaves from trees in nearby gardens, washed and made pulp in the mixi. This pulp was mixed in a bucket of hot water. The lady, normally fights against any [half baked..] home remedies especially those put forth by the husband. But THIS TIME she quietly agreed. She kept her feet in the bucket....

She showed EXTRA ORDINARY discipline to continue this 'torture for 45 minutes' night after night for over a month. Needless to say, the various creams, moisturizer and tablets from the skin specialist- were all applied/ consumed as prescribed as was being done for the past couple of years. The shift in thinking, feeling and action have been highlighted. The result is indeed a big relief. The positive feeling created by this cure will go a long way in approaching life situations more constructively.

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRE-CENSORSHIP OF FILMS

Pre-censorship of films. - Although freedom is a constitutional right falling under Article 19 (1) of the Constitution of India which says that all persons shall have freedom of speech and expression, this right is subject to reasonable restrictions on the grounds set out in Article 19 (2) of the Constitution. In other words, even though the basic principle in certifying the freedom of filmmaker is not curtailed, it is restricted within the reasonable restrictions under Article 19 (2) of the Constitution by empowering the Central Government to issue directions to the Board to follow the general principles, while granting the Censor Certificate. In furtherance of this power, the Central Government has given directions to the Board of Film Censors. They are divided into general principles three in number and are quoted as follows :



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- (1) No picture shall be certified for public exhibit which will lower the moral standards of those who see it.
- (2) Standards of life, having regard to the standards of the country and the people to which the story relates, shall not be so portrayed as to deprave the morality of the audience.
- (3) The prevailing laws shall not be so ridiculed as to create sympathy for violation of such laws.

In a documentary film which makes an attempt to analyse

the problems of Punjab, reference to the terrorist group is almost inevitable. The Court must judge the film in its entirety from the point of view of its overall impact. In the film there is no justification of the fundamentalists. On the other hand, there is a strong condemnation of those responsible for the killing of innocent people in the name of religion. The documentary viewed in its entirety is capable of creating a lasting impression of the message of peace and co-existence and there is no fear of the people being overwhelmed or carried away by excerpts showing interviews with fundamentalist groups. The standard to be applied by the Board or Courts for judging the film should be that of an ordinary man of common sense and prudence and not that of an out of the ordinary or hypersensitive man.

CLEFT LIP CLEFT PALATE DISCOMFORT - AN OUTSTANDING INITIATIVE



JAYANTHI SUBRAMANIAM - The work of bringing smiles to the innocent faces of children suffering from cleft lip and cleft palate, a congenital disorder, by treating them and creating awareness about it, will be possible thanks to the NGOs campaign and the timely compassionate initiative of Maharashtra Chief Minister. This is the goal of

the CM and for this, he has appealed to NGOs to recognize the need for treatment and awareness among such children in Vidarbha region. It is just a medical campaign, but a hopeful movement that will give new life to thousands of children. This unique campaign will be launched in Nagpur on July 31, 2025. Various activities like early diagnosis, treatment recommendations and registration of free surgeries for needy children will be implemented. Cleft lip and palate are congenital disorders. This disorder occurs in about one in 700 children.

This development can be corrected only by surgery. If not treated on time, it can lead to various complications such as deafness, speech impediment, and social isolation. However, this disorder is treatable and can be completely overcome after 6-7 surgeries. Since all these surgeries are expensive, people from economically weak families cannot afford them. Children with cleft palate can live a completely normal life if they receive timely treatment. For this, not only treatment but also awareness is equally necessary.

Mumbai Metro 12 Work Going 'Superfast'? All About Kalyan-Taloja Link To Navi Mumbai Airport

Staff Reporter - Mumbai's Metro Line 12 is much-awaited for the connectivity it will offer from Kalyan to Taloja and the Navi Mumbai Metro cor-

ridor. The line will be part of the orange line as an extension of Metro Line 5 (Thane-Bhiwandi-Kalyan).

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DIWALI, THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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It causes more sickness to the already sick and suffering people. Diwali must be celebrated in an eco-friendly manner. Noisy crackers and those crackers emitting a lot of toxic gases should not be burnt. People are prone to breathing problems when they inhale smoke. Those suffering from asthma, bronchitis and hypertension suffer a lot. Firecrackers that flood the markets constitute 75 per cent of saltpetre (potassium nitrate), 15 per cent of carbon, and 10 per cent of sulphur. When lighted, the combination of these chemicals generates poisonous oxides. Exposure to chemicals is a threat even while storing or carrying firecrackers. If we cannot refrain from burning crackers, then let us at least make Diwali safe. Plastic sheets from the rooftop of houses should be removed in order to avoid accidental fires during Diwali, especially when burning dangerous firecrackers like rockets and atom bombs.

On the other hand, we waste a lot of money on bursting

crackers during Diwali. It would be better if we would use the same money for the upliftment of the poor. There are millions of people all over the world who do not even get two square meals of food to eat a day. Instead of spending money on bursting firecrackers which goes up in smoke, we should donate the same money to an orphanage or a home for the aged. At least the people who are left there to die by their ungrateful children will feel happy. Firecrackers create a lot of noise pollution and cause a lot of distress to animals and birds. We should avoid them if possible, or localise their use in a community to an open field. We should also clear up the mess once the festivities gets over. Diwali is also celebrated as Kali Puja in the eastern region of India, i.e. the Bengal part. These days, eco-friendly or a green Diwali is being promoted. It is recommended that we use only organic materials for celebrating the festival and avoid the bursting of firecrackers, as they can be harmful to the

ecosystem and cause air and noise pollution. Diwali is a five-day festival celebrated not only by Hindus but also by Sikhs and Jains. The five days of the festival are -- Dhanteras, Chhoti Diwali, the main Diwali day (Lakshmi Puja), Govardhan Puja, and Bhai Dooj. The first day of the festival dedicated to wealth and prosperity, is marked by the worship of Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Kubera. The second day known as Naraka Chaturdashi (or Chhoti Diwali) is associated with the victory of good over evil and the cleansing of the soul. The third day of Diwali is the main day of Diwali, where people worship Goddess Lakshmi, seeking blessings for wealth and prosperity. The fourth day of Diwali celebrates Lord Krishna's victory over Lord Indra and is also known as Anakut or Govardhan Puja. Bhai Dooj is the final day of Diwali. It celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters, with sisters applying tilak (sectarian mark) on their brothers' foreheads and exchanging gifts.

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96 lakh 'fake' voters in Maharashtra:

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ioner and Chief Electoral Officer, while claiming that there are duplicate names in the electoral rolls across different addresses and assembly segments. The Opposition has called for "rectification" in the electoral rolls and removal of "anomalies" ahead of the rural and urban body elections, which are to be completed by January 31, 2026. The

Maharashtra State Election Commission on Saturday said that no political party can tamper with the electoral rolls and that corrections and updates on the voter lists are being managed securely. Raj Thackeray on Sunday alleged, "An attempt is being made to finish regional parties. I have learnt that 96 lakh fake voters have been enrolled in the voters' list in Maharashtra for the upcoming

polls. They had also done this during the state polls as well." He claimed that 8 to 10 lakh fake voters have been added in Mumbai and 8 to 8.5 lakh in Thane, Pune and Nashik. "They have done it in every village and city. Will polls take place like this in the country? If polls are held like this, then it is an insult to voters in Maharashtra and the country.

Mumbai Metro 12 Work Going ...

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How quickly is the work progressing? Mumbai Metro 12 project work: The progress report. The bhoomipujan for the project was carried out

last year and now the pillars are almost ready. In a post on X, a user claimed: "Mumbai Metro Line 12 is the fastest Metro Construction in India and Mumbai probably, with

in a year of Bhoomi Puja pillars are ready with cap, construction activity is seen at the Depot, probably the first time in Mumbai that Line and Depot work going at same time from the start."

How Third and Fourth Mumbai

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called Second Mumbai to handle the city's explosive growth. Now, a new chapter begins with plans for two more cities that will redefine urban India. Third Mumbai: A High-Tech City Near the New Airport Planned near the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport in Raigad district, Third Mumbai will cover 323.44 sq. km within the Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area (NAINA). It will include 124 villages connected through major infrastructure corridors like the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (Atal Setu) and the Mumbai-Pune Expressway. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has described it as "India's next-gen city." The plan is to create a complete ecosystem that combines learning, innovation, healthcare, and sports. Key zones include: Edu-City, housing 10 international-level universities, Medicine City, for world-class healthcare and research, Sports City, for training and global events, Innovation and Knowledge Cities, to support startups and R&D A Cyber Security Centre, preparing for future digital challenges Third Mumbai isn't meant to be a satellite city. It's being built as a new hub for global talent, technology, and investment, an urban ecosystem designed from scratch. Fourth Mumbai: India's Port City of the Future. To the north, Fourth Mumbai is taking shape near Vadnavan Port in Palghar district, around 140 km from South Mumbai and close to the Maharashtra-Gujarat border. The centerpiece of this plan is the Vadnavan Port, expected to be three times the size of JNPT, India's busiest container terminal. Developed under a public-private partnership by Vadnavan Port Project Ltd (VPPL), the port involves an investment of ₹ 76,220 crore. The surrounding region will be developed as a fully integrated smart city, supported by: A proposed Greenfield international airport (feasibility studies are already underway) An extended bullet train corridor for high-speed connectivity. Coastal roads linking the port to the Mumbai network. Fourth Mumbai will mirror

the planning model of Third Mumbai, with dedicated zones for education, health-care, sports, and innovation. With its deep-water port and cutting-edge infrastructure, the city is being positioned as India's answer to Rotterdam and Singapore, a maritime hub with global ambitions. Beyond Mumbai: A Statewide Growth Strategy. Maharashtra's vision goes far beyond the Mumbai region. At the 2025 India Conference by Bank of America, CM Fadnavis presented an extensive industrial roadmap to reshape the state's economy. Some highlights: Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar is emerging as a major EV manufacturing hub. Gadchiroli is expected to attract investments worth Rs. 1 lakh crore to become a steel production powerhouse. Nagpur, Nashik, and Dhule are evolving into key centers for IT, infrastructure, and manufacturing. The Chief Minister also noted Maharashtra's dominance in the data economy, 60% of India's data center capacity is based here, with Mumbai at the heart of the country's fintech ecosystem. Maharashtra's Vision 2029-2047 The state has laid out a long-term roadmap that aligns with India's development goals. It unfolds in three phases: Maharashtra 2029 - Short-term targets for rapid economic acceleration Maharashtra 2035 - Expansion of infrastructure, industry, and jobs. Maharashtra 2047 - A futuristic plan marking India's 100 years of independence. The government aims to integrate Artificial Intelligence, smart governance, and cyber security into the state's core planning. A specialized Advanced Cyber Defense Centre is also on the cards to safeguard the digital future. With Third and Fourth Mumbai, Maharashtra is not just adding new districts to its map, it's building engines of growth designed for the 21st century. These projects combine smart city design, global-standard infrastructure, and sustainable planning to attract talent and investment from around the world. They promise to create a new model of urban India, where technology meets livability, and opportunity meets innovation.

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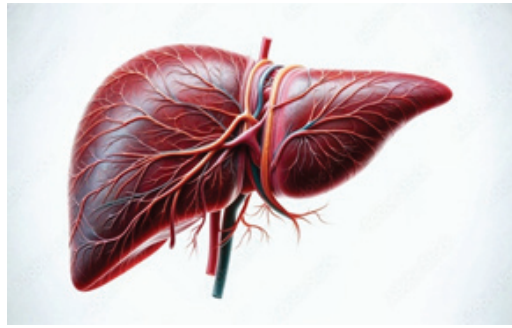
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HEALTH LET YOUR LIVER LIVE

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Be kind to your liver. Alcohol consumption is the most dangerous. Drinking hard liquor can scar the liver. Pesticides and chemicals including household cleaning products can impact liver health. Keep fit and eat mindfully. Weight management should form a part of your wellness habit including eating right. Beware of medications as some are harmful to liver. Do not self-medicate and always follow exact dosage as prescribed by your health care personnel. Exercise regularly. Get vaccinated for Hepatitis A & B. Ensure safe drinking water. Regular liver checkups if at risk. Stay hydrated. Dr Karishma Vijan. **Liver care**-The liver is one of the most hard-working organs in our body, quietly handling over 500 vital functions, including detoxifying the blood, processing nutrients, and fighting infections. But liver diseases like viral hepatitis often go unnoticed until significant damage has already occurred. Dr Somnath Chattopadhyay, Consultant and Head of Department, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery and Liver Transplant, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai, says, "The good news is you don't need a drastic lifestyle overhaul to protect your liver. Simple habits like drinking enough water, eating a balanced diet -(rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins), avoiding processed and fatty foods, and exercising three to four times a week can go a long way. Stopping alcohol, getting vaccinated against hepatitis A and B, and going for regular health check-ups also help." These small steps can prevent liver strain and keep it functioning well.

Detox myths vs facts There are many misconceptions around liver detox. In fact, crash diets or supplements without medical advice can do more harm than good. The liver does not require detoxification from external agents - it is inherently equipped to neutralise toxins and metabolise waste. Instead of expensive remedies, support your liver with healthy food, adequate sleep, and regular



exercise advises Dr. Chattopadhyay. A proven method to "detox" is not consumption-based - it's about removing exposure to pollutants and contaminants, not including supplements with uncertain efficacy. Dr. Sonavane points out, "Clinically, the best way to support liver function is by minimising what burdens it. Overuse of herbal remedies and excessive green tea extracts found in unregulated supplements, have been linked to cases of drug-induced liver injury." The biggest myth is that certain juices or herbal teas can detox the liver. Dr. Jatin Yegurla, Consultant Medical Gastroenterologist, Apollo Hospitals, reveals, "In fact, some unregulated herbal remedies can harm the liver further. What works is prevention through vaccination, avoiding unsafe injections or tattoos, and getting tested. Hepatitis C is curable with antiviral treatment. Only a blood test can confirm liver function or hepatitis infection." You can get regular health checks which include liver parameters using home healthcare services and get consultation with a doctor. Early diagnosis and treatment—not fad detoxes—are the real solution. Diet for a healthy liver For those inflicted with hepatitis, nutritionist Vanshika Dhingra suggests fibre-rich diet, "A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein sources supports liver function and overall health. Particularly, garlic, beetroot, spinach, green tea, olive oil, and cruciferous vegetables are beneficial. Avoid processed foods and sugary drinks at all costs." For good liver health, limit salt intake and avoid excessive intake of sodium.

ICICI Bank commits ₹625 crore to set

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This is part of the Bank's larger commitment of ₹1,800 crore to TMC for setting up of three state-of-the-art cancer care buildings - one each at Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Mullanpur (New Chandigarh) in Punjab and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, the bank said. The ground breaking ceremony and unveiling of foundation stone for the building - named as 'ICICI Foundation Block for Radiation Oncology' - were conducted on Sunday (October 19, 2025). The 11-storey building with a ground floor and two basements will span across 3.4 lakh square feet. It will house 12 state-of-the-art Linear Accel-

erators (LINACs), and other advanced cancer care equipment. LINACs deliver precise radiation to cancer cells thereby minimising damage to surrounding healthy tissues. The 'ICICI Foundation Block for Radiation Oncology' will serve 7,200 patients with radiation therapies annually, offering over two lakh radiation sessions to these patients, the bank said. In addition, the block will provide OPD consultations and diagnostics to 25,000 new patients a year. It is expected to be completed by 2027. ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth, the CSR arm of ICICI Bank, will oversee its implementation.

AGRICULTURAL BILLS REPEAL

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members. Nor do they determine the cost of the tools or machines they use in the fields or count the other expenses incurred in producing their crops. Hence, they fail to calculate the per-unit cost of production systematically. As a result, they incur losses or perpetually get low prices for their produce. Agriculture must be reorganised and established on the same basis as an Industry through the Cooperative system to resolve the growing agrarian crisis and farmers distress. According to PROUT, agriculture should be treated as an organised industry. Only then can the per-unit cost of production be systematically determined, and farmers' poverty end. As a result, farmers will get proper prices for their commodities, achieving stability in the agricultural sector. In a Proutistic economy, the cost of production should be systematically determined and kept at the minimum level. All industries, including agrico-industries and agro-industries, must see that the cost of producing a particular commodity does not exceed its market value. Every

production unit must be economically viable.

Productivity

The economy will have to be organised in such a way as to drive its innate power to produce more and more. Money should be invested - the economy should keep the money rolling rather than hoarded - so that the collective wealth of society is continually increased.

Purchasing Capacity

Planning should also result in the increasing purchasing capacity of every person. PROUT does not support the existing practice of considering the per capita income as the index of people's economic standard. Per capita income is a deceptive and defective measure of collective wealth popularised by capitalist economists to fool people and hide their exploitation. The true measure of peoples' economic advancement is increasing purchasing capacity. Increasing peoples' purchasing capacity, the easy availability of the minimum requirements, stable prices, progressive, periodic increases in wages and salaries ensures ever-increasing collective wealth.

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