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**In a nutshell**

**Assembly session likely from Dec 9**

**HYDERABAD:** The Telangana Assembly's winter session is likely to be conducted from December 9 and speculation is rife that the State government is likely to table the new Revenue Act. The last session was held in August. In the wake of the local body elections, there is a buzz that the government might pass a resolution on Rythu Bharosa and Aasara pensions. It may also hold a discussion on caste census.

**US regulators want breakup of Google**

**WASHINGTON:** US regulators want a federal judge to break up Google to prevent the company from continuing to squash competition through its dominant search engine after a court found it had maintained an abusive monopoly over the past decade. The proposed breakup floated in a 23-page document filed by the US Department of Justice calls for sweeping punishments that would include a sale of industry-leading Chrome. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

**Gold prices jump Rs 1,400**

**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices jumped Rs 1,400 to Rs 79,300 per 10 g in the national capital on Thursday due to fresh buying by jewellers and retailers, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 77,900 per 10 grams in the previous session. But, silver traded flat at Rs 93,000 per kg. Meanwhile, in futures trade on the MCX, gold contracts for December delivery bounced Rs 568 to trade at Rs 76,602 per 10 g. **PTI**

**CAG gets first Telugu bureaucrat**

**AMARAVATI:** Kondru Sanjay Murthy, who took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Thursday, is the first Telugu bureaucrat to hold the key post. A distinguished bureaucrat from the Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh, Murthy was sworn in as the CAG by President Droupadi Murmu. He succeeded Girish Chandra Murmu. Murthy is a 1989 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre. **NATION PAGE 7**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 103
Retail live.....	Rs. 125
With skin.....	Rs. 181
Skinless.....	Rs. 206
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 78

## School goofs up again, serves worm-infested food

**STATE BUREAU**  
Narayana

Despite over 50 students falling ill due to food poisoning on Wednesday, the Zilla Parishad High School at Maganoor did not learn any lesson as students complained again on Thursday about worm-infested being served for mid-day meals.

Following Wednesday's incident, many students did not turn up for the school. As

the agency's contract was cancelled, a new agency was roped in to cook food for them. However, when the food was served to the students, they noticed worms in the rice. Immediately, the schoolteachers were alerted and they dumped the rice in the bin. A new bag of rice was arranged immediately and the students were given bananas. At about 3.45 pm, lunch was served to the students. Meanwhile, one more

**On Wednesday, some students took ill on eating mid-day meals. Even at the hospital, they were served worm-infested food**

official was suspended and three officers were issued show-cause notices in connection with the incident.

While District Education Officer Abdul Ghani was suspended, show-cause notices were issued to RDO Ramchander, MPDO Rahmatuddin and Food Inspector Neelima. Additional Collector Ben Shalom is conducting an inquiry into the incident.

The incident has sent shock waves across the State, more so because the students from the school, who were admitted to the Government General Hospi-

tal following Wednesday's food poisoning incident, were served worm-infested upma for breakfast at the hospital on Thursday morning. The 15 students were served upma, khichdi and other dishes for breakfast in the hospital. But, while having the food, the students noticed the worms in the khichdi and upma. They alerted the nurses and hospital staff, who threw the food in the bin. **(REPORTS PAGE 4)**

# US INDICTS ADANI IN BRIBERY SCAM

**Billionaire allegedly paid Rs 2,200 cr in bribes to Indian officials; denies charges**

**Met Jagan in 2021, paid AP officials approx Rs 1,750 cr for solar power contracts**

**PTI**  
NEW YORK/NEW DELHI

Billionaire Gautam Adani has been charged by US prosecutors for allegedly being part of a scheme to pay \$265 million (about Rs 2,200 crore) bribe to Indian officials in exchange of favourable terms for solar power contracts.

Adani, India's second-richest man, and seven others, including his nephew Sagar, have been charged with paying bribes to unidentified officials of State governments in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha to buy expensive solar power, potentially earning more than \$2 billion profit over 20 years.

The Adani group had in 2021 won a bid to supply 8,000 megawatt (8 GW) of power generated using locally manufactured solar cell and modular plants but could not meet the price expectations of state governments buying such electricity.

Adani is alleged to have met the then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy in 2021, following which the State government agreed to buy 7,000 MW of power. Andhra Pradesh officials were paid at the rate of Rs 25 lakh per MW, totalling Rs 1,750 crore (\$200 million) for 7,000 MW the State ended up purchasing. Odisha purchased 500 MW of power through the same route.

"The Andhra Pradesh bribe payment was approximately \$200 million," the court document showed. Odisha purchased 500 MW of power.

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**(NO DIRECT AGREEMENT WITH ADANI, SAYS YSRCP PAGE 7)**

## HC allows BRS protest

**LEGAL CORRESPONDENT**  
Hyderabad

Justice B Vijay Sen Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Mahabubabad to grant permission for the BRS to hold a peaceful protest in the town. The protest, initially scheduled for November 21, was rescheduled to November 25 upon the court's order.

The protest was planned to address allegations of police brutality against the residents of Lagacherla village in Kodangal. Yella Muralidhar Reddy, the youth president of the BRS in Mahabubabad, had moved the

### BribeGate

THE RECENT INDICTMENT MAY THROW THE ADANI GROUP AGAIN IN TURMOIL JUST AS IT REBOUNDED FROM US SHORT SELLER HINDENBURG RESEARCH'S DAMNING FRAUD ALLEGATIONS

- Adani, seven others, including nephew Sagar, named in indictment
- Indictment names New Delhi-based Azure Power
- Bribes paid concealed from US banks, investors from whom Adani Group raised billions of dollars
- Bribed unidentified officials of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha govts to buy expensive solar power, potentially earning over \$2 bn profit over 20 years
- From 2020-24, Adani & subsidiaries raised over \$2 bn from international financial institutions, US-based asset management companies
- Gautam Adani, nephew Sagar R Adani, Adani Green Energy Ltd CEO Vneet S Jaain conspired to defraud investors
- Sagar used his cellphone to track details of bribes offered and promised to govt officials
- Jaain used his phone to photograph a document summarising various bribe amounts owed
- Defendant Rupesh Agarwal prepared analyses of bribery scheme using PowerPoint, Excel
- Conspirators privately referred to Gautam Adani as 'Numero uno', 'the big man'

**GAUTAM ADANI PART OF SCHEME TO PAY \$265 MN BRIBE TO INDIAN OFFICIALS IN EXCHANGE OF FAVOURABLE TERMS FOR SOLAR POWER CONTRACTS**



### COME OUT CLEAN ON TIES WITH ADANI: KTR

**HYDERABAD:** In the wake of industrialist Gautam Adani's indictment in the US and his investments in Telangana stirring up a nationwide storm, BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded the Congress to come out clean on its alleged nexus with him.

Termining Adani a "fraudster who deceived global powers and bribed Indian officials", he questioned the association of Congress and BJP with him, terming it a disgrace to the nation. Rama Rao targeted the Congress government in Telangana, demanding the immediate cancellation of permits granted to Adani-Ambuja cement factory in Ramannapet. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

### Kenya govt cancels deals

**NAIROBI:** Kenya's President said he has cancelled multimillion-dollar airport expansion and energy deals with Gautam Adani after the US bribery and fraud indictments against one of Asia's richest men. President William Ruto said the decision was made "based on new information provided by our investigative agencies and partner nations." He didn't specify the US. The Adani group was in the process of signing an agreement that would modernise Kenya's airport. **AP**

### 'Centre shielding Adani'

**HYDERABAD:** BRS MLC K Kavitha targeted PM Narendra Modi and the BJP over the Adani scandal, questioning the Centre's stance on the issue. She slammed the Centre for shielding Adani, while not thinking twice before arresting political rivals. In her first public comments since her release from jail, Kavitha raised serious allegations, questioning the Centre's selective justice in initiating action against him, despite repeated allegations. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

### REVANTH IN A FIX AS RAHUL DEMANDS ACTION

**HYDERABAD:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's demand to initiate action against Gautam Adani has landed his own party's Chief Minister in Telangana, A Revanth Reddy, in a spot of bother as Revanth Reddy has recently

been signing deals and receiving donations from Adani. Speaking at a press conference in New Delhi, the Congress MP, while replying to a query that Congress governments in Telangana and Karnataka had signed agreements

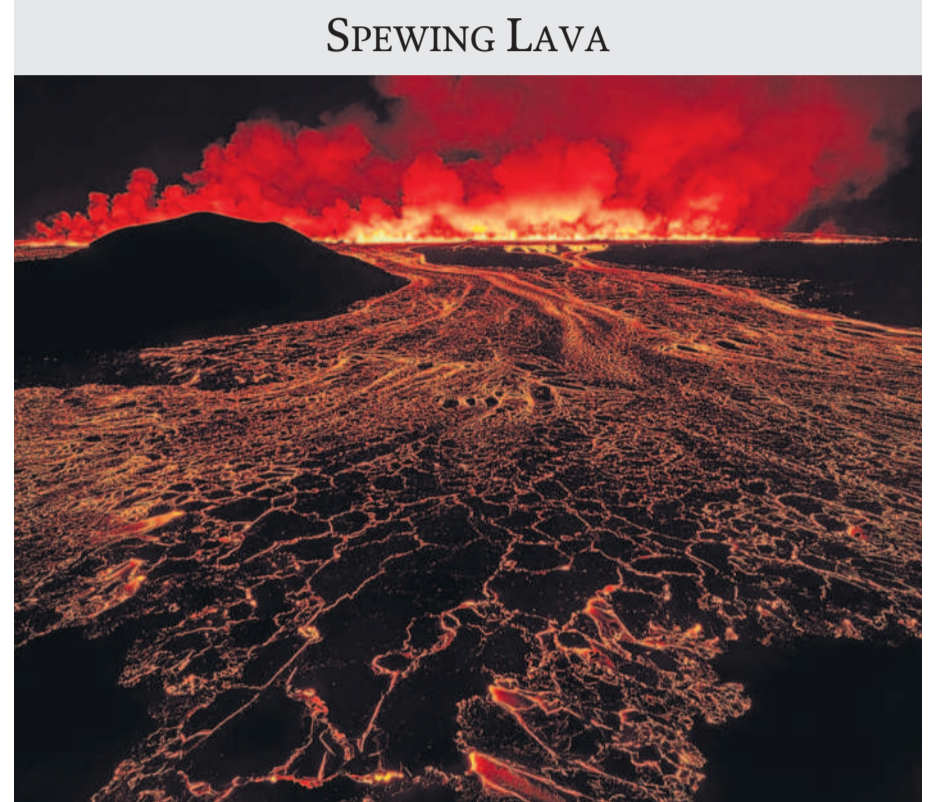
with Adani, said all those involved with Adani should be investigated. "Adaniji should be arrested and whoever is involved in the issue, an investigation should be conducted on them," he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

### Villagers in CM's district oppose Cong event

**STATE BUREAU**  
Mahabubnagar

Residents in a few villages under Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's home district of Mahabubnagar are opposing the Congress government's Vijayotsavulu celebrations.

Villagers at Addakul mandal bus stand opposed the Congress leaders and artists, who wanted to conduct Vijayotsavulu programmes on Thursday, stating that the government had failed to implement the guarantees assured to the people. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



**SPewing LAVA**

A volcano on the Reykjanes Peninsula in southwestern Iceland has erupted for the seventh time since December last year. The eruption created a fissure of around 3 km long. — Photo: AP

## Lagacherla row: NHRC issues notices to CS, DGP

**STATE BUREAU**  
Hyderabad

In a major victory of sorts for the BRS, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken cognizance of the complaint lodged by the residents of Lagacherla village in Vikarabad district alleging police harassment, physical abuse and false criminal charges.

The farmers had lodged the complaint with the Commission in Delhi with the help of the BRS last Monday.

According to a press release issued by the NHRC, the alleged actions occurred after the villagers protested

### HC RAPS COPS OVER FORMER MLA'S ARREST

**HYDERABAD:** Justice K Lakshman of the Telangana High Court on Thursday came down heavily on the State Police for relying on allegations that were "not part of the reasons and grounds mentioned in the remand report" for arresting former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narendar Reddy of the BRS. The judge found fault with the investigation officer for irregularities in the arrest procedure and questioned how the petitioner's release would affect the investigation process. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

the State's land acquisition for a proposed Pharma Village without following proper procedures. Most of the victims of the alleged atrocities claim to be from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities. The complaint has been submitted by at least 12 victims who visited the Com-

mission praying for its intervention to save them from starvation in the matter, it said. The press release said that as per the complaint, on November 11, the District Collector accompanied by other officials arrived at the village to announce the forcible land acquisition for the proposed pharma project. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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