

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

Deadline: The deadline to enroll in the crop insurance scheme is August 15. **Registration** can be done at nearby Rythu Seva Kendras.

Required Document: A Crop Cultivation Certificate is sufficient. Insurance can be registered first, followed by 'e-Crop' registration later.

Premium Rates Paid by Farmers:Kharif Crops: 2% Rabi Crops: 1.5% Commercial / Horticultural Crops: 5%“(The remaining premium amount will be borne by the government). El Niño Impact & Alternative Crop Recommendations Water Scarcity Issue: Due to dried-up tanks and depleted groundwater from El Niño, relying solely on borewell motors for paddy cultivation poses a high risk of loss. Dryland Crops: Farmers are advised to avoid traditional paddy cultivation and opt for alternative dry-



land crops requiring less water, such as groundnut, red gram, and green gram. Modern Techniques: Adopting efficient water management techniques like drip irrigation is recommended to mitigate water scarcity and prevent financial losses.

YSRCP hold rally in Nagari over DSC recruitment, flays govt

The YSRCP has held a protest in the Nagari constituency of Chittoor district alleging the irregularities in the DSC teacher recruitment process conducted Andhra Pradesh. Led by former minister RK Roja, the protest saw the participation of key YSRCP leaders, a large number of party cadres, and job aspirants, all raising slogans against the government. Roja lashed out at the government, accusing irregularities in the DSC. Speaking at a press conference held after the rally, former minister RK Roja alleged



a massive scam behind the DSC recruitment, citing the leakage of question papers. She questioned why Education Minister Nara Lokesh remained silent on the issue. The former MLA also slammed the government and demanded the Chief Minister to look into the matter and investigate the allegations.

Heavy rains alert issued to AP and Telangana for next two days



Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are likely to receive heavy rains for two days amid the formation of cyclonic circulation in northwest Bay of Bengal which would intensify into a low-pressure area by Wednesday. Andhra Pradesh State is likely to receive the rains with red alert for lightning issued to the districts in Vizianagaram, Bhoga puram, Anakapalli,

Visakhapatnam, Vepada, Choda varam and S. Kota and people are advised to take care during thunderstorms. On the other hand, Telangana is also likely to receive rains today and tomorrow with yellow alert in place for Peddapalli, Jagtial, Nirmal, Mancherial, Bhadradi Kothagu dem, Adilabad, Nizamabad, and Asifabad districts.

AP clears Velampeta slum redevelopment model in Visakhapatnam

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has cleared a new redevelopment model for slums, beginning with the Velampeta slum in Visakhapatnam, officials said on Tuesday. Taking a leaf from large-scale urban redevelopment models such as Dharavi in Mumbai, the Andhra Pradesh government proposes to leverage the value of development rights to create modern housing for existing residents while minimising the direct financial



burden on the exchequer. The government has accorded permission to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to redevelop the Velampeta Slum in Zone-IV, Ward No.35 under the Visakhapatnam Economic Region (VER) Programme on a

Design, Build, Finance and Transfer (DBFT) basis. The project will accommodate 177 housing units on a compact site measuring just 1,986.45 sq metres by constructing a high-rise residential complex up to 45 metres in height. According to an official release, a key feature of the model is that instead of relying entirely on conventional government funding, the successful private bidder will undertake redevelopment against Transferable Develop-

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Nara Lokesh assures support to Telugu students stuck in Thailand, gives directions to officials

As per the instructions of Minister Nara Lokesh, the officials of the Andhra Pradesh Bhavan are making every effort to bring back the five Telugu students stuck in Thailand. The AP Bhavan Commissioner said that they would take care of all documents required for the return of the students. He requested the embassy officials in Thailand to facilitate their immediate return. Many Telugu youths went to Thailand for job opportunities but eventually faced difficulties and sought for help over social media. They said they were being forced to go to Myanmar, and minister Lokesh immediately responded to the distress call. "I understand your anxiety and agony; I will talk to the authorities to get you the required help and take immediate action for your safe return," he wrote on the 'X' social media platform. Further, he instructed the officials to deal with the matter and bring back the students, following which the AP Bhavan officials took charge.

Andhra Pradesh records 10.7% growth in Q2 2025-26 despite El Niño

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh recorded 10.7 per cent economic growth in the second quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal despite the impact of El Niño, with agriculture registering the highest growth of 13.5 per cent, followed by industry at 10.6 per cent and services at 9.9 per cent, officials said. Planning Department officials presented the July 2026 monthly economic report to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at his camp office here. "Andhra Pradesh recorded 10.7 per cent economic growth in the second quarter of 2025-26 despite the impact of El Niño, with agricul-



ture leading at 13.5 percent, followed by industry at 10.6 per cent and the services sector at 9.9 per cent," an official press release said on Tuesday. The state's real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rate increased from 6.5 per cent in 2023-24 to 9.9 per cent in 2025-26, and remained higher than the national growth rate for the past two years, said the press release.

Tirupati gears up for 'Partners in Nation Building' campaign ahead of I-Day

Tirupati: The district administration has drawn up a series of programmes to promote 'Partners in Nation Building' campaign and encourage people to actively participate in nation building ahead of Independence Day. Joint Collector R Govinda Rao, along with DRO G Narasimhulu, reviewed preparations with officials at a meeting held on Monday. The review covered awareness campaigns, Independence Day programmes, social media publicity, student participation, tree plantation, Har Ghar Tiranga and



tricolour lighting arrangements. The JC said the celebrations should go beyond traditional festivities and provide an opportunity for citizens to understand their role in the development of country and State. He directed officials to conduct a wide publicity campaign from August 10 to 15 to encourage greater public participation.

Monthly Crime Review in Yadadri District

A monthly crime review meeting was conducted at the Bhongir DAR Headquarters under the leadership of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District SP Akshansh Yadav, IPS. Additional SPs, DSPs, CIs, and SHOs participated. Instructions on Case Investigation **Targeted Focus:** The SP instructed officers to pay special attention to POCs, NDPS (drug-related), and SC/ST

cases, ensuring speedy investigations and timely resolution. Pending Cases & Narcotics: Long-pending cases must be prioritized and completed quickly. Disposal procedures for seized narcotics/drugs should be executed without delay as per regulations. Public Service & Law and Order **Direct Interaction:** Station House Officers (SHOs) were strictly ordered to personally



meet petitioners visiting police stations, understand their grievances, and take appropriate action. "Patrolling & Security: Night patrolling and village visits should be intensified.

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A serious threat to Art
19(1)(a), RTI and journalism

There are six core constitutional questions before the Supreme Court, related to the RTI and DPDP Act.

1. Can Parliament amend the RTI Act through the DPDP Act? There is no inherent constitutional prohibition on amending one statute through another. The real question is whether the substance of the amendment violates fundamental rights.

2. Is “personal information” a constitutionally sufficient exemption? Does the phrase provide adequate precision, or is it so broad that it permits arbitrary denial?

3. Can privacy completely override public interest? Or must there always be a proportionality-based balancing mechanism?

4. Is deletion of the public-interest override constitutionally valid? This is perhaps the central Section 44(3) issue.

5. Does the DPDP framework adequately protect Article 19(1)(a)? Particularly the right to know and investigative journalism.

6. Are the executive powers and Data Protection Board sufficiently constrained and independent? This brings Articles 14, 19 and 21 together with separation-of-powers principles.

The constitutional objective should not be to choose RTI over privacy or privacy over RTI. A democratic constitutional order needs both. The legitimate rule should be something like: Genuinely private information must be protected; information bearing upon public power, public money and public accountability must remain accessible; and where the two overlap, an independent, proportionate public-interest balancing test must operate. This has to be examined at a petition of W.P. (C) Nos 177/2026, 211/2026 and 212/2026, setting out each challenged section, the exact constitutional provision invoked, the petitioner’s argument, the Union’s likely defence, and the possible Supreme Court test. Three principal petitions concern this issue, and the Court has referred the challenge to a five-judge Constitution Bench.

The Court has not granted an interim stay. The principal cases are: Venkatesh Nayak v. Union of India, W.P.(C) No. 177/2026; The Reporters Collective Trust & Anr. v. Union of India, W.P.(C) No. 211/2026; National Campaign for People’s Right to Information (NCPRI) v. Union of India, W.P.(C) No. 212/2026.

The Supreme Court’s decision to place the matter before a five-judge Constitution Bench reflects that larger constitutional significance. The petitioners’ fundamental objection to Section 44(3) is that the amendment appears to remove that balancing exercise at precisely the point where it is most necessary. That is why the case is much bigger than an ordinary challenge to a data-protection statute. It concerns the constitutional relationship between Article 19(1)(a), Article 21, Article 14, privacy, transparency, investigative journalism and democratic accountability. The Challenge: The challenge has also expanded beyond Section 44(3). The petitions attack several provisions of the DPDP Act and the 2025 Rules, including provisions concerning government access to data, journalistic processing and the institutional independence of the Data Protection Board. A subsequent petition by journalist Geeta Seshu and SFLC has also brought the public-data/private-data distinction directly before the Supreme Court.

Students Must Partner in Making Ashwaraopeta Drug-Free : MLA Jare Adinarayana

Event & Venue: Ashwaraopeta MLA Jare Adinarayana visited the Telangana Eklavya Model Residential School in Gandugulapalli, Dammapeta Mandal. ““New Initiative: Under the 'Nenu Saitham Cheyutha Education Development' program, the MLA launched a new initiative titled "MLA Vidya Yatra - Mana MLA Mana Badi". ““Anti-Drug Awareness ““Role of Students: The MLA urged students to play an active role in building a drug-free society and making Ashwaraopeta drug-free. ““Warning & Advice: He cautioned that substance addiction ruins lives, advising students to stay away from bad habits and focus on goals, education, sports, and creative activities. ““School Inspection ““Facility Check: The MLA inspected classrooms, hostel facilities, drinking water supply, and basic infrastructure. He directed teachers and officials to ensure quality education and proper amenities continuously. ““Interaction with Students: He joined the students for breakfast and interacted with them regarding their academic progress and challenges. ““Key Attendees: Local Sarpanch Idappa, Dammapeta Mandal Training Collector M.



Murali, MPDO Ravindra Reddy, MEO Jagapathi Rao, CI Nagaraju, SI Rajesh, along with other local leaders and health officials attended the event.

Manthani Mandal Parishad Senior Assistant Suspended

Key Highlights ““Action Taken By: District Collector Koya Sri Harsha. ““Suspended Official: K.N. Jaya Prakash (Senior Assistant, Manthani Mandal Parishad Office). ““Reason: Financial allegations, gross negligence of duties, lack of devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a government employee. ““Inquiry & Rules Violated ““Complaints: On August 7, public representatives, staff, and retired employees raised multiple financial allegations against Jaya Prakash during a special meeting held at the Mandal Parishad office. ““Rule Violations: Preliminary inquiry confirmed primary violations of Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of the Telangana State Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. ““Suspension Order: Placed under immediate suspension as per Rule 8(1) of the CCA Rules, 1991, pending inquiry. Further departmental proceedings will follow under Rule 20. ““Key Mandates ““The suspended employee is prohibited from leaving the headquarters without prior permission during the suspension period. Subsistence allowance and DA will be



paid as per rules. ““The Collector emphasized that all government employees must discharge their duties with transparency and accountability without neglecting public grievances.

Permanent Solution to Decades-Old Drainage Issue: Municipal Chairman Akki Srinivas Goud

Fund Sanction: 9.20 crore has been sanctioned for setting up a modern sewerage system in Pebbair. **Gratitude:** Municipal Chairman Akki Srinivas Goud expressed delight and extended special thanks to Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy and MLA Thudi Megha Reddy for allocating the funds.



Permanent Solution: He stated that the decades-long drainage problem faced by the people of Pebbair has finally found a permanent solution due to the commitment of the CM and local MLA. **Core Objective:** The Chairman reaffirmed that Pebbair's development and public welfare remain their primary goals.

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ment Rights (TDR).The government has permitted a TDR ratio of up to 1:4 as the maximum bidding parameter, with the project to be awarded through a competitive tender process. The bidder will quote the TDR requirement competitively in lieu of the construction cost.This is expected to create a market-driven mechanism for upgrading valuable urban land while ensuring that existing residents receive proper housing. To make the project viable, the government has also approved a series of special relaxations and exemptions under the Andhra Pradesh Building Rules. These include permission for a high-rise complex in a congested area, reduced setbacks, parking provision of around 10 per cent of the total built-up area against the normally prescribed 22 per cent, as well as waiver of specified fees and charges payable to GVMC, urban development authorities and other agencies.The government has directed GVMC to execute the Velampeta redevelopment in a time-bound manner and treat it as a pilot project for replication in other

Gram Sabha on Public Issues in Erdanur



Key Highlights Meeting Overview: A Gram Sabha was conducted in Erdanur village (Kandi Mandal, Sangareddy district) under the leadership of Sarpanch Pambala Jyothi Durga Prasad. **Redressal of Issues:** The Sarpanch assured local residents that the various community issues brought forward during the meeting would be resolved soon.Agricultural Guidelines **Attending Officials:** Mandal Agricultural Officer (AO) Asiya Begum and AE Sunil participated in the program. **Organic Farming & Alternative Crops:** Considering the potential impact of El Niño, officials urged farmers to adopt natural/organic farming techniques and prioritize alternative crops. **Focus on Yields:** Farmers were advised to prefer crops that provide higher yields rather than relying solely on traditional options.

slum pockets under the Visakhapatnam Economic Region Programme.The initiative could pave the way for a much larger programme of in-situ redevelopment across Visakhapatnam, where residents can receive modern housing without being permanently displaced from their existing neighbourhoods.The government has also insisted on a post-allotment management framework covering maintenance of common areas, utilities and upkeep of the buildings before possession is handed over to beneficiaries. Fire safety, energy conservation and other statutory requirements will have to be fully complied with.Moving beyond the Velampeta pilot, the government has also directed the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration to prepare a draft policy for slum redevelopment and middle-class housing, in consultation with all stakeholder departments.

Over 19.46 lakh electors found to be Absent, Shifted or Dead electors in Hyderabad district on the last day of SIR

Hyderabad: On the last day of the ‘Special Intensive Revision’ (SIR) of the electoral rolls on Monday, a total of 19,46,101 electors were found to be Absent, Shifted or Dead (ASD) in all 15 Assembly constituencies in Hyderabad district, according to the status report on digitisation of the enumeration forms. According to GHMC officials, who released the status report on the digitised enumeration forms, 58.89 per cent was recorded up to 6 pm. The BLOs distributed 47,36,669 enumeration forms to electors across all 15 assembly constituencies in Hyderabad district, and 27,89,214 enumeration forms were digitised up to 6 pm. According to the report, Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency stood top with 1,79,794 electors as ASD electors, and officials treated them as ‘uncollectible enumeration forms’, while Charminar constituency



was set as the lowest assembly constituency, having 95,024 ASD electors in Hyderabad district. In the Old City, 1,55,252 electors in the Yakutpura assembly constituency were identified as ASD voters, making it the top constituency in the area. The other Assembly constituencies that followed were Chandra yagutta with 1,49,365 electors, Malakpet with 1,47,552 electors, Karwan with 1,42,016 electors, Nampally with 1,37,448 electors and Bahadurpura with 1,21,111 electors identified as ASD voters, the status report stated.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Highlights Telangana’s Youth India Schools Progress



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stated that the construction of the Young India Schools in Telangana is going well. In the social media ‘X’, he mentioned that the Congress Party mission is committed to providing quality education to all students in the state. Revanth stated that these institutions will be established in all constituencies while highlighting that they will have modern infrastructure. He further explained that constructing buildings is easy, but it takes a lot of determination to build dreams. The Chief Minister noted that the schools set

to provide quality education to all children regardless of their caste, creed, region, and religion and eradicate social evils. He said that the educational institutions will become temples of knowledge to nurture young minds from humble beginnings to become scientists, administrators, entrepreneurs, and leaders of the country. Revanth described the initiative as a dream destination for underprivileged children and the ‘Telangana Model.’ He said the mission would change the future of generations while creating an equal opportunity state.

Chinese Long March 7A rocket explodes after launch, destroys satellite

New Delhi: A Chinese Long March 7A rocket exploded into a massive fireball seconds after launch, destroying a communications satellite it was intended to take to orbit, a new report has said. The mid-air explosion marked a “relatively rare failure for a rocket considered a workhorse of Beijing’s space program,” the report from CNN said, adding that an investigation is underway into the reason for the failure. The report showed a video of the launch from the Wenchang Space Launch Site on Hainan island on Monday night that showed the rocket

breaking apart nearly 85 seconds after liftoff. “Unlike other successful launches, the incident appears to have been downplayed on China’s state media with scant mention of the explosion,” the media house said. State news agency Xinhua confirmed the failure three hours after the explosion, saying the rocket “experienced an anomaly during flight”. On Chinese social media such as Xiaohongshu and Douyin, video of the launch was mainly limited to state-affiliated content on Chinese social media, and videos posted from private accounts seemed to be

Hyderabad traffic police to impose one-way traffic around KBR Park from Aug 18

Hyderabad traffic police have issued an important advisory for the people residing in the city. One way traffic will be enforced from August 18 on the roads around the KBR Park. The decision came in view of the traffic snarl-ups caused due the construction activity of the flyovers and underpasses around the park. Hyderabad traffic police said that one way traffic would be in place till the completion of the construction work of the flyovers and underpasses. Two wheeler riders have been allowed to take a decision on the direction of their movement on the two lane roads around the park. Traffic police have made the arrangements to ease the traffic movement on the roads from Jubilee Hills Check post to Panjagutta. All necessary arrangements including one way traffic signals have been made on the roads surrounding the KBR Park. Earlier a trial run was done for one way traffic on these roads. Following the successful trial run, the decision to impose one way traffic has been taken which will remain in place from August 18. Also Read Major traffic diversions announced for Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Advertisement Traffic police have advised the motorists to take alternate routes while moving towards KBR Park as a traffic advisory. Commuters have been asked to take alternate route while



moving towards the Park as it will ease the traffic movement. Though one way traffic may lead to taking a longer route, police said that it will help in decongesting the traffic and avoid traffic jams. They have also asked the people to co-operate with the traffic police till the completion of the work related to the underpasses and flyovers. Traffic police have announced that proper arrangements have been made for the pedestrian movement around the KBR Park.

They have also directed the pedestrians to use the designated places for crossing the road. Police have also warned the motorists against parking their vehicles on the road surrounding the KBR Park. They have advised the motorists to follow the directions of the traffic police to avoid causing inconvenience to the people. The traffic police said that one way traffic will be imposed on the roads surrounding the Park from August 18.

Ceiling plaster collapses, injures ASI at Maripeda police station

WARANGAL: In a shockingly unsafe incident inside a police station meant to protect the public, an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) was injured after ceiling plaster suddenly collapsed on him at Maripeda police station in Mahabubabad district on Tuesday. According to staff, ASI Srinivasa Rao was on duty at his table inside the station when chunks of concrete ceiling plaster unexpectedly came crashing down with a loud noise. The debris fell directly on him, causing a serious injury to his shoulder. Colleagues immediately rushed him to the local government hospital, where doctors provided treatment. His condition is understood to be out of danger. Police personnel expressed concern that the Maripeda police station building, constructed several decades ago, has now deteriorated to a dilapidated state with



visible cracks and frequent plaster falls. They said the situation is turning more dangerous during the rainy season, as they are forced to work under constant fear, unsure when and from which part of the building portions might give way. In the wake of this incident, staff have appealed to senior officials and the government to respond immediately by sanctioning a new building for the Maripeda police station. They have also requested that, till a new structure is constructed, the station be shifted to an alternative building to ensure the safety of personnel on duty.



removed or deprioritised from searches. The rocket was carrying the Zhongxing-4B (ChinaSat-4B) satellite, intended to provide radio, television and

other communications services to users around the world, according to state media. The failure comes as Chinese leader Xi Jinping pursues his ambitions in space, aiming to make China a global leader in space science by 2050. The country is locked in an intense competition with the US on multiple fronts, including reusable launch technology, moon research and satellite launches. Long March 7A, designed by China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology, a subsidiary of state-owned contractor China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, was on its 18th mission when the failure occurred. It had only failed previously on one occasion, during its maiden flight in 2020.

Congress rift deepens, leaders move towards Jana Sena

WARANGAL: Senior leader Karate Prabhakar has alleged that internal differences in the Congress have left the party in Warangal East Assembly constituency divided into three groups, and said several leaders are preparing to join the Jana Sena Party. Speaking to the media at his residence in Warangal on Tuesday, Prabhakar, who recently joined Jana Sena, expressed anguish that he did not get proper recognition or respect in

the Congress party despite working for over 30 years. He said he had stood by the Congress and worked for its strengthening even when the party was out of power, facing many hardships and pressures in the process. However, he alleged that the Congress in Warangal East is now split into three factions. Prabhakar criticised the functioning of the party in the district, stating that although there is a district Congress president, some lead-

ers are behaving as if he has no importance or authority. He further alleged that party posts in Warangal East are being distributed “like cinema tickets”, with leaders arbitrarily deciding “one for you, one for me”. He claimed that he himself had been subjected to various forms of pressure within the party. Indications of more Congress leaders joining Jana Sena Prabhakar said that in the coming days, several Congress leaders and workers from Warangal East constituency are likely to join Jana Sena. He clarified that he did not enter Jana Sena merely by



looking at party chief Pawan Kalyan, but because he was impressed by Kalyan’s thinking and his commitment to doing good for the poor. Prabhakar asserted that he would sincerely discharge whatever responsibilities the Jana Sena leadership entrusts to him, and work for the development and welfare of poor people.

Rising heart disease among youth, say Warangal cardiologists



WARANGAL: Heart diseases, which were earlier seen mostly in old age, are now increasingly affecting younger people due to changing lifestyles, lack of exercise, high stress, sleep deprivation, diabetes, high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol levels, Medicovert Hospitals cardiologists Dr Santosh Mohanlal Mod, Dr Shafi Palagiri and Dr Shravan Kumar Rampelli have said. Speaking at a meeting held at Medicovert Hospital, Warangal, on Tuesday, the doctors warned that cardiac problems among youth are becoming a serious concern and stressed the need for early detection and prevention. The cardiologists said that if there is a family history of heart attack at a young age, the next generation is also at higher risk of developing heart disease early. Those in the high-risk category should not ignore their health and must undergo regular check-ups, they advised. They emphasised the importance of keeping blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes under control, along with daily exercise, a balanced diet and adequate sleep. The doctors said it is important to maintain blood pressure as far as possible below [130/80] and to keep bad cholesterol (LDL) below 100. Diabetic patients should aim to keep their HbA1c level below 7 per cent, they suggested. Depending on the individual's condition, tests such as lipid profile, HbA1c and regular BP monitoring should be done, along with treadmill test (TMT) and CT angiography wherever required, they said. Do not ignore chest pain The cardiologists advised the public not to neglect chest pain, especially if it is felt as tightness or a

pressing pain in the centre of the chest, spreads to the left arm or jaw, or is accompanied by breathlessness, giddiness, vomiting or excessive sweating. They cautioned that if a person experiences severe chest pain unlike anything felt before, it should not be dismissed as a minor problem. The person must immediately go to the nearest hospital, they said. In particular, they warned that many youngsters tend to assume chest pain is due to gas or indigestion and delay seeking medical help, which can be dangerous. the doctors said that patients coming with chest pain are first advised to undergo an ECG. The ECG provides basic information about changes related to the heart. Based on the findings, further tests like 2D Echo and treadmill test (TMT) are done as needed. If these tests suggest a possible heart-related problem, an angiogram is recommended. Through an angiogram, doctors can identify whether there are blocks in the coronary arteries supplying blood to the heart and assess the severity of those blockages. Depending on the angiogram results, doctors decide whether medical management with medicines is sufficient, or if angioplasty or stent placement is required. Advanced cardiac care available in Warangal The cardiologists pointed out that Warangal now has experienced cardiologists and modern cardiac facilities locally, enabling patients to receive appropriate treatment for heart problems without need ing to travel to distant cities. They said that if heart diseases are detected early and treatment is taken at the right time, serious complications can be prevented.

Infant's body goes missing from Panjagutta burial ground, case booked

The mysterious disappearance of an infant's body from the Panjagutta cremation ground in the city has created a huge hue and cry. It has come to notice that the dead body of a six-month-old infant who was buried in the local Hindu cremation ground has gone missing. A couple who reside in Ghansi Bazaar, Charminar had their set of twins six months ago. The two infants were admitted to a corporate hospital in Banjara Hills for treatment as they were suffering from a severe ailment. One of the twins died last Saturday while undergoing treatment and the deceased's body was shifted to the Panjagutta Hindu cremation ground for final rites. The second infant who was undergoing treatment suf-

fered a similar fate on Sunday night. Yesterday (Monday), the grieving parents reached the cremation ground for the funeral rites of the second infant when they came to know that the spot where the first infant's body was buried had been excavated. Their suspicions turned into shock when they came to know that the dead body of the first infant had gone missing. After performing the funeral rites of the second infant, the parents lodged a police complaint in the Banjara Hills police station about the mysterious disappearance of the first infant's body. The police have registered a case against the caretakers of the cremation ground and are investigating the matter. The police are questioning the graveyard staff.

Tension mounts at Gandipet MRO office as Madhu Park Ridge residents protest Musi River land acquisition

Hyderabad: Tension prevailed at the Gandipet MRO office in Rajendranagar as Madhu Park Ridge (MPR) residents opposed the land acquisition process for the Musi Riverfront Development project. The MPR residents reached the MRO office on Tuesday at around 10.30 am after an invitation from officials of Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL), who sought to convince them to proceed with land acquisition for the Gandhi Sarovar Project linked with the Musi Riverfront Devel-

opment Project. MRDCL officials also invited three to four representatives of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) from colonies whose properties will be affected along the Musi River as part of land acquisition for the project. The colonies whose residents went to the Gandipet MRO office included Shivpuri, Dattatreya Colony, Sri Vigneshwara Colony, Dream Homes, Karywell Homes, PG Colony, Vishal Nagar and Sairam Nagar. Trouble began when MRDCL officials and the Gandipet MRO put pressure on residents

Nexus Hyderabad Mall offers exclusive Independence Day weekend rewards



Hyderabad: This Independence Day long weekend, Nexus Hyderabad Mall is bringing exclusive rewards across shopping, dining, and movies to every visit, in collaboration with District by Zomato, between August 14 and 16. Whether consumers are shopping for festive fashion, catching the latest blockbuster, or enjoying a meal with family and friends, they can now access exclusive rewards through the District app while visiting participating Nexus select Malls from August 14 to 16. The offers come at a time when shoppers are already making

the most of the End of Sadness Sale, with participating brands offering flat 50% off or up to 60% off. Together, the ongoing sale and the exclusive District by Zomato rewards offer consumers even more reasons to spend the Independence Day weekend at Nexus Hyderabad Mall. As part of the three-day campaign, consumers can unlock flat Rs 300 off on dining bills of Rs 1,500 and above, flat Rs 1,200 off on shopping spends of Rs 10,000, or Rs 150 off on the purchase of two movie tickets.

Hyderabad Metro expansion stalled while Centre clears Vizag, Vijayawada DPRs

Hyderabad: In yet another instance of what Telangana sees as discrimination by the BJP-led Central government, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Metro rail projects in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada, while Hyderabad's Metro expansion proposals continue to remain pending. MoHUA has reportedly cleared the DPRs for the two Andhra Pradesh cities and forwarded them to the Union Finance Ministry for financial appraisal. The Andhra Pradesh government has proposed a combined Metro rail network of nearly 84 km in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada at an estimated cost of Rs 21,616 crore. The projects will be implemented under a joint venture model, with the Centre and State contributing 20 per cent each. The remaining 60 per cent will be raised through loans from financial institutions. Though the approval of the Andhra Pradesh projects has no direct bearing on Hyderabad Metro, it has renewed questions over the Centre's delay in clearing the expansion proposals submitted by Telangana. The State government has been waiting for approval for its Metro Phase II plans for a considerable period. The takeover of the existing Metro Phase I by the State government has also been delayed. Despite repeated requests from the Telangana government, the Central government continues to delay the approvals, citing different reasons. This is leaving the Metro commuters in Hyderabad fuming. Hyderabad Metro currently operates a 69.2-km network across three corridors. In 2021, the previous BRS government submitted a DPR for Phase II, covering a 26-km stretch from BHEL to Lakdikapul and a 5-km extension from LB Nagar to Nagole. It also proposed a Mass Rapid Transit Sys-



tem for Kokapet and the Warangal Neo Metro. The BRS government repeatedly urged the Centre to approve the proposals. However, the Centre rejected Telangana's Phase II proposal in 2023, citing lower Peak Hour Peak Direction Traffic (PHPDT) and insufficient projected ridership.

After the Congress government came to power in December 2023, it proposed seven routes covering 122 km under Phase II-A and three more routes under Phase II-B. However, these proposals have not secured approval so far. The State government's efforts to take over Metro Phase I have also made little progress. It has been a month since the Centre agreed to entrust SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS) with the valuation and financial assessment of Phase I. The agency may also examine the financing structure for Phase II. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy wrote to union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on July 4, urging him to assign the task to SBICAPS and finalise the Terms of Reference at the earliest. While Hyderabad's Metro expansion remains stalled, several other cities have moved ahead. Since January 2024, the Centre has approved Metro rail projects covering more than 380 km in cities including Bengaluru, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Pune and Delhi. Major approvals include Bengaluru Metro Rail Phase III covering 44.65 km, Chennai Metro Phase II covering 118.9 km, Lucknow Phase IB covering 11.16 km, Ahmedabad Metro Phase IIA covering 6.03 km and Phase IIB covering 3.33 km. The developments have once again raised questions over the Congress government's efforts to persuade the Centre to approve Hyderabad's Metro expansion plans. The State's eight BJP MPs have also come under criticism for failing to secure approvals for the Metro proposals from the Central government.



to part with their properties for Musi Riverfront Project.

Ajay Devgn to host ‘Crime Patrol 2026’, show to premiere on Aug 31

Mumbai: Actor Ajay Devgn is set to take over as the host of Sony Entertainment Television’s long-running true-crime franchise “Crime Patrol” with its latest season, scheduled to premiere on August 31. Titled “Crime Patrol 2026 – Crime Ka Current Season”, the show will air at 10:30 pm on Sony Entertainment Television and stream on Sony LIV. Devgn, whose screen image has often been associated with police and action roles in films such as “Singham”, “Drishyam” and “Gangajal”, will present stories inspired by cases that have shaken the nation. In a recently released promo, the actor addresses viewers directly, urging them not to be consumed by fear but to exercise greater caution while navigating the realities of crime. “Main rahunga aapke saath,” Devgn says in the promo, assuring viewers that he will accompany them through the stories. In a statement, the actor said joining a show like ‘Crime Patrol’ felt like a responsibility to his fans and viewers. “The show has built a legacy of understanding crime stories while driving awareness among viewers, encouraging them to become more vigilant about the people around them and who they interact with



and trust,” Devgn said. “As we bring to the forefront some of the stories inspired by cases that have shaken the nation, I hope and believe that I can help and guide audiences to navigate them with caution rather than fear,” he added. “Crime Patrol” premiered in 2003 and has evolved through several editions, including “Crime Patrol Satark”, “Crime Patrol Dastak”, “Crime Patrol Dial 100” and “Crime Patrol 2.0”. Actor Anup Soni became closely associated with the franchise after hosting several seasons. Over the years, other presenters have included Sakshi Tanwar, Sonali Kulkarni, Divyanka Tripathi, Ashutosh Rana, Renuka Shahane and Nakuul Mehta. The franchise typically combines dramatised recreations of real-life crime cases with narration and messages aimed at crime awareness and prevention.

Fahadh Faasil-starrer Don’t Trouble the Trouble’s electrifying first single ‘Cakeu Walku’ released



Hyderabad: The makers of director Shashank Yeleti’s eagerly awaited fantasy entertainer, ‘Don’t Trouble the Trouble’, featuring actor Fahadh Faasil in the lead, have now released the electrifying first single from the film called ‘Cakeu Walku’, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Arka Mediaworks, one of the production houses producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share the link to the just released single. It wrote, “It’s time to Cakeu Walku! The first single #CakeuWalku Music Video from #DontTroubleTheTrouble is out now. #DTTOnSep11 #FahadhFaasil.” For the unaware, acclaimed producers Shobu Yarlagadda and Prasad Devineni have joined hands with SS Karthikeya to produce this exciting, content-rich film that is being presented by none other than ace director SS Rajamouli. After having released an entertaining and curiosity-raising teaser, the makers have now unveiled the video song ‘Cakeu Walku’ from the film. The song, composed by Kaala Bhairava, introduces the character of Suri (played by Fahadh Faasil) and his madness in a unique setup. The makers have created a special music video featuring Kaala Bhairava, Fahadh Faasil, and Ssara. The song is a foot-tapping number that has a highly addictive beat as its base. The young music director, who has delivered an electrifying composition in Cakeu Walku, also shows his dancing skills by grooving to the number in the

video. Kaala Bhairava has not only penned the catchy lyrics of the song along with M C Hari but has also sung the song along with him. The song highlights Suri’s daredevil nature and how every task is a cakewalk for him. Fahadh Faasil’s energy and dance moves in the number reminds one of his ‘Ranga Chetta’ from ‘Aavesham’. His graceful moves, infectious smile, and charm make the single track an absolute eye feast. Even Ssara joins the fun music video and makes it even more special. Fantasy entertainer ‘Don’t Trouble the Trouble’ is gearing up for a grand release on September 11 this year.

Six Malayalam directors unveil ‘Oriignal’ teaser

Chennai: Six leading Malayalam directors have released the teaser of director Ramees’s eagerly awaited time-travel thriller ‘Oriignal’, featuring actor Sreenath Bhasi in the lead, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Popular Malayalam directors Anwar Rasheed, Chidambaram, Tharun Moorthy, Dominic Arun, Salim Ahmed and Krishand released the teaser through their respective social media handles with the caption, “It’s TIME to TRAVEL to the world of ORIIGNAL.” The teaser takes audiences deeper into the film’s unusual world of time travel, fantasy, humour, thrills and emotions. The teaser was unveiled through Think Music’s official YouTube channel. The newly released teaser offers a glimpse into the time-bending world of ‘Oriignal’, with Sreenath

Harshvardhan Rane unveils ‘first trial look test’ for RGV’s Police Company

Mumbai: Actor Harshvardhan Rane has shared a glimpse of his first trial look test as he prepares to step into the world of filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma’s upcoming project ‘Police Company’. The actor took to X, formerly called Twitter, where he shared a video of himself removing his beard for his look as Dayanayak and said that the look is still in its early stages, with RGV set to add more permanent details and gradually build his character’s appearance. “This was my 1st trial look test for stepping into #DAYANAYAK sir’s world. @rgvzoomin Sir will now add more permanent details and build the look slowly,” Harshvardhan wrote as the caption. It was on Monday when RGV announced his next titled “Police Company”, which will be produced by T-Series. RGV wrote: “My NEXT film’s NAME being produced by T SERIES is... POLICE COMPANY With the tagline: ‘It Is More Dangerous Than D Company’. The police is an institution, and an underworld company is a money making organisation.. But when an institution is given extra powers, it will soon become a company.” “After DAWOOD IBRAHIM brutally finished most of his rival gangs, he grew his GANG into a COMPANY and then left for DUBAI



leaving his protégée CHOTA RAJAN to head the operations of D COMPANY. Subsequently a chain of events led to a split between Dawood and Rajan, which in turn caused a vacuum in the Mumbai underworld.” “Taking advantage of the situations many other gangs jumped in to stake their claim for the top spot creating a massive outburst of criminal activities. The system was completely failing to halt the gang activities which in turn was attracting a lot of young men from places like U P, M P, Bihar etc to join the underworld companies. In a panicky situation a special squad was created which in between 1997 and 2004 killed more than 300 gangsters.” RGV said that the film “Police Company” is story inspired from that “SQUAD based on one of its team members DAYANAYAK which is being played by HARSH VARDHAN RANE.. The film has a huge ensemble cast, the details of which will be revealed soon.”

Jackie Shroff wishes Suniel Shetty on his 65th birthday, calls him ‘Asli Bhidu Forever’

Mumbai: Actor Jackie Shroff took to his social media account to wish his long-time friend and fellow actor Suniel Shetty on his 65th birthday. Sharing a stylish picture on his social media, the actor called him his “Asli Bhidu”. Sharing a picture with Suniel, Jackie wrote, “Asli Bhidu Forever”, along with a birthday wish for the actor. In the picture, the two veterans were seen striking a stylish pose. For the uninitiated, Jackie and Suniel have been friends for over three decades and professionally, they first appeared together in JP Dutta’s 1997 war drama ‘Border’. The film featured an ensemble cast including Sunny Deol, Akshaye Khanna, Jackie Shroff and Suniel Shetty. The actors reunited in ‘Refugee’ released in 2000 where Jackie played BSF Commandant Raghuvir Singh while Suniel essayed Pakistan Rangers officer Moham ad Ashraf. The JP Dutta directorial also marked the acting debuts of Abhishek Bachchan and Kareena Kapoor. The duo subsequently appeared together in ‘Baaz: A Bird in Danger’ released in 2003. Their collaborations continued with films including ‘Hulchul’ and ‘Aan: Men at Wo



rk’ in 2004, ‘Kyon Ki’ in 2005, ‘Apna Sapna Money Money’ in 2006 and ‘Mukhbhiir’ in 2008. Talking about Suniel, the actor is popularly known as ‘Anna’, and made his Hindi film debut with the 1992 action film ‘Balwaan’. He soon established himself as an action star with films such as ‘Mohra’ and ‘Gopi Kishan’ in 1994. He went on to feature in several successful films through the 1990s, including ‘Dilwale’, ‘Border’ and ‘Bhai’. His career later saw him explore different genres. His performance in the 2000 romantic drama ‘Dhadkan’ earned him many awards for Best Villain, while ‘Hera Pheri’ showcased his comic timing alongside Akshay Kumar and Paresh Rawal. He subsequently appeared in films such as ‘Awar Paagal Deewana’, ‘Phir Hera Pheri’, ‘Main Hoon Naa’ and ‘De Dana Dan’.

TEASER OUT NOW ORIIGNAL



Bhasi appearing in two distinct looks, immediately raising questions about the connection between the characters and the film’s central premise. His dialogue,

“Ini nammade samayaa,” is among the teaser’s standout moments, while the visuals hint at unexpected events triggered by shifts in time. Having already generated curiosity with its unconventional title and the question of whether it is “Original” or “Oriignal”, the film continues to build intrigue around its premise. Sources close to the unit say that the title itself offers a clue to the film’s exploration of time, reality and the boundaries between them. Blending time travel with fantasy, humour, thriller elements and emotional moments, ‘Oriignal’, sources claim, will look to deliver a distinctive cinematic experience to audiences. Produced under the banners of MAZ Media and Ziku Films, the film has been written and directed by Ramees, with Harshad serving as co-producer.

Virat Kohli’s intensity is non-negotiable, says former India fielding coach Dilip



Hyderabad: Former India fielding coach T Dilip from Hyderabad, whose successful stint of nearly five years with the Indian team came to an end after the recent tour of England, said “When it comes to Virat Kohli, intensity is non-negotiable. You have seen him in the powerplay, how he is as a batsman, whether at cover or short mid-wicket, with his reflexes and with his dives, is admirable. Even in the last series, he was putting in those dives and was sharp, always at you all the time.”Speaking to JioStar, Dilip, who hails from Warangal (Telangana), said: “Even at this juncture of his career, he runs from long-on to long-on at either end during the death overs, and he is the first one to run out of the circle when the field is spread, and that’s a fabulous thing to do for the team. But what impressed me more is not just the actions, what he does when the ball is at him, but also when the ball is not near him, he wants the ball in his hands.”“With Virat Kohli, there is not much difference between him in a practice session and a match, because it’s not just Virat; it’s the five other players who have stretched their limits when they are fielding with Virat Kohli. That’s the influence he brings into the group,” he said. “If I go back to my best moment, I think Barbados 2024, not just the trophy, but the dressing room atmosphere afterwards, the silence for a few seconds before it broke. I think in that silence, I could sense the amount of hard work the boys had put in over those four years. And I’ll always keep that frame in my mind,” Dilip said.On the thinking behind introducing the fielding medal, Dilip said: “What I thought was to recognise the overall impact as a fielder rather than just a spectacular catch. But what it brought in was that all the 11 players on the field, who may not be in the hotspots, had a feeling inside them that, ‘A little contribution would get me that award.’ That positive

competition among the group had started and, automatically, players started to notice even small things while being on the field.”“They celebrated when their other teammates did something exceptional. And that was a huge factor for me because, at the end of the day, the fielding medal is a team award. The players embraced it, fans supported it, and fielding got the recognition it deserved the most,” he said. On Suryakumar Yadav’s catch in the last over of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 final which helped India win the trophy against South Africa, Dilip recalled: “For the first few seconds, I was silent and calm physically because my mind was doing all the calculations, whether Surya had taken that ball cleanly, whether his feet were inside the boundary rope, whether he had popped the ball out in time. So, my mind was doing all the calculations. But once it was confirmed that it was a clean catch, there was a surge of emotions. But in the back of my mind, I also knew that the match had yet to be completed. But that was an extraordinary catch by Surya in the context of the game.On the importance of fielding placement in the slips ahead of India’s Test tour of Sri Lanka, Dilip said “The important factor is that the spacing between the fielders has to be very fine because the ball comes faster in the slip region while fielding to fast bowlers. You may not have time to really go wide on your lateral side.”“And for the spinners, I think, with most of the spinners, we saw how Shubman placed them in the Afghanistan series. It’s like, how would you place yourself, the gap between your keeper and slip, to take those finer edges which go on to your left side? And also, based on the turn, how fast or slow it is coming, how much you should stand away from the batter or not, will be key,” he signed off.

Sunitha, Anaya, Revathi named in HCA Women’s Cricket Committee

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) announced the HCA Women’s Cricket Committee with the objective of strengthening, streamlining and professionally developing women’s cricket across Telangana. The Committee shall be responsible for planning, coordinating and overseeing women’s cricket activities across all age groups. It shall work towards developing a structured and sustainable cricketing programme and ensuring that leagues, tournaments, practice matches, trials and other cricketing activities are conducted in a systematic, transparent and professional manner. The committee members are Messrs. Sunitha Anand, Anaya Maria and M. Revathi. The HCA is confident that the Committee will



work with dedication and commitment towards the overall development, promotion and betterment of women’s cricket in Telangana, and create greater opportunities for women cricketers to excel at the district, state, national and international levels.

FIH Women’s World Cup will be ours, says Hockey captain Salima Tete



Hyderabad: Indian women’s hockey team captain Salima Tete says this time the FIH Women’s World Cup will be India’s, stressing that the team will play smart, attacking hockey to bring back the medal.Speaking to JioStar, Tete, who feels that the momentum is with the Indian team having won the FIH Nations Cup, says that they will look to carry that confidence into the World Cup campaign.“As a captain, my role is to support every player on the pitch. Whether we are losing or winning, I stand with the team. This time, the FIH Hockey World Cup will be ours. We will play smart, attacking hockey and bring back a medal. I have full belief in my team. We have the ability to do it. I am very excited, especially since this is my second World Cup,” Tete said. “Every player dreams of playing in a World Cup and winning a medal. Our last tournament in New Zealand, the FIH Nations Cup, was a great success. We won it and brought home a medal. So this time, in the World Cup, our goal is the same. Every match counts, and we will treat each one with equal importance. We are determined to play our best hockey and bring back the gold medal,” the star player said. On the energy and positivity the young players bring to the team, Tete said: “When the junior players come into the team, they bring a lot of energy. They always tell us, ‘Didi, we have to push hard, we have to play good hockey, and we need that medal.’ Hearing that from them gives us all a lot of positivity. We have many young players like Sakshi Rana, Ishika, and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal.” “They are eager and hungry to perform on the big stage. From my side, I always tell them to play freely and enjoy the game. It’s not their job to carry the pressure. The seniors are there to handle that. I want them to focus on their game

and express themselves on the pitch. When they play with freedom, they perform better. That helps the team as a whole,” she said. On the team’s mindset and her role as captain, Tete said that: “Playing in the World Cup is every player’s dream. It’s a huge opportunity for us. Just like the FIH Nations Cup and the FIH Pro League, top teams will be competing. With the Asian Games also approaching, we know we will face strong teams. Our pool in the World Cup is challenging, and we are preparing for tough matches. Our goal is to go into every match with a clear plan and a winning mindset. I feel nervous too, and that’s normal.“Every player goes through it. But whenever I step onto the pitch, I tell myself that I must play for my team, support every player, and take responsibility. Whether we are winning or losing, I stand with the team. I want to be a role model who lifts the team up. If someone makes a mistake, it’s fine. We learn and improve. I want to bring positivity and energy to the group. We are doing well, but we can do even better. My focus is to stay excited and give my full support to the team,” she explained.On the motivation from the team’s goalkeepers, the Indian captain said: “We have some excellent goalkeepers who constantly lift our spirits. When they say, ‘You push forward, we will defend the back,’ it really fires us up. They give us the confidence to attack freely, knowing they will take care of the defence.” “That kind of support allows us to play with freedom and express ourselves on the pitch. When you know your goalkeeper has your back, you play without fear. And if we play with fear, we can’t perform at our best. We are ready to fight for every ball and give our all in every match. We believe in ourselves, and I have complete faith that this team can make the country feel proud,” Tete said.

Norman Isaac named Event Director for FIBA U-18 Asia Cup

Hyderabad: Basketball Federation of India (BFI) informed on Tuesday that Norman Isaac of Hyderabad will be the Event Director for the prestigious hosting of the FIBA Under-18 Asia Cup 2026 for Men to be held at Ahmedabad under the aegis of FIBA, FIBA Regional Office–Asia at the Veer Savarkar Indoor Stadium, Naranpur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat from August 13 to 23.Norman is also the chairman of the technical commission of the BFI.The tournament will feature participation from the top 16 national teams across Asia & Oceania, with the top four teams qualifying for the FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup 2026, thereby underscoring its international significance.“We look forward to your positive response and to working closely with FIBA Asia for the successful conduct of this championship by sharing your expertise and vast experience of being a FIBA Technical Delegate. As well as having as-



sisted the Basketball Federation of India in a similar role in many international events conducted previously in India and abroad,” according to a BFI media release.

US court permanently dismisses criminal case against Adanis; truth has prevailed, says Gautam Adani

New York/New Delhi: A US federal judge has permanently dismissed the criminal securities-fraud case against Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar, closing nearly two years of prosecution without a trial. US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis of the Eastern District of New York granted the Justice Department’s Rule 48(a) motion, dismissing Counts Two, Three and Four of the indictment — covering securities-fraud conspiracy, wire-fraud conspiracy and securities fraud — with prejudice, meaning the charges cannot be refiled. The court reserved judgment on Count One (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations) and Count Five (obstruction of justice) as they relate to non-appearing defendants, pending further compliance by the government with Rule 48(a). “Truth has prevailed,” Gautam Adani said in response to the ruling, adding that he respected the judicial process and thanked those who had stood by the Group through the proceedings, while reaffirming its commitment to “nation-building” and “long-term value creation.” The indictment, unsealed in November 2024, alleged Adani Group executives paid roughly USD 265 million in bribes to Indian officials to secure solar-power contracts projected to generate more than USD 2 billion in profits, while misleading investors who helped raise nearly USD 4 billion in US financing, and that other defendants destroyed evidence and lied to federal investigators. The Adani Group has consistently denied the allegations, calling them baseless. US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis granted the Justice Department’s Rule 48(a) motion to dismiss Counts Two, Three and Four of the indictment against Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani and former Adani Green CEO Vneet Jaain. The counts covered securities-fraud conspiracy, wire-fraud conspiracy and securities fraud. The court found that the DOJ had met the legal requirements for dismissal on one ground: its argument that alleged statements about Adani Green’s anti-bribery policies and corporate compliance could amount to “inactionable puffery” — broad statements that investors could not reasonably rely on — creating legal risks for the prosecution.

The order followed the Justice Department’s decision to seek dismissal after an extensive review of the case. In its submissions before the court, the government said continuing the prosecution no longer served the interests of justice, citing significant jurisdictional and evidentiary challenges, the predominantly Indian nature of the alleged conduct, the fact that Indian authorities had examined the matter, the absence of identified investor losses and broader public-interest considerations. The DoJ also stated that the indictment, unsealed in November 2024 during the closing weeks of the previous Biden administration, had little realistic prospect of proceeding to trial and appeared to have been a politically motivated “name and shame” exercise orchestrated by the outgoing administration. Before approving the request, Judge Nicholas Garaufis directed the DoJ to publicly explain its reasons for seeking dismissal and required the defendants to file sworn declarations confirming there had been no promise, offer, quid pro quo or undisclosed agreement connected with the decision. In his sworn declaration, Gautam Adani categorically denied the existence of any promise, offer, quid pro quo or undisclosed agreement relating to the DoJ’s decision. After reviewing the government’s submissions and the sworn declarations, the court accepted the motion and permanently dismissed the

case. The dismissal means the criminal proceedings concluded before trial. No witnesses were examined, no evidence was tested in court and no judicial findings were made on the underlying criminal allegations.

Separately, the US Securities and Exchange Commission’s civil action against Gautam Adani has resulted in a final judgment under which he consented to permanent injunctions covering specified US securities-law violations without admitting the allegations, except as to jurisdiction. Adani welcomed the decision “with humility and deep respect for the judicial process.” “Throughout this challenging period, our faith in truth, fairness and the rule of law remained unwavering. My deepest gratitude to those who never lost faith in us, in the system and in India’s capacity for justice. We will continue doing what matters: building for our nation, creating value that outlasts us and serving a purpose larger than ourselves. That is our commitment,” he said in a post on X. History

ORIGINS OF THE CASE

The indictment, returned by a grand jury on October 24, 2024 and unsealed on November 20, alleged three interlocking schemes between 2020 and 2024: paying roughly USD 265 million in bribes to Indian officials to secure solar-power contracts projected to generate more than USD 2 billion in after-tax profits over two decades; misleading US and international investors to raise close to USD 4 billion in financing; and destroying evidence and lying to the FBI, SEC and a federal grand jury to obstruct the resulting investigations. The charges followed shortly after Gautam Adani twice publicly congratulated then-President-elect Trump on X, including a November 13, 2024 post announcing the Group’s intent to “invest USD 10 billion in US energy security and resilient infrastructure projects.” The Adani Group has consistently denied the allegations, maintaining it acted in line with applicable law. The proceedings unfolded against a backdrop of intense scrutiny following a January 2023 short-seller report from Hindenburg Research, which triggered a rout that briefly wiped out more than USD 150 billion in the Group’s market value. These allegations were also rejected by the Group.

AN EXTENSIVE DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

Adani’s legal team, retained in August 2025, spent what Robert Giuffra of Sullivan & Cromwell described as “many thousands of hours” on the matter, submitting roughly 600 pages of legal argument, expert reports and presentations to the DOJ over ten weeks between February 3 and April 17, 2026 — including an 118-page letter, a 95-page slide deck, a separate 151-page presentation to the SEC, and around 200 pages of expert opinions from four specialists: a Harvard Law School professor, a former Acting SEC Chair, a former Chief Justice of India, and a former chairman of India’s Central Electricity Authority.

BUSINESS UNAFFECTED

The Adani Group says the litigation never interrupted its operations, financing or project execution. It invested more than Rs 2.08 lakh crore in the second half of FY25 and FY26, including record annual capital expenditure of Rs 1,52,967 crore in FY26 — the highest by any Indian corporate — while its asset base grew from Rs 4.12 lakh crore in FY23 to Rs 7.85 lakh crore in FY26 and its market capitalisation recovered above pre-indictment levels. Major projects came onstream during the period, including Navi Mumbai International Airport, Terminal 2 at Guwahati Airport, the Colombo



West International Terminal, and the Ganga Expressway; Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone became India’s first port operator to handle more than 500 million metric tonnes of cargo in a financial year; and Adani Green Energy crossed 20 gigawatts of operational renewable capacity. History

Credit-rating agencies upgraded several Group companies during the period, investors, including Apollo Global Management, BlackRock and Capital Group expanded their positions, banks such as MUFG, SMBC, Deutsche Bank, BNP Paribas, and Societe Generale deepened their relationships with the Group, and partnerships with Google, MSC, IHC, EdgeConneX, Embraer and Dioxycle also broadened. Adani had announced nearly USD 15 billion in fresh investment commitments in a single week as the US legal clouds began to clear.

DISMISSAL

Judge Garaufis of the Eastern District of New York granted the DOJ’s Rule 48(a) motion in part, dismissing Counts Two, Three and Four of the indictment — securities-fraud conspiracy, wire-fraud conspiracy and securities fraud — against Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani and former Adani Green Energy CEO Vneet Jaain, with prejudice, meaning they cannot be refiled. He reserved judgment on the remaining charges: Count One, alleging Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations, and Count Five, alleging conspiracy to obstruct justice, both brought against five non-appearing, India-based co-defendants — Ranjit Gupta, Cyril Cabanes, Saurabh Agarwal, Deepak Malhotra, and Rupesh Agarwal. The DOJ has until August 31 to satisfy the court’s requirements on those two counts, and the non-appearing defendants’ counsel must confirm their clients’ consent by the same date. Garaufis was explicit that the outcome reflects prosecutorial discretion, not a verdict. “No one should mistake the court’s granting of the Rule 48(a) Motion as to Counts Two, Three, and Four, for the court’s agreement with the Department’s decision to dismiss these Counts or as expressing any opinion about the merits of the case,” he wrote. No trial was held, no witnesses testified, and no evidence was tested. Of six sweeping “overlapping” justifications offered by the DOJ for dismissing all charges against all defendants — including that “this is a foreign case”, that India had “found no actionable conduct,” and that “not a single penny has ever been lost on the securities at issue” — the judge rejected every one as unsupported.

On the government’s claim that the case was essentially foreign, he noted tartly that if counting mentions of “India” in the indictment settled the question, the 108 references to “United States” and 110 to “US Issuer” might just as easily make it a domestic case. On the claim that Indian authorities had cleared the conduct, he found the three unauthenticated Indian filings cited by the DOJ did not, in fact, support that assertion at all — they were decisions by Indian bodies not to investigate, brought by private complainants on unrelated claims, and “not one of the documents meaningfully contends with the allegations in this case”. The one rationale the court did accept: that the alleged false statements in Adani Green’s bond and loan documents — pledges of a “zero tolerance policy for bribery and corruption,” “robust internal compliance measures” and over-

sight by a “risk management committee” — amounted to “inactionable puffery”, the kind of generic corporate assurance courts have found too vague for investors to reasonably rely on.

That alone, the judge found, was sufficient and substantial grounds to dismiss the three fraud-related counts. He explicitly rejected the DOJ’s separate argument that the transactions fell outside US securities jurisdiction, noting the indictment itself alleges investors “irrevocably committed themselves in the United States” and that the scheme relied on the US financial system. The most pointed criticism was reserved for how the dismissal decision was made inside the DOJ. Garaufis wrote that the process contained “irregularities” and was “highly unusual,” describing how Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General R Trent McCotter — who joined the Deputy Attorney General’s office in January 2026 and, by his own account, “had never heard of any defendants in this case” — became the sole architect of the dismissal after months of meetings with Adani’s defence team, “with tremendous help from counsel for Appearing Defendants,” and apparently without input from the FBI, SEC investigators, or the prosecutors who originally built the case. Two DOJ attorneys involved in bringing the original indictment, Shy Jackson and Andrew Tyler, withdrew from the case two days after McCotter filed the dismissal motion. Garaufis was equally unsparing of McCotter’s written justifications, calling one claim — that prior DOJ leadership had unsealed the indictment as a “name and shame” exercise, dumping “a potential quagmire of a case into the lap of the incoming Administration” — “baseless” and “unbecoming of his office”, adding that in 26 years on the bench he did not share McCotter’s characterization of the FBI, SEC, and prosecutors’ integrity.

THE USD 10 BILLION QUESTION

Central to the proceedings was whether Gautam Adani’s publicly announced pledge to invest USD 10 billion in the US had influenced the DOJ’s decision. In a sworn affidavit, Adani stated, “I am not aware of anything promised, offered, sought, received, agreed to, or accepted by anyone in connection with the dismissal of the indictment.” He disclosed, however, that during settlement talks his counsel had suggested his “publicly stated intent to invest USD 10 billion in the United States might be part of a resolution... if that was what the DOJ or SEC wanted.” His lead counsel, Giuffra — who is also President Donald Trump’s personal attorney — said in his own declaration that he had raised the investment offer with the DOJ “on two occasions”. A May 11, 2026 email from US Attorney Joseph Nocella, cited in the ruling, responded that “the portion of the joint defense offer made by [Appearing Defendants] to resolve the criminal charges against them by, in part, a general proposal to invest USD 10 billion in the United States is categorically rejected by this Office,” adding that the proposal “will not be considered by this Office.” After reviewing the affidavits, Garaufis wrote he was “now convinced” McCotter was the “sole decisionmaker” and that the investment pledge was, in fact, a “non-consideration.” The court’s scrutiny was heightened by news coverage referenced in McCotter’s own filings — including reporting on the “transactional nature” of the department’s motion, on Giuffra’s ties to Trump, and on a reported November 2025 meeting between Gautam Adani and Donald Trump Jr. Those reports also prompted Senators Elizabeth Warren and Richard Blumenthal to write to then-Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche in June, raising “serious questions” about “the role that Mr Adani’s politically salient offer played in the DOJ’s decision” — a letter the court noted the department has not answered.

Independence Day Celebrations Setup – Key Highlights



Date & Venue: The NTR District-level Independence Day celebrations will take place on August 15 at the Makineni Basava Punayya Stadium in Singh Nagar, Vijayawada. **Chief Guest:** Andhra Pradesh IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh will attend and unfurl the National Flag. **Collector's Directives:** District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha instructed officials to organize the event on a grand scale, matching the state-level celebrations with thorough coordination. **Key Infrastructure & Safety Measures:** Rain-proof tents, drinking water, sitting arrangements, a medical camp, and backup generators for uninterrupted power supply are being arranged to prevent disruptions from rain. **Security & Traffic Control:** Around

4,000 people are expected to attend. Heavy barricading, separate pathways for VIPs/visitors, traffic regulation, and CCTV cameras around the stadium are being deployed. **Event Highlights Parade:** Features contingents from the Police, NCC, Scouts & Guides, Red Cross, ICDS, Agriculture Department, and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. **Cultural Programs:** Performance by school students, police bike stunts, a special performance on 'Amaravati', and a drums presentation by Siddhartha College students. **Tableaux (Shakatalu):** Various government departments will showcase attractive floats highlighting welfare schemes and development initiatives implemented over the past two years.

Errupalem – Namburu Railway Line Land Acquisition



Key Highlights Project Objective: Construction of a new railway line connecting Andhra Pradesh's capital, Amaravati, extending from Errupalem in Khammam district through Amaravati to Namburu in Guntur district. **Collector's Directives:** NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha instructed officials to expedite and execute the land acquisition process transparently following field inspection at Jujjuru in Veerulapadu Mandal. **Land Acquisition Breakdown Veerulapadu Mandal:** Approximately

175 acres across 6 villages. **Kanchikacherla Mandal:** Approximately 120 acres across 2 villages. **Notices & Transparency:** Notices have already been issued to land owners. Officials were directed to carry out the next steps without causing hardship to farmers. Significance Sanctioned by the Central Government, this railway route is set to play a crucial role in transportation and economic growth for Amaravati and surrounding areas.

Heavy Rush at Pebbett0u Bus Stand Due to Lack of Additional Buses

Key Highlights Cause of Rush: Following the end of three consecutive holidays, a massive rush of employees, students, and workers thronged the Pebbeiru bus stand on Monday morning to return to their destinations. **Bus Shortage:** The bus stand platforms became heavily overcrowded due to an insufficient number of buses relative to the high volume of commuters. Every arriving bus was packed to capacity with no standing room left. **Passenger Hardships:** Passengers traveling with women, the elderly, and small children faced severe inconvenience, waiting for hours at the bus stand. **Public Anger:** Passengers expressed



sharp resentment toward transport officials for failing to arrange extra buses despite knowing about the long weekend holiday rush in advance.

Anganwadi & School Inspection –



Key Highlights Surprise Inspection: NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha made a surprise visit to the Saksham Anganwadi Center and Urdu School in Jujjuru village, Veerulapadu Mandal, to inspect infrastructure, child health, and nutrition. **Child Weight & Nutrition:** The Collector personally weighed children suffering from underweight conditions due to malnutrition and cross-checked the data with app records. Staff were instructed to pay special attention to underweight children. **Distribution of Balamrutham:** Staff

were directed to mandatory provide Balamrutham to Anganwadi children and continuously monitor their weight gain. Mothers were also requested to take active responsibility for their children's nutrition. **Drinking Water Infrastructure Directives:** The MPDO was instructed to install a Sintex tank and set up a motor to supply water to the Anganwadi center. The RDO was directed to immediately complete the stalled pipeline work to restore drinking water supply to both the Anganwadi center and the Urdu school.

Organic Farming & Fertilizer Availability



Key Highlights Collector's Field Inspection: NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha inspected an organic farm, Sri Gouri Natural Farming Bio Resource Center, and the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) in Ponnavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal. **El Niño Impact & Dryland Crops:** In light of potential water scarcity, the Collector advised farmers to shift from paddy to dryland crops and cultivate intercrops within horticultural farms for extra income. **Organic Farming:** Reducing chemical

fertilizers and adopting organic inputs boosts soil fertility and protects crops from pests while safeguarding the environment. **Fertilizer Distribution Process:** **Allocated Quota:** Fertilizers are allocated based on land extent. The Collector reassured farmers that their designated quota remains reserved for them, so there is no need to panic. **APAIMS App Usage:** Farmers can avoid waiting in long queues by conveniently requesting their required fertilizer quota through the government's APAIMS app.

Gram Sabha at Pachunuru under Sarpanch Parnandi Keshav

Key Highlights Meeting Overview: A Gram Sabha was conducted in Pachunuru village (Manakondur Mandal, Karimnagar district) chaired by Sarpanch Parnandi Keshav. **Water Conservation & Financial Assistance Soak Pits (Impounding Pits):** Panchayat Secretary Jayaraju highlighted the risk of water scarcity due to the upcoming El Niño effect and urged villagers to construct soak pits for water conservation. The government will provide financial support of ₹6,500 per soak pit. **Farm Ponds (Panta Kuntalu):** Mandal Agricultural Officer (MAO) Srinivas Reddy explained that under the MGNREGA (Upadhi Hami) scheme, farm ponds will be excavated on agricultural lands. This benefit applies to farmers holding a job card and possessing up to 3 acres of land. **Alternative Crop Recommendations:** Due to anticipated drought conditions, farmers were advised by MAO Srinivas Reddy to shift away from traditional



paddy cultivation and opt for alternative crops such as oil palm, oilseeds, vegetables, sesame, green gram, and sunflower. **Key Participants:** Sarpanch Parnandi Keshav appealed to every household to build soak pits and construct farm ponds to protect the village from severe drought. Ward members (Kandi Pavitra, Kurakula Lakshmi, Nelaveni Susheela, Pittala Suvarna, Pusala Satheesh, Kaluvala Ravi, Pittala Malleshham), AEO Satheesh, Revenue and Agricultural officials, and local villagers attended the meeting.