

Adani power pacts during Jagan regime under review, say two Andhra ministers

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DAYS AFTER Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said that allegations against the previous YSR Congress Party government, following the indictment of Gautam Adani in a US court, had hurt the state's brand image, two state ministers said power purchase agreements made by the Jagan Mohan Reddy government with the Solar Energy Corporation of India to purchase power from Adani Group are under scanner.

"We are looking at all the conditions and dimensions of the issue. We will take a call after scrutinising everything," Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav told *The Indian Express*.

Keshav, who as chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Public Accounts Committee had first raised objections to the agreements in 2021, said his department is going through the files

and PPAs made during the Jagan regime.

Nara Lokesh, the state's Minister for Education, IT and Electronics, also said that "we are scrutinising the terms and conditions and purchase prices as per the PPAs". He said they will have to take into consideration legal issues and any disruption to power supply that may arise in case the agreements are scrapped. "We have to check and evaluate everything before we take a call," he said. He did not rule out the possibility of the agreements being scrapped.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Friday, CM Naidu had said, "I have all the reports of the indictment filed in the US. We will study them and take action accordingly. We will inform what action we will take." In response to some NDA members demanding action against Jagan, Naidu had said the allegations against the previous YSRCP government hurt the brand image of Andhra Pradesh. "It is sad. Our prestige has

been hurt."

According to the US court indictment, Adani "personally met with Foreign Official 1 in Andhra Pradesh to advance the execution of PSA (power supply agreements) between SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) and AP's state electricity distribution companies, including on or about August 7, 2021, on or about September 12, 2021 and on or about November 20, 2021". The "Foreign Official 1", according to the indictment, "had served as a high-ranking government official of Andhra Pradesh from May 2019 to June 2024".

While the indictment does not name Foreign Officer 1, a filing by the Security Exchanges Commission filing does say that in August 2021, Adani "met personally with the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh..." Between May 2019 and June 2024, Jagan was the chief minister.

The TDP had raised objections to the agreements when they were in the opposition too. On

November 5, 2021, speaking outside the AP Assembly at Amaravati, Keshav had asked why the Jagan government decided to purchase 7,000 MW of power from Adani Solar at Rs 2.49 per unit when all other states in the country felt it was too costly and refused. Keshav had alleged that no other state accepted the offer of Adani Solar for nearly two years, but the AP government went for the dubious deal without proper evaluation.

YSRCP leader and former advisor (public affairs) Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy said the YSRCP government purchased the solar power to supply it free to over 18 lakh farmers in the state under the free farm power scheme.

TDP's Keshav and K Ramakrishna, State Secretary of CPI, had also filed petitions in the AP High Court against the PPAs. However, the YSRCP government and officials of the energy and finance departments vehemently defended the state gov-

ernment's decisions.

As per records, Nagulapalli Srikanth, who was energy secretary in the Jagan government, said in November 2021 that procuring power from SECI was much more beneficial as others quoted higher prices. He said the government was at that time purchasing power at Rs 4.36 per unit and providing it to 18.37 lakh farmers free of cost. The tariffs proposed by SECI were the lowest in the country, he said in the AP High Court. He stated that by purchasing power through SECI, the state could save Rs 2,260 crore.

Following the Adani indictment, the YSRCP said there was no direct agreement between Andhra power distribution companies and the Adani Group. It also pointed out that the PPAs were approved by the APERC (Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission) through its order on November 11, 2021, and the CERC (Central Electricity Regulatory Commission).

ROYAL FAMILY DISPUTE

Udaipur admin takes charge after night of clashes at City Palace

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JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 26

THE DISPUTE within the erstwhile royal family of Udaipur escalated on Tuesday, with the district administration taking control of areas within the Udaipur City Palace where the "anointed" head of the family, MLA Vishvaraj Singh Mewar, intended to visit.

On Monday, Vishvaraj was locked out of the family's palace grounds and temple in Udaipur over a property dispute with his uncle Arvind Singh Mewar. A BJP MLA from Nathdwara, Vishvaraj was traditionally "anointed" as the head of the royal family in Chittorgarh on Sunday following his father's death. However, when he attempted to enter the Udaipur City Palace for darshan of the family deity, he was met with police barricades.

The situation turned violent on Monday night, with heavy stone pelting between supporters of both sides from inside and outside the City Palace. This resulted in several injuries.

By 1 am, the administration

seized the disputed area and appointed a receiver to oversee it.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* on Tuesday, Vishvaraj alleged that the district administration failed to perform its duties. He said, "It is my right to visit the temple of my ancestors, but I was denied entry to the palace. I sought support from the district administration, but they did nothing. Even when stones were pelted from the other side, no action was taken. The administration claimed they lacked sufficient force to open the palace gates."

District Collector Arvind Poswal affirmed the administration's responsibility to maintain law and order.

"We have taken the Dhuni Mata temple under our control and appointed a receiver to manage it. Efforts are ongoing to mediate between both parties. The police are also actively ensuring the situation remains under control," said Poswal.

Monday night's incidents marked the first public clash of such magnitude between the descendants of Maharana Pratap.

Meanwhile, Arvind Singh's

son Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar addressed the media on Tuesday night and presented his side.

Referring to the dispute, he said, "Some people are sitting on government posts and misusing their powers. They are pressuring a person to enter someone's house. How can someone enter a property without the owner's permission. Some miscreants were climbing the wall of the palace yesterday and if they had entered the palace who would have given us security. So many people's lives were at stake."

Regarding Vishvaraj's desire to visit Dhuni Mata as per the tradition of Mewar, Lakshyaraj said, "We all live in the country with tradition and culture but traditions cannot be followed by putting people's lives in danger. It is not right to endanger people and harass them."

"All this is happening because of one person's arrogance and pride. Hundreds of people are facing trouble due to the situation that has arisen. Udaipur's name is getting tarnished. I do not support such thinking, nor do I consider it justified," Lakshyaraj Singh said.

Rahul calls for caste census, targets PM

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 26

ADDRESSING THE Congress's "Samvidhan Rakshak Abhiyaan" event to mark Constitution Day Tuesday, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said he could guarantee that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not read the statute. "If PM Modi had read this book, then he would not do what he does daily," Gandhi said.

Holding up a copy of the Constitution as he spoke, at the event held at Delhi's Talkatora Stadium, Gandhi said the statute speaks of social empowerment and carries the ideas espoused by BR Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule, Lord Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi.

"Is there (Veer) Savarkar's voice in this book? Is it written in this book that there should be violence, that a person should be killed or intimidated? Is it written in it that a government should be run on falsehood?" Gandhi said, calling the Constitution "a book of truth and non-violence" and reflecting "the thinking of India for the past thousands of years".

Gandhi went on to again speak at length on "the need for a caste census" and promised that Congress-ruled states would hold the same.

The Congress has made "preservation of the Constitution" its central theme for the past few elections, alleging that a Modi government would change it to tinker with reservation. The Congress has linked its caste census demand to the same, saying it would help fulfill the Constitution's true promise.

During his speech, Gandhi said that in reality, the entire system in the country was skewed against the Dalits, backwards and tribals, and that a caste census was a step towards changing that. The day caste census data comes into the hands of a Congress government, the whole paradigm of development will change, he said.

The BJP did not want a caste census as it wanted "only 4-5% of people to control the entire country", the Congress leader added.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, who also spoke at the event, said the Lok Sabha election results were a success of the Congress's campaign centered around the Constitution, led by Gandhi. The SCs, STs, backwards, minorities and intellectuals had all come forward to "save democracy" in the elections, Kharge said.

"With that, we stopped Modi. Otherwise he had become a dictator," Kharge said, pointing out that the BJP had ended short of a majority and Modi was now dependent on the support of the TDP and JD(U).

75 YEARS OF THE ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

Constitution is the holiest text in the country, says President

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PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU on Tuesday called upon the three pillars of the Constitution — the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary — to work together for the welfare of common people.

Addressing the Members of both Houses of Parliament in a joint sitting to mark 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution on November 26, 1949 — two months before it came into force on January 26, 1950 — President Murmu called the Constitution the holiest text in the country.

She recalled a comment made by Dr Rajendra Prasad, the president of the Constituent Assembly, who said that how the Constitution will work in the future would depend on those who implement it.

Speaking at the function, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said the Chairman of the Constitution drafting committee, Dr B R Ambedkar, had cautioned in his speech that political parties should keep the

'Judiciary not above criticism': CJI calls for grading system

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 26

UNDERLINING THAT openness and transparency are the biggest strengths of the judiciary, Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Tuesday said the institution is not above criticism. He also called for an "objective grading system for performance assessment of judicial officers".

Speaking at the Constitution Day celebrations in the Supreme Court, the CJI said "the role of a judge is often likened to walking on a razor's edge".

"Each case we hear requires balancing competing rights and obligations with fairness, empathy and precision. Every judgment we render is a zero-sum game; it inevitably creates winners and losers, inviting celebration from some and criticism from others. It is this duality that invites scrutiny into the functioning of the courts."

The CJI said sometimes critics ask "can an unelected judi-

country over creed to preserve India's independence.

"I appeal to you to heed the counsel of the father of our Constitution," Dhankhar said.

The leaders present on the stage, alongside the President and the Vice President, were Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Leader of House in the Rajya Sabha J P Nadda, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Kiren Rijiju and Leaders of Opposition in the two Houses Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge.

Dhankhar said disturbance as a strategy threatens democratic institutions. "It is time to restore the sanctity of our democratic temples through constructive dialogue, debate and meaningful discussion to serve our people effectively," he said.

Recalling Emergency, he said June 25 is "now set to be observed every year, reminding us of the darkest period when fundamental rights of citizens were suspended, people were detained without any reason, and civil rights were violated".

Speaker Om Birla said the

making of the Constitution over three years (1946 to 1949) — with constructive debates among the members of the Constituent Assembly despite ideological differences — was a lesson in how a culture of democratic debates should be fashioned.

He said, "Our Constitution inspires us to follow the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam... I request all MPs to celebrate the coming into force of the Constitution in their respective areas."

President Murmu in her address acknowledged the role of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. B R Ambedkar, and also various officials involved in the making of the Constitution.

She also took the opportunity to praise many policy decisions taken in recent years. She commended the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women Reservation Bill, 2023) for paving the path for women's reservation in Parliament and state legislatures, and also praised the new penal laws as a sign that members of Parliament have adopted modern thinking.

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Elaborating, CJI Khanna said, "For some, the constitutional courts of India are among the most powerful in the world. For others, we are straying from our constitutional duties — sometimes by failing to challenge the status quo or in resisting the transient popular mandate of the electorate."

He said that "as judges, perspectives and critique matter because our foremost duty is towards the public, and secondly, being open and transparent is the biggest strength of the judiciary". "As adjudicators, we eschew any sense of being beyond reproach. In being responsive to constructive feedback, our courts become more efficient, citizen and public-centric, and accountable. By opening ourselves to scrutiny, we can identify systemic inefficiencies and bottlenecks, and work towards eliminating them."

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Udaipur: Class 11 student kills self

Jaipur: A 17-year old school student allegedly died by suicide by jumping from the third floor of a mall in Udaipur district, police said on Tuesday.

Krish Pamecha, a student of Class 11, went to the mall alone on a motorcycle and jumped from the third floor of the building, they said. He was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared him brought dead. No suicide note has been recovered from the student. **PTI**

Three persons impersonating as cops rob Rs 36L in Kota, abduct cook from house

Kota: Three men posing as police robbed Rs 36 lakh from a house in Kota City and abducted a cook working there, police said on Tuesday. The incident took place under Gumanpura Police Station on Monday afternoon.

The abductors later released the cook, identified as Vishal, around five kilometres away

from the city on Rawatbhatta road late evening.

The robbery happened at a rented house where a few employees of a private finance firm had been living for the past five-six months, Gumanpura Police Station SHO Bhuri Singh said.

According to police, two men dressed as police and a third in

civilian clothes barged into the room on Monday when there was no one else except the cook.

The men threatened the cook with a fake case, and took off with a bag from the room and him as hostage in a car.

Police have launched a hunt to nab the robbers and are examining the CCTV footage. **PTI**



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[See proviso to rule 8 (6) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

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