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Ramzan Timings

Iftar Tuesday 6:30 PM
 Saher Wednesday 5:04 AM

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 112
Retail live	Rs. 134
With skin	Rs. 194
Skinless	Rs. 221
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 56

CAA comes into force

Centre notifies rules for contentious law

PTI
 NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Lok Sabha election, the Centre on Monday announced the implementation of the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 for granting citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

With the CAA rules being issued, the Modi government will now start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians — from the three countries.

The CAA was passed in December 2019 and subsequently got the President's assent but there were protests in several parts of the country against it. The law could not come into effect as rules had not been notified till now.

"These rules, called the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 will enable the persons eligible under CAA-2019 to apply for the grant of Indian citizenship," a Home Ministry spokesperson said. "The applications will be submitted in a completely online mode for which a web portal has been provided," the spokesperson added.

According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, the rules for any legislation

What are the rules

UNDER CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019, THE CENTRE WILL GRANT CITIZENSHIP TO UNDOCUMENTED NON-MUSLIM MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND AFGHANISTAN WHO CAME TO INDIA BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014

- Centre to start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis, Christians — from the 3 countries
- Those who have lived in India in the last one year and at least five of the last 14 years can apply for citizenship
- Tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura covered under Sixth Schedule of Constitution exempted
- Persons eligible under CAA-2019 can apply for grant of Indian citizenship
- Applications will be submitted online for which web portal has been provided
- No document will be sought from applicants

In last two years, over 30 District Magistrates, Home Secretaries in nine States given powers to grant citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan under Citizenship Act, 1955

9 STATES ARE

- Gujarat
- Rajasthan
- Chhattisgarh
- Haryana
- Punjab
- Madhya Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh
- Delhi
- Maharashtra

should be framed within six months of presidential assent or the government has to seek an extension from the Committees on Subordinate Legislation in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Since 2020, the Home Ministry has been taking extensions at regular intervals from the parliamentary committee for framing the rules. No document will be sought from the applicants,

an official said. Over 100 people lost their lives during the anti-CAA protests or police action. On December 27, 2023, union Home Minister Amit Shah said no one can stop the implementation of the CAA as it is the law of the land and accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of misleading people on the issue.

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DRDO arms India with 'Divyastra'

NEW DELHI

India on Monday successfully carried out the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile, capable of deploying multiple warheads, under its 'Mission Divyastra', joining a select group of nations having such a capability.

The missile with 'multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle (MIRV)' tested from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha accomplished the designed parameters, the Defence Ministry said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO scientists. PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)

Bhatti 'insulted', made to sit on lower platform in temple

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The first official visit of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to the Yadadri temple, along with his Cabinet colleagues, on Monday stirred controversy due to the seating arrangements during a special puja.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was seen sitting on a lower platform than other Ministers, including the Chief Minister and his wife, with the BRS alleging that the Congress was "insulting" the Deputy Chief Minister as he was a Dalit and in utter violation of protocol.

Videos and photographs of the temple visit were circulated widely on social media, with Revanth Reddy, along with his wife and fellow Ministers, sitting on a higher platform while priests conducted a special puja. The BRS accused the



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka seen sitting on a lower platform during a special puja at Yadadri temple.

ruling Congress of brutally "insulting" Bhatti Vikramarka, citing violation of protocol. BRS MLC Kavitha said both Bhatti Vikramarka and Konda Surekha were insulted. (SEE PAGE 2)

Start groundwork, KCR to cadre

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao on Monday expressed confidence in winning a majority of the Parliamentary constituencies in Telangana in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

He asked the party leaders to commence ground-level campaigns from Tuesday, with he himself scheduled to address a massive public meeting in Karimnagar.

Chandrashekhara Rao held a brainstorming session with the party top brass



BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao and party leader Sabitha Indra Reddy at the party meeting on Monday.

from the Parliamentary constituencies of Chevella, Nalgonda and Bhongir to finalise the candidates for the respective constituencies. Numerous names were discussed in the meetings held on Monday evening for

nearly two hours. A ground-level feedback from the party cadre has been already obtained, with several leaders making it to the top.

Frontrunners

G Ranjith Reddy, P Karthik Reddy and Kasani Gnaneswar Goud from Chevella; Kancharla Ramakrishna Reddy, Tera Chinnapa Reddy and a couple of other leaders from Nalgonda; and Jitta Balakrishna Reddy, Khyama Mallesh and Budida Bikshamaiah Goud from Bhongir; emerged as frontrunners for the BRS candidature for the Lok Sabha polls. (SEE PAGE 2)

Colours of happiness



FESTIVE FUN: Women play with colours ahead of Holi in Nadia, West Bengal, on Monday. — Photo: PTI

Disclose poll bonds today: SC

Apex court dismisses SBI's plea for extension of deadline

NEW DELHI

Chastising the SBI, the Supreme Court on Monday ordered it to disclose the details of the electoral bonds encashed by political parties to the Election Commission by the close of business hours on Tuesday and warned the country's largest public sector lender that the court may proceed against it for "wilful disobedience" if it failed to comply with its directions and deadlines.

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, while



dismissing the State Bank of India's (SBI) plea seeking an extension till June 30 to disclose the details, also directed the EC to publish the information shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March 15. The order was passed by the

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Bench, which also comprised Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

Opposition leaders hailed the apex court's order passed on Monday and said the country will soon come to know who donated to

which party through electoral bonds. "With the Supreme Court's decision, the country will soon come to know who donated to the BJP through electoral bonds. This is the first step in exposing the corruption, scams and transactions of the Modi government," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav expressed delight over the decision: "The people of the country should be informed about this." (SEE PAGE 2)

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