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Ed Sheeran jams with Diljit Dosanjh & Armaan Malik



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Iftar Monday 6:32 PM
 Saheer Tuesday 5:00 AM

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 104
Retail live	Rs. 126
With skin	Rs. 183
Skinless	Rs. 208
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 56

CM wavers on power & water issues

On one hand says ryots not facing many woes, but states that TS seeking water from K'taka

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy appeared to be in a self-contradicting mood on Sunday, while stating that in the 100 days of the Congress government, there were not many issues relating to power or water supply to farmers.

At the same time, he said the Telangana government was approaching Karnataka for water supply to tide over the crisis as there were drought conditions prevailing in the State. "Since the election code is in vogue, officials will now have to take up this issue. The State administration will be under the purview of the Election Commission. We have a limited role to play," the Chief Minister said at a 'Meet the Media' event.

Regarding a potential power and water crisis in summer, the Chief Minister said it was due to less rainfall last year that groundwater levels had declined and drought conditions were prevailing. Even after saying this, he blamed the previous government for the circumstances, alleging that negligence of the previous dispensation had seen water



Water crisis in summer is due to less rainfall last year and groundwater levels have declined

— REVANTH REDDY, CM

levels in the reservoirs being "not maintained to the required levels". "Water was released for power generation and there was complete disarray in administration," he alleged.

On the power situation, he said the current State government was supplying "excess power than required" and yet there were power cuts because a few "linemen were deliberately

disrupting power supply in VIP areas". After instructions were issued to the department to initiate strict action against such personnel, things were now getting streamlined, he said.

The Chief Minister also found fault with the Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission (TSERC) for reportedly serving a notice to the State government, asking it to deposit the subsidy component for the 200-unit free power supply scheme with the discoms before issuing zero bills. He questioned TSERC Chairman T Sri Ranga Rao whether such instructions were issued to the previous government while it was supplying 24-hour free power to farmers. "The moment the Congress government began issuing zero bills, ERC issued notices," he said, warning Rao that he would not remain in the seat for long and that they (Congress) had "their own calculations".

Earlier, he said with the LS poll schedule out, he would showcase his political acumen as TPCC president. The gates were opened for leaders from other parties to join Congress, he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Another volcanic eruption hits Iceland



THIRD IN A ROW: Billowing smoke and flowing lava pour out of a new fissure during a surveillance flight above a new volcanic eruption on the outskirts of the evacuated town of Grindavik, western Iceland. — Photo: AFP

Poll bonds: BJP got Rs 6,986.5 crore

Latest dataset shows Future Gaming as top donor for DMK

NEW DELHI

The top purchaser of electoral bonds, Future Gaming and Hotel Services, donated Rs 509 crore to Tamil Nadu's ruling party DMK through the now-scrapped payment mode, the Election Commission's (EC) data showed on Sunday.

The donations given by Future Gaming, whose owner 'Lottery King' Santiago Martin has been under the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) scanner, accounted for over 77 per cent of the receipts from electoral bonds of Rs 656.5 crore

Who received how much

TOP RECIPIENTS (in ₹cr)	Amount
BJP	6,986.5
TMC	1,397
Congress	1,334
BRS	1,322
BJD	944.5
DMK	656.5
YSRCP	442.8

DMK'S DONORS	Amount
Future Gaming and Hotel Services	₹509 cr
Megha Engineering	₹105 cr
Sun TV	₹100 cr
India Cements	₹14 cr

₹1,368 CRORE Future Gaming biggest purchaser of electoral bonds

disclosed by DMK. As most political parties have not disclosed the names of the donors, it was not known

who the beneficiaries were of the balance Rs 859 crore worth of bonds purchased by Future Gaming.

The disclosure is part of the data dump pertaining to a total of 523 recognised and non-recognised political parties made public by the EC on the Supreme Court's orders.

The latest dataset included scanned copies of the disclosures made by the political parties, running into hundreds of pages.

It is based on the declarations given by various political parties in November last year on the bonds redeemed by them since the scheme was launched in early 2018 and excludes the last few tranches. (SEE PAGE 2)

Foreign students attacked in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD

Police have arrested two men and are looking for more after students hailing from different foreign countries were assaulted allegedly by a group of persons in the Gujarat University hostel in Ahmedabad for offering namaz there, police said on Sunday.

Two students — one from Sri Lanka and another from Tajikistan — were hospitalised after the incident, which took place in the A-block hostel on Saturday night, they said.

An FIR was registered against 20-25 unidentified persons under the Indian Penal Code for rioting, un-

lawful assembly, voluntarily causing hurt, damage to property and criminal trespass, among others, and two identified as Hitesh Mevada and Bharat Patel have been arrested so far, DCP (Zone 7) Tarun Duggal said.

Nine teams have been formed to conduct a probe into the incident, Police Commissioner GS Malik said. Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi held a meeting with police officers and directed them to take strict and judicial action in the matter, Malik said. The incident was reported around 10.50 pm on Saturday when nearly two dozen people barged into the hostel. PTI

New tech varsity in the offing for TS

YUVRAJ AKULA
 Hyderabad

The Technical Education Department is drawing up plans to establish a new technological university, which is aimed at bolstering technical education and innovation, catering to the growing demand for skilled manpower.

To be tentatively called the Telangana Technological University, the new varsity is being planned on the lines of the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU)-Hyderabad, which is the first technological university in the country. As part of a study tour to establish skill uni-

versities in the State, a team of officials from the Education Department recently visited the Gujarat Technological University, which offers diploma, UG and PG engineering and PhD programmes.

Following the tour, officials learnt to have proposed setting up a new technological university. (SEE PAGE 2)

Haldi, amla can slow down cataracts

M SAI GOPAL
 Hyderabad

A mixture of Indian gooseberry (amla), turmeric (haldi), black pepper (kaali mirch), cinnamon (daal cheeni), ginger and fenugreek (methi), which are an intrinsic part of traditional Indian medicine and a plant-based diet, have the potential to slow down cataract maturation in diabetics, recent research by scientists from the Hyderabad-based National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) said. The NIN scientists, in a timely re-



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search that showcases the potential of traditional Indian medicine, have demonstrated that such plant-based ingredients can not only help diabetics prevent cataracts but also other multi-factorial

disorders. The study, published in the peer-reviewed science journal Elsevier 'Chemico-Biological Interactions' (February 2024), demonstrated that consuming food containing the aforementioned

six ingredients will prevent diabetic cataracts, slow down cataract maturation and prevent lens protein insolubilisation.

As all six ingredients — amla, haldi, kaali mirch, daal cheeni, ginger and methi — are regularly consumed, readily available and relatively inexpensive, one can conjecture that such a formulation could decrease the economic burden associated with the impacts of diabetic cataracts, the National Institute of Nutrition study said. (SEE PAGE 2)

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