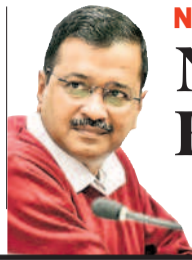


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**Kriti steals the show**

Turns heads as she walks the ramp at Varanasi ghat



**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm	Rs. 126
Retail live	Rs. 148
With skin	Rs. 215
Skinless	Rs. 244
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 55

**Freestyle stunt**



**MAKING WAVES:** A surfer competes in the final of Mondial du Vent competition at La Franqui in France. — Photo: AFP

## Israel urged not to retaliate

**World leaders ask Israel to exercise restraint after Iran attack**

**JERUSALEM**

World leaders have urged Israel not to retaliate after Iran launched an attack involving hundreds of drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles. British Foreign Secretary David Cameron told the BBC on Monday the UK does not support a retaliatory strike, while French President Emmanuel Macron said Paris will try to "convince Israel that we must not respond by escalating."

The Iranian attack on Saturday, less than two weeks after a suspected Israeli strike in Syria that killed two Iranian generals in an Iranian consular building, marked the first time Iran has launched a direct military assault on Israel.



A man walks past a mural depicting US President Biden dressed as comics character 'Captain America', in Tel Aviv. — Photo: AFP

**'Will respond over the weekend'**

Israel's military chief said that Israel will respond to Iran's missile strike over the weekend. Lt Gen Herzi

Halevi that Israel is still considering its steps. But he said the Iranian strike of missiles and attack drones "will be met with a response." (REPORTS PAGE 9)

**Told Iran & Israel to calm down: MEA**

**BENGALURU:** India is very concerned over escalating hostilities between Iran and Israel and New Delhi has told the countries to "calm down," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, amid spiralling tension in the Middle East. "We have been telling them not to allow this (the situation) to escalate and that this is a very crucial region for the global economy," he said. (PTI)

# Fulfil poll promises, ryots to CM

**Launch postcard campaign seeking relief**

**STATE BUREAU  
SIDDIPET**

Left with no option but to protest against the continuing cold-shouldering of their issues by the State government, farmers are looking at multiple ways to raise their voices. After burning crops that had withered due to lack of irrigation water and later protesting on National Highways, farmers have now resorted to a postcard campaign hoping that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy might at least read and come to know of their misery.

Farmers in Siddipet launched the postcard campaign on Monday by sending postcards to the Chief Minister's Jubilee Hills residence, demanding that he ensure the implementation of the promises made to farmers during the Assembly election campaign. One of the paddy farmers, K Srinivas Reddy of Lingareddipally, writing a letter at the Cotton market yard in Siddipet, urged the Chief Minister to extend the promised bonus of Rs 500 per quintal of paddy apart from immediately disbursing the financial assistance of Rs 15,000 under Rythu Bharosa. He also asked for the implementation of the CM's own promise to waive loans up to Rs 2 lakh. (SEE PAGE 2)



A farmer writing a postcard to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

**Farm loan waiver by Aug 15: CM**

**HYDERABAD:** Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday attributed the delay in implementing his promise to waive farm loans up to Rs 2 lakh to the Model Code of Conduct and said the waiver would be implemented at one go by August 15.

"I give my word to 69 lakh farmers on the farm loan waiver. Like the Narayanpet - Kodangal Lift irrigation foundation,

the free bus travel facility for women and the Rs 500 LPG cylinder, the Rs 2 lakh farm loan waiver will be implemented by August 15," Revanth Reddy said at a public meeting. He also said that the Rs 500 bonus per quintal of paddy would be offered during the next season during paddy procurement and that every grain of paddy would be procured. (SEE PAGE 2)

## More Kuki bodies to boycott polls

**CHURACHANDPUR**

More civil society organisations and bodies from the Kuki-zo community have announced that they will boycott the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, saying "no justice, no vote" following fresh incidents of violence in the conflict-hit State.

While two people were killed in a gunfight that broke out between two armed groups in Imphal East district on Saturday, three people were injured in a gunbattle between armed village volunteers and unidentified people in Tegnoupal district.

The Kukis have already declared that they are not fielding any candidate in the parliamentary polls as an act of boycott. The Global Kuki-Zomi-Hmar Women community, a group of Kuki-Zo women, including journalists, social workers, former Outer Manipur MP Kim Gangte and leaders of the Kuki-Zomi-Hmar women's forums in Delhi, had earlier written to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar, informing him of its decision to boycott the polls.

Following suit, two more bodies — Kuki National Assembly and Kuki Inpi — have joined the chorus against the parliamentary election. "We express our

**Will not let anyone divide Manipur: Shah**

**IMPHAL:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that the BJP-led Central government's priority is to establish peace in the ethnic strife affected Manipur. This Lok Sabha election is between forces trying to break Manipur and those keeping it united, Shah said at a public meeting in Imphal. The senior BJP leader claimed that attempts of infiltration were being made in the northeastern State to change its demography. (PTI)

dissatisfaction with our leaders. It is disheartening that Indian forces, which are capable of preventing and countering threats from China and Pakistan, have failed to protect innocent citizens from terrorists. This has led to a loss of faith in the Indian Constitution and the country's claim that it is the world's largest democracy," said Mangboi Haokip, a spokesperson of the Kuki National Assembly. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Iran to allow Indian officials to meet 17 crew members

**NEW DELHI**

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said that Tehran will "soon" allow Indian authorities to meet 17 Indian crew members of a cargo vessel that was seized by Iran's military near the Strait of Hormuz.

Amir-Abdollahian conveyed this to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a telephonic conversation on Sunday, according

to an Iranian Foreign Ministry readout. It said Amir-Abdollahian also apprised details of Iran's "legitimate defence" and punitive measures against the Israeli regime, in a reference to Tehran's missile and drone attacks on Jewish nation.

The Iranian Foreign Minister urged the Indian government to maintain its active role through international bodies, including the United Nations Security Council, to halt the war in Gaza as it is at the core of the current crisis in the region, the readout said. In the talks, Jaishankar called for the release of the Indians onboard the Portuguese-flagged cargo vessel MSC Aries. The Indian Foreign Minister expressed concern about the situation of 17 Indian crew members and sought assistance from Iran in this matter, the statement said. (PTI)

## State may see 'above normal' monsoon

**SOWMYA SANGAM  
Hyderabad**

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday forecasted an 'above normal' monsoon for Telangana this year, spanning from June to September. The IMD monsoon forecast for 2024 comes as a relief, after last week's forecast of extreme summer heat in certain parts of the country including South and Western parts of the country between April and May.

In its forecast, the weather agency said that conditions were favourable for monsoon due to the signs of weak-



IMD estimates cumulative rainfall to reach 106 per cent of the long-period average, set at 87 cm.

ening of El Nino conditions as a significant factor contributing to this prediction. IMD's analysis revealed a trend in La Nina years, indicating that most years experienced either above-normal or normal

monsoon patterns. Exceptions to this trend were noted in 1974 and 2000, which recorded below-normal rainfall. The forecast extends beyond Telangana, encompassing the entire na-

## Defection: HC notice to Speaker, Danam

**LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
Hyderabad**

The Telangana High Court on Monday issued notices to Assembly Speaker Gadadam Prasad Kumar and Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender and others in a writ plea filed by BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy.

Kaushik Reddy filed the plea pointing out that the Speaker was not acting on the BRS complaint asking

for disqualification of Danam Nagender under the Anti-defection Law on the grounds that he had got elected as MLA from BRS, but defected to the Congress without resigning from his post in March. Justice B Vijaysen Reddy dealt with the plea. The Counsel representing Kaushik argued that the Speaker did not act upon the disqualification petition and did not issue a notice to Nagender. (SEE PAGE 2)

**EC seizes over Rs 4k cr so far**

**NEW DELHI**

The Election Commission on Monday said authorities under its supervision have made seizures worth Rs 4,650 crore, including drugs worth Rs 2,069 crore, in the runup to the Lok Sabha elections. The poll panel said the seizures made since March 1 exceed the over Rs 3,475 crore recovered during the 2019 parliamentary polls.

The seven-phase Lok Sabha polls were announced on March 16. The first phase is on April 19 and the last one on June 1. The commission said authorities have been making seizures worth Rs 100 crore everyday since March 1. (SEE PAGE 2)