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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 127
Retail live	Rs. 149
With skin	Rs. 216
Skinless	Rs. 246
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 50

Modi conspiring to divert TS water: KCR

Questions silence of Congress, BJP on Centre's plans on Godavari water



A section of the crowd during Leader of Opposition and BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao's road show at Dr BR Ambedkar junction in Khammam on Monday.

STATE BUREAU
 KHAMMAM

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conspiring to take Godavari River water to other States at the cost of Telangana's interests, Leader of Opposition and BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao questioned the silence of Parliament members from the BJP and the Congress on the issue. He demanded Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to spell out his stance on the issue.

Cautioning the people against supporting the Congress and the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections, he urged them to elect BRS candi-

dates to fight the Centre to safeguard the State's interests. Participating in a road show at Dr BR Ambedkar junction near Khammam Zilla Parishad on Monday, Chandrashekhara Rao said the Centre had sent a communication to the State government recently on diverting Godavari water to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu from Telangana, but, the Congress government was keeping quiet on it.

"Neither the BJP nor the Congress MPs nor the Chief Minister have raised the concerns of people of Telangana on the issue to date. Why do we need such useless leaders who cannot fight for us?" he asked. The

BRS president pointed out that Godavari River was a lifeline for Telangana. Whenever water levels depleted in the Krishna River, the farmers suffered due to lack of irrigation water. To end their problems permanently, he said the previous BRS government took up construction of the Sitarama project at Dummugudem with 37 TMC and irrigate erstwhile Khammam district.

"Now, Modi is conspiring to divert water at Ichampalli. Though he made a proposal during my tenure, I categorically rejected it," he said, adding that both the Congress and the BJP leaders only wanted votes and

posts, and were not bothered about people's woes.

The former Chief Minister also slammed the State government for trying to mislead the people on the power and water shortage in the State. Citing the day's developments on the Osmania University campus, where the chief warden was issued a show cause notice for issuing a circular stating that the hostels would be closed due to water and power shortage, Chandrashekhara Rao said he had himself raised the issue on multiple occasions, including on the power supply disruption during a visit to V Srinivas Goud's residence in Mahabubnagar. However,

Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was vehemently denying a power shortage.

Earlier, he lashed out at the BJP-led Central government for not extending support to address farmers' problems in the State. He reminded that under the BRS regime, Telangana produced over 3.5 crore tonnes of paddy competing with Punjab. When BRS MPs led by Nama Nageswara Rao approached the Centre to purchase broken rice produced during the Yasangi (Rabi) crop, he said the union Minister concerned advised them to habituate people of Telangana to eat broken rice. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

Delhi Police summon Revanth

Case related to doctored video of Shah on reservations

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Delhi Police reportedly issued summons to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to appear before the Cyber Crime of its Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit on May 1 regarding an allegedly doctored video of union Home Minister Amit Shah over scrapping reservations.

According to multiple news agency reports, Revanth Reddy has been specifically asked to appear with his mobile phone. A two-member Delhi police team is said to have arrived at the Gandhi Bhavan here on Monday to serve the notices. However, the Chief Minister's Office Secretary V Sheshadri said the CMO had not received any summons. "Not to the best of my knowledge. The Chief Minister has not received any summons," said Sheshadri.

Meanwhile, Gandhi Bhavan in charge T Kumar Rao said the summons was issued to the party's social media in-charge Manne Satish, Naveen, TPCC State Secretary Shiva Kumar and TPCC spokesperson Asma

Modi now misusing cops: CM

HYDERABAD: Reacting to reports of him being served summons by the Delhi Police, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that after using the ED, I-T and CBI to win polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah were now using the Delhi Police. "I just got information that Delhi Police reached Telangana Gandhi Bhavan with notices," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tasleem. The summons clearly mentioned the name of the social media in charge and the Chief Minister's or TPCC president's name was not mentioned, he said, adding that as the social media in charge was not in the office, legal cell member Ramachandra Reddy received the notices. A reply would be given in 15 days, Kumar Rao said. (SEE PAGE 2)

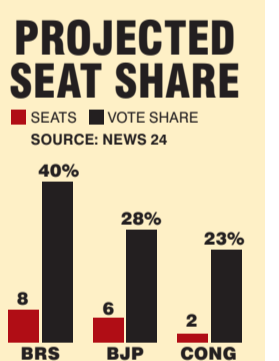
BRS likely to win 8 LS seats: Survey

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

In a shocker to the Congress and the BJP, the BRS is expected to emerge as the single-largest party in Telangana in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. According to a survey conducted by Hindi news channel 'News 24', the BRS is likely to win eight MP seats in the State.

As per the survey, the BRS would secure 40 per cent of the vote share in the Lok Sabha polls to be held on May 13. During the recent Assembly elections, the BRS secured a vote share of 37.35 per cent. Similarly, the BJP was likely to win six MP seats with a vote share of 28 per cent. The BJP's vote share was predicted to rise from 13.9 per cent in Assembly elections.

The ruling Congress has been relegated to third position with just two MP seats and a vote share of 23 per cent. In the Assembly elections, the Congress secured a 39.4 per cent vote share and was expected to suffer a



"I appeal to all my party colleagues, let's work hard to make the 8 seats to 13-14"
 — KT RAMA RAO, BRS working president

major setback within just five months after assuming power. About 16.4 per cent of vote share is suspected to have eroded for the Congress. Interestingly, the news channel had predicted the defeat of the BRS and the victory of the Congress in the 2023 Assembly election results. (SEE PAGE 2)

Update books yearly, NCERT told

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Education (MoE) asked the NCERT to conduct a review of its textbooks and update them on a yearly basis, according to sources. So far, there has been no mandate on the frequency of updating NCERT textbooks.

However, the National Council of Educational Re-

search and Training has been occasionally revising and updating content since 2017. A rationalisation exercise was also conducted in view of the closure of schools due to the pandemic but there were allegations from a section of agenda-driven editing. "In the fast-changing world of today, it is important that the textbooks

are absolutely updated. The NCERT has been asked to conduct a review on a yearly basis and update them ahead of the beginning of the new academic session... they are soon going to put a system in place," a source said. "NCERT books once published should not remain the same for many years," the source said. (SEE PAGE 2)

CONG INDORE CANDIDATE OPTS OUT, MAY JOIN BJP

INDORE

In another blow to Congress after the Surat fiasco, its Lok Sabha candidate from the Indore constituency, Akshay Kanti Bam, withdrew his nomination on Monday, ahead of the May 13 polling, amid indications that he is headed to the BJP camp.

After Bam opted out of the race, the Congress in

Delhi said there was a "threat to democracy." Interestingly, the decision of Bam comes five days after a court in Indore had asked for adding a 307 (attempt to murder) charge in a 2007 case related to a land dispute against him, his father and others. Indore's Collector Ashish Singh verified Bam's withdrawal of nomination. PTI

Intense heat grips districts across State

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS) issued a red alert for several parts of the State, anticipating scorching temperatures that are expected to range over 47 degrees Celsius in the next 48 hours.

Areas including Jagtial, Peddapalli, Mancheril, Kurumam Bheem Asifabad, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Khammam, Mahabubabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Timmapur in Nalgonda at 45.1 degrees Celsius, and Madugulapally in Nalgonda at 45 degrees Celsius.

extreme heat, with temperatures soaring up to 47 degrees Celsius.

In Hyderabad, the weather department predicts a rise in mercury to 41 degrees Celsius, indicating a prolonged period of intense heat. On Tuesday, several areas witnessed high temperatures, with Matur in Nalgonda recording a scorching 45.5 degrees Celsius. Other areas that experienced extreme heat include Mangapet in Mulugu at 45.1 degrees Celsius, Timmapur in Nalgonda at 45.1 degrees Celsius, and Madugulapally in Nalgonda at 45 degrees Celsius.

Confusion over closure of OU hostels, mess facilities

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The issue of shortage of water and electricity in Osmania University campus on Monday took strange twists and turns with the Chief Warden, G Srinivas, first notifying the immediate closure of all hostels and mess facilities from May 1 to 31, citing severe power shortage and water scarcity as reasons.

Hours later, the Registrar, Prof P Laxminarayana, served a show cause notice to the Chief Warden for notifying the closure of hostels and mess facilities due to a



Notice issued by the OU Chief Warden ordering closure of hostels and mess facilities, show cause notice issued by the Registrar to the Chief Warden seeking an explanation and SPDCL letter claiming there is no shortage of power supply.

shortage of water and electricity supply. As if this was not enough, by Monday night, the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited decided to jump in

and wrote to the university that there was no shortfall of electricity. Incidentally, in a clear sign of the hap-hazard attempts at fire-fighting without due diligence, the Power Dis-

tribution Company erroneously addressed that letter to the Vice Chairman of Osmania University instead of the Vice-Chancellor. Earlier on Monday, the Chief Warden in the no-

tice announced the closure of hostels and mess facilities from May 1 to 31 due to crisis from water and electricity shortage. "Due to severe summer, there is a shortage of water and electricity in the hostels. All the boarders are requested to kindly cooperate in this regard," the Chief Warden in the notice said.

Within hours, the OU Registrar served show cause notice on Chief Warden. "Circular issued by the Chief Warden on Monday regarding purported water and electricity shortage in the university was deemed 'unwarranted' and 'misleading'." (SEE PAGES 2, 5)