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

'Rejig of districts will stall growth'

KCR slams Congress govt, says BRS will oppose any such move



A section of the crowd during BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao's road show in Kothagudem on Tuesday.

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Raising strong opposition to the reported plans of the State government to reorganise districts in Telangana, BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao cautioned that such attempts would hamper the development of the districts.

He also questioned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's silence over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposals to divert Godavari River water to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, denying the

rightful share of water to Telangana.

On 'RR Tax' Chandrashekar Rao also trained his guns at Modi for not acting upon the allegations against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of collecting 'RR' tax in Telangana. Participating in a roadshow as part of his bus tour of Telangana ahead of Lok Sabha elections in Kothagudem on Tuesday, the Leader of Opposition said the previous BRS government created new districts like Bhadradi Kothagudem to bring the government closer to the

people, especially Tribals living in remote areas.

"But now, we are seeing news reports that the Chief Minister is planning to reorganise the districts and remove Kothagudem district, restricting public access to the government. The BRS will strongly oppose any such move," the former Chief Minister warned.

Dubbing the BJP government as the worst in independent India's history, he said Modi was conspiring to divert Godavari River water to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for political gains.

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Third front likely at Centre, says KCR

KHAMMAM: BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao has predicted that a third front government will be formed at the Centre after the Lok Sabha elections. "The power of regional parties is increasing. TMC in Bengal, AAP in Delhi, Punjab. So, these parties will play a big role and will be deciding factors...Neither BJP nor Cong (will win)," KCR said.

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Manipur cops refused to save Kuki women: CBI

NEW DELHI

The Manipur Police personnel allegedly drove the two women from the Kuki-Zomi community, who had sought refuge in their official gypsy, to a mob of around 1,000 Meitei rioters in Kangpokpi district, the CBI charge sheet has said.

The two women were subsequently stripped naked and paraded before being sexually assaulted during the ethnic violence in the State, the charge sheet added. The women, one of whom was the wife of a Kargil war veteran, desperately asked the police personnel to drive them to a safe location but were allegedly told by them that "there was no key" (of the vehicle) and did not provide any help, the officials giving details of charge sheet said.

A video showing two women being paraded naked surrounded by a mob of men went viral last year in July, nearly two months after the ethnic violence broke on May 4. The CBI filed its charge sheet against six accused and a report against one Child in Conflict with the Law (CCL) before the Special Judge, CBI Court at Guwahati on October 16 last year. It alleged that the two women were

Army stopped from taking away arms

IMPHAL: The Army was stopped from taking away the arms and ammunition they seized in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Tuesday by women-led protestors, officials said. During patrolling in the Kumbi area in the early hours, personnel of the Army's 2 Mahar regiment intercepted two SUVs, they said. "On seeing the Army personnel, the occupants of the two vehicles fled, leaving behind their arms," an official said. A while later, 'Meira Paibis' — civilian group of Meitei women — gathered at the spot, and demanded that the weapons be handed over to them, he said.

running away from a mob of around 900-1,000 persons carrying sophisticated weapons such as AK rifles, SLR, INSAS and .303 rifles. The mob had forcefully entered their village in Kangpokpi district, about 68 km south of Saikul police station, it said.

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Shah video: Revanth among 16 summoned

NEW DELHI

The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of Delhi Police issued summons to 16 individuals across 7 to 8 States in connection with the circulation of a 'doctored' video featuring Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

In the alleged 'fake' video, the Union Home Minister is purportedly heard saying that the BJP stands against the reservations in the

country. However, the BJP has since flagged the viral clip as fake.

The summons were issued under Sections 91 and 160 of the CrPC, asking the persons concerned to join the investigation and provide relevant documents and electronic devices as evidence. According to sources, those summoned include six members of the ruling Congress in Telangana, including CM Revanth Reddy.

ANI

10 naxals killed in encounter

NARAYANPUR/RAIPUR

Ten naxalites including three women were killed in an encounter with security forces on the border of Narayanpur and Kanker districts of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, police said.

This was the second major blow to the naxalites within 15 days. The site of Tuesday's encounter was 30

km south of Kalper village in Kanker where 29 naxalites were killed in a gunfight with security forces on April 16, said a police official.

Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma termed the latest operation as a major success while also appealing naxalites to come forward for talks and give up the path of violence. The encounter

took place at around 6 am in the forest between Tekmeta and Kakur villages in Abhimad area, when a joint team of the police's District Reserve Guard and Special Task Force was out on an anti-Naxal operation.

An AK-47 rifle and an INSAS rifle besides other arms, ammunition and explosives were recovered from the spot.

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Hostels to remain open, declares OU

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a major volte-face, Osmania University (OU) on Tuesday announced that its hostels will remain operational during the summer vacation period.

In a notice to the university community, OU Registrar Prof P Laxminarayana said the university had announced the commencement of summer vacation from

May 1 to 31. While students spend some time with their families, the vacation time facilitates the administration to take up any minor repairs and renovations in the hostels.

The university administration recently received a representation from students, who expressed a desire to utilise the summer vacation for intensive preparation aimed at various competitive exams.

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No respite in sight as mercury to rise further

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

As May sets in, Hyderabad finds itself under an orange alert issued by the India Meteorological Department-Hyderabad. The alert, spanning till Sunday, warns of a surge in average maximum temperatures, expected to be in the range of 41 and 45 degrees Celsius.

The city is already feeling the heat, with several areas recording scorching temperatures. On Tuesday, Ziaguda registered 43.2 degrees Celsius, closely followed by Rein Bazar at 43.2 degrees Cel-



Average max temperatures expected to be in the range of 41-45 degrees Celsius. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

sus. Langar Houz and Madhapur also experienced high temperatures, hitting 43 degrees Celsius

each. However, some relief could also be on the horizon. Officials from the IMD-H predict a drop in

temperatures along with the possibility of rains during third week of May.

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JD(S) suspends MP Prajwal

BENGALURU

JD(S) suspended its Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna from the party with immediate effect over an alleged sex scandal involving him.

The suspension came minutes after the party core committee that met in Hubballi recommended his suspension to its national president HD Deve Gowda, who is also Revanna's grandfather. "Videos of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna allegedly harassing women are widely in circulation on social media and this has caused huge embarrassment to the party," the suspension order said.

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