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Rashmika finds the picturesque locale 'amazing'



CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 126
Retail live	Rs. 148
With skin	Rs. 215
Skinless	Rs. 244
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 63

BRS to launch LS campaign on Mar 12

KCR to address massive public meeting in Karimnagar

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

The Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS), led by former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, is all set to launch the Lok Sabha poll campaign from Karimnagar with a massive public meeting at SRR College grounds on March 12. Karimnagar holds a sentimental value for Chandrashekhar Rao as it was here that he held his first major public meeting after launching the struggle for Telangana Statehood.

The BRS chief is likely to announce the names of the party candidates from select Parliamentary constituencies at an auspicious time on Monday. He is learnt to have already finalised the names of former MP B Vinod Kumar from Karimnagar and former Minister Koppula Eshwar from Peddapalli.

On Sunday, Chandrashekhar Rao chaired the first strategic meeting for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections at the party headquarters in Telangana Bhavan with the party leaders from Karimnagar and Peddapalli constituencies. He is learnt to have informed the party cadre that the BRS would win a majority of seats in the Lok Sabha polls, as the newly-elected Congress government failed to address basic needs such as water and power, forcing farmers to come out protest-



BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao, party working president KT Rama Rao and others at the Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Sunday.

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— K CHANDRASHEKHAR RAO, BRS president

ing on the streets. He pointed out that the Congress, which criticised the BRS rule and promised to implement the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) free of cost, had failed to fulfil the same.

He predicted that the Parliamentary elections would

be primarily between the BRS and the BJP as the Congress had gained a bad reputation within a short span after coming to power with the people realising its inefficiency. “The difference in voting percentage between the Congress and the BRS is just 1.8 per cent

which can be easily overcome. The party leaders must work unitedly to thwart the misinformation campaigns by political rivals and reach out to the people,” he said.

The former Chief Minister slammed the Congress government for its failure to deliver electoral promises and for the false propaganda against the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He told the party leaders that the sagging piers of Medigadda could be easily repaired, but the Congress was blowing the issue out of proportion for political mileage. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Modi to launch multi-crore projects in State

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will be visiting the State on Monday and Tuesday during his three-day tour of Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar, will inaugurate, dedicate and lay foundation stones for multiple development projects worth more than Rs 56,000 crore in Adilabad on Monday. After the 10.30 am programme in Adilabad, he will head to Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, while on Tuesday, at 11 am, Modi will launch multiple development projects worth Rs 6,800 crore in Sangareddy.

As part of inaugurating and dedicating various projects related to the power sector across the country, the Prime Minister will dedicate NTPC's 800 MW (Unit-2) of the Telangana Super Thermal Power Project in Peddapalli. Based on Ultra-Supercritical Technology, the project will supply 85 per cent of power to Telangana and will have the highest power generation efficiency of approximately 42 per cent among all power stations of NTPC in India.

In addition to the power sector, projects in the road and rail sector will also be taken up during the visit. He will dedicate the newly-electrified Ambari - Adilabad - Pimpalkhuti rail line to the nation. He will also lay the foundation for two

Chairs Council of Ministers' meet

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired meeting of Council of Ministers over the vision document for “Viksit Bharat: 2047” and a detailed action plan for the next five years. A 100-day agenda for steps to be taken after a new government is formed was deliberated upon during the meeting for its quick implementation. **(REPORT PAGE 7)**

To visit 12 States in 10 days

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend 29 programmes spread across 12 States and union Territories over the next 10 days ahead of the likely announcement of the Lok Sabha polls. Officials said he will be visiting Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh. **(PTI)**

major National Highway projects connecting Telangana with Maharashtra and Telangana with Chhattisgarh through NH-353B and NH-163. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Unfathomable Suffering



DISTRAUGHT: A Palestinian man holds a child as he mourns the death of twin babies killed in an overnight Israeli air strike, during their burial at Rafah in south Gaza Strip. As the war rages on, a delegation of Hamas reached Cairo, Egypt, on Sunday for talks on ceasefire and hostage swap deal. — Photo: AFP **(REPORT PAGE 9)**

Farmers call for rail roko

CHANDIGARH

Farmer leaders Sarwan Singh Pandher and Jagjit Singh Dallewal on Sunday gave a call to the farmers across the nation to reach Delhi on March 6 for a protest while they also gave a four-hour 'rail roko' countrywide call for March 10 in support of their various demands. The two farmer leaders asserted that the farmers' ongoing agitation will be intensified at existing protest points and will continue till their demands are met by the government. **(REPORT PAGE 8)**

Invasive species threaten Andaman Islands

M SAI GOPAL
 Hyderabad

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands archipelago's unique terrestrial ecosystems and rich endemism are vulnerable to invasive biological flora and fauna species from the mainland, Hyderabad-based researchers from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)-Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) said. The researchers from CCMB-La-

THE IMPACT

INDIAN BULLFROG
 Feeds on snakes, worms, endemic snakes, giant centipedes and local geckos

CHITAL
 Causing seeding mortality and loss of forest cover and degradation

INDIAN MYNA
 Replaced native bird species by competing for their food and shelter

CONES and other reputed science laboratories, in a study paper titled 'Im-

- Andaman Islands support 42 species of endemic (local) terrestrial reptiles including 20 lizards and 22 snakes
- Loss of vegetation has impacted survival of subterranean egg-laying lizards such as Coryphophylax and skinks

pacts of Invasive Alien Species in Island Ecosystems', contended that

NDSA panel to inspect KLIS

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), as requested by the State government, constituted a six-member committee for inspection and study of the designs and construction of Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS).

The committee, headed by J Chandrashekar Iyer, former chairman of Central Water Commission, will examine the causes leading to the sinking of Medigadda barrage pillars, along with the causes of distress, if any, observed in the two upstream barrages — Annaram and Sundilla. It will submit the report to the National Dam Safety Authority in four months. **(REPORTS PAGE 4)**

there is a negative impact of invasive species such as elephants, goats, bullfrogs, mynas, sparrows and African giant snails on native fauna and flora of Andaman Islands. At a meeting held a few days ago on invasive species at the CCMB, senior scientist from CCMB-LaCONES, Dr Kartikeyan Vasudevan, who had led the study on invasive species on Indian islands, especially Andaman and Nicobar, presented details on the issue. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

'Multiple' govt jobs expose system flaw

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad/Sangareddy

The sudden reportage of multiple incidents of one person bagging more than one government job is being viewed with amusement by many, but with most not knowing that this has some serious impact on several hundreds of other job aspirants.

The situation, where one person manages to bag multiple jobs and selects one of his or her choice, has an unseen outcome — that of several others not getting a chance to bag the jobs that this person rejects. This is due to a serious flaw in the system, where the rejected job is not given to the person next in line on account of merit.

This flaw in the process for recruitment into residential schools and colleges and their selection conducted by the Telangana Residential Educational Institutions Recruitment Board (TREI-RB) has already been pointed out by many, with BSP State presi-

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dent and former IPS officer RS Praveen Kumar having repeatedly pointing out and asking the government to rectify the anomaly. In fact, he pointed this out on X last month, tagging Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as well. The Chief Minister had responded to his tweet, saying that officials would be directed to look into the issue.

“Regarding the recruitment of teachers, we will direct the concerned authorities to look into the issues raised by you and the instructions given and resolve the issue expeditiously,” Revanth Reddy replied. However, nothing much has happened to date, with more reports of one person securing multiple jobs continuing to be reported. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

US drone sale to India expedited

WASHINGTON

The sale of 31 MQ9-B SkyGuardian Drones to India is expected to be fast-tracked now that the major hurdle of mandatory 30 days of Congressional notification is likely to pass without any objection from the lawmakers on Sunday, but for the routine procedural matters posed by the upcoming general elections.

The Defence Security Cooperation Agency notified the US Congress in February about the determination of the State Department of a possible Foreign Military Sale to India of 31 MQ9-B Remotely Piloted Aircraft and related equipment at a cost of \$3.99 bn.

The 31 MQ9-B SkyGuardian Drones itself cost \$1.70 billion, while the rest of the services including

technology and equipment are estimated to cost \$2.29 billion. In addition to 31 MQ9-B SkyGuardian Aircraft, the proposed deal includes 161 Embedded Global Positioning & Inertial Navigation Systems, 35 L3 Rio Grande Communications Intelligence Sensor Suite. “This sale is necessary in furtherance of US foreign policy and national security objectives,” it said. **(PTI)**