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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

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

Give strong counter to false propaganda, KCR to leaders

Releases BRS first list of 4 candidates for Lok Sabha elections

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao on Monday released the first list with four candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He congratulated the candidates on the occasion and urged the party cadre to work unitedly for the party's victory.

After holding comprehensive discussions with senior party leaders for the past two days, the BRS leadership declared the candidates — former MP B Vinod Kumar from Karimnagar constituency, former Minister Koppula Eshwar from Peddapalli constituency, BRS Lok Sabha floor leader Nama Nageswara Rao from Khammam constituency and sitting MP Maloth Kavitha from Mahabubabad constituency.

Addressing the party leaders during the strategy meetings of the Khammam and Mahabubabad constituencies at Telangana Bhavan here, Chan-



BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao addressing party leaders at Telangana Bhavan on Monday.

drashekhara Rao instructed the party leaders to constitute a three-member coordination committee dedicated to each Assembly segment in every Parliamentary constituency. He asked the party leaders to reach out to every household and organise meetings in every mandal as well as Assembly constituency headquarters. He wanted the party leaders to give a strong counter to the false propaganda of the op-

First list of candidates



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ponents. The former Chief Minister instilled confidence among the party cadre that the future belonged to the BRS as there was widespread resentment

against the Congress rule among people. "Victory and defeat are common in politics. The BRS will regain its past glory in a short period," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Foundation for Old City Metro to be laid on Friday

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The foundation stone for the Hyderabad Metro Rail works in the 5.5-km stretch from MGBS to Falaknuma will be laid on Friday.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) managing director NVS Reddy on Monday said around 1,100 properties will be affected by road widening at the Metro station locations. The project is expected to cost around Rs 2,000 crore, which includes the cost of road widening and shifting of utilities.

The Metro rail alignment will pass through Darulshifa - Puranihaveli - Etebarchowk - Alijakotla - Mir Momin Daira - Hari-bowli - Shalibanda - Shamsheergunj - Aliabad and end at the Falaknuma Metro station as originally planned. There will be four stations — Salarjung Museum, Charminar, Shalibanda and Falaknuma.

Though the alignment and the stations are about 500 m away from the monuments, two of the stations are named after Salarjung Museum and Charminar due to their historical importance, the managing director said. (SEE PAGE 2)

BRS to protest against LRS charges

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) will stage protests in front of all municipal offices, including those of the HMDA and GHMC, on Wednesday, demanding that the State government fulfil its electoral promise

and implement the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) free of cost. Later, they will submit representations to the District Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers in this regard.

Speaking to media persons at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, BRS working president KT Rama Rao

slammed the Congress for going back on its promise and imposing a nearly Rs 1 lakh burden on each applicant for regularisation of land. He questioned the purpose of fixing the LRS deadline of March 31. He said the BRS will pursue legal course against the State government's decision. (SEE PAGE 2)

Riding a wave



PERFECT STANCE: A contestant competes in the 2024 International Surfing Association's World Surfing Games off La Marginal Beach in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The event is a qualifier for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. — Photo: AFP

Bribery: Lawmakers can't claim immunity

NEW DELHI

MPs and MLAs taking bribe to vote or making a speech inside the legislature are not immune from prosecution, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday in a landmark verdict overturning its 1998 judgement, and said bribery and corruption by lawmakers "erode the foundation" of Indian Parliamentary democracy.

Setting aside a five-judge constitution Bench judgement of 1998 in the JMM bribery case, a larger Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud also said corruption and bribery by MPs and MLAs eat into probity in public life. In the JMM bribery case, the SC had, by a 3:2 majority, held that lawmakers have immunity

against criminal prosecution for any speech made and vote cast inside the House under Articles 105(2) and 194(2) of Constitution.

In a unanimous judgement on Monday, a seven-judge Bench held that Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution, which deal with the powers and privileges of MPs and MLAs in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, seek to sustain an environment in which debate and deliberation can take place within the legislature. PM Modi welcomed the verdict in a post on X: "SWAGATAM! A great judgment by the Hon'ble Supreme Court which will ensure clean politics and deepen people's faith in the system." PTI

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Six Inter students kill study in-charge

STATE BUREAU
Nizamabad

In a shocking incident, a first-year degree student, staying at a BC hostel in Bodhan town, was killed allegedly by six Intermediate students early on Monday.

According to reports, the deceased, Venkat (19), who was the 'study hour in-charge', had asked the students to stop chatting and focus on their studies on Sunday night. Irked, they

picked up an argument with him, and thrashed and strangled him to death.

Hearing noises from Venkat's room, other students staying at the hostel rushed in and found him unconscious. They took him to hospital where doctors declared him brought-dead. The hostel inmates caught hold of the accused students and handed them over to police. At least six students have been detained. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tapas Roy quits TMC

KOLKATA

Dealing a blow to the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress, veteran leader Tapas Roy quit his party and resigned as its MLA on Monday, citing disillusionment with the TMC leadership.

Roy submitted his resignation to Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee and stated that he had already put in his papers on March 1 for the multiple party and government positions he held. PTI (FULL REPORT PAGE 8)

Beware of digital house arrest, warn cops

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a novel cybercrime, fraudsters are looting people by impersonating law enforcement officers and making them victims of 'digital house arrests'.

The rampant rise of digital house arrests has prompted the Hyderabad police to warn residents and issue an advisory.

The Telangana Police, in the advisory, has asked people to be careful and avoid accepting or believ-

What's the scam

DIGITAL HOUSE ARREST REFERS TO A FRAUD WHEREIN SKILLED IMPERSONATORS PRETEND TO BE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS — POLICE, CUSTOMS, CBI OR NIA OFFICERS

- They tell the victim that an inquiry has been ordered against him/her for unlawful use of their account, SIM card, Aadhaar card or other cards linked to their bank account
- The gullible victim is not allowed to leave the house and forced to disconnect from their friends, relatives and acquaintances for a few hours
- On pretext of questioning, the fraudsters collect bank details, con the victim into downloading mobile/computer-based apps



ing calls from unknown numbers. The digital house arrest scam refers to a fraud wherein skilled impersonators pretend to be law enforcement officers — such as police, Customs,

CBI or NIA — and tell the victim that an inquiry has been ordered against him/her for the unlawful use of their account, SIM card, Aadhaar card or other cards linked to their bank

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