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**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm	Rs. 116
Retail live	Rs. 138
With skin	Rs. 200
Skinless	Rs. 228
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 623

## BRS-BSP unite for polls

To contest together in Lok Sabha elections in State; call on seat-sharing soon



BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao with BSP State chief RS Praveen Kumar on Tuesday.

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

In a significant development, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) on Tuesday announced an alliance for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Telangana.

The decision was reached during a meeting between BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao and BSP Telangana president RS Praveen Kumar.

In a joint press conference held at the BRS chief's residence in Nandimari here, Chandrashekhara Rao declared that BRS and BSP would contest the Lok Sabha elections together, citing shared ideologies and goals. He said Praveen Kumar approached him

with the proposal after taking approval from BSP chief Mayawati and that they had come to an in-principle understanding to enter into an alliance.

"Both BRS and BSP have common ideologies and goals. The BRS implemented several welfare schemes for the weaker sections, including Dalit Bandhu, residential welfare schools and others in Telangana. We will finalise the issues pertaining to seat-sharing and other specifics in a couple of days after I speak to Mayawati ji, who is an old acquaintance," he said.

When asked about Praveen Kumar's candidacy from the Nagarkurnool constituency, Chandrashekhara Rao pointed out that as the State president of BSP, he could contest from any loca-

tion in the State. He promised that seat-sharing decisions would be made in a mutually beneficial manner. Praveen Kumar criticised the BJP for threatening the secular fabric of the nation and attempting to undermine constitutional provisions for weaker sections. He expressed dissatisfaction with the Congress rule in Telangana, terming it akin to the BJP and causing trouble within four months of its rule.

"Former Chief Minister Chandrashekhara Rao has been a strong secular voice. Our alliance aims to protect State from the influence of both the BJP and Congress, with a focus on preserving the Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb and benefiting weaker sections in the State," he asserted. (SEE PAGES 2, 4)

## Govt misleading people, says KCR

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Stating that the situation in Telangana was deteriorating each day under the Congress rule, BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao said public opposition was intensifying within 100 days of the new government's formation. He criticised the Congress for deviating from its electoral promises, especially in terms of electricity and Six Guarantees and accused the party of misleading people with false propaganda to conceal their inefficiency in fulfilling commitments.

In a preparatory meeting for Lok Sabha elections with senior leaders from Mahabubnagar and Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituencies at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Chandrashekhara Rao said people got misled by the false propaganda of the Congress and voted out the BRS. However, the people already understood the reality and were ready to embrace the BRS again. He pointed out that the Congress government, despite winning, has failed to fulfil basic needs such as drinking water, irrigation and electricity. "The Congress exposed its intel-

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**Congress govt failed to fulfil basic needs such as drinking water, irrigation and electricity**  
**— K CHANDRASHEKHARA RAO,**  
 BRS president

lectual bankruptcy by failing to deliver its promises effectively or even continue the schemes implemented by the previous BRS government, leading to a decline in its popularity," he said. Emphasising that victory and defeat were natural in politics, the BRS chief urged the party leaders to work unitedly, engage with the public and address their concerns. He stated that the BRS always worked in accordance with the aspirations of the people of Telangana and called for united work in the upcoming parliamentary elections.

He recalled his long association with the Palamuru region, reminding that the Telangana Statehood was achieved during his term as Mahabubnagar MP. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Indian killed in Hezbollah attack

**JERUSALEM**

An Indian national was killed and another two were injured on Monday when an anti-tank missile fired from Lebanon by Hezbollah militants struck an orchard near Israel's northern border community of Margalioth, officials said and condemned it as a cowardly terror attack on peaceful agriculture workers. All three victims were from Kerala.

The missile hit a plantation in Margalioth, a moshav (collective agricultural community), in the Galilee region in the north of Israel around 11 am on Monday, Zaki Heller, spokesperson for rescue services Magen David Adom, said. Patnibin Maxwell, 30, from Kollam in Kerala was killed in the at-

**'Relocate to safe areas'**

**JERUSALEM:** The Indian Embassy in Israel issued an advisory, urging its nationals to move to safer areas in the country. "The embassy remains in touch with the Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of all our nationals," the mission said in an advisory posted on social media platforms. PTI

tack. His mortal remains were identified in Ziv hospital, sources said. Bush Joseph George, 31, and Paul Melvin, 28, were injured and taken to hospitals treatment. (REPORTS PAGE 9)

## Telangana Cong's new ATM: Modi

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Accusing the ruling Congress and the BRS of working in tandem and trying to save each other, Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleged that the Congress was not ordering a probe into the alleged irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project as it feared that it would also get exposed.

"Congress and BRS have a scam 'relationship'. They are doing cover firing to

save each other," he said. He was addressing a public meeting after laying the foundation and dedicating several projects to the nation at Patancheru. "This cover fire cannot go on for a long time as the Modi government has the capability to do 'surgical strike' and 'airstrikes'," he said. Accusing the Congress of making Telangana its new ATM, he said the money from Telangana was being used by the party for sponsoring polls in other States. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Revantth does U-turn on Gujarat model

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revantth Reddy's remarks praising the Gujarat model and backtracking on his earlier comments are evoking sharp criticism from different sections. Last week, at a public meeting in Chevella, the Chief Minister slammed the BJP leaders for boasting about the Gujarat model.

"What is the Gujarat model? Is it about setting afire people and usurping investments from other States to Gujarat? Or is it about deceiving people after promising two crore jobs annually and doubling farmers' income?" Revantth Reddy had asked.

However, while sharing the stage with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a public meeting in Adilabad on Monday, the Chief Minister took a 'U' turn and wanted

**SUBMITS WISH LIST TO MODI**

**HYDERABAD:** Taking heart from the Centre's recent allotment of defence lands and the sanctioning of the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) to the State, Chief Minister A Revantth Reddy has submitted a representation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking approval and financial assistance for more projects. (REPORT PAGE 3)

to ensure Telangana's development on the lines of the Gujarat model. "If Telangana has to develop and make rapid strides like Gujarat, your (Prime Minister's) support is a must," Revantth said. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Agriculture takes a hit in State



**NO OPTION:** Following shortage of irrigation water, farmers are forced to let cattle graze their fields in Madalumu Kesharajupalli village in Nalgonda on Tuesday. — Photo: R Akash

## Man from Hyd issues death threat to PM

**BENGALURU**

One person was booked for allegedly threatening to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Karnataka police said on Tuesday.

Mohammed Rasool Kaddare, a resident of Rangapet in Yadgir district, working as a labourer in Hyderabad, posted a video on social media in which he threatened to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath if the Congress government comes to power, the police said. He was booked under sections 505(1)(b), 25(1)(b) of IPC and Arms Act. "Rasool, who made a selfie video on his mobile phone, abused Prime Minister and UP CM Yogi Adityanath with unintelligible words," police said. ANI

## 'Meg lifesciences drugs just chalk powder'

**CITY BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Medicines manufactured by a fictitious company that goes by the name of Meg lifesciences, Pali Gaon, Sirmour district in Himachal Pradesh, have just chalk powder and starch but no active medicinal ingredients, the Telangana State Drug Control Administration (TSDCA) said on Tuesday while urging people not to procure and consume these 'medicines'.

On being alerted, the TSDCA drug inspectors



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recently procured 'medicines' that were being retailed by the non-existent company at various medical shops. It turned out that the purported drugs retailed by this company

did not have any medicinal value and much to their shock, contained a combination of chalk powder and starch, which poses a threat to the general public. "It is clear that

these drugs are falsified medicines that are manufactured by anti-social elements. They do not contain any active medicinal ingredient (nil medicine) and they potentially can cause health risks to vulnerable patients," DG, TSDCA, V B Kamalasan Reddy said.

The TSDCA also issued notices to retailers and wholesalers to stop the sale and distribution of any drugs with the label Meg Lifesciences and alert the local drug inspectors in case they have stocks of these. (SEE PAGE 2)

## TS ICET notification out

**CITY BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

A notification for the Telangana State Integrated Common Entrance Test (TS ICET) 2024 for admissions into MBA and MCA programmes was released on Tuesday, with registrations commencing Thursday. The registration fee is Rs 700 (Rs 550 for SC/ST differently-abled).

The last date for online registration without a late fee is April 30. Hall tickets can be downloaded from May 28 and the entrance test is scheduled for June 4 and 5. For details, visit https://icet.sche.ac.in

## No Indian troops after May 10: Muizzu

**MALE**

Stepping up his anti-India rhetoric, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu has affirmed that no Indian military personnel, not even those in civilian clothing, would be present inside his country after May 10, a media report said.

Muizzu's statement comes less than a week after an Indian civilian team reached the Maldives to take charge of one of the three aviation platforms in the island nation, well ahead of the March 10 deadline agreed by the two na-

**Says Indian military are not departing, they are returning their uniforms into civilian clothing**

tions for the withdrawal of Indian military personnel. "There will be no Indian troops in the country come May 10. Not in uniform and not in civilian clothing. The Indian military will not be residing here in any form of clothing. I state this with confidence," he said. PTI