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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs.	101
Retail live	Rs.	123
With skin	Rs.	178
Skinless	Rs.	203
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs.	57

Robot on the job to spot sick tulips

NEXT BIG THING: Theo, the robot, checking Dutch tulip fields for sick flowers in Netherlands on Tuesday. The robot, named after a former employee at the WAM Pennings flower farm, is a new high-tech weapon in the battle to root out disease from the bulb fields as they erupt into a riot of springtime colour. —Photo: AP

No stay on CAA, rules SC

Gives govt 3 weeks to respond to applications

PTI
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to respond within three weeks to applications seeking a stay on implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 till the apex court disposes of the pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

The apex court, however, refused to stay the operation of the rules that would give effect to the CAA, as sought by a battery of senior advocates representing the petitioners. The Centre, on its part, told the Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that the CAA does not take away the citizenship of any person.

The Bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, issued notice to the Centre on the 20 applications seeking a stay on the implementation of the Rules returnable within three weeks. "We are not expressing any prima facie view... We have to hear the petitioners, we have to hear the other side," the Bench observed and posted the matter for hearing on April 9. The Centre on March 11 paved the way for the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, with the notification of the relevant rules, four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fast-track Indian citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

During the hearing on Tuesday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said there are over 230 petitions in the matter, and after the rules came into force, 20 applications seeking stay have been filed. (SEE PAGE 2)

Contentious issue

CENTRE INFORMS COURT THAT THE CAA DOES NOT TAKE AWAY THE CITIZENSHIP OF ANY PERSON

"The problem is, if any process of citizenship starts and somebody gets citizenship, then it would be impossible to reverse it for several reasons and these petitions will become infructuous. Therefore, that process should not start

— KAPIL SIBAL, petitoners' counsel

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— SUPREME COURT BENCH

TS EAPCET likely to be rescheduled

YUVRAJ AKULA
Hyderabad

The Telangana State Engineering, Agriculture and Pharmacy Common Entrance Test (TS EAPCET) 2024, formerly TS EAMCET, is likely to be rescheduled as the test dates almost clash with the Lok Sabha election date. A decision is likely to be announced in the next couple of days. The TS EAPCET is scheduled from May 9 to 12 with the engineering test on May 9 and 10, and the test for AP stream is on May 11 and 12, while the polling is set to take place on May 13 in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

As educational institutions are identified and designated as polling centres, the TSCHE is mulling to reschedule dates. Though advancing the test by a day – commencing tests from May 8 instead of May 9, is considered, the move faces an obstacle with the Staff Selection Commission tentatively scheduling its recruitment examination for various positions from May 6 to 8.

Like the EAPCET, the recruitment test is being conducted in computer-based mode. Since both the tests are computer-based, finding the centres could be a herculean task for officials. "We are looking into how many students will be taking the SSC recruitment examination and centres allotted for them. Depending on those details, we will take a call on the TS EAPCET," an official said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Four Maoists killed in Maha encounter

GADCHIROLI

In a major intelligence-based operation, Maharashtra security forces gunned down at least four Maoists, who sneaked in from Telangana and carried varying rewards totalling Rs 36 lakhs on their heads, in a fierce jungle shoot-out in Gadchiroli district early on Tuesday, police officials said.

Based on a tip-off that a large group of Maoists from a neighbouring State had entered Maharashtra with nefarious motives, the security forces launched a massive combing operation in the Kolamarka hills of Repanpalli division last night. Teams of the Central Reserve Police Force's (CRPF) Range Quick Action Team and the elite C-60 Commandos of Anti-Naxal Operations (ANO), were involved in the dangerous forest operation. Suddenly, the Maoists hiding in the jungle started shooting indiscriminately at the RQAT and C-60 teams which also returned fire in self-defence.

TS cops on high alert

Police have intensified combing operations in bordering areas of both Telangana and Maharashtra to track some more extremists who reportedly escaped unhurt in an exchange of fire between police and Maoists at Kolamarka hillocks near Repanpalli village of Aheri Taluq.

Kavitha files plea in SC

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS leader K Kavitha filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking interim relief in the form of an order directing her immediate release pending the final adjudication and disposal of the writ petition.

Her advocate, who moved the petition, urged the SC to direct the Enforcement Directorate not to take any coercive steps against Kavitha during the pendency of the writ petition. He also requested the court to pass further orders as the court may deem fit and proper in the case. Kavitha has been arrested in blatant violation of her rights. She would suffer irreparable damage, if the interim relief sought in this application was not granted, he pointed out. (SEE PAGE 2)

Nimesulide drug linked to vulture deaths

M SAI GOPAL
Hyderabad

In a major move to save the critically endangered keystone species of vultures, the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), the committee of experts that advises the Central government, recommended a ban on veterinary use of Nimesulide, the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), which is administered frequently for pain relief to livestock, and relief from fever to humans.

The DTAB was acting on a recent report from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), the voluntary organisation actively involved in the conservation of the vultures in India. The BNHS, in its report, indicated that Nimesulide is rampantly used in cattle and other veterinary purposes. Invariably, when the vultures feed on the carcass of such animals, they too tend to absorb Nimesulide. One of the important extant risks that the vulture populations in India are still facing is the veterinary use of Nimesulide to treat cattle. Nimesulide, similar to diclofenac, aceclofenac and ketoprofen, have been found to be toxic to vultures, leading to mortality through visceral gout and renal failure, the BNHS in its assessment report submitted to DTAB said.

About a year ago, the safety-testing studies of Nimesulide on vultures were carried out collaboratively between BNHS and Indian Veterinary Research Institute. (SEE PAGE 2)

Toxic drug

VETERINARY USE OF PAIN KILLER NIMESULIDE BANNED TO SAVE VULTURE POPULATION

- Aceclofenac and Ketoprofen banned last year for veterinary use
- Nimesulide widely used in livestock as painkillers
- Vultures feed on carcasses of livestock and come in contact with Nimesulide
- The drug causes kidney failure and gout

ICMR to study efficacy of Nimsesulide in humans above the age of 12 YEARS