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Ramzan Timings
 Iftar Sunday 6:33 PM
 Saher Monday 4:54 AM
CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD
 Farm..... Rs. 118
 Retail live..... Rs. 140
 With skin..... Rs. 203
 Skinless..... Rs. 231
 Egg Rates (12 eggs)..... Rs. 54

133 killed in Russia terrorist attack

IS claims responsibility, Putin calls it 'bloody, barbaric act'

AP
 MOSCOW
 The death toll in the Moscow concert hall attack has risen to 133, Russia's top state investigative agency said on Saturday.

The update from the Investigative Committee comes as authorities are combing the charred wreckage of the Crocus City Hall on Moscow's western edge for more victims. Officials previously put the death toll from Friday's raid at 115. The attack also left many wounded.

The Islamic State (IS) group's Afghanistan branch claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on affiliated channels on social media. A US intelligence official said US agencies had confirmed that the group was responsible for the attack.

In an address to the nation on Saturday, Russian President said authorities had detained 11 people, including four who took part in the attack. He also suggested they had been trying to cross the border into Ukraine which, he said, tried to create a "window" to help them escape.

Ukraine has strongly denied any involvement and accused Moscow of using the attack to try to stoke fervor in its war effort. Putin said authorities have detained 11 people in the attack. In an address to the nation, Putin called it "a bloody, barbaric terrorist



A woman places flowers next to the Crocus City Hall, near Moscow, on Saturday. — Photo: AP

India stands in solidarity with the government and the people of the Russian Federation in this hour of grief
 — NARENDRA MODI, PM

act" and said all four directly involved had been taken into custody. He suggested they had been trying to cross the border into Ukraine. (IS STILL POSSES GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD' PAGE 9)

They will pay, says Putin

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin has vowed to punish terrorists after they carried out an attack at the Crocus City Hall in Krasnogorsk, near Moscow, on Friday evening.

In his televised address to the nation posted by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on X, Putin said, "Our people, our children, just like the Nazis that once killed our people during the war. They do the same. All the orchestrators, all those who are responsible for this crime will inevitably be found responsible, they will pay. We will identify everyone who stands behind these terrorists and they will pay. This is a strike against Russia."

He said the criminals went specifically to kill people, point blank. "We will investigate this terrorist attack and we already have some results. All four perpetrators, who were directly involved, were gunning down people, killing people. They were found and apprehended. They tried to escape," he said. ANI

Water curbs: Hyderabad goes the Bengaluru way

Ban on use of drinking water for gardening, etc

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

This summer, Hyderabadis will have to stop using drinking water for gardening, animal rearing, and filling swimming pools and fountains, among other purposes.

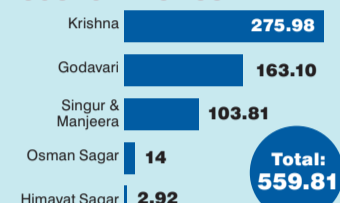
The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board (HMWSS&SB), while maintaining that there is enough water to meet the city's demands this summer, has put out a circular prohibiting the use of domestic water supply for alternate purposes, similar to the one enforced in Bengaluru.

The instructions were passed after a High Court order in this regard last week and are the first such notice asking people to conserve water in the last few years, officials said. Consumers found in violation might have to pay a fine or lose their water connection under the HMWSS Act, 1989. The use of drinking

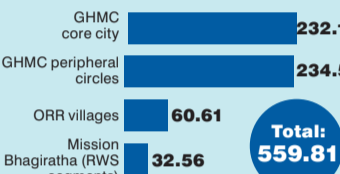
Being conservative

(AS OF MARCH 23, FIGURES IN MILLION GALLONS PER DAY)

SOURCE-WISE SUPPLY



AREA-WISE SUPPLY



SUMMER ACTION PLAN

- HMWSS&SB to draw up to 575 MGD
- Joint Action Committee including officials from all relevant departments
- Emergency pumping arrangements amounting to Rs 4 cr
- Officials pursuing release of 30 TMC from Konya Dam to downstream-end of Srisaillam/Nagarjuna

water is also barred for commercial or industrial use, and construction, along with diverting it to hotels, swimming baths and others. In addition, bringing into effect Section 38 of the Act, every owner will have to maintain the pipeline and meter to prevent wastage of water. The board, alerting its staff on the guidelines, has roped in 18 NGOs to create awareness on water conservation. It has said a secondary supply would be available at a nominal rate through tankers. (SEE PAGE 2)

BRS picks Padma Rao for Sec'bad

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao on Saturday announced three more party candidates for the May 13 Lok Sabha elections in the State, taking the total number of the party's candidates in the fray to 16 of the 17 parliamentary constituencies. The names an-

nounced on Saturday include senior leader T Padma Rao Goud, MLA and former Minister, from Secunderabad; Kyama Mallesh from Bhongir; and Kancharla Krishna Reddy from Nalgonda Lok Sabha constituencies.

The names were finalised after discussions with party functionaries and elected representatives, including party legislators, from all

Assembly segments in the constituencies. Padma Rao emerged as the ultimate choice as he had been associated with the party right from the days of its fight for statehood, according to a statement from the party.

The BRS president had discussions with party leaders from the constituencies concerned before announcing the names. (SEE PAGE 2)

Money trail tracked to BJP account, says AAP

NEW DELHI

A day after a Delhi court sent Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to ED custody, senior AAP leader and Minister Atishi alleged that the money trail was found in the BJP's account and challenged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the probe agency to "arrest" BJP national president JP Nadda.

Addressing a press conference, Atishi said to date, no money trail has been found connected to any AAP leader. "In the so-called excise policy scam of Delhi, the CBI and ED investigations have been going on for the past two years. In these two years, a

Kavitha terms her arrest illegal

HYDERABAD: Terming her arrest illegal, BRS MLC K Kavitha on Saturday said the ED had framed a false case against her. "It's a purely political case. It's an illegal arrest. We will fight it out in the court of law," she said. Speaking to the media while being produced at the Rouse Avenue Court in Delhi by ED officials, Kavitha termed her arrest illegal and politically motivated and asserted that she would fight in the court of law against her illegal detention by the probe agency. "There is nothing new. They (ED) are asking the same thing again and again. This is a political case. A fabricated case. My arrest is completely illegal," she said.

question has come up again and again: Where is the money trail? Where did the money go? No proceeds of crime were recovered from any leader, Minister or worker of AAP," she said.

She further said Kejriwal was arrested on the basis of one person's (Sarath Chandra Reddy) word. "Kejriwal was arrested in the same case two days ago," she said. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

India summons German envoy

NEW DELHI

India on Saturday summoned a senior diplomat from the German Embassy and lodged a strong protest over comments on the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Deputy Head of Mission of the German Embassy George Enzweiler was seen leaving the MEA office. India called the comments "blatant interference" in its internal matters after the German foreign office said it has "taken note" of the arrest and expects "standards regarding the independence of judiciary and basic democratic principles" will apply. The remarks by Sebastian Fischer were in response to how Germany assessed the arrest weeks before polls. IANS

TET fee hiked to Rs 1,000 per paper

YUVRAJ AKULA
 Hyderabad

As they gear up for the Telangana State Teacher Eligibility Test (TS TET), teacher job aspirants will have more burden with the government more than doubling the registration fee.

Candidates now have to shell out Rs 1,000 to appear for Paper 1 or 2 of the TET as against Rs 400 last year, translating to a 150 per cent increase in the registration fee. For both Paper 1 and 2, candidates

will have to cough up Rs 2,000, which is a 400 per cent fee enhancement in comparison with last time when the fee was Rs 400. Paper 1 is for candidates who want to teach classes I-V and Paper 2 for classes VI-VIII.

The Central government, which holds the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) in the computer-based test, charges Rs 1,000 per paper and Rs 1,200 for both papers. However, it extends a fee relaxation to SC, ST or differently-abled persons,

from whom Rs 500 is charged for one paper and Rs 600 for both.

While the TS TET registration fee for only one paper is the same as that of CTET, it differs for two papers besides there is no provision for fee relaxation for the SC, ST and differently-abled candidates. Sources attribute the steep increase in the fee to the introduction of the computer-based test mode for the first time in the TET as against the offline mode last year.

According to sources,

Rs 475 per candidate per session has been estimated as the charge for the computer-based test by the service provider and Rs 100 per candidate is estimated for roping in the services of experts to frame questions and other logistics support. "Still, the registration fee is on the higher side. We do not know why they have enhanced the fee so much," sources said.

TET registration can be done on schooledu.telangana.gov.in from March 27 to April 10.

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