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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 118
Retail live	Rs. 140
With skin	Rs. 203
Skinless	Rs. 231
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Phase-1 sees 63% turnout

Sporadic violence in Manipur, West Bengal; CRPF jawan killed in Chhattisgarh

PTI
 NEW DELHI

A voter turnout of nearly 63 per cent was recorded in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections covering 102 seats across 21 States and Union territories amid sporadic incidents of violence at some places and an accidental explosion of a grenade launcher shell in Chhattisgarh that left a CRPF jawan dead.

The Election Commission said polling for the first and biggest phase of the seven-phase elections remained largely peaceful. Voters braved the heat in most parts while at some places, they waited patiently in pouring rain as the world's largest poll exercise got underway at 7 am.

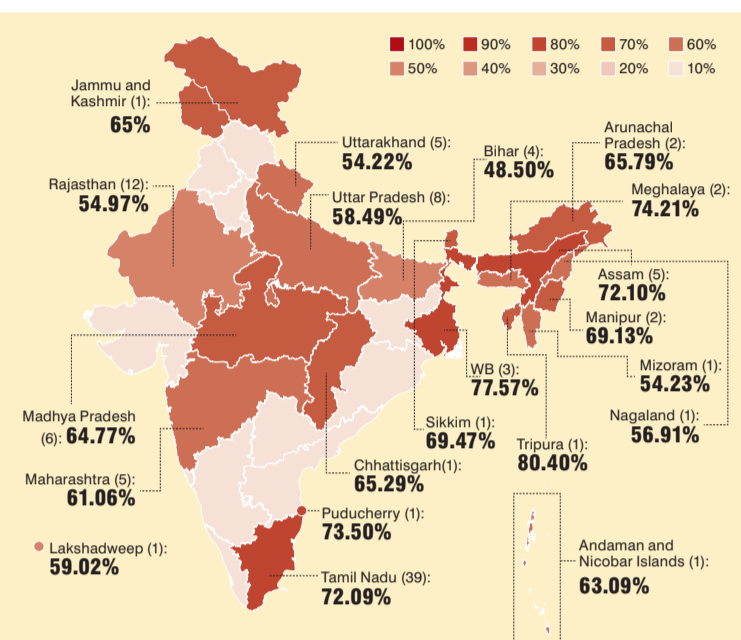
The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) under Prime Minister Modi is seeking a stronger majority for a third consecutive term, while the constituents of the opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc are hoping for a rebound after facing reverses in the 2014 and 2019 elections. Tripura recorded the highest turnout of 80.17 per cent, followed by West Bengal at 77.57, Meghalaya 74.21 per cent, Puducherry 73.50

Mammoth exercise

THE FIRST AND BIGGEST PHASE OF THE SEVEN-PHASED ELECTIONS BEGAN AT 7 AM IN ALL CONSTITUENCIES. AMONG THE VOTERS WERE FIRST-TIMERS, MANY NEWLY-WED COUPLES WHO CAME IN THEIR TRADITIONAL ATTIRE, PHYSICALLY-CHALLENGED PEOPLE AND SOME ELDERLY PERSONS



A voter from the Shompen tribal community after casting his vote in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



per cent, and Assam 72.10. Voters in six districts of eastern Nagaland stayed indoors following an indefinite shutdown call by an apex body of tribal organisations to press for its demand for a separate State. Tamil Nadu, where the BJP is trying to make inroads, was among the seven States and three Union territories where polling was held for all the seats. (SEE PAGES 2,7)

OFFICIALS TREK 18-KM FOR 92-YR-OLD VOTER

IDUKKI (KER): It was an 18-kilometer trek through the dense forest filled with wild animals for a team of nine polling officials, comprising three women, on Wednesday to record the vote of a bedridden citizen at Edamalakudy in Kerala's high-range district of Idukki for the Lok Sabha polls. In the tribal village of Edamalakudy, nestled deep within this hill district's lush forests, lives 92-year-old Sivalingam. Despite his age and being bedridden, Sivalingam's determination to vote remains strong. Officials said tears welled up in the eyes of the nonagenarian after casting his vote. He had applied for the "vote from home" facility through the booth level officer. (REPORT PAGE 7)

VEHICLE CARRYING EVM SINKS IN ASSAM RIVER

NORTH LAKHIMPUR: An SUV carrying an electronic voting machine partially sank into a river after water level rose suddenly washing away a mechanised boat that was ferrying the vehicle in Assam's Lakhimpur constituency on Friday, officials said. The driver and the polling officer of the vehicle managed to get out before water gushed into the vehicle, an official said. It was on its way to Amarapur area in Sadiya to replace an EVM after a technical glitch was detected in it as polling commenced in the morning. A State Disaster Response Force team was called in to pull the vehicle out of the water. The EVM, meant for replacement, was damaged in the accident, the official added. PTI

Erratic power supply haunts farmer's widow

STATE BUREAU
 Siddipet

On February 16, Chiguru Swamy (36), a farmer of Bangla Venkatapur village in Gajwel mandal, died by suicide due to losses he incurred in farming. Of the one acre he owns, Swamy cultivated paddy in 30 guntas hoping to get some good harvest. However, the crop started withering away as the agriculture pump set was burnt due to erratic power supply. However, even after his suicide, the erratic power supply continues to haunt the family even as his widow tried to save the crop. Speaking to 'Telangana Today', Sravanthi (24)



Sravanthi

recalled that the pump set got burnt thrice in the last two months. With the help of her brothers and relatives, Sravanthi got the pump set repaired by spending Rs 15,000, Rs 4,000 and Rs 6,000, respectively. "In the meanwhile, half of the crop withered due to irregular power supply," she said. A resident of Valluru in Wargal mandal, she married Swamy in 2017. She represented the Medak Softball Team in different tournaments during her schooling. However, due to poverty, she was married off early. The couple has two sons — Vamshi (6) and Shanshiv-esh (3). (SEE PAGE 2)

Inter results likely on Monday

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education may announce the Intermediate Public Examination results on Monday or Tuesday. According to sources, results are most likely expected at 11 am on Monday. "The evaluation of the answer scripts has been completed along with the processing of the result. The Centre for Good Governance is testing the result before it is released. The Board is planning to announce results either on Monday or Tuesday. The date has not been finalised," a senior official said. A total of 9,80,978 students, including 4,78,718 first and 5,02,260 second year registered for the examinations. The evaluation of answer scripts was carried out in four spells at 16 spot evaluation camps constituted across the State.

Dubai Airport resumes ops

GULF CORRESPONDENT
 Dubai

Air traffic at Dubai International (DXB) resumed after an unprecedented storm hit the country last Tuesday. However, only the flights reaching Dubai as the final destination are allowed, while the onward connecting flights remain suspended. Every day, hundreds of Telugu NRIs and their families travel to North America, Europe and other parts of the world via Dubai Airport. The Dubai International Airport urged travellers not to come to the terminal for outbound flights before confirming their flight status, as it said that access to the terminal was "strictly limited"

AIR INDIA CANCELS FLIGHTS

NEW DELHI: Air India on Friday said it cancelled flights to and from Dubai due to continued operational disruptions at the airport in the Gulf city. Passengers of Air India who have booked the flights for travel till April 21 will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling and full refunds for cancellation. An Air India spokesperson said the airline has cancelled the flights to and from Dubai due to continued operational disruptions at the Dubai airport. "We are doing our best to get affected customers on their way by re-accommodating them on flights as soon as operations resume," the spokesperson said in a statement. Dubai airport operations have been hit by unprecedented rains and floods. PTI

ited" to guests with confirmed departures. Dubai Airports on Friday extended the temporary limiting of inbound flights to Dubai International Airport due to operational challenges in the aftermath of torrential rains.

Travel delays
 "Dubai Airports is endeavouring to do its best to support passengers at Dubai International im-

acted by travel delays due to the recent unprecedented weather conditions the UAE experienced. However, due to the ongoing disruption, and to assist the effectiveness of recovery, DXB is temporarily limiting the number of inbound flights from 12 noon on April 19 for 48 hours. Departures will continue to operate," said the statement on Friday. (SEE PAGE 2)

Medigadda repair works: TS writes to NDSA

Requests to explore scope for initiating interim measures

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Caught between the immediate need for repairs on the Medigadda barrage and options for long-term rehabilitation, the State government on Friday wrote to the National Dam Safety Authority seeking a way out. In the wake of mounting pressure from the opposition BRS as well as the irrigation experts for permanent rehabilitation measures, which would involve the reconstruction of three sinking piers of the barrage, the government has decided to request the NDSA to explore the scope for initiating interim measures. The NDSA panel, which is investigating the factors that resulted in the structural issues noticed in the barrage, visited the project

twice in the past month and its report is expected only by the June-end. Irrigation officials are under the impression that once the monsoon sets in, they would not have any scope for taking up even temporary repairs at least till February next. In the event of heavy floods, which usually occur from June onwards, the impacted structures would be rendered further vulnerable. The Pranahita subbasin contributes significantly to the flood flow in the river and the sinking piers may not withstand heavy floods. The State government was, in fact, firm on taking up long-term rehabilitation programme only after receiving the NDSA report. Even if immediate repairs are permitted, long-term rehabilitation efforts are essential to ensure the stability and safety of the barrage. The top brass of the Irrigation Department had reportedly discussed the issue with the implementing agencies on the measures to be initiated ahead of the onset of monsoon in the event of getting 'go ahead' from NDSA and the State government. (SEE PAGE 2)

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