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**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm	Rs. 127
Retail live	Rs. 149
With skin	Rs. 216
Skinless	Rs. 246
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 50

## 'Rejig of districts will stall growth'

**KCR slams Congress govt, says BRS will oppose any such move**



A section of the crowd during BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao's road show in Kothagudem on Tuesday.

STATE BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

Raising strong opposition to the reported plans of the State government to reorganise districts in Telangana, BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao cautioned that such attempts would hamper the development of the districts.

He also questioned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's silence over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposals to divert Godavari River water to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, denying the

rightful share of water to Telangana.

**On 'RR Tax'**  
 Chandrashekar Rao also trained his guns at Modi for not acting upon the allegations against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of collecting 'RR' tax in Telangana. Participating in a roadshow as part of his bus tour of Telangana ahead of Lok Sabha elections in Kothagudem on Tuesday, the Leader of Opposition said the previous BRS government created new districts like Bhadradi Kothagudem to bring the government closer to the

people, especially Tribals living in remote areas.

"But now, we are seeing news reports that the Chief Minister is planning to reorganise the districts and remove Kothagudem district, restricting public access to the government. The BRS will strongly oppose any such move," the former Chief Minister warned.

Dubbing the BJP government as the worst in independent India's history, he said Modi was conspiring to divert Godavari River water to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for political gains.

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**Third front likely at Centre, says KCR**

**KHAMMAM:** BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao has predicted that a third front government will be formed at the Centre after the Lok Sabha elections. "The power of regional parties is increasing. TMC in Bengal, AAP in Delhi, Punjab. So, these parties will play a big role and will be deciding factors...Neither BJP nor Cong (will win)," KCR said.

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## Manipur cops refused to save Kuki women: CBI

NEW DELHI

The Manipur Police personnel allegedly drove the two women from the Kuki-Zomi community, who had sought refuge in their official gypsy, to a mob of around 1,000 Meitei rioters in Kangpokpi district, the CBI charge sheet has said.

The two women were subsequently stripped naked and paraded before being sexually assaulted during the ethnic violence in the State, the charge sheet added. The women, one of whom was the wife of a Kargil war veteran, desperately asked the police personnel to drive them to a safe location but were allegedly told by them that "there was no key" (of the vehicle) and did not provide any help, the officials giving details of charge sheet said.

A video showing two women being paraded naked surrounded by a mob of men went viral last year in July, nearly two months after the ethnic violence broke on May 4. The CBI filed its charge sheet against six accused and a report against one Child in Conflict with the Law (CCL) before the Special Judge, CBI Court at Guwahati on October 16 last year. It alleged that the two women were

**Army stopped from taking away arms**

**IMPHAL:** The Army was stopped from taking away the arms and ammunition they seized in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Tuesday by women-led protestors, officials said. During patrolling in the Kumbi area in the early hours, personnel of the Army's 2 Mahar regiment intercepted two SUVs, they said. "On seeing the Army personnel, the occupants of the two vehicles fled, leaving behind their arms," an official said. A while later, 'Meira Paibis' — civilian group of Meitei women — gathered at the spot, and demanded that the weapons be handed over to them, he said. (PTI)

running away from a mob of around 900-1,000 persons carrying sophisticated weapons such as AK rifles, SLR, INSAS and .303 rifles. The mob had forcefully entered their village in Kangpokpi district, about 68 km south of Saikul police station, it said. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Shah video: Revanth among 16 summoned

NEW DELHI

The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of Delhi Police issued summons to 16 individuals across 7 to 8 States in connection with the circulation of a 'doctored' video featuring Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

In the alleged 'fake' video, the Union Home Minister is purportedly heard saying that the BJP stands against the reservations in the

country. However, the BJP has since flagged the viral clip as fake.

The summons were issued under Sections 91 and 160 of the CrPC, asking the persons concerned to join the investigation and provide relevant documents and electronic devices as evidence. According to sources, those summoned include six members of the ruling Congress in Telangana, including CM Revanth Reddy. (ANI)

**WAR OF WORDS**

**'RR tax' filling Cong kitty: Modi**

**HYDERABAD:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday tore into the Congress saying as long as he was alive he won't allow reservations for Muslims, based on religion, at the cost of SC, ST and OBCs. Addressing a poll rally in Medak district, Modi exuded confidence that he will celebrate 75 years of the Constitution on a grand scale in his third term. In a veiled attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Modi alleged that the money collected in the State through "double R (RR) tax" is being channelled to Delhi.

He made these comments while referring to blockbuster Telugu film titled 'RRR', which received global accolades. Targeting the Congress over the fake video case, he said it was being done to mislead people and create tension in the society. Alleging that the Congress would impose 55 per cent inheritance tax if voted to power, Modi said when the whole world was economically progressing, India was suffering from policy paralysis under the previous UPA government.

He said whenever the grand old party is in power, it has five political symbols — first, false promises; second, vote bank politics, third, supporting mafia and criminals, fourth dynastic politics and fifth is corruption. Modi further alleged that first it was BRS, which looted Telangana and now it is Congress. (PTI)



**BJP trying to intimidate: CM**

**PARAKALA:** Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the BJP-led Central government was booking cases against people for raising questions over its failures in fulfilling promises made to the people. "The BJP government registered a case against me in Delhi and a team of police was sent to Gandhi Bhavan. In a democracy, don't we have the right to question on behalf of the SC, ST and downtrodden," he asked while addressing a public meeting here on Tuesday.

"Did Revanth Reddy fear cases anytime? BJP is trying to intimidate me by sending police from Delhi. Not just Delhi Police, get the security forces deployed on the borders. No one is afraid here," Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister said the Lok Sabha elections in the State were a fight between Gujarat's hegemony and Telangana's courage. Telangana's courage would not bow down before anybody, he said.

The BJP was hitting the streets with 'Ab ki baar 400 par' slogans with an ulterior motive. Congress gave reservations to SC, ST and OBC but the BJP was hatching a conspiracy to scrap the reservations, he said, pointing out that the BJP government had failed to fulfil the assurances made to Telangana under the AP Reorganisation Act with Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah even opposing the construction of an airport in Warangal. (SEE PAGES 2, 4)



## 10 naxals killed in encounter

NARAYANPUR/RAIPUR

Ten naxalites including three women were killed in an encounter with security forces on the border of Narayanpur and Kanker districts of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, police said.

This was the second major blow to the naxalites within 15 days. The site of Tuesday's encounter was 30

km south of Kalper village in Kanker where 29 naxalites were killed in a gunfight with security forces on April 16, said a police official.

Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma termed the latest operation as a major success while also appealing naxalites to come forward for talks and give up the path of violence. The encounter

took place at around 6 am in the forest between Tekmeta and Kakur villages in Abhimad area, when a joint team of the police's District Reserve Guard and Special Task Force was out on an anti-Naxal operation.

An AK-47 rifle and an INSAS rifle besides other arms, ammunition and explosives were recovered from the spot. (PTI)

## Hostels to remain open, declares OU

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

In a major volte-face, Osmania University (OU) on Tuesday announced that its hostels will remain operational during the summer vacation period.

In a notice to the university community, OU Registrar Prof P Laxminarayana said the university had announced the commencement of summer vacation from

May 1 to 31. While students spend some time with their families, the vacation time facilitates the administration to take up any minor repairs and renovations in the hostels.

The university administration recently received a representation from students, who expressed a desire to utilise the summer vacation for intensive preparation aimed at various competitive exams. (SEE PAGE 2)

## No respite in sight as mercury to rise further

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

As May sets in, Hyderabad finds itself under an orange alert issued by the India Meteorological Department-Hyderabad. The alert, spanning till Sunday, warns of a surge in average maximum temperatures, expected to be in the range of 41 and 45 degrees Celsius.

The city is already feeling the heat, with several areas recording scorching temperatures. On Tuesday, Ziaguda registered 43.2 degrees Celsius, closely followed by Rein Bazar at 43.2 degrees Cel-



Average max temperatures expected to be in the range of 41-45 degrees Celsius. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

sus. Langar Houz and Madhapur also experienced high temperatures, hitting 43 degrees Celsius

each. However, some relief could also be on the horizon. Officials from the IMD-H predict a drop in

temperatures along with the possibility of rains during third week of May. (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 3)

## JD(S) suspends MP Prajwal

BENGALURU

JD(S) suspended its Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna from the party with immediate effect over an alleged sex scandal involving him.

The suspension came minutes after the party core committee that met in Hubballi recommended his suspension to its national president HD Deve Gowda, who is also Revanna's grandfather. "Videos of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna allegedly harassing women are widely in circulation on social media and this has caused huge embarrassment to the party," the suspension order said. (REPORT PAGE 7)