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Dalit MPs desert Congress?

By Our Political Correspondent

The way the Congress High Command has handled the exit of two of its MPs from Telangana – G Vivek (Peddapalli) and Manda Jagannatham (Nagar-Kurnool) – along with senior leaders like G Vinod, former Labour Minister who are set to join TRS on June 2nd is going to be a costly mistake to the ruling party. Even the Congress insiders have failed to reconcile to the manner in which these MPs were left to themselves, when they clearly informed the party leadership about their unwillingness to continue in the congress after 30th May, 2013 if decision on T-state is not taken.

It is not that these MPs have deserted the Congress party overnight. They have been fighting for separate Telangana cause right from 2009 December when the Congress led UPA government at the centre promised to create the new state and subsequently went back.

Initially, they were 7 or 8 MPs from Telangana region who carried out various agitation activities together. Over a period of time, the number went down to three – besides Vivek and Jagannath, Warangal MP S Rajaiah too was there. Significantly,

all these three MPs are elected from SC reserved seats and prominent Dalits on their own right. Along with two more MPs – Ponnamm Prabhakar and G Sukhender Reddy, these MPs staged a dharna inside the Parliament House in April.

After all their efforts have failed, these MPs have set a deadline of May 30th to the party leadership to spell out its stand on Telangana. Otherwise, they threatened to quit the party and join any other party to further the movement. They gave one full month's time to the Congress high command to respond to their threat and solve the problem. But, shockingly, none from the party has reacted to this threat. The high command has acted as if one or two municipal councilors are threatening to quit the party. The official spokesmen simply said that they would not react to the threats issued by the individual leaders. In Andhra Pradesh it was much worse, both CM Kiran Kumar Reddy and PCC Chief Botsa Satyanarayana simply washed off their hands.

Botsa said that he cannot stop people who are leaving the party. "Ours is a democratic party and anyone can leave our party and join any party, they



have the freedom," is what Botsa, being a president of the PCC said. Kiran is more bullish, by saying:

"No one dare put deadlines to our high command and I don't think high command will bow to such pressures". It is now clear that the Congress high command or even the CM and PCC chief were really in a mood to stop these T-Congress MPs leaving the party. Kiran often talked of promoting new leaders in



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This is because of the misleading impression that the chief minister has created in the minds of the high command that the MPs who are leaving the party now are of no consequence. It is because that these MPs are from Telangana and that they belong to the SC category and as such have no individual base. Jagannatham was right that had it been any other upper caste MP, the CM and the PCC chief would have ran all over to placate them.

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There has been a systematic conspiracy among the two main parties—Congress and TDP—to undermine the dignity of SCs and other depressed classes. Of course, the track of TRS too was not bright on this count till a few years ago, but now the party has realized that it cannot survive without the support of the backward classes who constitute bulk of the electorate.

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and former Union Minister and veteran Congress leader G Venkataswamy's open attack on Sonia Gandhi sometime back. And that Jagannatham has already changed parties twice from TDP and his exit may not be a big loss to Congress. Here the question is not that of Vivek and Jagannatham or Rajaiah. These two or three MPs symbolize the common sentiment of people of Telangana. By ignoring or undermining their exit from the party, the Congress was repeating the blunder of ignoring the exit of late senior leader Jagjivan Ram who left the party in 1977, immediately after the Emergency was lifted and general elections announced.

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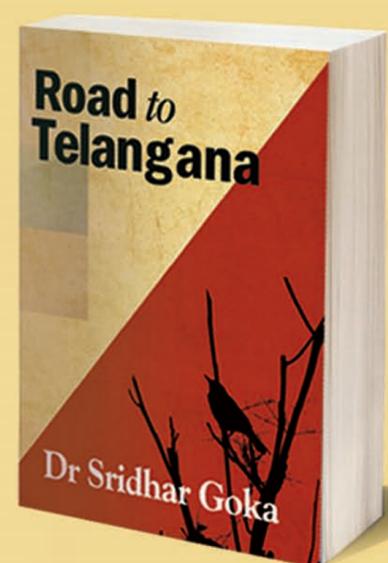
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Koodiyattam exponent Kapila Venu spoke exclusively to Deccan Post about her association with the Sanskrit theatre tradition.

How did this form of dance drama happen in your life?

I was three or four years old, when I started dancing. Then I moved on to focus on Koodiyattam. I learnt from Guru Ammannur Madhava Chakyar. My parents Mohiniattam dancer Nirmala Paniker and Koodiyattam exponent G Venu always encouraged me in my work.

Can a common man appreciate the art form of Koodiyattam?

This art form is based on Sanskrit. We are also trying to give subtitles, texts, and a synopsis to help the audience understand it more easily. The dance performance, Koodiyattam, has been recognized by UNESCO as a 'Human Heritage Art'. It is considered to be about 2,000 years old — the oldest existing classical theatre form in the entire world, having originated much before Kathakali and most other theatrical forms.

Is the performance time enough in today's fast paced world?

This art form has had whole night performances in the past and today audience does not have that much time on hand.

How has the shift been from performing in temples to auditoriums?

It's been almost 60 years since this art form shifted

from temple performances to auditoriums. This art form sometimes involves many political female characters. At times it is difficult to enact politically incorrect interpretations of womanhood.

What message does this art form convey?

Koodiyattam conveys the stories of Mahabharata, Ramayana and Puranas. Aesthetics, techniques and spirituality are still a part of the performances. The aim of a performance is to achieve 'Rasa' for the Rasika. We attempt to reach another state of existence, and take the audience to that level. Messages and scuttle experience are a part of the whole performance.

What are your future plans?

There is a very big responsibility towards this 'Apoorva Vidya'. Traditions are there but at the same time we need to also move along with the modern times. I would like to work on new performances also. I would also like to be closely associated with Tamil poetry.

How do you propagate this art form?

I have worked for several years under the renowned dancer Min Tanaka in Japan. I am the director of Natana Kairali Research and Performing Centre for Traditional Arts and also visiting faculty member at the National School of Drama and Intercultural Theatre Institute in Singapore. I will try to impress the youth to learn this fabulous form of dance and will make every effort to see this form on the sky highs. ♦

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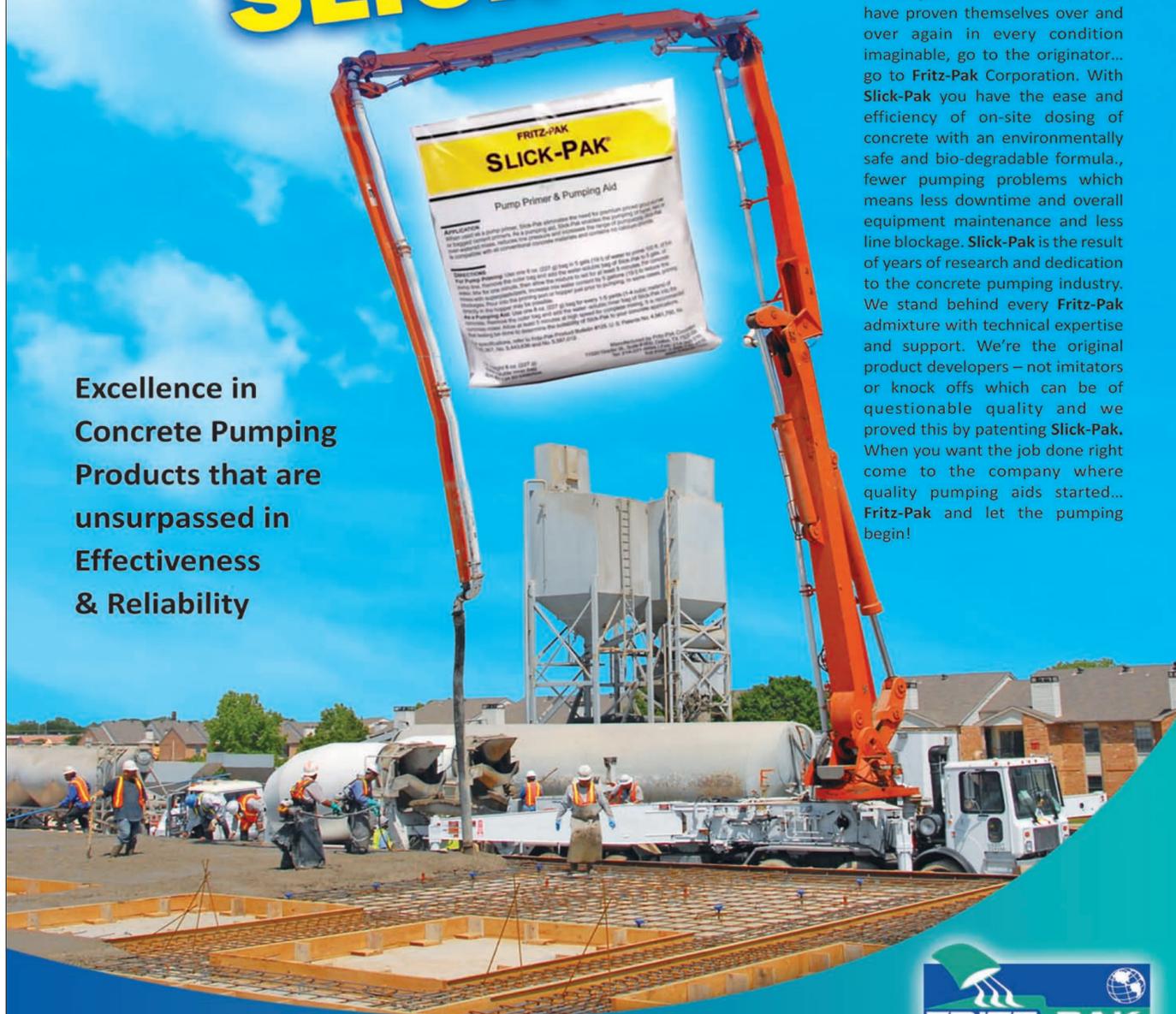
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Prime Minister must be a Lok Sabha Member

By Dr Sridhar Goka

The eighty year old Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has set many records even in fields most unsuitable to him. Ironically, he is the only Prime Minister till date who never sought an election to the Lok Sabha even after becoming the head of the Council of Ministers at the centre. Perhaps that is the 'inherent quality' Dr Singh possesses which makes him a favourite for the most coveted job in the country. He was first elected to the upper house of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha, in 1991 by the Legislature of the State of Assam, and was consecutively re-elected in 1995, 2001 wherein he was appointed as the Prime Minister of India without being a member of the Lok Sabha and unabashedly sought re-election to the upper house yet again in 2007 and went on to become the first ever Prime Minister of India to complete one full term and get re-nominated as the Prime Minister.

Not only that, Dr Singh yet again sought another re-election as Rajya Sabha MP and won another term. Dr Singh's Rajya Sabha seat was to fall vacant on June 14th, 2013; the Congress Party headed by Sonia Gandhi, once again gave him ticket to contest for another term of six years in the Rajya Sabha since there is no one better suited in the entire congress party to represent Sonia's interests in the absence of a reluctant Rahul Gandhi showing any inclination to take over. Dr Singh upon filing his nomination for re-election is now declared re-elected as a RS MP from Assam after the election went unopposed on May 30th, 2013.

The question that is disturbing the minds of many political observers, academicians, jurists and admirers of India's great constitution is the manner in which 'grey areas' in the Constitution are being exploited in a blatant and ruthless manner to foist persons who are otherwise ineligible to hold the position of being the Prime Minister of India. The specific Article 75 and its Clause (1) and (5) which envisages ...Other provisions as to Ministers.-

Clause (1) states that -- The Prime Minister shall be appointed by the President and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister and whereas Clause 5) states that -- A Minister who for any period of six consecutive months is not a

member of either House of Parliament shall at the expiration of that period cease to be a Minister.. is awfully exploited to ensure a man like Dr Singh, who never won a single election as a Sarpanch or MLA or MP from a Lok Sabha constituency is deliberately foisted on this nation to preside the destiny of a billion plus people. Undoubtedly, his actions in the last nine years have been a mockery of India's democratic process.

The manner in which he scraped thru a Trust Vote on Nuclear Deal in July

in 2004 and ironically stayed away from popular electoral politics by skipping to get elected to the Lok Sabha even in the 2009 general elections. Now, the fundamental question is one can understand the political compulsions of Sonia Gandhi, who is reluctant to have others like Pranab Da or P Chidambaram who got elected to the Lok Sabha in 2004 and 2009 elections and being far experienced and senior to Dr Singh in every possible manner to become the Prime Minister. But what Sonia must understand is "it amounts to blatant

later after six months if they fail to get elected to the Parliament. Even if this logic is extended to the some one who is appointed as the Prime Minister without being a member of the Parliament; the analogy of 'ministers' does not fit for some one who is the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister of India is someone who is elected leader of the House of the People i.e. the house comprising of Lok Sabha members only who are elected by the people from their territorial constituencies. Question is how

can a person who is not a member of the Lok Sabha be elected as the leader of the House of the People? Can Lok Sabha have two leaders of house at the same time? Today, we have Sushil Kumar Shinde elected by the majority members as the leader of the Lok Sabha; then how Dr Manmohan Singh can be permitted to function as the Prime Minister? For that, how anybody can be appointed as the PM of India if he or she is not a leader of the Lok Sabha? It essentially means, although there was nothing wrong or no constitutional mishap in swearing in Manmohan Singh as PM of India on 22nd May, 2004 his subsequent continuation after 23rd November, 2004 is a fraud on our Constitution. It is utterly surprising to observe that none of our vigilant citizens sought to question this blatant constitutional fraud continuing till date. It must be remembered that all this analysis is not to belittle or make any adverse comments about Dr Singh. This is only to highlight the subversion of constitutional scheme and also to inform the people about their misfortune or lost opportunity in not able to drag the Prime Minister to their constituency to make him directly answerable to the people which is possible only in a Lok Sabha election.

That's why major political parties like the BJP, BSP, NCP, CPI-M, CPI, JD-U etcetera must address this issue in their manifestoes to ensure amendment of these relevant Articles to remove ambiguities which can be mischievously exploited by vested interests. Finally, it is important that India - a country of 1.20 billion population must and should have its Prime Minister who is not only the leader of the Lok Sabha but also some one who is acknowledged as the leader of India. ♦

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2008; the manner in which series of scams have taken place in his administration; the manner in which Parliament becomes paralyzed so often; the manner in which the anti-corruption institutions like CAG, CVC and CBI get muzzled; the casual manner in which issues like Telangana are handled; the draconian silence over deaths of hundreds demanding the formation of Telangana state and the funny manner in which Dr Singh talks about evolving consensus while his party and government use dirty tricks like using CBI to ensure the support of opposing parties like the Samajwadi Party and the BSP.

When the Bharatiya Janata Party led National Democratic Alliance was in power between 1998 to 2004, Dr Singh was the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. In 1999, he contested for the Lok Sabha from South Delhi but was unable to win the seat. Thereafter, he never contested for the Lok Sabha seat even after becoming the Prime Minister

subversion of the faith our founding fathers reposed while enacting our Constitution".

The Constitution is very clear if one wants to read and interpret it in a straight forward manner. The question of Rajya Sabha MPs being present in the council of ministers doesn't arise at all. There is no bar as such. But if one were to read Article 75 and Clause (1) and (5), it is crystal clear that the prime minister ought to be appointed by the President and upon the advice of the Prime Minister other ministers are appointed. Such ministers other than the Prime Minister can be taken in as members of the council of ministers even if they are not members of either house of the Parliament - provided they get elected to either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha within six months. This can be straight away interpreted as that all those ministers who are not members of the Parliament can be taken in as ministers but cannot be continued

KK and GV too leave Congress to join TRS

What is the secret of KK's passion for Telangana?

By B Shivkant

The funniest character in state politics K Keshav Rao and G Vinod, former Labour Minister and eldest son of veteran Congress leader G Venkatswamy, from Adilabad district are also in the list of leaders who deserted congress to join the TRS. Although, KK, who never won a single election either to the

Assembly or Lok Sabha had the chance to be selected by the Congress party to both the upper houses. He was elected to state Legislative Council and was Minister for some time in the state cabinet. After losing several times he found himself lucky to be appointed as the PCC President in 2004. He subsequently lobbied for a berth in the Rajya Sabha and became a MP in 2006. His term expired in March 2012. KK who started out as a Journalist in the late 1960s is known to have cultivated the art of power politics quite early. Working under former minister of yesteryears VB Raju, KK slowly learnt the art of selling himself well.

Many know that he is a settler from coastal Andhra. Some say he is from Machilipatnam and some say he is from Palakole. But the biggest irony is his social background. He claims to be a BC leader and has managed to confuse and convince many politicians about his doubtful origins and his BC status. After his migration in his childhood to Lakshman Chanda in Adilabad district where his father – a settler from Coastal Andhra came in to settle in his job, KK quickly picked up the local dialect of Telangana.

Many recall, if only he is compelled to speak in Telugu for a full five minutes his nativity can easily be traced. But KK will never do that mistake, that's why he speaks in such convoluted manner. Many feel regaled at the way he talks but it is so often deliberate.

The public track record of KK is quite shabby to say the least. His past speeches reveal how much he has ridiculed the Telangana sentiment at various times. He has changed his track on Telangana more than any one could ever imagine. During his PCC presidency he was no better than any Andhra leader. He loved to call himself leader of entire Andhra Pradesh. Soon after he faded out of charm in Delhi, he was back to business as usual about making Telangana his trump card. Many of his followers in Congress are so naïve that whatever KK says they would nod their heads.

Now, KK is joining KCR along with two MPs and one former minister. Knowing KCR, it is going to be extremely tough for KK to manipulate KCR. The maverick TRS president knows KK well enough to trust him blindly. KK, with a gloated ego would find himself in an inferior position in the TRS and may find it quite complex to manage the egos of those in TRS who care two hoots for these kind of spent forces. The day is not far when KK might call it quits and come back to Congress. Already, KK is reduced in stature as he is seen following the two Dalit MPs and not leading them.



place of those who are quitting. But, if Kiran and other leaders of the party are of the view that the exit of these MPs is just an exit of two MPs, they are sadly mistaken.

As already Manda Jagannatham went on record, the same Congress high command has come down to

its knees to placate Eluru MP Kavuri Samabasiva Rao who threatened to quit the party after he was denied a berth in the last union cabinet reshuffle in August 2012. The PM himself invited KS Rao for lunch at his home and the CM called on the MP to pacify him, by offering an MLC seat to his daughter. If they can do it to a MP (belonging to Andhra region) who sulked for

a cabinet berth, why cannot the same party leadership show some generosity to two or three MPs who insisted on a popular and legitimate demand like the formation of Telangana state? Moreover, these MPs have been asking for something the party president has promised on many occasions in the past.



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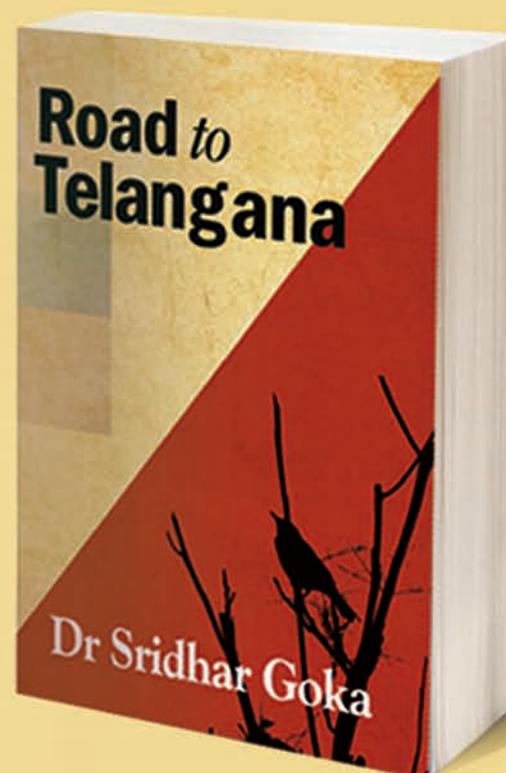
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TDP's Mahanadu: A damp squib

The two-day extravagant jamboree of Telugu Desam Party (TD), called Mahanadu has proved to be a damp squib affair this year too. The event which cost the party crores of Rupees has ended up as a show of pomp without any tangible gains, neither to people nor its President Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Poor Chandra Babu Naidu aspired to turn this annual event into a platform to project himself as the CM in waiting by 2014 elections.

But, on the contrary, immediately after the Mahanadu, a wealthy leader of his party, Marri Janardhan Reddy who was tipped to be the party candidate for Mahabubnagar Lok Sabha seat left Naidu and joined TRS. This is a set back, as only a few days ago, TDP leaders from Mahabubnagar district proudly claimed that Marri Janardhan Reddy is going to fight with Nagam Janardhan Reddy who will be the BJP candidate. Marri's defection came as a blow to Naidu as only two weeks ago, another senior leader Kadiam Srihari and Dadi Veerabhadra Rao left him. Naidu tried to project a positive image to him by wooing Telangana students' leader Rajaram Yadav into his party. But no major gains were registered during or after the Mahanadu, on May 27th or 28th; more recently, another Ex MP from TDP, Manik Reddy, and a former MP from Medak district has resigned from the TDP to join the TRS. The exodus of TDP leaders is baffling to many.

This is not the only instance which disappointed Chandra Babu Naidu. On the whole, he failed to convey any fresh or new message to people besides providing clarity on many issues like T-state and free power. Two major issues have been haunting Naidu these days – one is Jagan and another is Telangana. On both these things, he is vague or

wanted to carry on his late father YSR's hatred towards Naidu and his TDP. Here Naidu forgot two facts. First is that his TDP is a bigger party and currently, the main opposition party in Andhra Pradesh assembly. So, even if Jagan is targeting him, Chandrababu Naidu should have attacked Congress for its anti-people policies and joined hands with Jagan

as a silent supporter of this Congress government. Otherwise, how can a government which has 143 MLAs in a House of 294 survive when more than 40 congress MLAs are openly defying the party?

Next big mistake is Naidu is still unclear on Telangana. He and his party leaders only say that they are not against T-state and that they remained committed to their 2008 letter to the Pranab Mukherjee committee in support of Telangana. They say, they reiterated this stand again at the all-party meeting convened by present Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde on December 28th, 2012.

But, people of Telangana know well that in his heart of hearts, Naidu is dead against the formation of T-state. Naidu during his 7 month long Padayatra, never uttered a word that he would bring in a Bill in the assembly, if he comes to power in next elections. Naidu still talks as if becoming CM again and nothing else. However, Telangana people are not too eager to see him as CM again. That is his bad luck.

More than anything else, Chandrababu Naidu is still not clear whether he is in favour of free power to farmers or extending subsidies to poor. Unfortunately, his credibility levels are very poor among the people. Many are of the opinion that Naidu is capable of saying one thing before elections and taking a complete U turn after the elections. As he ignored to make up this trust deficit, Mahanadu too has failed to come to his rescue. ♦

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opportunistic evading any answers.

First let us analyze his stand on Jagan. It is good that Naidu has taken principled stand against Jagan, who according to TDP is a symbol of corruption and misuse of power. This is understandable as Jagan too made Chandrababu Naidu his main target. Jagan

and TRS in backing the no-confidence motion in February this year. But, he hasn't done it. By saving Kiran Kumar Reddy led Congress government, CB Naidu, unwittingly, missed the opportunity to be the main force against Congress in the State. Today, people even in coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema view Naidu

Crooked Games Begin

I am a big fan of Deccan Post for its different style of selecting the news topics and covering the political happenings with an amazing style of in-depth analysis. I must say that all your cover stories are super hits and gets imitated in different way by other publications. With reference to your last week's cover story I must say that you understand the politics and current day politicians much better than anyone else as you are matchless at predicting the political happenings in the state. As there is less than a year for the general elections all the political parties have started their crooked games and its quite unpredictable situation in the state as nobody knows whom will join which party. I personally believe that until and unless the UPA government at centre takes a decision on Telangana, no party is in a situation to evaluate their strengths and weakness properly. The indecisiveness of the congress party is compelling its MPs

and MLAs to join other suitable parties and the same case is with the TDP and the respective party high commands have no clue how to stop this migration. And the parties which are in demand like TRS and YSR Congress are enjoying the growth in their strength. One must wait and watch what the future has in store for all these political players.

L Kashinath, Nampally

IPL reflects India's Pathetic Lapses

Your last week's editorial was a good one and it showcased how pathetic are the things in Indian cricket. Now when Gurunath Mayappan, the Son-in-law of BCCI President N Srinivasan is arrested and facing the betting accusations it is certain that many Teams, their managements and the players also might have fixed the games and big names are also expected to come to the fore who indulged in this pathetic act. In the past too, few have complained about the

fixing of the game but our government just remained a mute spectator and indirectly encouraged these kinds of crooked practices in a gentlemen's game. Its high time that N Srinivasan must step down and the union government must introduce and implement stringent laws against fixing and betting mafia and save the game which is loved by most of the Indians and especially when the Cricket is followed as a religion in this nation.

RK Raju, Safilguda

Why tainted ministers...

I am following your esteemed publication since a long time and I have observed that you raise the concerns of the people which are not practiced by other media houses. Its an open secret these days that every news channel or newspaper has their own political affiliations and compulsions that's why they do not highlight few

particular issues. I have read all your stories pertaining to tainted ministers and I appreciate the bold way in which you demanded that the wrong doers should be shown the gate and I must say that its Deccan Post who continuously opposed the silence of the CM over the acceptance of the resignations of the ministers who are named in the CBI charge sheet in different cases of Jagan's amassing huge unlawful wealth. It appears true that the CM Kiran Reddy is just concerned about how to show the doors to the dissidents but is not bothered about the image of his cabinet. The politicians especially in the ruling party must have some ethics and should conduct in a way to get respect and reputation by the common man. Are you listening?

Swathi Rao, Miyapur

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Prime Minister must be a Lok Sabha Member

By Dr Sridhar Goka

The eighty year old Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has set many records even in fields most unsuitable to him. Ironically, he is the only Prime Minister till date who never sought an election to the Lok Sabha even after becoming the head of the Council of Ministers at the centre. Perhaps that is the 'inherent quality' Dr Singh possesses which makes him a favourite for the most coveted job in the country. He was first elected to the upper house of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha, in 1991 by the Legislature of the State of Assam, and was consecutively re-elected in 1995, 2001 wherein he was appointed as the Prime Minister of India without being a member of the Lok Sabha and unabashedly sought re-election to the upper house yet again in 2007 and went on to become the first ever Prime Minister of India to complete one full term and get re-nominated as the Prime Minister.

Not only that, Dr Singh yet again sought another re-election as Rajya Sabha MP and won another term. Dr Singh's Rajya Sabha seat was to fall vacant on June 14th, 2013; the Congress Party headed by Sonia Gandhi, once again gave him ticket to contest for another term of six years in the Rajya Sabha since there is no one better suited in the entire congress party to represent Sonia's interests in the absence of a reluctant Rahul Gandhi showing any inclination to take over.

Dr Singh upon filing his nomination for re-election is now declared re-elected as a RS MP from Assam after the election went unopposed on May 30th, 2013.

The question that is disturbing the minds of many political observers, academicians, jurists and admirers of India's great constitution is the manner in which 'grey areas' in the Constitution are being exploited in a blatant and ruthless manner to foist persons who are otherwise ineligible to hold the position of being the Prime Minister of India. The specific Article 75 and its Clause (1) and (5) which envisages ...Other provisions as to Ministers.-

Clause (1) states that -- The Prime Minister shall be appointed by the President and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister and whereas Clause 5) states that -- A Minister who for any period of six consecutive months is not a

member of either House of Parliament shall at the expiration of that period cease to be a Minister.. is awfully exploited to ensure a man like Dr Singh, who never won a single election as a Sarpanch or MLA or MP from a Lok Sabha constituency is deliberately foisted on this nation to preside the destiny of a billion plus people. Undoubtedly, his actions in the last nine years have been a mockery of India's democratic process.

The manner in which he scraped thru a Trust Vote on Nuclear Deal in July



2008; the manner in which series of scams have taken place in his administration; the manner in which Parliament becomes paralyzed so often; the manner in which the anti-corruption institutions like CAG, CVC and CBI get muzzled; the casual manner in which issues like Telangana are handled; the draconian silence over deaths of hundreds demanding the formation of Telangana state and the funny manner in which Dr Singh talks about evolving consensus while his party and government use dirty tricks like using CBI to ensure the support of opposing parties like the Samajwadi Party and the BSP.

When the Bharatiya Janata Party led National Democratic Alliance was in power between 1998 to 2004, Dr Singh was the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. In 1999, he contested for the Lok Sabha from South Delhi but was unable to win the seat. Thereafter, he never contested for the Lok Sabha seat even after becoming the Prime Minister

in 2004 and ironically stayed away from popular electoral politics by skipping to get elected to the Lok Sabha even in the 2009 general elections. Now, the fundamental question is one can understand the political compulsions of Sonia Gandhi, who is reluctant to have others like Pranab Da or P Chidambaram who got elected to the Lok Sabha in 2004 and 2009 elections and being far experienced and senior to Dr Singh in every possible manner to become the Prime Minister. But what Sonia must understand is "it amounts to blatant

later after six months if they fail to get elected to the Parliament. Even if this logic is extended to the some one who is appointed as the Prime Minister without being a member of the Parliament; the analogy of 'ministers' does not fit for some one who is the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister of India is someone who is elected leader of the House of the People i.e. the house comprising of Lok Sabha members only who are elected by the people from their territorial constituencies. Question is how

can a person who is not a member of the Lok Sabha be elected as the leader of the House of the People? Can Lok Sabha have two leaders of house at the same time? Today, we have Sushil Kumar Shinde elected by the majority members as the leader of the Lok Sabha; then how Dr Manmohan Singh can be permitted to function as the Prime Minister? For that, how anybody can be appointed as the PM of India if he or she is not a leader of the Lok Sabha? It essentially means, although there was nothing wrong or no constitutional mishap in swearing in Manmohan Singh as PM of India on 22nd May, 2004 his subsequent continuation after 23rd November, 2004 is a fraud on our Constitution. It is utterly surprising to observe that none of our vigilant citizens sought to question this blatant constitutional fraud continuing

till date. It must be remembered that all this analysis is not to belittle or make any adverse comments about Dr Singh. This is only to highlight the subversion of constitutional scheme and also to inform the people about their misfortune or lost opportunity in not able to drag the Prime Minister to their constituency to make him directly answerable to the people which is possible only in a Lok Sabha election.

That's why major political parties like the BJP, BSP, NCP, CPI-M, CPI, JD-U etcetera must address this issue in their manifestoes to ensure amendment of these relevant Articles to remove ambiguities which can be mischievously exploited by vested interests. Finally, it is important that India - a country of 1.20 billion population must and should have its Prime Minister who is not only the leader of the Lok Sabha but also some one who is acknowledged as the leader of India. ♦

subversion of the faith our founding fathers reposed while enacting our Constitution".

The Constitution is very clear if one wants to read and interpret it in a straight forward manner. The question of Rajya Sabha MPs being present in the council of ministers doesn't arise at all. There is no bar as such. But if one were to read Article 75 and Clause (1) and (5), it is crystal clear that the prime minister ought to be appointed by the President and upon the advice of the Prime Minister other ministers are appointed. Such ministers other than the Prime Minister can be taken in as members of the council of ministers even if they are not members of either house of the Parliament - provided they get elected to either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha within six months. This can be straight away interpreted as that all those ministers who are not members of the Parliament can be taken in as ministers but cannot be continued

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By Jaywant Naidu

Rainwater harvesting is the accumulation and deposit of rainwater for re-use before it reaches the aquifer. Uses include water for garden, water for livestock, water for irrigation and other applications. In many places the water collected is just redirected to a deep pit with percolation. The harvested water can be used for drinking water as well, if the storage is a tank that can be accessed and cleaned whenever needed.

Around the third century BC, farming communities in Baluchistan and Kutch area used rainwater harvesting for irrigation. In ancient Tamil Nadu, rainwater harvesting was done by Chola kings. Rainwater from the Brihadeeswara temple was collected in Sivaganga tank. During the later Chola period, the Viranam tank was built in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu to store water for drinking and irrigation purposes. Rain water harvesting was done in the Indian states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh in the olden days. Ratanpur, in the state of Chhattisgarh, had around 150 ponds. Most of the tanks or ponds were utilized in agricultural works.

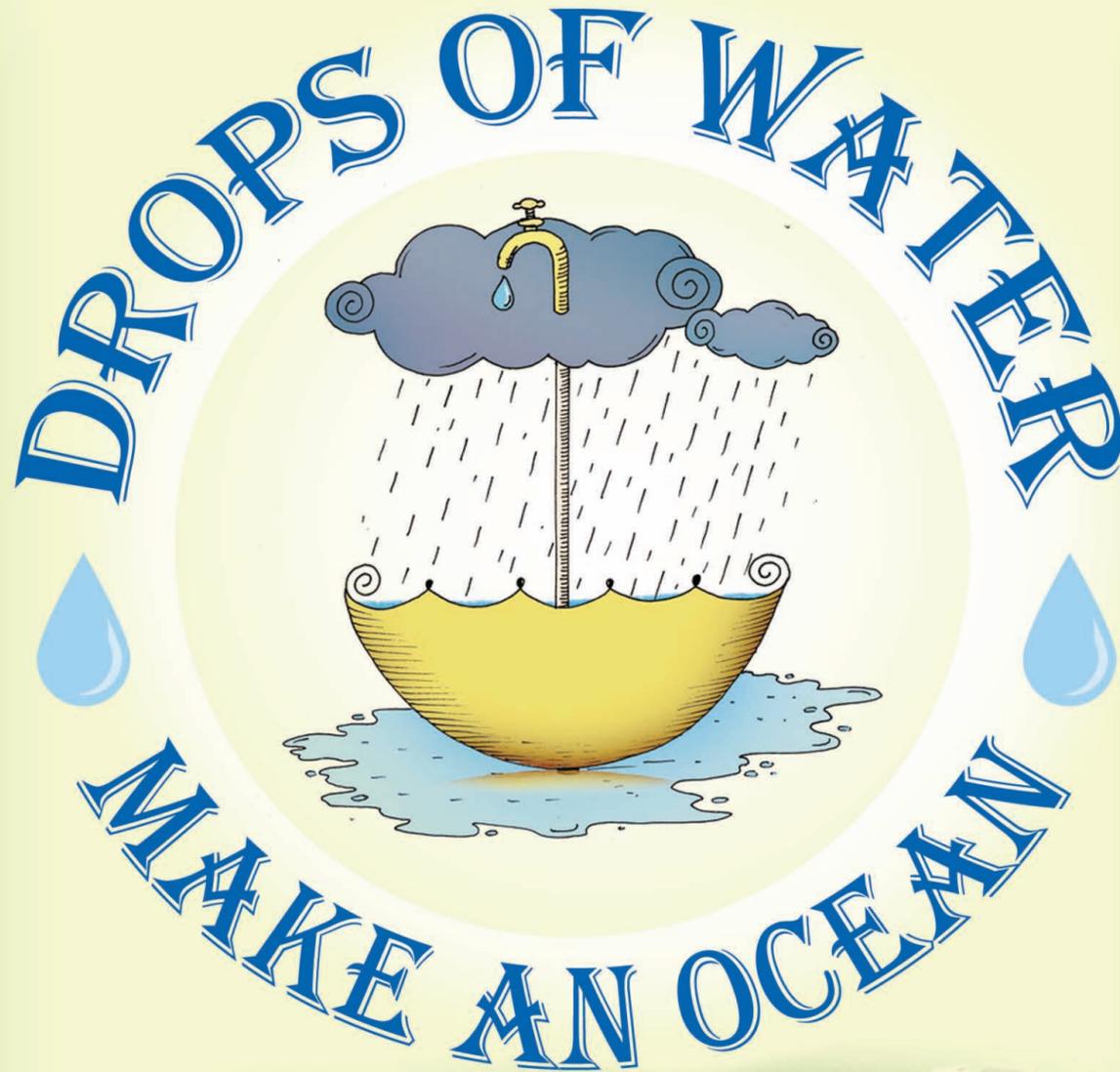
In modern India, rain water harvesting was first introduced by Andhra Pradesh ex-Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. He made a rule that every house which is going to be built in cities of that state must have a percolation pit or rainwater harvesting system. In the state of Tamil Nadu, rainwater harvesting was made compulsory for every building to avoid ground water depletion. It yield excellent results within five years, and every other state took it as role model. Since its implementation, Chennai saw a 50 percent rise in water levels in five years and the water quality significantly improved. In Rajasthan, rainwater harvesting has traditionally been practiced by the people of the Thar Desert. There are many ancient water harvesting systems in Rajasthan, which have now been revived. In Pune, rainwater harvesting is compulsory for any new society to be registered. An attempt has been made at the Department of Chemical Engineering, IISC, Bangalore to harvest rainwater using upper surface of a solar still, which was used for water distillation.

TRADITIONAL METHODS:

The villagers of the Thar Desert had evolved an ingenious system of rainwater harvesting known as Kunds or Kundis. Usually constructed with

local materials or cement, kunds were more prevalent in the western arid regions of Rajasthan, and in areas where the limited groundwater available is moderate to highly saline. Community kunds were built through village cooperation or by a rich man for the entire community. The first known construction of a kund in western Rajasthan was during 1607 AD by Raja Sursingh in village Vadi-Ka-Melan. In the Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur, a kund was constructed during the regime of Maharaja Udai Singh in 1759 AD. During the Great Famine of 1895-96, construction of kunds was taken up on a wide scale. Jalwali; a village on the road from Bikaner to Anupgarh has nearly 300 kunds. The kund consists of a saucer-shaped catchment area with a gentle slope towards the centre where a tank is situated. Openings or inlets for water to go into the tank are usually guarded by a wire mesh to prevent the entry of floating debris, birds and reptiles. The top is usually covered with a lid from where water can be drawn out with a bucket.

In Meghalaya, an ingenious system of tapping of stream and spring water by using bamboo pipes to irrigate plantations is widely prevalent. It is so perfected that about 18-20 litres of water entering the bamboo pipe system per minute gets transported over several hundred metres and finally gets reduced to 20-80 drops per minute at the site of the plant. The tribal farmers of Khasi and Jaintia Hills use the 200-year-old system. The bamboo drip irrigation system is normally used to irrigate the betel leaf or black pepper crops planted in arecanut orchards or in mixed orchards. Bamboo pipes are used to divert perennial springs on the hilltops to the lower reaches by gravity.



The last channel section enables the water to be dropped near the roots of the plant. The system is found in the 'war' areas of Meghalaya but is more prevalent in the 'war' Jaintia Hills than in the 'war' Khasi hills. This system is also widely prevalent in the Muktapur region bordering Bangladesh.

Groundwater dams are the structures that intercept or obstruct the natural flow of groundwater and provide storage for water underground. They have been used in several parts of the world, notably India, Africa and Brazil. Their use is in areas where flows of groundwater vary considerably during the course of the year, from very high flows following rain to negligible flows during the dry season. The basic principle of the groundwater dam is that instead of storing the water in surface reservoirs, water is stored underground. The main advantage of water storage in groundwater dams is that evaporation losses are much less for water stored underground. There are two main types of groundwater dams: the sub-surface dam and the sand storage dam. Groundwater dams are built across streams or valleys. A trench is dug across the valley or stream, reaching to the bedrock or other stable layer like clay. An impervious wall is constructed in the trench, which is then refilled with the excavated material.

One of the primary requirements of a water harvesting system is that of containers to store the harvested water in a hygienic condition. This need is more pronounced in high-rainfall areas, where it is more feasible to store water in containers for direct use, rather than for recharging the groundwater. Generally, in small domestic systems, the cost of constructing tanks with conventional materials like masonry or RCC is far more than that of the rainwater collection and piping

component. Ferrocement can provide a low-cost and easy-to-build solution to the need for low-cost containers. This technology is particularly relevant for regions like Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Kerala, which have high frequency of rainfall.

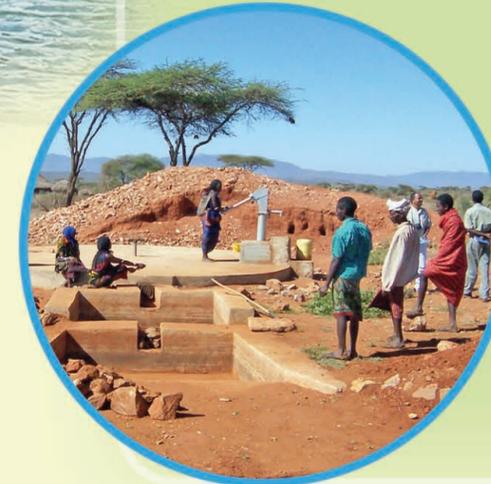
The Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), Ghaziabad, has done research and development on a large number of low-cost structures and implements like water/grain storage containers, irrigation channels, biogas digesters and septic tanks, primarily using ferrocement. SERC scientists are imparting training in ferrocement technology to rural artisans under the National Drinking Water Mission.

Ferrocement containers can be used to store grain and seed, apart from water. Tanks of 1,000-2,000 liters capacity can be constructed with ease, which are much cheaper than masonry, RCC or plastic tanks. These are easy to repair, and can be easily transported because of their sturdy nature. Such containers have been used on a wide scale since about the past 25 years in Thailand, Malaysia and some African countries. Ferrocement containers with capacity as much as 5,000 liters have been constructed in Thailand.

WATER HARVESTING AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI:

In November 1998, the then President of India, K R Narayanan initiated measures to harvest water at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The implementation of the scheme is being undertaken by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). The Presidential Estate covers an area of 133 hectares (1.33 sq. km.). The water requirements of the presidential estate are huge since there are about 7,000 people residing in the estate.

Approximately 3,000 people visit the presidential premises everyday. The Mughal Gardens in the estate require a lot of water. The total demand is about 2 million litres of water per day (730 million litres per year). This demand is met through the New Delhi Municipal Corporation supply and the estate's own bore wells. Since about 35 per cent of the water requirements are being met through groundwater sources, there had been an alarming decline of groundwater levels in the estate. Rainwater storage tank, Well recharging, Recharge shaft and Johad are a part of measures to take care of building a good water reserve at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. ♦



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Lord Balaji's Temple now in Delhi

The newly constructed Lord Sri Venkateswara temple opened in a ceremonious way in the nation's capital city in New Delhi on Wednesday. Constructed in 1.17 acres in Udyan Marg at a cost of Rs.11.5 opened amidst the chanting of vedic mantras, homam(Havan) by temple priests with religious aplomb. Speaking on this occasion with media persons, TTD Trust Board Chairman Sri Kanumuru Bapiraju said, it is indeed a pious moment to open a temple of Lord Venkateswara in the country's capital city. "The dream has come true after 16 long years", an excited Mr Bapiraju said.

Adding further he said very soon a temple of Lord will come up in the historical city of Kurukshetra. Later he complimented the donor Mr Nirmal Sethia for his largesse. The Chairman recalled that veteran South Indian actress, Ms Kanchana has donated several crores worth land to TTD some years ago. "Devotion knows no bounds as the philanthropists are coming forward to donate for the construction dhyamandirs and temples of Lord Venkateswara in many parts of the country which is a welcoming gesture", he noted. The TTD board chief said, TTD is contemplating to



begin Nityannarasadam (free distribution of food) soon in this temple also on the lines of Tirumala. "There will be spiritual discourses and cultural programs every day in the meditation hall. We are also planning to invite the seers and pontiffs of various mutts across the country to stay a day in this meditation hall during the auspicious Dhanurmasa (holy month which usually occurs between December 16 to January 15). He said Dhyamandir will be inaugurated on Thursday, May 30 and invited the locals to take part in the spiritual and cultural programs.



ASTRO FOCUS

June 02-08, 2013

Aries: You will witness progress in all fronts during the week. From the middle of the week, you should make yourselves to face challenges that may arise. Delays in executing works may be a cause of worry to you. Your Love/spouse may extend the maximum cooperation to you. Better, consult her before taking any important decisions.

Taurus: Your influence will grow in political circle. People will reckon you as a force. You will accept the most challenge quite gamely. For you, both publicity and public appearances are highlighted at this time. You can recover the money that was held sufficiently long time. Some elderly member's health may cause a concern to you.

Gemini: This is a good time for agreements, sharing, cooperation and participation with others for most purposes. Even though there is no threat on financial front, control your wasteful expenditure. Progress in career and in family matters may occur now. If you are in business filed, you will yield considerable profits.

Cancer: Your attention is drawn to deep emotional changes in you and in those around you. You will be able to recover the money that was blocked for reasonably long time. This is a time to do things by yourself and to learn from your mistakes. You will have to do much to get good at career opportunities. Express your good feelings and be protective of yourself and others.

Leo: This coming week you need to be courageous and determined to face the opposition that might arise at your work place. Your luck will help you accumulate wealth slowly. You will become very ambitious and take few risks to improve revenue. Romantic vibrations from somebody in your neighborhood would come as a surprise and lift your spirits.

Virgo: A positive week as you'll be able to effectively manage your finances and enjoy the pleasures which money offers you. You may have new sources of income and spend some in healing, meditation and self-development, etc. Some minor misunderstandings between the family members may occur. Instead of seeking love, romance can find you when you are busy doing something else.

Libra: The next few days are a proper time to focus on duty, responsibility and scheduling. This week you'll have new experiences which will allow you to show your good points and your flair for long-term business. Young generation is likely to please you with their serious attitude towards their study. Letting the softer side of your personality show lets someone come closer to your heart.

Scorpio: You are likely to witness mixed results during the week. Although, this period is highly profitable for businessmen but in speculation all investments need to be made with proper consultation to avoid unnecessary losses. You'll manage to deal with all the various tasks. Romantic vibrations from somebody in your neighborhood would come as a surprise and lift your spirits.

Sagittarius: You'll be attracted by a new proposal at work which would give you more possibilities to grow and develop. Happy period in money matters. You may get a chance to exercise your creative talents and abilities, and are likely to perform especially well. This week could be a magical one for love and romance. Those of you who have just recovered from a spell of illness should be careful regarding their health.

Capricorn: Your sincerity and dedication towards your work would be appreciated. Your quest for knowledge will awaken your desire to read and learn. Some work done earlier will bring in their benefits in terms of cash as well as fame. Children would look forward to the new academic session with enthusiasm and confidence. Minor health ailments due to untimely food habits can cause some worry.

Aquarius: This week you would gather important information while interacting with eminent people, which would bring new ideas and boost your growth plans. Your convincing power will have a deep impact and people will praise for your efforts. Due to involvement of an important person, your social status will be on high side. Spouse/Love will be highly supportive and shower you with love and affection.

Pisces: Professionally and financially things look much brighter and you will be required to complete many important projects. Your convincing power will have a deep impact and people will praise for your efforts. Your moneymaking ideas will be highly lucrative. Your love/spouse will help you to taking any major decision. Minor health problems due to untimely food habits cannot be ruled out.

SUDOKU 272

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How to play : Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

ANSWERS Sudoku-271

9	2	8	1	4	3	5	6	7
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Answer 271 : Riya, Mail

Laugh out loud

Exam me first

Santa: Pados ki Ladki ko dekh, wo Exam me first aayi hai.

Son: Usko hi to dekhta tha, tabhi to FAIL ho gaya

★★★★★

Chocolate Milk

Do U Know Why Santa Bought A Brown Cow???

2 Get Choclate Milk!!

★★★★★

Late hogaya

Santa Driving On D Wrong Side Of One Way Road, & He Became Upset & Said, Shit, I Think I Am Late To The Function, All R Coming Back..

★★★★★

Kutte ki Dum

Santa was inserting dogs tail into pipe

Banta Oye berwoof, kutte ki dum kabhi seedhi nahi hoti

Santa Idiot main to pipe bend kar raha hoon

★★★★★

How to disburse the mob?

Santa Police k interview Par

Interviewer-Bhiid ko Titar Bitar Karne k liye kya karna Chahiye ?

Santa-Chanda Mangna Shuru Kar Dena Chahiye.

★★★★★

Pagaalpan

Santa-agar tumhe 1 lakh mil jaye to kya kroge

Banta-to mai khushi se pagal ho

jaunga aur zindgi bhar apna treatment karaunga..

Santa-oye, bhabi ka kya nam hai?

★★★★★

Google Karo

Banta-google kaur!

Santa-aisa kyu?

Banta-sawal ek oucho jawab 10 milta hai.

★★★★★

SA-LAW

Judge: Tum apni limit cross kar rahe ho.

Lawyer: Kaun saala aisa kehta he?

Judge: Tum ne muje sala bola?

Lawyer: Nahi My Lord, maine pucha KAUN SA LAW aisa kehta he?

Reach another state of Existence



Koodiyattam exponent Kapila Venu spoke exclusively to Deccan Post about her association with the Sanskrit theatre tradition.

How did this form of dance drama happen in your life?

I was three or four years old, when I started dancing. Then I moved on to focus on Koodiyattam. I learnt from Guru Ammannur Madhava Chakyar. My parents Mohiniattam dancer Nirmala Paniker and Koodiyattam exponent G Venu always encouraged me in my work.

Can a common man appreciate the art form of Koodiyattam?

This art form is based on Sanskrit. We are also trying to give subtitles, texts, and a synopsis to help the audience understand it more easily. The dance performance, Koodiyattam, has been recognized by UNESCO as a 'Human Heritage Art'. It is considered to be about 2,000 years old — the oldest existing classical theatre form in the entire world, having originated much before Kathakali and most other theatrical forms.

Is the performance time enough in today's fast paced world?

This art form has had whole night performances in the past and today audience does not have that much time on hand.

How has the shift been from performing in temples to auditoriums?

It's been almost 60 years since this art form shifted

from temple performances to auditoriums. This art form sometimes involves many political female characters. At times it is difficult to enact politically incorrect interpretations of womanhood.

What message does this art form convey?

Koodiyattam conveys the stories of Mahabharata, Ramayana and Puranas. Aesthetics, techniques and spirituality are still a part of the performances. The aim of a performance is to achieve 'Rasa' for the Rasika. We attempt to reach another state of existence, and take the audience to that level. Messages and scuttle experience are a part of the whole performance.

What are your future plans?

There is a very big responsibility towards this 'Apoorva Vidya'. Traditions are there but at the same time we need to also move along with the modern times. I would like to work on new performances also. I would also like to be closely associated with Tamil poetry.

How do you propagate this art form?

I have worked for several years under the renowned dancer Min Tanaka in Japan. I am the director of Natana Kairali Research and Performing Centre for Traditional Arts and also visiting faculty member at the National School of Drama and Intercultural Theatre Institute in Singapore. I will try to impress the youth to learn this fabulous form of dance and will make every effort to see this form on the sky highs. ♦

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Udaya Bhanu plays a sex worker

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We often see actors trying things out of the box to be in the limelight or to make a mark of their own in the Industry. Usually, Actresses pick up the bold roles like prostitute/sex worker, due to its attention grabbing theme. Kareena, Anushka and Tabu not only tasted commercial success but received critical acclaim as well by playing such roles.

Now, it's time for another hottie to step into the business. Ace TV anchor Udaya Bhanu is all set to reprise the role of a Prostitute in 'Madhumathi'. Udaya Bhanu is playing the character of a sex worker in this film and movie runs around village back drop. Even film was given an impressive native touch in its title as 'Madhumati' and Siva Kumar is playing main lead in this women oriented movie.

Udaya Bhanu has been seen in item songs in films like 'Leader' and 'Julayi'. It is heard that she will be doing an item song in Nagarjuna's upcoming film, 'Bhai' and Pawan Kalyan's 'Attarintiki Daaredi'.



Jacqueline and Sajid are not together?

Jacqueline Fernandez and Sajid Khan, who had been dating for about 3 years now, have reportedly called it quits. Apparently, the two have been unhappy since February this year. Their relationship had blossomed on the sets of Housefull 2, which was produced by Sajid Khan.

People who knew both of them, knew that their breakup was to happen sometime soon. Since February, the two are believed to have part ways and patched-up a couple of times, thanks to their common friends who tried to play cupid. But, as fate would have it, Sajid and Jacqueline have themselves realized that the two aren't happy with each other. It is being rumoured that Sajid was too possessive about Jacqueline and prevailed upon her to turn down a few offers.

Jacqueline opted out of Krish 3 because the script required her to kiss Hrithik Roshan. She also opted out of Raaz 3 because the role required her to don a bikini, with which, Sajid wouldn't agree. Not just that, it is being said that Sajid also influenced her wardrobe in other films! Appears that Sajid didn't want his lady love to 'show too much skin'.

Jacqueline was to be cast opposite Saif Ali Khan in Sajid Khan's next. The shooting for the upcoming film would commence in September this year. With the relationship between Jacqueline and Sajid turning sour, it is to be seen whether things go as per plan. Reports are already coming in that Sajid is considering Tamannah Bhatia and Sonal Chauhan for the role now!

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Market is cautious

By V Sundar Raja

The Indian stock market is seen in a sideways and consolidating mode at the major psychological level of 20,000, in the last few days. Market was seen in a correction trend at this level, due to a profit booking by the traders and short-term investors. The minor reaction in the American stock market has led to cautious tone in the Indian stock market. The much awaited and a major economic indicator, the fourth quarter GDP (economic growth rate), was reported on 31st May at 4.8%, which is little higher than the previous quarter. This is in-line with the market expectations, and it is believed that there would further increase in the growth of the economy in the next quarter.

As the stock market seems to be stabilizing, at 20,000 levels, there are reports of concerns about the current retail inflation and the Current Account Deficit (CAD), which has again led to a negative sentiment in the market on 31st May. Hence, there are fears that the Reserve Bank of India may not decrease the banking lending interest rates in its next meet in June. The monsoon is expected to be normal in this year and is expected to set in earlier, which is positive news for the agriculture segment.

The precious commodity Gold is seen stabilizing at 25,500 in the MCX commodity market, with a possible minor recovery, to the next level of 27,500, for the commodity traders to be alert. It has to sustain above this barrier, to indicate a further uptrend.

Similarly, another precious metal Silver is seen finding support at 42,000 in the last few weeks. A minor upward retracement is possible, with the next major resistance above at 46,000 levels. Only in-case of any failure to sustain at the key

support of 42,000 levels, then it indicates a further correction, for the investors to be cautious.

Rupee is seen in a depreciating trend against the Dollar in the last few weeks, and is now at the ten month low. Technically, Dollar is likely to face resistance at the key level of 57, and then witness a consolidation.

Crude Oil after an earlier bullish trend from 4,700 levels, it is now seen taking resistance near the major high of 5,400 levels. A short-term pause to the uptrend is possible at this key barrier, and it has to sustain above this barrier, to indicate a further uptrend, with the next major resistance at 5,500.

But on the overall, market is seen in a cautious undertone at major highs and is likely to witness a consolidating trend, in the next few days. Technically, on the charts, Sensex has to sustain above the current barrier of 20,000 marks to indicate a further uptrend. Then the next major resistance and all-time



high is about 21,200, and market has to sustain above this major level, to indicate a further uptrend into new highs. But in-case of any failure to sustain at 20,000 levels, then it indicates a short-term correction, for the short-term investors to be cautious. ♦

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CM misleading:

This is because of the misleading impression that the chief minister has created in the minds of the high command that the MPs who are leaving the party now are of no consequence. It is because that these MPs are from Telangana and that they belong to the SC category and as such have no individual base. Jagannatham was right that had it been any other upper caste MP, the CM and the PCC chief would have ran all over to placate them.

The Congress party which is planning to woo the votes of Dalits and other backward classes has done a costly mistake in this gamble. This at a time when the party is planning to win votes by flaunting the SC/ST Sub-plan Act it has passed in the Assembly last year. It is essential that the claims of the government's commitment to the SC/STs on the sub-plan had to be matched by the importance it gives to its own Dalit MPs.

There has been a systematic conspiracy among the two main parties—Congress and TDP—to undermine the dignity of SCs and other depressed classes. Of course, the track of TRS too was not bright on this count till a few years ago, but now the party has realized that it cannot survive without the support of the backward classes who constitute bulk of the electorate.

There are theories doing rounds that anyway, Vivek is going to be denied ticket in Congress in view of his father



and former Union Minister and veteran Congress leader G Venkataswamy's open attack on Sonia Gandhi sometime back. And that Jagannatham has already changed parties twice from TDP and his exit may not be a big loss to Congress. Here the question is not that of Vivek and Jagannatham or Rajaiah. These two or three MPs symbolize the common sentiment of people of Telangana. By ignoring or undermining their exit from the party, the Congress was repeating the blunder of ignoring the exit of late senior leader Jagjivan Ram who left the party in 1977, immediately after the Emergency was lifted and general elections announced.

Then too, the Congress contended that Jagjivan Ram, who was a product of its party, was just an individual and he could not do any damage by his exit. But, the then PM Indira Gandhi learnt a lesson by his desertion. The credibility

of Indira Gandhi has collapsed just because of one senior Dalit minister who sailed with her all along has left the congress to float his own outfit "the congress for democracy" and join the Janata Party banner under Loknayak Jaya Prakash Narayan's leadership. Similarly, the migration the two T-congress MPs might not cause immediate impact on Congress in Andhra Pradesh politics. But, it will cause a big dent to the party image over the next few months and certainly impact the party's performance in the next elections. The entire political spectrum of Telangana has watched how its own Dalit MPs were humiliated by the Congress high command. The population of Dalits coming close to around 18.9 percent in Telangana would most probably consider this ill-treatment to their MPs at the time of casting their votes.



CM Kiran Kumar Reddy is grossly mistaken if he assumes that he can win votes for the party by doling out some economic schemes and selling some concept of bringing legislation for SC/ST sub-plan without appropriating for past mistakes of diverting about Rs 20,000 crores and yet get away from insulting his own party MPs from Telangana. People have understood the callousness with which the CM and other leaders dealt with these MPs who wanted to quit for the sake of the Telangana statehood.

Congress leadership must be patting its own back for limiting the defections to just two MPs, but it will understand the magnitude of their exit in the days to come. It is no wonder, if the ire of public would turn into a tornado and crush the Congress in the next elections. ♦

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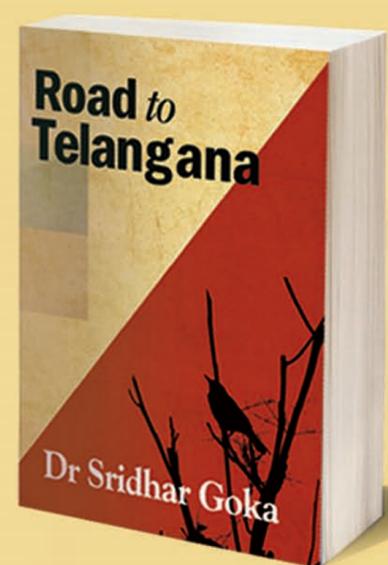
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Reach another state of Existence



Koodiyattam exponent Kapila Venu spoke exclusively to Deccan Post about her association with the Sanskrit theatre tradition.

How did this form of dance drama happen in your life?

I was three or four years old, when I started dancing. Then I moved on to focus on Koodiyattam. I learnt from Guru Ammannur Madhava Chakyar. My parents Mohiniattam dancer Nirmala Paniker and Koodiyattam exponent G Venu always encouraged me in my work.

Can a common man appreciate the art form of Koodiyattam?

This art form is based on Sanskrit. We are also trying to give subtitles, texts, and a synopsis to help the audience understand it more easily. The dance performance, Koodiyattam, has been recognized by UNESCO as a 'Human Heritage Art'. It is considered to be about 2,000 years old — the oldest existing classical theatre form in the entire world, having originated much before Kathakali and most other theatrical forms.

Is the performance time enough in today's fast paced world?

This art form has had whole night performances in the past and today audience does not have that much time on hand.

How has the shift been from performing in temples to auditoriums?

It's been almost 60 years since this art form shifted

from temple performances to auditoriums. This art form sometimes involves many political female characters. At times it is difficult to enact politically incorrect interpretations of womanhood.

What message does this art form convey?

Koodiyattam conveys the stories of Mahabharata, Ramayana and Puranas. Aesthetics, techniques and spirituality are still a part of the performances. The aim of a performance is to achieve 'Rasa' for the Rasika. We attempt to reach another state of existence, and take the audience to that level. Messages and scuttle experience are a part of the whole performance.

What are your future plans?

There is a very big responsibility towards this 'Apoorva Vidya'. Traditions are there but at the same time we need to also move along with the modern times. I would like to work on new performances also. I would also like to be closely associated with Tamil poetry.

How do you propagate this art form?

I have worked for several years under the renowned dancer Min Tanaka in Japan. I am the director of Natana Kairali Research and Performing Centre for Traditional Arts and also visiting faculty member at the National School of Drama and Intercultural Theatre Institute in Singapore. I will try to impress the youth to learn this fabulous form of dance and will make every effort to see this form on the sky highs. ♦

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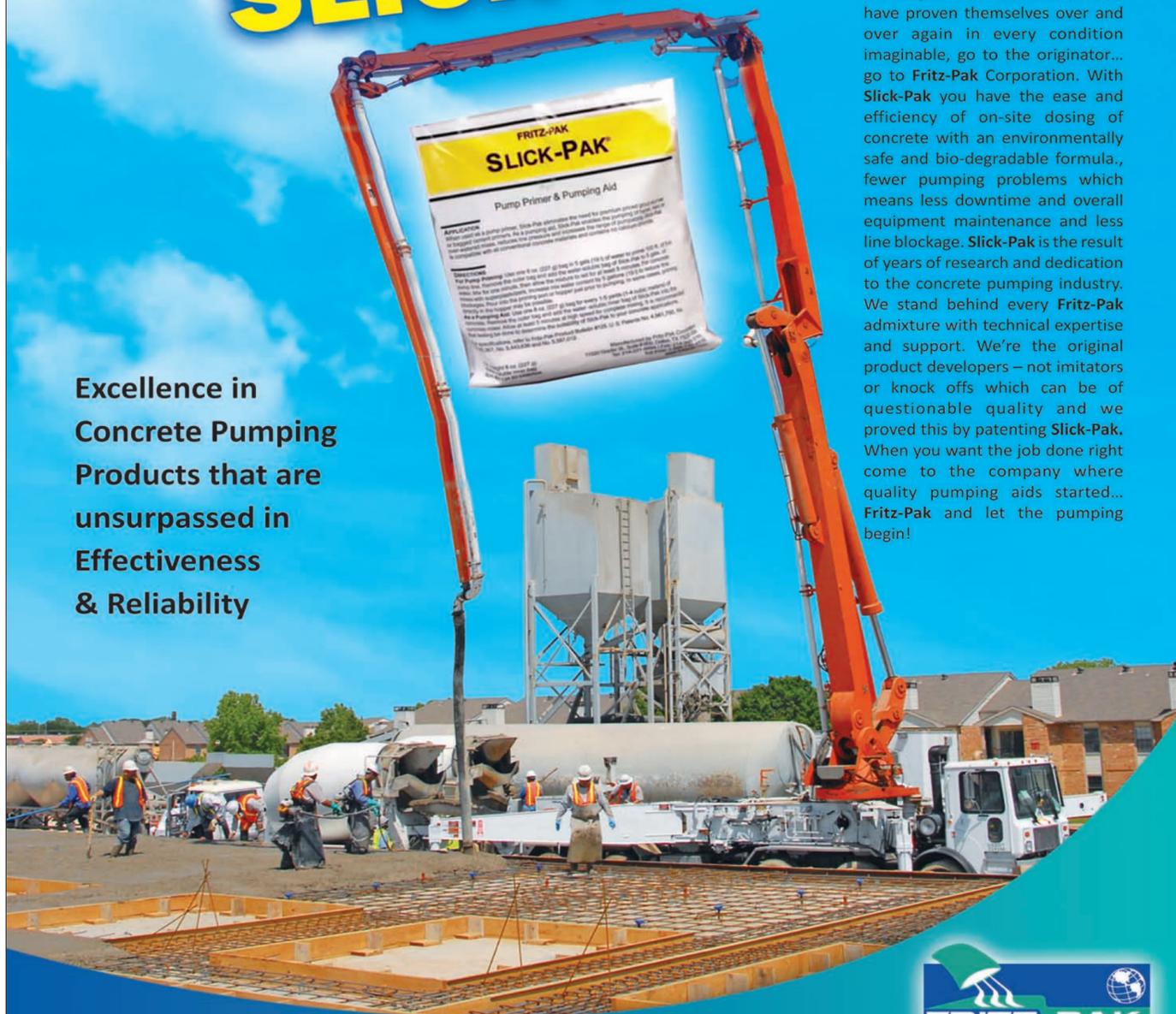
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Prime Minister must be a Lok Sabha Member

By Dr Sridhar Goka

The eighty year old Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has set many records even in fields most unsuitable to him. Ironically, he is the only Prime Minister till date who never sought an election to the Lok Sabha even after becoming the head of the Council of Ministers at the centre. Perhaps that is the 'inherent quality' Dr Singh possesses which makes him a favourite for the most coveted job in the country. He was first elected to the upper house of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha, in 1991 by the Legislature of the State of Assam, and was consecutively re-elected in 1995, 2001 wherein he was appointed as the Prime Minister of India without being a member of the Lok Sabha and unabashedly sought re-election to the upper house yet again in 2007 and went on to become the first ever Prime Minister of India to complete one full term and get re-nominated as the Prime Minister.

Not only that, Dr Singh yet again sought another re-election as Rajya Sabha MP and won another term. Dr Singh's Rajya Sabha seat was to fall vacant on June 14th, 2013; the Congress Party headed by Sonia Gandhi, once again gave him ticket to contest for another term of six years in the Rajya Sabha since there is no one better suited in the entire congress party to represent Sonia's interests in the absence of a reluctant Rahul Gandhi showing any inclination to take over. Dr Singh upon filing his nomination for re-election is now declared re-elected as a RS MP from Assam after the election went unopposed on May 30th, 2013.

The question that is disturbing the minds of many political observers, academicians, jurists and admirers of India's great constitution is the manner in which 'grey areas' in the Constitution are being exploited in a blatant and ruthless manner to foist persons who are otherwise ineligible to hold the position of being the Prime Minister of India. The specific Article 75 and its Clause (1) and (5) which envisages ...Other provisions as to Ministers.-

Clause (1) states that -- The Prime Minister shall be appointed by the President and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister and whereas Clause 5) states that -- A Minister who for any period of six consecutive months is not a

member of either House of Parliament shall at the expiration of that period cease to be a Minister.. is awfully exploited to ensure a man like Dr Singh, who never won a single election as a Sarpanch or MLA or MP from a Lok Sabha constituency is deliberately foisted on this nation to preside the destiny of a billion plus people. Undoubtedly, his actions in the last nine years have been a mockery of India's democratic process.

The manner in which he scraped thru a Trust Vote on Nuclear Deal in July

in 2004 and ironically stayed away from popular electoral politics by skipping to get elected to the Lok Sabha even in the 2009 general elections. Now, the fundamental question is one can understand the political compulsions of Sonia Gandhi, who is reluctant to have others like Pranab Da or P Chidambaram who got elected to the Lok Sabha in 2004 and 2009 elections and being far experienced and senior to Dr Singh in every possible manner to become the Prime Minister. But what Sonia must understand is "it amounts to blatant

later after six months if they fail to get elected to the Parliament. Even if this logic is extended to the some one who is appointed as the Prime Minister without being a member of the Parliament; the analogy of 'ministers' does not fit for some one who is the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister of India is someone who is elected leader of the House of the People i.e. the house comprising of Lok Sabha members only who are elected by the people from their territorial constituencies. Question is how can a person who is not a member of the Lok Sabha be elected as the leader of the House of the People? Can Lok Sabha have two leaders of house at the same time? Today, we have Sushil Kumar Shinde elected by the majority members as the leader of the Lok Sabha; then how Dr Manmohan Singh can be permitted to function as the Prime Minister? For that, how anybody can be appointed as the PM of India if he or she is not a leader of the Lok Sabha? It essentially means, although there was nothing wrong or no constitutional mishap in swearing in Manmohan Singh as PM of India on 22nd May, 2004 his subsequent continuation after 23rd November, 2004 is a fraud on our Constitution. It is utterly surprising to observe that none of our vigilant citizens sought to question this blatant constitutional fraud continuing



2008; the manner in which series of scams have taken place in his administration; the manner in which Parliament becomes paralyzed so often; the manner in which the anti-corruption institutions like CAG, CVC and CBI get muzzled; the casual manner in which issues like Telangana are handled; the draconian silence over deaths of hundreds demanding the formation of Telangana state and the funny manner in which Dr Singh talks about evolving consensus while his party and government use dirty tricks like using CBI to ensure the support of opposing parties like the Samajwadi Party and the BSP.

When the Bharatiya Janata Party led National Democratic Alliance was in power between 1998 to 2004, Dr Singh was the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. In 1999, he contested for the Lok Sabha from South Delhi but was unable to win the seat. Thereafter, he never contested for the Lok Sabha seat even after becoming the Prime Minister

subversion of the faith our founding fathers reposed while enacting our Constitution".

The Constitution is very clear if one wants to read and interpret it in a straight forward manner. The question of Rajya Sabha MPs being present in the council of ministers doesn't arise at all. There is no bar as such. But if one were to read Article 75 and Clause (1) and (5), it is crystal clear that the prime minister ought to be appointed by the President and upon the advice of the Prime Minister other ministers are appointed. Such ministers other than the Prime Minister can be taken in as members of the council of ministers even if they are not members of either house of the Parliament - provided they get elected to either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha within six months. This can be straight away interpreted as that all those ministers who are not members of the Parliament can be taken in as ministers but cannot be continued

till date. It must be remembered that all this analysis is not to belittle or make any adverse comments about Dr Singh. This is only to highlight the subversion of constitutional scheme and also to inform the people about their misfortune or lost opportunity in not able to drag the Prime Minister to their constituency to make him directly answerable to the people which is possible only in a Lok Sabha election.

That's why major political parties like the BJP, BSP, NCP, CPI-M, CPI, JD-U etcetera must address this issue in their manifestoes to ensure amendment of these relevant Articles to remove ambiguities which can be mischievously exploited by vested interests. Finally, it is important that India - a country of 1.20 billion population must and should have its Prime Minister who is not only the leader of the Lok Sabha but also some one who is acknowledged as the leader of India. ♦

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