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Why Sabitha must quit?



By B Shivkant

Now the top brass of Andhra Pradesh police are facing a catch 22 situation in the state. They are obligated to salute someone who has been charged with punishable offences like Sections 120-B, 409 & 420 of Indian Penal Code by the CBI. The person is none other than Andhra Pradesh Home Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy. Ironically, the top police officials including the DGP and dozens of senior officials of the Additional DGP rank, who so often have to interact with her on day to day basis are compelled to stand in attention before their honorable Minister who is called a fraudster and cheat by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in their recent charge sheet filed in Jagan's Disproportionate Assets Case.

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Monday i.e. on 8th April, filed a charge sheet against Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy in connection with the alleged disproportionate assets case of YSR Congress party president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, who after his arrest in May last year has been languishing in Chanchalguda Central Prison struggling to obtain bail. In the latest charge sheet, fifth in a series of charge sheets filed so far by the CBI against Jagan & Co;

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Sabitha was named as Accused No 4 (A-4) by the CBI in the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy case before the Special CBI Court taking every one by surprise and Sabitha by shock and despair. She was charged under Sections 120-B, 409, 420 of the Indian Penal Code and also under Section 9, 12, 13, 13 (1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The 60-page charge sheet, appended with 53 documents and statements from 47 witnesses, named as many as 13 accused, the first one being of course Jagan Reddy (A-1) and Vijaisai Reddy as (A-2). Among others named in the charge sheet are Puneet Dalmia, MD of Dalmia group (A-3), suspended senior IAS officer Y Srilakshmi (A-5), former DMG V D Rajagopal (A-6) and Dalmia Cements (A-13). Sabitha is the third minister to be named in the Jagan's disproportionate assets case, the other two being Mopidevi Venkataramana and Dharmana Prasada Rao. Mopidevi, who was arrested on May 24th, last year continues to be in jail along with Jagan. However, the powerful R & B minister Dharmana Prasada Rao continues to be in office after his resignation was rejected by Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy earlier this year.

According to sources quoting the charge sheet, Dalmia Cements had invested Rs 50 crores in Raghuram Cements (later renamed as Bharati Cements) promoted by Jagan, in return to granting of mining leases for limestone in 409 hectares in Kadapa district by the YS Rajasekhara Reddy government. The CBI also named Sajjala Divakar Reddy of Sajjala Group, which had invested Rs 49 crores in Jagan's media house as a favour done to Obulapuram Mining Company promoted by mine lord Gali Janardhan Reddy, in which Sajjala group has business interests.

Sabitha was holding the portfolio of Mines and Geology during the YSR regime between May - 2004 till June - 2009; later on, she was politically rewarded for her submissive loyalty with the coveted Home portfolio. Although, YSR died in September, 2009, Sabitha continues to hold the same Home portfolio till date. Srilakshmi was the Secretary of Industries (Mines) and Rajagopal was the Director of Mines & Geology are the other public servants who are allegedly instrumental in allotting limestone deposits to Dalmia Cements as a quid pro quo gesture to its

investments in Jagan's firm.

AP Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy is still undecided on dropping Sabitha or at least change her portfolio, as he is yet to get any instructions from the Congress High Command in Delhi. Sources state that any decision on Sabitha's continuation in the cabinet will be taken only after Congress president Sonia Gandhi returns from abroad where she went to take her medical treatment for an undisclosed ailment. Indications point to a possible change of portfolio of Sabitha from Home to a less important one like Printing & Stationary or Women and Child Welfare. The CM, according to sources, is interested in making another woman from Telangana, either Sunita Lakshma Reddy, a minister from Medak, or his close confidant Uttam Kumar Reddy from Nalgonda, as the new home minister, if the high command permits. But, there are

several top contenders for this home portfolio, if it falls vacant.

Who will become the next home minister is a different issue. The moot question is the manner, in which the present Congress government is continuing with as many as six tainted ministers, who are under the scanner of the CBI in Jagan assets case. Of them, Mopidevi Venkata Ramana, quit after being arrested, and other one - Dharmana Prasada Rao is still in the cabinet, but attending the court cases, using his official car and other paraphernalia.

Amongst the six tainted ministers; Sabitha is the third minister in the list of charge-sheeted ministers. Three more - Ponnala Lakshmaiah (IT minister) J Geeta Reddy (Major Industries) and Kanna Lakshminarayana (Agriculture) - are in the pipeline to be charge-sheeted. The CBI is likely to file another charge-sheet by next week, implicating Ponnala Lakshmaiah. The CBI has been following a peculiar tradition in filing charge sheets in the Jagan Assets Case.

Sabitha playing dumb despite Illegal allotments

Sabitha has been named as an accused No 4 in the latest charge-sheet filed by the CBI in the Jagan Assets case for her role as the then Mines Minister illegally favouring Dalmia Cements Limited, which in turn made huge investments into Jagan owned Bharati Cements, subsequently, in a

quid-pro-quo manner. The first three are: Jagan, his chartered accountant V Vijaya Sai Reddy and Dalmia Cements Company Managing Director Puneet Dalmia. The IPC Sections slapped against Sabitha are: 120-B, 420, 409 and Sections 13 and 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act. These sections mean criminal breach of trust, fraud, cheating, misuse of power and illegally benefitting someone.

The charge against Sabitha is that she allotted 407.05 hectares of land at Talamanchipatnam village in Kadapa district, first to Jaya Minerals and then to Eswar Cements who in turn sold it to Dalmia Cements who in turn made Rs 95 crores investments into Bharati Cements of Jagan. In the process, Sabitha overruled the objections of the department and favoured Dalmias, said the CBI. There are two options before Sabitha now. One is to quit and face the charges like Mopidevi Venkata Ramana and another one is to cling on to power like Dharmana Prasada Rao as long as it politically feasible. At least Dharmana Prasada Rao when charge-sheeted by the CBI in January submitted his resignation to the CM and abstained from duties for months together, though he drew his salary and all perks.

But, Sabitha has made no such pretensions. After the CBI filed the charge-sheet, she went to the CM and asked him whether she should resign. When Kiran baffled by the turn of events not knowing what to do asked her to wait till he gets instructions from Delhi; this suited Sabitha and as such



she kept mum and went home in her official convoy. The incapacity of the chief minister to take an appropriate decision has led to a situation where a minister (Sabitha) despite being tainted happily went home as if being vindicated for her innocence.

But, her Srinagar Colony residence in Hyderabad has become a destination for other tainted ministers, ruling party leaders and fans like film actor Mohan Babu who are frequenting there to console her. A fellow minister DK Aruna (who too is an aspirant for the home portfolio, if it comes her way) went to the extent of stating that Sabitha has not committed any wrong and she need not resign. DK Aruna, is known to be blaming her stars for recently being accused of diverting blue kerosene meant for PDS for her hubby's Hot Mix plant. Sabitha too has been telling her visitors that she has not committed any mistake and that she just followed the business rules of the Secretariat. "If I had done any irregularity, I would have amassed property or collected money for favouring Dalmias. So, where is the question of my mistake and why should I quit?" is her logic.

Sabitha cannot escape responsibility

But, she appears to have forgotten the basic law of the land. The law takes

its own course. Anyone who commits a mistake, either on his or her own or at the some other person's instance, cannot escape from their legal responsibility or plead innocence. Even if Sabitha has not taken any money or purchased any lands next to the limestone mines allotted to Dalmias, as she claimed, her illegal acts cannot become legal. Even in the OMC case, she escaped from being prosecuted along with other public servants "pleading innocence and ignorance about the content in GOs". She claimed that she doesn't understand the language and essence of the GOs and went blindly by the version narrated to her by the public servants. Yet, she remains the chosen one for the all important portfolio of Home in a state like Andhra Pradesh.

Now, some persons who met Sabitha, like actor Mohan Babu, are saying that: "She has so much to say, but she cannot reveal it all to the public". Well, if that is the case, who is preventing Sabitha from confessing her crime before the CBI? Why she is still trying to defend some people who pushed her to take those decisions?

The situation in AP has turned farcical. While Jagan is in jail for over 10 months for the acts of some ministers who are alleged to have favoured Jagan's

business interests when YSR was the state chief minister, the same ministers who are still continuing in power are acting as if they know nothing. The Kiran Kumar Reddy government is defending these ministers by saying that there is nothing illegal about the 26 controversial GOs but at the same time the government does not file any memo to counter the CBI's charges of criminal breach of trust. The present chief minister and some ministers regularly accuse and attack Jagan for emerging as a cancer of corruption but do not accuse YSR of the same. How could this be possible? The CBI which listed 26 GOs as controversial has named Jagan as the illegal beneficiary for the quid pro quo deals but the ministers who issued the said GOs feign ignorance and are dying to continue in power.

CBI's double standards

Here is a classical case of CBI's double standards. It is a well known fact that Sabitha was grilled by the CBI in the Obulapuram Mines Company (OMC) case and mysteriously escaped being accused and she was grandiosely named a witness. While the civil servant serving as the then Secretary (Mines) IAS officer Y Srilakshmi has been arrested and jailed for the same allegation of issuing two controversial

GOs benefitting OMC Ltd belonging to Gali Janardhan Reddy. If the official (Srilakshmi) who issued the government order in her capacity as a Secretary to Govt. can be prosecuted as a culprit, then how can the political executive (concerned minister) who also endorsed her opinion on the same file be innocent or ignorant? After all, the Business Rules are absolutely clear about the specific roles and responsibilities of the Ministers and Secretaries to the government in the conduct of issuing orders. It is a shame for the political executive in adverse conditions to plead that it is the responsibility of the civil servants to issue government orders. In fact it would amount to subversion of the constitutional scheme of things.

Ironically, the CBI is also going haywire in its investigation. While the CBI chose to implicate Six Ministers and Eight IAS officers for illegalities in the 26 alleged controversial GOs issued during the regime of YS Rajasekhara Reddy; what logic does the CBI have in exonerating Sabitha's role in OMC case and making her accused in Jagan's Assets Case? How can one justify the conduct of CBI in selectively sparing Sabitha in Gali's OMC case and finding fault with her in Jagan's Assets Case?

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ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Iron Ore over an extent of 64.20 acres in Sy.No.1/p of Obulapuram (V), D-Hirehal (M) Anantapur Dist., held by M/s Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt., Ltd., Reckoning the lease period of 1st R.M.L., from the date of execution of lease deed i.e., 26.4.1997 Orders- Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.202.

Dt.10-9-2004

1. G.O.Ms.No, 1205, Industries & Commerce Dept.,DT.10.8.1964
2. G.O.Ms.No.67,EFS&T (FOR.II).Dept., Dt.21.8.1995
3. G.O.Ms.No.236, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Dept., Dt.10.12.1996
4. G.O.Ms.No.80, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Dept., Dt.18.2.02
5. From DMG.,F.No.15818/R4-3/2004,Dt.27.5.2004

- 1 In G.O., 1st read above, Govt., granted a Mining Lease for Iron Ore over an extent of 547.62 acres in Sy.No.1/p of Obulapuram (V), D.Hirehal (M), Anantapur Dist., in favour of Sri G.Rammohan Reddy for a period of 20 years. The lease deed was executed on 15.12.1964. During the subsistence of lease period, Sri G.Ramamohan Reddy expired on 23.3.1972 and Sri G.Ramachandra Reddy, S/o Sri G.Rammohan Reddy has been declared as legal heir.
- 2 In G.O.,2nd read above, the EFS&T (FOR.I) Dept., have accorded permission for diversion of 25.98 Hectares in Obulapuram (V), Raydurg (M), Anantapur Dist., for Renewal of Mining Lease for a period of 10 years in favour of Sri.G.Rammohan Reddy, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.
- 3 In G.O., 3rd read above, Government have granted 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Iron Ore over an extent of 64.20 Acres in Sy.No.1/p of Obulapuram Village, Rayadurg Mandal, Anantapur Dist., in favour of Sri G.Rama Mohan Reddy for a period of 20 years with effect from 14.12.1984 i.e., the next day of expiry of the original lease period. The lease deed was executed on 26.4.1997
- 4 In G.O., 4th read above, the Mining Lease was transferred in favour of M/s Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt., Ltd.,

5 In the ref., 5th read above, the Director of Mines & Geology has informed that M/s Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt., Ltd., have represented that the Government while granting 1st Renewal of Mining Lease have reckoned the period of 20 years with effect from 14.12.1984. But they have executed the lease deed on 26.4.1997 and hence they have requested to reckon the lease period of 20 years granted in G.O.Ms.No.236, Ind., & Com.,(M.III) Dept., Dt.10.12.96 with effect from the date of execution i.e., 24.6.1997. In that event , the lease period expires by 25.4.2017. The DMG., has requested to consider the request of M/S Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt.,Ltd., on par with certain precedent cases in which Govt., have considered such requests earlier.

6 Govt., after careful examination, here by consider the request of M/s Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt., Ltd., to reckon the period of 1st Renewal of Mining Lease granted vide G.O., 3rd read above from the date of execution i.e., with effect from 26.4.1997 subject to obtaining Forest Clearance for the remaining period and also subject to fulfilling all other conditions as per MM(D&R) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder, subject also to the conditions stipulated by the Forest Dept.,

7 The Director of Mines & Geology is requested to take further necessary action in this matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur,
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CBI ignores GOMs No. 202 dated 10-09-2004 issued by Mines Minister Sabitha

There is another mystery which is utterly shocking and glaring too. The manner in which the CBI ignores the issuance of GOMs No. 202 dated 10-09-2004 issued by the Industries and Commerce (M.III) Department is baffling to say the least. The said GO was issued by the YSR government, when Sabitha was the Mines Minister clearly benefitting Gali's OMC by openly violating the norms governing the renewal of mining leases and illegally extending lease that was to expire on 13-12-2004. It is clear from

the aforesaid GO that the extension of time beyond 13-12-2004 to 25-04-2017 in itself was blatantly illegal and its continuing validity even today is the joke of the entire OMC stuff.

Neither strangely, the CBI nor any one else has found this GO fit to be amongst the several GOs (26 controversial GOs) deemed to be controversial. If the CBI has any hidden agenda in keeping GOMs No. 202 under wraps is not known but the crux lies in the manner in which the then Secretary to Government has been spared. Whether it is because of the clout of the then Secretary (who

took voluntary retirement) or any other compelling reason; the fact that stares at us at this moment is the jinx involved in that GOMs No.202 going deliberately ignored. However, Sabitha taking a note of the jinx involved in GOMs No.202 benefitting Gali Janardhan Reddy's OMC not being pursued must anticipate that there is definite trouble in the CBI's scheme of things. That's why it's better to quit rather than suffer every moment. Its time to quit now.

The Congress High Command Factor

The Congress high command is confused and clueless on many things

including the Telangana issue. The lack of clarity in handling the tainted ministers in Andhra Pradesh is nothing but opportunism on the part of the ruling party both at the Centre and the State. It is high time that the Congress drops these charge-sheeted ministers immediately or else it will have to pay a heavy price for a potential loss of face. The congress party is unwittingly helping Jagan by not taking action against its own ministers who are not just figuring in the FIRs but actually framed as accused in criminal offences punishable under law. Even a common man is intrigued about these ministers accused of helping Jagan going scot free while a person (Jagan) who was not a public servant is being kept in jail.

The congress high command cannot be seen to be instructing Kiran Reddy on every damn issue on a day to day basis. It must either give him a free hand or change him. But stifling the chief minister of a sensitive state like AP is nothing but paralyzing the administration. The congress high command cannot expect to have the cake and eat it too. It's high time to decide what to do. ♦

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Attack on MAA TV, Heroine Missing, Row on Posters

Does these provide Succor For Telangana Agitation?

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent

Attack on MAA TV needs to be condemned as another orchestrated campaign is going on with vested interests. Can these people be so naive and irresponsible if such attacks from the other side in other states start happening to restrain screening of Seemandhra heroes films produced by Seemandhra producers and financiers? Then, how can these minds justify copying/replicating of successive films from those languages from different states? Is it not true that these so called protagonists have imposed or trying to impose their culture in Telangana region? Do they have any answer for this? Aren't they trying to impose their style and culture on innocent Telangana people/public? What should people of T region should do when their culture and identity is threatened or is on the threshold of becoming extinct by the planned onslaught of Seemandhrites?

Does this strike by Seemandhra producers/artistes make any difference to Telangana region's employment and revenue fortunes?

How many from this Telangana region are in the making of TV serials? Or for that matter, how many artistes of all shades are from Telangana region? Atleast is there any meaningful representation in technical and

other areas from Telangana region? Then, what difference it makes to the people of this region-whether it is a dubbed one or a native one as claimed and dished out by these Seemandhra TV producers with Seemandhra lead artists? Money is made by Seemandhra producers, artistes with technical support and marketing from their near and dear ones-whether they make native serials or lift the successful play-writes from other languages without bothering to respect intellectual property rights. This has certainly made the producers of other languages furious inviting stringent laws enraging the so called artistes/producers from Seemandhra region to call for an infamous strike offcourse very liberally supported by Seemandhra media as they don't miss any opportunity to divert the attention of common public from the impending decision on Telangana and it's recent vocal agitation-sadak bandh to be followed by Dharnas in Delhi and postponed sadak bandh of Vijaywada national high way. No worthwhile gain either in the revenue or any improvement in the employment for Telanganites from these TV serials which are produced and acted by people from Seemandhra region by strictly enforcing their language and culture on hapless viewers from T region as they don't have channels to orchestrate their voice and culture. In turn all these violent acts during agitation would certainly paint Hyderabad city and it's



aborigine telanganites as villains in the eyes of producers/artistes from other languages. That is why many from this region are demanding that they shift the base to vijaywada or vizag to cater to such needs.

Even small news from Cinema/TV makes a headline and repeated telecast...

Every trivial news relating to such (birthdays, death anniversaries, missing cases or gossips involving artistes, directors, producers and even technicians)-whether cinema or television-are whipped up to reach frenzied states to create artificial sycophancy by all these channels only to divert attention from the contemporary burning issues like-Telangana, power crisis, spiralling prices of essential commodities and most importantly failure of law and order as kidnaps, rape and murders, loots and burglaries, recent dilsukhnagar bomb blasts are on all time high (police in some cases did act swiftly to rescue the kidnapped ones), but by and large failed to prevent such occurrences casting doubts on the intelligence and other concerned departments.

Recent row on posters involving Jr.NTR, YSRCP, TDP has certainly raised many a eyebrow as it was purely an advertisement act successfully enacted by all lead players to further their goals-which they have succeeded but unfortunately viewers were left with no choice but watch the entire drama with lot of amusement. The way cinema ad was used to whip up political frenzy is noteworthy and a new beginning and how this unfolds in the future is anybody's guess. Similarly, a heroine's missing case has highlighted so much attention thanks to our friendly Seemandhra media that people were made to celebrate their new year for Telugu speaking people-ugadi in utmost disgust and sympathetic mood instead of joy and hope for celebration as new panchangam came into existence to rekindle hopes of many a despaired minds to test their

luck ahead of their trusted endeavor-that's the way many a Telugites enjoy Ugadi. But, the repeated telecast of a family row pertaining to a individual, her family was blown out of proportions even negating a horrifying act of abduction and burning of a hapless female in the outskirts of Hyderabad in Gandipet area. Even her return-a tame end also caught the headlines. Similarly many such stories are churned out day in and day out which catch the headlines but provide no relief to a common viewer/public or is of any help either in their day to day life. At times these programmes are loaded with a lot of masala-making family viewing a distant dream. All these certainly led to the criticism by none other than the Chairman-PCI-Katzu that they are in a bad taste and should not form part of news channels telecast....!

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Is this a fight for supremacy between Seemandhra channels in hyderabad...? Why did these so called protagonists of Telugu didn't react when so many students were committing suicides for Telangana? why are these people silent even as on today about the struggle of Telangana people for a Telangana state? is this T struggle not for self respect, self rule and for proper utilization and administration of the natural resources of this region? What did these so called Seemandhra Telugu producers/artistes do to mitigate the sufferings of people of Telangana? Did they provide them employment or raised funds to help the families who lost their dearest ones as decision on Telangana is delayed? What is that they are doing to protect Telangana culture and their heritage-an identity of more than 4 crores...? Can these people raise their voice and force UPA and state govts to act fast on Telangana in a similar way if they believe that they are part and parcel of Hyderabad-an integral part of Telangana region and it's culture... ♦

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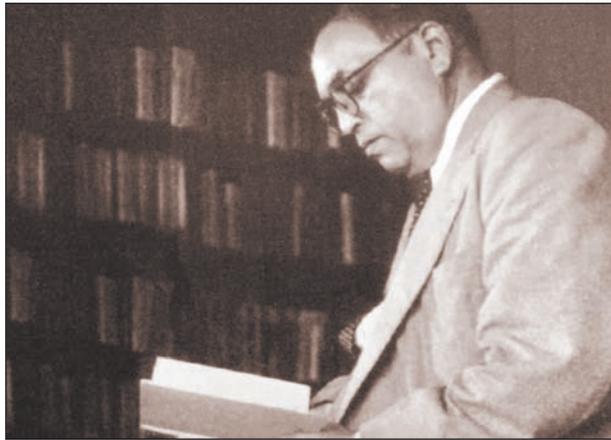
Remembering Ambedkar's Message

Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was an Indian jurist, political leader, philosopher, anthropologist, historian, orator, economist, teacher, editor, prolific writer, revolutionary and a revivalist for Buddhism in India. He was also the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. Ambedkar was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 1990 by the VP Singh government. In 2012 he was chosen greatest Indian after Mahatma Gandhi in a nationwide poll held by History TV and CNN-IBN. He was and is popularly addressed as Baba Saheb.

Dr Ambedkar was born on 14th of April, 1891 in a poor Mahar family which faced many social barriers prior to India's Independence. Ambedkar campaigned against social discrimination, the system of Chaturvarna – the categorization of Hindu society into four varnas – and the Hindu caste system. He converted to Buddhism and is also credited with providing a spark for the transformation of hundreds of thousands of Dalits to Buddhism. Overcoming numerous social and financial obstacles, Ambedkar became one of the first Dalit (untouchables) to obtain a college education in India. Eventually earning a law degree and multiple doctorates for his study and research in law, economics and political science from Columbia University and the London School of Economics; Ambedkar gained a reputation as a scholar and practiced law for a few years, later campaigning by publishing journals advocating political rights and social freedom for India's untouchables.

Ambedkar was an economist by training and until 1921 his career was as a professional economist. It was after that time that he became a political leader. He wrote three scholarly books on economics: Administration and Finance of the East India Company; The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India; and The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and Its Solution. As a matter of fact, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), formed in 1934, was based on the ideas that Ambedkar presented to the Hilton Young Commission.

India's Nobel Prize-winning economist, Amartya Sen,



claims that "Ambedkar is my Father in Economics". He is a true celebrated champion of the underprivileged. He deserves more than what he has achieved today. His contribution in the field of economics is marvelous and will be remembered forever..!

Ambedkar's legacy as a socio-political reformer had a deep effect on modern India. In post-Independence India, his socio-political thought has acquired respect across the political spectrum. His initiatives have influenced various spheres of life and transformed the way India today looks at socio-economic policies, education and affirmative action through socio-economic and legal incentives. His reputation as a scholar led to his appointment as free India's first law minister, and chairman of the committee responsible to draft a constitution. He passionately believed in the freedom of the individual and criticized equally both orthodox casteist Hindu society. His condemnation of Hinduism and its foundation of caste system, made him controversial and unpopular among the Hindu right. His conversion to Buddhism sparked a revival in interest in Buddhist philosophy in India and abroad.

Ambedkar's political philosophy has given rise to a large number of mass political parties, publications and workers'

unions that remain active across India, especially in Maharashtra. But his philosophy paid rich political dividends to Dalit leaders like Kanshi Ram and Mayawati; who after founding the BSP have captured power in Uttar Pradesh - the largest political state in India. Unfortunately, his message of being simple, honest and consciously responsible were lost on these leaders who courted controversies by indulging in unwarranted things which were far from providing the basic needs to the masses who were in every sense struggling and underprivileged. He believed that ignorance was the greatest evil and the best way to dispel that was being aware. Ambedkar's greatest dream was "education with character for all". That's why on the occasion of his 122nd birth anniversary, it is pertinent to recall his message.

"Mind well, to have the highest aim is the vital rule of man's life. Whatever may be your aim, progress and development of either of self or nation, you must struggle hard day-in and day-out to achieve it. All the great things in the world are achieved only through industry and facing the odds. We must concentrate all our energy on our aim. Man should eat to live, and live to the welfare of society."

Education being a two-fold weapon is difficult to operate. Characterless and rude educated man is fiercer than a wild beast. That education of literate man, which is against the welfare of the poor people, is a curse to society. I condemn such educated literate. Character is more important than education. I feel very sorry to see the anti-religious attitude of youth. Some people say religion is opium. But it is not true. The good virtues I am possessing or whatever good I have done to the society, it is only because of my religious attitude. I want religion, and not that pretense in the name of religion."

All throughout his life Ambedkar strived to create a social set up that adheres to a strong moral order based on equality, human dignity, liberty and fraternity. Let us all strive to achieve character based education for all in our country. ♦

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Can Jagan walk free before Polls?

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and reading Deccan Post has become a habit for me because of its unique way of analyzing the news and catering it to its readers like me. As the general elections are fast approaching, the political situation is becoming unstable day by day. Everyone is discussing about the political future and fate of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy who is languishing in Chanchalguda Central Jail since a very long time. It's a well known fact that the Supreme Court of India has ordered the CBI to file the charge sheets latest by 31st March 2013 and after the stipulated period it has become a hot topic that whether Jagain will be out on Bail now or the CBI will take more time to file its final charge sheet. It is always being alleged that the CBI is acting on the directions of the ruling Congress Party and it will fix Jagan and Jagan will be convicted so that he can not contest any elections thus resulting in his not becoming Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. It appears true

that the ruling Congress party and the Principal Opposition Party i.e. TDP has got a quid pro quo arrangement between them so that Jagan be kept out of power. I must appreciate this analysis and I congratulate you people for publishing a good story at the right time. Keep it up!

Manohar Reddy, Vidyanagar

Open Loot in sales of Set Top Boxes

Your story on the loot in sales of Set Top Boxes is nothing but the truth prevailing in the city. As the last date for installation of Set top Boxes in Hyderabad city ended the Set Top Box Vendors started looting the common man citing the scarcity and shortage of set top boxes. It is being said that the actual price of a set top box is Rs 650/- only in many cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore and here the Vendors are selling the same at double price and no government department cares for this day light loot. I have purchased a Set top

Box from Kothi which was not compatible to my Television set and when I went to return the same the Vendors have deducted Rs 300/- from the original price. Adding to this no Set Top Box Dealer is issuing proper bills and guarantee cards along with these set top boxes. The government has made these boxes mandatory but failed to safeguard the interests of the common people like me. When the government is about to get huge revenues then why government can not provide Set top boxes at subsidized prices to the common man? The government is answerable to its citizens and should not take decision in haste just to trouble the common people.

Madhavilatha, Gaddiannaram

'Insurance Pools' For Nuclear And Energy Risks

I am really sorry to say that your last week's centre spread was very disappointing. The information was not useful for the readers like me and I believe that the information published is much available on the internet. The Author Jaywant Naidu has come up with good articles in the past and this one was not the cup of tea for the common people. The article was all about insurance to the Nuclear sector but I personally believe that the author should have analyzed about the nuclear risks to the nation and its citizens and it should have discussed about the damage occurred due to radiation and energy risks. Its not a big deal to get insured the nuclear and energy plants for the people who are capable of establishing the same. Please publish some useful articles.

B Rajesh, Attapur

Readers are requested to send in their feedback to mail@deccanpost.net



Lawlessness in Speaker's Constituency results in Suneela's death

By Sridhar Rama

It is quite common to presume that certain constituencies represented by top leaders are special in many ways. Some of the constituencies are special and privileged because they are held by persons occupying high and powerful constitutional positions like the Chief Minister, Dy.CM, Speaker, Home Minister, Revenue Minister, Leader of the Opposition and several others like that. People presume that in these places the Police and Civic authorities are ever vigilant as any instance of public suffering would sully the reputation of the leader representing the constituency and that's why no public servant would invite the wrath of the leader representing such constituencies. But, unfortunately, in Tenali, where the local MLA happens to be the Speaker of State Assembly; there is no such problem for the police working over there.

When a 45 year old Suneela along with her daughter Mounika, a B.Tech student was walking along the street in crowded market place in Tenali at 8 pm on Monday, a gang of youth just came out of a bar and restaurant started teasing the girl. When Suneela shouted at them and slapped one of the youth, they brutally pushed her down on the road while a speeding lorry ran over her. Suneela died a while later in hospital. The men in high positions were mute for some time. Their stubborn silence could be disturbed only because the victim's society was unrelenting to let go just like that.

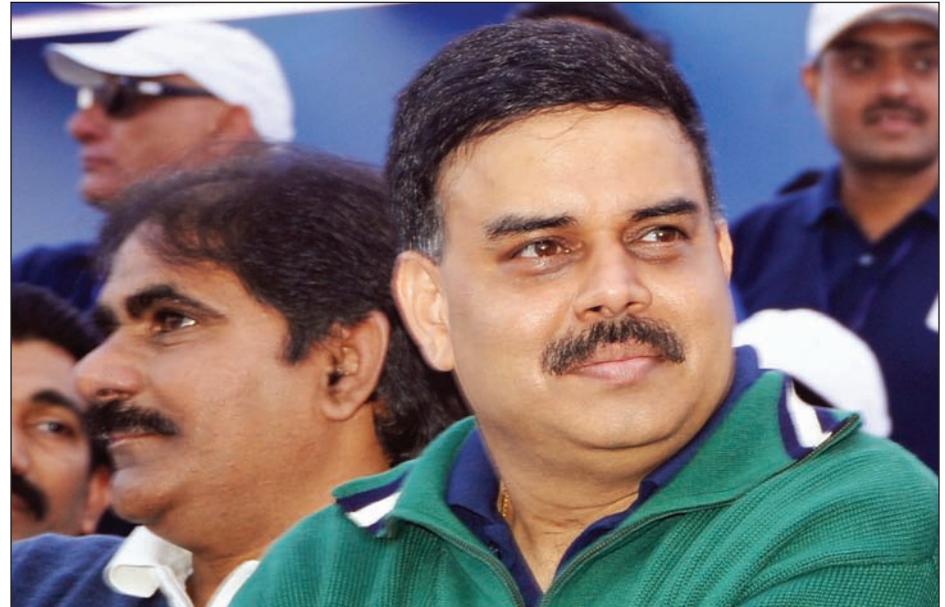
What has happened in Tenali town of Guntur district at 8 pm on Monday (8th of April) is a shameful thing and all of us should hang our heads in shame for a horrible incident of lawlessness. Some drunken ruffians (Mopidevi Ramu, Samudrala Pavan, Sheik Jaffar, Nuthala Subramaniam, Madala Karthik, Dasari Pratap and Garapati Vinod Kumar) misbehaved with a teenaged girl and roughed up her mother who tried to rescue her daughter by pushing her under a speeding lorry that eventually killed her. All her fault was she protested against the attempted molestation of her daughter. A police constable

is stated to be a mute witness to this disgraceful act. While a police jeep carrying a police officer passed by ignoring the gruesome tragedy, be ware that it was not a remote area, but a crowded market place and that too all this tragic thing happening in front of scores of people.

This incident triggered a wave of protests across the State and students boycotted colleges on Wednesday demanding action against the molesters. As the main accused, U Nagaraju, 25, happens to be the son of a local Congress leader and former Tenali municipality vice-chairman U Janaki Ramachandra Rao, an upper caste leader known to be a close confidant of Tenali MLA Manohar. It was a potential situation for caste tensions too get flared up across the coastal districts. Fortunately, the matter did not go beyond the limits much due to the sincere efforts of the District Collector & Magistrate of Guntur. It appears that only after the protests by several Dalit organizations across the state became vociferous, the District Collector initiated swift action in response to the demands. But, this is not enough.

The Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy who is going on a string of visits to many districts harping about making legislation on sub-plan for SCs has not found time to even enquire about a brutal incident victimizing dalits. While the State Assembly Speaker Nadendla Manohar who represents Tenali assembly seat has also no time to visit the family of Bathela Kantha Suneela, (45) who lost her life while trying to protect her daughter from goons.

The CM who is touring Guntur district this weekend should have gone to Suneela's home soon after the incident. However, Nadendla Manohar, who is a congress party MLA representing the Tenali assembly constituency, has been shockingly silent for few days. The fact that he holds the high office of Speaker of AP Legislative Assembly is a serious cause for concern which necessitates a debate about his abhorrent conduct. Speaker



Manohar so far has shown alacrity in making efforts to reach out to people in various places like Adilabad, Nalgonda etc. He has grabbed media attention for his visits to problem hit areas like 'fluoride affected villages' in Nalgonda district and for visiting forest areas in the past. He had taken extra-ordinary interest in sparking a debate about MLAs resigning midway that too in front of the British parliamentary delegation.

Speaker Manohar, although a socialite and a busy bee, attending several social events should have found some time to call on Mounika, the daughter of deceased Suneela, who continues to be in utter shock over sudden and tragic death of her mother. It is not that fluoride affected areas are unimportant to visit, but the point is that Manohar needs to visit his constituency too, to represent his electorate at the time of their need and more so when a dalit family is traumatized. The Tenali incident showcases the failure of Manohar's responsibilities as a public representative.

Incidentally, the bar and restaurant belonged to Nagaraju's father. The local public was enraged over the fact that in spite of Tenali Three Town police sub-inspector K Sambasiva Rao was passing through the place when Suneela was crushed under the lorry, he did not stop the miscreants. This is probably because, Nagaraju happens to be the son of a powerful Congress leader close to the Speaker Manohar.

As Suneela is a dalit woman, the government has also issued orders to pay compensation but only after protests booked a case under the SC/ST Atrocities Act. The District Collector accepted to the family being provided with a compensation of Rs 5 lakh and five acres of land and a government job to the girl. The demand of the Dalits that the said bar in front of which the girl and her mother were molested be shut permanently is also being considered, Guntur district collector S Suresh Kumar announced.

A division bench of AP High Court headed by chief justice NV Ramana, suo moto took up the matter and ordered the government to submit the action taken report to it by 15th April. The government has readied a note explaining the steps they have taken including arrest of the seven accused. It may be that about three police officials of Tenali- DSP Tulsi Ram, CI Kamalakar Rao and SI Sambasiva Rao may be suspended to take the pressure off the state government.

All the accused are in the age group of 20-26 years and they all work in private shops and run small business in the town. Without further delay, the fast track court should be set up and try these accused. Only an exemplary punishment to them will deter others from such crimes in future. The advice to our Honourable Speaker is to preach what he can practice. It is only at times like these "the true colours of men holding high office and preaching high moral values" are seen. There is a lot to be done as a responsible legislator besides being a calculated politician. ♦

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By Jaywant Naidu

Emphasis on higher education in India can be understood by the number of universities currently present in India and the quality of education they provide. Today, there are a total of 481 universities in India out of which 254 are State Universities, 130 Deemed Universities, 58 Private Universities and 39 Central Universities. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is responsible for supervising the functioning of all the universities in India through its chief regulatory body - Universities Grants Commission (UGC). The other government organizations whose contribution for the upliftment of Indian educational scenario is worth mentioning are All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Assessment and Accreditation Council - (NAAC). With a view to bring in all the Indian Universities under one umbrella where the maximum possible information about these universities could be disseminated everyone.

India is a land of opportunities. There is a very big history of Educationists and growing economic strength which looks forward to world-class universities that can compete with the best universities in the world. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had warned recently that many of our higher education institutions are not up to the mark and have not kept updated with changes that have taken place in the world around us. He went on to add that the thought that not one Indian University today figures in the top 200 universities of the world today which are under global university rankings is very sobering.

Is India a world class country without world class universities? Improving quality in Indian higher education has been identified as a key priority for the Twelfth Plan.

The latest World University Rankings saw yet another dismal performance by the Indian universities. None of the Institutes in India made it even to the Top 200 Universities across the globe. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi features on the list at 212th position, followed by IIT Bombay at 227th position and IIT Kanpur at 278th position. Though the ranking of IIT Delhi went up six positions compared to the previous year, that of IIT Bombay dropped two positions. IIT Kanpur also fared better compared to last year. Even in the Asian rankings, India just has 11 Institutes among the top 300 Institutes.

However, Education Industry players are of the view that this performance is not because of the lack of educational standards but due to lack of awareness. The issue here is we do not even have people to validate the necessary information when they are contacted by the concerned authorities. There is still a long distance for Indian Universities to cover in terms of research and publication. Industry experts also added that Indian Institutes have to improve factors like Internationalization; Emphasis on Research Faculty, Incentive Based Research, in order to be featured among the top Institutes of the world.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Times Higher Education World University Rankings judge world-class research institutions against 13 separate performance indicators, carefully balanced to reflect the full range of a top research university's mission: Teaching, Research, Knowledge Transfer and Internationalization.

Overall indicator Percentage weightings

Industry Income – innovation

- Research income from industry (per academic staff)
- 2.5% International diversity
- Ratio of international to domestic staff
- Ratio of international to domestic students 3%
- 2% Teaching – the learning environment
- Reputational survey (teaching)
- PhDs awards per academic
- Undergrad. admitted per academic
- Income per academic
- PhDs/undergraduate degrees awarded
- 15%
- 6%
- 4.5%
- 2.25%
- 2.25%

Research – volume, income and reputation

- Reputational survey (research)
- Research income (scaled)
- Papers per research and academic staff
- Public research income/ total research income • 19.5%
- 5.25%
- 4.5%
- 0.75%

Citations – research influence

- Citation impact (normalized average citation per paper)
- 32.5%

INDIAN SCENARIO:

Some may argue that - India should not worry about promoting world-class research universities when it has so much to do to simply cope with the exploding demand for higher education. But, India and even lower-income countries need at least some educational institutions competing at the global level. If India cannot integrate reasonably competitively into global systems of trade, finance, communications and data, production, quality assurance and global markets then the future may not be a bright one. There might be little chance of making it into the elite top 200 or even 400 for the Indian Universities. But by joining Times Higher Education's rankings exercise, and submitting data to Thomson Reuters, even institutions that fall short of the world's elite have much to gain by seeing how they compare against the best across a wide range of common indicators.

RECENT POINTERS:

- There are 24 countries in the world top 200 list.
- The highest-ranked institution outside the US and the UK is Switzerland's ETH Zürich – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich.

• Asia's number one university is the University of Tokyo.

• After the US and the UK, the Netherlands is the next best-represented Nation in the top 200, with 12 Institutions.

• Of the so-called 'Bric' economies, Russia and India have no representatives in the top 200.

• Brazil's sole top 200 Institution, the University of Sao Paulo, jumps at 158th position.

• Italy does not have a single representative in the top 200, and most of its players in the 200-400 bands have lost ground.

• Japan has five top 200 Universities, more than any other Asian Nation, but most of its representatives have slipped marginally down the table.

• France has seven Institutions in the top 200.

• Israel is the only Middle Eastern country in the top 200.

• The Republic of Ireland has just two top 200 Institutions.

• The whole of Africa has a single top 200 representative: The University of Cape Town.

• Belgium has four top 200 Institutions.

• Australia has eight Institutions in the table.

Hon'ble President of India Pranab Mukherjee has also said that Indian universities need a "Clinical Examination" because of a perceived decline in their quality. The 38% shortage in teaching staff at Indian Universities is a key challenge. Indian Universities face other myriad challenges from a lack of research and innovation to their poor patents record. While, India represents 17% of the global population, its share of patents is just 2%. We cannot improve quality of education without improving quality of teaching. India has more than 600 Universities and 33,000 colleges. Naveen Jindal, Chairman and Managing Director of Jindal Steel and Power Ltd and who has committed over Rs 500 crores to the Jindal Global University has emphasized the need to bring global content to the classroom and make education contemporary to provide an efficient workforce to Industries. Human Resource Development Minister MM Pallam Raju has been of the view that spending on research and development is needed to drive innovation. The government has lined up several education reform bills in Parliament to help improve the quality of education in the country.

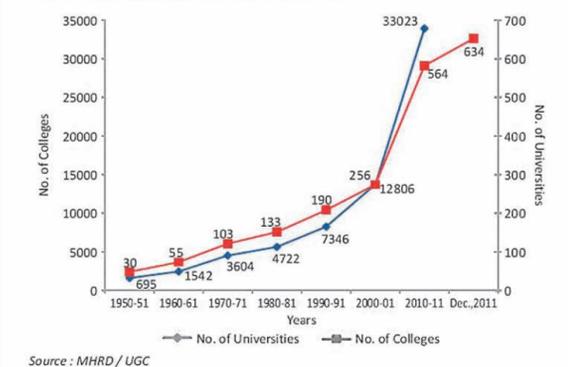
Although, bringing Foreign Universities in India could be a panacea for the ailing Indian education system, but one have to consider this from their side. Nobody is willing to invest unless they can make profits. Abroad, Governments grant huge monetary support to universities so that they can admit meritorious students on scholarship basis. Whereas India, with its education spending being nearly 3% of the GDP lacks behind with considerable difference. This would result in steep rise in education cost in our country, which would further alienate poor from education.

India still looks forth to the best in education! ♦

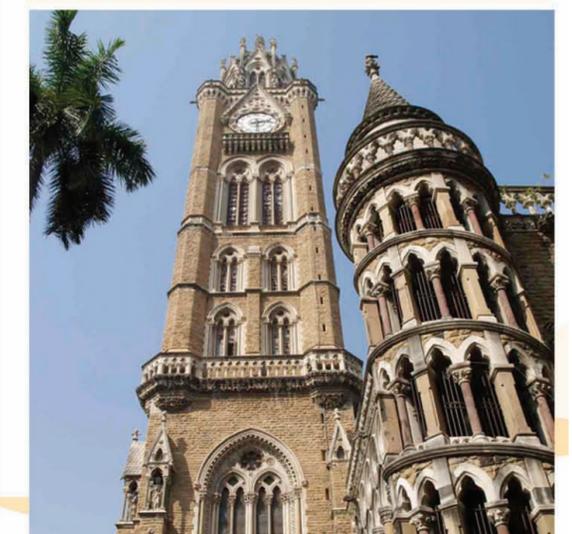
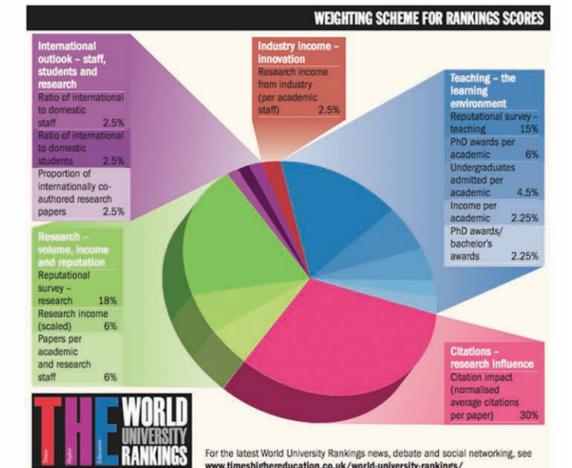
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Growth of Higher Education Institutions



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UGADI ASTHANAM

Splendour and gaiety marked `Ugadi' festival at the hill temple of Lord Venkateswara, Tirumala on Thursday. Special rituals like - visesha padi procession and visesha nuthana vastrams procession was performed inside the Vimana prakaram of the temple complex followed by the auspicious `Panchanga Sravanam' to the processional deities of Lord Malayapa and his consorts atop Sarvabhoopala Vahanam in Bangaru vakili, in

front of the presiding deity, by the temple priests. Hon'ble Ministers Sri Pithani Sathyanaraya, Smt. Galla Aruna Kumari, TTD Executive Officer Sri L.V.Subramanyam, Sri Chinta Mohan, M.P, Joint Executive Officer Sri PVenkatrami Reddy, C.V&S.O Sri GVG Ashok, Adl CVS O Sri Sivakumar Reddy, DyEO(Temple) Sri Chinnamagari Ramana, Peishkar Sri Rama Rao and others were present.



ASTRO FOCUS

April 14-20, 2013

Aries: You may find difficulty as it is one of those week when the things do not move as you want them to move. Problems are likely to end by sticking to hard work. Keep yourself away from grudges or dislikes because it could cause differences. Some unanswered questions may face you at work and affect your decision making capacity. You will enjoy little flirting and can very well fall in love.

Taurus: It is better to take advice from a good diet instructor for health if possible. Do not be rash while driving and avoid unnecessary risks. You might face problems related to money matters. Good week to send your resume or appear for an interview. Befriend after proper knowledge and understanding. Control your expenses and try not to be too lavish in your spending.

Gemini: You need to be a little careful as some individual might try to mislead you. Avoid running after materialistic, otherwise you would only face disappointment. Try to control your aggression. An opportune time to move ahead with financial plans. Financial position improves but the outflow of money would remain in existence. Your first crush will become your first love. Romantic entanglement is likely to occupy your time.

Cancer: Your enthusiasm and creativity would help you in making something exceptional. Keep yourself engaged for with social activities to bring positive change. You will be able to balance professional and domestic commitments intelligently and give your best to both. It is a good time to invest in real estate. You should try to win the trust of your partner by giving some special gift.

Leo: You should spare time to upgrade your house and bring in new things. Avoid being volunteer at the society meetings as it would consume most of your time. You will enjoy respect and honor from learned people of your field. Save your money and invest intelligently. People would come to you for advice.

Virgo: You would devote your much time in helping others. It could give you a new kind of relief. You would experience the inner joy. Positive thinking will immensely help in withering away stress. Your bad decisions of the past might come back to haunt you. You need to remain focused and determined. You will develop new friendship which will be very rewarding for you. Keep feelings of love and care in relations.

Libra: Speculation will prove fruitful for you in all senses. Stars are now in favour for maintaining bank balance. Good week to visit a lawyer to take some legal advice. Negative people may misguide you at work. If possible avoid them. You need to trust your intuition to take any decision. Do not reveal information that is personal and confidential. Personal relationship may break due to difference of opinions.

Scorpio: Financially you will be lucky this week in respect to monetary transactions. Some of you will undertake a distant journey which will be hectic but may be highly rewarding. Those working to get a transfer of workplace can expect something positive in this direction. Using your creativity to the maximum would be beneficial. Use your words sensibly in love during the week.

Sagittarius: It is better to plan properly if you are planning to travel overseas. Avoid picking up an argument at any cost even on petty issue. Money position improves as delayed payments are recovered. Stick to your own budget to avoid financial constraints. Some changes you need to make in order to keep family members happy.

Capricorn: You must utilize yourself by helping people navigate through rough patches of life. Just motivate them to make their life worthwhile by involving themselves in some charitable work. At workplace you should give freedom to employees to enable them to be creative. Restrain yourself from interfering in their work and you would notice a sea change in their output.

Aquarius: This week you will achieve things with teamwork therefore it is important for you to have a clear sense of the goal/direction. Manage your time table accordingly. A long distance travel will be financially rewarding. Construction work on workplace undertaken this week would take up most of your time. Try to save sufficient money for future and learn the tact to save it too.

Pisces: Unnecessary arguments could disturb your family atmosphere. Friends would come to your help if you need them. Check visa and other documents properly before leaving abroad for business. At work place be positive and confront the opposition boldly. True love is hard to come by but you would find it more easily than others.

SUDOKU 265

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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-264

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Answer 264 : Anil S. Gandhinagar.

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Laugh out loud

Boss : am giving u job as a driver. STARTING salary Rs.2000/- is it o.k.

Santa Singh : U R great sir! Starting salary is o.k.....but? ? how much is DRIVING salary...?

Interviewer: what is ur qualification?

Santa Singh : Sir I am Ph.d.

Interviewer : what do u mean by Ph.d?

Santa Singh : (smiling)

PASSED HIGH SCHOOL with DIFFICULTY.. ..

Santa to Son: "maths vich fail

kyu hoya"..

Son: 1st day teacher kendi 5+3=8..

Agle din kendi 6+2=8..

fir kendi 4+4=8

ullu di pathi khud confusd hai mujhe kya padhegyi...:-)

Teacher To Santa :Batao

Pineapple Aur Coconut Ke Tree

Me Kya Similarly Hai?

Santa Kafi Der Sochne K Baad

:Madam! Dono me Angoor Nahi

Lagte.

A teacher told all students in a class to write an essay on a cricket match.

All were busy writing except our Santaji.

He wrote "DUE TO RAIN, NO MATCH!"

Dad asking his 3 yrs son

You like brother baby or sister baby ?

Son: I Like Your Sister's baby

Rocking Generation.....

A young boy asks his Dad

:"What is the difference between confident and confidential?

Dad says: "You are my son, I'm

confident about that. Your friend

over there, is also my son, THAT is confidential.

History In Making

CRavi Shankar Patnaik, a renowned artist was in Poecile Art Gallery at Hyderabad and spoke about his Art profession to Deccan Post.

Tell us about your interest in Art?

My father CSN Patnaik is one of the best sculptors of national reputation and I always was fascinated by his Art.

How do you find the boom and doom in Art market?

It is not the money that is important for an artist. The recognition to the art work and the contribution of the artist to the art field is very important. After all, the work of an artist is history in the making.

Tell us about your 'Mahatma Gandhi Statue' episode?

My sculpture of 'Mahatma Gandhi' Father of the Nation was selected to be placed at the India Gate canopy in New Delhi. Then, this issue was dragged to court by the Conservation Society of Delhi and the Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage, protesting any proposal to shift the canopy from its present site. However, it was not opposed to the installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi without disturbing the canopy, which they termed as a part of the architectural heritage.

Later, the All India Freedom Fighters Association intervened and urged the court to order installation of Gandhi's statue at the site as the capital does not have any statue of the Father of the Nation except in Parliament premises. Parliament had passed resolution, supported by all

political parties, on the installation of the statue, but the matter is pending. One does not know where the 'Father of the Nation' is kept at the moment.

Is it Art all the way in the family?

My wife Sandhya hails from Kakinada and she is always encouraged by my father. Having done her Bachelor of Fine Arts, she is into painting and holds exhibition of her works all over India.

What about the statute of Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mother Teresa?

The former Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri's statue sculpted by me now adorns the foreyard of prestigious academy at Mussorie by the same name for the IAS trainees. Mother Teresa statues made by me are in El-Salvador, Panama City, and Rome.

How do you see life around these works of yours?

My work gave me a chance to host family members of Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mahatma Gandhi at my beachside house in Visakhapatnam. It was a dream to meet grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Rajmohan Gandhi, and relatives of Lal Bahadur Shastri.

What about the younger generation in Art?

I guide many youngsters at the Andhra University as a Faculty head and it is very important for them to move forward with their creativity. ♦

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Now Tapsee is the new Scuba Diver!

It is a known fact that Trisha tried her hand in Scuba diving few days ago when she went on a private trip with her costars in MS Raju's RUM. Now it's Tapsee's turn who is following Trisha and she too went for scuba diving, she tweeted through her id saying, 'just short of a written exam before I get my scuba diving license, so wish me luck, last day in Maldives and then back to Meri Dilli.'

**hot &
SPICE**



She recently tweeted, "Yeah now I am a licensed scuba diver!! Part of another world now." Tapsee took these tests in Maldives, a place that is famous for scuba diving where she was on a much needed holiday.

Tapsee's maiden Bollywood film, Chashme Buddoor is a big hit. She is starring beside Victory Venkatesh in Shadow which will hit the screens in the last week of April. She is also playing lead role in Lawrence's Muni-3.

When Priyanka got shocked!

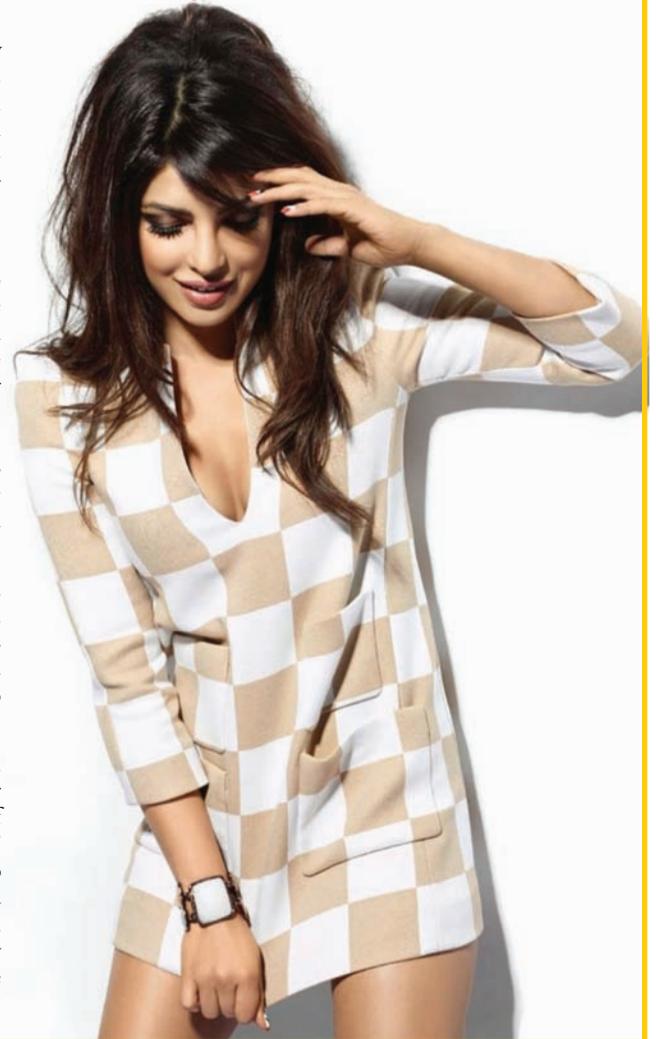
Priyanka Chopra is one angry woman these days. Buzz is that the actress was not on the 'Gunday' directors mind and that she was recommended for the lead role by none other than her cousin sister Parineeti Chopra.

According to sources, "Parineeti, was the one who recommended Priyanka for the lead role in the production house's next, Gunday, opposite Arjun Kapoor and Ranveer Singh." The source added, "Parineeti is like the baby at YRF. Everyone there loves her and she's like family. She has worked there even before YRF launched her in Ladies Vs Ricky Bahl (2011)."

This didn't go down well with the former Miss World, considering the fact that she is already a big star in Bollywood and that she needs no recommendation for films.

The source explains further, "When they began searching for the female lead in Gunday, a lot of discussions took place at the YRF office. They wanted a girl who could pull off a tough role with a lot of ease. That's when Parineeti stepped in and suggested that they should consider Priyanka for the role."

-DP Desk



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Market weakens further

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The stock market sentiment indicator Sensex continued its weakness, declining to six month lowest levels, while the American stock market surging to record highs. Market declined due to selling pressure from domestic institutional investors, while foreign funds are seen cautious for the first time in the last five months at current levels. Market has declined in the last few days, on increase in turnover indicating a possible delivery based selling, which is a negative factor. But technically, on the charts, Sensex is seen making a minor recovery nearer to the major psychological support of 18,000 levels. Market must definitely sustain at this crucial level for safety of the medium-term trend.

The fourth quarter performance results of the software major Infosys, that was announced on 12th April, was disappointing to the market and resulted in the stock crashing by nearly stunning 20%. The software sector has now turned into a cautious mode. Market is awaiting the results of India's top software company TCS and HCL Technologies on 17th April, which is expected to provide direction to the software stocks outlook.

The monthly IIP data (Indian Industrial Production) that was reported on 12th April was better than expected, which is a positive sign, indicating a possible recovery in the



economy.

The earnings season has just started and market is eagerly waiting for the quarterly financial results of the companies, which is the next major trigger for the Indian stock market. There are no major positive expectations on the results front from the experts, and it has to be seen how the companies have done in the last quarter. The results need to be above

expectations for the market to get into an uptrend.

Many analysts feel that the Banking sector can display a decline in the growth rate, and hence banking stocks remained subdued resulting in a lackluster market. Hence, market is keenly awaiting the results from the banking majors, which could strongly determine the market direction.

However, the Pharma segment continues to lead the market, where the frontline major stocks are witnessing an ascending trend. Strong growth is expected and it is believed that many mid-cap Pharma stocks which have not appreciated well in the last few weeks could be the next good investment buys for the investors to consider.

The precious metals like Gold and the Silver are seen in descending trend and are close to 10 month lows. But, strong support for the Gold is seen at 29,000 and for Silver at 50,000 levels, in the MCX commodity market, where a recovery is expected.

Dollar is showing strength against Rupee, but it needs to break-out of the major barrier of 55, to indicate a further appreciation.

Market is expected to witness a minor uptrend from 18,000 due to technical oversold position and could get into a consolidation trend, in the next few days, till the major quarterly results are declared. But Sensex in case of any further failure to sustain above the major support of 18,000, then it indicates a possible medium-term weakness, for the Investors to be cautious. ♦

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Note - Investors should be aware of risks in the stock market.

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