

DECCAN POST

Hyderabad's Only English Newsweekly



*Metro promises to transform
India's transport sector... P8*

Vol-VII, Issue No. 12

April 20-26, 2014

www.deccanpost.net

16 Pages

Rs.3/-

How BJP walked into TDP's trap



By Our Political Correspondent

The TDP-BJP sordid saga has shown that an unsuspecting and gullible BJP has simply walked into the trap carefully laid by TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu. By surrendering its interests to the TDP, the BJP has lost a golden opportunity to win more seats in Telangana and newer allies in Seemandhra.

The BJP which is making a desperate bid to regain power at the Centre was eager to rope in more parties to augment itself. Also, it has acceptability problems after Narendra Modi was anointed as its prime ministerial candidate and was looking for parties that accepted the highly-polarizing and equally controversial prime ministerial nominee. Foxy Chandrababu Naidu, who too was waiting to regain lost glory, sensed this desperation and lured the harried BJP towards his party.

Contd... on p2

A year ago, the BJP was counting on the Telangana Rashtra Samiti in Telangana and the YSRCP in residuary Andhra Pradesh as potential allies in its Mission of winning the magic number of 272. In fact, BJP top brass, including national president Rajnath Singh, leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj and immediate past national president Nitin Gadkari had great rapport with the TRS. The BJP national leadership was committed to back demand for statehood to Telangana. Time and again, the BJP had said that it would unconditionally back the T Bill whenever it was introduced in Parliament.

The BJP had opened channels with YS Jagan and his party, the YSRCP. The liaison was maintained by tainted mining baron Gali Janardhan Reddy. Reddy who tried hard to forge an alliance with the YSRCP. The BJP had to forego Gali Janardhana Reddy in view of the slew of corruption cases against him. BJP had to drop Gali like hot potato in view of unending corruption charges against him.

At this state, Chandrababu Naidu was parroting his pet theory of two eyes and two states. He claimed both Telangana and Andhra were like his two eyes and that both were equally important for him.

Cong decision changed the scene:

However, the whole scenario underwent a sea change once the Congress Working Committee had decided to carve out Telangana state. The CWC decision came on July 30th. The TDP, which wanted



to stall the CWC move, saw an ally in BJP. Naidu wanted to come to power in the combined Andhra Pradesh and create fresh troubles for the bifurcation process.

Chandrababu wanted to leverage through Narendra Modi and tried to stall the process of Telangana formation in Parliament. Naidu even opened channels with other senior BJP leaders like LK Advani to see that the bill was not passed in Parliament. Though the BJP was committed to Telangana state creation, its leaders were confused over the intense pressure mounted by Chandrababu Naidu.

Precisely at the same time, Modi was looking an ally in AP. When he came to Hyderabad on August 11th, Modi praised late NTR and mooted the idea of working for a non-Congress platform at the Centre. Naidu made good use of this gesture from Modi and established ties with BJP top brass, through his long-time friend M Venkaiah Naidu.

Ever since Naidu began active efforts to join hands with BJP, other players – TRS and YSR Congress – have begun distancing themselves from the saffron camp. As Congress started process to form the

separate state, KCR was forced to keep his options open on merging his party with Congress, while Jagan made it clear that he would consider joining hands with UPA after the elections.

BJP growth stymied in Telangana:

In these circumstances, the best course available to BJP was to go it alone in Telangana. Because the party has already been established as a serious supporter of the new state and it has ultimately displayed in the Parliament too that it was committed to its word on the issue. There were some initial doubts due to the murmur of protests by Sushma Swaraj and Advani on the bill, but later they too fell in line.

People of the region never doubted the sincerity of BJP on Telangana. That is the reason why staunch supporters of Telangana like Nagam Janardhan Reddy preferred to join BJP but not any other party. Even after Congress decision to carve out Telangana, the credibility of BJP has not come down. If the BJP contested on its own, it would have won not less than 7-8 MPs in Telangana.

That is the reason why all senior leaders of the party from Telangana – like Kishan Reddy, Dattatreya, Nagam and others strongly opposed BJP's truck with the TDP. They told the party's national leadership that if BJP aligns with TDP, which has low credibility in the region, its overall vote share will go down too.



But, the BJP national leadership was firm on going ahead with a tie-up with the TDP. In this instance, the national leaders considered two things – that they needed as many allies as possible to come to power at the centre and needed the help of a shrewd politician like Chandrababu Naidu who can win new allies, if NDA falls short of numbers after the elections. This way, BJP lost a chance in Telangana.

In Seemandhra, BJP misses the bus:

If this is the story of BJP's misery in Telangana, the party lost a wonderful opportunity to align with new allies in Seemandhra. It would have been a better proposition for BJP to go with Jagan, who has already established himself as a formidable force in Seemandhra. All the opinion polls by major national networks projected not less than 12-15 MPs out of total 25 seats in Seemandhra for Jagan's YSRCP.

If Modi's popularity is added to Jagan's vote share, the BJP would



have swept the Seemandhra, and bagged 20 out of 25 MPs together with the YSRCP. But, unfortunately, the BJP had to bow to the pressure of Naidu here too and settle for four MPs, 13 MLAs and three MLCs. Of course, MLCs cannot be allotted to any party before the polls; they will

have to be decided based on the relations between the two parties after the polls.

After tying up with TDP, the BJP leadership realized its mistake of limiting its winning chances in Seemandhra too. When the vote share of Congress is at its lowest in

history in Seemandhra, as people are angry with the party for bifurcation, the BJP should have sailed with aggressive anti-division party, YSR Congress, but not TDP. This is a costly mistake for BJP.

The fracas that was witnessed between BJP and TDP in the last few days is an indication of the serious loopholes in the alliance. Naidu was unhappy over BJP leadership's decision to allot a ticket to former union minister Daggubati Purandeswari from Rajampet Lok Sabha seat and also for keeping its doors open for talks with Jagan, after the polls.

Naidu's protest over BJP's weak candidates is only an excuse. The real reason is Naidu's worry that BJP might dump him after the polls.

Naidu was also miffed over Modi sharing dais with Pawan Kalyan in more meetings than himself. BJP temporarily saved the alliance with TDP, but in fact, it should have dumped Chandrababu Naidu at this juncture. It is a wrong step on the part of BJP. ♦

editor.deccanpost@gmail.com

www.deccantv.com

Voice Of Telangana
deccan
tv



Hyderabad Broadcasting Company Ltd.

H.No.6-3-248, Flat No.103 & 203, 'A' Block, Maheshwari Towers,
Road No.1, Banjarahills, Hyderabad - 500034.

BJP's Bal Reddy & Kishan Reddy not happy

By Shivkant Bichkunda

It appears that two Reddys from BJP are not satisfied with their party leadership. The first one is Telangana BJP president Kishan Reddy who was aspiring the Secunderabad Lok Sabha seat as he felt that it's the right time to reach the parliament and due to the anti incumbency he can win and he can also bank upon the Modi wave.

But, former minister Bandaru Dattatreya has visited many national leaders and urged them to give him a last chance to contest these elections as he does not wish to contest in next elections. He might have different ideas. He might be thinking that if Modi forms government in Delhi then he will be made a minister and can enjoy good portfolio and that's the reason he tried to convince Kishan Reddy that he is young and he will get many opportunities in his long political career.

On the other hand it has been heard that it was former APCC president V Hanumanth Rao who helped Kishan Reddy to win from Amberpet constituency as he was denied the ticket and given it to former Minorities Welfare



Minister Fareeduddin who was from Zaheerabad. And now when Hanumanth Rao is in the fray Kishan Reddy is not so hopeful of his victory from Amberpet. It is learnt from reliable sources that Kishan Reddy tried to get ticket either from Karwan or Goshamahal assembly constituency but



to no use. It is being said by political pundits that atleast he should have opted for Khairtabad constituency which could have better prospects of winning against a sitting minister who openly opposed statehood for Telangana and got a strong anti incumbency wave amongst the voters of Khairtabad.

On the other hand the other Reddy of BJP is Baddam Bal Reddy who is a veteran BJP leader and represented Karwan Constituency in the past too. Bal Reddy was aspiring for Chevella Parliament Constituency but his aspirations could not be fructified as the seat went to TDP after its alliance.

Now Bal Reddy had no other option except to try his luck from his old constituency where he already had a strong anti wave. It is also been heard that Bal Reddy got 'convinced' by the Chevella MP candidate of TDP then only this veteran leader 'sacrificed' his claim over Chevella Parliament.

It is also pertinent to mention here that one Reddy candidate is the reason from Danam Nagender's happiness is Chintala Ramachandra Reddy who lost in 2009 elections from Khairtabad and again trying his luck from the same constituency and against same opponent. Chintala does not enjoy the support of many party workers and it is being said that he is not a serious contender. ♦

shivkantb9@gmail.com



*A Thank You
from the bottom of Our hearts!!*

We take great pleasure in welcoming the passing of Andhra Pradesh State Reorganisation Bill - 2014 by our Parliament and completing the required constitutional process for formation of Telangana State.

It is a fateful moment for us in Telangana, and for the rest of our fellow brothers and sisters in India who have taken part in making our long cherished dream come true.

A new star has arisen, the star of self-respect in the Deccan. A new hope comes into being from on 2nd June, 2014.

Thank you Soniaji for honouring our decades long aspirations.

We wish you well

Telangana Constitutional Rights Protection Forum

1-2-606/80/107, 2nd Floor, LIC Colony, Opp. Indira Park, Hyderabad- 500080, Ph: 040 30424347

Contact: tcrcforum@gmail.com

TDP ahead in Nampally & Sanathnagar?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

With the publication of gazette notification of the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill (Telangana Bill) many thought that TDP will be a non entity in the Telangana region as well as Hyderabad city but such assumptions does not look real as the TDP candidates of Nampally & Sanathnagar Assembly constituencies appears to be giving tough fight to the heavyweights and influential MIM candidate as well as National Disasters Management Authority Vice-Chairman Marri Shashidhar Reddy (son of former chief minister Marri Chenna Reddy).

In Nampally, the MIM has not given its B-Form to sitting MLA Virasat Rasool Khan and gave ticket to a fresher. Whereas it made its all out efforts to see that Feroz Khan should not get ticket from any party. It is learnt that congress will not give ticket to Feroz who contested in 2009 general elections on a PRP ticket and lost in a close battle. After the merger of PRP into congress Feroz got sidelined due to the understanding between MIM and congress.

From then on the MIM is trying too hard to see that Feroz Khan should not get any ticket to contest from Nampally and give a tough fight to its candidate.



It is learnt that Feroz Khan has approached TRS chief KCR but out of obligation towards MIM, KCR denied



ticket to him. Later TDP gave its ticket to Feroz. Not digesting this, the MIM party workers and few alleged goons

have attacked brother of Feroz Khan and thrashed him brutally while he was monitoring his partymen in organizing election rallies and meetings. It is also being said that a case has been registered with the Nampally Police station but no arrests were made due to the influence of the MIM party.

On the other hand TDP candidate from Sanathnagar Assembly constituency Talasani Srinivas Yadav is giving sleepless nights to sitting MLA Marri Shashidhar Reddy. Shashidhar Reddy is being disliked by the constituency people because of his total absence from the constituency and hard to approach style of functioning. The people are complaining that their problems have not even been heard by the sitting MLA and they strongly desire a change in their representation to the assembly.

So the TDP and its leaders have a good news in Hyderabad in the form of Nampally and Sanathnagar constituencies apart from Quthbullapur where KP Vivek is giving a tough fight to sitting MLA Kuna Srisailam Goud. Lets see who will win but as of now TDP is surely had an edge over its opponents. ♦

tsprind@gmail.com

This time Old City not with MIM?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

It appears that Majlis (MIM) is going through a tough time this time in the general elections. Though there is no strong candidate like Zahed Ali Khan for Hyderabad parliament but the MIM party is not so sure and confident this time. It appears that with the developing gap between MIM & Congress Party, it's the MIM which is paying a heavy price for the same. Kiran Kumar Reddy was at the helm of affairs when MIM Floor leader in Assembly Akbaruddin Owaisi got arrested and kept in jail for 39 days for his speech against the nation and Hindus.

Not stopping there, MIM president Asaduddin Owaisi also got arrested in connection with an old case and was later released on bail which surely stressed the relations between congress and MIM which were behaving as if made for each other and got benefitted immensely for their 'mutual' understanding.

But this time both the congress and MIM are maintaining a moderate distance except for Goshamahal and

few other constituencies where they are having a crooked understanding.

The MIM which bagged 7 Assembly

seats and Hyderabad Parliament seat in 2009 general elections is facing tough competition from MBT in Chandrayangutta and Yakutpura



constituencies and BJP and TDP alliance in other Hyderabad seats like Karwan, Malakpet and Nampally assembly segments. With the attack on Akbar in Barkas and two persons died in the attack and Mohammed Pahlwal got arrested, the MIM is a worried lot in few parts of Chandrayangutta where Dr Qayyam Khan (son of former MIM leader and MLA Amanulla Khan) is giving sleepless nights to Akbar as well as Asad.

It is being predicted by the political pundits and experts that MIM is not going to win more than 5 seats and will be a flop show in other parts of Maharashtra like Nanded, Parbhani, Aurangabad, Jalna, Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur of Karnataka and Kurnool, Anantapur in neighbouring Andhra state as well as Nizamabad and Adilabad districts of new born Telangana state. And this is going to further weaken the Muslim minority party resulting in reduction of its seats in the city of Hyderabad which is going to be the common capital for both the Telangana and residuary Andhra Pradesh state for the coming 10 years. ♦

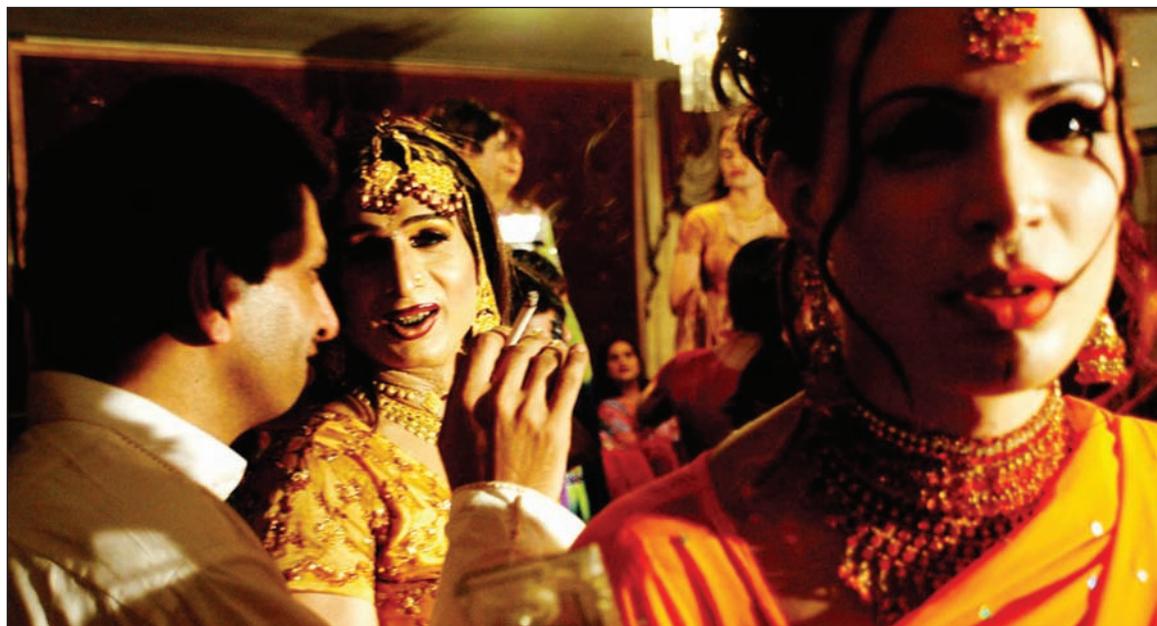
shivkantb9@gmail.com

Historic Verdict by the Apex Court

The Tuesday judgment of the Apex Court recognizing the third gender identity and protection of transgender rights is truly historic. It goes a long way in upholding the Human Rights. It is a sad fact that even after 67 years of independence the transgenders continue to remain not just neglected, but even downright ignored. The historic verdict seeks to put an end to this and brings their travails under sharp focus.

Pejoratively referred to as Hijras, they are worse off than untouchables and are often forced to live in sub-human conditions sans dignity, equal opportunity and respect. There's an immediate need to improve their lot. Hence, this judgment is landmark for reasons more than one. Most important among them being the fact that for the first ever time, the identity of third gender as different from the male and female has been accepted.

Except Aadhar and some official documents in some states, the third gender is forced to fill the gender column as either male or female. They had no choice. Now the judgment enables them to officially mention themselves as the third gender. This is a moment of pride for the estimated one crore-strong transgenders in India.



As it was rightly pointed out by the SC bench comprising justices KS Radhakrishnan and AK Sikri, no official figures on transgender population are available. They have remained marginalized and their welfare and development was utterly neglected. There is none to ensure their welfare on par with the BCs and others.

The SC has ordered the Central Government to take steps to see that their exact number was counted and that their status be grouped as economically back-

ward to enable them to be brought under the welfare net. The SC has specifically mentioned that the transgenders should be extended help under schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

As a result of the verdict, transgenders who depend on unproductive works like begging would be able to eke out livelihood with dignity and self-respect. The uniqueness of the verdict is its emphasis on psychological test, instead of biological or physiological tests to find

out whether a person is transgender or not.

In general, we come across instances where transgender persons were subjected to untold cruelty and humiliation by the mainstream society in the name of determining their gender status. On this occasion, one must appreciate the initiative taken by the National Legal Aid Services Authority which moved the SC to protect the interests of transgenders.

This judgment will have far reaching consequences as far as welfare of downtrodden people is concerned. One big impact is that the transgender people will get social justice and equality. Most of them, thrown out of their homes, because of their sexual choice will have a fair and legitimate opportunity to lead of life of their own.

Even politicians too will now have to work for their welfare as their numbers will be officially known and their vote share too will matter in politics. We can only hope that like in the developed western countries, transgender people will become part of the national mainstream. ♦

editor.deccanpost@gmail.com

KCR's machinations stun Telanganites

Before the announcement of Telangana formation by the congress party, maverick KCR was so popular in the region and was the centre of attraction for many political parties including Congress, TDP and BJP. But after the President of India gave assent and the only formality remained is the appointed day i.e. 2nd June to come and the Telanganites will have their own rule with self respect. But it appears that KCR has turned over

letters
TO THE EDITOR



ambitious and now wants to enjoy absolute power and in this hurry he has given tickets to so many family members and it looks like these are not general elections but a family feast or get together for KCR. KCR used to talk about a Dalit Chief Minister and Minority Deputy Chief Minister which seems a distant reality in present day scenario. KCR must remember how he lost in



2009 general elections and should not indulge in risky deals. I think KCR will pay a heavy price for betraying the congress as well as disappointing many staunch Telangana leaders within his party. I strongly believe that KCR will never ever become CM of Telangana.

Aditya Vardhan, Kukatpally

Crooked Politicians indulging in Corrupt Practices?

I am an old fan of Deccan Post and closely and keenly observe its articles which always have difference and freshness compared to other publications. With reference to your last week's current affairs article not only myself but crores of Indians will agree just by the example that till now the Election Commission authorities have seized more than 300 crores of rupees and a large proportion comes from our state of AP. We have heard about match fixing in cricket but as the politicians are participating in cricket management too the match fixing seems to be affecting the current day politics. It was shocking to know that MIM is not fielding any candidate from Goshamahal constituency which is a vital part of Hyderabad Parliament constituency. The MIM and the Congress must tell the people what is their understanding. I also felt that there is no strong candidate against Danam Nagender too who is contesting from Khairtabad constituency. One thing we can say for sure that many politicians like Mukesh, Danam, etc. can go to any extent to win the elections and be in the power. Shame on these

crooked politics.

Indu Sharma, Old City

Delaying civic body election results not healthy

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I must say that I am in total agreement with your last week's editorial on results of civic bodies. The supreme court of India should have considered that voters have voted the people to be their representatives and its their right to know who got elected and who is going to address their civic and day to day problems. If the results of the elections were to be postponed then the Panchayat polls should have also been extended for a further period keeping the general elections in mind. The results of panchayat polls are not going to influence the prospects of any candidate or party in the general elections as Panchayat polls only depends upon the local issues but the general elections will have national issues. The competent authorities must rethink about it.

PVS Rao, Malkajgiri

Readers are requested to send in their feedback to editor.deccanpost@gmail.com

Has Chandrababu conned the BJP yet again?

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent

The top brass of the TDP and the BJP had cobbled up an electoral alliance despite stiff resistance from the cadres of both the parties. The Telangana BJP and the Seemandhra TDP cadres staged protest against the tie-up. Now, even the Seemandhra unit of the BJP appears to be wary of the tie-up as Chandrababu Naidu is back to his poli 'tricking' ways.

A section of the BJP, which had suffered the browbeating and bulldozing ways of Chandrababu Naidu in the past wondered whether the BJP would be taken for a ride yet again. Questions began to be raised as to whether there was a need for such meek surrender.

The TDP has been going through torrid times. It is already out of power for over 10 years. Its credibility has touched a nadir since December 2009 when the Telangana announcement came. To prevent further crumbling of the party edifice, an alliance needed to be cobbled up, feel TDP insiders. However, an alliance appears to get a warmer welcome in Telangana than the Seemandhra as the party faces near total decimation in the former region.

The BJP cadre in both the regions is wary of Chandrababu Naidu's



mercurial ways. Will he ditch the BJP after deriving benefit out of the alliance? Also, what would be the role of the other Naidu of the BJP variety? Sources from within both the parties have expressed apprehensions that the BJP-TDP alliance could finally show up as a road to nowhere.

For the BJP, association with the TDP, which resorted to dilatory tactics to thwart the AP state reorganization bill, is nothing short of a millstone around the neck. For the TDP, however, it is an opportunity to latch on to the Modi bandwagon and gain benefits. Chandrababu Naidu, beleaguered by

NTR family's apathy, knows that this is his last ditch battle and has to perform or perish this tie. Hence, he enticed Modi and the BJP top brass and trapped them into an alliance.

He killed three birds in one shot. Firstly, he got the BJP prop to save his party. Secondly, he managed to prevent his party leaders from crossing over to the BJP. Thirdly, he planned to prevent the BJP from growing in the Seemandhra region.

However, Chandrababu soon realized that the BJP of 2004 vintage and the present BJP are different. He found the newfound assertiveness of

the BJP utterly unpalatable. So, he began dictating terms. He scuttled Kishan Reddy's chances of contesting from Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency. He also tried to meddle in the BJP's internal affairs and tried to dictate to the BJP whom to field where.

For the present, the BJP has shown that it means business. It had managed to cut Chandrababu to size. But, will Chandrababu have the last laugh given his proximity to the BJP top brass? Will he be able to stymie the BJP in the residuary Andhra Pradesh? Let's wait and watch! ♦

tsprind@gmail.com

Young voter itching to get his index finger inked

By Tushar Subhra Chatterjee

Youth have always been an important cog in the demographic wheel of any country. They foment revolutions, bring in change. They are radical and never shy away from asserting themselves. This 2014 general election will be unprecedented in the history of independent India. Statistically speaking, more than 50% of India's population is under the age of 25. According to estimates, a whopping 150 million eligible voters are between 18 and 23. This is close to the entire registered voters of the United States!

What does the young voter want? Simple! A better country! Educated youth aren't corrupted by vagaries of caste, religion and region-based politics. They are very vocal and are social media addicts. They make their displeasure heard on various platforms and aren't timid to face the occasional water cannons and mustard gas bombs



like they have shown during Damini rape case in Delhi and even the Anna Hazare movement. They want the country to hit double digit growth numbers. They want more job opportunities, less crime specially against women and perhaps the most important - no corruption. And they know their parties. Oh yes, they do!

As for the ensuing general election, youth have been itching to get their fore-finger inked. They have no doubts lingering in the back of their minds regarding whom to vote this summer. They are going to come out in droves and cast their votes. What's the guarantee? Well, just see the number of selfies of young people flashing their fingers marked with Mysore ink as their profile pictures on the Facebook. This is an election that is going to give a lot of teeth to voters. ♦

shankarjagu@gmail.com

With more than 20 cities in India building 7500 km-long Metro rail, with a planned investment in Urban Transit Rail Projects of the order of Rupees One lakh crores in the next 15 years, there is a huge demand for skilled manpower. This is a unique opportunity for engineers

By Jaywant Naidu

India's rapid transit has three systems – Metro, Monorail and Light rail. Kolkata Metro, started in 1984, was the first rapid transit system in India. The Delhi Metro is the first modern metro rail system and the third in India after Kolkata Metro and Chennai Mass Rapid Transit System. The Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon, which began operations in November last year, is India's first metro that is privately-owned and operated.

In 2009, the Union Government had decided to invest Rs.2000 billion (US\$33.4 billion) on metro rail projects for the coming 10 years. As per the plan, all Indian cities with more than two million people would have metro rail system. Currently, rapid transit systems operate in five cities and few more are in various stages of planning or construction. Metro rail lines in India have both standard gauge and broad gauge. Projects like the Delhi Metro used broad gauge for their earliest lines, but most new projects are on standard gauge as rolling stock imported from Europe is on Standard Gauge. One exception is the Ahmedabad Metro, which will use Broad gauge, as broad gauge coaches offer more space inside. The broad gauge coaches also allow freight movement from the Indian railway network.

Though built in one of the most congested cities in the world, the Delhi Metro has cutting edge technology from around the world to create a system that is one of the most advanced and is absolutely congestion-free. The Delhi Metro is also one of few Metros in the world having an operational profit from the first day.

However, Indian metro trains are slower than their counterparts in other parts of the world, as they are not underground and have to take sharp curves. For example, Bangalore metro has a maximum speed of 40.5 km/h on curves, but the average speed while

Metro promises to transform India's transport sector

negotiating curves is just 30 km/h. Hyderabad Metro will have an average speed of 25 km/h, where as China's Shanghai Metro has been known to reach speeds of up to 501 km/h (311 mph) on test drives and normally operates at a speed of 431 km/h (268 mph).

METRO STATION BRANDING

Looking to tap monetary sources far beyond the traditional, the Metro rail is eyeing advertisement and branding on a big scale. The Mumbai metro Phase I project has emerged as the second urban infrastructure project in the country to use station branding for non-fare box revenue collection. The Phase I line of Mumbai Metro between Versova to Ghatkopar is currently e-auctioning naming rights for 12 of its stations. Gurgaon Rapid Metro built by Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) was the first metro project to auction naming rights for four of its stations. Gurgaon Rapid Metro expects about 10-15% of its overall revenue to come from non-tariff avenues, about 50% of which comes from station branding. The contract period ranges between 3 and 5 years and players like Vodafone, Micromax, Airtel and IndusInd Bank have branded the four stations. In the coming years, non-fare box revenue is expected to jump up to 30 to 40% as the ridership and network expands. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, however, has shied away from using this concept. With an operational network of 189 km, it still earns about 65% of its revenue from non-operational activities like consultancy, retail, real estate, advertisements, bank deposits etc.

SOUTH ASIA'S FIRST METRO MUSEUM:

South Asia's first modern Metro Museum, showcasing the Delhi Metro, has been opened in New Delhi. This is the only such installation worldwide in an operational Metro station. The Metro Museum at

Patel Chowk Metro station comes as a New Year gift to the people of Delhi and showcases the genesis, history and the journey of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). Metro Museums can be found in only a few European, US and Japanese cities, but the one at Delhi Metro is one-of-a-kind as it is located in an operational station.

The museum, a collection of display panels, historical photographs and exhibits, traces the genesis of the Delhi Metro which took 32 years to reach the operational stage. It showcases major milestones, issues regarding the selection of the technology such as rolling stock (trains), rail gauge, etc. The museum has an extensive section on the construction of the Metro and the problems encountered during the process, including the story behind the construction of technological marvels such as the Chawri Bazaar Metro station, which is the second deepest Metro station in the world, India's first extra-dosed bridge.

A model of Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), a "tooth" taken from a TBM, soil samples collected from around the city and helmets of different colours used at construction sites form part of the museum. The technological features of the Metro system such as the Automatic Train Control System, Automatic Fare Collection system, round-the-clock activities of various departments, features friendly for the physically-challenged, actual Metro rails and Over Head Equipment (OHE) to supply power are showcased in the museum. The museum has two touch-screen computers that play the DMRC corporate movie and animations describing the way tunnel boring machines and launching girders were used in elevated construction work. Mannequins wearing the different uniforms of the operations and construction staff, along with brief descriptions of these, a model of the Metro train, models of stations, share certificates and close-circuit television camera which visitors can use are also included.

FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING

To ensure skill-upgradation of metro engineers and staff, two research and training institutions have been set up. One is in Delhi and the other is in Hyderabad.

DMRC training institute, Delhi: The DMRC has been entrusted by the Government of India the task of implementation and subsequent operation of rail-based metro rail system in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. To meet the requirement, the DMRC has established its own Training Institute at Shastri Park Train depot in 2002. The Training Institute is an ISO 9001:2008 accredited institution for design, development and delivery of training programs. It is equipped with state-of-the-art training infrastructure in the field of operations and maintenance. It is equipped with all modern facilities to impart customized training on almost all aspects of operations and maintenance of rail-based urban transportation systems.

The Institute of Metro and Rail Technology (IMRT), Hyderabad: IMRT's objective is to produce the next generation techno managers capable of making crucial decisions. IMRT aims to be a knowledge leader in this space by designing, developing, and delivering high-impact learning for the rail industry through education and research. IMRT will symbolize the depth and breadth of knowledge a metro and railways professional needs.

OPPORTUNITIES GALORE

With more than 20 cities in India building 7500 km-long Metro rail, with a planned investment in Urban Transit Rail Projects of the order of Rupees One lakh crores in the next 15 years, there is a huge demand for skilled manpower. This is a unique opportunity for engineers. ♦

editor.deccanpost@gmail.com



IMRT, Pride of Hyderabad

The Institute of Metro & Rail Technology, Hyderabad, is a research and training institution in Metro and Rail Technology. IMRT's objective is to produce the next generation techno managers capable of making crucial decisions. "The PGMRT course is the fruition of two years of research and analysis. We wanted to have everything in place to provide the best of facilities for the students. IMRT will be known by the students we produce. They will create a positive impact in their work through their learning. IMRT's associations with metro corporations, the industry, and premium educational institutions will ensure that everything taught is relevant and tuned to international standards," says Gyan Prakash, Director General, IMRT.

The program will be conducted under the guidance of top faculty drawn from India and abroad as well as practicing industry experts. The Institution has inked tie-ups with Universities in USA, Australia, and India, International Railway/Metro Consultants, manufacturers, operators and Metro corporations to bring the most updated courseware and knowledge to the students.

Highlights of the PGMRT Course are:

- First course in Metro-Rail domain
- Opens up a new vista for engineers
- Exclusive proprietary course material
- Industry designed training modules
- Scholarship/bank funding available
- Huge opportunities for trained personnel



Avail
all products at
ONE STOP
in Abids



HAIR CARE



FACE WASH



LIP CARE



EYE CARE

UNIVERSAL COSMETICS

Dealers in National & International Beauty Parlour Accessories

Ground Floor, Padma Tower, Abids, J.N. Road, Hyderabad -500 01
Customer Care No : 9246376615 Email: enugula_rajender@yahoo.co.in

Adbhutha Shanti Vedaparayanam in Tirumala Shrine

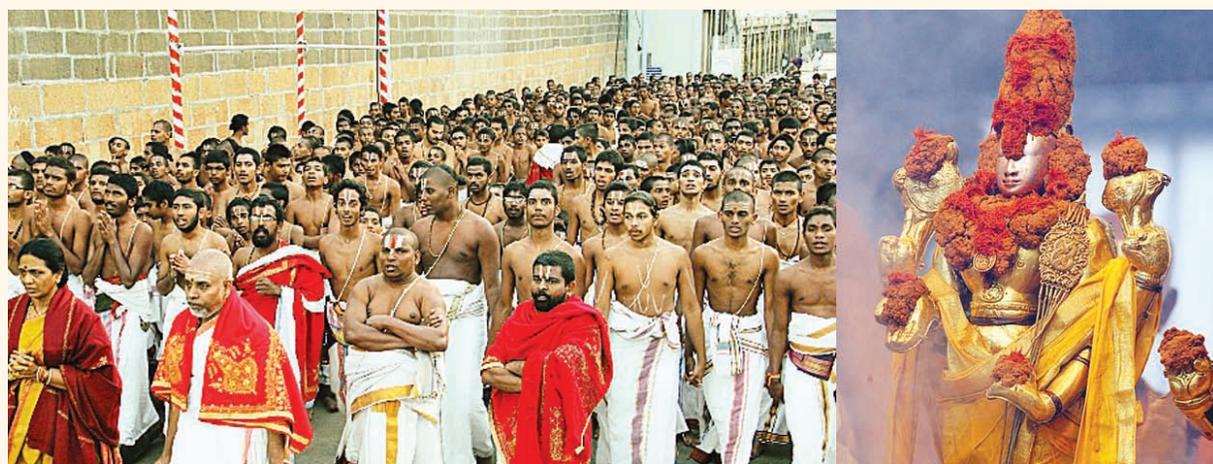
The temple administration of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTDs) will be organising three-day Adbhutha Shanti Vedaprayanam appealing the Lord to bestow prosperity and peace on the universe which will commence in Tirumala Srivari temple on April 18 and conclude on April 20th.

This vedic recitation will be between 8.30am to 10.30am during these three days in the Kalyanotsava Man-



dapam at Sampangi Prakaram and will performed under the supervision of Chief Priest Dr AV Ramana Dikshitulu, Agama Advisors Sriman NAK Sunderavaradan and Sri NK Mohana Rangacharyulu. Meanwhile this Vedaparayanam

will be conducted departmentally and devotees will not be allowed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to participate in the programme. The arjitha sevas including Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Vasanthotsavam etc. will take place as usual during these days.



LAUGH OUT LOUD

Bhakt : Meri shadi Aishwarya se kara do.
Bhagwan : Uski ek saree 1 lac ki hai, tu kharcha kar payega.

Bhakt : Koi upay bhagvan
Bhagwan : Mallika Sherawat.

Bania market jata hai underwear purchase karne.

Bania: Yeh kitne ka hai?

Shopkeeper: Rs 500.

Kanjoos Bania: Arey bhai daily wear dikhaao, party wear nahi.

Wife: Woh admī jo drink kar raha hai, Usko maine 10 saal pehle shadi ke liye inkaar kia tha. Dekho who aaj tak sharab pee raha hai!
Husband: Wow! itni lambi celebration!

Ek police Inspector ke ghar chori ho rahi thi.

Wife: Utho ji, ghar mein chori ho rahi hai.

Police Inspector: Mujhe sone de, main iss time duty par nahi hoon.

Teacher : PAPPU, give me a sentence starting with "I".

Pappu : I is...

Teacher : No, PAPPU. Always say, "I am."

Pappu : All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

HEALTH TIPS

8 Wonderful Benefits of Honey

Honey is one of the oldest natural sweeteners people have been consuming, which has a lot of great health benefits that you might not be aware of. Honey has actually a lot to offer, from skin rejuvenation, helping in weight loss to fighting a hangover. One of the best things about honey is that it's a natural cure with incredible taste. Check out the list of the most wonderful benefits of honey.

1. Boosts your energy levels naturally: If you want to increase your energy levels naturally, try adding honey to your eating plan and make sure you reduce your coffee consumption.

2. A good cure for your sore throat: It's one of the most widespread ways to use honey that really work. If you have a sore throat.

3. Boosts your immune system: Honey is high in powerful antioxidants that help you boost your immune system, especially if consumed with lemon.

5. Helps to sleep better: If you have trouble falling asleep, honey may help you.

6. Helps to heal cuts and scrapes: If you've got a painful scrape that is not healing fast, try applying a little bit of honey to the area and allow it to sit for a while.

7. Combats a hangover: Did you know that honey can help you fight a hangover? Honey contains the natural sugars that help speed up oxidation of alcohol by your liver.

8. Fights bad breath: To tell the truth, I was greatly astonished to discover that honey can fight bad breath.

SUDOKU 318

	2	1	5	3	4		9	7
3	6					8	2	
		2						
6								5
1		3	6	5		4	2	
4	5		7	8				1
	3							8
8			2	3	4	1	9	
9	4	8	5					

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-317

7	9	3	1	2	4	5	8	6
5	8	1	3	9	6	2	4	7
4	6	2	7	5	8	3	9	1
6	1	9	5	7	2	8	3	4
2	4	7	8	6	3	9	1	5
3	5	8	4	1	9	6	7	2
1	2	4	9	8	5	7	6	3
9	3	6	2	4	7	1	5	8
8	7	5	6	3	1	4	2	9

Answer 317: Rojarani, Goshamahal.

ASTRO FOCUS

Aries: This week you will try to move ahead. Conjugal relations will be quite warm. You may be drawn towards spiritual matters. You may be ditched by your close associates. You would start the week with your energy levels peaking and should be able to inspire greatness in your peers. If you work independently, you will be favored by Fate. An instant connection can make this a very interesting week

Taurus: You may also have a few little changes you would like to experiment with and now is the time to try them out. Professionally you will continue to grow and will keep coming across new opportunities one after another. Friends are very cheerful and most helpful this week being most productive if you need favors or assistance. Your Love/relationship will be better.

Gemini: This week is all about change and you can be quite influential. Start off looking around for inspiration. You may have a good cash flow this week. You may save your costs by aligning with your existing resources. Your responsibilities can keep you busy with your work, with an organization or with your buds but fitting romance into your schedule could be challenging.

Cancer: Networking is vitally important early this week make sure that you spend as much time as you can deal with clients, ringing up colleagues and generally strengthening your working relationships. This week you'll have new experiences which will allow you to show your good points and your flair for long-term business. Friends are most helpful this week when they provide inside career tracks.

Leo: This week you will be very busy with your tight job schedule. You may face some new challenges which you can easily manage. Money wise you will do very well this week, business will grow at fast pace and you may be offered a partnership in recently started venture. Be prepared to face any challenges that may come up. It may chance to meet someone new or bring new life to a current relationship.

Virgo: You will spend money mainly on medical grounds. You have to control your temperaments else, you may land into trouble. In the second half of the week, any amount due to you from governmental organizations may add your bank balance. In service persons and professionals may not get cooperation from subordinates. Control your tongue. Maintain cordial relations with all. Travels will be fruitful and fetching.

Libra: Your financial position improves boosting your confidence and morale. Some of your higher officials will do a favor to you. Try to avoid confrontation and unnecessary discussions. Interpersonal relationship needs to be handled tactfully; even a slight misunderstanding might cause a dent.

Scorpio: Good week to plan your savings and make future investments. Your work and business prospects will improve. Businessmen shall make new contacts. Your willingness to help others would leave you tired and exhausted. You may likely to visit some devotional places. You may likely to attend interview and seminars.

Sagittarius: You will spend majority of your time in earning money and searching ways to achieve the goal. Your sincere efforts are going to bless you with favorable results. With your prudence, you will get the things with much easier. For those in jobs, the struggle for survival will continue; hard work and plenty of efforts are called for.

Capricorn: You will have to do much to get good at career opportunities. Several good professional opportunities are likely to come your way, you may also derive the maximum benefit from the available opportunities. Your love life will be quite exciting. Those in love will manage a few moments of togetherness, full of passionate intensity.

Aquarius: There could be a technical hitch in implementing your plans initially. Since a quick solution is required. Old and outstanding or held up money will be recovered. There are indications that past efforts would bring expected success. You hard work shall be duly rewarded. Some of the naives will be in a position to solve the outstanding problems.

Pisces: A venture capitalist may encourage you to start an independent venture. You are required to take decisions after deliberating all pros and cons carefully. New friendship will be established. Proper financial planning is advised. Distance yourselves from troublesome areas. Your abilities may take you to the peak of your professional growth.

Spread love in the universe

Popular Dancer Martin Harriague from France was in Hyderabad for a performance and spoke to Decan Post.

What does dance mean to you?

Dance is a way of expressing myself.

How do you manage to choreograph, compose music and do many other things for the performance?

My inspiration has been the ultimate artiste - Michael Jackson. One needs to become a complete artiste. This needs to take personal care and know nuances of every area. I am therefore a choreographer, musician, actor, singer and costume designer.

What is 'Black Pulp' all about?

'Black Pulp' is a sensual performance like a movie or a drama in visual quality and talks about love - a very universal theme. It deals with the trials and tribulations of love and how a couple finally resolves their differences and decides to give themselves a second chance. I was inspired to do the piece from a rather depressing experience I had in Netherlands where the company I

worked with shut down unexpectedly. I lost my job, friends and my lover.

How did you overcome the situation?

I wanted to create something to vent my anger and show the audience how a bad situation can be used in your favour. Instead of resigning to your fate you can use this situation to become a better and stronger person. After all, happiness is not a goal to be achieved but a journey in life.

What message is this performance about?

It's as raw as a wounded relationship. We play out the stages of separation between a man and a woman. Sometimes, like animals, they circle each other with anger and violence, and sometimes they are puppets collapsing into dismay, regret and loneliness. The smoke that covers the stage acts like the fog of old memory through which we see a couple coming together and apart. The body movements are an explosive range of arches and stretches, trembling torsos and minute, fragile flutters. We fall down so we can stand stronger. Challenges make us grow.



Whats behind the name Compagnie XIN?

I witnessed an exceptional Bharatnatyam performance by a Chinese girl in Malaysia. When I saw an Indian art form being performed by her, I decided to give my company her name and named it Compagnie XIN. Even when she fell on

stage and needed stitches the next day, she kept dancing. To me, she represents tenacity, courage and commitment.

What is your aim?

It's not about money or fame. It's about spreading love in the universe. ♦

JAYWANT NAIDU
mail@deccanpost.net

climb **safely, smartly ...**



www.sagarasia.com

Sagarasia Limited : 201&203, 2nd Floor, Myfair complex, S.P. Road, Secunderabad- 500 003, India T+91 40 27728500 F +91 40 27728529

Plant: 11/P & 12/P, Survey No. 855, Medchal, RR Dist, AP, India T+91 8418 225720 / 21 / 22 F+91 8418 225719

MERRYFAIR

Maybe, the interiors of the new bistro you're designing will win you an award!



What about the chairs?

Will they win awards from your client's customer? Think! "Cause what your customer's customer is looking for is comfort, is looking for ergonomics Therefore Kopi-O. The cafeteria/bistro chair of the World!

MONARCH

ERGONOMICS

www.monarchergo.com

ONE OF INDIA'S LARGEST SUPPLIERS FOR MODULAR FURNITURE & OFFICE SEATING

MONARCH ERGONOMICS INDIA PVT. LTD., # 304, Bhuvana Towers, S.D.Road, Secunderabad – 500 003. Fax: +91 40 27812334

Email: contact@monarchergo.com Contact: Girija Kotha + 91 9701116999 for sales & services

DISTRIBUTOR ENQUIRES SOLICITED FOR NON-REPRESENTED AREAS

♦MODULAR FURNITURE AND SEATING FOR OFFICES♦ EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS♦ AUDITORIUMS♦ CAFETERIAS♦ LOUNGES♦ PUBLIC SEATING Ahmedabad • Bengaluru • Chandigarh • Chennai • Kochi • Delhi • Guwahati • Hyderabad • Kolkatta • Mumbai • Pune • Surat • Thiruvananthapuram

tridesofindia.com

Hot Aditi pairs with Akshay

Over thirty years age is not a happy sign for heroines who are dependent on Tollywood but Sweetie Shetty alias Anushka is a different lady altogether. But the bad news that is the publicity is about her retirement from Telugu films. Even Anushka too indicated that she is going to tie the knot post Rudramadevi and Bahubali releases, leaving the hearts of many aspiring men in deserts.



Aditi Rao Hydari, who was last seen in Boss opposite Akshay Kumar, and more often than not is known for her unconventional roles, will soon be seen in the upcoming film Guddu Rangeela.

The film sees Aditi as a deaf and mute small town girl from Chandigarh. The actress has undergone intense training so as to attain perfection to her character. The film also sees Amit Sadh and Aditi will be communicating in sign language with him. Produced by Sangeeta Ahir under the banner of Fox Star Studios, Guddu Rangeela is directed by Subhash Kapoor and also stars Arshad Warsi.

-DP Desk



Chitragada got divorce?

Not so long ago, rumors had it that all was not well in Chitragada Singh's personal life and that her marriage to Golfer husband Jyoti Randhawa had hit rock bottom. Well, the news is now confirmed. The couple have finally parted ways as the Gurgaon family court has granted them the divorce. The couple tied the knot in 2001 and are blessed with one child, Zorawar Randhawa, who is five years now. As per reports, Zorawar's custody has been given to his mother Chitragada. If buzz is to be believed, Chitragada's frequent travels from Mumbai to Delhi and back is what has caused the tension, as she was unable to juggle between home and career.

Chitragada is currently working on the tamil film 'Anjaan', where she is doing a cameo.



DO YOU KNOW ?

Alcoholism is a killer disease?

NO NEED TO PANIC

Want to know the solution?

JUST STAY SOBER



Do you or your loved ones suffer from Alcoholism?
For Free Help Contact : 9666466118/119

RBI directs the Market

By Mahesh Malekar

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken an important decision regarding the country's forex rate. The RBI has suggested setting up an independent body to recommend a benchmark forex rate. This, the RBI believes, will reduce the chance of forex manipulation by banks. The RBI has directed Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) and Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India (FEDAI) to take necessary steps to act as administrators of the Indian Rupee interest rate and the forex rate respectively. The benchmark setting process is currently plagued with conflicts of interest due to the corporate governance structure of the two institutions. This is an important development after the manipulation of the London Interbank Overnight Rate (LIBOR) had come to light in June 2012. The suggestions will help to prevent such manipulation in the Indian forex markets.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation increased to 5.7% in March from 4.68% a month ago, snapping a three-month easing trend as fruit and vegetable prices started to climb up again. Food inflation rose to 9.9% in March from 8.1% in February and, within it, prices of vegetables jumped to 8.5% compared with a 3.9% rise a month ago and that of fruits rose 16.1% compared with a 9.9% growth earlier. Fuel inflation increased to 11.2% from 8.7% a month ago as the government raised cooking gas prices. According to the data released by the



Government today, the January inflation number has been revised upwards to 5.1% as well.

'Unofficial inflow' of gold into India was estimated at 178.7 tonnes in 2013, about 75 per cent higher compared to the 104 tonnes in 2012, according to a GFMS Thomson Reuters survey. This follows the several restrictions of official import, such

as a 10.3 per cent tariff and a legal compulsion to export 20 per cent of any imported gold.

GFMS estimated the total gross gold import in 2013 at 961.7 tonnes, a tenth lower than the previous year. The government's curbs were after a rise in gold import to \$56 billion in 2012-13; this was held to be putting undue pressure on the

current account deficit.

The markets also took note of global rating agency Standard & Poor's report, which stated that it may upgrade India's outlook if the next Government addresses some of the country's fiscal and economic challenges on a priority basis.

Five firms buying back shares worth Rs 6,000 cr this year Together, all the five firms have planned to infuse a capital of Rs 5,940.85 crore to repurchase 19 crore shares from their respective shareholders through open market route on stock exchanges, according to the Sebi data.

Meanwhile, 14 companies have completed their respective buyback programmes, so far this year, and have repurchased nearly 8 crore shares for an amount of Rs 1,210.62 crore. These include buyback plans of Crompton Greaves, Aptech, UPL Ltd, Jindal Steel & Power and Maharashtra Seamless. Jindal Steel and Power utilised a total of Rs 500.8 crore to buyback around 2 crore shares followed by UPL Ltd which invested Rs 282.57 crore and repurchased 1.40 crore of its scrips from the shareholders.

The Sensex resumed higher at 22,698.09 and hovered in a range of 22,737.31 and 22,247.39 before closing at 22,628.84, a mere loss of 0.12 points over the last weekend level. Investors to be cautious. ♦

mail@deccanpost.net

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

DECCAN POST

Dear readers
catch us for more
news and views
on our new website



E-paper available
on ipads & mobiles

log on to : www.deccanpost.net





PHOENIX FOUNDATION

Rehabilitation Centre for Substance Abuse and Behavioural Addiction

Treatment

- Medical Assessment and Detoxification
- Motivational Interview
- Psychiatric and Psychological Assessment
- Psychotherapy
- Individual and Group Counselling
- Relapse Prevention Program
- Adult Substance Education Program
- Behaviour Therapy
- Management of Emotions and Feelings
- AA / NA 12 Step Program
- Family and Marital Counselling
- Life Skill Enhancement

Facilities

- ❖ 24hrs medical / Nursing care
- ❖ In house counsellors
- ❖ Hygienic food
- ❖ Yoga, Home Gym and Indoor Games
- ❖ Stress relieving Massage
- ❖ Steam and Sauna
- ❖ Aesthetically landscaped garden
- ❖ Well-furnished AC Rooms



Are you suffering from
Alcohol, Drugs etc.,
ADDICTION ?

We believe

- ❖ Addiction is a treatable disease that affects the individual and his family.
- ❖ Comfort them by security, acceptance and love to express themselves.
- ❖ Restore faith in values by finding a healthy substitution for addiction free life.

*Crisis response staff is on call
24 hours a day- everyday*

+ 91 77 99 91 92 93

38, Anupuram, A.S. Rao Nagar, Kapra, Secunderabad – 500 062, INDIA.
☎: +91 40 2716 9999 Cell: +91 888 6 333 112 Email: info@phoenixrehab.co.in

A Journey of 1000 miles Starts, But with the "FIRST STEP"

www.phoenixrehab.co.in