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Is Hyderabad, the real challenge for the GoM?



By Our Political Correspondent

The Group of Ministers (GoM) led by Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde is seen grappling with the issue of bifurcation of State of Andhra Pradesh to form new State of Telangana since past two months. The GoM has met several times discussing the modalities for working out the draft bill. The GoM interacted with senior bureaucrats heading several ministries in the Union Government besides summoning the AP State Chief Secretary and other Secretaries in the State government seeking a lot of data from them. The GoM also invited the eight recognized political parties for the last time on 13th November. The GoM also interacted with several individual leaders from Andhra Pradesh ever since the cabinet approved the T-Note on 3rd October. They also formed a Task Force headed by Vijay Kumar, former DG of CRPF to interact with senior police officers from AP state and also former DGPs who served in the state to elicit their feedback on state bifurcation and tackling law and order issues in the proposed new states.

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However, after resolving many contentious issues pertaining to sharing of river waters, assets, liabilities, revenue sharing, administrative functions etcetera that needed proper justification of the State bifurcation; the biggest challenge they seem to be experiencing is over managing the status of Hyderabad City which is to be converted into a joint capital for a period of ten years for the two states. Towards this, many concerns of Andhras like maintenance of law and order; affording protection to lands acquired by Seemandhra people; affording educational facilities for Andhra students in higher educational institutions situated in Hyderabad and regulating the state government staff in the new state secretariats seem to be the issues, the GoM is looking to work on. A final picture is likely to emerge on 18th November after the GoM interacts with the three Union Ministers from Telangana region and nine Union Ministers from Seemandhra region from the present Andhra Pradesh state. There is a bone of contention with several ministers from Seemandhra demanding that Hyderabad be made a Union Territory vis-à-vis stringent opposition from Telangana ministers. The GoM has sought feedback and suggestions from political parties, and also interested people. It received about 20,000 representations. Whatever may be the outcome -- upon perusing those; the union government has a responsibility of coming out with a solution that is prag-

matic, viable, reasonable and judicious. Except the future of Hyderabad, almost all major political parties have arrived at a general understanding on the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

Even the opponents of Telangana like YSR Congress President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy are raising doubts over the range and nature of the common capital for both Telangana and residuary state of Andhra Pradesh that is Seemandhra, for the next 10 years as envisaged by the Congress Working Committee on July 30th. For that matter, TDP President Chandrababu Naidu too is seeking clarifications from the Centre on the rights of Seemandhra people in Hyderabad city, which is the bone of contention for them till now. Naidu has been asking for more safeguards for Seemandhra people in the properties and educational and employment opportunities in the present capital city.

So, naturally, the GoM will have to handle the issue of Hyderabad before settling other issues like river waters, educational and employment rights and boundaries etc. Already, there are reports that the Antony committee earlier constituted by the Congress high command to look into the grievances of Seemandhra people has done some exercise on this and prepared a report. Though Union Defense Minister AK Antony is reported to have denied submitting any report till



now, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha walked out of a meeting held in the Congress war room in the Gurudwara Rakab Gunj Marg in New Delhi on last Monday, apparently in protest against the suggestions of Antony panel. A major suggestion of the panel that was objected to by the Deputy CM Damodar Rajanarsimha was a proposal to make the limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

(GHMC) as the common capital of Telangana and Seemandhra. If this is accepted, then, an area of 650 sq km around the city would become the joint property of both the regions to be shared alike for next 10 years. Everyone is aware how such a proposal is not at all acceptable to the people of Telangana.

Another worse and atrocious report sent on behalf of the Andhra Pradesh government proposed that the territorial limits of the common capital should extend to the area of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) that runs to 6,500 sq km. This area extends from Shadnagar on the South to Bhongir (Nalgonda District) on the North and Choutuppal (Nalgonda) on the East to Sangareddy (Medak) on the West. This is even more dangerous and unacceptable to people of Hyderabad. In fact TRS and other Telangana outfits have demanded that the time frame of the common capital should be limited for a period of two to five years and the area should not exceed the limits of old Hyderabad revenue zone – that is limits of old Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad (MCH) plus Secunderabad Cantonment, just 175 sq km. Going by the reports of both Antony committee which was apparently influenced by the Seemandhra leaders particularly Union Minister Chiranjeevi and others, it is abundantly clear that these leaders want to perpetuate their rights on the properties and lands acquired by way of allotments around the city in gross violation of the rules and norms. Otherwise, what are they being so fussy about



the limits of the common capital? For instance, Antony committee suggested that the future government of Telangana should not make any laws which would de-recognize the sale and transfer of rights on the lands around the city. This provision is an indication that there are major violations of rules and regulations in the land deals that took place over the years in and around Hyderabad.

Determining Hyderabad's administrative zone:

The GoM can adopt three methods to determine the original extent of Hyderabad city that is the administrative capital of Andhra Pradesh. According to some legal experts, the proposed common capital of Telangana and Seemandhra cannot include the areas which are already not part of the present administrative capital of Andhra Pradesh state. That means the future common capital cannot extend to the newer areas, which are part of the present administrative state capital. This is reasonable and legally sound proposition. The common capital of both the states can only include the area which is presently designated as an administrative capital city territory. Nothing more than this should be allowed to be declared as the common capital. So, only the present capital of Andhra Pradesh can be the

common administrative capital for

the states of Telangana and residuary state of Andhra Pradesh. To determine what the administrative capital of present Andhra Pradesh is, there are three criteria. One is the original declaration of Andhra Pradesh state administrative capital. It was clearly mentioned in the gazette notification at the time of formation of Andhra Pradesh on November 1, 1956, that the areas of MCH and Secunderabad Cantonment are demarcated as the administrative capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Another method is to measure the capital limits through the application of Urban Lands Ceiling Act that came into being in 1976. It was specifically mentioned in the Act that only the municipal limits of 100 wards are part of the urban limits and all outside area falls out of the purview of the law. So, only 175 sq km area of old MCH limits can be called the capital of Andhra Pradesh, and nothing else.

The third and last criteria is the Central government's decision to declare Hyderabad city as A-1 status for the purpose of determining house rent allowance to all the central government employees. This A-1 status was granted to Hyderabad thanks to the relentless efforts made by then Secunderabad MP and Union Minister Bandaru Dattatreya during the NDA regime in 1999.

Even this A-1 status was granted only



to the limits of MCH and the Secunderabad Cantonment Board areas and all the employees working in government establishments and offices located within this area were considered eligible to get higher house rent allowance on par with the staff in other major metros - Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Bangalore. So, the GoM can adopt any or all the three criteria to fix the capital city status of Hyder-

abad limits. Otherwise, the GoM will be misled by reports like the one sent by the AP government or that of Antony committee. Ironically, any state government report will have to be ratified by the state cabinet.

But, this particular report sent by the Chief Secretary was not ratified by the cabinet. Clearly the (lame duck) Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy has resorted to these immoral actions exposing himself to the criticism that he indeed has lost the trust of the majority members in the Congress Legislators Party which endorsed his election upon being selected by Sonia Gandhi and dispatching the same info in a sealed cover three years back. In view of the clear divide on regional lines in the present state council of ministers; the GoM should not take into consideration the Andhra Pradesh government's report as it is just a piece of scrap presenting the sectarian views of politically insecure Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy. The best way to deal with it is to dump it and go by the yardstick of three criteria to decide the limits of Hyderabad and recommend the same for the purpose of designating the administrative territory of Hyderabad as common capital of Telangana and Seemandhra. ♦

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Treading cautiously over Joint Capital issue?

By Sridhar Goka

What is Hyderabad? There is not one single answer to this question. The first thing that comes to mind is the State of Hyderabad that was ruled by the Asaf Jahi rulers who ruled Hyderabad from 1790 to 1948.

The same Hyderabad was earlier known as the Golkonda region. It was ruled by Quli Qutub Shahis until they were dethroned by the Mughals. The story of Hyderabad is fascinating as well as mystifying. But ever since Mir Osman Ali Khan surrendered to the Indian Union on 17th September, 1948 the nomenclature of Hyderabad changed drastically.

Until Hyderabad State was blatantly trifurcated, it remained a City as well as the State having 16 districts and four regions of Warangal-Medak-Gulbarga and Aurangabad. Upon trifurcation, the residuary state of Hyderabad comprising of eight districts of present day Telangana region (strictly speaking a multi-lingual territory) was controversially merged with a pure Telugu speaking Andhra state. There were protests that Andhra State was seeking merger with Telangana only for the sake of capturing Hyderabad and also exploiting river water from Krishna and Godavari which have a large basin in Telangana. Now at a time when the clock is being set back; the issue of reckoning what is Hyderabad is once again being debated in a quixotic manner.

Although, the joint capital mechanism is intended only for a limited period of Ten years; the logic of Seemandhra people trying to spread Hyderabad's outer limits is shocking and silly. It smacks of imperialistic mindset to say the least.

The most important point that needs to be kept in mind while addressing the joint capital issue is "whatever areas of Hyderabad that have been functioning as the capital city territory of the present Andhra Pradesh state only should be considered as the joint capital territory that is to be shared by the state of Telangana and resid-

uary state of Andhra Pradesh. It is essential that the present areas constituting the capital city territory cannot be expanded or altered unreasonably just to appease some disgruntled elements. The criterion that needs to be followed cannot be arbitrary. It has to be judiciously worked out taking into consideration issues like – the capital city zone that was prevailing on 1-11-1956 and also that came to be recognized as capital city area for the purpose of



staffing offices for Heads of the Government in view of zonal criteria that came into effect ever since Article 371-D was inserted in the Constitution in the year 1973.

The Capital City zone area under 14-F (deleted in 2010) clause of Presidential Orders specifying jurisdiction for recruitment of Police personnel in Hyderabad is an illustration of what was considered as the capital city area till 2010.

The scheduled areas notified in the Urban Land Ceiling - Hyderabad core area as on 1-4-1976 is another clear

indicator as to what constitutes the capital city zone. The areas of Hyderabad declared as 'A-Class' territory by the Union Urban Development Affairs ministry for the purposes of categorization of cities for according various benefits to central government employees.

Thus, taking into consideration several of these, the GoM can reasonably identify the areas to be covered as a joint capital city for the purposes of securing to Seemandhra people living in Hyderabad certain safeguards as a great amount of apprehension is being unwarrantedly being projected by some alarmists. The GoM must come out with a concrete proposal to identify the areas that are essential for serving the administrative needs of the joint capital city.

And that does not have to be strictly something coterminous with either Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation - an interim civic body expanded for wrong political reasons or the Cyberabad Police zone which is another misconceived policing territory that is so weird which smacks of utter confusion of executive jurisdiction varying between the Executive District Magistrates (who are the District Collectors) and the Police officials over maintaining law and order. It is a joke that Cyberabad Police Commissioner has to function as the Additional Executive Magistrate under District Collectors of Ranga Reddy and Medak districts. This is the understanding of our political executive who goes by their whims and face trouble when faulted by constitutional courts like the CBI is facing existential problems in view of the Guwahati High Court questioning its legitimacy.

Therefore, the GoM must cautiously address the issue while earmarking the administrative boundaries for the Hyderabad capital city that is intended for serving the two states in effectively enabling them to using the available infrastructure by optimal utilization rather than grandiose expansion. ♦

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Fraud and cheating going on in Aadhar enrolment?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

It appears that the Union Government as well as the State governments are making tall claims with regard to the enrolment and issuance of Aadhar cards to Indian citizens. The common man who after getting this super hyped up card is facing a lot of hardship in getting linked their Aadhar cards to gas connections besides getting their Bank accounts linked to claim the subsidy on nine subsidized LPG gas cylinders. The central government took the Aadhar enrolment very prestigious but on many number of times in various Hon'ble High Courts as well as the apex court of India where the courts asked the governments to make it mandatory for claiming the subsidy of the LPG cylinders. The courts also remarked that there are number of Identity cards getting issued to the Indian citizens like Passport, Voter identity card, PAN card, Ration Card, etc then what is the need of another Identity card in the name of Aadhar? The governments must clarify their logic to the hon'ble courts as well.

Many suspect that a lot of irregularities are taking place in implementation of Aadhar enrolments and cards issuance as the governments gave contracts to various private companies and fixed rates for enrolment as well as issuance of Aadhar cards. Here many companies have made huge money and did not even bother to issue the Aadhar cards resulting in common public

facing unbearable hardships in getting even the non subsidized LPG gas cylinders.

It is pertinent to mention here that a company situated in the heart of the city of Hyderabad is owned by a person belonging to Bihar state and has taken the contract of many districts in the state for Aadhar enrolment and allegedly cheated many gullible and innocent youth in the name of providing employment to them. This company has not made deposits on its own to the government and instead compelled these gullible youth to pay the deposits which are to a tune of 5 or 10 lakhs of Rupees in its own name and till today it did not return the illegally collected deposit to the youth.

It appears that the company has extracted hard labour and toil from many youngsters and did not pay their rightful due or assured remuneration to them. After receiving information about the irregularities, cheating and fraud in such a company, the Crime Correspondent of Deccan Post tried to verify and investigate the allegations leveled by the hapless youth who claim to be the victims of this so called notorious company. The youth are literally begging the company and its owner to repay their deposit and hard earned money but instead of addressing their problems and settling their issues the owner of the company is threatening them with

legal consequences and claiming that they do not have any evidence against him or his company to initiate legal action against them. The owner of the company even threatened this Crime Correspondent with dire consequences while he was investigating the accusations of al-



leged fraud and irregularities taking place in his company. He dared the gullible youth to go even to the DGP and ridiculing them no one can do anything to him as he has key political connections besides some highly placed ones in the Police as his partners. He particularly referred to one senior ADGP; which will be reported to appropriate authorities once that alleged link is established as real.

In the past too, several allegations of non-

payment and fraud have been reported by the youth of Khammam, Karimnagar and Prakasam districts youth who were associated with this fraudulent company and sincerely worked day and night just to see smooth enrolment and fast issuance of the Aadhar cards to the citizens. It is pertinent to mention here that a police complaint has also been lodged in the Punjagutta Police Station by a youngster who has been attacked by the owner and his goons just because he demanded his legitimate remuneration.

More interestingly, this company has got few more contracts from Madhya Pradesh and other states for the enrolment. It is also been reported that this company has allegedly vacated the office premises from where they were operating till now and the staff and the owner are hiding in undisclosed places avoiding to meet youth who were associated with them and seeking their remuneration.

Deccan Post strongly appeals to the government and the concerned authorities to take serious note of the alleged fraud, cheating and irregularities taking place in Aadhar enrolments in the state and conduct an enquiry about the pending Aadhar cards at the earliest and frame charges against the offenders and if found guilty cancel their contracts at the earliest in the interest of justice to the common man. ♦

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Modi must and should observe decency

The 63 year old Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi, who is being projected as the Prime Ministerial candidate by his party - the BJP, for the general elections to the Lok Sabha due in April-May 2014 has been campaigning vigorously for his party in the elections to the five states of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Mizoram. Although, these are just general elections taking place for state assemblies the stakes are high for not only both Congress and BJP as they can impact the general elections to the Lok Sabha due shortly. That's why these elections are witnessing unprecedented campaigning by top leaders of both parties.

Ever since Modi was selected by his party as the candidate for Prime Minister, the BJP has been making strenuous efforts to cash in on the perceived Modi magic. This seems to be making Modi excited and also a bit nervous to prove his charisma as a vote catcher outside his home state. The expectations of Modi supporters across the country have thrust a compulsion on Modi himself to prove his magical powers over the electorate. But unfortunately, as if burdened by such euphoria within his own camp; Modi has been committing many mistakes and goof-ups in his public meetings making many people wonder if the future PM in Modi has enough etiquette required to preside such high responsible position as India's Prime Minister. His recent campaign utterances against the Congress, especially its top leadership have not gone down well with most of the people.

Modi's personalized attacks against Congress leaders like Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are seen to be hitting below the belt. Modi's barb that Congress' election

symbol; hand is "Khooni Panja" (bloodied hand) has even earned the wrath of the Election Commission (EC) which served a notice to him last week. Despite his projection that he is a poor man's son, Modi shouldn't forget that he is being watched by millions of middleclass and educated youth when he criticizes in his meetings Congress leaders especially Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi who despite several opportunities and demands have shunned the



temptation of accepting the office of Prime Minister.

Recently, every one noticed how -- Modi slipping up in a speech where he confused a Gujarati freedom fighter - Shyamji Krishna Varma - with Jana Sangh founder Shyama Prasad Mookherjee; giving rise to serious concerns amongst his own party men over their 'PM hopeful' losing gravitas and are seen pleading that he take corrective actions in changing his style that is annoying even his own party leaders. BJP leaders said that Modi

should be on his guard against such slip-ups although he did correct himself towards the end of his speech when it was pointed out that the person he had in mind was Shyamji Krishna Varma and not Mookherjee. The Modi followers feel that despite a Congress campaign to label him a "Feku (boastful person)", the Gujarat CM has held his own by targeting the UPA troika of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

Modi also confused a lot during his speech at Patna recently, when he bungled Chandragupta of the Gupta and Maurya dynasty. Many academics have objected to the way Modi describing Chandragupta as the Gupta dynasty King, whereas he was a Mauryan dynasty King. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar ridiculed Modi for his lack of history knowledge. Modi also said that famous Taxila University was in Bihar centuries ago, whereas in fact, it was in the present Pakistan. The "Feku" line of attack should make Modi wary of goof-ups that will promptly become fodder for his critics and feed

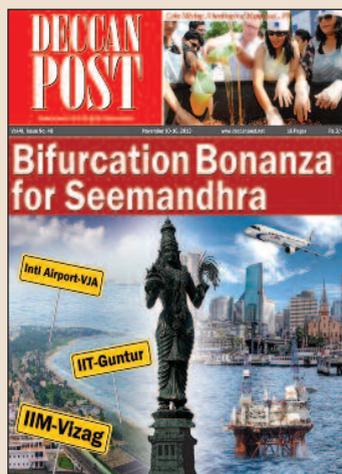
into criticism that the leader is a man in a hurry to assume the highest political office by hook or crook methods that can be seen from the way he has been distorting facts or misinterpreting historical events. Modi also made a blunder stating that 'there had been a 20% increase in spending on education' rather than a percentage of GDP as he sought to argue that China's investments in human resource are paying off in terms of top ranked universities. It only shows that Modi is not doing his homework before addressing public meetings and is too eager to score a point. This may be excusable, if he is just a CM of a state. But, as Modi is aspiring to become the PM of the country with 28 states plus the new state of Telangana, he should be more cautious and extra-vigilant in his comments. He better avoid personalized attacks against Sonia and Rahul, and instead concentrate more on the issues confronting the country.

Modi's particular remarks against Sonia that she is ill and she should hand over the power to her son (calling Rahul Gandhi as a prince) were bad in taste. These kinds of personal attacks will only enhance the support base of Sonia and Congress. Sonia rightly countered Modi in Madhya Pradesh on Friday that "some (Feku) BJP leaders are daydreaming that they would come to power". She was directly referring to Modi. So, Modi shouldn't make cheap attacks. Modi must begin emulating his own party stalwarts like Vajpayee and Advani and learn from their legacy of how they never crossed a line of decency despite their amazing skills of oratory and articulation. Otherwise, people of India will not hesitate to dump pre-tentious politicians who are incorrigible. ♦

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Bifurcation Bonanza for Seemandhra

Since past few months a lot of nuisance is being created over the bifurcation of the state and creating new states of Telangana and residual Andhra Pradesh. What will be the future of Hyderabad?



Where will be the new capital of the Seemandhra region? How much package would be given to the Seemandhra? To What extent Hyderabad would be made a Union Territory? Will Hyderabad be made the Union Territory at all? What will happen to the Employees? Where the had to work so on and so forth. One must understand that Rayalaseema and Andhra people have also fought for separation from the then Madras state and finally got their own state in the year 1953 and Kurnool was their capital until they got merged with the then Hyderabad state in the year 1956. Now with the talks of introduction of Bill in the Parliament in its winter session, there is no question arise of stopping the imminent bifurcation. Hence people from Seemandhra like me must look for the opportunities in a new state and a new capital. Andhra or Seema region also needed to be developed like any other city of India. Seemandhra politicians must stop their nonsense in creating hurdles in formation of Telangana and instead must focus and concentrate on building a fine and better state of Seemandhra with best facilities.

NVS Raju, E-mail

Chandra Babu, Kiran and Jagan, Fail to recover from T-shock

With reference to your last week's story on focus page I strongly agree with the correspondent that these politicians have not recovered from the T-shock and it appears they are acting in haste and do not know where their respective stands will lead them. The present Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy is so much confused that he do not know whether to



stay in Congress Party or to float his new party or resign from his post. Jagan has taken a complete U-turn by supporting united Andhra Pradesh and opposing Telangana formation. On the other hand Chandra Babu earlier gave a letter to the union government for formation of Telangana state and now talking about equal justice which

he is not able to explain. It appears all these three people thought that congress will not create T-state and it was just a time pass but when the CWC and the UPA taken a favourable decision everybody might have went into a shock. Its high time that they must have clarity in their vision and stop acting like immature kids.

K Vani Prasad, Kothapet

Hot & Spice

I am a frequent reader of Deccan Post and as a youngster I do not have any interest in politics as I do not have any idea about it. I like the gossip and the photos published in your Hot & Spice column as they are very interesting and exclusive. There are many filmy magazines in the market but the news and gossip you people publish is just awesome. I would like to request you to give more space to Entertainment and Film world so that readers like me will be happy.

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Atlast Seemandhra Union Ministers talk sense on Telangana

By Dr.T.Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent

Political maneuvers over Telangana state gained momentum as the destined time for tabling of T bill in parliament inches closer. Those still opposing undemocratically a constitutional obligation of more than four crore people of T region are seen pursuing an unimaginative line of thinking devoid of logic. T struggle is for identity to uphold a distinct Telangana culture and to boss over treasured natural resources for a uniform upliftment of the region in the wake of dishonour of all the agreements entered at the time of merger and over a period of time. That the struggle could be sustained for such a long time with ever growing public perception and in that it always pursued a non-violent path evoking support from all quarters across the country speaks of it's legitimacy. Even in the current stage of nearing finality, how the so called said forces that bulldozed the T democratic aspirations in the past have once again tried to derail the process but to no avail exposing themselves to the entire country and the world as tramples of democratic aspirations of T people as enshrined in the constitution.

Seemandhra Union Ministers understand the writing on the wall.. while CM submits a biased opinion through CS without Cabinet Approval...! As curtains begin to come down on T with absolute resoluteness shown by AICC President Sonia Gandhi and UPA govt. headed by PM Manmohan Singh silently endorsed by the main opposition dispensation BJP controlled NDA-Seemandhra Union Ministers sensing the reality started to address the issues. They are demanding a better package to Seemandhra region and guarantees to develop a modern capital city with development agendas in health-

care, education, sea-port modernization and lots of new industries with tax holidays in a decentralized way in the entire Seemandhra stretch..?! They have also demanded a fair share of waters to instill confidence amongst farmers of the region while playing to the galleries by addressing Hyderabad-vis-à-vis UT and Revenue sharing alongside employees issues in tune with Samaikya Andhra stand...! First JD Sheelam then Panabaka Laxmi followed today by Purandeshwari and the rest have started to articulate the above said package theory in public in Rachabanda programs sponsored by the state govt. when the likes of CM and his drum-beaters have been rhetoric with Samaikya stand..!

Many a commoner in Seemandhra region too have resigned to the fact that the bifurcation is inevitable after the latest all party official deliberations with GoM on Telangana preceded by various govt. departments submission of factual data in tune with the bifurcation of the state. CM-KKR sponsored demands without justified approval of the cabinet have been sent to the GoM on T by none other than the state Chief Secretary himself. This has invited an open criticism by T Congress Ministers and the party in the region alongside TJAC with enraged feelings in the T region necessitating CM-KKR to cancel his official programs in T region. Even some Ministers from Seemandhra questioned CM's unilateral and biased presentation to the GoM totally ignoring rightful official obligations pertaining to T region inspite of depicting the same time and again on various platforms...?! Isn't this attitude a proof of Seemandhrite's aggression over T region and its people which is the basis for the pres-

ent struggle for a T state spread over decades question TJAC, TRS, T Congress and various organizations demanding a T state..?

AICC strangulates CM-KKR and his lobbies by treading a well nurtured path of selecting loyalist leaders in both the regions to head the party and its governments in the future in the wake of impending bifurcation of the state. Sridhar Babu, Kanna Laxminarayana both Ministers in the present cabinet have been summoned to Delhi silently to streamline the same thoughts ahead of the T bill to be introduced in the Assembly after Union Cabinet endorsement of the same by sending it to the Hon'ble President for a constitutional process. This led to an acrimonious debate and transmission of the same to suit CM in his own electronic media creating a furor in the Congress circles. This has given life to the speculated theories that CM-KKR would soon launch his own party after his presentation to the GoM on 18/11/2013 preceded by T Minister's official meeting on the same date to present their official line of no compromise on CWC resolution of 10 districts with Hyd as capital. MP Lagadapati Rajgopal along with some others has been influencing CM to toe a different line in anticipation of his stated resignation if the state is bifurcated as echoed by him on a consistent basis..? Sridhar Babu questioned CM's United Andhra rhetoric in Govt. programs while asking him to recollect his past statements and submissions to the AICC ..While Karimnagar MP Ponnampal Prabhakar demanded that CM's flexi or photo should not be displayed in Rachabanda as a protest in T region.

APNGO's Ashok Babu, Ex-DGP Anjaneya Reddy spit venom on T by un-constitutional talk....! Following CM and his estranged Seemandhra mates APNGO's Ashok Babu and Ex DGP Anjaneya Reddy once again rake up unnecessary controversy over the bifurcation while participating in a Samaikya Rashtra Parirakshana Samithi meeting held in Hyderabad on 16/11/2013 amidst protests by TRS and TJAC. Ashok Babu once again crossed his limits by announcing that the agitation for United or Samaikya Andhra would not toe Gandhian line in the future...?! What does this mean question T loyalists as they remind of HC's strictures in that he should voice issues related to employment but not question policy decisions..? They demanded action against him on that issue as well as the latest statement that they would shed Gandhian path... Ex-DGP Anjaneya Reddy's comments that Naxalism would grow in T and Hyderabad would become a Terrorist bed if the bifurcation is done is strongly condemned by Ex-DGP P Ramulu of TRS and he reminded A reddy of his role in making Chiranjeevi the then President of Praja Rajyam to announce support for Samajika Telangana and how is that he is criticizing the same..?! He challenged him to prove his statements regarding KCR's family and also demanded to prove his statements on Naxalism.. and he moaned that he is supporting looters and those involved in 420 cases while forgetting the genuine sacrifices of T people..?

It is time for all parties and politicians to behave like statesmen and respect the constitutional obligation - T state being achieved in a Democratic way. ♦

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Worldwide pangs

By Jaywant Naidu

Acute hunger or starvation is the result of high profile crisis like war or natural disasters, which starve a population of food. Yet emergencies account for less than eight percent of hunger's victims. Daily undernourishment is a less visible form of hunger, but it affects many more people, from the shanty towns of Jakarta in Indonesia and the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh to the mountain villages of Bolivia and Nepal. For weeks, even months, its victims must live on significantly less than the recommended 2,100 kilocalories that the average person needs to lead a healthy life. The body compensates for the lack of energy by slowing down its physical and mental activities. A hungry mind cannot concentrate, a hungry body does not take initiative, a hungry child loses all desire to play and study. Hunger also weakens the immune system. Deprived of the right nutrition, hungry children are especially vulnerable and become too weak to fight off disease and may die from common infections like measles and diarrhea. Each year, almost 7 million children die before reaching the age of five; malnutrition is a key factor in over a third of these deaths. Most of the world's hungry live in developing countries. According to the latest Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) statistics from 2013, there are 842 million hungry people in the world and 98 percent of them are in developing countries. Three-quarters of all hungry people live in rural areas, mainly in the villages of Asia and Africa.

Overwhelmingly dependent on agriculture for their food, these populations have no alternative source of income or employment. As a result, they are vulnerable to crises. Many migrate to cities in the search for employment, swelling the ever-expanding populations of shanty towns in developing countries. Around half of the world's hungry people are from smallholder farming communities, surviving off marginal lands prone to natural disasters like drought or flood. Another 20 percent belong to landless families dependent on farming and about 10 percent live in communities whose livelihoods depend on herding, fishing or forest resources. The remaining 20 percent live in shanty towns on the periphery of the biggest cities in developing countries. An estimated 146 million children in developing countries are underweight - the result of acute or chronic hunger (Source: The State of the World's Children, UNICEF, 2009).

All too often, child hunger is inherited: up to 17 million children are born underweight annually, the result of inadequate nutrition before and during pregnancy. Women are the world's primary food producers, yet cultural traditions and social structures often mean women are much more affected by hunger and poverty than men. A mother who is stunted or underweight due to an inadequate diet often give birth to low birth weight children. Around 50 per cent of pregnant women in developing countries are iron deficient (source: UNICEF). Lack of iron means 3,15,000 women die annually from hemorrhage at childbirth. As a result, women, and in particular expectant and nursing mothers, often need special or increased intake of food.

WHY DOES HUNGER EXIST?

In purely quantitative terms, there is enough food available to feed the entire global population of 7 billion people. And yet, one out of every eight people is going hungry. In some countries, one child in three is underweight. Why does hunger exist? Natural disasters such as floods, tropical storms and long periods of drought are on the increase, with calamitous consequences for food security in poor, developing countries. Drought is now the single most common cause of food shortages in the world. In 2011, recurrent drought caused crop failures and heavy livestock losses in parts of Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya.

In many countries, climate change is exacerbating already adverse natural conditions. For example, poor farmers in Ethiopia or Guatemala traditionally deal with rain failure by selling off livestock to cover their losses and pay for food. But successive years of drought, increasingly common in the Horn of Africa and Central America, are exhausting their resources. Since 1992, the proportion of short and long-term food crises that can be attributed to human causes has more than doubled, rising from 15 percent to more than 35 percent. All too often, these emergencies are triggered by conflicts. From Asia to Africa to Latin America, fighting displaces millions of people from their homes, leading to some of the world's worst hunger emergencies. Since 2004, conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan has uprooted more than a million people, precipitating a major food crisis, in an area that had generally enjoyed good rains and crops. In war, food sometimes becomes a weapon. Soldiers will starve opponents into submission by seizing or destroying food and livestock and systematically wrecking local markets. Fields and water wells are often mined or contaminated, forcing farmers to abandon their land. When conflict threw Central Africa into confusion in the 1990s, the proportion of hungry people rose from 53 percent to 58 percent. In developing countries, farmers often cannot afford seed to plant the crops that would provide for their families. Craftsmen lack the means to pay for the tools to ply their trade. Others have no land or water or education to lay the foundations for a secure future. The poverty-stricken do not have enough money to buy or produce enough food for themselves and their families. In turn, they tend to be weaker and cannot produce enough to buy more food. The poor are hungry and their hunger traps them in poverty. In the long-term, improved agricultural output offers the quickest fix for poverty and hunger.

Many developing countries lack key agricultural infrastructure, such as enough roads, warehouses and irrigation. The results are high transport costs, lack of storage facilities and unreliable water supplies. All conspire to limit agricultural yields and access to food. Poor farming practices, deforestation, over cropping and overgrazing are exhausting the Earth's fertility and spreading the roots of hunger. Increasingly, the

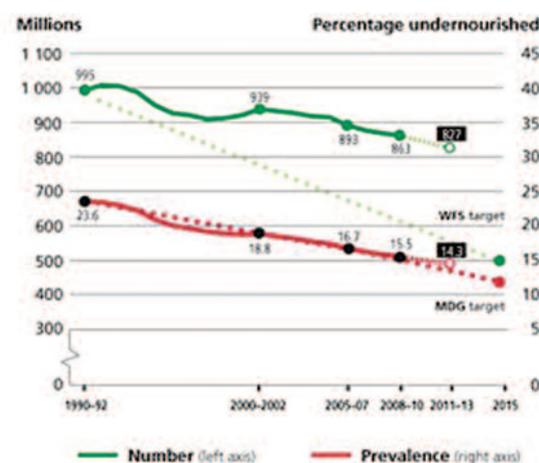
world's fertile farmland is under threat from erosion, salination and desertification.

HUNGER IN INDIA:

The number of hungry people in the world was estimated at 842 million in 2011-13 by the Global Hunger Index (GHI) report. About a quarter of the world's hungry, or 210 million, are in India alone. The India State Hunger Index (ISHI) is a tool to calculate hunger and malnutrition at the regional level in India. It is constructed in the same fashion as the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2008 and was calculated for 17 states in India, covering more than 95 percent of the population. The ISHI was developed by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and presented for the first time 2008 in conjunction with the Non-Governmental Organization Welthungerhilfe and the Department of Economics, University of California.

The ISHI is constructed in the same fashion

Undernourishment in the developing regions



Note: Data for 2011-13 refer to provisional estimates.

Source: FAO.

as the Global Hunger Index which follows a multidimensional approach to measuring hunger and malnutrition. It combines three equally-weighted indicators:

1. the proportion of undernourished as a percentage of the population (reflecting the share of the population with insufficient dietary intake);
2. the prevalence of underweight children under the age of five (indicating the proportion of children suffering from weight loss and/or reduced growth); and
3. the mortality rate of children under the age of five (partially reflecting the fatal synergy between dietary intake and unhealthy environments).

Despite significant economic growth in the past decade, India is home to about a quarter of the world's hungry poor. Although India grows enough food for its people, hunger remains. According to government data, around 43 per cent of children under five years are malnourished and more than 50 per cent of all pregnancy women aged between 15 and 19 years suffer from anaemia. The states most affected by hunger and malnutrition are Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Malnutrition is a persistent problem, though it is often confused with hunger. According to the Food and Agriculture



of hunger



World Food Programme to enable capacity development of national governments in the areas of school feeding, nutrition, and food security. The Centre of Excellence has an initial focus on school feeding. The Centre of Excellence has been established by WFP and the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC). The WFP Centre aims to support national governments in the design, management and expansion of nationally owned, nutritious, sustainable school feeding programmes, simultaneously promoting food and nutrition security. The Centre of Excellence opened in March 2011 in Brasilia, capital of Brazil.

WFP's innovative projects allow the weak and poor to stop worrying about their next meal and build a sustainable future for themselves, their families and their communities.

School meals:

As well as directly addressing hunger, school meal projects encourage families to keep their children in school and so help them build better futures. If children are not hungry they will also concentrate better on their lessons. With a solid education growing children have a better chance of finding their own way out of hunger. These projects benefit girls especially under the Mid-day Meal scheme in India.

Food for Assets:

WFP's Food for Assets project pays the hungry with food to lay the foundations for a better tomorrow. When poor farmers no longer have to worry about the next meal, they have the time and energy to build irrigation systems that can boost production. Similarly, Food for Training projects allow the poor to devote time to learning skills that will sustain them economically in future.

HIV/AIDS:

WFP uses its food rations to soften the blow of HIV and AIDS. The agency distributes its rations to people living with HIV and AIDS, so they can keep providing for their families for longer and have time to transfer vital knowledge and skills to the growing number of AIDS orphans.

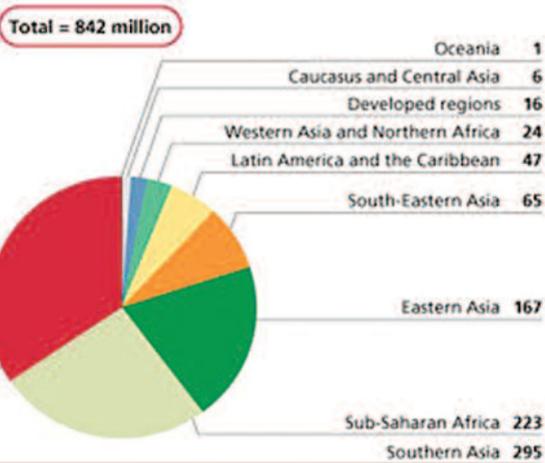
Purchase for Progress (P4P):

WFP already buys large amounts of food in developing countries. P4P harnesses this purchasing power and uses it to help poor farmers connect to reliable markets where they can get competitive prices for their produce. With secure markets, farmers will be encouraged to produce more and innovate. The knock-on effect is more food security for everyone.

Focus on Women:

WFP has long believed that women are the first and fastest solution to reducing hunger and poverty. In both its emergency and development projects, WFP has a special commitment to helping women gain equal access to life's basic necessity. Will every child be born hunger free? ♦

Undernourishment in 2011-13, by region (millions)



Source: FAO.

(FAO), about 18% of India's population was undernourished in 2012. Undernourishment is the main cause of children's deaths, and according to the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), India houses one-third of the stunted, wasted and malnourished children of the world. The primary justification for the Indian public distribution system (PDS) was to ensure that all Indians get adequate cereals (calories). It is widely accepted that the enormous leakages in the PDS need to be plugged and the administrative costs reduced so that higher proportion of the expenditure reaches the intended beneficiaries.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE:

The WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger is born of a partnership between the Government of Brazil and the

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 ★★★★★

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Girl: Thnx but I'm just a bathroom singer.....
Boy: To bulao na kbhi apny live concert pe
 ★★★★★

Ek Santa ne apny bachy ka naam AMERICA rakh liya
Banta: AMERICA tumhara dushman hai or tum ne Name rakh liya
Santa: hum duniya ko btana chahta hai K hum AMERICA ka baap hai
 ★★★★★

Boyfriend: Do you think my salary is sufficient for you?
Girlfriend: It's sufficient for me but how will you survive?
 ★★★★★

A man was walking in rain
A sweet lady: Why don't u share my umbrella ?
Man: no sister its fine (And he walked away)
Moral: Moral voral kuch nahi Piche biwi aa rahi thi

Nakshatra Satra Yagam - for the well being of Humanity

The Nakshatra Satra Yagam is aimed at for the well being of the entire humanity by invoking the blessings of the stars in the cosmos, said TTD EO Sri MG Gopal. Addressing on the occasion of the Yagam which commenced on Friday in the Dharmagiri Veda Pathashala at Tirumala, he said, The Vedic scriptures emphasize the need to perform various types of Yagnas that are aimed at for the betterment of humanity. The present Nakstra Satra Yagam will bring forth peace and prosperity and enhance the spirit of brotherhood among the global masses. Up-



asana and Homa for each Nakshatra will be conducted and those born under that particular Nakshatra can participate in the worship. This is the main objective and Sankalpam of the Yagna", the EO added.

Later emphasising on the importance of Vedic education he said, "This yagam will be observed as practicals for the students who are studying vedas in Dharmagiri Veda Pathashala. The TTD trust board and management are moving ahead with innovative ideas with a noble aim to bring back past glory to Vedic studies", he added. Elaborating on the significance of the Yagam, the Veda Pathashala Principal Acharya Sri K S S Avadhani said of the Yagam is performed to invoke the blessings of the constellation of stars in the galaxy for the wellbeing of the entire humanity. "As a part of it the invoking of Nakshatra Adhishthana Devatas of each of the 27 stars and also Abhijit Star in which Adhishthana Devata happens to be none other than the creator Lord Brahma on each day. Apart from this the tithi of full moon and Amavasya, Lord Chandra, Ahoratras, Ushakala(dawn), Nakshatra Samanya, Lord Surya, Goddess Aditi (Mother of Devatas) will also be invoked on the rest of the days and the Yagam concludes with the invocation of Lord Maha Vishnu on the final day with Vaishnavesthi on December 21. Today on the auspicious day of Karthika Sukla Tridasi Friday we have commenced this yagna by setting up Tretagnis to perform the Yagna.



HEALTH TIPS

Diet and Lifestyle Advice

- Kapha Churna is good during the Kapha season, especially for those with a Kapha body-type. Churnas are blends of herbs and spices which may be sprinkled over food or used in cooking.
- Kapha Herbal Tea is warming and invigorating.
- Rajas Cup Coffee Substitute: A warm and delicious beverage prepared with renowned Ayurvedic herbs. A great flavour and a powerful anti-oxidant too!
- Massage Oil: for the daily oil massage recommended by Maharishi Ayurveda, use sesame oil or MAP Kapha Massage Oil.
- Digest Plus Tea: A digestive stimulant with a sharp, spicy flavour. Take before or after meals as a healthy alternative to an aperitif or antacid.
- Cold Season Defence Tablets: A mix of herbs which revitalize the body's natural defence mechanisms.
- Throat Soothe and Throat Ease: to soothe the throat and freshen the breath.

SUDOKU 296

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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 cant change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

ANSWERS Sudoku-295

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Answer 295: Srinivas MN

ASTRO FOCUS

Nov 17-23, 2013

Aries: This is a time to put down roots and establish solid foundations, a good time to better organize your life. You are required to remain at a low profile and avoid all confrontations. It is just a matter of time and things will be in normal shape very soon. The employed may get an opportunity to voice their demands. Romance would flourish as your beloved brings you gifts and expensive presents.

Taurus: You realize that working, as a team will ensure gains. You have to think twice before speaking anything. Legal disputes if any will not sorted out and linger on further. Help and advice coming from a learned person. This is the time to learn something new. Do not give scope for difference of opinion with you Love/spouse.

Gemini: The work assigned to you during this week might be a test of your expertise and knowledge. Therefore you should put all your ef-

forts into this task. Financially you will become more comfortable and have plenty of time for recreational and other activities. Gambling and speculation will be profitable. Your expertise will help many needy persons.

Cancer: Your concentration will be good and others will give you the respect you deserve. Good money inflow will make your bank balance thick. Some of you may start a new venture in association with some like minded people. Journey made in this period will prove to be futile. Keep maintaining cordial relations with your partner and do not use any harsh words.

Leo: This week your earnings will increase and financially things look much brighter. However preparations done in advance will lead you to the desired goals. All travel-related work will go well and would bless you with favorable results. This week you are likely to be allured with new

schemes and investments. It will be better to stay away from people who are not completely trustworthy. Members of the opposite sex will be a source of inspiration and will help you in need of the hour.

Virgo: You will spend on house gadgets in this week. Your reputation will get a boost in the society. It is favorable week for those seeking job or looking for change. A short pleasure jaunt towards the weekend cannot be ruled out. Minor difference of opinion with your spouse would bring tense moments at home.

Libra: Some challenging project will see you express your skills in a very different way. The important decisions taken by you during this week could result in a major breakthrough in your career. If required, you should not hesitate to take the opinion of an expert or an experienced person in the relative subject or field. Spouse and children will be a source of immense happiness.

Scorpio: Take care of important tasks and correspondence that have piled

up on your desk. Tensions related to your business or job will be at the high. Your communication skill and knowledge would be impressive. You will be able to make money from every source. Landed money will be recovered. A budding romance is on the horizon for some of you.

Sagittarius: There will be rapid inflow from own as well as external fund. New investment should be made with caution. You can make a great impression on someone when you act like a leader this week. Your efforts would get noticed and appreciated by your seniors. Relationship with beloved/spouse would improve and you would get to spend some memorable time together. Health would be fine despite some mental pressures.

Capricorn: Financial juggling will reduce pressure. Your running projects may come to a standstill. There will be moments of excitement and tension where your patience will be put to test. Enemies are not in a position to face you. Hard work in business will yield good results. Unexpected

guest might visit your house later in the week. Your Love/ spouse improvement will be a source of joy to you.

Aquarius: You will be praised in your family and in your social circle. Your creativity and your ability to communicate effectively will bring you immense gains. Students may go for higher studies or do research work. You will make important changes at home. Your Love/Relationship could be better if you devote your much time with your partners. Exercise more care while on driving as bodily injury is incanted.

Pisces: There will be lots of confusion in mind and it will be hard to take the right decision during this week. You will get the desired results of your hard work done in the past. You may receive some bad news which shall down you morally. Your responsibilities can keep you busy with your work. Friends are most helpful this week when they provide inside career tracks.

Society has to be more Responsible



Noted Lyricist-Writer-Filmmaker Gulzar was in Hyderabad for the 18th International Children's Film Festival of India. He spoke to Decan Post.

What has been your experience on the children's film festivals in India?

The festivals have been a very good opportunity for the children of this country to know different languages and cultures of the world. It is essential that the North East region of India also gets an opportunity to experience such festivals. Children's film societies must be set up in all parts of the country. Cinema Halls should also come forward to host such festivals and screen children's films regularly.

What are the changes needed in the area?

Schools and corporate sector must come forward and give children an opportunity to see good children's films. The Children's Film Society of India has many good films which have not reached to the younger generation. There is no good literature, no performing arts, no cinema specifically involving the

children of this country.

How do you see the influence of modern technology in films?

There is lot of dependence on the West for modern technology including Animation. We should not depend on outside influence and can take it all from our rich culture.

What about the script writing area?

Good writers still elude the area of Children's films script. Even the number of children's books being published in different languages in India has come down. Mostly children's books are available in Bengali, Malayalam and Marathi language. Today, the younger generation has a very new thought process and it is very important that the same is recognized and children's writing is focused in that direction.

What is the future of children's film festivals in India?

There is a need to organize such festivals in each state in India. It is very important that commercial considerations do not dictate the

industry. Good children's film makers need to be supported in each State by the respective government and also the corporate.

What is the change that you foresee in future?

As I said earlier, the younger generation has a very fresh outlook on many things. There is a need to incorporate that into the books and films that are brought out for them. We need to evolve and change as per the natural process. What was relevant for children many years ago may not be relevant today.

Any suggestions for improving the whole scenario?

Society has to be more responsible to the needs of the children of today.

It is important to know the current trends and needs of the young, their aspirations and try and integrate the same in our mission. Then only we will succeed in doing something worthwhile for the cause of the children. ♦

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Katrina opens up about her bikini

A few months ago, actress Katrina Kaif was literally fuming with rage after seeing herself in a bikini all over the web. She was clicked holidaying with her alleged boyfriend Ranbir Kapoor, in Spain, when this horrid incident took place. The actress even went on to write an open letter expressing her disgust. Now, everything has finally calmed down. Kats is not as angry as she was back then, and currently, she is busy promoting her upcoming film Dhoom 3. At the launch of the trailer track, Kats was asked to open up about her holiday pictures, to which she said she was upset and distressed about the whole event.



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"I saw the photos and reacted from heart at that moment. I was upset, hurt, and angry. I feel it was a private moment (with Ranbir)... so privacy was expected," Katrina said here today, talking to reporters. The pics saw her chilling at the beach side in a mismatched bikini.

"Next time when you all plan to take pictures give me a notice. Red doesn't look good with white (regarding the colour of her bikini)... I will wear matching next," she added, on a lighter note.

Is Nathalia out of Rudrammadevi?

It seems that, nothing is going right for Nathalia Kaur in T-town. After being replaced from "Potugadu" (as she reportedly declined to wear a swim suit), now the sexy siren whose ticket to fame was an item number in RGV's "Department" would also be losing her plum project- 3D historical Rudrammadevi too. If rumours are to be believed, ace director Gunasekar who is a perfectionist of sorts was unhappy with her performance as princess Anambika since it considered a 'key role' in his biopic on Kakatiya Warrior Queen (played by Anushka) and now reportedly looking for a pretty damsel to replace RGV's discovery from his magnum opus.

Even though, Guna has spent more than Rs. 80 lakhs on the episodes pertaining to Nathalia, but he doesn't mind, going for a replacement and for a big re-shoot as well and also could escalate his 40-crore budget. The dusky beauty is unable to shrug off her item girl, until a really good role lands in her lap, so her wait will continue.

-DP Desk



coming soon...



Market turns cautious at all-time high levels

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market was seen in a strong correction trend, from the recent all-time record high levels of 21,300 to 20,200 levels, sliding by about 1,000 points in just few trading sessions. Market's strong decline is due to the heavy profit booking by traders and investors, after an earlier bullish trend. Market is currently seen in a cautious mood at the peak levels, and is likely to witness further consolidation trend at the current higher levels. Sensex has however witnessed a recovery on 14th November, near the major psychological support levels of 20,000. Market was able to recover at lower levels, due to the technical internal oversold position of the stocks.

Indian market saw a reaction, after the Foreign Institutional Funds slowing down their purchases after an earlier record purchases worth thousands of crores of rupees in the last few weeks.

There are minor concerns that the American Federal Reserve may reduce monetary stimulus for its economy. However, the American stock market remained firm even at record higher levels, with no signs any weakness as the economic data is reported to be positive.

The key macro-economic indicator Indian inflation for the month of October is reported at a higher level, continuing the earlier economic growth concerns. The IIP (Industrial Production Data) however is higher than



the previous month, which is a positive sign. Market would now be keenly awaiting the forthcoming economic data, which could hold the key for the further direction.

Crude oil after a downtrend from 7,500

Rupees, it is now seen consolidating at the 6,000 levels, in the MCX commodity market. It has to break-out of the barrier 6,100 mark, to get into a short-term uptrend, for the commodity traders to be alert.

The Indian Rupee after several weeks of consolidation at 61, it was seen in a depreciating trend, to the lows of 64. In-case of a further Dollar rise, then it could raise fresh concerns.

Precious Metal Gold is seen in an indecisive mode at the 30,000 levels, in the last few months. It is forming a major range, in-between the recent highs of 31,000 and the recent major lows of 28,000, in the commodity market. Another precious metal Silver is seen in a declining trend in the last few days, from the resistance of 50,000 to the current support levels of 46,000, which is a recent bottom. In-case of any further breakdown below this support, then it could enter into a further short-term weakness, for the traders to be cautious.

Market is now placed just above the crucial medium-term support of 20,000 levels, where it needs to consolidate strongly for an uptrend. Market could see a further minor recovery, but it has to be seen whether it can exhibit strength at the all-time peak levels, to continue a further rally. It has to sustain above the 21,500 levels, for a further uptrend. But in-case of any failure to sustain above this key support of 20,000, then it could get into a medium-term weakness, for the short-term investors to be cautious. ♦

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