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## Congress dilemma helping BJP in State



**By Our Political Correspondent**

The Congress bosses in Delhi are at it again. They have once again proved that no one can beat them in continuing the confusion over the issue of separate Telangana state. This time the revamp of Congress organizational set up at in Delhi which included replacement of Ghulam Nabi Azad with Digvijaya Singh as General Secretary In-charge of Andhra Pradesh congress party affairs triggered a fresh speculation over their next moves on Telangana.

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The proposals that surfaced on the party circles are: (a) announcement of a massive economic package for the development of the Telangana region, an autonomous regional development council with full powers (b) state of Telangana and (c) dividing Andhra Pradesh into two equal states – Telangana Pradesh with two districts from Rayalaseema region i.e. Kurnool and Anantapur districts and Andhra State with other two districts of Rayalaseema - Kadapa and Chittoor forming part of Andhra State with a new capital to be built somewhere between Guntur and Vijayawada. As part of it, four districts of Rayalaseema would be split into two parts and clubbed with the two new states.

As expected, these proposals generated considerable political heat and dust in the State. Understandably, people and leaders are not ready to

accept any economic package or developmental council instead of a full fledged state. The interesting part is the opposition to the regional development council coming from senior Congress leader D Srinivas, who is tipped to head it.

“I have met our leader Sonia Gandhi twice in the last fortnight. But, she has not come to any conclusion on the development council as yet. Not only me, all senior leaders from the region including Jaipal Reddy and Jana Reddy too are not ready to settle for anything less than statehood for Telangana,” Srinivas told Deccan Post.

Srinivas too made it clear to Sonia that this is not the time to delay Telangana state formation. Economic package is not an issue, as long as Telangana state is going to be granted. But, not as a substitute to the T-state, Srinivas told the party bosses in Delhi. Precisely

the same message has been conveyed by Jana Reddy and Deputy CM Damodar Rajanarsimha who too called on Sonia Gandhi in Delhi last week.

Talking to Deccan Post at his Jubilee Hills residence on Friday, Damodar said: “We are organizing this June 30th meeting at Nizam College Grounds only to convey to the Centre that leaders of this region are united on Telangana statehood issue. Nothing short of a Telangana state with 10 districts and Hyderabad as its capital is acceptable to us”.

Till recently, Telangana Congress leaders were at loss in comprehending the unfolding political developments, especially the clever cards played by TDP and the merciless poaching of their MPs and MLAs by the TRS. But, finally, they mustered enough courage to stand up and speak the language of people of Telangana. The June 30th meeting is a result of that. This gamble seems to have worked. Digvijay Singh who is supposed to come to Hyderabad on June 29th and meet all leaders on organizational issues had put off his visit by a day – to July 1st. First, he will go to Visakhapatnam and then come to the state capital the next day only to avoid the embarrassment of facing T-Congress leaders on June 30th and of course there is another view that Digvijay has altered his original plan at the behest of some influential Andhra leaders.

### Congress struggling?

However, the politics of Congress will never be straight. As usual, the Congress top leadership which appeared to be ready to spell out its decision on Telangana by the end of June still seems interested in dilly dallying with the impending elections to local bodies. If no decision to spell out its stand is taken this week, then in that case, any further move will only be possible in the month of August as polls to local bodies cannot be further delayed. But, why is the Congress playing this hide- and- seek game with Telangana? Is it because, the party wants to electorally gain in both Telangana and Seemandhra in the state? The party is well aware that it cannot come back to power at the centre in 2014, unless it wins at least 20



# No Money- No Package?



## By Our Special Correspondent

It was reliably learnt that the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who was present at the Congress Core Committee meeting held to discuss the Telangana issue in the second week of June was categorical in stating that there was no money with his government to afford any state any package. Amidst serious discussions when the former AP Congress affairs In-charge Ghulam Nabi Azad was trying to impress upon the core committee in the presence of Madam Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Prime Minister Singh, Union Ministers AK Antony, P Chidambaram, SK Shinde and other senior party leaders like Ahmed Patel and Digvijay Singh; several members present over there expressed their opinion. While Sonia, Antony and Digvijay Singh remained silent others spoke thus:

**Rahul Gandhi:** Though am not well aware of the entire problem it is better we find some solution to resolve the Telangana issue....

**Azad:** The division of Andhra Pradesh is a very complicated issue. I see no easy way to resolve the issue in the near future.

**Chidambaram:** Any problem if it were to be simple for that matter doesn't engage the concerns of the congress core committee. The Telangana issue is a serious matter that concerns the aspirations of millions of youth in that region. In fact, it is something which is pending since many decades. The statement of 9th December, 2009 was well thought decision and the party cannot renege on its declaration after seeing the tragic deaths continuing till this day.

**Shinde:** I propose three solutions. One is to grant T-state as was existing prior to its merger in 1956. Two is to divide the state on Telangana Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh each state sharing two districts of the Rayalaseema region. Third is to announce a package for Telangana with development council.

**Manmohan Singh:** What is the amount required for package?

**Azad:** Anything around Fifty Thousand Crores!!

**Manmohan Singh:** No question of that kind of a package. The centre has no luxury to grant such a package in the current economic situation.

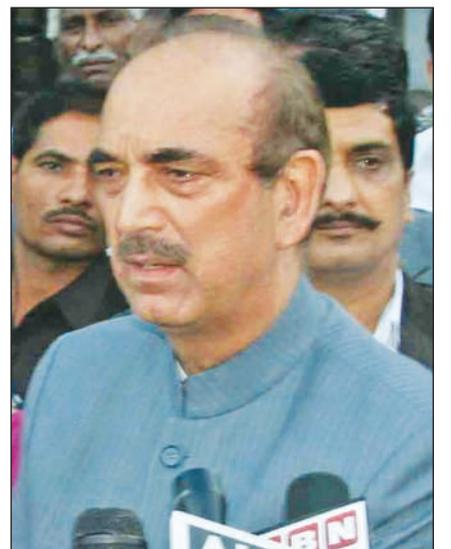
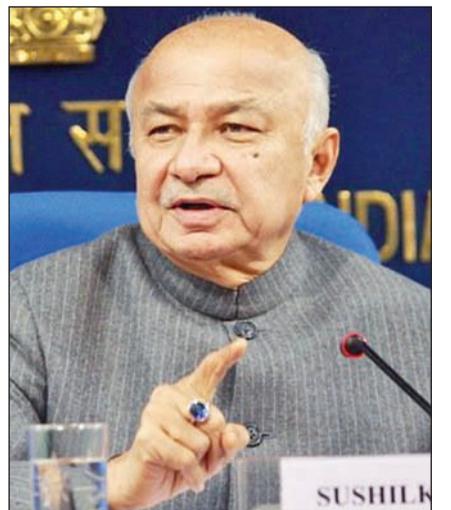
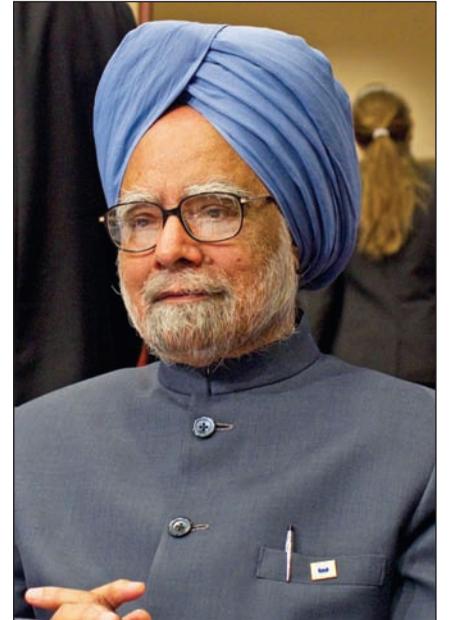
**Chidambaram:** Yes, it would give rise to similar demands from other states. Politically it will be quite disadvantageous in an election year. Already, several state Chief Ministers are asking for economic packages. The Chief Ministers of West Bengal, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Orissa would make things worse for us.

**Rahul Gandhi:** In that case, do something about formation of Telangana state without any further delay. There is so much repression in the state, the youth are getting affected.

**Ahmed Patel:** What about Madam's assurance to people of Telangana?

**Manmohan Singh:** I have no problem in granting statehood to Telangana. If required we can do something like three to five thousand (crores) to enable Seema-Andhra state to establish a new capital.

Sonia and Antony nod in approval. The meeting ends.



MPs from Andhra Pradesh. At present levels, the party cannot even hope for more than 3 or 4 MPs and importantly none from Telangana.

Though certain developments like Congress winning Karnataka elections and exit of JD-U's Nitish Kumar from

NDA might weaken the BJP led NDA, the Congress led UPA cannot hope to scramble together UPA-3, unless it wins at least 175 MPs on its own. Otherwise, leaders like Nitish would prefer to go with any new political combination, whether it is a federal

front or a third front or even the BJP led NDA as post elections it has to sustain its base.

If Congress aspires to reach 175 MPs at the national level, it should win a minimum 20 odd seats in Andhra Pradesh, which appears to be an uphill

task, unless it gives Telangana state. If Congress grants Telangana state, political analysts bet that it can easily win about 15 MPs (including MIM's support) from the region and hope for a fair show in Seemandhra region.

Heavens will not fall, for Congress



in Seemandhra, if it gives statehood to Telangana. This is amply demonstrated by the softened stance of Union Minister and Eluru MP Kavuri Sambasiva Rao. On Friday, he said as a Union Minister he will go by the decision on the Congress high command on Telangana. "I cannot have my own opinion as I am a Central Minister now," he said. This statement of Kavuri reflects the ground reality. The reality is Jagan's political strength gets weakened in Coastal Andhra only if Telangana is carved out. Many Union Ministers like Kishore Chandra Deo, Purandeshwari, Pallam Raju, Chiranjeevi express this view in private. Even Vijayawada MP Lagadapati Rajagopal knows the ground reality from his frequent surveys. As of now, Lagadapati is not interested in contesting the next elections fearing a crushing defeat at the hands of YSRCP.

It is also clear that people of Seemandhra are not opposed to the formation of Telangana state. The Congress which entered into an alliance

with TRS in 2004 won sufficient number of MPs and MLAs, in spite of the negative campaign by TDP that a vote for Congress-TRS was for division of the State. Similarly, even after having an alliance with TRS, TDP too won many MPs and MLAs in Seemandhra in last elections held in 2009.

Then, what is holding the Congress from going ahead with the formal announcement of granting Telangana state? If sources are to be believed the party has replaced Azad who had squeezed enough to fund the party in Karnataka polls. Now it is the turn of some one from Madhya Pradesh that is going for polls this year. The party leadership is under the influence of powerful lobby of Seemandhra politicians and business class and is afraid of losing money power before the next elections. Otherwise, there is no reason why Congress should go back on Telangana.

BJP steadily gaining ground

The frequent dramas by Congress

high command is certainly going to help BJP which has emerged as a strong and growing player in Telangana now. After new BJP president Rajnath Singh's firm assertion that Telangana state would be a reality within a year after the party comes to power at the centre, many leaders from different parties prefer to join it. Already, with the merger of Telangana Nagara Samithi led by veteran T-leader Nagam Janardhan Reddy, there is a lot of exodus going on at the grass root level. Thousands of youth are showing keenness to support the BJP in view of its clear agenda of forming state of Telangana by 17th September, 2014. The anointment of Narendra Damodardas Modi as the chief of BJP poll campaign has electrified the youth belonging to backward classes. The fact that Modi hails from OBC section is going to play a big role in T-region.

The more Congress dithers on Telangana, the BJP would more strongly get built. The Congress high command is guided and influenced by

CM Kiran Kumar Reddy and several other Seemandhra leaders. The party's repeated postponements of a decision on Telangana have already made the party a laughing stock before people who seem to be waiting patiently to dump the party at an appropriate time.

The situation has come to such a pass that people are not ready to believe the claims or selective leaks of Congress that it is going to announce a decision on Telangana. "Already it is too late, and people have been fed up since December 9th, 2009 for a follow up action on Telangana. Many deadlines have been fixed and violated and it is high time that a decision is taken," and this is our last chance, said Damodar Rajanarsimha.

He and many like him are right. The Congress dilemma on Telangana formation will only help BJP which is being seen as a capable and credible party on Telangana issue. Any further delay on this will not only harm Congress, but benefit the BJP more. ♦

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# Brother KCR turns Sister Ramulamma's betenoire

By Shivkant Bichkunda

Until a few weeks ago, the former Tollywood actress Vijayashanti alias Ramulamma who is currently the TRS MP representing Medak Lok Sabha constituency was seen going around as a coat tail of the TRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao whenever there was some public appearance by the TRS MPs. The actress who felt vengeance for the Andhra film heroes openly vented her anti-Andhra sentiments ever since she joined politics in 1999. She joined the BJP and was holding a party post at the national executive. After realizing her limitations in a party that held its alliance intact with the TDP; she cleverly started a political party only to wind up and join the TRS party under the leadership of KCR albeit sponsored by Ale Narendra who was then a TRS MP. After the delimitation and alliance with TDP in 2009 Lok Sabha elections, KCR felt obligated to accommodate Vijayashanti for the Medak MP seat.

While the TRS got a drubbing at the hustling even losing the Karimnagar Lok Sabha seat that was held by KCR winning a series of elections and by-elections there; many were surprised that Vijayashanti had won the seat when many Assembly candidates lost except Harish Rao from TRS retaining his seat with a record margin. Then many wondered if Vijayashanti would after all remain with TRS as YSR was making efforts to attract the MPs and MLAs from other

parties to join the congress.

Now, after the changed circumstances in view of YSR's accidental death, many including Vijayashanti have stayed back. At a time when the T-struggle is reaching its logical end; KCR is known to have set his eyes on his home constituency -Medak Lok Sabha seat. This development has naturally disturbed Vijayashanti but she could not afford to show any dissent lest she would lose out everything. The TRS first family was openly talking of KCR contesting the Medak seat replacing Vijayashanti. The actress felt frustrated and was doing all sorts of 'maryadas' to appease KCR who every year gets a Rakhi tied by Vijayashanti and calls her his ninth sister. But this ninth sister although was feeling helpless and could not do much about her plight as TRS was the only party that was seen sweeping the T-region.

But, with the sudden turn of events wherein BJP has come to occupy a challenging position on the wave of T-state and Modi; it's once again a great relief to her. Besides, the congress talking about some solution requiring the TRS to merge with it; the possible alternative for Vijayashanti is nothing but joining the BJP and fighting the Medak Lok Sabha seat against her Rakhi brother who is unwilling to extend any more gifts to his ninth sister. Of course, there are other brothers like Jagga Reddy and Raghunandan to guide her and help her in many ways.



Finally, it appears our Ramulamma has summed up her remaining energy to fight her brother who was looking to dump her. She is now emboldened to state that she will not sacrifice her seat even to KCR as it is not some chocolate. Though not too late, Vijayashanti

seems to have recovered her ground to challenge her brother who turned her betenoire. Good luck Ramulamma. It's time for any lady to go to her in-laws home. Only Geetha Reddy is an exception. ♦

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## Kiran's last ditch efforts to stall T-state



By Our Special Correspondent

The most disturbed man these days is none other than our Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy who secretly celebrated 30 months of being in office last month. The toast was the sacking of former Minister DL Ravindra Reddy who was unceremoniously kicked out while on a visit abroad. But politics is all about surprises. Did Kiran ever dream of becoming a state Chief Minister? But strange things happen without one's knowledge. While a jubilant Kiran, into his 31st month in office was expecting further stretch of luck to go on till 2014 general elections; he and his think tank was badly jolted by the sudden news of T-stirring once again initiated by the party high command. Now what? Whatever we have done for the party in Karnataka elections - is that not enough? What is going on? New man coming from Madhya Bharath state that is going for elections soon - so what is the target? How it must be mobilized wondered the think tank.

But the news was not about that. It was something nasty for the Seemandhra CM's camp. The congress high command once again begins their Tea party. It's a never ending supplement for them. But this time there is less 'Azadi' for the wheeler dealers as the goings on in Delhi suggest something fishy. Kiran wants a package. That means a change of guard. A package includes a T-man

coming in as the CM. The best option is postpone any decision and have polls for the local bodies. All victorious candidates who get elected as gram Sarpanchs can be admitted into congress and an impression can be given about congress stronghold in the villages. Smart idea but the congress high command has other ideas. According to people like DL and Shankar Rao - Congress high command knows how loyal Kiran is to the YSR family and the late PV Narasimha Rao family. Two families that are detested lot. But the Chief Minister is being recognized for some good things like putting Akbaruddin Owaisi in the jail and like PV Narasimha Rao alienating the Muslim vote bank from congress. Besides alienating all those loyal congress leaders for their overt and covert actions against Jagan on one hand -and encouraging J-loyalists like minister Venkat Reddy from Khammam, Vishwaroop from East Godavari, Aruna from Mahaboobnagar and scores of MLAs who are just fence sitters waiting to jump into YSRCP anytime.

Despite all these, Kiran has been arguing that congress will vanquish all and win the next general elections. The congress leadership is just intrigued as to which congress party? Let's hope our CM will complete his remaining tenure without any threat since every one is happy about one thing that there is no corruption in the state which was so open before he came in. ♦



# Stop politicking over relief operations

What we have seen at Dehradun Airport this week involving two MPs – one from the ruling Congress and another from Opposition TDP – over relief and rescue operations in the flood hit Uttarakhand is just a sample of the dirty politicking in Andhra Pradesh. The stooping of politicians to such low levels over the rescue operations is only a testimony of panic among politicians, at a time when general elections are just 10 months away. We have seen on TV how Congress party leader and Rajya Sabha MP V Hanumanth Rao had entered into fist fight with TDP MP Ramesh Rathod over ferrying stranded pilgrims from Uttarakhand to Hyderabad. These two MPs stooped down to the level of tempo cleaners who fight for passengers in bus stands to fill their buses. Here the MPs were wooing pilgrims to take their aircrafts to ferry them to Hyderabad.

The immediate provocation for Hanumanth Rao getting angry was the presence of none other than TDP president Chandrababu Naidu at the Dehradun airport where he was supervising the flight operations to Hyderabad. As the government's 120 seats flight was less than half complete and the TDP's 161 seat aircraft was almost full, Hanumanth Rao got frustrated - lost control and attacked TDP Supremo with his choicest abuses.

As Hanumanth Rao was using abusive language against Chandrababu

Naidu, his party MP Rathod lost his temper and surged towards Hanumanth Rao and tried to stop him shouting at his leader. Then the two MPs had almost pushed each other aside and jostled for a while, much to the embarrassment of all



those who were present at the airstrip.

It is a fact that Naidu who was not present in India at the time of the floods hitting Uttarakhand. He along with his family members was in the US to attend to his daughter-in-law's convocation ceremony. The floods wreaked havoc in the holy temple towns in Uttarakhand on June 17th and Naidu landed in the country two days later.

Sensing that the Kiran Kumar Reddy government was sleeping over relief

operations in Uttarakhand, Naidu rushed to Dehradun and camped there to supervise the rescue operations for around 2,000 Telugu pilgrims who were badly trapped. He had seen how Gujarat CM and senior BJP leader Narendra

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Modi knew well that it was worth spending as general public were dissatisfied with the way the Andhra Pradesh government was handling the crisis. There was no immediate response from the government. Andhra Pradesh Bhavan in Delhi which is supposed to conduct a relief camp for the pilgrims has completely abandoned them to their fate.

Here, Naidu as usual just grabbed the opportunity. Though as an Opposition Leader he is supposed to bring pressure on the State government to ensure that it takes up the relief operations effectively, the TDP president has begun taking up the role of a parallel government. He also distributed cash of around Rs 5,000/- each to the pilgrims, held a medial camp and ran a flight service.

Naidu, in his over enthusiasm to score brownie points forgot his limitations as a party leader. The job is best suited to a government. His job as Leader of the Opposition is to see that the government does its duty. But, being a wily politician he was keen on votes in the next elections, Naidu swung into the role of parallel government. We cannot blame him alone for this 'over action'. The failure of Kiran Kumar Reddy in acting on time gave a handle to Naidu to enact this 'over action' and has definitely succeeded in exposing the callous attitude of the Chief Minister and his Ministers. ♦

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## T-Package may boomerang

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and became your magazine's fan after reading your wonderful analytical articles on different topics. Your last week's cover story was very apt as if one understands the politics of congress then it can be expected that first of all congress has no clarity on many contentious issues like statehood to Telangana. It must be reminded that congress party which was in opposition that time has resolved in its working committee's meeting in the year 2001 that if it comes to power then it will grant Telangana state but when it came to power in 2004 and again in 2009 it is dilly dallying the issue on one or the other pretext. It is clear that the central congress leadership and its high command has been manipulated and influenced strongly by the Secmandhra leaders and contractor turned politicians. Now, the congress party is trying to win over its Telangana leaders by announcing an

economical package for the backward region of Telangana. But it appears now that people of Telangana are not in a mood to accept these kind of packages and will intensify its movement for achieving the long standing demand of Telangana. Hope congress will respect and understand the just demand of the 4.5 crores people and fulfill its promise.

M Nanda Kishore, Narayanguda

## Must stop devaluing our Rupee

Everyone in the country has seen how the Indian Rupees is depreciating against US Dollar since some time and from around 53 Rupees it went to almost 61 Rupees per US Dollar recently. The congress beats its drums and claim that our Prime Minister Manmohan

Singh and Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram are great Economists and have the experience and potential to boost the GDP and Indian Economy. But we all saw how pathetically they failed to perform and even failed to contain the frequent steep price hike and could not do anything for the diminishing GDP. The Union Government has failed to control the crude oil prices apart from the daily need goods of its citizens. Now, it appears that some IT and multi national companies are getting benefitted out of the lowering of the Indian Rupee against US Dollar. If the congress led UPA government can not manage the affairs properly and handle the economical situation then it has no right to continue to be at the helm of affairs and should step down. Great loss has already been suffered during

these 9 years of their regime and people are tired and looking for other alternative.

Gayatri Kumar, Madapur

## Kedarnath's furty

It was so sad to see the Char Dham pilgrims stranded in the natural calamity and both the Uttarakhand state government and Union government failed to evacuate the pilgrims resulting in huge human loss. It was so pathetic to see how the AP government handled this cruel natural calamity which shocked the whole nation and caused huge sufferings. Thousands have died, plenty are missing and the kith and kin of the pilgrims are spending sleepless nights waiting for the well being news of their family members. If the governments have acted in time then the loss could have been reduced. But our soldiers have done a great job in the rescue operations even in the bad weather conditions. Hats off to the soldiers, who have laid down their lives in saving the pilgrims.

SVS Murthy, Tarnaka

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TO THE EDITOR



# Congress in deep Confusion

By Sridhar Rama

**A**midst Indian economy struggling at its worst ever situation ever since economist Manmohan Singh has taken over as the Prime Minister of India, the central congress leadership is caught in a trap of its own. There is not only failure to boost the economy but worse being failure to provide leadership. For the past nine years, the congress leadership has taken things for granted making things extremely difficult and it is now in a hurry to settle things to their normalcy. The issue of statehood for Telangana was a poll promise made to people of Telangana region in 2004 and

the congress leadership can engage the CBI to pounce on her. These days, every Tom, Dick and Harry has found it convenient to go and petition before the CBI as if it has unbridled jurisdiction. Even the officials working in the CBI are seen gleefully entertaining these petitions as if they are divinely ordained to undertake any task of investigation under the sky. The day is not far when a woman would go to the CBI to complain against her drunkard hubby. Sadly, there have been so many attacks by the terrorists through out the country - but our glorious premier investigation agency has

aspirations of the people. Weighing political advantage in every thing is not politics - it amounts to cheap politics. The congress has a long history - most of it is cherishable and it must zealously safeguard its reputation else none can save it from perishing.

If there is political advantage in granting statehood to Telangana region by adding up two districts of Kurnool and Anantapur from Seema-Andhra region; it must be done taking opinion of leaders of Telangana and those two districts into consideration. Convince people of Telangana the need to have those two

would come to dead halt under the T-state. That could even impact the neighbouring Kadapa district also to a large extent. The political stakes in these two districts can strengthen the case of congress to convince TRS to merge with it without much fuss. The MIM party that is seen favouring the YSRCP on account of their close proximity with YSR family can also be brought back to support the congress in the name of fighting the explosive Modi factor. Besides, the congress can hope to salvage much of its lost base in Coastal Andhra from realignment of caste forces post-division



2009 general elections. The party reaped rich electoral success but failed to deliver on its promise of carving out Telangana region from Andhra Pradesh despite its formal announcement on 9th December 2009. The T-region had since been going through its worst tragic moments as hundreds of T-state protagonists have sacrificed their lives and still continue to do so.

So was the case with eliminating corruption at high places. The Sonia Gandhi led Congress initially shown great enthusiasm for reforms but most of them are caught in scams. The CBI is kept so busy that they are required to do so much beyond their capacity. Besides, the CBI is also misused to tackle political rivals like Mayawathi, Mulayam Singh and now Narendra Modi. Thank god, Mamatha Bannerjee is not into anything so far that

not been successful in either punishing the criminals or preventing these occurrences. Of course prevention is not their job. Otherwise why an IB officer would be facing criminal investigation for the killing of an alleged terrorist?

Now at a time when everyone is looking towards a solution for Telangana struggle, the congress leadership is still interested in kite flying. The talk of several formulae is nothing short of taking people for granted. The congress must sum up courage and take things forward. If it is not sincere in granting statehood to Telangana region it must say it openly and state the genuine reasons that have made them arrive at such an assessment. The congress party must give up their nasty habit of deriving political advantage in every decision that concerns the

districts added to future T-state if only to resolve issues like being close to Hyderabad city and continue to enjoy the capital city. River water problems over Krishna River could also be amicably resolved thereby enabling people of Kurnool to access Krishna water legitimately in a new state. There is going to be fewer problems that way. In fact, as a fall out there is going to be huge political benefit for the congress as that would ensure marginalization of YSRCP in Kurnool and Anantapur Districts, where it is presently expected to sweep the polls.

The faction politics often revolves around who controls the police department. If the two districts of Kurnool and Anantapur were to be added to T-state; it can be a real boon to people of those two districts as factional warring

of the state. The Kapus, Malas and Kammas in the coastal belt would find it convenient to assume power in a Andhra State minus of Telangana region. As the Reddy factor would be checkmated to a great extent. Come what may there is thinking among many that the bifurcation of the state would begin the process of backward classes and Dalits to assert themselves much better than the present situation. While the desire of developed sections like Kammas and Reddys in Seemandhra would be to continue with the status quo; the talk of smaller states and division of state naturally makes the backward classes more enthusiastic about political empowerment. Its advantage Modi if the status quo is sought to be maintained and finally can the congress come out of its confusion to salvage its position or perish in Modi wave? ♦

# Renewable Energy - Green Power Of India



By Jaywant Naidu

The Indian economy has experienced unprecedented economic growth over the last decade. Today, India is the ninth largest economy in the world, driven by a GDP growth of 8.7% (MOSPI 2013) in the last 5 years. This high order of sustained economic growth is placing enormous demand on its energy resources. A vital part of the solution would be to promote renewable energy technologies in a big way. India's energy basket has a mix of all the resources available including coal, natural gas, oil, hydro, nuclear and renewables. As on date, the total installed capacity of renewable energy in the country is 28,000 MW (MNRE 2013), representing 12.20% in the total installed capacity of power. The installed capacity of renewable energy has grown at CAGR of 23% over FY07-FY12. India ranks tenth among the G-20 for renewable energy installations and fifth amongst the wind-energy-producing countries of the world after USA, China, Germany and Spain. The total potential for renewable power generation in the country as on 31-03-2012 is estimated at 90,000 MW, out of which 49,000 MW is wind, 15,500 MW is small hydro power and 23,500 MW is bio-power (MOSPI 2013, MNRE). CWET estimates the wind power alone has the potential of over 1,02,000 MW at 80m hub height of turbine. Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory (LBNL) estimates that the potential is over 300 to 400 GW. India has set an ambitious target of achieving 30,000 MW of installed renewable energy capacity during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017)

### GRID INTERACTIVE POWER

Renewable Energy Source	Target for 2012-13 (MW)	Installed Capacity (MW)
Wind Power	2500	19051
Small Hydro Power	350	3632
Biomass Power	105	1264
Bagasse Cogeneration	350	2337
Waste to Power	20	96
Solar Power (SPV)	800	1686
<b>Total</b>	<b>4125</b>	<b>28078</b>

### OFF-GRID CAPTIVE POWER

Renewable Energy Source	Target for 2012-13 (MW)	Installed Capacity (MW)
Waste to energy	20	115
Biomass(non-bagasse) Cogeneration	60	471
Biomass gasifiers - Rural and Industrial	11.5	158
Aero-Generators/ Hybrid systems	0.5	2
SPV Systems (>1kW)	30	124
Water mills/micro hydel	2	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>880</b>

which would witness a estimated investment of Rs 3.2 lakh crore into the sector and would represent 16 to 17 percent of the total installed capacity in the country (Twelfth Five Year Plan, Vol 1, Planning Commission).

Following table shows the total installed capacities of various renewable energy sources in India.

### 12th Green Power 2013 International Conference:

Delivering his special address at the 12th Green Power 2013 International Conference, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Mr Umesh Narayan Panjari, IAS, Chairman, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission stressed that while the country is facing energy shortages, the potential for harnessing Renewable Energy sources is immense as natural resources in India are aplenty. He added that both the central and state Governments have introduced Policies and have promised Regulatory support for promoting Renewable Energy sources as it is both a viable and sustainable option for power generation. He said, "The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) initiated by the Central Government is a move towards improving research and development activities on renewable energies thereby enabling India to tackle carbon emissions and climate change by the year 2022". He also added that the Govt. is providing capital subsidies, concessional custom and excise duties on Renewable Energy equipment apart from Income Tax exemption. He concluded by remarking that roof-top solar panels is one very good option for energy generation as solar power is a robust source of energy in the country.

Prof T L Sankar, IAS (Retd), Honorary Visiting Professor, Administrative Staff College of India, said that, "We need a coordinated program at the Country, State, District, and village and eventually at the household level to bring about an awareness of the advantages of using renewable energies, specifically solar energy. Solar power's greatest ability is that it can work at a small scale but work in a big way when it comes to reducing pollution and addressing climate change." He concluded his remarks by saying that simple equipment such as solar panels; box type stoves, etc help in reducing pollution, adding to ecological sustainability, and mitigate risks of climate change.

Mr Richard Hyde, British Deputy

High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad, while addressing the gathering of industry experts, Policy makers and Bureaucrats said that it is highly important for developing countries to utilise renewable energy sources as development and prosperity are directly linked to sustainability. He added, "The UK has been the first country in the world to address the issues of climate change and we want to be the global leaders in this area by using at least 20% Renewable Energy by the year 2020. We want to achieve this by supporting other countries as well through scientific, academic, business, and diplomatic collaborations." Mr Hyde concluded his special address by emphasizing that innovative Government Policies will play a key role in improving energy, food, employment and resource security while ensuring a strong business climate for all stake holders. In his address, Pravinbhai Patel, Member-Technical, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, said that in Gujarat, the Government encourages Renewable Energies through solar projects in particular as it will prove highly beneficial in the long run.

Mr M Kamalakar Babu, VC & Managing Director, NREDCAP, in his address said that the Andhra Pradesh Government encourages solar power generation through friendly Policies and has also set up Regulatory Bodies to review the progress continually. Earlier, delivering the theme address at this conference, Mr Ramesh Kymal, Chairman, Renewable Energy Council, CII - Godrej GBC, said that though India ranks 10th in the G-20, it is imperative to plan for renewable and affordable energy sources for a sustainable tomorrow.

### Renewable Energy in Hyderabad (A case study):

Prasad's Multiplex (I-Max) in Hyderabad has become India's first theatre to install a 100 kWp solar photo-voltaic power generation system on its rooftop to meet part of its energy requirements. The system was inaugurated in May 2011. The 100 kW rooftop solar PV systems has been designed and installed by YesSV Solar, Hyderabad, PV panels were supplied by Solar Semiconductor, Hyderabad and inverters were supplied by SMA, Germany. This is a web based remote monitoring system. The entire implementation was done in 4 months covering 9,000 Sq.ft of rooftop space. The system has 30 arrays with 440 panels connected in series and parallel. Polycrystalline cells are used in the Solar PV system and the panels are fixed at an angle of 14 degrees to horizontal. The life of the system is 25 years and the

degradation factor is 0.5 % per annum. The system will generate 400 - 450 units/day. The system is directly connected to grid and has no battery back up. The total consumption of the building is around 16,000 - 17,000 units/day and the solar PV system caters to 4% of the total energy demand.

The solar plant generates an average 400 - 450 kWh per day, supplying green power for lighting and running the water pumps. The amount of Carbon Emission Reduction is 108 Tons every year. The total energy cost saved is INR 1.15 Million per annum.

### Highlights of Renewable Energy Sector in 2012:

Generation Based Incentive (GBI) has been re-introduced for Wind Power sector. Draft Off-shore Wind Power Policy announced. The Government has set a target of 15,000 MW of wind power to be installed during 12th Plan period. Several states have announced their Solar Policy including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh. Several states have announced their Roof-top Solar Policy including Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, and Rajasthan. Domestic Content Requirement for Solar modules and cells in Phase II of NSM for developing Indian Solar manufacturing industry. Allocation of funds from the National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) to IREDA to facilitate low cost financing to renewable energy projects.

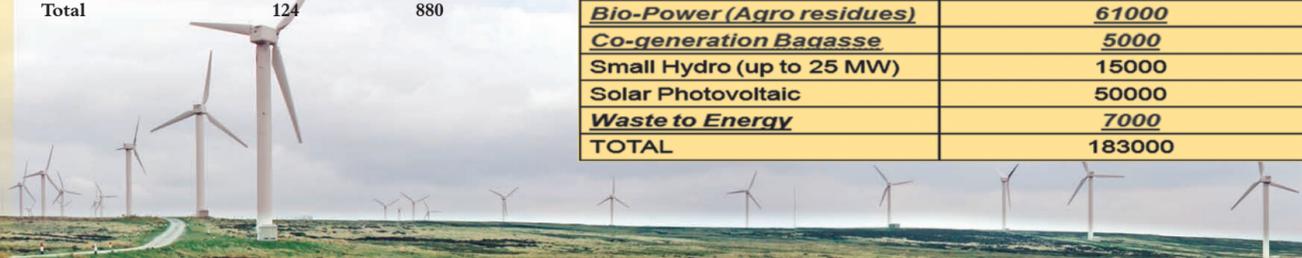
Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Nagaland and Meghalaya are the top 5 states in RPO compliance for 2012. CERC extends validity period of REC to 730 days. IEX witnessed the highest REC trading of 2012 in December with a total trading volume of 1,75,252 RECs, including non-solar and solar. Demand for Indian REC plunged 41 percent in November 2012 from the previous month as the regulators failed to enforce RPO. Gujarat is leading the country in total installed capacity of solar power at 952 MW (as on January 2013). Godawari Green Energy Limited (GGEL) (EPC: Lauren CCL, US) commissioned the first utility-scale CSP project in India under NSM with an installed capacity of 50 MW in Rajasthan.

### Renewable Energy Investment:

Indian renewable energy program is primarily driven by private sector. It offers significant investment and business opportunities. Indian renewable energy sector witnessed investment of over INR 63,000 crore in 2011. In order to double the installed capacity of renewable energy, the 12th Five Year Plan has approved an outlay of INR. 33,000 crore to MNRE. A Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of INR 1521 crore has been provided to MNRE during 2013-14. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows from renewable energy companies during the period April 2000 to February 2013 stood at US \$ 2,518.31 million, according to Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Govt. of India. With an increasingly favourable Regulatory and Policy environment along with a growing number of enterprising entrepreneurs and project developers, India is ranked fourth on E&Y Renewable Attractiveness Index (Second on the Solar Index).

India thus looks forward to ride on a wave of 'GREEN POWER'. ♦

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Estimated potential for Power generation from renewable energy sources by the year 2032 (source MNRE)	
Sources/Systems	Estimated potential-MW
Wind	45000
Bio-Power (Agro residues)	61000
Co-generation Bagasse	5000
Small Hydro (up to 25 MW)	15000
Solar Photovoltaic	50000
Waste to Energy	7000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183000</b>

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# Vedic knowledge for the good of humanity

Versatile Vedic scholar, Ayurvedic exponent Dr. Pratap Dakshinamurthy Dikshitulu on Friday advocated that the students of Vedic fraternity should disseminate the vast knowledge that is embedded in Vedas for the good of the entire humanity.

In his special lecture on Vedas in Dharmagiri Vedapathashala in Tiunmala, he said, the Panchabhutas - five important components of life, execute their work properly only when the Vedic knowledge is imparted in a proper manner. "The Vedas have emphasized that man will be truly human only when he lives up to human values and practices the good life. The Vedas have a universal outlook, embracing all that is noble and sacred. They have taught the principle of Samatwa (equality) in

respect of everything and proclaimed the concept of oneness", he added. He appreciated the faculty of Veda Pathashala for imparting Vedic knowledge to the students in a systematic manner.

Earlier in his speech TTD EO Sri LV Subramanyam said that the students are fortunate to listen to the enchanting lecture of Dr Dikshitulu who is considered to be one of the best Vedic gurus in the entire country.

He called upon the students to learn and practice the message of Guruji to lead a life of ethics which is not only important for their good but for the welfare of the society. The slokas rendered by students from Rig, Yajur, Krishna Yajur, Sukla Yajur, Sama, Adharva Vedas, Vaikhana, Saiva, Vaishnava, Pancharatra agamas enthralled the audience.



# ASTRO FOCUS

June 30 - July 6, 2013

**Aries:** You have to put forth all your energies to get the desired ones. You should not delay in executing the works. You will have upper hand in all aspects. Stay away from investments that seem risky and on the advice of others. New partnerships and contacts will prove to be beneficial. Your positive attitude will give you positive result in your love relationship.

**Taurus:** This week your analytical skills will help you get everything done on time and eventually success will be yours. You will receive immense recognition and appreciation for your efforts. On financial front, you have to take maximum care. Control your wasteful expenditure. Your wife will give her maximum cooperation to you in your efforts.

**Gemini:** You will be able to complete the left over tasks with much ease and less efforts. Your accomplishment will bring you good results in the long run. It is the proper time to use your influence and get the things done. Your guidelines will help to giving benefit to your friends. Spouse/Love will be highly supportive and shower you with love and affection.

**Cancer:** You will witness mixed results during the week. Investors will see past investments gaining new heights. Some of the natives may be blessed with a position with authority. You would likely meet some old friends or acquaintances and feel delighted. Relationship with some relative might suffer due to minor misunderstanding.

**Leo:** This week is a good one for the natives in the financial field. Sudden good news later in the week would bring happiness and cheers for the entire family. Students have to strike hard to achieve their goals. Those natives aspiring to go abroad will get good chances. Excellent cooperation is in store from your Love/ spouse.

**Virgo:** You have to make strenuous efforts to bring personal and professional matters to a satisfactory point. Inflow of income from various sources during this week is indicated. This week is a good time for job hunters. Utilize every opportunity that comes into your way. Foreign related matters would take shape. You will also read new books, browse the Internet and discuss with people on these new topics. Health might disturb you this week so take care of you health.

**Libra:** You will win lots of appreciation for your creativity. Financial inflow will be more than your expenditure. Some good event revitalizes your energy. Outstanding amounts due to you will add your bank balance. An old friend will make an unscheduled but pleasant visit, sharing with you lots of delightful and memorable moments. Lovebirds will have a fabulous time and some will commit themselves to a matrimonial alliance.

**Scorpio:** Your luck is better and your financial status will give your gain in this week. Your decisions would be widely accepted by people around you. Your dreams might come true in this week. Interacting with eminent people would bring you good ideas and plans. Businessmen will explore new and more profitable avenues.

**Sagittarius:** You may be subjected to unwarranted comments from your rivals. Do not take any hasty decisions. Think twice before executing any important work. If necessary take a professional advice. Your personal affairs might come under a cloud. Health of an infant in the family might require some medical attention.

**Capricorn:** Good week to plan your savings and make future investments. Businessmen shall make new contacts. Your mental capabilities shall make you reach the peak of your efficiency. Your decision shall yield only favorable results. Your home and personal life could be a source of encouragement and strength, provided you are willing to listen to the wise counsel. Some of you are likely to receive good news from a relative residing abroad.

**Aquarius:** Some of you will find an opportunity to prove your worth in your professional career. New business proposals would widen your horizons. Some of you will make substantial gains through commission or agency work. Yours higher officials will remain quite happy with you and your work. For some, a change in job is also on the card. You hard work shall be duly rewarded.

**Pisces:** 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.

## SUDOKU 276

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

**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-275

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

Answer 275 : Radhika Koilkar, Goshamahal.

## Laugh out loud

### Best Husband

Two girls are talking about their future husband. One is telling that she will marry an archeologist. Second girl asked why?

She told, "An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her."

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### Chata Le ke Jaa

Sardar: Mere paudho ko pani de ramu.

Ramu: Sir barish gir rahi hai!

Sardar: Bahana nahi chahiae, chata leke ja...

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### Rechecking Answers

Santa reported for his university final examination, which consists of "Yes/No" type questions. He takes his seat in the examination hall, stares at the question paper for five minutes, and then in a fit of inspiration takes his purse out, removes a coin and starts tossing it, marking the answer sheet yes for heads and no for tails.

Within half an hour he is all done whereas the rest of the class is sweating it out. During the last few minutes, he is seen desperately flipping the coin, muttering and sweating.

The moderator, alarmed, approaches his and asks what is going on?

Santa replies, "I'm rechecking my answers and I don't think I did very good."

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### Pappu's Attitude In Exams.

They Give Me Questions Which I Don't Know.

So.....

I Give Them Answers Which They Don't Know.

Why???

"Tit For Tat"

# Aim to provide thought leadership

**N**ASSCOM President Som Mittal was in Hyderabad to attend the Big Data & Analytics Summit 2013 at Hotel Westin Mindspace. He spoke to Deccan Post.

## What is your view on the current Rupee depreciation?

The depreciating Rupee against Dollar has a short-term benefit for the IT industry and the sector should not depend on currency management for profits. It may have short term benefits but majority of the contracts are for long term basis for five years.

The contract prices are also hedged so if a bid is at Rs 54 per dollar then, it would have been covered for the next five years for that value.

## What about the US Immigration Bill?

It will take three to four months before the Bill becomes an Act.

The legislation suggests ban on client site placement for H-1B Workers and client site placement for L-1 workers (whether specialized or managerial) besides limiting total percentage of H-1B and L-1 Workers.

## What has been the main focus of Big Data & Analytics Summit 2013?

NASSCOM has set up a special interest group, aimed at making India the global hub of big data analytics. The aim of the group is to provide thought leadership on structuring the growth strategies, help build holistic strategies for talent and skill development program for this area.

## How is India's place in the Global Software market?

The industry today gets a revenue of 90 per cent from the US and Europe. The rest of the world is 10 per cent. We have grown and are offering services in 35 countries. Rest of the world will grow in percentage terms.

## What are the security and safety areas in this big rush?

There will be issues of safety and frauds. But how the industry and the Government resolves them is important. There is a need for all players to work out an effective mechanism to reduce and try that they don't occur.

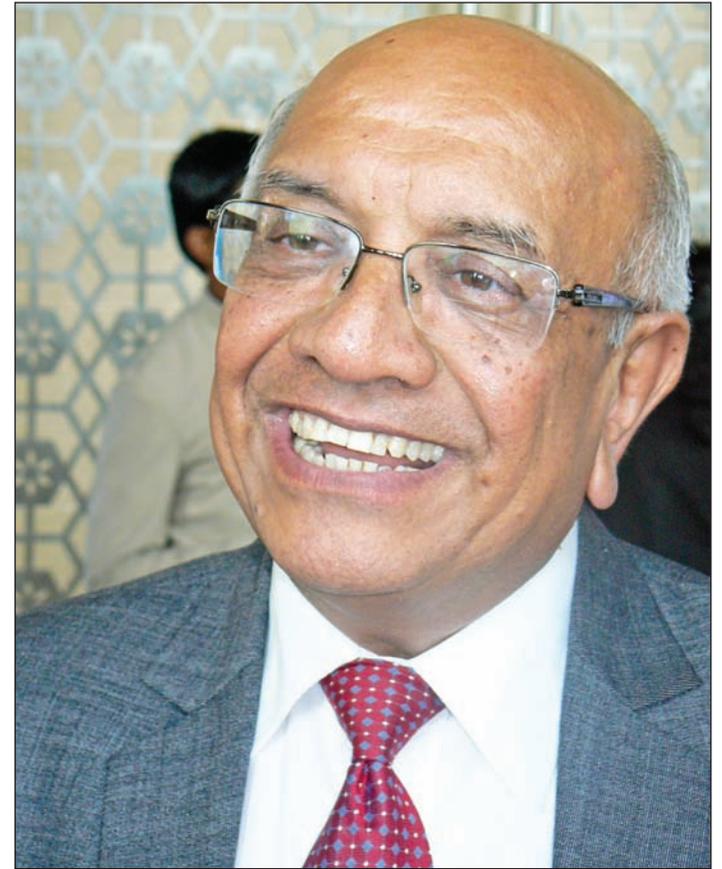
## How far have the 10,000 start-ups initiative with Hyderabad Angels and the Indus Entrepreneurs come?

We have received around 4,000 applications. A few have got funding already.

## Are there any particular new areas for software companies in the coming months?

Social media, Analytics, Cloud and Mobile platforms are the most exciting fields. New countries other than the US and Europe would add to the existing business opportunities. Global economic uncertainties would not have a large impact on the existing businesses. ♦

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## Coincidence or Controversy?



In the upcoming flick *Once Upon A Time in Mumbaai Again*, the makers have decided to change their leading lady Sonakshi Sinha's name to avoid some bitter controversy. This has occurred after around half the portion of the film's completion.

Sonakshi Sinha portrays the role of Yasmeen, who is the love interest of the character Shoib played by actor Akshay Kumar. But the makers have seemed to take a step back and have decided to change the name to Jasmeen after acknowledging the fact the 'Yasmeen Joseph' is the original name of yesteryear's actress Mandakini. A statement from the makers read that they were themselves shocked and stunned by this coincidence. Well its upto the readers to accept it as a coincidence or there may be a silly game of getting publicity out of controversy.

## Tapsee refused to promote Sahasam

**S**ahasam is likely to be released in the second week of July. So, the makers are planning to start the promotional activity.

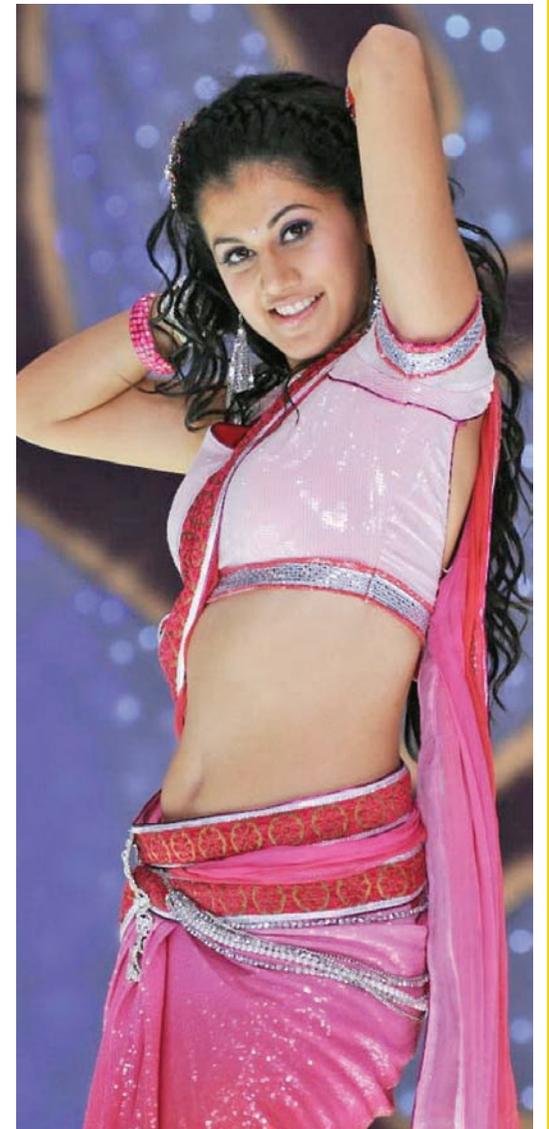
Now, if you wonder what the big deal is, then, they have a problem. Tapsee has made it clear that she is not keen on coming to Hyderabad to participate in the promotional plan. Tapsee is presently



shooting for *Muni 3* and her call sheets are booked. She left to Chennai to take part in the shoot. Cannot blame her totally, as the film has been delayed many times and she had obliged in the past.

On the other hand, the hero of the film Gopichand has left on his honeymoon. He will be returning after a fortnight. The director of the film Chandra Sekhar Yeleti is not very good when it comes to PR activity. The makers are in a fix and worried. They are pinning their hope on Gopichand's return to put in a last-minute effort.

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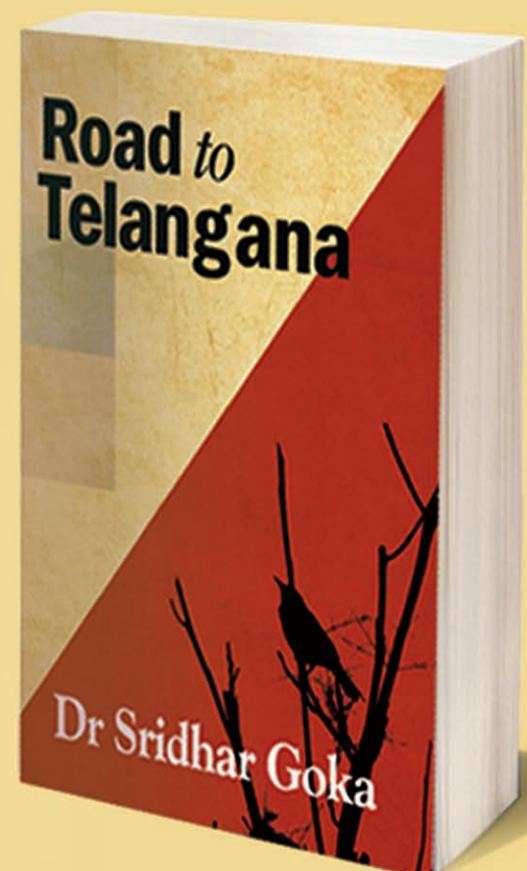
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# Market rebounds on positive news

By V Sundar Raja

Stock Market made a late and a strong recovery at lower levels, after earlier causing nervous to the Investors, in the previous weeks. Market recovered and erased some of the earlier losses due to several macro-economic positive news.

The Current account deficit (CAD) that was reported on 27th June has shown an improvement over the previous quarter, due to increase in the exports and decrease in the imports. Market sentiment was further boosted due to announcement of gas and energy sector reforms by the government on July 27th.

Sensex made strong gains of nearly 900 points in just two days, which is perhaps one of the best performance, in the recent times. Many frontline and mid-cap stocks too, have come down to attractive low levels, and looks a good value bet for the long-term investment purpose. The speculative traders made strong buying at lower levels, due to the month-end compulsory settlement closing period. The foreign institutional buyers who were sellers earlier have reported to have again turned into buyers at lower levels.

The American stock market continued to make strong further advances, as the economic data is seen positive with signs of a strong recovery.



Sectorally, market leaders such as the banking stocks have made a comeback, while the metals which were in declining trend in the last few months witnessed a revival. Software stocks are seen in a steady uptrend, as the Dollar is seen in an appreciating trend against the Rupee.

The Rupee has been in a depreciating

trend as against the Dollar, in the last few weeks from 54 to nearly 61 mark. The Rupee is seen in an oversold position and it is now likely to appreciate in the short-term.

The precious metal Gold has declined from 28,000 to near 25,000 levels, in the MCX commodity market, where there is a support. But for a long position to be considered, Gold

needs to find support at current 25,000 levels and has to consolidate for few days.

Another leading metal Silver is seen in an extremely weak trend, and has declined below the recent major lows of 42,000 mark, and has the next major support below at 35,000.

However, the crude oil is seen strong even at new highs and is seen firm at 5,800 levels. It is now closer to the major psychological barrier of 6,000, where there can be selling pressure and can get into a short-term reactionary trend, for the buyers to be cautious in the commodity market. But the leading base metals like the Copper, Zinc, Lead, Nickel, and Aluminum are seen in a minor uptrend and remained in a firm trend.

However the stock market is seen in a sudden, sharp and in an unexpected rally, and hence technically a consolidation is needed in the next few days, for a healthy stabilizing trend signals. Technically, the next major resistance above is seen at 20,000 where a short-term pause to the uptrend can be expected. Sensex has to consolidate above this crucial barrier, to indicate a further bullish trend. ♦

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

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