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T-State or 3 States with Hyderabad as Union Territory ?

Sonia seeking political solution or vengeance?

By Our Political Correspondent

Delhi political circles are agog at the swift moves being initiated over the affairs of the state of Andhra Pradesh. This sudden spate of activity in the congress leadership assumes greater significance as it comes soon after the All Party meeting convened by the union home minister Susheel Kumar Shinde and his unilateral announcement about taking a certain and decisive decision over the issue of state division within ONE MONTH after meeting the representatives of eight political parties on 28th December, 2012.

Good or bad, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi is at long last applying her mind to the vexed issue of separate Telangana statehood demand. She conferred for over two hours with her core committee members - including Ahmed Patel, AK Antony, Sushil Kumar Shinde, P Chidambaram, Digvijay Singh, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Vayalar Ravi at her 10 Jan Path residence in New Delhi on Thursday night. No media briefing was done.

Once again, the congress core committee sat on the same issue at Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's residence on Friday for over two hours. As usual, no official statement has been issued at the end of the second day's meeting too, but sources told "Deccan Post" that Sonia is definitely thinking of dividing Andhra Pradesh and create three new states at the earliest to settle the issue by the end of this

month, as assured by union home minister Shinde at the all-party meeting on December 28th. Now, the announcement on state division rather than Telangana state formation may come even before that, probably by the end of third week of January.

The biggest problem before the central government is the manner in which Hyderabad city can be settled. What to do with this historical city -- the erstwhile capital of Hyderabad State till its merger with the State of Andhra in 1956 and now having one crore population with many people from Andhra settling in Hyderabad? How to resolve claims of different players over this strategically located city? What should be the future status of the city? - These are the questions that are bothering the central government and congress president Sonia Gandhi who is believed to have made enquiries on this to her core committee colleagues.

As DECCAN POST reported earlier, the Congress high command has come to the conclusion long ago that it has been left with no other option but to carve out Telangana state before 2014 elections, to save its party in Andhra Pradesh, and get some respectable number of seats here. The party got 33 MPs in 2009, but this time, it may get very few seats, if Telangana is not conceded, thanks to a variety of factors like the phenomenal rise of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, President of YSRCP and son of Late YS Rajasekhara Reddy, who



is now languishing in Chanchalguda Central Prison on charges of illegally appropriating wealth misusing his father's official position while he was the state chief minister during the period of 2004-2009.

Its 'J' factor and not 'T' factor?

The "J" factor or the rising phenomenon of YSR Congress leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is the biggest reason for Sonia Gandhi rooting for formation of Telangana state. She in fact, fished out this Telangana issue three years ago, only to

checkmate Jagan from toppling her party government in Andhra Pradesh, first led by K Rosaiah who assumed office of the chief minister immediately after YSR's death and now Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy since past two years.

Had then union home minister P Chidambaram not made the famous statement on the night of December 9th, 2009, stating that the "process of formation of Telangana state has begun", an ambitious Jagan who was enjoying support from many MLAs in the Congress Legislature Party in all probability would have





topped the then Rosaiah government easily and occupied the post of the CM by March, 2010. Faced with the ignominy of such humiliation at the hands of a novice called YS Jagan; it is believed that Sonia Gandhi used the Telangana trump card that so effectively checkmated brazen attempts of late YSR's supporters in the congress party. Now, everyone knows how subsequent developments in Andhra Pradesh went on.

A glance of how Sonia Gandhi meticulously schemed and executed the events that led to the then union home minister P Chidambaram announcing Telangana statehood plans on the night of 9th December, 2009 coinciding with Sonia Gandhi's birthday will confirm what is now taking place.

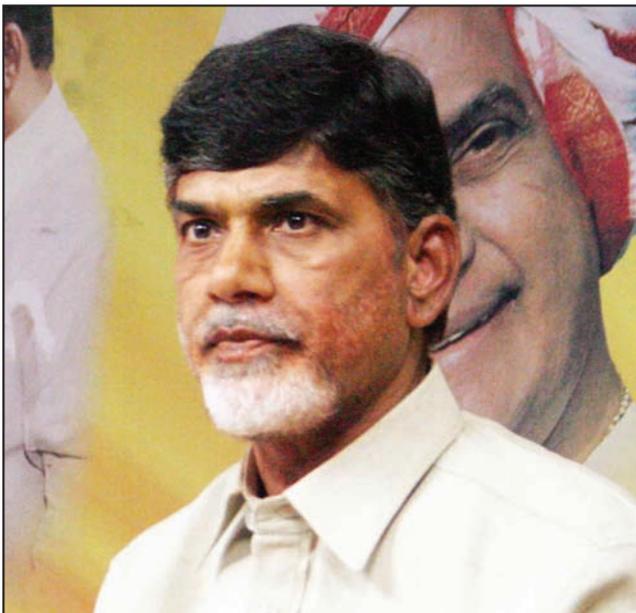
A desperate TRS president KChandrasekhar Rao, who was completely down after the dismal loss of his party in 2009 election, and facing further loss initially planned to go for an indefinite fast to make up for his ignominious show in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections. That was seized upon by wily Ahmed Patel and the coterie of Sonia who turned it to their advantage. This was the time when Jagan was planning a showdown with Sonia by way of undertaking Odarpu Yatras through out the state. At this time, the congress high command tacitly encouraged KCR to go on a fast knowing fully well that he cannot sit on a fast for more than one day. Though, KCR was originally not inclined to continue the fast beyond one day was forced to carry on, thanks to the pressure mounted by students and youth of the region. Within days, the entire region rose like a wave and there was no looking back to the separate Telangana agitation that was joined by scores of politicians from different parties later.

Of course, Sonia Gandhi showed her political opportunism by not taking the 9th December statement any further since whatever the congress high command wanted was achieved by

them. In fact, it came quite handy for the congress to win over the politicians belonging to the cash rich coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema regions in the name of forging a consensus on the division of the State. She also waited eagerly to ensure scuttling Jagan's rise and cut him to size but all the political gimmicks would not take away the winds out of the sail of YSR Congress, which was growing day by day. Congress lost hopes in Rosaiah's political efficacy and brought a young 'Reddy' politician from Rayalaseema region trying to match Jagan.

Failure of Kiran:

As part of this exercise, Sonia replaced old man Rosaiah with a youngster Kiran Kumar Reddy who promised to take care of politically powerful Reddy section which has as many as 52 MLAs in the CLP. Sonia was convinced that a Reddy CM was best suited to handle the situation as and when Jagan was to be arrested by the CBI. As expectedly, Jagan was arrested by the CBI on May 28th, 2012 just two weeks before the by-polls for 17 assembly seats and lone Nellore Lok sabha seat were to be held. Sonia hoped that Kiran would effectively tackle the situation and help Congress win a majority seats in the subsequent by-elections. But, sad enough, that has not happened. The margin of the victory of every MLA and Nellore YSRCP MP was astonishing. The TDP lost deposits at many places where it had good presence. The ruling congress under Kiran was no match for some one like Jagan who was still seen as a novice. But, the results have enhanced the expectations of political pundits. Today, when many surveys being undertaken by various agencies are showing that Jagan and his YSRCP are poised to win a majority in the next general elections and the congress and its leadership are more worried than even the TDP which is reconciled to its fate. Today, in congress set up no one





is being trusted by the party high command. A majority of cabinet ministers, mostly the seniors are not on good terms with Kiran. Some ministers like DL Ravindra Reddy went to the extent of calling the CM as Jagan's covert. Former minister P Shankar Rao was the first one to have sounded about Kiran's secret ties with Jagan which stand vindicated in more than many ways. The most recent being the justification of controversial GOs albeit in the name of saving a minister framed by the CBI Dharmana Prasad Rao, who is a staunch ally of the late YSR family. His elder brother quit as MLA and got re-elected on Jagan's YSRCP.

Despite the fact that the congress leaders from Coastal Andhra working hard to convince people of Andhra not to support Jagan; the wave of sympathy growing every day is indicative of doom for congress in coastal Andhra which has 18 Lok Sabha seats. With Rayalaseema already under the sway of Jagan; there is little hope for congress and Sonia in Seema-Andhra region.

On the other hand, the situation in Telangana is worsening for Congress party. Besides TRS going strong, this region has witnessed a wave of protests against the Congress and it is almost impossible for any of the sitting Congress MPs to get re-elected, if Telangana is not granted. Besides this, YSRCP is emerging stronger than Congress even in Telangana. Sources

opine that Sonia is sensing a literal rout for her party in next elections, unless Jagan is checkmated not only in Telangana but also in Coastal Andhra. That's why a new strategy is being thought of and action plan being initiated that could see not the bifurcation of state into Andhra and Telangana but the division of AP into three new states.

Three States with Hyderabad as UT?

Sonia Gandhi has further firmed up her mind based on the inputs provided by Governor ESL Narasimhan who too is known to have recommended creation of three states – Telangana, Andhra and Rayalaseema – and a Union Territory of Hyderabad. It appears that this is the only shot for Congress that can hit three birds – Jagan, KCR and Chandrababu Naidu's TDP – in Andhra Pradesh.

Congress high command knows it well that if it would not take a decision on Telangana, it would be advantage not only to these three players – Jagan, KCR and Naidu, but also to another player, that is BJP. The saffron party has already gone public that it would move the Telangana state Bill in Parliament, the moment it comes to power in Delhi. The Congress core committee also toyed with the idea of announcing a special package and some Constitutional guarantees to Telangana, on the lines of the recent Constitutional Bill on Hyderabad-



Karnataka region. But, it is unlikely to solve the problem since such a safeguard has been granted to Telangana way back in 1972. That model has failed to work and will not work again. Moreover, the congress led UPA cannot hope to amend the constitution that requires 2/3rds majority in both houses of Parliament. The support of NDA led by BJP is crucial. The BJP would not support such a move. That's why only a state's division as specified under Article 3 of the Indian Constitution is possible as it doesn't need any amendment of the constitution. A simple majority would suffice.

So, the moot question that is engaging the attention of Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and other senior ministers, is the future status of Hyderabad. Even capitalists and industrialists from coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema too are worried over their claims on Hyderabad city, if Telangana is granted.

So, the Congress high command and the Centre might initiate a dialogue on the future of Hyderabad and the tenure of its status as UT, as common capital for all the three regions etc. This exercise may be taken up immediately after Congress party's brainstorming session in Jaipur in Rajasthan on January 18th. So, the process of dividing AP may in all likelihood begin after Sankranti festival for sure. ♦

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Look out for Junior Owaisi

By B Shivkant

Last week Deccan Post reported about the aggressive hate speech of the MIM leader and Changrayangutta MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi. Ironically it was not new for the Hyderabad people to hear such kind of derogative and provocative speeches given by Akbaruddin Owaisi. In the past this over ambitious and over enthusiastic politician has addressed many such meetings and rallies in and around Hyderabad city with such venomous and filthy attitude resulting in hurting the religious passions, sentiments and emotions of other community people and strangely the city police behaved so pathetically in taking any action against such kind of hatred filled speeches which always pose a great threat to the peace in the city leading to communal riots. The ruling congress party which pampered the MIM party and excused this party just for the sake of getting minority votes is the real culprit. Many are vocal in expressing that it's the congress party which encouraged the MIM party and its leaders for their religious and hatred politics and it was the congress party which ensured that no action was taken against such illegal activities practiced by the MIM party leaders.

The speeches given by Akbaruddin Owaisi were insulting and embarrassing to one particular community and very derogative in nature causing injury to the religious beliefs and a debate at national level has started to ban this kind of people from contesting elections and declare them disqualified from the crucial legislative membership. Almost all the news channels and newspapers have condemned this hatred act and started a lot of discussions with many religious leaders, social activists, politicians etc and most of them are demanding for stringent action against Junior Owaisi. When the media people questioned the Chief Minister, a routine dialogue came from him that "Law will take its own course" and the DGP made tall claims that they will take the help of Interpol if required to arrest Akbaruddin who fled to London last week. In his speech Akbar has insulted even the chief



minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy.

It is pertinent to mention here that the police have booked bailable cases against the MLA and framed less serious sections of IPC indirectly helping Akbar and his brother Asad just to ensure that it will be easy in trial for the MIM Party and its leader when the trial begins.

Many people are reminding the Chaderghat incident when the MIM President and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi who beaten a person who was working for another party in elections and he was not allowing the fake people with fake identity to cast their vote in favour of MIM. The electronic media has videographed the whole episode and broadcasted it on TV how a responsible people's representative is acting like a goon and beating a man who is opposing the devil deeds of MIM party workers. Ironically no firm action was taken against this goon culture.

In another incident, the MIM Legislators have cowardly attacked world famous writer Taslima Nasreen when she was conducting a press conference. The MIM legislators thrown chairs on Taslima and her associates to mark their protest against her remarks in one

of her write ups. This ghastly act also recorded on camera and shown to the people of the state but the police have not initiated any action against these legislators due to the reasons best known to the top cops. In another incident Karwan MLA and MIM Leader Muqtada Khan alias Afsar Khan fired bullets in air from his personal weapon in a property dispute and the matter was also reported to the police but it seems the police authorities are in deep slumber and do not care the goonda elements of MIM party as the congress party is pampering them like their favourite kids.

More recently the MIM went on alleging that the Bhagalaxmi Temple at Charminar is illegal and they can go to any extent to remove it from there and many more devilish speeches were given by MIM leaders but nothing happens from police department as if they might be just in police to provide security to these crooked and rogue thinking politicians and not to initiate action against them to restrain them in their illegal activities.

A Section of people are recalling how the police authorities have taken suo motto action against Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Pravin Togadiya for his speech in Hyderabad and how they booked cases against him. Many are

recalling how the protests taken place when the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi was about to visit Hyderabad city on the occasion of Ganesh Immersion. Many are debating that whenever the Hindu leaders organizes any meetings or rallies on festival occasions, the police response is always negative and they strongly raise objections; the manner in which the police has arrested Hindu youth who just attended the Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanthi rallies in the year 2010 is an example. Many Hindu activists are alleging that the Police is acting in biased and partial manner favouring the MIM party and its leaders and it is claiming that when the MIM leaders take the law into their hands on various occasion it remains as mute spectators and the best example is the incident when Akbaruddin Owaisi challenged the whole police department in MIM office at Darusalam where the journalists were attacked and the media vehicles have set on fire by the MIM activists. The Hindu organizations are demanding that the police should stop its Chamchagiri towards the ruling party and its pampered allies and take action on anyone who indulges in inhumanly act like MIM party.

Many are believing that sensing and smelling the consequences Akbar has fled away to London just to be spared from the legal action against him. Many are opining that the speeches are not only derogative in nature but challenge the state too and it should be treated as waging of war against the nation and this kind of religious politics should be banned at any cost or else the society has to pay a high price. Many believing that the reason for the backwardness of the old city is just because the religious politics of the MIM Party and they have decided to teach a lesson to this kind of rogue politicians whenever they get an opportunity in shape of elections. Hope the government will take serious cognizance of the spread of hatred politics and contain the wrong doers to protect the peace and harmony in the historical city of Hyderabad. ♦

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Decentralization of Bus Terminals to avert Accidents & Traffic Jams

By B Shivkant

Whenever one commutes in Hyderabad city's busy roads find many district service RTC buses as well as the buses of other states like Karnataka and Maharashtra. It is believed that thousands of these other states and long distance buses commute on city roads and hugely contributing to the traffic jams as well as damage to the roads. Hyderabad city is fast changing place in the country and it should adopt the decentralization of bus terminals as being practiced by many big cities like Mumbai and Pune where the Road Transport authorities have constructed different bus stands for different route buses in the sub-urbs of city to save the cities from traffic jams and frequent damages to the road. The APSRTC should divert and halt all the buses in their respective directions in the outskirts,

build new bus stands and should provide all the basic facilities to the drivers and conductors at newly constructed bus stands which will ensure to a maximum extent that many accidents can be prevented apart from other problems in the city. Experts are believing that Uppal, LB Nagar, Miyapur, Shamshabad will be suitable places for building new bus terminals as it will allow smooth road transportation.

Hope Mr AK Khan, MD of APSRTC who talks a lot and makes tall claims of progress in APSRTC and great reduce in losses of RTC will take this suggestion positively and propose to the government to take early action which will be a big relief to the people of the Hyderabad city. ♦

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Akbaruddin crossed all limits

By making provocative hate speeches at his party meetings in Nirmal in Adilabad district and in Nizamabad town last month, Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) legislature party leader Akbaruddin Owaisi has crossed all limits and deserves to be prosecuted and punished, according to the law. Whatever may be the reasons, he shocked one and all by his inflammatory remarks.

Significantly, the first complaint against Akbaruddin was filed by a Delhi based social activist Shabnam Azmi in a Delhi court, and in quick succession came other complaints from two Hyderabad based advocates who produced the CDs and transcript of the provocative speeches. Both the courts have directed the police to register cases against the MIM leader immediately. Police in Andhra Pradesh have failed to notice the crime of Akbaruddin. What will happen as part of the legal procedure and what would be the fallout of the cases is one thing that anyway will be decided by the courts in accordance with the law. But, what shocked us all as ordinary people are the intemperate language and the tone and tenor of Akbaruddin at these meeting meant to unite minorities for their overall wellbeing.

Akbaruddin has a right to mention about the atrocities against Muslims in the country and he is right in saying that they have not been getting justice. He is also right in saying that Muslims of this country are not getting enough from government in terms of educationally and economically, on par with other social groups. He should have spoken



on the ways to deal with the injustice.

But sadly, he spoke the language of hatred and violence. Instead of bringing awareness among Muslims, he chose to instigate them through inciting them to take to violence and vengeance. This will in no way help the already backward and under-employed Muslims. Is Akbaruddin wanting them to become criminals?

Akbaruddin is wrong in saying that if the

police leave a couple of minutes to 25 crore Muslims, then they will show their strength to 100 crore Hindus. He seems to have forgotten that in most of the ghastly communal riots, including the one he mentioned in Gujarat in 2001, the absence of police in the crucial first two hours of rioting has caused immense loss of life and property to Muslims.

Many Muslim rights groups in fact blamed the police for responding slowly to their pleas for help and the main charge against

Gujarat CM Narendra Modi too is that he asked the police to rush to the riot areas a bit slowly. If Akbaruddin too is now wishing that the police should be absent from a riot like situation in future, he is planning to harm the Muslims? If so, can he go to any extent for the sake of votes and power?

Several people who know Akbaruddin Owaisi in Hyderabad for years are surprised over his sudden stridency and vituperative language. It is a known fact that he is a well educated person and is married to a Christian woman and is supposed to be a moderate man, unlike many other semi-literate or ill informed communal fanatics. There is no scope for communal fanatics in a secular democracy like India.

Akbaruddin's militant language and hate speech may have something to do with his party's recent line of parting ways with Congress party and get closer to Jagan. He should not forget that all Muslims in the Old city do not support or like Owaisi; It is barely a couple of years ago, we have witnessed a ghastly murder attempt on the life of Akbaruddin by a fellow Muslim leader near Chandrayangutta. Irrespective of religions, all condemned that attack on Akbaruddin.

If Akbaruddin wants to prevent Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi from becoming the PM, it should be done through sincere politics but not by hate speeches or encouraging more violence against a community. Let us hope that Akbar gets back his senses. ♦

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Judgment Reserved!

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I must take this opportunity to congratulate you for publishing an indepth study of the functioning of the congress party. By reading your news magazine one understands that your weekly has got a tremendously talented team which got high sources in congress party in Delhi. Fortunately I read most of your articles on Telangana and I have realized that it is Deccan Post which discussed Telangana issue even when there was nobody talking about Telangana. Now all eyes are on the central government and the congress party high command and the people of the Telangana region are anxiously waiting for a positive decision to resolve the long standing demand of Telangana. I must thank you for publishing a wonderful analytical article.

Rahmat Khan, Tolichowki

Rajakars back in Action

Your last week's story on the hatred and religious politics being played by Akbaruddin Owaisi the MIM leader was touching the heart. Its pathetic on the part of the government that it is not even taking any action against the provocative speech which hurt the religious sentiments of crores of hindu people like me. The history is the witness of the hatred politics played by MIM party in old city and many Muslims also thinks that the MIM party misguided the innocent youth of old city which resulted in the backwardness of the old city. The MIM party seems to gain political mileage and strengthen their position in the polity but the speech against one particular religion is condemnable by all and punishable by the law. Hope atleast this time the government will have a fair attitude in dealing the politician who indulges in religious politics.

Hemant Goel, Barkatpura

Brave heart!!! We are Sorry....

The last week's editorial of Deccan Post on the gang rape victim was clearly showing the lapses on the part of the administration. It's a shame on us that an innocent young girl gets brutally gang raped and later dies fighting with the battle of life and we all remain as mute spectators. It's a shame not only on the part of the government but also on the part of the society. The government should take preventive measures to eradicate these kinds of heinous crimes against women at any cost and the security to the women shall never be compromised. Today, many women are in the key positions in Indian polity but still this kind of shameless crime happens and no stringent laws are made to curb this menace. I appeal to all the people especially the youth to be united and pressurize the government to bring strict laws and implement it strictly too so that the innocent lives can be saved.

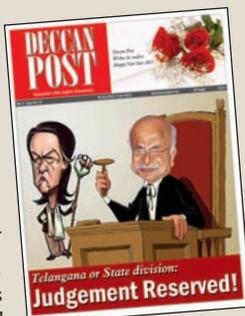
B Laxmi, Panjagutta

Mastered the art of Deception?

Your last week's focus page was not an article but the reality of today's politics. It has meticulously narrated how the political parties are betraying the people and their beliefs just for the sake of their existence. It seems all the political parties have forgot their principles and just took the avatar of power mongers. Everyone seems to be in a hurry to grab the power and loot the nation and nobody has time to care for the common man and his dreams and demands. Nobody seems to be interested in public welfare and provide strong and credible leadership. But now the time has come when the people are much informed and aware and they now how to teach a lesson to the deceptive political parties and crooked politicians and they will show what the might of the common man is.

Yashwant Reddy, Safilguda

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NAGAM: Declare Telangana within 30 days...!!!

By B Shivkant

The Telangana Nagara Samithi leader and Senior Legislator Dr Nagam Janardhan Reddy spoke in an exclusive interview to the Deccan Post Correspondent B Shivkant. Nagam who was present in New Delhi on 28th December, 2012 at the North Block although he was not participating; shared and expressed his experience during his presence in Delhi. The following are the excerpts of the interview.

Why are you seeking separate state of Telangana? Why do you wish to break the only Telugu state?

We are not seeking to split the state. We are only seeking de-merger of the two states that were forcibly merged in 1956. We want



restoration of our own state that existed till 1956 because it restores our "sense of dignity", our right and ability to rule ourselves and of course 'to achieve all round development'.

Do you think Telangana region is backward and not developed enough?

Telangana is forced to be under-developed. If we were not forcibly merged with State of Andhra in 1956, our state (Telangana) would have been on top. Hyderabad would have been a world class city by now. We have rich human resource besides adequate natural resources.

What is your take on the All-party meeting convened by the union home minister Mr Sushil Kumar Shinde last week? What is your opinion about his political strategy?

Mr Shinde is a senior congress leader having vast experience. He was chief minister of Maharashtra and worked as Governor of our state during 2005-06. He has been a member of the union cabinet for past many years and I think he knows his job well and we are hopeful that a definite decision on Telangana would be taken. Being the present leader of the Lok Sabha, union home minister Mr Shinde has the responsibility to resolve the long pending Telangana issue.

What decision are you expecting from the Central government?

I certainly expect the central government to announce road map for formation of Telangana state within 30 days?

Do you think there was consensus at the All-party meeting in Delhi?

First of all, we are a democratic country. It is sad that many people are talking about consensus, which means unanimous opinion. Is there any such method

prescribed in our Indian Constitution that such and such a decision must be based on consensus? Dr Ambedkar, the father of our Constitution has clearly enacted an excellent constitution that specifies how laws are to be enacted by the Parliament. Article 3 of our Constitution clearly specifies a simple procedure for formation of new states. A simple majority in Parliament is more than enough. All those talking about consensus are insulting our constitution.

What was the need for an All Party meeting?

There is a lot of difference between consensus and consultations. We are not against consultations. In democracy for taking a policy decision, there is nothing wrong in consulting various sections. But it should be done sincerely and scientifically. Actually, the eight political parties that were invited gave their opinion. In fact, no one opposed the formation of Telangana. The BJP, CPI and TRS were categorical in their demand for Telangana state. The TDP also urged that its stand in favour of Telangana state formation taken on 18th October, 2008 has not changed and it reiterated that it stands by its earlier stand taken supporting Telangana state formation. The YSRCP has also stated that it doesn't oppose if the central government wants to form Telangana state. The CPM and MIM while stating their stand for keeping the state united have clearly told that they wouldn't oppose if the centre wants to divide the state. It's only the congress whose two representatives spoke in different voices. However, senior congress leader Mr Suresh Reddy has stated that the "congress favours state division" and what he said was the official stand of the congress party. Therefore, what more any one can ask for? There is an absolutely clear majority support from political parties towards formation of Telangana.

So are you expecting the central government to announce Telangana?

It's not just me, entire Telangana is waiting for a positive decision on Telangana. We have already lost more than 1,000 precious lives. The youth have been committing suicides to move the hearts of the congress leaders and central ministers to take note of their sense of hurt.

Will the Congress party give Telangana?

The congress party since beginning has been the villain in scuttling the aspirations of people of Telangana. In 1969, I participated in the Telangana agitation that claimed 369 precious lives. Many of my associates were killed in the Police firing. I was a medical student at that time and led the student's movement. I was arrested and put in Jail for months by the Brahamanada Reddy government. My family also suffered a lot for obstructing Kasu Brahmanna Reddy's tour of Mahabubnagar District, who was the Chief Minister at that time. The people of



Telangana defeated the congress headed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during 1971 general elections. Indira Gandhi felt humiliated and did not respect the democratic aspirations of Telangana people. She behaved like a dictator and subsequently imposed emergency in the country. Now, we are seeing how many dictators across the world are perishing. It would be better for the congress party to announce Telangana at least now. I am hopeful of a positive decision.

What do you mean by positive decision?

The division of AP state into two states as they existed prior to their merger on 1st November, 1956. I mean the formation of Telangana state that presently has 10 Districts in the Telangana region with its present geographical boundaries.

What if the congress gives any package?

The people of Telangana would permanently pack off the congress in that case.

There are some people who are asking for package or formula for Telangana?

If any one is even suggesting then he is

a traitor of the Telangana people. We will not accept any packages or formulas. They have failed to satisfy us. You see, in democracy majority rule prevails. How can people of Telangana get justice when the majority of Andhras prevails in the state assembly? It is wrong to expect people of Telangana to suffer any more.

How optimistic are you about formation of Telangana state?

I am eternally optimistic. I will fight until we achieve our state. We shall not stop our agitation till we get.

What is your future political role?

At present, I am only interested in achieving Telangana. My mission is to unite everyone in the struggle for Telangana. There is no scope for internal fighting. I am more interested in saving the lives of our youth who need that assurance.

What assurance?

Bharosa to our people. An assurance that we (political leaders) will achieve Telangana at any cost. Jai Telangana. ♦

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Is it right to experiment on human lives?



By Jaywant Naidu

The Clinical Trials Registry - India (CTRI), hosted at the ICMR National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS), is a free and online public record system for registration of clinical trials being conducted in India that was launched on 20th July 2007 as a voluntary measure. Since 15th June 2009, trial registration in the CTRI has been made mandatory by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). Editors of Biomedical Journals of 11 major journals of India declared that only registered trials would be considered for publication. Researchers, who plan to conduct a trial involving human participants, of any intervention such as drugs, surgical procedures, preventive measures, lifestyle modifications, devices, educational or behavioural treatment, rehabilitation strategies as well as trials being conducted in the purview of the Department of AYUSH are expected to register the trial in the CTRI before enrollment of the first participant.

Registration of clinical trials:

Trial registration involves public declaration and identification of trial investigators, sponsors, interventions, patient population etc before the enrollment of the first patient. Submission of Ethics approval and DCGI approval (if applicable) is essential for trial registration in the CTRI. Multi-country trials, where India is a participating country, which have been registered in an international registry, are also expected to be registered in the CTRI. In the CTRI, details of Indian investigators, trial sites, Indian target sample size and date of enrollment are captured. After a trial is registered, trial status or other aspects need to be updated and made available for public display. While, the mission of the CTRI is to encourage all clinical trials conducted in India to be prospectively registered before the enrollment of the first participant currently, trials where patient recruitment has started or even completed are also being registered. Post-marketing surveillance studies as well as BA/BE trials are also expected to be registered in the CTRI. The vision of the CTRI is to ensure that every clinical trial conducted in the region is prospectively registered with full disclosure of the trial data set items. Trials registered in CTRI will be monitored to ensure increasing voluntary disclosure of all items in the register. These items have been selected in order to:

1. Improve transparency and accountability
2. Improve the internal validity of trials
3. Conform to accepted ethical standards
4. Reporting of all relevant results of registered trials.

What needs to be done?

It's quite clear that there is a need for reform. Improvement has already been seen in certain areas, such as the stress on clinical trial registration in India through the medium of the Clinical Trial Registry - India as well as Indian journals insisting on such registration for accepting resultant manuscripts. The draft bill on Biomedical Research on Human Participants (Promotion and Regulation) prepared by the Indian Council of Medical Research needs to be put in the public domain for discussion and then tabled in the parliament on a priority basis. Such a law can provide mechanisms for legal remedy in the case of questionable and/or exploitative research. The number of Ethics Committees (ECs) in the country is rising, but there is no clear estimation of the total numbers. The quality of conduct of ECs is often quite variable, and also there is no standardized training or orientation for members. Unless, there is mandatory registration of ethics committees and an accreditation process, it would be difficult to ensure that ECs are optimally focusing on their core duty of protection of research participants. In a positive development, some ECs in India have voluntarily undergone accreditation through the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian and Western Pacific Region (FERCAP), and the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRP). Indian EC members, who were surveyed in the past, also felt that there is a need for formal training of EC members in ethics, and networking of ECs.

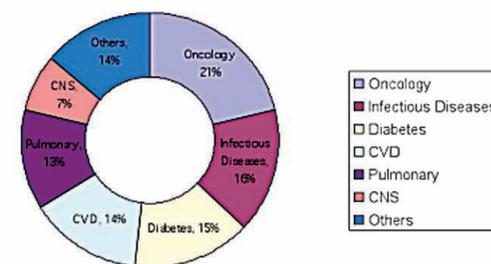
Why India is preferred?

A huge patient population, genetically distinct groups, specialty hospitals with state-of-the-art facilities, nearly 7,00,000 hospital beds and 221 medical colleges, and skilled, English-speaking investigators are India's trump cards. The trials can get done fast and at a cheaper cost than in the West. In the US, trials for a single drug can cost about \$ 150 million. Early estimates are that drugs could be tested in India at 60% of that price. Hospitals and research labs in the West earn 60% to 70% of their income by conducting clinical trials for the industry. Under India's existing laws, only those drugs that have already passed phase-1 safety trials, in the country of their origin can be tested on Indians. India's potential as a host for clinical trials is limited. The US Food and Drug Administration do not approve data from trials in which more than 20% of subjects are from developing countries. Although, the agency has inspected 64 trial sites outside the US, it has yet to inspect any clinical trial facilities in India.

The disadvantages for people on clinical trial:

Informed consent, which is mandatory, remains a farce as the subjects are usually illiterate or barely-literate and cannot read the elaborate forms (usually in English) that they sign. They are also equally unaware of the nature of the drug that is going to be tested on them and the possible side effects. And even when the side effects surface at a later point of time, these people rarely have the means to get treatment or a collective mechanism to seek compensation. The most preferred human guinea pigs are tribal, most of whom are neither organized nor literate.

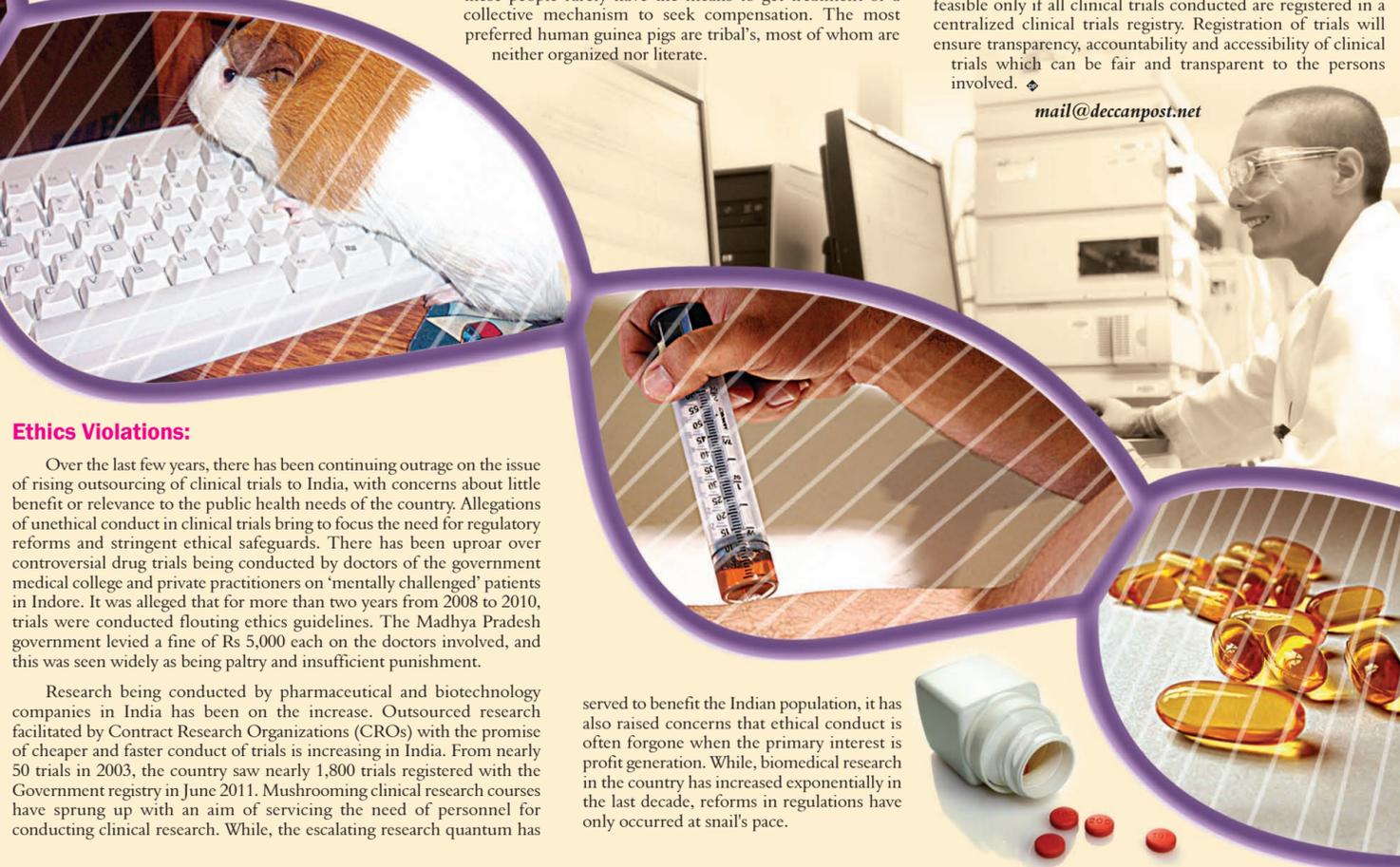
Therapeutic Area-wise Distribution of Clinical Trials Outsourced to India



The CRO industry generated nearly \$ 480 million revenue in 2010-11 and has been growing at 12% per each year. There is no government registry for CROs in India. The worst part about the whole human drug trial episode is that the doctors, who have sworn to protect life and uphold medical ethics, are the facilitators for these unethical practices.

Clinical trials hold enormous potential for benefiting patients, improving therapeutic regimens and ensuring advancement in medical practice that is evidence based. Today world over, a need has been felt on the imperative for transparency, accountability and accessibility in order to re-establish public trust in clinical trial data. And this would be feasible only if all clinical trials conducted are registered in a centralized clinical trials registry. Registration of trials will ensure transparency, accountability and accessibility of clinical trials which can be fair and transparent to the persons involved. ♦

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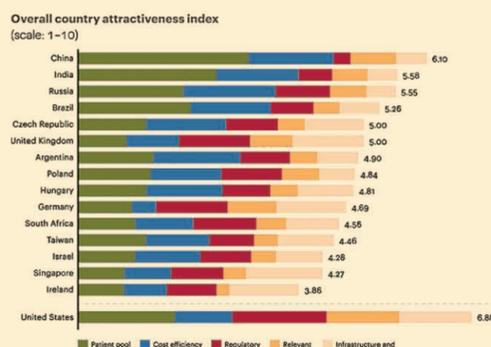
Ethics Violations:

Over the last few years, there has been continuing outrage on the issue of rising outsourcing of clinical trials to India, with concerns about little benefit or relevance to the public health needs of the country. Allegations of unethical conduct in clinical trials bring to focus the need for regulatory reforms and stringent ethical safeguards. There has been uproar over controversial drug trials being conducted by doctors of the government medical college and private practitioners on 'mentally challenged' patients in Indore. It was alleged that for more than two years from 2008 to 2010, trials were conducted flouting ethics guidelines. The Madhya Pradesh government levied a fine of Rs 5,000 each on the doctors involved, and this was seen widely as being paltry and insufficient punishment.

Research being conducted by pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in India has been on the increase. Outsourced research facilitated by Contract Research Organizations (CROs) with the promise of cheaper and faster conduct of trials is increasing in India. From nearly 50 trials in 2003, the country saw nearly 1,800 trials registered with the Government registry in June 2011. Mushrooming clinical research courses have sprung up with an aim of servicing the need of personnel for conducting clinical research. While, the escalating research quantum has

served to benefit the Indian population, it has also raised concerns that ethical conduct is often forgone when the primary interest is profit generation. While, biomedical research in the country has increased exponentially in the last decade, reforms in regulations have only occurred at snail's pace.

China and India are the most attractive locations to perform clinical trials outside of the United States



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AP Governor offers prayers in Tirumala shrine



The Honourable Governor of AP H.E. Sri E.S.L. Narasimhan accompanied by wife Smt. Vimala Narasimhan offered prayers in the temple of Lord Venkateswara on Wednesday evening during VIP break along with his family members.

Earlier he offered prayers in Swamy Pushkarini and then in Sri Bhuviraha Swamy temple. At the entrance of the Srivari temple he was accorded warm welcome by the top brass officials of TTD and temple priests. Later he offered prayers to the presiding deity of Lord Venkateswara, Vakula

mata, Ananda Nilayam Vimana Venkateswara, Bhashyakarla Sannidhi and Yoga Narasimha Swamy in the Sanctum Sanctorum. After offering prayers the Vedic Pundits rendered Vedasirvachanam to the delegates at Ranganayakula Mandapam. Later TTD Chairman Sri K.Bapi Raju, TTD EO Sri LV Subramanyam offered prasadam to the honourable Governor and his entourage. TTD JEO Sri K.S.Sreenivasa Raju, CVSO Sri GVG Ashok Kumar, Deputy EO's Sri Chinnamgari Ramana, Sri Venkataiah, OSD Sri Damodar and other officials were also present.



ASTRO FOCUS

Jan 06-12, 2013

Aries: You get a glimpse of what is to come in your career or love life as the week begins, and you think you like it! It may be a good time to make plans, as you have got a better idea of how everything is going to interconnect. Your artistic side is showing on Wednesday and Thursday. That could mean you are getting creative yourself, or maybe you want to visit galleries or take in a concert -- it is your call!

Taurus: You have got a duty to speak up early in the week -- your amazing energy and great ideas are perfect for fixing current problems. See if you can get your peers to quiet down long enough to hear you out. It should not be hard. Surround yourself with people on Wednesday and Thursday, even if it means heading out to the streets or crashing a party somewhere.

Gemini: Your mind just does not focus early this week -- it is bouncing from topic to topic like a balloon! Let yourself touch on everything and see if you pick up on any wide-ranging patterns. Good energy starts to flood in Wednesday and you ought to be able to treat yourself quite well for a few days.

Cancer: It is a good time to make solid progress on your plans. Slow down as much as you can on Wednesday and Thursday, as your energy is blocked somewhat and you are much better off waiting for it to start flowing again before handling anything big. The weekend sets you off and running again, and you may find your passions reinvigorated without warning!

Leo: Keep smiling as much as you can! By midweek, you should be in a much better position socially, and can more easily work together with the people in your life to reach common goals. The weekend brings obstacles your way, which might get quite frustrating. It may be better to hunker down at home for a while.

Virgo: Your thinking is quite malleable during the first couple of days of the week, and you should take the opportunity to explore wild ideas and new points of view. It may be that you decide to embark on a very different course of action! Watch out for taking on too much, though, as you are far more likely to feel overwhelmed by activity on Wednesday and Thursday. If you can trim your schedule a bit, you should be fine.

Libra: Your mind is quite active this week, and you need to act as thoughtfully as possible. On Monday and Tuesday, it is too easy for you to react from the heart. Try instead to think things through as carefully as you can before taking any action. Big issues are more important to you midweek, and your philosophizing may result in big changes if you decide the time is right for them.

Scorpio: You have got to try every trick in the book early this week -- your old techniques just can not cut it this time. That is great, though, because you love to stretch your mind out when you get a chance. Look at people more skeptically on Wednesday and Thursday, because you need to make sure that you are not taking their every utterance at face value.

Sagittarius: Nobody is where they are supposed to be on Monday and Tuesday, and that necessitates a fair amount of schedule-shuffling. Just smile and go along with it, as any complaints are likely to make the situation that much worse. Your people are still somewhat scattered through the middle of the week, but you should be able to cope with that more easily by reminding them what is what and when they need to take off.

Capricorn: It should be a fun, if fairly straightforward, week for you. Your social energy helps you smooth the transition on Monday, and you ought to be able to get along even with your worst enemies at work or in the neighborhood. Stick with what you know well on Wednesday and Thursday -- any new projects or people are likely to be more trouble than they are worth, at least for the time being.

Aquarius: You have got to focus on your family life early this week -- it is teetering on the edge of something big, and you want to make sure you are paying close attention. You may not have to act very forcefully, but you do need to stay informed. Make sure that you separate your fantasy life from reality on Wednesday and Thursday, because it is far too easy for you to just see what you want to see otherwise.

Pisces: Your intellect is busting out with all sorts of great ideas on Monday and Tuesday, so kicks back and collect them -- or bounce them off of friends and coworkers to see if anything sticks. You might dream up a winner! Absent-mindedness is a big problem for you midweek, and you should do your best to keep all your valuables locked up or tied to your person.

SUDOKU 251

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Lala: ha,
Santa: acha vala hai,
Lala: ha,
Santa: achi quality ka hai,
Lala: ha bhai ha,
Santa: thik hai hath dhokr 1kg aata do.
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Ladki Ka Naam
Santa: Sharab pite pite rone laga
Banta: Kya hua kyo ro rahe ho?
Santa: Yaar ki kara jis ladki ko bhulane k liye pi raha tha, uska naam yaad nhi aa raha hai
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Chate me ched
Santa ki chatri me hole tha,
 kisine pucha, umbrella mai hole

kyu?
Santa bola: Oye barish ruk jayegi to pata kaise chalega?
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Bijli
 Santa pe bijli ka taar gir gaya
 Santa tadap tadap ke marne hi wala tha ki use achanak yaad aya ki bijli to 2 din se band hai....

Role of Teachers is very vital

Prof Ved Prakash, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) was in Hyderabad recently and spoke to Deccan Post about the recent trends in educational system.

Can you elaborate on the needs of the education sector in India?

The UGC has demanded an allocation of Rs 1.84 lakh crore in the 12th five year plan so that there can be qualitative expansion of higher education. Higher education institutions that lack in quality must not be allowed to remain in this field. The educational institutions in India must run as per the laws



set up for them. India has the largest higher education system in the world with 644 universities and 31,023 colleges. But, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in India is very less, as compared to those in other developing nations. Our GER is around 18%, much lesser than the world average of 27% and 52% that of developed nations. There is lot of regional imbalance, as some parts of the country have a high GER of 37% while some areas have GER as low as 5%.

What are your concerns about quality in education?

Today, higher education is still 'elitist' in nature. In this era of globalization, education should not be driven by science and technology but also humanities, social science and languages. We have somehow lost focus on the public institutions in education sector and market driven institutions are offering courses that have high value. Government must strengthen the higher education in public sector institutions which is vital in improving the nation's competitiveness. There is no point in depending upon the private sector to enable education reach out to the rural masses.

Are you happy with the role of teachers in our education system?

Teachers must always show courage, fearlessness and uncompromising loyalty to fundamental values of life. Educational system must always strive to help bridge the huge economic divide that is prevalent in society. And the role of teachers is very vital in this aspect.

Could you tell us about your trust with the education field?

I have served as Vice-Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) from 2005

to 2009. Before that I was Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC) from 2002 to 2005. I am a recipient of US Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship and a visiting faculty at University of Windsor and Harvard Institute of International Development (HIID), Harvard University. I have also worked at the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and initiated many changes in the areas of education.

What is the way to move forward today?

Higher education institutes in the country should strive harder to be knowledge systems, rather than just learning systems. Most of the institutions fall in the category of learning systems and not knowledge systems. Research and teaching are two distinct activities today and are rarely used together.

Has UGC succeeded in its goal to administer good governance in education sector?

The UGC works on maintenance of standards of University education and providing recognition to varsities. In this large country, we come across many issues where there is an attempt to reduce the quality or jump rules and we are always working on the same.

What is your take on Distance education?

Nearly 4.6 million students in India pursue education through distance mode. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) accounts for 90 percent of the figure. We would like to increase the enrolment from 4.6 million to 6.6 million in distance mode of education. Many institutes are in a hurry to open distance education centers in far flung areas of the country and expand in a hurry. But, it is very important that there is a proper control over the quality of education that would be imparted. ♦

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Nargis Fakhri to marry Uday Chopra?

Uday Chopra and Nargis Fakhri are no more 'just friends'. If latest buzz is to be believed, the Rockstar babe and the Dhoom boy are set to tie the knot in March this year. For a very long time, rumors had it that the two were dating. The couple was spotted together at many public places, early last year. Buzz also had it that Uday gifted Nargis a lot of YRF comics. Nargis had even tweeted: "I'm totally not in 2 comic books but my friend just sent me his new stuff n umm I can't put it down! Its awesome." Well, we all know who that 'friend' was. The so called "friends" Nargi and Uday now want to take their friendship to the next level. Well, by next level, we mean, wedding! According to Filmfare, a source close to the couple confirms that Nargis Fakhri and Uday Chopra are thinking of tying the knot in March 2013. That's not it. The couple's families have met too, and are both happy that their children have found love. Nargis Fakhri is 33 and Uday Chopra is 39. If the news is true, we wish the couple heartiest congratulations.



Sada's controversial exposure

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After 'CGR, Denikaina Ready and A Woman in Brahmanism' suffering from the censor conflicts, the new film which might go into similar issues is Navdeep, Sada's 'Mythri.' Actually, this film has been a hot subject these days due to spicy skin show of Sada in posters and Navdeep seems to be enjoying to the core. However, it's heard that 'Mythri' has gone for Censor Certification and seems to be suffering from financial troubles. During Censor Certification, a mob attacked the screening theatre, looking for producer Rajesh Kumar. Director Surya Raju tried to control them and here is the exact reason behind. Rajesh borrowed nearly Rs.16 Lakhs from a financier nearly 7 years ago and has been absconding from then on. It is necessary for producer and movie director to sign a legal documents before Censor Board to be able to get the film verified.

Now, the major allegations against our Regional Board are how did they evaluate 'Mythri' without the presence of producer Rajesh Kumar? All in all but this film is becoming controversial on different counts. Is it just a publicity stunt or a genuine one let's wait and watch.

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Market advances towards 20,000 levels

By V Sundar Raja

Sensex, which has been witnessing strength above 19,000 levels, in the last few weeks, has made further strong gains. It is now nearer to the major psychological mark of 20,000 levels, and the uptrend was possible due to strong rally in the American stock markets. America has passed a bill solving the "fiscal cliff" issue, which means that an earlier proposal of a higher taxes and a cut in spending can now be avoided. Moreover, the foreign funds continue to be strong buyers in the Indian market. This has boosted the sentiment in the markets, but it needed to be seen whether market can sustain at 20,000 levels, in the short-term.

But, there are reports which hint that few Indian economic growth indicators are slowing down, and hence it is likely to have major challenges for the Indian policy makers in the next few months. The exports are coming down and the imports are increasing, resulting in a widening trade deficit. Hence, market could get into a consolidation mode at the higher levels. But however, the mid-cap and small-cap stocks are expected to perform well, even if the market were to see a sideways trend, at the major highs.

The next major trigger is expected to be the Reserve Bank of India's next monetary review in the month end, which is expected to lead the market's next direction. As the stock market is at yearly highs, the precious metals which have been in the correction mode are

now showing signs of a recovery.

Gold is seen taking support at 30,500, in the MCX commodity market and is now

poised for a short-term uptrend. The next barrier and the possible upward target above are at 32,500. Gold is seen firming up, as there

are restrictions on the imports, and also due to increase in the demand. Similarly, silver is seen advancing from 57,000 levels and has the next barrier at 62,000 and next at 64,000.

Crude oil has stabilized well at the major support of 4600 levels, in the last few weeks, and has even broken out of the technical price barrier of 5,000, indicating a possible short-term uptrend. The next major barrier above is at 5,200 and next at 5,500, for the commodity traders to be cautious.

Dollar is seen depreciating as against the Indian Rupee, due to dollar inflows into the country. It is unable to sustain at the barrier of 56 and in-case of any break-down below 54 supports, and then it indicates a further short-term weakness.

Sensex on the technical price charts, may find selling pressure at 20,000 and may time to continue the uptrend beyond this levels, in the short-term. It has to consolidate for few days, above this key mark, to continue the bullish trend. In-case of a possible correction, it has to sustain above the support of 19,500 to keep the current uptrend in safe position. But only in-case of any failure to sustain above 19,500, it indicates a short-term correction, for the short-term Investors to be cautious. ♦

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