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# KCR's machinations stun Telanganites

**By Our Political Correspondent**

The people of Telangana have always yearned for a separate state. They saw a separate state as a panacea to all their woes. They had pinned all their hopes and aspirations on the separate state, where they would be masters of their destiny.

They had waited for well over six decades for the dawn that brought the glad tidings of a separate state. Many a battles were waged and countless agitations were organized for the Telangana cause. All sections of Telangana, including the students, employees, farmers and the youth have given up everything at their disposal to achieve the statehood. Several had even made the supreme sacrifice. The legion of martyrs for Telangana is endless. They yearned for a statehood that has moral values and principled politics as the core of Telangana. They rooted for a Telangana that gave them opportunities to grow and develop.

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Now, the Telangana is a reality. The formation of the 29th state of India is now a mere formality. The official date given for the formal coming into being of the latest yet state is June 2nd. It is mere 49 days away. This 'Appointed Day' will mark a new beginning for the people of the 10 districts that constituted the former Nizam state.

Technically, though the elections are now being held in the undivided state of Andhra Pradesh. However, once the election process is over, the new state will come into being. And certainly, the people's representatives, who would be elected, would play a pivotal role in the reconstruction of Telangana. Hence, the major political parties are vying for getting political power. The first elected government in Telangana has an enormous responsibility. It has to fulfill the aspirations of the people of this new state. These parties are supposed to conduct themselves in a manner that is in tune with the expectations of the people. More importantly, the first government that is formed after a prolonged mass agitation is expected to be true to the spirit of the movement and is supposed to uphold its higher values.

## Belied hopes and shattered dreams?

But, whatever is happening now is not in sync with this sentiment. And that is the most worrisome aspect. The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) which was founded by K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) way back in 2001 has a single point agenda – the achieving of the Telangana state at any cost. Though the Telangana agitation has been going on for the last six decades and the mass upsurge of 1969 movement has for the first ever time, highlighted the severity and seriousness of the issue. It sure goes to the credit of the TRS and its founder KCR that they had managed to revive the agitation in 2001.

KCR had time and again told the people that he was not after political power and that he was also not interested in becoming the Chief Minister of Telangana. KCR made tall promises such as making a Dalit the Chief Minister of Telangana. KCR had also promised that a Muslim candidate would be made the Deputy Chief Minister of the new state.

In the last 13 years of agitations, KCR had made promises left, right and centre to all sections of the people. The people too believed him that he was man of

## TRS'S BRAND OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

| Name of the Candidate | Constituency | Caste | Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| K Chandra Shekar Rao | Medak | Velama | Founder of TRS |
| Kavitha | Nizamabad | Velama | Daughter of KCR |
| Vinod Kumar | Karimnagar | Velama | Joined from CPI |
| M Hanmanth Rao | Malkajgiri | Velama | Joined TRS after TDP denied ticket |
| AB Jitender Reddy | Mahabubnagar | Reddy | Joined TRS after losing from Chevella on TDP ticket |
| K Vishweshwar Reddy | Chevella | Reddy | Corporate Entry |
| P Rajeshwar Reddy | Nalgonda | Reddy | Joined TRS recently |
| Dr B Narsaiah Goud | Bhongir | BC | New Entrant |
| T Bhimsen | Secunderabad | Yelapu FC | Husband of former HC Judge Meena Kumari |
| Rashid Sharif | Hyderabad | Muslim | New Face |
| Budan Baig Shaik | Khammam | Muslim | New Face |
| Bhimrao Patil | Zaheerabad | Lingayat | New Entrant |

## TRS'S CANDIDATES FOR THE RESERVED SEATS

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|---|---|---|---|
| Manda Jagannatham | Nagar Kurnool | SC | Joined TRS from Congress |
| Kadiam Srihari | Warangal | SC | Joined TRS from TDP |
| Balka Suman | Peddapally | SC | Given ticket after G Vivek returned to congress |
| Prof Sitaram Naik | Mahaboobabad | ST | New Entrant |
| G Nayak | Adilabad | ST | New Entrant |

Out of total 17 Parliament seats: 4 Seats given to KCR's own Velama Community which is just about 1% of the total population of Telangana.

3 MP Seats given to Reddy community

2 hopeless MP Seats given to Muslim candidates

One seat for FC (Yelapu) which is not more than 0.01% of Telangana population and one for Lingayat candidate which is not more than 0.02% of the total population.

It is pertinent to mention here that out of 119 assembly seats, 88 are general seats and 31 seats are reserved in the following manner:

19 Assembly segments are reserved for SC community

12 Assembly segments are reserved for ST community

The following 11 candidates of Velama community have been given tickets out of 88 general constituencies:

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|---|---|---|
| K Chandra Shekar Rao | Gajwel | Medak |
| T Harish Rao | Siddipet | Medak |
| KT Rama Rao | Sircilla | Karimnagar |
| Dr Sanjay | Jagityal | Karimnagar |
| Vidyasagar | Korutla | Karimnagar |
| Ch Ramesh | Vemulawada | Karimnagar |
| Dr N Sudhakar Rao | Warangal | Warangal |
| Srihari Rao | Nirmal | Adilabad |
| Diwakar Rao | Mancherial | Adilabad |
| J Krishna Rao | Kollapur | Mahaboobnagar |
| J Venkat Rao | Kothagudem | Khammam |
| G Padma Rao | Kukatpally | Ranga Reddy |

***FAMILY FEAST:*** *KCR finally proved that family comes first*

trustworthiness and solidly backed him in a series of by-elections, to both the Lok Sabha and the Assembly. Though KCR was not so much popular way back in 2001 and did not belong to any of the numerically stronger caste group, the people supported him because of his promises.

## KCR, the chameleon:

However, KCR changed his colours soon after it became clear that Telangana state was soon going to be a certainty. The Congress Working Committee (CWC) had passed a resolution on July 30th and the Union Cabinet passed a resolution on October 3rd to form the new state. KCR said that he wouldn't wait for a minute to merge his party with Congress, if it delivers Telangana.

But, as Telangana has fast become a reality, K Chandrasekhar Rao's attitude too changed very fast and indeed very dramatically. After the passing of the Cabinet resolution on Telangana, he said that he would take a decision on merging the TRS with the Congress only after Parliament passed the bill. Once the bill was passed, KCR made another volte face and said that would never merge his party into the Congress and announced that he would maintain his separate political identity.

This came as a shocker to the Congress which hoped that the TRS chief would keep his word. The people of Telangana region thought that KCR would maintain higher moral values and stand by democratic principles even if he preserved the separate identity of his party. They thought that he would be fair and transparent in allotment of party tickets and would be sincere in fighting the elections. But, that didn't happen and it became increasingly clear as the elections approached that KCR had other ideas.

## Goodbye to social Justice:

Many Telangana intellectuals and leaders of Telangana Joint Action Committee (T-JAC) expected KCR to keep his word and stand by the demands of social justice. They expected that he would give the lion's share of the party tickets to the leaders from the weaker sections. But, what happened is a sad thing. Of the 17 Lok Sabha seats in the Telangana region, four are reserved (two SC, two ST) and Hyderabad seat is conventionally left for the All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) by all secular parties including the TRS.

Of the remaining 12 LS seats, KCR gave four tickets to candidates from his own Velama community, which is numerically insignificant. He decided to contest from Medak Lok Sabha seat, while his daughter Kavita was given ticket to contest from Nizamabad. His relative B Vinod Kumar was asked to contest from Karimnagar and another Velama, Mynampally Hanumantha Rao was given the coveted Malkajgiri Lok Sabha seat. Even among the 119 Assembly seats, Velamas got 12 seats, which is highly disproportionate to their numerical presence in the Telangana region. KCR also has given a go by to internal democracy by garnering as many as six tickets for his own family. Of these, three are MP seats, while the remaining threes are the MLA seats.

When he formed the TRS in 2001, he told people that both his son and daughter are in the US and that he has none to patronize and promote. But, now his son, daughter, nephew and himself are fighting elections. This is nothing but gross misuse of the rekindled spirit of separate Telangana struggle. He was simply taking advantage of the Telangana movement.

## Tickets to anti-T leaders:

Not only that. Even in the distribution of tickets, KCR deliberately ignored those who had dedicated themselves to the movement and strove hard for the cause of Telangana all these years. He openly invited certain leaders who had all along worked against the Telangana and against those who espoused the separatist cause. For instance, KCR admitted YSR Congress leaders Konda Surekha and her husband Murali, much to the chagrin and heart burn of the local TRS leaders in Warangal. The Konda couple till the last minute sailed with Jagan who vehemently opposed the

division of the state. They were responsible for the police firing at Mahabubabad four years ago.

KCR also invited another hardcore anti-Telangana leader Bajireddy Govardhan - again from the YSR Congress party. This was done only to ensure the victory of his daughter Kavita from Nizamabad Lok Sabha seat. Bajireddy is a strong man from Banswada, which forms part of Kavita's constituency.

Similarly, KCR openly embraced Krishna Mohan Reddy, another anti-Telangana leader who attacked the Telangana activists at the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) in Mahabubnagar district sometime ago. All these decisions of KCR have alienated quite a few of the Telangana leaders and the cadres.

KCR has also deliberately ignored the T-JAC leaders who played a role in the state formation. It is still a mystery why a section of T-JAC leaders, including convener Kodandram are too submissive before KCR. Further, KCR's decision to allot Rajya Sabha seat to former Congress leader K Keshav Rao, instead of senior TRS leader Nayani Narasimha Reddy, is a shocker even to the loyal party workers.

KCR, through his systematic humiliation tactics shunted out seniors like MP G Vivek, former ministers Vinod, and A Chandrasekhar to the Congress. All of them are Dalit leaders and potential challengers to the CM post. Some more leaders like Dasoju Sravan, who was party's official spokesperson, too were eased out. More are likely to leave the TRS as they are fed up with KCR's unscrupulous politics. This puts a huge question mark on KCR's values, principles and morals.

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

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

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

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

Thank you Soniaji for honouring our decades long aspirations.

***We wish you well***

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# Crooked Politicians indulging in Corrupt Practices ?

**By Shivkant Bichkunda**

As the last date for filing nominations on 9th April is over and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is just over on Saturday, the politicians and political parties are all set to enter the battle with so many crooked plans. It is said to be obvious that MIM party and its candidate from Hyderabad Parliament constituency wins every time without much problem. But interestingly since the delimitation took place in 2009 and the new constituency of Goshamahal incorporated in place of the then Maharajgunj constituency and its inclusion under Hyderabad Parliament constituency in place of Secunderabad Parliament constituency, one suspects the moves and motives of MIM as MIM has not fielded its candidate from Goshamahal constituency in 2014 also. It is been alleged in 2009 assembly elections that a huge amount around 6 crores have been changed hands between the congress party candidate and the MIM party just not to field its candidate from Goshamahal constituency.

This time it is being alleged that around 9 crores of rupees were the criteria for the MIM not only just to see that no MIM candidate contests from this constituency but replacing YSR Congress Party candidate and arrange for the shifting of him to Secunderabad parliament constituency.

On the other hand, the BJP has fielded Raja Singh as its candidate after a lot of hungama and breathtaking competition between so many stalwarts like Govind Rathi, P Ramaswamy (former minister), Prem Singh Rathore (Ex-MLA) and new entrant Nand Kishore Vyas (Nandu Bilal) who didn't withdrew his nomination and stayed in the contest as an independent candidate and rebel of BJP. The Deccan Post has already carried a story and rightly predicted that chota mota covert netas like Nandu will not get the BJP ticket and he is deliberately planted into BJP to indirectly support Mukesh's candidature just to cut the votes of the Hindi speaking people and help congress candidate's easy win.

The rumours were full in the air that Kishan Reddy, State President of Telangana BJP was unhappy with his own party bosses as he has been denied the Secunderabad parliament ticket and against his wishes was allotted his existing Amberpet constituency from which he is reluctant to contest as the local strong Congress BC leader V Hanumanth Rao (VHR) is considered to be a very tough guy to defeat and when he came to know that his wishes are not going to be obliged by his party he tried the Goshamahal or Karwan assembly ticket till the last minute but in vain.

On the other hand, the BJP veteran candidate from Karwan Constituency (which is also under Hyderabad Parliament candidate) Baddam Bal Reddy has a strong anti wave in the whole constituency and said to be contesting against his wish as he aspired for Chevella parliament constituency. The MIM has not given ticket to the three time sitting MLA Afsar Khan and gave chance to a newcomer thus giving an upper hand to the congress candidate Roop Singh who is trying his luck for the second time from the same constituency.

Strangely and pathetically, the son of Goshamahal MLA Vikram Goud who is alleged to be roaming with goons and rowdies to settle the real estate deals in the constituency and facing a lot of allegations of corruption in transfers of police and other departmental officials was threatening the congress party that if he is not given the ticket to contest from Musheerabad assembly seat then he is going to contest as an independent and see that how a non-local candidate like P Vinay Kumar will win from this constituency as if Vikram is a domicile of Musheerabad. He must remember that when his father who was nothing but a Municipal Corporator from Jambagh Division which was then a part of the Asif Nagar Constituency was given congress ticket to contest assembly elections in the year 1989 and won over non local candidates like Bandaru Dattatreya of BJP and Prem Singh Rathore of TDP.

People like Vikram must remember that Mukesh Goud contested as an independent candidate in 1994 which he lost and then on continuously contesting every assembly election and lost in 1994 and won in 2004 and 2009 resulting in his elevation as a state minister. Till 2009 the Jambagh Division which Mukesh represented as a Municipal Corporator was not part of the assembly segment thus a non-local candidate like him has been given opportunity to represent the local people. Vikram must not act childish and speak in pride instead be more matured and careful while speaking about a person who is supposed to be the elder brother of godfather and guru of his father Mukesh Goud.

On the other hand the alliance of the TDP & BJP marred the hopes and dreams of TDP leaders like Anand Kumar Goud and Prem Kumar Dhoot (who is alleged of made a scam worth of crores of rupees and allegedly took the B-Form of TRS party) just to survive in the present situation.

The rumours are agog that the former Minister and MLA from Goshamahal M Mukesh Goud is financially encouraging and sending huge funds to the independent candidate as well as TRS candidate just to see the split of the votes of a particular community and which will result in the safe passage of his victory.

Today it appears many city based politicians can go to any extent to win elections and stay in power by hook or crook. Experts are of the opinion that huge scams and corrupt activities of people who are at the helm of affairs contributes to the immense financial benefits to these crooked constipated cockroaches of politics and no wonder if one alleges that former ministers like Danam Nagender (MLA from Khairtabad) and M Mukesh Goud have made thousands of crores of rupees and can spend money like anything just to win the elections.

There is a very need to be vigilant and alert of the crooked practices of such politicians and intimate to the officials and institutions concerned to put a check on such illegal practices in the interest of democracy.

Everyone speaks about the corruption and crooked politicians but nobody takes any initiative in form of casting his vote to see that the atrocious politics of crooked politicians will come to an end and people will not be fooled anymore.

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# Delaying civic body election results not healthy

The decision of the Supreme Court to defer the declaration of the results of the elections both to the Municipalities, MPTCs and ZPTCs till May 7th is absolutely disappointing. A couple of weeks ago, the announcement of results of the Panchayat polls too were similarly postponed. The chief argument for this postponement is that these results could have a bearing on the outcome of the Lok Sabha and Andhra Pradesh State Legislative Assembly (LS and LA) elections.

The general elections to the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assembly which are held periodically which are taking place in Andhra Pradesh would be completed by May 7th and therefore the outcome of the local body polls would be known only after that. Giving out its verdict on the local body polls, the Apex Court has taken this stand as there were apprehensions in some quarters that the results of the local bodies, if announced before the Lok Sabha and the state Legislative Assembly, would influence the decision-making of the voters.

While the elections for the Municipal bodies and corporations across the state were held on 30th March, the results were supposed to be announced on 2nd April as per the schedule of the State Election Commission. Thereafter local body polls for the Zilla Parishad were held in two phases – in Telangana on April 6th and in Seemandhra on April 11th. However in view of the Apex Court's decision to also postpone the counting of votes for the Municipalities till the conclusion of general elections for the Lok Sabha and state Assembly; the people of Andhra Pradesh would have to wait for over a month to know the outcome. The contestants would have to keep their fingers crossed and the State Election Commission (SEC), which conducted the elections, will have to safe-keep the Ballot Boxes for a period that is inordinately long.

The Supreme Court's decision directing the State Election Commission not to go ahead with the counting of votes both for Municipalities and Panchayats is fraught with disturbing trends. Firstly, it has taken a stand that is at variance with that taken by the AP High Court. The HC had asked the SEC to go ahead with the declaration of the results as per schedule, immediately after the conclusion of the municipal polls on 30th March. The HC bench while hearing objections from the petitioners had even commented that the voters were not so ignorant not to understand and distinguish the difference between a MP or MLA election and a local body election. The HC judges rightly opined that any move to delay the outcome of the local body polls would only mean denying the voters an opportunity to immediately know who their elected representatives are.

Moreover, we have seen how the voters have given different verdicts in different polls such as the LS and Assembly and the local bodies polls even when they were held in short intervals. Even in the case of Karnataka, where the local body polls were held slightly ahead of the state assembly polls, the Karnataka HC had allowed declaration of the civic body poll results even during the run-up to the parliament elections.

The SEC also pleaded before the Supreme Court that it would not be easy to provide protection to around 23,000 Ballot Boxes for over one month as it would need considerable deployment of forces in view of the LS and Assembly polls. Already the paramilitary forces and police forces are deployed in full strength for the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly elections and making additional security arrangements for these Ballot Boxes for more than a month would be a herculean task, the SEC pointed out. But, the SC rejected it.

There is another important aspect that the Apex Court in its wisdom had chosen not to take into consideration. The results of local body elections conducted by a Constitutional body – the SEC in this case - cannot be considered as an undue influence on the voters for Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assembly, the elections to which are being held by another Constitutional body, namely the Election Commission (EC) of India. In a maturing democracy like India, it is pertinent to accord due respect to three tier system of governance. The local self government is a core Gandhian philosophy and as such the judiciary must at every point of opportunity must strengthen the foundations of the highly challenged local body system of governance.

Any delay in formation of local bodies, Mandal and Zilla Parishads - in this case by two months - will be a travesty of democratic aspirations. Already, there has been a delay of over three years in holding elections to them. We can only hope that the SC will take a healthy stand on similar issues in future in order to strengthen grass root democracy.

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## letters TO THE EDITOR

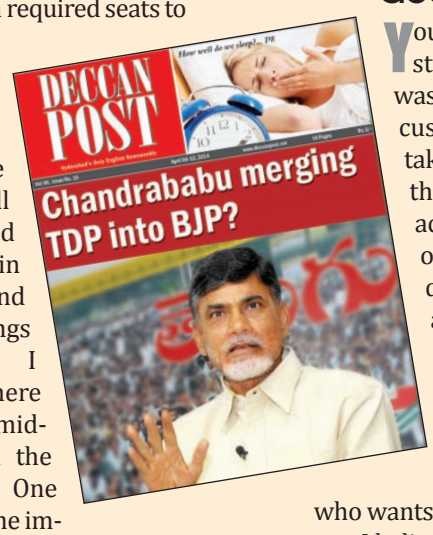
### Chandrababu merging TDP into BJP?

I was shocked when I saw the headline of your last week's cover story. It was unbelievable and nobody could have ever imagined that Chandrababu Naidu has plans for his option of merger his TDP party into the BJP. When I read the story then I understood that the way Naidu is moving ahead is nothing but getting closer and closer to the top BJP leadership and reap maximum political gain. Your Correspondent rightly analyzed that there are very limited options for the TDP and its leader Naidu as Naidu is out of power for more than 10 years and its an herculean task for him to run a big political outfit like TDP. If TDP doesn't come to power in residuary state of Andhra Pradesh then most of its cadre is surely going to defect to the YSR Congress Party if it comes to power. Moreover, there are very bleak chances of congress retaining power at the centre and Naidu could be very useful to bring people like Jayalalitha (AIADMK), Mamta Bannerjee (TMC), Sharad Yadav (JD-U) and former prime minister Deve Gouda into NDA. It appears it's a well read and well calculated strategy to merge his party into BJP and bounce back to power. Nothing is impossible in politics. Keep up the good work guys.

***Bharat Kumar, E-Mail***

### Is KCR day dreaming?

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I guess that Deccan Post's contribution in formation of Telangana state is commendable. But your last week's story on KCR made me to rethink twice before going to polling booth to cast my vote. I agree with the point that KCR and his TRS will not get more than 35 assembly seats and can never form its government on its own and it had to depend upon post poll alliances. On the other hand the congress is also not in a position to win required seats to form the first ever government of Telangana state. I believe that there will be a fractured mandate in Telangana and the way things are moving I smell that there would be mid-term polls in the near future. One can not deny the importance of KCR and TRS for its movement and agitation for the separate statehood but KCR must not indulge into day dreaming because it will mar not only his ambitions but also the future prospects of the TRS. Hope the best is in store for the Telangana state.




***Shrikant, Secunderabad***

### Good Job. Keep it Up

Your last week's editorial on the stand taken by our Governor was a really good one and it focused how Narsimhan has taken a bold stand and ordered the CID officials to take stern action against the accusations of medicine rank scam and don't care about the stature and position of the accused. Though it may cause hardship to the students who prepared hard for these medicine pg exams but it is in the interest of everyone who wants to become a successful doctor. I believe our Governor will be firm on scamsters and the criminals will be behind the bars very soon.

***Dr Lalitha, Malkajgiri***

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# Dr Ambedkar: A visionary leader and epoch maker

By Shankar Chatterjee

Born as Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, Babasaheb is verily the Bharat Ratna that countless Indians admire and adore. He was born as the 14th and last child of Ramji Maloji Sakpal and Bhimabai in the military cantonment of Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.

His actual surname was Ambavadekar after his ancestral village of Ambavade in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. It was changed to Ambedkar in the school records by his Brahmin teacher Mahadev Ambedkar, who was deeply impressed by little Bhimrao's intellectual prowess. Born into an untouchable caste, Ambedkar had to face discrimination and insult since childhood. Yet he overcame all of them and went on to become one of the greatest Indians ever.

In 1897, Ramji's family moved to Mumbai. Ambedkar was the first and the only untouchable student to be enrolled in the most prestigious school in Mumbai, the Elphinstone High School. He passed his matriculation examination in 1907 and then joined the Elphinstone College. Again, Ambedkar was the first student from the untouchable community to join collegiate education.

He had demonstrated to the world that despite the caste discrimination and oppressive customs, one can succeed and scale ever newer heights. He became the first Indian to secure a doctorate in economics from a university outside India. He was a man endowed with many qualities. He was a prolific writer, renowned economist, great lawyer, exemplary anthropologist and a consummate sociologist. He managed to scale the heights of intellectual excellence. His concern for the development of humanity sans caste, creed and religion is legion. His exemplary empathy is exemplified in the following statement.

"Political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base social democracy. It means a way of life which recognizes liberty, equality and fraternity as the principles of life". He was a man of courage and conviction, but not hungry for power. In fact, when he resigned from Jawahar Lal Nehru's cabinet, he wrote: "For a long time, I have been thinking of resigning from the cabinet. I see no purpose in my continuing to be a member of your cabinet".

Both Dr Ambedkar and Rabindranath Tagore were visionaries as both felt for the poor and oppressed sections of the society. In this context Ananya Mukherjee Reed in Outlook India (11thMay, 2011) under the title of "Ambedkar and Tagore: Two Visionaries" has said that both wished for the annihilation of caste rather than its reform; and both hoped to see the resistance of the oppressed.

In fact, Tagore's poem Ekla Chalo Re, which exemplifies the power of one on the path of truthfulness, truly explains the essence of Ambedkar's life and mission. Ambedkar has shown us how to lead a perfect life. He was great patriot and an ardent believer in India's development. He was among the very few nation-builders, who realized the importance of population control. He said: "Population in India grows decade by decade in geometrical progression. As against this unlimited growth of population what is available for cultivation is a limited amount of land whose fertility is diminishing year by year. India is caught between two sides of a pincer, the one side of which is progressive increase in population and production is increasing at an alarming degree, leaving India with the inheritance of poverty, more poverty and chronic poverty. A rot has set in. This rot I feel sure, is not going to be stopped by organizing agricultural exhibitions or animal shows or by propaganda in favour of better manuring. It can stop only when agriculture is made profitable. Nothing can open possibilities of making agriculture in India profitable except a serious drive in favour of industrialization".

He was a true visionary and his policy of family planning was later adopted by the Government of India as its national policy. He also emphasized on equal rights to women for economic development. This again was adopted by the Government of India.

Today, we the Indians are proud of our Constitution, proud of our democracy for which the credit fully goes to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar. Many foreigners wonder at the diversity of India. Despite external disunity, India is deeply united culturally.

Lastly, it may be mentioned that both India and Pakistan became independent simultaneously. While India has become an epitome of democracy, Pakistan has a highly distorted democracy, which is punctuated by Army Rule. Pakistan has been suffering from poverty, unemployment and illiteracy.

Thanks to Dr BR Ambedkar, India occupies a pride of place in the comity of nations. He passed away on December 6th, 1956. Indians can never forget his invaluable contribution in the development of the country by giving it the best possible constitution.

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# CALL OF THE 'AUTOMOBILE' VALLEY

**By Jaywant Naidu**

Globally, almost every fourth car sold has been recalled for safety and quality concerns at some point of its life cycle. India too is playing catch-up with three manufacturers re-checking their cars to rectify serious defects.

When auto companies get wind of some part or component failing or get reports of increasing breakings, they determine whether the part was faulty and if found to be so, they issue a notice asking customers to go to their closest service centers and get them replaced. All recall work is done for free and if your local dealer demands payment for any work related to the recall, you should report it to the company. Sometimes secondary parts which aren't faulty may need to be changed too and a recall may not cover them. But in most cases, the manufacturers bear the extra expenses in order to keep the customer satisfied.

## SOCIETY OF INDIAN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS (SIAM):

Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) is the apex body representing 46 leading vehicle and vehicular engine manufacturers in India. SIAM is an ISO 9001:2008 certified organisation. In a significant development aimed at ensuring the safety and customer satisfaction, SIAM member companies have implemented "Voluntary Code on Vehicle Recall" with effect from July 1, 2012. The automobile industry has always focussed on "growth with responsibility'. This initiative is another step taken to show industry's commitment to the society to ensure safety for the occupants as well as to others.

## RECALL CODE:

The Recall Code is a uniform framework for recalling the vehicles by vehicle manufacturers. The code is applicable on the registered passenger cars, two-wheelers and commercial vehicles. The 'Voluntary Code on Vehicle Recall' will address potential issues that exist in a motor vehicle which do not meet the safety requirements due to manufacturing defect and despite remedial actions taken. The vehicle shall be covered under safety recall for a period of seven years. The code is covering the various topics like notification to 'vehicle owners' , action(s) for 'recall', publication of information and listing down what should vehicle owner do in case of missing a 'Recall'. The decision on recall will take into account the degree of seriousness or the severity of occurrence of any possible hazard involved. The Code ensures that the recall information will also be posted on the company website and the communication will be received by the vehicle owners. The reported vehicle will be rectified by the manufacturer through its dealers. It was shared that the recall penetration rate may be improved by the correct information about the vehicle owners. In the event of a manufacturer failing to announce recall despite clear evidence, the Government of India may issue appropriate directions to the vehicle manufacturers.

## RECALL @ INDIA:

Moving away from the practice of quietly informing relevant customers, Ford Motors made a big bang announcement that was also the biggest-ever recall in the domestic market when 1.28 lakh Figo hatchback and Classic Sedan models were called back to re-check problems of rear suspension and steering. French carmaker Renault India has recalled 7,016 Pulse and Scala cars. Honda, Ford, Toyota, Nissan, Renault and now General Motors (GM) are among companies that have called back vehicles in India to meet manufacturing quality requirements, totaling more than 300,000 units.

General Motors recall of 114,000 Chevrolet Tavera carriers over faulty reporting of engine-emission tests was one of the largest in India's history. The firm fired 25 employees, including its chief financial officer after an internal probe found that employees in India and the US had misled the Indian Government about the test results.

Tata recalled 1.45 lakh Nanos produced in 2011 as vehicle owners complained of troubles with the starter motors. The fault was rectified with the Nano V2 - launched in 2012, the starter motor was duly adapted from the newer car and replaced on all older cars free of cost by the company. Toyota recalled 40,000 units of its Etios to replace faulty fuel filter hoses. Nissan recalled around 22,188 units of its Micra hatchback and Sunny Sedan because they were fitted with faulty brake master cylinders. Toyota has recalled 1000 units of the diesel variant of its Altis after finding a fault with the left drive shaft. The company has said the procedure will take between one to two-and- a-half hours to complete. Ford recalled 972 units of its EcoSport due to a faulty glow plug; Honda recalled 42,672 Honda City cars to replace a power window switch. Nissan's French partner Renault recalled 7,000 cars including its Pulse and Scala due to faulty braking.

## RECALL @ 2014:

Toyota Kirloskar Motors has recently decided to recall nearly 45,000 units of its multi-utility vehicle Innova in India to rectify defect in steering column. The automaker said it is commencing a special service campaign in India that will cover a total of 44,989 units of the Innova that were manufactured between February 2005 and December 2008.The move is part of a global recall of 6.39 million vehicles announced by its Japanese parent Toyota Motor Corp, the biggest car manufacturer in the world. The campaign has been announced due to an error in the spiral cable mounted on the steering wheel. This will lead to continuous illumination of an airbag warning lamp on the instrument cluster giving prior indication of a problem to the customer. In addition, the driver's airbag may get deactivated. Toyota is currently working on obtaining the necessary replacement parts. Once the replacement parts are available, customers will be contacted by the authorized Toyota dealers. The company is conducting this special service campaign keeping the "Customer First" philosophy in mind in order to avoid inconvenience to customers.

In one of the biggest vehicle recalls, Maruti Suzuki India is recalling 1,03,311 units of its popular models, Ertiga, Swift and DZire, manufactured between November 12, 2013 and February 4, 2014 to replace faulty fuel filler neck. The company said the recall will impact 42,481 units of Dzire, 47,237 units of Swift and 13,593 units of Ertiga.There is a possibility of fuel smell and in extreme condition there may be some fuel leakage, if filled up to the fuel cap, beyond the 'auto cut-off level'. The new fuel filler necks are being dispatched to the dealer workshops. The recall is the company's largest after its recall of about one lakh units of its flagship export model 'A-Star' in February 2010 to replace a faulty fuel pump part.

Earlier Maruti recalled 1,492 units of Ertiga, Swift, Dzire and A-Star models produced in October 2013 to rectify a possible problem with steering column. Sit back and drive safely!

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# Sita Rama Kalyanam enthralls devotees

namo VENKATESAYA

Tens of thousands of eyes of devotees were enthralled by the grandeur of Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam that took place in the temple of Lord Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy in Tirupati on Wednesday evening.

The entire temple premises appeared as if an earthen heaven with beautiful floral arches, pandals, electrical illuminations and the marriage hall is beautifully decked to match the grandeur of the deities of Lord Sri Rama and Goddess Sita Devi. Vaikhanasa Agama Pundit Sri Sitaramacharyulu performed the celestial marriage to the most eligible divine couple of Hindu Dharma amidst the chanting of veda mantras. TTD has made elaborate arrangements of Annaprasadam and Jalaprasadam to the devotees who attended the divine wedding.

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If Class Is Not A Place To Sleep..
Then Home Is Not A Place To Study.

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The funniest situation in student life
when we have no idea what to write
in the exam paper n the supervisor comes
and says, "please cover your answer sheet" :P

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Ant: What do you call a 100 year old ant ?
Elephant: An antique !

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Santa got into a bus on 1st April
when conductor asked for ticket.
He gave Rs.10/-
and took the ticket and said april fool.
I have pass.

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Santa: I havnt slept all nite in the train.
Friend: Y?
Santa: Got upper berth.
Friend: Y didnt u exchanged?
Santa: oye, there was nobody
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**How to play :** Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You cant change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

### ANSWERS Sudoku-316

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*Answer 316: Shaik Sha Vali, Mehdipatnam*

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## ASTRO FOCUS

**ARIES:** You might get some difficulties in the first half of this week but will soon overcome it in the second half. You will enjoy a picnic or short trip with your family on the weekends which will be beneficial for you. You might face a bit of difficulties in your service which is just a general thing in a profession so do not panic and just do your work with full determination.

**TAURUS:** It is on you to decide whether it is a good thing or not as you might have to face some troubles due to that person. Giving someone another chance is good but if that gets you in some trouble or might hurt the people close to you then it is really not a good idea. You need to motivate yourself to get rid from negative emotions as these emotions can spoil your power of innovation as well as your chances of progress.

**GEMINI:** This week you might help someone who is not at all good to you from the past but your kindness will change his or her heart and also make you feel good about it. It is your time to control your expenses as these are exceeding your budget and can create a big problem for you in the coming future so be extra careful about it.

**CANCER:** You might have to go to some place which you not at all like to go but some person or situation might force you to go there. Do not get upset about it as everything happens for some good, you might also get something at that place which you have never expected but always wanted, so be ready to get some good experiences.

**LEO:** There is a golden chance for all the people who are to fall in love so let yourself free and feel this emotion. You should not run away from it as it is the time love is coming to you if you will not accept it in the future when you need it might not accept you. It is time for you to open up with people, especially those who are engaged or want to engage in the field of communication.

**VIRGO:** Every person in this world is sent for a purpose so do not just waste your life in thinking that you are just a waste and cannot do anything. It is the time when you will realize that you too have something to do in your life. Try to implement your ideas in a more positive way so that they can work properly for you. This week you might have some health problems which could make you physically week so take good care of your health.

**LIBRA:** Your children need some more attention of yours and you should not try to be like a strict teacher to them. Be their friend and competitor encouraging them to do good things and make them understand the difference in good and bad so that they can take right decisions in life. People might want to change you to get benefits out of you but you should just listen to your heart and not to anyone else.

**SCORPIO:** You might have some attraction toward some person related to your business or some of your client but always remember business should be separate from romance. You should not start believing on someone just like especially when you are talking about business as people might use you for their benefits and that can spoil your image in the market.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You will have a good financial week and will enjoy a lot of shopping but you should not exceed your budget as this might cause you problems in your future which you might not want to have. Some last minutes changes in your business can get you in some problems but you will soon come out of it but it requires a lot of changes in your business skills.

**CAPRICORN:** It is time for you to complete your pending work as soon as possible as this could get you in trouble in future. You should not ignore completing your important document and take care that they are placed at a proper place as there are great chances of some kind of inconvenience due to that which you would surely want ignore.

**AQUARIUS:** You think that you are not ready to adopt changes in your life which is not good so try to be more flexible in life and enjoy your life scaring from these changes will only let you down. So, be prepared for these changes and make your life good with them. If you have promised something with someone it is time to fulfill it as it is not good for your credibility.

**PISCES:** There are chances of a huge investment in something which can give you good benefits in your coming future. You might be bound to something which you do not like, you want to be a free bird and enjoy your life. But it is better to know, what your limitations are before you start flying into the deep blue sky.

# Music is a creative way of life

French musician Christophe Chassol was in Hyderabad to perform for Alliance Francaise and spoke to Deccan Post about his love for music.

What made you get into music?

My father Eugene was a musician. He played the saxophone. I naturally took up to music. I studied music at the Conservatoire National De Musique de Paris. Initially it was the piano. Later, I concentrated on the way to conduct an orchestra. This was at the Berkeley College of Music in Boston. I switched from classical music to Jazz after sometime. Then came the time for me to become a composer.

***What fascinates you in India?***

India is very diverse. I have travelled to Benaras (Varanasi) and Kolkata and met many musicians. It's visually a very colorful country and similarly, its music too is very diverse and enriching. Everything is musical here. There is lot of creativity in every musician whom I met. It's been something out of the box to work with each musician.Everytime I meet a musician there is something new to be absorbed and given to the world. Hardcore professionals may not appreciate some of my works, but the creative pursuit continues.

***How has been your journey in films?***

I have composed music for many film and television commercials in France. I try to synchronize the images of the film with the music that I produce. For me, the images represent the music as an underlying force.

***Tell us about the youth all over the world?***

Today the youth want electronic music and are very trendy. They are interested in traditional music but also look forward to connect with the 'in-thing'. That's what our music is all about.

***Who are the artistes that inspire you?***

Miles Davis, French Band 'Magma' and crossovers like 'Maha Vishnu' and 'Shakti' music bands have done wonderful creative work. They are always ahead of the time. Classical doyens like Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pandit Ravi Shankar, M. S. Subbalaxmi, Mallikarjun Mansur, and Ajay Chakraborty have inspired me for their contribution to the field of music.

***What are your future projects?***

I want to work from my native place Martinique in West Indies and make films on Caribbean music, sounds of the animals and singing of the birds.

***How is music as a profession?***

Music is a good profession as long as you earn good money. It is important to be open to ideas. There is no need to restrict self for concerts. Take work as it comes. It could be composing for a film or a commercial or maybe even music for theatre! Do not close your mind and look for different avenues to have a successful career in music.

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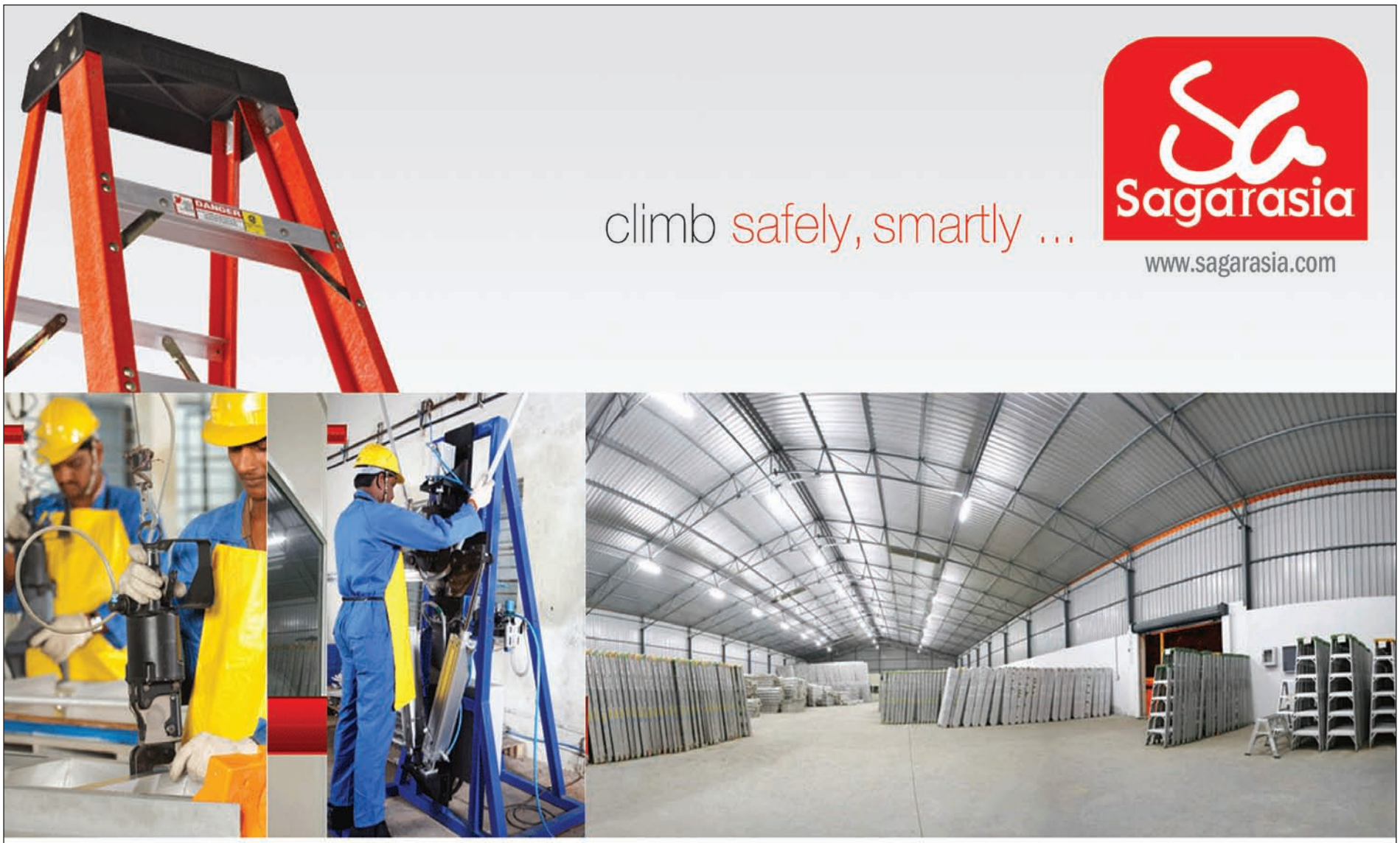

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# Twist in Anushka's Marriage?

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

But looks like Anushka is not going to get married anytime soon as said earlier. Though she crossed thirty, offers are just flowing in for her and there are three big projects in her kitty now. Anushka is signed lead opposite Rajnikanth's new film under KS Ravi Kumar's direction, at the same time she will be heroine of Ajith in Gautham Menon's film too. Surprisingly she signed a Kannada movie titled Jaggu Dada opposite Darshan, making her debut into sandalwood.

Looking at all these three big and new projects in her kitty, who would expect Anushka to end up in marriage? Maybe she is not interested in nuptials for the time-being as plum offers are her way, or she is unable to zero on any suitable grooms.

# Deepika breaks her silence

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Lot has been spoken about Deepika Padukone and Sonam Kapoor's on and off friendship. Recent buzz was that the two are in midst of a catfight yet again. Well, it didn't come as a surprise to us, as it was pretty evident on the popular chat show Koffee With Karan, the episode which was graced by Sonam kapoor and her dad, Anil Kapoor.

Sonam Kapoor, who is known to speak her mind out without thinking twice, took a potshot at Deepika Padukone's sense of fashion saying she doesn't have her own style and about her PR team, Sonam quipped she has an over enthusiastic PR team. She did not leave it there. She also termed Deepika as 'Good girl gone bad'. Deepika recently launched the Van Heusen Spring Summer 2014 limited edition collection in Mumbai. At the press conference the actress was asked the inevitable question – What did she have to say about Sonam Kapoor's statements. Deepy replied: "Sonam is entitled to her opinion and I respect that."

Ms Padukone is definitely at her diplomatic best.

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# Ups & Downs of Indian market

By Our Correspondent

India's second largest software services exporter Infosys is set to report subdued performance in January-March quarter of financial year 2013-14, say analysts. This may be largely in line with what the company's executive chairman Nayarana Murthy and CEO SD Shibulal indicated before the end of March quarter. It will declare its quarterly earnings on April 15th. According to CNBC-TV18 poll, profit after tax of the company is likely to fall 1.4 percent sequentially to Rs 2,835 crore, which is lower than company's guided range of negative 0.4 percent to 1.4 percent. Dollar revenue may be flat at USD 2,102 million as against USD 2,100 million while rupee revenue is expected to be at Rs 12,962 crore, down 0.5 percent compared to previous quarter.

Bharti Airtel closed at Rs 321.90, up Rs 2.25, or 0.70 percent. The 52-week high of the share was Rs 373.50 and the 52-week low was Rs 271.50. The company's trailing 12-month (TTM) EPS was at Rs 14.07 per share as per the quarter ended December 2013. The stock's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio was 22.88. The latest book value of the company is Rs 135.70 per share. At current value, the price-to-book value of the company is 2.37.

Telecom major Bharti Airtel today said it has got approval from the Bombay

High court for amalgamating 4G spectrum holding firm Airtel Broadband Services with the company. The court on April 11, 2014 has approved the scheme of the amalgamation of Airtel Broadband Services (ABSPL), formerly known as Wireless Business Services Pvt Ltd a wholly owned subsidiary with the company, Bharti Airtel said in a filing to the BSE. Airtel, in October 2013, acquired fully Wireless Business Services (WBSPL), a company founded by US chipmaker Qualcomm, by purchasing the rest 51 percent stake for an estimated cost of about Rs 1,000 crore.

India`s foreign exchange (forex) reserves increased by $2.97 billion to $306.64 billion for the week ended April 4, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data showed. The forex reserves have soared past $300 billion mark for the first time since December 2011.

This is the sixth consecutive week of increase in the country`s forex reserves as overseas investors poured in money in local bonds and stock markets. The forex reserves had risen by $5.03 billion and $1.34 billion in the previous two weeks. According to the RBI`s weekly statistical supplement, foreign currency assets, the biggest component of the forex reserves, rose by $2.39 billion to $278.80 billion.

The two new bank licences issued by RBI have turned out to be damp squib both from the point of view of financial inclusion and for the many NBFCs who applied for them. But actually RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan appears to be working at a much bigger game plan for both the financial inclusion and for the role of NBFCs. Rajan said, "At one end we have payment banks that are narrow banks in many ways; at the other end you could have NBFCs, the Nachiket Mor Committee calls them wholesale banks. In between we have our universal banks but we should make sure that it is relatively seamless on the regulatory front and there is not much scope for regulatory arbitrage."

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