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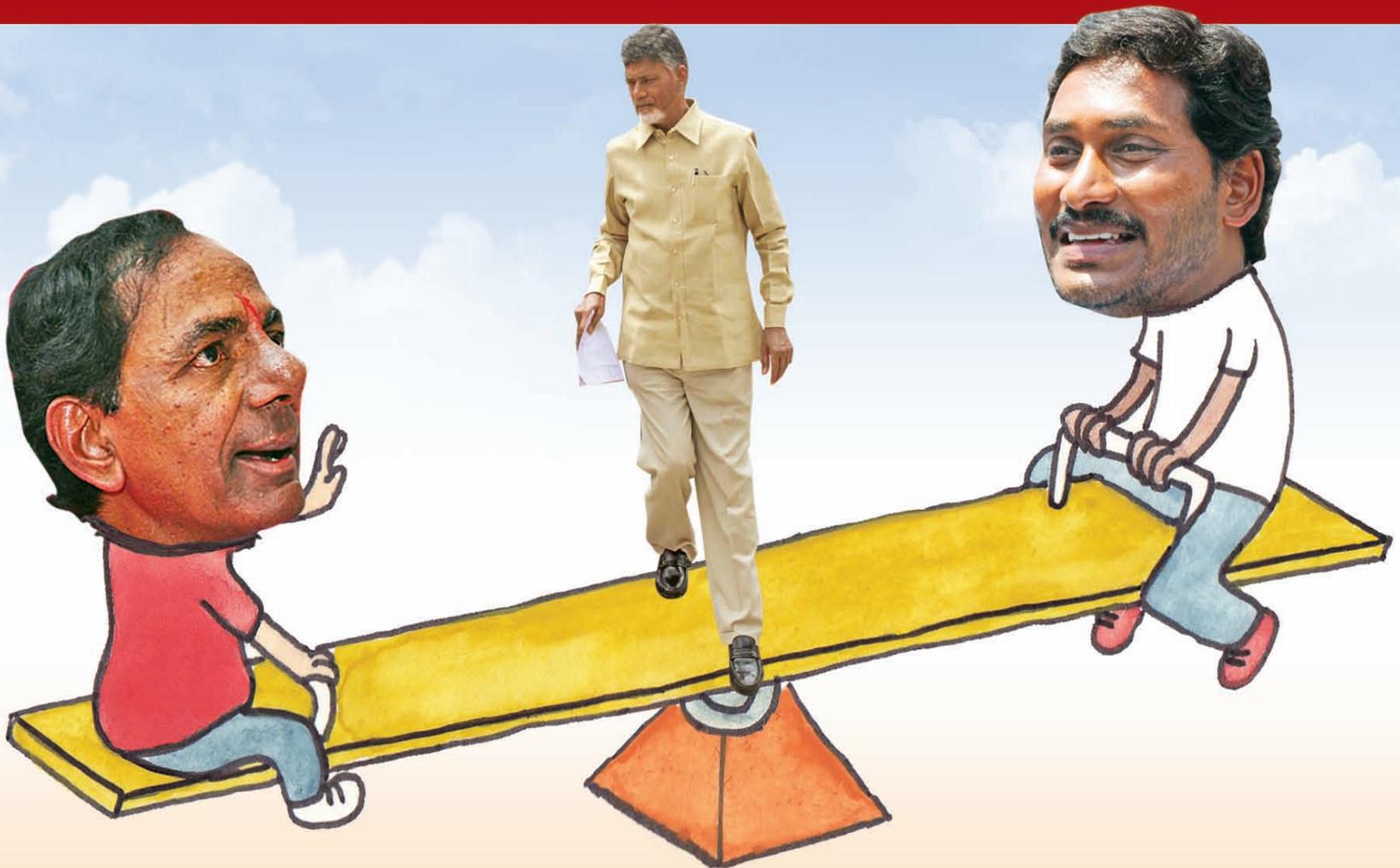
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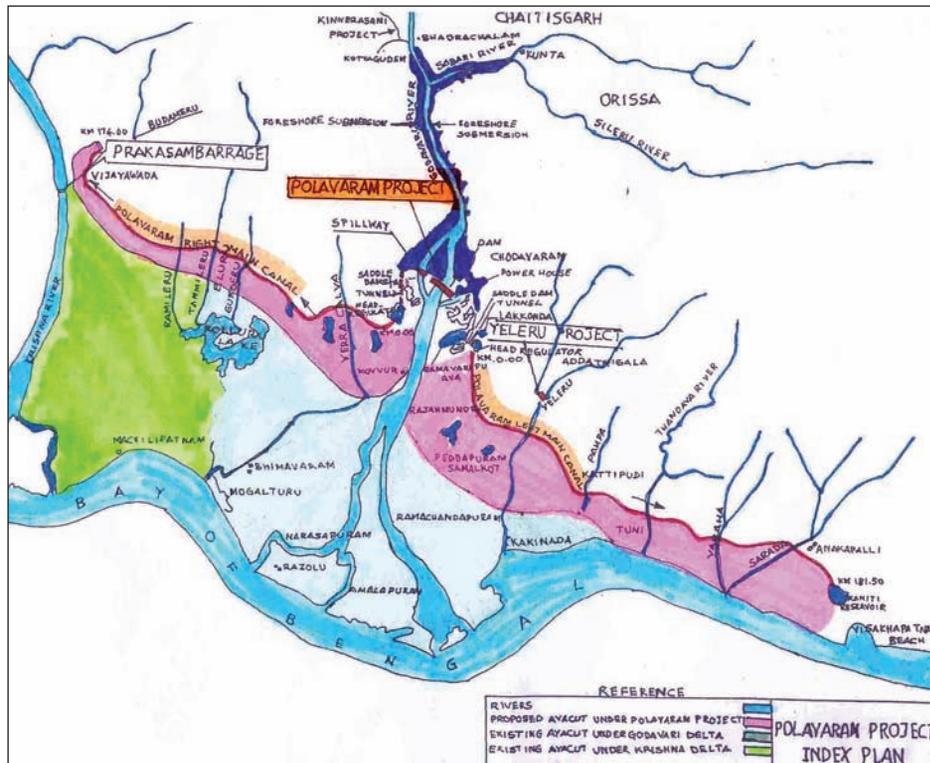
Seemandhra poll outcome... What's in store for T-state?



By Our Political Correspondent

The polling is now over. All eyes are now riveted on the possible outcome of the polling that saw teeming millions milling out to exercise their franchise. The polling percentage is much above what it was in 2009 and that tells a story. Increased voter enthusiasm is a demonstration of their realisation that they are at the cusp of exciting transformation. The Andhra Pradesh that we knew for over six decades will cease to exist on June 2 and two fledgling states - Telangana and residuary Andhra Pradesh - will come into being. There is great excitement about the possible contours of the next governments in both the to-be-born states.

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These elections are as exceptional as they are historic. The results will determine the directions and contours of both Seemandhra and Telangana. Though separated, these two states will continue to have an umbilical connection. Their fate and future are inextricably inter-linked and their progression can only be symbiotic. TRS supremo KCR is the first to realise this. In fact, his observation during a presser at the Telangana Bhavan that the new government in Telangana will have to deal with its counterpart in

Seemandhra is indicative of this.

At his categorical best while answering a query about who will emerge victorious in Seemandhra, KCR said: "YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is going to win more than 100 Assembly seats and form the new government there". When asked about how he would deal with Jagan, the TRS chief said: "Jagan is going to form the government there, I will form here. So we will have to do official business with one another".

Next Govt in Seemandhra Crucial for Telangana

True, the issue of who would be at the helm of affairs in Seemandhra is important for the Telangana as they would have to continue to share Hyderabad as the common capital for the coming 10 years. There are several contentious issues to be tackled and several ticklish questions to be answered.

What if Chandrababu Naidu comes to power? Naidu too is upbeat and has been going to the town

telling that he would get 130 seats and 22 MP seats. He is emboldened by the encouraging response to the campaign of the BJP-TDP combine.

The Chandrababu Challenge

If Naidu assumes power, the first big change would be the speeding up of the works on Polavaram project. Naidu would influence Narendra Modi and try to get the project works on tracks as quickly as possible. There shouldn't be any hassle over

Who will be the Speaker of T Assembly?

Recalling the past experiences where 10 TRS MLAs defected to Congress party during the regime of late YS Rajasekhara Reddy, KCR must be extremely cautious avoiding the same. The Then Speaker K Suresh Reddy who is from Telangana region also could not initiate timely action which allowed the 10 TRS MLAs to indulge in anti party activities. It is well known how the role of Speaker of Assembly is crucial under the 10th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Therefore to checkmate possible defections, the office of the Speaker assumes all importance and only a person of lolly occupying the chair would effectively curb anti-party activities and as such KCR must choose a person of absolute loyalty otherwise TRS can not escape being vulnerable all the times.



that KCR faces is to keep his flock together. His outfit is loosely-tagged together and has always been known for a high rate of

attrition. As always, he may be forced to contend with a lurking danger of cross overs.

Already, PCC chief Ponnala Lakshmaiah had gone on record claiming that at least 20 TRS MLAs were in touch with him. If need be, they would switch sides was the implicit message that Ponnala had tried to give.

KCR was visibly irritated when some scribes referred to the comments made by Ponnala. KCR was livid and tried to wish away saying he would win an absolute majority and the Congress would be nowhere near the majority. He said the Congress would not get more than 30 seats.

While KCR tried to wish away the uncomfortable question, he is deeply aware that the Reddy MLAs from the TRS might switch sides. The Reddys are unable to come to terms with the fact that they have to work under KCR. A section of

Media had even named TRS MLA probables like Gurunath Reddy (Kodangal), Sahodar Reddy and Shashidhar Reddy might cross over to the Congress. The Reddys are worried that KCR would do what Jalagam Vengal Rao had done to the Reddys in the past. So, a rebellion might just be brewing behind KCR's back.

One way to offset this lurking danger is to have a confidant as the speaker of the legislative Assembly. One person who fits the bill is Kollapur MLA Jupally Krishna Rao. A leader with vast experience in legislative matters and a consummate politico, Jupally represented Kollapur of Mahabubnagar district many times. This time too, he is all set to win comfortably.

With Jupally at the helm of legislative affairs, KCR can breathe easy and can tackle fence-sitters more effectively.

The most immediate challenge



fund flow and other support. In its present design, the Polavaram would only mean huge loss to Telangana in general and Khammam in particular.

Flight of Capital - a Real Concern

The second major impact would be flight of capital from Hyderabad,

which currently accounts for nearly 40 per cent of the tax revenues in undivided AP. It's significance would grow multi-fold in the nascent Telangana state. Already, there is a flurry of activity on the industry front as several major business houses are busy applying for new

sales tax registration in the Seemandhra region.

If around 100 major firms flay away from Hyderabad, Telangana will end up losing up more than Rs 10,000 crore in terms of sale tax and commercial tax accruals. Big business is clearly hedging its bets

on Naidu-led government in the fond hope that it would trigger a massive infrastructure building and economic activity in Seemandhra.

Thirdly and more importantly, the realty sector in Telangana will witness a slump. This will be more if Naidu comes to power in Seemandhra. The flight of realty money would entail a spiral down of land prices in Hyderabad and its vicinities. While this is good news for those who want to buy property around the city as long-term investment, it is definitely bad news for the upper and lower middle class, who invest all they have and cannot expect much appreciation.

Finally, the government employees would prefer to be partners in the growth of Seemandhra. Options or no options, they would like to go over to Seemandhra. This will definitely ease some pressure on the Telangana employees.

What if Jagan becomes Seemandhra CM?

If Jagan is at the helm, he would have to contend with an unfriendly regime at the Centre and Polavaram project could be delayed further. Foxy politicians like N Chandrababu

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Naidu and Venkaiah Naidu would never allow Jagan to get the credit for building Polavaram.

Also, major business houses like Reliance might stay put in Hyderabad if Jagan assumes power on the other side. The flight of capital would not be as much. Further, given the cases against Jagan, there could be uncertainty both politically and economically.

The realty too could slow down in Seemandhra and conversely, the land rates in Hyderabad might remain high.

Lastly, the employees of Seemandhra may not prefer to go to Seemandhra, as they might be disinclined to work under a Jagan-led

government. This may create pressure on Telangana employees who are already worried over lack of opportunities to local unemployed youth. With Jagan as the Seemandhra boss, Hyderabad could continue to be the common capital for a longer period.

Clever KCR realises this and that explains why he emphasised the need for the new government in Telangana to adjust its sails to the new Seemandhra dispensation. But, most importantly, KCR might find Jagan an easier customer as he doesn't have much stakes in Telangana unlike Chandrababu, whose TDP is still a force to reckon with in Telangana. ♦

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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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India must act quid-pro-quo over red corner notices

By Shivkant Bichkunda

We all see and hear on Television sets about Red Corner Notices very often but very few people really know anything about it. Red Corner Notices are issued by the world countries through Interpol against the alleged wrong doers who are accused of punishable crimes and evading prosecution by living away in other countries. The modus operandi of people evading arrest is by fleeing to other countries, some people go away from their own countries to evading arrest and prosecution. Such people are brought to justice only with the help of Interpol to trace them and get them extradited.

Recently a Red Corner Notice was issued by the United States of America against Rajya Sabha Member and Senior congress leader of Seemandhra state KVP Ramchander Rao for allegedly taking bribes from some American firm. A case of corruption and alleged payment of bribes was booked in USA in the month of June, 2013 wherein KVP Ramachander Rao's name figured in the list of accused by the US court. It is strange that the same KVP Ramchander Rao who was the very close associate of former chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy could avoid prosecution despite many allegations of looting thousands of crores in projects like Jalayagnam, EMAAR-MGF property issue and many other power plant deals. However it is ironical that KVP who is perceived to be



an alleged accomplice of Late YS Rajasekhara Reddy has not been arrested or booked for any offence so far while YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has been charged with quid-pro-quo cases and appropriating enormous wealth as if by design of fate KVP Ramchander Rao is said to be an accused in Titanium Bribery case that involves US Dollars 18.5 Millions coming into the kitty of KPV and Co. The American premier investigation agency Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has sent this red corner notice to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in India. However there was no arrest warrant along with this notice.

Before venturing into such relatively small crimes, the American administration must remember that India has issued red corner notices



against many terrorists who are said to be in the custody of US administration. American citizen David Headley who allegedly masterminded the killings of more than 200 people in Mumbai in the month of November, 2008 is also required by the Indian prosecution agencies is being safely kept in the US. The American government which could shoulder India's request for extraditing hardcore criminal is now seeking custody of Indians for petty offences in the USA.

In the past too, The US Courts have issued several Red Corner Notices against many Indians but the former founder of Satyam Computers Ramalinga Raju is strangely evading the prosecution in the US courts. It is funny that an Indian diplomat like Devyani Khobragade is treated so shabbily by

the US administration is now speaking about the extradition of lawmakers like KVP Ramchander Rao.

It is pertinent to mention that both the America and India are victims of terrorism and have lost thousands of precious human lives. India has already issued notices against criminals and terrorists like David Headley and Dawood Ibrahim who are enjoying the tacit support of many countries like Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and many other Middle East countries.

Instead of seeking silly fellows like KVP and Ramalinga Raju, the American Administration must have uniformity in their words and deeds and should henceforth handover David Headley and other noted criminals who are required for prosecution in India but are languishing in American jails. Only a healthy reciprocity treaty would ensure India and America honour their commitment to bring people before the criminal justice system.

India has a good track record of giving a fair trial that can be seen from Abu Salem and his girlfriend Monika Bedi who are extradited from Portugal. Therefore all countries who are harbouring offenders in India must respect Indian Judiciary system and deal accordingly. ♦

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Congress stooping low

By Shivkant Bichkunda

With the ongoing general elections to the 16th Lok Sabha along with few assembly seats in some states the politics has declined to its bottom and every political outfit especially congress party is trying to gain maximum mileage by indulging in mud slinging of its opponents.

With the statement of Priyanka Gandhi in Amethi the politics of caste reached its pathetic lows as all the congress party leaders irrespective of their status started accusing Narendra Modi for inclusion of his case Modh Ghanchi after he became the Chief Minister of Gujarat state.

But the fact is that it was the congress government in Gujarat in the year 1994 when this Modh Ghanchi caste was included in the OBC list. The congress party on the other hand is claiming that it will include BOYA community to Scheduled Caste community if it comes back to power. Rahul Gandhi was addressing a rally in Kurnool District and made this



promise. This is the problem with the inexperienced and dumb people like Rahul Gandhi who forgot that it is his congress party which has not recognized and included so many deserving castes and sub-castes like

ARE KATIKA which is enjoying the status of Scheduled Castes in 18 states of India still are in Backward Class Group 'D' in Andhra Pradesh. The negligence of congress party's successive governments since 1952 have ignored the social and economical status of so many backward and downtrodden castes and societies and deprived them of their rightful share in education and public employment. The congress party utterly failed in doing justice to the downtrodden sections of the Indian society and now making tall claims of giving reservations to Muslims, Jats, Bhoja communities etc.

With these kind of cheap political gimmicks congress is being a laughing stock and its pathetic to see on part of congress party which was in power for 10 years was turned a blind eye and deaf ear to the problems of the backward communities and now making poll promises but it must understand that people are not fools to believe them again and vote them

again to power. Now the common man of India will surely not take congress's nonsense anymore and would fight against the injustices meted out to him all these years. Long live the common man.

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Narasimhan - Man on a Mission

Amidst all the chaos and confusion caused by a tortuously long and acrimonious election and the political uncertainty that comes with it, thankfully there is one thing that is being accomplished as per schedule. The difficult and challenging task of bifurcation of the state is on as per the time-frame. By all means, the night of June 1st would be the last day of united AP and the state of Telangana will come into being moments before the dawn of June 2nd. Thus two states – the newest yet addition to the union of states, the Telangana and what remains of Andhra Pradesh will have their tryst with destiny on the Appointed Day.

The task might appear to be a simple one. But the fact is that the division of the state involves labyrinthine process and intricate apportioning of men, material and machinery. One man is working round the clock to make it happen. That is none other than our Governor ESL Narasimhan.

The AP Reorganisation Bill was passed by Parliament on February 22nd and the President gave his assent four days later. Few more days later, the Centre had decided that June 2nd would be the Appointed Day to herald the arrival of the new state. This date is crucial one as it would be deemed as the Telangana Formation Day. There were several voices that felt the time period given is far too short and the procedures involved were far too long. But, the UPA Government was determined to com-



plete this enormous and bulky process within three months from the day the bill became an Act.

There is a Union Cabinet Committee headed by Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde to supervise the whole process of division. The Cabinet Panel has constituted a high-powered committee headed by Governor Narasimhan at the state-level, to monitor the huge administrative work needed to constitute two states by the Appointed Day.

Chief Secretary PK Mohanty, who retired in March, has been given a four-month extension and has been entrusted with the all-important responsibility of overseeing vivisection. A dozen official committees were formed to assist the chief secretary in accomplishing the task within the given time-

frame. Governor Narasimhan has been reviewing the performance of these panels on a regular basis.

But, the whole process is not as smooth. Even after the bifurcation bill was passed, the Election Commission has announced the schedule for the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the state. Also, the local body polls and the civic polls had to be held in much haste thanks mainly due to the directive issued by the Apex Court.

All this made the administrative activity extremely hectic and painfully tortuous. Due to the election duties, there was paucity of officers to take care of the laborious bifurcation process. Governor Narasimhan took this up as a challenge and got down to the task of finishing the division on time. He told the chief secre-

tary and the officials to see to it that the technicalities of the bifurcation were completed much before the Appointed Day.

He fixed a deadline of May 25th, eight days before the Appointed Day, to complete the process. He was very well aware of the upcoming counting of votes for Parliament and the Assembly on May 16th. During the review meetings, several senior bureaucrats sought more time to complete their job. But, Narasimhan firmly rejected those requests and refused to extend the deadlines.

The TRS's contention is that the Appointed Day be advanced to May 17th is not just meaningless, but also purely political. The TRS contention is born out of its fear that its MLAs would be poached by other parties if there was a delay between the election and the Appointed Day. If KCR is indeed so confident of winning 70 MLAs, he should not fear the likely poaching.

Narasimhan has been doing real good work on the bifurcation and he must be congratulated for his grit and perseverance. The next government at the Centre regardless of whether it is the Congress-led UPA or the BJP-led NDA, should give a three-year extension to Narasimhan to enable him to ensure the smooth completion of the division process. ♦

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KCR all set for the hot seat?

There is a lot of discussion going on in every nook and corner of Hyderabad city about forming government. Many are of the opinion that TRS will get majority and KCR will be the first chief minister of Telangana state. But on the other hand many differ with this point claiming that Telangana people are faithful and will give the opportunity to congress party as it was the congress party which granted

hoping to emerge as a formidable force and act like a vigilant opposition in Telangana. They are also banking upon the Modi wave. But I personally believe that the people of Telangana might have voted KCR to become the next CM and gave their vote in favour of congress party when it came to Lok Sabha elections. I must say that we should wait until next week to get a clear picture.

S Narayan Rao, E-mail

Top Cops look the other way as biggies violate norms

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I am in total agreement with your last week's current affairs story. When I went to the polling booths I saw that many agents of different political parties were indulging in illegal practices. Some of them were showing signs of their respective candidates and parties to the voters just outside the polling stations. It is true that the police bosses believe that the law is only for the common man and



not for the people who enjoys political power. It was shameful to know that more than 130 crores of rupees have been seized by the Election Commission authorities and police during polls in Andhra Pradesh. There were so many alleged criminal and physical attacks over the opponents were reported. The police authorities must see that nobody is spared if found guilty and should be produced before the hon'ble courts for doing proper

justice or else people like me will never be in a position to go and complaint about any irregularity or illegality being done by high, powerful and mighty.

N Ram Chander, Golnaka

Assertive voter arrives...

It was a happy moment when I came to know about a NRI voter asking Union Minister and famous actor Chiranjeevi to follow the queue system when he came to cast his vote along with his family in a polling station in Jubilee Hills. People must not hesitate if anyone is trying to take privilege of his post and position and should question them. I was really glad as this will set an example for the coming generations to question the influential people who try to break the rule and leave behind the people standing in queue for hours together. Hats of to you Raju Karthik.

Gayathri Sharma, E-mail

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TO THE EDITOR



statehood to Telangana. Though there was a lot of delay and in the midst many youth and student have committed suicides out of frustration. This confusion is giving a lot of importance to parties like CPI and MIM which are hopeful to play a crucial role in the first ever government of Telangana. At the same the TDP and BJP alliance are

Edge-of-the-seat thriller in Seemandhra

The Seemandhra elections have all the trappings of an edge-of-the-seat thriller. Essentially bi-polar, the election was every inch a no-holds-barred and bitterly fought one. Allegations and accusations flew thick and fast.

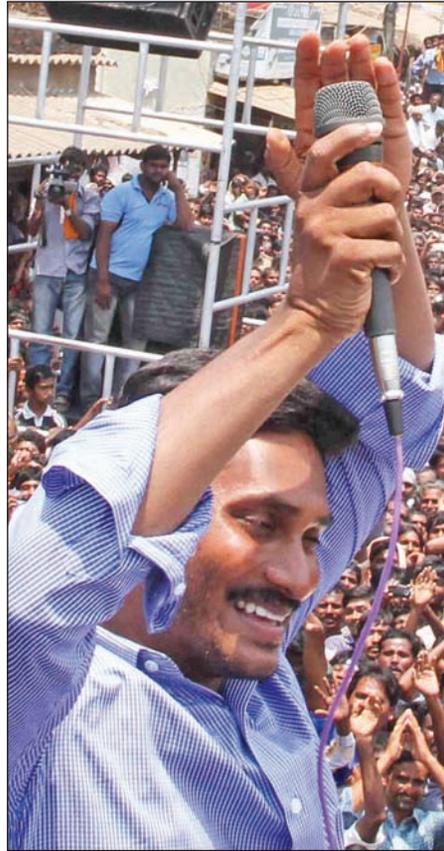
The battle for 175 LA and 25 LS seats, which initially appeared to be a ruthless mow down by Jagan Juggernaut, ended up as a battle of equals. It goes to the credit of Chandrababu Naidu, the ageing warhorse, that he marshaled all his political acumen and foxy instincts to combat a bull-doing Jagan. It was TDP chief's Machiavellian manipulative skill that roped in Narendra Modi. Modi's entry has brought in large chunk of young voters and change-seekers. The advent of maverick and theatrical Pawan Kalyan was the icing on the anti-Jagan cake.

Near total decimation of both Congress and the Jai Samaikyandhra Party of Kiran Reddy has turned the poll battle a straight one unlike the Telangana poll, which was largely triangular. This helped polarization and consolidation of voters around two poles.

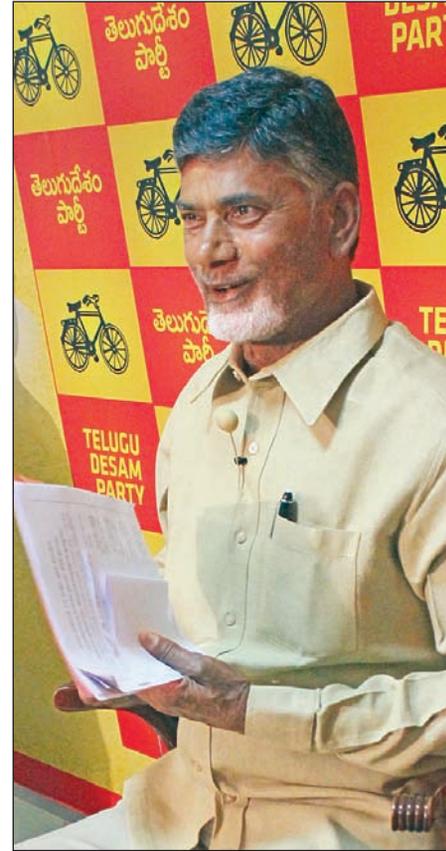
Yet, Jagan's outfit will scrape through in the Assembly elections. Internal assessments by Jagan's hatchet men say that YSRCP could get 95 - 105 seats, which is a far cry from the initially projected 140 seats. Other assessments too favour Jagan. His party performed well in Rayalaseema, south and central coastal Andhra. The party appears to have done well in East Godavari. West Godavari, however, appears to be Jagan's Achilles' heel.

But, it is the LS polls that might spring quite a few surprises. One - there is heavy cross-voting. Second - Modi appears to have captured the imagination of both urban and rural voters and this may have actually helped the TDP do well in quite a few Parliament seats.

By all indications, the TDP might pip



past YSRCP in Srikakulam, Rajahmundry, Narsaraopet, Vizianagaram and Guntur. The TDP-BJP combine's success in Kakinada, Rajampet and Bapatla depends on how many votes the old Congress hands like Pallam Raju, Saipratap and Panabaka Lakshmi can wean away. If they get more than 1.5 lakh, it could mean a facile win for the TDP-BJP combine. In case the Congress troika fails, it could be advantage YSRCP. Congress appears to be quite comfortable in the tribal-dominated Araku and it could spring a surprise in Tirupati, where old warlord Chinta Mohan, who weathered many a storm including the NTR tsunami, could hold on



to his own thanks to the large swathe of SC voter base.

The YSRCP is comfortably placed in Kadapa, Kurnool, Nandyal, Anantapur, Nellore and Ongole. It is clearly ahead in Narsapur, where it's candidate Vanka Ravindra is hugely popular and easily accessible unlike BJP's industrialist-cum-cricket aficionado Gokaraju Gangaraju.

A word about Vizag. This is the mother of all contestants because Jagan's mother YS Vijayamma is in the fray. Her entry has enlivened the otherwise drab contest. It was wily Jagan's political master-stroke. By making Vijayamma fight from north Andhra, Jagan has in fact

made a political statement. On the paper, Vijayamma looks invincible and BJP's Kambhampati Haribabu is at best a political minnow. But, here lies the catch. Jagan or any other political leader, it seems, have underestimated the power of the large chunk of North Indian migrant voters. These voters, who hitherto remained indifferent to elections in AP, have suddenly woken up from their self-imposed slumber. This time around, Modi factor appears to have drawn them in drones to the polling booths. That Vijayamma's rival was BJP candidate had given them an opportunity to latch on to the Namo bandwagon. Their intense activism on the day of polling has shocked many observers and this could cause one of the major upsets. May 16 will tell us whether Jagan's "Dhoni" move is the best political tactic or the worst gamble.

Purandheswari is another surprise element in this election. Though it was initially thought that moving her to Rajampet was a political hara-kiri, it now emerges that it could even end up as the BJP's best move. Though the BJP is largely invisible in Rajampet, it is the TDP cadres who owned Purandheswari up. Despite Chandrababu's all too obvious discomfiture and dislike, the cadre's looked up to her as NTR's daughter. As mentioned, if four-time MP and ex-union minister Saipratap manages to hold on to his Balija vote base, Purandheswari may romp home.

Chandrababu appears to be in for another rough patch. He would have to remain out of power for five more years. Will his party endure for another five years? Will Chandrababu, who will be well past his prime by 2019, be able to hold on till then? May 16 may actually be the beginning of the end of many political titans and Chandrababu could very well be one of them. ♦

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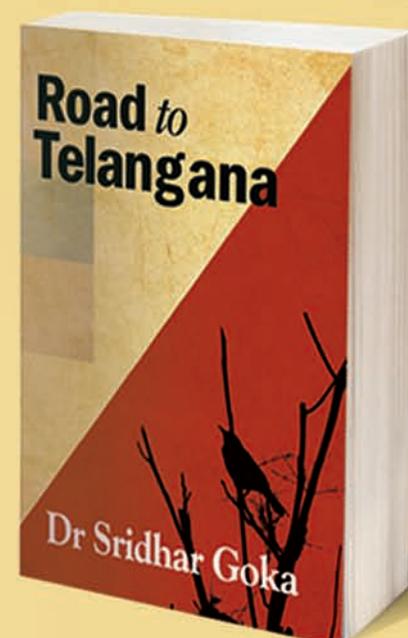
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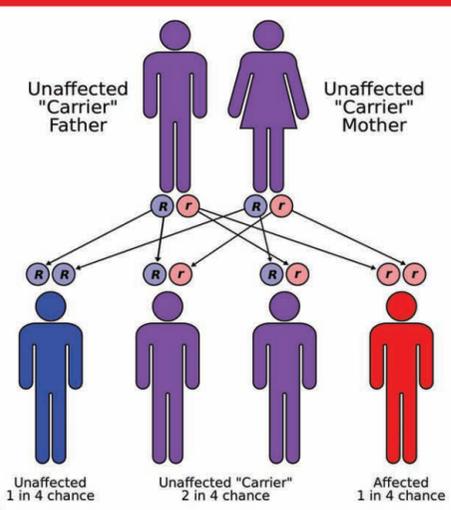
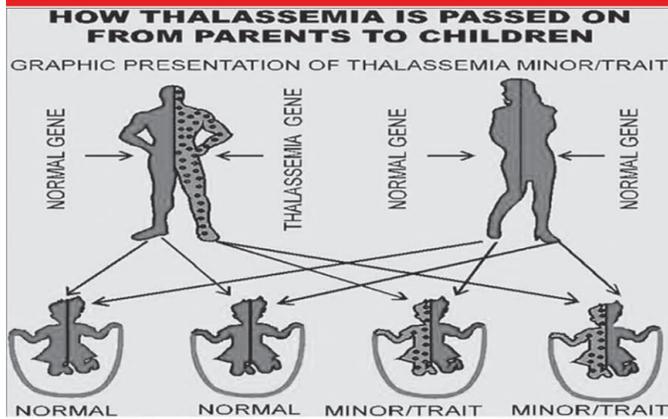
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By Jaywant Naidu

Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder in which the body is unable to make adequate hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is present in the red cells. Normally red cells survive for 120 days but in Thalassemia red cell survival is reduced. Over 250 million persons are affected by thalassemia and allied disorders in the world. Over 1,00,000 Thalassemia Major are born annually world over. Throughout the world, there is a 'Thalassemia Belt' that includes from countries around Mediterranean Sea like Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Sardinia and passes through West and Central Asian countries like Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Afghanistan onto Pakistan, India and South East Asian countries like Indonesia, Burma & Thailand.

The name Thalassemia is derived from a Greek word meaning sea. But Thalassemia was recognized as a clinical entity by Dr Thomas Cooley and Dr Pearl Lee who described five cases of Thalassemia in 1925.

The thalassemias are a diverse group of genetic blood diseases characterized by absent or decreased production of normal hemoglobin, resulting in a microcytic anemia of varying degree. Thalassemia includes a number of different forms of anemia (red blood cell deficiency). The two main types are called alpha and beta thalassemias, depending on which part of an oxygen-carrying protein (called hemo-

globin) is lacking in the red blood cells. The alpha thalassemias are concentrated in Southeast Asia, Malaysia, and southern China. The beta thalassemias are seen primarily in the areas surrounding Mediterranean Sea, Africa and Southeast Asia. Due to global migration patterns, there has been an increase in the incidence of thalassemia in other parts of the World.

CAUSES OF THALASSEMIA:

Thalassemia is an inherited condition. In any person genes received from parents at the time of conception determine whether a person will have thalassemia or not. Thalassemia cannot be caught or passed on to another person. The clinical severity of thalassemia varies depending on the exact nature of the genes that a person inherits. All forms of thalassemia are transmitted only through heredity. The disease is passed through parents who carry the thalassemia gene in their cells.

A 'carrier' has one normal gene and one thalassemia gene also called 'thalassemia trait'. Most carriers lead completely normal, healthy lives. Blood is made up of plasma (fluid), red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The white cells protect the body against and fight infection and the platelets are responsible for normal blood clotting. The red blood cells carry red blood protein called haemoglobin. Haemoglobin contains iron

and transports oxygen from lungs around the body. Anaemia is caused by reduced haemoglobin. If the anaemia is mild it does no harm and may not be noticeable. A normal haemoglobin molecule contains two alpha globin chains and two beta globin chains. In thalassaemia there is an inherited defect in one of these genes. If the alpha chain is affected it causes alpha thalassaemia. If the beta chain is affected it causes beta thalassaemia.

TYPES OF THALASSAEMIA:

1. Alpha Thalassaemia - The alpha thalassemias are caused by a decrease in production of alpha globin chains due to a defect in one or more of the four alpha globin genes located on chromosome 16. The alpha thalassemias can be generally categorized as: Silent Car-

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rier, Alpha Thalassemia Trait, Hemoglobin H disease, Hemoglobin H-Constant Spring, and Alpha Thalassemia major. Frequently, the diagnosis of alpha thalassemia trait in a parent is discovered after the birth of an affected child. 2. Beta Thalassemia - Beta thalassemias, ranges from very severe to having no effect on health. There are three kinds of beta thalassaemia.

AWARENESS OF THE DISEASE:

Many blame ignorance of parents for growth of thalassemia, the most common genetic disorder passed on to children. Its spread can be controlled easily through genetic screening and counseling. To save life long agony, all couples must get a car-

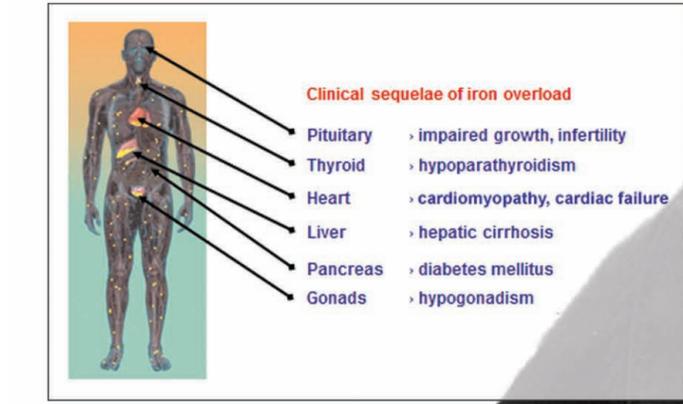
rier status tested before planning a child. Thalassemia major is the state in which body is not able to produce enough hemoglobin to meet out the requirement and thus becomes dependent on blood of donor. The patient depends on blood transfusion every 3-4 weeks all life. If only one parent is a carrier of the thalassaemia trait, the child may have a normal life, but when both are carriers, there is a 25% chance in every pregnancy of a thalassaemic being born.

sufficient oxygen resulting in anaemia that begins in early childhood and lasts rest of the life. Thalassemia is not a single disorder but a group of related disorders that affect the human body in similar ways. Weakness, Fatigue, Slow growth, Pale appearance, Abnormal swelling, Abnormal bone structure, especially in the face and skull, Heart problems, Iron overload are some of the major symptoms of this disease.

COMMON TREATMENT:

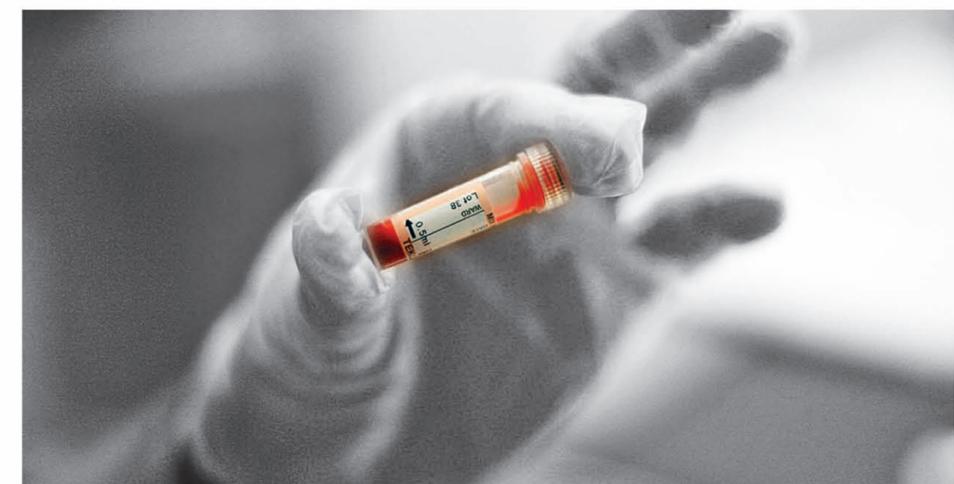
The most common treatment for all major forms of thalassaemia is red blood cell transfusions. These transfusions are necessary to provide the patient with a temporary supply of healthy red blood cells with normal hemoglobin capable of carrying the oxygen that the patient's body needs. Most patients with a major form of thalassaemia receive red blood cell transfusions every two to three weeks. Chelation therapy is another common treatment in which excessive iron is removed from the body as the patient undergoes the difficult and painful infusion of a drug named Desferal. However, bone marrow transplantation or gene therapy may totally cure a case of thalassaemia major.

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INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY:

Blood Bank of the Indian Red Cross Society plays a pivotal role in providing free of charge red cells to thalassaemic patients. Efforts are made by Red Cross Blood Bank to increase the number of voluntary donors to cope up with the demand of blood especially for registered thalassaemia patients. The requirement of the registered 885 patients is about 20000 units in a year. As a responsible blood banker it helps in educating people about thalassaemia. Secondly, it holds screening camps along with the blood donation camps, in schools and colleges where the young crowd can be screened for thalassaemia. To raise awareness of this disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) set 8th of May, every year, as the World Thalassemia Day.



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Lord takes ride on Aswa Vahanam

The Second Day of the three day religious event of Padmavathi Parinayam has been observed with religious fervour in Tirumala on Friday evening.

Among the three days, day two is considered to be more auspicious since it happens to be Vaishakha Suddha Dasami as per Hindu almanac which also happens to be the exact wedding date of Goddess Padmavathi and Lord Srinivasa as per puranas.

On the Second day, lord took celestial ride on Aswa Vahana accompanied by His two consorts Sri Devi and Bhu

Devi on other palanquin and reached the colourfully decorated Parinaya Mandapam in Narayanagiri Gardens.

Traditional Hindu Wedding Ceremony events including Edurkolu, Pubanthata etc took place. Later Unjal seva to deities was performed. Special devotional programs arranged by Annamacharya project stood as special attraction.

Later in the night crackers were burnt much to the amusement of multitude of pilgrims who converged to witness the special glitters in the black sky. After this event, the deities were taken back to the temple.



LAUGH OUT LOUD

Chor chori karke ghar se baher jane hi wala tha, Suddenly kid woke up, and said to the thief : "Mera school bag bhi le jao warna main mommy, papa ko utha dunga".

Math Teacher : If a=b and b=c then a=c, now give me the practical example of this principle from real life.

Student : I love you sir and you love your daughter which means I love your daughter.

Teacher asked to a student,"Rony if 2 & 2 makes four how is 4 & 4 ?"

Student replied, "This is not fair teacher, you always do the easy ones and leave the hard ones for me."

nce sardarji professor asked a plumber to come to his college.

You know why?

Because he wanted to check where the question paper is leaking.

2 Lovers plan to suicide.

Boy jumped first, Girl closed her eyes & return back saying, "love is blind".

Boy in air opened his parachute saying, "love never dies".

HEALTH TIPS

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- Fresh and natural, cane juice is a great alternative for aerated drinks and cola which contain artificial sugars.
- Sugarcane Juice is considered as the best home remedy for the person having sore throat, flu or freezing.
- It provides natural glucose to the body necessary for maintaining the muscle power. It removes weakness from the body by rehydrating the body thus known as the instant body booster and used by the athletes.
- It has a type of sugar called as the sucrose which is a natural resource helps in wound healing as well as boosting the immune system.
- It also assists in other problems like high acidity, cyctitis, enlarged prostate, gonorrhoea, nephritis and etc.

ASTRO FOCUS

ARIES: This week is quite favorable for you if you act intelligently that your will gain more profit. Use your ability to stay alert and open to what is going on around you. You may be fully devoted to your profession during the week. You will find that Partnership and business agreement now work out very well. Educational pursuits and creative activities may yield excellent results.

TAURUS: Your financial position during the week will not be at satisfactory and you may not get enough money from your business parties. Proper financial planning is the need of the hour. some extra time with your family members. The employed will get opportunity to elevate their professional career further. Letting the softer side of your personality show lets someone come closer to your heart.

GEMINI: This is the right time for major decisions on the professional front. Your financial status seems to get better with new opportunities and ventures in the offing. Your charisma and glamour will bring you popularity. If necessary take a professional advice. Happy news from a friend or a close relative will boost your spirits and bring cheerful moments.

CANCER: his period would see you come up with great imaginative ideas, which would interest others. Your financial position improves boosting your confidence and morale. Put your energy to positive use. You hard work shall be duly rewarded. This week you may have to bear with the erratic behavior of your seniors.

LEO: Efforts put in during this period would bring excellent results. Past investments will reap benefits and fresh investment is recommended. Work quietly on small but important projects for long term gains. You are advised to concentrate on your professional endeavors. Several good professional opportunities are likely to come your way.

VIRGO: Good week, which would fill your life with happiness, best wishes and gifts. Expect good news and unexpected gains later in the week. Your ability to stand out in the crowd will bring you popularity and recognition. Efforts with good intentions will succeed. Your energy will be high and competitive games will attract you. Your partnership will bring you very good profits.

LIBRA: here shall be ups and downs in your financial position. Be cautious while you are in financial transactions. Travel and related activities will bring both gains and pleasure. You may be subjected to unwarranted comments from your rivals. Your personality will have a magnetic appeal that will attract the right conditions and people.

SCORPIO: The week seems to be lucky for you. The schedule will be hectic on weekdays. Office work may tangle you and you may not get time for yourself and family but weekends would be relaxing. Take out a time and visit your friend whom you have not met for long this will relax your mind. Monday and Friday will be lucky days to express your feelings to your loved one if you have not said it yet.

SAGITTARIUS: People will appreciate your sense of humor this week. If some big meeting is scheduled with a big client be prepared with perfection your communication skills and experience will help you to final the dream. You may feel weak in last of this week so do take care if needed visit to a doctor, do not ignore your illness.

CAPRICORN: If you are planning big for your business or career and think that the topic is negotiable and is worth to be delayed then do not take instant decision take your time and then decide. Do not be stubborn in business deals this may make you suffer loss this week. Do not start any arguments unless you are prepared to accept irrevocable results.

AQUARIUS: The week would make creative change to your residence. Your property related disputes will be sort out and you will be gainer in that deal. Progress can be your if you put your effort into work related matter. Your aim will be for long term goal not on short one. Seeking advice from those who care would ultimately be rewarding.

PISCES: You are at your best not to discuss your personal life with others. You will be able to make your career by your own hands. Working with your friends and groups will help you to gain experience and develop practical skills. You may be attracted to someone new because of the novelty and possibilities for adventure. Cooperating with your partners would bring mutual benefits.

SUDOKU 321

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

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-320

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

Answer 320: Sakaray Pradeep, Krishnanagar.

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Win the reader's heart

What is 'American' about this book?

I have studied in many cities in America and the experiences of those days have a bearing on the contents of the book. The book is about all different groups of people from all over the world trying to come to terms for living in America. Being American or not being American is all about the book. One cannot ignore the fact that class and race do decide many important issues in a country like America. In spite of being projected as an open and fair society, there are many local issues which smack of race and class bias in this country.

Why is this book important for the 'America Dreamer'?

Many people from the developing nations like India have a big dream of the most developed economy of 'America' and the standard of living there. With a big aspiration, they work their way to go to that place. This starts with applying for visa, which when accepted is supposed to be the biggest jackpot of their life. What's the big deal about a Visa? One has to understand that if it's not about earning dollars, then there is much more heritage and culture all around the world.

What about the aspect of education in America?

America is host to some of the best Universities in the world. One can achieve a high creative state of mind when exposed to the education sector there. It's

about the pursuit of individualism and about self-actualization. America owns the best intellectual property in the world. It's a wonderful place to gain knowledge.

Can you tell us about the book?

There are eleven different stories in the book with a link of the central character 'Tara' travelling from Chennai to America. There are some characters that have been in America for a long time and a few who go to America for the first time. There are old age Indians who go there for the first time and find a lot of discomfort because the younger generation has no time for them during weekdays. It's an industrial economy and the working class finds free time only on weekends i.e. Saturdays and Sundays only. The country can make the bank balance fat and create lot of assets but there is no family interaction time. There is no time for 'soul searching'. There are many people from developing nations who work part-time in libraries, super markets, petrol bunks and many odd jobs. There is an autistic child who is the central character of one story in the book. The book focuses on the areas of Louisville, Kentucky, Chicago, Los Angeles and Portland. It's about American people, the Indian

community, the Israeli and African community who are in the various professions there.

What message does the book look forward to convey?

Security, women's issues, kidnapping

laws, arms licence, racism are some of the many burning issues that hit at the very fulcrum of what America claims to stand for in the world today. It's therefore not rosy to be in this country for people who come to this place with a big dream.

What is your message for the young writers?

A reader should get the same feeling with which a writer has about the plot of the book. You need to write a book as it comes to you. There is no need to present a book in any particular manner or format. There is a need to research on the subject. Research should not irritate a reader but enhance the plot. You should lose the research and write the book. Otherwise you may lose the reader.

What is the present state of encouragement for writers in India?

There are hardly any literary agents in India and it's not easy to get the script through for publishing. Getting a break is not easy. There are nearly 80 literature festivals happening in India every year and this is a good sign for all. Everything is becoming commercial and we are losing the cosmopolitan touch of the country. There is more about caste or religion than what meets the eye. ♦

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Nayan patches up with Simbu?



News is coming late that seductress Nayanantara has reunited with her former lover. Though she has rubbished off such rumours sometime back, people who have seen her at Chennai hottie Trisha's birthday party day last Sunday are not going to believe Nayan.

Some pictures have appeared in media, showcasing Nayanantara getting cosy with her former lover, Little Superstar Simbu at Trisha's birthday party that took place on May 4th night. Our curvaceous Mallu siren is seen hanging out with Simbu most of the time, giving raise to doubts that love has re-sparked between them. Earlier there are rumours that Nayanantara is the cause for Simbu-Hansika's breakup, and now these happenings are making them true. Though Nayan denied all these as ever, Kollywood sources are buzzing that soon she may tie nuptial knot with the Tamil hero.

Before Nayan dated Prabhudeva and Simbu has fallen for Hansika, both Nayan and Simbu used to be the best of love birds in Chennai and photos of their lip-kissing that sprang in media have proved it all. Let us see whether this couple has really come back to each other or not.

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Vidya's Marriage in trouble?

Yes peeps, you read that right. Vidya Balan and Siddharth Roy Kapur marriage is in trouble. Apparently, the filmmaker's closeness to a newcomer is the main reason why Vidya is unhappy these days. If sources are to be believed, the new comer is none other than Sid's ex flame.

We hear that Vidya is very angry with her hubby for going out of his way to help the newbie get well established in the industry. It was during Vidya's frequent International trip last year, when Siddharth drew close to the new comer.

Sources say that, this is one of the main reason why Vidya did not show up at Tampa Bay for the IIFA awards, this year. Also, we hear that the Kahaani actress has postponed or cancels all promotions for her upcoming film Bobby Jasoos.

Recently, the actress was also spotted at her parent's home.

Vidya Balan and Siddharth Roy Kapur have been married for almost 1.5 years now.

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Market reacting positively

By Mahesh Malekar

Dalal Street seem to be on steroids, ahead of exit polls. Bulls have already uncorked the champagne as the market hit new all-time highs in trade today on election results cracker. The Nifty, Sensex, Bank Nifty ended on Friday record closing highs. Nifty ended above 6,800 for first time ever at, Nifty was up 198.95 points or 2.99 percent at 6858.80. Nifty hit intra-day record high of 6871.35. Sensex hit intra-day record high of 23,048, and shut up 650.19 points or 2.91 percent at 22994.23. Bank Nifty hit intra-day record high of 13,814.25. Barring Pharma, all indices ended trade in the green.

Old prices today fell by Rs 80 to Rs 29,790 per 10 gram at the domestic bullion market due to reduced off-take from jewellery stockiest and retail investors amid discouraging overseas cues. Silver continued its relentless downtrend on the back of consistent speculative unwinding coupled with sluggish industrial demand. Standard gold (99.5 purity) fell by Rs 80 to finish at Rs 29,790 per 10 grams from Friday's level of Rs 29,870. Pure gold (99.9 purity) also lost by a similar margin to end at Rs 29,940 per 10 grams as against Rs 30,020.

The rupee falls slightly to 60.08/09 versus its previous close of 60.0650/0750, with broad gains in the dollar versus other majors hurting the Indian unit but mixed cues from other Asian currencies will keep the USD/INR pair



range bound. Traders will monitor the local share market for cues on foreign fund flows. The rupee rose to a one-month high of 59.9225 on Thursday and is seen moving in a 59.90 to 60.20 range during the session. The index of the dollar against six major currencies up 0.12 percent. Asian currencies trading mixed versus the dollar.

Asserting independence of the central bank, Reserve Bank Governor Raghuram Rajan today said it is he who determines the monetary policy and the

government can fire him if they want. "I determine the monetary policy. I say what it is. The government can fire me, but the government doesn't set the monetary policy. So, in that sense, am I independent! Well, I am happy to talk to the government. I am happy to listen to the government but ultimately the interest rate that is set is set by me," he said at St. Gallen Symposium in Switzerland.

India had registered over 9 percent growth for a few years before the global financial meltdown of 2008 pulled it

down. The economic growth rate slipped to decade's low of 4.5 percent in 2012-13. It inched up to 4.9 percent in 2013-14. In the current fiscal the growth rate is expected to inch up to 5.5 percent.

Market regulator Sebi today proposed new delisting norms, including reduced time frame and more broader price discovery mechanism, with a view to making it easier for promoters to delist their companies from stock exchanges. Sebi's latest discussion paper on the matter comes against the backdrop of concerns raised by various entities about existing delisting process which at times is also seen as time consuming. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has mooted ways to bring down the time taken for completion of delisting process. Besides, the watchdog has proposed measures to make price discovery more broad-based to ensure that minority shareholders' interests are taken care of. Mooting a significant change, Sebi has proposed that a delisting offer could be deemed successful if the holding of the promoter (or acquirer) reaches 90 per cent post offer.

Market is positively awaiting for the outcome of the General elections and the mood of the market will be decided by the formation of new government. ♦

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

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