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Sonia Gandhi binds UPA with BJP: Successfully carves out State of Telangana

By Dr Sridhar Goka

The Parliament in the last few days has heeded to genuine aspirations of four crore people of Telangana by granting them their long cherished and desired statehood by bifurcating state of Andhra Pradesh. The constitutional process for formation of Telangana State began with the union government initiating the process on 3rd October 2013. Every provision that is specified under Articles 3 & 4 of Indian Constitution enabling formation of a new state has been meticulously adhered to and both the House of The People and the Council of States approved the Telangana State formation bill with a large majority. Only a formal signature and putting a stamp of assent by the President of Republic of India to the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill-2014 moved and passed by both houses of Parliament is due for formalizing the coming into being of yet another new state in the federal scheme of the country.

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The birth of Telangana State marks the emergence of India's 29th state officially from the appointed day onwards that is specified in the notification. This process will be done within four or five days by the end of next week. Now is the time to celebrate and introspect on who really made this 'dream come true' possible, which was uncertain till the last minute on 20th February when the Rajya Sabha took up the voting amidst forces attempting to stall the T-bill by hook or crook.

Forget about parties or persons; undoubtedly, the commitment and determination of Congress President Sonia Gandhi was singularly responsible for this historic legislation fulfilling the six decades long aspiration of four crore people of Telangana. Many are seen praising the Congress Party and the UPA government for this bill, but the actual force that worked against all odds to ensure formation of the State of Telangana was none other than Sonia & Sonia Gandhi alone. Statehood to Telangana was on top of Sonia's mind since 2001 when she chaired a Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting to pass a resolution demanding the Vajpayee led NDA government to go for a Second State Reorganisation Commission (SRC) to facilitate formation of Telangana state. Of course, BJP which led the NDA then turned down the proposal and the story ended then and there for the saffron camp. But not for Sonia. She continued her commitment by forging an alliance with the TRS in 2004 elections and making a fervent promise to people of this region that she would fulfill the aspirations at an appropriate time. Sonia Gandhi after the 2004 general elections emerged as the Chairperson of the Congress led UPA and the Left Front coalition did her best to get the Telangana statehood issue included in the Common Minimum Programme announced by the President during the inaugural joint session of the two houses of the Parliament. Of course, due to the strong opposition from the then Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy as well as the Left Front that had 60 MPs, there was no progress on this score and the demand was put in cold storage.

Sonia got an opportunity to bring back Telangana onto the agenda of the UPA-II, only after the death of YSR in September 2009 and also the prior exit of the CPI-M from the Congress led UPA-II. She strategically utilized the fast unto death by TRS chief K Chandrasekahr Rao over Police Recruitment issue in Hyderabad City Zone which led to heightened agitation in a span of few days threatening a huge law and order issue in the state on account of suicides by students and youth demanding formation of Telangana state. All parties in the State urged the central government to act in accordance with the situation. Except CPI-M and MIM, all other parties demanded the immediate announcement of Telangana state formation. This unusual political situation prompted the union government and the Union Home Minister P Chidambaram issued a statement announcing that the process for initiating formation of Telangana has begun coinciding with the 63rd birthday celebrations of Sonia Gandhi on 9th of December, 2009.

However, subsequent political drama enacted by the Seemandhra public representatives had led to political chaos in the

state. The central government had appointed Justice Srikrishna Committee to study and compile options with regard to bifurcation of the state. Not many believed Sonia as the subsequent developments have shown as if the Congress has put Telangana issue in the backburner. But, that was not the case. It is clearly evident as to how Sonia was continuously pursuing the matter in so many ways.

In fact, she always ensured that the issue always remained on top of the agenda of UPA-II. Sonia allowed Rosaiah to be replaced by Kiran Reddy in November 2010. In the wake of Jagan Mohan Reddy quitting the party, Sonia cleverly allowed the decaying PRP to merge with Congress. Sonia systematically went on accommodating MPs from Seemandhra in the union cabinet. Seven out of eighteen MPs are taken into union ministry. Kavuri, Rayapati being senior congress MPs were denied berths in the ministry for their controversial business deals. However, for the sake of ensuring smooth division, people like Kavuri were taken into the cabinet. Kiran Reddy, who was proving to be political liability on account of his poor governing skills, was also continued till the end to prevent unnecessary political instability. Therefore, as a result of culmination of a series of political developments and other factors have contributed to initiating the process and passage of Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Bill 2014, towards carving out a State of Telangana with ten districts and Hyderabad as a common capital for ten years.

How Sonia won BJP's support:

It's amazing to observe the manner in which the Congress has won the support of the BJP which happens to be the main opposition party in both houses of the Parliament for passing the Telangana bill at a time when the congress MPs numbering about 18 belonging to Seemandhra region in the state of AP openly defying the party diktats and opposing the T-bill. The Congress which doesn't have comfortable numbers in either House of the Parliament has mustered courage to push through the T-bill. Another extreme step was the expulsion of six of its MPs from Lok Sabha who turned completely hostile and went about bringing No-confidence Motion against their own party heading the government.

Unless the Congress was sure of BJP's support, it wouldn't have been possible for it to expel its six MPs. But, Sonia in a clever strategy made BJP committed to extend its full support to the ruling party in passing the T-bill days before the last session of the Parliament was concluded. For this, Sonia used a combination of techniques. Firstly, Sonia overcame the opposition from within her party towards formation of Telangana. All the major leaders including Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Vice-president Rahul Gandhi, Digvijay Singh, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Veerappa Moily were said to be not interested in pushing Telangana at this stage. They were apprehensive of the stiff opposition from the cash rich Seemandhra Congress lobby, which was threatening the party leadership of dire consequences.

Every one accused Sonia Gandhi of delaying a decision on Telangana and being indecisive on granting statehood to the region since December 9th, 2009. But, the same delay and indecisiveness had helped Sonia in forging a common opinion among the political parties in favour of Telangana state. Finally, her delay tactics yielded results. Sonia ensured that the convening of meetings of all parties by the union home ministry was periodically held to elicit the opinion of these parties.

But, when the Congress kept mum on stating its stand and delaying in spelling out its decision, every other party thought that Congress was not sincere about conceding the State of Telangana. That's why they started announcing their support to division of Andhra Pradesh, only with the hope that Congress anyway won't grant Telangana. Firstly, the BJP took an outright stand in 2006 by announcing its full support to the Telangana and its national president Rajnath Singh even promised to form the new state within 100 days after it comes to power at the Centre. BJP senior leader LK Advani said that it was Chandrababu Naidu who prevented the creation of Telangana when Vajpayee was heading the central government and NDA was helpless as it was dependent on his party (TDP's) support.

Later, TDP president Chandrababu Naidu said he had no objection if Telangana was formed and told the same to the Centre in his letter to Pranab Committee. Later, other parties like CPI, MIM too came out in support of Telangana, although with some riders. Finally, YSR Congress floated by Jagan too came out in support of Telangana as its president Vijayamma told in a Parakala assembly bypoll meeting that it was her late husband YSR who first moved the demand for Telangana through the region's 41 Congress MLAs in 1999.

Both TDP and YSR Congress openly told the public that "We cannot bring or stop Telangana". Jagan's representatives suggested the Centre that it should form the Telangana state under Article 3 of the Constitution. So, both Naidu and Jagan have lost any ground to oppose Telangana subsequently. Of course, later they changed their stands, but public noticed their double standards.

BJP in a bind:

BJP, solely guided by its mentor RSS's major line in favour of smaller states was in a bind on statehood to Telangana. On the one hand, its policy favours Telangana creation, while some of its leaders like Venkaiah Naidu who participated in Jai Andhra movement in 1971-72 were vehemently opposed to the division of AP. But, Sonia's personal intervention and appeal to the BJP top brass subtly questioning the credibility of the BJP in going back on its commitment has melted the resistance of saffron party. The BJP leadership off-course failed to rally their allies like the Akali Dal and the Shiv Sena over their support to Telangana state formation. It is understood that Shiv Sena has a concern regarding Vidarbha's statehood demand but what made the Akalis oppose the T-bill? Especially, after acknowledging the genuine struggle of Telangana? It was no surprise to see the two Dravidian parties stand on the same side opposing the formation of Telangana state but it was sad that parties like JD-U, BJD have chosen to oppose without proper reasoning. They failed to rise when the situation demanded.

Sonia achieved BJP's cooperation through two ways. One, she got an assurance from the BJP leadership that they won't oppose Telangana bill in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. On the other

hand, she issued a whip to all Congress and UPA MPs, so that the efforts of BJP leader Venkaiah Naidu to move some amendments to the bill are not approved in which case once again the Lok Sabha requires to discuss, debate and vote.

Had these amendments were adopted in Rajya Sabha, the bill would have to go to Lok Sabha again which could have invariably caused delay in its passage. Though Venkaiah Naidu tried to move amendments to the T-bill, its Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley maintained a tactful posture and allowed smooth passage of the T-bill in Rajya Sabha. He even dropped his worthy objections on some apparent defects over the Constitutional validity of the T-bill, after Kapil Sibal gave some vague reasoning.

15th of August can be the Appointed Date for Telangana?

Now the remaining things are mere formalities for the birth of Telangana. Already, Union Minister Jairam Ramesh announced on Friday that a gazette

notification signed by the President Pranab Mukherjee would be issued in four or five days, specifying an appointed date for official establishment of Telangana state. There are three possible dates for this. One is August 15th, Independence day, September 17th, Hyderabad Liberation Day and third one is Dec 9th, Sonia Gandhi's birth day. These three dates are considered good and auspicious by congress men, but August 15th could be more appropriate as people of Telangana can celebrate it as their official state formation day as well as Independence Day. In 1947, they missed the significance of the day because of the rule of Nizam at the time.

The appointed day has lot of implications too. Firstly, it's linked to holding of the general elections to the AP state assembly that can last only till 2nd June marking the completion of tenure of five years. Secondly, till the appointed date, the expenditure incurred by the Seemandhra is borne from the finances of the undivided State. The budget deficit that is going to impact the Seemandhra state after the appointed date is envisaged to be taken over by the central government after the regular budget is introduced.

In the end, the majority people of Andhra Pradesh who speak Telugu have the rare distinction of having two linguistic states. So far, there are ten Hindi speaking states in the country. The politicians of West Bengal State however must stop trying to fool people elsewhere. Everyone had seen how the CPI-M and the TMC which bitterly fight each other have ganged up against the T-bill; they should remember that they people are not ignorant of what nonsense they are preaching without practicing. The Bengali speaking people are proud of their linguistic state of West Bengal, that's all right - but what about their hegemony in Tripura and Assam? Beware people are tolerant not ignorant. The CPI-M cannot win the trust of people in Telangana for their duplicity. The people of Telangana would surely provide a platform for oppressed groups across the country and shall teach the TMC a bitter lesson as and when time comes. Lastly, the continued support extended by Mayawati of the BSP, Sharad Pawar of the NCP and Ajit Singh of the RLD can never be forgotten and the people of Telangana would cherish forever their support and wish them well. It's time for everyone in Telangana to recall, remember the sacrifices of Martyrs of 1969 movement and those hundreds of brave hearts who in the past few years ago ignited and kept the flame of Telangana passion burning. What one can offer them is only our gratitude in the form of eternal thanks and sincere prayers to their imperishable souls. God bless Telangana.

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Despite shameless acts of Seemandhra MPs in Parliament...

'Telanganam' by UPA led by Sonia and supported by Sushma and Rajnath

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As predicted by DP another historic moment followed the 13th February with Rajya Sabha unanimously passing AP Reorganisation-2013 Bill on 20th Feb paving way creation of Telangana state - a simple demerger from conditional merger in 1956. DP has indicated in its preceding edition about the importance of National Political Parties and Alliances coming on unanimity to address popular regional issues - Telangana for a smooth passage of such bills..! The same was witnessed in this case though with a little bit of politricking indulged in by the opposition BJP -NDA Alliance to play to the likes of Venkaiah Naidu to sport as Seemandhra champion..!? Whether or not in tune with the other..?! The bill's passage after a well organized debate inspite of the pandemonium created specifically by TDP MPs silently supported by Seemandhra Congress MPs (TMC also!) is a pointer to the abilities of Deputy Chairman Kurien.

Hats off to both Speaker of Lok Sabha Meira Kumar - a senior parliamentarian and Deputy Chairman Kurien for their exemplary commitment to uphold parliamentary democracy inspite of turbulent time as witnessed during the passage of AP Reorganisation Bill-2013. Not to undone their spirited role along with that of the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, & Vice-President of India Ansari in wetting other important bills like Lokpal, National Food Security, New Land Acquisition Policy etc which are certainly to play an important and significant role in the times to come. Even during the last debate and voting clause by clause in Rajya Sabha both ruling and opposition parties showed maturity (except for Venkaiah Naidu's pleading..?) in arriving at a meaningful solution to the contentious issues in the state bifurcation debate so as to withstand any legal scrutiny. Even parties like CPI, NCP, RJD, LJSP, BSP etc while participating in the debate showed the same magnanimity in duly endorsing the bill with absolute majority.

Intense lobbying by UPA floor managers alongside commitment shown by T-loyalists including TRS-KCR, T-Congress, T-BJP leaders, TJAC and Supreme Court T-Lawyers etc allowed for a smooth passage of the bill in both the houses. If at all the credit has to go for T state it should be in the first instance to all martyrs who have selflessly sacrificed their precious lives since 1969 to this moment alongside the eternal, compassionate politician Sonia Gandhi for her determination and commitment towards T state inspite of various pressures even loss of party space in Seemandhra. Such committed leaders are very few in contemporary politics across the country.

Not to left behind in such genre is none other than Sushma Swaraj of BJP, who played a stellar role to see that the Bill passed its first test in Lok Sabha in the not so friendly or democratic atmosphere..Such was the spirited, endorsed campaign shown by these two wishful thinking, strong willed ladies (coming from variant backgrounds and different political ideologies) towards T Bill that the bill could stave off all challenges in Rajya Sabha with minimum ease. PM Manmohan Singh's statesmanship along with BJP's Rajnath Singh, Arun Jaitley and UPA-GoM's commitment stands as a hallmark in the history of Parliamentary Democracy for times to come.

TDP & BJP Naidus exposed? Only lip sympathy for T while heart for Seemandhra..!? While the T state process initiated in December 2009 was on the track after countering such protests as evidenced post December 9th 2009, TDP CBN and his trusted 'K' lobby were busy to somehow manage it till the general elections March-2014. Their famed (ill-timed as of now) line was that no govt. or party in the state or at the centre would dare to take it forward fearing reprisal from the other side (post December 23rd 2009 scenario) to lose votes and thereby seats-an electoral stunt..?! This lobby was overwhelmingly confident that nothing concrete would happen and started their teasing game on Telangana as did prior to December 2009 in vain anticipation not knowing that UPA and Congress at the centre had a measured plan working after witnessing post December 9th paving way for December 23rd statement. Never ever they disbelieved in such attempt while taking no cognizance of Sri Krishna Committee which was gathering all the material resources and at the same eliciting parties' views alongside regions culminating in a vertical divide..!? To their astonishment even this committee which gave the best opinion in their favour fell from the grace of UPA govt. and central parties for their chapter-VIII which dealt with ruthless suppression of the T movement.

This led to consolidation of the agitation totally polarizing and paralyzing the administration with famous 'SAKALA-JANULA SAMME' and Necklace Road 'MILLION MARCH' while the distorted figures on all fronts in deference with official data in the Sri Krishna Committee led to literal division along the regional lines in all sectors. This too was ignored by a planned ambush by Seemandhra media to present their side of stories on a regular basis to force innocent people to shift their opinion. This did change the so called Seemandhra politicians opinion but not Telanganites.

Unable to fathom the eventuality, TDP-CBN started to confuse the people of the state by shifting his stands from welcoming UPA and CWC resolutions on T to 'SAMANYAYAM'-'EQUAL JUSTICE' without even having an idea as to what that means..? Their intention became loud and clear that they are not wishfully inclined to accept T state formation except for public postures as did in 2009..!

Then how can TDP-CBN visualize himself and his estranged 'K' lobby without Hyderabad - a land locked city as all his lobbies vested interests centered around Hyderabad and T region..? As the T state formation became imminent and the Congress-UPA not alone but BJP-NDA's involvement in such historical event came to the fore-the TDP-CBN and 'K' Lobby etched out a plan in consonance with a media baron to entice Venkaiah Naidu of BJP..! As the concerted effort prior to Hyderabad meeting of Narendra Modi - PM Candidate by engaging Telugu Cine Glamour failed this lobby started to go online by hitting the headlines on a day to day basis in a well etched out plan to create confusions in the well organized BJP cadre in the state. As reports emerging from the internal sources and diehard ideologues (who sustained bullets from Naxalites) who differed with Venkaiah Naidu in principle made it clear that the same bonhomie which was witnessed during NDA's time has taken rebirth again to sabotage T state formation.

They recall the financial status of these both Naidu's prior to NDA's rule and thereafter..!? Both hand in hand used the software development to reap handful gains by meticulously upstaging 'travel', 'private security', 'properties development' and other hospitality contracts using their prime positions in the state and at the centre. In no time both Naidus along with their famed 'K' lobby (some are already in Parliament giving Company to Venkaiah Naidu) reaped rich benefits to enlarge their business to other trades (capital investments) as Motor Vehicle Marketing-'Harsha Toyota', 'Heritage' to name a few as per the same inside sources..!? They together patented monopoly in their respective position and today they claim 'Innova' (no appreciable change except in pricing..?) as example in all respects in regards to pricing, service etc and the same is replicated in 'Heritage' borne out of Chittoor Dairy which became extinct by deliberate paralyzed policing..?!

Now from dairy to all..?! These inside sources also went on record to say that many such would come to the fore if an impartial enquiry is ordered which have been in direct contrast of the Ideologue of BJP as their rank and file were left high and dry post such tie up in the past and the same is snaring in the present too..!? They all recount of such attitudes displayed recently in Rajya Sabha as Venkaiah Naidu in due appreciation of such company literally did a 'U' turn by pressing for division in the name of salvaging rights of Seemandhra people much against the party's stand which was evident in Lok Sabha..!? Insiders also point

Seemandhra: Tale of Two Capitals?

By Srinivas Bhuma

Everyone knows that a big package in the form of five year special economic status for new Seemandhra State that has 13 districts was announced by none other than the Prime Minister in Rajya Sabha during the debate on T-Bill. There were plenty of other benefits conferred on the Seemandhra State. The controversial Polavaram Project that submerges hundreds of tribal villages has been declared a multi-purpose National Project over ruling objections from the neighbouring Odisha state. The project is currently estimated to cost around 25,000 crore rupees out of which 90% of the project cost shall be borne by the central government. In addition, the Seemandhra State that is going to have a deficit of Rs 9,000 crores per annum after bifurcation comes into effect shall be compensated by the union government for about 10 years.

All these are fine but how can one justify the bonus benefit of an additional capital city being accorded to Seemandhra State? Once the bifurcation comes into effect from the appointed date; the Seemandhra state is going to be a unique state among the 29 states in the country to have Two Capital Cities instead of One. The city of Hyderabad not being converted into a Union Territory is now going to serve as a common capital for both the States of Telangana and residual Andhra Pradesh for Ten years. All the facilities and benefits enjoyed by the people of Telangana state are going to be equally enjoyed by the people of Seemandhra in Hyderabad City within GHMC limits during this period.

Even as a new capital that shall be announced within a short period gets built in the heart of Seemandhra region; yet people of Seemandhra state will continue to enjoy

Hyderabad. Any new capital city can get the necessary infrastructure built in about two to three years whatever may be the design and architecture. That means the people of Seemandhra will have a problem of plenty. Since, they will have two capital cities one in Seemandhra and one in Hyderabad shared with Telangana State people would enable the people of Seemandhra to enjoy the best of the both worlds.

Good luck to the people of Seemandhra. But one political party (MIM) that depends on Hyderabad city, is not at all happy with this decision. The MIM is dreading the prospect of BJP's Narendra Modi becoming the Prime Minister and taking control of the central government after the general elections. Since there is going to be a common Governor for both the states, the Law and Order responsibilities are sought to be vested in the Governor as far as Hyderabad City is concerned rather than the Council of Ministers of Telangana state. The MIM believes the constitutionally appointed Governor will be an agent of the central government and the police will be under the Union Home Minister and not under the local government. The MIM which enjoyed patronage till now from the Andhra rulers is not able to fathom this new situation. Difficult days ahead for MIM and none has any doubt that the MIM party will not accept this proposition and are sure to approach the apex court to rectify the constitutional anomaly which even Arun Jaitley tactfully allowed to take place. Whatever may be the future of MIM, the people of Telangana hope and pray for communal harmony, all round peace and tranquility in the city of Hyderabad.

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out that the last two days prior to the passage of the bill-the same group of the past did play the same trick to sabotage Telangana process by seeking constitutional amendments thereby sending the bill back to Lok Sabha..?! Only a divine intervention in the name of a blessed soul who threatened in no uncertain terms did put a brake to all such efforts allowing T state formation as desired by the entire polity and country. All that was evident in Venkaiah Naidu's conduct wherein he literally put pressure on every clause in the bill as if Seemandhra had lost everything testing the ever patient Prime Minister who sat through the entire session of Rajya Sabha along with his cabinet colleagues..!

How can such divergent tactics be question party ideologues inviting instant wrath from the entire Telangana region and they have very categorically expressed their no-confidence on any tie up with TDP. They point out that TDP lost even security deposits in both the regions in the bye-elections and then how can they trust on recent co-operative and Panchayat elections which were fought independently..?! They also remind that now after the bifurcation TDP-CBN has come back to his own confusing best stating that he was never against T..? If it is so how would Seemandhra electorate react..? By his various 'U' turns and the actions by his Seemandhra partymen in Assembly as well as Parliament-wherein T-TDP remained a silent spectator-he has endangered TDP's position in both the regions as per the same sources..? Then how can BJP tolerate such acts they question and are demanding that Telangana should get all the benefits including national status for 'Pranahita Chevella' and other projects as they feel Venkaiah Naidu in the name of justice to Seemandhra bulldozed the party and Telangana region..!? They also point his diatribe - 'protection to lives and property of Seemandhra people in Hyderabad' as one dictated by TDP-CBN as both have individual and collective stakes here…?!

As the bifurcation process has come to end expecting gazette notification from the President by 25/2/2014 thereby allowing bifurcation to become official awaiting the appointed date. Then 'how is that one misses the official revenue data of T region with 10 districts including Hyderabad (Telangana would be zero without Hyderabad) in comparison to 13 districts in Seemandhra' (more revenue than T with Hyderabad..?)..!? How can one be so partisan..!?

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National parties must come together in curtailing waywardness amongst the regional parties

The Supreme Court of India on Thursday rightly stayed the release of Tamil Nadu government's plans to release three convicts in the case of assassination of late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. This is a welcome order by the apex court as the sensitive issue has become a political issue in Tamil Nadu in the run-up to the general elections due to Lok Sabha this summer.

The SC order underscores the procedural and legal nuances involved in the issue. There has been a tremendous emotional upheaval in Tamil Nadu over the matter for the last few days and the issue needs to be studied and analyzed beyond narrow parochial and political considerations. The apex court bench headed by Chief Justice P Sathasivam directed the Tamil Nadu government to maintain status quo in this matter.

Tamil Nadu cabinet chaired by Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa on Wednesday decided to release all the seven convicts in the Rajiv assassination case from jail, as they have been overstaying in confinement. These seven include three convicts whose death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the SC two days ago.

THE THREE CONVICTS ARE: Murugan, Shantan and Perarivalan. The four others undergoing life imprisonments are: Nalini, B Robert Payas, S Jayakumar and P Ravichandran. These seven were about to walk free from jail after Jayalalithaa threatened to release them, if there is no response from the Centre on this issue. The Centre holds the control over these convicts as the CBI tried the assassination case of Rajiv Gandhi who was killed in a self immolation attack on the night

of 21st May, 1991. The Tamilnadu CM Jayalalithaa told the Tamil Nadu Assembly that the SC while commuting the death sentence of the three to life imprisonment observed that the State had powers to provide them all the remissions as per the laws. Moreover, all of them have been in jail for over 23 years and that is a primary ground for the SC to commute the death sentence of three of them to life imprisonment.

Based on this, the Tamil Nadu government has decided to set free these convicts as they had spent about 23 years jail. Not surprisingly, all the major political parties in Tamil Nadu including the principal opposition DMK have welcomed the decision. DMK leader and LoP in the Tamil Nadu state assembly Karunanidhi went a step beyond and congratulated his arch rival Jayalalithaa for taking this decision.

Interestingly, when Karunanidhi tried to release these convicts three years ago, Jayalalithaa opposed the move. Then, her objection was that once a person is awarded life sentence, he or she should suffer behind bars for life, but for a specified period, 14 years or beyond. Even now, some parties are arguing on these lines and opposing the move.

There were arguments that as death sentence is commuted to life imprisonment, the convicts can be set free, if they had stayed in jail, for a period, normally applicable to life convicts under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code. But, there are others who differed with the view and felt that their release would be dangerous in terms of the same being misused by political parties across the nation that have regional considerations.

Now, that the SC has intervened and issued directions to the State government to stay the release, all the national parties must sit together and discuss the issue beyond political considerations. On the one hand the sentiments of people of Tamil Nadu who are sympathetic towards the issue of LTTE and on the other hand, the sentiments of other across the nation and the statements issued by PM Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi opposing their release must be thoroughly debated to ensure a fair mechanism is evolved in dealing with emotive matters that have far wider ramifications for the unity and integrity of the nation.

Only the SC can take a final view of this issue when the matter comes up before it sometime later. Till then, better Tamil Nadu government overcomes its temptations of exploiting people's sentiments. We have seen how both DMK and AIADMK, two arch rivals in the state of Tamilnadu opposed bifurcation of state of Andhra Pradesh a few days ago in both the houses of Parliament. Both argued vehemently that it is a blatant attack on federal spirit of the nation. But when it comes to the issue of releasing life convicts in Rajiv Gandhi assassination Case whose death penalty was commuted by the SC on considerations beyond the scope of constitutional scheme of India; the two Dravidian parties cared two hoots for the sentiments of the rest of the people of India. That's why the role of regional parties in matters relating to internal and external security of the nation must be constantly monitored as there is a tendency amongst them to act unreasonably to suit their narrow interests.

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Will the Congress led UPA get the T-Bill passed in both the houses of Parliament?

With reference to your last week's cover story I must congratulate all the Telangana people who struggled hard to have their own state. The congress party was very decisive to form the new state of Telangana as early as possible and shown its commitment to get the AP State Reorganisation Bill – 2013 passed in both the houses of Parliament. One can understand the commitment of UPA Chairperson & Congress President Sonia Gandhi by her will to get the bill passed in Lok Sabha without any debate due to the nuisance created by the Seemandhra MPs from her own party as well as TDP and others. Then it was the congress party leadership which continued the Rajya Sabha business amidst strong protests from Seemandhra MPs and got it passed amidst chaos without suspending any MP of any party. Many parties like Samajwadi Party, Trinamool Congress, DMK, CPI-M etc have expressed their opposition to Telangana but the stand of the UPA government led by Congress party was very loud and clear and it will definitely enhance the congress party's credibility and reputation in the whole nation. I must thank the union government and the principal opposition BJP that put an end to the unending chaos in the name of agitations for separate and united states once and for all

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Amidst Unprecedented Hooliganism by Seemandhra MPs inside the Lok Sabha; UPA Government introduces the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill-2014...

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and now people can focus on their development and welfare.

B Radhakrishna, Chintal Basti

Terrible allegations against a Tahsildar?

I am a fan of Deccan Post for its selection of stories which are most of the time exclusive in nature and I rarely find them on the pages of other publications. It was pathetic to see that a lady Tahsildar is being alleged with serious allegations of corruption, favourtism and her biased conduct depriving justice to the right people. The authorities concerned must take note of the serious allegations and order for a detailed probe and take stern action against the official if the allegations are proved true otherwise the people like me will stop respecting the government officials who have the powers to deliver judgments.

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Kejriwal should have continued

Arvind Kejriwal, the founder of Aam Aadmi Party was on most of the television channels when he floated his party and contested the Assembly elections in Delhi and defeated Delhi CM Shiela Dixit with handsome majority and shown his commitment against corruption. The journey of Kejriwal was very different from other political parties and the functioning of his government was also controversial. I personally believe

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that when he sought the opinion of the Delhi people to form government with the outside support of Congress, he should have taken the opinion from the Delhi people whether he should continue or resign. I also feel that he should have continued and done few welfare programs which were possible for him. He should not have acted in such a haste to resign and unburden his shoulders of the people's problems and grievances. If there is no stability then one cant evaluate the credibility of anyone. Lets hope AAP will do some meaningful service to the nation and its people.

Shabnam Khan, Old City

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Kiran exits only after clearing all the boom-boom files

Are his balls gone?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

Cricket is a funny game. A game of ball and a bat and a 22 yard strip is enough to play and enjoy the game. There is a lot of paraphernalia when the game of cricket is played in all its seriousness. Like many games, cricket too teaches many techniques which become useful knowledge skills in real life challenges. The new Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella studied and played cricket as well in HPS Begumpet and attributed his success in life to techniques learned from cricket as well.

Cricket is a team game; there is a lot of coordination, consultation for a collective effort. Satya Nadella's career graph confirms all these. Unfortunately, there is someone else who conveys everything that is opposite of the above. Take the example of Kiran Kumar Reddy; who too studied in the HPS Begumpet campus and played cricket over there. One doesn't know his academic caliber but it can be presumed that he was a non-serious student which is confirmed from the manner in which he went on to study further. Like they say, politics is the last resort of scoundrels, Kiran as if influenced by Bernard Shaw's famous quotes chosen politics as a career after tired of entertaining fools watching his cricket. Kiran claims that he was born in Hyderabad and argues that he knows the lanes and by-lanes of Hyderabad much better than many Telangana leaders in the Assembly, probably true because for many vagabonds in Hyderabad, their favourite passtime happens to be roaming around the lanes and by-lanes of Hyderabad.

Kiran being a Hyderabadi yet had to transport himself all the way to Vayalpadu in Chittoor district to take up his father's legacy from his native place. This proves that, one by birth does not become a Hyderabadi - it's by culture alone that is possible. Having got elected in 1989, 1999 and 2004 general elections, Kiran was not impressive even to the magnanimous eyes of late YSR who could not accommodate

him in his ministry and thought that he was good enough for a chief whip's job since a chief whip in politics is equivalent to a wicket keeper in cricket. Every fielder throws the ball to the wicket keeper who ungrudgingly passes it on to the bowlers or the captain of team and who shouts 'Howzz--Thaat' every time to keep the captain in good humour. Kiran did this job well in the Assembly attracting the attention of the speaker of the house most of the times to the amusement of the then speaker KR Suresh Reddy and to the Council of Ministers. Kiran was on his toes all through defending Jagan's business activities trying to impress the Chief Minister for a place in the ministry.

After 2009 elections, when YSR led congress retained power, Kiran then expected to become a minister, but YSR felt obligated to give him a deserving rest in

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the high echelons in the legislative assembly. Kiran perched in the Speaker's Chair got the desired rest for his back & feet as it was not required for him to rise on his legs as he was most used to. Luck plays an important role in cricket benefiting the batsmen in the form of dropped catches and the bowlers with unusual decisions from the umpires. So was the case with Kiran that Madam Sonia (chief of AICC) had to bring someone with the experience of bending his knees in collecting the balls ungrudgingly despite the heat and dust present all around.

Lady Luck smiled on Kiran when someone conspired to mislead Madam Sonia to make Kiran the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh that has 23 districts despite none among them willing to accept the authority of a man chosen and empowered to govern. It is said that Kiran was made Chief Minister for possessing three extraordinary qualities; faultily perceived loyalty to the party high command, apparently poor or nil leadership qualities; and his well camouflaged dumbness to indulge in corruption. But in the end, Kiran shocked the party selection committee by displaying totally different personality.

But his stint as Chief Minister has been the worst kind of governance in the entire history of the Andhra Pradesh state that came into being on 1st November, 1956 to 18th February, 2014. Throughout his stint, Kiran is known to have revealed an Intelligence of an Idiot: by attempting to obstruct the inevitable formation of Telangana state; a Megalomaniac on Mount Everest: in trying to portray that under his leadership, congress has a chance of retaining power in a united state; a Rogue in mis-governance: he went on clearing files with two arms and two limbs to the last possible minute even after packing off his peshi bureaucrats meant to assist him; and lastly the Massive Corruption covered by Condom kind brokers in ensuring regular payments collected from energy sector; besides there is a talk of many scams having taken place related to finalization of Polavaram tender, illegal benefits accorded to Lagadapati, Rayapati, Kavuri and to scores of political brokers from Chittoor, Nellore and Kadapa districts.

Kiran was hailed as a star batsman, Kiran vowed to fight Sonia's decision to grant statehood to Telangana. Kiran claimed that despite his failing to prevent cyclones on the Andhra coast, he would indeed stop the bifurcation of the state. Ever since Sonia Gandhi made her decision to grant statehood to Telangana in the historic CWC meeting on 30th July, 2013, Kiran & Co claimed that he would go on fighting till the last ball. What ball or balls only those who talked all the while know better. Whether he played the game or not, no one can tell but everyone knows now how he fooled the people of Seemandhra till the end. Indeed he succeeded in tightly sticking to the Chief Minister's chair till the end until he cleared the last few files.

Now, if he is left with a single ball or two only he knows. But it appears the bat is with him but his balls are crushed resulting in his exit from the Chief Minister's Office. How badly they are crushed only the pepper-sprayer turned political Sanyasi can clarify in his commentary or if not in his bulletin?

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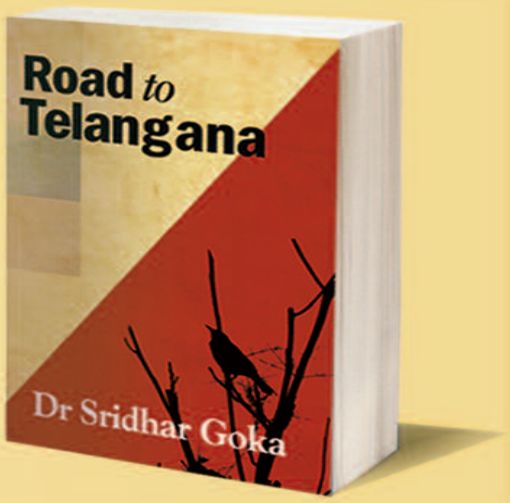

BIOTECHNOLOGY THE EMERGING INDUSTRY

By Jaywant Naidu

Biotechnology being an emerging industry, game-changing strategies and relevant application of the knowledge-intelligence resource pool, drive the process of growth. Innovations, path-breaking discoveries and effective solutions in the industry can bring out the business potential of biotechnology. According to Dr Seth Berkley, CEO, and GAVI Alliance "India is a prime example of how the vaccine landscape has changed over the past 20 years. Indian manufacturers can produce vaccines that meet high quality standards, are appropriate to specific country settings, and are offered at lower and sustainable prices through a reliable supply over time. They also have the capacity to engage in applied vaccine development. I am excited at the prospect of seeing Indian manufacturers develop new combination vaccines as well as tackling new diseases that are especially relevant to those living in developing countries."

BIOASIA 2014:

BioAsia is born with a vision to enhance, enrich and encourage newer innovations, path-breaking discoveries and effective solutions in the biotechnology industry by offering a vibrant global platform for convergence of the key stakeholders - Biotech & Biopharma Companies, research institutions, academia, investors, service providers, policy makers, regulators and analysts. BioAsia is focused in its efforts - to drive the growth of the industry by enabling an effective environment for fostering collaborations, JV's M&A's; ensure knowledge and experience sharing by global industry players to benefit all stakeholders; promote innovations and initiatives through appropriate awards and recognitions; play a pivotal role in advocating issues to the policy makers and chartering the road-map of bio-technology. BioAsia is a dynamic platform for companies -to exhibit, launch and showcase their unique strengths, products and services. BioAsia is playing the role of a key catalyst in mobilizing all elements that are required to drive the growth of the emerging industry of Biotechnology as well as optimize the immense business potential of biotech.

On a larger level, BioAsia is working to drive a global transformation from the treatment of illness to wellness. The 11th annual edition of BioAsia at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) saw the global bio-business forum addressing key issues of the life sciences industry in tandem with major industry players. At BioAsia 2014, an exclusive life sciences policy was also unveiled by Mr. Pradeep K Chandra, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt of AP.The special guests for the inaugural ceremony comprised Dr. Lino Baranao, Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mr. Kim Sang-Pyo, Vice Governor, Gangwon Province, South Korea, Dr. Antonio Juan Bonfatti, Governor, Santa Fe Government, Argentina, Mr. Patrick Suckling, Australia High Commissioner to India and Mr. Andrew McCallister, British Deputy High Commissioner to India. The industry captains led by Mr. G V Prasad, Chairman and CEO, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd, lay thread bare the key issue of innovation which is the theme of BioAsia this year. Mr. Chris Stirling, Global Head of Life Sciences, KPMG, UK, was the other key note speaker at this edition. Mr. Pradeep K Chandra presented the Genome Valley Excellence Awards 2014 to Prof. Harald zur Hausen (Nobel Laureate) and GSK, received by Dr. Rogerio Ribeiro, Senior Vice President & EMAP Area Head, Emerging Markets & Asia Pacific, GSK, UK.A panel discussion on 'Creating an Innovation Ecosystem' with Mr. Jonathan Kua, Director, Biomedical Sciences Industry Partnership Office, Singapore, Dr. Toby Wilkinson, Head of the International Strategy Office, University of Cambridge, UK, Ms. Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, CEO, IKP Knowledge Park and Prof Ajith de Alwis, Director, COSTI, Sri Lanka was held with Dr. Ajit Shetty, Chairman Emeritus, Janssen Pharmaceutica as the moderator. Another panel discussion on 'Models for enhancing Life sciences R&D Efficiencies' was chaired by Dr. Bill Hait, Global Head R&D, Janssen Pharmaceutica (J&J), USA as the keynote speaker with panelists comprising Dr. Phil Kearney, Director, Licensing and External Research, MSD, Australia, Mr. Manni Kantipudi, CEO, GVK Biosciences, Dr Subir Basak, President - Global Drug Discovery, Jubilant Life sciences, Dr. Ajith V. Kamath, Head, External R&D Innovation, Pfizer Inc, Dr. Ramani Aiyer, Principal, Shasta BioVentures, USA with Mr. Utkarsh Palnitkar, Head of Life Sciences Practice, KPMG, as the moderator. A CEO Conclave on the topic of 'Is Innovations a viable business model for India' was conducted with the participation of industry captains comprising Mr. GV Prasad, Chairman and CEO, Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd, Dr. Rogerio Ribeiro, Senior Vice President and EMAP Area Head, GSK, Dr. Maninder Hora, Global Head, Nektar Therapeutics, USA, Mr. Sanjiv Navangul, MD, Janssen India and Dr. Praveen Tyle, President & Chief Executive Officer, Osmotica, Pharmaceutical, USA.

LIFE SCIENCES POLICY 2014-2019:

Life sciences sector is one of the fastest developing domains in India. Though Andhra Pradesh has emerged as a leading player in certain segments of Life sciences sector such as bulk drugs, vaccines and formulations, it could not attract large investments and scientific brains into Life sciences and medical devices sector thereby the research base with renowned R & D Institutes left unutilised.In order to foster the strengths and responding to the changing global environment for pioneering Life sciences manufacturing investments and research & development (R&D), Andhra Pradesh, the first Indian state in the country is coming out with an exclusive Policy for Life sciences Sector with a Mission Mode approach over the next five years.

This policy aims USD 13.5 billion market by 2019 with emphasis on Biotechnology, Medical Devices, Bio-Services, Pharmaceuticals and Nutraceuticals. This policy will lead to Rs. 20,000 crore of new investment and skilled employment opportunity to 50,000 people besides augmenting exports to Rs. 60,000 Crore by 2019.The major initiative of the policy is to declare Life sciences Sector as an Industrial Category with set of initiatives that will ease compliance of procedures through Single Window System and provides power at industrial tariff which are hitherto being levied commercial tariff, besides providing uninterrupted power supply for life saving drugs. The Policy will create a Knowledge Centre in (Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for imparting training for skilled individuals that bring specific expertise required to respond to needs of Life sciences Sector which will be managed by private partners.

As a part of Infrastructure development, the policy envisages certain projects which are critical for the development of the sector under PPP mode such as Vivarium, vaccine testing facility, Animal quarantine and Bio-security facility, Medical Devices Park, dedicated Life sciences clusters in the form of Genome Valley, parks and institutions. These projects will deepen the presence of research & development activity in the value chain. It is a known fact that innovation thrives when stakeholders collaborate. All over the world, there are state supported organizations that bring together industrialists, investors, entrepreneurs and educational and research institutions. Life sciences research is essential to the scientific advances that underpin improvements in the health and safety of the public, agricultural crops and other plants, animals, the environment, material, and national security.

This policy provided special incentives to R & D on early-stage investment and nurtures the best innovations through the translational funding, while increasing long-term capabilities to produce and commercialize new ideas. To attract global talent for conduct of breakthrough research in the State, the Government proposes "Yellapragada Subbarao Life sciences Scholarship" to incentivize the joint research program of an A.P institution with researchers pursuing post doctoral India specific Life sciences research in top 100 global institutes/universities.

GENOME VALLEY:

Genome Valley spread over 600 sq. kms. in the vicinity of Hyderabad (the Cyber City of India) is India's first world-class biotech cluster for biotech research, training, collaboration and manufacturing activities. With an established presence of several global and Indian biotechnology companies, globally renowned research institutions, and best-in-class supporting specialized infrastructure, today Genome Valley is the largest and most vibrant biotech cluster in the country.

The presence of many institutions like CCMB, ICRISAT, IICT, NIN, CDNAFP and GVK Life Sciences will provide strength and sustenance for the biotech cluster. The Shameerpet cluster of the Genome Valley is India's first systematically developed biotech cluster, boasting of world-class infrastructure facilities in the form of Industrial / Knowledge Parks, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Multi-tenanted wet laboratories and Incubation facilities. The cluster synergizes a healthy mix of companies in the realm of agri biotech, CRM, biopharma, vaccine manufacturing, regulatory and testing and other related areas.

Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC) is an Andhra Pradesh Government initiative for providing infrastructure through development of industrial areas.APIIC was established in the year 1973 for identifying and developing potential growth centres in the State fully equipped with developed plots/sheds, roads, drainage, water, power and other infrastructural facilities; providing social infrastructure, like housing for workers near industrial zones; co-coordinating with the agencies concerned for providing communication, transport and other facilities. According to Jayesh Ranjan, Vice Chairman and Managing Director (APIIC) "The Corporation also has active projects in the Bio-technology areas under Public-Private Partnership Mode." According to Dr. Krishna M. Ella, CMD, Bharat Biotech International Ltd., Hyderabad "BioAsia conference over the years has been instrumental in showcasing the Life sciences and R&D strengths of Hyderabad and Andhra Pradesh to the world particularly the presence of Genome Valley – the largest industrial cluster in country. India is an excellent destination for Biotech/Biopharma industries. Hyderabad is the biggest manufacturer of biotech products and vaccines in the country and this explains the focus of BioAsia on elements like policy, strategy and markets".

Hope the emerging technology help the humanity to prosper in all aspects of life.

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Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy On Muthyapu Pandiri Vahanam

namo VENKATESAYA

On the third day of the ongoing nine-day annual Brahmotsavam in Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Srinivasa Mangapuram near Tirupati, the processional deity of Lord Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy, mounted atop the 'Muthyapu Pandiri Vahanam' was taken out in a grand procession on Friday evening.

Legend says that pearls, a produce of sea, is formed when the dew and rain drops into pearl chip in the ocean. Even Srikrishna wears pearl nose rings and necklaces and Lord Venkateswara hailed as "Alankara priya" (lover of decoration). During the Srivari Brahmotsavam Lord Venkateswara sat proudly along with his consorts sat in a vahanam decked up milk white pearls in the shape of a pandal. The 26th chapter of Padmapuranam refers to an umbrella made of pearls giving shade to Lord Vishnu and several contemporary poets of the bygone days had described the hood of Adisesha giving cool shade of Pearl umbrella to the celestial deity.

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Wife: Aji suniye, mujhe kisi mehengi jaga le ke chaliye na ji….
Husband: Chalo, tayyar ho jao…
Guess where he took her….
Petrol pump!!!

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Ek aadmi doosrey aadmi sey bola:
"Bivi aur ghadi mey kya faraq hey?"
Doosra Aadmi bola:
"Ek bigarti hai to bandh ho jati hai……Doosari bigarti hai to "SHUROO" ho jati hai"

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SANTA : Yaar maine apni girl friend ko gift dena hai, kya du?
2ND : Gold ring de de.
1ST : koi badi cheez bata.
2ND : M.R.F ka tyre de de.

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Friend1: Are yaar ye mobile to mujhe kangaal kar dega.
Friend2: Kyu?
Friend1: Baar baar dikhaata hai "Battery Low" ab tak 56 battery badal chuka hoon!

HEALTH TIPS

Amla Uses and Benefits

- Skin- it is very helpful in skin diseases as it has sheet virya in potency. It inhibits pitta and thus helps in getting relief from it. All the skin disorders are caused by pitta dominance. Regular use of Amla promotes glow on skin and delays wrinkles or loosening of skin. Good results have been found in eczema.
- Hairs- its internal use as well as its local application on scalp gives good results in hair loss. It stimulates hair follicles thus promoting hair growth and also improves texture of the hair. It also prevents premature graying of hairs and dandruff. Indian women generally use Amla to wash their hairs, which act as natural hair conditioner.
- It acts as anti pyretic agent due to sheet virya potency. It also acts as anti-inflammatory agent thereby suppresses pain and swelling.
- Eyes- It finds great application in improving eyesight. It also counters diseases like reddening, itching and watering of eyes. Good results have also been seen in cataracts.

SUDOKU 310

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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-309

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3	7	4	5	1	8	2	6	9

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Answer 309: Devika G, Amberpet

ASTRO FOCUS

Aries: Knowing your real skills would enable you to improve them. New opportunities shall be there. Try to accomplish your tasks by working in a systematic way. This week is going to give you an opportunity to show your creative skill, talent and professional expertise in your workplace. You would feel as beautiful inside as your appearance. You would love beautiful things of life.

Taurus: The week is going to play a very supportive role for you in every aspect of life. Proper dietary habits will guard your health to some extent. You will see you a fresh and new energy in your career. You should be more sincere in your work and would try to please your higher officials. An inability to amicably sort-out differences with partner creates problem in mid of the week.

Gemini: Try to adjust yourselves according to situations. There may be some unusual events and you will have to work extra hard to set things in order. Work is more likely to go well and you will be able to make some profit out of it. Meet people or settle deals with new partners and co-workers. This is a favorable period for engagements, marriage, births, or beginning a new love relationship.

Cancer: The youngsters will do well in their examinations thanks to the time they put in for serious studies Your knowledge will be heightened with your continuous efforts in exploring new areas. Stars are favorable and you can expect some rewarding times ahead. You are advised to take all the career, finance and investments related decisions with utter caution. You will get the chance to meet old friends and spend time with them discussing old times.

Leo: Friends may be instrumental in helping you to 'connect' to the things you will need this week. You definitely need to play right now without thinking about the past or worrying about the future. You shall be able to concentrate better in your business after succeeding in giving it a right direction. Romantic life in particular needs a special care to bloom the lovely flower of love.

Virgo: You will move forward towards progressive direction. You must try to control risk taking tendencies and extravagance so that you could have savings for future. You are advised to seek expert advice on how to handle the situation especially if it pertains to financial matters. Show your capabilities at your work and do not hesitate to answer any questions.

Libra: A bump of enthusiasm and energy into your work picks up your spirits and gives you much to be thrilled about. A 'change of plans' is possible. Money will come in from recently concluded deals. Recent activity on the financial front is set to continue and you be made an offer that is of benefit to you. Family atmosphere would be full of happiness and prosperity.

Scorpio: On career front, a new business associate may give you solutions. Some of the natives are likely to donate huge amounts for devotional purposes. You would be true to your word and will do the things in right manner. Understanding emotions and feelings of partner enables you to infuse a new spirit in your relationship.

Sagittarius: You will be continuous to be resourceful and capable of achieving your mission. At this juncture your teaming up with a set of ambitious people who share ideologies would augur well for the future. Your business would require your extra attention now. If you work for yourself, a push from the stars will let you gain what you have been looking for. Those single and searching may succeed in finding their life partner during the week.

Capricorn: Your family will be standing with you in your decision. Do your work according to your needs and situations. There shall be probability of your going abroad. You are having a good time no matter whether your pocket is filled with money or not. You will be able to get a new position or obtain a promotion. If you have been dating a while and have feelings for your partner, this week will allow you both to have plenty of time together.

Aquarius: Your skills could be put to test too. You can expect new avenues of opportunities to open up. All sorts of actions and meditations about a significant other will come into play at this time. It would be better to keep on working without many expectations. Expect a great deal of personal satisfaction, success and reward.

Pisces: The written and spoken word will become very important to your progress at this time. You can learn to do it in a stronger, better, more effective way than you ever have before. Try to be less scanty and focus on precise definite aims. You feel gifted, brilliant, imaginative, and stimulated to expend your energies toward your goals.

Save Humanity from Cancer

Nobel laureate Harald zur Hausen was in Hyderabad for the BIOASIA 2014 Conference. He spoke to Deccan Post.

What is your view on the cause of cervical cancer?

Nearly twenty percent of cancers worldwide are mainly caused due to infections and about sixty percent are caused by viruses. The rest are caused due to bacteria and/or parasites.

How was the Human Papilloma Viruses (HPV) vaccine developed?

The HPV vaccine induces antibodies against major structural protein of the HPV virus. Antibodies neutralize the incoming virus and prevent it from a successful infection. Since these viruses are sexually transmitted, the vaccine should be applied prior to the onset of sexual activity.

What is your view on the HPV vaccine and its negative effects?

The side effects due to HPV vaccine are very low. It is a good vaccine and has prevented precursor lesions of cervical cancers caused by HPV. The vaccine is effective for 10 years and more. Prevention of lesions drastically reduces the need for surgical interventions. Screening is important, for those who developed HPV infection, as the lesions that cause cervical cancer can be removed surgically.

Is vaccination the way out to keep cancer away?

I feel that vaccination for girls and boys should be recommended to prevent certain cancers, which have been linked to human papilloma viruses (HPV).Vaccine should also be recommended for boys because they were the transmitters of the virus. Boys in below 30 years age group have more sexual partners than girls. Apart from cervical cancer, HPV is also linked to cancers of the pharynx and anus. There are almost 200 types in HPV, and about 15 of them are linked to cancers.

What precautions are needed in a country like India?

There is a need for regular screening to detect possibilities of cancer. Lack of sufficient screening is one of the main reasons for the high incidence of cervical cancer in India and other developing countries. Pap smear test reduces the rate by identifying the lesions that can be surgically removed.

What are the other areas of research for you?

This is a continuous process. Now I am looking into the possible involvement of infectious agents in colon cancer and early childhood cancers based on epidemiological observations.

How easy is it for a young research scholar in his work today?

Research should start with an original idea. It may be finally proved. Or it may not be proved. One must be determined to constantly have faith on the projects and not to be discouraged by criticism by anyone. Only constant efforts can bring in the desired results.

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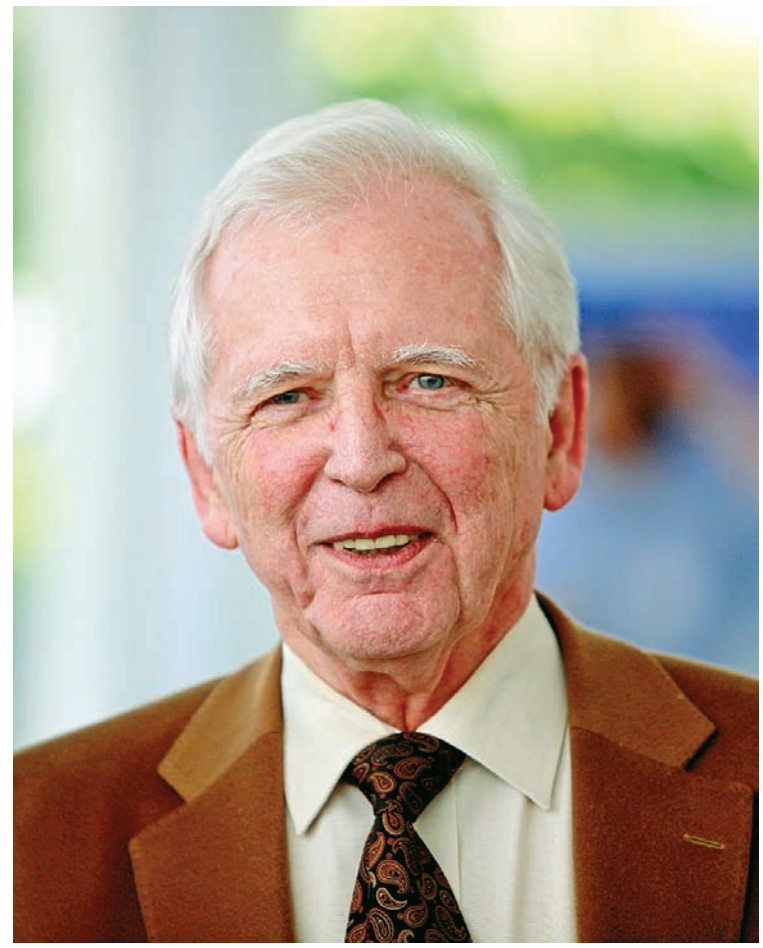

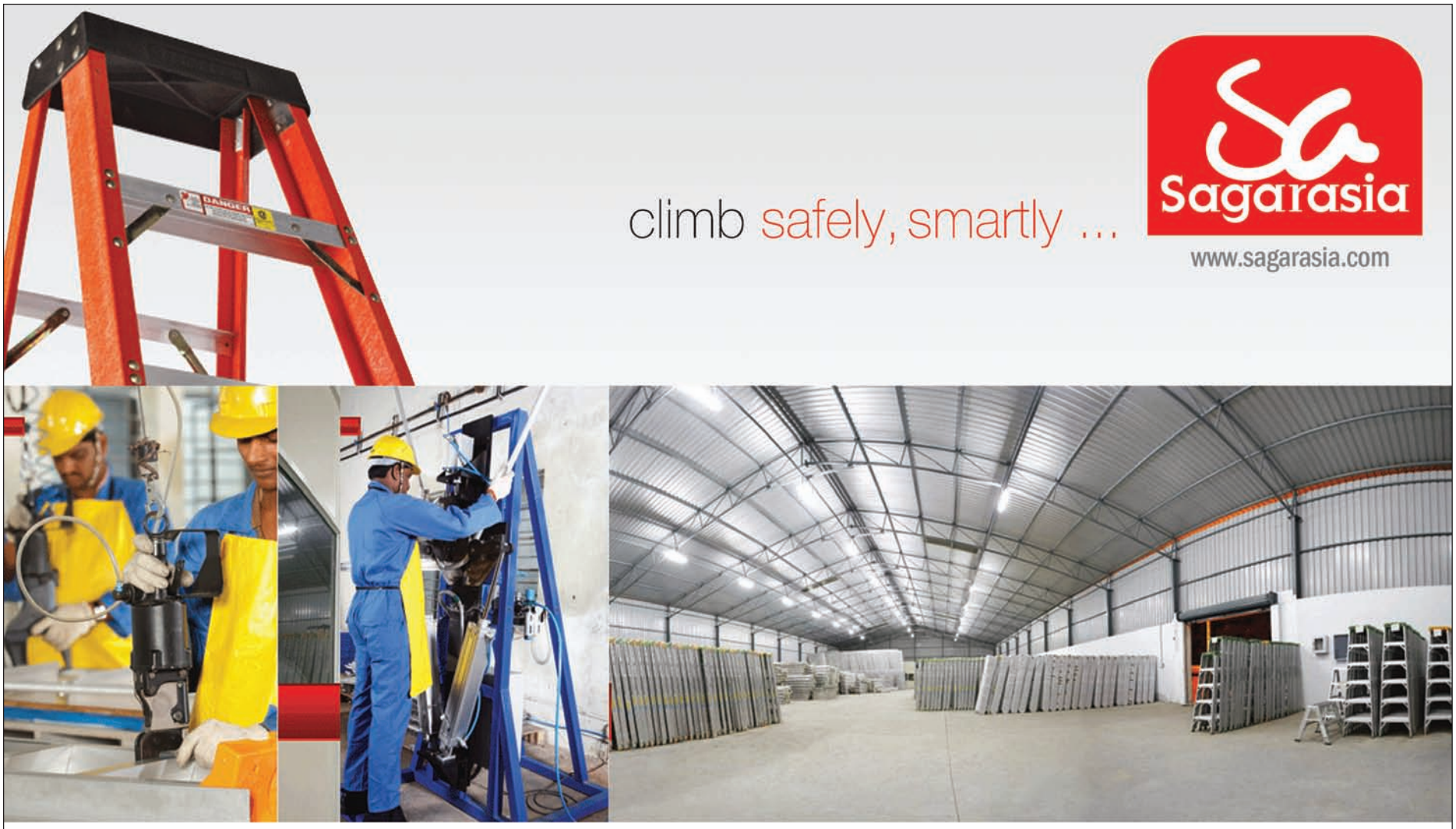

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Is Mallika an unprofessional Actress?

Rumours have it that the Murder actor, Mallika Sherawat got herself kicked out from an international project, 'A Little Heaven In Me' all because of her tantrums. A little birdie informs us that the makers were upset with Mallika's unprofessional behavior as well.

The film will be produced by a US based company Bibia Films and will be directed by Indo-Canadian director Keshhav Panneriy. Talking to a leading daily the director confirmed, "She was the producer's first choice, but due to her lack of cooperation and her unprofessional approach, we decided to replace her." The director also informed that model Pragya Jaiswal had been finalised for the film after Mallika's exit. The director is more than happy at her exit and informed the daily, "She (Mallika) is perceived as a provocative and bold woman, and this real-life persona is drastically different from the character we wanted her to play."

Isn't it high time that Mallika starts behaving herself. After all we heard similar news about her during the shooting of The Bachelorette India as well. Wake up Mallika!

Is Colours Swathi getting married?

After a long hiatus, anchor-turned-actress Swati Reddy is back in news. Of late, there were rumours that she was basking in the company of her beau. Fondly called as 'Colours' Swati, the hot lady reveals happenings in her personal life and opens up about her marriage plans.

Quashing all the rumours about tying the knot, Colors Swathi was quick to respond, "I have left my marriage thing to parents. They will find a suitable groom for me." Now and then we here lot about her involvement with some co-stars. Recently she was linked up with her 'Swamy Ra Ra' co-star Nikhil. Reacting to them, Swati says, "Rumours are part and parcel of film industry. We assemble in film industry for work, and later we disperse. I've friends as well as foes," she adds, clearing that she is not in love or in relation with anyone.

Very soon, Swati will be soon in a chase-comedy 'Bangaru Kodipetta' and crime-thriller 'Karthikeya'. Though she is very much off from Telugu screen these days, in a couple of months 3 films of her are hitting screens. Get ready to enocurage the talented Telugu beauty folks.

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Market recovers on global trends

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market witnessed further recovery on back of recovery in the American and the Asian markets. The recent short-term uptrend that was seen from the major support of 20,000 levels has extended further and has made slow but steady gains of about 800 points in the last few days. The Foreign Institutional Investors who were cautious earlier are now reported to have made purchases. Market is seen in a major consolidation and sideways trend in the last few months, and is struck in a long-term narrow range. Select Frontline and mid-cap stocks have advanced, while activity was seen limited. The market has reacted positively to the Interim Union Budget that was presented on 17th February. The growth rate (GDP) is expected to higher in this current year and the fiscal deficit is expected to be contained at 4.6% of the GDP, which is a positive sign for the economy and the Banks. The Budget is seen positive for the power sector and the cut in the excise duties for the automobiles would have a positive impact on this sector.

Market's uptrend was led by banks, which have staged a recovery after earlier few weeks of a correction trend. The strong performers like the software and the pharma stocks have also contributed to the positive sentiment. Market has to extend its uptrend for the other segments to participate in the rally.

But the crude oil has advanced further and has breached the recent high of 6,300. The crude petroleum prices have been on an uptrend from 5,700 levels in the commodity markets and

in-case of any further ascending trend, then it would be a concern for the markets. The precious commodities Gold and Silver, which have been in the consolidation trend in the last few months, have advanced in the commodity markets. The Precious metal Gold is seen firm at 30,000 levels in the MCX commodity market and has the next major resistance at 31,000 levels, where a short-term halt to the current uptrend is possible, for the traders to be cautious.

Similarly, Silver has made strong gains from 43,000 major support levels to current 48,000 in the MCX commodity market. It has the next major barrier above at 50,000, where a short-term pause is possible for the traders to be alert.

Similarly, the leading base metals like the Copper, Nickel. Aluminum, Zinc, Lead have also made a recovery after an earlier sideways trend and are likely to continue its recovery. The Dollar has seen a minor decline against the Indian Rupee, but has strong support at 61.5 levels, where it is seen holding in the last few months.

Sensex technically on the price charts has the next major resistance above at 21,000, where a short-term consolidation is possible, before indicating next direction. It has to sustain above this barrier to continue the further uptrend. Only in-case of any failure to hold the support of 20,000, then it indicates a short-term reactionary trend for the short-term investors to be cautious.

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

Budget Highlights

GROWTH: GDP expansion in third and fourth quarters of 2013/14 estimated at 5.2 percent. Growth for the whole year expected at 4.9 percent.

FISCAL DEFICIT: Fiscal deficit seen at 4.6 percent of GDP in 2013/14, below target of 4.8 percent.

- Fiscal deficit projected at 4.1 percent of GDP in 2014/15
- Says need to bring down the deficit to 3 percent of GDP by 2016/17

CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT

- Current account deficit for 2013/14 estimated at $45 billion from last fiscal year's $88 billion.
- Forex reserves to rise by $15 billion by end of 2013/14

BORROWING/DEBT SERVICING

- Gross market borrowing for 2014/15 seen at 5.97 trillion rupees, net market borrowing at 4.57 trillion rupees.
- Debt repayment in 2014/15 seen at 1.397 trillion rupees

PRIVATISATION

- Target from stake sale in state run firms for 2013/14 revised to 258.41 billion rupees
- Target for 2014/15 increased to 569.25 billion rupees

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A Thank You from the bottom of Our hearts!!

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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 dream come true.

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