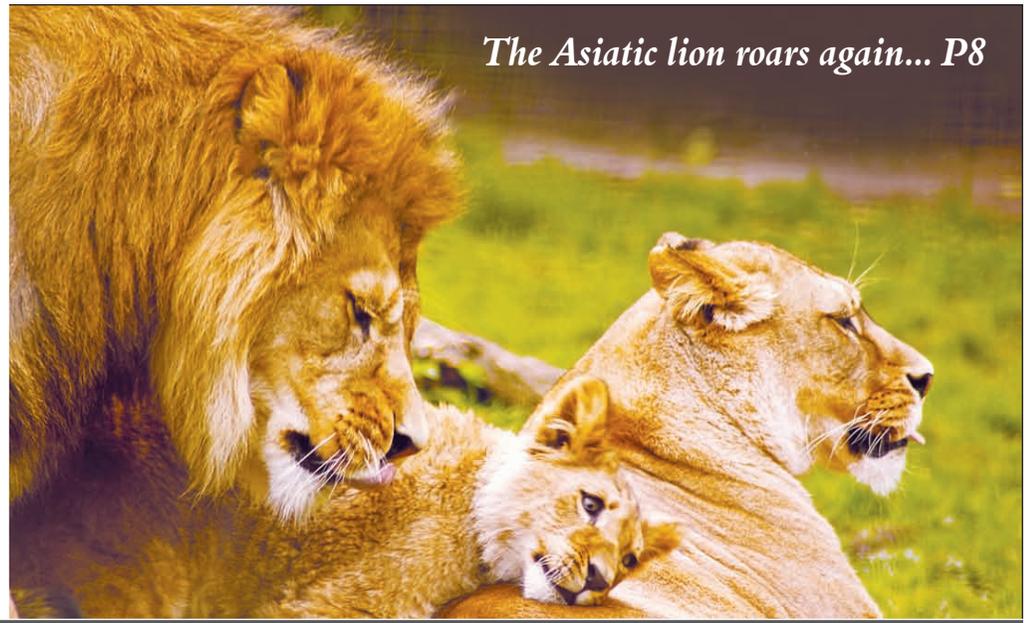


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What's in store for Seemandhra State?



By Our Political Correspondent

Putting to rest all speculations, the seven member - Group of Ministers (GoM) appointed by the Prime Minister headed by the Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde to take steps to bifurcate the present state of Andhra Pradesh to carve out the State of Telangana out of it; held its first meeting in Delhi on Friday, the 11th of October and resolved to extend a huge financial package for the residual State of Andhra Pradesh i.e. Seemandhra region having a population of five crore people spread across the 13 districts of Seema and Andhra regions.

Various government departments will be working on several contentious issues besides dealing with the all important package to construct a new state-of-the-art capital city for the Seemandhra State and other infrastructure after the division of AP state.

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The GoM's first meeting ironically coincided with the dilution of the strike by various Seemandhra employee organizations opposing the bifurcation of present day Andhra Pradesh state. Firstly, the Seemandhra region electricity employees called off their strike, on the pretext of impending threat of Cyclone hitting the coastal Andhra region; then the Seemandhra state government teachers announced their withdrawal that was followed by Seemandhra RTC employees and finally, the Seemandhra Secretariat staff too relented.

The only remaining organization i.e. APNGOs, who are on strike since last 70 days are also expected to join duties very soon, hopefully by next week as there is tremendous pressure from the people as well as the majority of the striking employees who could not draw their salaries for the last two months. As a matter of fact, these employees have called off their strike, not because of any success in getting favourable decisions or assurances, granted either by the state government or the central government rather it's because of their realization that the Congress led UPA government at the Centre being quite firm on its decision over division of the State; as such the Centre would not go back on its decision on forming State of Telangana, irrespective of their protests as well as the threat of resignations by Seemandhra ministers and MPs.

A brand New Capital to transform Seemandhra?

A closer look at the developments clearly indicates that a vast majority of

Seemandhra people are not going to be affected by the division of Andhra Pradesh State. As Deccan Post has repeatedly pointed out in several of its issues that the protests against Telangana State formation have no basis or reason, since a majority of employees of the Seemandhra region are well aware that the bifurcation of present State would be a blessing in disguise for them. Sources close to congress high command suggest that congress president Sonia Gandhi has a trump card to win over the hearts of protesting people of Seemandhra region who are now disappointed with her firm resolve to form State of Telangana.

How? First and foremost, the Seemandhra people never had a capital city in the last 1,000 years of their glorious history. Now, with Hyderabad retaining its historical ties with Telangana; the Seemandhra State will have a brand new capital, which possibly can come up anywhere between Vijayawada and Ongole, where vast tracts of government land largely unused being available. According to sources in the union home ministry, the Centre may offer around Rs ONE LAKH CRORES towards construction of a new capital for the people of Seemandhra, in the next 10 years. Sources in the ministry of union finance reveal that in view of the vast coast line available in Andhra Pradesh along its 996km coastline, it can be vastly improved to make it a rich state as plenty of gas is available in view of the KG Gas basin. In addition to the existing power plants several new would be planned as and when the new state comes into being. A

tax holiday is being contemplated for this purpose linking it to creating more jobs for the youth of the coastal Andhra districts.

As and when this comes, the entire coastal belt stretching from Srikakulam to Nellore would immensely experience unprecedented spurt in economic activity in the coming years. Besides, hundreds of satellite townships, outer ring roads and bypass roads, airport and rail junctions coming up surrounding the proposed new capital city region. This is intended to trigger a massive economic activity opening up employment opportunity for lakhs of educated and semi-skilled youth of the Seemandhra region who are a neglected lot as every political leader from Seemandhra only sought development of real estate in and around Hyderabad at the cost of developing Seemandhra towns.

According to a group of experts in the Centre for Socio and Economic Studies in Hyderabad, the new state capital of Seemandhra State (by whatever name the new residuary state of Andhra Pradesh would prefer) will be a major trading centre, between Visakhapatnam and Chennai. If it comes in the coastal area, there is every possibility of it being linked to a nearby port. In that case, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh will be a port city like Chennai or Mumbai and more commercially viable than a land locked Hyderabad. By foolishly clinging on to Hyderabad for frivolous reasons, the people of Seemandhra have so far lost a golden opportunity to build a big city in the heart of Seemandhra region. Now, with new capital city that needs to come

up in Seemandhra State, the coastal belt is poised to grow phenomenally and with the state division things can only boost for people of Seemandhra since it is already endowed with the Golden Quadrilateral highway project that connects several towns like Srikakulam, Vizianagram, Vizag, Kakinada, Rajamundry, Eluru, Vijayawada, Guntur, Ongole, Nellore etcetera in the Seemandhra region between Kolkata and Chennai.

Thus, the new state capital of proposed Seemandhra State will be more attractive to Power plants, sea ports, IT industry, agriculture, poultry, fisheries, dairy development, mineral development and a lot more throwing up vast possibilities for trade and commerce. With the above said possibilities at least Rs 15 to Rs 20 lakh crore investment is likely to flow into the new residuary state of Andhra Pradesh besides special package for its state capital being provided by the Centre, within a few years of its launching.

Hyderabad jobs - Safe for Andhras:

A major reason for Seemandhra people opposing division of the State is their insecurity that their current jobs in Hyderabad would be endangered. That is totally false. Since it was none other than the Prime Minister besides several top leaders from other political parties like BJP have made it clear that none of the residents of Hyderabad would be required to quit their jobs in Hyderabad city, if they wished to reside and work. In New Delhi, many from the legal fraternity are anguished about the mischievous statements being made by





several Seemandhra politicians about the safety and future of people of Andhra desiring to live in Hyderabad. They opine that not just Hyderabad, but every place of opportunity in India like Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Pune, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Warangal etcetera is equally open to every Indian to freely work and reside any where in the country. These are fundamental rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution and for any one to raise a bogey of “endangered future in Hyderabad” post state division is nothing short of misleading people over their Constitutional rights.

The official statistics reveal that the entire population of Hyderabad is about 40 lakhs only. Even if population of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation is considered even then it doesn't cross 70 lakhs. By these figures, even if agreeing that there are 20 lakh Seemandhra people in Hyderabad, what sort of threat is there for their peaceful stay in Hyderabad? Of them, 10 lakh may be employed in private sector and another two lakhs may be deployed in government services. All those who were born in Hyderabad city or those who have come here in 1956 too need not worry, as their domicile status can never be questioned in the state of Telangana.

Only the employees who have come from the coastal districts and have been working in Secretariat and other heads of departments bypassing the 610 GO need to be worried as their repatriation is imminent. Such staff would not be more

than 3,000 to 5,000. How foolish it is to oppose the formation of Telangana State, a legitimate demand for over 60 years just for the sake of less than 5,000 employees?

The impact of the bifurcation of the State is almost zero for the students coming from Andhra region. Anyway, the educational opportunities in private institutions will be as usual, the chances of Seemandhra people getting a seat in government institutions are as it is restricted by way of zonal regulation. The present quota of 15 per cent seats for non local category will be the same even after the division of the State. Seemandhra students can compete with other state students under this quota.

Here, the Seemandhra leaders are forgetting one major issue – that they can build at least a dozen universities and centers of excellence in their region, if the State is divided. Compared to Telangana, the entrepreneurs of Seemandhra are financially stronger to set up more colleges and universities in the new Seemandhra state.

Power to Kapus, BCs & SCs

Another major advantage of bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh is that new social forces will come to power in both Telangana and Seemandhra states. After his house and properties were attacked in Vizianagaram, Pradesh Congress Committee President Botsa Satyanarayana unwittingly made a comment that: Only two castes with eight and four per cent in population are

opposing division of the State.

He is actually right. He was referring to Reddys (eight per cent) and Kammas (four per cent) in the 13 districts of Seemandhra region but who enjoyed enormous power and clout disproportionate to their population all these years in the united Andhra Pradesh. If the State remains united, only these two castes would benefit as they would rule the state for another 20 years as both Jagan and Chandrababu Naidu have plans to rotate power between them in turns.

In the changed scenario, it is the numerically strong Kapus (11%) and other intermediary backward classes and the Scheduled Castes comprising of 19% among them Malas alone being about 13%) in Seemandhra are bound to come to power, if only the State is divided. Similarly, backward classes and SCs, mostly Madigas who are about 11% in Telangana can dream of coming to power in Telangana, if the Telangana State is formed. Otherwise, only Seemandhra Reddys and Kammas will rule the roost as has been the case till now.

This is a reason why Dalit (Mala) leaders in Congress from Seemandhra, like Dr Chinta Mohan, JD Seelam, GV Harsha Kumar and Panabaka Lakshmi and Kapu leaders like Chiranjeevi, Botsa Satyanarayana, Kanna Lakshminarayana and other backward leaders like Peethani Satyanarayana are keeping quiet and not opposing bifurcation of the State.

Another interesting point is that minorities – both Muslims and Christians – too would benefit if only Andhra Pradesh is bifurcated. Muslims who constitute a majority in Telangana (14%) are in favour of State division, only MIM, which thrives on pressurizing coastal Andhra leadership, is opposing Telangana state formation in view of their Hyderabad centric politics. This is the reason, why Dalit Christians who are numerically strong in Seemandhra are in favour of division of the state.

It would be really foolish on the part of these sections of people of Seemandhra to oppose Telangana state, just for the sake of a few dozens of Andhra investors and a few thousands of Andhra government employees. It is high time for them to decide whether they need a permanent state capital which will be situated in the heart of their region or be strangers like in Chennai or Hyderabad.

Moreover, historically, Seemandhra never had a capital of its own. This is a golden opportunity for them to build a grand Greenfield capital city that turns out like a “City of Rome” in the Andhra region which is known as the Italy of the East. All right city of Rome was not built in a day; but Andhra entrepreneurs like GMRs, GVKs, Gayathris, Madhucons, Transtroys, Lancos, Ramkys, NCCs and so on can surely do so. Can't they? ♦

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The GoM must address past injustices suffered by Telangana people

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy - Special Correspondent

At last, some headway by the UPA govt. over Telangana State formation, as it constituted a Group of Ministers committee as announced by PM Manmohan Singh following the cabinet note on 3rd October. In fact, Central Cabinet has decided on several formalities like the communication to be sent to President of India on Telangana Bill so that a Presidential reference on the same would be sent to the State Legislative Assembly for seeking its opinion anytime from now paving way for introduction of bill in the winter session of the Parliament.

After the dramatic resolution by Congress Working Committee on 30/7/2013; Sonia Gandhi led congress party has been making a slow progress inviting criticism from all quarters while the Kiran Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in the company of his Seemandhra contemporaries from TDP & YSRCP has been trying to repeat post December 9th 2009 scenario. Kiran kept himself busy by fanning feelings of insecurity amongst Seemandhrites over imaginative illusions. A friendly Seemandhra media has been in the forefront to effectively promote those flames by selective and biased interpretation of several statements made by AICC leaders while reality under wraps. People from Seemandhra are disillusioned lot with their woes multiplied by sudden and continuous disruption of power on account of strike by Seemandhra electricity employees.

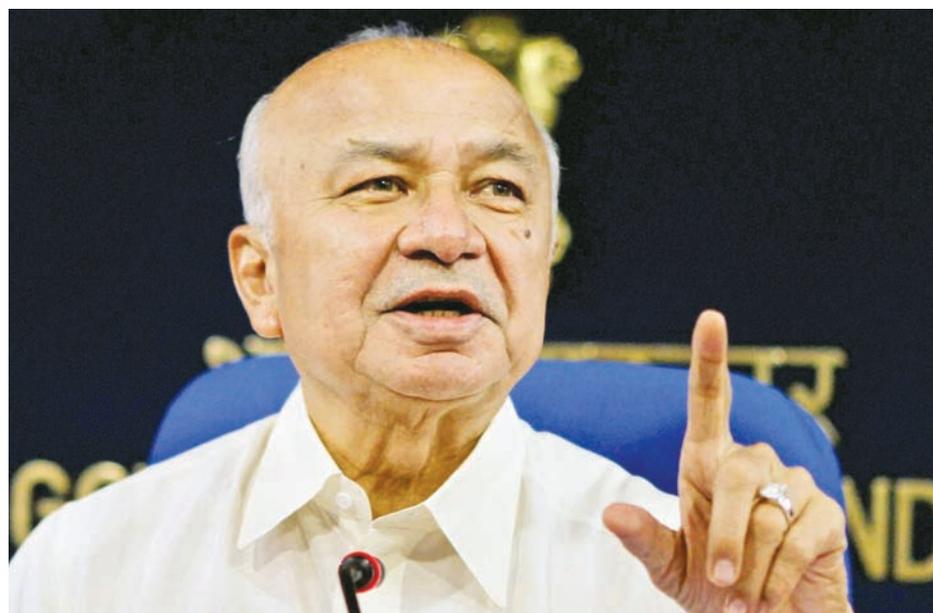
This affected the basic services like drinking water supply, emergencies in hospitals, functioning of Bank ATMs

while depriving students of their academics in Seemandhra region besides affecting people of other states by blocking train services across Seemandhra region. People made to suffer and are being deprived of celebrating important festivals like Tirumala Bhramostavams and Dusshera - Devi Navaratri celebrations - while traders too are seen sulking as they are put to losses with their stock not cleared. Many private travel operators are making a killing while damaging state owned APSRTC's financial prospects affecting scores of families - all these thanks to the APNGOs who have been spearheading the strike based on illusionary fears and entertaining false hopes of bullying the congress high command to withdraw its firm decision to bifurcate the state to form state of Telangana.

Congress High Command firm on its T-decision

AICC spokesperson PC Chacko came down heavily on Seemandhra employees by asking the state government to contain them by using ESMA (Essential Services Maintenance Act) provision as it has affected everyone by willful disruption of electricity services. He also categorically stated that there is no going back on statehood to Telangana and reminded that the GoM constituted by the PM would address all concerns of Seemandhra and Telangana people paving way for Telangana State formation bill while discounting time factor which is again fuelling insecurities in the minds of Telangana people.

Ever since APNGOs were allowed a meeting followed by Seemandhra



advocates meeting alongside Jagan's fast all in Hyderabad in total contrast to their past meetings in spite of HC directions; the T-protagonists are quite upset. Even a delayed HC verdict on APNGOs strike is causing much heartburn amongst T-people as they are keeping their fingers crossed while watching dramas being enacted by the state CM for his selective and biased conduct even when Seemandhra group of Ministers were holding talks with desperate Seemandhra Electricity employees, RTC employees, and Secretariat employees who were unwilling to continue their strike any further. It appears that the chief minister is only able to manage the APNGOs with his script to checkmate the centre and the congress high command that are going ahead with their agenda disregarding the

state chief minister's cheap tricks.

Former DGP Dinesh Reddy's startling revelations cast shadow on CM's self proclaimed honesty

Former Director General of Police Dinesh Reddy who retired last month blasted the chief minister and his brother for their interference during his stint in the office as state DGP. His revelations have further aggravated the emotions of Telanganites who are turning desperate. His remarks that he was not allowed extension as he didn't heed to CM's directive to send a report to the Centre that Maoists would take control if Telangana becomes a reality are attracting severe displeasure from the people of Telangana. Dinesh Reddy's statement that he was forced to concede in allowing a meeting of APNGOs in Hyderabad on





the directions of CM Kiran Reddy and the allegations of further damaging the reputation of CM, whose brother Santosh Reddy, for his mischievous role in seeking assistance of Police for settling land disputes and applying pressure on him to suspend the SP of Anantapur district as he didn't heed are all shocking and need a thorough enquiry.

An independent time bound enquiry by a sitting judge from the time of his appointment into various omissions and commissions including arrests of politicians, Telangana movement and how conspiracies were planned to suppress it. The allegations of red sandalwood smugglers all need a proper enquiry about the conduct of the chief minister who is being exposed by none other than the former head of the police force. In fact, the latest episode of attack on the media houses with cases on journalists (why CM or his esteemed Seemandhra colleagues were silent....!?) would certainly lay bare all the truths or facts necessitating reality to assert.

Many have raised their voices condemning the nexus between Ex-DGP-Dinesh Reddy (facing a CBI probe into his assets) and CM-KKR and demanded for action including sacking of CM while ordering for a comprehensive

enquiry to break the myth 'APNGOs strike'-'Seemandhra agitation'..!

Kancharla Dharma Reddy, President-Telangana Lok Satta Party echoes similar sentiments in regards to Telangana and chief minister Kiran Reddy. He alleges that Kiran is talking all nonsense and misleading the entire nation. Dharma Reddy questions the continuation of Kiran as CM.

Fasts biased?

As fasts by the infamous multitasking politicians belonging to YSRCP Jagan (shifted to Nizams & intravenously fluids given-10/10/2013) and TDP-Chandra Babu's also broken amidst action by Delhi police for resorting to unauthorized fast for 5 days in the AP Bhavan, it must be remembered that dead body of Yadi Reddy who committed suicide in Delhi bang opposite the Parliament demanding formation of Telangana was not allowed inside the same AP Bhavan by the same officials a year ago. The same resident commissioner of AP Bhavan Shashank Goel has tacitly allowed Chandrababu to use the AP Bhavan for his fast.

How can Chandra Babu who boasts of such experience of a CM and Opposition leader be so naïve about protests/fasts without mandatory

permissions..? Is it only to gain national headlines as being done by YSRCP? Where were these leaders when so many youth were dying for statehood to Telangana..!? These fasts by Jagan and Chandra Babu have totally exposed Seemandhra politicians and their agenda and bias reconfirming the necessity for early formation of a Telangana State. The BJP should not fall into this trap as the demand for a T state is clear as all rights of this region over their natural resources, employment alongside rule over such by Telanganites (as envisaged at the time of merger and time to time) have been hijacked by the powerful Seemandhra politico-business lobbies leading to a persistent demand for T State which has been in the public domain since decades. The Congress should not be complacent and allow things to slip away as they are already facing problems else where.

GoM's (on Telangana) job is made easy as the river waters, employment between the regions has already been in force while planning for a capital city with infrastructure in the Seemandhra region would be made comfortable as more than nine cities or big towns in Seemandhra are fully developed seeking investments for further employment. In Education sector too, many schools, Junior and Degree colleges along with reputed

universities such as NTR Health University, Nagarjuna, Andhra, SVS etc to name a few are already existing with professional medical and engineering colleges dotting Seemandhra region..! Added to it, there are reputed institutions of excellence alongside quality healthcare that would definitely be a boon to the region while needing special packages to develop backward areas in Telangana and other regions while inviting special grants to develop irrigation projects in Telangana as Seemandhra already got Polavaram project – a national project status. Besides investments in healthcare are on a war footing in Seemandhra, while all major hospitals in Hyderabad are built during Nizam's period. Not to forget the infrastructure housing the famed Osmania General Hospital, High Court, Assembly and Council etc were all built prior to 1956. The GoM should also take into consideration all violations of agreements, Presidential Orders and SC orders, since merger in 1956 pertaining to safeguards assured and violated in T-region with injustices suffered on account of that on all fronts while contemplating measures to order equitable justice so that tangible benefits can be accrued to Telangana region after it becomes the 29th State of India. ♦

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Its time for reforming our electoral system

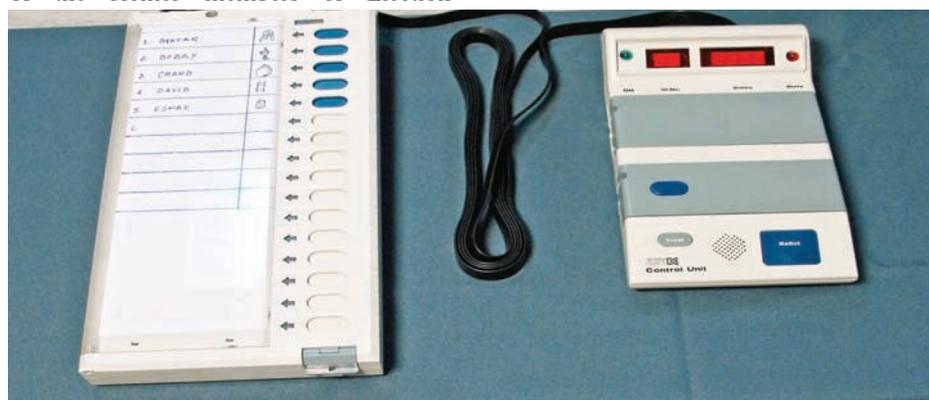
We are aware how our judiciary has been propelling significant reforms in our electoral system. Just in the past few months, our nation has experienced a series of landmark judgments from our Supreme Court of India. The SC has recently struck down the provision of Representation of People's Act 1951, which shields the convicted MPs and MLAs that allowed them to go for an appeal. With its latest order convicted lawmakers will have to face instant disqualification with immediate effect.

In its latest verdict on "voter's right to reject" --- the SC has brought a major change in our electoral system; the NOTA (none of the above) option will become a major tool in the hands of our citizens who can cast their vote of disapproval silently in the elections henceforth. This means the voters will, for the first time, have a chance to express their displeasure over the candidates who are in the fray. Instead of having no chance other than just voting for one among the candidates in the field, the voters can now also say that they are not happy with none amongst them, by pressing the 'NOTA button' that will be fixed at the end on the EVM ballot paper.

This new feature will be put on display in the coming assembly elections of five states - Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram - to be held in November and December. These elections will be keenly watched by observers of democracy, as it indicates the usefulness of this NOTA option to the voters. Its effectiveness will be studied further to contemplate further reforms in the electoral system. The NOTA option came into force following a Supreme Court judgment to

empower voters by allowing them to express their displeasure over the contestants.

Of course, many experts including some of the former members of Election



Commission of India too have voiced their doubts over its efficacy. Some welcomed it while others suggested further changes. Although, it is clear on what will happen, if the total number of NOTA in a particular constituency is more than the votes polled by the winner - whoever gets the largest number of votes, from the contestants in a constituency. It will be a great tragedy if the NOTA symbol gets the highest majority.

According to former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi, the Supreme Court in its order has just given "the right to register a negative opinion," but not "a right to reject an election". There is a lot of difference between a negative vote and rejection of an election. The NOTA is only for the sake of knowing the voters preference for the contestants in the fray. "It is possible that even if there are 99 NOTA votes out of

a total of 100, and candidate X gets just one vote, X is the winner, having obtained the only valid vote. The rest will be treated as invalid or 'no votes'," Quraishi opined.

Therefore, there is a need to make improvisations over this method.

Not only this, there are several changes that impact our electoral system have been cleared by a host of verdicts by the SC recently. The SC has struck down the provision of Representation of People's Act 1951, which shields the convicted lawmakers by allowing them to go for an appeal and safeguarding their elected positions. A political rethinking of amending the apex courts judicial interpretation by way of an amendment of the aforesaid Representation of People's Act has been called off on account of the widespread negative mood of the people to accord any sort of benefit on those accused (like Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rasheed Masood) upon being convicted to forfeit their seats in the Parliament forthwith.

Another provision which needs a comprehensive review is the current mandated five year term for the members of the Lok Sabha or the State legislative Assemblies. Article 83 (2) says that the Lok Sabha, unless dissolved sooner, will have a term of five years and Art. 171 (1) in case of state assembly, unless sooner dissolved, will have a term of five years. The framers of the Constitution have preferred this five years on the model of Westminster Parliamentary system, to ensure a reasonable stability to the Parliament.

But, in the changed circumstances, mindboggling technological advancements have made it possible to have faster means of transportation and communication systems. With the advent of Internet and mobile phone communication; people across the world are communicating quite easily. While the usage of EVMs in place of ballot boxes, has really changed the way we conduct our cumbersome process of elections despite our vast electorate. Therefore, presently where about 70 per cent of our country's population is literate and youth comprising 45 per cent of the electorate, we too, like the USA, can go for a four year term to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies to have more accountability and efficient usage of parliamentary practices to avoid unwarranted wastage of time. These changes are bound to give more control on our MPs and MLAs from time to time strengthening our belief in our democratic system. For that, we need to suitably amend our Constitution, so that necessary changes can be incorporated to suit our modern day requirements. ♦

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Sonia hands over T-baton to Manmohan

Itake this opportunity to congratulate one and all hailing from Telangana and contributed in their capacity for fighting and agitating to achieve statehood for Telangana region. Especially Deccan Post deserve all praise as it carried the spirit of Telangana on its own even when there was nobody even talking about Telangana. Hence Deccan Post's contribution for Telangana is incredible. Coming back to your last week's cover story about formation of Telangana was a good piece of unique analysis. It is very clear now that Congress party and its leadership is decisive on its Telangana stand and handed over the smooth execution of the constitutional process to the union government. With the last meeting of Group of Ministers held in Delhi it is clearly evident that the process is started and Telangana will be a reality. Soon the people of Telangana will rule themselves with self respect. But at the same time it's the responsibility of Telangana people as well as the union and state government to address the genuine concerns of Seemandhra people and cooperate with

them until they build their own capital and have their own administrative infrastructure. I am sure Deccan Post will surely continue its role as a vigilant watchdog and fight for the right cause.

*H Jagadish,
Uppal*

JA-KI-CHANS go berserk

Iam a regular reader of your esteemed news weekly and became fan of your analytical writing. Your last week's article describing Jagan-Kiran-Chandrababu as Ja-Ki-Chans was amazingly wonderful and I have never seen such kind of a creativity in any other publication. The drama being played by all these crooked politicians has no use to the common people instead it is only there for getting political mileage and to win

votes not the people's hearts. When the central government invited for all party meet for the purpose of formation of Telangana state all of them favoured formation of Telangana state by bifurcation but once the Congress party and the central government took decision in favour of the same they started crying foul and shamelessly took a U-turn and now finding faults with the decision.



Nobody knows why Jagan and Chandrababu are fasting. Nobody knows what are their demands and nobody knows what they

are really going to achieve by such kind of stupid fasting. No leader in the state commands people's respect as nobody has got any credibility and only playing political dramas and trying to exploit people's emotions. People will not tolerate the double

standards and will teach a fitting lesson to these Ja-Ki-Chans in the future for sure.

Kiran Rao, Mail

SC votes for NOTA

Your article on 'None of the Above' (NOTA) judgment delivered by the Supreme Court of India was a good one. But the judgment should have discussed about effects and affects of the right to reject in the same and should have proposed guidelines. If NOTA votes are higher than the votes won by a particular candidate then what could be the fate of such candidate? Even though the citizen got the right to reject but how it is going to influence the winner of such elections? There is a very need for electoral reforms but the right to reject should be made much more effective and our constitutional authorities should empower its citizens to reject the wrong candidates and elect right candidates.

Sanjeev Kumar, Walkers Town

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Treading with caution over Apex Court's landmark Verdict

By EV Pushpa Vardhan

The Hon'ble Supreme Court delivered two separate judgments in quick succession one on debaring the candidates in police custody and the other on disqualification of convicted legislators. The orders of the apex court are twofold one comes into play immediately after registering a case (First Information Report) and remaining in police custody. As long as he remains in jail, during the course of investigation or after framing of the charges against him till the conclusion of the trial as an under trial prisoner. Almost all the political parties have come together to rescue themselves and felt that debaring candidates in police custody would be prone to misuse thereby destroying the democratic process as any person to create hurdles to his political opponent and clear his own way just he has to approach the police and get a case registered against his opponent to see him/her in the police custody.

The Supreme Court while delivering the judgment interpreted that where a person disqualified as a voter to cast his vote while remaining in the police custody as per section 62 (5) of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 'how he shall be permitted to contest in the elections even if he remained in the police custody?' The Court maintained equilibrium and treated both of them equally and said that a person when he is behind the bars, he can neither cast his vote nor he can contest the elections.

The Parliament has introduced the Representation of the people (Amendment and validation) Bill, 2013 and dealt with those in lawful custody but not convicted. While the Rajya Sabha cleared it on 27th August and the Lok Sabha on 6th September, the bill was passed nullifying the Supreme Court judgment on barring candidates in police custody. The central argument propounded by those in favour of the Bill is that in politics, false cases are often filed against rivals, and, therefore, mere arrest cannot be sufficient cause for making a legislator resign, or prevent him or her from contesting the elections. It is also said that the Supreme Court's order empowered a policeman to decide the fate of those seeking to contest election and the police become the final arbiter of who can and cannot contest the elections and questioned that "are we going to risk our democracy becoming dependent on the whims of police?". Pick up some people on the eve of nominations, and then they lose their right to vote vis-a-vis their right to contest. The police can certainly play a vital role in preventing a person from casting his vote or even from contesting the elections which could certainly tilt the balance in favour of his political rivals.

During the emergency period, many

were detained in police custody under preventive detention and the famous politicians were also there amongst them who lost their right to attend and represent their respective legislative assemblies and the Parliament to project the views of the people who have elected them as their representatives and so many bills were passed and constitutional amendments were made in their absence and subsequently most of them were set aside by the Apex Court so also by the various High Courts. This incident clearly has remained a glaring example for the political misuse of the power by those who are in power for their political advancement.

Controversial Pronouncement:

To overcome another Supreme Court judgment delivered on 10th July that the

and 3. Not entitled to participate in the proceedings except to attend the legislature and sign the register kept for the purpose of attendance. But the present amendment is intended to bypass the intention of the Apex Court of the land that allows them to participate in the proceedings by saying stealthily 'may continue the proceedings of Parliament or the Legislature' as the Supreme Court has declined on 4th September to review its July 10th judgment and said that the Parliament is free to amend the law if it does not agree with the interpretation of law given by the Supreme Court.

The manner in which the political parties intended to amend the RP Act to nullify the apex court order was in bad taste. There ought to have been a thorough discussion in both the houses taking several concerns into consideration. Instead, the

Supreme Court annulled the conviction and sentence finally, who will bring back his career and lost opportunity upon being ruined; what can redeem his personal charisma and reputation besides his future? And what about the general society losing the opportunity of benefitting from his experience of representing them in the legislature for that term? Perhaps, when a leader is branded as convict or tainted, despite ultimately being exonerated off the charges by the Apex Court, can it be compensated justly? And who will be held responsible for these collateral losses? Recall the manner in which JMM leader Shibu Soren was found guilty by the trial court in a murder case and finally acquitted by the Supreme Court. His political career saw several ups and downs on account of his conviction and subsequent acquittals. The buck has to stop somewhere as the case



barring of the legislators who were convicted for an imprisonment of more than two years, the Government proposed the Representation of the Peoples (Second Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2013 which says that if a sitting MP or MLA is convicted, he or she can continue to be a member of the House if an appeal or revision is filed in respect of the conviction and sentence within 90 days from the date of conviction and such conviction or sentence is stayed by the appellat court. However, from the date of conviction till it is set aside by the court, "the member shall neither be entitled to vote nor draw salary and allowances, but may continue to attend the proceedings of Parliament or the Legislature" --- which is against the intention of the Supreme Court held in Indira Nehru Gandhi Vs Raj Narain AIR 1975 SC 2299 in which Justice VR Krishna Iyer has specifically denied all the three immunities to the convicted legislators viz., 1. Not entitled to vote 2. Not entitled to draw salary and allowances

manner in which an Ordinance was prepared by the Union Government in great haste and sent for ratification by the President of India; the subsequent criticism in the wake of certain vested interests to protect political fortunes of people like Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rashid Masood; the atmosphere became electrifying with the dramatic involvement of Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi adversely commenting the decision of the Union Cabinet. Though, the Manmohan Singh cabinet has rightly withdrawn the need to get an Ordinance passed, that was ostensibly intended to benefit the friends of the ruling party; it should not shy away from considering all aspects of the changes that are required to be enacted.

For example, where a person being elected as an MP or MLA is being convicted by a trial court for more than two years and disqualified from attending and also from contesting the elections for several years subsequently the Appellate Court either the High Court or the

of Shibu Soren could only be an exception rather than a rule. Since a by-poll would be held within six months by the Election Commission after the seat is declared vacant, no subsequent relief can be obtained by the disqualified MP or MLA resulting in miscarriage of justice that is in gross violation of the Constitution. Therefore, the Parliament must thoroughly debate the pros and cons of the apex court's verdict in enforcing immediate disqualification of the MPs and MLAs after they are found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment by the trial court for more than two years. It would be prudent to pronounce any one guilty of an offence only after the highest court of the land adjudicates the matter. Otherwise, it would amount to travesty of justice, democracy and our constitutional scheme. ♦

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The Asiatic Lion roars again



By Jaywant Naidu

The Asiatic lion (*Panthera Leo persica*), also known as the Indian lion, is a lion subspecies that exists as a single isolated population in India's Gujarat state. It is listed as Endangered by IUCN based on the small population size. The lion population has steadily increased in Gir Forest National Park, more than doubling from a low of 180 individuals in 1974 to a level of 411 individuals consisting of 97 adult males, 162 adult females, 75 sub-adults, and 77 cubs as of April 2010. The Asiatic lion was first described by the Austrian Zoologist Johann N Meyer under the trinomen *Felis Leo persicus*. It is one of the five big cats found in India, apart from Bengal Tiger, Indian leopard, snow leopard and clouded leopard. It formerly occurred in Persia, Mesopotamia, Baluchistan, from Sindh in the west to Bengal in the east, and from Rampur and Rohilkund in the north to Nerbudda in the south.

The most striking morphological character, which is always seen in Asiatic lions, but rarely in African lions, is a longitudinal fold of skin running along its belly. Adult males weigh 160 to 190 kg (350 to 420 lb), while females weigh 110 to 120 kg (240 to 260 lb). The height at the shoulders is about 3.5 ft (110 cm). The record total length of a male Asiatic lion is 2.92 m (115 in) including the tail.

The Gir national park:

The Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Western Gujarat is the only habitat for the Asiatic lion where an area of 1,412.1 km² (545.2 sq mi) was declared as a sanctuary for their

conservation in 1965. Later, a national park covering an area of 258.71 km² (99.89 sq mi) was established where no human activity is allowed.

In the surrounding sanctuary only Maldharis have the right to graze their livestock. The population recovered from the brink of extinction to 411 individuals in 2010. They occupy remnant forest habitats in the two hill systems of Gir and Girnar that comprise Gujarat's largest tracts of forest, thorny and savanna and provide valuable habitat for a diverse flora and fauna. Five protected areas currently exist to protect the Asiatic lion: Gir Sanctuary, Gir National Park, Pania Sanctuary, Mitiyala Sanctuary, and Girnar Sanctuary. The first three protected areas form the Gir Conservation Area is a 1,452 km² (561 sq mi) forest block that represents the core habitat of the Asiatic lion. The other two sanctuaries, Mitiyala and Girnar, protect satellite areas within dispersal distance of the Gir Conservation Area.

An additional sanctuary is being established in the nearby Barda forest to serve as an alternative home for Gir lions. The drier eastern part is vegetated with acaciathorn savanna and receives about 650 mm (26 in) annual rainfall; rainfall in the west is higher at about 1,000 mm (39 in) a year. Asiatic lions continue to make a come back in India. The latest survey shows that Gir Asiatic Lion Sanctuary has 100 new arrivals recently. The 100 cubs are a large increase on the normal 80 – 85 cubs born each year. Conservation efforts have been successful enough for the species to have been removed from the IUCN Critically Endangered list in 2008



and conservationists hope for more good news when the latest IUCN Red List report is published shortly.

Funding for conservation:

The Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for consolidating long term conservation of Asiatic Lions at the total cost of Rs 262.36 crores for a period of five years, which has been approved 'in principle' by the Planning Commission. However, the Planning Commission has suggested that financial assistance under the project may be met out of the ongoing scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'.

Reasons for hunting and punishment:

Asiatic Lions are threatened by poaching for bones, used in Traditional

Chinese Medicines, and claws, used as amulets. Death from electrocution and from being trapped in open wells is also common. Twenty people have been convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment in Gujarat for poaching endangered Asiatic lions in Gir National Park in the past.

The accused were arrested for poaching six Asiatic lions from Gir and illegal possession of wildlife articles. Two lion claws were recovered from Kuntar Singh and Nanaka Singh during their arrest last year. They admitted that the trade in body parts was their motive for hunting. This is the first known case in India in which the lions were hunted for trade. The other 18 people accused were arrested based on the information provided by Kuntar and Nanaka.

Translocation of Asiatic lions:

The conservation program has been so successful at Gir that the Supreme Court has order the state to provide some Asiatic lions to a sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh. It is hoped that by establishing a second population the species can grow quicker and be a less risk of a catastrophe that could wipe out an individual population. In the 1990s some lions were translocated to Uttar Pradesh. Initially things appeared to go well with the population expanding but then the entire population disappeared. It is thought that the lions were every killed by poachers or poisoned by local farmers and residents.

It has been quite sometime since the Supreme Court passed a verdict to guarantee a safe and sound second home for the beleaguered Asiatic lion; however, not much appears to have happened on the ground. The idea is to translocate a selected pride of lions to ensure the long-time survival of the endangered species. To expedite this long-drawn project, that that has been lingering for decades and have seen huge expenditure, to create a second habitation in Madhya Pradesh, the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoEF) has constituted a 12-member committee. Chaired by

MoEF's Additional Director General (ADG), Wildlife, the committee will decide the final course of action to shift lions from Gir Forest National Park to Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary spread over 1,269 sq km.

This team consists of wildlife experts who will not only look into the systematic arrangements for transporting the lions, but will also study threat perceptions to these big cats in their new home. The availability of prey base, i.e. antelopes and deer in the new location is a question mark for many. It has been estimated that the energy or prey requirements of a carnivore can be determined using body weight; a female lion kills about 40 to 45 animals per year, consuming 2,000 kg of meat which is equivalent to 3,000 kg of live prey for mere maintenance. When raising two to three cubs, the mother lion would need 60 to 75 prey animals per year.

Assuming that 50 wild animals can support one lion for one year, on average, then five lions (three females and two males) will require a total of 250 wild animals per year. The favorite food of lions includes chital (spotted deer), sambhar, nilgai (blue bull), chinkara, wild boar and even langur that are available in ample numbers in the new location, according to field studies conducted over the years. It is recommended that the three female and two male lions should be initially introduced into Kuno only after ensuring that the prey base is greater than required.

A long way to go for the Asiatic Lions of India. ♦

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Sri Vari Navarathri Brahmotsavam



The Srivari Navarathri Brahmotsavam came to crescendo and climaxed on the Ninth day with the Chakrasnanam ritual performed in the presence of thousands of devotees at the Swami Puskarini near the Tirumala Temple. The chakrasnanam signalled the penultimate ritual of the nine day devotional and spiritual bonanza at Srivari Temple, Tirumala.

As part of the event the utsava idols which were paraded all the nine days are once again taken out of temple in a Pallaki utsavam in the early hours on the four mada streets. They are along with the Sri Chakrathalwar are offered Panchamrutha snapana Thirumanjanam at the Sri Varahaswamy temple.



Later the utsava idols are given bath in the Pushkarini and the opportunity to bathe with their beloved deity is exploited by thousands of devotees to share the sacred waters and be-get his blessings . After the bath the utsava idols are brought back to the temple.

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ASTRO FOCUS

Oct 13-19, 2013

Aries: The week money wise will be very promising. Important decision taken by you might result in a major breakthrough in your career. Although your financial position will improve. Knowledge acquired recently will come handy. It would be very beneficial for you to monitor your investment in order to cash your profits. You are required to be cautious approach with regard to matter related to partnership.

Taurus: You may buy something new for your house. Listen to the advice of experts before making any investments. Knowledge acquired recently will come handy. Business deals should be done very carefully. Influential people will help you to complete your long pending assignments. Friends and spouse bring comfort and happiness to a dull and hectic week. Relations with your partners might get strained due to work pressure.

Gemini: You also need to concentrate on how to make your hobbies into money making proposition. Your style and unique ways of doing things will interest people who are watching you. Journeys made during this period will not make any good results. Some of you will very impulsive and look for a change in career. Spouse will prepare some delicious food.

Cancer: Business partnerships are likely to yield results and quite contrarily. Talk and listen to people about their project and you will gather valuable information. You will start keeping a tab on expenses made by other family members. You will be interested in and will be able to execute new ventures. You should follow your instincts when it comes to making personal and important decisions.

Leo: Do not start anything new during this week, as there would be some stress on you in this week but

still you would be able to achieve more through your routine work or business. Somebody at office might take advantage of your generous behaviour. Your communication skill and knowledge would be impressive. Journeys made during this period will prove to be very rewarding in this week.

Virgo: Concentrate on creative hobbies in order to relax and also spend your time to adapt too change, which could benefit your career. There could be expansion or diversification of business. Your optimistic views will impress people around you. Those of you who have just recovered from a spell of illness should be careful regarding their health.

Libra: There will be increase in average income and you will have more resources at your disposal. Your imagination will help you come up with new and brilliant ideas. Travel related work would be completed as expected. Your love/spouse will help you to taking any major decision.

Scorpio: You will gather valuable information if you are open to new cultures and ideas. You will be praised in your social circle for your good deeds. Get involved in activities, which are exciting and will keep you relaxed. Use your own brain and try to form a new base to your business. Your mate or beloved might find out and confront you with evidence of your infidelity.

Sagittarius: Your held up projects will get momentum in this week. You will enforce your plans with full thrust. You will benefit from much physical and psychical strength. Your sharp observation will help you stay ahead of others. Efforts of the past bring favorable results and rewards this week.

Capricorn: A personal involvement with your work helps to see your projects completed on time. You should look for ways to make things better for all those around you. You are planning to buy something new for your house. Fortune is with you and will help to fulfill your dreams

in this week. You need to be highly diplomatic and sensible in handling emotional circumstances.

Aquarius: You will be able to complete your pending work on time in your professional life during this week. You would seriously consider expanding your enterprise and there are possibilities that you would receive a large contract from an overseas organization. Use your imagination and seek assistance from successful people. Good week to work on creative hobbies and jobs. Your Love/relationship will be stronger during this week.

Pisces: There are indications of purchase of a new vehicle. You will have several other reasons to celebrate as most of your plans will go through. This is the time to work hard to get the desired results. Your own trusted people may try to dupe you. Your varied interests and vast knowledge would become a major attraction for you at social gatherings. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness, peace and prosperity at home.

Sounds of soul

Ace drummer Mukul Dongre was in Hyderabad to participate in the 'Hydourite Festival'. He gave an exclusive interview to Deccan Post.

How has it been in the music field so far?

The profession of music started as a passion. Today, it is a big responsibility and not an easy part of one's life. There is no fixed income in this field and one has to be on the toes every minute. Every opportunity is important and the presentation has to be the best.

Can you share details about your new album?

I have always been inspired by an inner voice which made me produce an album titled 'AFTER U'. This album has instrumental music, western songs and also percussion numbers. Many wonderful musicians like Rekha Bhardwaj, Shounak Abhisheki, Vivienne Pocha, Harmeet Manseta, Rakesh Chaurasia, Chintoo Singh and Kai Eckhardt have participated in the album.

How is the present scenario for a Drummer today?

Today 'Bollywood' has taken over. The interest that was in listening to rhythms on drums, maybe about eight

years back, is not there today. It appears that today, playing drums has become a mathematical exercise and also signals the unleashing of a certain kind of 'power packed' musical performance. This has taken away the melodious and beauty angle attached to any aesthetic performance. Making loud sounds on the Drums appears to be the fashion of the day.

Has the audience changed in the past few years?

It is very important for the knowledge of the audience to also grow along with us. I may like to present some complicated rhythms, but the audience may not understand it. The people today do not have time, and are in a hurry for some entertainment and gimmicks. Art is very evolving and needs to grow.

How did classical music influence you?

Every rhythm musician must gain knowledge of the 'Indian Taal system'. I have taken guidance from Pandit Suresh Talwalkar. I have studied the grooves and the intricacies of playing Drums. But my vision got enlarged by knowing the Indian Taal system.

How is your 'rhythm instruments

collection' growing?

I have gone through the process of acquiring many musical instruments in the past five years. Different sounds from different instruments are good for a variation. But, I have come to the view that a basic 'Drum Kit' with Base Drum, Snare Drum, High Hat and Right Cymbal is good enough to present a wonderful program. You really do not need fifty instruments on stage to prove yourself. Life is a full circle. Maybe one day I may also come back with hundred instruments on stage. I would definitely like to play all the lovely musical instruments that give good sounds, but its only one instrument that is taking so much time in my life.

What are your future projects?

I am working on a new album. I want to popularize the Afro Cuban Latin drumming style. 'Furtados' has endorsed me as a 'Brand Ambassador' of Mapex drums Saturn series, Falcon pedals and Black Panther snare drums. I have a big responsibility towards 'Mapex drums' which are the highest selling drum kits in India. ♦

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Mallika kisses on TV



Mallika Sherawat surly is one contrasting woman. Recently, she was mightily offended when a suitor on her reality show The Bachelorette India-Mere Khayalon Ki Mallika hugged her. In the next episode, the audiences will be shocked/surprised as Mallika Sherawat kisses a contestant.

"After a romantic date, Mallika has grown extremely fond of Karan and now admits to sharing a close bond with him. And much to everyone else's surprise, in a moment of affection, she kissed him," said a source close to the show; talking about the contestant Karan who was kissed by Mallika.

The episode in which Mallika will be seen planting a kiss on Karan's cheek will be telecast shortly.

Deepika praises SRK!

Deepika is the new Queen of the 100 crore club. The Bollywood diva is all excited about her new flick Ram Leela which has been shot mostly in Gujarat. When asked about her experience of shooting in Gujarat, she said, "It was awesome shooting in Kutch. I'm familiar with Gujarati culture since childhood - I have lots of Gujarati friends, the food's awesome and with this movie I could understand a lot more about Gujaratis. Sanjay (Leela Bhansali) sir's meticulous research and his eye for detail is commendable. Unfortunately, I couldn't devote much time to research for the role as I had very tight schedule."

When asked about her success with Chennai Express and if Shahrukh has been a lucky charm for her and her career, she said, "I don't know, but working with Shah Rukh has always been special. There's so much to learn from him and it felt as delightful to work with him after five long years as it was in Om Shanti Om. He always tells me to cherish the experience of film-making, as we invest so many months in a movie, so it is important to make it the best one. And this is one rule I follow!"

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Market positive on Infosys results

By V Sundar Raja

The Indian stock market extended its gains further and is now closer to the recent one month high. Market revival was primarily due to buying interest by the foreign funds (FIIs), who were reported to be buyers in the Indian equities. The American stock market has bounced back strongly, after a reactionary trend in the last few days, as there are reports that the American government shutdown crisis would soon come to a solution.

The much awaited second quarterly financial results have started. India's major software firm announced its performance on 11th October, where the net profit is reported at 2%, which is below the market expectations, but the future profit growth guidance is seen strong for the forthcoming financial results, which has resulted in a positive impact on the stock. This is also expected to have a positive impact on the software sector. Major companies are expected to announce their quarterly results in the next few days, which are expected to provide a major trigger for the market's next major direction.

The banking stocks gained steadily as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has taken few measures to provide more liquidity for the Banks. This is expected to have a positive impact on the banking sector, and many mid-cap public sector banks are looking attractive at current levels, from the long-term investment perspective. Few banks have



reduced the interest rates for home and automobile loans, which are expected to increase demand in this segment.

However, the conservative and the strong growth sectors like the Pharma and the FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) were

seen in a corrective trend, as Investors seem to be in profit booking mode, as the sector stocks have witnessed a strong rally in the last few months.

The Indian Rupee extended its gains and is now near eight week high, due to supply of

Dollars into the economy. Dollar after its depreciation from 68 high levels, it has the next major psychological support at 60.

The crude oil after an earlier decline from 7,500 Rupees, it is now seen taking support at 6,200 levels. Similarly, the leading base metals were seen weak and in a consolidation trend, after a strong decline in the last one month, in the MCX commodity market. The precious metals like the Gold and the Silver were seen in weakening trend, due to lower demand in the global markets. Technically on the charts, these commodities were seen testing the lows that were formed in the last one month. The second quarterly results season has just started and market is awaiting the results of the other leading companies, in the next few days. The results have to be above the market's expectation for the rally to continue into new highs.

However, technically on the charts, Sensex has the next major resistance at 21,000. But market was unable to sustain above this crucial barrier in the last five years since 2008, for the investors to be cautious. In-case of any failure to sustain above 20,000 support, then market is likely to get into a short-term correction trend, to be alert. ♦

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We take great pleasure in welcoming the decision of our union government for beginning the constitutional process for formation of Telangana State. We indeed feel gratified as the cabinet note on Telangana was unanimously approved by the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and his esteemed cabinet colleagues. Although there is a prescribed constitutional procedure that is required to be followed as envisaged, we have full faith in the commitment of Shrimathi Sonia Gandhi as well as the UPA government that everything needed shall be done in due course.

We celebrated the decision of the Congress Working Committee when it officially declared its stand to grant statehood to Telangana. Despite several Satanic forces making attempts to stall the process of Telangana State, we never doubted the integrity of Sonia Ji. Today, we feel vindicated for our patience and perseverance. We feel reassured that truth and justice will ultimately prevail.

The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater opportunities and achievements that await us. Yes indeed we are brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and humbly accept the challenges of the future.

We shall indeed wait for the appointed day to come - the day appointed by destiny - when India which is a Union of States now readying to give birth to yet another new State--- the State of Telangana !!! It is going to be the 29th State of the Indian Republic. The people of Telangana would forever remain grateful for the judicious acknowledgement of their decades long struggle for safeguarding their identity, self respect and right of self rule as envisaged in the federal scheme of our great Constitution. Telangana is situated in the heart of the Deccan that connects the Hindi belt of the North and the Dravidan territory of the South.

It is a fateful moment for us in Telangana, and for the rest of our fellow brothers and sisters in India who are taking part in making a dream come true for us. A new star will arise, the star of self respect in the Deccan, a new hope comes into being, a vision long cherished waiting to materialize. May the star never set and our hope never be betrayed! Thank you for not letting us down.



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