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# Rahul to takeover as PM?



By Our Political Correspondent

**T**he scion of the Gandhi - Nehru family, Rahul Gandhi who was recently elevated as the AICC (Congress) Vice-President is all set to take over as the next prime minister of India by June/July this year. Yes, contrary to the widely held belief that he would take up the post only after the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, preparations are underway in the ruling party to ensure that the young leader is installed in the key post immediately after the budget session of Parliament, which ends by June. Soon after being anointed as the VP of the party, a subtle and yet a formal indication of being officially projected as the second in command, Rahul Gandhi began the task of understanding the 'who is who' in the national party organization. Till now, largely seen to be focused only on UP and Bihar; he seems to be now making a conscious effort to expand his horizons.

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### *Is it okay ?*

The just begun exercise of Rahul Gandhi to review the poll preparedness of Congress ruled states like Andhra Pradesh, Delhi and Rajasthan, along with Orissa is part of the preparations for taking over the reins of leadership at the top. Party president Sonia Gandhi deliberately chose to stay away from this exercise, leaving the field to Rahul alone, of course aided by senior leader Janardhan Dwivedi. The timing of Rahul's take over bid assumes a lot of significance. Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's Rajya Sabha tenure ends by June this year. He is a member of Rajya Sabha from Assam and Dr Singh is unlikely to go for another term of six years in the upper house as he is already into his 80s. Even then, Dr Singh can continue for another six months as the Constitution allows for that. But, he may not go for it as he has already over used the route to become Prime Minister via Rajya Sabha instead of Lok Sabha till now. This in itself is a blot on the ethical democratic ethos of the country.

In such a scenario, Rahul Gandhi taking over the reins of the country's top political

executive powers seems reasonable and relevant too. By July 19, this year, Rahul will be completing 43 years and entering 44 and young enough to rule this country as PM. After all, he has done enough and long apprenticeship than any other member of Gandhi family – right from Indira Gandhi to Rajiv Gandhi – 9 years as MP (Lok Sabha). At the Jaipur conclave, Sonia Gandhi made it clear that she wants her son to be the next leader of Congress party as well as the PM candidate of UPA too. She made no secret of her ambition to groom Rahul Gandhi into a future leader of India by attributing a lot of pro-people policies to his credit like upcoming Food Security Bill etc. In that case, Rahul can become the PM for sure only now, as the future seems very flux.

The situation after 2014 elections would be too dicey that it may not be safe and prudent for Rahul to wait till then. Thanks to host of anti-people policies like petroleum prices hike and other prices rise, coupled with the series of scams surfacing periodically and irresponsible administration, Congress tally is



### *Thank you Madamji...*

sure to decline from the present 206, it won in 2009. In that situation, the allies in the UPA coalition could certainly play a demanding role in deciding the post election choice of UPA for the PMs Job, if it is within their reach of forming the next government. Congress cannot take it for granted the support of NCP's Sharad Pawar and DMK's Karunanidhi, who may prefer someone outside the Gandhi family, if the numbers game allows them to play a crucial role. Recently, Sharad Pawar commented that he has no idea about Rahul's political ability to handle things.

If the Left parties are to support someone, they may prefer a person like Mulayam Singh to Rahul Gandhi who is seen as inexperienced and immature too. Rahul's dreams of becoming PM may be dashed off, if Congress clocks below 150 MPs and ends up close to BJP. According to various pre-poll surveys, BJP and its NDA are expected to fare better than Congress led UPA in 2014. So, the right time for Rahul Gandhi to become PM is now. If he becomes the PM, succeeding Dr Singh

by the middle of this year, it will be helpful to both Congress and Rahul, in more than one ways. Congress can disown Dr Singh's legacy of corruption, inefficiency and poor economic growth rate which fell from 9 per cent five years ago to just 5 per cent this year.

The series of death sentence executions right from Ajmal Kasab to Afzal Guru in the last two months too is tipped to be an indication of impending change at the Centre. It appears that the congress high command is making every move to pave way for a smooth take over and non-controversial start for Rahul's leadership at the helm of the union government. Many are of the opinion that irrespective of Rahul's reluctance; his rule is going to be decisive and full of affirmative action, unlike the stale and dull style of functioning of Dr Singh who took a lot of care to undermine his authority as the country's prime minister. It is also being speculated that President Pranab Mukherjee is strongly in favour of Rahul Gandhi, taking over as the Prime Minister.



### *Geetha Reddy to replace Botcha from PCC ?*



### *Digvijay Comes for Telangana...!*



Hello its me...!

Even Pranab, being a staunch Indira loyalist cannot do anything, if Congress fares very badly at the 2014 elections and gets a pathetic tally of less than 150 seats. Then, Pranab will have to go by the numbers and invite whoever gets to manage the majority MPs support. In such a scenario, Rahul will have to sit in the Opposition like his father Rajiv did after 1989. Then, it will take several years for him to become PM ever.

### Rahul for Telangana:

Rahul Gandhi's assumption of PM post in the coming months is likely to coincide with the announcement of Telangana state. At the two day meeting of Pradesh Congress Committees presidents and Congress Legislature Parties leaders in Delhi, Rahul dropped enough hints to this extent. He pointedly asked both the PCC president Botsa Satyanarayana and CM Kiran Kumar Reddy on how they will ensure party win in 2014.

Rahul Gandhi is learnt to be toying with the idea changing both PCC president and AICC general secretary in charge of AP affairs, on the simple ground of one-man-one post rule. Botsa is likely to be replaced by senior minister J Geeta Reddy, a Dalit woman from Telangana and AICC general secretary Ghulam Nabi Azad will be replaced by another AICC general secretary Digvijay Singh.

Compared to Azad, Digvijay will be neutral to Telangana issue. Azad has time and again mischievously came to the rescue of Seemandhra leaders and ensured that the party high command does not spell out its positive decision on Telangana in January this year. Unlike Azad, Digvijay, who is considered a close confidant of Rahul Gandhi, has no such baggage

and he is not pliable to the dictates of Seemandhra leaders too.

At the same time, having someone from Telangana as PCC president will be helpful for achieving Telangana demand. Whether it is Geeta Reddy or someone may come in the last minute, one thing is clear that a leader from Telangana will be at the helm of the PCC affairs. This is good for putting some positive inputs on Telangana before the high command.

More than anything else, granting Telangana will be essential to Rahul Gandhi as he is badly in need of not less than 21 MPs from Andhra Pradesh in 2014 elections. For that, Congress should win support in all three regions which is possible if the state is divided into three new states. This way both YSRCP headed by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and TDP headed by Chandra Babu Naidu would be severely marginalized being confined to a politically smaller region of Rayalaseema. If Congress grants Telangana, it can get the benefit of merger of TRS, unconditionally.

If that happens, the Congress can easily win 13 to 15 MPs in Telangana itself. Another 7 or 8 MPs can easily be won by the party in Coastal Andhra as the YSRCP would be marginalized largely, the congress can hope to retain or win back its traditional vote bank comprising SCs, STs, Christians, Kapus and several backward classes like fishermen, Dhobis, who are traditional supporters of the congress. So, a lot of action and drama is going to unfold in the next 4-5 months and the country may even witness a new PM and AP may witness a division of the 56 years of state in turmoil. The long pending demand of people of Telangana too will be realized. ♦

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# Issues related to Economic Development of India in the present context

By Dr Shankar Chatterjee

The people of India have realized economic development is sine qua non which inter alia include, creation of more job opportunities, alleviating poverty, development of social sectors, good governance etc. The Government whether in the States and/or in the Centre is for the people, of the people and by the people so issues related to people are more important than anything else. Issue of poverty may be discussed based on Tendulkar Committee Report, which for the first time recommended use of implicit prices derived from quantity and value data collected from each household based on consumer expenditure which reveals in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland poverty in 2009-10 has increased and in some other states such as Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh have shown only marginal decline in poverty ratio, particularly in rural areas. Poverty is a curse in India as various studies show various figures but still crores of persons are deprived of proper food value. In this context, a line from 'The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012' may be cited "Micronutrient deficiencies ("hidden hunger") still affect over 30 percent of the world's population, causing increased morbidity and mortality, impaired cognitive development and reduced learning ability and productivity, reduced work capacity in populations due to high rates of illness and disability, and tragic loss of human potential. Overcoming micronutrient malnutrition is a precondition for ensuring development.

In the case of iron deficiency anemia, prevalence has not changed substantially; it has even increased in some countries. 21 In India, stunting and iron and iodine deficiencies result in productivity losses equivalent to 2.95 percent of GDP annually".

Corruption is also dampening the spirit of development and in this context Global Financial Integrity (GFI) Report published in December 2008 may be quoted, "The five Asian countries with the largest total illegal capital flight during 2000-2008 are: China (\$ 2.18 trillion), Malaysia (\$291 billion), Philippines (\$109 billion), Indonesia (\$104 billion), and India (\$104 billion). On average, these five countries account for 96.5 percent of total illicit flows from Asia and 44.9 percent of flows out of all developing countries. These (Asia region compared to total developing world) shares have been declining; the top five Asian countries transferred 36.9 percent of illicit flows from all developing countries in 2008, down from 53.3 percent in 2000".

For scaling down of unemployment, my suggestion is if new jobs cannot be created which Government both Center and States in many occasions mention then existing posts should be filled in all the Government Departments including quasi Government departments (on consolidated pay, if not in normal scale) many unemployed youth can get job. But in our country, the persons who are little 'powerful' once enter in Government and quasi Government departments till

his/her death work (same office or other office) depriving many deserving youth. Considering magnitude of unemployment in our country, age of 60 years is adequate for service and by enhancing age limit; many youth are deprived of and thus resentment takes place among the youth. Many intellectuals told me while I visited Kolkata that Naxalism could penetrate (in then Calcutta) because of unemployment among the educated youths. In the states like Kerala etc., still age limit in State Government service is below 60 years and the system has been working well.

Development of rural India is sine qua non as still around 70 % percent of our people stay in rural areas. The suggestions for development inter alia include formation of farmers' group particularly with marginal and small farmers to enhance productivity which SKDRDP (NGO) in Karnataka has successfully implemented. In India, small and marginal farmers accounted for 83% of the operational holdings i.e. less than two hectares of agricultural land, and hence most of these farm lands are not viable and thus farmers group is the best alternative. Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu through women self help groups have shown the path how rural women can bring change in the society both economically and socially. MGNREGS type of Scheme has been proved successful to check urban migration from rural India so if possible instead of 100 days the same may be enhanced to 180 days. Without rural development, our

country cannot attain development in true sense. However, as mentioned in the Planning Commission's approach paper, two critical areas in MGNREGS need to be addressed and resolved in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. First one is the technical capacity at the local level has to be significantly enhanced meaning planning, design and quality of works as well as their maintenance has to be developed at the local level. Second, the selection of appropriate works without which the community will not necessarily have a sense of ownership. Thus with the creation of infrastructure and generation of employment, rural India can be developed in letter and spirit.

Further, to achieve development in letter and spirit, annual population growth in all the States has to be brought down to less than 1% and for this, 2 Children norm has to be adhered. It is pertinent to mention that in 1950-51; our total population was 35.9 Crores and in 2010-11 it has reached to 118.6 Crore i.e. more than 3 times increase. The development issues should be considered first than politics of development. Lastly, like small family norm, small-state norm may be accepted (if economically viable) in the country as by going through economic analysis it is observed that the states like Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Chattisgarh etc., could facilitate their development faster after the statehood. ♦

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# Atrocious Autowalas

By B Shivkant, Crime Correspondent

Auto-rickshaws, a need and the only option for middle classes and poorer sections have turned a menace these days in historical city of Hyderabad. Gone are the good old days when our Autowalas used to be wonderful hosts to the visitors from outside. But these days, non-locals, visitors and Housewives in Hyderabad are facing terrible time from our Auto drivers and yet there is no respite for these victims as the RTA and Traffic Police personnel have become casual and care not types. It appears that our cops do not want to control Autowalas in Hyderabad. When a visitor gets down from a Train either at Nampally Railway Station, Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station, Jubilee Bus Stand, or Secunderabad Railway Station etc., the sight is pathetic to say the least as the 'Autowalas' selectively indulge in picking only the 'visitors' from outside by recognizing them. These crooked Autowalas demand huge amounts from the visitors who are already tired of their respective journeys and the visitors are compelled to pay huge sums demanded by these crooked and uncivilized Auto Drivers. Many travelers have complained to the policemen on duty but till today no action has been taken in this regard as it seems the RTA and Traffic cops are very much busy in other chores like allotting fancy numbers to the VIPs and Traffic Cops as usual very busy in issuing Challans to the common man in the name of traffic violation.

When this correspondent enquired deeper into this issue, a shocking scam came into light - it seems fifty percent of the Autos plying in Hyderabad are owned by lower level Police and RTA officials. That's the reason why many glaring traffic and MV Act violations committed by the Auto drivers go unnoticed. When brought to the notice of top officials they claim to be aware but plead helplessness as the nexus is far deeper than what this correspondent comprehends.

In many cities like Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, there are Traffic



police personnel deputed at Bus Stands and Railway Stands just to regulate and monitor the Taxis and Auto Rickshaws. These Traffic police personnel notes down the registration number of the hired vehicles in the travelers or visitors are going to their places and they also see that the correct fare is decided. The checks of RTA and Traffic Police in these cities are very frequent which keeps the Autowalas and Taxiwalas in a tight position not to tamper with the Electronic Meters.

But in Hyderabad, most of the Autowalas coerce the passengers into a bargain instead of collecting the fare according to the Electronic Meter which is recommended by the

concerned RTA officials. In many Autos one can not even find a meter in working condition and compelled to go by the whims and fancies of the Auto drivers. One wonders if the weights and measures department is existing at all.

The worst part of this unprofessional habit is that most of the Autowalas don't take passengers who had to travel short distance and instead they keep waiting for a passenger who had to travel long distances that too at high fare amounts. One has to skillfully talk and negotiate with many Autowalas to reach his destination.

One more pathetic part of this crooked practice is that whenever women, housewives, girl students travel alone they demand huge amounts and charge extra for goods like the vegetables or household food grain items worth of any overload of weight and need not to be charged according to the RTA norms and rules but the law is what Autowalas dictate and the passengers are forced to oblige and abide by them. No traffic police personnel cooperate or help the passengers while dealing with the notorious Autowalas.

The Law and order police is remaining mute spectators whenever passengers come with the complaint of chain snatching. In the past many complaints were made by the passengers of lost valuables and chain snatching but there is no single noteworthy action or recovery in such crimes resorted to by delinquent Autowalas. It is said that interestingly not less than 70% of the Autowalas and Taxi Drivers in Hyderabad holds a valid driving license to drive in the city and that's the reason for routine traffic violation and traffic jams in the narrow roads of the city.

It is a well known secret how these Autowalas fool the first time visitors to this historical city by taking them for an unnecessary lengthy ride and fleece bucks from them. All these are happening due to the utter negligence of RTA and Traffic Police officials as they have no will power to control the notorious atrocities of these Autowalas and it is being said by people that the concerned officials get their share of regular 'Mamools' from these rogues that's why they remain mute spectators.

People are seen and heard demanding that the concerned officials should wake up from their deep slumber and control these violators with strict action and definitely it should not be a one day affair. The reputation of Hyderabad is indeed at stake. ♦

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## Akbar secures conditional bail citing ill-health

By B Shivkant

Finally, Chandrayangutta MLA and MIM Leader Akbaruddin Owaisi, appeared to have obtained biggest respite of his life in the form of getting a conditional bail from both the Adilabad and Nizamabad Courts and got released from Adilabad Jail after spending 38 days in prison. It should be reminded that Akbar is facing serious allegations of crimes registered under Indian Penal code attracting punishments for Sedition, Waging War against the Nation, spreading hate in different communities etc. The Adilabad court granted bail on Friday on producing two sureties each one of Rs.25,000/- and ordered that he should not enter Nirmal Town and should not deliver any kind of speech and must surrender his passport immediately and should cooperate with the investigating officers. The Nizamabad court also ordered the conditional bail to Akbar.

The Lawyers representing Akbaruddin Owaisi prayed to the Hon'ble Courts that the health condition of Akbar is not well and he needs medical attendance and it is also heard that they also pleaded that the crucial Voice Test samples already collected and sent to the Forensic Lab in Chandigarh for authentication. It is pertinent to

mention here that Akbaruddin Owaisi has denied that the voice in the controversial CD of his speech at Nirmal is not his own and he has nothing to do with it.

The large number of MIM Supporters have gathered at the District Jail in Adilabad and raised slogans. In parts of Old city and few other parts of Hyderabad as well as in some Districts the MIM supporters have distributed sweets and fired the crackers in celebration of the release of their leader. However, many are silently worried about future consequences as and when the Voice Test samples are tested and sent to the court. Since, many believe that Akbar had indeed uttered all that he is being investigated for.

On the other hand, many are shocked at the timing of release of Akbaruddin Owaisi as they believe that he got bail just because of his ill health. As our Chief Minister said to the press that 'Law will take its own course' lets hope that law will definitely take its own course and punish the guilty irrespective of their stature, religion, caste, creed or political affiliations. ♦

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# Hold elections to local bodies forthwith

Not holding elections of local bodies on time has cost the state government dear as the Central government has frozen the amounts due to the state almost to the tune of Rs 3,000 crore by last July. With the stalemate continuing till now, it has resulted in further loss of Rs 1000 Crores to the state government for its inability to conduct elections to local bodies both violating the mandatory constitutional requirements specified in XI and XII Schedules of the Indian Constitution. The state has the duty to conduct polls to 22 Zilla Parishads, about 1,100 Mandal Parishads and more than 20,000 Gram Panchayaths besides holding polls to more than 100 Municipalities.

The state government was being held responsible, irrespective of litigations in court, for not holding elections to both Panchayati Raj and municipal bodies for the last two years. Although, the state government represented the matter to the Union Panchayat Raj ministry more than half-a-dozen times to release funds due to the state, the Centre refused to do so. "I am told that about Rs 2,000 crore has been frozen since last year, we had taken up the matter with the concerned Union minister, Kishore Chandra Deo," told the State Panchayat Raj minister K Jana Reddy, while speaking to the media on several occasions. But the state political set up must realize the futility of postponing them as the apex court directed the neighboring state of Karnataka to stop pretending and



forthwith hold elections to the urban local bodies which are due since quite some time.

The Supreme Court, last week while dealing with the matter of conducting periodic elections to the local bodies as per the constitutional requirements gave no option to the political parties in Karnataka and asked the Karnataka government to extend "full cooperation" to the State Election Commission in holding upcoming polls for urban local bodies. Major political parties in the state have been reluctant to hold elections to local bodies due to various reasons like dissensions and funds.

*"Keeping in view the background facts and*

*the orders passed by the High Court and this court, we consider it appropriate to direct the Chief Secretary of Karnataka government and subordinate officials to extend full cooperation in holding of elections for the urban local bodies," a bench headed by Justice GS Singhvi said. The court also directed its registry to intimate the state government about its order by tomorrow on the issue. "No officials can make any attempt to frustrate the election process...," the bench said and allowed a PIL filed by Dalit Sangharsh Samithi to be withdrawn.*

It is well know how the ruling and opposition parties have joined hands as they don't want this poll to happen as the state will be going for assembly polls in April/May. If the parties give ticket to one

person, ten other aspirants will raise voice and work against the party and no party is willing to take such risk before the big event like assembly elections. Apart from this, many MLAs have to spend lot of money, both for local bodies and assembly elections. Undoubtedly, these are the kind of vested interests that make political parties to blatantly violate even mandatory constitutional requirements. Going by the account of what's happening in Karnataka, our state government and various political parties must learn to respect and sustain grass root democracy.

No matter what sort of legal impediments are obstructing the holding of elections to local bodies in the state of Andhra Pradesh; it is incumbent on the political parties to resolve the issue and forthwith go for elections which enable the common man to get access to their local representatives. The Kiran Kumar Reddy government if apprehensive of negative results for the congress party has a choice of holding the polls for local bodies on a non-party basis. This way his administration can influence majority of the victorious candidates to pay allegiance to the ruling congress party. Respecting democracy lies in upholding constitutional scheme of things. The State Election Commissioner, has preferred to lie low for reasons best known tom him. Its time he discharges his duty without bias and self interest. Emulating his counter part in Karnataka State is the need of the hour. ♦

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## KCR's crude bomb ready.....

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and find it very attractive but I am sorry to state that the last week's cover page was not very much appealing like the other previous cover pages. But I must mention here that the cover story was very unique and excellent one and it revealed in the most analytical way how KCR is going to play with the other T-supporters in other parties. It was rightly mentioned about the rhetoric signals received by KCR in the past from Delhi but it seems he did not have got the signals due to his faulty network in Delhi. Congress Party knows how to play its cards well and it seems that the congress party has decided to checkmate Chandra Babu Naidu, Jagan Mohan Reddy and KCR at once by declaring statehood to Telangana region and win the hearts of Telangana protagonists and supporters by fulfilling its decade long promise to the people and that would have made KCR desperate to announce the

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candidates for the upcoming general elections. People are hopeful that this time there will be end to the chaos existing in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

*J Laxminarayana, Kachiguda*

## Clear Aadhar Confusion

Your last week's edition I picked up at Shamshabad Airport and found it very nice especially your editorial story about Aadhar Card. Being a Housewife the LPG gas is the top priority of any family and the way Government linked Aadhar Card with LPG gas subsidy is very sad and purely a political drama just to trouble the common people like us. It's the duty of the government to clear the confusion and see that the people are not put to hardship and get their gas and subsidy properly in time.

*Bindiya Goswami, Moula Ali*

## Kudos to DP

I am one among the oldest reader and subscriber of Deccan Post and got relief from reading daily newspapers casual news and I must thank you Deccan Post for its tremendous and hard work done in the last Five years and hope that it will continue its excellent work of journalism in the past too. I was really happy that the Hyderabad's only English Newsweekly has completed a period of 5 years as its very hard to survive in media these days and many periodicals and even daily newspapers to sustain the pressure of current day. I convey my hearty wishes to Deccan Post team which surely achieved true success in publishing unbiased

analytical news since its inception.

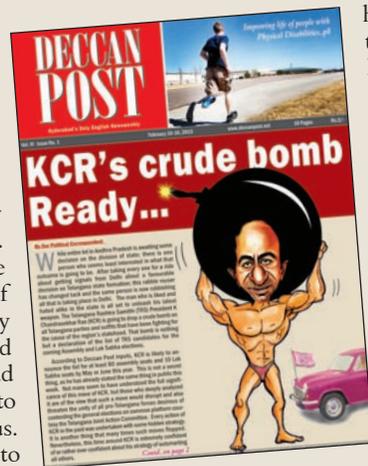
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## Do we need a second capital.....

The article written by Sridhar Goka on Focus page was on a very interesting topic of second capital for India. It really discussed on the pros and cons related to formation of a second capital for India. Many politicians talking these days about this topic and nobody provided any kind of clarity behind their statement and it seems it happened due to their limited knowledge. The author seems to be thorough in this subject and rightly suggested that if the second capital is needed then it should be convenient and accessible to few states atleast instead of having it at Hyderabad. Every politician expressing their own opinion on second capital whether it matters or not. I appeal through Deccan Post to all the politicians and decision makers not to create confusion in people and have some clarity in their thinking.

*VN Swamy, Serilingampally*

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# CBI should probe AP's Augusta Westland chopper deal too

By Our Correspondent

There seems to be no end to the woes of Congress led UPA government at the Centre. As one after the other scams have been tumbling out of the cup board of the government in the last three years, the ruling coalition is forced to play self-defense in every Parliament session. This time, it is going to be the kickbacks in the Rs 3,700 crores purchase deal of 12 Augusta Westland helicopters by India.

Italian firm, Finmeccanica which got this plum contract to supply choppers to India has been found to have bribed Indians to secure this deal by paying Rs 350 crore. Of course, the Italian government ordered a probe into the bribery and filed a charge sheet in an Italian court this week, forcing the UPA government to order a CBI probe immediately to find out who got the bribes.

Before finding out who got the bribes in the yet another instance of shady deal, it is better to begin this probe from the purchase of Augusta Westland chopper by Andhra Pradesh government in 2008, as this deal too is full of doubts and suspicion from the manner in which it was procured and the manner in which it got burnt in the hanger a few years ago. It is now being alleged that the then CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy ordered for the chopper apparently at the behest of one Guido Haschke, a middleman of Finmeccanica, who was inducted as a non-executive director of EMAAR-MGF Properties for reasons beyond anybody's comprehension at the

moment.

The case of 62 year old Haschke is all the more mysterious. He is known as a Switzerland-based defence middleman, who holds dual passports of his motherland Italy and that of the USA. Haschke earned 20 million Euros (around Rs 150 crores) in the deal, according to the charge-sheet filed by the prosecutors in the Augusta Westland case. It is learned that Haschke stopped visiting India after 2011, when his name cropped up in the Italian probe. How an Italian based in Switzerland (Haschke) became a trustee in Christian Diocese in Khammam district is all the more intriguing. Further, the same Diocese receiving undue favours from Late YSR government needs to be probed. It is mind boggling to connect Haschke, a catholic to a Diocese (a protestant church of the CSI) in Khammam.

Now, it is official that Haschke confessed to the Italian court on his connections with former Air Chief SP Tyagi. He further confessed that he was the Director of EMAAR-MGF, the firm which bagged the biggest deal in connection with Commonwealth Games. It is revealed that Haschke is neither a civil engineer nor a real estate entrepreneur, so his connections with EMAAR-MGF are bound to raise several eyebrows. The controversial real estate giant EMAAR-MGF is still being probed by the CBI for alleged irregularities in the construction of the Games Village Complex in Delhi and also in Hyderabad for alleged deals in the Boulder Hills project. According to

the prospectus filed by EMAAR-MGF with SEBI, Haschke was Director in September 2009, but resigned soon in December 2009. It is inferred that he resigned after the Games scandal exploded and Opposition leaders and former BJP chief Nitin Gadkari alleged that the EMAAR-MGF had been favoured due to its links with congress party. All this is part of the bigger scandal but coming to AP state; the matter is simple and specific. What is the role of Haschke in procurement of the chopper "Augusta Westland" by the state government? Were there kickbacks in the deal? If so, who received how much? This is a deal that needs to be probed for the manner in which its price was hiked and all.

It is widely known that how EMAAR-MGF was closer to late YSR and his trusted lieutenant MP KVP Ramachandra Rao. Though the sale price of Rs 44 crore of the helicopter from Augusta Westland was stated to be a bit higher than the initially projected Rs 32 crore. Later, the suppliers have squeezed another Rs 12 crore for transport charges, training to pilots and software arrangements etc. Of course, the prized helicopter was in repairs when late YSR wanted to use on the fateful day of Sept 2nd, 2009, and he had to take instead Bell chopper which crashed in the forests of Nallamala, claiming many lives including that of the CM. Another mystery is that the Augusta Westland helicopter too perished in a fire mishap two months back at the Old Begumpet airport hanger in suspicious circumstances.

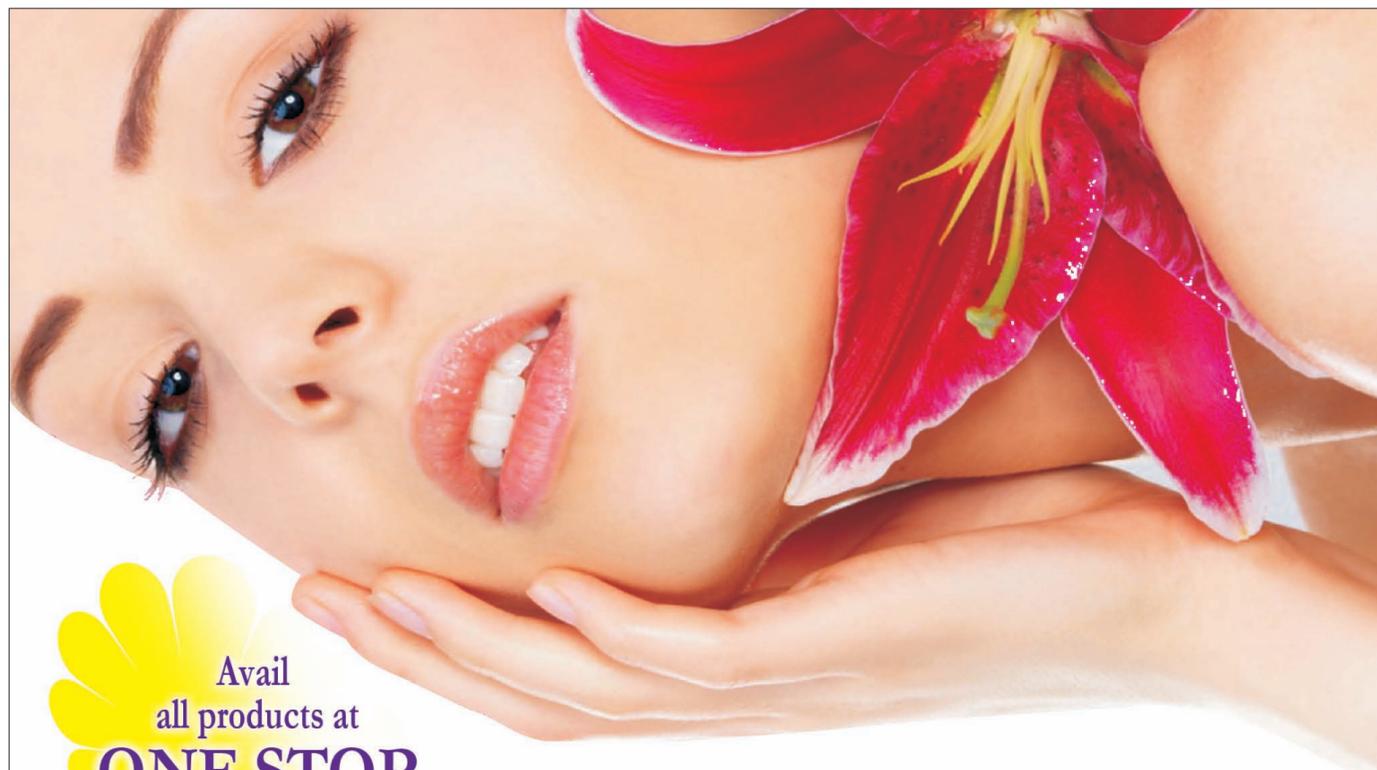
Insurance companies too refused to pay insured money to AP government on the ground that prescribed care was not taken to provide protection to the high priced helicopter at the Old airport. So, the helicopter and its payments history and those who knew of its purchase details, all have gone now. Shockingly, there is no probe from AP government side on this till now.

TDP MLA Revanth Reddy demanded a judicial probe into the purchase of Augusta Westland chopper by the then YSR regime and its sudden destruction in fire mishap. Of course, TDP never misses an opportunity to hit back at late YSR and his family. But, just because TDP demanded something, we cannot ignore its merits. In a 35-point statement detailing the procurement process that was kicked off in 2002 and its actions to date, the Defense ministry said it had also asked the UK-based firm's chief executive to "categorically" and "specifically" state whether deals were struck with any Indian individual or entity for securing the contract.

So, the middlemen of Finmeccanica were very active in India since 2002 and one of them could be this Guido Haschke, ostensibly planted by the company. We need to find out how this Swiss based middleman could become a director of EMAAR-MGF real estate firm and get closer to late YSR. We also need to find out if Haschke got any bribes for AP's chopper purchase too. The CBI should probe all these angles.

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# Rahul to takeover as PM?



By Our Political Correspondent

The scion of the Gandhi - Nehru family, Rahul Gandhi who was recently elevated as the AICC (Congress) Vice-President is all set to take over as the next prime minister of India by June/July this year. Yes, contrary to the widely held belief that he would take up the post only after the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, preparations are underway in the ruling party to ensure that the young leader is installed in the key post immediately after the budget session of Parliament, which ends by June. Soon after being anointed as the VP of the party, a subtle and yet a formal indication of being officially projected as the second in command, Rahul Gandhi began the task of understanding the 'who is who' in the national party organization. Till now, largely seen to be focused only on UP and Bihar; he seems to be now making a conscious effort to expand his horizons.

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Is it okay?

The just begun exercise of Rahul Gandhi to review the poll preparedness of Congress ruled states like Andhra Pradesh, Delhi and Rajasthan, along with Orissa is part of the preparations for taking over the reins of leadership at the top. Party president Sonia Gandhi deliberately chose to stay away from this exercise, leaving the field to Rahul alone, of course aided by senior leader Janardhan Dwivedi. The timing of Rahul's take over bid assumes a lot of significance. Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's Rajya Sabha tenure ends by June this year. He is a member of Rajya Sabha from Assam and Dr Singh is unlikely to go for another term of six years in the upper house as he is already into his 80s. Even then, Dr Singh can continue for another six months as the Constitution allows for that. But, he may not go for it as he has already over used the route to become Prime Minister via Rajya Sabha instead of Lok Sabha till now. This in itself is a blot on the ethical democratic ethos of the country.

In such a scenario, Rahul Gandhi taking over the reins of the country's top political

executive powers seems reasonable and relevant too. By July 19, this year, Rahul will be completing 43 years and entering 44 and young enough to rule this country as PM. After all, he has done enough and long apprenticeship than any other member of Gandhi family – right from Indira Gandhi to Rajiv Gandhi – 9 years as MP (Lok Sabha). At the Jaipur conclave, Sonia Gandhi made it clear that she wants her son to be the next leader of Congress party as well as the PM candidate of UPA too. She made no secret of her ambition to groom Rahul Gandhi into a future leader of India by attributing a lot of pro-people policies to his credit like upcoming Food Security Bill etc. In that case, Rahul can become the PM for sure only now, as the future seems very flux.

The situation after 2014 elections would be too dicey that it may not be safe and prudent for Rahul to wait till then. Thanks to host of anti-people policies like petroleum prices hike and other prices rise, coupled with the series of scams surfacing periodically and irresponsible administration, Congress tally is



Geetha Reddy to replace Botcha from PCC ?



Thank you Madamji...

sure to decline from the present 206, it won in 2009. In that situation, the allies in the UPA coalition could certainly play a demanding role in deciding the post election choice of UPA for the PMs Job, if it is within their reach of forming the next government. Congress cannot take it for granted the support of NCP's Sharad Pawar and DMK's Karunanidhi, who may prefer someone outside the Gandhi family, if the numbers game allows them to play a crucial role. Recently, Sharad Pawar commented that he has no idea about Rahul's political ability to handle things.

If the Left parties are to support someone, they may prefer a person like Mulayam Singh to Rahul Gandhi who is seen as inexperienced and immature too. Rahul's dreams of becoming PM may be dashed off, if Congress clocks below 150 MPs and ends up close to BJP. According to various pre-poll surveys, BJP and its NDA are expected to fare better than Congress led UPA in 2014. So, the right time for Rahul Gandhi to become PM is now. If he becomes the PM, succeeding Dr Singh

by the middle of this year, it will be helpful to both Congress and Rahul, in more than one ways. Congress can disown Dr Singh's legacy of corruption, inefficiency and poor economic growth rate which fell from 9 per cent five years ago to just 5 per cent this year.

The series of death sentence executions right from Ajmal Kasab to Afzal Guru in the last two months too is tipped to be an indication of impending change at the Centre. It appears that the congress high command is making every move to pave way for a smooth take over and non-controversial start for Rahul's leadership at the helm of the union government. Many are of the opinion that irrespective of Rahul's reluctance; his rule is going to be decisive and full of affirmative action, unlike the stale and dull style of functioning of Dr Singh who took a lot of care to undermine his authority as the country's prime minister. It is also being speculated that President Pranab Mukherjee is strongly in favour of Rahul Gandhi, taking over as the Prime Minister.



Digvijay Comes for Tèlangana...!

## Market is cautious

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market further continued the weakening trend and is seen in a subdued trend in the last few days. Many fundamentally good stocks have declined sharply in the current reactionary trend and there are fresh concerns about an immediate bullish trend in the stock market. Sensex extended its losses due to selling pressure by the domestic players, while the foreign investors are reported to have made purchases worth thousands of crores even in the last few days. American market which is close to the all-time high levels, has witnessed a consolidation trend, and a minor correction is expected there.

The IIP (Indian Industrial Production) data, which was reported on 12th February has witnessed a further weakness and there is no revival seen, which has disappointed the stock market. Stock Market is currently concerned about higher current account deficit, and a lower GDP data. The Banking sector leader State Bank, has on 14th February, reported a lower than expected quarterly financial results and has put the banking stocks on a cautious mode. The Automobile major producer Tata Motors, has also reported a lower than expected quarterly results.

Only software and Pharma stocks were seen in a firm trend, even at higher levels, while the Banking stocks, Automobiles, Steel, Cement, Infrastructure, were all seen in a weakening trend. Meanwhile, the commodity market has witnessed a rally and many leading



metals were seen in an uptrend. Aluminum, Zinc, Copper, Nickel, Lead, which are used in various industries, have appreciated strongly in the last few weeks in the commodity market. But, the precious metals like the Gold and Silver were seen struck in sideways and indecisive trend. Gold has to break-out of the technical barrier of 31,000 and silver has to sustain above 60,000 in the MCX commodity market to enter into an uptrend.

Meanwhile, Crude petroleum prices have again gone up, and have the next major barrier above at 5,400 and next 5,600, where a correction is possible, for the traders to be

cautious.

The Rupee is seen in a minor appreciation trend from 56 to 53 levels, in the last few weeks. In-case of any further decline below 53, then it indicates a further depreciation of the dollar.

Market, is now eagerly waiting for the Annual Union Budget which is expected on 28th February, which is expected to provide a next direction for the market. Market is expecting incentives for various industries, which would have a positive impact on the stock market.

Stock market is expected to move in a further sideways and consolidation mode in the next few days, till the Union Budget. Technically on the charts, Sensex only in-case of any failure to sustain above the current major support of 19,500, then it indicates a further short-term correction for the Short-term Investors to be cautious. Hence, it is advisable for the Investors to wait for some time, before entering into the market.♦

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## Bipasha - The new Face of Fear?

In the past, when we thought of horror movies, then the first name comes would be Ram Gopal Varma. But now, when we think of them, then one of the names that will pop up for sure is of voluptuous Bipasha Basu.

It all started when she went back to the movie franchise "Raaz". After that, she signed for Aatma with Nawazuddin Siddiqui which will be directed by Suparn Verma is releasing soon. She recently signed on Vikram Bhatt's new horror flick titled "Creature". Then there are plans of Aatma sequel. Quizzed about her sudden fondness for this genre she said "I have become the face of fear. I don't mind being a trend setter. Horror is a genre of entertainment and if it has the producers and the audience, then why not."

She also said that in each of her horror films, her role was different. She also feels that horror as genre has a lot to be explored and is still at a nascent stage. "Each and every one of them has had very different roles. While I was listening to the narration, I thought the film would be fabulous. The script and screenplay attracted me," she said.



## Shraddha Das compared with Jyothi Lakshmi

YVS Chowdhary who received severe setbacks with multiple flops is currently busy wrapping up his upcoming film "Rey". He's introducing Sai Dharam Tej, the nephew of Chiranjeevi, in his upcoming film Rey. Saiyami Kher and Shraddha Das are playing the lead roles opposite Sai Dharam Tej in this musical love story.

Few days ago he stated that Saiyami Kher will be a star heroine in future and now he has praised Shraddha Das, although in a different way. "I used to be a big fan of Jyothi Lakshmi and Silk Smitha during their heydays and I used to eagerly look forward to their appearances in films. After a long time, I finally saw the features of Jyoti Lakshmi in Shraddha Das, who's playing an important role in Rey. Her character's name is Jenny and she's an American pop star who can't tolerate any competition. Shraddha is sizzling hot in the film," YVS Chowdhary said.

Rey's shooting is in its final stages and the final schedule is being shot in Hyderabad. YVS Chowdhary is directing and producing the film and it'll hit the screens in summer this year.

-DP Desk



Hello its me...!

Even Pranab, being a staunch Indira loyalist cannot do anything, if Congress fares very badly at the 2014 elections and gets a pathetic tally of less than 150 seats. Then, Pranab will have to go by the numbers and invite whoever gets to manage the majority MPs support. In such a scenario, Rahul will have to sit in the Opposition like his father Rajiv did after 1989. Then, it will take several years for him to become PM ever.

### Rahul for Telangana:

Rahul Gandhi's assumption of PM post in the coming months is likely to coincide with the announcement of Telangana state. At the two day meeting of Pradesh Congress Committees presidents and Congress Legislature Parties leaders in Delhi, Rahul dropped enough hints to this extent. He pointedly asked both the PCC president Botsa Satyanarayana and CM Kiran Kumar Reddy on how they will ensure party win in 2014.

Rahul Gandhi is learnt to be toying with the idea changing both PCC president and AICC general secretary in charge of AP affairs, on the simple ground of one-man-one post rule. Botsa is likely to be replaced by senior minister J Geeta Reddy, a Dalit woman from Telangana and AICC general secretary Ghulam Nabi Azad will be replaced by another AICC general secretary Digvijay Singh.

Compared to Azad, Digvijay will be neutral to Telangana issue. Azad has time and again mischievously came to the rescue of Seemandhra leaders and ensured that the party high command does not spell out its positive decision on Telangana in January this year. Unlike Azad, Digvijay, who is considered a close confidant of Rahul Gandhi, has no such baggage

and he is not pliable to the dictates of Seemandhra leaders too.

At the same time, having someone from Telangana as PCC president will be helpful for achieving Telangana demand. Whether it is Geeta Reddy or someone may come in the last minute, one thing is clear that a leader from Telangana will be at the helm of the PCC affairs. This is good for putting some positive inputs on Telangana before the high command.

More than anything else, granting Telangana will be essential to Rahul Gandhi as he is badly in need of not less than 21 MPs from Andhra Pradesh in 2014 elections. For that, Congress should win support in all three regions which is possible if the state is divided into three new states. This way both YSRCP headed by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and TDP headed by Chandra Babu Naidu would be severely marginalized being confined to a politically smaller region of Rayalaseema. If Congress grants Telangana, it can get the benefit of merger of TRS, unconditionally.

If that happens, the Congress can easily win 13 to 15 MPs in Telangana itself. Another 7 or 8 MPs can easily be won by the party in Coastal Andhra as the YSRCP would be marginalized largely, the congress can hope to retain or win back its traditional vote bank comprising SCs, STs, Christians, Kapus and several backward classes like fishermen, Dhobis, who are traditional supporters of the congress. So, a lot of action and drama is going to unfold in the next 4-5 months and the country may even witness a new PM and AP may witness a division of the 56 years of state in turmoil. The long pending demand of people of Telangana too will be realized. ♦

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# Issues related to Economic Development of India in the present context

By Dr Shankar Chatterjee

The people of India have realized economic development is sine qua non which inter alia include, creation of more job opportunities, alleviating poverty, development of social sectors, good governance etc. The Government whether in the States and/or in the Centre is for the people, of the people and by the people so issues related to people are more important than any thing else. Issue of poverty may be discussed based on Tendulkar Committee Report, which for the first time recommended use of implicit prices derived from quantity and value data collected from each household based on consumer expenditure which reveals in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland poverty in 2009-10 has increased and in some other states such as Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh have shown only marginal decline in poverty ratio, particularly in rural areas. Poverty is a curse in India as various studies show various figures but still crores of persons are deprived of proper food value. In this context, a line from 'The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012' may be cited "Micronutrient deficiencies ("hidden hunger") still affect over 30 percent of the world's population, causing increased morbidity and mortality, impaired cognitive development and reduced learning ability and productivity, reduced work capacity in populations due to high rates of illness and disability, and tragic loss of human potential. Overcoming micronutrient malnutrition is a precondition for ensuring development.

In the case of iron deficiency anemia, prevalence has not changed substantially; it has even increased in some countries. 21 In India, stunting and iron and iodine deficiencies result in productivity losses equivalent to 2.95 percent of GDP annually".

Corruption is also dampening the spirit of development and in this context Global Financial Integrity (GFI) Report published in December 2008 may be quoted, "The five Asian countries with the largest total illegal capital flight during 2000-2008 are: China (\$ 2.18 trillion), Malaysia (\$291 billion), Philippines (\$109 billion), Indonesia (\$104 billion), and India (\$104 billion). On average, these five countries account for 96.5 percent of total illicit flows from Asia and 44.9 percent of flows out of all developing countries. These (Asia region compared to total developing world) shares have been declining; the top five Asian countries transferred 36.9 percent of illicit flows from all developing countries in 2008, down from 53.3 percent in 2000".

For scaling down of unemployment, my suggestion is if new jobs cannot be created which Government both Center and States in many occasions mention then existing posts should be filled in all the Government Departments including quasi Government departments (on consolidated pay, if not in normal scale) many unemployed youth can get job. But in our country, the persons who are little 'powerful' once enter in Government and quasi Government departments till

his/her death work (same office or other office) depriving many deserving youth. Considering magnitude of unemployment in our country, age of 60 years is adequate for service and by enhancing age limit; many youth are deprived of and thus resentment takes place among the youth. Many intellectuals told me while I visited Kolkata that Naxalism could penetrate (in then Calcutta) because of unemployment among the educated youths. In the states like Kerala etc., still age limit in State Government service is below 60 years and the system has been working well.

Development of rural India is sine qua non as still around 70 % percent of our people stay in rural areas. The suggestions for development inter alia include formation of farmers' group particularly with marginal and small farmers to enhance productivity which SKDRDP (NGO) in Karnataka has successfully implemented. In India, small and marginal farmers accounted for 83% of the operational holdings i.e. less than two hectares of agricultural land, and hence most of these farm lands are not viable and thus farmers group is the best alternative. Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu through women self help groups have shown the path how rural women can bring change in the society both economically and socially. MGNREGS type of Scheme has been proved successful to check urban migration from rural India so if possible instead of 100 days the same may be enhanced to 180 days. Without rural development, our

country cannot attain development in true sense. However, as mentioned in the Planning Commission's approach paper, two critical areas in MGNREGS need to be addressed and resolved in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. First one is the technical capacity at the local level has to be significantly enhanced meaning planning, design and quality of works as well as their maintenance has to be developed at the local level. Second, the selection of appropriate works without which the community will not necessarily have a sense of ownership. Thus with the creation of infrastructure and generation of employment, rural India can be developed in letter and spirit.

Further, to achieve development in letter and spirit, annual population growth in all the States has to be brought down to less than 1% and for this, 2 Children norm has to be adhered. It is pertinent to mention that in 1950-51; our total population was 35.9 Crores and in 2010-11 it has reached to 118.6 Crore i.e. more than 3 times increase. The development issues should be considered first than politics of development. Lastly, like small family norm, small-state norm may be accepted (if economically viable) in the country as by going through economic analysis it is observed that the states like Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Chattisgarh etc., could facilitate their development faster after the statehood. ♦

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# Atrocious Autowalas

By B Shivkant, Crime Correspondent

**A**uto-rickshaws, a need and the only option for middle classes and poorer sections have turned a menace these days in historical city of Hyderabad. Gone are the good old days when our Autowalas used to be wonderful hosts to the visitors from outside. But these days, non-locals, visitors and Housewives in Hyderabad are facing terrible time from our Auto drivers and yet there is no respite for these victims as the RTA and Traffic Police personnel have become casual and care not types. It appears that our cops do not want to control Autowalas in Hyderabad. When a visitor gets down from a Train either at Nampally Railway Station, Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station, Jubilee Bus Stand, or Secunderabad Railway Station etc., the sight is pathetic to say the least as the 'Autowalas' selectively indulge in picking only the 'visitors' from outside by recognizing them. These crooked Autowalas demand huge amounts from the visitors who are already tired of their respective journeys and the visitors are compelled to pay huge sums demanded by these crooked and uncivilized Auto Drivers. Many travelers have complained to the policemen on duty but till today no action has been taken in this regard as it seems the RTA and Traffic cops are very much busy in other chores like allotting fancy numbers to the VIPs and Traffic Cops as usual very busy in issuing Challans to the common man in the name of traffic violation.

When this correspondent enquired deeper into this issue, a shocking scam came into light - it seems fifty percent of the Autos plying in Hyderabad are owned by lower level Police and RTA officials. That's the reason why many glaring traffic and MV Act violations committed by the Auto drivers go unnoticed. When brought to the notice of top officials they claim to be aware but plead helplessness as the nexus is far deeper than what this correspondent comprehends.

In many cities like Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, there are Traffic



police personnel deputed at Bus Stands and Railway Stands just to regulate and monitor the Taxis and Auto Rickshaws. These Traffic police personnel notes down the registration number of the hired vehicles in the travelers or visitors are going to their places and they also see that the correct fare is decided. The checks of RTA and Traffic Police in these cities are very frequent which keeps the Autowalas and Taxiwalas in a tight position not to tamper with the Electronic Meters.

But in Hyderabad, most of the Autowalas coerce the passengers into a bargain instead of collecting the fare according to the Electronic Meter which is recommended by the

concerned RTA officials. In many Autos one can not even find a meter in working condition and compelled to go by the whims and fancies of the Auto drivers. One wonders if the weights and measures department is existing at all.

The worst part of this unprofessional habit is that most of the Autowalas don't take passengers who had to travel short distance and instead they keep waiting for a passenger who had to travel long distances that too at high fare amounts. One has to skillfully talk and negotiate with many Autowalas to reach his destination.

One more pathetic part of this crooked practice is that whenever women, housewives, girl students travel alone they demand huge amounts and charge extra for goods like the vegetables or household food grain items worth of any overload of weight and need not to be charged according to the RTA norms and rules but the law is what Autowalas dictate and the passengers are forced to oblige and abide by them. No traffic police personnel cooperate or help the passengers while dealing with the notorious Autowalas.

The Law and order police is remaining mute spectators whenever passengers come with the complaint of chain snatching. In the past many complaints were made by the passengers of lost valuables and chain snatching but there is no single noteworthy action or recovery in such crimes resorted to by delinquent Autowalas. It is said that interestingly not less than 70% of the Autowalas and Taxi Drivers in Hyderabad holds a valid driving license to drive in the city and that's the reason for routine traffic violation and traffic jams in the narrow roads of the city.

It is a well known secret how these Autowalas fool the first time visitors to this historical city by taking them for an unnecessary lengthy ride and fleece bucks from them. All these are happening due to the utter negligence of RTA and Traffic Police officials as they have no will power to control the notorious atrocities of these Autowalas and it is being said by people that the concerned officials get their share of regular 'Mamools' from these rogues that's why they remain mute spectators.

People are seen and heard demanding that the concerned officials should wake up from their deep slumber and control these violators with strict action and definitely it should not be a one day affair. The reputation of Hyderabad is indeed at stake. ♦

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# Akbar secures conditional bail citing ill-health

By B Shivkant

**F**inally, Chandrayangutta MLA and MIM Leader Akbaruddin Owaisi, appeared to have obtained biggest respite of his life in the form of getting a conditional bail from both the Adilabad and Nizamabad Courts and got released from Adilabad Jail after spending 38 days in prison. It should be reminded that Akbar is facing serious allegations of crimes registered under Indian Penal code attracting punishments for Sedition, Waging War against the Nation, spreading hate in different communities etc. The Adilabad court granted bail on Friday on producing two sureties each one of Rs.25,000/- and ordered that he should not enter Nirmal Town and should not deliver any kind of speech and must surrender his passport immediately and should cooperate with the investigating officers. The Nizamabad court also ordered the conditional bail to Akbar.

The Lawyers representing Akbaruddin Owaisi prayed to the Hon'ble Courts that the health condition of Akbar is not well and he needs medical attendance and it is also heard that they also pleaded that the crucial Voice Test samples already collected and sent to the Forensic Lab in Chandigarh for authentication. It is pertinent to

mention here that Akbaruddin Owaisi has denied that the voice in the controversial CD of his speech at Nirmal is not his own and he has nothing to do with it.

The large number of MIM Supporters have gathered at the District Jail in Adilabad and raised slogans. In parts of Old city and few other parts of Hyderabad as well as in some Districts the MIM supporters have distributed sweets and fired the crackers in celebration of the release of their leader. However, many are silently worried about future consequences as and when the Voice Test samples are tested and sent to the court. Since, many believe that Akbar had indeed uttered all that he is being investigated for.

On the other hand, many are shocked at the timing of release of Akbaruddin Owaisi as they believe that he got bail just because of his ill health. As our Chief Minister said to the press that 'Law will take its own course' lets hope that law will definitely take its own course and punish the guilty irrespective of their stature, religion, caste, creed or political affiliations. ♦

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# Hold elections to local bodies forthwith

Not holding elections of local bodies on time has cost the state government dear as the Central government has frozen the amounts due to the state almost to the tune of Rs 3,000 crore by last July. With the stalemate continuing till now, it has resulted in further loss of Rs 1000 Crores to the state government for its inability to conduct elections to local bodies both violating the mandatory constitutional requirements specified in XI and XII Schedules of the Indian Constitution. The state has the duty to conduct polls to 22 Zilla Parishads, about 1,100 Mandal Parishads and more than 20,000 Gram Panchayaths besides holding polls to more than 100 Municipalities.

The state government was being held responsible, irrespective of litigations in court, for not holding elections to both Panchayati Raj and municipal bodies for the last two years. Although, the state government represented the matter to the Union Panchayat Raj ministry more than half-a-dozen times to release funds due to the state, the Centre refused to do so. "I am told that about Rs 2,000 crore has been frozen since last year, we had taken up the matter with the concerned Union minister, Kishore Chandra Deo," told the State Panchayat Raj minister K Jana Reddy, while speaking to the media on several occasions. But the state political set up must realize the futility of postponing them as the apex court directed the neighboring state of Karnataka to stop pretending and



forthwith hold elections to the urban local bodies which are due since quite some time.

The Supreme Court, last week while dealing with the matter of conducting periodic elections to the local bodies as per the constitutional requirements gave no option to the political parties in Karnataka and asked the Karnataka government to extend "full cooperation" to the State Election Commission in holding upcoming polls for urban local bodies. Major political parties in the state have been reluctant to hold elections to local bodies due to various reasons like dissensions and funds.

"Keeping in view the background facts and

the orders passed by the High Court and this court, we consider it appropriate to direct the Chief Secretary of Karnataka government and subordinate officials to extend full cooperation in holding of elections for the urban local bodies," a bench headed by Justice GS Singhvi said. The court also directed its registry to intimate the state government about its order by tomorrow on the issue. "No officials can make any attempt to frustrate the election process..." the bench said and allowed a PIL filed by Dalit Sangharsh Samithi to be withdrawn.

It is well known how the ruling and opposition parties have joined hands as they don't want this poll to happen as the state will be going for assembly polls in April/May. If the parties give ticket to one

person, ten other aspirants will raise voice and work against the party and no party is willing to take such risk before the big event like assembly elections. Apart from this, many MLAs have to spend lot of money, both for local bodies and assembly elections. Undoubtedly, these are the kind of vested interests that make political parties to blatantly violate even mandatory constitutional requirements. Going by the account of what's happening in Karnataka, our state government and various political parties must learn to respect and sustain grass root democracy.

No matter what sort of legal impediments are obstructing the holding of elections to local bodies in the state of Andhra Pradesh; it is incumbent on the political parties to resolve the issue and forthwith go for elections which enable the common man to get access to their local representatives. The Kiran Kumar Reddy government if apprehensive of negative results for the congress party has a choice of holding the polls for local bodies on a non-party basis. This way his administration can influence majority of the victorious candidates to pay allegiance to the ruling congress party. Respecting democracy lies in upholding constitutional scheme of things. The State Election Commissioner, has preferred to lie low for reasons best known to him. Its time he discharges his duty without bias and self interest. Emulating his counter part in Karnataka State is the need of the hour. ♦

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## KCR's crude bomb ready....

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and find it very attractive but I am sorry to state that the last week's cover page was not very much appealing like the other previous cover pages. But I must mention here that the cover story was very unique and excellent one and it revealed in the most analytical way how KCR is going to play with the other T-supporters in other parties. It was rightly mentioned about the rhetoric signals received by KCR in the past from Delhi but it seems he did not have got the signals due to his faulty network in Delhi. Congress Party knows how to play its cards well and it seems that the congress party has decided to checkmate Chandra Babu Naidu, Jagan Mohan Reddy and KCR at once by declaring statehood to Telangana region and win the hearts of Telangana protagonists and supporters by fulfilling its decade long promise to the people and that would have made KCR desperate to announce the

candidates for the upcoming general elections. People are hopeful that this time there will be end to the chaos existing in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

J Laxminarayana, Kachiguda

## Clear Aadhar Confusion

Your last week's edition I picked up at Shamshabad Airport and found it very nice especially your editorial story about Aadhar Card. Being a Housewife the LPG gas is the top priority of any family and the way Government linked Aadhar Card with LPG gas subsidy is very sad and purely a political drama just to trouble the common people like us. It's the duty of the government to clear the confusion and see that the people are not put to hardship and get their gas and subsidy properly in time.

Bindiya Goswami, Moula Ali

## Kudos to DP

I am one among the oldest reader and subscriber of Deccan Post and got relief from reading daily newspapers casual news and I must thank you Deccan Post for its tremendous and hard work done in the last Five years and hope that it will continue its excellent work of journalism in the past too. I was really happy that the Hyderabad's only English Newsweekly has completed a period of 5 years as its very hard to survive in media these days and many periodicals and even daily newspapers to sustain the pressure of current day. I convey my hearty wishes to Deccan Post team which surely achieved true success in publishing unbiased

analytical news since its inception.

Dr Anuradha, E-mail

## Do we need a second capital....

The article written by Sridhar Goka on Focus page was on a very interesting topic of second capital for India. It really discussed on the pros and cons related to formation of a second capital for India. Many politicians talking these days about this topic and nobody provided any kind of clarity behind their statement and it seems it happened due to their limited knowledge. The author seems to be thorough in this subject and rightly suggested that if the second capital is needed then it should be convenient and accessible to few states at-least instead of having it at Hyderabad. Every politician expressing their own opinion on second capital whether it matters or not. I appeal through Deccan Post to all the politicians and decision makers not to create confusion in people and have some clarity in their thinking.

VN Swamy, Serilingampally

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## Letters TO THE EDITOR



## Sri Govindaraja Swamy float Festival from Feb 19

Sri PVenkatarami Reddy, Joint Executive Officer TTDs released wall posters on The Annual Float Festival of Sri Govindaraja Swamy Vari Temple, Tirupati which will be conducted for seven days from February 19th to 25th. During the festival, the processional deities Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy on February 19th, Sri Parthasaradhi Swamy on February 20th, Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy on February 21st, Sri Krishna Swamy Varu and Andal Ammavaru on

February 22nd, Sri Govindaraja Swamy Varu on February 23rd to February 25th will be taken out procession in Pushkarini in the evenings. Special programs such as Bhajans, Annamaiah Sankeerthanas Programs will be performed by TTDs Dharma Prachara Parishad, Annamacharya Project during the programs. Deputy EO (Local Temples) Sri Chandrasekhar Pillai and others were present.



## SUDOKU 257

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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-256

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

Answer 256 : Suresh Sharma, Himayathnagar

## Laugh out loud

### SANTA KI SHADI

SANTA- Kal meri shadi hai aur ladki walo ne kam log bulaye hai.  
BANTA- to isme prob kya hai?

### SANTA-pata nhi papa mujhe le

jaynge ya nahii  
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### SANTA BANTA FIGHT

santa aur banta ke bich me fight ho rahi thi

Banta:- saale mai tere kapde

phaad ke tujhe nanga kar dunga

Santa:- dekh serious ladai me

romantic baat mat kar  
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### Machli Khayega

Santa: oye banta machli khayega?

Banta: nhi yaar usme kaante hote

hain.  
Santa: oye chadd yaar, chappal

pahen ke kha lena  
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### Cigarette Se Dur Rahna

Banta Cigarette pe 2 metre pipe

laga kar pee raha tha.

Santa : Tu pipe laga kar cigarette

kyon pe raha hai

Banta : Doctor ne kaha,  
Cigarette-Bidi se dur rehna.



## ASTRO FOCUS

Feb 17 - 23, 2013

**Aries:** You will have to work harder to maintain the required level of efficiency. Professionally you will continue to grow and will keep coming across new opportunities one after another. Growth opportunities will develop through interaction with influential people. This week you should take time out of your hectic schedule and try to relax as much as possible.

**Taurus:** Your leadership qualities would be highly appreciated. Influential people would be supportive and extremely helpful. Seeking advice from those who care would ultimately be rewarding. Your attitude at work would open new avenues for you and the hard work that you do would not go unnoticed. Minor difference of opinion with your spouse would bring tense moments at home.

**Gemini:** This week improving your skills and knowledge should be on your list of priorities. Sudden good news brings happiness and lifts your morale. This week you are likely to get involved with new activities to make some quick money. Those of you, who are still pursuing studies, would find this week to be favorable for you. Cooperating with your partners would bring mutual benefits.

**Cancer:** At work you are likely to win appreciation and awards for your brilliant efforts. You should spend some time for recreational activities. This week is especially beneficial for artistic and educational pursuits. Your practical approach to life would win you appreciation from people who would be watching you. Good news from overseas would bring in happiness for the entire family.

**Leo:** A busy week ahead as pending issues would require immediate solutions. Religious feelings will arise making you spend more time on religious and spiritual activities. Some vital decisions for improving your business may help you derive much benefit of them later on.

**Virgo:** Your quest for knowledge will awaken your desire to read and learn. Your inherent talents will come into lime light. Be away from disputed areas. Your bank balance may increase due to recovery of old dues. Keep a straight thought when interacting with eminent people. Unexpected guest might visit your house later in the week. Your Love/ spouse improvement will be a source of joy to you.

**Libra:** You may likely to witness some adverse situations at domestic front but it is in your hands to handle the situation. Proper financial planning is the need of the hour. Control your wasteful expenditure. It is difficult for you to keep up your promise or your word. Better be balanced. Do not give any promises. Some of the natives may likely to participate in funfests.

**Scorpio:** Your ability to be practical in business would help. As you work towards a bright future, new money matters will keep you busy. Someone you work with may try to jeopardize your future plans. Some extra time with your family members. The employed will get opportunity to elevate their professional career further. You should focus on your goals and making money.

**Sagittarius:** Networking is vitally important early this week -- make sure that you spend as much time as you can deal with clients, ringing up colleagues and generally strengthening your working relationships. Friends are most helpful this week when they provide inside career tracks.

**Capricorn:** This week you will find yourself bubbling over with enthusiasm and energy. This week you will make some additional money through your remarkable creativity, while sitting at home. Your responsibilities can keep you busy with your work. Friends are most helpful this week when they provide inside career tracks.

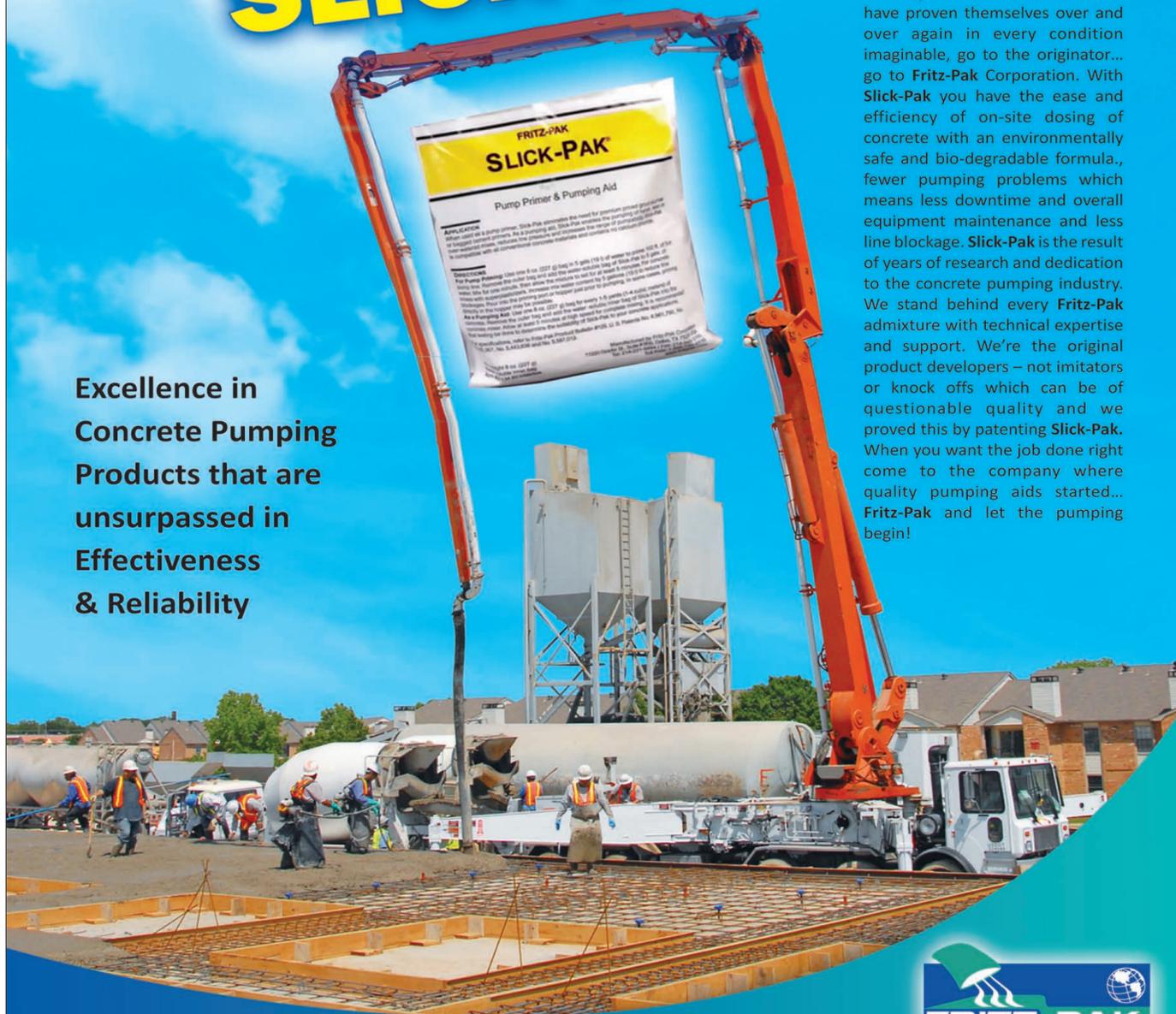
**Aquarius:** This is the right time for major decisions on the professional front. Your ability to be practical and straight forward in business will bring you enormous gains. Travel and related activities will bring both gains and pleasure. This week your mind would be engrossed in new money making ventures. Hard work and sincere efforts would bring good results and rewards. Romance would rule your heart this week as you find immense pleasure in the arms of your beloved.

**Pisces:** Growth opportunities will develop through interaction with influential people. Excitement over new projects and financial gains will energize you. Financially, your position will be sound and better than you had expected. Good week for students and professionals as they witness steady progress in their respective fields. Your ability to stand out in the crowd will bring you popularity and recognition. Partners would be enthusiastic about your new plans and ventures.

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# CBI should probe AP's Augusta Westland chopper deal too

By Our Correspondent

There seems to be no end to the woes of Congress led UPA government at the Centre. As one after the other scams have been tumbling out of the cupboard of the government in the last three years, the ruling coalition is forced to play self-defense in every Parliament session. This time, it is going to be the kickbacks in the Rs 3,700 crores purchase deal of 12 Augusta Westland helicopters by India.

Italian firm, Finmeccanica which got this plum contract to supply choppers to India has been found to have bribed Indians to secure this deal by paying Rs 350 crore. Of course, the Italian government ordered a probe into the bribery and filed a charge sheet in an Italian court this week, forcing the UPA government to order a CBI probe immediately to find out who got the bribes.

Before finding out who got the bribes in the yet another instance of shady deal, it is better to begin this probe from the purchase of Augusta Westland chopper by Andhra Pradesh government in 2008, as this deal too is full of doubts and suspicion from the manner in which it was procured and the manner in which it got burnt of in the hanger a few years ago. It is now being alleged that the then CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy ordered for the chopper apparently at the behest of one Guido Haschke, a middleman of Finmeccanica, who was inducted as a non-executive director of EMAAR-MGF Properties for reasons beyond anybody's comprehension at the

moment.

The case of 62 year old Haschke is all the more mysterious. He is known as a Switzerland-based defence middleman, who holds dual passports of his motherland Italy and that of the USA. Haschke earned 20 million Euros (around Rs 150 crores) in the deal, according to the charge-sheet filed by the prosecutors in the Agusta Westland case. It is learned that Haschke stopped visiting India after 2011, when his name cropped up in the Italian probe. How an Italian based in Switzerland (Haschke) became a trustee in Christian Diocese in Khammam district is all the more intriguing. Further, the same Diocese receiving undue favours from Late YSR government needs to be probed. It is mind boggling to connect Haschke, a catholic to a Diocese (a protestant church of the CSI) in Khammam.

Now, it is official that Haschke confessed to the Italian court on his connections with former Air Chief SP Tyagi. He further confessed that he was the Director of EMAAR-MGF, the firm which bagged the biggest deal in connection with Commonwealth Games. It is revealed that Haschke is neither a civil engineer nor a real estate entrepreneur, so his connections with EMAAR-MGF are bound to raise several eyebrows. The controversial real estate giant EMAAR-MGF is still being probed by the CBI for alleged irregularities in the construction of the Games Village Complex in Delhi and also in Hyderabad for alleged deals in the Boulder Hills project. According to

the prospectus filed by EMAAR-MGF with SEBI, Haschke was Director in September 2009, but resigned soon in December 2009. It is inferred that he resigned after the Games scandal exploded and Opposition leaders and former BJP chief Nitin Gadkari alleged that the EMAAR-MGF had been favoured due to its links with congress party. All this is part of the bigger scandal but coming to AP state; the matter is simple and specific. What is the role of Haschke in procurement of the chopper "Augusta Westland" by the state government? Were there kickbacks in the deal? If so, who received how much? This is a deal that needs to be probed for the manner in which its price was hiked and all.

It is widely known that how EMAAR-MGF was closer to late YSR and his trusted lieutenant MP KVP Ramachandra Rao. Though the sale price of Rs 44 crore of the helicopter from Augusta Westland was stated to be a bit higher than the initially projected Rs 32 crore. Later, the suppliers have squeezed another Rs 12 crore for transport charges, training to pilots and software arrangements etc. Of course, the prized helicopter was in repairs when late YSR wanted to use on the fateful day of Sept 2nd, 2009, and he had to take instead Bell chopper which crashed in the forests of Nallamala, claiming many lives including that of the CM. Another mystery is that the Augusta Westland helicopter too perished in a fire mishap two months back at the Old Begumpet airport hanger in suspicious circumstances.

Insurance companies too refused to pay insured money to AP government on the ground that prescribed care was not taken to provide protection to the high priced helicopter at the Old airport. So, the helicopter and its payments history and those who knew of its purchase details, all have gone now. Shockingly, there is no probe from AP government side on this till now.

TDP MLA Revanth Reddy demanded a judicial probe into the purchase of Augusta Westland chopper by the then YSR regime and its sudden destruction in fire mishap. Of course, TDP never misses an opportunity to hit back at late YSR and his family. But, just because TDP demanded something, we cannot ignore its merits. In a 35-point statement detailing the procurement process that was kicked off in 2002 and its actions to date, the Defense ministry said it had also asked the UK-based firm's chief executive to "categorically" and "specifically" state whether deals were struck with any Indian individual or entity for securing the contract.

So, the middlemen of Finmeccanica were very active in India since 2002 and one of them could be this Guido Haschke, ostensibly planted by the company. We need to find out how this Swiss based middleman could become a director of EMAAR-MGF real estate firm and get closer to late YSR. We also need to find out if Haschke got any bribes for AP's chopper purchase too. The CBI should probe all these angles.

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# Aim High, as Sky is the Limit

By Jaywant Naidu

Archery is the art, practice, or skill of propelling arrows with the use of a bow. Archery was in the past always used for hunting and combat. A person who participates in archery is known as an 'Archer' or 'Bowman', and one who is fond of or an expert at archery can be referred to as a 'Toxophilite'. The bow seems to have been invented in the later Paleolithic or early Mesolithic periods. The oldest indication for its use in Europe comes from the Stellmoor in the Ahrensburg valley North of Hamburg, Germany and dates from the late Paleolithic, about 10,000 – 9000 BC. The arrows were made of pine and consisted of a mainshaft and a 15 to 20 centimeter (6 – 8 inches) long fore shaft with a flint point.

Archery was highly developed in Asia. The Sanskrit term for Archery, Dhanurveda, came to refer to martial arts in general. In East Asia, Goguryeo, one of the Three Kingdoms of Korea was well known for its regiments of exceptionally skilled archers. Archery in India is a very ancient game, played since the heydays of Rajas and Maharajas. It has also a special mention in the Hindu Mythology, which has some of the established legendary names like Arjuna and Karna.

For a considerable period, whenever an international archery event beckoned, India used to look up to the inspiring Limba Ram as the lone medal hopeful. However, the emergence of a crop of talented Indian archers has considerably boosted India's chances at the world stage. With old war-horse - Limba Ram no longer at his prime, young Indian archers like Tarundeep Rai and Jayant Talukdar have taken upon themselves to lift Indian archery to new heights. Moreover, the introduction of modern and sophisticated equipments has proved to be a boon for the upliftment of the sport in India. Some famous Indian archers of repute have been Limba Ram, Satyadev Prasad, Tarundeep Rai, Jayant Talukdar and Dola Banerjee.

## Arrows and fletching :

The most common form of arrow consists of a shaft with an arrowhead attached to the front end and with fletchings and a nock attached to the other end. Arrows across time and history are normally carried in a container known as a quiver. Shafts of arrows are typically composed of solid wood, fiberglass, aluminum alloy, carbon fiber, or composite materials. Wooden arrows are prone to warping. Fiberglass arrows are brittle, but can be produced to uniform specifications easily. Carbon fiber arrows became popular in the 1990s and are very light, flying even faster and flatter than aluminum arrows. Today, arrows made up of composite materials are the most popular tournament arrows at Olympic Events, especially the Easton X10 and A/C/E. The arrowhead is the primary functional component of the arrow. Some arrows may simply use a sharpened tip of the solid shaft, but it is far more common for separate arrowheads to be made, usually from metal, stone, or other hard materials. The most commonly used forms are target points, field points, and broadheads, although there are also other types, such as bodkin, judo, and blunt heads.

Fletching is traditionally made from bird feathers. Also solid plastic vanes and thin sheet like spin vanes are used. They are attached near the nock (rear) end of the arrow with thin double sided tape, glue, or, traditionally, sinew. Three fletches is the most common configuration in all cultures, though as many as six have been used. However, if archers are using fletching made of feather or similar material, they may use same color vanes, as different dyes can give varying stiffness to vanes, resulting in less precision. The fletching

may be either parabolic (short feathers in a smooth parabolic curve) or shield (generally shaped like half of a narrow shield) cut and is often attached at an angle, known as helical fletching, to introduce a stabilizing spin to the arrow while in flight. Whether helical or straight fletched, when natural fletching (bird feathers) are used it is critical that all feathers come from the same side of the bird. Oversized fletching can be used to accentuate drag and thus limit the range of the arrow significantly; these arrows are called flu-flus. Misplacement of fletchings can often change the arrow's flight path dramatically.

## Aiming Methods:

There are two main forms of aiming in archery: Using a mechanical or fixed sight or barebow. Barebow aiming methods include Gap, Split Vision, Point of Aim, String Walking, Face Walking and aiming. Mechanical sights can be affixed to the bow to aid in aiming. They can be as simple as a pin or optical with magnification. They usually also have a peep sight (rear sight) built into the string which aids in a consistent anchor point. Modern compound bows automatically limit the draw length which gives a consistent arrow velocity while traditional bows allow great variation in draw length. Mechanical methods to make a traditional bow's draw length consistent are sometimes used. Instinctive archers use a sight picture which includes the target, the bow, the hand, the arrow shaft and the arrow tip, as seen at the same time by the archer. With a fixed "anchor point" (where the string is brought to, or close to, the face), and a fully extended bow arm, successive shots taken with the sight picture in the same position will fall on the same point. This allows the archer to adjust aim with successive shots in order to achieve accuracy. Modern archery equipment usually includes sights. Instinctive aiming is used by many archers who use traditional bows. The two most common forms of a non-mechanical release are split-finger and three-under. Split-finger aiming requires the archer to place the index finger above the nocked arrow, while the middle and ring fingers are both placed below. Three-under aiming places the index, middle, and ring fingers under the nocked arrow. This technique allows the archer to better look down the arrow since the back of the arrow is closer to the dominant eye, and is commonly called "gun barreling" (referring to common aiming techniques used with firearms).

## Junior National Archery Championship:

The Andhra Pradesh Archery Association is conducting the 35th Junior National Archery Championship at Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, Sports Complex, Gachibowli, Hyderabad from the 14th to the 21st of February 2013. More than 400 Archers from over 25 States and Sports Units are taking part in the event. Some of the Archers include National Champions and International medal winners who have brought laurels to the country on the world stage, such as Ritul Chatterjee, Jyothi Surekha and CH Jignas from Andhra Pradesh and several others from around the country. State Director General of Police V Dinesh Reddy, IPS; who inaugurated the event, said a team of AP Police would be groomed in archery. V Dinesh Reddy observed that as the emphasis of state police is on non-lethal weapons, archery could be useful for policemen in tackling law and order issues. He requested the Association to depute a team of coaches to groom policemen in archery. "Players use bamboo arrows in Indian Round, which are inexpensive and easily accessible and are appropriate for the entry level in Archery", said Andhra Pradesh Archery Association president Anil Kamineni.

## Corporate Social Responsibility by Bokaro Steel:

Mahender Karmali and Karan Kumar Karamkar, the two teenagers from Kasmar village and both sons of farmers, have earned a name for themselves as archers. While, Karmali has been selected for the 35th National Archery Championship to be held in Hyderabad from February 14-21, Karamkar bagged silver medal at the All India Inter-University Archery competition held in Amritsar recently. However, the young archers thank Bokaro Steel's (BSL) corporate social responsibility program that gave them the chance to be trained under Jharkhand's Archery coach for girls Anjela Singh. "The CSR department not only spotted us but provided training and archery kits free of cost," It is because of Bokaro Steel that we learnt the archery skills and got this position," said Karmkar. Both the archers have performed well in the Jharkhand State Archery competition recently organized by BSL. Karmali had also bagged bronze medal in the 30-m Indian round at the state level competition. Six hours of intensive training on a daily basis has been the essence foundation of their success.

## Olympics and Archery:

The Indian Olympic archery team competes at the Summer Olympic Games in the sport of archery. India first entered an archery team for the Summer Olympic Games in 1988, at the games. The national governing body of archery as a sport in India is the Archery Association of India. Deepika Kumari won an individual gold medal in archery at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, beating Olympic bronze medalist Alison Williamson. Along with Laishram Bombayla Devi and Chekrovolu Swuro, Kumari won a silver medal in the team event at the 2011 World Archery Championship.

## Problems as Susual:

The Indian government has suspended the Indian Archery Association pending a re-election. The president of Archery association, V K Malhotra, has served three terms and is over 70. Both are in violation of the age and tenure restrictions.

So problems are always the impediment to success in the field of sports in India. ♦

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## Sri Govindaraja Swamy float Festival from Feb 19

Sri P.Venkatarami Reddy, Joint Executive Officer TTDs released wall posters on The Annual Float Festival of Sri Govindaraja Swamy Vari Temple, Tirupati which will be conducted for seven days from February 19th to 25th. During the festival, the processional deities Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy on February 19th, Sri Parthasaradhi Swamy on February 20th, Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy on February 21st, Sri Krishna Swamy Varu and Andal Ammavaru on

February 22nd, Sri Govindaraja Swamy Varu on February 23rd to February 25th will be taken out procession in Pushkarini in the evenings. Special programs such as Bhajans, Annamaiah Sankeerthanas Programs will be performed by TTDs Dharma Prachara Parishad, Annamacharya Project during the programs. Deputy EO (Local Temples) Sri Chandrasekhar Pillai and others were present.



### SUDOKU 257

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

**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 can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

### ANSWERS Sudoku-256

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

Answer 256 : Suresh Sharma, Himayathnagar

### Laugh out loud

#### SANTA KI SHADI

**SANTA-** Kal meri shadi hai aur ladki walo ne kam log bulaye hai.

**BANTA-** to isme prob kya hai?

**SANTA-** pata nhi papa mujhe le jaynge ya nahi

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#### SANTA BANTA FIGHT

**santa aur banta ke bich me fight ho rahi thi**

**Banta:-** saale mai tere kapde phaad ke tujhe nanga kar dunga

**Santa:-** dekh serious ladai me romantic baat mat kar

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#### Machli Khayega

**Santa:** oye banta machli khayega?

**Banta:** nhi yaar usme kaante hote hain.

**Santa:** oye chadd yaar, chappal pahen ke kha lena

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#### Cigarette Se Dur Rahna

**Banta Cigarette pe 2 metre pipe laga kar pee raha tha.**

**Santa :** Tu pipe laga kar cigarette kyon pe raha hai

**Banta :** Doctor ne kaha, Cigarette-Bidi se dur rehna.



## ASTRO FOCUS

Feb 17 - 23, 2013

**Aries:** You will have to work harder to maintain the required level of efficiency. Professionally you will continue to grow and will keep coming across new opportunities one after another. Growth opportunities will develop through interaction with influential people. This week you should take time out of your hectic schedule and try to relax as much as possible.

**Taurus:** Your leadership qualities would be highly appreciated. Influential people would be supportive and extremely helpful. Seeking advice from those who care would ultimately be rewarding. Your attitude at work would open new avenues for you and the hard work that you do would not go unnoticed. Minor difference of opinion with your spouse would bring tense moments at home.

**Gemini:** This week improving your skills and knowledge should be on your list of priorities. Sudden good news brings happiness and lifts your morale. This week you are likely to get involved with new activities to make some quick money. Those of you, who are still pursuing studies, would find this week to be favorable for you. Cooperating with your partners would bring mutual benefits.

**Cancer:** At work you are likely to win appreciation and awards for your brilliant efforts. You should spend some time for recreational activities. This week is especially beneficial for artistic and educational pursuits. Your practical approach to life would win you appreciation from people who would be watching you. Good news from overseas would bring in happiness for the entire family.

**Leo:** A busy week ahead as pending issues would require immediate solutions. Religious feelings will arise making you spend more time on religious and spiritual activities. Some vital decisions for improving your business may help you derive much benefit of them later on.

**Virgo:** Your quest for knowledge will awaken your desire to read and learn. Your inherent talents will come into lime light. Be away from disputed areas. Your bank balance may increase due to recovery of old dues. Keep a straight thought when interacting with eminent people. Unexpected guest might visit your house later in the week. Your Love/ spouse improvement will be a source of joy to you.

**Libra:** You may likely to witness some adverse situations at domestic front but it is in your hands to handle the situation. Proper financial planning is the need of the hour. Control your wasteful expenditure. It is difficult for you to keep up your promise or your word. Better be balanced. Do not give any promises. Some of the natives may likely to participate in functions.

**Scorpio:** Your ability to be practical in business would help. As you work towards a bright future, new money matters will keep you busy. Someone you work with may try to jeopardize your future plans. some extra time with your family members. The employed will get opportunity to elevate their professional career further. You should focus on your goals and making money.

**Sagittarius:** Networking is vitally important early this week -- make sure that you spend as much time as you can deal with clients, ringing up colleagues and generally strengthening your working relationships. Friends are most helpful this week when they provide inside career tracks.

**Capricorn:** This week you will find yourself bubbling over with enthusiasm and energy. This week you will make some additional money through your remarkable creativity, while sitting at home. Your responsibilities can keep you busy with your work. Friends are most helpful this week when they provide inside career tracks.

**Aquarius:** This is the right time for major decisions on the professional front. Your ability to be practical and straight forward in business will bring you enormous gains. Travel and related activities will bring both gains and pleasure. This week your mind would be engrossed in new money making ventures. Hard work and sincere efforts would bring good results and rewards. Romance would rule your heart this week as you find immense pleasure in the arms of your beloved.

**Pisces:** Growth opportunities will develop through interaction with influential people. Excitement over new projects and financial gains will energize you. Financially, your position will be sound and better than you had expected. Good week for students and professionals as they witness steady progress in their respective fields. Your ability to stand out in the crowd will bring you popularity and recognition. Partners would be enthusiastic about your new plans and ventures.

# Integrate with Music



**P**rem Joshua, fusion music expert was in Hyderabad to perform at Hard Rock Café in GVK Mall. He spoke to Decan Post.

## What is your view about Fusion music?

Fusion music is not any mix of two music forms. It's a very specialized 'Art Form'. We do not create some hotch potch on

stage. Fusion music is not about musicians of different countries coming together or playing East and West music forms. Indian music has a very spiritual history. The ragas of Indian music and the western rhythms need to be very carefully combined.

We work only after understanding tradition and culture of the East and the West. Then come the elements of Funk,

Lounge and Jazz.

## How did 'Prem Joshua' happen?

Whoever saw love in my music called me 'Prem'. We all look forward to love in this world.

## Who are your teachers in music?

I learnt Sitar from Ustad Usman Khan. I learnt Flute from many teachers. My spiritual master is the great Osho.

## Tell us about the lyrics that come into your vocal music renditions?

We use the spiritual material from the Upanishads or beautiful poetry of mystic or revered philosophers like 'Jhoolelal' or Lord Krishna, Meerabai, Kabir, Hafiz, or Lord Shiva. Spiritual chantings also are a part of our vocal songs.

## Who are the musicians that you listen to?

There is hardly any time to listen to music. In the past, I used to listen to great classical musicians from India.

## How does Indian classical music appeal to you?

Indian classical music is being propagated by the young musicians in India. But, the new experiments of Jugalbandi and fusion are also taking place. This is a good sign. One needs to understand how to retain the essence of the original form and also create something new.

## How do you feel to be in India?

Mother India has been my home for nearly fifteen years all together. I love this country and look forward to integrate with its music and musicians. ♦

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## Bipasha - The new Face of Fear?

In the past, when we thought of horror movies, then the first name comes would be Ram Gopal Varma. But now, when we think of them, then one of the names that will pop up for sure is of voluptuous Bipasha Basu.

It all started when she went back to the movie franchise "Raaz". After that, she signed for Aatma with Nawazuddin Siddiqui which will be directed by Suparn Verma is releasing soon. She recently signed on Vikram Bhatt's new horror flick titled "Creature". Then there are plans of Aatma sequel. Quizzed about her sudden fondness for this genre she said "I have become the face of fear. I don't mind being a trend setter. Horror is a genre of entertainment and if it has the producers and the audience, then why not."

She also said that in each of her horror films, her role was different. She also feels that horror as genre has a lot to be explored and is still at a nascent stage. "Each and every one of them has had very different roles. While I was listening to the narration, I thought the film would be fabulous. The script and screenplay attracted me," she said.



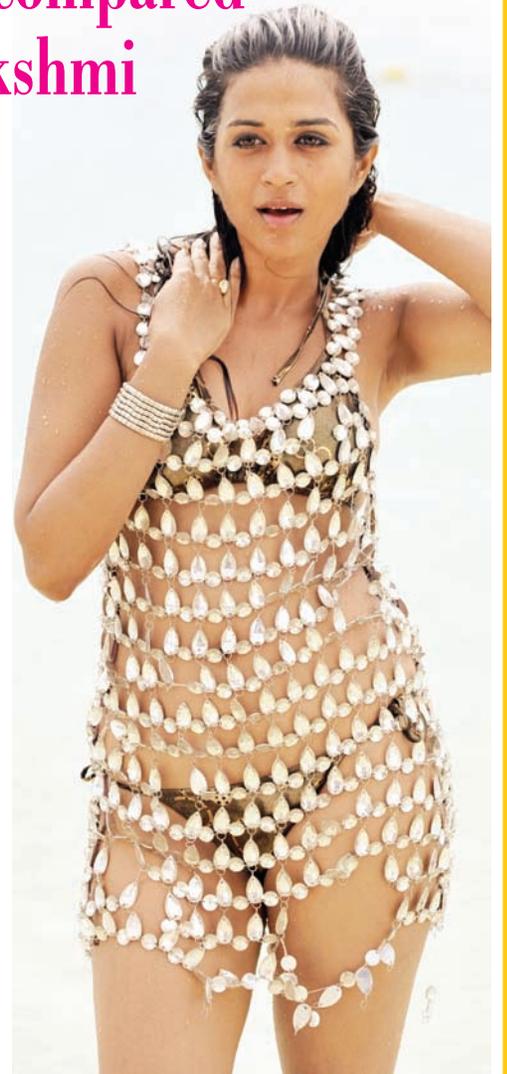
## Shraddha Das compared with Jyothi Lakshmi

YVS Chowdhary who received severe setbacks with multiple flops is currently busy wrapping up his upcoming film "Rey". He's introducing Sai Dharam Tej, the nephew of Chiranjeevi, in his upcoming film Rey. Saiyami Kher and Shraddha Das are playing the lead roles opposite Sai Dharam Tej in this musical love story.

Few days ago he stated that Saiyami Kher will be a star heroine in future and now he has praised Shraddha Das, although in a different way. "I used to be a big fan of Jyothi Lakshmi and Silk Smitha during their heydays and I used to eagerly look forward to their appearances in films. After a long time, I finally saw the features of Jyoti Lakshmi in Shraddha Das, who's playing an important role in Rey. Her character's name is Jenny and she's an American pop star who can't tolerate any competition. Shraddha is sizzling hot in the film," YVS Chowdhary said.

Rey's shooting is in its final stages and the last schedule is being shot in Hyderabad. YVS Chowdhary is directing and producing the film and it'll hit the screens in summer this year.

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# Market is cautious

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market further continued the weakening trend and is seen in a subdued trend in the last few days. Many fundamentally good stocks have declined sharply in the current reactionary trend and there are fresh concerns about an immediate bullish trend in the stock market. Sensex extended its losses due to selling pressure by the domestic players, while the foreign investors are reported to have made purchases worth thousands of crores even in the last few days. American market which is close to the all-time high levels, has witnessed a consolidation trend, and a minor correction is expected there.

The IIP (Indian Industrial Production) data, which was reported on 12th February has witnessed a further weakness and there is no revival seen, which has disappointed the stock market. Stock Market is currently concerned about higher current account deficit, and a lower GDP data. The Banking sector leader State Bank, has on 14th February, reported a lower than expected quarterly financial results and has put the banking stocks on a cautious mode. The Automobile major producer Tata Motors, has also reported a lower than expected quarterly results.

Only software and Pharma stocks were seen in a firm trend, even at higher levels, while the Banking stocks, Automobiles, Steel, Cement, Infrastructure, were all seen in a weakening trend. Meanwhile, the commodity market has witnessed a rally and many leading



metals were seen in an uptrend. Aluminum, Zinc, Copper, Nickel, Lead, which are used in various industries, have appreciated strongly in the last few weeks in the commodity market. But, the precious metals like the Gold and Silver were seen struck in sideways and indecisive trend. Gold has to break-out of the technical barrier of 31,000 and silver has to sustain above 60,000 in the MCX commodity market to enter into an uptrend.

Meanwhile, Crude petroleum prices have again gone up, and have the next major barrier above at 5,400 and next 5,600, where a correction is possible, for the traders to be

cautious.

The Rupee is seen in a minor appreciation trend from 56 to 53 levels, in the last few weeks. In-case of any further decline below 53, then it indicates a further depreciation of the dollar.

Market, is now eagerly waiting for the Annual Union Budget which is expected on 28th February, which is expected to provide a next direction for the market. Market is expecting incentives for various industries, which would have a positive impact on the stock market.

Stock market is expected to move in a further sideways and consolidation mode in the next few days, till the Union Budget. Technically on the charts, Sensex only in-case of any failure to sustain above the current major support of 19,500, then it indicates a further short-term correction for the Short-term Investors to be cautious. Hence, it is advisable for the Investors to wait for some time, before entering into the market.♦

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

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