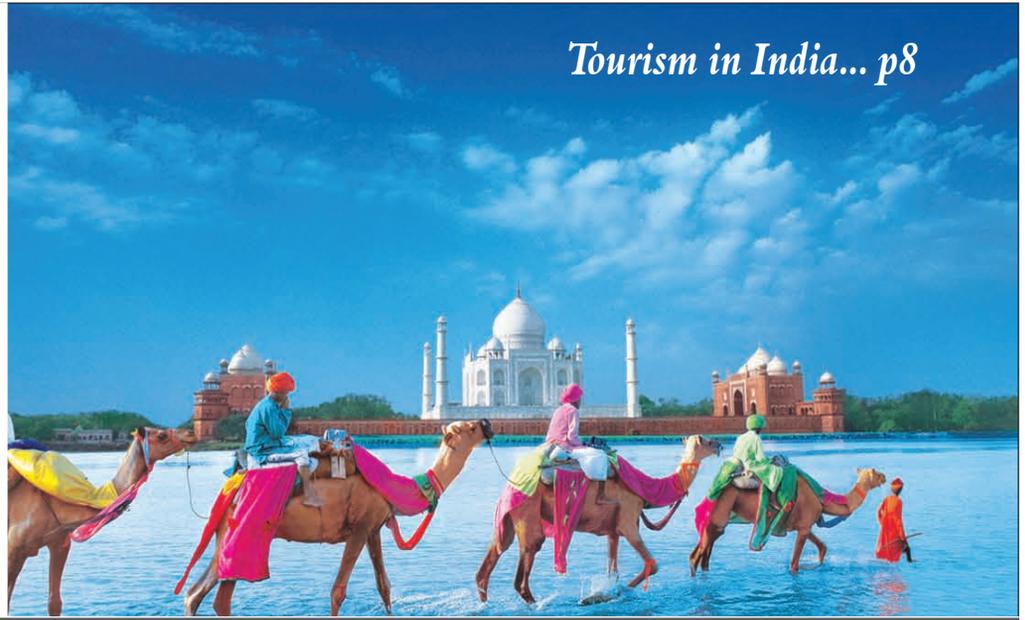


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Why lull in T stir?



By Our Political Correspondent

Suddenly, there is a lull in Telangana agitation. Ever since the all party meeting was called and convened by the union home minister Susheel Kumar Shinde on 28th December last year; there was a lot of expectation set by the union minister about a possible decision within the time frame of one month unilaterally announced by Shinde. Many anticipated some sort of decision likely to emerge by 28th January spelling out the policy framework of the UPA government over resolving the statehood issue of Telangana. There were a lot of fireworks exchanged between the Telangana and Andhra camps in view of congress functionary Ghulam Nabi Azad rubbing the deadline undertaken by Shinde. After some initial angry outbursts, the Telangana leaders are not making any fresh noises. In fact, no one is talking about fresh deadlines and nobody is issuing fresh ultimatums to the Congress High Command or the Central government.

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Worst part is the joint action committee of numerous Telangana organizations including some political parties (T-JAC) headed by Prof Kodandram --- which used to issue daily threats to governments and instruction to T-parties has also stopped making any such noises. Even after declaring dates for blockade of National Highways in Telangana, under the name of "Sadak Bandh", the JAC went back twice and deferred it in one or the other pretext. At the same time, within the ruling congress no one is talking about change of either chief minister in the Congress government or even in Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC), which till a few weeks ago appeared imminent.

Why this sudden lull in the Telangana movement when elections are just a year away and the Parliament budget session is underway and that the budget session of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly is slated to commence next week. What are the factors that contributed to this hushed silence among the people who were till now actively engaged in the movement which has been backed by lakhs of people of this region?

A closer analysis of the present political situation tells us that all the major political parties and the JACs, of different brands and hues are responsible for this present lull, in their own way. All those

who made loud noises and tall claims on this sentimental issue have a definite role in this conspiratorial silence that best suits their electoral interests.

TRS and KCR:

Many are of the firm belief that the TRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao is primarily responsible for the dilution of current public movement moving on top gear for Telangana state. Observers opine that KCR always wanted to carry on the T-movement only as a political purpose oriented movement exercising complete monopoly and was never interested in organizing it as a mass movement that requires a broad based platform comprising of several parties committed to the statehood of Telangana. KCR has borne the brunt of many strong Telangana organizations for willfully diluting the "Sakala Janula Samme" the general strike undertaken voluntarily and enthusiastically by lakhs of employees, engineers, advocates, medical doctors, teachers, TNGO, Students, Singareni Colliery employees, RTC employees etc., during September/October 2011 almost paralyzing the entire state administration. It was a historical non-violent and non-cooperation movement that could have surprised Gandhians living today.

Soon after that the TRS mounted pressure on Telangana MLAs belonging to

various parties to resign hoping to cash in on the sentiment. But only a few from TDP and ruling Congress responded. They all won the by-polls held in March last year. Recently, when the JAC called for "Sagara Haram" on September 30th last year i.e. 2012, KCR was away in Delhi lobbying hard for an appointment with Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, which he failed to get. After returning to Hyderabad disappointedly, KCR was surprisingly angry with the JAC for its agitation approach and is said to have scuttled many plans by the JAC to intensify the agitation. After languishing in National Capital for 50 days desperately meeting all and sundry - he was all the while assuring everyone back home about the imminent possibility of congress deciding on Telangana; but after failing to make any headway, KCR returned a very bitter man. He rubbished the congress yet again and conducted a think tank session at Karimnagar on 7th and 8th of November 2012 wherein he declared his mission of single handedly winning about 100 MLA seats and 15 MP seats in the next general elections.

Now, KCR is openly talking of winning more seats - not less than 100 MLAs and 15 MPs - in next general elections, slated to be held in 2014. KCR is also not ready to share platform with any other party or outfit to accommodate

others. KCR is also openly opposing the moves by others like Nagam Janardhan Reddy to enter into JAC. Nagam who quit the TDP and his MLA seat in response to the call of JAC has been deliberately sidelined by the steering committee of the JAC. The Chairman of JAC- Prof Kodanda Ram is now a much marginalized personality. Insiders in the JAC say that "Kodandaram is buckling under pressure exerted by KCR and his cronies. This sort of feeble surrender on the part of Kodanda Ram has seriously dented the credibility of Kodandaram to manage the various organizations present in the JAC.

The dullness in Telangana movement is a result of KCR's plans to bag more seats in local bodies' elections, expected to be held in the coming two-three months. The election oriented approach of KCR can be best understood by his insistence on contesting the legislative council elections this month. Though, his party has only 17 MLAs and needs another 10 votes, he is bent on fielding a candidate - Mohamood Ali. This has been the attitude of KCR from day one.

In fact, KCR was never been active in launching a mass movement. He mastered the modus operandi of hijacking the movement whenever some or the other organization had taken a lead. But, now in the changed circumstances, other





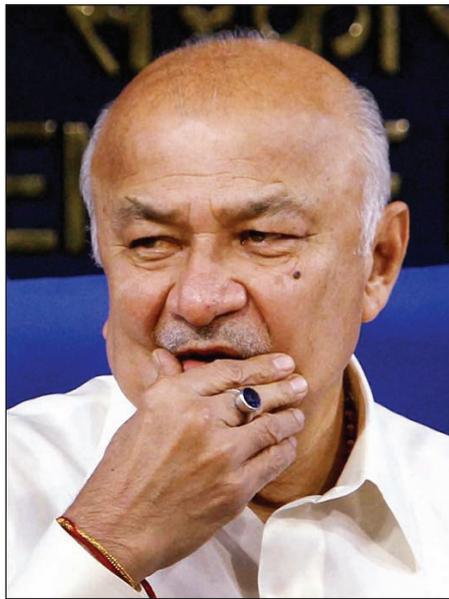
people's organizations appear to have clearly understood the game plan of KCR, and hence they stopped inviting him to their platforms. This is one reason why there are not many public meetings or agitation programs these days.

KCR's master stroke so far to outshine others has been to conduct massive public meetings now and then. He holds them once in six months or so, that too if a cash rich leader sponsors it. Gradually, people have grown aware and are not ready to trust KCR or his party's lip service. The problem is KCR does not believe in mass agitation, though he claims his party as a mass movement party.

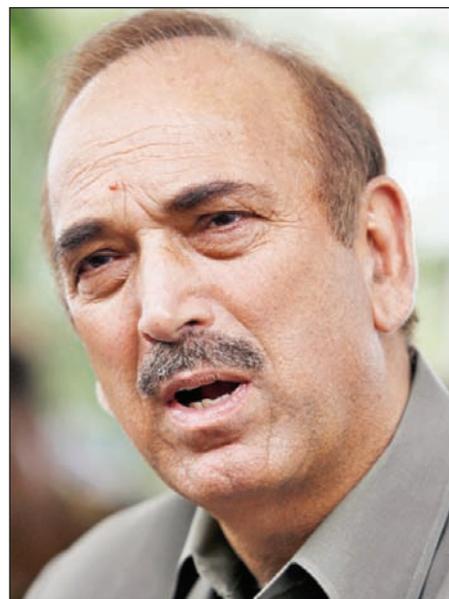
He only believes in winning more seats in the parliament and assembly by hook or crook and then lobbying through corridors of power. The way he offered to merge his TRS in Congress, if Sonia was ready to announce a road map for Telangana state only indicates his typical mindset. He wants to achieve Telangana, however only if it fetches him and his party a maximum advantage.

T-MPs used as pawns in Sonia vs Jagan rivalry

TRS is followed by the Congress MPs who often threaten to resign their seats, to secure T-state. That is the only



way they fight for Telangana. But, now they have become "a bunch of jokers" whom nobody is ready to believe in this region. So far, they have resigned three times and took back their resignations each time. Even the party high command has stopped taking them seriously. Even among the Congress MPs, only six out of the total 12 (including three union ministers) are talking about Telangana state. Former Rajya Sabha member K Keshav Rao, known as KK, has gone out of circulation, after his efforts to engineer



mass defections from Congress to TRS have failed. Now, neither Congress nor KCR take KK seriously.

However, the Congress high command has been quite crooked and clever than any other party when it comes to Telangana issue. The party core committee meets once in 15 days and media is leaked information that the issue of separate Telangana figured at the meeting. But, minutes later, the spokesman of the party or a key leader

denies discussing the issue. The Grand Old Party of India wants to keep the T-issue boiling forever. They pretend to be serious about the issue and drop hints that they are going to take a decision on splitting Andhra Pradesh, into two, three or even four states. But, they never take the decision. One day they call T-leaders to Delhi and the next day they invite Seemandhra leaders.

As of now, the latest buzz is that Congress might take a decision on Telangana, after the current budget session of Parliament that lasts till May. However, any decision to split the state is solely linked to sizing up YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. It appears the congress high command's strategy is simple. Keep everyone tenterhooks till the time of reckoning arrives. Till then, the party hopes to manage any agitation for the formation of the T-state with a clear motive of sustaining it till such time some concrete decision is taken. The Congress leaders in AP, like minister K Jana Reddy tell people that there is no need of any stir, as the Centre has already made up its mind to grant T-state. That works because these leaders have realized that their high command has turned paranoid about Jagan's electoral success and as such feel nothing needs to be done as any decision will be taken only after assessing Jagan's ability to crush congress.



Telangana state would be reality before 2014 elections only if Jagan is perceived to emerge successful.

TDP and YSRCP: tweedle dee and tweedle dum

There is absolutely nothing in common between these two bitterly opposing rivals. The YSRCP has been offshoot of late YSR's political ideology. YSR has fought TDP all through out and crushed it in two successive general elections making the TDP leader Chandra Babu Naidu a frustrated man cursed to suffer the rest of his life with no political future. But, fate is something which is supremely unpredictable. The sudden death of YSR and the subsequent political happenings instead of benefiting the TDP have thrown in new possibilities completely unthinkable. The emergence of YSRCP under the leadership of Jagan is one of the most dynamic political happenings in the country. With both opposing the ruling congress; it is a serious fight for survival. However, coming to spelling out their stand over Telangana, both the parties have more or less adopted the same strategy of playing hide and seek.

The YSRCP has to a large extent squandered away its political chances by its stand spelt at the all party meeting in Delhi on 28th December 2012. However, the TDP continued to fish in troubled waters by playing safe for now. Both these parties have a strategic approach in making their stand clear. Since there is no

second political party apart from TRS; the possibility of these two parties taking advantage of anti-TRS sentiment cannot be ruled out.

BJP and CPI blow hot and blow cold

As far as other parties and players are concerned, they do not know which way to go. While many top national leaders are more interested in Telangana, their state leaders like Kishan Reddy, Vidyasagar Rao and Dattatreya, who normally go by the line of Venkaiah Naidu are averse to launch a mass movement for Telangana, as its weakness would be exposed. It appears that there is a lot of expectation about Gujarat CM Narendra Modi's charisma coming into full effect after the formal emergence of Modi as the Prime Ministerial candidate of the NDA.

The CPI which has not joined the T-JAC has been high lightening the cause of Telangana at every level. But, the glaring thing is that it doesn't take initiative to take the movement forward on its own. The typical attitude has been to become active whenever there is a perceptible surge in the public sentiment. However, the CPI has shown enough consistency to spell out its stand clearly favouring the formation of Telangana state. Same is the case with CPI (ML) New Democracy too. These comrades talk a lot, but are not interested in leading an agitation. Unless, the Centre takes initiative to form Telangana state, based on its popular demand, there is no possibility of a mass



agitation being launched by any of the present political parties in the region as each political party is keen on gaining a handful of seats.

Nagam's enduring dilemma

Then lastly but not leastly, the new player Nagam Janardhan Reddy who has been claiming that he was going to form a new party is not revealing the potential he is capable of in leading an agitation from the front. Nagam, although considered sincerely committed to the cause of Telangana has been shying away from a dominant role and showing more interest in making his presence felt over TV channels and media cameras. Nagam has been rated as one of the most credible leaders amongst the present lot of political class. However, he has not taken any initiative to organize any agitation, especially after being sidelined nastily by

the T-JAC after the Sagara Haram March. But, his recent statements of floating a new political party are not coming with serious intent. It appears that they are intended at best to keep the jittery TRS and JAC on tenterhooks.

In the end, if the political fallout of the delay in the central government (UPA regime) taking a decision to resolve the issue of state division continues; the bitterness that is growing day by day between people of the two regions would undoubtedly manifest in affecting the entire growth engine of the nation. One expects the prime minister who is an economist to understand the nuances and take some decision to clear steer the situation that has engulfed the important state of AP in a quandary of all sorts. ♦

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CP talks tough in taking action against Corrupt Cops

By B Shivkant, Crime Correspondent

Last week Deccan Post has published the reality behind the over enthusiastic vehicular checks conducting by the lower rung police officials in wake of Dilsukhnagar bomb blasts which took place on 21st February, 2013. The police was seizing the cash from the vehicles and commuters who are believed to be local businessmen and common man coming for shopping to Hyderabad city and most of the cases were not referred to the Income Tax department or any competent departments such as Vigilance & Enforcement, Enforcement Directorate, Revenue Intelligence etcetera. The police was doing a great favour to the above mentioned concerned departments by doing their work instead of doing their own. When the Crime Correspondent of Deccan Post took the matter to the Hyderabad Police Commissioner Anurag Sharma and explained him what is being alleged at the grass root levels and how the lower rung police officials are harassing the traders, dealers, small businessmen, common public who are coming to Hyderabad city for shopping for the marriages with cash to buy gold, clothes, kirana and general items, steel and silver utensils are facing unbearable trouble by the conduct of vehicular checks. The lower rung police officials are insisting for bills and source of the cash carried by the commuters and it is reasonable for the business people as they do transactions but it's quite tough for the common man who saves some money from his hard earned monthly income every month for the marriage of his daughter and want to gift gold and other gifts on the auspicious occasion.

The Commissioner assured that there would be no seizure of cash from the common man and if any police official seizes forcefully and harass them in returning the same then the citizens should directly approach him and complaint in writing about such incident and he assured immediate action such as instant suspension and other departmental action against such officer. He also spoke to all the Deputy Commissioners of all zones in the Hyderabad city to see that the common man is not disturbed by the vehicular checks. The Commissioner also assured that the Hyderabad police will fully cooperate with the NIA and will catch hold of the terrorists and who provided them with the shelter and crack the conspiracy of Dilsukhnagar bomb blasts very soon.

On the other hand, the DGP Dinesh Reddy while talking to media said that the vehicular checks will continue till the festival of Maha Shivarathri and they have identified a person through CCTV footages who was wandering near the blast sites just before 20 minutes and he also stated that they have sent the photos to all the terrorist affected states to identify the suspect. Indeed how helpless our DGP is who had to depend upon information from other states. Has the DGP forgot to form a team of AP police to nab the suspect? Has he forgot that he is the Head of the Police Forces of a big state like Andhra Pradesh and he can use all his forces to nab the suspect who is believed to be behind the Dilsukhnagar Blasts? Has he forgotten to check with the available data base of the terrorists with the state police?



The things are so tensed in Hyderabad city for the common man that can not be explained in any language. Recently, a Circle Inspector of Police in West Zone has allegedly collected Rs 20,000/- to release the gold around 20 Tolas from a victim whose gold has been seized during the vehicular checks. The interesting thing is that only Central Zone Police under the leadership of VB Kamalasan Reddy are over enthusiastically conducting vehicular checks and they are believed to be the highest ones in seizing gold and cash leaving behind even the Commissioner's Task Force. It seems the Central Zone police officials have forgot that the vehicular checks are meant to prevent any further terror attacks on Hyderabad city and to catch hold of any suspect who is behind the devilish act of attack on innocent people in form of bomb blasts. It is being alleged that the Central Zone police has seized almost 17 crores of rupees from the common man and local businessmen without even reporting to the higher officials and took huge amounts to release the same to the persons to whom the money actually belong.

It seems many officers are crying foul with the media reporting about cash seizure in West Zone of the Hyderabad city as they lost the golden opportunity to make fast bucks in no time. The Hyderabad police has not shown any interest in declaring the amounts and the gold seized till today and why they will?

While talking to the Crime Correspondent of Deccan Post along with Feelkhana Traders Association President, the Commissioner of Police replied to a question raised by the traders and common people and said they can approach him or the zonal Deputy Commissioners anytime if they have any complaint with the behavior of any police

official. But, Kotwaal Saab forgot that most of the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of Police don't even respond to the calls made on their official phone numbers leave about addressing the problems. It is being alleged that most of the Circle Inspectors of Police as well as the Assistant Commissioners of Police are being transferred and getting postings with the sole blessings of the city bases ministers and MLAs and that too after paying huge mamools to them and that's the reason is being considered that most of the Real Estate business conducted by the kith and kin of the ministers in the city going unreported and no action is being taken against the complaints made against those local ministers and MLAs. While responding to Deccan Post, Anurag Sharma rejected all such of kind allegations and said he is a No Nonsense Man and do not entertain any political interference or influence upon him. The Commissioner must remember that if he don't get influenced then there are other people who are not less than slaves of the political hierarchy and can do anything to please their political bosses. If one can believe the claims of the Commissioner then it will be evident in the next phase of transfers in police department. It is pertinent to mention here that there has been no action taken against the police officials who have grossly failed in containing and controlling the recent riots in Hyderabad city especially Sabzimandi where a loss of lakhs of rupees has occurred due to the negligence of local police officials who are busy in collecting mamools from the slaughter house, vegetable market, fishermen, washermen and butcher community and cries foul that the officers of their batch got promotions and find fault with the religions and religious practices of all communities. The commissioner should take serious

cognizance and should ignore any political recommendations in transfers and taking action against the officers who have failed on law and order front and successful in making fast bucks illegally.

It is being speculated that there will be a change in guard of Hyderabad and Cyberabad Commissionerates but it appears far from the truth as no police commissioner in India has any information of bomb blasts in their respective cities and it's the responsibility of the Intelligence wing to smell such kind of heinous conspiracies but it appears especially when there is less than a year in the general elections that the Intelligence and Vigilance wings of the Andhra Pradesh government are busy in pleasing their political bosses including the Chief Minister by giving them ground level statistics of possible vote transfer, vote percentage and the prospective performance of various political parties and candidates in all regions of the state.

It is being said in many circles that the people of the state especially Hyderabad people are living in 18th Century courtesy by the failed, unable, incapable, ineffective, meaningless, hopeless, hapless and pathetic political administration which is busy in tackling the onslaught of other political outfits and how to ignore the decades long demand of granting statehood to Telangana and showing utmost urgency in sanctioning tenders of Irrigation Department to their favourite companies. It appears that the government has become shameless and it does not bother about its credibility and performance and it seems they are not bothered about the bomb blasts in Hyderabad city at all. Will there be any concrete action taken against the corrupt police officials? Wait and Watch. ♦

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Perverse policing must stop at once

We have been witnessing heavy police searches in Hyderabad city in the last few days. Thousands of policemen came over the streets and started frisking each and every passing vehicle, bikes and even pedestrians on the excuse of security preparedness. Police barricades were put up on all main roads causing severe inconvenience to traffic. People are so panicked that many busy commercial areas like Jagadish Market, Abids, Begum Bazar, Rani Gunj and Afzal Gunj wore deserted look since last few days. Media offices were abuzz with phone calls from the public who are curious about whether there have been any fresh security alerts from the Central investigating agencies, akin to those in the third week of last month.

However, DGP Dinesh Reddy made it clear that there were no fresh alerts behind the intensified searches across the city. "These are routine operations intended to keep a vigil on situation. People need not panic". True, but the ground reality is otherwise. Firstly, the public are still scared of moving around freely and fearlessly. The tragic twin bomb blasts at Dilsukhnagar last month are fresh in the public memory. The death toll which stood at 16 went up to 17, after another young man succumbed to injuries on Thursday. Still another four or five persons are struggling for life, and are in a critical condition. Many other families which suffered the blast impact are yet to grapple with life.

If the trail of tragedy is one thing, the



course of investigation by several high profile agencies in the last two weeks is another thing. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) which has been entrusted with the task for cracking the blasts case is still unable to find solid evidence to nail anyone. Though, the NIA came to a tentative conclusion that Indian Mujahideen (IM) is behind the blasts, no specific lead is there. The NIA sleuths have brought IM suspect Maqbool and his associate Imran Khan from Tihar Jail in Delhi to Hyderabad by a special flight on last Friday and paraded them at Dilsukhnagar blast site and a few other places where they had admitted to have conducted a recce last year. As they could not provide any useful tips, the duo

was again sent back to Delhi jail.

This entire episode reminds us of one thing that the NIA cops should have done this long ago, especially immediately after Maqbool's confession to the Delhi police on his recce. But, our cops have taken their sweet time before acting. A dozen or so people who were grilled by the cops in the last few days too could not reveal any leads in the case. The mock tests conducted by the cops at various malls, cinema theatres and public places have proved that none of them is safe for public. All this has caused considerable alarm among the people who are worried about their safety. When things are like this, the police have been adding fuel to the fire by increasing the fear psychosis

through their overzealous acts.

The police during their intensified searching and frisking have seized good amounts of gold and cash from the public. In about dozens of instances, the police have seized cash from people and asked them to come to the police station to give an account of it. In some cases, people carrying gold and jewelry too were put to inconvenience. Such things will not enhance the image of our police at all. People should not be further terrorized by these police actions, at a time when they need an assurance of safety and security. This is essential to instill confidence among fear stricken public of Hyderabad. ♦

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All parties facing.....

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I praise the way it predicts the things very rightly much before any other media do. I find Deccan Post very accurate in its analysis about any given issue and last week's cover story is the example of the same. The government is on back foot for conducting elections for the local bodies everywhere in the state of Andhra Pradesh and its worried a lot about its results. The Telugu Desham Party, YSR Congress Party as well as the TRS all are facing tough challenge in Telangana region as nobody knows the outcome and have no idea about the outcome of the polls. The biggest question in the minds of various



parties is that who will perform better. The Telangana people are tired and fed up with the dictatorial style of functioning of TRS leader KCR and it appears that a new face with credibility will be welcomed by the people of the T-region. I believe that it will be successful if Nagam enters the fray atleast now and provides an alternative platform to the people who are aspiring for Telangana since a long time.

Sainath Reddy, Shamshabad

Our Police do business.....

Your last week's story on Lens-Eye page titled Bomb Blasts in Hyderabad: Our Police do business as usual was the mirror to the happenings in Hyderabad city and its surroundings. It is a fact beyond doubt that the police got failed on every front to counter terrorists and their inhuman activities and now

after the irreparable loss to the humanity in form of Dilsukhnagar Bomb Blasts the police officers in the city are trying to show the people that they are concerned and still working. It has become routine for them to seize the cash from the business people and commoners and harass them in returning the same. It appears that the DP correspondent investigated the matter to the depth and came up with such an exclusive write up. Atleast now the police should not trouble the common man in the name of security checks and seize their invaluable cash and stop all kinds of harassments and will work collectively with the support of people to counter terrorism and crime against humanity.

Nitin Sharma, Vijay Nagar Colony

Naidu, YSR & Kiran.....

The leaders of all political parties in Andhra Pradesh are now playing a usual blame game after the Supreme Court has allowed Babli Project in Maharashtra

and gave a favourable judgment in favour of Maharashtra. TDP blaming the YSR government and Congress party says it was TDP government under Chandra Babu's leadership which allowed the construction of Babli Project over Godavari River in Maharashtra. Many leaders from both the TDP, and Congress questioning the silence of TRS party and its leader KCR. Now the Kiran Kumar Reddy government says it will file a review petition in Supreme Court but the loss is already causes to Telangana and there is a strong threat that the Northern Telangana Districts will be drought affected and there would not be much water for agriculture sector. Atleast now the politicians should stop thinking about saving their chair and gain political mileage and do some work for the betterment of the citizens.

Narsingh Rao, E-mail

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Tax Racket by Central Government against State Governments

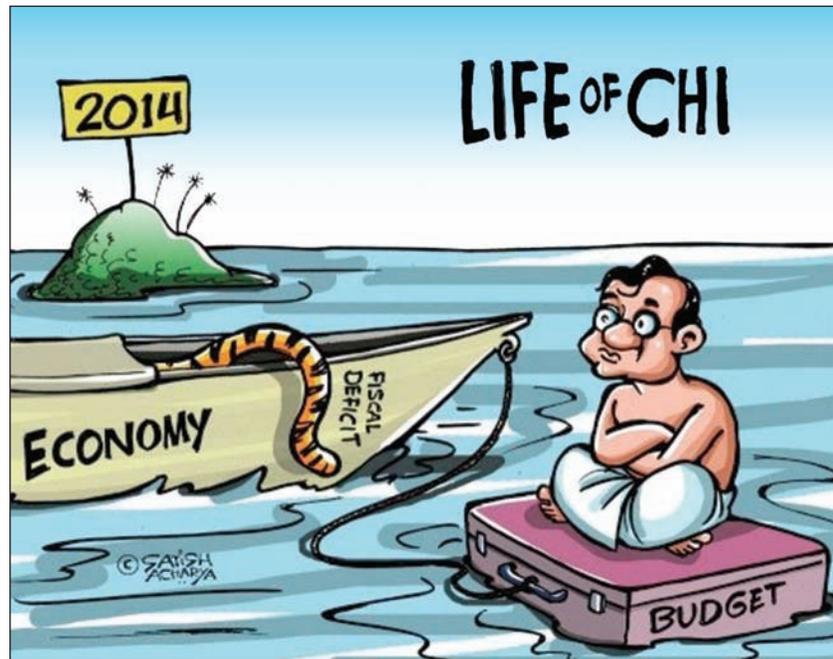
By Dr CP Ramaswami

The Finance Bill, 2013 includes a bombshell thrown at the State Governments by the Central Government. It is in the form of Clause 7 seeking to insert clause (iib) in section 40 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Section 40 includes provisions for amounts not deductible in computing business income. So far, this section included only expenses incurred by way of interests, royalty, fees for technical services, commission, brokerage etc. paid to anyone without deduction of tax at source therefrom.

First time an innovative provision is sought to be inserted regarding any amount, by whatever name called, paid by, or appropriated from, directly or indirectly, any State PSU to/by the state government. The type of Assessee covered by this provision are any statutorily created corporation, any company where the State Government holds more than 50% of paid up equity capital, either singly or jointly, or any company or corporation controlled by the State Government, or any authority board or institution or body established or constituted by or any Act of the State Government or owned or controlled by the State Government.

Illustrations of companies falling under the above categories would be all Urban Development Authorities, all Road Transport Corporations, all Liquor Corporations, every conceivable assessee created by any State Government carrying on any business, whether making profit or loss. All such institutions would be driven to pay income tax/corporate tax on their gross receipts because all their legitimate expenses (falling under any of the categories of Royalty, Licence Fee, Service Fee,



Privilege Fee, Service Charge, or any other fee or charge by whatever name called, which is levied exclusively on, or appropriated directly or indirectly from, a State PSU by the State Government), are not deductible, while computing their business income.

It says "any amount appropriated directly or indirectly from any PSU owned or controlled by State Government". This provision can be easily misinterpreted and applied even on interest payments and dividend payments which any State PSU is bound to pay or reimburse to the respective State Government from whose revenues the capital contribution has come.

It appears that this provision is being inserted,

perhaps, to hit the State PSUs established by all the state governments – the worst hit will be State PSUs of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, which are reportedly being run professionally and are contributing substantially to the exchequer of the respective State Governments. This would result in drying up the resources of the State Governments and fattening the central exchequer. Unlike the Income Tax shared (with the states) of more than 90% of the amount collected, the corporate tax is being shared only since a decade, that too gradually reaching about 60% of the collection from the respective states. Therefore, there would be a perennial loss to the State PSUs and consequently to the State Governments. This provision would hit the inclusive growth at the State level.

This move is a retrogradestep affecting the Federal structure enshrined as a basic structure of our Constitution. In my opinion its Constitutional validity is highly questionable in terms of Article 289 R/w Articles 14 and 265 of the Constitution of India. It is significant to note that this rule is not applicable on Central PSUs.

Surprisingly, some State Governments like the AP Government had the clairvoyance to make retrospective amendments to the VAT Act and convert all such levies listed above into additional VAT payable by AP State Breweries Corporation with retrospective effect. Thereby, such States would escape from this extortionist net.

It is hoped that better sense would prevail upon the Central Government and this provision would be still born in the Income Tax Act. ♦

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40. Amounts not deductible.—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sections 30 to 38, the following amounts shall not be deducted in computing the income chargeable under the head "Profits and gains of business or profession",— (a) in the case of any assessee.

(i) any interest (not being interest on a loan issued for public subscription before the 1st day of April, 1938), royalty, fees for technical services or other sum chargeable under this Act, which is payable,— (A) outside India; or (B) in India to a non-resident, not being a company or to a foreign company, on which tax is deductible at source under Chapter XVII-B and such tax has not been deducted or, after deduction, has not been paid during the previous year, or in the subsequent year before the expiry of the time prescribed under sub-section (1) of section 200:

Provided that where in respect of any such sum, tax has been deducted in any subsequent year or, has been deducted in the previous year but paid in any subsequent year after the expiry of the time prescribed under

sub-section (1) of section 200, such sum shall be allowed as a deduction in computing the income of the previous year in which such tax has been paid. Explanation.—For the purposes of this sub-clause.

(A) "royalty" shall have the same meaning as in Explanation 2 to clause (vi) of sub-section (1) of section 9;

(B) "fees for technical services" shall have the same meaning as in Explanation 2

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to clause (vii) of sub-section (1) of section 9;

(i-a) any interest, commission or brokerage, rent, royalty, fees for professional services or fees for technical services payable to a resident, or amounts payable to a contractor or sub-contractor, being resident, for carrying out any work (including supply of labour for carrying out any work), on

which tax is deductible at source under Chapter XVII-B and such tax has not been deducted or, after deduction, has not been paid on or before the due date specified in sub-section (1) of section 139 :

Provided that where in respect of any such sum, tax has been deducted in any subsequent year, or has been deducted during the previous year but paid after the due date specified in sub-section (1) of section 139, such sum shall be allowed as a deduction in computing the income of the previous year in which such tax has been paid.

i) "commission or brokerage" shall have the same meaning as in clause (i) of the Explanation to section 194H;

(ii) "fees for technical services" shall have the same meaning as in Explanation 2 to clause (vii) of sub-section (1) of section 9;

(iii) "professional services" shall have the same meaning as in clause (a) of the Explanation to section 194J;

(iv) "work" shall have the same meaning

as in Explanation III to section 194C;

(v) "rent" shall have the same meaning as in clause (i) to the Explanation to section 194-I;

(vi) "royalty" shall have the same meaning as in Explanation 2 to clause (vi) of sub-section (1) of section 9;

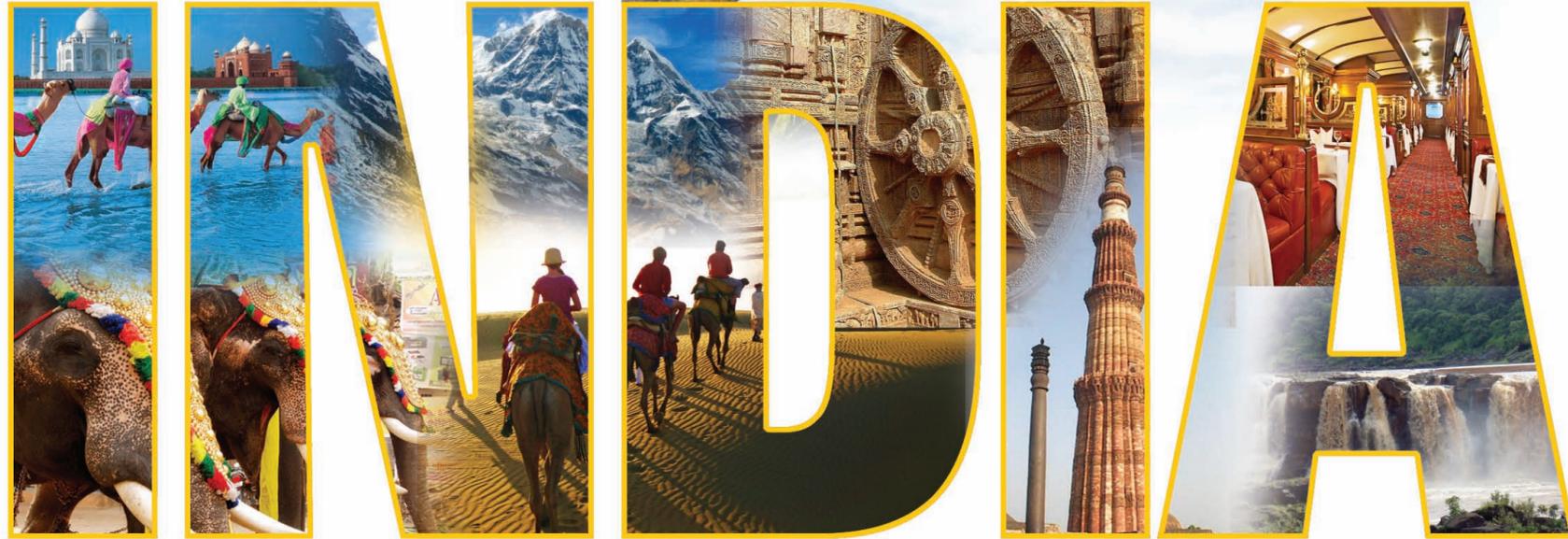
(ib) Omitted

(ic) any sum paid on account of fringe benefit tax under Chapter XIIIH;

(ii) any sum paid on account of any rate or tax levied on the profits or gains of any business or profession or assessed at a proportion of, or otherwise on the basis of, any such profits or gains.

Explanation 1.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that for the purposes of this sub-clause, any sum paid on account of any rate or tax levied includes and shall be deemed always to have included any sum eligible for relief of tax under section 90 or, as the case may be, deduction from the Indian income-tax payable under section 91.

Tourism in



The Potential Economic Goldmine

By Jaywant Naidu

Tourism is travel for recreational, leisure, or business purposes. The World Tourism Organization defines tourists as people 'traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes'. Tourism in India is a large industry. The World Travel and Tourism Council calculated that tourism generated \$121 billion or 6.4% of the nation's GDP in 2011. It was responsible for nearly 39 million jobs, 7.9% of its total employment. The GDP of the tourism sector has expanded 229% between 1990 and 2011. The sector is predicted to grow at an average annual rate of 7.8% in the next decade. In the year 2011, there were nearly 6.29 million foreign tourist arrivals in India, up by over 8% from the year 2010 when 5.77 million foreign tourists arrived in India. Domestic tourist visits to all states and Union Territories numbered nearly 747 million. The majority of foreign tourists come from the United States (16%) and the United Kingdom (12.6%). In 2011 Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Delhi were the most popular states for foreign tourists. More often, domestic tourists visited the states of Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai and Agra have been the four most visited cities of India by foreign tourists during the year 2011.

UNWTO Commission meet in Hyderabad:

India is hosting the 25th Joint Meeting of UNWTO Commissions for East Asia & the Pacific and South Asia in Hyderabad on 12th and 13th April 2013. The Joint Commission meetings will be a two day event. The meeting will be held in Hyderabad and will be co-hosted

by Andhra Pradesh Tourism. The delegates will comprise of heads of Tourism Ministries/ Departments and UNWTO officials. Hotel Taj Falaknuma Palace also known as the 'Mirror of the Sky' is the venue for this meeting. Built in 1894, Falaknuma Palace took ten years and four million rupees for its magnificent, physical evolution in the shape of a scorpion. Designed by British architect William Marret, the Palace took a rumored 22 years to perfect and has been owned in turn by Sir Vicar-ul-Umra, PM of the State of Hyderabad, Nizam Mahboob Ali Pasha and Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahadur. Bought over in 1895 and used as the residence of Nizam VI until 1911, Falaknuma Palace later went on to be used as a royal guesthouse for dignitaries, including free India's first President Dr Rajendra Prasad who availed of its famed, lavish hospitality in 1951.

The countries participating in the Conference are Commission of South Asia members (UNWTO) namely:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, LR of Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Commission for East Asia and Pacific members (UNWTO) namely:

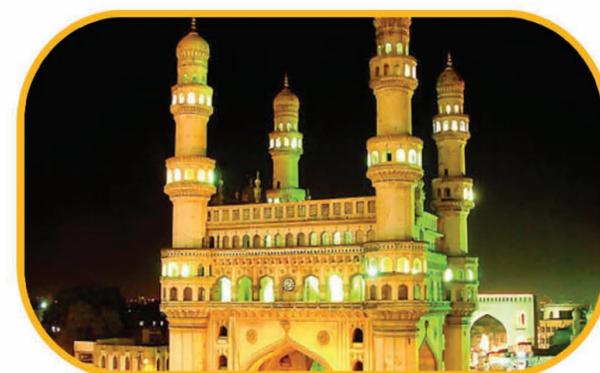
Australia, Brunei, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPRK, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Timor, Vanuatu and Associate Members namely Hong Kong and Macau.

Tourist visa on arrival:

Tourist Visa-on-Arrival is being granted to a foreigner who is a national of Finland, Japan,

Luxembourg, New Zealand, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Laos, Myanmar and Indonesia.

1. Whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sight seeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, short duration medical treatment or casual business visit etc and no other purpose/ activity;
2. Who does not have a residence or occupation in India;
3. Who holds a passport with minimum six months validity, and a re-entry permit if that is required under the law of the country of nationality of the applicant;
4. Who is a person of assured financial standing (the production of a return ticket and availability of sufficient money to spend during his stay in India may be considered sufficient for this purpose).
5. Who is not a person-non-grata to the Government of India;



6. Who is not considered an undesirable person and is not the subject of a black list or any warning circular or other restrictive list.

A citizen from the above named countries who wants to come to India for a longer duration should be granted a visa of the appropriate category by the Indian Mission/Post concerned. This facility shall not be available to the citizens of above named countries if the person or either of his/her parents or grandparents (paternal or maternal) was born in, and was permanently resident in Pakistan. Such persons can visit India after obtaining appropriate visa from the Indian Mission/Post concerned.

Validity: A Tourist Visa-on-Arrival will be valid for entry and stay into India within the period of its validity subject to conditions specified. The Immigration Officer may grant single entry Tourist Visa-on-Arrival up to 30 days to nationals of Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Laos, Myanmar and Indonesia.

3. Conditions for Tourist Visa-on-Arrival:

Tourist Visa-on-Arrival shall be non-extendable and non-convertible. At the time of issue of Tourist Visa-on-Arrival, the Immigration Officer must make it clear to the foreigner that a Tourist Visa-on-Arrival can neither be extended nor converted to any other kind of visa during his/her stay in India except in the following circumstances and with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs:

a) Tourist Visa-on-Arrival may be converted to 'X' (Entry) Visa if a foreigner who has come to India on Tourist Visa-on-Arrival marries an Indian National during the validity of his/her Tourist Visa-on-Arrival. Such conversion would be considered subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

1. Submission of a copy of a Registered Marriage Certificate.
2. Report from the concerned FRO/FRRO about their marital status which will, inter-alia, include his/her antecedents, confirmation about their living together and security clearance.

b) Tourist Visa-on-Arrival of the foreigners who fall ill after their entry into India rendering them unfit to travel and require specialized medical treatment may be converted to Medical visa if they are eligible for grant of Medical Visa and medical certificate is obtained from the government recognized hospitals. In such a case, Tourist Visa-on-Arrival of the attendant accompanying the foreigner (whose Tourist Visa-on-Arrival is converted to Medical Visa) may also be converted into Medical Attendant (Med-X) visa co-terminus with the Medical visa of the Foreigner.

Tourist Visa-on-Arrival shall be allowed for a maximum of two times in a calendar year to a foreigner with a minimum gap of two months between each visit. The Tourist Visa-on-Arrival facility shall not be applicable to holders of Diplomatic/ Official passports.

Tourism Minister K Chiranjeevi recently met Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde and submitted a proposal seeking extension of VoA facilities for 16 important countries like France, South Africa, Germany, Russia, Malaysia, Brunei, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Spain, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago.

Scope of tourism in India:

The scope of Tourism in India is very wide and could include:

Medical Tourism:

It is one of the fastest growing segments in India. India has been able to leverage on certain advantages it has over other countries like highly skilled doctors, cost effective treatment, improved quality of private healthcare etc. Some of the common treatments for which overseas patients come to India are heart surgery, knee transplant, cosmetic surgery and dental care and traditional rejuvenation therapy like yoga and ayurvedic therapy.

Eco Tourism:

It involves visiting natural areas without disturbing the fragile ecosystem. Eco tourism generates wealth for the local people, who in turn

take measures to conserve and protect the environment and natural resources. The Himalayan region, Kerala, North-East, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep islands the Western and Eastern Ghats are some of the important areas for visit.

Heritage Tourism:

Fort, Monuments, Palaces, and many religious places including colonial heritage, urban renewal, religious tourism, industrial heritage and ethnicity are in large numbers in the country.

Adventure Tourism:

Adventure sports like river rafting, rock climbing, mountaineering, trekking, skiing, snow climbing, scuba diving and angling can be undertaken in India in the Trans-Himalayan region, the Garhwal and Kumaon mountains, the Western Ghats, deserts of Rajasthan, Andaman and Lakshadweep islands.

The earlier we work on all these areas the more can the country and its people benefit from it. Hope our country's tourism sector blossoms soon.

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8th Day Sri Balaji Brahmotsavam-Rathotsavam

In the penultimate day of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Brahmotsavam in Srinivasa Mangapuram near Tirupati, on the eighth day, the Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy along with His consorts were seated on a high pedestal throne and taken in a procession around the four mada streets in a 30 ton wooden chariot. The Rathotsavam festival is a highly emotional event known for the flow of bhakti sangeet, keertans, bhajans and full pitched rendering by the devotees who accompany the procession of the deity. The Rathotsavam is significant for its salient features. It is dragged by devotees and temple staff with the help of secure four inch thick jute ropes all along the thiru mada streets surrounding the temple shrine. The Rathotsavam has a special spiritual message embedded in the Kathopanishad which compared it to blending of the soul with the body. The saint poet Annamacharya says that divine being that was an embodiment of all living things, was thus dragging his own chariot. Sri LVSubramanyam,



Executive Officer, Sri P Venkatarami Reddy, Joint Executive Officer, Sri Chandrasekhar Reddy, Chief Engineer, Smt Reddamma, Dy EO (Local Temples), Sri Sudhakar Rao, Supdt Engineer, Sri Lakshman Naik, AEO, Sri KS Narayana Chary, Archaka, Temple staff and large number of devotees took part.



SUDOKU 260

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

ANSWERS Sudoku-259

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

Answer 259 : K Veena, Vidyanagar.

Laugh out loud

Santa n Banta were watching a cricket match.

When Dhoni hits a boundary.

Banta: Kya Goal mara.

Santa: Raha Na bewakoof ka bewakoof, Goal is mein nahin cricket mein hota hai

Girl's status on Face Book:-

"Iam so sad :("

(35 likes,198 comments)

Boy's status:

"I am going 2 committ suicide ;-("

(2 likes, n 1 comment)

Dekh le yar.

Ho sake to na kar

Biwi(gusse me): Tumarey dimag me to sirf gobar bhara ha

....

Pati(pyar se): to phir itni der se

kun kha rahi ho.

Teacher : Google is a girl or a boy..?

Student: Google is a Girl.....

because it won't let you complete the whole sentence and start guessing, suggesting.....and you ask only one question..... but get hundreds of irrelevant answers in seconds...

Man: Sardar jee aap ko garmi lagi hai to kiya karte ho?

Santa : AC k pass ja k Beth jata hoon

Man: Agar phir bhi garmi lage to?

Santa: to AC on kar leta hoon

Santa : aaj main NE pani ko ullu bana diya.

Friend: pani ko ullu? Who kaise?

Santa : oye! Subha main NE

pani garam kiya aur thande pani se naha liya

A man phones a mental hospital and asks the receptionist if there is anybody in Room 27

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She goes and checks, and comes back to the phone, telling him that the room is empty

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"Good," says the man. "That means I must have really escaped."

Husband: if I die, will u remarry?

Wife: no, I'll stay with my sister.

Wife: if I die will u remarry?

Husband: no I'll also stay with your sister.

ASTRO FOCUS

Mar 10-16, 2013

Aries: Financially, your position will be sound and better than you had expected. Some challenging project will see you express your skills in a very different way. Businessmen and investors will see past investments reaping profits. Interaction with friends will be fruitful and could lead to interesting opportunities. Those in love will have a happy period ahead.

Taurus: An opportunity to start a new venture with quick financial gains is likely. Going out with friends will be exciting and you will learn new and different skills. This week you'll have new experiences which will allow you to show your good points and your flair for long-term business. Creative people will have to use take initiative, be intuitive and sensitive.

Gemini: Your sustained efforts would achieve good results. This time period would be instrumental in making you more active and improving your creative skills and talents. It would be beneficial for you to make sustained efforts to control your expenditure. The stars are also favorably disposed towards relationships between sexes.

Cancer: Leadership qualities and ability to understand people would benefit at work. Efforts at family front would enable to bring greater spontaneity and freedom in interaction with others. Wonderful week to look into new courses that interest you.

Leo: Money making efforts will be profitable provided you work on new ideas and plans. You have a good opportunity to involve yourself in some interesting conversation today. Your ability to stand out in the crowd will bring you popularity and recognition. You nurture romantic friendship by amicably resolving all conflicts. Exercise more care to maintain your health.

Virgo: Your new ideas and technical knowledge will make a good impression on others. Outdoor sports events and entertainment Program will help you keep relaxed. Any other affair may also convert into a romantic affair and you may solemnize your marriage. Today health much depends on your thinking therefore think positively.

Libra: The work assigned to you this week might be a test of your expertise and knowledge. You would gain an upper hand in competitive and other challenging activities. Timely solution will bring happiness at home. Lucrative investment schemes will attract. Your plan to own a house is ought to be in the right way.

Scorpio: The period under consideration is favorable for enjoying good health most of the time. Some information that you have in your hand too would prove beneficial. Monetary position remains balance even expenses rise because of a rise in income. Your creative instincts would increase and some of you would receive wide acclaim in those activities. Joint ventures will make steady progress. Friends would try to keep you happy. Long wait to get a positive response at romantic front is likely to realize.

Sagittarius: You should try to reap the maximum benefits for furthering your career interests. Your optimism will win support of everyone around you. Students will feel motivated to study for better grades in exams or competitions. The next few days will see pressure on your work front arise giving you little time for recreational and other activities. At work you will be in the good books of your seniors and you will also benefit monetarily.

Capricorn: Your pioneering efforts are likely to earn you success and independence in your work. Do not forget to consult a financial expert before investing money. The period is favorable for enjoying progeny bliss too. Those planning a merger or partnership will be successful. Get involved in activities that will help you keep in perfect shape.

Aquarius: You will be in a commanding position as your confidence and enthusiasm will be high. Important messages should be attended to immediately. You will make financial gains if you get involved in speculation. Students are required to work hard to achieve their goals and objectives. Those suffering from some ailment or the other can hope for a swift recovery this week.

Pisces: In a way you are likely to gain the upper hand in almost every aspect of life. It may take some time but advance preparation would lead you to your desired goals. Some of you may have to undertake a long journey would be beneficial for you. Those of you who do not have a romantic partner are likely to meet the person of their choice during this week. It will be a good week to build up your stamina and reserves to tackle the coming onslaught of work.



Mental Abuse is Dangerous

Lakshmi Narayan, author of 'Bonsai Kitten' was in Hyderabad for the book launch at Landmark Store, Hyderabad. She spoke to Deccan Post about her first impressions as an author.

How did this book happen?

I started off this book to try and cheer my maid servant in Singapore who used to feel homesick, away from her boyfriend. I started it like a 'Mills and Boon book and every day she used to read what I had written. It started like a romantic novel but finally as they say, the book takes over the author and the subject moved away to larger issues of society, especially man and woman relationship. This book discusses loneliness of expatriates and the thought process of women in society. It took me nearly seventeen years to complete the book. I had many health problems like Uveitis and Sixth Nerve Palsy.

How and why do we see lot of humor in the book?

Humor is a part of society. It also is a way of putting things together. Any serious subject may

not be accepted right away or debated upon. I have tried to add the important spice of humor to let it go well with the readers. Those who understand the issue will definitely take the serious message behind the humor. It's a way of putting heavy issue with a light hand.

Why the title 'Bonsai Kitten'?

Once, my dog's veterinary doctor sent me an e-mail about 'Bonsai Kitten'. This was a hoax mail being circulated on the internet that a newborn kitten could be put into a jar and be injected with some chemicals through a probe to soften its bones. Eventually, the cat takes the shape of the bottle.

There is a mention about 'young brides' in your book. Is that a reality?

Today, in most Indian marriages, we find that the young bride is always made to mould herself according to the needs of the house of her husband. She has no control on her work and time. It is as per the wishes of her new home. These are more of observations here and there and my imagination.

What is your concern about domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse is not about beating up somebody. There is also a more dangerous abuse. That is mental abuse. This is done by a Man by using certain words to hurt a Woman. This is an attempt to chisel away little by little their self worth and self confidence till the woman has no faith in herself.

How do you see this phenomenon all over the world?

Domestic abuse of the mental kind exists all over the world in different degrees. This has nothing to do with race, religion or creed.

What book is coming next?

I still do not know. This is not a woman oriented book. I have Men there in the book, who are also very nice. Maybe something might trigger another book. I would like to write about my dog 'Tina' which was with me for 18 years. Maybe the next book would be 'Saying Goodbye to Tina'. ♦

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Soha's Royalty in reel life!

Soha Ali Khan, who plays the role of Ranjana in Saheb Biwi Aur Ghulam Returns, says that since the origin of the character was set against a royal background, she could easily relate to her character.

Being from a royal family, Soha Ali Khan understood the real depths of her character. But, when it comes to surviving in the fast life of a Metropolitan city like Mumbai, Soha Ali Khan's royalty takes a back seat. When questioned if her real life much like her reel life, the actress laughs and says, "I am

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living a in a two bedroom flat in the sub-urbs of Mumbai and am dependent on a single maid to do household chores who strangely does not turn up most of the time and end up doing all the work. What royalty are we talking about then?"

She also adds that the Royal life is fading away and is being replaced by independent lives. She says "I remember my grand mother telling us to be controlled with our emotions especially in public. We were taught to be restrained in our behaviour and I have essayed my character in a similar fashion in my film".



Esther to romance Sunil !

Comedian turned Hero Sunil, who has received a lukewarm response for his latest release "Mr Pellikoduku" has recently committed for a new movie under the direction of Uday Shankar to be produced by Suresh productions. The movie has been tentatively titled as "Bheemavaram Bullodu". Sunil was born in 'Bhimavaram' and he is popular in Bhimavaram so they are opting for the title named 'Bhimavaram Bullodu'.

Now, the latest buzz is that Sunil is going to pair up with a beautiful girl-Bahrain based Esther in this movie. Esther is currently playing the main lead in director Teja's next '1000 Abaddalu' and has grabbed the attention of T-Town with her ravishing looks with in no time. Esther is from Bahrain and is currently residing in Bangalore.

The film will be made on village backdrop and Suresh Babu will produce this movie on Suresh Productions. Mani Sharma is roped into compose the musical scores for the movie.

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Market revives from lower levels

By V Sundar Raja

The stock market barometer Sensex has witnessed a strong rebound at 19,000 levels, and it has reversed the earlier negative sentiment. Market's strong minor revival can be attributed to various positive factors like a strong American market which is now at all-time high levels and also due to strong buying support by Foreign Institutional Funds (FIIs) at the lower levels. Market recovered due to speculative buying by the traders and also due to investment buying of the stocks by the investors, as the values have come down to attractive levels.

Market has got into an uptrend, due to positive hopes that RBI would reduce the interest rates in its next meeting on 19th February and it is also expected that the inflation rate would also come down further in the near-term. There are also positive reports that the economy would see a revival in the next few months and it is expected that the worst is over.

Sector wise performance, the Software stocks continue to lead the market and the sector's major stocks have witnessed a strong rally that was not seen in the recent times. Banking stocks both Private and Public Sector Banks have seen a renewed interest and have reversed the earlier weakening trend due to positive hopes on the RBI interest rate decision. The Construction and Real Estate stocks made further positive advances and



have come into limelight.

Crude Oil is seen in a narrow range in-between at 5,000 levels, and it has to sustain above this resistance to indicate a short-term

uptrend, for the traders to be cautious. Precious metal Gold is seen continuing the weakness and is now closer to the major support of 29,000 in the MCX commodity market, where it is expected to see a recovery

for a short-term uptrend. Silver has witnessed a minor uptrend and it is expected to move into a sideways range in-between 57,000 and 53,000 levels, in the next few weeks.

The leading base metals like the Copper, Aluminum, Zinc, Lead, and Nickel have all halted the downtrend as they are closer to the major support levels, but are yet to enter into an uptrend.

Indian Rupee is seen in a minor decline against the Dollar and is now placed at the barrier of 55. In-case of any further sustaining above this barrier 55, then it indicates a further appreciation of the Dollar.

Technically on the charts, it is difficult to say whether market has got into an immediate bullish trend or not. But, the sudden revival in the market indicates that the market is unlikely to get into an immediate downtrend and is likely to witness a stabilizing trend. Sensex has to consolidate at the next major psychological barrier of 20,000 levels, to indicate a positive trend. Market is expected to see a consolidation trend at the next higher levels. The next major trigger for the market is the RBI meet, which is expected to provide a trigger for the next direction of the market. ♦

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