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## KCR – Consolidating the Gains



Mercurial KCR knows the dangers lurking ahead and is moving swiftly to enlist the support of three key sections in Telangana. Summoning up all his tack, he ropes in Muslims to confront the BJP-TDP combo, woos Dalits to weaken the Congress further and wins over Telangana employees to neutralize Chandrababu's bifurcation-time machinations. He realizes that consolidating his position is critical to the success of the Telangana government. At the same time, he is handing out an olive branch to the BJP by sending his son KTR for Narendra Modi's swearing-in. Is it KCR's way of teaching his son KTR the political nuances? KTR is running with the hare and hunting with the hound at the same time by being an emissary to Modi and MIM at the same time.

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By Our Political Correspondent

Come June 2, a new chapter would unfold in Telangana. The 10-district Telangana would be the latest yet addition to the 28 provinces of the Indian Union. And, lanky but fiercely determined KCR will become its first chief minister. At 12.57 PM on June 2, KCR would be sworn in at a befittingly solemn function in Raj Bhavan. Team KCR is likely to comprise 15 ministers, including two deputy chief ministers – Koppula Eswar from the Dalit community and Mohamood Ali from the minorities. Normally, this is time for rejoicing and celebration. This is time to get down to business brass-tacks and the routines of governance. But for maverick and mercurial KCR, this is time to look into the future and plan ahead. That's KCR for you, scheming and negotiating hairpin bends of the political kind. KCR is well aware that he still has quite a few dangers to contend with. The TDP may be down, but definitely not out. Its organizational structure is largely intact and fighting alongside a resurgent and rejuvenated BJP, the TDP bagged 20 Assembly seats and two MP seats. Backed by powerful Narendra Modi, Chandrababu is firing on all cylinders. He had even announced that the TDP might come to power in Telangana much before the 2019 elections. Given KCR's wafer thin majority in the Assembly, Babu might even lure quite a few disgruntled TRS MLAs and pull the rug from under the feet of a hapless KCR. Now, that's a danger bell ringing for KCR. The pink panther-



in-chief has to contend with two strong rivals – Narendra Modi at the Centre and an unrelenting Nara Chandrababu Naidu, who is going to inflict several pin-pricks as the chief minister of neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

#### Pink gets pally with Green

It is to offset this that the KCR had reached out to the MIM. He pressed the friendship request button by dispatching a team of TRS leaders, led by his son KT Rama Rao to Asad Owaisi's sibling Akbar's Banjana Hills home on May 21. Asaduddin Owaisi joined the discussions and a new political axis

came into being. The political significance of this meet cannot be under-estimated and the symbolism cannot be missed.

The TRS delegation reached out to MIM on a day when Modi was elected unanimously as the BJP and NDA leader. He was asked by the President to form the new Government. Modi's ascension to the PM post would naturally worry the Muslims in the country and KCR knew it well that it was the best time to rope in MIM.

Till recently, the MIM was an undeclared ally of the Congress. Ever since, the TDP moved to the NDA

camp, it aligned itself with the Congress. YSR's regime meant a windfall for the MIM. Though not an ally officially, the MIM was treated as a respected partner. It was as though MIM was part of YSR's Cabinet and every wish of MIM was fulfilled posthaste. Time was when the MIM used to tweek every police transfer in their burrough of Old City. Conversely, the MIM backed the Congress to boot in the Assembly and YSR reaped rich harvest of Muslim vote all across AP.

This is one of the critical factors responsible for YSR comfortably coming to power in 2009 with



156 MLAs in the Assembly. Even when Jagan broke away from the Congress, the MIM continued its support to the Rosaiah government. Of course, differences cropped up after Kiran Kumar Reddy came to power. Now KCR knows that aligning with MIM is the best course to meet the future challenge from the TDP-BJP combine, which with the help of Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan is planning to wrest control of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, which will go to polls between November and December. If the voting trend in the just-concluded Assembly elections is any indication, the TDP-BJP combine has an edge over its rivals in the GHMC. The BJP won all its five MLAs in Hyderabad, while the TDP has won handsomely in the outskirts. This is a formidable combination. The TRS and MIM have won two and seven MLAs respectively. Thus the TRS-MIM combo would be a perfect counterfoil for the BJP-TDP combine.

KCR is also ready to concede Owaisi's request to demerge the GHMC areas from the erstwhile MCH, which has just 100 divisions. Late YSR has added 50 divisions to the MCH and made it into a GHMC. If MCH is restored, then MIM will have upper hand in at least 45 seats and



with the help of TRS it storm back to power. Moreover, MIM support would act as counter-balance to BJP-TDP's combined force. This would also help KCR acquire an image of messiah of Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb that he so fondly repeats ad nauseum.

**Backing T employees to buttress**

**TRS Government**

Another smart move of KCR is to strongly defend the employees of Telangana on the issue of apportioning of Secretarial staff between the two emerging states. Instead of soft-peddling the issue, he chose to get aggressive. This will blunt the moves of Seemandhra leaders. KCR knows fully well that

his TRS could o't have sustained the Telangana agitation without the support and active participation of the Telangana employees. He realized this after the resounding success of Sakaja Janula Samme three years ago. This strike has played a major role in convincing the Congress high command to grant Telangana.

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The employees played a critical role in every programme of KCR during the last four years.

Now the division of Secretariat employees with a total strength of close to 1,900 has become a major issue for both the governments. Instead of allotting the staff based on the domicile status of employees, the Secretariat and Heads of Departments has allotted the staff

based on availability and surplus position. As a result, Vittal, a leading Telangana activist has been allotted to Seemandhra in the Board of Intermediate.

Naturally, this has angered Telangana employees' groups. The Telangana employees were pleasantly surprised to find KCR throwing his weight behind them. KCR has assured them of full support

and told them that he would stand by them in times of crisis. KCR's gesture of announcing cabinet posts for employees' leaders - MLA Srinivas Goud and MLC Swamy Goud - too has gone down well with the lakhs of Telangana employees. This move makes him stronger and guarantees the employees' support to him. The employee support is critical to the success of KCR's regime.

#### Winning over Dalits

In another clever move aimed at consolidating his position further, KCR has announced two deputy chief minister posts - one for Dalits - Koppula Eswar, MLA and another for Muslims - Mahmood Ali, MLC. This will pacify the Dalits who were angry with KCR for going back on his promise of making Dalit as the CM after Telangana was formed. Deputy CM's post would neutralize that anger to a large extent. Already the TDP, the Manda Krishna Madiga-led MRPS are breathing down the neck on the issue. The TDP, which projected prominent BC leader R Krishnaiah as its chief ministerial candidate, is attacking on all fronts.

KCR's choice of members of the

Chief Minister's Office (CMO) too is good. Senior IAS officer and Coal India MD Narsing Rao is expected to bring maturity and experience to KCR's administration. KCR's decision to appoint only IAS and IPS from Telangana in his CMO would help enhance his image and address the concerns of people of the region. At the same time, he is handing out an olive branch to the BJP by sending his son KTR for Narendra Modi's swearing-in. KCR realizes that the Centre's support is key to Telangana's growth and development. Is it KCR's way of teaching his son KTR the nuances? KTR is running with the hare and hunting with the hound at the same time by being an emissary to Modi and MIM at the same time. Thus winning over minorities, who form a huge chunk in Telangana, standing for the T employees and the gesture of making a Dalit and a Muslim deputy chief ministers will help KCR stabilize his position. This sue would enable him to have political smooth-sailing, administrative felicity and socially well-engineered team. Grooming his son for a bigger role is going to the icing on KCR's cake. ♦

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## *A Thank You from the bottom of Our hearts!!*

We take great pleasure in welcoming the passing of Andhra Pradesh State Reorganisation Bill - 2014 by our Parliament and completing the required constitutional process for formation of Telangana State.

It is a fateful moment for us in Telangana, and for the rest of our fellow brothers and sisters in India who have taken part in making our long cherished dream come true.

A new star has arisen, the star of self-respect in the Deccan. A new hope comes into being from on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2014.

Thank you Soniaji for honouring our decades long aspirations.

*We wish you well*

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# MIM-TRS bonhomie, what is in it for Telangana?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

The city of Hyderabad has witnessed how MIM President Asaduddin Owaisi, his younger brother Akbaruddin Owaisi have met the Chief Minister designate KCR at his residence recently and discussed about their alliance in the Telangana state.

It is a very interesting aspect of politics that how MIM party leader Asaduddin Owaisi claimed close 10 Janpath along with so many congress leaders such as YS Rajashekhara Reddy and Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy but all of a sudden he along with his younger brother got arrested during Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy's stint as chief minister, Asad took a U-turn and claimed that YSR Congress Party leader Jagan Mohan Reddy is his friend and explored his future prospects in the company of YSR Congress Party. MIM thought that late CM YSR has given reservations to Muslims and gave other educational and employment benefits to the Muslims and it would be beneficial if the MIM sails with YSR Congress.

But soon after the bifurcation, it was clearly evident that YSR congress is a non entity in the Telangana region and it could cause loss to the MIM, its leadership decided not to have any alliance with any part except a secret understanding with congress and TRS in few seats.



Just before the announcement of the election results on 16th May, KCR declared that if required he will take the support of the MIM party and its leader Akbaruddin Owaisi can be anointed as Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana state.

Why MIM and TRS are getting close? What could be the common gain for both the parties? How long their association can continue? The answers to all these appears to be nothing else than the upcoming Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections. These two parties might be of the opinion that BJP in the company of TDP can win more seats as the congress became

weak and MIM can not have its Mayor on its own. Previously, the MIM had a post poll alliance with the congress party and rotated the Mayor's post for a prescribed time limit. Now MIM leaders smelt that congress is of no use to them and TRS only can be a good partner to sail with, thus this combination is coming up.

On the other hand in the Hyderabad area, TRS has won only Secunderabad Assembly segment and could not win much seats in Greater Hyderabad as the issues are different in urban areas than the rural areas. The people of Hyderabad have not shown much interest in the Telangana statehood issue and they have their

basic civic problems such as scarcity of drinking water, electricity, bad roads, sewerage problems, house building permissions etc and can't be taken easily to get their votes in favour of TRS so TRS chose a short cut in form of MIM.

But will this combination succeed is a million dollar question as there was a lot of anger in many sections of people in Hyderabad when KCR stated that Akbaruddin Owaisi can be given Deputy CM's post to get their support thought many people opposed it and questioned how a person who is facing serious allegations of making anti national statements and hurting the sentiments of a community particular can be given such a crucial post just for the sake of garnering the support of MIM and forming TRS government? Many were of the opinion that if KCR made this statement before elections, he could have lost nearly 20 assembly seats and could have faced stiff challenge in many parliament seats too.

India has witnessed formation and breaking of many alliances and lets see how far MIM and TRS will be on the honeymoon. To what extent they can stop TDP & BJP alliance in Hyderabad will be decided in the GHMC polls. Let's see who will perform better. ♦

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# KCR must keep his poll promises

By Shivkant Bichkunda

Now the stage is all set for the swearing in ceremony in Raj Bhavan for TRS supremo KCR to form the first ever government of the 29th state of the nation. The people, especially the youth, students and women are waiting for KCR to fulfill the promises given by him during the electioneering.

It may be recalled that KCR made tall poll promises in his election manifesto and assured that he will work hard day and night to rebuild Telangana region which remained backward all these years.

The following were the poll promises of the TRS party.

1. Two Bed Room House for poor and needy free of cost.
2. Loan Waiver to farmers.
3. Government Employment to youth and women.
4. Pension will be hiked to Rs

1,500/- per month to the Old aged and physically challenged people.

5. Every Thanda will be given the status of Gram Panchayat.

6. Regularization of Contract Employees in all governmental departments.

7. A huge sum of Rs 50,000 Crores will be spent on Dalit Welfare.

8. Rs 25,000 Crores will be spent on BC welfare.

9. Rs 1,000 Crores will be spent on Muslim's welfare.

10. Buying electricity from

neighbouring states like Chhattisgarh and see that there will be no shortage of power in Telangana state.

After the TRS issued its manifesto, many political pundits raised their eyebrows and were of the opinion that all these promises can't be fulfilled by any government especially in a new born state like Telangana. How TRS party got required mandate in the state legislature is a different issue as there were so many reasons for the voters to vote for TRS. However, there are lurking fears that KCR might fail in fulfilling these promises. KCR and his TRS must keep in mind that it's the people of Telangana who have made him a hero and if he fails to deliver upto the expectations of the people then people will not rethink to boot him out of power in the next general elections whenever they take place. ♦

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# Modi's 'Akhand Bharat!' maneuver

For others, a glass is either half full or half empty. But, I view it differently. The glass is half filled with water and half with air," That's quintessential Modyism for you. In one deft diplomatic master stroke, Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi has shown that he can walk the talk and see an opportunity where there's none. His bold move of inviting the heads of all South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries for his swearing-in as India's 15th Prime Minister on May 26 shows that he has quite a few surprise initiatives up his sleeve and that he intends to get going from the word GO. He had also invited Afghanistan and Mauritius.

In one stroke, Modi has shown that he is going to be a pro-active helmsman and his plans for the nation include lot of out-of-the-box diplomatic moves. No Indian prime minister has ever invited the neighbours for the installation of a new Government at the Centre. By this one pro-active move, the Khaman-Khamani-relishing, Dhokhla and Khakhra-eating new PM has shown that what he envisions is a new, resurgent, pro-active India that asserts itself and claims its rightful place as an emerging global power. Modi's move has taken even giants like the US, China and Russia by surprise.

Modi move has put the pesky neighbor Pakistan in a quandary. It is an offer that it can neither refuse nor accept. Pakistan cannot refuse as all other SAARC heads of the states are queuing up to catch the first available flight to India. Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldivs, Sri Lanka and even Mauritius, that little India ensconced in the vast expanse of Indian Ocean, have gleefully accepted the offer. Bangladesh has decided to send the Speaker of its highest legislative body to the swearing in.

At the same time, Pakistan cannot accept Modi's offer as it is to the discomfiture of all the three bosses who actually run the Pak foreign policy. The strategic affairs experts say that traditionally Pakistan is proxy-ruled by three As – the Army, America and Allah (Fun-



damentalist-backed terror machinery). The US is clearly taken by surprise by the move. Traditionally, every move towards Indo-Pak détente – be it the Bus Yatra, Cross-border trade or even the summit at Sharm-al-Sheikh came through US prodding. Modi showed that he has a mind and plan of his own. The Pak Army is in a quandary whether to say aye or nay.

A powerful section in Pak Army is opposed to the Modi manoeuvre. They see him as a hardcore anti-Pak leader. Further, Pak PM's visit might weaken this anti-India lobby in Pakistan. Hence the opposition! For now, Nawaz Sharif is in a classic Catch 22 like situation. Modi understandably is savouring this.

The terror machinery has shown its displeasure by attacking India diplomatic office in Afghanistan's Herat province. By this one move, Modi has shown that he wants friendly relations with all his neighbours and demonstrated that India is game for a new beginning what with the change of guard at Delhi. The rich symbolism in Modi's masterly move is unmistakable.

Among those invited are four Muslim states (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Maldives), two Buddhist states (Bhutan, Sri Lanka) and two predominantly Hindu nations (India and Nepal). Thus all the three major religions of the Orient are represented. SAARC represents the GREATER INDIA, with an unmistakable cultural and historic Indian footfall through eons. This loose confederation of South Asian countries is verily the Akhand Bharat and Modi does not wish to miss the symbolism.

But Modi's success or failure would be measured not by the oodles of symbolism, but by how he handles issues. India has to contend with a rising China and its aggressive string of pearls policy of maritime encirclement of India. China has interests in Nepal, naval bases in Myanmar and Bangladesh, and is developing ports in Sri Lanka's Hambantota, Mauritius, Maldives and Pakistan's Gwadar. The acid test for Modi is tackling a petulant Pak and a belligerent Bangladesh. With Pakistan, there are bound to be pitfalls. For every bold Bus Yatra, there is a Kargil lurking around. For every Sharif Shake-hands, there is a gloved fist waiting to strike. Despite this, Sharif is a safe bet.

Modi is also hinted that that he will be a long term player – stay in power for a longer stint, longer than the usual five years term. It would be good if leaders of SAARC come to Delhi next week, so that they can familiarize with Modi and get down to the specifics in a phased manner. ♦

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## Telangana has won

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I found that its your only publication which gave in depth coverage and analysis about Telangana. When there was no much importance being given to Telangana movement it was the Deccan Post which held the torch of Telangana and published so many articles including the secret chapter VIII of the Justice Sri Krishna Committee.

Finally Telangana has won that's what one can say after the union government led by congress granted statehood to Telangana region. Telangana movement has seen a lot of twists and turns since 1956 and reached its peak and finally the long cherished dreams of Telangana came true after the precious sacri-



fices made by the youth and students of Telangana. Telangana movement had its own ups and downs and it was KCR who made his untiring efforts to achieve the goal and now his efforts are resulting in his becoming chief minister of this new state of hope. KCR must hold his nerve and fulfill the promises made by him in his election manifesto. Its not the time to celebrate but to rebuild our golden Telangana or else it would be a mere change of guard and nothing else.

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Sanath Nagar

## Hyderabadis boot out the arrogant leaders

I strongly agree with your last week's article on the arrogant leaders of Hyderabad who never gave enough time to address the grievances

of the people residing in and around of Hyderabad but made their best efforts to enjoy the power and luxuries. The defeat of former ministers like Danam Nagender from Khairtabad and M Mukesh Goud from Goshamahal is a clear cut sign of the people of this historic city that they are not going to tolerate any kind of arrogance or non sense as they have elected these representatives to solve their problems but not to make money and enjoy the



power. It was just and fair that people have voted out these unpopular and crooked politicians and taught them a fitting lesson so that they will never forget that it's the people who elect them and give them power and it's the people only who can pull the chairs on which they relax. These arrogant politicians must understand that they must alter and correct their attitudes and behavior or else the people will

not hesitate to root them out from Hyderabad city.

Padma S, E-mail

## Congratulations Modi

I must take this opportunity to congratulate the prime minister designate Mr Narendra Modi who made untiring efforts to bring BJP back to power after a gap of 10 years. It was just Modi who worked so hard to make the people of this country to have hope and expect good and efficient governance from its government. The people of India were tired of corruption, lack of governance, frequent price rise, inflation, etc and wanted change at the helm of affairs and gave a clear mandate to the BJP led NDA. I hope our new Prime Minister will be able to bring down the inflation and curb the menace of corruption from grass root levels and make the common man to live peacefully. I wish u all the best Mr Modi.

Prabhakar Rao, Narsingi

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# Transformed Chandrababu to turnaround AP

By Suryaputra

For Chandrababu Naidu, the spring in the step and the spunk in the gait are back. The sexagenarian leader of the TDP appears totally a transformed man. He appears a doubly determined man – someone in a hurry to achieve his goals.

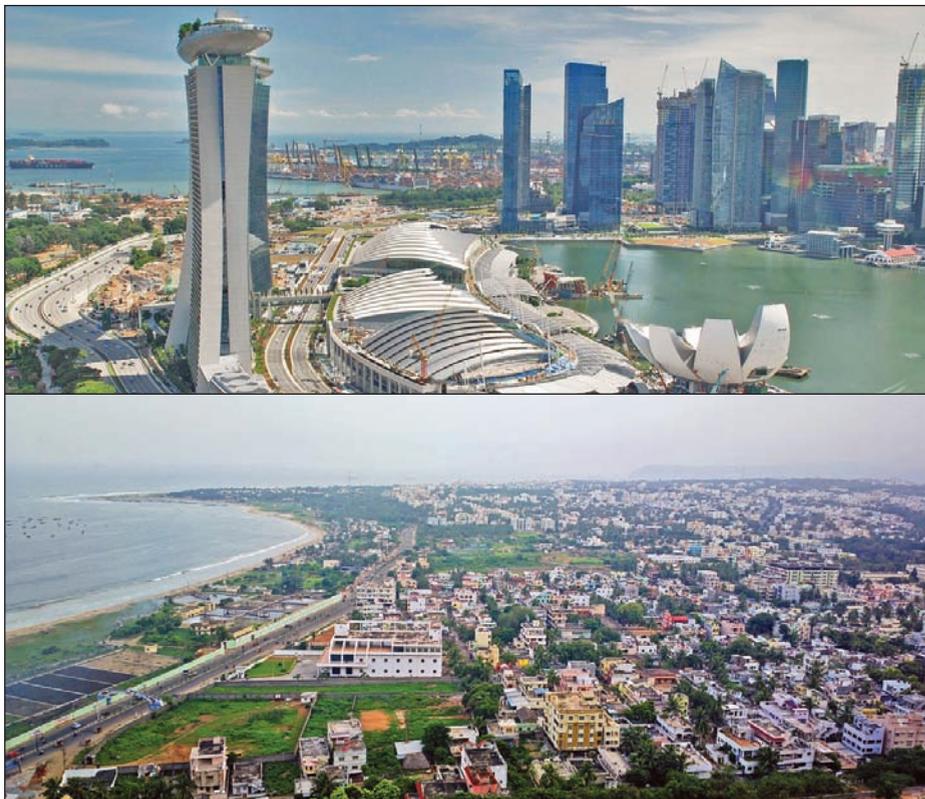
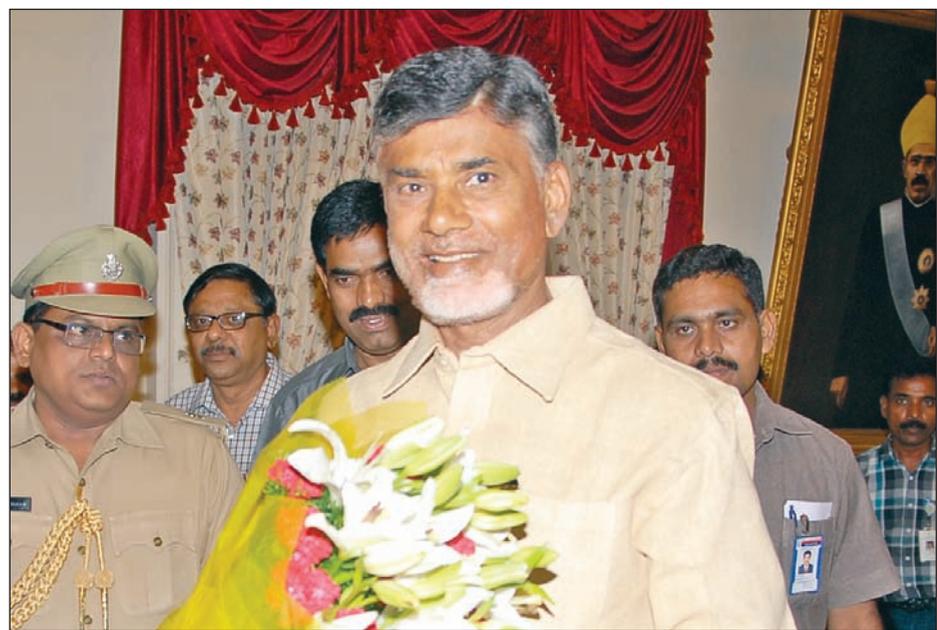
Coming back to power in a truncated Andhra Pradesh though is truly intoxicating. It brings back the lost energy. After all, Chandrababu's TDP has become a ruling party after a decade. But, this time what we are countenancing is a different Chandrababu.

Naidu appears determined to achieve a turnaround in Seemandhra. He has become a chief minister at the cusp of an exciting juncture. He sees this as an opportunity to prove his organization, administrative and

reconstruction skills. He can build Seemandhra from the scratch and go down in the history as a peripatetic pioneer and a visionary father-figure. And he seems to be making the right noises.

He had declared his intention of not staying in Hyderabad for more than six months. He intends to operate from Seemandhra. His priority is to build a capital that would equal Delhi in splendor and infrastructural excellence. He had already asked the officials to chalk out plans. He says funding shouldn't be a problem as Seemandhraites will chip in with donations. Already, token donations have started flooding the coffers.

Long coastline, set of established ports, well-developed road and rail connectivity and hardworking and



entrepreneurially oriented human resources are some of the advantages that the Seemandhra region enjoys. Chandrababu wants to leverage on these advantages and build the Seemandhra. His success in developing Hyderabad into a world-class urban agglomeration is a source of confidence and reassurance for the Seemandhra people.

Luckily for him, he has a friendly dispensation at the Centre. Chandrababu enjoys great rapport with Narendra Modi. He can leverage this proximity to get adequate funds for developing Seemandhra. Modi has already assured Chandrababu to provide funds for developing world-class infrastructure. Even during his electioneering, Modi talked of exploiting KG Basin, develop aqua sector and to set up industries. He had also talked of exploiting the sunlight in desertified Ananapur to produce solar power.

Thanks to Modi-Naidu's infectious enthusiasm, the confidence level in

Seemandhra has gone up considerably. More importantly, Modi appears to be sympathetic to the Seemandhraites. Perhaps the sympathy stems from the fact that Gujaratis – Modi being one of them – had to leave Mumbai province and lose Bombay cit, which they developed with their sweat and blood, to Maharashtrians. The Gujaratis had to rebuild themselves and their newly-formed state of Gujarat. There are lot of commonalities between Gujarat and Seemandhra.

Whatever the reasons, Modi – Chandrababu have instilled sense of confidence in Seemandhra and as the first chief minister of the Andhra Pradesh, Chandrababu wants to be the builder of Seemandhra. One only hopes that he and KCR will demonstrate the required statesmanship to develop a symbiosis and enable both the new-born states to grow and prosper. ♦

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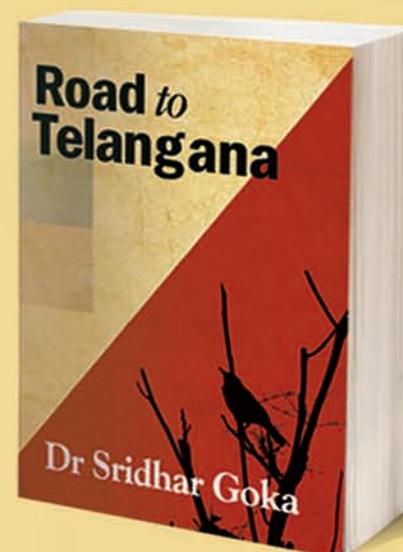
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# A day for the Turtles to exist

By Jaywant Naidu

May 23rd is sponsored yearly since 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue as World Turtle Day to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive. Turtle Day is celebrated worldwide in a variety of ways, from dressing up as turtles or wearing green summer dresses, to saving turtles caught on highways, to research activities. Turtle Day lesson plans and craft projects encourage teaching about turtles in classrooms.

## OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLES:

Olive Ridley is a small sea turtle, with an adult carapace length averaging 60 to 70 cm. The heart-shaped carapace is characterized by four pairs of pore-bearing infra marginal scutes on the bridge, two pairs of pre frontals, and up to 9 lateral scutes per side. Olive Ridleys are unique in that they can have variable and asymmetrical lateral scute counts ranging from five

to 9 plates on each side, with six to eight being most commonly observed. Each side of the carapace has 12-14 marginal scutes. It has paddle-like forelimbs, each having two anterior claws. The upperparts are greyish green to olive in colour, but sometimes appear reddish due to algae growing on the carapace. The olive ridley turtle has a circum-tropical distribution, living in tropical and warm waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans from India, Arabia, Japan, and Micronesia south to southern Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. In the Atlantic Ocean, it has been observed off the western coast of Africa and the coasts of northern Brazil, Suriname, Guyana, French Guiana, and Venezuela. Additionally, the olive ridley has been recorded in the Caribbean Sea as far north as Puerto Rico. It is also found in the eastern Pacific Ocean from the Galapagos Islands and Chile north to the Gulf of California, and along the Pacific coast. Oregon Migratory movements have been studied less intensely in olive ridleys than other species of marine

turtles, but they are believed to use the coastal waters of over 80 countries.

## THREATS:

Known predators of olive ridley eggs include raccoons, coyotes, feral dogs and pigs, opossums, coaimundi, caimans, ghost crabs, and the sun-beam snake. Hatchlings are preyed upon as they travel across the beach to the water. In the water, hatchling predators most likely include oceanic fishes, sharks, and crocodiles. Adults have relatively few known predators, other than sharks, and killer whales are responsible for occasional attacks. Females are often plagued by mosquitoes during nesting. Humans are still listed as the leading threat responsible for unsustainable egg collection, slaughtering nesting females on the beach, and direct harvesting adults at sea for commercial sale of both the meat and hides. Other major threats include mortality associated with boat collisions, and incidental takes in fisheries. Trawling, gill nets, ghost nests, long line fishing, and pot fishing, have significantly affected olive ridley populations, as well as other species of marine turtles. Between 1993 and 2003, more than 100,000 olive ridley turtles were reported dead in Odisha, India from fishery-related practices. In addition, entanglement and ingestion of marine debris is listed as a major threat for this species. Coastal development, natural disasters, climate change, and other sources of beach erosion have also been cited as potential threats to nesting grounds. Additionally, coastal development also threatens newly hatched turtles through the effects of light pollution. Hatchlings which use light cues to orient themselves to the sea are



now misled into moving towards land, and die from dehydration or exhaustion, or are killed on roads. However, the greatest single cause of olive ridley egg loss results from 'Arribadas', in which the density of nesting females is so high, previously laid nests are inadvertently dug up and destroyed by other nesting females. In some cases, nests become cross-contaminated by bacteria or pathogens of rotting nests.

## OLIVE RIDLEYS IN INDIA:

The olive ridley sea turtle nests at several sites in the western Indian Ocean, Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia. The single most important breeding area for olive ridleys in the Indian Ocean along the Bay of Bengal is Odisha. In 1993, biologists from the Odisha Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India learned that large scale nesting of olive ridley turtles was taking place near the mouth of the Rushikulya

river. This area is the location of one of the largest mass nesting (arribada) sites of olive ridley sea turtles in India. Hindu mythology worships sea turtles as an incarnation of one of their gods. Thus, most fishing communities along the coast do not consume turtle eggs or meat. Olive ridley sea turtles nest at this beach without any apparent threats from these local communities.

In 1995, the Wildlife Institute of India initiated a research program on olive ridley turtles along Rushikulya rookery. As part of this program, youths from the local communities help tag turtles and collect data. Community groups also provide protection to olive ridleys during the nesting, and hatching seasons. The Community Reserve at Rushikulya project is designed to mobilize the local community and streamline their conservation efforts by: Surveying current levels of understanding, and educating local

villagers about sea turtle conservation issues, Educating villagers in coastal regions adjacent to Rushikulya rookery, Creating a local network, providing training workshops for community organizations for sea turtle protection and conservation, Examining the prospect of community based eco-tourism at Rushikulya, Evaluating the possibilities of Rushikulya as a Community Reserve.

The Wildlife department set up a hatchery near the broken bridge behind the Theosophical Society premises in Chennai. It has appointed a dozen people to guard the hatchery and collect eggs. To create awareness of Olive Ridley turtle conservation, the department has built a concrete tomb near the hatchery. Wildlife officials said that this season had witnessed more than 700 Olive Ridley deaths along the coast between Chennai and Marakkanam. In a rare and massive exercise, the Chennai wildlife team, which collected close to 10,000 Olive Ridley turtle eggs along the Marina coast, has successfully released 8,834 hatchlings in a phased manner. On the eve of World Turtle Day the foresters reviewed the hatching rate and the mortality rate of the young ones that were released into the sea between Neelangarai and Marina beach. The Chennai city is one of the largest nesting grounds for the marine turtles, after the Odisha coast, and fishermen have been advised to use turtle excluder nets. Similar drives were conducted in other coastal districts, including Kanyakumari and Nagapattinam districts. Groups are formed in the coastal villages of Kanyakumari to collect eggs.

The team spotted nests and about 950 eggs were collected and hatchlings released near the Rajakamangalam coastal village. In Nagapattinam over 4,400 Olive Ridley turtles, have been let out into the sea over the past three months from a government-run hatchery at Kodiakarai. Kodiakarai and Vedaranyam are areas that attract a large number of Ridleys each year during the De-

cember-March nesting season. In Andhra Pradesh, more than 400 Olive Ridley turtles, which came to lay eggs on the beaches of Nellore in Andhra Pradesh died mainly by the use of trawl nets by fishermen and lack of oxygen. Fishermen had been advised to use the turtle-excluding device to reduce the death of Olive Ridleys.

Mass death of Olive Ridley has been reported in Errana Dibba, Indukurpeta Mandalam, south of Penna river estuary and Vidavaluru Mandalam in the north of the estuary. The two-km stretch between Vutukuru and Errannadibba has thousands of Olive Ridley Turtles venture into the coast near Vutukur, where Penna river joins the Bay of Bengal, for nesting between January and March every year since the soil condition is best suited for the turtles to lay eggs there and return to the sea.

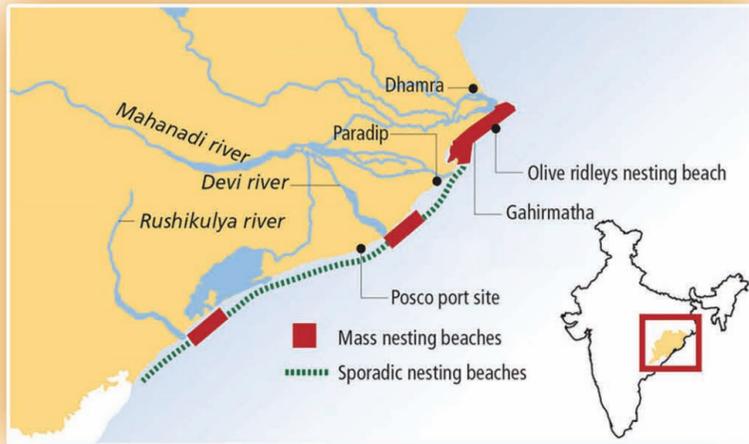
## INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION:

The olive ridley is classified as Vulnerable according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), and is listed in Appendix I of CITES. These listings were largely responsible for halting the large-scale commercial exploitation and trade of olive ridley skins. The Convention on Migratory Species and the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles have also provided olive ridleys with protection, leading to increased conservation and management for this marine turtle. National listings for this species range from Endangered to Threatened, yet enforcing these sanctions on a global scale has been unsuccessful for the most part. Conservation successes for the olive ridley have relied on well-coordinated national programs in combination with local communities and non-government organizations, which focused

primarily on public outreach and education. Arribada management has also played a critical role in conserving olive ridleys. Lastly, enforcing the use of turtle excluder devices in the shrimp trawling industry has also proved effective in some areas. What can you do to save turtles?

1. If you are looking for a pet, purchase a captive bred animal from a reputable store or breeder. Do not take home a wild turtle as a pet.
2. Never release a pet turtle into the wild. Turtles kept in captivity may not have the important nutrients they need to survive through the cold winter. In addition, pet turtles may not be native to your area and should not interbreed with wild turtles.
3. Join a local Turtle and Tortoise club to learn more.
4. Never remove turtles or tortoises from the wild unless they are sick or injured.
5. If a tortoise is crossing a busy street, pick it up and take it in the same direction it was going - if you try to make it go back, it will turn right around again.
6. Help keep beaches and other natural habitats clean. Never leave trash and pick up garbage left by others.
7. Write letters to legislators asking them to keep sensitive habitat preserved or closed to off road vehicles, and to prevent off shore drilling that can lead to more endangered sea turtle deaths. ♦

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# Annual Brahmotsavams at New Delhi Balaji Temple

The temple administration of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams(TTDs) is all set to perform the maiden brahmotsavams in Lord Venkateswara temple at Gole-market in New Delhi which will commence on 18th of May with Ankurarpanam on May 12. Elaborate arrangements are in place to conduct the three-day annual mega religious fete for the first time in this temple. The Dhwajaroohanam ceremony, hoisting the holy flag bearing the image of Lord Garuda-king of Aves, on the temple pillar which marks the traditional opening of the ceremony is scheduled take place on May 18. Lord will take celestial ride on his favourite Garuda vehicle in the evening of May 19 in the busy streets of the area. The annual fete will conclude with Dhwajavaroahnam which marks the successful closing of the annual religious ceremony which takes place on 20th of May.



## LAUGH OUT LOUD

I found a Leaflet in my newspaper this morning which read, 'ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC? CALL NOW. WE CAN HELP!!!' I Called up. It Was A Liquor Shop Offer : 'Buy 3 & Get 1 Free'... Mere toh khushi se aansu nikal aaye....

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**Teacher**-How many planets are there?

**Santa** -Mercury, Venus, Jupiter etc...etc.,

**Teacher**-Aur batao?

**Santa**-Aur bas ...sab badhiya Mata raani ki kripa.... Aap sunao...?!

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**Heart melting love story:**

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**Girl:** Who r they 2 stop u?

**Boy:** My wife & 2 kids.

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**Interviewer:** What is Recession?

**Candidate:** When "Wine & Women" get replaced by "Water & Wife", that critical phase of life is called Recession!!

## HEALTH TIPS

### Natural remedies to reduce Grey Hair

**1. Coconut Oil and Curry Leaves:** Coconut oil and curry juice remain one of the best natural remedies for hair strengthening. Using coconut oil with curry leaves works best and the remedy brings result if the oil is applied consistently over the scalp for 90 days. Just massage the mixture for 15-20 minutes into the scalp. Proper application generally leads to reduction in dandruff and hair loss while also helps in thickening your hair and in enhancing black hair growth.

**2. Amla, Curd and Lemon Juice Pack:** Amla powder works very well with curd and lemon juice and is extremely useful in enhancing grey hair growth and in limiting grey hair. The pack of Amla powder, curd and lemon juice should be applied on the scalp for around 45 minutes before being washed off with lukewarm water. For best results, consistent usage of the pack every alternate day for a period of 90 days is recommended.

**3. Almond Oil and Amla Juice:** Almond oil and Amla juice is one of the most tried and tested natural remedies for reducing graying of hair and for aiding in black hair growth. The overall mixture is great for general health of your hair. It works best when it is massaged over the scalp for 15 minutes for a consistent period of time. Equal amount of almond oil and Amla juice is preferred.

**4. Buttermilk and Curry Leaves:** Buttermilk and curry leaves juice is a preventive remedy that helps with both graying of hair and with loss of hair. Followed as a cultural ritual in the villages in Kerala, this remedy has worked for people of all ages. The mixture is formed by adding buttermilk and curry leaves juice in an equal amount in any small vessel before boiling it mildly. The mixture formed is then applied over the scalp for around 30-35 minutes before being washed off by using lukewarm water.

**5. Sesame Oil and Carrot Juice:** In south India, sesame oil and carrot juice is mixed with Methi seed powder before being left for drying under the sun. After 21 days, the mixture is deemed ready for application. Gentle massaging of the mixture over the scalp for 15-30 minutes every day for a period of 90 days brings the best results.

## SUDOKU 322

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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-321

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Answer 321: Linga Swamy, Srinagar Colony.

## ASTRO FOCUS

**ARIES:** This period would see you come up with great imaginative ideas, which would interest others. Your financial position improves boosting your confidence and morale. Put your energy to positive use. Businessmen should focus into forming new alliances and partnerships. This week you may have to bear with the erratic behavior of your seniors.

**TAURUS:** Efforts put in during this period would bring excellent results. Past investments will reap benefits and fresh investment is recommended. Work quietly on small but important projects for long term gains. College students will venture into small part time jobs or short-term courses. Several good professional opportunities are likely to come your way.

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

**CANCER:** There shall be ups and downs in your financial position. Be cautious while you are in financial transactions. Travel and related activities will bring both gains and pleasure. Expect social activities to be lively and exciting. Your personality will have a magnetic appeal that will attract the right conditions and people.

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

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

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

**SCORPIO:** The week would make creative change to your residence. Your property related disputes will be sort out and you will be gain in that deal. Progress can be your if you put your effort into work related matter. Do not believe on strangers otherwise you might suffer financial loss. Your aim will be for long term goal not on short one. Seeking advice from those who care would ultimately be rewarding.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You are at your best not to discuss your personal life with others. You will be able to make your career by your own hands. Decision taken intelligently will give you success at your work-place. Working with your friends and groups will help you to gain experience and develop practical skills. You may be attracted to someone new because of the novelty and possibilities for adventure.

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

**AQUARIUS:** Your financial position during the week will not be at satisfactory and you may not get enough money from your business parties. Proper financial planning is the need of the hour. 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.

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

# Planned industrial cluster zones can fight air pollution

**D**r. NP Shukla, Chairman, MP Pollution Control Board (MPPCB) was in Hyderabad to attend CII GREEN CEMENTECH 2014 organized by the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry), Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre (Godrej GBC) and the Cement Manufacturer's Association. He spoke to Deccan Post about environmental concerns.

## *How do you think that pollution levels can go down if the Cement industry adopts 'Go Green policy'?*

The cement industry has a lot of potential for environmental protection and reduction of green house gas emissions. The Government of India's efforts of reducing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) carbon footprint intensity has shown impressive results. By 2020 it is expected to come down by 20 to 25 per cent compared to what it was in 2005. The co-incineration process initiated by the MPPCB and followed by the cement industries in Madhya Pradesh has shown good results and we hope that model is replicated in other states too. Waste heat recovery processes for power generation needs further realization by the cement industry as it is an innovative way to reduce power consumption and increase energy efficiency.

## *What is the way forward for the Cement industry?*

Fly ash is today a very big problem as it pollutes the air. But the cement industry has a very good scope to use Fly ash in the making of cement. If a cluster of cement plants are set up near the fly ash-generating power units, then it could be a win win situation for both the industries. Today there is a need to share resources and infrastructure and therefore the industries must come in a planned cluster zone.

## *What is the pollution situation in Narmada river?*

The pollution control board monitors the quality of



the river at 21 points four times every year. The urban administration and development department has identified 52 such cities in the downstream that have been discharging their municipal discharge directly. We don't have industrial pollution in Narmada. There is a problem with municipal waste that is polluting the river.

## *What is your policy on pollution by Textile units?*

The board has been following Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) norms of not allowing release of industrial wastes into water bodies. Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) concept for the industries for which soft loans and subsidies are available should be promoted. Installation of the CETP can help solve the problem of water treatment of a cluster of industrial units. Beneficiaries have to incur just 10 per cent of its installation cost.

## *How about the problem of air pollution?*

Regional pollution control boards regularly monitor air pollution from various industries. There is air pollution monitoring equipments installed in industries which show the pollution levels. The best part is that these equipments are installed in locations which are always accessible to common public also.

## *What are the major problems being faced as of today?*

Provision of Effluent treatment plants, open burning of municipal waste, effluent discharge from slaughter house, pulling out of old public transport vehicles, switchover from CNG to Coal. (High dollar value results in higher CNG price and industries switch to Coal.)

## *What are your memories of Hyderabad?*

I worked in Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd (IDPL) from 1980 to 1986. It is this rich experience only that I am able to discharge my duties heading such an important institution. It is sad that today IDPL is no more a player in the Pharma industry. But I know for sure that it was the main reason for Hyderabad to become the Drug and Pharma capital. ♦

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## Huma loves Nawab

After Parineeti Chopra announced her crush on Saif Ali Khan on KJo's talk show, there is yet another actress who has declared her love for the 'Nawab' too, and it's not Begum Kareena but Huma Qureshi! 'Dedh Ishqiya' actress is a huge fan of Saif Ali Khan. Huma in fact has a collection of his films and has watched them over and over again. She really likes the way Saif has experimented with his role. He has worked in commercial films like 'Dil Chahta Hai' and 'Race' and at the same time experimented with off-beat movies like 'Being Cyrus' and 'Ek Haseena Thi'.

Huma strongly believes that he can carry solo films and at the same time effortlessly blend in ensemble casts. The Gangs of Wasseypur actress is always high on praise for the actor. She wants to take a leaf from his book in her career as well. As an actor she always wants to be creative and experiment with her roles. Besides his movies, Huma also feels Saif is very stylish and we'll read. She is an outsider in the industry who has made it out her own, so when she met him and spoke to him for the first time she was mighty impressed with his knowledge and also at how humble he is as a person.

Says Huma "I have grown up watching Saif's films and Dil Chahata Hai has always been my favourite. I absolutely admire his body of work from the films he has acted in to the kind of films he has produced so far."



## Angelina needs cancer surgery

Her latest movie is going to hit worldwide screens in a couple of days, but the top heroine of the world is at the same time heading for yet another preventive cancer surgery. Folks, she is none other than Angelina Jolie, the Tomb Raider beauty who got fans all over the world. Way back in 2013, Angelina Jolie shocked one and all by undergoing a preventive surgery, a double mastectomy, where both of her breasts are removed, after coming to know that she got 87% risk of developing breast cancer. And now, she wants to undergo hysterectomy where her uterus will be removed. Jolie stated that as her mother passed away due to both breast and ovarian cancer, she is leaving no chances to get all the preventive surgeries. On May 30, the Tomb Raider girl's latest flick 'Maleficent' will hit screens.

The 38 year old hot lady is excited about the movie result and at the same time she felt that these surgeries will let her live some time longer on earth. We need to appreciate the braveness Angelina Jolie is exuding in order to get cancer prevented before it attacks her.

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# High expectations from Modi

By Mahesh Malekar

Shares may look to extend gains in the first half of next week as Narendra Modi is set to be sworn in as the country's prime minister on Monday. The first task for Modi will be to pick a new cabinet, with the finance ministry expected to go to former commerce minister Arun Jaitley. Comments on the fiscal deficit, inflation, and the relationship with central bank Governor Raghuram Rajan will be of prime importance to investors. That could help sustain gains for the BSE Sensex, which on Friday became the best performing equity index in Asia-Pacific for 2014. However, the second half of the week could be volatile given the expiry of May derivatives contracts, and a slew of key earnings such as Tata Motors Ltd, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries and Coal India.

On the other hand the Reserve Bank will continue to buy the US currency at the 58-level, says a report by Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofA-ML). The rupee has gained 3 per cent in the past fortnight, riding high on the wave of Narendra Modi-led BJP's decisive election victory. "We expect the RBI to continue to buy foreign exchange at Rs 58," the report said. According to many analysts, the fair value of the rupee is in the 58-60 range. The report estimates that the Central bank will need to raise USD



80 billion just to maintain import cover at the present eight months. In an earlier report, BofA-ML had said it expects RBI to recoup the USD 70 billion of dollars sold, barring concessional and oil dollar swaps, since 2008-end, as soon as possible.

The report said that in the current scenario, the central bank does not need to sterilise cost of large-scale forex inter-

vention. "We think it is a long way off from sterilisation in the first place. Our estimates suggest that the RBI will need to inject about USD 44 billion of reserve money to fund a 5.4 per cent growth. It is only after it has bought USD 44 billion of forex that the question of sterilisation will arise," the report said. It, however, estimates that the RBI will buy around USD 33.9 billion of foreign exchange in FY'15. "As a result, the RBI will likely

need to do an OMO worth USD 10 billion rather than sterilise forex intervention," the report said. BofA-ML believes that sterilisation costs should come off in the future as the interest rate cycle peaks off and the US rate cycle bottoms ahead.

The Reserve Bank's move to ease gold import norms is likely to help bring down the price of the precious metal in the domestic market, Ficci today said. "The move will help in reduction of gold prices in the domestic market and will also help in reviving the growth of the industry slowly," Ficci President Sidharth Birla said.

"Moreover now, with the stable and reduced CAD position, we expect that the new government will bring in further reforms in gold import policy to stimulate the growth of this high export earner sector of India," he added.

The RBI had earlier eased gold import norms by allowing select trading houses, in addition to already permitted banks, to procure the precious metal to boost exports. In July last year, RBI had imposed severe restrictions on gold imports to check burgeoning current account deficit and depreciating rupee. ♦

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