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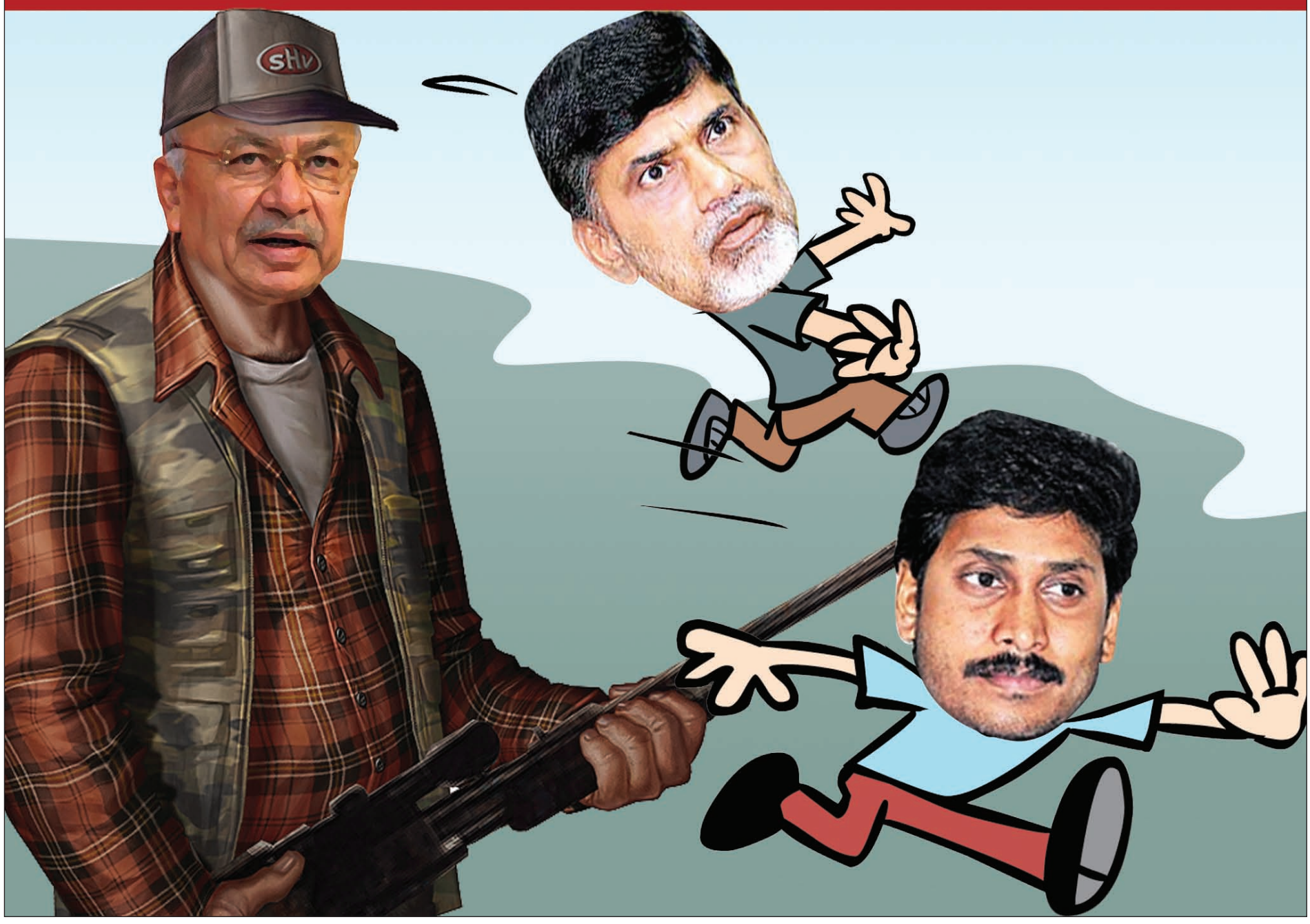
Centre's move to call 'All Party Meet' to elicit views on State bifurcation makes...

TDP and YSRCP run Helter-skelter



By Our Political Correspondent

The proposed All-party meeting convened by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) seems like a bitter medicine to all those who are opposing formation of Telangana state. Particularly, the two parties, TDP led by Chandra Babu Naidu and YSR Congress Party headed by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy have been changing their stand in view of their political opportunism have now began batting against bifurcation by demanding that Andhra Pradesh State be kept united. The central government tired of their frequent monkey acts appears to have taken a decision to call their bluff. The Union Home Minister announced two days ago that an all party meeting shall be convened to consult various parties in AP to elicit their opinion over the state bifurcation. There has been severe criticism by these parties that they were not being consulted by the Group of Ministers constituted by the Union Cabinet about the political process involved in the proposed formation of Telangana State.

The beleaguered Chief Minister of AP Kiran Kumar Reddy upon completely getting isolated within the party has become desperate and seeking to emerge as the champion of Seemandhra people has been employing cheap tactics to tarnish the UPA government headed by Congress Party. He has been frequently making unwarranted complaints to constitutional heads like the President of India and others that formation of Telangana is being done in a high handed manner. The Prime Minister and his cabinet colleagues have responded in a like manner rubbishing the falsehood of the lame duck Chief Minister. As if not to lag behind, a light-weight politician like Kiran Reddy, others like Chandrababu and Jagan have both began raising the same bogey about the impending state division. The (seven Union Council of Ministers) Group of Ministers (GoM) who has been specifically constituted for the purpose of drafting a bill for AP State Re-organization have been going about their assignment in a systematic manner. They already made a big head way by calling upon respective bureaucrats to obtain relevant information required to prepare the state reorganization bill and as a means to afford every stake holder a reasonable opportunity; they have given time till 5th November to all those wanting to express their opinion. The GoM is scheduled to meet again on 7th November to finalize the draft bill only after taking the opinions of political parties like TDP and YSRCP who wish to express their concerns over state division.

Some parties are deliberately spreading falsehood that this all-party meeting is an indication to the changed mind of the Centre on going ahead with the Telangana state. A section of disgruntled (Seemandhra) Congress leaders like MP Lagadapati Rajagopal, Rayapati Sambasiva Rao and others like P Keshav of the TDP are spreading this wrong notion among the people for their narrow political interests. But, the facts point to a different picture. Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde made it clear that there is absolutely "no change in the Centre's firmness" on dividing the State at the earliest. He further stated "there is very short time to complete the whole exercise, so we are going to take the views of these parties to overcome hurdles," and hence the need to expeditiously pursue.

In view of the increasing publicity that Seemandhra leaders have pinned their hopes on the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee that he would come to their rescue in scuttling the process of the Telangana state creation; the Union Home Minister Shinde also made it a point to call on the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapathi Bhavan to brief him as well as clarify doubts if any on the process being adopted for formation of Telangana state.

Kiran Reddy becoming a laughing stock

It is an open secret that, Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy wrote letters to both the President and the Prime Minister opposing formation of Telangana State last week. While, the PM dumped the letter as a piece of crap, the President as per the norms promptly forwarded it to the ministry of home affairs. As a matter of propriety, the Union Home Minister called on the President to explain the conduct of the Andhra Chief Minister and his lack of knowledge about functioning of the central government. At his hour long meeting with the President, Shinde gave a point by point explanation on how the centre is going about the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

The MHA has expressed surprise over the volte face by Kiran who has been kept in the loop for the last two years. "He attended several meetings convened by the Congress core committee as well as other war room meetings on Telangana. Every time, he said that he would abide by whatever decision the congress party high command and the Centre takes over granting statehood to Telangana. Now, how can he suddenly change his stand?" sources said.

In fact, the manner in which Kiran Reddy sent those missives to President and PM has prompted a caustic reaction from the Congress head quarters. The AICC spokesman PC Chacko too made light of Kiran Kumar Reddy's letters by saying that "those in the Central government too know something about the Constitution'. While some among the Seemandhra Congress leaders were going gaga over the letters claiming that the Chief Minister had dropped "two potential letter bombs" in Centre's court; many others are dismissing these actions as a poor reaction from an immature and frustrated politician. Kiran Reddy and his fast diminishing supporters are seen complaining openly that these letter bombs failed to explode.

By now, it is clear that Kiran Kumar Reddy is acting smart for his means. His interest seems to be solely aimed at damaging the congress party just because he has nothing else to do. All his ambitions of emerging as the sole champion of Seemandhra got shattered the day Jagan Mohan Reddy walked out of jail on bail. Just because Jagan was inside jail and not accessible, many felt the need to associate with someone howsoever incapable he is; once Jagan came out, it prompted some ministers in Kiran's cabinet and many MLAs to quit and join YSRCP to protect and promote their political interests in Seemandhra region. Only because many among the 'YSR loyalists' in the congress party had no opportunity to join YSRCP they went along with Kiran Reddy under the impression that he is Jagan's loyalist; but once they realized that Kiran was becoming politically greedy; all these people found little benefit in sailing with Kiran. Despite this, Kiran and his kin are working hard to try and gain some footing on their own, but Jagan and Chandra Babu Naidu are easily able to tackle Kiran and are doing everything to ensure he is a nobody even in his Pileru Assembly segment.

Kiran Kumar Reddy's misery came to the fore on Friday, November 1st, during the Andhra Pradesh formation day celebrations in the city. Addressing a poorly attended gathering at Parade Grounds, the CM said: "Perhaps this may be the last AP formation day, given the uncertain conditions prevailing in the state, but I can only wish that we will celebrate many such events in future too". This is nothing but deceiving and misleading people of Seemandhra. Because, Kiran knows pretty well that the UPA government has already made up its mind and has decided to introduce a Bill for formation of Telangana state during the winter session of Parliament. When by all means, there will be two Chief Ministers by the end of this year 2013; the talk of keeping the state united is a joke.

But, still Kiran wants to fool around all those who either do not know the process that is going on about bifurcation of State or they wish to live in a fool's paradise. APNGOs leader P Ashok Babu and a gang of Congress leaders including MPs Rajagopal and Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, and Ministers TG Venkatesh, S Shailajanath and Pithani Satyanarayana

are misleading people saying that the CM was trying to prevent the division of the State.

Jagan's somersaults

After the failure of his Samaikya Sankharavam rally in the city on October 26th, YSR Congress leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is now trying to bluff people of Seemandhra by going to Delhi to lobby against formation of Telangana state. Jagan knows too well that, any effort to halt the process of state bifurcation was waste of time and energies. But it appears his purpose is to meet senior ministers and senior leaders of Congress in Delhi at this stage. YSRCP leadership thought that they can derive some political mileage out of a natural calamity like the "cyclone and its damage to crops". The party tried to make inroads into Telangana in the name of consoling the flood affected people. But, the angry reaction that awaited Jagan's mother YS Vijayamma in Nalgonda district is a bitter lesson to them. Angry mobs spontaneously boycotted her visit and demanded that she support formation of Telangana state.

Chandra Babu, acting like cat on the wall

TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu is acting like a cat on the wall. Though, he hasn't uttered a word of opposition against formation of Telangana State till now, all his actions and deeds point to something else. Like Venkaiah Naidu of the BJP, who outwardly supports formation of T-state; but does all the mischief behind the four walls; even Chandrababu Naidu's criticism against the UPA government for going ahead with the process of Telangana in a hasty manner is nothing but expression of his frustration against the imminent bifurcation of the State.

Centre's call for 'All-Party Meeting' makes 'Ja-Ki-Chans' jittery

The all party meeting that would be held in Delhi in the first week of November, in all likelihood has made all the three Seemandhra Ja-Ki-Chans -- Jagan, Kiran and Chandra Babu Naidu equally jittery. Leave out Kiran Reddy, who anyhow is being ignored; for other two — Jagan and Chandra Babu, it is a clear trap. Both of them will be obliged to furnish their specific responses to the eleven items that are related to the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. These two leaders now cannot go back on their previous statements at the all-party meetings where they supported Telangana by sending two delegates each. The meeting is a clever strategy on the part of Centre to put these parties in a fix. Either they boycott or attend. If they boycott they will be faulted. If they attend, they are obliged to convey their suggestions on the 11 issues like irrigation, security, law and order, finance, borders, employment, education, agriculture, revenue sharing, commercial taxes, central public sectors, universities and other research based stations.

The GoM is carefully going about the whole process, as it is aware of the criticism from different quarters. Already, a team of (10) ten principal secretary level IAS officers are put on the job of finalizing details of each of the 11 items on the agenda. A special cell with senior officials has been opened in the GoM. The Centre is taking all precautions and necessary measures to protect the interests of Seemandhra people. In normal course, there is a scope for better bargaining and securing a better deal from the Centre, after the State division. But, unfortunately, Seemandhra people don't have an ethical and efficient leadership to take up this gigantic responsibility.

The audacity of APNGOs leader Ashok Babu wanting to enter active politics to take on YSRCP and TDP reveals how pathetic the politics of Seemandhra have become. It is high time people like Anam, Kavuri, Kanna show courage in taking people of Seemandhra into confidence and working for their development in the new state of Seemandhra.

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Private transport mafia must be checked

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Hyderabad-Bangalore National Express highway witnessed another horrendous tragedy on 30/10/2013 near Palem-Kothakota in Mahabubnagar Dist wherein 45 passengers (as on 31st evening) were burnt alive in the early hours(5.20AM). Jabbar Travels operated private Volvo A/C service was on it's way from Bangalore to Hyderabad when the tragedy struck in the wee hours of Wednesday as the driver of the illfated bus lost control while overtaking a car on the narrow culvert stretch crashing into the road divider leading to bursting of diesel tank with flames engulfing the entire bus. As most of the passengers were asleep and also being an A/C bus with closed windows along with lot of fibre interiors flames spread fast giving no time for the passengers to escape except for driver along with cleaner escaped by jumping out along with four lucky passengers out of which one continues to be critical.

One of the most horrified scene one witnessed as the bus was into flames reducing the innocent 45 passengers(a child too) to ashes within no time much to the shocking of their near and dear ones. Deccan Post mourns the deceased and prays for their souls while empathizing with the kith and kin who lost their dearest ones.

Whom to blame, No Compensation(31/10/2013) still..The deceased were to be identified by DNA samples(to be collected) to correlate them with the list released by Jabbar Travels except for few as they were reduced to ashes. Kith and kin of the deceased were seen protesting against the lackluster attitude of the officialdom for the confusion created in identification of the bodies. Close on the heels of an accident involving Kalleswar Private Travels an incident of this magnitude occuring is a major cause for worry as the Govt and RTA then had promised to put forth a stringent law to safeguard the passenger travel interests while initiating action against erring operators..?!

The illfated bus as per the list released by Jabbar Travels and as confirmed by RTA was carrying more passengers-49 plus than the stipulated 43 plus as per RTA rules and seating capacity of Volvo..? In the same vain another glaring aspect came to the fore-that of carrying more luggage than the allowed along with the listed baggage..? Instead of two drivers for such interstate night service only one driver along with cleaner was managing..? Also the speed at the time of the accident along with the credentials of driver is a fact one has to ponder over? Aftermath raids-31/10/2013(an eyewash..!) have thrown open the officials role as many buses were either booked or fined for various offences including operations as state carriers on tourist licences with overloads and also with no passenger amenities..? The illfated bus belonged to Diwakar Road Lines belonging to JC Brothers-a political heavyweight in Anantapur Congress (planning to migrate..) and registered on the name of Smt J C Uma W/O J C Prabhakar Reddy being operated by Jabbar Travels..?! Preliminary enquiry to be conducted by Jt Commissioner Venkateswarlu was announced by Minister for Transport Botsa Satyanarayana but couldn't announce the immediate couse of action and compensation as he was awaiting CM's orders…!?

He categorically stated that the case is being registered against Diwakar Roadlines who owns the permit as no transfer took place in the name of Jabbar Travels-though they were operating..?

This incident has clearly exposed the Politico-Administrator nexus as was being put forward by Deccan Post in it's preceeding editions as the major factor for subverting revenues favouring such private travels at the cost of APSRTC in Seemandhra and interstate services(So, APSRTC basically is surviving on Telangana region revenues..?!). Many omissions and commissions involving private travel operators and politico-officialdom on evasion of taxes or permit money have come to the fore along with the operation of many such buses which don't qualify for road fitness certification..? A small penalty for incidents involving loss of lives and no major criminal cases initiated in the recent history has certainly emboldened this nexus to operate these services as per their whims and fancies much to the chagrin of desperate paying public as they are left with no alternative..?! The operators and their mates-officialdom have become neo-rich while the travelling paying public continue to face life risks..!

This understanding has severely affected the passenger amenities more so the security aspects as being witnessed with unqualified staff plying such high-tech buses..? This certainly had dented state's revenues and assured employment..? Inspite of such glaring evidences of mismanagement and superseeding of established norms on a regular and consistent basis past so many years-why the Govt and RTA did not act..? Are these high-tech Volvo buses safe for such travel and if so what are the measures one had to take at the time of such incidents? Did RTA and Govt issue any guidelines retrospectively to safeguard passengers in such situations? Are the staff and management involved in running such buses are trained and well informed? If so did they put them into practice alongside sensitizing passengers(as done in air travel) to such safeguards? Did the Govt and RTA has mechanisms to monitor such violations or lapses..?!

Now, who will be made accountable and who will initiate measures for adequate compensation(however cannot bring back lives..) as many a families lost their bread earners for no fault of theirs. No one is against better services for end users in any sector or by anyone but it should be properly administered in a transparent way subjecting to the accountabilities to be monitored by the state or similar bodies with such powers lest incidents like this keep happening..!

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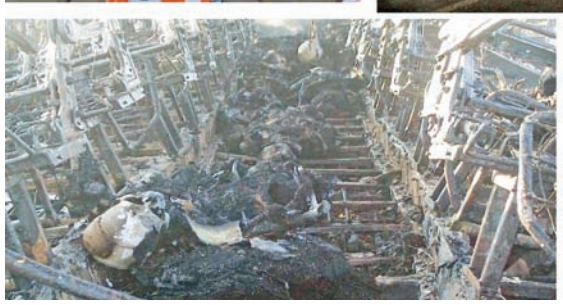

2nd successful T-Cong Jaitra Yatra meeting at Gadwal

YSR fans fume at Gadwal Aruna

By Our Correspondent

Close on the heels of successful first Telangana Cong Jaitra Yatra Meeting (TCJYM) held at Banswada-Nizamabad & after the postponement of second meeting at Karimnagar due to rain havoc-Minister For Information,Gadwal MLA took the initiative to hold such meeting in Mahabubnagar District. Essentially planned to thank Madam Sonia & the Congress hierarchy for their historic stand, off late this platform became a tool for the aspirants to hone their political fortunes by directing their ire at Sonia baitors. A political upmanship to boost their political agenda in the district vis-à-vis their contemporary-adversaries within the party & from outside to safeguard their ambitious future agendas. This meeting was widely attended by who is who in T Congress like Dy CM-Damodar Rajnarasimha,Senior Minister Jana Reddy,Ex President & MLC D.Srinivas, MP-V Hanumanth Rao(VHR), Ministers, MLA's, MP's, MLC's attracted enthusiastic crowds.

Minister D.K.Aruna tried to do a star turn as the host speaker by lambasting YSR-CP President Y S Jagan for his chaste & none too charitable remarks against AICC President Sonia Gandhi. She replicated his style of questioning by posing many such questions on the evolution of the present situation leading to T state formation vis-à-vis YSR & the present YSR-CP Party headed by Y S Jagan alongside Y S Vijayamma,Sharmila. Similarly Dy CM,Jana Reddy,D.Srinivas,VHR did echo similar feelings while questioning the attitude & official sanctity of the CM-KKR's letter to the President of India. They also ridiculed the PCC Chief-Botsa's(which he clarified & cleared it in favour of T) demand for another all party meeting on T. Everyone stressed the need for a T state as a long pending historic demand to safeguard it's resources while reiterating their desire-demand for a self rule over them after a failed effort over the years to implement the agreements as entered in 1956. They also made light work of TDP supremo Nara Chandra Babu Naidu for his shifting stands since CWC resolution,Cabinet Note & GOM on T.They appealed to T TDP elected representatives to walk out of TDP to safeguard their self respect as their party boss had been misleading them as well as the state by indulging in double talk confusing himself as well as all others by reminding them about his attitude towards adopted MBNR Dist when he was CM? So an appeal was made to T Cong hierarchy present on the dias to collectively administer MBNR District concerns on a war footing in the rebuilding of T state.TCJYM arranged at the backdrop of Gadwal Fort did remind of it's historic necessity vis-à-vis Telangana.

YSR Fans fume at D K Aruna,Mallu Ravi for their unfaithfulness-YSR fans-faithfuls made a stinging attack on D K Aruna & Mallu Ravi-her present mentor. They questioned the credentials of D K Aruna as daughter of Narsi Reddy-Senior Legislator(felled by naxalites) who was an hardcore anti congress man. They reminded her that her husband was a TDP MLA at one time & ran an illegitimate toddy business along with various nefarious activities doubling his economical fortunes to invite warnings from naxallites many a times. They also reminded of recent structures in Gadwal which were funded by none other than Bharatsimha Reddy himself to drive their point. They also reminded her that it was because of YSR then that she got a chance to contest on Congress ticket to be in this position. They also reminded her about regular trips to CM-YSR's office for vantage positions? Isn't it a fact that she was made a Cabinet Minister with the blessings of YSR they question..! Similarly they ridicule her of infamous trips to Delhi & question her on antecedents vis-à-vis Congress High Command..?! They state that she took to Jagan baiting to safeguard her husband's illegal businesses in Telangana state & also become a champion in MBNR District for high command's appeasement(which she would never be able as per their remarks). They ridiculed her T stand by referring to her family ties mostly related to Nellore district-a hardcore visionary for a united state in the guise of a Telanganite for political reasons to safeguard…!?

In the same spirit they very strongly refuted the remarks of D K Aruna's mentor Mallu Ravi-Ex MP-whose career was given a facelift by none other than YSR by appointing him as incharge of A.P.affairs in Delhi. They reminded him that he should be ever greatful to YSR for the manner in which he sourced funds along with the valid official nods for his expensive trip to USA to recuperate from a serious health problem. Then how can this man be so disloyal instead of showing gratitude to YSR for his political uprising & Delhi contacts they moan. They were all fuming at the disloyalty shown by these political oppurtunists towards YSR rather than to T state as these hardcore YSR fans have began to accept the fact that T is a mere formality in the context of things..!?

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SC gives its verdict on fixed tenures for Civil servants:

Now, political masters must judiciously respond

The Supreme Court's judgment putting an end to the interference of politicians in the transfers, posting and the official work of the IAS officers in the country has been widely welcomed. The apex court's verdict, delivered by a bench comprising of Justice KS Radhakrishnan and Justice Pinaki Chandra has ordered for a fixed tenure to the civil servants so that they can work without much political interference and fear of being disturbed unduly while pursuing the public policies.

Of course, the apex court, rightly, left it to the central government and the state governments to frame more appropriate rules and guidelines in this regard to enable the civil servants to work to their utmost capabilities. The court directed the Centre to set up a board to advise governments on transfers, postings, promotions and disciplinary action. It further directed that these matters should be handled by a Civil Services Board (CSB). However, the composition of the board is to be formulated by the respective executive governments. In another interesting observation, the SC said that the bureaucrats must not function on the basis of verbal instructions from either of their superiors or the political executive as it leads to "favouritism and corruption" and defeats the rights guaranteed to citizens besides misleading information seekers under the Right to Information Act. The officials should insist on written orders from ministers, if they make any special recommendations, the court suggested.

The top court gave the Centre, States and Union Territories three months time to implement its directions. The promotions-transfers board would continue to function till the time Parliament brings in a proper legislation to set up the CSB. However, the political executive could always overrule the board's views by recording reasons therein.

This judgment of the SC is hailed by different sections in the country and by the activists who are vigorously working for ensuring transparency and accountability in the administration. The Right to Information Act activists have welcomed the latest verdict saying that "written orders by the ministers would fix their role in bypassing the rules".

The recent instances of hounding of IAS officials known for taking on high and mighty in the political set-up sincerely, like Ashok Khemka in Haryana and Durga Shakti Nagpal in the UP states provoked this response.

On fixing minimum tenure for civil servants, the Court said it would not only enable them to achieve their professional targets but also help them function as effective instruments of public policy. "Repeated shuffling and transfer of officers is deleterious to good governance. Minimum assured service tenure ensures efficient servicedelivery and increased efficiency," it observed. The verdict came on a petition filed by a group of former bureaucrats, including former cabinet secretary TSR Subramanium and former election commissioner TS Krishna Murthy. "Public servants are not private servants. Mal-governance affects people and quality of administration," said Subramanium. Murthy said: "Good governance is critical to good democracy. Most of us have seen in our careers how most transfers, promotions, postings and foreign assignments are decided on whims of the political masters.

Though the SC verdict is intended to cleanse the system of corruption and other maladies, we cannot ignore the fact that our country has opted for Parliamentary democracy with elected representatives enacting the laws as well as paving way for a political executive to function. The Indian Constitution envisages a clear-cut demarcation among different branches of the government in our system – legislature, executive and judiciary. Of course, media is supposed to be a watchdog of the democracy and that's why it is so often termed "the fourth estate".

But, by any stretch of imagination, this equilibrium ought not to be disturbed. The SC too should not blindly assume that Civil servants like IAS officials are angels and would never commit any mistakes. We have seen how willingly IAS officers have made themselves partners in the loot. The manner in which several bureaucrats and ministers are facing prosecution by the CBI for alleged corruption in AP state is an example of how ugly nexus can be detrimental to public interests.

Nevertheless, constant checks and balances from the legislature as well as the council of ministers is forever essential. It must be acknowledged that it is the primary and exclusive responsibility of the political leaders to run the government as elected representatives and administer transparent and efficient governance. The aforesaid verdict of the Court must not be confused. At best the apex court can only interpret the laws and safeguard the rights of the people. It is for the elected representatives to govern properly. Let's hope that the Centre would come up with proper mechanism to implement the SC verdict without making it a debate of "too much of judicial interference in the legitimate functioning of the elected governments.

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letters TO THE EDITOR

Greedy to grab all seats in Seemandhra?

I am a fan of your esteemed news magazine for your in-depth analytical presentation of the political happenings in the state. The way you describe things is just wonderful. It was great to read your last week's cover story as it successfully unrevealed the agenda of YSR Congress leader Jagan Mohan Reddy. I agree that YS Rajasekhar Reddy did some good works and implemented welfare schemes and many deserving and sadly non deserving people also got benefitted out of the schemes like Arogya Sree and Fee Reimbursements schemes sponsored by the state government. All credit goes to YSR but his tragic death caused a lot of chaos in the state resulting in appointing Rosaiah as CM first then replacing him with inexperienced Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy. A lot of political hungama and drama is going on over the bifurcation of the state and how people like Jagan, Chandra Babu Naidu and Kiran Kumar Reddy are trying to take advantage out of the creation of Telangana state by siding ways with the Seemandhra protagonists and they are just bothered about clinching power either of Andhra Pradesh or Seemandhra or if possible in other regions too. It clearly appears that Jagan's only intention is to become the chief minister of any state and win handsome parliament seats just for his personal safety and to have a bargain in the formation of union government after 2014 general elections and that's why he is targeting 30 MP seats. Lets see in this drama who is going to benefit and who will lose. All the best players.

Radhakrishna Rao, Mail

Dumbos planning a Jumbo Outfit?

With reference to your last week's current affairs story I must say that you predicted very well about the formation of Samaikyandhrapradesh Parirakshana Samiti by Kiran Kumar Reddy and Lagadapati and your story was carried in major newspapers. Deccan Post is known for its exclusive news and analysis and once again it has proved the same. I congratulate the Deccan Post for its good work.

Narayan Reddy, Hyderguda

Death penalty must for Gang Rapes

I strongly agree with the opinion that death penalty should be a must for heinous crimes like gang rapes. Its true that the women of India are not free to move anywhere due to the possible assault by their own male counterparts. With the sad incident of Nirbhaya in New Delhi a new law has been introduced in her name to eradicate crimes like rapes and gang rapes. But sadly, the laws should be implemented and regulated by the competent authorities promptly or else these kind of pathetic incidents will happen again in a so called civilized society like ours. Its shameful that many women are sitting in the higher offices but still cant save the fellow women. The government must educate the children and youth properly so that sexual assaults on women can be stopped. When there will be no crime against women then only the freedom has meaning for the Indian women.

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Jagan completes formalities by holding Samaikya Sankharavam in Hyderabad

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President Rule, a must in A.P.!

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In this article it is proposed to examine the 'need and compulsion' of President Rule in A.P. In this matter Article-356 of the constitution confers 'ample powers' on the Central Government for the imposition of President's Rule in a state. The constitution was enforced in 1950 and since then power to impose President Rule is vested in the Central Government. This 'power' was utilized on as many as 118 occasions since 1950.

2. In the above context it may be necessary to consider the following 'factors' which justify imposition of President Rule in A.P.

(a) Prolonged public agitation in (13) districts of Seemandhra;

(b) Strike by Andhra N.G.Os for last 2 ½ months;

(c) Strike by R.T.C. workers leading to stoppage of buses in 13 districts;

(d) Complete 'breakdown of constitutional machinery' in the state;

(e) Failure of the State Government in ensuring 'Rule of Law' in the state;

(f) The Chief Minister has been unable to hold cabinet meetings.

(g) The C.M. and ministers not able to attend their offices and visit any district in Andhra region;

(h) Vertical SPLIT in the Cabinet and Government employees into 'Two Warring Groups';

(i) Ministers and MLAs from Andhra region declaring that they will defeat the Resolution and Telangana Bill when it is referred to the A.P. Assembly; and

(j) Seemandhra M.Ps declaring that they would defeat the T-Bill in Parliament against all principles of 'Parliamentary democracy'.

(k) N.G.O. leader directing Ministers, MPs and MLAs to resign and join in the agitation which is unprecedented and constitutes breach of privileges of the elected public representatives.

(3) These factors are too serious to be ignored by the Central Government. Added to this the Chief Minister has lent 'open support' to the DEMAND for UNITED ANDHRA in utter disregard of the decision taken by the Central Government for 'bifurcation' of the state. It is an 'unprecedented situation' in the state resulting in failure of 'Rule of Law' breakdown of constitutional machinery in the state.

(4) In the above context it is relevant to note that erstwhile Andhra state and as well as Andhra Pradesh are no strangers to the President Rule as described below:

(a)1953 President Rule in Andhra State:

It is well-known that Andhra State was formed on 1st October, 1953 with Andhra Kesari Sri. T. Prakasham as the 1st Chief Minister. It was a coalition government as Congress Party had no majority in the Assembly. In this context the 'exemplary conduct' of Tamil leaders deserves to be mentioned here.

(b) When Andhra state was formed the TAMILS were in large majority (64%) both in the Legislature and the Government. But they never used their majority power to 'oppose' the formation of Andhra state.

"Had Tamil leaders opposed "Bifurcation" of Madras Province there would not have been any 'Andhra State' in 1953 and much less Andhra Pradesh in 1956.

In the above circumstances the 'Seemandhra' people and their leaders could learn a lesson or two from the 'shining example' set by Tamilians".

(c) It is also significant to note that newly created 'Andhra State' had no 'smooth sailing' from the inception of the State as described below:

Firstly, it was a coalition Government with Sri. T. Prakasham as the Chief Minister;

Secondly, it is strange but true that 'internal dissensions' among the coalition partners led to 'No Confidence' motion against Prakasham Ministry within 13 months of the formation of Andhra State.

Thirdly, some of the members of the 'Ruling Alliance" defected to the opposition Ranks on the 'day of voting' and supported the 'No Confidence Motion'. As a result Prakasham Ministry was defeated by a 'single vote'.

In the above circumstances the President Rule was imposed on 15-11-1954 followed by dissolution of the Legislative Assembly. These 'unhealthy developments' evoked widespread criticism in the media deploring the unceremonious removal of Prakasham Pantulu who was regarded as a popular and peerless leader. So it was an inauspicious start for a New State which continued to face numerous problems until its merger with Telangana in 1956.

(d) President Rule in A.P. in 1973:

Another instance of President Rule in A.P. was in 1973 when P.V. Narasimha Rao, the first Telangana Chief Minister was asked to resign on 17-1-1973 to pave the way for the imposition of President Rule. At that time Congress Party had 217 MLAs in the House of 288 MLAs. Nevertheless the Congress High Command found it necessary to change the Telangana C.M. only to satisfy the unjust and unethical demand of Andhra leaders. In this context it may be recalled that Jai Andhra Agitation was launched in 1972 following the MULKI RULES judgement by the SUPREME COURT on 3-10-1972 upholding the Mulki Rules as valid in law from 1956. The object of the Jai Andhra Agitation was for the abolition of Mulki Rules and other "Telangana Safeguards" as well as removal of Telangana C.M. or else bifurcation of the state.

In the above circumstances the Congress High Command instead of conceding a separate Andhra state had abolished Mulki Rules and other Telangana Safeguards and also removed of Telangana Chief Minister as demanded by Andhra leaders. For this purpose the Central Government imposed President Rule on 18-1-1973 which was continued upto December, 1973. And it is during President Rule the Central Government "abolished all Telangana Safeguards by the amendment of the Constitution in September, 1973". And it was an underserved victory for Andhra leaders at the cost of Telangana people. In this case the President Rule was imposed only to get 'Telangana Safeguards' abolished during the suspension of the Assembly by eliminating every kind of resistance by Telangana C.M. and Ministers. But similar action has not been taken to impose President Rule in A.P., which is facing a greater crisis due to Andhra Agitation. What is WORSE is that Mr. Shinde, the Home Minister made 'absurd statements' recently that President Rule will not be imposed in A.P., This is another 'act of discrimination' against Telangana people by the Central Government. In the above context Telangana leaders asserted that the very basis of merger of Telangana with Andhra in 1956 had become void and invalid as a result of abolition of 'Telangana Safeguards'.

(e) President Rule in Punjab in 1966:

In 1966 Punjab was the only bilingual state in the country. In this context Akalidal demand for 'Punjabi Subha' gained support from the recommendations of a Parliamentary Committee headed by Sardar Hukam Singh, the then Speaker of Lok Sabha. Taking note of the changed situation persistent demand, the Central Government announced BIFURCATION of Punjab state in June, 1966. At that time Sri. Ram Kishan (Congress) was the Chief Minister who submitted the resignation of his Ministry on 22-6-1966 to facilitate smooth reorganization of the state. Consequently President Rule was imposed on 5-7-1966 by keeping the Assembly suspended. Later Sri. Dharam Vira, the Governor appointed an 'Advisory Committee' to look after the division of Assets and Liabilities of the 2 states. This Committee included Sri. Ram Kishan, the outgoing Chief Minister and some prominent leaders from both regions. Finally the two new states of Haryana and Punjab were inaugurated on 1st November, 1966 in a cordial and peaceful atmosphere. This is another lesson which can be learnt by Seemandhra leaders from Punjab example in the long term interests of the proposed two states.

(f) Reorganization of 13 States since 1956:

Since 1956 as many as 13 States were reorganized in India, out of them 10 new states were created during Congress Party Government at the centre while 3 states were formed in 2000 AD by BJP Government at the centre. In this context it is pertinent to note that all the 13 states were created without any opposition from any major political party. In this connection it may be stated that Madhya Pradesh was bifurcated in 2000 AD to create Chhattisgarh state. At that time Congress leader Sri. Digvijaya Singh was the Chief Minister of M.P. while BJP Government was at the centre. When Chhattisgarh Bill was discussed in the Assembly. Digvijaya Singh, Chief Minister, not only supported the Bill but also expressed his sympathy and solidarity to the people of Chhattisgarh.

In similar circumstances people in Telangana expected that Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy would emulate the example of Digvijaya Singh in the formation of Telangana State, but he has chosen the role of a dissenter and betrayer. Incidentally the same Digvijaya Singh is now the 'Trouble Shooter' for Congress High Command in resolving the 'tangle of Telangana'.

CONCLUSION: It is thus seen that all 13 states were formed without any opposition while in case of Telangana state there is stiff opposition from the leaders of all parties in Seemandhra including Chief Minister and Ministers.

What is more significant is that Andhra NGO leader Ashok Babu and his colleagues are 'directing' the State and Central Ministers, MLAs and MPs from Seemandhra to resign their posts and join in the agitation. This is indeed a very tragic situation in which the status and privileges of the elected public representatives are violated and undermined. Besides it will be a very dangerous precedent for future not only in A.P. but also other states. So this is another solid and valid reason for imposition of President Rule in A.P. to uphold the authority and supremacy of the Central Government which is fully empowered to create new states under Article-3 of the constitution.

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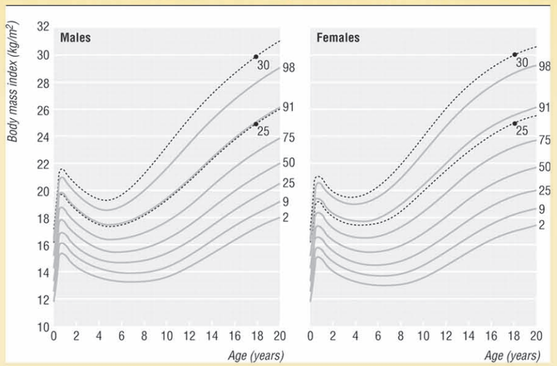
Do not Blow the Body like a Balloon



Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat has accumulated to the extent that it may have an adverse effect on health, leading to reduced life expectancy and/or increased health problems.

By Jaywant Naidu

People are considered obese when their Body Mass Index (BMI), a measurement obtained by dividing a person's weight in kilograms by the square of the person's height in metres, exceeds 30 kg/m2. Obesity increases the likelihood of various diseases, particularly heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obstructive sleep apnea, certain types of cancer, and osteoarthritis. Obesity is most commonly caused by a combination of excessive food energy intake, lack of physical activity, and genetic susceptibility.

Dieting and physical exercise are the mainstays of treatment for obesity. Diet quality can be improved by reducing the consumption of energy-dense foods such as those high in fat and sugars, and by increasing the intake of dietary fiber. Anti-obesity drugs may be taken to reduce appetite or inhibit fat absorption together with a suitable diet. If diet, exercise and medication are not effective, a gastric balloon may assist with weight loss, or surgery may be performed to reduce stomach volume and/or bowel length, leading to earlier satiation and reduced ability to absorb nutrients from food. Obesity is a leading preventable cause of death worldwide, with increasing prevalence in adults and children, and authorities view it as one of the most serious public health problems of the 21st century. Obesity is stigmatized in much of the modern world (particularly in the Western world), though it was widely perceived as a symbol of wealth and fertility at other times in history, and still is in some parts of the world.

IS OBESITY A DISEASE?

In 2013, the American Medical Association classified obesity as a disease. Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat has accumulated to the extent that it may have an adverse effect on health. Obesity in children and adolescents is defined not as an absolute number but in relation to a historical normal group, such that obesity is a BMI greater than the 95th percentile. Large-scale American and European studies have found that mortality risk is lowest at a BMI of 20–25 kg/m2 in non-smokers and at 24–27 kg/m2 in current smokers, with risk increasing along with changes in either direction. A BMI above 32 kg/m2 has been associated with a doubled mortality rate among women over a 16-year period. In the United States obesity is estimated to cause 111,909 to 365,000 deaths per year, while 1 million (7.7%) of deaths in Europe are attributed to excess weight. On average, obesity reduces life expectancy by six to seven years, a BMI of 30–35 kg/m2 reduces life expectancy by two to four years, while severe obesity (BMI > 40 kg/m2) reduces life expectancy by ten years.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY:

Childhood obesity is already common, especially in westernized countries. In 2004, according to IOTF criteria, it was estimated that ~10% of children worldwide aged 5–17 years were overweight and that 2–3% were obese. Prevalence rates vary considerably between different regions and countries, from <5% in Africa and parts of Asia to >20% in Europe and >30% in the Americas and some countries in the Middle East. Becoming obese earlier in life clearly amplifies certain health risks, particularly for type 2 diabetes.

OBESE IN ANDHRA PRADESH:

Many people in Hyderabad are turning to weight loss surgeries to get rid of obesity. Specialists say highest numbers of weight loss surgeries in the country are being done in Andhra Pradesh, with a major chunk of them happening in Hyderabad. More than half a dozen surgeons, specializing in weight loss surgery in the city, are doing about 70 operations every month. New Delhi follows AP with around 55 surgeries and Maharashtra comes third with about 42 surgeries most of which are being performed in Mumbai. Nearly 65% of the patients are women. Nearly 6,000 weight loss surgeries were performed across India in 2012 in Apollo Hospitals, of which about 800 surgeries were in Andhra Pradesh. Estimates suggest that 16% of the urban population and 2.5% of rural population in AP is obese.

WEIGHT LOSS PROCEDURE:

There are three major weight loss procedures – gastric band, gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy. While gastric bypass is much more popular among Americans and is picking up in Europe, in India sleeve gastrectomy is the majorly done weight loss procedure.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY (IASO):

The International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO) has been holding the International Congress on Obesity (ICO) since 1974 and next year marks the 12th event. The conference will be jointly hosted by the Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity (MASO) and will be held in Malaysia at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 17th - 20th March 2014. The programme offers eight different tracks and will include over 70 of the world's top obesity experts as speakers. The congress provides the opportunity to hear and discuss: The latest research on all aspects of obesity, New innovative preventive and treatment strategies, Global alliances to reduce the prevalence of obesity and its associated burden of diseases, Insight from the world's leading obesity specialists.IASO is actively engaged with international policy related projects globally and is in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO).

IASO contributed to the UN High Level Meeting on NCDs and subsequently helped ensure that a target for reducing the prevalence of obesity was included in the WHO Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs.IASO has also participated in a number of EU projects with numerous partner organizations, exploring issues such as the marketing of food and drink to children, environmental causes of obesity, obesity prevention in pre-school children and the health impacts of obesity.IASO is now working to provide a number of tools to strengthen the voice of its members and empower them to become more active in obesity policy and advocacy in their countries and regions.

IASO's think tank – The International Obesity TaskForce (IOTF) – provides IASO with a Scientific Council, which is a global network of obesity experts able to advise and develop policy positions and identify new areas for advocacy and policy support. Most recently IOTF has launched an international network of public health experts aiming to make governments and industry more transparent and accountable for the rising rates of obesity, titled the International Network for Food and Obesity/Non-communicable Diseases Research, Monitoring and Action Support (INFORMAS). This network aims to develop and promote benchmarks for measuring the progress of governments and the food industry and develop tools for monitoring their actions in relation to unhealthy food environments. IASO responds to consultation on the post-2015 agenda.

IASO response to the High Level Panel report "A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development" and primarily raised concern about the lack of attention to the rising epidemic of obesity in less developed economies and the absence of any specific obesity related health target.IASO co-signs statement to the WHO European Ministerial Conference on Nutrition and Non-Communicable Diseases. The statement calls for Member States and WHO to consider three key recommendations for tackling diet-related NCDs.

1.Ensure a healthier media environment for our children.

2.Create a healthy food environment in schools.

3.Improve the quality of the food supply. Other signatories of the statement include World Cancer Research Fund International (WCRF-Int), European Heart Network (EHN), International Diabetes Federation (IDF), The NCD Alliance, The European Consumers' Organization (BEUC), European Public Health Alliance (EPHA).

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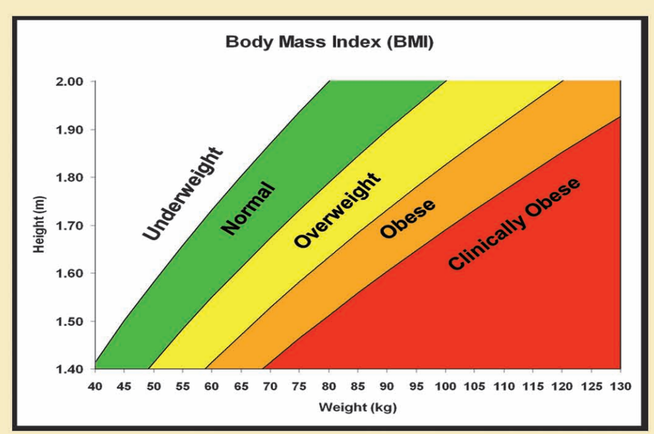

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Mom:" Kaha Hai Garib.. ??
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Annual Pavithrotsavam in Sri Swamy Temple Concludes

namo VENKATESAYA

On the concluding of Three day Annual Pravithrotsavam in Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Srinivasa Mangapuram, Priests performed "PURNAHUTHI" inside temple premises on Friday. Earlier in the morning Temple Priests performed Snapana Tirumanjanam to the processional deity of Lord Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy along with His consorts. Dy EO Smt. Sarada, AEO Sri Dhanajeyulu and devotees took part.

HEALTH TIPS

Ayurvedic Beauty Tips for Pimples

A combination of lemon juice and rose water when applied on the pimples and left for half an hour is a good remedy for pimples. This should be continued for three to four weeks as a natural home remedy.

Lemon juice when mixed with ground nut oil and then applied on the affected surface is a very good remedy for pimples. Sandal wood powder can also be added for added benefit. Cinnamon power mixed with lemon juice also works wonders.

A combination of honey and cinnamon powder is a natural home remedy. When this paste is applied on the pimples and left over night it cures pimples. The process however should be continued for a couple of weeks.

A mask prepared by combining grated apple pulp and honey also is a natural home remedy for curing pimples.

The allicin in garlic is a good antibiotic in the natural form. Rubbing garlic on the affected or infected area or combining it with yogurt and using it as a face pack also helps cure pimples naturally. A clove of garlic can also be consumed daily for prevention and cure of pimples.

SUDOKU 294

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How to play : Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You cant change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

ANSWERS Sudoku-293

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ASTRO FOCUS Nov 3-9, 2013

Aries: During this week, majority of the natives are likely to be provoked. Control your anger else it is sure that you will land into troubles. Some of the natives in the field of business may face stiff competition. Exercise more care while driving your vehicles or on travel.On health front, you have take maximum personal care. Does not neglect even a minor health problem? Maintain low profile.

Taurus: Proper financial planning is the need of the hour. Control your wasteful expenditure. It is difficult for you to keep up your promise or your word. Better be balanced. Do not give any promises. Some of the natives may likely to participate in functions. Delayed recognition for you is in store. Business people will fare well during the week but should be cautious on financial matters during the second half of the week. Your health remains good at the end of this week.

Gemini: Your practical and innovative nature helps you to build a new confidence with your business associates. Put your energy to positive use. You positive attitude will bring you harmony and give you positive result in your work. Your Love/Relationship will give you positive indication.

Cancer: New opportunities to show your capabilities arise. Keep your temper under control when negotiating major financial deals. Your almost finished projects will be help up. Some of the natives may devote some time in the public welfare schemes. Opportunities for new romance would come up through social get-together.

Leo: You will have to do much to get good at career opportunities. Several good professional opportunities are likely to come your way; you may also derive the maximum benefit from the available opportunities. Some of you will make substantial gains through commission or agency work.Evenings with friends or family members would keep you in a relaxed mood.

Virgo: Professionals will maintain good financial position during the week. Your work will become much broad. Most of the time will be devoted towards studies and reading books. The married will share perfect understanding and will manage to steal a few moments together despite a busy schedule and those in love are likely to have a great deal of fun .

Libra: There could be a technical hitch in implementing your plans initially. Since a quick solution is required. Old and outstanding or held up money will be recovered. There are indications that past efforts would bring expected success. For some, a change in job is also on the card. There are possibilities that you may hurt the feelings of someone who cares for you.

Scorpio: You may also have a few little changes you'd like to experiment with and now is the time to try them out. Professionally you will continue to grow and will keep coming across new opportunities one after another. Your Love/relationship will be better. You may have stress due to hard work or mental conflicts.

Sagittarius: This is the right moment for cultural trips and courses. Creative people will have to use take initiative, be intuitive and sensitive. Several invitations are likely this week and you may have to choose one friend or event over another. This week on health front, be careful as you might suffer from respiratory problems, skin-related disease, stomach ailments and blood pressure.

Capricorn: Money wise you will do very well this week, business will grow at fast pace and you may be offered a partnership in recently started venture. But don't take many different foods in a week. This week is not good for you health wise. So all you have to do is watch out for stomach related problems which can be minimized by proper and regular diet.

Aquarius: Act carefully and shrewdly. There will be average gains & good progress, due to your hard work. Income will be good & take a dip thereafter. Investment will be beneficial. Friends are the biggest asset this week as they provide insider connections. Intense loving from your spouse or beloved keeps you in an excellent mood. Those of you who have just recovered from a spell of illness should be careful regarding their health.

Pisces: There will be rapid inflow from own as well as external fund. There will be a jump due to your own efforts. New investment should be made with caution. You can make a great impression on someone when you act like a leader this week. Just take care of business and there's a chance that romance will find you. Health will be wonderful.Those of you, who had been suffering from general weakness and headaches, will find some relief in this week.

Be true to your work

Life inspires you and takes the journey forward in co-existence. There is no point in seeing how others work

JJ Valaya, renowned fashion designer was in Hyderabad for the Blenders' Pride Fashion tour. He spoke to Deccan Post.

What does 'Fashion' mean to you?

Fashion is nothing but a 'style statement'. First impression is the last impression. Therefore, it's very important to be 'in fashion'. It gives the right perspective about any individual.

How did your life move towards a fashion designer career?

I was taking up the career of a Chartered Accountant. Somehow, I was never comfortable handling the accounts field. I decided to join the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in New Delhi. I designed a jacket for my friend and was paid a handsome amount. I was very pleased with my effort. My mother used to make lot of 'embroidery' wear for the 'Barbie' dolls. I have beautiful memories about them.

How do you see the future of young designers and students in this field?

One must be true to their work. It's very important to create a unique identity. A lot of hard work needs to go into creating a 'label'. It is very important to preserve the traditional craft forms. The youth is no more interested in traditional styles. Traditional work can always be woven into a contemporary modern style and this blend would harmonize the old and the new. India is a land of opportunities. It has developed over a period of time and I have been able to establish a brand over a period of nearly 20 years. Online trading is the future business in India. I am sure the youth will enable themselves and progress with technology.

What is your USP?

I believe that the old and the new need to co-exist in harmony. Life inspires you and takes the journey forward in co-existence. There is no point in seeing how others work. It's important to compete with one-self and improve upon the immediate past. This is the best form of creative growth.

Can you tell us about your design house?

I have founded the 'House of Valaya', a luxury fashion and lifestyle centre in the year 1992, along with my brother TJ Singh.

Can you tell us about your achievements in life?

I am a founding member of Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) and the first global brand ambassador of Crystal giant Swarovski. As a Fine Art Photographer, I have a book 'Decoded Paradox '.

How is the 'Free Spirit Foundation' doing?

This is a foundation that gives money to organizations that deal with gender-related development. Patriarchal norms, low status of a woman and preference for a male heir are always a threat to the girl child in society. Hence we all have the social responsibility to encourage girl education and strive for their empowerment.

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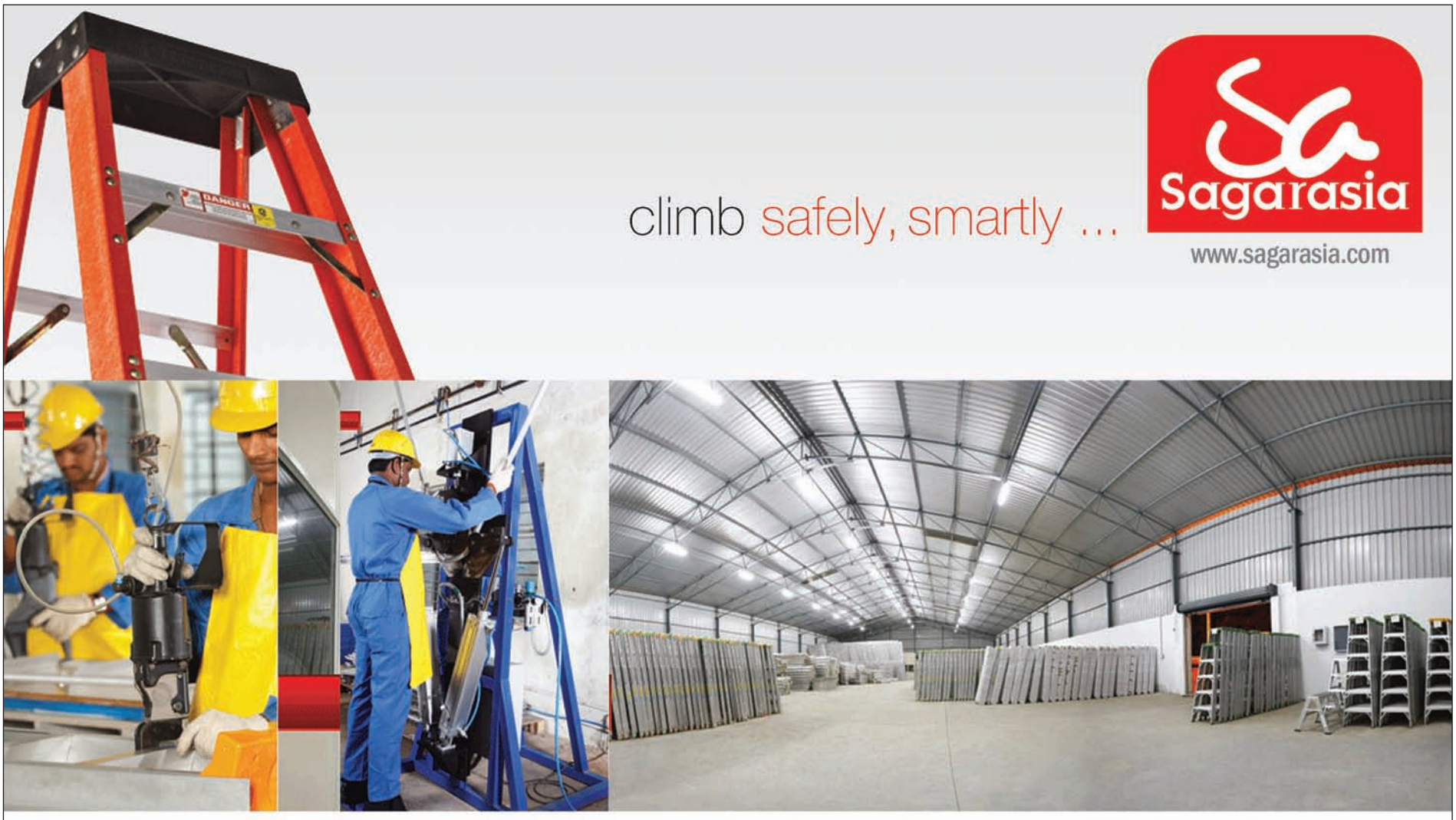

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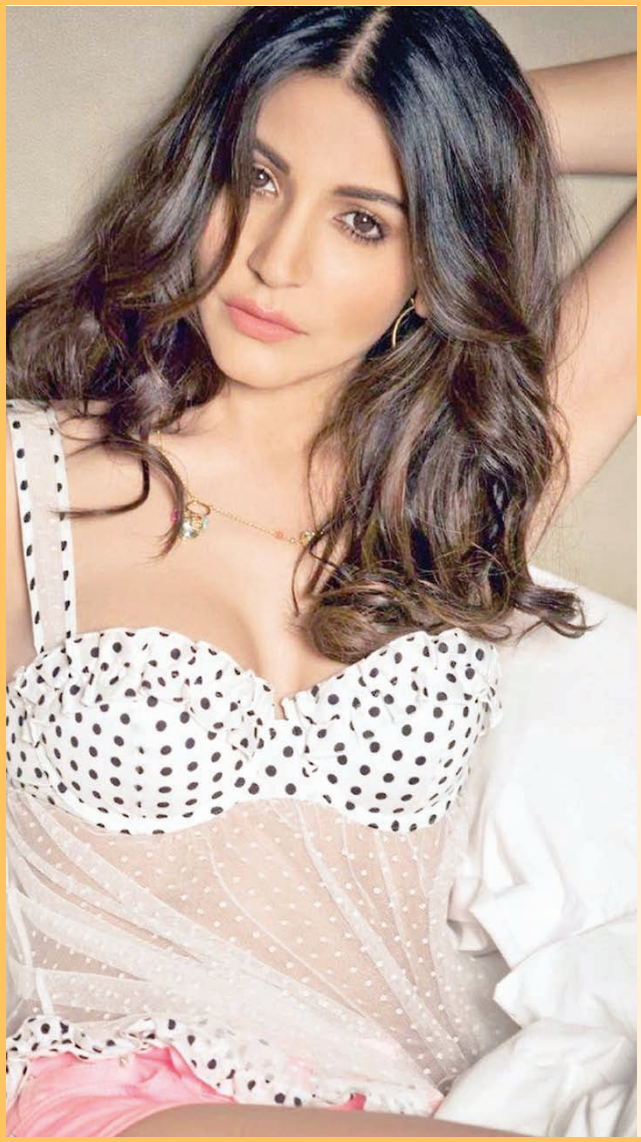

Why Alia is not happy?

Bollywood newbie, Alia Bhatt has been in a not-so-good mood off late. Apparently, the actress is mourning the death of her pet cat. We hear that, Alia is just not ready to believe that her cat is no more with her. She was very very close to her pet. Poor little girl. We do understand your loss Alia. Our condolences are with you.

Meanwhile, the 20-year-old has been roped in for the campaign for PETA India, which supports the rescue of homeless and street animals. Alia shot for the ad on 25th October.

hot & SPICE

Anushka likes to show off?

She is sexy and she knows it! Anushka Sharma has never shied away from flaunting her body. The world knows that she has got a body to die for. If you thought that her bikini act in "Ladies vs Ricky Bhel" was enough for a lifetime, you are mistaken. Recently for an event for Nivea, Anushka Sharma was seen in a backless, floor length, thigh-high slit blue gown that left everyone speechless. She looked her sexiest best showing skin like never before. She flaunted her toned back and legs with oomph! Maybe a little more than required but we are not complaining. Though we love her sense of style, Anushka Sharma accidentally revealed more than she intended to. When she was answering questions during the press conference, the cameras caught a glimpse of Anushka's ravishing beauty.

-DP Desk

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2. Is your work getting disturbed because of your ADDICTION ?

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Market surges all-time high levels

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market sentiment indicator continued the further uptrend and could scale the historic high levels of 21,200, the top which was achieved in January 2008. Market could extend its rally primarily due to the strong buying by the Foreign Institutional Funds, who continued their record purchases of the Indian equities. Market could advance further, even though there are concerns about the weakness in the economy, while there is not much of retail investor participation.

The market sentiment has turned positive as the American markets advanced to the historic levels, while it is expected that the Indian economy could recover in the next half. The exports are expected to pick up and there are reports that there could be bumper harvest due to good monsoon. The second quarterly financial results of the Indian companies that have been declared so far are positive, and market is awaiting the results of other frontline companies, which are expected to have an impact on the market movement.

Though, market has made strong gains to hit all-time highs, there is no strong euphoria that was seen previously during the peak of 2008. It is also expected that the financial stimulus to the American economy would continue. However the economic data of the Indian economy is still weak, which are discounted. The Indian production data (IIP) that was reported recently is still disappointing, while the inflation is still high, with no major relief.

Market rally was led by banking sector stocks which made strong gains due to liquidity booster measures by the Reserve Bank of India. But RBI has increased the banking interest rates by about 25 points in its meet on 28th October for the second time in this quarter. This will make consumer and corporate loans a little more costly.

Indian Rupee is seen in narrow range and in a minor range in-between the resistance of 62 and the support at 61 levels, in the last few days. Crude oil is seen consolidating at 6,000 levels, and could get into a short-term uptrend in the MCX commodity market, as it is in technical oversold position. Precious commodity Gold is seen reacting from 31,000 resistance levels after an earlier minor uptrend, while Silver is also seen in a minor correction from 50,000, while a sideways trend is expected, in the next few days.

Market is now just at all-time high levels, where it must show firm consolidation, in the next few weeks, for the rally to continue into further new peaks. Market could see a consolidation trend in the next few days, till the results season is complete. But technically on the charts, in-case of any failure to sustain above the current major support of 21,000 then market is likely to get into a short-term correction, for the short-term investors to be cautious. Since market has witnessed a strong run-up, it is better for the investors to wait for a decline to enter into the market as it is in the overbought position.

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

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A Thank You from the bottom of Our hearts!!

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

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

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

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

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

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