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Amidst Unprecedented Hooliganism by Seemandhra MPs inside the Lok Sabha; UPA Government introduces the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill-2014...

Will the Congress led UPA get the T-Bill passed in both the houses of Parliament?

By Our Political Correspondent

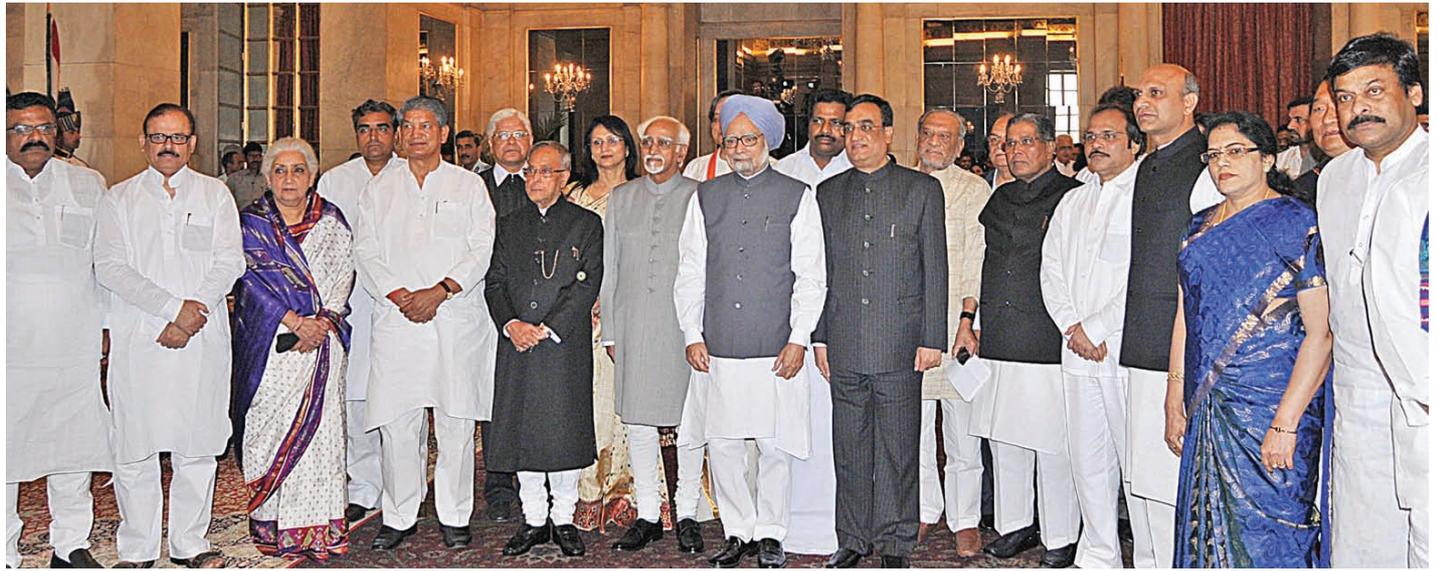
After several flip-flops, politicking taking place at its lowest level and as if to put an end to marathon speculation, the Congress led UPA government mustered enough courage to introduce the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Bill – 2014, or the Telangana Bill in the Lok Sabha on 13th Feb, 2014 amidst “pepper-monium” a new analogy for pandemonium witnessed in the House of the People. The tabling of the T-bill marked crossing of several hurdles, obstacles and dangers that lurked its path in the last four to five months. The wily Seemandhra MPs, MLAs cutting across party lines have left no stone unturned to ensure the ‘T-bill’ was stopped on its way to Parliament at every possible stage.

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They used every opportunity to create obstacles to the lengthy constitutional process envisaged under Article 3 of the Indian Constitution taking advantage of severe shortage of time on account of Congress led UPA government's belated decision. After the Congress Working Committee (CWC) passed a resolution on July 30th, 2013 to form the Telangana state by bifurcating the state of Andhra Pradesh, there was hardly any luxury of time for the long drawn follow up action.

After the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde in the month of September, has done the necessary backroom work for the division of the State. The union cabinet that met under leadership of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh formally approved the decision to form T-state by expeditiously reorganizing the State of Andhra Pradesh by a unanimous resolution to bifurcate the state of Andhra Pradesh on 3rd October, and thereafter immersed itself in the act of preparing the Bill to be introduced in the Parliament. All this was done in the presence of senior ministers like Sharad Pawar, Ajit Singh and Farook Abdulla representing the allies of the Congress. The said cabinet meeting was also attended by cabinet ministers Kavuri Sambasiva Rao, Pallam Raju, Kishore Chandra Deo belonging to Seemandhra region.

Subsequently, the group of ministers after spending a lot of time discussing the constitutional & legal matters relating to bifurcation finally prepared the bill and presented it to the union cabinet on 3rd December. The union cabinet once again met on 5th December and approved the Bill and immediately sent the bill to the President on 7th December. The President, strictly adhering to the provisions of the Constitution examined the Bill and in



turn referred it to the Andhra Pradesh bicameral State Legislature comprising of Assembly with 294 MLAs and Council with 90 MLCs on December 12th, 2013 stipulating a time period of six weeks.

The President Pranab Mukherjee who initially gave the state legislative houses six weeks of time that was expiring on 23rd January 2014, upon specific request by the state government was pleased to further extend it till 30th January 2014. During this long and elaborate exercise, the Seemandhra leaders aided and abetted by none other than Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy have resorted to every possible trick to obstruct, hamper and derail the process. Kiran Reddy, being a junior and relatively inexperienced politician was surprisingly picked up and appointed to the post of state CM by Congress President Sonia Gandhi three years ago; the same Kiran Reddy time and again reiterated that he would abide by the decision of Congress President Sonia Gandhi and the party high command on whatever de-

cision they take with regard to formation of Telangana State. The same was repeated by several Seemandhra Congress leaders – like Kavuri Sambasiva Rao and Chiranjivi, Pallam Raju - who subsequently became central ministers.

However, immediately after the Congress high command has decided to form a state of Telangana NINE MONTHS before the scheduled general elections due in April/May 2104, these leaders of Seemandhra have quickly changed their colours and reneged on their commitment to party high command. Eversince, they have been saying one thing in Delhi and another in Hyderabad. Being in Delhi, they said several times that they had no objection to the bifurcation of the State, if genuine concerns of Seemandhra were addressed. But, back in Hyderabad or while touring in their respective districts, the same leaders claimed that they would never allow the division of the State at any cost. This has also confused the high command which believed that

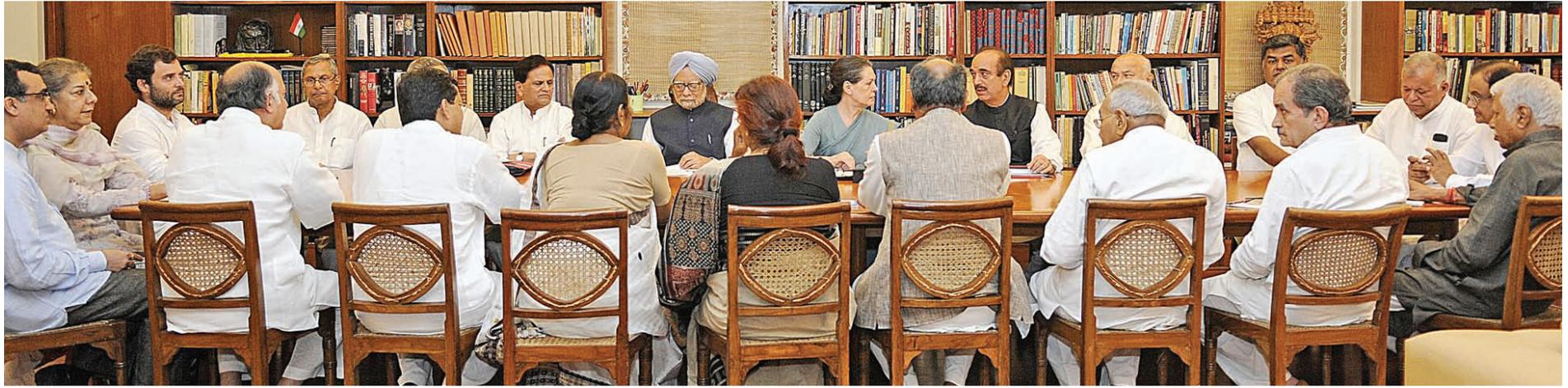
these Seemandhra leaders would be loyal to the party and back the leadership of Sonia Gandhi to the hilt. Taking the party high command by complete surprise the chief minister and union ministers from Seemandhra began attacking the CWC's decision much stringently than the TDP or YSRCP leaders.

Instead of lobbying for adequate safeguards for Seemandhra state or raising the genuine concerns about the possible problems of Seemandhra people, these Seemandhra congress politicians began playing dirty double games.

Hurdles at every step:

Led by a hostile chief minister and his ministerial colleagues, several Seemandhra leaders began claiming that the T-bill was unconstitutional and will not come to the Assembly, as the President won't send it unless an appropriate resolution is passed by the state assembly seeking bifurcation. Another contentious





argument propounded by the Seemandhra politicians was the need to amend Article 371 (D) under Article 368 (amending power of the Constitution); which requires two-thirds of majority in both houses of the Parliament. Their confidence and wishful thinking was based on the fact that Congress doesn't have such numbers in the Parliament at present. All this was played to the hilt by some TV channels biased against Telangana. Once the President referred it to the state legislature; then these Seemandhra politicians began fresh round of attack talking about T-bill's rejection by the State Assembly and the State Council so that the President can be prevailed to refuse recommending it to the Parliament. Finally, after the Assembly passed a voice vote resolution rejecting the bill in such a silly manner, the Seemandhra leaders claimed that the President will not allow it to be tabled in the Parliament.

Meanwhile, some of the overzealous Seemandhra politicians approached the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the whole process. But, the SC turned down such pleas on the ground that there was no need for its intervention at this stage. Contrary

to the claims of Seemandhra leaders, that the President may not recommend the Bill to the Parliament; President Pranab Mukherjee strictly abiding by the Constitutional Rule book formally recommended the T-bill to be introduced in the Parliament. Of course, there was some confusion about procedural formalities of the bill on its way to the Rajya Sabha. Unmindful of the financial implications and special provisions governing the financial bills envisaged under Article 117 of the Constitution; the union government sought the consent of the President to introduce the same firstly in the Council of States as any bill (except money bills and financial bills) with the formal permission of the President can be introduced in either of the houses. But, upon the lacuna being identified by the Rajya Sabha secretariat; it was quickly rectified by seeking the permission of the President to introduce the T-bill firstly in the house of the people. This of course unwarrantedly caused wastage of two working days and as such clearly exposes the callousness of the central government and the needless secrecy the concerned ministers have been maintaining throughout with re-

gard to bill envisaging formation of Telangana State.

Nonetheless, the Seemandhra leaders cannot be spared or forgiven for their dirty tricks all the while. Irrespective of whether someone is holding a constitutional post or not; each one amongst the Seemandhra political class displayed their stubbornness, meanness and destructive attitude in the whole process of bifurcation of AP state to form the state of Telangana. Instead of securing justice and a better deal for their own people, these leaders, most of them having business and vested interests in Hyderabad city, have tried to stall the process of Telangana state formation, which continues to be a dream of millions of people of this region for six decades.

Lagadapati unleashes 'Pepper-Spray' while Modugula spikes the Mike:

What happened in the Lok Sabha on Thursday is indeed a permanent blot on the institution of Parliament in our country. Expelled Congress MP Lagadapati Rajagopal tried to stall the introduction of the T-bill by unleashing pepper spray while an-

other TDP MP Modugula Venugopala Reddy wrenched the mike that lay before the Speaker's podium to attack other members using the uprooted mike as a spiked weapon. Many know that pepper spray is an aerosol spray containing oils derived from cayenne pepper causes irritant to the eyes and respiratory passages and used as a disabling weapon by vulnerable women when confronted by men in isolated places. But unfortunately and shockingly Lagadapati (an able bodied male) felt it apt to use it in the most secured confines of the House of the People to disrupt the proceedings as vowed by him earlier on numerous occasions. Fistfights and verbal abuses between the MPs of Seemandhra determined to prevent the union home minister from tabling the T-bill and Telangana MPs equally determined to ensure introduction of the T-bill have shocked us all beyond our comprehension. The Parliament has witnessed a new tradition of pepper sprays being used instead of pungent speeches by the members. Fiery statements have been replaced by fistfights. From being a debating forum, the Parliament has been degenerated to jostling ground.

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T-People saddened by the happenings:

People of Telangana probably could never have imagined that the introduction of the bill to form the state of Telangana would be done in this manner. They wanted the T-bill to be introduced after a marathon debate, where all parties will recall the historic non violent struggle waged seeking the granting of statehood to Telangana since 1956 onwards and the unprecedented sacrifices made by hundreds of youth killed in police firings in 1969 and the self sacrificing suicides of hundreds of youth in the past five years. The people of Telangana wanted to see the bill being introduced and passed by the Parliament amidst thunderous applause and cheering by majority of the MPs in the Lok Sabha cutting across the

party lines as a testimonial to their peaceful and persistent struggle. It is widely known that many political parties like BJP, NCP, NC, BSP, RLD, CPI, RJD, JD-U etcetera having not a single MP from Andhra Pradesh were lending unconditional support to formation of Telangana State. As such a thunderous applause was anticipated by the crores of people in Telangana.

But, some parties, especially, the ruling Congress are responsible for this sort of unfortunate introduction of the T-bill on Thursday. Congress displayed its lack of vision and sense of wisdom by following needles secrecy in bringing this bill before the Lok Sabha in such an undignified manner. This secretive approach over a historical Constitutional Bill has given

handle to the rouge MPs from Seemandhra who were out to mar a solemn occasion like the historical introduction of the Telangana bill. Everyone knows how the MPs from Seemandhra were threatening to obstruct the introduction of the T-bill. Even otherwise, it was the responsibility of the ruling party to manage a semblance of orderliness in preserving the dignity of the august house.

Even now, there is some kind of uncertainty over the fate of the bill. After the Vote on Account bill that is scheduled as business on agenda for 17th of February, i.e. Monday, the Lok Sabha may either take up the T-bill immediately after the Vote on Account is introduced on 17th itself or for sure on 18th of February. Of course, the bill may be passed any day before the session concludes on 21st of February in both houses but the question is whether a decent debate takes place? If the Seemandhra MPs apart from those suspended also continue to adopt the same obstructive tactics, there is every possibility of the T-bill being passed by voice vote, without discussion and voting. This is sure to create bad blood between T-people and Seemandhra people for a long time to come. In fact, it will adversely affect those from Andhra residing in Hyderabad who have absolutely nothing to do with the conduct of the Seemandhra MPs.

This is absolutely not the desired manner in which State of Telangana comes into being. The people of Telangana struggled with all dignity and humility to achieve their goal. They would

certainly wish for the creation of state of Telangana as 29th state in the Indian Federal Union with enormous good will from the MPs representing various states across the nation. They desire the bill be passed in a dignified manner, befitting the occasion, after a proper discussion in both the Houses of Parliament. But Congress in its typical style seems not geared up for this. The party's floor managers appear ruthless and clueless on how to go about the smooth passage of the T-bill. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kamalnath says the government can get the bill passed even without the help of BJP; if that is the case, why the Prime Minister and his senior colleagues invited the BJP top brass to the luncheon on 12th February?

This kind of dysfunctional approach, improper co-ordination and lack of proper strategy on the part of ruling Congress is an avoidable blot on the inevitable formation of Telangana State. As of now, the BJP wants to extend its full cooperation to the passage of the bill. Except for senior BJP leader LK Advani, every other leader in the BJP like its National President Rajnath Singh, LoP in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj and the LoP in the Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley have all been categorically reiterating their unconditional support to passing the T-bill with huge majority. It is up to the Congress to utilize the offer and conduct the two Houses of the Parliament in a dignified manner to pass the Telangana bill that apparently enjoys an overwhelming support in both the houses. ♦

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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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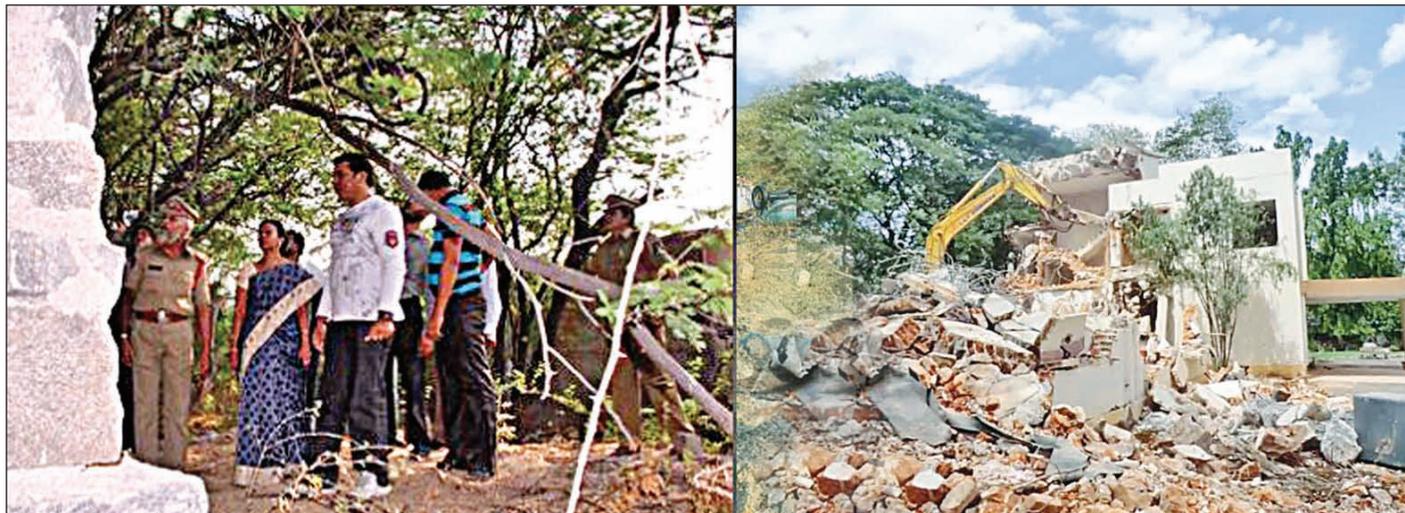
Terrible allegations against a Tahsildar?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

With the general elections fast approaching everywhere in the country and with the anarchy prevailing in the state of Andhra Pradesh it appears that government officials are more interested in serving their masters or the people who are ever ready to oblige them in whatever means they are desiring. The latest incident is a true evidence of the same as the then Tahsildar of Asifnagar Mandal in the Hyderabad revenue district is facing serious and severe allegations of corruption, favouritism and biased nature in delivering the judgment in the case pending before her office.

When the transfers of the Tahsildars in the twin cities as well as Ranga Reddy Districts, it has been alleged that an higher influential official has negotiated with the aspirants for the focal postings and struck deals for the better transfers. It is being said that this deal enabled the tainted Tahsildars who are facing serious allegations of corruption also got 'good' postings as they have paid mamools to the higher official for getting these focal postings even when the allegations were severe in nature and in few cases enquiries are pending.

In a latest case it is being alleged that a lady Tahsildar has received huge sum in lakhs of rupees to do an illegal favour to an petitioner in a case pertaining to a land which is located in Hyderabad Revenue District which is worth of crores of Rupees. The victims also allege that the Tahsildar has offered to do the middleman's job to resolve a land dispute between two parties who are fighting for the ownership of a prime land in Asif Nagar Mandal area by paying them a reasonable amount.



It is also being alleged that the then Tahsildar has given her judgment in a hurry after receiving huge amounts in favour of the people who have not even produced substantial evidence in support of the claim and the then Tahsildar has delivered her verdict just after the announcement of the transfers of the Tahsildars in the Hyderabad City. It is also being alleged that the said Tahsildar has offered a huge sum to other party to resolve the land dispute amicably and when the Respondents turned down the offer, the said Tahsildar has delivered the judgment against them.

The alleged victims alleges further that the party which got favourable orders from this allegedly corrupt Tahsildar have broken all the laws and rules and managed to get the physical possession of the disputed land in no time with the help of the

concerned Mandal Revenue Inspector just within few hours without completing the legal formalities and without even giving the Panchnama Report to the parties interested i.e. the respondents and the Respondents in the same case have not even been informed about the judgment delivered by the said Tahsildar but in the judgment it is being declared that the judgment is declared in an open court before all the litigant parties.

The judgment of the said allegedly corrupt Tahsildar has given immense illegal strength to the people who managed to get a favourable order and these allegedly crooked and constipated cockroaches born out of corruption to demolish the existing structures and build boundary walls by managing the local police and also managing the local goons and mafia.

The alleged victims of the said Tahsildar and violators have approached the concerned governmental officials with the injustices done to them by the allegedly corrupt Tahsildar and they are awaiting for justice in an unbiased manner and without paying any bribes for getting the justice which they really deserve and appealing the concerned officials to take serious cognizance of their allegations and take immediate action against the alleged corrupt officials and their alleged corruption or else they are believing that nobody would believe in the democratic set up as few people from various political parties are adventuring and influencing the system and they would be left only with the option to approach the higher appropriate constitutional authorities for seeking available remedies and see that the guilty are punished properly. ♦

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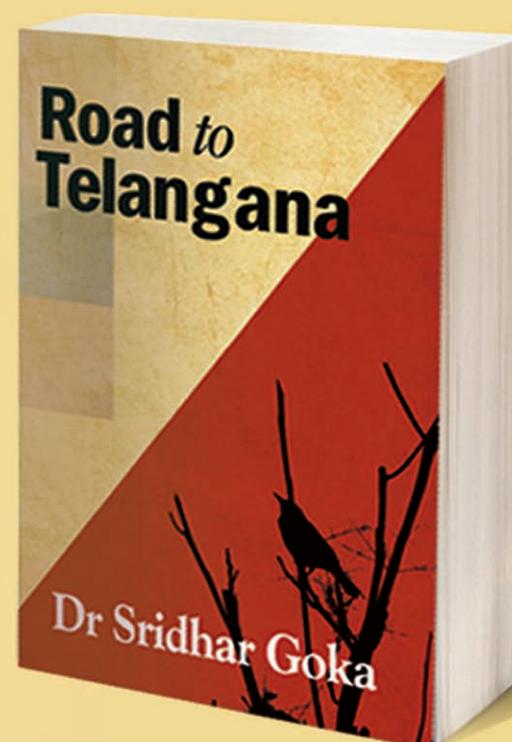
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Kejriwal should have continued

The first government of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) which came to power in Delhi on the hopes of major change in the governance came to an end barely 49 days after Chief Minister Aravind Kejriwal announced his resignation on Friday night. A maverick Kejriwal quit the executive office of Delhi CM following his failure to introduce his pet piece of legislation, Jan Lokpal Bill in Delhi Assembly earlier in the day on 14th February.

Right from the beginning, Kejriwal has been warning his opponents that he would go to any extent if the bill was not passed as per the promise made by his party before the elections. In a way, he indirectly taunted both Congress that was supporting his party from outside and the principal opposition BJP as well to defeat him

the common man in Delhi.

We can only say that the AAP could have probably averted this situation and continued in the government for some more time, at least till the Parliament elections. It is a fact that AAP has carried hopes of the vast majority of ordinary people in the national capital, as it promised better civic facilities, good governance and caring administration, and of course, a corruption free ruling.

Kejriwal has strived hard to keep some of his promises, like supply of 700 liters of water at free of cost to each family in Delhi and lowering of power tariff etc. Though the 49 days of being in power is too short to judge a government, the record of events in the last seven weeks has shown us that the attention of the AAP regime is scattered



on the floor of the House on Jan Lokpal Bill issue.

Precisely, the same thing has happened. While the AAP government wanted to rush through the Jan Lokpal Bill, giving more teeth to the law compared to the Lok Pal Act brought out by the UPA government at the Centre recently. Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Najeeb Jung objected to the AAP's Jan Lokpal on the ground that it doesn't have his prior clearance. In fact, Delhi which continues to be a union territory requires clearances from the union government on making legislation in the Delhi assembly.

In spite of that, the AAP government wanted to introduce the Jan Lokpal Bill in the Assembly, however, the Speaker who belongs to the AAP was asked by the LG not to allow any voting over the proposed bill; despite that the Speaker employed a clever strategy of seeking the support of the House on whether to put the Jan Lokpal Bill to voting? The said motion was lost, after the speaker put it to voting by 42-27 votes. Keeping his word, Kejriwal immediately announced quitting his post. This brings curtains on the first ever government of AAP which rode to power bagging an impressive tally of winning 28 seats; just 8 short of a simple majority. The Congress that enjoyed power for fifteen years did the right thing by lending its support to AAP that rode on the crest of popular hope promising a real change to

and diverted to many issues, including some of which are not in its purview. May be the AAP was unwittingly trying to chew a bit too much which cannot be justified at this point at least.

It's a fact that Lokpal is an institution created by the Centre to deal with the corruption at the national level, while states will have to have Lokayuktas. But, AAP government insisted that its state level anti-corruption body too should be named as Lokpal, and named their bill as Jan Lokpal, to retain the nomenclature. But, there is no need for this kind of confrontation with the Centre when our country is fortunate to have a written constitution that clearly demarcates the sovereign powers of the Centre and States in their respective domains.

There were plenty of problems of common people in Delhi. Kejriwal and his team should have concentrated on solving these problems, one by one, in the next couple of months. But, the AAP team seems to be in a tearing hurry to prove that they are a bunch of angry young men who won't compromise with corruption. That is the reason why they booked a case against Mukesh Ambani and others in Oil & Gas pricing alleging massive corruption. That may be a political intention and potential weapon, but Kejriwal's decision to quit is not a laudable move from the Aam Admi's point of view. ♦

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letters
TO THE EDITOR



BJP faltering over T-bill; Can it honour its promise?

I am a fan of Deccan Post for its in-depth analytical and unique way of its presenting the news. With reference to your last week's cover story many people like me are suspecting the commitment of BJP for the formation of Telangana state. It was pathetic to see that the Leader of Opposition Sushma Swaraj was

finding faults with the introduction of Telangana Bill on the floor of the Lok Sabha by the Leader of the House and Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde. Its an open secret now that Venkaiah Naidu in the alleged nexus of Chandra Babu Naidu are leaving no stones to oppose the bifurcation of the state and continue this instability in all the regions of the AP state till the next

general elections and reap rich political benefits. On the other hand, the Congress party is blaming the BJP for adopting double standards over the Telangana state formation issue. The BJP cannot back out from its Telangana commitment and it will suffer huge political loss if it play games over this contentious issues. The BJP leadership must come out vocally and clear their stand and prove their uniformity in their words and deeds.

R Ramesh, Gudimalkapur

Alleged scams taking place in Commercial Taxes Department?

Your last week's story about the alleged corruption and scams taking place in CT department was a good one. I was surprised to know that a crucial department like Commercial Taxes is functioning with a Minister since a very long time. I agree with the point that the Commercial Taxes Department is the highest revenue generator of the state and the taxes collected are being used for the welfare schemes for the poor and weaker sections of the society. The alleged scams must be investigated seriously and stern action should be taken against the guilty officials so that the future officials will not indulge in such corrupt practices.

Ch Rajitha, SR Nagar

Impose Prez Rule & Stop Anarchy

Many people like me in Hyderabad are tired with the Telangana as well as the United Andhra Pradesh movements and the day to day agitations and no functioning at government offices enhancing the troubles much more. It is ridiculous to see that the state chief minister is acting as the representative of Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra regions and embarrassing the feelings of the Telangana people by opposing the Telangana state formation and adopting cheap tactics and techniques just to be a hero of Seemandhra people and gain politically in the coming elections. The talk of floating a new party by the Chief Minister is adding more fuel to the fire. People like me who have migrated from Andhra region are feeling very unsafe to live in Hyderabad and the acts of the Seemandhra politicians could endanger the safety of their own people. Its high time that the Central government must impose President Rule in the state and take the control of the law and order situation in the state to avoid any unwanted nuisances.

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Despite shameless acts of Seemandhra MPs in Parliament... Telangana would be a Reality after 5 decades of Suppression...

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent

Thursday February 13th, 2014 would be considered as another historical day in the annals of Parliamentary Democracy of India as AP Reorganization Bill-2013 got tabled in Lok Sabha paving way for a Telangana (T) state. It was preceded by technical confusion-whether or not the said bill is a financial one or not for introduction in Rajya Sabha was taken advantage and led to distorted interpretation by Seemandhra media stating that the Bill has been rejected by the Vice-President/Chairman of Rajya Sabha..! But, the fate that be as aspired by 4.5 crore people of Telangana the bill got introduced in Lok Sabha following a tireless peaceful struggle after five decades of suppression. The demand for demerger leading to T state gathered momentum inviting wide spread attention and empathy after deliberately ignoring all conditions and agreements laid down at the time of merger in 1956 duly endorsed by the Parliament. Now the same Parliament is to endorse the said demerger-T state in a week's time (by 21/2/2014) after the introduction of the bill on 13th February by Union Home Minister-Sushil Kumar Shinde.

Seemandhra MPs (Seemandhra media helping hand) create a ruckus indulging in shameless acts to thwart T bill introduction..! Thursday morning too witnessed similar scenes as that of preceding days leading to adjournment to meet at 12 Noon. Anticipating that the A.P. Reorganization Bill-2013 would surely dot the proceedings for it's rightful introduction, tabling and passing-Seemandhra MP's cutting across party affiliations rushed menacingly to the podium soon after the house met at noon. Run upto the D day all these MP's have been issuing veiled threats that they would go to any extent to stop the introduction of the bill including attempt suicide in the house which was shamelessly/unethically and regularly highlighted by seemandhra media..! This has certainly emboldened those MP's to become heroes (as has been done in five decades of imposing rule over T region) to plan and execute such undemocratic acts in both the houses of Parliament..?

As planned TDP-MP's from both the regions started to create chaos joined by their Seemandhra counterparts from Congress as soon as the Speaker- Lok Sabha called item no 28 and asked Union Home Minister to move the bill-which he did. Speaker after ascertaining the house view again asked the Union Home Minister to introduce the bill-which he did allowing the tabling of A.P.Reorganisation-2013-a historical event. Meanwhile furthering their planned agenda-Seemandhra MP's-both TDP and Congress after rushing to the podium and towards the treasury benches did their best to stop Union Home Minister from introducing the bill by throwing papers, sloganeering.

As the Minister was protected by Congress MPs, (from T and other regions) -they (TDP-MP-M Venugopal Reddy and others) soon became violent by breaking the mikes and glass on the Speaker's podium. As this was countered by Congress MP's from Telangana and other parts of the country-Lagadapati Rajgopal took out a bottle and started to spray all around leading to allergic manifestations-burning of eyes and throat, cough, suffocation of MP's in the vicinity including Speaker..! This led to commotion

paving for adjournment of the house as several of the members including Speaker had to be rushed to the hospital.

Similar scenes were witnessed in Rajya Sabha as Seemandhra MPs created a chaotic scenes including breaking of mikes by TDP-MP C M Ramesh culminating in house adjournment. All these cynical acts to bulldoze Parliamentary Democracy by Seemandhra MP's invited widest condemnation cutting across party lines demanding severest of the punishments. National Media too condemned and demanded life time ban on such MPs - Lagadapati Rajgopal and CM Ramesh while censuring them in live public debates by castigating their acts as worse than that of terrorists equating them with attack on parliament..! While that was the situation across the country-the local See-

mandhra media eulogized them as war heroes with selective AD's..! While any small incident on Seemandhrite's is widely publicized as an attack on Telugu pride then how come Seemandhra media going the other way now..! Is it the same famous post DEC-9 2009 group (including K lobby) behind..? As anarchy prevailed in the house, Speaker in due consultation with leaders of political parties suspended 15 Seemandhra MP's alongside 3 Telangana MPs for the rest of the session. Meanwhile Speaker appointed a security committee headed by Deputy Speaker to suggest security measures and also impending action against those MP's who have created mayhem in the house on Thursday the 13th.



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Post Dec 2009 tricks by the same group fails inviting widespread sympathy for T cause..! As all efforts by Seemandhra business-politico-administration-media lobby came to knots, they have resorted to this cynical, undemocratic act as per the reports emerging from Delhi. Somehow this infamous post December 2009 group wanted to replicate the same drama, but never in their wildest dreams expected that it would backfire setting a stage wherein T state gains maximum sympathy..!

The infamous group's divergent strategy-

first reject the bill in AP Assembly, then create confusion at the national level by suggesting alliances to those parties who have been espousing T cause on a consistent basis while at the same time their great actors of the same group in Parliament see to that the bill is never introduced..! All these acts were put to regular debate in their Seemandhra media to influence innocent viewers mindset by spreading cards that T state would never be a reality and would stop at one stage and the elections would be held in a united state..? Under cover many files have been cleared in the last few weeks as per inside sources and at the same time trying to destroy all the evidences of illegal usurping..! Otherwise why would this group keep on changing their decisions on mass resignation etc inspite of knowing that T state is inevitable and soon would be a reality.

gave their nod in various ways.. internal party decisions, through coalition with T as agenda, on the floor of Assembly by the respective party leaders and in all party meetings in the state as well as at the national level by the national parties-in CMP by UPA, BJP and CPI's clear stand and alliances. But a sudden 'U' turn by the infamous lobby has put paid to the hopes of a democratic process leading to appointment of Sri Krishna Committee followed by many intra party meetings, all party meetings officially chaired by Union Home Ministry. But the severe drubbing in the bye-elections in both regions again compelled this infamous group to recreate the same logic..? This led to 2010 letters of support from all these lead players reiterating their stand on T which paved way for the present reality-a Telangana State by 2014-February end.

Again this infamous group started to create the same trouble as was witnessed in 2009..! To counter that UPA and Congress hatched a democratic way of addressing the issue. That too by not deviating from their path of 30th July CWC and UPA resolutions and at the same toeing the line that come whatever this bill would be introduced as per article-3 by not bowing to mean vote-seat political considerations as being espoused by Seemandhrites-a majority..! That's why this simple demerger to form T state after failed conditionalities as agreed upon during merger in 1956 with defined boundaries and resources of erstwhile Hyderabad state..! Then how come this whispering campaign that Seemandhra region would be the loser? If so why don't they allow a meaningful discussion..?

Why this undemocratic means of obstructing a democratic process? All these acts have led to many innocents losing their lives in the recent weeks..! How long should one suffer..? Even BJP has categorically stated their expressed support to Telangana very convincingly over the last few days inspite of trailing efforts by TDP-CBN, YSR-CP Jagan and Seemandhra Media..? Should one have any doubt after the recent lunch on diplomacy meeting between the big-wigs of Congress (includes PM and Union Ministers) and BJP..! Justice should be done to T region in tune with the exploitation lasting five decades while no one would oppose a meaningful package to Seemandhra - Capital City, High Court, Educational Institutions, Hospitals, assured water and power as per the rightful share alongside solving other nitty-gritty issues on a similar basis etc which would allow equity in prosperous growth. Let Seemandhrites don't forget the latest of their impositions in an undemocratic way-Voice Vote Rejection of the bill sent by the President after tabling, discussion and written submissions without allowing those from Telangana to even dissent..! How can these claim of injustice in Delhi now..? That is why Article-3 and Telangana.

So, national parties and union government are trying to uphold the region/ regional concerns of a minority group as dictated by Article-3 as forethought by our great visionary Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. A check on the industrialist backed politicians and political parties (alongside similar business lobbies) in the future with their cause espousing media. ♦

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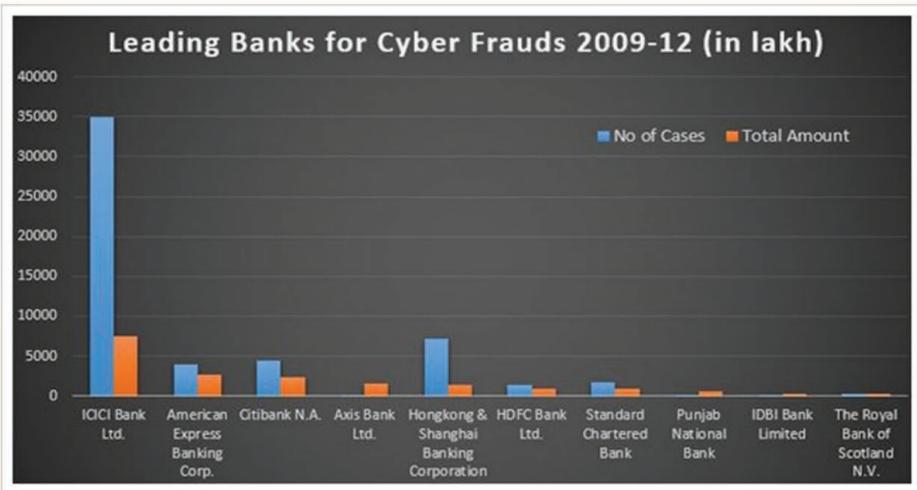
Congress as soon as the Speaker- Lok Sabha called item no 28 and asked Union Home Minister to move the bill-which he did. Speaker after ascertaining the house view again asked the Union Home Minister to introduce the bill-which he did allowing the tabling of A.P.Reorganisation-2013-a historical event

National Parties also act in deference with wishes of the people to negate this infamous post Dec 2009 group..! Ineffective with the prevailing moods and situation based on wishes and aspirations of people as expressed in a democratic way (coalition politics for T state..!) - UPA came up with 9th December 2009 statement that T process would be initiated with an appropriate resolution in the Assembly. This decision was arrived after all the stake holders in the state



White collar crimes on the rise!

FRAUD TIP:
Do not release your personal information to unknown sources "phishing" for your debit or credit card information...



Bank Group	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		Cumulative total (As at end March 2013)	
	No. of cases	Amount involved	No. of cases	Amount Involved						
Nationalized Banks including SBI Group	118	1.82	143	3.39	172	7.26	190	9.85	824	25.60
Old Private Sector Banks	9	0.15	4	0.46	9	0.06	6	1.09	55	2.30
New Private Sector Banks	14387	34.53	9638	21.41	6552	16.54	3408	33.97	74321	183.48
Sub Total	14396	34.68	9642	21.87	6561	16.6	3414	35.06	75200	211.38
Foreign Banks	5273	26.88	4486	14.77	3315	14.60	5161	22.45	36455	145.95
Grand Total	19787	63.38	14271	40.03	10048	38.46	8765	67.36	111655	357.33

By Jaywant Naidu

Public sector banks have cumulatively lost more than Rs 22,000 crores due to cheating and forgery in the last three years alone. Indian Overseas Bank is the worst hit with a loss of nearly Rs 3,100 crores as against State Bank of India (SBI) which lost around Rs 2,700 crores. The number of fraud cases is about 2,990 in April 2012 to March 2013 amounting to around Rs 10,179 crores. More than 5,000 employees of different banks are under the scanner for involvement in fraud cases.

In May 2013, a CBI special judge convicted M Gopalakrishnan, former Chairman-Managing Director of Indian Bank, Chennai as he had sanctioned credit facilities of huge amounts to a company without sufficient securities and also by surpassing the rules of the bank. In most cases, Bankers have exceeded their discretionary powers and given loans to borrowers on fake or forged documents. After obtaining loan, the borrower defaults causing huge losses to the banks. Internet banking and use of ATMs has resulted in increase of cyber frauds. Chief Vigilance Officers (CVO) of various government organizations have received as many as 48,554 complaints of alleged corruption between January and December 2012. Of these, the highest were by the railway CVO, only to be followed by banks with 7,336 complaints.

A study conducted by the Reserve Bank of India unearthed fraud of a staggering amount of Rs 15,677 Crores as of September 2013. And 88% of this fraud worth Rs 13,766 Crores was perpetrated at nationalized banks alone. This involved 197 accounts and took into consideration only large value fraud that was above Rs 50 Crores, so the total amount will be much larger in reality. Private Banks and foreign banks in contrast were responsible for only 8% and 4% respectively of the cases of fraud unearthed by the RBI. It took over 10 years for 45% of the cases and between 5 to 10 years for 67% of the cases, creating a great disconnect between the punishment meted out and the offence.

The study furthermore highlighted the 'skewed' nature of the vigilance process which tended to focus on lower level functionaries even though the sanctioning of advances is usually at the level of senior executives/Board. Out of 719 officers who were found account-

able in 230 large value fraud accounts in the banks over a period of time, 426 officers were up to the rank of Senior Manager, 196 officers were Chief Managers and AGMs, 94 officers were of the rank of DGM, GM and CGM and 3 officials were from the top management and Board of Directors.

CYBER FRAUDS IN BANKS:

The details furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in respect of Scheduled Commercial Banks pertaining to frauds relating to ATMs/Debit Cards/ Internet Banking and Credit Cards is as under:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Calendar Year	Total cases reported	Amount involved
1.	2010	15018	4048.94
2.	2011	9588	3672.19
3.	2012	8322	5266.95

RBI has informed that it does not have data on Cyber Frauds in Public Sector Banks that have turned into non-performing assets.

The measures initiated by RBI to strengthen security arrangements are as under:

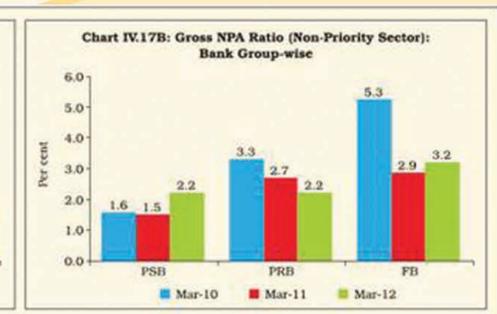
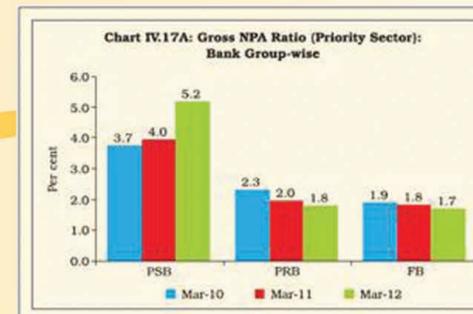
1. Master Circular R B I . D B S . F r M C . BC.No.1/23.04.001/2012-13 dated July 2nd, 2012 on "Frauds - Classification and reporting" containing all the details/aspects relating to frauds. The same is also available on the website of RBI i.e. www.rbi.org.in. On receipt of



fraud reports from banks, various aspects related to the frauds are examined and concerned banks are advised to report the case to CBI/ Police/ SFIO, examine staff accountability, complete proceedings against the erring staff expeditiously, take steps to recover the amount involved in the fraud, claim insurance wherever applicable and streamline the system as also procedures so that frauds do not recur.

2. RBI has issued two circulars viz; (i) 'Security arrangements for ATMs of bank' dated February 22, 2006 and (ii) 'Skimming of ATM/Credit Cards' dated June 26,2006 advising banks to take various preventive measures to combat frauds relating to skimming or duplicating of credit cards. The preventive measures include educating customers through cautionary messages posted in the web-site of card issuing banks, informing customers not to reveal PIN in response to requests received through e-mails, to periodically verify the transaction history, immediate reporting to the bank, if any unauthorized transaction is observed, and inform the bank if the card is lost or stolen.

3. On the basis of suggestions of a Working Group set up by RBI in 2010, RBI has issued guidelines which are fundamentally expected to enhance safety, security, efficiency in banking processes leading to benefits for banks and their customers. The implementation progress is required to be reviewed and reported submitted to the Board on quarterly



basis.

4. RBI vide its Master Circular dated 1.7.2011, on "Credit Card Operation of Banks" advised banks to set up internal control systems to combat frauds and to take proactive fraud control and enforcement measures and to ensure that credit card operations were run on sound, prudent and profitable lines as also fulfill 'Know Your Customer' requirement, assess credit risk of customers, specify terms and conditions in clear and simple language, ensure prompt dispatch of bills, maintain customer confidentiality etc.

5. All Commercial Banks have also been cautioned by RBI vide letter dated. 16.02.2006 on phishing attacks which contained details of the modus-operandi on such attacks and minimum set of preventive/detective measures to tackle phishing attacks.

6. Besides above, public is advised through press releases/notifications regarding not to reveal account details, do not fall prey to fictitious offers of fund transfer, remittance towards participation in lottery, money circulation schemes, and other fictitious offers of cheap funds etc.

The Reserve Bank of India has registered 8,322 cases of cyber frauds in 2012, a decline from 9,588 cases and 15,018 cases registered in 2011 and 2010 respectively. RBI informed that these cyber frauds includes frauds recorded in ATMs, Debit Cards, Internet Banking and Credit Cards. It also mentioned that this includes data for 48 banks and the organization has not included data for banks that have turned into non-performing assets. Rs 52.66 crore were involved in these cyber fraud cases in 2012, a significant increase from Rs 36.72 crore in 2011 and Rs 40.48 crore in 2010.

Among public sector banks, State Bank of Hyderabad has registered the maximum number of cases in the year 2012, with 6 cyber fraud cases worth Rs. 0.50 crore,

while State Bank of India and State Bank of Mysore haven't recorded any cyber frauds in the year 2012. Among nationalized banks, IDBI Bank has registered the maximum number of cyber frauds in the year 2012, with 87 cases worth Rs. 2.03 crore. This is a significant increase from 13 cases worth Rs 0.15 crore in the year 2010. IDBI Bank is followed by Corporation Bank which registered 47 cyber fraud cases worth Rs. 0.21 crore in the year 2012.

CYBER FRAUDS IN PRIVATE BANKS:

Among private banks, ICICI Bank has recorded the maximum number of cyber frauds in the year 2012, with 3,428 cases worth Rs 6.76 crore. This is a decline from 6013 cases worth Rs 10.96 crore in the year 2011 and 9811 cases worth Rs. 19.2 crore in the year 2010. Other private banks with a significant number of cyber frauds include Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd, American Express Banking Corp. and Citibank. The number of cyber frauds in Citibank has increased to 1,504 cases worth Rs 6.9 crore in the year 2012, a significant increase from 774 cases worth Rs 4.2 crore in the year 2011 and 925 cases worth Rs. 5.21 crore in the year 2010. ♦

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Pournami Garuda Seva



The Pournami Garuda Seva performed at Tirumala on Friday evening following the advent of Pournami. TTD has started performing Pournami Garuda Seva during every Pournami of every month since 2006 for the sake of the visiting pilgrims. Usually this event is the main one during nine-day brahmotsavams as lakhs of pilgrims throng to witness the grandeur of Lord on this day. However, in the larger interests of the pilgrims, TTD began Pournami Garuda Seva during every Pournami with an aim to provide an opportunity to the pilgrims those who fail to make it on Brahmotsavams.

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Drawn Anything o_O Pappu: Sir, Can You See Bacteria Without Microscope ?

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Doctor: They are for you !

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10 Amazing Benefits of Amla

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SUDOKU 309

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

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-308

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

Answer 308: S Nagaraj, Gaganmahal.

ASTRO FOCUS

Aries: Your family will be standing with you in your decision, Inclination towards religious ceremonies likely, gives you spiritual contentment. Meeting with an old friend may turn in your favor. Better earnings this week will resolve many of your problems. You will get more financial benefit. Acquisition of assets and many more things or gifts this week may delight you.

Taurus: The start of this week would bring successful results and would heighten professional spirits. To take business to newer heights businessmen are likely to induct highly motivated professionals with excellent communication skills. For some romantic life moves forward as partner returns after a short separation. If possible do something innovative to invest in the relationship.

Gemini: If you are planning a business trip though, there could be challenges and disappointments. Research, education and learning for fun also trump the more serious studies that interest you now. Your originality comes to the fore and you will produce remarkable work. Fresh negotiations for work could run into a few problems. A big investment opportunity will come to your way.

Cancer: You need to maintain your focus to succeed in professional endeavor. You get new profitable opportunities but it is now upto you to use them to your benefit. You may be misunderstood if you are too outspoken, especially in print or online on the Internet. Your connection with your partner will help you to find your way.

Leo: It is going to be a high-energy week with a lot of confusing, conflicting energies that come largely from friends, companions, groups or clubs. People in general will be hyperactive, dramatic, excitable and unfocused. Your intuitive senses are on target with your business, professional or domestic goals. You are inclined to be more ambitious for material wealth and status.

Virgo: You will be more in touch with your emotions than usual and will display more sensitivity toward the feelings of others. This time is favorable for involvement in advanced ideas in information, communications and transportation. There can be a great demand on your energies now, as you tend to take on ambitious goals. Cooperation is needed to avoid difficulties in dealing with partners and equals.

Libra: You have incredible ideas that seem to come from some extraterrestrial channeled source, they are so outside your normal way of thinking. Give them a chance to percolate and develop. It is a fortunate time for business contracts, sales and negotiations. Your career is in focus now. You can make a good impression on others through your kind ways.

Scorpio: This week you need to make some serious effort to improve yourself. Keep in mind that acquiring knowledge would be never ending process and you all gain from sharing it with others. You are probably feeling particularly positive. You have increased self-confidence to try new things that are daring, unusual and inventive to pursue your goals for greater independence.

Sagittarius: You would face any difficult situation with courage this week. You will overcome the difficulties with your forethought. If possible, change your schedule and have a firm belief in yourself. You will perform religious activities at home. You have a good opportunity to involve yourself in some interesting conversation during the week.

Capricorn: This week happy news from a friend or a close relative will boost your spirits and bring cheerful moments. You have to control your temperaments and do not exchange harsh words. You are likely to get enough exposure to practical skills at professional front. You use your knowledge wisely and prudently and you gain great respect from all who get to know you.

Aquarius: You are likely to witness some adverse situations at domestic front but it is in your hands to handle the situation. Remember it is a decisive period so a special care needs to be taken to give way to success in life. You may be called upon to participate in a secret investigation, or testify in a court of law soon. You may have to keep something that you know secret. You can get bored in your work.

Pisces: You will definitely pick up valuable suggestion if you listen properly. You will find yourself bubbling with loads of energy and your intuition will be helpful in making crucial decisions. You shall get opportunity your higher education and scholarship. You need to use your intellectual power to your benefit. Financially a rewarding time and colleagues will be helpful and supportive.

The fading art of Cheriya Painting

Meruguju Madhu hails from the Cheriya Village of Warangal District in Andhra Pradesh. He spoke to Decan Post about this dying art form.

What is the history of this art form?

It's a part of the profession of the story telling community known as 'Kaki Padagollu'. The scrolls of paintings would be shown and the story narrated with live music for the members of the Mudiraju community. Mahabharata, Ramayana, Shiva Puranas, Krishna Leelas and other Village Stories would form the subject of the same. Scroll played the role of the visual medium and the song of the bard was the audio medium. The traditional scrolls are normally in vertical format, illustrating stories in a series of horizontal panels. A floral border in the middle separates the two panels, while the linear narrative is demonstrated by a tree or a building.

How is the canvas made?

The making of the canvas is by treating Khadi cotton cloth with rice starch, white mud, a paste of boiled tamarind seeds and gum water. Nearly three coatings are given to make it possible to paint on the cloth. The artists sketch the outline directly onto the canvas using a brush.

What about the colors?

We use natural colors and even the brushes used are made with hair of squirrels tied to a stick.

How easy was your journey in this art form?

It's never been easy. I learnt this art form from my brother Late M Chandraiah. My father Ram Narsaiah was a carpenter and did not encourage me to take this art as a profession. My mother Vijayamma encouraged me to go ahead and do what I enjoyed the most.



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But where is the support? Where are the buyers? Hardly anyone from the younger generation, even Warangal District is not much aware about this art form

What is the future of this art?

This art form has been given a Geographical Indications (GI) tag. Cheriya Scroll Painting form is recognized by the Development Commissioner of Handicrafts New Delhi. But where is the support? Where are the buyers? Hardly anyone from the younger generation, even Warangal District is not much aware about this art form.

How do you propose to create awareness among the youth?

I conducted Cheriya painting workshops for foreign students and resident students at Bhavans Vivekananda College, Sainikpuri and University College of Science, Saifabad under the 'ICCR Series' of SPIC MACAY. I have also done workshops on behalf of CCRT in Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools. Recently, LEPAKSHI has released its annual special calendar with the Cheriya paintings.

Have you taken this art form to other states in India?

I have participated in the Surajkund Mela and also in exhibition at the Crafts Museum, New Delhi. ♦

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Ameesha caught on camera exposing assets

Being a celebrity comes with a price! Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel is rarely in the news for her films. But this babe does know how to stay in the limelight, and hog all of it.

The actress made headlines and grabbed eyeballs at the launch party of her film DESI MAGIC, yesterday, by revealing a bit more than what she intended to. Yes, you read that right. Ameesha, dressed in a super mini off shoulder white dress was caught on camera exposing her undies, several times. And needless to say, the shutter-bugs went crazily clickety-click-click-click. Ms Patel obviously seemed oblivious to the malfunction.

Our advice: Babes, high time you either invest in functional outfits or simply fire your stylist.

Well, considering Ameesha's career graph in Bollywood, wethinks, this could possibly be a desperate attempt to stay in the limelight. Nevertheless only Ameesha Patel can tell us what the truth really is!



Vani Excited about her Lip-Lock

Young seductress Vani Kapoor revealed in an exclusive interview about her lip-lock in the upcoming film 'Aha Kalyanam'. On the eve of her debut Telugu movie releasing in Tollywood next Friday, Vani spoke to media to share stuff.



Being a girl from Delhi, Vani says that South India takes a little time for her to adjust but still she feels fascinated about this region. 'I'm not nervous about the release, but I'm eager to find out how audiences are going to receive both movie and me', says Vani. Praising Nani for his down to earth attitude and hard work he puts on for the role, Vani says her Telugu hero is always interesting. And here comes the excitement, when media quizzed about that lip-kiss.

'This lip kiss is quite important for the movie, and the story takes a new turn from that kiss. Audiences will not find it awkward as it matches with the flow', Vani avers. No doubt, Aha Kalyanam looks grand in production values and we have to see how Nani-Vani couple will cast their magic.

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Market cautious at 20,000 levels

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market sentiment indicator Sensex after a minor recovery at the crucial 20,000 levels, it failed to sustain near 20,500 and is seen extending its cautious trend. Market is seen in an indecisive trend, and is continuing its consolidation and a sideways trend. Market continued its depressed trend due to the weak global cues and due to the cautious approach by the FIIs (Foreign Funds), and traders reported to be sellers in the market.

The monthly retail inflation that was reported few days back fell to a two year low and the wholesale inflation fell to a five month low levels, due to decline in the commodity prices, indicating a positive sign of the economic growth. The IIP (Industrial Production) data was reported on 13th February is lower but is seen as better than expected levels, but however market has not taken it very encouragingly. However, it is widely expected that the worst is over for the GDP (economic growth) and is expected to be above 5% in the current year and can even accelerate in the coming years, which is an encouraging sign.

Market's reaction to the third quarter performance results of the Indian corporate have been mixed as they are more or less in line with the market expectations. The results of the SBI (State Bank of India) that was reported on 14th February is seen lower than the market expectations and is disappointing. Hence the weak trend in the banking stocks is likely to continue further in the next few months too. The country's major Real Estate Developer has reported



a decline in the profits on Friday, indicating a further cautious trend for the real estate stocks in the near term. Only Automobiles sector stocks have witnessed a strong recovery due to good growth from this industry, while pharma stocks were seen in a correction trend after an earlier bullish trend. The public sector banks, FMCG and the metal segment stocks are seen in a declining trend, while the software segment are seen in a recovery mode after an earlier reactionary trend.

The crude oil is seen firmly trading at the higher levels at the current barrier of 6,300 after a previous rally, in the MCX commodity market. The leading base metals are in a stabilizing mode after an earlier reactionary trend and are likely to get into a further recovery trend in the short-

term for the traders to be alert.

The precious metals like the Gold and Silver have not seen any major movement and are restricted in a narrow range and are seen extending their earlier long sideways trend.

Technically on the price movement chart, Sensex is now placed crucially at the medium-term support levels of 20,000 which being tested now. It has to definitely recover strongly above this level, and in-case of any further failure to sustain at this major psychological support then there can be a further short-term weakness for the investors to be cautious. ♦

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

RELATED NEWS

DLF Limited cuts net debt by Rs 2,500 crore after selling Amanresorts India's largest realty firm DLF today said it has reduced net debt by over Rs 2,500 crore to Rs 17,400 crore following proceeds from sale of luxury hotel chain Amanresorts, and a refund from DDA. "Current net debt is at Rs 17,400 crore (approx). We maintain the FY14 guidance of net debt of Rs 17,500-18,000 crore," DLF said in an analyst presentation.

Railway Budget 2014: Bold reforms, tariff authority proposed The interim Railway Budget for 2014-15 Wednesday contained reforms proposals for opening the sector to domestic and foreign investors and a tariff authority to rationalise fares and freights, end cross subsidisation and enlarge the dynamic fare scheme. The annual Rail Plan has been pegged at Rs 64,305 crore with a budgetary support of Rs 30,223 crore.

Gold appears to be regaining favor with investors, rallying 5 percent over the past two weeks, and gains look set to continue in the near term driven by a strong technical picture, according to ANZ. On Friday and looked set to post its biggest weekly gain since October as US data raised concerns about the outlook for economic growth.

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Addicted to Alcohol or Drugs?

Test for self-assessment of Substance Use Disorder

- Do you ever feel bad or guilty about your drug/Alcohol use?
- Do you need to use drugs/Alcohol to relax or feel better?
- Do your friends or family members complain or worry about your drug/Alcohol use?
- Do you hide or lie about your drug/Alcohol use?
- Have you ever done anything illegal in order to obtain drugs/Alcohol?
- Do you spend money on drugs/Alcohol that you really can't afford?
- Do you ever use more than one recreational drug/Alcohol at a time?

If your answer is "yes" to one or more of the questions, you may have a drug problem

Treatment

Medical Diagnosis and Detoxification,
Psychiatrist & Psychological Assessments,
AA / NA 12 Step Programme,
Management of Emotions and Feelings,
Individual, Group, Grief Counselling

Behaviour Therapy,
Relapse Prevention Program,
Adult Substance Education Program,
Family Counselling,
Skill Enhancement



Facilities Available :

- 24hrs Medical Nursing Care
- In-house Counsellors
- Hygienic Food
- Yoga, Home Gym and Indoor Games
- Stress Relieving Massage
- Steam and Sauna
- Landscape Garden
- Spacious well furnished AC Rooms



A New Beginning

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