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# State of Telangana awaiting Presidential Assent

# Formation of Telangana State Complete: Sharing of Glory Incomplete?

By Our Political Correspondent

After the jubilation over both houses of Parliament passing the Telangana bill almost 10 days ago, people of this region are now worried over the delay in completion of the formal process- that of the President of India assenting the AP Reorganization Bill-2014 and issuing a gazette notification and declaring the appointed date, on which the State of Telangana shall formally come into existence. Why the President of India is yet to affix his signature on the T-bill and why the Union Government is yet to finalize the appointed date for the formation of the new State of Telangana even when all formalities are officially completed? The reason seems to be simple and straight – the entire issue is said to be entangled in a political deadlock. The deadlock appears to be between the All Mighty Congress Party and the fledgling TRS both trying to claim credit for achieving statehood for Telangana.

Deccan Post brings you the unfolding drama that is happening in Delhi as well as back in Hyderabad over the past few days. Ordinary people on the streets are joyous over the clearing of Telangana bill first by the Lok Sabha and then by Rajya Sabha by February 20. They are definitely of the view that the birth of Telangana state remains a mere formality pending a presidential assent paving way for formal coming into being of new state of Telangana. Many are also of the opinion that general elections to both Parliament and Assembly would probably be held in the new State of Telangana in so far as 17 MPs seats and 119 MLA seats that fall in ten districts of Telangana.



But the ground reality is otherwise. There are three important things impacting the official formation of Telangana state, which is a dream of crores of people for over six decades in the T-region. First the Congress led Union Government is yet to make up its mind on whether to hold elections to Parliament in the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh or to hold them in the separated new states – Telangana and Seemandhra? Second thing is whether to hold Assembly elections in combined state of Andhra Pradesh or separate states of Telangana and Seemandhra? Third most important thing is the finalization of appointed date for the formation of the Telangana State. Whether the appointed date should be before the

scheduled elections or after the elections? The answer to these questions holds the key to exact date of formation of Telangana state.

## KCR unable to decide on merger:

Many people are of the opinion that the President of India will decide the appointed date for the formation of the new states. That is not the case. It is the union cabinet which decides the date and advises the President to declare it officially. The president has to go according to the advice of the union cabinet, as per the Constitution. The Congress which leads the UPA government at the Centre will have to take a political decision on fixing the ap-

pointed date for Telangana. For this, Congress is unable to finalize its political strategy in Telangana and Seemandhra. As far as Telangana is concerned Congress wished to finalize its deal with the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) which all along promised to merge itself with the former, if statehood to Telangana is granted. TRS leader K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) always claimed that his party was born for the cause of achieving Telangana and once that goal is reached; there will be no need of its separate existence in Telangana.

KCR made this promise to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi at the time of his fast on Dec 9, 2009 and later in 2011 during the Sakala Janula Samme of government employees for the cause of Telangana. AICC general secretary Digvijaya Singh too reminded this offer on July 30, 2013 when the Congress Working Committee (CWC) passed a resolution granting Telangana. Digvijaya Singh repeatedly reminded TRS leadership of this promise and hoped that KCR would keep his word. However, KCR first said that he would merge his party only after the Parliament passed the bill. When Lok Sabha passed the bill, KCR asked for Rajya Sabha adoption of the bill. When Rajya Sabha too cleared the bill, KCR is now asking for immediate announcement of an early appointed date for Telangana formation so that elections can be held in Telangana state itself.

## Is KCR changing his plans?

Soon after the Parliament passed the T-bill, KCR made a darshan of Sonia



Gandhi in Delhi on last Sunday, February 23 along with his family members numbering a dozen. There, KCR almost bowed before Sonia indicating his gratitude and intention to merge his party with Congress if his demands and terms are accepted. Sonia is known to have directed KCR to talk to Digvijaya Singh to sort out the terms and conditions. KCR did meet Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi and General Secretary Digvijaya Singh.

It appears KCR changed his line after his meeting with Digvijaya Singh. Sources say that KCR has asked for a "chief" post for himself in the Telangana government and accommodation of some key members of his family both at the Centre and state political set-up. They include his son KT Rama Rao, daughter, Kavitha, nephew Harish Rao and distant relative Vinod Rao.

But, Congress high command is not ready to concede the "chief" post that is nothing but Chief Minister chair to KCR, as his present strength is not big enough to warrant such arrangement. In 2009, KCR just won 10 MLAs and 2 MPs and his present strength too is not more than 22 MLAs out of 119 MLAs and three MPs out of 17 MPs from the region. If he poached two Congress MPs – Vivek and Jagannath from Congress, the Congress poached his expelled MP Vijayashanti this week, as retaliation for his dilly-dallying on the merger proposal. Congress is also pissed off by KCR's aggressive talk against Congress leadership. Congress high command is well aware of his strong statements issued by his son and daughter spiking merger proposal.

KCR and his family members are currently talking of continuing TRS for the rebuilding of Telangana state. They say that as the coming political era is of coalitions at the centre, there is little scope for any single national party to dominate and dictate the agenda of the nation. "So, we need to protect TRS to secure our demands from the Centre," KTR told a TV



channel on Friday.

That may be true, but it is definitely a variation from what KCR promised the Congress high command sometime ago. At one stage, KCR who is not comfortable with agitation politics, wanted to merge his TRS with Congress and secure some posts to his immediate family members. But, this is opposed by his family members and a section of leaders around him.

**Sonia Gandhi hurt:**

Sonia Gandhi is hurt over this changed line of KCR & Co on the merger issue. She is one leader who braved the opposition from her own party, including her son Rahul to the division of AP and

personally has seen to it that Telangana state was carved out from the united Andhra Pradesh. She hoped that KCR would keep his word and merge his party with Congress as he was the one who harped on unconditional merger.

Sources reveal that now after seeing the chameleon attitude of the TRS she doesn't want KCR to become another YSR of Telangana. She is known to be taking time to reschedule the appointed date for Telangana State in such a manner that it could virtually push the TRS into a corner. This period of President's Rule in the state would be utilized to check the influence of KCR and his TRS in Telangana. Of course, it is the people of Telangana

who are made to endure uncertainty over the appointed date, because of political games between Congress and the TRS.

**Congress leaders angry:**

The congress leaders who all along pleaded with their party high command are extremely upset over the outbursts of KCR & KTR. The conduct of these two in public fora acting tough has literally shocked many congressmen. The congress which is a 128 grand old party is known to respond in its typical style towards friends and foes. The congress has seen many kinds of responses from the high command from time to time.



If Indira Gandhi was known for her strong likes and dislikes-it was blow hot and blow cold towards adversaries; Rajiv Gandhi was known for his contemporary style of cool demeanor; however, Sonia Gandhi who had taken the reins of the party at a time when the party was facing crisis of survival- she tuned the fortunes of the congress party in a systematic manner. Sonia Gandhi exhibited abundant caution in dealing with fellow political leaders. While she was warm to many former dissidents like--- AK Antulay, K Karunakaran, Jitendra Prasada, Sanjay Singh etc; she was equally unsparing of others like Najma Hephthulla, Natwar Singh, PA Sangma, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy etcetera.

Sonia Gandhi gradually emerged as one leader with tremendous credibility in honouring her assurances whether they are made in public or private. Her tenacity to keep her word has endeared many political big wigs like Lalu Prasad Yadav, M Karunanidhi, Sharad Pawar, Somnath Chatterjee, Farook Abdulla, Mayawathi and Mulayam as well to comfortably deal with her.

#### Sonia's deft moves

At a time when the TRS leaders gave up all hopes in November, 2013 about Sonia Gandhi's intentions to carve out state of Telangana; she didn't reveal any desperation to win over TRS that was threatening to wipe out congress from the Telangana political canvas.

Sonia Gandhi has made every move on Telangana in a near perfect manner. It was incumbent for her to ensure the survival of the congress led UPA coalition government at the centre till the last session of the 15th Lok Sabha to fulfill most of the assurances made by the party. In fact, the congress



game plan on Telangana was absolutely executed in a highly professional manner.

The carving out of Telangana from the united Andhra Pradesh was not a mean task by any measure. The stiff resistance and



bullying acts of the Seemandhra politicians was seen in the manner in which they held the Parliament to ransom. If the congress MPs and union ministers from Seemandhra region can create such havoc inside the Parliamentary houses; one can imagine their lobbying skills out side. The likes of Chandra Babu Naidu, Jagan Mohan Reddy and Kiran Kumar Reddy (who was occupying the CM's chair at the mercy of Sonia Gandhi) did everything possible to obstruct the T-bill. They employed every political tactic available to them. They used all their might yet if the T-bill made its progress from one stage to another it was simply because one Sonia Gandhi was determined to honour her promise.

Sonia Gandhi was concerned about the emotional upheaval that was consuming precious lives of the youth in Telangana. She was aware that majority of these youth belonged to the downtrodden sections and had no ulterior motive in sacrificing their precious lives except realizing the goal of Telangana State. These deaths are known to

have upset her immensely and made her resolve stronger in pushing for the T-bill. But in politics timing is crucial. It is easy for others to make perceptual judgements but it requires absolute sincerity and common sense to understand the nitty-gritty things that go to make a complex thing like Telangana become a reality.

It is true that Sonia has not done all this to ensure TRS merges with congress; it is very childish to suggest that. That's why Congress must go to people all alone and make people aware about the political events that led to formation of Telangana. The people are wise enough to choose their representatives. The congress perhaps has experienced victories and defeats more than many parties put together. It doesn't have to worry about the preference of the people. It must worry only about the credibility of its local leaders. It's a great opportunity for Rahul Gandhi to build credible leadership in Telangana and Seemandhra whatever may be the outcome of the ensuing polls. ♦

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# Third Front Fantasy

As the stage is set for the battle royale of the next general elections to the Lok Sabha, as many as eleven political parties across the country have come together to form a Third Front at the Centre. These parties chiefly organized by the Left parties, are supposed to provide an alternative to both Congress led UPA and the BJP led NDA after the elections. That is to say that a third front by these eleven parties will take some concrete shape only after taking into consideration the post poll scenario.

Though, there have been several efforts by various parties to cobble together a possible rag-tag coalition at the Centre, there hasn't been much progress for long. But, days before the Election Commission is about to issue Schedule for the upcoming polls, these parties have hurried to announce 'ipso facto' that they would form a Third Front on the national political canvas. Per se, this is not a bad idea. But, the track-record of these parties' smacks of sheer opportunism and utter lack of clarity over dealing with either Congress led UPA or BJP led NDA. The 11-party group, which includes top guns like AIADMK supremo and Tamil Nadu chief minister Jayalithaa, JD (U) chief and Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar and the BJD president and Orissa chief minister Naveen Patnaik, would have to work together to build a consensus amongst themselves besides pooling up their resources.

On the eve of the polls, these eleven parties are exhorting in one voice stating that...it is time for change and to throw



out the Congress out of power. BJP's policies are no different from that of the Congress. Corruption in BJP led NDA was as bad as or worse than UPA. We will work for the defeat of the Congress and the UPA," thundered CPM General Secretary Prakash Karat, who has taken pains over the months struggling to cobble together these parties.

The constituents of the Third Front include - four Left Parties - CPI-M, CPI, RSP and Forward Block - AIADMK, JD (U), JD (S), BJD, AGP, Samajwadi Party and Jharkhand Vikas Morcha. However much these parties may wish to give some tough competition to both Congress and BJP; opinion polls show that all of them together wouldn't be able to muster up more than 99 seats. During the last Lok Sabha elections in 2009, all of them together had won just 96 seats which is a far cry from the 272 needed to form a government.

How do they plan to form the govern-

ment with such small tally? CPI's D Raja said, "Let us not underestimate the maturity of Indian people. People are looking for a viable, credible alternative. Don't take people for granted."

But the above logic of these eleven parties is not sustainable in view of another loose front that can be seen as a Fourth Front posing a serious challenge. Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee is talking of forming another front, Federal Front, with the remaining parties. This also raises doubts over the unity of non-Congress and non-BJP parties at the national level. Considering the fact that apart from Congress led UPA or BJP led NDA others like BSP, TMC, RJD, DMK, YSRCP, TDP, TRS, MNS which have not associated with any front so far are fancied to get about 90 odd seats in their own right. This federal 'loose' front has many incongruities with the parties present in Third front rather than the Congress led UPA or BJP led NDA.

Besides another major disadvantage of this, Third Front is the lack of a common minimum program either on economic front or political agenda. They cannot sit together on any major national issue and work together too. This puts a question mark on their ability to provide a credible alternative to the nation. Just joining hands for the sake of keeping Congress or BJP fronts away from power is not going to work for long.

The CPM is known for its dogmatic approach on many issues and its current leadership is out of sync with reality and changing times. For instance, except for the CPI, no other party in the Third Front came out in support of Telangana state demand; this has been a big disappointment to people of Telangana. It is doubtful whether these Third Front partners have a national agenda at all. The track-record of parties like Samajwadi Party, BJD, JD-U and AIADMK is far from satisfactory in their respective states. Unless the Left sorts out these doubts, the Third Front will remain on paper only.

However, it appears there is a hidden objective for the CPM. It can be seen that it is trying its best to forge this front only to win a few seats or gain some percentage of votes in states like Bihar, UP, Orissa, Tamil Nadu so as to survive as a national party. One can surely sympathize with the efforts of Prakash Karat & Co but their desperateness is deplorable. Lastly, the CPM by its clear anti-T-state stand will find it difficult to get even one percent vote share in the new state of Telangana. ♦

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## Sonia Gandhi binds UPA with BJP

No doubt, Sonia Gandhi was the person who fulfilled the promise to carve out the state of Telangana out of the current Andhra Pradesh state after which the long cherished dream of Telangana people came true. All the Telangana protagonists must thank Sonia Gandhi who kept her word and never backed out from her electoral promises which was made in the gen-

eral elections held in 2004 as well as 2009. It was Sonia Gandhi who crafted a well planned strategy to compel the principal opposition party BJP to support the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill 2013 in both the house of Parliament and see that the Telangana state becomes reality before the upcoming general elections. Even after a lot of nuisance created by the Seemandhra

## Seemandhra: Tale of Two Capitals?

It was a wonderful piece of writing about the Tale of Two Capitals for Seemandhra also known as residual state of Andhra Pradesh. It discussed how the Seemandhra is going to enjoy two capital states and the benefits of the central government though it did not struggle for separate statehood like the Telangana region. It appears everyone is trying their best to appease Seemandhra People in the name of IIMs, IITs, Petroleum Universities, etc. But the politicians must not forget that the Seemandhra people have been fooled by many politicians like Kiran Kumar Reddy, Chandra Babu Naidu, Jagan Mohan Reddy, Venkaiah Naidu, Lagadapati

Rajagopal, Kavuri Sambasiva Rao, etc. etc. but they will learn the lessons of their lives in the upcoming elections as they made the Seemandhra people to dream about unified Andhra Pradesh and indirectly supported the bifurcation. History will not forget these betrayers.

Venkat Reddy, E-mail

## Are his balls gone?

I could not stop laughing after reading your story on focus page titled 'Are his balls gone?' It was a selling news on every news channel that the chief minister Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy will hit on the last ball but people awaited for his hit but they were sad to see that the chief minister himself got out by hit wicket. Nallari



was talking too much but could not do anything except to resign from his post and clear all the files which are alleged to be favouring his close aides and contractors from whom he allegedly taken huge sums that too without even the approval from the council of the ministers. It is being heard that a probe will unearth all the irregularities done by this pinch hitter who could not even hit a single run and got duck out and it appears the congress

high command has spared the last ball to hit Kiran out of the ground sooner than later.

V Mahender Kumar, Red Hills

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letters  
TO THE EDITOR





# Hearty Congratulations to People of Telangana

*Dear friends,*

**H**earty Congratulations to the People of Telangana. With the birth of Telangana State as the 29th state in our country; India that is a Union of States is now a stronger federal set-up with the addition of another new state. It also marks the existence of two Telugu States. Although, state of Telangana represents many languages with distinct cultural background; Telugu in its Telangana dialect is a predominant feature. However, the real Telugu state would be the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh with 13 districts or famously known as the Seemandhra.

It is matter of great pride and satisfaction that we at Deccan Post have been in the forefront of highlighting the historical movement for Telangana state since past six years. We indeed suffered great discrimination from the state governments for our impartial stand on the issue of Telangana movement.

The formation of Telangana State is a historical moment in the lives of millions of people belonging to Telangana culture vastly visible in the Deccan plateau. The decades long struggle for formation of Telangana State has witnessed many tumultuous moments. It has been a remarkable political movement founded on sound constitutional principles as preached and prophesized by the likes of Dr Ambedkar. The tenacious demand for separate state was led by youth representing successive generations in various methods. The Telangana demand was equally sought to be suppressed by certain vested interests. Many pseudo measures addressing backwardness in the name of backward areas development; common linguistic heritage and the virtues of strong political power of having 42 MPs in the Lok Sabha were asserted from time to time. All this was a sham.

Since the struggle for separate state of Telangana was a quest for equality, self-respect and self-rule as enshrined in the Indian Constitution; no amount

of materialistic benefit would ever satisfy the collective conscience of a society that was seeking to keep its perceived unique identity intact. The Telangana movement has been a reflection of peaceful protests, non-violent methods based on Gandhian philosophy. Just as every revolution signifies some uniqueness in its fight for justice--- there is something unique about the Telangana struggle too. The heart rendering sacrifices made by hundreds of youth have been quite astonishing. Undoubtedly, every sacrifice contributed to the martyrdom of Telangana but each such death was immensely agonizing.

Every sane person desired an everlasting amicable solution to prevent the youth from getting frustrated amid uncertainty. Many appealed to the responsible political parties to exhibit sense of wisdom and humanitarianism. There has been an overwhelming support from many political parties and leaders across the nation.

Sonia Gandhi led Congress and the BJP together have shown enough pragmatism to join hands to ensure the formation of new state of Telangana despite several hurdles. Alongwith Mrs Sonia Gandhi, other distinguished leaders like Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Rajnath Singh, Sushma Swaraj, Mayawathi, Sharad Pawar, Ajit Singh, Gurudas Gupta and a score of others deserve rich encomiums for their firm commitment and determination in providing an everlasting solution.

On behalf of TEAM DECCAN POST, I extend my warm greetings to the people of two Telugu states to overcome the bitter past, make dedicated efforts for peaceful coexistence, aim for allround prosperity and become competitive to emerge as the most developed states in the country. At a time when state of Telangana has become reality, it is now upto the leaders of Telangana to shape their future. Expectations are quite high. Beware Gentlemen.



*Yours faithfully*

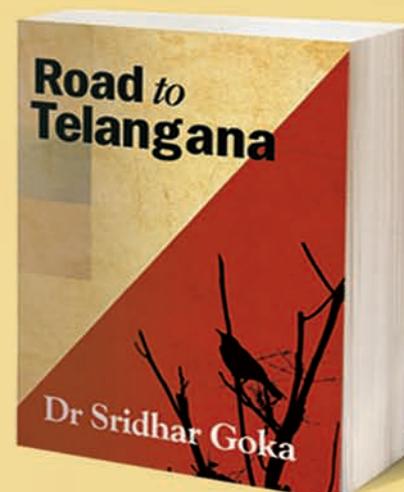
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## Srinivasa Kalyanam Performed in Kolhapur with religious ecstasy

Thousands of devotees were enthralled with the sight of the celestial wedding of the processional deities of Lord Malayappa Swamy along with this two consorts to Sri Devi and Bhu Devi which took place in a grand manner in the Tapovan Grounds of Kalamba village near Kolhapur in Maharashtra on Friday evening. Starting from Punyahavachanam to Purnahuti, the devotees were delighted with the charm of the processional deities in the beautiful moon light. Earlier in the day, a grand procession of the deities has been carried out from Raghavendhra Swamy mutt to Mahalakshmi temple and Tirumala JEO Sri KS Sreenivasa Raju also presented silk vastrams on behalf of TTD. Later the deities were placed in the grounds for the darshan of the locals from 11am to 3pm before the celestial wedding commenced in the evening.



### LAUGH OUT LOUD

*Ek ladka apni girlfriend se milne gaya, kuch baat ke baad uski girlfriend chaye(tea) banane ke liye kitchen chali gayi.*

*Girlfriend ka mobile sofa pe dekh kar ladky ne socha ke chalo dekhte hai mera number iss ne kis naam se save kya hai?*

*Dear, sweetu ya jaanu.*

*Jab usne misscall di toh screen pe likh raha tha "Murgha No.5? Calling".*

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**Santa:** Yaar aaj pehli bar maine accha kaam kya, jiss par logon ne mujhe bohat mara!

**Banta:** Woh kya..

**Santa:** Ek makan mein aag lagi thi, aur andar kuch log thay, maine window tori aur andar ja kar sab logon ko bahar nikal diya.

**Banta:** Toh logon ne kyun mara

**Santa:** Yaar, kyun ke woh sab log fire fighter thay!

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**Maalik:** Tum bathroom mein kyu ghus aaye, Kya tumhe pata nahi tha ki mein naha raha hoon?

**Naukar:** Hazur galti ho gayi, mein samjha tha Madam sahiba hai.

### HEALTH TIPS

#### Health Benefits of Cardamom

- In Nocturnal Emission, prepare the pills of equal amount of cardamom and Isbgoal with Amla (Gooseberry, Emblica officinalis). Use these pills daily in morning and in evening with cold water to cure Premature Emission.
- If you are suffering with burning urination problem then use the mixture of cardamom and Amla powder in equal amount twice a day. This will help to cure burning
- Cardamom is also used to cure mouth ulcers. Lick the mixture of cardamom powder with natural honey and get rid from mouth ulcers.
- To improve digestion power, eat the Cardamom after meal.
- In fever treatment, boil the Cardamom seeds, Punarnava (Spreading Hog-Weed, Boerhaavia Diffusa), fruit of Bilva (Aegle marmelos) and milk with water. When water will evaporate and milk solution remains behind then use it. It will help you to get rid of fever.
- If facing the problem of Sperm discharge in urine then use 2 gram Hing (Asafoetida, Ferula Foetida) and cardamom powder with Ghee (Clarified butter) daily.
- In case of Cough problem, roast the cardamom and prepare the powder. Mix this powder with natural and use to cure Cough.



### SUDOKU 311

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	3	6		1					4
			5	7				1	6
	6	4							3
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6	9			5	4			3	7
			9			4			

**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-310

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

Answer 310: Pawan Kumar, email

### ASTRO FOCUS

**Aries:** You are likely to move into a pleasant surprise during the week. Avoid quarrels in the family. Remember human life is too short and we should not waste it in quarrel. Better to make friendly relation. You would meet people or settle deals with new partners, thus creating new alliances, which will open up alternative horizons. Contribute generously to social organizations.

**Taurus:** This week opens up new vistas for some of you due to your past associations. Your ability of easily influencing through persuasion and pressure would help in the way of your social progress. You will find solutions to many of your problems if you are willing to communicate and discuss. There is possibility that you would find a suitable job opportunity.

**Gemini:** During the week if you participate in some physical sports, chances of coming out as a winner are high. Your tireless effort would bring in respects from others. Keeping self stress free is the mantra of enjoying a good health. An invitation to an important function will bring you in contact with an eminent person. Your love life will blossom as you receive gifts and presents.

**Cancer:** This is likely to be extremely beneficial week and a marked improvement in your financial resources is indicated. An important assignment that has been a cause for great concern will go off smoothly. The competitive atmosphere would keep you on your toes and increase your capabilities. You need to use the opportunity to the fullest.

**Leo:** Keeping peace, maintaining balance and making everyone happy may exhaust all your energy. You need to relax and give some time to yourself. Being too forceful at work would not serve any of your purpose. Some of you might be richly rewarded with a promotion, or an increase in income further and adulation. Do not get upset on small matters.

**Virgo:** The earlier part of this week is relatively more favorable and you should try to resolve most of the issues as soon as possible. Your stars show friendly strangers in all forms. You need to develop harmonious relations with subordinates. Some differences could grow big if not checked right now. Keep an open mind. It will be in your best interest to avoid any kind of arguments.

**Libra:** This week social standing will be better as you extend a helping hand. Try to relax as much as possible and go after recreation and entertainment. Travel will be important for strengthening ties. Routine works will be done normally. In your professional life you will now increase your sphere and scope of activities. Your quest for knowledge will awaken your desire to read and learn.

**Scorpio:** The employed will get opportunity to take up some training course or specialized study. It would be good for you if you divert attention to creative field. Your energy and wisdom will be your best tool. There might be a circumstance which could spoil relations as you fail to give emotional support to your partner. It would be better to tactically handle the situation to save the relationship.

**Sagittarius:** During the week you might discover the freedom to live life just the way you have always wanted. This would also give you the freedom and privacy to discover your exclusive lifestyle. However make sure that you do not neglect family. During the week you should remain alert while working because your careless handling could invite losses. A few of you may be assigned long term projects in other country.

**Capricorn:** You need to improve your vision in order to look towards a better future. You need to form some principles and follow them methodically for success. Optimistic attitude and will power will give the courage to fight health problems. An opportune time to move ahead with financial plans. Financial position improves but the outflow of money would remain in existence.

**Aquarius:** Do not make any promise in your family that you might find difficult to keep. This week taking decision might not be too easy for you. Travel undertaken for family function will be joyful. A good phrase for your career. You will be imaginative and vibrant with new thoughts. Joining hands with like-minded people would be an additional bonus this week.

**Pisces:** There would be gain through both real estate and investment. Your children will make you proud. You might be able to purchase your dream vehicle during the week. There might just be an unexpected turn of event in your career. Remain calm. Make sure that you do not reject any offer which comes your way without giving it a serious thought.

# Commitment to public health

**R**ogério Ribeiro, Senior Vice President and Area Head, Emerging Markets and Asia-Pacific, at GlaxoSmithKline Plc (GSK), was in Hyderabad as a part of Bio-Asia 2014. He spoke to Deccan Post.

## What are your plans for India?

GSK's Indian subsidiary, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd is very much in the business in India. We plan to start a Greenfield manufacturing facility in India near Bangalore to make tablets and oral liquids at a total investment of around Rs 860 crores. GSK will partner with local design and construction companies to build a new state-of-the-art unit even as it delivers its portfolio of products in areas such as gastroenterology and anti-inflammatory medicines.

## Can you throw light on your business agreement with Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd?

We will register our first product in the European Union (EU) this calendar year, under a partnership struck five years ago mainly to tap emerging markets for medicines. GSK in June 2009, entered into an alliance with Dr Reddy's to develop and sell select products across emerging markets outside India in fast-growing therapeutic segments such as cardiovascular, diabetes, oncology, gastroenterology and pain management. We are filing European dossier for one fixed dosage combination. It typically takes one-two years for a medical product to be approved once registered in Europe. Under the terms of agreement, GSK will gain access to Dr Reddy's diverse portfolio and future pipeline of more than 100 branded generic medicines. Revenues will be reported by GSK and will be shared with Dr Reddy's. In certain markets, the products will be co-marketed by Dr Reddy's and GSK.



## Any other tie-ups in the offing?

We have also tied up with Hyderabad-based vaccine maker Biological E Ltd last year for early stage research and development of a six-in-one combination pediatric vaccine to cater to India and other developing countries against polio and other infectious diseases. If approved, the vaccine, which

would combine GSK's injectable polio vaccine and Biological E's pentavalent vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae B.

## How important is 'India' in the context of global emerging markets?

There has been a fall in sales around US and Europe. Therefore, global drugs companies are competing to expand in emerging markets, where selling large volumes at lower prices works well. We are strong in the field of acute diseases, antibiotics, chronic diseases like respiratory, cardiovascular and diabetes. It's the volumes and not a high price that we are looking in the Indian market. There are problems of fluctuations in exchange rates, but it does not come into the long term plans as a barrier.

## What about the Malaria Vaccine?

We are working on the Malaria vaccine. The first Malaria vaccine would be rolled out in Africa by the year 2016.

## What is your view on Clinical trials in India?

Clinical trials should be conducted as per the laws of every land and we respect this aspect. As per the regulations, the same should go on.

## How do you feel being a part of Bio-Asia 2014?

It's very nice, especially when 'GSK' has been chosen for the Genome Valley Excellence Awards 2014, for its contribution to public health and life sciences. ♦

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## Preeti caught with a bullet?

**B**ollywood actress Rakul Preeti who was seen in the movie Yaariyan, which was also her big screen debut got detained at the Delhi airport! Apparently the actress was travelling to Mumbai and while going through the security check



at the Delhi airport, a suspicious metallic object was found in her bag. On further scrutiny, the metal object was a bullet, owing to which she was asked to step aside! Rakul was later detained for carrying a bullet in her bag by the CISF and was questioned for hours about the bullet.

Eventually, the bullet which is not available anywhere in India turned out to be a dummy which was used on sets of Rakul's south film shoot eight months earlier. Post this discovery Rakul was released by the police.



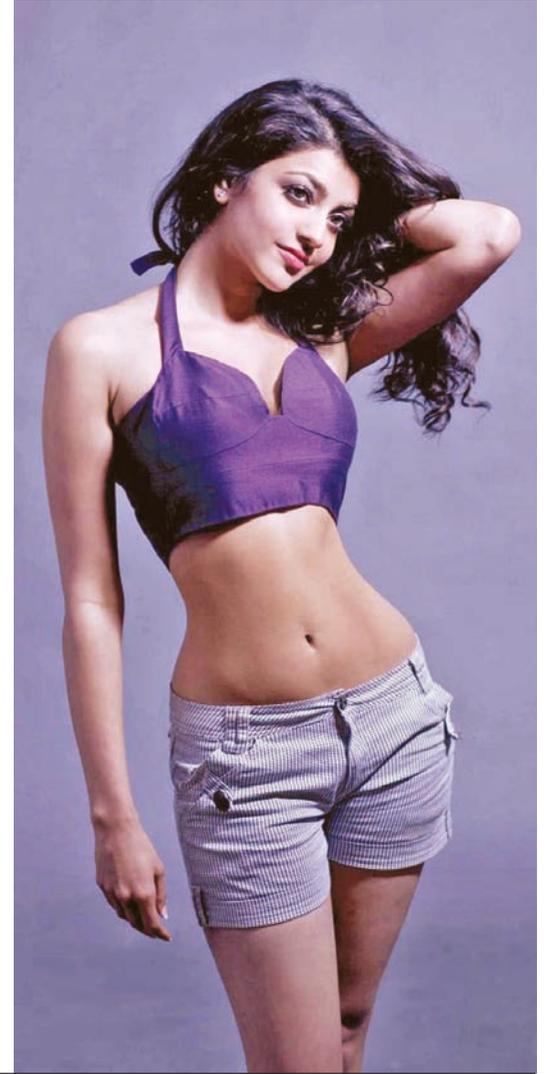
## Kajal's love affair

**P**opular actress Kajal Aggarwal, who cleared the air recently about her marriage is back in the news for her relationship with a Mumbai based businessman, who is the CEO of an interior designing company. Kajal recently said that she doesn't have time to think about marriage and said that she would tie the knot after 2 years and presently focusing on career.

now the latest buzz is that Kajal is in love with a Mumbai-based businessman and both were spent some quality time in Dubai on Valentines Day and few pics of the actress also making rounds on Web. Another buzz is that Kajal meeting her Boyfriend only outside India to avoid the media attention. However, few pics were leaked on web.

Kajal sister Nisha Aggarwal also gets married recently with a Mumbai entrepreneur and now Kajal also following the same way of Nisha. However, Kajal not revealed the truth behind the photos and her relation with a businessman. Kajal Aggarwal is currently acting opposite Ram Charan under Krishna Vamsi direction.

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# Market closer to major highs

By V Sundar Raja

Stock market continued the prevailing uptrend that was seen in the last few days, from the major support of 20,000. Market has smartly recovered by more than 1,000 points in a slow and steady manner. Market could advanced further as the foreign funds were reported to have resumed their buying and a positive sentiment was seen due to the further surge in the global markets and could scale the five weeks high.

Sector wise performance, Banks have again led the market rally, while the strong segments like the pharma and the software too contributed to the rally and entered into new highs. The fast moving consumer goods stocks (FMCG), have seen an activity after earlier many weeks of depressed trend. However, the metals stocks were seen weak and declined further. Similarly the real estate stocks too were seen in a lackluster trend. Mid-cap stocks have witnessed increased activity in the last few days. The automobile stocks continued their strong show and are expected to witness a further growth in the coming months.

The leading base metals continued their sideways trend, while the precious metals like the Gold is seen positively placed and is holding the 30,000 mark in the MCX commodity market. The precious commodity Silver has seen a minor reaction at the 48,000 levels, while strong support below is seen at 45,000. Crude oil is witnessing firmness at the 6,400 rupees in the commodity market, after an earlier rally from the recent low of 5,700 levels. The Dollar con-



tinued the sideways trend against the rupee in the range of 63 and 61 in the last few weeks.

Fundamentally, there are no major macro-economic triggers and market could witness a short-term consolidation at higher levels. Technically on the charts, Sensex could breach the 21,000 mark, but can see a pullback reaction at current levels. Market has to sustain above this major psychological barrier of 21,000, to indicate a further uptrend. But in-case of any failure

to sustain above this key support of 21,000, then there can be a short-term correction, for the short-term investors to be cautious. Similarly, market is closer to the all-time historic high levels, where it has to exhibit strength to indicate a further bullish trend. ♦

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

## Budget Highlights

After the government raised the annual quota of subsidised cooking gas, the Cabinet on Friday allowed consumers to buy more than one subsidised cylinder in a month.

The government had raised the annual cap on supply of cheaper LPG from nine to 12 cylinders of 14.2-kg each on January 30. It was inferred this meant one cylinder in a month.

The Indian rupee strengthened to its highest in more than a month on Friday boosted by bunched-up dollar inflows and selling by exporters, and aided by gains in the euro, which improved risk appetite.

Government on Friday hiked the import tariff value on gold and silver to \$433 per 10 grams and \$699 per kg, respectively, taking into account the volatility in the precious metals' global prices.

Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund has launched a new fund 'Birla Sun Life Focused Equity Fund- series 2', which is a closed ended equity scheme investing in eligible securities as per Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme, a company release said.

Petrol price was on Friday hiked by 60 paise a litre, the second increase this year, and diesel by 50 paise per litre, the 14th hike since January 2013.

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*We wish you well*

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