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Can KCR show pragmatism?



By Our Political Correspondent

Come June 2nd, the state of Andhra Pradesh that we know for the past six decades, will cleave into two states – Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Two new dispensations would take reins of power. While it would be KCR and his TRS in the Telangana state, it would be Nara Chandrababu Naidu in Andhra Pradesh. If it is a 13 year historical struggle for KCR, it is a 10 year eventful wait for Chandrababu for returning back to power although with the pain of settling for residual state of Andhra Pradesh having conceded 10 districts towards formation of new state of Telangana.

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KCR all set to take the oath of office as first Chief Minister of Telangana

A few days ago, there has been a change of guard at the Centre too. There is a political tectonic shift in New Delhi what with BJP biggie 63 year old Narendra Damodarda Modi being sworn in as the 15th Prime Minister of India on May 26th. And the festive swearing-in ceremony was no less than a royal coronation what with a bevy of leaders from SAARC countries making their presence felt in the forecourt of the Rashtrapathi Nilayam mixing with the 4000 odd VVIPs attending as special invitees to grace the historical occasion.

If Monday, the May, the 26th was Delhi's date with destiny, Monday, June, the 2nd is scheduled to become Telangana's date with history. Telangana would come into being as the 29th state of India, exactly a week before new government is scheduled to be sworn in the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh that is ironically required to function from Hyderabad which is declared a common capital for both states

for ten years. Given the numerous inter-state complexities and accompanying sensitivities it is no mean task to maintain peace and harmony.

All eyes, therefore, are on the sixty two year old K Chandrasekhara Reddy, the man of the moment who is trusted by the people of Telangana to deliver by all means. Upon taking over formally as the chief minister KCR has the primary responsibility of satisfying many sections. In this endeavor he surely needs a good contingent of legislators to fill the cabinet berths. The contours of the TRS cabinet would become clearer by Monday morning. If sources are to be believed, KCR is likely to have a full-fledged team comprising 15 to 18 members. By Sunday afternoon, the names of this historical team would reach Governor ESL Narasimhan, who interestingly would be sworn in before sunrise as the first governor of new state of Telangana. Such is the constitutional significance of the appointed date set for birth of new state of Telan-

gana that there shall be many firsts beginning with the appointment of new governor, the new chief justice also being sworn for the re-designated High Court, swearing of new ministry, celebrations of new state, new chief secretary to head the bureaucracy, a new Director General of Police and a series of Government Orders emanating from the new state government.

What future holds for Telangana?

The coming days are going to be crucial and a lot would depend on KCR's style of functioning. As the head of the Telangana Government, his relations with new Prime Minister Narendra Modi would become crucial. That will also play a crucial role in shaping the future form and function of Telangana administration. It requires no rocket science to tell that friendly and cordial relations with the Government at the Centre are key to getting adequate funds for the state.

More importantly for Telangana, it

inherits several problems. The state suffers from deficit finances, scarcity of resources, shortage of man-power in the government administration, shortfall in power and water, pressing need for huge monies to complete the proposed irrigation and infrastructural projects.

Given this situation, what can KCR led Telangana Government hope to get from a stern Narendra Modi led Central Government? The TRS came to power staving off a challenge from the powerful rivals, the Congress and TDP-BJP combine. The TDP, which will soon assume power in the neighboring Seemandhra state has alliance with the BJP and is even trying to rope in the saffron outfit into the government. It is likely that the BJP could view KCR moves with certain amount of trepidation and even suspicion.

In this backdrop, one expects that KCR re-works his relations with Modi and the BJP. It is also expected of him that he evolves working relation with the TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu in the interests of people of Telangana. However, if the developments during past one week are any indication, KCR for sure is not on right course.

KCR's move to get pally with MIM and its chief Asaduddin Owaisi is not likely to be appreciated by the resurgent BJP. Modi led BJP cadres also realize that MIM would tactfully extend its wings throughout the ten districts of Telangana with the help of TRS in the coming days. The BJP will likely pay back KCR in the same coin.

Was Polavaram Bandh warranted?

KCR's decision to call for a bandh in the Telangana region on the Polavaram issue this week is not only unnecessary, but is also uncalled for. Political pundits have been wondering why KCR has called for a bandh on an issue such as this. Because, everyone knows that the BJP-led NDA government has no role in the ordinance mooted by the outgoing UPA Government and signed by the President Pranab Mukherjee after the new dispensation indicated its willingness to amend it in the Parliament.



TRS cadres seen enforcing state wide bandh



Polavaram project work in progress



Dobule bonanza for Governor Narasimhan



KTR building confidence amongst investors

The presidential ordinance seeking to transfer as many as 205 villages in seven revenue mandals of Bhadrachalam division of Khammam district was finalized by the previous Congress-led UPA Government. The then Manmohan Singh govt sent the ordinance for the presidential nod but did not succeed in view of the election code coming into

effect on the eve of general elections. The present Union Home Ministry under Modi administration has merely pressed for immediate presidential assent in view of the 'appointed day' for formation of new state of Telangana coming into being on 2nd June. The president had given his assent.

Whatsoever, the issue doesn't re-

quire a state-wide bandh and that too called by none other than KCR, the CM designate of Telangana Sttae. A state-wide bandh would most likely jeopardize the interests of entire Telangana against the newly-elected NDA government at the Centre. When KCR was ready to settle for a pre-1956 Telangana, where Bhadrachalam wasn't a

part of it, why should he object for some villages that are likely to be marooned due to Polavaram project?

Moreover, the tribals from these villages are not being sent to another country. They would be very much a part of a neighbouring state in India. The new Andhra Pradesh Government, which is supposed to take care of them,

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would very much be governed by the same laws and regulations as those applicable in Telangana government. Besides, these Tribal population for centuries were part of the agency areas in coastal Andhra. A mere glance at the geographical topography clarifies how the villages that are transferred are contiguous to agency areas in the Andhra state. Interestingly, these areas which were part of Mahabubabad Parliamentary Constituency (reserved for STs) in Khammam district are now transferred to Araku Parliamentary constituency also reserved for STs in the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh.

So, there is no need to be unduly alarmed over the issue. KCR, as a chief minister of Telangana government, will have every right and opportunity to raise and discuss the interests of these displaced people with his Seemandhra counterpart Chandrababu Naidu to address the existential problem of the adivasis residing in the agency areas that are contiguous between the two states.

Bandh sent wrong signals:

But, KCR's decision to call for a bandh in the region has sent wrong signals to the people of Telangana. Of course there are some, who argue that the bandh united people of the state, but a large number of people, mostly salaried middle class and parents of students are worried over what will happen to them if KCR persists with his



Will Babu strive for mutual cooperation?

anarchy-type approach in future too. They are worried that KCR might go the Arvind Kejriwal way.

KCR must know that he is beset with a host of problems on all fronts. His urgent tasks include sorting out the issue of power cuts, creation of additional irrigatable area, and generation of jobs for the unemployed youth and secure adequate funds from the Centre for the reconstruction of Telangana. Many sections of the people are waiting for new opportunities and bright future in new Telangana. Their aspirations shouldn't be let down.

It's the responsibility of KCR to preserve and protect Brand Hyderabad. If

he wants to create more jobs for youth, he should attract more investments to the city. Any more bandhs and agitations by the ruling party will not help Brand Hyderabad. KCR should not do anything wrong, at a time when his son, KT Rama Rao, apparently is trying to woo potential investors to Hyderabad.

KCR also should take the help of senior BJP leader and union urban development minister M Venkaiah Naidu in developing Brand Hyderabad. After all, Venkaiah Naidu and his BJP was the one who opposed moves of some erstwhile UPA ministers like Kavuri Sambasiva Rao, Pallam Raju Chiranjivi and Purandeshwari who all plotted to get

Hyderabad declared as a Union Territory. KCR has a visionary role to play. He has to assure the Seemandhra population settled in the Telangana region that he would safeguard their interests. He also has to woo investors in a big way to create jobs and develop industries. A large part of his job involves creating an atmosphere of bonhomie and peace so that both the states achieve progress and prosperity. In a competitive atmosphere between the two new states, there is every likelihood of being compared and as such every move by the political executives would be keenly observed. If brand Hyderabad is a big advantage for KCR; the tax sops in the new state of Andhra Pradesh is sure to attract good investments. Lastly, it must be remembered that TDP led by Chandrababu Naidu is a partner in the NDA led by BJP. The TDP has 16 seats in the Lok Sabha and takes credit for enabling three MPs from BJP win in Andhra Pradesh. Whereas KCR won eleven seats of the Lok Sabha and vowed to oppose NDA led by Modi; therefore instead of blindly opposing Modi led central government, KCR would do well to mend fences with both Prime Minister Modi as well as AP Chief Minister designate Chandrababu Naidu. Let's hope KCR will be guided by long term pragmatism, rather than waste his energies in mere political rhetoric of tackling short term interests. ♦

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A Thank You from the bottom of Our hearts!!

*We take great pleasure in welcoming the passing of
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True Colours of Seemandhra crooked officials coming out?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

It appears from the conduct and actions of the Seemandhra officials working in Telangana how frustrated and irritated they are. They have allegedly taken plenty of money for passing quasi judicial judgments in favour of their fellow Seemandhra people. The government officials from Seemandhra region are said to have collected huge mamools for doing illegal favours especially in the long-pending land and other disputes.

The victims of these crooked officials are running from pillar to post to complain about the illegitimate actions of the officers at helm of affairs. In many cases, the favours have already been done by these allegedly corrupt officials and in some, the decisions/judgments/ orders will be passed before 2nd June, which is the official date of Telangana begins its journey as a separate state.

The reliable sources in government especially revenue department reveal that crores of rupees have changed hands and the allegedly corrupt officials have assured the fellow Seema and Andhra clients that even after 2nd June they can put signatures on the



already drafted files as they have already taken the files to their homes. In few other cases, these officials are busy 'cleaning' the murky files which

can give evidence of their past misdeeds. To enable them to do this, the Andhra Pradesh secretariat will be working on Sunday too in the name of

the completing the bifurcation process.

Furthermore, few other allegedly corrupt officials are busy convincing the fellow Telangana officials to protect them and see that they would not be bothered even after the state bifurcation.

On the other hand, KCR and his bandwagon made tall claims that they will revoke all the major decisions taken by the earlier governments led by Seemandhra leaders and will cancel the previous land allotments if irregularities and illegalities found. The time alone will tell how much serious KCR is about revival in the government administration and what changes and development he would bring in the first ever government of the dream state of Telangana. Hope KCR and his team would do justice to the long pending cases and save the victims of the atrocious Seemandhra government officials who were of the habit of serving and helping the influential people of their own regions and provide much awaited relief to the victims of Telangana. ♦

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Congress must stop fooling people at-least now

By Shivkant Bichkunda

The rot in the Congress Party has come to the fore once again as the Congress leaders who won with a great difficulty are fighting for the post of Congress Legislature Party (CLP), which will have lucrative cabinet rank benefits with it.

On one hand, the Congress Party has lost not only its government but most of its candidates have lost their deposits too. Now people like Jana Reddy, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Geetha Reddy etc. are trying their best to get the CLP leadership post by hook or crook. A hapless and helpless TPCC president Ponnala Lakshmaiah has nothing to do except to remain as a mute spectator and organize tea parties at his residence as he appears to have no other work after he lost from Jangaon Assembly constituency.

Giving more strength to this argument, the General Secretary and In-charge for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states Digvijay Singh is coming to Hyderabad on 3rd June just to see that the selection of the CLP

leader is done smoothly.

These Congress leaders appears to have no shame as they cannot even elect their own leader without the consent of its so called High Command which is busy in conducting meetings and post-mortem after their bitter defeat in the country. The Congress High Command have no idea about their not even winning a single seat in crucial states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Goa. The Congress Party must have people-friendly attitude and encourage its state-level leadership instead of showcasing poster boy Rahul Gandhi who appears not at all interest in Indian politics.

The 128 years grand old party must give opportunity to its senior leaders in the state to polish the next generation leadership otherwise the strong leadership of Modi will never allow the Congress Party leaders to have a bright political future in congress party. ♦

Modi & KCR must waive all taxes on Petrol

By Shivkant Bichkunda

Now that Narendra Modi has taken charge of the Prime Minister's Office and the KCR is all set to take the oath of office on 2nd June in Telangana, the people have high expectations from them.

Narendra Modi and the NDA promised in their election manifesto that they will bring the inflation under control and put a full-stop on the steep price hike on the basic necessity goods such as food grains, vegetables and edible oils. KCR also promised that his policies will be people-friendly and he will do everything possible for the welfare of the people of the new state.

The people are urging both the upcoming state government and the union government that it should waive off all taxes on petroleum products so that there will be drastic decrease in their expenditures and it will strengthen their economic ability. The waiver on all state government and central government taxes will bring the petrol rates drastically to around 40-45 Rupees per liter and it will boost not only the economy but also guarantees cheaper road transport and railways too. Simultaneously, the union government must build petroleum refineries on its own cost which will enable it to buy petroleum products in bulk quantity whenever the prices of the same are down and the American dollar is weak against the Indian Rupee.

More importantly, the government should stabilize the prices of essential commodities and needs of every common man. It is high time that KCR and Modi must live up to the expectations of the people and deliver to their potential and explore other strategies for the welfare of the people and the growth of every region of the country. ♦

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Tread cautiously Mr Modi

The New Prime Minister Narendra Modi has begun his stint in his office on a positive note. After inviting the heads of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to his swearing-in ceremony, Modi sent out right signals to the neighbours that India prefers friendly relations with them all and boosting trade and commerce is going to be its top priority.

Particularly, Modi's exclusive one-on-one with Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is noteworthy as both had a frank and open discussion on a range of issues, including terror network, promoting trade and business across the border and the need to restart the now stalled composite dialogue.

On the home front, Modi has also issued strict instructions to his team of ministers that they should refrain from appointing their relatives as their personal secretaries or assistants. Modi made it clear that no minister should allow his or her relatives to take up contracts with their respective departments. These instructions assume significance particularly in the wake of spate of instances how nepotism has played a villainous role during the just-ousted UPA regime.

But, Modi's regime has its false starts too. A member of Modi ministry – Minister of State in the PMO Jitendra Singh, A Dogri MP elected from Udhampur in the state of Jammu & Kashmir – called for a debate on the need to abro-



gate the contentious Article 370, which provides for special status to the state. As per the Article which was ratified by J & K constituent assembly in 1954, no outsiders can buy or own property or settle in the state.

Of course, abrogation of Article 370 is part of the core ideology of BJP and its mentor RSS. They have been advoc-

ating the abrogation for long along with building of a Ram temple at Ayodhya and bringing in uniform civil code in the country. The previous BJP regime led by AB Vajpayee couldn't implement any of them as its NDA constituents had opposed them and the BJP did not have a majority on its own.

Though, the BJP now enjoys simple

majority on its own in the Lok Sabha, it doesn't have two thirds majority required to amend the Constitution and do away with the Article 370. In both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, BJP will have to depend on others to carryout necessary amendments to achieve these goals. Jitendra Singh's proposal evoked loud protests from several quarters, including J & K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti.

As senior Congress leader and former Sadr-e-Riasat of J & K, Karan Singh has suggested that Modi government should tread cautiously on sensitive issues like the Article 370. It is important to remember that it was Karan Singh's late father and Maharaja of J & K Raja Hari Singh who as the then ruler of Kashmir signed instrument of accession to India, immediately after the British left the country in October 1947. It is important that Modi and his team tread cautiously on a potential minefield.

Now, there are plenty of other urgent people's problems which need the attention of the Modi. Price rise, unemployment, pending infrastructure projects, irrigation dams, short of power and bad roads and poor medical services in rural areas and schools without facilities are some of them. Better Modi and his team should pay their attention to these problems, instead of raking up the controversies at this stage. ♦

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KCR – Consolidating the Gains

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and I strongly agree with the point that TRS president and CM in waiting KCR is surely consolidating the gains. The way KCR is moving ahead and taking many people into confidence is surging ahead to form the first government in Telangana. KCR has very cleverly got the support of the TNGOS and other Telangana government officials and assured them that they will be suitably placed and he will see that no Telangana employee will be sent to residuary state of Andhra Pradesh and he will not tolerate if the Seemandhra employees try to get crucial and key postings in Telangana state. On the other hand KCR is all set to give importance to all sections of people especially SC and Muslims in his cabinet. But I feel that handling Reddy community will be a tough ask for him. Convincing senior leaders and appointing the Speaker for the Telangana state Legislative Assembly will be a challenge too for him. But for now it appears that everything will be

done with extra care and KCR will have no problem in administering the 29th state of India.

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

With the latest development in the relationship between the MIM and TRS Party many are wondering with the rapid close relationship between the duo. On the one hand MIM has post poll alliance and understanding with the congress party and enjoying the Hyderabad's Mayor post since more than 10 years and on the other hand it is now getting closer with the TRS party which has

no major representation in the GHMC council. I agree with the statement that this friendship is just for the sake of winning maximum seats in the



GHMC council and retain power in Hyderabad and nothing more. MIM & TRS leadership is already worried over the alliance of the TDP and BJP which have strong grass root level cadre in the Hyderabad city and congress becoming so weak it will be the only way to have a pre-poll pact with each other and will yield better political results. But many are disappointed with the statement of KCR that if required Akbaruddin will be given Deputy CM's Post for their support to the TRS. This statement could affect the prospects of TRS in

the city which is very sensitive. People have to wait for the time to know what is in store for future.

Ashok Kumar, Gunfoundry

Modi's Akhand Bharat maneuver

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and like the quality of its content and its presentation. I must mention here that Modi must be cautious in his acts as there is a lot of hungama about the common civil code as well as Article 370 which provides special rights to the state of Jammu & Kashmir. The way PM Modi has invited all the delegates of the SAARC nations he must resolve all the issues especially terrorism and seek the support of the neighbouring states. Its high time that the integrity of the nation should not be compromised at any cost and should give fitting reply to the people who questions the same.

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Wasn't it a willful delay by the state?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

In a long pending case of hatred speech against a community in particular, the Chandrayangutta MLA and floor leader of MIM at last will be judicially tried under section 153 (A) of IPC for his hate ridden speech delivered in the year 2004. It's pertinent to mention here that the Hyderabad police have sought permission from the government to try and prosecute junior Owaisi in this case on 26th June, 2004 and the government officials woke up after a deep slumber of 10 years and just cleared the way for the prosecution through a Government Order No. 754.

It must be remembered that Akbaruddin Owaisi was accused of sedition charges for his alleged speech delivered in Nizamabad District and was in the Adilabad prison for more than 40 days.

After the general elections held in 2004, the congress party led by former chief minister YS Rajashekhar Reddy came to power replacing Chandrababu Naidu after 10 years. It was YSR who overtly pampered the MIM party and went to the extent of deceiving them by seeking to give reservations to the Muslim community under Backward Classes which is apparently against the scheme of the Constitution and as such pending adjudication.

As has been the practice with all Seemandhra chief ministers even late YSR planned to rule the Hyderabad city with the support of the MIM party and openly shook hands with the MIM Party which claims to be the messiah of the Muslim minority community. YSR systematically supported both the Owaisi brothers Asaduddin Owaisi at central level and encouraged Akbaruddin Owaisi in the state level. It is widely believed that YSR was allegedly supportive in encouraging communal riots in the year 1989 to destabilize the then congress government led by Marri Chenna Reddy in the hope of replac-

ing him.

However, the irony of the matter in the present instance can be understood that even though a Sub-Inspector of Police Mr Ashok Kumar filed a complaint against the Chandrayangutta legislator Akbaruddin Owaisi long long ago, it took a huge time of ten years for the government to give its green signal for the prosecution through its recent government order.

It is pertinent to mention that recently TRS chief KCR met both Asaduddin and Akbaruddin Owaisi and sought their support for his government and they have plans to contest the GHMC council polls with an understanding. TRS and its leader KCR must understand that MIM has used the congress party as well as the YSR Congress party and it has no value for friendship and will always sail with the people who are at the helm of affairs and they have no qualms of such politicking.

It is also being observed by the political pundits that the MIM party and its leader joining hands with KCR because of his party had comfortable majority in the state legislative assembly and it can protect them from the cases of inflammatory speeches as well as sedition. It is indeed a sad commentary on KCR's style of functioning what with he deciding to go with communal MIM at a time when Narendra Modi has taken the reins of power in Delhi. The state government of Telangana must not bow down its head atleast before the accused of the politicians who are facing allegations of sedition and provoking communal riots and making the people of different community insecure and unsafe. The TRS leadership must understand the concerns of all sections of people and act according to it or else there will surely be a mid-term poll disappointing the people of Telangana. ♦

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The Road to Telangana- Thus travelled!!



By Sridhar Goka

Not long ago uttering the word 'Telangana' meant rebelling against the powerful establishment. Indeed it meant inviting all sorts of trouble from the powerful political machinery, partisan bureaucracy, the yes-master police establishment, commercial establishments and even the entertainment industry; ironically all operating from the heart of Telangana. I have observed many Telangana politicians otherwise powerful in their own terms being reduced to pale insignificance. Seen many officials, several industrialists, entrepreneurs and talented artists face utter hapless plight all because they dared espouse the just cause of Telangana.

Despite all this, some sections did manage to pull on although, they were systematically getting marginalized. The 1969 Telangana movement was

primarily an issue of the employees and unemployed youth protesting the abrogation of the Mulki Rules by the High Court. The Telangana movement or the T-agitation as we all know culminated in a twist of tales and tragedy. The brutal suppression of the movement was effected by shooting down about 370 agitators. The Gun Park memorial bang opposite the Public Gardens symbolizes the spirit of those souls who turned martyrs for the cause of Telangana. The resounding electoral success of the Telangana political outfit was a poetic verdict damning the authoritarianism of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Sadly, the unfaithfulness of those mandated by the people led to a silent burial of the belief and aspirations of the Indian democracy. The large contingent of youth who participated in the agitation felt victims of rampant and blatant opportunism. The chanting of jai Telangana that reverberated all along dropped to an eerie silence. Ironically, the height of such silence was a complete nonchalant reaction to the era of emergency that saw unprecedented political uprooting of Indira Gandhi regime in the whole of Northern India.

Contrarily, the agent of Indira's emergency regime in the state of Andhra Pradesh who unabashedly unleashed 'police repression' in the state (the then chief minister Jalagam Vengal Rao) was gifted a landslide sweep in the state; thus signifying the end of the road to Telangana. From then on till the demise of NT Rama Rao in 1996, the struggle for Telangana was largely unorganized and dormant underground and as such posed no problems for those who dreaded it. Again the chirping of jai Telangana that began with left-wing extremist groups singing it gradually became a crescendo when Sonia Gandhi made a historical electoral promise on the eve of 2004 general elections to Lok Sabha. It's some kind of poetic justice that even the right-wing BJP endorsed the aspirations of more than thirty five million people of Telangana. Rest is of course history.

The constitutional manner in which the state of Telangana was formed after bifurcating the state of Andhra Pradesh indeed reflected a pathetic pathological mindset of those who despite holding high constitutional and responsible positions conducted themselves in a deplorable manner to prevent the inevitable birth of the state of Telangana. Credit goes to the determination of Sonia Gandhi, who unrelentingly completed the process in a record time even when TRS leaders were absolutely skeptical about the available time. Process for birth of India's 29th state thus began and is progressing in right earnest and at a pace surprising many who doubted the time lines adopted. With all procedures being pursued diligently till now by the constitutional functionaries; the 'appointed day' fixed for 2nd June 2014, that is notified for the inauguration of new state of Telangana is just a few hours away. By the time this publication lands in the hands of readers; probably, the celebrations of the birth of new state would already be in progress thus marking the culmination of a long travelled road to Telangana. The one thought that is lingering and dominating right now is—whether the birth of new state is real and believable? Just like all wonderful dreams that come true-even this dream come true reality would take time to sink in. God bless Telangana and all those martyrs known and unknown.

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The economics of sub

By Jaywant Naidu

A subsidy is a form of financial or in-kind support extended to an economic sector (or institution, business, or individual) generally with the aim of promoting economic and social policy. Subsidies come in various forms including: direct (cash grants, interest-free loans) and indirect (tax breaks, insurance, low-interest loans, depreciation write-offs, rent rebates).

The most common forms of subsidies are those to the producer or the consumer. Producer/Production subsidies ensure producers are better off by supplying market price support, direct support, or payments to factors of production. Consumer/Consumption subsidies commonly reduce the price of goods and services to the consumer. As a form of economic intervention, subsidies are inherently contrary to the market's demands. They are commonly used by governments to promote general welfare (e.g. housing, tuition, sustenance). The Indian government has, since independence, subsidized many industries and products, from petrol to food. Derived from the Latin word 'subsidiūm', a subsidy literally implies coming to assistance from behind. Like indirect taxes, they can alter relative prices and budget constraints and thereby affect decisions concerning production, consumption and allocation of resources.

Subsidies in areas such as education, health and environment at times merit justification on grounds that their benefits are spread well beyond the immediate recipients, and are shared by the population at large, present and future. In India, subsidies now account for a significant part of government's expenditures.

VARIOUS SUBSIDIES:

Sometime back, India, the world's biggest sugar producer after Brazil planned to introduce a subsidy on raw sweetener exports to boost shipments amid a domestic glut. These could help give liquidity to the Sugar mills and help pay a part of the sugarcane arrears. It also helped to reduce the stockpiles of a bumper sugar production.

Agricultural subsidies that encourage production and productivity have been widely criticized because of the cost of subsidies and they are perceived to be far from uniformly distributed. There is a general view in academic, policy and political circles that agricultural subsidies are concentrated geographically, they are concentrated on relatively few crops and few producers and in many cases do not reach the targeted group(s). One of the most contentious issues surrounding input subsidies in general and fertilizer in particular in India is how much of what is paid out actually finds its way into the pocket of the farmer, and how much is siphoned away by the input companies. Fertilizer subsidy is more concentrated in few states like Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab. Rice is the most heavily subsidized crop followed by wheat, sugarcane and cotton.

These four crops account for about two-third of total fertilizer subsidy. Upland oil and gas producers like Oil India Limited (OIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) make up for about 48 percent of the losses that retailers incur on selling diesel, LPG and kerosene at government-controlled rates.



The payout is in form of discounts on crude oil they sell to Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCIL). According to Oil India Limited its gross billing for crude oil it produced in Q4 was USD 106.55 per barrel but after giving a subsidy discount of USD 69.19, it realised only USD 37.36 per barrel. Last fiscal, it got a net price realisation of USD 55.44 after giving a subsidy discount of USD 56 per barrel. Subsidy outgo rose to Rs 8,736.84 crore from Rs 7,892.17 crore in 2012-13. Highest ever subsidy burden of Rs 8,736.84 crore - an increase of 11 percent over Rs 7,892.17 crore in 2012-13, has affected the profit-after-tax (PAT) by Rs 4940.78 crore. Turnover in 2013-14 fell to Rs 9,612.70 crore as compared to Rs 9,947.57 due to additional subsidy burden of Rs 439.19 crore.

India has historically subsidized energy with the objective of protecting its consumers from international price volatility and providing energy access for its citizens, especially the poor. However,

combined with policy reforms would give India the boost that it needs. This in turn would help promote investment interests of the private sector as well as bring in long term foreign capital. The combined effect would be long term growth for the country.

The other view comes from the political and social responsibility angle. This is all about India, where the number of poor is significant; subsidies cannot be done away with. And subsidies will always remain a part and parcel of the country. There is a need for proper delivery system to ensure that the subsidy reaches the beneficiaries directly. If the process is streamlined, then the subsidies would no longer be a burden. In addition policy reforms are the key to long term growth and the government needs to ensure the same. It is true that subsidies are a burden currently. It is also true that a significant number of people in the country are poor and therefore need help. But what is not true is that by keeping prices artificially depressed through subsidies the government is trying to help the poor man. This means that it needs to get on with the policy reforms and at the same time start cutting back on the subsidies.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) considers all forms of export subsidies to be illegal and the Indian allowance will distort global trade. The WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures disciplines the use of subsidies, and it regulates the actions countries can take to counter the effects of subsidies. Under the agreement, a country can use the WTO's dispute-settlement procedure to seek the withdrawal of the subsidy or the removal of its adverse effects. Or the country can launch its own investigation and ultimately charge extra duty (countervailing duty) on subsidized imports that are found to be hurting domestic producers. ♦

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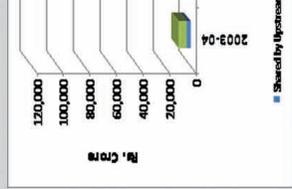
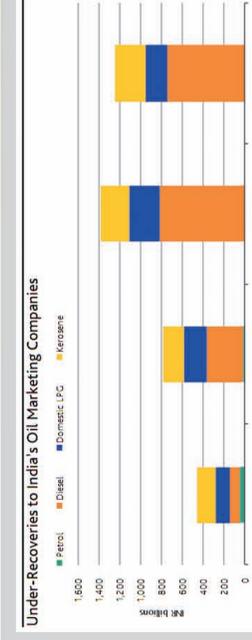
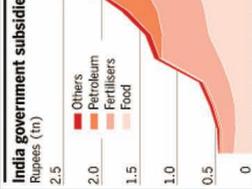


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2003-04	2003-04
2004-05	2004-05
2005-06	2005-06
2006-07	2006-07
2007-08	2007-08
2008-09	2008-09
2009-10	2009-10
2010-11	2010-11

Source : Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India



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

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 AA / NA 12 Step Programme,
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 Individual, Group, Grief Counselling

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



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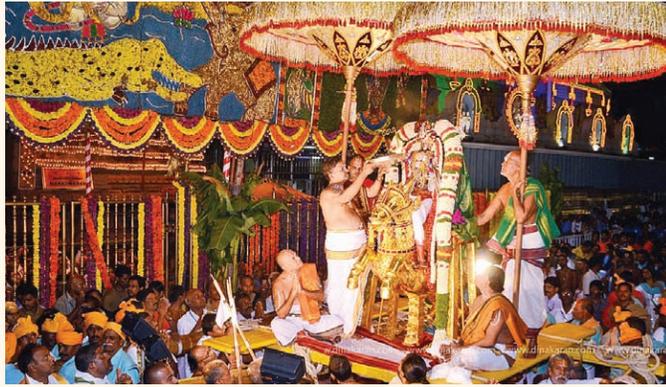
Appalayagunta Brahmotsavams June

TTD officials on Thursday reviewed the arrangements for the annual mega event in the famous Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy temple at Appalayagunta about 20km from Tirupati which are scheduled from 8th to 16th of June. Reviewing with various HODs in the temple premises itself, the JEO said, as a part of the brahmotsavams there will be Kalyanotsavam on June 11 for which vastra samarpana will be there from 15 temples representing each constituency in the district. For annual Garuda Seva which falls on 12th June, the processional deity will be adorned with Lakshmi Kasula Haram and there will be shobha yatra from Tirumala temple to Appalayagunta Shrine in the morning.

He instructed the Health department officials to maintain hygiene in the temple premises, engineering department to erect beautiful thematic cutouts and electrical illuminations, garden department to decorate with floral themes, vigilance to deploy required number of security personnel



especially on Garuda Seva day. He also instructed PRO department to take up the publicity for the event in a wide manner and also to deploy able bodied Srivari Seva volunteers to guide the pilgrims. He has directed the HDPP and other projects to organize attractive programs with devotional groups in front of the procession of every vehicle during the nine day event.



LAUGH OUT LOUD

One spelling mistake can destroy a marriage!
A husband wrote a message to his wife on his official trip and forgot to add 'e' at the end of a word,
"I am having such a wonderful time!
Wish you were her!"
* * * * *
Principal: Are You Chewing Gum?
Student: No, I'm Human Being...!
* * * * *
Wife: We Are Having Mother
For Dinner Tonight..
Husband: But Darling,
I'm Vegetarian...!
How Can I Eat Her??
* * * * *
Will These Stairs Take Me To The 2nd Floor?
No, You'll Have To Walk As Well...!
Girl: I Have Changed My Mind...!
Boy: Thank God, But
Does The New One Works?

HEALTH TIPS

Protein Diet: Lose Weight and Build Muscle

MUSCLES: Protein is indispensable in building muscles, recovering and substituting tissues, and preserving a good immune and hormonal system.

METABOLISM: Protein rich foods are known to accelerate the metabolic process. For people who are physically active, a lot of protein is necessary in their diets.

AMINO ACIDS: The protein contained in the food that we eat helps provide necessary amino acids that are utilized by the cells in our body to build new proteins and repair muscles.

HORMONES: Protein also helps the body build hormones, antibodies and the enzymes that regulate the chemical reactions that occur in the body.

Potential Side Effects

The biggest health risk with a high protein diet is if the diet is also low carb. Fruits and veggies are also needed for their nutritious value. Consequentially, a protein only diet should only be eaten for a short period (three to five days) and then combined with vegetables and other essential foods. By changing your diet daily - one day pure protein, the next protein + fruit and vegetables - you can ensure that you get the nutrients your body needs.

Consuming too much protein may lead to kidney problems. To reduce the risk of kidney problems, it is vital to increase your water consumption and make sure you are drinking at least 1.5 liters of water a day. Choosing lean protein will also minimize this risk.

ASTRO FOCUS

ARIES: You will achieve success in your workplace which may increase your happiness. Do not try to change your jobs during the week. You will also achieve success in property related matter but do not involve in any legal mess. Those natives aspiring to go abroad will get good chances. Romance would rule your heart this week as you find immense pleasure in the arms of your beloved.

TAURUS: You have a good imagination and can put forth your ideas in different formats. Therefore developing a sense of being practical would be highly important on your part. Some of you may take step to upgrade their skills further. You will also do well in sports and games. Do not give scope for difference of opinion with you Love/spouse.

GEMINI: It is the perfect period to switch jobs and seek a promotion. Avoid making any significant investment in dubious financial scheme. You will spend some quality time with an interesting personality. Communicating with old friends would bring happiness. Message from overseas will bring happiness. There might be some difference with your partner in this week.

CANCER: The week healthy competition at workplace would encourage you to deliver your best. You will take several actions and surprised everyone around. You should talk to others about your plans. College students will venture into small part time jobs or short-term courses. The environment at home front would be peaceful and prosperous.

LEO: Your expertise in solving problems would be appreciated at workplace. You can ask for favour or run your ideas by those who will be able to support your objective. Other religious activities will also take some of your time. Saying wrong things at the wrong time will bring criticism from your partner might be created problem.

VIRGO: You would quite busy on the professional front. You will feel motivated and explore several opportunities. Sudden change regarding your circle of friends could prove stimulating and interesting. Use your better before your sign up for a costly venture. Family members will bring you happiness and look after you well. You will spend most of your time with your sweet-heart.

LIBRA: With the help and guidance you will overcome a huge obstacle in life. Your versatile mind and sense will allow you to come up with various solutions. Financial gains would be to your satisfactions. However you should restrain yourself from forcing your opinion on others. Partners would be enthusiastic about your new plans and ventures.

SCORPIO: It is right time for you to take additional responsibilities, which would give you occasions to exhibit your skills during the week. A focus on your goal and effort in the right direction will widen your income. You will have a chance to learn the ropes from an expert during the week. Deal will finally go in your favour. Your wife will give her cooperation to you in your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS: You will accomplish the most in the work environment during this week. Be patients and do not take hasty decision that you will regret it later on. You will have to put-to-use your latent talent to fight against adverse conditions with courage and conviction. Your love life will flourish, with your beloved going out of the way to keep you happy.

CAPRICORN: In business you feel the real impact cut-throat competition. New financial schemes will lure to invest money. Keep your focus clear on your goals to reap professional benefits. Money position will improve but expenses will also rise. Change in work environment for some. Partner's failure to respect your emotions is likely to create rifts in love.

AQUARIUS: This is the favorable period for earning benefit by investing money in new projects. You may call an expert for some advice and guidance also. You will be in negotiation with new groups. New aspirations and hopes would arise in this week. You need to be carefully judged into all aspects before passing a judgment. Romance will be exciting provided you share view with your partner.

PISCES: You should avoid invest money in abroad it might not be productive for you. Some of you may be transfer for business meeting. Family contact will help you in finding suitable jobs. All your effort will be suitably rewarded in this week. A mixture of romance, pleasure and entertainment is stored for you for the next few days.

SUDOKU 323

7				8	4		5	
	9	6	7	2	1		3	8
4	3	8			6	1	2	7
2	4	5	9		8	7		3
3		9	1		7	2	6	
			2			8		5
	5		6		9		7	
9	6	3	4	7	2		8	1
	7	2	8			6	4	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-322

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

Answer 322: Pawan Y, Erramanjil.

Women in the field of Art



Gouri Vemula, an eminent artist spoke to Deccan Post about her Dream Studio for Art.

How did you get into study of Art?

My studies in Sacred Heart Convent School in Karnataka were mainly academic with all subjects of history, science, geography etc. I was deeply into sports and participated in discus throw, volleyball, running and javelin throw. Later, on the advice of my father, I joined the five year Drawing Masters course from Sri Vijay Mahantesh Lalit Kala Mahavidhyalaya, Hubli in Karnataka.

How were the initial years of training there?

Initially, I learnt water color painting, sketching and memory drawing. Mr Banglowala was a very fine teacher who guided me through my art course. Later, I joined the Bachelor of Fine Arts course at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Hyderabad. Further, I joined Masters in Fine Arts at Sarojini Naidu School of Arts, University of Hyderabad.

How did you start specializing the art of drawing with pen ink?

In my Masters course, I was into print making. The art of print making requires an artist to draw abstract on the plate and these are normally extempore drawings. There is always a skill required to draw abstract forms. Later slowly, I decided on drawing on paper directly. My drawings have a lot of fine detailing of various forms in nature.

What is distinct in your drawings?

Nature forms a big part of my drawings. This includes trees, birds, insects, animal forms and

human forms. The trees are not the ones that we find in any city today. They are more like the huge ones that could be seen in dense uninhabited forests. Man has always co-existed with all living forms in nature. There has always been a struggle for existence, but humans have survived over the other known living forms which may have been wiped out of nature. I always see the great contrast and similarities between the different living forms on earth. Each form has its plan in place in the quest for survival.

How are the opportunities for Artists in the present world?

Today, mobiles are ringing every second and one is connected at every minute. Social media is all around 24/7. Internet gives tremendous access to knowledge and history about Art world over. There are more opportunities for women artists as the society has started recognizing and welcoming their participation. As far as the market forces are concerned, one can never be sure of the ups and downs in the Art field. It is very important to concentrate on our work and leave this aspect to Galleries and Art dealers.

What are your future plans?

I want to set up a graphic studio. It would be a place where group workshops could be organized. There is always lot of passion and fun to share ideas and work with likeminded artists. Independent work space is very important for any artist. And the joining of many artists at such spaces would bring out creativity to the fullest, something that is much needed in the world of art. ♦

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Is Shruti hooked up with Raina?

As you read that right. Shruti Haasan is dating Indian cricketer Suresh Raina, and the duo is said to be sharing a serious and mature relationship. However, neither of them are ready to make their love for each other public. Last year, around the same time, Ms Hassan was screaming her lungs out, cheering for her beau's team, the Chennai Super Kings, at the IPL matches. A source close to the couple said: "Raina used to consider her his lucky mascot. This year, she has kept away from the cricket grounds. Yet Raina is playing extremely well. So the superstition has obviously ended. It is a mature relationship now and they are in love. But they are trying to keep it private and not speak about it in public."

However, this time around, despite Shruti's absence on the field, Raina is in superb form and his performance in the ongoing IPL match has been terrific. Added the source, "Shruti and Raina try to meet as much as their busy schedules allow them, and are very serious about each other."

Shruti and Raina were introduced at a party by common friends and they hit it off from the word go. In the past, Shruti has dated Siddharth of Rang De Basanti fame. They were in a relationship for more than a year.



How much hot Regina is?

Not many heroines ask a feedback about the 'oomph factor' they have shed on silver screen. Simply they enjoy the writings in media and take compliments of some industry veterans. But dusky beauty Regina Cassandra sounds like a different girl in the bunch. Talking about her latest trend of sexy exposing aka sexposing on silver screen, Regina felt pleasure mentioning about going ultra-glamorous on silver



screen. 'My first ever so called 'glamour' song... I can tell u it definitely wasn't easy doing one.. and I really do hope u guys like it..', says Regina, mentioning about her romantic melody from the movie 'Ra Ra Krishnappa'.

In the song she is seen wearing short dress with waving robes tucked around her waist and giving ample view of her cute navel and shapely thighs. Also Regina tried her 'legs' at waist-swinging step showcasing her abilities to dance.

When all heroines go mum about their sexposing, this hot girl is so brave that she talks openly about it. Well, if anyone has any feedback about her luscious skin show, do catch her on social networking sites.



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Weak Gold weakens Indian Market

By Maresh Malekar

Indian shares fell on Friday to mark their first weekly fall in four, as blue-chips such as State Bank of India declined after foreign investors sold shares for a fourth consecutive session, while caution was also seen ahead of GDP data and the Central bank's policy review. The GDP numbers for last year were as bad as expected but will they move the inflation-hunting RBI governor Raghuram Rajan to give a rate cut. Rajan will formally roll out his red carpet for the new Modi government as he announces the Credit Policy on June 3rd. Expectations are that the governor may keep it simple this time.

Banking stocks led the declines with NSE's bank index falling 1.6 percent on profit-taking. The index gained 15.1 percent in May and investors were encashing positions ahead of the RBI policy meet, traders said. State Bank of India fell 2.3 percent while ICICI Bank ended 1.3 percent lower.

The rupee weakened on Friday after trading in a tight band for much of the session as month-end dollar demand from oil importers offset the large dollar inflows seen towards Yes Bank's share sale. India's Yes Bank Ltd has raised \$ 500 million in a share sale to institutional investors, two bankers involved in the deal said, the first of a raft of equity deals expected after a landslide election victory for the new Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Traders will now focus on the Central bank's monetary policy review next week which will be a key in helping get some clarity on the central bank's thoughts on the outlook for inflation and rates. Earlier on Friday, RBI chief Raghuram Rajan said he expected to join hands with the country's new government to bring down high inflation.

Gold fell almost 1 percent to a near four-month low on Friday, extending its losing streak a fourth consecutive day, weighed down by book squaring ahead of month end and selling by commodity funds. For the week, gold lost about 3.5 percent for its worst decline since late November 2013. Heavy technical selling throughout the week sent bullion prices

below USD 1,250 for the first time since February 4th. "It's the end-of-the-month position clearing," said COMEX gold options floor trader Jonathan Jossen. Some hedge funds are forced to sell commodities to raise cash to pay for losses in their bearish bets against the rallying US government bond prices, Jossen added. Analysts noted a breakdown of gold's usual inverse correlation with US bond yields. Yields on 10-year US Treasuries fell sharply this week to hit their lowest in 11 months.

Bharat Electronics gained 1.9 percent, BEML surged 6.6 percent and Pipavav Defence and Offshore Engineering Co rose 5 percent. Defensives such as pharma and healthcare stocks gained on

value-buying. Hindustan Unilever gained 8.4 percent, Dr Reddy's Laboratories added 3.2 percent and Cipla Ltd ended 3.3 percent higher. Shares in Mahindra & Mahindra gained 4.97 percent after its Jan-March earnings beat estimates. Voltas Ltd surged 3.8 percent after Jan-March earnings came in sharply ahead of some analysts estimates, led by strong margin expansion in its cooling products business. While 50 percent expect RBI to hold rates for the rest of the year, 20 percent see a hike and another 30 percent a rate cut before the year ends. On growth, the Street is in consensus with RBI's FY15 guidance of 5-6 percent. Eighty percent of the bankers and economists expect GDP growth at 5-5.5 percent, while the remaining 20 percent see it between 5 percent and 6 percent.

On inflation, the market is in line with RBI's glide path of 8 percent by March 2015. Again, 80 percent of those polled see CPI inflation at 8 percent or below and the remaining 20 percent expect it to be above 8 percent. While only 50 percent expect RBI to sound hawkish in the policy, the other half see the central bank to strike a neutral tone. But the market is all ears for any indication of RBI softening its hawkish stance and its position on inflation targeting. ♦ mail@deccanpost.net

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

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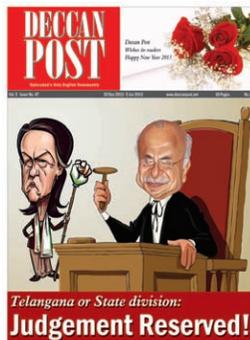
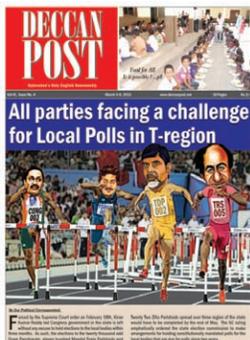
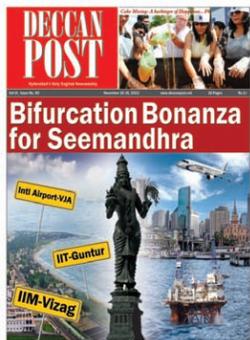
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