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Is KCR emerging as Sonia's choice for T-State CM?

By Our Political Correspondent

The dynamics of political events in Telangana are undergoing rapid changes week after week. As the process of bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh is gaining momentum in view of the deadline of 23rd January stipulated coming very close; there appears to be preparations going on in the congress behind the scenes indicating the possibility of convening a special session of the Parliament soon after 26th of January to pass the AP State Re-organization Bill 2013 expeditiously. Obviously, in anticipation of many major political developments, several political parties and political leaders in both regions of Andhra Pradesh are strategizing various permutations and combinations in order to adapt to the changes that are taking place.

Till now, many were of the opinion that Congress high command was in no hurry to pressure the Telangana Rashtra Samith (TRS) into merging with the congress and that the party high command was in no mood to offer the post of chief minister to any outsider, other than a Congress leader. But, with the entire process nearing completion, there is a lot of uncertainty within the congress party about identifying a capable leader to lead the government as well as the party in the wake of statehood being conferred on Telangana. With several congress leaders failing to impress the party leadership about their capabilities in taking up the mantle of leadership in Telangana post-bifurcation; it is learnt that Congress president Sonia Gandhi has decided to offer the post of Telangana chief minister to TRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) upon his joining the congress soon after the T-bill is passed in the Parliament.

Undoubtedly, this could be an unexpected development and a jolt to many Congress leaders from the region who have all along been dreaming about the top position without straining a bit. In fact, close confidants of the Congress high command have confirmed that the party president Sonia Gandhi has made up her mind on this issue. These sources close to the congress high command told "Deccan Post" that an indication to this effect has already been conveyed to KCR last week. It is reliably learnt that KCR shared this proposal with other party leaders and also his close confidants. Though, initially there was some reluctance to this proposal from long standing associates of KCR in the TRS, many among them are slowly veering round to the view that KCR may not be reluctant and as such are grudgingly conveying their consent.

Initially, when the congress leadership was silent on Telangana statehood issue till June 2013; KCR wanted to go for an alliance with the BJP, as BJP led NDA was expected to come to power at the Centre after the 2014 general elections. The outcome of various opinion surveys projected an edge to BJP led NDA and even more better prospects to Narendra Modi occupying the post of Prime Minister. It is said that KCR has a good relation with BJP top brass Rajnath Singh and a section of Sangh Parivar too and he was keen on making use of them. It was politically felt mutually beneficial to have a TRS tie up with BJP.

Moreover, KCR was keen on avoiding a split of pro-Telangana votes in the region between his TRS and the BJP, as both the parties have been fighting for the statehood for the last several years. At that point of time, KCR was also keen on having a tie up with BJP in order to deny any opportunity to TDP to align with the saffron brigade in Telangana. KCR knows well that if he won't, TDP will join hands with BJP.

But, the sudden developments that have taken place since July 30th, 2013, when the Congress Working Committee passed a resolution favouring Telangana state formation and since October 3rd, 2013, when the union cabinet cleared

the Telangana Bill, KCR has begun rethinking on this line of approach. Since these two developments, there has been groundswell of goodwill for the Congress in Telangana region.

"Whatever may be the situation elsewhere in the country, people of Telangana are in awe and admiration for Sonia Gandhi and the Congress, which has fulfilled their decades' long desire for a separate state. At this stage, KCR cannot afford to ignore the sentiments of the people of Telangana and bury the party which brought in the Bill for Telangana," said TRS senior leader Guntakandla Jagadeeswar Reddy.

However, Jagadeeswar Reddy hastened to add that there was no final decision on TRS merging with the Congress at this juncture. "KCR has already made it clear that the decision on merging our party with Congress would be taken up only after the Parliament passes the Telangana Bill. Till then, we may wait and watch," Reddy told Deccan Post. Besides there are many senior party leaders in the TRS like Etala Rajender, Nayani Narasimha Reddy, Kadiyam Srihari, Pocharam Srinivas Reddy who are very uncomfortable to go with the congress.

Lack of Leadership in T-Congress:

Sources close to KCR have confirmed that he is ready to join Congress and take up the post of chief minister, immediately after the formation of Telangana state. This according to political analysts will suit him in more than many ways. One, he can control the internal war for the post of CM within Congress and TRS. As he is the tallest leader in Telangana, no one will object to him taking up the post; especially when he is going to join the congress by disbanding his TRS party.

Moreover, Congress high command will be relieved by KCR becoming the CM of Telangana, as there are not enough leaders in Congress who can be considered as potential leaders from the region capable of leading the congress to victory. Almost all the senior Congress leaders from Telangana, suffer one or the other handicap, when it comes to the question of leading the government and the party in the region. Top contender union minister S Jaipal Reddy is castigated for never being in the forefront of T movement all these years and he is coming out only now for the last couple of months, so his chances of being accepted by a majority of Telangana forces is considered very minimal. State minister K Jana Reddy is another contender, but his limitations like lack of base in his home district Nalgonda is a liability to him.

Deputy CM Damodar Rajanarsimha, another aspirant, who is a Dalit leader, is considered too grumpy and the charges of corruption leveled by Kiran Kumar Reddy are minus points to him. Another senior Dalit minister J Geeta Reddy is considered quite old for her seventy years and also being charge-sheeted in Jagan's disproportionate assets case stand as her disadvantages. Similar is the case with other three ministers Ponnala Laxmiah, Uttam Kumar Reddy and D Sridhar Babu, who

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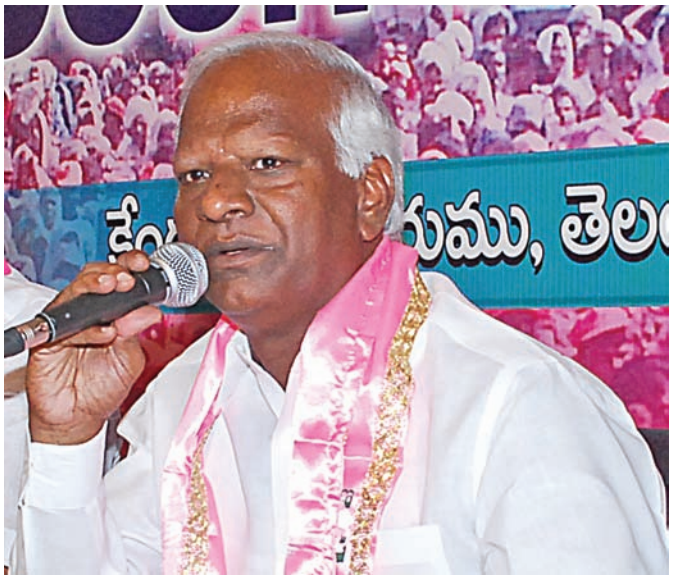

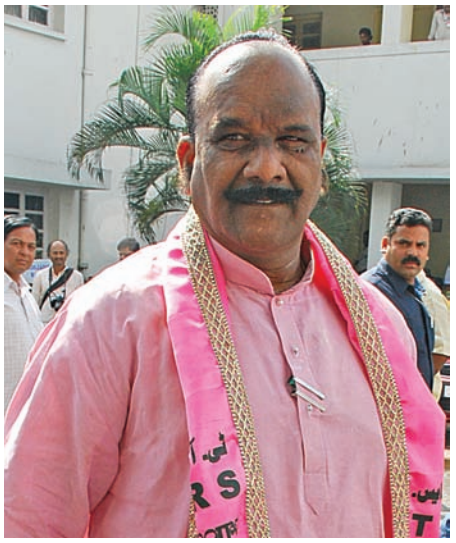

are very close to CM Kiran, a strong opponent of Telangana. These three are perceived to be anti-Telangana by many hardcore Telangana protagonists.

Komatireddy brothers – MLA Venkat Reddy and MP Rajagopal Reddy – too are suffering from the same dark spots – that they were loyalists of YSR and Jagan. There are other aspirants like D Srinivas and Marri Shasidhar Reddy when it comes to the post of CM. But they too suffer from being too unpopular with T-people. Although, there are other senior Congress leaders like DK Aruna and KR Suresh Reddy or Shabbir Ali, none of them can match the popularity or general acceptance of KCR, if they were to be appointed as the CM of Telangna. Congress high command wants someone efficient, popular and a leader of masses to become the first CM of Telangana.

Moreover, if made CM, KCR can successfully lead the Congress to victory in Telangana. He can win 15 to 16 out of 17 MPs from the region. Another biggest advantage favouring KCR is not having the burden of anti-incumbency that may affect any other Congress leader. As KCR is fresh and out of power till now, people will punish him for the misdeeds of Congress rule, like power cuts, price hike etc;

The only problem KCR may face, if he were to accept the post of CM is betrayal of his promise long ago that he would make a Dalit as the first chief minister of Telangana. Certainly, he will be accused by rivals for being a power monger and Dalit Drohi.

There may be some initial criticism against him that he was a power-monger and greedy for the CM post. But, in the long run that would be beneficial to the pride of Dalit leadership.

Instead of someone appointing them to the post of CM, the Dalit MLAs and MPs can work hard and emerge as efficient leaders to get the post on their merit. This may take some time, but the Dalit leadership can go on building their base. Meanwhile, KCR will be tested for his competence and sincerity in implementing several of his promises made by him for the development of Telangana. Any way, let's watch out for Sonia's choice.

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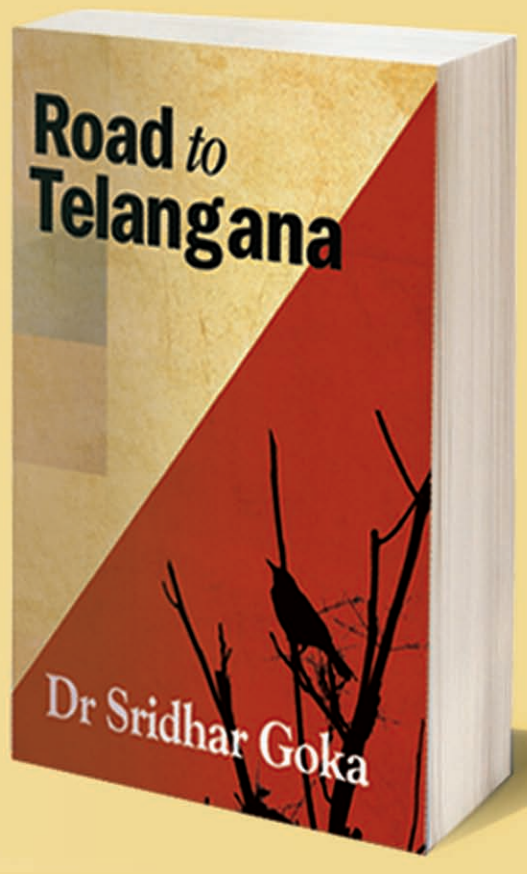

Is Sailajanath going crazy?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

TV viewers across the state were shocked to see AP State minister Sake Sailajanath who has been entrusted with the legislative affairs portfolio by the belligerent chief minister going crazy during the debate over the T-bill taking place in the assembly. It appears that Sake Sailajanath does not know much about the constitution of India and was acting like a joker all throughout forgetting that he is a lawmaker and a minister responsible for introducing the Andhra Pradesh state Reorganization Bill 2013 on the floor of the assembly.

It was pathetic to see the legislative affairs minister declaring that the T-bill itself was unconstitutional. Has he forgotten that the T-bill has been drafted by the union cabinet and after a careful consideration was referred by none other than the President of India to the state legislature? Is he ignorant? Does he think that the constitutional authorities have not consulted legal experts before drafting such a crucial bill and sending it to the Andhra Pradesh state legislature? It was a poor gesture on the part of Sailajanath that he is not only a legislator but a state minister too and he can't oppose the T-bill he himself introduced on the floor of the assembly.

Many are suspecting that Sailajanath has come with a well scripted speech and was just trying to provoke the Telangana legislators and also the Deputy Speaker Mallu Bhattivikramarka who was chairing the house at the time of his speech. It was highly objectionable on the part of legislative affairs minister to act cheaply

by asking for hours of time when the Deputy Speaker was urging to conclude his speech. Is it the way a responsible state minister should act and behave with the chair? Many in and out of assembly have strongly condemned the misbehavior of Sailajanath who was acting like a bully by not speaking precisely on the issue. Many are of the opinion that he made derogatory and defaming statements against few sections in the name of caste and questioned the stand of parties like TDP and TRS.

Is Sailajanath ignorant that it was his congress party high command which committed for the formation of Telangana state formation in 2004 and 2009 general elections in its election manifestoes? Why he did not oppose at that time itself? Why Sailajanath did not plead with the then Union Home Minister P Chidambaram when he declared the process of Telangana has been initiated on 9th December, 2009? Why he remained silent all along when his own party led UPA government took a decision in favour of demerger of Telangana from the present state of Andhra Pradesh? How he can question the authority of his own party high command as well as the union government by seeking to hold onto office? He was falsely mentioning that there was no demand for separate state of Telangana when Jai Andhra Movement in 1972 was taking place and hundreds of people lost their lives. In fact, the Andhra agitators quickly gave up once they sensed that the T-people were just about to begin afresh their movement for T-state. It is sad that Sailajanath could not recall the 1969 Telangana agitation 3 years earlier to the Andhra movement when so many innocent youth and students lost their lives and the same is continued till recently. Why Sailajanath was not acting as a state minister after taking oath that he will act according to the constitution of India and in an unbiased manner irrespective of caste, creed, race, religion, and will be committed for the welfare of the people?

The minister has tried to project Telangana as very backward region and just because Andhra got merged with it, it got developed and so much welfare of Telangana people has been done and if it was not merged then it would have been in the hands of feudal lords, Doras and Deshmukhs. Why he could not talk about the factionist groups in Rayalaseema? Has he forgotten the crooked statement of chief minister Kiran Kumar Reddy when he dared Telangana legislators that he will not sanction a single rupee do whatever they can? Why the office of the Speaker is not taking stringent action against such brutal violation of the constitution and why remaining like a helpless mute spectator?

Many legislators while talking to this Deccan Post correspondent stated that it was a deliberate drama played by CM and Sailajanath just to hurt the sentiments of the Telangana people as well as legislators who are considered as very sensitive and emotional towards Telangana which is nothing but self pride for them.

Why congress party leadership is tolerating these kinds of constitutional violations and insulting its own people who are challenging the leadership and the union government? Why there is no action being taken by the congress party which claims that it's very democratic in its nature and against abuse, misuse of power and anti-feudal and respects the aspirations of the people. It's high time that congress party as well as the constitutional functionaries begins to take serious note of the violations or else there would be no meaning for the aspirations of the people and every danger that people may stop believing in the federal system of the nation and lose respect for the esteemed constitution of India.

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A Thank You from the bottom of Our hearts!!

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

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

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

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

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

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It's now Rahul's era in Congress

All those who watched on Friday the hour-long speech of Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi at the AICC special session in Delhi got one message loud and clear that - a new era has begun in the grand old party of Congress. The message is that this era belonged to Rahul Gandhi. The young leader made amply clear that it is his ideology that is going to rule the Congress in coming years.

Congress President and Mother of Rahul, Sonia Gandhi was all smiles, occasionally bursting into laughter, nodding her head approvingly and clapping at the remarks made by Rahul, while Prime Minister Manmohan Singh kept silent mostly and rarely putting a restraint smile, thus providing a grand backdrop to the thousands of Congress delegates who converged at Talkatora Sadium to hear and cheer Rahul.

All the national television channels have passed one quick judgment that Rahul was able to deliver a super aggressive, fiercest and meaningful speech for the first time in his decade long active political career. Analysts like Vinod Mehta felt that he should have done this much earlier, while many others complimented Rahul for this stellar performance.

Of course, Rahul Gandhi did a lot of ground work to deliver this speech. In one go, he replied to both BJP prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi

and Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal who have been drawing massive support from the public of late. Rahul imitated Modi in style and followed AAP in substance.

The scion of Nehru-Gandhi family attacked Modi for giving a call for wiping out Congress from the country. "Some of our opponents are talking about Congress-free India. But, Congress is not a party, but a thought, which can never be removed from the hearts," said Rahul amidst thundering cheers from the cadre. Perhaps, this is the most effective counter to Modi till date coming from any Congress leader.

Similarly, Rahul criticized AAP leader Kejriwal for his utopian promises. "Some people are promising combs and offering hair cut to the bald headed persons," said Rahul, while drawing burst of laughter from the delegates. This may be enough for a supporting party which is still in the formative stages of learning the ropes of governance in Delhi - the National Capital Region.

But, what came solidly from Rahul is his explanation of Congress legacy to the country. "Tell me one single decision of Congress, which has not empowered the people of the country? Hasn't our banks' nationalization empowered the people? Hasn't our telecom revolution empowered the people? Hasn't our Right to Information Act or NREGA empowered the people?" he asked. Smart political lines from him, indeed.

Rahul claimed credit for lifting around 14 crore people in the country from the below poverty line since 2004. Coming to the future, he promised to lift up another 17 crore lower-middle class people from their economic problems. He mentioned carpenters, painters, construction workers and security guards in this category. For them, he offered education, housing and healthcare.

Finally, Rahul delivered a massive dole for the middle-class and women, by demanding raising the cap on LPG cylinders from the present nine to twelve per year. "Pradhan Mantriji, our women want barah (12) cylinders," said Rahul, looking at Manmohan Singh. Within minutes, Oil Minister Veerappa Moily announced the decision to implement the demand. This is enough to show how Sonia is handing over the baton to Rahul signifying the beginning of a new era.

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letters TO THE EDITOR

Congress keen on Parliament's...

Your last week's cover story on Congress party's keenness to introduce the bill of Telangana in both the houses of Parliament before it faces general elections. It clearly became evident from the way that congress party is convening the parliament session in the month of February before presenting the vote on account budget before the parliament. As everyone knows that the congress party has promised to form Telangana state in 2004 as well as 2009 general elections and now Telangana became an issue of integrity and reputation of the oldest party of India. Congress party knows very well that the principal opposition BJP is not leaving any opportunity to highlight the need of formation of Telangana state at every available platform and if congress fails to form the new state before the general elections then it will not only suffer huge political loss in Telangana but the people can question their commitment to their own election manifestos and their intentions and the congress party under the leadership of young and dynamic Rahul Gandhi cannot afford such bad publicity and that could be the reason that Congress party is keen to form the Telangana state as soon as possible. Lets see what is in store for the future for the would be two new states.

K Balkishan, Mallepally

Drama of Assembly unveiling gradually

The Andhra Pradesh state assembly has become not the place to debate the key lawmaking issues but acting as if it is for entertaining the viewers and special thanks to the political jokers like our chief minister Kiran Kumar Reddy who changes his stand on key issues according to his benefits. The way Kiran Kumar Reddy took away the legislative affairs ministry from Sridhar Babu and gave it to Sake Sailajanath shows that there is a big drama is behind it and both Sridhar Babu and Kiran are trying to fool the people of their respective regions and become political heroes for their political future. How it can affect the prospects of forming Telangana by changing the legislative affairs minister? How a Seemandhra legislative minister can obstruct the Telangana process and debate when assembly's opinion is nothing but a constitutional formality? I was really disappointed how the media highlighted this cheap and useless political drama and carried stories days together. I appeal to the media to highlight the real issues and should not encourage these kind of cheap gimmicks and deliver the responsibility of being the fourth pillar of the democracy.

D Ramachander, Jeedimetla

Who killed 'rising star' Uday Kiran?

I am a fan of Uday Kiran and was deeply sad due to his untimely death. People see only the bright faces of film personalities but nobody knows about their pain and sufferings. It is evident from the suicide of a young actor like Uday Kiran that there is a lot of politics in our glittering film industry and it is much worst than it looks. Highly placed heroes, producers, directors and the whole industry must condemn the suicide of Uday Kiran and see that their own people should not die like this in the middle. Everybody like Uday deserves a fair opportunity to act in movies if they have talent and just because of personal vendetta and vengeance they should not be deprived their right of equality. The police must act firm and take stringent action against the people who compelled the young star to end his life then only it will be a true tribute to our beloved Uday Kiran.

Jasmine, E-mail

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Long live Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

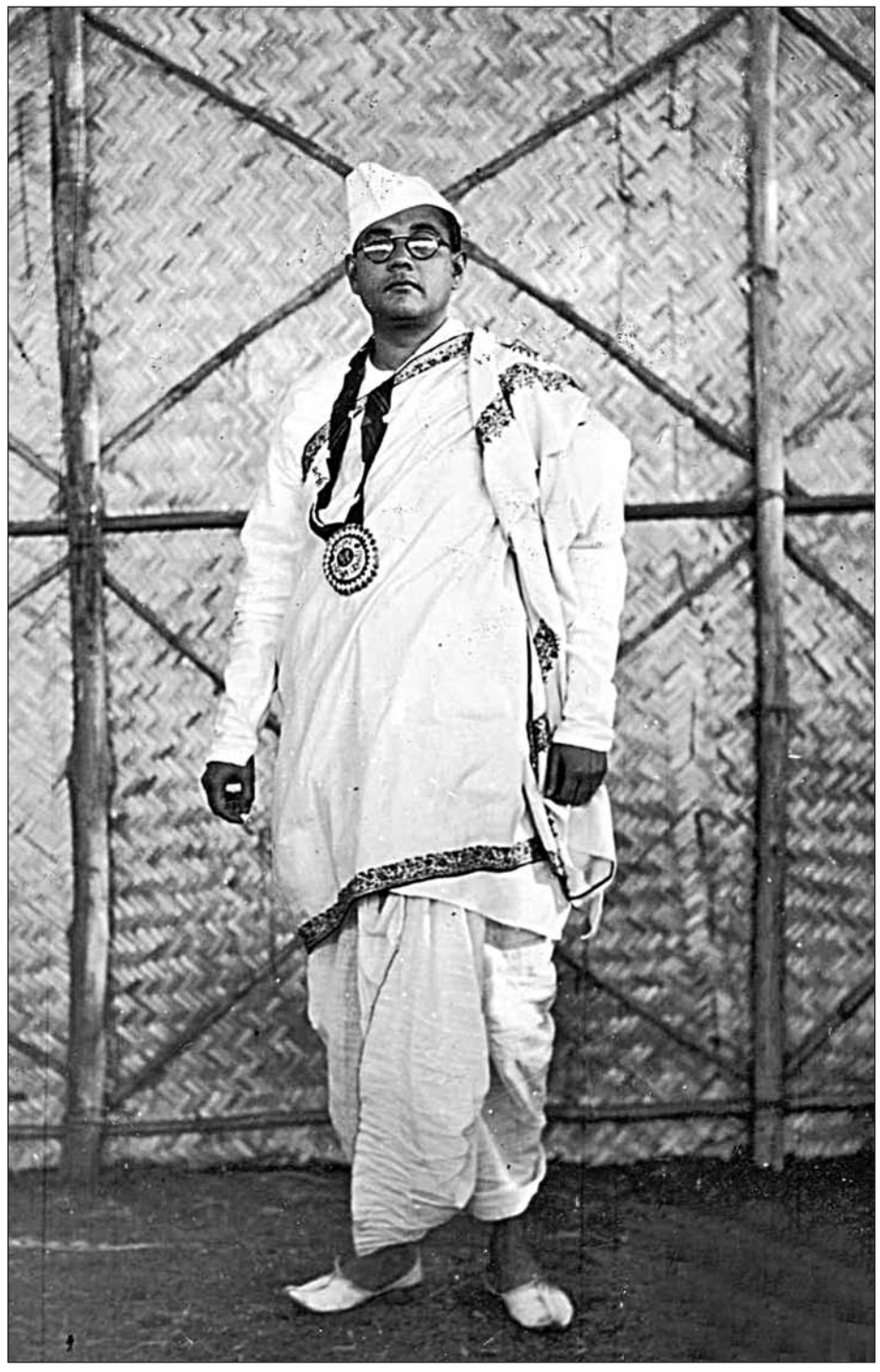
By Dr Shankar Chatterjee

With the starting of January month, all Indians remember at least three important dates -12th January (Swami Vivekananda's birth day), 23rd January (Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth day) and 26th January (Republic Day). The great patriot and a selfless leader of the country Subhash Chandra Bose, popularly known as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was born on January 23rd, 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha. His patriotic feeling is observed from his childhood when he thrashed a British Professor EF Otten in Presidency College of Calcutta in 1916 for his (Prof Otten's) racist remarks against Indians and for this, Subhash Chandra had to suffer a lot, however with the intervention of Indian scholars and other Indian stalwarts; the matter was resolved later on as he was a brilliant student and a true patriotic. Subhash Chandra was undoubtedly a brilliant student as in all spheres of academics, he excelled. As desired by his parents, he went to England in 1919 to appear for Indian Civil Service and subsequently in 1920 came out fourth in order of merit which may be taken as an indicator for his brilliance. But he was deeply disturbed by the Jalianwala Bagh massacre, and left his Civil Service apprenticeship midway to return to India (in 1921).

After returning to India, Subhash Chandra came under the influence of Mahatma Gandhi and joined Indian National Congress subsequently as advised by Gandhiji, he started functioning under Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, whom Subhash Chandra had great respect and acknowledged as political mentor. In 1928, the Motilal Nehru Committee appointed by the Congress leaders declared in favour of Dominion Status, but Subhash Chandra Bose along with Jawaharlal Nehru opposed it, and both asserted that complete independence for India was the only answer.

The fruit of independence finally reached to us on 15th August 1947 for which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's contribution was immense. While Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was Head of Indian National Army (INA) or Azad Hind Fauj, Dr Lakshmi Swaminathan met Netaji in Singapore and she was charmed by listening his speeches and decided to join in the freedom movement of the country and subsequently joined in INA and became Captain Lakshmi. She headed a regiment called Jhansi Rani Laxmi Bai Regiment of INA. It was the first regiment headed by a lady in Asia. However, in March 1947 she married to Colonel Prem Kumar Sahgal (leading personality of INA) and subsequently known as Dr Lakshmi Sahgal.

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was endowed with many qualities vis-a-vis a true human being. He was against caste, creed, religion and that is why Indian National Army (INA) led by him was constituted of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and others and fought against the British without any hitch. He was against illiteracy, poverty, communalism when he mentioned "freedom implies not only emancipation from political bondage, but also equal distribution of wealth, abolition of caste barriers and social inequalities and destruction of communalism as well as destruction of religious intolerance".



Netaji's other qualities were respect to women as he himself wrote, "In practical life, man becomes pure and clean through the process of contemplating 'mother' in all women". He was also in opinion that "Devotion and love render selfless".

During Second World War, Indian National Army (INA) entered Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Subhash Chandra hoisted Indian National flag on 30th December 1943 at Gymkhana ground and rechristened the Andaman as 'Shaheed' (Martyr) and Nicobar as 'Swaraj' (Freedom), however after independence, it did not materialize. While Subhash Chandra was Congress president, many liked him for his dynamic role against the British. And that is why he was elected President of Indian National Congress for two consecutive terms but had to resign in the mid of second term due to ideological differences with Mahatma Gandhi as Gandhiji was upset with the defeat of Dr Bhogaraju Pattabhi Sitaramayya who was Gandhiji's nominee. After the election in 1939, Mahatma Gandhi openly ventilated his displeasure by uttering, "Pattabhi Sitaramaiah's defeat is my defeat", albeit votes pulled by Subhash Chandra Bose were 1580 against 1375 by Pattabhi Sitaramaiah. It is believed that persons from Southern part of India including Telugu people who voted that time many of them voted in favour of Subhash Chandra, although Pattabhi Sitaramaiah was from Andhra Pradesh, Telugu man. This glaringly indicates that people of southern part of India including Andhra Pradesh were free from parochial feelings in those days and only after assessing situation people took decision which of course is found true in present days also. After resigning from Indian National Congress on 29th April 1939, Subhash Chandra announced formation of a new political party namely Forward Bloc.

While he was Congress President, he did many important things for the interest of the country which inter alia were - he (Subhash Chandra) wrote to Jinnah with a hope of negotiation for reaching a settlement between Congress and Muslim League for mutual understanding and cooperation as he could see confrontation might lead to division of the country. Secondly because of Subhash Chandra, Assam is now with India which many persons still today believe as he played crucial role in 1938 when people of Assam realized that Sadullah's Muslim League Government had different game plan. Then Congress leaders of Assam namely Gopinath Bardoloi and Bishnu Ram Medhi made repeated request to address political issues of Assam as Assam was passing through an unprecedented political turmoil in the second half of 1938 and Subhash Chandra as President of Indian National Congress came and by staying few days in Shillong matter was resolved. For such noble act he is still widely respected in Assam.

Although, Netaji Subhash Chandra's death is a matter of discussion but he will be in the hearts of all Indians (even many Pakistanis and Bangladeshis respect him) for his sacrifice for the country otherwise as ICS officer he could have enjoyed his life as those days it was lucrative service. Before winding up for the interest of readers, it is pertinent to mention that although Netaji and Gandhiji had differences in ideologies about achieving independence of the country but both were staunch follower of one theory i.e. to drive out the British from India and that is why both admired and respected each other. In 1942, Gandhiji called Subhash Chandra Bose as the 'Prince among the Patriots' and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a radio broadcast from Rangoon in 1944 addressed Mahatma Gandhi as 'The Father of Our Nation' i.e. Subhash Chandra first addressed Gandhiji as The Father of Our Nation which we still follow.

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PORTS: The hub of business along India's coastline

By Jaywant Naidu

India has a long coastline, spanning 7,516.6 kilometers, forming one of the biggest peninsulas in the world. It is serviced by 13 major ports (12 OF government and 1 corporate) and 187 notified minor and intermediate ports. Major ports handle a large percentage of business. However, the words 'major', 'intermediate' and 'minor', do not have a strict association with the traffic volumes served by these ports. Mundra Port, a newly developed minor port in the state of Gujarat registered cargo traffic of around 28.8 million tonnes per annum during the financial year of 2008, which is higher than that of many major ports. The classification of Indian ports into major, minor and intermediate sections has an administrative significance. Indian government has a federal structure, and according to its constitution, maritime falls under the 'concurrent list', to be administered by both the Central and the State governments.

While, the Central Shipping Ministry administer the major ports, the minor and intermediate ports are administered by the relevant departments or ministries in the nine coastal states of West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat. Several of these 187 minor and intermediate ports are merely 'notified'; little or no cargo handling actually takes place. These ports have been identified by the respective governments to be developed, in a phased manner, a good proportion of them involving partnership. Cargo handling is projected to grow at 7.7% until 2013-14. Some 60% of India's container traffic is handled by the Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in Mumbai. There are also 7 shipyards under the control of the central government of India, 2 shipyards controlled by state governments, and 19 privately owned shipyards.

The major ports handle cargo of large tonnage at Visakhapatnam, Kochi, Paradip Port, Chennai Port and Kandla. Major ports can collectively handle 400 plus million tons of cargo annually, and port operations have improved since the mid-1990s. All major ports, except one (Ennore Port), are government administered, but private sector participation in ports has increased. Karaikal Port Private Limited (KPPL), a private port developed by MARG Limited, became operational in April, 2009.

LAND LIBERALIZATION:

New guidelines provide necessary regulatory framework for land allotment by major ports. These guidelines have been drawn to help the ports to carry out leasing and licensing of port land in a transparent manner. Discretionary powers have been reduced and tender-cum-auction has been prescribed as the most preferred method of allotment.

Major ports in India have between them 2.64 lakh acres of land, which is a major resource. So far, the land utilization has not been optimum and often yielded lesser returns. The thrust of the new policy has been on linking the value of land with prevailing market rates. Under the new policy guidelines, land can be allotted only through licensing in custom bond areas by inviting competitive bidding, while land outside custom bond areas can be leased through tender-cum-auction. There is also a provision to license land outside custom bond areas, but it should be only for port related activities.

The Boards of respective ports can approve leasing of land for a period up to 30 years. For leasing of land beyond 30 years and up to 99 years, approval of the government has to be obtained through the mechanism of Empowered Committee. All the 12 major ports of the country are required to draw land use plan covering all land owned or managed by them. The new guidelines are applicable to all major ports in India except for the land relating to township areas in Mumbai, Kolkata and Kandla.The new policy guidelines for land management are part of the on going process of port reforms and liberalization.

While Major Ports, owned by the Centre operate in a comparatively more regulated environment, the non-major ports, comprising state ports and private ports enjoy substantial degree of flexibility. The government has been working towards creating a level playing field for major and non-major ports. Earlier, in 2013, as a part of reform process in the Ports sector tariff setting in major ports was liberalized and indexed to inflation and minimum efficiency standards were prescribed for cargo terminals.

The 12 major ports in India – Kandla, Mumbai, JNPT, Marmugao, New Mangalore, Cochin, Chennai, Ennore, V O Chidambarnar, Visakhapatnam, Paradip and Kolkata (including Haldia) handle approximately 61 percent of cargo traffic. The Government is committed to further augmenting the port capacity in the major ports sector. During 2013-14 it is planned to augment port capacity by 220 mtpa through 30 port projects. Out of these 20 port projects, with a capacity of approximately 100 mtpa have already been approved. The remaining port projects, including the ambitious Rs 8,000 crore JNPT Terminal-4, are likely to be approved during the fourth quarter of the current fiscal.

TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS (TAMP):

Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) was constituted in April 1997 to provide for an independent Authority to regulate all tariffs, both vessel related and cargo related, and rates for lease of properties in respect of Major Port Trusts and the private operators located therein. The Major Ports Trust Act, 1963 was amended by Port Laws (Amendment) Act 1997 to constitute the TAMP. This Authority has jurisdiction only over major port trusts and private terminals therein. It is responsible for prescribing the rates for services provided and facilities extended by them and also rates for lease of port trust properties. This Authority is empowered not only to notify the rates but also the conditionality's governing application of the rates.

The endeavor of the Authority is to emphasize user-orientation in its approach to work and thereby motivate all concerned to give it the benefit of their thinking. In conformity with its commitment to let the participative process preponderate in its working, special care is taken to give adequate opportunities for users to represent their interests. Accordingly, interactive sessions are organized at the port level with users directly. Besides, joint-hearings are held at the port level in the interest of natural justice before the Authority decides individual tariff cases. Every notification, declaration, order and regulation of the Authority made under the MPT Act is published in the Gazette of India.

The orders notified by the Authority are final. There is no provision for appeal against these orders within the system. Aggrieved parties will have to approach the High Court for Redressal. This Authority, however, undertakes review of orders, under exceptional circumstances. The Union Government has the power to modify the Authority's Order or issue 'policy directions' on matters relating to port pricing.

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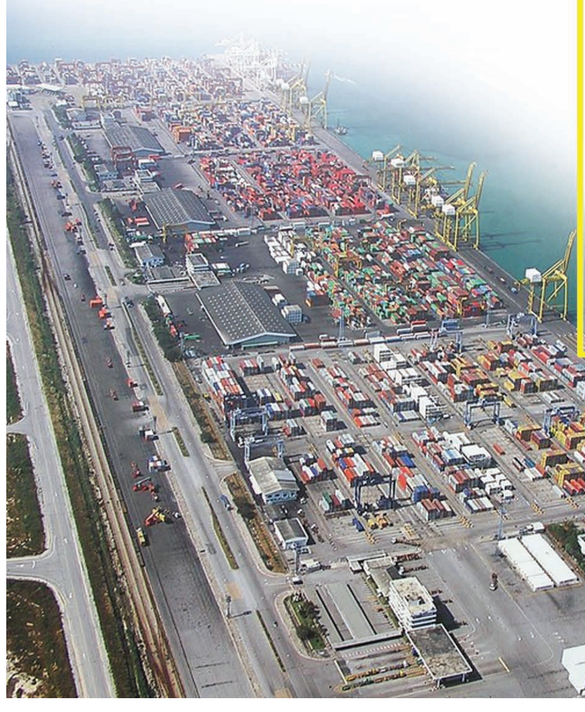

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Laugh out loud

Where u got this Mummy?

PAPPU : ***Daddy, have you ever been to Egypt?***

FATHER : ***No. Why do you ask that?***

PAPPU: ***Well, where did you get THIS mummy then?***

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Sardar Murga

A Sardar went 2 hotel, ordered chicken and waiter comes with the order.

Sardar: Murgi ki taange kithe hai?

Waiter: Woh langra tha.

Sardar: Dil?

Waiter: Dil murgi le gayee.

Sardar: Dimaag?

Waiter: Murga sardar tha…

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Lost Cheque Book

Santa lost his cheque book. He approached bank manager and informed manager regarding it.

Manager : You should have taken care as any one can sign your cheque on ur behalf and empty your deposits.

Santa : How can others sign? I am not a fool. I have already signed all the cheques.

Paruveta Performed With Celestial Grandeur

The annual celestial "Safari"-Paruveta Utsavam was performed with religious pomp and gaiety with the processional deities of Lord Malayappa Swamy and Lord Srikrishna Swamy throwing the weapons at wild animals in the green woods of Seschachala ranges on Thursday. Thousands of devotees witnessed the celestial "Mock Safari" act with anxiety at Paruveta Mandapam in Tirumala.

Lord Sri Malayappa Swamy and Lord Srikrishna Swamy, both the deities seated on separate palanquins, were taken for a pleasure hunt to Paruveta Mandapam in Tirumala from the main shrine in a colourful procession.

namo VENKATESAYA

Lord Malayappa Swamy in the Sarvabhoopala avatar sporting conch, disc, mace, bow and arrow, accompanied by Lord Sri Krishna Swamy, enthralled the devotees, who gathered to witness the event. After special pujas in Paruveta Mandapam, the two processional deities were taken for a pleasure hunt in the thick forests of Seshachala ranges.

After the customary rituals, the deities were taken back to the main temple.

HEALTH TIPS

Home Remedies For Dandruff

- Immerse two tablespoons of fenugreek seeds in water overnight. Grind them the next morning to form a paste. Keep it for half an hour before washing it with a ritha solution or shikakai.
- Conditioning the hair using cider vinegar after shampooing also acts beneficial in removing dandruff.
- Heat 300 grams of coconut oil with 3 grams of black pepper. Strain this decoction. Once cooled, apply this decoct on the hair and the scalp overnight.
- Use a teaspoon of fresh lime juice as a conditioner. Apart from removing the dandruff, it also gives a glowing effect to the hair.
- For a person who applies henna, mash beetroot leaves in it. Apply this mixture on the head to prevent dandruff and hair fall.
- Washing the hair with green gram powder in curd twice a week would also cure a person from dandruff.
- Add two tablespoons of water to two beaten eggs and mix it properly. Apply this combination to the moist hair and leave it for 10-15 minutes. Rinse the hair with lukewarm water. this will be effective in treating dandruff.

SUDOKU 305

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

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

ANSWERS Sudoku-304

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

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Answer 304: Abdul Kabeer, Goshamahal

ASTRO FOCUS Jan 19 - 25, 14

Aries: You might fail in achieving set target as your policy of persuasive communication skills does not work well. Computer professionals, looking for an overseas career are likely to get an opportunity to fulfill their dreams by the week's end. You are a sweet and smooth talker and shall be benefited by your honest and righteous attitude. Keep in mind that jealousy on your part could create a rift in your love relationship.

Taurus: The first half, in particular promises a good time when you are likely to fulfill milestones. The employed will get opportunity to elevate their professional career further. Those who are seeking job would get a chance to grab something big. Take partner into confidence before doing anything to keep the lovely bond intact.

Gemini: You are likely to get into a big opportunity for progress. Your work will give you satisfaction. Happy news from a friend or a close relative will boost your spirits and bring cheerful moments. You can expect wonderful results in your career. Those doing job need to maintain harmony with their colleagues. Be cautious from your adversaries. Make proper use of your time.

Cancer: Teamwork, rather than attempting to go alone, will bring better results. You should be serious in your project work as it has the potential for long-term benefits. You just might start thinking of new career and job options. You could feel a little longing this week, thinking about romance from the past or dreaming about love, which is yet to come.

Leo: New friendships are likely to be evolved this week and the good news is that they would be helpful links far into the future in both career as well as personal life. People would look to you for advice. Your positive attitude at work would open new avenues for you and your hard work would not go unnoticed. Any move to change the jobs may be stalled for time being.

Virgo: Happy news from a friend or a close relative will boost your spirits and bring cheerful moments. You have a lifetime dedication for the thing that you believe in. Subtle changes are bound to take place in you, both within and outside. It is possible to touch someone's heart and still keep your own. Avoid sharing your secrets with others.

Libra: Keeping a positive attitude towards work brings success. New contacts at professional front would bring many new lucrative business opportunities. Thrifty nature will help in keeping financial front balance. Difficulties with your spouse will surface if you are not discreet in your behavior. Romantic life in particular needs a special care to bloom the beautiful flower of love.

Scorpio: This week is particularly good as what you think and put into practical shape, could be the foundation stone for your changed outlook. Accessing your real skills would enable you to improve them. Failure in playing cards well would invite monetary loss. Think twice before taking any major decision.

Sagittarius: Students make sure you prepare yourself to work hard with a planned strategy. Support from friends and associates will be immense. Participation in family functions and social activities will bring you joy and happiness. A timely solution will bring happiness at home. It may give you a chance to meet someone new or bring new life to a current relationship.

Capricorn: Do not let your negative thoughts make you miss some of the brilliant opportunities that will come your way. Friends and relatives would do favors and you would feel happy being in their company. Believe in yourself and put in the extra effort as by this you are sure to get out of any tricky situation. Good things will happen if you put your time and effort into what really counts.

Aquarius: There are signs, which indicate that a deep urge to explore new horizons will raise your career graph. It would be better for you to plan strategies and implement them. Take advantage of creative business ideas that strike your mind this week. Do not promise something, which you can not do especially at romantic front. There is no threat to finances as well to your social honor.

Pisces: You are planning and things seem to be working well and in order. Physical awareness drive will start showing positive results. You must prepare yourself for minor changes. Workplace would require some extra efforts to succeed. Conservative investments will enable to earn profits. Good week to oblige people whom you feel could prove important in future.

Music is life

International Harpist Lorita was in Hyderabad for performing at the Seasons Bar, Hotel Taj Krishna. She spoke to Deccan Post.

How did music come into the family?

My family was very musical. But none of them were professional musicians. My mother wanted me to be a musician. I started playing piano from the age of four years. I studied in the National School of Music in Sofie, Bulgaria. From the age of twelve years, I started learning the Harp.

What is the kind of music that you perform on Harp?

I have the repertoire of playing popular film tracks, pop and classical music compositions. I have performed in some of the leading hotels in Norway and Bulgaria. I can also play some Bollywood numbers including compositions of AR Rahman on my Harp. We have lot of traditional folklore music in Bulgaria, but I do not play them.

Do you have any favorite music numbers?

For me, the compositions of Bach and Handel are very inspiring. There are also many French composers whose works are specific for the Harp.

Any particular hurdles in playing this instrument?

Continuous plucking of the strings with the fingers has a strain on the hands. It's not easy to repair this instrument. And it's really very big to handle. The guests are very curious and want to touch it and take pictures. Not all compositions are easy to play on the harp. It takes many years to learn the instrument and play something reasonably well. There are forty seven strings and seven pedals on this instruments .You have to tune all the strings every time before a concert.

Is your Harp made in Bulgaria?

No. My harp comes from England. It's very difficult to make this instrument.

Have you combined your music with other instruments?

I have always looked forward to playing with Violin and Flute. This has been possible in big Orchestra and also Chamber music. Bulgaria is the only country other than Scotland which has the Bagpiper instrument.

Any hobbies for you, and is it an easy profession?

I read a lot. I like walking and exploring any new city. Bulgaria has many music schools and good teachers. Every city has schools and kids studying music. Few may drop out and get into music but most of them take it up as a profession.

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- 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?
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- 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?

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When hottie Priyanka chopra feels the heat?

Looks like there is something so scorching that even the scorching Priyanka Chopra can't handle it. While shooting for Yash Raj Film's Gunday in Oman, Priyanka Chopra suffered from a severe heat rash.

"The scorching temperature in Oman and the sandstorms affected my skin and I ended up with rashes," said Piggy Chops. But she didn't stop the shoot. "As they say, the show must go on and I decided to complete the shooting before seeking medication," she added. Last year, while shooting for the Mary Kom biopic in Manali, a bug bit her and she developed a rash. She got really paranoid about the bugs and called off the Manali shoot; which was eventually shot at a studio in Mumbai. Looks like she's learnt to be a bit more professional. It was probably a relief to the makers of Gunday when she told them she would finish the shoot.

Samantha acting in real life?

Slipping tongue has become a natural phenomenon for glamorous heroine Samantha Ruth Prabhu these days. After her 'regressive' tweet, this star heroine is now taking shots at 'make up' and 'acting' of some celebrities. 'I can't act in real life too, like few other celebrities are doing', said Samantha at an event in Chennai. Kollywood is abuzz that Samantha is once again poking her contemporaries from the tinsel town with her useless comments. Also she stated, 'I'm an actress as long as I wear make-up. But after removing it, I'm a normal girl and never think about the roles I'm playing on silver screen'. On whom Samantha is pointing fingers now? Who is acting in real life as said by this hot heroine?

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Miffed by the actress' thirst to throw punches on others, critics are saying that Samantha is just trying to stay in lime light with her arrogant remarks on others. For now many say that Samantha herself is acting in real life, but feeling that the world doesn't know who her boyfriend is. Grow up Sam.

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The markets continue volatile

By V Sundar Raja

Finally, BSE Sensex closed at 21,063 down 202 points, while NSE Nifty closed at 6,262 down 57 points over the previous close. The Indian equity market ended the day with losses on Friday after the rupee hit over five week low against the US Dollar. The US dollar faded marginally after a mixed bag of US economic data.

Today's decline was led by selling pressure in the IT, telecom, banking and the realty stocks. Among the other major laggards were consumer durables, metals, power and capital goods stocks. Even the mid-cap and the small-cap stocks were under immense selling pressure. Bucking the negative trend were the oil and gas, FMCG and auto stocks.

Banking heavyweight HDFC Bank came out with its quarterly numbers which came in better than market expectation. The bank posted a 25% increase in net profit to Rs. 23.26bn from Rs. 18.59bn a year ago. Net interest income gained nearly 16% to Rs. 46.35bn. Asset quality at the bank remained mostly stable during the quarter. Non-performing loans as a percentage of total assets were at 0.3%.

Shares of TCS slipped as much as 5.5% on Friday to record worst percentage loss since October 17, a day after the IT major beat market expectations with a significant 50.3% jump in third-quarter profit. On the other hand, Wipro has declined by over 2.5% and closed at Rs556 ahead of Q3 results today.

Shares telecom companies, mainly Idea Cellular and Bharti Airtel, ended lower by up to 5%, on reports that Reliance Jio Infocomm's participation in the upcoming spectrum auction will hurt profitability of other telecom companies. Ranbaxy Laboratories dipped by 2% to Rs 407 extending its past four days fall after the pharmaceutical company's manufacturing facility in Toansa, Punjab received a Form 483 warning from the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA).

Shares of MindTree was down 5% and closed at Rs1429 after the company reported fiscal third-quarter profit which fell 10.4 per cent, after a foreign exchange loss. Gold rose on Friday as weakness in US equities, strong fund buying and Asian physical demand lifted bullion to its fourth consecutive weekly gain. The market was surprised by news of Deustche Bank withdrawing from gold and silver benchmark setting, or fixing, as German regulators investigate suspected manipulation of precious metals prices by banks.

The last quarter's Makaan.com Property Index ["MPI"] brings good news for all who have been waiting since long to own a dream house and hoping for a property price reduction. The aspiring and potential homeowners can now have a sigh of relief as this might be the best time to make an investment in major key property markets. The real estate industry that has been experiencing the absence of buyers can also hope to welcome some as the festive season is now clubbed with the last quarter's positive MPI.

The election outcome in 2014 can be a stable government driving economy or a disastrous coalition. Politics will define the path to India's economic success in 2014! 2013 witnessed sharp volatility in equity markets, bond markets, rupee value against international currency, and gold.

Several questions are crossing investors' mind. But the key question stands how to sail through this phase. As an investor what can one do to ensure that volatility is taken as an opportunity and not a window to a distressed portfolio.

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

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