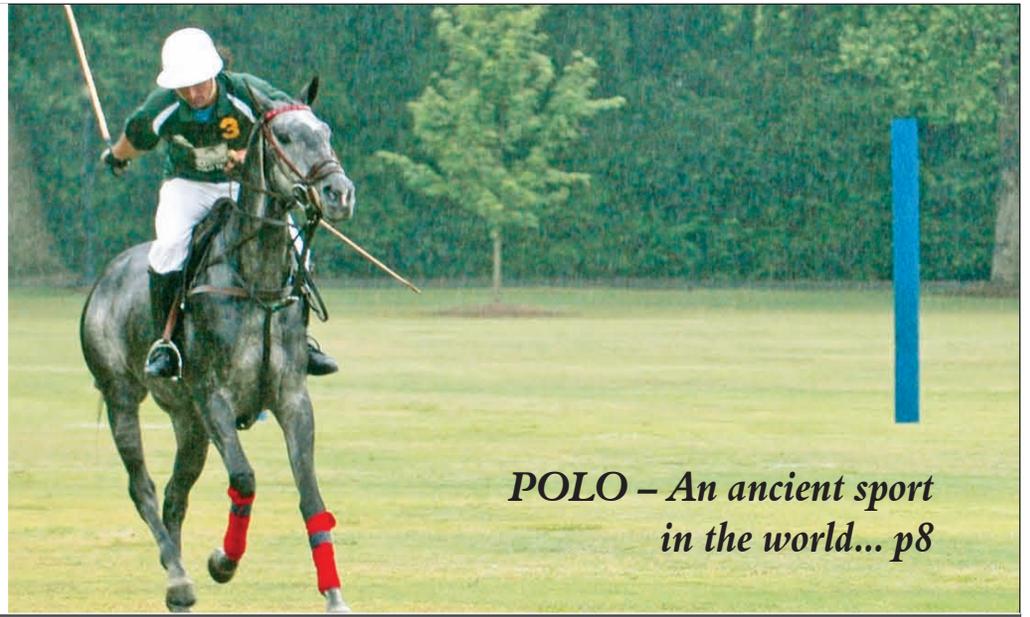


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*With no takers for 'Samaikya Andhra' in Telangana's 10 districts;
Seemandhra leaders are caught in their own web of confusion but...*

Still battling for 'forcible' togetherness?





The case of Seemandhra leaders is different. After desperately failing to persuade UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to keep the present existing state of AP intact, the Seemandhra activists joined by several political leaders cutting across party lines are now battling against division of the state by advancing several threats and weird theories like: -- the formation of Telangana state will lead to disintegration of the nation/it will lead to many similar demands across the country for carving out new states/it will lead to economic unviability of both Telangana and Andhra States/it will lead to social unrest in Telangana/it will lead to Maoists staging a come back and etcetera. The so-called struggle for keeping the warring people of Telangana and

Seemandhra to stay united politically has now turned into ugly war between people of Telangana and Andhra for 'self respect versus self interest'. Now, it appears that the Seemandhra leaders are caught in deep confusion - battling for unity between unwilling Telangana people sought to be wooed by 'unscrupulous' Seema-Andhra leaders.

The people of Telangana are now more confident than ever about the congress party led UPA government's seriousness in completing the process of Telangana state formation at the earliest. Despite passions soaring high in the ten districts of Telangana for early formation of a separate state; people in T-region are showing tremendous restraint while keenly observing the Seemandhra noise going on

in the Seema-Andhra districts.

Kiran and Jagan join hands?

Ever since the Congress Working Committee announced its decision on 30th July, this year, over formation of Telangana State; the powerful Seema-Andhra lobby comprising of the nine Union Ministers hailing from 13 districts of Seemandhra region backed by a belligerent state Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy, with the passionate involvement of several congress MPs led by Dr KVP Ramchander Rao, are all working in tandem leaving no stone unturned to bully Madam Gandhi to withdraw her decision to carve out state of Telangana comprising of ten districts which significantly includes the all important district of Hyderabad - which is presently serving as the state capital. Not a day goes

in Delhi without KVP interacting and guiding these congress leaders on the strategy to tame Madam Gandhi on her bold decision to carry on with state bifurcation. Several agencies are of the opinion that Kiran Reddy is in constant touch with YSRCP leadership. The decision of YSRCP working president to go on a fast was influenced by the congress leaders close to Kiran Reddy.

The three week old ongoing Seemandhra agitation going on in 13 districts of Andhra and Rayalaseema regions in the name of "Samaikya (united) Andhra Pradesh" has turned out to be a baseless struggle seeking the forced companionship with people of Telangana to stay united in the present state but the people of Telangana seem to be completely



unwilling to endure any more suffering. Ironically, the struggle for Samaikya AP is at best limited to thirteen districts that fall outside Telangana region in the AP state, thus, enabling all those neutral observers to see for themselves the “huge political and emotional divide” between the people of Telangana and Seema-Andhra regions. Thus the falsehood of all those protagonists advocating “Samaikya Andhra” thoroughly stands exposed.

The bogey sought to be raised by Kiran Reddy about several dangers inherent in the aftermath of Telangana state creation have not impressed any one who is aware of the politics in our country. Many contentions raised by him are immature and completely built on imaginary fears or perceived misconceptions. Nevertheless, Chief Minister Kiran Reddy and his council of ministers, MPs and MLAs from coastal Andhra and Rayala Seema are constantly stoking flames by supplying wrong information to media and other political parties in the country on one hand and encouraging employees, students and others belonging to Seemandhra region to participate in the struggle to force the Union Government led by congress to stop proceeding further over T-state formation.

Strike by Seemandhra Employees:

Around 4.5 lakh government employees are on strike since August 12th and one lakh more teachers have joined it since this week. Despite the Hon'ble AP High Court calling the strike resorted to by the APNGO's is illegal around 2,500 employees in state secretariat are all set to go on strike from September 3rd and thus intensifying the agitation. Sources reveal the Chief Minister and ministers belonging to Seemandhra region are tacitly extending all kinds of support.

But, curiously, none of them on strike are going to be hit by the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. As per the practice of formation of new states in case of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand, all the parent states employees were asked to give their options and according to the needs of the each new state the employees were allocated. While allocating the staff,



the parent governments as well as the new ones maintained their seniority and other privileges. Here in the case of Andhra Pradesh too, none of the Seemandhra employees would be dislocated without their willingness or forced to leave Hyderabad or Telangana. Telangana NGO's union leader Devisri Prasad made it clear that Telangana employees are ready to help out the new Andhra Pradesh Secretariat and heads of department offices, if the staff of that region is not willing to work there.

This is definitely a magnanimous offer indeed. But, the leaders of Seemandhra Employees Associations are instigating the

ordinary and innocent employees, fooling them that they would be displaced overnight and be forced to leave Hyderabad city, with their belongings. This is the basic reason, why the striking Seemandhra employees in Vidyut Soudha had displayed placards saying: “Don't force us leave Hyderabad” and “Don't make us refugees”.

This is nothing but far from the truth. Here, no one is asking anyone to leave Hyderabad or Telangana. The families of Seemandhra people can live here as long as they wish and continue to enjoy the same life. But, the basic adjustment they have to make is to accept politically ‘Telangana

State' belongs to the people of Telangana. The injustices done to them for the last five and half decades will not be continued. This cannot be a problem for anyone. But, the grossly distorted reports projected by the CM and other Seemandhra ministers before the Congress high command in the last three weeks is the reason for this confusion. There is no one sane enough coming forward to alley their fears and dispel doubts. If we can tell the Seemandhra people that their ongoing stir is baseless, as every citizen of India enjoys constitutionally guaranteed rights, the entire imaginary fears will be gone.

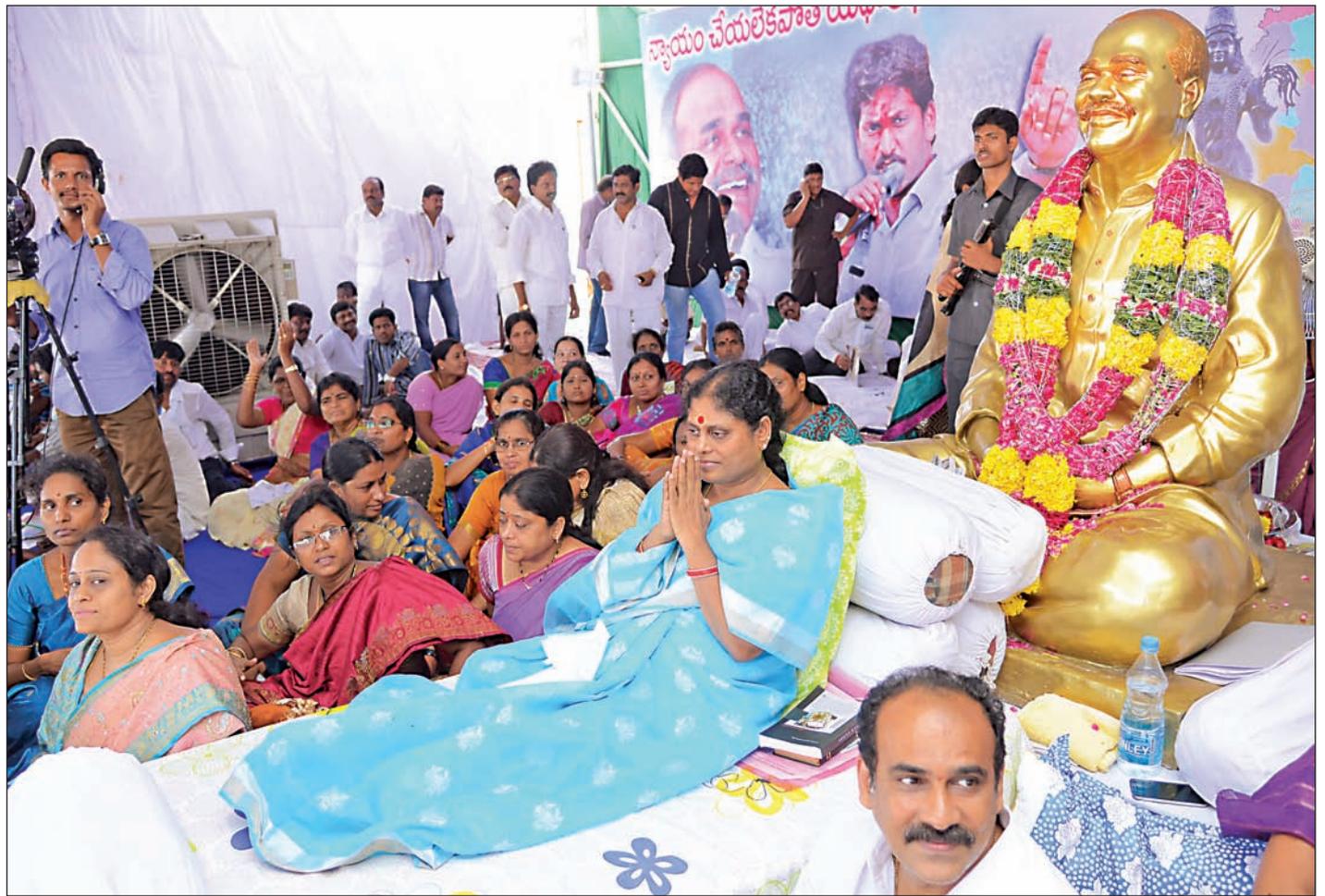


Kavuri-Chiru-Kiran turn Cantankerous:

The most unfortunate thing is that CM Kiran Kumar Reddy who till recently claimed that he would abide by whatever decision the high command takes has changed his track and has been using all his energies and time to scuttle the process for formation of Telangana state. As Karimnagar Congress MP Ponnambhakar said, Kiran is behaving like a Joint Action Committee leader of Seemandhra, not as the CM of AP. Coming under scrutiny for his mutiny, Kiran Reddy has given a go by to all democratic niceties two weeks ago and signed a memorandum prepared by Seemandhra ministers, MPs and MLAs opposing Congress Working Committee resolution on Telangana state. Not just content with it, he made one more round of presentation before the AK Antony Committee on August 20th, reiterating his falsehood.

Let's analyze what he told the Antony Committee. The first and foremost objection of Kiran Reddy to Telangana state is that around 50 lakh people from Seemandhra, are now living in Hyderabad and as such will be displaced. The CM also expressed concern over their safety too, if Telangana state is formed. "If we can protect the safety of Seemandhra people living in Hyderabad it would be good," Kiran said, after meeting Antony. This is most ridiculous and atrocious allegation made against the people of Telangana. Kiran who often claims to have been born and brought up in Hyderabad has dropped all inhibitions and exposed his real self which is out and out that of a factionist from Seema region.

Kiran's another objection is that Maoists will grow more in Telangana, if this region is separated. This is another factually incorrect thing. Kiran's good friend and DGP V Dinesh Reddy went on record several times that there is no major problem from Maoists at present and it will not be a big issue, even after formation of Telangana state. Kiran should not forget that Maoists are not just limited to Telangana, or Andhra Pradesh. They have their base and presence all over the country. Only a few states are free from the menace of Maoists today. How can Kiran explain for the Maoists presence in around 10 states in India today? If keeping Andhra Pradesh is the



solution to fight Maoists, then why not club other states too in AP?

However, someone informed Defense Minister Antony, that the entire population of Hyderabad district was not more than 40 lakhs as per 2011 census. It is learnt that the Union Defense Minister detested the alarmist attitude of the Chief Minister and advised him to meet congress leader Sonia Gandhi. And we know what Madam Gandhi has probably said -- "No going back on Telangana - tell us what you want for Seemandhra". As if to put the record straight - this is what she reiterated at a function on Saturday hosted by Press council in the presence of the Prime Minister of India.

Real Issues:

River water disputes may be a real issue, but they will not be insurmountable, as is projected by Kiran Reddy and Co. Though it is a fact that there is a Cauvery river water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka - Can

anyone offer a solution to merge both those states? Kiran is undermining the capacity of our constitutional institutions. Indian judiciary - the Supreme Court of India has shown exemplary guidance to many contentious issues.

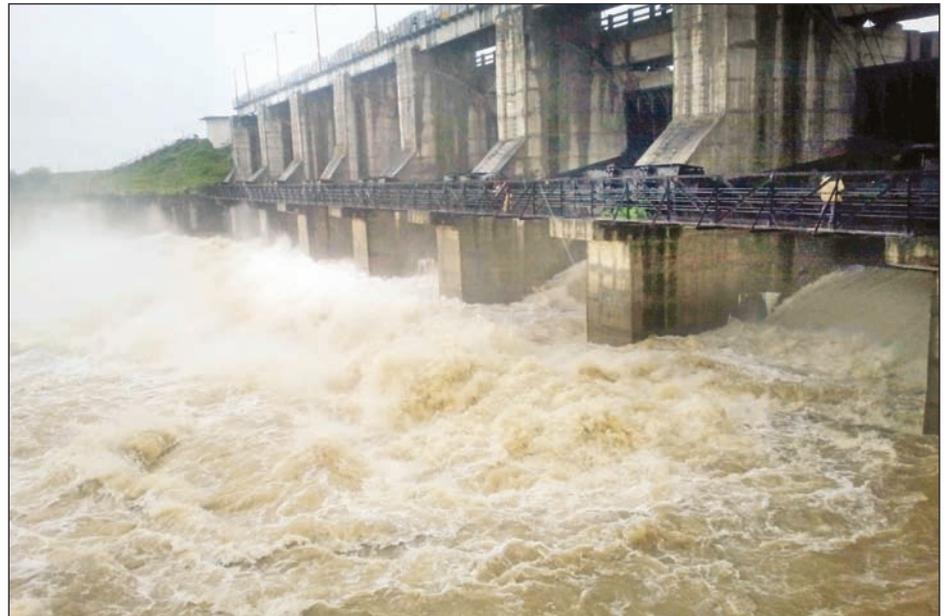
Moreover, the arguments made by Seemandhra leaders that Telangana state will not permit them to draw more water from the dams built on the rivers - Krishna and Godavari - only establishes that there was an exploitation of river waters by Seemandhra people all these years. This only vindicates the allegations of Telangana people on injustices done to them.

Union Tourism Minister K Chiranjeevi who called on Sonia Gandhi raised a new argument that there would be equal justice to both Seemandhra and Telangana, if Hyderabad is made a Union Territory (UT). The same argument was made by another Union Minister Kavuri Sambasiva Rao two weeks ago. Not hiding his malice towards Telangana,

Kavuri even demanded that Hyderabad be made a separate state. These demands on Hyderabad only show how jealous Seemandhra leaders are. It is as if demanding that - if I don't get it, you too shouldn't. The demands on Hyderabad as UT or state only indicate that Seemandhra leaders are not ready to digest the fact that such a historical and cosmopolitan city is going to be Telangana people's capital. So, they want to deprive it by cutting it out of Telangana at any cost even if they can not get it.

The same explanation applies to other objections too: like protection to students who study in Hyderabad, or the status of Seemandhra people who stay in Hyderabad till 2024, the time given for the city to be joint capital of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. All the issues can be resolved amicably, if leaders of both sides sit together. Not by distortion of facts much less by launching baseless agitations. ♦

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T-people shun 'Samaikyandhra' gimmicks

By Shivkant Bichkunda

With the most strange and awkward agitation in the name of United Andhra Pradesh or Samaikyandhra Pradesh going on in the 13 districts of Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema regions of the state one cannot believe how these kind of agitations can be useful in achieving the impossible task of making disinterested people to live together with one wanting to exploit and another wanting to avoid.

The History is the witness that the movements and the agitations took place just to get independence, freedom and getting separated and not for living together. It was the Andhra people who are separatists in real means as they advocated for linguistic states after getting separated from the then Madras

state in the year 1953. One wonders how can these so called Integrationists forget that they also strived and struggled for acquiring their own identity and self rule from the then Madras state and when it comes to the Telangana protagonists they shamelessly call them separatists.

The way the Seemandhra politicians are behaving so pathetically to seek exploitation of resources in T-region; one cant but feel disgusted about their greed. The honourable MPs belonging to Seema and Andhra region have disturbed the proceedings in both houses of the Parliament impacting the passage of important bills like Food Security etcetera. They have stalled both the parliament houses continuously and ruined

the business of the houses in the name of United Andhra Pradesh and demanding justice to them and their people. One wonders what could be justice to them. Will it be compelling the Telangana people to live with the Andhra people forcibly? Will it be to let them continue exploiting the rich natural resources of Telangana? Will it be to grab the precious lands in and around Hyderabad? Will it be to exploit Telangana people by manipulations to get government employment?

Every Chief Minister of every state takes oath in Raj Bhavan that he will act according to the constitution and will not act on the lines of regionalism, religion; caste, creed and he will work and serve in the interests of

each and every section of the people. If this oath was taken in true spirit by our Chief Minister then he would have not wounded the Telangana people and would have left the decision to the UPA and congress party high command. But it appears that the chief minister has miserably failed in respecting the wishes of a particular region and biased towards his own. Can it be expected from a person holding the position of Chief Minister to behave like a petty politician? Hope our politicians will show some respect to the oath they have taken and try to be unbiased and impartial and work for the welfare of the state and the people without any prejudices on the basis of region or religion or caste. ♦

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Is BJP playing with T-fire?

With the way things are going on, one cannot understand what could be the agenda of Bharatiya Janata Party (which supported the cause of Telangana since a long time) behind opposing the suspension of 8 Congress MPs and 4 TDP MPs from Seemandhra region who were disrupting the proceedings in both houses of the Parliament, and that too continuously since the start of the monsoon session of the parliament. It should be reminded that it was none other than the BJP National President Rajnath Singh and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj who promised repeatedly that if their party comes to power in the 2014 general elections then Telangana State will be formed within 100 days.

This stand strengthened the BJP in Telangana region and many leaders fighting for Telangana were expecting to join the BJP after Nagam Janardhan Reddy joined it. But the BJP leadership was not opening up its doors for many credible leaders from other parties. None knows the reason but some are saying that it is one and only one who runs the show in the state and that is Venkaiah Naidu. It is said by many that Venkaiah is some how not interested in making the party grow bigger as the prospects of TDP will get hurt. One wonders what sort of logic that can be. But many persons in the BJP though refuse to air their views openly do admit that Venkaiah has a particular interest in keeping the TDP strong. Strange logic but it seems there is a lot of quid pro quo.

However, some close associates of Venkaiah accuse other



leaders like Vidyasagar Rao, Indrasena Reddy, Bandaru Dattatreya of being too mindful of their positions in the party hierarchy.

Coming to T-prospects for BJP, everything was going fine until Gujarat Chief Minister and BJP's contender for the post of prime minister Narendra Modi landed in Hyderabad on 11th August and made spiritless and boring speech full of national issues without any vision or options and alternatives

to solve the problems the county is facing even knowing fully well that people at the meeting were waiting to hear a missile like speech and his take on Telangana State and the ongoing movement in the Seemandhra region fuelled by some contractor-politicians of both the Congress and TDP.

It was more pathetic to see that many noted personalities from Andhra and Rayalaseema region met Narendra Modi at Park Hyat Hotel. It appears that Venkaiah Naidu was the facilitator for all these meetings and under the influence of Venkaiah Naidu; Modi did not speak about Telangana. The strange and suspicious kind of conduct of the BJP leaders is raising many eyebrows of Telangana protagonists. The BJP leadership must realize that they will not gain in Seemandhra region by keeping mum over its controversial stand over Telangana statehood issue.

Many sincere youth and senior leaders have joined BJP with the hope that it's the party of principles and values and will fulfill its promise of Telangana but the functioning of the top leadership is disappointing to them a lot and they are thinking about alternative platforms to voice their concerns. The BJP being the principal opposition party in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha must insist the UPA government on introduction of Telangana Bill in both the houses and prove their commitment and sincerity towards Telangana state formation. The BJP must remember that everyone is watching their moves everywhere. ♦

Tom, Dick & Harry resigning for United AP

By B Shivkant

On the one hand the state is going through its toughest time with the agitations after the announcement of Telangana, many unemployed leaders and government officials on the verge of retirement are resigning on the pretext of supporting the cause of United Andhra Pradesh.

Many chota mota and unfit political aspi-

rants are joining one or the other party by quitting their present leisure occupation just to make a face presentation and become successful in getting a party B-form and win elections and sit in the state legislature to fool again and again. What a pathetic state of mind these uncouth elements are gifted with?

With the instant acceptance of TDP Rajya

Sabha MP Harikrishna resignation, every Tom, Dick and Harry wants to resign from whatever post he was enjoying. It is even being heard that government officials who have less tenure are resigning or taking voluntary retirement just to grab the limelight courtesy the hopeless agitation for Samaikyandhra Pradesh. What a shame!

These greedy and power lusty people should stop exploiting the innocent people and should not fool themselves by dreaming about becoming lawmakers just because of the hype of the support of the people for unethical, unlawful, illegal and shameful agitation for compelling other region's people to live with them forcibly. ♦

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Our MPs must uphold the dignity of Our Parliament

Crores of Rupees of public money is spent on running the business of the house in the Parliament. We often get to see members disrupting the house rather than speaking in the House. The recent suspension of 12 MPs from our State is a rare event knowing the unwillingness of our system to resort to harsh punishments for Hon'ble Members of the Parliament. The Seemandhra agitation has become the latest cause for many MPs from that region to high light their plight. But, the manner in which these MPs went about disrupting the smooth functioning of the Parliament resulted in the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha to suspend these 12 MPs using her extra-ordinary discretionary power to crack the whip in order to ensure sooth functioning.

In India, ever since our constitution came into force, several parliamentary procedures are followed in both houses of the Indian parliament. The laws made in the Parliament are known as statutory laws, rules, procedures etcetera. The elected presiding officers administer the smooth running of the house as per various parliamentary practices, legislative procedures, and rules of order. In our Parliament, the two houses are presided by set of presiding officers who are highly acknowledged Constitutional

functionaries having wide ranging powers for running the House and also conferred with several discretionary powers to effectively conduct the business of the house.

Each house in Indian Parliament has its own set of rules and regulations formulated by the members themselves from time to time by writing and adopting a set of specific rules as and when the need arises. The Speaker is the presiding authority in the Lok Sabha and the Vice-President of India happens to discharge his duties as the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha. Both these officials are assisted by an elected Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairperson respectively.

Democracy being the governing system, several important matters are debated and put to voting adhering to the rule of the majority with certain respect for the minority. Its object is to allow deliberation upon questions of interest to the concerns of the people and to arrive at the sense or the will of the legislature upon these questions. Both houses in our system follow well laid down parliamentary procedures to debate and reach decisions — usually by vote — with the least possible friction. Certain basic rules and traditions prevail at all times. That one subject must be discussed at a time. Personal attacks are

to be avoided in debates. A debate must be limited to the merits of the question.

Parliamentary procedure is based on the principles of allowing the majority to make decisions effectively and efficiently (majority rule), while ensuring fairness towards the minority and giving each member or delegate the right to voice an opinion. Voting determines the will of the legislative body. While each house may create their own set of rules, these sets tend to be more alike than different. A common practice is to adopt a standard reference book on parliamentary procedure and modify it through special rules of order that supersede the adopted authority.

A parliamentary structure conducts business through motions, which cause actions. Members bring business before the assembly by introducing main motions, or dispose of this business through subsidiary motions and incidental motions. But no member can be allowed to disrupt the proceedings or hold the entire house to ransom. The dignity of the members lies in upholding the dignity of the house. There are many occasions where some member or the other member feels agitated and wants to draw the attention of the entire house. This can be done best by taking permission from the chair. At certain

times, due to some special reasons members get less or no opportunity to raise their concerns - during such time it is possible that the agitated member resorts to protests beyond the permissible limits. Sometimes, an intolerant situation is created by members walking or sitting in the well of the house disturbing the smooth conduct of business. The usual practice we are observing nowadays is that the house is being adjourned for some brief spell and again resumed. This has become the rule rather than the exception. Already, a lot of time has been lost in this Monsoon session. There are important bills to be passed by both houses.

It is expected that our members will take serious note of the disruptions that are taking place and will collectively rise above their petty issues to place the national interests above. The Speaker deserves to be commended for her exemplary conduct of the House. However, in the interests of public sentiments, Deccan Post urges our presiding officers to caution the erring members about their delinquent behaviour and remind them of their responsibility to uphold the dignity of the house at any cost. ♦

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What are they struggling for?

Your last week's cover story was very interesting and thought provoking. Its beyond one's imagination that politicians from Seemandhra region are provoking the common public to agitate for the most strange thing in this world. I believe that nothing will change by bifurcating the state and creating Telangana. What is that the common man of Seema or Andhra region will lose if Telangana is given the statehood? What is the reason behind their opposition to the demerger of Andhra Pradesh state when it was a conditional merger? Why people are not taking into account that starting from Gentlemen's Agreement, Mulki Rules, 610 GO everything went against the welfare of the Telangana and its people resulting in they aspiring for self rule with respect. The Seemandhra leaders have created a havoc by spreading rumours that their water, power and most important jobs will be at risk. What a stupid and nonsense reason. If the employees are agitating for a forceful and compelling united Andhra Pradesh then it proves that somehow they have indulged in manipulations and violated the laws to



get employment in government sector. I think the businessmen, common people, students, youth, women etc. will not be affected in any manner by this inevitable bifurcation and the affected lot will only be politicians and the government officials and that's why they are agitating against the wishes of Telangana people. I hope the common public will realize the truth and cooperate in the process of bifurcation taking place smoothly.

A Venkateshwar Rao, Warasiguda

STF Police becoming tool

Your last week's current affairs story on Special Task Force team of the Hyderabad's Commissioner's Task Force was a simply very good and it gives strength to the allegations and accusations of social activists on the allegedly corrupt government department officials. It is true that in many parts of the country killings and intimidation to the RTI Activists taken place and this new intimidating and freighting style of Special Task Force is a matter of real concern. The top police officials must take cognizance of these kind

of reports coming in media and provide sufficient protection to the RTI and Social Activists who are working in the interest of the society and safeguard their fundamental and constitutional rights at any cost. Hope the top police bosses will act without any delay.

K Shalini, Champapet

Common Capital is Cool

As the things going on in the state of Andhra Pradesh and it appears inevitable that the state is going to be separated then what would be the fate of the people of Seemandhra in Hyderabad. I agree with the idea of Common Capital for both the Telangana and Seemandhra regions as Hyderabad as suitable infrastructure to cater to the needs of both the states and there will be no problem in the smooth administration from Hyderabad if it is made the common capital. The worries of Seemandhra people are over the status of Hyderabad and if Hyderabad kept neutral then I strongly feel that most of the agitators will withdraw their agitation and will not have any problem in creation of Telangana state. Hope Hyderabad will remain with people of all regions as a common capital.

Savitri Natraj, Domalguda

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Once again trouble brewing in TDP's first family

By Our Correspondent

The astonished reaction of TDP MP Nandamuri Harikrishna whose resignation from Rajya Sabha was accepted on Thursday is an indication of the trouble that is brewing within TDP - the principal opposition party in the State Legislative Assembly headed by Former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Perhaps, Harikrishna has not imagined that his resignation would be accepted by Rajya Sabha Chairman & Vice-President of India Hamid Ansari so swiftly given the manner in which MPs have been enacting drama over tendering resignations.

Harikrishna wanted to take higher moral pedestal by offering to resign on the issue of "Samaikyandhra" movement. It is an open secret that Harikrishna was not on cordial terms with TDP president Chandrababu Naidu for some time. The simmering differences between them are coming out into open slowly.

The conspicuous absence of Nandamuri Harikrishna at the wedding of second daughter of his younger brother, Balakrishna on Thursday raised more questions on the internal ties within TDP. More than Harikrishna, the absence of his son, a popular actor - Junior NTR has attracted everyone's attention at the star-studded wedding in Hyderabad.

A closer look at the simmering tensions between Harikrishna and Balakrishna points to a deeper malaise



that is staring in the face of TDP leadership. Harikrishna's son Jr NTR is the root cause of the tensions. Harikrishna naturally wants to promote his son, Jr NTR as a future leader in TDP.

It is an open secret that TDP president and Former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu never liked anyone from his late father-in-law's family to stake claim for power in the party. By



marrying off his only son, Lokesh with the elder daughter of Balakrishna five years ago, Naidu successfully won over a section of the family.

Harikrishna in fact floated Anna TDP in 1996 and staged a revolt against his brother-in-law Chandrababu Naidu. But, later Hari patched up his differences with Naidu after he was offered a Rajya Sabha seat from TDP in 2008. Meanwhile, the

larger than life-size ambitions of Jr NTR have created some bad blood between him and Lokesh.

Harikrishna is with Jr NTR while Balakrishna is siding with his son-in-law; Lokesh. The rift reached its peak in the wedding where Balakrishna and Naidu ran the show. Piqued over this, Harikrishna put in his papers to the RS membership, which will expire next year. Though, the quit act is attributed to the Seemandhra stir, it is more to do with the family feud of Nandamuri clan.

Now, there is a talk that the rift between Harikrishna and Balakrishna or Harikrishna and Chandrababu Naidu may threaten the unity of TDP. Harikrishna is planning to tour Seemandhra region in the name of his late father NTR. Hari wants to console the Seemandhra people who are fed up with Naidu. Jr NTR too may join the consolation Yatra at a later date.

If that happens, Harikrishna aspires to win over the confidence of Seemandhra people who are looking for a better leader. His other family members like Daggubati Venkateswara Rao, Purandeswari and some others too may join Harikrishna as they want to build political career in Seemandhra as Congress has become a none entity there. That spells more trouble to Naidu who is aspiring to salvage the crisis at any cost. ♦

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TRS in disarray?

By Our Correspondent

Ever since, the congress party high command announced its decision to carve out a state of Telangana on 30th July, several political parties in the state of Andhra Pradesh panicked at the outcome of such a land mark decision. Although, many parties like the TRS, CPI and the BJP were openly demanding the formation of Telangana; they were not serious about the congress party's inclination to divide the state and form Telangana. That too, the manner in which the CWC announced statehood to Telangana with ten districts; it has surprised everyone's expectation including the TRS which has been the only regional party fighting for the cause of Telangana since its formation in April-2001.

However, its (TRS) leadership burnt relationship with the congress high command for its impatience stand and also bad mouthing the congress leadership more often than not. When the TRS was basking in the glory of poll surveys reflecting sweeping results for the TRS in T-region; the greedy elements in the congress party felt like making use of the opportunity beckoning them. Added to the attraction was the manner in which Keshav Rao felt humiliated in congress and yet joined the TRS only with a view to gain political ascendancy.

Keshav Rao, wanted company and as such enticed the two MPs from Nagar-Kurnool and Peddapally to part ways with



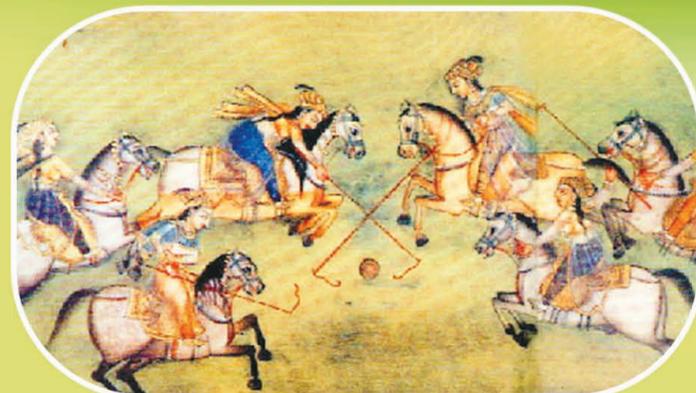
Congress and make their future secure in the TRS. But the news of these three jumping over to the TRS has not much impact on congress.

No one made any attempts to stop them. There was a time when everyone began sympathizing with people like Madhu Yashki and Ponnam Prabhkar as their seats more dearer to the TRS first family than the cause of Telangana. But today, after the congress made its decision, not only those who left the congress to join the TRS are struggling to come back, but the two MPs Manda and Vivek are going to the extent of claiming that they are still congress MPs. But till now, no one in congress has come forward to welcome them back into congress. KK is totally confused and calling all and sundry in congress to know what's happening.

However, actress turned MP, belonging to the TRS, Vijayashanti proved a shrewder politician by getting in touch with the congress leadership and announcing her plans to contest from her Medak seat on congress ticket. Many dejected lot who spent years with TRS top leadership are now making their entry into congress just to spite KCR and his family members for their perceived problems. That's politics. Make hay when the sun shines. ♦

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POLO: An ancient sport in The world



By Jaywant Naidu

Polo is perhaps the most ancient of games. Twelve hundred years ago the Persians were playing it, and the Chinese maintain that their ancestors played it thousands of years ago. Polo can be called an indigenous game of this country, as it has been played in India for centuries, and has produced some of the finest players in the world, whose names have become a household word to all sport-lovers. Originally, Polo was played in Gilgit, Chitral and Manipur in India. The game flourished during the Moghul period, and was a popular sport with the Emperors, who called it 'Chougan'. Emperor Akbar, who made it popular in Agra, which was then the capital, was the first of the Moghuls, to introduce certain rules and regulations for this game.

There is evidence on record to show that with the advent of the British Army in India, Polo in its present form was introduced by the officers of a British Cavalry Regiment stationed in the country in the seventies of the last century. Polo was then played on small ponies, as a result of which, the game was not of high speed. After world War - I, international rules were framed, which all countries accepted and now it is played under those rules, everywhere. The Indian Polo Association was formed in the year 1892, a time when there were many clubs, patronized and endorsed by the Princes of modern India. Among the most prominent teams were those of Jaipur, Alwar, Bhopal, Bikaner, Hyderabad, Patiala, Jodhpur, Kisanganh and Kashmir were some of the prominent ones. Some of the well-known army teams were those of the Indian and British cavalry Regiments, e.g. : the 15th Lancers, the Central India Horse, P.A.V.O. Cavalry, the Inniskilling Dragon Guards, the 17/21st Lancers, the 10th Royal Hussars. In the early years of the last century, the greatest contribution to-

wards raising the standard of the game came from Rajputs and Sikhs.

POLO WITH INDIAN ROYALS:

In 1933, the famous Jaipur Team established a unique and an unbeaten record till date, by winning all the open tournaments in the United Kingdom and the Indian Championship successively from the year 1930 to 1938. With the interruption caused by the Second World War, and the mechanization of the Cavalry regiments, the game suffered a severe set back in the 1940's. In 1950, the Argentine Polo team was invited to come and take part in tournaments in Jaipur, Delhi and Bombay. In 1955, the Pakistan Army Polo team was invited in the same series of events. In the year 1957, India sent an official polo team to take part in the World Championships in France comprising of Major Kishan Singh, Kr. Bijay Singh, Rao Raja Hanut Singh and H.H. Maharaja of Jaipur. India won, beating all other combinations which included many great players from England, Argentina, Spain, Mexico and France. In 1956, after a lapse of 17 years, owing to the II World War, the Indian Polo Championship was revived and has since been played regularly at Calcutta/Delhi. Raja Man Singh of Amber, in the course of his stay in the courts of Emperor Akbar, had taken a very keen interest in 'Chougan'. In Ain-e-Akbari, an extremely interesting account has been given of the game, especially in its form of night play with luminous balls. Abul Fazal Allami, the famous writer who was one of the 'Nine Gems' of Akbar's courts, has portrayed Akbar as an accomplished player.

"The Emperor", he elaborates, "Maintained polo sticks with knobs of gold and silver, and was capable of hitting equally well, both on an ordinarily rolling ball or on a difficult airborne one. There was music to be heard throughout the game. 'Nagaras' (a kind of drums) were played each time the ball was driven through the 'hal' (goal post). The as-



tronomer prince Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh-I, who founded the Pink City (Present day Jaipur), is also known to have played 'Chougan' while visiting his father-in-law at Udaipur. He also built an elaborate 'Chougan' field right next to his majestic palace. All around, the field has lovely pavilions, galleries, a two-tier 'surang' (covered passages) and two floored 'Burj' (kiosks). One 'Burj' was built with blue pottery tiles, and is called the 'Cheenee Ki Burj' (Chinese Kiosk). The 'Zenana Burj' (for ladies) is covered with fantastic masonry 'Jalies' (lattices). The entire two-tier passage connecting these Burjs' has peep holes (for ladies) all along to view the games. The route to the "Gangori Darwaza" (entrance to the 'chougan') and the parapet were other vantage points for the spectators/tourists.

The 'maidan' can be seen in full glory and filled to capacity in some of the paintings which can be dated to around 1750. With the advent of the Britishers, many rules were adopted. Maharaja Sawai Ram Singh-II (1835-1880) adopted all these new changes. Recently, two manuscripts on horses, written for him and profusely illustrated with miniature paintings by the scribes of his Pothi Khana and artists of his Surat Khana, have been discovered. They are 'Aswa Ratmakar' and 'Shalihotra'. Each of these manuscripts describe in detail, the various types of horses, their training, their care, their common diseases and the remedies etc. During the reign of Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh-II (1880-1922), Swinton Jacob, (The State Engineer, 1896) built a polo field measuring, 900 yards by 500 yards. Two maunds and twelve seers (about one hundred kilograms) of grass seeds were sown. The cost, at the turn of the century, was a mere Rs 6,000/-. The field was inaugurated the following year with great pomp and show.

In 1930, he had another polo ground constructed. His late Highness, Maharaja Sawai Man Singh built another polo ground in his own palace at Rambagh. Today, Maharaj Narendra Singh (FIP Ambassador from India), the son-in-law of the present Maharaja, His Highness Brig. Sawai Bhawani Singh, officers of the Indian Army and players from across the country, play polo on the ground of Rambagh Polo ground.

HYDERABAD AND POLO:

This was the sport of aristocrats in Hyderabad. The game was first introduced in Hyderabad by Nawab Mahar-ud-Dowla in 1870. Later Sir Viqar-ul-Umra took keen interest in the game making it a household name. Nawab Fakher-ul-Mulk built two polo grounds in his palace and more and more people started to take interest. The Golden period of Polo was from 1911-1923 when Capt. Shah Mirza Baig took keen interest in the game by managing, training, organizing and playing.

In a very short period of time, Baig became a famous world class player. Masood Ali Baig also known as Husky Baig was a disciple of Shah Mirza Baig. Husky Baig played with Duke of Edinburgh and became a close friend of the Prince. Nawab Khusru Jung started Hyderabad Riding Club thus creating a great interest in horse back riding and Polo.

HYDERABAD POLO SEASON 13

As is well known in military history, the State Forces of Hyderabad liberated the Israeli town of Haifa from the Axis powers during World War II in one of the last cavalry charges of the 20th century. Bison Division and Hyderabad Polo Season have been synonymous since long, when the Bison Riding and Polo Institute (BRPI) took upon itself the mantle of promoting Polo in the Southern Peninsula. According to Major General Cherish Mathson, SM, VSM, Chairman, Bison Riding and Polo Institute; Army Service Corps (ASC), Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC), National Defence Academy (NDA), Artillery, Navy from the services, Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club, Sunendra Sports Club, Deccan Polo and Riding Club and 61st Cavalry Regiment will be playing in the tournament. The theme of this year's Hyderabad Polo Season 2013 is "Polo for the Masses", which implies showcasing the game to the youth and citizens of the Twin Cities to increase the popular appeal between 3rd September, 2013 to 21st September, 2013. As per Mr. Siraj Attari, Steward, Indian Polo Association; this Polo Season 2013 will witness four tournaments: the Prince of Berar Cup, Chief Minister's Cup, Bison Cup and Southern Army Commander's Trophy. ♦

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What is a girl friend? Addition of problems, subtraction of money, Multiplication of enemies & division of friends.....
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Santa ki modern wife ne useoffice jaate waqt (pyaar se kaha.) 'see you in the evening' Santa: 'main bhi tujhe dekh lunga kameeni, dhamki apne baap ko dena.
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Santa was sitting alone in coffee shop.. A beautiful lady came & asked: "If u don't mind can I sit here?" Santa- No! Lady- why?? Santa- Bcoz I have mind..
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1st Girl:- How was ur 1st date ? 2nd Girl :- Good & wo bade ghar ka lagta hai. 1st Girl : Wo kese ? 2nd Girl : Mujhe kiss karne aaya tab uske muh se Pyaaz ki smell aa rahi thi.
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Agitation hits 'Nityakalyanam'

There is a drastic fall in the number of people seeking to avail of TTD's 'Nityakalyanam' program during the auspicious 'Shravana masam' because of the Samaikyandhra agitation. It is a long-held belief that if marriages are performed in accordance with the 'Shravana' and 'Satabhisha nakshtram' (star) the couple would lead a

happy and prosperous life. There is also a steep decline in the number of devotees visiting the hill shrine, following the RTC strike. Visitors are forced to depend on private transporters who collect hefty fares. Over 5,000 weddings were performed in the presence of Lord Venkateswara last year, as per records. Only 80 weddings have been performed so far in this season to coincide with the 'Satabhisha nakshtram'.



Dhanwantari, a local priest, has appealed to devotees to avail of the benefits offered by TTD to perform marriages here. Others have their way, come what may. Devotees Venkateswarlu of Hindupur and Anil Kumar of Guntur are happy that their families could fulfill their vows and have the Lord's darshan, despite facing hardship in reaching the hill shrine. Some pilgrims said they had to use shortcuts while travelling to Tirumala, because of the Samaikyandhra agitation. The struggle has already paralyzed the transport sector.

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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

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Answer 283: Shakeel Md. Mehdipatnam

ASTRO FOCUS

August 25-31, 2013

Aries: This is an excellent time for professional advancements, promotions and recognition. At work you will be in the good books of your seniors and you will also benefit monetarily. Foreign transaction or overseas journey will prove to be highly beneficial. Do not forget to reassess your strengths and future plans. Romance is in the air, so makes the best of it and avoids any arguments with your lover.

Taurus: You will be in a commanding position as your confidence and enthusiasm will be high. Important messages should be attended to immediately. You will make financial gains if you get involved in speculation. Do not forget to consult a financial expert before investing money. A spiritual person's blessings give comfort and relief.

Gemini: You should cut down your expenses on entertainment and shopping. Financial difficulty will

even affect your health. Your ability to communicate effectively will help you enhance your reputation and make an invincible mark for yourself. Stay focused on your goals, but take necessary precautions. Take the help of verbal & non-verbal messages to convey your love & care to family.

Cancer: Leadership qualities and ability to understand people would benefit at work. Efforts at family front would enable to bring greater spontaneity and freedom in interaction with others. You will have to put-to-use your latent talent to fight against adverse conditions with courage & conviction. Money making efforts will be profitable provided you work on new ideas and plans.

Leo: You have a good opportunity to involve yourself in some interesting conversation today. Sincere efforts on your part would considerably improve financial health. Your charisma and glamour will bring you

popularity. Happy news from a friend or a close relative will boost your spirits and bring cheerful moments. Your ability to stand out in the crowd will bring you popularity and recognition.

Virgo: In business you would feel the real impact cutthroat 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.

Libra: Make sure your efforts are supplemented by positive thinking at workplace. Professional gains for some bring gains and prosperity. Your new ideas and technical knowledge will make a good impression on others. Make sure you weigh the investment before making a financial commitment. Residential moves and renovation during this period will prove auspicious. You might fail to find time to take

initiatives in developing lasting romantic relations.

Scorpio: Lucky openings this week for contacts abroad and opportunities for increased earnings are possible. Good financial progress due to gains from rent & other fixed sources of income is indicated. Some pending jobs will be accomplished. Friends are helpful when you have needs that can be solved without spending or investing. Intense loving from your spouse or beloved keeps you in an excellent mood.

Sagittarius: You need to sincerely undertake the responsibilities to bring job satisfaction. This is a period to invest with extreme precaution and care. Past investments need another reexamination. Your ability to charm others will put you in the limelight. A timely solution will bring happiness at home. It may chance to meet someone new or bring new life to a current relationship.

Capricorn: Self-confidence would immensely help in achieving good

results at professional front. It is the best time for you to plan something special for your progeny. Finances get a boost especially later in the day. You will be in complete control of things around you.

Aquarius: This week's stars seem to be particularly positive. Money wise you will do very well this week, business will grow at fast pace and you may be offered a partnership in recently started venture. On career front, you will maintain status quo. Your positive outlook would impress those around you. Friends may do you a huge favor this week in providing career insider connections.

Pisces: Some challenging project will see you express your skills in a very different way. Businessmen and investors will see past investments reaping profits. New approach will give you new confidence on which you will build future hopes and dreams. Hard work and concentration on study for good results will be required this week. Good week to call important people over to your place.

Universities: The future of nation

Prof Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hyderabad exclusively spoke to Deccan Post about his time in the education sector.

How has been your journey from student days to Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hyderabad?

In my college days at Loyola College, Madras; the focus was on academics. I decided to do B.Sc Chemistry. I wanted to do research. I also had the National Science Talent Scholarship. Then I decided to go to IIT, Kanpur. In the 1970's it was a great place. It was built with American knowhow. It was a beautiful campus with many other aspects like a gliding club. Then I went to America for further studies. I had applied for a job at Hyderabad at this very Central University and was selected, but could not join due to certain constraints. Later, I joined Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) at Mumbai. Then I joined Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) at Delhi and worked there for 25 years.

What are the changes that you see in the student profiles at any university in India?

During my student days, we had a much more homogenous student group. Today, there is lot of mobility all around the country. We have students travelling and learning all over the country. We have students from North coming over to the South and students from South

going over to the North. As the infrastructure and communication channels are developing, we have students from far areas like North East also coming for studies in urban areas.

What are the major constraints for expansion in Education sector?

For the growth that the country has done, we have less people in Higher Education. National Knowledge Commission wants the number of Universities in India to touch the 1,600 mark. Today, we have around 600 Universities in India. It is fine that we work to build 900 more Universities. We need a minimum core faculty of at least 200 professors in each university. At this rate, we would need at least 1,80,000 professors for this very expansion plan. But where are the candidates in Higher education who will be these future professors? So how will the dream of the National Knowledge Commission happen?

What are the major initiatives that you have taken up at this University?

We have started a new program of Masters in Public Health in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Health. We have an award for younger faculty called the 'Chancellor's award'. We have started a monthly music concert series. This University started in the year 1974 and has today 46 different Departments and Centres organized in 12 Schools of study. The University hosts foreign



scholars in the highly popular Study in India Programme. The University has been recognized through a number of awards: PURSE, given by the PM of India, a grading of A, which is the highest, by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). International measures of research excellence also show that the University is on the top 100 in Asia in many of its academic areas of study. These include the Basic Sciences, Applied Sciences, Medical Science, Engineering Science, the Social Sciences, the Humanities, and the Arts, Fine Arts, Media Studies and Communication, in addition to more recent efforts in areas such as Folklore Studies, Health

Psychology, Dalit Studies, Women's Studies, Neural and Cognitive Sciences.

Can you tell us about the faculty in the University?

The faculty of the University has been recipients of major national and international awards like the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize of the CSIR, the Ramon Magasaysay Award, the J C Bose Fellowship of the DST, the Humboldt Prize, the TWAS Awards, the British Council, Commonwealth and Fulbright awards, and the Padma Awards of the Government of India.

What are the expansion plans for the 'Golden Threshold' wing of the university?

'The Golden Threshold' wing has a lot of historical importance. The Golden Threshold was originally the residence of Late Sarojini Naidu, the eminent freedom fighter. The building was officially inaugurated by the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi in 1974. The campus was visited by many national leaders like Gandhi who also planted a tree in the premises and stayed in the heritage building. With the support of Indira Devi Dhanrajgir, we are setting up a permanent place for poets which will be called 'Seshendra' in memory of her husband Late Gunturu Seshendra Sarma. ♦

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Katrina is upset



Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has not been seen on the big screen for a while now but the actress is still among the top celebrities of Bollywood. However, Aishwarya remains a prominent figure when it comes to endorsements and recently, she snatched an ad deal from another successful sexy actress, Katrina Kaif.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan became the brand ambassador for Mumbai based company's 17.5 acre premium project, 'The Park'. According to the on-going rumours, the company had contacted Katrina for the ad but without even informing her about further developments, they went ahead and signed the Bachchan Bahu instead. It's been learnt that Katrina Kaif is very much upset with the ad company's unprofessionalism. Talking about the incident, a source told a leading daily, "Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's name was announced with great fanfare. But it was actually Katrina Kaif who had been approached first and she had even signed the dotted lines. However, the contract got stuck for some unknown reason and she was unceremoniously dropped from the project. Kat had no idea she had been replaced by Aish."

Also, it is reported that Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has bought a four-bedroom apartment worth Rs. 5 crore in Mumbai's Worli area from the same construction company which she is endorsing.

Kareena causes Traffic jam



Actress Kareena Kapoor and her co-star in the upcoming film Satyagrah Ajay Devgn were out in Dubai for the promotional tour of the movie while they were mobbed heavily by fans.

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The Bollywood stars have a huge fan following in Dubai and Kareena Kapoor's visit to the city to launch a jewellery store experienced hundreds of fans rushing here and there to get a small glimpse of the sizzling diva.

Kareena Kapoor's presence at the store caused immense traffic and a stampede like situation. The fans were trying hard to have a look at the two stars while Kareena and Ajay couldn't find little space to stand because of the huge army of photographers. But later on, a policeman came in and helped the stars walk towards their car where they were again mobbed by the fans who were waiting outside.

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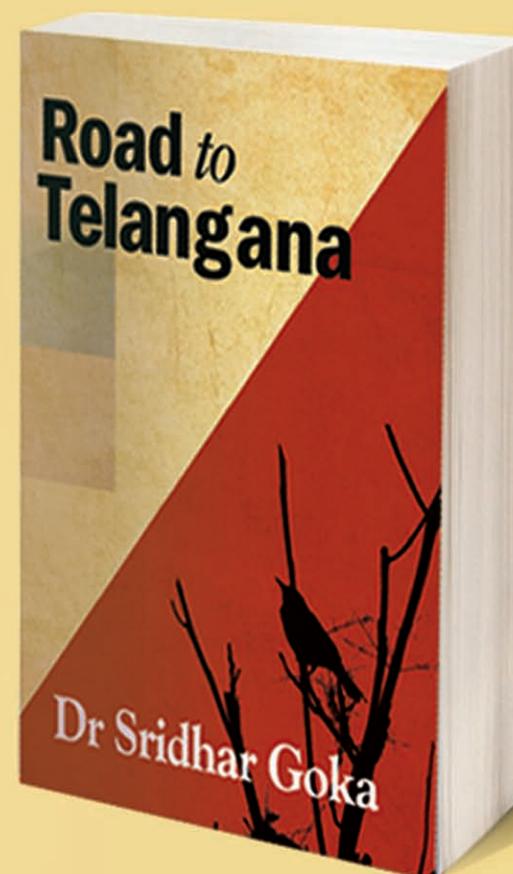
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Market in bearish trend

By V Sundar Raja

Indian Stock market has further extended its heavy losses, where the Index has declined by about 2,500 points, in the last few weeks. The Mid-cap and small-cap stocks have crashed to yearly lows, where the Investors have lost heavily, with no hopes of an immediate recovery in sight. The FII's continue to exit out of the financial markets, both in the Bond as well as the stock market, resulting in heavy outflow of the dollars. This has resulted in more demand for dollars leading to its strength and has also led to the fall in the Rupee.

Market this week was seen in a panic mood, due to downfall in the Rupee against the Dollar. Rupee after an earlier pause at 60, it again started to depreciate and had a free fall from 59 to current 65 levels, in the last few weeks. The downtrend in the Rupee would have a negative impact on the growth of the economy, on the companies, and on the public too. But the rupee is getting into an oversold position, indicating a possible appreciation.

Banks continue to be hammered, while real estate and infrastructure sectors were severely beaten. The growth sector like the pharma segment stocks has witnessed a reactionary trend, after a long-time. The software stocks which have gained in the last few months are now showing signs of weakness at higher levels, due to overbought position.



Similarly, the conservative sectors like the FMCG stocks too were seen in a declining trend. But the metal stocks are indicating firmness at the current levels, and can get into an uptrend, in-case of a recovery in the market.

The crude oil was again seen in an as-

ending trend, in the last few days, from major highs of 6,500 to near 6,900, causing major concern. Similarly, the precious metal Silver, after a previous major consolidation at 40,000 levels, it witnessed a strong upward surge to 51,000. Gold, a major previous commodity has scaled 31,000 levels, from an earlier major bot-

tom of around 25,000 formed in June, in the MCX commodity market.

Similarly, the leading base metals like the Aluminum, Zinc, Copper, Lead, and Nickel have extended their strong gains, in the commodity markets, but are now nearer to the major resistance levels, where a consolidation is possible for the traders to be alert.

Fundamentally, market would witness a positive trend only after positive developments are seen with regard to key macro-economic indicators like the appreciation of Rupee, decrease in inflation, growth in the GDP and IIP, decrease in Current Account Deficit etc. But however, the turnaround could take some time, indicating further caution for the investors in the near term.

Technically on the charts, market is now currently in medium-term weakness, for the investors to be cautious. Sensex is currently placed at the major psychological level of 18,000, where it has to consolidate firmly, for the market to indicate a minor rally. But in-case of any further failure to sustain at the crucial support of 18,000, then it indicates a further downtrend. ♦

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