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Our Political Correspondent

The Congress high command's decision to constitute two separate Pradesh committees for Telangana and Seemandhra is timely and selection of the new teams indicate the party's seriousness to inject social justice in both the regions. In fact, Congress is the first big party - of course after CPM- to set up two committees for the two states.

The appointment of former minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah as the president of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), former deputy chief minister Damodar Rajanarsimha as the election committee head and former minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy as the working president of TPCC are well thought-out decisions.

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over the responsibility of strengthening the party in Telangana. After his consent, Ponnala was taken to Sonia where the appointment was confirmed and the rest of the team too was finalized. None of the seniors in the party knew of these developments.

Damodara, Uttam Kumar Reddy, D Sridhar Babu and Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka – the last two being ordained the manifesto committee convener and co-convener – were drafted into the team to ensure harmonious working of the new TPCC. Many in the region expressed surprise over the choice of Ponnala as the TPCC chief, but they were all happy over the decision.

Social Justice Priority:

Why the high command was not ready to appoint Jana Reddy who enjoyed the majority of the party leaders in the region? The answer is simple: The Congress leadership wanted to bring in social justice in the party which is long overdue. Had Jana Reddy been appointed, it would have still been branded as the party of Reddys and other dominant groups.

In the process, it is notable that the high command has even ignored another claimant, former PCC president D Srinivas (DS), who is now an MLC. In fact, DS made dozens of trips to Delhi in the last few months to lobby for his appointment as the TPCC chief. Being a PCC president in 2004 and 2009, he knows the importance of the post before the elections.

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In normal course, either PCC president or the election committee president will become the leaders of the legislature party, in this case Chief Ministers, if the party comes to power. Going by this yardstick, in the event of the Congress winning a majority in the 119-member Assembly, either Ponnala or Damodara are set to take over as the chief minister of Telangana State on June 2.

At the same time, the high command has taken a wise decision to accommodate Uttam Kumar Reddy as the working president so as not to antagonize the dominant Reddy community. In Telangana, it is just impossible to ignore Reddys, as their control over politics right from village to Parliament level is undeniable.



Sudden Developments:

The circumstances which led to the constitution of the TPCC president too are interesting. Two days before the announcement of the TPCC, a section of Congress leaders in the region met at the residence of senior leader and former minister K Jana Reddy and resolved that he should be made the TPCC president.

Not just that, as many as nine out of 10 district Congress Committee presidents signed a memorandum urging party president Sonia Gandhi to appoint Jana Reddy as the first TPCC president, and if possible declare him as the chief ministerial candidate for the upcoming elections. This is completely against the Congress culture, where lower-level leaders are not expected to raise their heads and voice.

In this exercise, other senior leaders like union minister S Jaipal Reddy, former ministers DK Aruna, Sabita Indra Reddy, Rajya Sabha member Palvai Govardhan Reddy and a few others were involved. As soon as she received the memorandum, Sonia Gandhi called AICC general secretary Digvijay Singh and her aide Ahmed Patel and asked them to appoint two PCCs within hours.

As a result, Digvijay Singh called Ponnala to New Delhi on Monday and asked him whether he was ready to take

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DS always projected himself as the face of the weaker sections in Telangana. Though he was selected by former chief minister M Chenna Reddy, DS got many posts by using his Munnur Kapu caste tag. But, Sonia Gandhi selected Ponnala who too belongs to Munnur Kapu caste, a dominant OBC community in Telangana.

Born in Khila Shapur village in Ghanapuram mandal of Warangal district on Feb 15, 1944, Ponnala is known to be accessible to one and all and friendly natured. After studying mechanical engineering in the US in the late 1960s, Ponnala turned industrialist in late 1970s and became popular among people of his Jangaon area. Now, Ponnala is an asset to the party in Warangal district.



The choice of other team

members of new TPCC too is interesting. Damodar, in his early 50s is still considered a young leader and comes from a political family as his late father C Rajanarsimha, a popular Madiga leader from Medak district, was a Congress minister in 1980s. Coming as he is from Medak, where the TRS is a dominant force, Damodar is expected to revive the Congress in this part of Telangana.

Similarly, Uttam Kumar Reddy too is a relatively late entrant into politics and is from Nalgonda district. Uttam is best suited to lead the TPCC as the working president at a time when other seniors Jana Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and his brother Rajagopal Reddy and R Damodar Reddy are involved in a bitter factional feud.

Dalit and BC as the CM:

Congress also has cleverly hijacked the slogan of Dalit as the first CM of Telangana originally promised by TRS chief KCR. The Congress also hijacked the slogan of TDP president Chandrababu Naidu that he would make a person from backward classes (BCs) as the CM of Telangana. Of course, KCR subsequently went back on his promise and is now asking for the CM post for himself.

By appointing Ponnala as the TPCC president and Damodar as the election committee head of TPCC, the Congress has successfully rendered both TRS and TDP defenseless. Now Congress is sure to win over the confidence of Dalits and BCs as the TPCC is dominated by leaders from these communities. At the same time, the interests of Reddys are taken care of.

So far, this is the best team the Congress high command could give to the maiden TPCC. ♦

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NIRD brings cheers to micro-entrepreneurs

Dr Shankar Chatterjee

With the creation of Telangana as 29th province of the country with its capital as Hyderabad, the State of Telangana as well as capital city Hyderabad would be getting popularity inter alia, because of National Institute of Rural Development (popular as NIRD). NIRD is an autonomous organization of Government of India under the Ministry of Rural Development. It is pertinent to mention that in NIRD, senior Government officers from various Government departments across India, officers from financial institutions, functionaries of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs), people's representatives and many others across India and abroad get trained. And all of them cherish the sweet memories of Hyderabad in general and NIRD in particular. Thus NIRD has been promoting 'National Integration.'

Another achievement of NIRD for promotion of National Integration is organizing of exhibitions where rural micro-entrepreneurs across the country participate with their products, exhibiting these, sell and earn income also at NIRD's Rural Technology Park (RTP).

Recently NIRD-RTP organized an exhibition from 14-19 February 2014 where more than 200 micro-entrepreneurs from across the country attended and sold their products. NIRD deserves credit in this regard. Under the leadership of present Director General Dr M V Rao, within a short span of three months two exhibitions were organized -one in November 2013 and the other one in February 2014 where mainly micro-entrepreneurs across the country came, displayed & sold their products. They happily participated as the NIRD

arranged travel cost including transportation cost of goods as well as free board and lodging. The entrepreneurs had to pay small amount as registration fee which they paid happily.

I conducted a study on the micro-entrepreneurs. The study was carried out in 2013 & 2014 by directly contacting the entrepreneurs and based on the study few cases are presented depicting National Integration.



K. Pradeep & K. Sanjit of Khurai Handloom Products & Kambam Reed Handloom products respectively came all the way from Imphal to NIRD, Hyderabad for the exhibition held in 2013 with different types of handloom products. The other micro-entrepreneurs from Manipur were K. Seityajit of KMTE variety shop (doll making, bangles, finger rings etc.), M. Bheigabata of MB Tailoring Readymade Garments; W. Sanathoi of Waikhom Handloom Products. All of them happily informed that because of NIRD's hospitality and metic-

ulous arrangement they did not have any issue rather they would cherish the sweet memory till their death as first time all visited in NIRD's exhibition.

Gangajyoti Tayegam after completing his master degree in literature decided to set up an NGO at Lakhimpur district of Assam for the development of his tribal community, which goes by the name Mishing. Although Mishing is the second largest tribal community of

here. The case of Smt. Sandhya Maiti glaringly reveals Hyderabad as a safe city is preferred by the women of West Bengal. She as representative of Sabala SHG hailing from Sonarpur village of south 24 Pargans attended here with different types of ladies items viz., boutique works on Sari, blouse, handkerchief etc., and did brisk business. Like her Lily Majumdar (53 years) an intermediate, Meera Ghosh (53 years age, 10th pass) and others were happy to visit Hyderabad.

While in 2014, February i.e. second spell of NIRD's exhibition the case of Smt. Om Devi of Alwar district of Rajasthan is interesting as she on behalf of Nari Utthan Sansthan (an NGO) participated. She is one of the workers involved with doll making in the NGO. With no knowledge of English and studied up to 8th standard because of Hyderabad and that too of NIRD she attended and sold goods and returned happily.

Another case from Sikkim, a state of north-eastern region of India may be mentioned. Pranita Lepcha (ST) woman on behalf of Swayam Seva SHG attended at the exhibition and sold items like cloth- flowers, jute bags, other jute products and did brisk business. Gopal Krishna a youth of 29 years (SC) hailing from Hatrash district of Uttar Pradesh could sell his handmade jewellery items mainly made out of glass-bits. He enjoyed here as people liked his products as well as courteous and every one politely talked to him in Hindi with humanitarian feeling. All entrepreneurs joyously told people of Hyderabad were courteous, polite and friendly, which many places they did not find. ♦

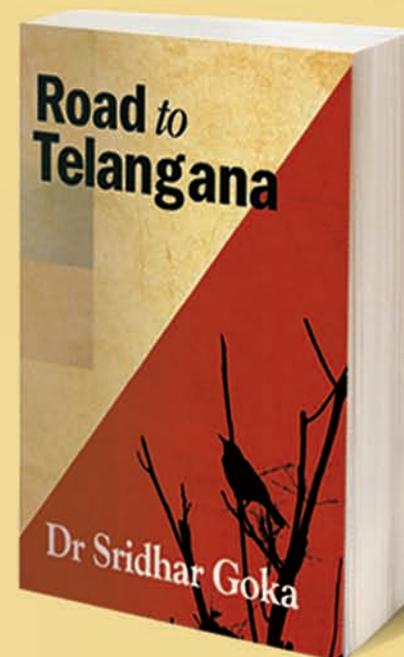
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Pavan Kalyan's antics show his duplicity

By Dr.T.Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent

It was so much like the launch of Praja Rajyam of his thespian-brother Chiranjeevi! Mercurial Pawan Kalyan too has come up with his own party - the Jana Sena - on March 14.

It was a mono-action scripted and directed by the behind-the-screen Seemandhra film lobby to safeguard their own agenda. Selective crowd-fans were enlisted to gain access through high-tech passes to ensure a trusted audience that would burst into delirious applause at every mannerism of their hero. An obliging Seemandhra media was ever ready to telecast the whole thing live.

The script, the venue, the crowd and the high-tech security were all carefully chosen. It was an extravaganza all the way - full of filmy clichés. (Will someone file a query under the RTI Act about the expenses?)

Ambiguity and selective amnesia on the past promises like the Samajika Telangana dot his speech! To begin with, Pawan played to the gallery with characteristic diatribes against all those who questioned his personal life. He dared the likes of BJP's Venkiah Naidu, Congress's-V Hanumath Rao (VHR) not to meddle in his personal life lest he would also stoop to such levels to reciprocate in the same vain. He went further questioning VHR while taking a dig at Rahul Gandhi-'if am married thrice, Rahul didn't marry even once. But, he is not a bachelor.'

This has really exposed Pawan's duplicity. He attacked the personal life of Rahul, who said nothing about Pawan Kalyan. In the same mould he didn't spare anyone who took a dig at his personal.

Other intriguing aspect is his stand on the issue state bifurcation and the formation of Telangana state. While in Praja Rajyam, he has time and again emphasized on the need for 'Samajika Telangana.' Now, he questions the very legitimacy of state bifurcation..! With a hind sight, it is now clear that the slogan of 'Samajika Telangana' was a ruse to garner votes. He dumped the Samajika Telangana when the crunch time came. He did not speak up when TDP, Congress leaders from Seemandhra and the PRP floated by his brother did a U turn on Telangana.

Why didn't he react then? Who stopped him and why didn't he question all those parties and politicians for changing their stand..? How is that he is not questioning them even



today and is inter alia endorsing their stand on Telangana. Pawan must clarify on this temporary amnesia regarding-'Samajika Telangana', his silence post Dec 2009 events, for donning a mute spectator's role even in 2010-when all parties in the state had reaffirmed their stand on 'T' one more time!

Other disturbing factor is an instant pointer to invoking of National Security Act against some politicians-who were jailed and are on bail..! He reminisces that 'some muslims from the old city approached him & questioned him on duplicity of invoking NSA against Muslims for speaking against Hindus' (Pawan has to go through the video footages & other incriminatory material which law enforcing agencies have submitted to the court before he embraces such..!) while the same is not being applied to those from T region who are criticising seemandhrites.

What should one say about this 'great integrationist' called Pawan Kalyan? It is sad that he doesn't understand the NSA provisions under which the MIM leaders were arrested and the serious nature of their utterances. His comments on the GoM are also despicable. These ministers did not act on their own! They worked as per the provisions of the Article 3 of the Constitution. Hasn't Pawan Kalyan crossed his limits by hurling

choicest abuse on the GoM constituted as per Article 3 of the constitution?

Why was he silent when the GoM every stakeholder to respond? Why is he making vituperative comments now? How can Pawan be so naive and so ignorant about the NSA? How can he criminalize a perfectly legal demand for a state within the country?

Pawan should desist from making such hate-filled speeches from a misinformed script which may inflame already settled minds in the society..! The Seemandhra rulers had used the same policy successfully bring down the governments headed by Telangana CMs.

The other point that Pawan raised was the ill-treatment meted out to PV Narasimha Rao. Here too, he conveniently forgets the fact that it was the Seemandhra leadership which did not allow PV to continue as CM during 1971-72.

Is it not ironical that centenary celebrations in Anantapur were given more prominence than that of PV last year? How many, including his own family members, have PV's Gnaana Bhoomi? How many statues of PV have been installed in Seemandhra?

Pawan talks of the ill treatment meted out to former CM Burgula Ramakrishna Rao (whose posters adorn all samikya meetings alongside his sacrifice in 1956..How cinematic..?). But, he remains eloquently silent why Burgula was denied a state funeral. He makes fun of the Nirbhaya Act, but remains silent why his family did nothing to protect women through their films. Why didn't he take a lead then as he is doing now? Why is Pawan silent about the IT raids in Chennai involving his family and the seizure of money during the last elections?

How many Telanganites are working with him or for that matter, in any section of the Telugu film world? How many Telanganites did he nurture? How come his family dominates the Telugu film industry crushing scores of deserving Telanganites? Also, why

was Pawan silent about the family rule in TDP? Why none except himself were allowed on to the dais at the launch of his party?

Is this not feudalism, opportunism or Seemandhra regionalism? How will be change politics if he continues to be feudal in his outlook? All this is nothing but an effort aimed to safeguard the Seemandhra cinema or their properties..!

Rajagopal Nambakam opines..

Person like me who stopped seeing movies 40 yrs ago (because of over action & hype for one caste alone & their culture, dirty traditions etc) could make out that his speech was written by some filmy story writer. Even his actions, movements were directed probably by Ramgopal Varma because he was all praise for the new leader.

While he has no guts to talk against bifurcation and also says he respect Telangana sentiments, he says the bifurcation was not properly done. Did anyone question if merger of Hyderabad was done properly and why did Nehru famously said that the merger was 'a forced marriage between cunning boy (Andhra) and an innocent girl (Telangana) and they can divorce anytime they cant live together.'

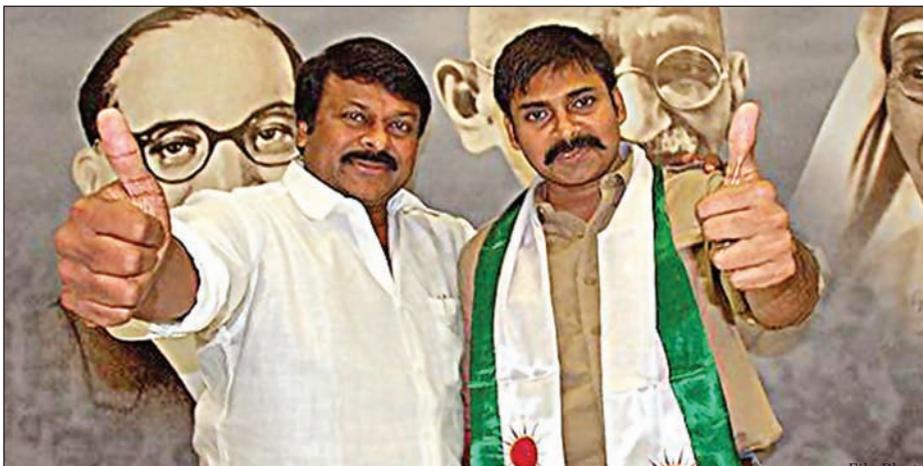
If Andhras had not created so much ruckus, the division would have been completed in a decent manner. But Andhrates themselves confirmed that they don't deserve any better treatment.

One statement he made several times that "he has no caste or religion" which is accepted. This is one of the standard, patented, old wornout dialogue of every Politicians.

Just like NTR, he has also resorted to theatrics and the people have not yet forgotten how he bought freedom from imprisonment during separation from his first wife.

This is only introduction. ♦

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Don't postpone Panchayat polls

It's a shame on the part of the State Election Commission (SEC) to approach the Supreme Court (SC) to postpone the elections to the Panchayat Raj bodies in Andhra Pradesh. As per the schedule already released by the SEC, the Panchayat polls should be held on April 7. However, the SEC developed cold feet on holding polls due to pressure from the political parties and logistic issues.

The sad part of the entire matter is that the elections were pending since June 2011 and the present term of the Panchayat bodies – Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads – expired three years ago and the State governments led by both K Rosaiah and then Kiran Kumar Reddy over the years had postponed them. The reason is simple: Ruling Congress is afraid of facing the polls.

But the pretexts used by them are different. First the government dilly-dallied on the ground that there was no latest census to decide the reservations for SC/STs/OBCs and women. Though they were supposed to depend on the 2001 census for the purpose, the government kept on deferring polls saying it was awaiting the 2011 census report.

The SEC had swung into preparations to hold the polls only after the apex court threatened to haul it up under the provisions of contempt of the court if there was further delay. First the SEC announced the schedule for municipal polls and then it had to issue schedule for the Panchayat polls too. Of course, the general elections to the Lok



Sabha and Assembly are to be held in April/May.

Suddenly, the SEC thought of putting off the Panchayat polls till the completion of the general elections. The SC which heard the case last week, asked the SEC to come up with the exact problems it could face while conducting the local body polls. The case was supposed to be heard on March 14, but it didn't come up for want of time.

Now the case will be heard on March 24, but it will be too late to take a call on the issue. Moreover, the SEC too is of the view that the poll process can go on with some small changes in the schedule. Instead of single phase, now

there will be two phases on April 7 and 9. This will facilitate proper deployment of security forces in all booths.

Deccan Post feels that there should not be any further delay or tinkering with the poll process of Panchayat bodies. If necessary, the government can recommend postponement of Assembly polls, but not the local bodies, as they directly impact the life of people in villages. The very purpose of the Rajiv Gandhi-driven Constitutional Amendments (73rd and 74th) should not be defeated.

The amendments were then officially enacted through the issuance of government notifications. The Constitu-

tion (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992, commonly referred to as the Panchayati Raj Act, came into effect on April 24, 1993, and the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992 (the Nagarpalika Act), on June 1, 1993.

The State governments are supposed to hold elections for Panchayat raj bodies every five years. The state governments are given power to make small changes in the process, but are not allowed to put them off indefinitely. In the case of Andhra Pradesh, the government tried to violate the Constitution, but the SC, we hope, will not allow that to happen. The SEC should see the point. ♦

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State of Telangana...

With the completion of laborious constitutional process involved in creating the dream state of Telangana, millions of Telangana people are in joyous mood and getting ready to participate in the upcoming general elections and have their own government in their own state. Now its official that the state of Telangana will come into being from 2nd June, 2014 and now the fight is going on getting credit for the formation of the state by TRS and Congress mainly. I personally believe that KCR has become



overambitious and dreaming about becoming the first chief minister of Telangana state forgetting all his promises of making a Dalit the first CM of the new state. I also believe that TRS is strong in just two districts of Warangal and Karim Nagar and elsewhere it does not enjoy popular support of the majority and lacks committed cadre. But at the same time I felt that TRS is just going to eye

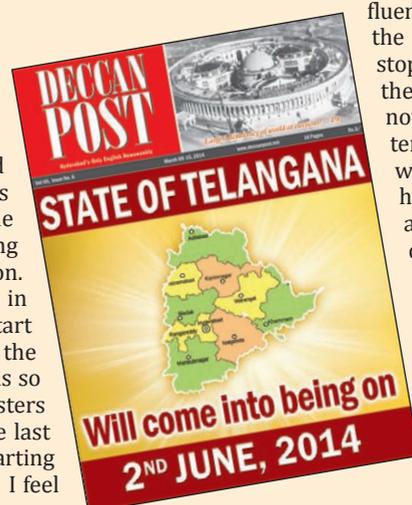
for the Assembly seats and most of its candidates are reluctant to contest Lok Sabha elections. It's good news for Congress in Telangana that it has got upper hand in the Lok Sabha constituencies as its major obstacle TRS is far behind. Lets see whether it will be a real self rule with self respect or just change of guard at the chairs of power.

A Ramesh, Abids

Kiran starting his second innings...

Not only the whole state but the congress party high command also witnessed how the former CM Kiran has tried to fool the people in the name of opposing and stopping the inevitable state bifurcation. With no other go and no place in other parties, he is trying to start his second innings forgetting the failures of the first innings. It is so pathetic to see that few ministers who enjoyed the power till the last and joining other parties or starting party like Kiran Kumar Reddy. I feel

ashamed when I see our politicians who does not have any character and do not have principles or values in their lives and they can go to any extent for enjoying political power. There is no credible leadership in the state as all are facing allegations of one or the other kind. The MPs like Sabbam Hari, Lagadapati, Sai Pratap, Harsh Kumar etc. were failed in blackmailing the congress



party and could not influence BJP to see that the bifurcation gets stopped atleast till the elections and now it would be interesting to see whether Kiran or his dirty dozen will atleast get their deposits back and it appears to be a reality that none of them is going to win any elections. With Rayapati backing off, I feel many more will leave the

sinking ship of Kiran Kumar Reddy who is doing nothing but trying to fool the people again but people will surely teach him a fitting lesson.

Bharathi Rao, Kukatpally

Can Cross imports into parties....

When the former ministers like Erasu Pratap Reddy, TG Venkatesh, Ganta Srinivas Rao and Galla Aruna Kumari joining TDP after enjoying power in congress party I feel that politics is nothing but a joker and politicians are not more than jokers. These rogue politicians are making mockery of the democracy. They have no values, no shame at all and want power at any cost or in any circumstances. Moreover they want their sons, daughters, family members to contest elections and win and enjoy the power. They have no vision and whatever may happen they just want power. Shame on you guys.

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Undue and unexplained delay nullifys death penalty

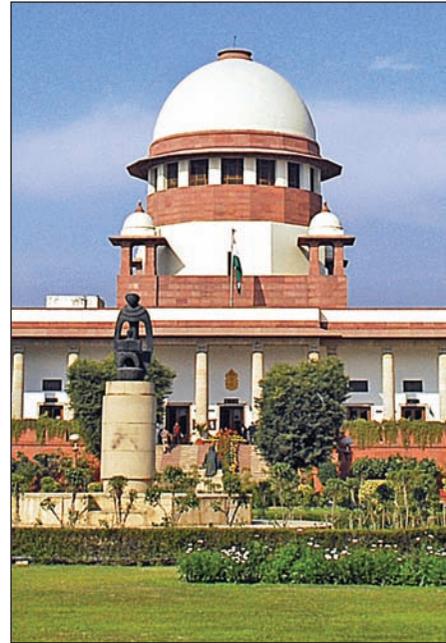
By A Chandra Shaker

The Supreme Court in the recent Landmark judgment *Shatrughan Chauhan & Anr. vs Union Of India & Ors.* on 21 January, 2014 widened the scope of article 21 and declared that undue long delay in execution of sentence of death would entitle the condemned prisoner to approach the Supreme Court under Article 32.

Further the Supreme Court declined to review its January 21 verdict, commuting the death sentence of 15 convicts to life term because of inordinate delay on the part of the President in disposing of their mercy petitions. In the *Shatrughan Chauhan* mercy petition cases, the Supreme Court through Chief Justice Sathasivam decided that 15 convicts, who had been awarded death sentences by the Courts and whose death sentence was confirmed by the President,

should not be hanged on the grounds of "inordinate delay". The same principle was reiterated in *V. Sriharan @ Murugan vs Union of India* wherein the death sentences imposed on the convicts of Rajiv Gandhi Murder case were commuted to one of life imprisonment, which became a bone of contention between the Tamilnadu government and the central Government. On this basis, two convicts were found to be mentally ill. Thirteen were given life, where mercy petition decisions were delayed by six-and-a-half to 12 years. Four convicts who escaped "death row" included Veerappan aides who had been in prison for 20 years, with mercy pleas delayed for nine years.

A Bench of Chief Justice P. Sathasivam, Justices Ranjan Gogoi and Shiva Kirti Singh have given a new interpretation to article 21.



The recent verdict of the Supreme court converting death sentences into one of that life convictions demonstrates the scope of expansion of article 21 of the constitution of India. Article 21 of the Constitution postulates that every human being has inherent right to life and mandates that no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law. Over the span of years, the Constitutional Courts in the country has expanded the horizon of 'right to life' guaranteed under the Constitution to balance with the progress of human life.

Keeping a convict in suspense while consideration of his mercy petition by the President for many years is certainly an agony for him/her. It creates adverse physical conditions and psychological stresses on the convict under sentence of death. The Supreme court while dealing with the petitions challenging the decision of the President in rejecting the clemency petitions declared that, "while considering the rejection of the clemency petition by the President, under Article 32 read with Article 21 of the Constitution, the court cannot excuse the agonizing delay caused to the convict only on the basis of the gravity of the crime".

The President or the Governor derive power under Article 72 and article 161 of the Constitution respectively to grant pardon or mercy to the convicts.

The Supreme court declared that, when the delay caused in disposing the mercy petitions is seen to be unreasonable, unexplained and exorbitant, it is the duty of the Court to step in and consider this aspect. Right to seek for mercy under Article 72/161 of the Constitution is a constitutional right and not at the discretion or whims of the executive".

It is well established that exercising of power under Article 72/161 by the President or the Governor is a constitutional obligation and not a mere prerogative. Considering the high status of office, the Con-

stitutional framers did not stipulate any outer time limit for disposing the mercy petitions under the said Articles, which means it should be decided within reasonable time.

"Article 72 gives Power to President to grant pardons, etc. and to suspend, remit or commute sentences in certain cases.

Article 161 gives Power to the Governors of the respective States to grant pardons, etc. and to suspend, remit or commute sentences.

To any civilized society, there can be no attributes more important than the life and personal liberty of its members. That is evident from the paramount position given by the courts to Article 21 of the Constitution. The deprivation of personal liberty and the threat of the deprivation of life by the action of the State is in most civilised societies regarded seriously and, recourse, either under express constitutional provision or through legislative enactment is provided to the judicial organ.

Both Articles 72 and 161 repose the power of the people in the highest dignitaries, i.e., the President or the Governor of a State, as the case may be, and there are no words of limitation indicated in either of the two Articles. The President or the Governor, as the case may be, in exercise of power under Article 72/161 respectively, may examine the evidence afresh and this exercise of power is clearly independent of the judiciary.

The Supreme Court in *Epuru Sudhakar & Anr. vs. Govt. of A.P. & Ors.*, (2006) 8 SCC 161 declared that "The philosophy underlying the pardon power is that "every civilized country recognizes, and has therefore provided for, the pardoning power to be exercised as an act of grace and humanity in proper cases. Without such a power of clemency, to be exercised by some department or functionary of a government, a country would be most imperfect and deficient in its political morality, and in that attribute of Deity whose judgments are always tempered with mercy".

Delay is one of the permitted grounds for limited judicial review as stipulated in the stare decisions. Basing on this the apex court held that undue long delay in execution of sentence of death will entitle the convict to knock the doors of the court.

In India, even an accused has a defacto protection under the Constitution and it is the Court's duty to shield and protect the same.

The Supreme Court in "*Jagdish Vs State of M.P.*" came down heavily on the attitude and the manner, the executive was acting and delaying in executing the capital punishments imposed upon the convicts who are sentenced with death penalty. The apex court now consider the unexplained and abnormal delay as one of the grounds to commute capital punishment to life imprisonment. ♦

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MERCY OR NO MERCY PLEASE KILL us FAST?

Mercy or no mercy kill us fast, these are the prayers made by the convicts of capital punishment around the country, whose mercy petitions are pending consideration for decades. Unfortunately no one has time or humane heart to consider the plight of the convicts who are languishing in solitary confinements. "Human beings are not chattels and should not be used as pawns in furthering some larger political or government policy". These words are used by not a person or a group but by the country's apex court. It brings the plight of the convicts who are languishing in solitary confinement waiting with anguish and apathy to be executed? The Supreme Court in "*Jagdish Vs State of M.P.*" came down heavily on the attitude and the manner, the government is acting and delaying in executing the capital punishments imposed upon the convicts who are sentenced with death penalty. Without going into the merit or demerits whether the capital punishment should be imposed or not it is mind boggling and inhumane to know that more than 26 mercy petitions are pending before the President of India for consideration. It is also startling that in some cases the death sentences were awarded by the courts more than a decade ago.

The trial of a murder case itself takes considerable time and by the time it is completed it may take a decade or so. The sessions court if finds a person guilty and considering all the facts and circumstances of the case having come to a conclusion that the crime is heinous and it is one of the rarest of the rare case imposes a capital punishment against the accused than the matter would be referred to the concerned High Court of the State as postulated under section 366 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Once the High court con-

firms the death sentence then the matter would go before the Supreme court for appeal and if the same is confirmed by the apex court the convict or his relatives or persons on his behalf may present a mercy petition under article 72 and 161 of the Constitution of India. In spite of Supreme court observing in "*Sher Singh Vs State of Punjab*" way back in 1983, that the Government of India and State Governments shall dispose the petitions filed under article 72 and 161 of the Constitution of India or under sections 432 and 433 of the CRPC should be disposed in three months, no steps have been taken in this regard.

The governments and the political bosses who are more concerned in curbing the students and the citizens ruthlessly who raise their voices in a democratic and peaceful manner against the injustice caused to them and if necessary branding them as Maoists, play a mere spectator role in complying the court orders.

The act of the Government in not deciding on the mercy petitions for decades and neither converting the death sentence into one of life imprisonment nor executing the death penalty amounts to infliction of a cruel and unusual punishment and violation of article 21, the Supreme court declared. The prolonged anguish of alternating hope and despair, the agony of uncertainty, the consequences of such suffering on the mental, emotional, and physical integrity and health of the individual can render the decision to execute the sentence of death an inhuman and degrading punishment, if the same is delayed for decades. The government is not concerned with the plight of its subjects or no human value is respected, the orders of the courts are neither followed in true spirit nor are they implemented.



FLYING HIGH IN THE SKY

India would be the third largest aviation market by 2020. The airports in India would be handling 336 million domestic and 85 million international passengers with projected investment to the tune of US\$ 120 billion by the year 2020.

By Jaywant Naidu

India, a growing Asian economy, is amongst the fastest growing and currently the 9th largest aviation market handling 121 million domestic and 41 million international passengers. Today, more than 85 international airlines operate to India and 5 Indian carriers connect over 40 countries.

Oxford Economics report commissioned by IATA indicates that Aviation accounts for 1.5% of India's GDP and supports 1.7 million jobs – with a further 7.1 million employed in other sectors including tourism through the catalytic effects of aviation. The prospects and possibilities of growth of Indian aviation markets are huge. The gap between potential and current air travel penetration shows that India is presently at 0.04 air trips per capita per annum which is far behind developed countries like US and Australia (more than 2 air trips per capita per annum), China and Brazil (0.3 air trips per capita per annum).

The Low ratio of per capita air trips in India suggests a huge potential for the air traffic growth considering a relatively higher trajectory of economic growth in the country coupled with necessary Government support. According to the Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Ajit Singh; India would be the third largest aviation market by 2020. The airports in India would be handling 336 million domestic and 85 million international passengers with projected investment to the tune of US\$ 120 billion by the year 2020. It is a recent decision to liberalize the process for airlines to acquire aircrafts by doing away with the Aircraft Acquisition Committee in India.

The Government has also taken steps to liberalize and grant traffic rights to Indian carriers to fly to new destinations

around the globe. Now, 49% FDI by the foreign carriers in domestic airlines is allowed. The ceiling of 49% is quite high as compared to other foreign countries where on an average it is kept as 26%. One of the important reasons of higher cost of ATF in India is the added burden of sales tax levied by the State Governments. To reduce this burden, the Government has decided to allow direct import of ATF by Indian carriers.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation as a long term plan has already allocated the traffic rights to Indian carriers for next two years i.e. Summer-2013 and Winter-2013. The new traffic rights have opened up several new international sectors and increased the overall traffic entitlements of the airlines by approximately 60% over the existing traffic rights.

Only in Gulf and South East Asian countries, there is an enhancement of approximately 81,000 seats per week in the entitlement of Indian carriers which is about 80% more than their present entitlements. Another area which has given wings to the growth of Indian civil aviation is the privatization of four major airports under JV/PPP model and the policy of development of Greenfield airports which envisages synergy between the public and private sector. Keeping pace with the Government policy, the Airports Authority of India has also completed the expansion and upgradation of two metro airports at Kolkata and Chennai and has undertaken the development of 35 selected non-metro airports.

Further accelerating the modernization and development process, Indian Government envisages an investment of US\$ 12.1 billion at Indian airports under the 12th Five-Year Plan, of which a contribution of about

US\$ 9.3 billion is expected from the private sector. The Government has also unleashed the potential of development around airports by simplifying the building regulations. Henceforth no prior permission will be required for construction activities around airports if the builder constructs the building within the permissible height limits which will be marked by AAI on colored maps.

Despite rapid growth of civil aviation in India, the benefits of air transport have not reached the smaller cities and remote and difficult areas of the country. Apart from the development of low-frill airports and modification of Route Dispersal Guidelines, the Government is in the process of formulation of a policy for promotion of regional and remote area connectivity in India for the Indian carriers to operate on these routes including code sharing and seat credit mechanism.

The Government has recently cleared Flexi Use of Airspace (FUA) by civil and military users. Implementation of FUA through civil and military coordination is an essential requirement to foster the air travel growth with ultimate benefit to our economy. There will be a reduction of carbon emission by about 7 million kg. per annum by direct routing between 7 major city pairs only because of FUA. The Indian civil aviation industry is amongst the top ten in the world with a size of around USD 16 billion. At present, there are around 450 used/unused/abandoned airports and airstrips spread all over the country. West Bengal is the first largest state in the country to declare zero percent Sales Tax on ATF at its regional airports and 15 percent Sales Tax on ATF used by additional flights started at its metro airport in Kolkata.



PROBLEMS:

Several Tier-II, III cities are still unconnected or underserved. These involve relaxation on regulations, revising the security requirements, allowing domestic code sharing, providing free or discounted utilities and connecting infrastructure. The proposed Essential Air Services Fund (EASF) by Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) needs to be set up immediately. As per the Airports Authority of India (AAI), passenger throughput grew to 159 million (FY 13), registering a CAGR of 13 per cent over the period FY 2003-2013.

The most significant development in the Indian domestic market is the growing dominance of the LCC (low-cost carriers model), which in FY 2013 accounted for almost 70 per cent of the domestic capacity. LCCs have driven the growth in aviation and tourism through low fares, introduction of regional routes and periodic discount offers. Full-service carriers plan to shift more seats to their LCC offerings in line with market trends.

Indian carriers plan to double their fleet size by 2020 to around 800 aircraft. The growth in Indian aviation has created significant employment opportunities. With passengers and aircraft fleet likely to double by 2020, the need to strengthen the human resource development infrastructure is immediate.

The total manpower requirement of airlines is estimated to rise from 62,000 in FY-2011 to 117,000 by FY-2017. It is estimated that the sector, overall, will need about 350,000 new employees to facilitate growth in the next decade. Shortfall in skilled labour could create safety issues and may see staff salaries rise, hurting India's cost competitiveness. Several Tier-II and Tier-III cities are still unconnected or underserved; the report said a lot more is needed to be done. These include relaxation of regulations, revising the security requirements, allowing domestic code sharing, providing free or discounted utilities and connecting infrastructure.

The Essential Air Services Fund by the Ministry of Civil Aviation needs to be set

up immediately. All this will have a multiplier effect in terms of higher growth of local economic activities, tourism and development," the report added. Highlighting the sector's significant growth over the past decade, the report said passenger throughput grew to 159 million in FY13 and cargo throughput to 2.19 million tonnes, a growth of 13 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, compounded annually over FY2003-13. On low-cost carriers (LCCs), which in 2012-13 accounted for almost 70 per cent of the domestic capacity, the report said LCCs had driven the growth in aviation and tourism through low fares, introduction of regional routes and periodic discount offers. With these expansion plans, the need to strengthen the human resource development infrastructure is immediate.

The report estimates the total manpower requirement of airlines is estimated to rise from 62,000 in FY2011 to 117,000 by FY2017. It is estimated that the sector, overall, will need about 350,000 new employees to facilitate growth in the next decade, the current MRO (maintenance, repair and overhauling) market in India was estimated at \$700 million. With the total Indian fleet doubling in number by 2020, it was critical to make it a strong domestic MRO industry. According to industry sources, only five to 10 per cent of MRO work for domestic scheduled carriers is done in India, while most of the maintenance activities are outsourced to third-party service providers outside the country.

GPRS enabled electronic cash transactions become reality at Begumpet Airport:

Cash transactions for collection of Airport charges from Non-Scheduled Operators at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad have become history with the commissioning of GPRS enabled EDC terminal at Begumpet Airport. Mr. G. Ashok Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation Govt. of India, during the launch of this facility stated that he lauds the efforts of AAI in introducing this facility within a very short span. This facility was launched on 21st September

2013 from Juhu Airport and now almost all Airports managed by AAI have this facility. The salient features of this facility are:

1. It is GPRS enabled.
2. Multi Currency handler.
3. Risk of fake currency minimized.
4. Non-Scheduled operators can now enjoy credit of 45 days on payment through credit cards, which till now they were remitting through cash transactions.
5. Working on Real Time basis and on reduced manpower.

Aerospace Industrial Park:

Bangalore is home to India's only defense aircraft-manufacturing company, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and the only satellite-making organization, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in the country. Presence of global R&D giants and private sector aviation organizations like BAE Systems, Boeing, Rolls Royce, Honeywell, Snecma, General Electric, Turbomeca, EADS (European Aeronautical Defense and Space Company), Research Center of Boeing, etc., further substantiates the fact that companies based out of Karnataka have a strong presence across the Aerospace and Defence Value Chain.

Government of Karnataka has exclusively developed Aerospace Industrial Park in about 1000 acres of land near Bangalore International Airport which includes an Aerospace SEZ in 252 acres of land. M/s. Quest Global has set up the India's first Aerospace SEZ in private sector at Belgaum in Karnataka in about 300 acres of land. Government of Karnataka had announced the country's first Aerospace Policy 2013-23 for the overall development of the sector which envisages providing adequate infrastructure and incentives. Karnataka has also set up a manufacturing task force that suggests specific interventions to drive growth in the sector. Its vision is to realize Karnataka among the top 3 states for Manufacturing Investment. ♦



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Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy Brahmotsavams From March 28th

The annual brahmotsavams of Lord Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy in Tirupati are scheduled to take place from March 28 to April 5. The Ankurarpanam would be performed on March 27th.



Lord Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy temple happens to be one of the oldest shrines under the umbrella of series of sub-temples managed by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTDs) located in Tirupati.

The nine-day brahmotsavams includes Dhwajaroanam on March 28th, Garuda Seva on April 1, Rathotsavam on April 4, Chakrasnanam and Dhwajaroanam on April 5.

TTD is all set to make elaborate arrangements for the mega religious annual event in the Lord Sri Rama temple.



LAUGH OUT LOUD

Doctor: Do exercise daily for good health.
Santa: Sir i play football, cricket, tennis daily.
Doctor: how long do you play?
Santa: until d battery in my mobile goes down!!
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Santa: Samundr mein Nimbu ka Ped ho to Tum Kaise Todoge?
Banta: Chidiya Ban ke.
Santa: Admi ko Chidiya Tera baap Banayega kya?
Banta: Samundar mein Ped Teri maa Lagayegi kya?
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Santa: apni Biwi se-
 Aaj tumhari choti behan ko apne ghar me dekh ke bahut khushi ho rahi hai..
Biwi: Hanji, Aapki khushi pajame me se dikh rahi hai
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Santa: MBA ka full form kya hai..?
Banta: Tu ek dum ullu hai, dekhta nahi charo taraf MBA ki dhoom machi hai..!!
MBA bole toh- "MAI BHI ANNA
 Santa ki shaadi ek nurse se ho gayi.
Banta: Aur santa, kaisi nibh rahi hai?
Santa: Pooch mat yaar, jab tak sister na kaho, bolti hi nahi

HEALTH TIPS

Medicinal properties of turmeric

Turmeric is a common home remedy for many ailments like wounds, cough, cold etc. It is also used as a main ingredient in many home made face packs and other beauty preparations. Ayurveda acharyas have coined many Sanskrit names in praise of its physical appearance and medicinal properties.



Turmeric is known to rejuvenate liver and purify blood. Hence regular consumption of turmeric leads to clean and clear skin. It enhances glow and fairness when applied externally. A mixture of honey and turmeric help to reduce dark pigments. Indian brides and bridegrooms are smeared with turmeric paste from head to toe on previous day of marriage. And later it is washed off with water. In some regions they mix sandal powder and saffron to water. This ceremony is known as "haldi".

Turmeric has excellent healing properties. Indian mothers pull out turmeric jars from their kitchen shelves as soon as they sight a wound. Application of turmeric paste on wounds accelerates healing process and also keeps the microbes away. It acts like an antibiotic and prevents entering of germs into body through open wounds. It goes into Indian pickles as a preservative and coloring agent. Regular consumption of this wonderful herb boosts body immunity and helps in many conditions like arthritis, gout, diabetes and joint pains.

SUDOKU 313

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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 cant change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

ANSWERS Sudoku-312

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

Answer 312: Mhmd. Shakil

ASTRO FOCUS

ARIES: You are advised to try to make the optimum use of opportunities when they come along. Your financial status will remain stable despite your having taken risk in a new venture. Patience and cool would be required to maintain harmony around you. End of the week would be better for social activities and building new ties.

TAURUS: A change will make you give the best of yourself as you will see an opening for your future career. This week brings enough opportunities for those who seek jobs. A sudden change in the situation proves beneficial and taking advantage of it may help in substantial financial benefits. Many among you are likely to be selected for high positions but only after putting in a lot of hard work.

GEMINI: You even pick up bits of information that may prove beneficial in your various business deals. For hard working people now a much deserved promotion will come your way. Your leadership qualities would be highly appreciated. Growth opportunities will develop through interaction with influential people. Happy news and some spectacular achievements will mark the end of the Week.

CANCER: People doing career in films and sports it is a hard time to get success. If you are artistically inclined your work or performance will come in for high praise. Use your prudence and guard your valuables. You will in all probability witness cordial atmosphere at domestic front. You might even turn a friendship into a romantic relationship.

LEO: Your commanding nature and tact to present your work will give you appreciation from your seniors. Progress in business activities will be slow and halting making it difficult to match your expenses. You will manage to deal with all the various tasks. You may go out on an outing with your family for spiritual or self development. You will be inclined towards astrology and spiritualism during the week.

VIRGO: This is a good week for you to implement your new plans or schemes. In job do not come to conclusion before any observation. New business ideas will be helpful to expand the enterprise. An increase in salary or additional incentives is offered to you. Travel undertaken for work purpose will bring moderate returns. You will be making plans for your future along with your mate or beloved.

LIBRA: The employed will receive appreciation for their good work and will get suitably rewarded with added incentives. Proper financial planning is advised. Distance yourselves from troublesome areas. Some of the natives may hear good news during the week. New Job opportunities will come. Social work will increase this week.

SCORPIO: It is more due to their favorable planets than just skill and efficiency. Suspend all your new deals or any immoral acts for the time being. You are ahead of adverse phase. A journey towards east or northeast is sure to prove fruitful. New friends may require more work than you can afford this week. There is no threat to your social status and honor.

SAGITTARIUS: This is a time to put down roots and establish solid foundations, a good time to better organize your life. You are required to remain at a low profile and avoid all confrontations. You may have to travel on work this week. The employed may get an opportunity to voice their demands.

CAPRICORN: This is a good time for agreements, sharing, cooperation and participation with others for most purposes. Even though there is no threat on financial front, control your wasteful expenditure. Progress in career and in family matters may occur now. You will derive the desired results during this week. If you are in business field, you will yield considerable profits.

AQUARIUS: Your attention is drawn to deep emotional changes in you and in those around you. You will be able to recover the money that was blocked for reasonably long time. You may learn new technique to enhance your profit in a proper way. This is a time to do things by yourself and to learn from your mistakes. You will have to do much to get good at career opportunities.

PISCES: his week you would gather important information while interacting with eminent people, which would bring new ideas and boost your growth plans. Your convincing power will have a deep impact and people will praise for your efforts. Due to involvement of an important person, your social status will be on high side. Spouse or Love will be highly supportive and shower you with love and affection.

Sky is the limit

Dr Dwarakanath Srinivasan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Airbus India was in Hyderabad for the India Aviation 2014 show. He spoke to Deccan Post.

How far has the presence of 'Airbus' moved forward in India?

In February 2011, Airbus Training India inaugurated its flight training centre near Bengaluru International Airport. Equipped with two simulators, state-of-the-art classrooms and screening facilities, this facility has trained more than 1,000 pilots and maintenance engineers as of March 2014. The company also operates its Airbus Engineering Centre India in Bangalore which started its operations in April 2007 and employs some 350 engineers.

What is the core focus of the 'Airbus Engineering Centre'?

The Airbus Engineering Centre India focuses on the development of advanced capabilities in the areas of modelling and simulation as well as in applications on Airbus products, closely co-operating with other Airbus Engineering offices worldwide as well as with the Indian aviation industry.

How does the business plan move?

Airbus is grouping its activities in India through the creation of a fully owned subsidiary called 'Airbus India' to manage the company's significant Indian footprint spread across several sites. The new Airbus India

organization will have customer-facing centers in Delhi and Mumbai.

How do you see the future of 'Airbus' in India?

Indian carriers will require 1,290 new passenger aircraft valued at US \$ 190 billion between now and the year 2032 to satisfy surging annual demand. Indian annual passenger traffic growth rates of 8.6 per cent are well above the regional Asia Pacific average growth rate of 6.1 per cent and the world average 4.7 per cent. Of the requirement for 1,290 new aircraft, some 73 per cent will be for growth and 27 per cent for replacement. The new passenger aircraft include 913 single aisles like the A320 and A320neo Family, 322 twin aisles like the A350 XWB and A330, and 56 very large aircraft such as the A380. By 2032, today's fleets of 343 aircraft will more than triple to some 1,233 aircraft.

By 2032, Airbus forecasts that 36 per cent of India's fleet will be wide-bodies, more than doubling today's level. This is a result of increased capacity of international as well domestic routes with larger aircraft like the A330 and A350s.

How do you foresee the Indian domestic traffic in future?

In passenger traffic terms, domestic India is the fastest growing flow increasing at almost 10 per cent per year to 2032. In 2032, India domestic traffic will be the world's third



largest domestic market. In addition, five of the world's top 20 fastest growing flows, connect India. Today one in 20 Indians travel by air and in 2032 this will increase five fold to a quarter of the population taking at least one flight. By 2032, the number Indian cities with more than a million passengers every month will have grown to thirteen from today's two. This exponential growth will continue to drive the need for larger aircraft like the A380 to operate in the country.

Can you tell us about the new study

program in Aerospace and Aviation Management MBA course?

The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) and Toulouse Business School have signed an agreement to set up India's first Executive General Management Programme in Aerospace and Aviation Management as a first step towards collaborating in teaching and research. As part of its commitment to develop aerospace management education in India, Airbus is sponsoring the two year part-time degree programme to develop and nurture local talent in the field of aerospace.

The Aerospace MBA will be the first of its kind in India and is conducted by Toulouse Business School, whose own established and respected Aerospace MBA course has a strong business focus. Each year up to 75 students will be enrolled in the course.

What is the overall Airbus involvement with the Indian Aviation sector?

Airbus has been supporting India's aviation sector and its sustainable growth for over 40 years through cooperation agreements in engineering research, design and manufacturing. Today, Airbus directly and indirectly supports some 5,000 local aviation jobs making the company India's biggest foreign based aircraft manufacturer. ♦

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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?
- Have you ever done anything illegal in order to obtain drugs/Alcohol?
- Do you spend money on drugs/Alcohol that you really can't afford?
- Do you ever use more than one recreational drug/Alcohol at a time?

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Nargis Fakhri in personal bikini for her next film



Well, what's interesting is that, the little two piece is actually from her collection. Apparently, Nargis was so excited about the bikini sequence in the song that she began to jump



with joy, insisting she's wear the one she had recently purchased for herself.

Confirming this, a source said: "Yes, Nargis is wearing a bikini from her personal collection. She had recently brought a bikini which she wanted to wear and showed it to the stylist of the film. The stylist immediately agreed with her as the bikini looked apt for the song."

In the song, Nargis is seen as a free spirited girl, sporting a very Bohemian look - funky shades, loads of junk jewellery and a fluorescent yellow sarong to go with the bikini.

Produced by Balaji Motion Pictures and starring Varun Dhawan and Ileana D'cruz besides Nargis, Main tera Hero releases April 4.

Veena's anti-India tweets trending

Controversial Pakistani Bombshel and former Bollywood actress Veena Malik, who faded from hogging lime-light after announcing her retirement from films post her wedding, is back in news for wrong reasons. She had posted anti-India tweets on her micro-blogging page Twitter which instantly drew flak.

She first re-tweeted a news about a 23-year-old German student who was allegedly molested and robbed by some auto drivers in New Delhi. She then tweeted, "India sucks." The two words were enough to spur a furore and within hours she started trending on Twitter.

Veena shot to fame with Indian reality TV show Big Boss Season 4. Veena was acted in Hindi, Telugu, Kannada and Punjabi films before quitting acting.

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Market in minor reaction at 22,000

By V Sundar Raja

The stock market after a strong continuous uptrend from 20,000 levels is now seen in a minor correction trend at the next major psychological barrier of 22,000 mark. Sensex has rallied by about 2,000 points without any major correction and is now seen in an overbought position. Hence a technical adjustment is now possible, in the short-term, while the overall major trend is still placed in a bullish trend. Market could stage a strong rally primarily due to strong continuous buying by the foreign funds that were reported to have purchased thousands of crores in the last few days.

Fundamentally, market sentiment has turned positively due to a positive macro-economic data of a lower Current Account Deficit (CAD), which is an encouraging factor for the economic growth. There are also positive expectations that the economic growth (GDP) is at the lowest levels, and could recover from these levels in the next few quarters. The consumer price Index (CPI) that was reported on 13th March is seen positive, indicating a possible decline in the inflation in the coming weeks. The Industrial Production Data (IIP), that was also reported on 13th March was also seen better than market expectations, which has also revived confidence on the markets.

The software and the pharma segments were seen in a correction trend, after a long earlier bullish trend. The strong sector Banking stocks were seen in a short-term correction, after a strong rally. The fast moving



consumer segment stocks which were earlier depressed are now seen in a recovery mode.

But however global market's slipped into a minor reaction as there were reports that Chinese industrial data was below the market expectations and there are fears that there could be a slowdown. The Dollar has depreciated as against the Rupee from 63 to near 60.5 levels, where there is a strong support and is likely to recover from the current major levels.

The crude oil has declined strongly from the major highs of 6,500 to 6,000, in the

MCX commodity markets, which is also a positive sign. But psychological support is seen at current levels of 6,000, where a consolidation is possible, for the short-term traders to be cautious.

The leading base metals too were also seen in a corrective trend in the commodity market.

The precious metal Gold is seen steady and firm near the major resistance levels of 31,000 levels, where a consolidation trend is possible in short-term. It has to sustain above the current barrier levels to indicate a further uptrend, in the MCX commodity mar-

Highlights

- Infosys' growth pang seems to be a more company-specific issue and not an industry-wide problem, says Ganesh Natarajan, VC & CEO, Zensar Tech. According to Natarajan consumer spending has increased and there are no problems for retail spending for IT in 2014. "We don't see problems of project cancellations or ramp downs for the company," says report.
- Renault India said it was aiming to double its marketshare to 5 percent over the next three to four years, riding its sub-Rs 4 lakh car. "Our current marketshare is 2.6 percent and in the mid-term (3-4 Years) we aim to double the marketshare," Renault country CEO & MD Sumit Sawhney said.

ket. Precious metal silver is seen in a range bound in-between the barrier of 48,000 and 45,000 levels.

Technically on the charts, Sensex has the next major support below at 21,000, where a recovery is possible. It has to consolidate above this crucial support for few days, to indicate a positive trend. Hence short-term investors may have to wait for a decline to enter into the market, and may avoid attempting to buy at higher levels. ♦

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