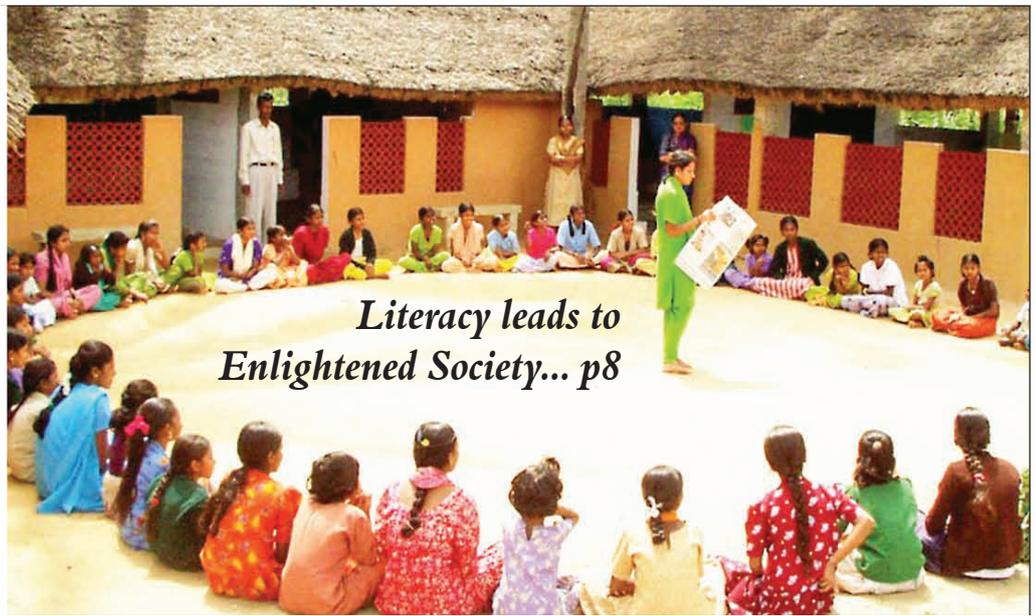


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APNGOs fail to make impact at their Hyderabad meeting

End of an obsession



By Our Political Correspondent

The 'Save Andhra Pradesh' meeting held by APNGOs (Andhra Pradesh Non-Gazetted Officers) at LB Stadium in Hyderabad on Saturday amidst a virtual hungama carries a clear message - that the opponents of Telangana state have lost all the weapons in their armory and they have almost reached a dead end in their all-out pursuit to stop state division. The threat of conducting another invasion of Hyderabad in the name of 'Million March' if the Centre goes ahead over with Telangana State formation Bill is just an empty rhetoric. The police department bosses from Seemandhra and their commander sitting in the Chief Minister's chair succeeded in ensure the presence of about 10,000 police personnel to accord protection to the Seemandhra supporters willing to arrive at the LB stadium but the poor turn out was more disappointing to the politicians from Seemandhra than the organizers of the meeting.

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The police bosses did everything to make the organizers heroes of the day. They encouraged the APNGOs to organize - got them nod from the court - put up a huge force to ward of any trouble from Telangana protestors but in the end the organizers were put to shame by the cops for not inspiring their colleagues to attend the meeting. The stadium was not even occupied half of its size. About 10,000 people could be seen overall. Among them atleast 3,000 police personnel in mufti made their presence felt inside the stadium. Even for those watching the meeting over TVs, there was no fire in the speeches. It was all a pleading for better opportunities for the APNGOs, RTC staff and students who are willing to study in the CBIT and Osmania Medical College because they are the best.

Undoubtedly, the APNGOs leader Paruchuri Ashok Babu knows well that his organization cannot go beyond this meeting. The amount of pressure he and his outfit faced from the people of Telangana was unprecedented. Close to five lakh government employees, teachers and RTC workers who are on strike against Telangana since August 12th actually wanted to get back to their duties across the 13 districts falling under Seemandhra region, so that they can receive their monthly salary. But compelled by some political pressure, these employees were forced to continue their agitation.

The Seemandhra employees are aware that they have no valid point to go on strike at this stage. Even the High Court has expressed surprise on their strike or agitation move and questioned them about the need to go on strike being responsible public servants? They have gone on strike only at the behest of their political leaders from Andhra and Seema regions wanting to secure firm assurances to their continuity in Hyderabad even after Telangana state formation.

Actually, a majority of employees of Seemandhra were not willing to go on strike. This is the reason why 67 per cent employees in Secretariat are attending duties since September 3rd, though their

numbers are much higher. Many Seemandhra secretariat employees are signing the registers and attending the protest demonstrations during the lunch hour.

The Seemandhra employees are hoping that the strike can be called off after this LB Stadium meeting. Hopefully, the government may call them for talks after Vinayaka Chaturthi next week and agree to treat the strike period as leave. That how the strikes are handled by the respective governments so there shall not be objection to anyone. More so when the present Seemandhra struggle by the APNGOs is speculated to be enjoying political patronage from none other than the Chief Minister himself.

But, Ashok Babu never expected that there would be so much resistance to holding a public meeting in Hyderabad in support of united Andhra Pradesh. There was spontaneous opposition from all sections of Telangana to the 'Save Andhra Pradesh' meeting. That is why the bandh called by Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC) was successful surpassing the expectations of everyone. Many settlers who run business

establishments in Hyderabad voluntarily refused to open their shops and office premises because they opined that the mood of the people of Telangana was one of accommodation towards them and nothing can be gained by needlessly annoying them.

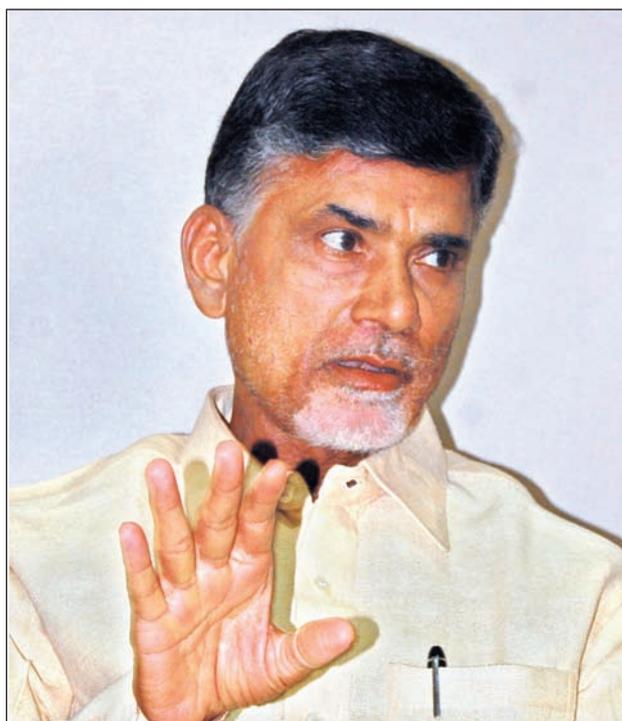
Last ditch attempt?

The Seemandhra leaders could have boasted that their meeting was a grand success and that the Centre was on back foot on Telangana decision. But, Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde who addressed his monthly media conference on Saturday evening used the occasion to reiterate that there is no change in the Centre's stand on Telangana. Moreover, Shinde stressed that the Home Ministry is in the work of preparing the cabinet note on Telangana and it would be readied in time. Shinde who watched the live telecast of Save Andhra Pradesh meeting from Delhi appeared not influenced by it at all. "We have two or three proposals on handling Hyderabad issue, but there is no rethinking on Telangana state formation issue," he made it clear.

Union Home Minister's strong assertion has dashed off the silly hopes of Seemandhra leaders who were expecting to influence the mindset of congress high command and the congress led Union Government with such silly pranks. The APNGOs as well as the Seemandhra leaders are now absolutely clueless on whether to fight for a united Andhra Pradesh or to protect their interests in the event of division of the State. They thought that the Centre would be impacted by their agitation that is confined to Seemandhra region and the latest meeting held in Hyderabad by the APNGOs but nothing of that sort has happened.

The 'Save Andhra Pradesh' meeting was a last ditch attempt made by the APNGOs and other employees at the behest of Seemandhra leaders hoping for a turn around. They expected support from known anti-State division parties like MIM and CPM. Ashok Babu and his colleagues went to the offices of MIM and CPM and invited them to attend the Saturday meeting. Of course, now they would say that the APHC order prohibiting politicians came in their way.





But, it is well known that even otherwise, there was no support from MIM to the meeting. This shows that MIM which is being projected as anti-Telangana by Seemandhra leaders is not ready to toe the line. MIM president Asaduddin Owaisi went on record saying that though his party is not in favour of Telangana, it was not ready to accept split Hyderabad from Telangana. The MIM leaders and cadres are now fully geared to accept state division and are openly demanding that Hyderabad must be the capital of Telangana and nothing else. In fact, MIM is bitterly opposed to any talk over making Hyderabad as a Union Territory even for a limited period.

That put paid to the hopes of Seemandhra leaders. APNGOs are mainly interested in declaring Hyderabad as a Union Territory (UT) and perpetuate their interests in the city. Though they are saying that they are for Samaikyandhra, their focus is only on Hyderabad city. But neither MIM nor CPM are ready to demand Hyderabad as UT.

Reversal of roles:

Another dampener to Seemandhra leaders on Saturday was the absence of any impact to the reversal of roles by both Telugu Desam Party and YSR Congress Party. YSRCP President Vijayamma has even written a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh stating that her party has changed its line on Telangana. Now it wants to keep the State united. This is a marked departure from its earlier slogan of 'Sama-nyayam' which means 'equal justice to both the regions'. First the party said that it was for the Centre to take a decision on Telangana Statehood issue as Article 3 of the Constitution conferred it with full powers. Now, when the CWC and UPA allies have unanimously approved and announced their resolve to form state of Telangana with Hyderabad as its capital all trouble broke out in these parties. When the Centre is going forward in introducing a Bill on Telangana state formation, the YSRCP has conveniently changed course and dumped the initial talk of equal justice to

both the regions and now going full steam to demand the congress led central government not to bifurcate the state to form Telangana. Such is the political credibility of YSRCP. Now, the party took a complete U turn and demanding united State.

So is the confusion in the TDP led by N Chandrababu Naidu. Though TDP in Telangana is projecting itself as a party fully committed to Telangana state, its president Chandrababu Naidu who is on a tour in Seemandhra has been attacking Sonia Gandhi and Congress party for dividing Telugu state. Naidu has been abusing Sonia Gandhi in a vulgar manner and raking up her Italian origins and alleging that she had amassed Rs 5 lakh crores through corruption and stashed it abroad. Naidu is talking like this because Sonia is seen pushing the Centre to form Telangana state at whatever cost. The same Naidu only a few weeks ago claimed both Telangana and Seemandhra as his two eyes. But now, going mad as to what ought to be his strategy.

The somersaults of these parties and the studied silence of nine Union Ministers from Seemandhra region indicates one thing – that things have reached a stage where it is just unthinkable to stop formation of Telangana state. Any amount of bullying or mudslinging or pressuring will not work against the formation of Telangana state. At best they can bargain for a better deal, but they cannot stall Telangana state until and of course one is really prepared to face unbelievably consequences of a civil war which the country can very well avoid.

Well, the APNGOs meeting although cannot save AP; it has clearly listed out the likely problems of the three main sections of Seemandhra- students, government employees and the RTC employees. The prime minister already assured the APNGOs and other associations that called on him that the Union Government can resolve all these issues while bifurcating the state. Let good sense prevail. ♦

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Kiran Sarkar and Partisan Police play cheer group for APNGOs Meeting in gross violation of APHC Orders

Seemandhra political conspiracy fails to Save Andhra Pradesh

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy - Special Correspondent



Unsafe Police at Save Andhra Pradesh meeting at LB Stadium

Amongst many contradictions - 7th September passes off peacefully as per police version except some stray incidents as reported by them while ignoring many incidents registered over live telecast beamed by many channels. The day assumed importance in the wake of APNGOs 'Save Andhra Pradesh' meeting held at LB Stadium on 7/9/2013 as a sequel to their organized and funded struggle deferring CWC and UPA's unanimous resolution favouring Telangana state with 10 districts including Hyderabad as its capital. Initially, the protests started in 13 Seemandhra districts alongside slowly spreading its reach to Hyderabad City engulfing all departments. As it stood, T-employees in Hyderabad did not react initially allowing their counterparts to ventilate their grievances in the vain hope that they would not oppose demerger but put forward genuine concerns affecting them. But the situation took political overtones with APNGOs strike expanding into political horizons questioning the policy decision of union govt. to bifurcate or demerge the state to form Telangana and Andhra as they existed prior to their merger in 1956. No one was left in doubt that the initial employees concerns soon got the sponsorship and direction from the vested CMO-politico-business-media interests as it took a diffident turn involving Hyderabad - a cynosure of huge investments by the same lobby deflating employees concerns.

That changed stance of APNGOs invited spontaneous response from T employees in all offices in Hyderabad including state Secretariat necessitating police pickets while increasing the virtual divide (making it easy for union govt.). Congress and UPA govt. stance that there is no going back on state bifurcation and on consequent formation of Telangana State except lending a hearing into their grievances arising out of any misapprehensions engaging the Seemandhra employees and people more so the elite class-politico-business-media nexus to sustain it further. An advantage of having a new state with a new capital city with lots of infrastructural development engaging all resources-natural and human to benefit a commoner took a back seat. All the apprehensions of such class got the APNGOs stamp and that too so prematurely before a cabinet note which would have followed by a ministerial committee to address all such concerns. Indeed, it is a pity that people of both the regions are at loggerheads as a result of a partisan coverage depicting non-entities benefitting only a few selfish class ignoring the major long term benefits a new state would have accrued. .!

APNGOs exhortation that they would go ahead with 7th September meeting in Hyderabad has ignited the otherwise dormant T-employees, TJAC to stake claims for permission for holding a peace rally on the same day. While govt.

and police to the surprise of one and all gave permission to APNGOs meeting three days ahead with conditions (on paper. .!) while declining the same to TJAC on their own soil.

This paved way for some violent demonstrations including that off those in APHC resulting in utter chaos amongst the advocates belonging to Telangana and Andhra. This led to a unhealthy precedence as all such type of meetings etc by TJAC, T- Employees and T-political parties in the past were made to go through a painful yet rigorous process to obtain permission from govt. and police often requiring the intervention of HC and that too with so many conditions at the last moment with so many restrictions including arrests, bind over cases and restricted coverage..! Enraged Telanganites approached APHC which too allowed permission but with strict guidelines that only employees with ID cards should only be allowed and they should not hold any rallies and indulge in provocative speeches.

As the D-day drew close and on the declining of permission for peace rally TJAC converted peace rally into 24 hours T bandh to protest against the partisan attitude of Chief Minister - Kiran Kumar Reddy, the DGP and the police officials in stalling their rally and also for past suppressive measures for such meetings. They made it clear that they are not against APNGOs meeting but sounded diffident at the way they planned to host

on the verge of a impending cabinet note reminiscent of post 9th December 2009 incidents. The arrangements for APNGOs meeting including transport and other paraphernalia left no one in doubt as to who sponsored and egged them on as the events started to unfold. People from Seemandhra started to arrive by trains, buses etc to be greeted by a complete T bandh and stray incidents were reported as they entered T region from Vijayawada and Kurnool sides as they were escorted by a heavy security with preventive arrests of Telanganites enroute. Same scene prevailed in the city as the venue as well as enroute was heavily guarded also with police acting mercilessly in lathi-charging students staying in the Nizam College hostel, who are in the vicinity while resorting to mass arrests. The OU student leaders and some T-constables who protested and raised T slogans outside and inside the venue were mercilessly beaten up by Seemandhra employees and police alike shaming the human rights - the very basis for which this meeting was allowed..!

Worst scenes reminiscing the past of tear gas, lathi-charge etc. witnessed in OU when students took out a rally. In the midst of all these TRS MLAs, MLCs staged protest in Assembly precincts after a long tussle with police (in contrast to Seemandhra MLAs as they were escorted) as a response to all events which started to unfold. However, the T- Congress

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Has the Hyderabad city police acted in a haste?

derided the partisan approach by the Seemandhra CM and the same was echoed by Telangana TDP forum while BJP announced its support to T bandh devoid of Hyderabad and Sec'bad to see that they do not fall a prey to CM-KKR's vicious design to engineer a civil strife for putting on hold the T-process.

APHC and Police Commissioners Orders - Violations..!

While rallies with heavy police escort were allowed to reach the venue with slogan shouting Seemandhrites much against the HC and Police Commissioner's orders..? Many a non-employees too were allowed alongside inflammatory and provocative speeches questioning the policy decision on bifurcation over and above the grievances of employees for which the meeting was allowed. APNGOs leader Ashok Babu's warning that they would call for a million march in Hyderabad at parade grounds if govt. went ahead with bifurcation of state is certainly a reminder of

UPA govt. In the second phase, now a cabinet note on T would soon be a reality sooner than later while exhorting that there is no going back on T as all the parties excluding one have given their consent more than once in the all party meetings held in Delhi under the aegis of Union Home Ministry. To another question he said that there are three options on Hyderabad and all issues including water, capital, employees would be discussed by cabinet sub-committee after T-note. All efforts of YSRCP in writing a letter on united stance (changing like a chameleon) as they did before 30th July CWC, UPA meetings on T came to knots and certainly left no one in doubt the seriousness with which Congress and UPA govt. are on Telangana.

YSRCP Sharmila's regular rhetoric that how it is possible to build Hyderabad like capital city in 10 years along with regular trumpeting by TDP-Babu and Seemandhra Congressmen that they are responsible for Hyderabad development should now introspect in the wake of YS Jagan's shifting



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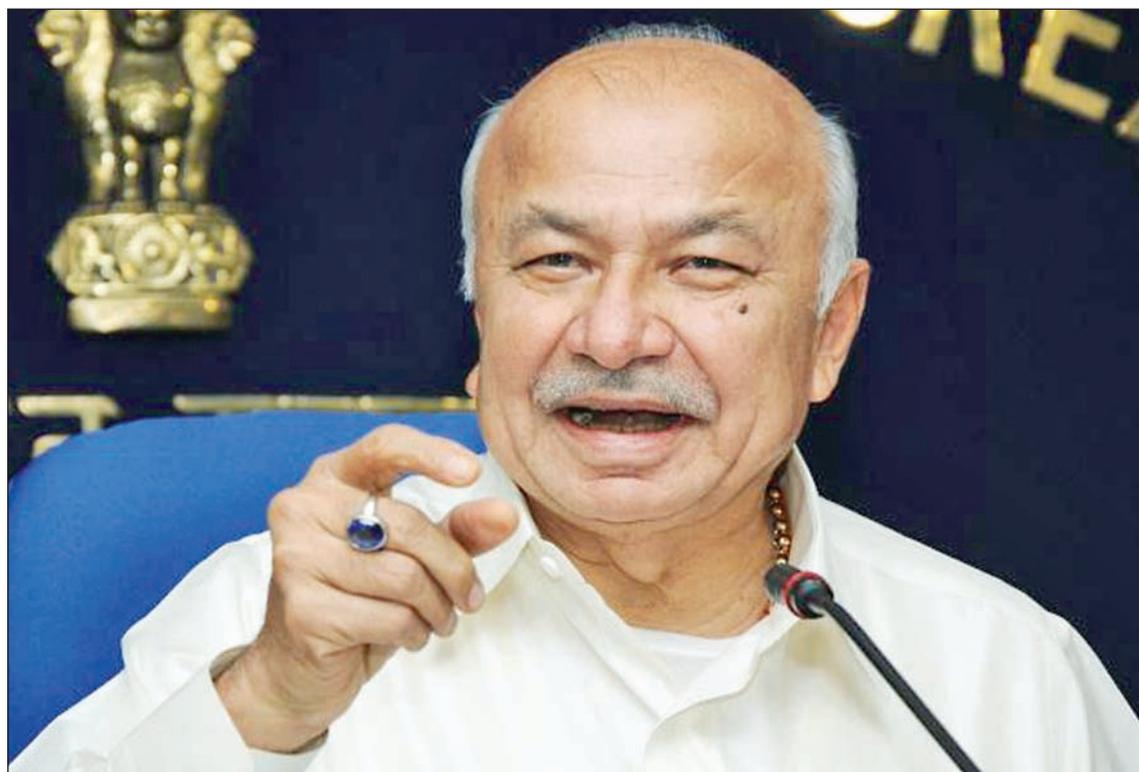
The All India Congress (CWC) Committee and its allies in the UPA Coordination Committee unanimously resolved to bifurcate the state of Andhra Pradesh that has 23 districts to form the state of Telangana with ten districts including Hyderabad. This historical decision taken on 30th July, 2013 was actually welcomed by all manner of people, political parties, and public representatives in the country except for a handful of disgruntled sections in the Andhra and Seema regions.

Ever since, there is a perceptible change in the political environment of the Andhra Pradesh comprising of both Telangana and Andhra regions. The 40 million people of Telangana are anxiously awaiting the formation of Telangana State. It's a dream come true moment for them.

Not surprisingly scores of politicians belonging to bitterly opposing parties in the Seemandhra region are ruthlessly associating with each other just with their common agenda to prevent by hook or crook, the formation of Telangana State.

It is not the time for people of Telangana to begin celebrating as yet. In fact, it is time to be vigilant. BE MORE VIGILANT than anytime before. Hoshiyaar Raho. Trust no party. Trust no leader. Trust forever only our passion and determination.

Telangana Constitutional Rights Protection Forum.



Shinde announces second phase of Telangana process

apprehensions voiced by Telangana community that in the guise of APNGOs there is a sinister design to derail harmony and peace in Hyderabad amongst different sections of people including settlers from Seemandhra. This certainly attracts the violation code and also the provocative slogans and speeches which ruled the roost in the meeting putting to din many a genuine grievances voiced as a result of bifurcation like the fate of employees in Hyderabad, quality education to their children, health, capital city like Hyderabad as Rayalaseema sacrificed Kurnool at the time of merger alongside their emotional attachment with the capital and water issues etc.

While TJAC's bandh evoked total response in T-region including Hyderabad, the scars of APNGOs meeting with attacks on students who are hospitalized (visited by TJAC-Prof Kodandaram, Devisri Prasad Srinivas Goud etc) and the stray incidents of stoning of returning Seemandhra buses in T region inspite of escort shall be a pre-cursor for the times to come.

Union Home Minister-Shinde announces Start of T 2nd Phase

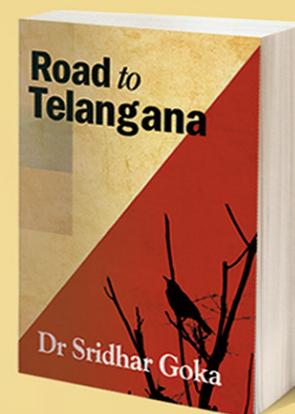
In a press conference at 4 PM on the same day while APNGOs meeting was in progress. Shinde very categorically stated that in the first phase CWC and UPA have unanimously passed a resolution on T state and the same was officially conveyed to

from Osmania General Hospital frequented by commoners along with the amenities prevailing in Hyderabad in comparison to its erstwhile status. Seemandhra should take a cue from YS Jagan, KVP and several of their associates as they all could become multi-millionaires within no time to set up a vast empire. Of course, the architect of all these loot and scoot has been TDP's Naidu whose close pals like Satyam's Ramalinga Raju, Global Trust Bank's Ramesh Gelli, Emmar Properties Koneru Prasad and scores of others having turned scamsters. Every one knows about others like Lanco, who went onto to occupy Wakf properties depriving the Muslims of Telangana their rightful share. Also the manner in which Progressive Constructions has been using its clout to settle OTS options with public sector banks causing huge losses to scheduled banks is well known. The SBH is a major victim of this company taking loans and not paying interests.

All these are just a few examples of Seemandhra businessmen have benefited in Hyderabad by opposing formation of Telangana state. They used every opportunity to raise their assets to phenomenal heights using Hyderabad city as their means to who become millionaires exploiting Telangana and disfiguring its heritage and destroying its ethnic culture in every manner in the name of united Andhra Pradesh. ♦

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UPA-II brings up another 'Landmark' Bill

The UPA-II government suddenly seems to have moved into its top gear in the last few months left in its second term. Immediately after securing passage of its prestigious scheme, Food Security Bill, the ruling coalition hasn't wasted much time in rushing through another flagship piece of social legislation, the congress was famous for : The Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill in the Lower House.

Union Minister for Rural Development Jairam Ramesh, who piloted the Bill in Lok Sabha stressed on the need for it so that the scores of government projects which are waiting in the wings for land allocation would get past all procedural hurdles. As the government was keen on its passage in the current session itself, both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha cleared it after making some amendments. Now the formal Presidential assent is awaited.

This Bill makes it mandatory to obtain the consent of a whopping 80 percent of land owners for acquiring land for private projects and of 70 percent land owners for public-private projects. This is a radical departure from the existing laws that govern the acquisition of private lands for the public purposes. Presently, there is no clause of compulsory consent of the land owners to give it for public purposes.

The present law of land acquisitions, which is in operation at the centre and the states is broadly modeled along the colonial "Land Acquisition Act of 1894", enacted during the British era. Several amendments were made to this parent law, since 1950 when our Constitution came into being, but they were all skimpy. About a dozen amendments were made to the law, but no comprehensive changes were initiated till now. After the Right to Property under Art 31 of the Indian Consti-

tution was taken off from the list of Fundamental Rights and merely incorporated as the Constitutional Right to property under Article 300-A, things turned worse for the farmers and poorer sections whose lands were acquired by the government for various public purposes and given a raw deal in providing just compensation. The poor couldn't engage Palkiwalas & Sorabjees to knock at judiciary for real market



value compensation and hence they were left to bear the brunt.

The ugly manner in which land was sought for acquisition for the benefit of private corporates was seen when in the name of Special Economic Zones, the land of marginal farmers was usurped by none other than many state governments across the nation and its corrupt political masters. Real Estate has become a curse for many farmers as land sharks used every trick to make these farmers sell away their land dirt cheap fearing land acquisition. The YSR government was notorious during its

tenure between 2004 -2009 for its abuse of land acquisition law to make unfair deals with the farmers to rob of their just rights. The defunct HUDA and HMDA have become notorious for their schemes in grabbing lands belonging to poor land owners.

Therefore, this is the first time that the land acquisition law is comprehensively revamped to suit the needs of people who lose

law even in comparison to the developed West. However, there is some criticism that the Bill is in favour of farmers and land dependents. The trade and commerce bodies feel that the number of riders and higher compensation to land oustees would hamper the growth of the industrialization. They say that the land for industrial purposes would become dearer and process cumbersome. Industry bodies like ASSOCHAM, FICCI and CII have begun a campaign that the Bill would make it difficult to any land for the SEZs or industrial parks in the country and that it would hamper the further growth of industrial expansion. Naturally, the land owners or dependents who received a raw deal from governments or big business all these years would be benefitted now, even if a bit more.

But, we cannot ignore the well being of the farmers and other land-dependents as our country is still agrarian in nature. Whether one likes it or not, Sonia Gandhi headed National Advisory Council deserves rich praise for bringing in this measure that aims at securing and protecting the interests of peasants and marginal land owners besides surly eliminating scope for unwarranted peasants protests witnessed in Singur, Nandigram and many more villages in Rural India. Now the farmers and poorer sections who till now were easy prey for exploitation will secure adequate justice with big corporates disadvantaged of the old land acquisition law.

Finally, a good move by the UPA-II regime that drafted this landmark Land Bill to take care of the interests of the voiceless land dependents of the country, especially, when rural militancy is threatening to become a major menace. ♦

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Kiran joining YSRCP?

Everything is possible in politics these days as nobody knows who is going to do what and who is going to join which party and your last week's cover story surely strengthens the talk that Kiran has got close relations with Jagan than the Congress party high command led by Sonia Gandhi. With reference to your last week's cover story one can doubt the loyalties of CM Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy. The moves of Kiran are very strange as he is batting for United Andhra Pradesh even after the Congress party and the UPA coalition have announced their decision in favour of creation of the new state of Telangana along with Hyderabad as its capital. It is really strange to see that Kiran Reddy has never made any comments against YSRCP or its leaders like Jagan,

Vijayamma and Sharmila and it is being suspected by many politicians that Kiran is saving Jagan and Co. to the maximum extent possible and in return he could be made the Chief Minister of Seemandhra state until Jagan comes out from the jail. Today's politics is becoming much more interesting than the

sensational TV dramas and soap operas as the jumping jacks are all around in the state and the people are ready to laugh at them whenever they turn as jokers.

Srinivas Rao,
Nacharam

Will Babu stay committed?

Your last week's story on the stand taken on Telangana stathood

issue by the Telugu Desam Party President Chandra Babu Naidu was quite interesting and as everybody expected Chandrababu Naidu seems to be taking a U-turn on Telangana and once again trying to fool the people of Telangana who have trusted him number of times and strengthened him in state assembly as well as in the parliament. If the people of the stature of Chandrababu can go back on their words then whom the people can trust? It is evident from the artificial agitations of the Seemandhra politicians that the majority of the leaders in the state lacks credibility and they do not have any vision and cant see things properly much in advance which is expected from the policy makers.

The politicians should stop their cheap dramas and should not give words to the people and once given should stand by it come what may. If Chandrababu keeps changing his stands then the people will not take much time to dump him in the isolation bin without any second thought. Think over Babu.

Sathyarayana Murthy, Red Hills

Take steps to halt our Rupee's fall

It was pathetic to see that the well respected, reputed and renowned economists like Dr Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, C Rangarajan etcetera cant do anything to stop the fall of Rupee. Its very shameful that our union government is helpless in controlling the rise of Dollar as well as encouraging the GDP and the economic growth even being at the helm of affairs since last 9 years.

Already many scandals like 2G, Coalgate, Sportsgate, SG, and Railgate scams took place and the public money was squeezed then how can the economy will be strengthened? The elections are approaching and I appeal all the Indians to vote out this helpless government and strive for economic growth in their respective capacity.

Geetanjali Sharma, E-mail

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Is JAC better than the present 'Collegium System'?

By EV Pushpa Vardhan

It is well known that the Supreme Court of India has brought into existence "the Collegium System of appointing Judges to the Constitutional Courts" during adjudication of the second Judges Case (SCAORA Vs Union of India AIR 1991 SC 128) and third Judges Case held by a bench consisting of 9 Judges headed by the then Chief Justice of India Justice JS Varma (Presidential Reference No.1 of 1998 AIR 1999 SC 1). Since then on, the "Collegium System" comprising of top five judges of the Supreme Court, headed by the Chief Justice of India has been in vogue and recommending the names for appointment of Judges to both the Supreme Court and High Courts, this practice in turn created a very powerful judiciary to boast of in the comity of nations, especially with regard to assuming primacy over the political executive in the appointment of both High Court as well as the apex court Judges. Not only that, besides appointment of judges, it has taken direct control of transferring Judges among various High Courts.

After two decades of experience, many voices began emerging from various stake holders such as the Bar, the Political Executive and so on criticizing that the independence and integrity of the judiciary has been put at stake by the "Collegium System" while recommending the names of 'Advocates for elevation as judges. The decisions and conduct of the "Collegium System" seems to have been based on considerations other than merit and integrity of the Judges to be appointed often inviting adverse comments from various quarters. The talk of caste, religion, region and even cash considerations said to be operating in the present "Collegium System" have caused a lot of disrepute to the Judiciary in India.

It is also said that the secretive nature of such important appointments has led to calls for disbanding a system suspected of promoting nepotism, bias, partisan and compromises with merit. Such judicial appointments became a matter of convenience to all those who wished to misuse and abuse it. There are many instances where the present system has recommended advocates who are so often sons, daughters, relatives and juniors of former judges exposing the devilish happenings even more. Many controversies have impacted the entire country.

When significantly, more than 1,000 advocates from the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Association protested the recommendations made by the High Court (Collegium) of seven

names of advocates for appointment as judges in May 2013; in June 2013, the Madras High Court Advocates Association has also made similar complaint against the list of 15 names forwarded by the Collegium. It is also said in the same complaint that the names have been proposed on extraneous criteria such as caste, religion, office affiliations, political considerations and even personal interests and finally the ugly nexus of the quid pro quo. The Association while making a representation to the Chief Justice opined that "it exhibits a total indifference to the future of the judiciary as an institution where institutional interests have been sacrificed at the alter of personal pursuits and said that it pains us to state all this but at the same time we would be failing in our duty towards the institution of judiciary if we do not raise these issues of grave concern now".

Justice Markandeya Katju (Retd.) Chairperson, Press Council of India has also suggested that the working in incognito or opaque for appointing the persons to the higher judiciary is not proper and must have wide range of consultations and also moved further to have a system which is similar to open ballot system in the bar and receive the opinions from the advocates, senior counsels etc., who are ready and willing to give their opinion and dialogue among those genuinely concerned for vigour and rigour in the process and also advised to evolve a transparent, open and accountable procedure to ensure that the best persons were appointed as judges to the High Courts and the Supreme Court. He also stated that the transparency and openness in the appointment process is the need of the hour and the names should be displayed before their appointments and open to wide discussions.

Recently in first week of June, the Union Minister for Law and Justice, while addressing a gathering said that "the Government will have a say in the appointment of judges" which in turn created huge hue and cry from every nook and corner of the legal fraternity for and against his statement and invited the allegations and counter-allegations. Those who supported his statement pointed out that there is no country which appoints judges 'by the judges' and is being perceived as appointments 'for the judges'. Those who criticized his statements recollected the appointment of Justice AN Ray as Chief Justice of India by departing from earlier conventions, superseding three of the senior most judges (who had decided against the government, though in the minority, in the Banks Nationalization case, the Privy

Purse case and the Kesavananda Bharati case AIR 1973 SC 1641) and another instance of political executive abuse is that in 1975 mass transfers of 16 High Court judges from their parent High Courts including Justice O Chinnappa Reddy from our AP High Court and reversion of some more judges.

Ultimately, the Supreme Court in SP Gupta Vs Union of India (AIR 1982 SC 149) held by majority that 'the Government's view will have a primacy over the view of the Chief Justice of India as reflected through the Collegium on appointments and transfers in case of a difference of opinion' which opened the doors to the political class to interfere in the independence of the Judiciary till 1991.

Another perspective prevailing now in the words of Chief justice of India Justice P Sathasivam, who in an interview on 28th June stated that "the appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court and the High Courts is made by the President and is, therefore, ultimately an executive act. The judiciary's role is limited to making recommendations which is not absolute. It is always open to the government to seek reconsideration for strong reasons or adverse material in their possession. In fact, in the recent past, the Govt. has exercised its power to keep a check and prevent the appointment of persons considered to be unsuitable. It cannot be claimed by that the gov't. has no role in the appointment process".

Whereas the Supreme Court while setting aside the appointment of PJ Thomas as Central Vigilance Commissioner, emphasized the concept of institutional integrity and the key tests are 1) Whether the incumbent would or would not be able to function and 2) Whether the working of institution would suffer following the appointment. The same test is also as relevant as for appointment of Judges also. The UK Constitutional Reforms Act, 2005 made merit the sole basis of selection to the Judiciary. Criteria for the merit are Intellectual capacity; Personal qualities; Ability to understand and deal fairly; Authority and communication skills and lastly Efficiency to work at speed, under pressure and to organize time effectively. While in the USA Public senate hearings for appointments of judges to superior courts is another instance of transparency, accountability and public (citizen) participation.

On 12th instant, (Thursday) the Upper House has passed the Constitution (120th Amendment) Bill, 2013 which permits the establishment of Judicial Appointments Commission consisting of the Chief Justice as the head and two

senior most Judges and the Union Minister for Law and Justice and two other eminent persons as members to be appointed by a committee comprising of the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and the CJI and the Union Law secretary to act as the Convener of this newly envisaged Judicial Appointments Commission.

The JAC which is aimed to replace the present Collegium System of appointing judges to higher courts with 131 against 1 vote of Ram Jethmalani by which the political class has gained the upper hand in the appointment process. The NDA and the UPA-I also tried to bring the bill but their trials went in vain, at last the UPA-II could succeed with the indirect cooperation of the Opposition. At the time of initiating the Bill, the idea giving the leader of the opposition a place in the JAC was proposed, but ultimately when it came up before the House that provision was missing.

In fact, Art 124 and 217 envisages the procedure for appointment and Art 222 deals with the transfers of the judges of the higher courts in India. As on June, 2013 there were 276 vacancies out of a total sanctioned strength of 904 permanent and additional judges in 24 High Courts across the country. Nearly one third (1/3rd) of the total vacancies are there to be filled up. The Government has raised curtains for a war between the Judiciary and the Executive, where the Supreme Court by exercising the Art 32 may allow a Judicial Review of the said legislation, which is about to be passed, and the Government may also equally protest. In this process the vacancies may not be filled up for few more years which probably will result in mounting burden on the existing Courts and Judges in the coming years.

In Scott Vs Scott (1911) All ER, Bentham says that "In the darkness of the secrecy sinister interest, and evil in every shape, have full swing...Publicity is the Soul of Justice. It is the keenest spur to exertion and the surest of all guards against improbity. It keeps the judge himself while trying, under trial." Whether it is by the newly envisaged Judicial Appointments Commission or the Collegium or the Executive whichever may take the appointment process but it should be acceptable to all, lest at least to the majority and it should be open, transparent, based on merit and also to be responsible and accountable to the Citizens of this Nation, out of whose pockets their salaries, perks are being paid. ♦

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By Jaywant Naidu

Literacy is the ability to read and write one's own name and further for knowledge and interest, write coherently, and think critically about the written word. The inability to do so is called illiteracy or alphabetism. Visual literacy includes in addition the ability to understand visual forms of communication such as body language, pictures, maps, and video. Evolving definitions of literacy often include all the symbol systems relevant to a particular community. Literacy encompasses a complex set of abilities to understand and use the dominant symbol systems of a culture for personal and community development. In a technological society, the concept of literacy is expanding to include the media and electronic text, in addition to alphabetic and number systems. These abilities vary in different social and cultural contexts according to need, demand and education.

The primary sense of literacy still represents the lifelong, intellectual process of gaining meaning from a critical interpretation of the written or printed text. Key to all literacy is reading development, a progression of skills that begins with the ability to understand spoken words and decode written words, and culminates in

the deep understanding of text. Reading development involves a range of complex language underpinnings including awareness of speech sounds (phonology), spelling patterns (orthography), word meaning (semantics), grammar (syntax) and patterns of word formation (morphology), all of which provide a necessary platform for reading fluency and comprehension.

Once these skills are acquired, the reader can attain full language literacy, which includes the abilities to approach printed material with critical analysis, inference and synthesis; to write with accuracy and coherence; and to use information and insights from text as the basis for informed decisions and creative thought. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines literacy as the 'ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society.'

LITERACY IN INDIA:

The National Literacy Mission

defines literacy as acquiring the skills of reading, writing and arithmetic and the ability to apply them to one's day-to-day life. The achievement of functional literacy implies (i) self-reliance in 3 R's, (ii) awareness of the causes of deprivation and the ability to move towards amelioration of their condition by participating in the process of development, (iii) acquiring skills to improve economic status and general well being, and (iv) imbibing values such as national integration, conservation of environment, women's equality, observance of small family norms.

The working definition of literacy in the Indian census since 1991 is as follows: Literacy rate: The total percentage of the population of an area at a particular time aged seven years or above who can read and write with understanding. Here the denominator is the population aged seven years or more. Crude literacy rate: The total percentage of the people of an area at a particular time aged seven years or above who can read and write with understanding, taking the total population of the area (including below seven years of age) as the denominator.

Literacy in India is the key for socio-economic progress, and the Indian literacy rate grew to 74.04% in 2011 from

12% at the end of British rule in 1947. Although, this was a greater than six fold improvement, the level is well below the world average literacy rate of 84%, and of all nations, India currently has the largest illiterate population. Despite government programs, India's literacy rate increased very slowly and a 1990 study estimated that it would take until 2060 for India to achieve universal literacy at then-current rate of progress. The 2011 census, however, indicated a 2001-2011 decadal literacy growth of 9.2%, which is the slower than the growth seen during the previous decade.

There is a wide gender disparity in the literacy rate in India: effective literacy rates (age 7 and above) in 2011 were 82.14% for men and 65.46% for women. The low female literacy rate has had a dramatically negative impact on family planning and population stabilization efforts in India. The census provided a positive indication that growth in female literacy rates (11.8%) was substantially faster than in male literacy rates (6.9%) in the 2001-2011 decadal period, which means the gender gap appears to be narrowing.

Chhattisgarh has been selected for this year's prestigious

National Literacy Award for the first time since its formation in November 2000.

Korea district and its village panchayat Patna will also get this award along with the state. Remarkably, during the last ten years from 2001 to 2011, the state literacy rate has increased by 5.64 percent. In 2001, the literacy rate of Chhattisgarh was 64.66 per cent, which has been increased to 70.28 percent in 2011.

LITERACY LEVELS OF MALES AND FEMALES:

Hon'ble President of India Sri Pranab Mukherjee speaking on the occasion of Presentation of National Teachers Awards stressed on the need for reducing the gap in literacy levels of males and females education.

"An inclusive approach is critical for achieving our developmental goals and a key objective is to close the male-female gap in literacy. Nothing is more saddening than the sight of a girl child being denied education. I take this opportunity to reiterate the motto that all for knowledge and knowledge for all," the President said on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Noting that a sound education system is the bedrock of an enlightened society, Sri Pranab Mukherjee said that India cannot claim to have evolved into a developed

society despite accomplishments unless citizens develop values and faithfulness to their spiritual and cultural heritage. "Teachers have to help our youth imbibe the essential civilization values of love for motherland, performance of duty, compassion for all, tolerance for pluralism, respect for women and honesty in life," said Sri Mukherjee.

The President said India has to regain its lost glory when Takshashila and Nalanda Universities were known the world over. Vikramashila, Valabhi, Somapura and Odantapuri attracted scholars from far and wide. The powerful minds who taught at such universities created an exalted position for our ancient education system.

Despite a major improvement in literacy rates in India over the past decade, the number of children who are not in school remains high. Gender disparities in education persist with far more girls than boys failing to complete primary school. The national literacy rate of girls over seven years is 54% against 75% for boys.

In the Northern Hindi-speaking states of India, girls literacy rates are particularly low, ranging between 33-50%. Although lower primary schools are within one kilometer of 94 percent of India's population, at an average every second girl child in India has not been enrolled. While the enrolment rate is high in urban areas, it is conspicuously low in rural areas and amongst the backward and minority communities. The disparity is also regional with higher literacy rate across the Southern and North-Eastern states, but very low in some of the most densely populated Northern states. In Uttar Pradesh, the most

populated state in India with a population of 172 million (larger than that of Brazil which ranks the fourth most populated country in the world) an average of only one out of four girls is enrolled in the upper primary school. Amongst the marginalized communities in the state of Bihar, the situation is far worse where only one out of every six girls is literate. The national average shows that there are twice as many illiterate women as there are men. UNICEF, NGOs and other bilateral agencies have partnered government efforts to improve literacy levels in states that have the largest numbers of out-of-school children or dropouts, with a focus on girls of marginalized and minority communities which have the highest levels of illiteracy. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan program for universalization of primary education and the Mahila Samakhya program which has set up alternative learning centres for imparting education and providing empowering skills to girls from disadvantaged communities, are among the major initiatives to improve literacy levels.

The need of the hour is to encourage girls for education and its our social responsibility to contribute to the women empowerment through education. ♦

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Computer: main lifeline use karna chahta hu..
Lolzzz mind it

Pappu: " Kya mein Aapka Address
Jaan Sakta Hun..

Girl: " Wo q..
Pappu: " wo Baraat Le k Aani Thi.

GF: Where R u ... ??
PAPPU: I'm At "Bank"
GF: I Need 30,000 For New Cell
Phone & 10,000 For New Mini Skirts.
PAPPU: Sorry, I Mean I'm At ' Blood Bank '
"KHOON PIYEGI KHOON"... ??

Baith kar mehbuba ki Baho me Aisa JosH
Aaya..
Wah!...Wah!...Wah!...Wah!!
Baith kar mehbuba ki Baho me Aisa JosH
Aaya...

Phirrrrr kya huaha...?
Phir kya.! Biwi Ne Dekh Liya aur ICU Me Hosh
Aaya..

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Dekh Kar Has Rahi thi....

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"PLEASE TAKE MY WIFE"

Nurse: Congrats Santa ji, aap papa ban gaye.
Santa: Meri wife ko nahi bolna mein use surprise
dungu!

Srinivasa Brahmotsavams from 5-13 October

Dial Your EO programme held at Annamaiah Bhavan in Tirumala on Friday where in TTD EO Sri M G Gopal interacted with the pilgrim callers. Some excerpts of the meeting: Answering a pilgrim caller, Sri Anil Kumar from Kurnool who requested the TTD EO to consider allowing the pilgrims who are suffering from heart diseases apart from those who underwent Bypass surgery through physically handicapped



line, the EO said they will definitely look into the suggestion. Another caller Smt Srivalli from Ongole sought the EO to arrange a luggage centre at Kapilateertham for the sake of the pilgrims to which the EO has given his nod. Taking the call of a pilgrim smt Nagamani from Guntur the EO said, as calipers (artificial legs) are made of leather it is not possible to send her sister to darshan since agamas won't permit.



"But we have received some serious allegations that some local advisory committee members have collected amount from the devotees which is against the norms. So this year we have formulated some rules and guidelines and we perform Srinivasa Kalyanams in the places only when the committee members abide to our rules", he asserted. Earlier in his address, the EO extended an invitation to the pilgrims across the country and abroad to take part in the annual Brahmotsavams which are slated from 5th to 13th of October. "TTD has made elaborate arrangements in terms of transportation and other facilities to the pilgrims in spite of the agitations. So pilgrims can take part in the mega religious fete without any hesitation", he maintained.

SUDOKU 286

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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.

A N S W E R S Sudoku-285

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1	8	7	6	4	5	9	2	3
5	6	9	3	2	7	4	8	1
6	4	5	8	3	1	2	9	7
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Answer 285: K Saroja, Eastmaredpally

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ASTRO FOCUS September 08-14, 2013

Aries: You need to be very clear about your aims and aspirations during this week. You'll know how to develop your artistic capacities and your natural talents will come to the fore. Great news is seen. You could face some hurdles in your expansion plans. Students will pose a serious problem with their undisciplined and irresponsible Study schedule.

Taurus: Money making efforts will be profitable provided you work on new ideas and plans. You will have a chance to learn few tricks from successful people. Clearly define your goals and you will obtain them with criteria and overwhelming strength. Efforts for a change in job might meet with success. Wonderful week to look into new courses that interest you.

Gemini: This is the time to focus your energies and spend time on completing your work. You would be much concerned regarding your

monetary condition this week but are required to avoid taking hasty decisions. This is a favorable week for those appearing for tests or interviews. Your creative ability will surface, bringing you good ideas to make extra money.

Cancer: The work assigned to you during this week could be a test of your expertise and knowledge. Business people will flourish well. You positive attitude will bring you harmony and give you positive result in your work. Good week for planning long-term investments. Travel would bring in more pleasure and monetary benefits than expected earlier.

Leo: Business meetings will go well and trips will be fruitful. Good financial position is indicated this week. Going out with friends will be exciting and you will learn new and different skills. There are possibilities that you would become friendly with an interesting person

who will add sparkle to your routine life.

Virgo: A desire to advance your career will inspire you to work sincerely to achieve your objectives and goals. All dues will get cleared up and you may also get unexpected benefits. Great opportunities could knock at your door and this could be an important turning point. You will be given hint about an upcoming important assignment. Your interaction with peers and superiors will be fruitful and could lead to interesting opportunities.

Libra: Some of you will be getting ready for business trip. You will display all your qualities as a leader to reach a tough goal. You need to take time out with your friends will help you relax and regain your energy. Relationships with your clients will strengthen and you can accomplish a lot through smart negotiation and diplomacy. If Students work hard for their study, they will definitely achieve success.

Scorpio: It would be beneficial for

you to be alert and cautious regarding your work and career during this week. There is no threat to your social status and honor. Businesspersons will get considerable profits despite stiff competition. Highly influential people will provide support and boost your morale. You will be able to share your workload and responsibilities with others.

Sagittarius: Some challenging project will see you express your skills in a very different way. New approach will give you new confidence on which you will build future hopes and dreams. Ultimately the outcome of the talks will depend entirely on how you handle the situation. Spouse will be highly supportive and shower you with love and affection.

Capricorn: Some of you would receive good news or more money and recognition in your work. Monitor your investments personally in order to cash your profits early. Success and honors

received through your own efforts will make you self-confident and proud of your achievements. Your financial status is likely to remain stable despite your having taken risk in a new venture. Your plans for a merger or partnership will be successful.

Aquarius: Your personal life will remain happy and a source of strength to you. You would be able to achieve more through your normal work or business. You are quite secure in your present job or career. New relations and attachments will develop as a result of vacation and other recreational activities.

Pisces: Your business sense will be upbeat and new ideas will bring you fresh gains. Diplomatic approach will help you make tremendous progress in ongoing negotiations in a huge contract. The employed will get opportunity to elevate their professional career further. Love life promises having an enjoyable time in this week.

Women have a choice in life



Rama Bijapurkar, Marketing strategy consultant; was in Hyderabad to address FICCI Ladies Organization and spoke to Deccan Post.

Could you tell us about your 'corporate experience'?

I am an alumni of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; I am a visiting faculty and also serve on the Board of Governors. My work experience has been in market research and strategy consulting and includes leadership positions with McKinsey & Company, AC Nielsen India and full time consulting with Hindustan Unilever India. I have been on boards of CRISIL, Axis Bank, Godrej Consumer Products, Give Foundation, Mahindra Holidays & Resorts India Ltd and Infosys.

What is your core area of specialization?

Market strategy and consumer related issues in India, social and cultural changes in the evolving liberalizing India are a part of my mission to bring about 'market focus to business strategy'.

Tell us about your book?

It's called 'We are like that only - Understanding the Logic of Consumer India'. The focus of the book is the central question of all marketing and strategy thinkers as well as managers: how large really is the Indian market, and how can we reach it profitably? The book provides some directions as to how one might define this and reach the mammoth consumer market of 300 million people.

What is your opinion about 'women as consumers'?

Women have always been neglected as consumers. The products and accessories are hardly designed keeping them in mind. There are hardly any work-wear brands for working women. There is hardly anything called 'office clothing'.

What is the responsibility of women in society?

As individuals, mothers, wives or daughters, there is a need for women to be careful about debts. They must only take exposure for that amount of Debt, which they can handle with comfort. The women are today all powerful and they can have a career of their choice.

What about the crimes against women?

Yes, Of late there has been a spurt in crimes against women. This is not good for the society. It is heartening that more women are openly coming out and registering their protest against such crimes.

What is the need of the hour for an Indian woman?

The Indian woman must always aim for financial independence. The divide between the urban and rural women and between men and women is reducing at a very fast pace. Women have a choice in life. Women Self Help Groups have a great potential and should play a crucial role in changing the face of Indian economy by their contribution. ♦

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Karishma in Love?

While Kareena Kapoor got hitched to Saif Ali Khan, all is not well in elder sister Karisma Kapoor-Sunjay Kapoor's domestic paradise. Earlier, we had reported that the duo were on the threshold of a divorce, and that talks over custody of children were doing the rounds. But the latest buzz is that the blue-eyed beauty has indeed found someone special.



The actress, who is settled in Mumbai and has started afresh, has apparently found new love. Rumors are that the man is from the US and a graduate from Duke University. Says a source, "She wants to look beyond all the talks about her failing marriage. This close friendship will do her good."

Apparently, this mysterious man and Lolo was introduced to each other through common friends, Malaika Arora Khan and her sister Amrita Arora Ladak. If sources are to be believed, the duo are in the initial stages of their relationship and are still trying to know each other better.



Setting new kissing record

Bollywood's newest star Sushant Singh Rajput is seemingly very lucky when it comes to kissing his co-stars on screen. He will be seen kissing his on-screen ladies around 27 times in his upcoming film. According to reports, the actor has set a new record for the number of kisses with Parineeti Chopra and Vaani Kapoor as per the script's requirement.

Shuddh Desi Romance is a fresh romantic comedy flick which revolves around love, attraction, commitment and also highlights the aspect of a live-in relationship. Sushant will be playing the role of an ordinary-casual guy named Raghu and will be seen smooching Parineeti and Vaani.

Earlier we heard that Sushant Singh Rajput had not informed his girlfriend Ankita Lokhande, with whom he's in a live-in relationship with, about his spree of kisses with co-stars Parineeti and Vaani but then Sushant rubbished the same rumour saying, he had told his girlfriend Ankita about the scenes. The actor also said that he won't mind doing any intimate scenes in the future if the scripts asks for it, like a professional.

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Market rebounds on new measures

By V Sundar Raja

Indian Stock market performance indicator Sensex has recovered sharply from lower levels of 17,500 and could scale 19,000 major psychological mark. Market could gain strongly by about 1,500 points, in the last few sessions, as the new governor of Reserve Bank of India has announced policies to stabilize the Rupee. Indian currency has appreciated from recent lows and is now close to 65 mark in the foreign exchange market and it is now expected that the worst may be over for the Rupee.

Stock market could gain some of the lost ground due to broad based buying support by the foreign institutional funds, domestic investors and also due to speculative buying. Market could absorb the negative GDP data that was reported recently, and it is now expected that there could be more new initiatives and economic policy measures, that could boost the economic growth.

Banking stocks which were beaten down sharply in the last few weeks have led the market rally, as the values look attractive from the long-term investment perspective. Further, in-case of any reduction in the banking interest lending rates, in the RBI's next meet, then there could



also be a further positive trend in the interest rate sensitive sectors like the Banks, Real Estate and the Automobile stocks.

Capital goods which were in the downtrend, in the last few months have staged a revival, as this sector would be a beneficiary in-case of a revival in the

economy. Metal stocks like the Steel and Aluminum were seen further appreciating due to increased demand for the metals. However, the software stocks were seen in a reactionary trend after a long bullish trend in the last few months, as the decline in the Dollar would have a negative

impact on the software stocks. The Crude Oil too has been in a minor declining trend from 7,600 and is now closer to the major support of 7,000 in the MCX commodity market. In-case of any failure to sustain above 7,000, then it could get into a further correction, for the traders to be cautious.

The precious metal Gold after an ascending trend, it is now seen in a minor reaction from 34,500 levels, in the MCX commodity market, with major supports below at 32,000 and next at 30,000. Another precious commodity Silver, after forming a recent highs near 58,000 levels, it is seen in a minor declining trend, to 53,000. Major support below is at 50,000 where a short-term consolidation is possible. Sensex in-case of a possible further uptrend, it has the next major barrier levels at 19,500 and next at 20,000, where a long-term resistance is seen, where a major consolidation trend is possible for the Investors to be alert. Market has to sustain above these crucial barrier levels, if it has to get into a medium-term uptrend. ♦

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Namasthe – Adaab - Namashkar

We wholeheartedly welcome the unanimous decision of the Congress Working Committee to form 'State of Telangana' in the coming days. After its formation, it will be the 29th state of Republic of India i.e. is Bharath. We wish to express our profound sense of gratitude to UPA Chairperson Smt Sonia Gandhi and her colleagues in the Congress Party and allies of the UPA for their sense of fairness and justice in recognizing the struggles and aspirations of the people of Telangana.

The people of Telangana have endured much pain since a long time in history. They longed and fought for integration with Union of India after India got its freedom from foreign rule. The erstwhile Hyderabad state comprising of Telangana, Urdu, Maratha and Kannada speaking districts was a symbol of unity and harmony amongst its people living in erstwhile Hyderabad state regardless of their language or religion. Telangana culture is known for its diversity as well as its ethnicity.

There has been a demand for formation of Telangana State which was nothing but the residual Hyderabad state. The struggle for Telangana has been the restoration of that very same Hyderabad (residual) state which lost its identity on account of its unwarranted merger with State of Andhra in 1956. Ever since the passionate struggle for restoration of Telangana state began on account of safeguarding its unique identity in the comity of civilizations.

In a democratic system, every individual desires human dignity, self respect and self rule and welfare. All these and more are guaranteed by our esteemed Indian constitution. In fact, our Constitution has clearly earmarked distinct law making power to Parliament and State Assemblies under Article 246. The spirit of self rule as desired by the people of Telangana, is that which is envisaged in Article 246 and List II of the Seventh Schedule of our Constitution. Nothing more or nothing less – that is the manner in which our federal states in the Union of India enjoy their special and exclusive legislative competence. This enables people of Telangana to script their own laws within the state addressing the typical problems of people over here.

State of Telangana promises to become the connection between people of our country speaking different languages and practicing different faiths besides offering anyone who desires to reside and work in a harmonious environment. The youth of Telangana are bubbling with renewed hope and excitement for excelling in their endeavors. Every section of Telangana society is looking forward to a new beginning. The process for formation of Telangana state has begun and we look forward to thanking people of every state in India and its territories for their support and good wishes.

Awaiting the awakening of a new state of Telangana....!!

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