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The Merchant of Hope arrives..!

By Our Political Correspondent

The political elevation of Gujarat state Chief Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi as BJP's national campaign committee chief for 2014-Lok Sabha elections has electrified the mood in the country as well as that in Telangana. The two day conclave of BJP at Panaji in Goa last week may have witnessed tumultuous moments within the party, thanks to the protests of its old veteran, LK Advani, but common man across the country has hailed Modi's elevation.

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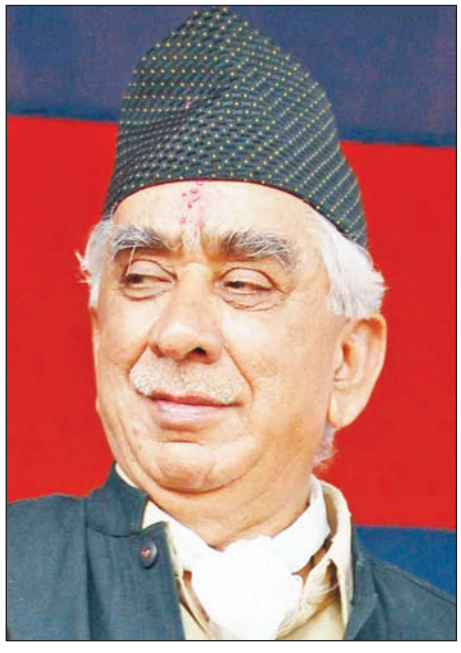
Right from the beginning, it was obvious that the BJP president Rajnath Singh has taken enormous pains to push through the decision to elevate Narendra Modi to the Chairmanship of the party's campaign committee, which is equivalent to projecting him as the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate for the next Lok Sabha elections. As a matter of fact, Modi's projection as PM candidate has been finalized, the moment he led his party to power in December, 2012 for a record third time in Gujarat under his sole leadership.

But, a strong section within BJP ostensibly led by Advani was opposed to Modi's elevation as chief campaigner; in fact, every effort was made to stall the prospects of the Gujarat CM's elevation at the national level. For this, a small group, including Sushma Swaraj, Jaswant Singh, Yashwant Sinha etc; used the so-called secular elements within the NDA like Bihar CM Nitish Kumar to raise the objections which are nothing but portraying Modi as the merchant of death for his alleged role in Gujarat violence post Godhra carnage.

As if being guided by a clear conscience, Rajnath Singh's job became easy once the BJP swept the by-polls to two Lok Sabha seats and four assembly seats in Gujarat led by Modi, last week. About 10 days before the Goa meeting, Rajnath is known to have visited Advani to inform him of the mood in the party favouring Modi and the need to project him as the campaign committee president; Advani is known to have strongly protested the move. Knowing that Modi would be formally coroneted at the Goa National Executive meeting, Advani kept himself away from the two day national executive meeting. On Saturday, June 7th, Rajnath told the media that Advani was ill and would probably turn up on Sunday. But, Advani skipped the meeting on Sunday too, making open the rift within the party over Modi's elevation. It was a clever Rajnath who announced that Advani was ill and that he advised him to stay home and get well.

What further jolted and embarrassed the BJP and the RSS leadership was Advani's so-called resignation from the party posts in protest against "the personal agenda of most of the BJP leaders these days". As if to admonish Rajnath Singh, Advani set out of his house after announcing his resignation from party posts on Monday. Advani has further damaged the image of the BJP by comparing himself with Bhishma-pita-maha of the Mahabharat epic, where the aging leader wishes the well-being of his opponent camp, not his own camp. Anadamant Advani sought to puncture all the euphoria that got generated after Modi's elevation by resigning from party posts. However, by not resigning from the Lok Sabha membership and Chairmanship of the NDA, Advani's conduct was unbecoming of a leader of his stature. It was sad to see a tall leader revealing his vulnerabilities in such a poor fashion.

The BJP and RSS top brass could manage Advani to rescind his resignation by agreeing to consult him on all major decisions in future including the projecting a leader as prime ministerial candidate for next elections. But, the party cannot recover from the shock administered



by Advani through his two-day drama. One interesting thing is neither Rajnath nor the RSS have given any sort of commitment to Advani to re-consider their decision to appoint Modi as the chief of election campaign committee. That apparently is non-negotiable.

the next PM, the NDA might split. This way, Advani and Sushma Swaraj have been stressing on the need to keep Modi aside for the purpose of keeping NDA united at any cost. Here the role of Nitish Kumar is likely to boomerang.

His JD (U) has lost the recent candidate and Bihar Education Minister PK Shahi bagged 2,44,000 votes. Congress got just 22,000 votes.

Nitish and Sharad Yadav are probably thinking that their party lost this seat as Muslims have deserted JD-U in view of Modi's possible elevation there. It is apparent that Nitish is ignoring the element of anti-incumbency against him in Bihar.

Modi emerging as latest Hope for T-people

Apart from the national scenario,

Now, the next strategy of Advani and his friends in the party is to rope in elements like JD-U leaders like Nitish Kumar, the Bihar Chief Minister and Sharad Yadav just to threaten the BJP leadership that if Modi is projected as

Maharajgunj Lok Sabha by-election to the main opposition RJD by a margin of one lakh thirty seven thousand votes. Here, RJD's Prabhunath Singh got 3,81,000 votes as against JD (U)

as BJP's PM candidate. But, the fact is RJD's recover path coupled with Prabhunath's candidacy, a former JD (U) man, helped Lalu's victory here. In fact, many local factors including caste politics have influenced the voting over

Modi's elevation is likely to help the BJP in a big way in Telangana which has 17 MPs in Lok Sabha. With Modi, who is known for no non-sense approach on major issues, is expected to take a positivedecision on forming Telangana

state, once the BJP led NDA comes to power after 2014. Although, Rajnath Singh and the entire national leadership of the BJP has been showing commitment towards formation of Telangana State; it is Modi, who is emerging as the favourite and all that because of just one reason and that is the Sonia Gandhi factor. The youth of Telangana are more upset with Sonia Gandhi than Congress party for betraying their aspirations. People in general are bitter about Sonia's mysterious silence when hundreds of youth have committed suicides seeking statehood for Telangana. Since Modi is perceived to be the enemy no.1 of the congress; the people of Telangana see a great hope in Modi to teach Sonia led congress a bitter lesson.

Unlike Advani, who is susceptible to pressures by allies, Modi is expected to disregard the pressure tactics played by smaller elements who oppose Telangana formation. It is a well known fact that Advani maintains a good rapport with many Samaikyandhra elements. Moreover, Advani is in the grip of Samaikhyandra leaders like M Venkaiah Naidu. There is no guarantee that Advani with the advice of Venkaiah Naidu will not fall back on Chandrababu Naidu again for support in case BJP needs the numbers of TDP after 2014. It is also an open secret that Venkaiah Naidu has close nexus with Chandrababu Naidu. This may work against Telangana formation.

But, with Modi, the tactics of people like Venkaiah Naidu or Chandra Babu Naidu may not work. Compared to Advani, Modi enjoys greater credibility among people of this region. The opportunistic politics played by Nitish Kumar is all the more likely to favor Modi not only in Bihar but all over the country. The way, Modi is targeted by Nitish and Advani will only enhance sympathy and support to the Gujarat Chief Minister.

The talk of secular front is only a ruse by Advani camp to stall Modi on his tracks. But, there will also be a rethinking among people as to why they should oblige some sections like fundamentalist Muslims who oppose Modi for no reason? It is a known fact that so far there has been no concrete evidence to link 2002 Gujarat riots to Modi directly.

The dastardly manner in which Congress high command has been playing with the sentiments of Telangana people is also a factor for Modi's popularity in this region. The repressive tactics used by Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy and his police machinery on the Chalo Assembly on Friday is a grim reminder to the attitude of Sonia Gandhi towards Telangana movement.

There may be some people in the Congress who still are hopeful that Sonia Gandhi would give Telangana state. Their hopes are kept alive by a recent letter by her to AICC members on how to tackle Telangana issue. These leaders are optimistic that Sonia Gandhi might grant Telangana state in next two months. But, there is no specific indication to believe that she will give T state.

AP state Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy would not have dared to suppress the Telangana agitation in such a ruthless way without tactical support from the congress high command. This crooked line of Congress too will help Modi gain immense support of Telangana people as and when he tours the T-region. Now that people of Telangana have understood the games played by Sonia Gandhi till now, their hope is on the new merchant of hope. The latest mood that is slowly setting in is "if BJP comes to power by 7th June, 2014 in the general elections then Telangana state may be a reality by September 17th, 2014" - that is the hope of people in T-region. Will BJP come to power?

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In case of referendum:

99% of Muslims will vote for Telangana State....

Mohd.Riyaz is an academician with a proven track record. Having studied Masters of Arts in Philosophy and Political Sciences from Osmania University was also a Gold Medalist from Kakatiya in M.Phil. A staunch protagonist championing the rights of minorities for the last 15 years with Warangal as his base he shares his candid views in an exclusive interview with Dr.T.Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent Deccan Post on his new role as State Working President-Telangana Rashtriya Lok Dal (TRLD) headed at the national level by union civil aviation minister Ajit Singh.

Why T-RLD, when RLD exists in A.P.? Can you explain?

RLD as a political party at the national level functions on three slogans-1.Smaller states 2. Social Justice 3. Welfare of farmers through out the country. We formed the state level RLD exclusively in Telangana to reach the target with the same intention & we don't have any branch in Andhra, hence we formed T-RLD in Telangana & we are the first recognized political party to have a full-fledged separate unit for Telangana region which is seeking separate state since decades.

Why is Ajit Singh interested in supporting Telangana cause or a separate state?

Our party is committed to the ideology of Ram Manohar Lohia, Choudary Charan Singh & V.P.Singh. We believe that only smaller states can achieve the welfare goals of Indian Constitution. Even during 1969 agitation our former leader Chaudhary Charan Singh came to Hyderabad and delivered support for the cause of Telangana. He was the first national leader then who travelled across from Delhi to support the cause of Telangana. Now his son and political successor Ajit Singh wants to continue this policy, hence support for Telangana state.

In Telangana movement-what is your role?

Actually, some political parties are working for the cause of Telangana state. At the national level BJP, CPI are strongly supporting and at the state or local level TRS is working. Our party wants to maintain relation with these parties for the cause of Telangana but at the same time we have to recognize that we have to promote downtrodden leadership in Telangana and the same time we have to provide opportunity to farmers. Our party is focusing on these issues.

Ajit Singh is a Union Minister and part of UPA government - are you going to contest elections or participate in the movement only?

Being a political party we are going to contest local as well as Assembly and Parliament elections. At the same time we are taking some measures to prevent the split in the voting pattern favouring Telangana formation. Our priorities are to promote youth leadership and we are going to issue tickets for the families who sacrificed for the cause of Telangana.

If you want to contest elections RLD being part and parcel of UPA-then will you have seat sharing with Congress or go with other Telangana parties?

In Telangana region our first priority is the formation of a separate state of Telangana. We go with the people's wishes who are standing for the cause of Telangana and also with the concept of social justice. We feel that after 2014 elections any Union Govt formed with any alliance will be forced to support and announce the formation of a separate state-Telangana state.

What made you to join T-RLD-which is not so popular in Telangana and that too when so many other parties are there?

Previously we held 27 seats in AP state Assembly when Chaudhary Charan Singh led Lok Dal swept the country. So even in Telangana region there are number of followers of Lohia as well as Chaudhary Charan Singh. We strongly believe that we can motivate these people under T-RLD to further the cause of Telangana state and also win elections. In future we are hoping for a secular and democratic Telangana for which T-RLD ideology suits. So, I joined T-RLD for the same cause and also as a true socialist and Lohia follower.

When do you think Telangana will be a reality?

According to a great political philosopher Seely-"Democracy is a form of govt where everybody has a share". When the total will of Telangana people is for a separate state-Telangana, definitely Telangana is going to be formed within a few days, months or at least after 2014 general elections.

What is the role of Muslims in Telangana movement?

Actually Telangana Muslims are the real victims of united Andhra Pradesh state. They lost their jobs, identity, language and also a distinct Hyderabadi culture-"Ganga Jamuna Tehzhib" where all religions sustained in a harmonious way. Telangana Muslims want to re-establish their great culture and are solidly behind Telangana movement.

Why MIM is not supporting Telangana?

From the beginning onwards MIM is against Telangana movement. In 1969 they supported Kasu Brahmananda Reddy who was against Telangana and even now they are doing the same as they have supported Rajasekhar Reddy and now Jagan and Kiran. It is true to recognize that MIM is not a true representative of Telangana muslims. They have their own interests rather than the development of Telangana Muslims. We shouldn't generalize MIM party's opinion as the true opinion of Telangana muslims. But, I can say one thing, if you conduct a referendum or opinion poll amongst the Muslims of Telangana region, we can get 99% positive vote for a Telangana state…!!

Will Muslim community's welfare/development improve if a separate Telangana state is formed?

According to respectable personality-Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar-only smaller states can promote or improve socio-economic status of downtrodden sections as it provides room for their political participation. They can raise their voice and prevent capitalist interference and stand for their rights. Not only Muslims other sections like Dalits, Tribals and backward communities as well as those economically backward in forward communities; all stand to gain development by utilizing local resources and participating in politics.

Role of Dilip Kumar-MLC vis-à-vis T-RLD?

We always respect outstanding personalities of Telangana like Konda Laxman Bapuji, Kothapalli Jayashankar, Maqdoom Mohiuddin, Sakali Ailamma, Komaram Bheem-to name a few. At present people like Keshav Rao Jadhav, Gaddar, Vimalakka and others who have been working for the cause of Telangana are also respected. We respect Dilip Kumar who is working strongly at Delhi to unite all Telangana supporting political parties. He is the person who is maintaining strong relations with all Telangana activists and supporters from local to national level. T-RLD always seeks his strong support for the formation of Telangana state.

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India must and should oppose PRISM

Many of us shuddered with shock and disbelief when we came to know that there is an official secret surveillance program going on in the United States of America in the name of PRISM (an abbreviation for Publishing Requirements for Industry Standards Metadata) to keep a tab on all Internet conversations and information. To say in one word, it means whatever we are communicating on the Internet is being watched by the US administration in gross violation of International Laws.

The US administration has resorted to this practice which infringes on the privacy of individuals of both its own citizens and those outside in the name of fighting terrorism. It has come to light way back in 2007; when the then US president George W Bush (Jr) authorized the US internal security agency, CIA to keep secret surveillance on the communications flowing across the Internet. The reasoning given is that it was primarily to ward of any threat to the US from the apparent designs of the Al Qaida since 9/11 attack on the WTO towers. Though, it was first authorized by the Bush's (Republican) administration, it should have been discontinued by the Democratic administration that came into office after 2008 presidential elections. Ironically, the Barrack Obama administration not only approved but conveniently continued by the blatant violation. Not surprisingly, all the major Internet firms like Yahoo, Google, Microsoft, Face book and Skype are parties to this secret surveillance drive.

It means, whatever we communicate through any of these Internet entities is not safe or can ensure our privacy. It is open and may be viewed or accessed by the US secret service agents. We may not be communicating any harmful information or messages inimical to the national or international security, but to imagine that even our harmless communication is being spied by someone is just frustrating and demeaning of human dignity to say the least.

After this remained top secret for 13 years, this heinous practice by the US came into open after one of the employees of PRISM, Edward Snowden, 29, spilled the beans recently. On June 6th, 2013, Snowden gave separate interviews to the US daily, The Washington Post and the British daily, The Guardian, about the PRISM and its methods of surveillance leaving the users of Internet across the world in a state of shock and bewilderment.

Undoubtedly, today, Snowden is hailed by many in the world over for his role as a whistleblower against the mighty US administration that swooped on the rights and privacy of individuals in the name of national security. It is ironical that the US which claims to be patron saint of individual freedom should resort to this draconian practice of peeping into the privacy of innocent people.

Fearing his arrest, Snowden fled to Hong Kong and is now on an exile. Another whistleblower, Julian Assange, the founder of Wiki-leaks, who is now holed up in an embassy in Europe has commended Snowden for his boldness and sought protection to him in any of the democratic countries which believed in freedom of individuals. To what extent the United Kingdom would permit Snowden's entry into its territory will have to be watched, as there is a huge uproar in that country over the PRISM project.

According to latest reports, the Indian government is mulling over calling the US ambassador to express its anguish and concern over the infringement of privacy of its citizens, due to the PRISM project. India is likely to tell the US that it must forthwith stop spying on the communication of Indians on the Internet as there is no permission from the Indian government to swoop on any Indian without due process of law.

Deccan Post suggests to the Indian government that it must tell the US in no uncertain terms that it had no business to spy on Indians. The US is resorting to this practice as it has monopoly over Internet and its service providers like Microsoft, Yahoo, Google and Skype etc. This is nothing but sheer arrogance of having control over modern technology. India which is zealous about its sovereign rights must ensure no such invasions are made and the ongoing surveillance must be stopped forthwith. Its high time India takes a leap in encouraging its technocrats to compete in developing Internet tools and platforms so that we can have our own search engines where our data will be safe and our privacy intact.

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letters TO THE EDITOR

BJP's Road to Telangana

I am a frequent reader of Deccan Post and find it apt to know the ongoing political happenings in the state as well as the centre. Your last week's cover story was superb and it appears true that the joining of veteran leader like Nagam Janardhan Reddy is strengthening the BJP in Telangana. While listening to the ongoing discussions in the streets, restaurants and public places it is being expected that BJP will win atleast 3 parliament seats in Telangana region which appears to be quite possible if one understand the present political situation prevailing in the Telangana region. Its true that TRS is gaining much in the region but BJP has been emerged as a good alternative platform for those who are pro-Telanganites but do not like the dictatorial kind of functioning of KCR. It appears that many more TDP leaders will join BJP which is having a clear stand on Telangana and these leaders knows that sailing with TDP will endanger their political career. With the removal of ministers like P Shanker Rao and now DL Ravindra Reddy, the congress appears on death bed in all the regions and congress is facing double danger from both TDP and YSR Congress party. Your analytical skills really should be appreciated and I expect more articles like this in your esteemed publication.

Ramesh Yadav, Patancheru

BJP must project Modi

The whole nation was eagerly waiting for the elevation of Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi and soon after its announcement the celebrations in most parts of this vast country. It is no doubt that Advani is one of the founders of the party strengthened the party in the past but now he turned 84 years and Narendra Modi will be the best alternative for him. But the elevation of Narendra Modi as BJP's Chairman of Election Campaign Committee was not digested by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and people believe that he is creating hurdles in the candidature of Modi as the NDA's prime minister. Many are suspecting that Advani is behind all this opposition. One thing is clear that Modi will definitely fight hard if given a chance and the opposing people should accept that there is no other person who is as popular as Modi in their camp who is known across India. So the BJP people should end all this drama and get united to defeat the corrupt UPA government.

Vamshi Krishna, Marredpallly

Sour Flavours

I am a fan of Deccan Post but I am extremely sorry to say that your flavours page is not upto the mark. The earlier photographs and the gossip provided was much better but these days I am not able to find it spicy or hot. I would like to see more spicy and sensual news and photographs in your upcoming issues.

Vicky, E-mail

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Is Sonia Gandhi T-people's Merchant of Death?

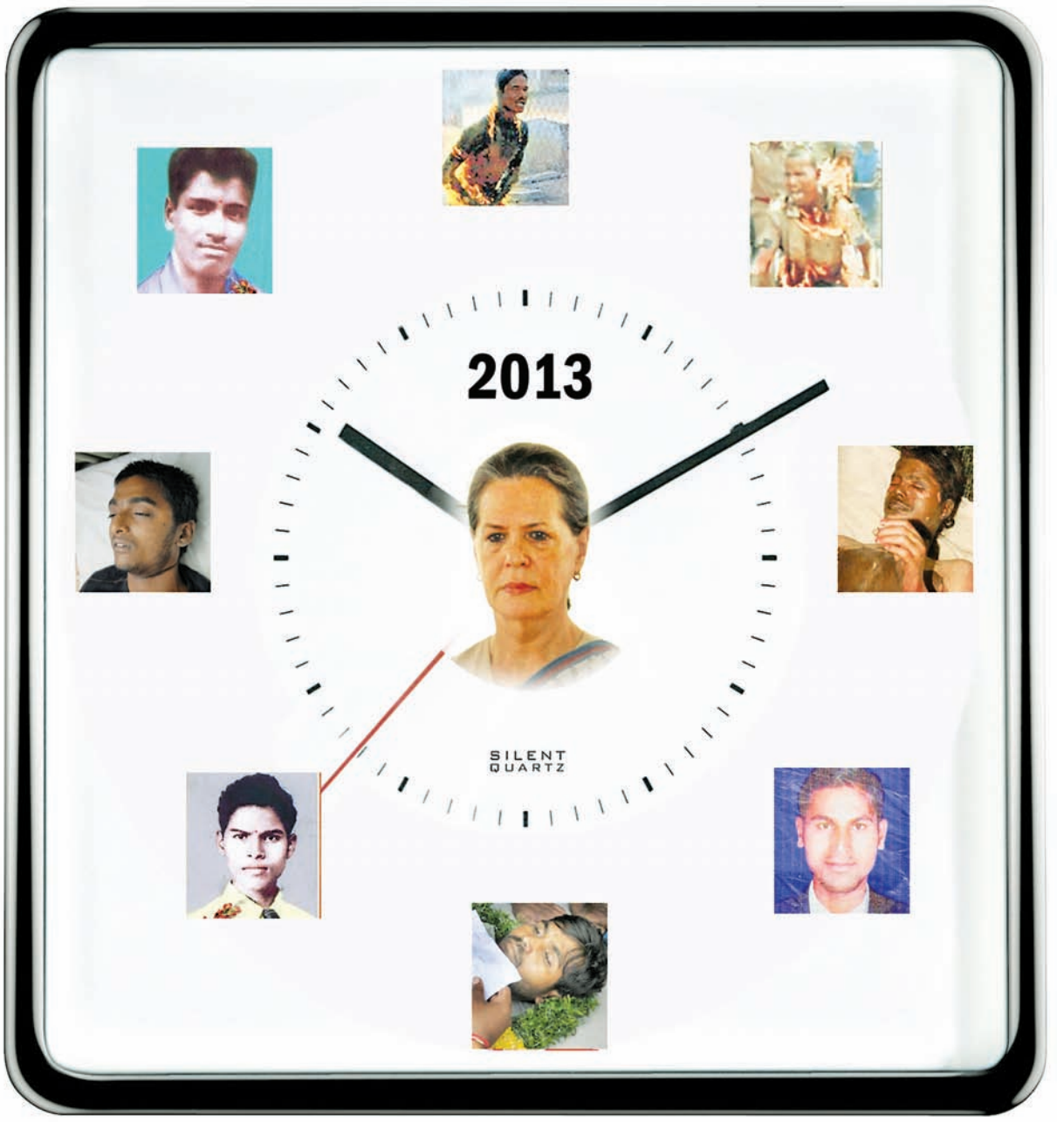
By Shivkant Bichkunda

How many people have so far committed suicides in the past three and half years just seeking statehood for Telangana? One, two, ten, twenty, hundred or hundreds….? When will these sentimental people of T-region stop indulging in these extreme reactions? Has anyone cared to prevent these deaths? Is anyone concerned at all? Have these 'mad martyrs' achieved any tangible success despite their supreme sacrifices? Does any one really interested in saving further loss of lives? Who is responsible for these deaths? Will they stop henceforth? The answer is as abstract as the existence of God himself. Well the life of T-people has been quite amazing. Their patience, their perseverance, their cynical belief in their politicians, their benevolent attitude towards liars, looters and exploiters, their monumental tolerance to endure hardships is a reflection of a peculiar society that can be rated as something unique even in the contemporary world around them.

The simple desire of seeking a separate state of Telangana has been going on ever since Hyderabad State — an erstwhile Nizam State got trifurcated in such a barbarous manner that even the likes of stalwarts like Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru and several of his conscience keepers could not escape feeling guilty for deceiving people of Telangana just because it will please two sections of people. One is the Andhras and other is the Tamils who did not want to concede Madras City to Andhras who made a vain bid to have it. In the end it was the joint conspiracy of the two language chauvinists to protect their economic interests that they decided to act in unison to invade the tolerant people of Telangana - who were proud of their common heritage - which transcended any sort of fanatic either for religion or language. The case of erstwhile Hyderabad State was one of its kind in entire India. Many states were formed by merging many independent princely states.

But in Hyderabad's case, it was first broken on the premise of making linguistic states and then it was merged with an existing Andhra State which fought for separation from unified Madras state. Such was the evil design of the Andhras that they could visualize a state called "Vishalandhra" much before India attained its freedom only to enjoy self rule in the name of self respect.

Today, they ridicule the demand of Telangana people when they are seeking self rule and self respect. It appears the Andhra leaders are so supercilious that they refuse to see reason in others contentions. That is their mental poverty. Many people are asking why separate state for Telangana? Why cant people who speak the same language live in one state? This kind of haughty behaviour smacks of sheer opportunism and nothing else.



Well coming to the deaths of hundreds of people having committed suicides seeking formation of Telangana state; who is responsible? Is the Congress not guilty of driving people of T-region frustrated by their repeated acts of opportunism? Is Sonia Gandhi not guilty of these deaths by keeping mum for years knowing fully well that it is she and her party alone who are time and again taking the people of T-region for a ride? What kind of leadership is that which thrives on the deaths of innocent beings whose only fault is being brave and sensitive?

Once again, the Congress and its supreme leader Sonia Gandhi are at it again. Now, they are talking about some solution, obviously keeping some vested interest in the mind; yet again the innocent minds get confused and frustrated and like before the possibility of some getting deeply affected is not ruled out although it is desirable that none of them would resort to such acts which do not mean anything to people who have no heart for others.

Well, it is time the youth to look for alternatives possible in a democratic system. The arrival of Narendra Modi on the national scene is encouraging to say the least. The congress and others aiming for vote banks of Muslims might like to stir them a bit hard this time. But the Muslims are now appearing far wiser than before. They are unlikely to fall prey to the status – quoists who have perfected the art of emotionally blackmailing the Indian Muslims so much so that their current formula of creating a "Modi Phobia" to galvanize Muslims votes behind the Congress in the name of secularism may badly boomerang this time. The people of Telangana have a reasonable understanding of the political picture that is visible across the Nation. Their time has come to teach the betrayers a fitting lesson. And when the betrayers are none other than the merchants of death; it is all the more important to pay homage to the martyrs in a befitting way. The time starts now for the beginning of a new era. Let's welcome the change.

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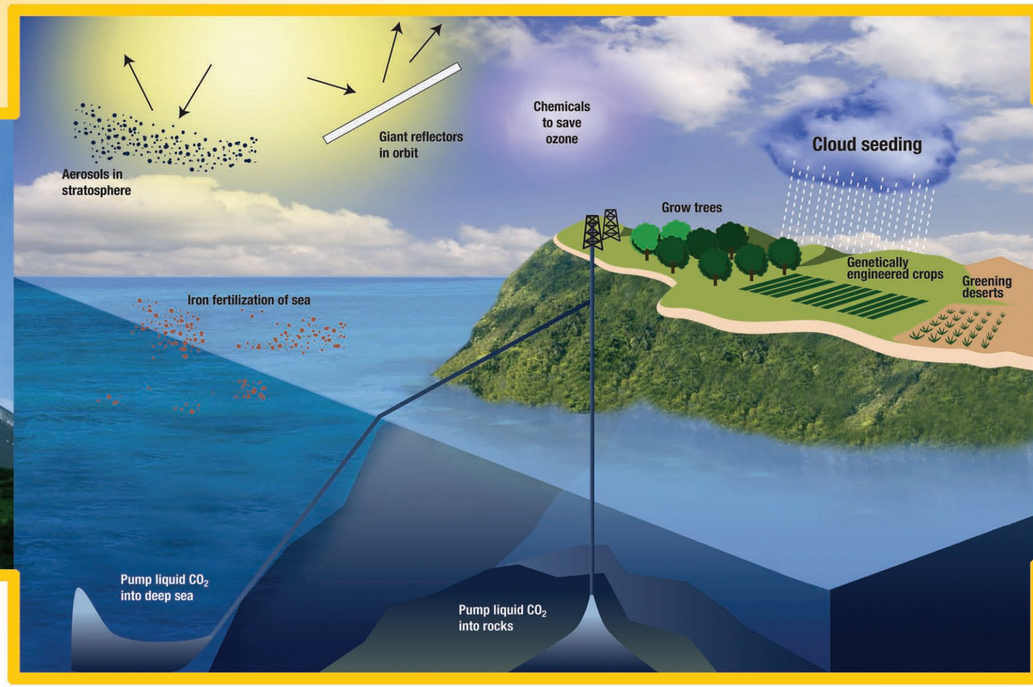

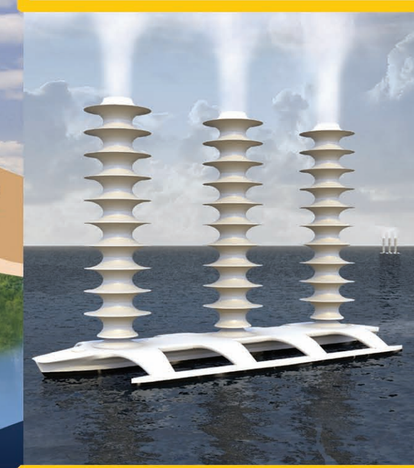

By Jaywant Naidu

Geo Engineering (also climate engineering) is the deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climatic system with the aim of reducing global warming. The discipline divides broadly into two categories - carbon dioxide removal and solar radiation management. Carbon dioxide removal addresses a cause of climate change by removing one of the greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Solar radiation management attempts to offset effects of greenhouse gases by causing the Earth to absorb less radiation. The Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded in 2007 that Geo Engineering options remained largely unproven. Geo Engineering has been proposed as a potential third option for tackling global warming, alongside mitigation and adaptation. Scientists do not typically suggest geo-engineering as an alternative to emissions control, but rather an accompanying strategy. Reviews of Geo Engineering techniques have emphasized that they are not substitutes for emission controls and have identified potentially stronger and weaker schemes. There are no known large-scale geo-engineering projects except one conducted outside the scientific mainstream by Russ George. Almost all research has consisted of computer modeling or laboratory tests, and attempts to move to real-world experimentation have proved controversial. Some limited tree planting and cool roof projects are already underway. Ocean iron fertilization has been given small-scale research trials. Field research into sulfur aerosols has also started. Various criticisms have been made of Geo Engineering and some commentators appear fundamentally opposed. Some have suggested that the concept of geo-engineering presents a moral hazard because it could reduce the political and popular pressure for emissions reduction. Groups such as ETC Group and individuals such as Raymond Pierrehumbert have called for a moratorium on deployment and out-of-doors testing of Geo Engineering techniques.

Several Geo Engineering strategies include Solar Radiation management and Carbon Dioxide removal.

Solar Radiation Management:

Solar radiation management (SRM) projects seek to reduce sunlight absorbed (ultra-violet, near infra-red and visible). This would be achieved by deflecting sunlight away from the Earth, or by increasing the reflectivity of the atmosphere or the Earth's surface. These methods do not reduce greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, and thus do not seek to address problems such as the ocean acidification caused by CO2. Solar radiation management projects often have the advantage of speedy deployment and effect. While greenhouse gas remediation offers a more comprehensive possible solution to climate change, it does not give instantaneous results; for that, solar radiation management is required.

SRM methods may be:

1. Surface-based (land or ocean albedo modification); e.g. Cool roof—using pale-coloured roofing and paving materials.

2. Troposphere-based, for example cloud whitening – using fine sea water spray to whiten clouds and thus increase cloud reflectivity.

3. Upper atmosphere-based (e.g. stratospheric aerosols). Creating reflective aerosols, such as stratospheric sulfur aerosols, aluminum oxide particles, even specifically designed self aerosols.

4. Space-based: Space sunshade - obstructing solar radiation with space-based mirrors, asteroid dust, etc.

Carbon Dioxide Removal projects:

Carbon dioxide removal projects seek to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Proposed methods include those that directly remove such gases from the atmosphere, as well as indirect methods that seek to use natural processes (e.g. tree planting).

Techniques in this category include:

1. Creating biochar and mixing it with soil to create terra preta.

2. Bio-energy with carbon capture and storage to sequester carbon and simultaneously provide energy.

3. Carbon air capture to remove carbon dioxide from ambient air

4. Planting trees to offset carbon emissions

5. Ocean nourishment including iron fertilization of the oceans.

Artic geo Engineering:

It has been proposed to actively enhance the polar ice cap in the Artic region by spraying or pumping water onto the top of it which would build thicker sea ice. As ice is an insulator, water on the surface of the ice tends to freeze more quickly than that below. River water could be used for this purpose, as salt water tends to resist freezing, and may end up perforating the resulting ice sheet. Thickening ice by spraying seawater onto existing ice has been proposed. Sea ice is an effective thermal insulator, and thus freezing takes place much more rapidly on the top surface of the ice sheet than on the bottom. Thicker sea ice is more structurally stable, and is more resistant to melting due to its increased mass. An additional benefit of this method is that the increased salt content of the melting ice will tend to strengthen downwelling currents when the ice re-melts.

Oxford Geo Engineering Programme:

The Oxford Geo Engineering Programme was founded in 2010 as an initiative of the Oxford Martin School at the University of Oxford. The Oxford Geo Engineering Programme seeks to engage with society about the issues associated with Geo Engineering and conduct research into some of the proposed techniques. The programme advocates conducting research into the social, ethical and technical aspects of Geo Engineering.

1. The Integrated Assessment of Geo Engineering Proposals (IAGP):

This is in partnership with The University of Leeds, Cardiff University, Lancaster University, University of Bristol, University of East Anglia, The Tyndall Centre and the UK Met Office.

2. Stratospheric Particle Injection for Climate Engineering (SPICE): This is in partnership with The University of Bristol and Cambridge University.

3. Climate Geo Engineering Governance (CGG): It is a recently announced Oxford-led project in partnership with The University of Sussex and University College London which will examine the governance and ethics of Geo Engineering.

Problems Associated With Geo Engineering:

Ineffectiveness

The effectiveness of the schemes proposed may fall short of predictions. In ocean iron fertilization, for example, the amount of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere may be much lower than predicted, as carbon taken up by plankton may be released back into the atmosphere from dead plankton, rather than being carried to the bottom of the sea and sequestered.

Incomplete Solution to Co2 Emissions

Techniques that do not remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere may control global warming, but do not reduce other effects from these gases, such as ocean acidification. While not an argument against Geo Engineering per se, this is an argument against reliance on Geo Engineering to the exclusion of greenhouse gas reduction.

Control and Predictability Problems

The full effects of various Geo Engineering schemes are not well understood. Performance of the systems may become ineffective, unpredictable or unstable as a result of external events, such as volcanic eruptions, phytoplankton blooms, solar flares, etc., leading to profound and unpredictable disruption to the climate system.

Side Effects

The techniques themselves may cause significant foreseen or unforeseen harm. For example, the use of reflective balloons may result in significant litter, which may be harmful to wildlife. Ozone is a risk of some Geo Engineering techniques, notably those involving sulfur delivery into the stratosphere. There may be unintended climatic consequences, such as changes to the hydrological cycle including droughts or floods, caused by the Geo Engineering techniques, but possibly not predicted by the models used to plan them.

Unreliable Systems

The performance of the interventions may be inconsistent due to mechanical failure, non-availability of consumables or funding problems. Cloud making ships could be switched off or sunk and space mirrors could be tilted to make them useless. Anyone capable of exerting such power may seek to abuse it for commercial gains, military advantage or simple terrorism.

TERMINATION SHOCK

If solar radiation management were to abruptly stop, the climate would rapidly warm. This would cause a sudden rise in global temperatures towards levels which would have existed without the use of the Geo Engineering technique. The rapid rise in temperature may lead to more severe consequences than a gradual rise of the same magnitude.

Weaponisation

In 1976, 85 countries signed the UN Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques. The Environmental Modification Convention generally prohibits weaponising geo-engineering techniques. However, this does not eliminate the risk. Geo Engineering techniques may serve as weapons of mass destruction, creating droughts or famines designed to destroy or disable an enemy. They could also be used simply to make battlefield conditions more favourable to one side or the other in a war. For example, laser-guided weapons are confounded by clouds, and thus switching off cloud machines would favour forces using such weapons, and switching them on would favour ground forces defending against them.

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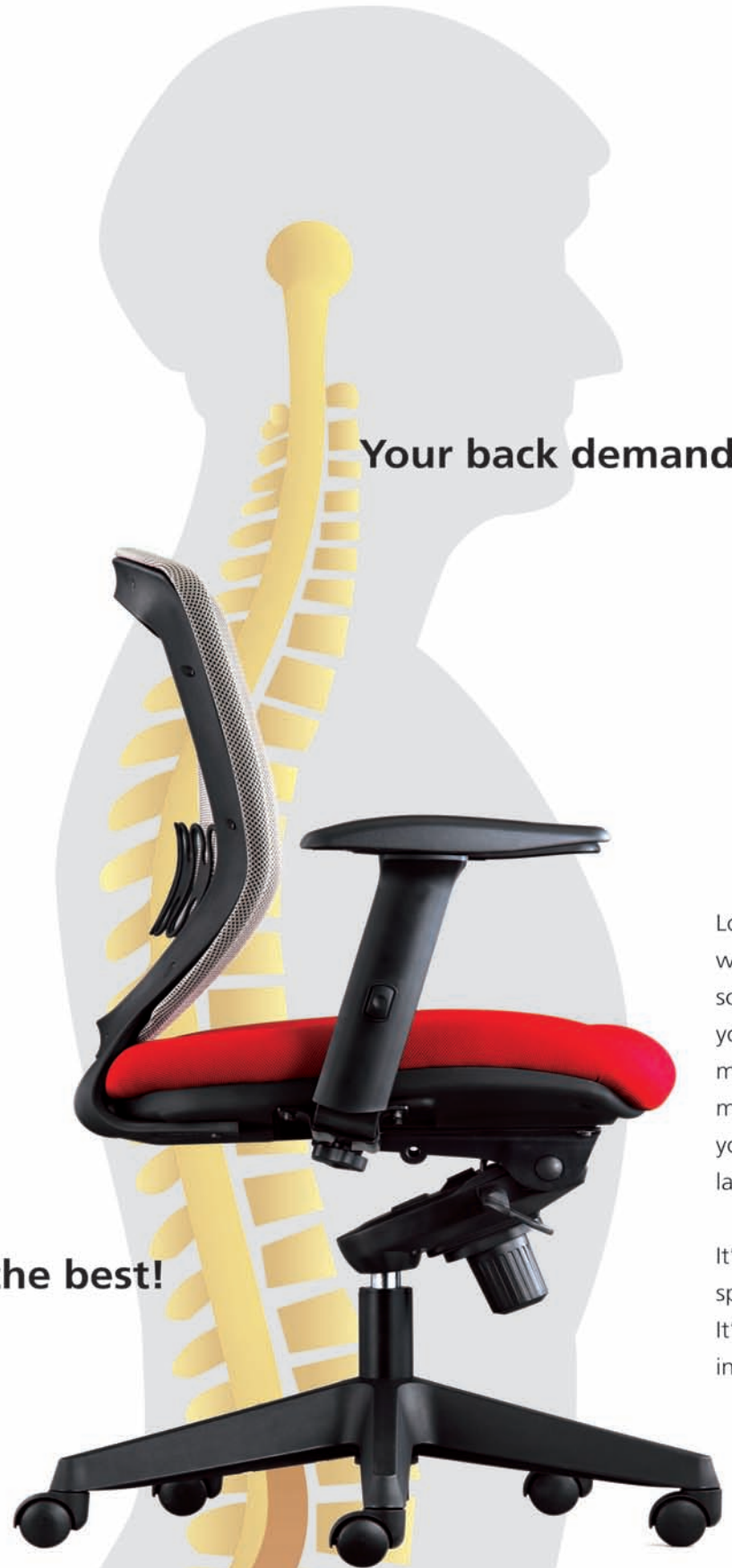

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Vedic knowledge can prevent disasters

namo VENKATESAYA

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams joint executive officer P Venkatrami Reddy on Thursday said that mankind could overcome the disastrous impact of the scientific and technological advancement through Vedic knowledge, which is capable of developing the much required "alternative science."

He was addressing the awareness program to the TTD officials, titled "The hidden scientific knowledge in Vedas" at SVETA Bhavan here. He said that thousands of years ago, the ancestors of Hindu society had brought out extensive research and treatises on mathematics, physics, astronomy and astrology and several critical scientific fields.

The Hindu Dharma is carrying the legacy through the generations, he said. Later, Brahmasri Kuppa Venkata Krishna Murthy of Hyderabad-based Institute of Scientific Research on Vedas, said that science and scientific knowledge are not to be confused as one entity. He deplored that technological advancement is going on at a rapid rate at the cost of scientific knowledge. He displayed a cynical picture of the earth, with all natural resources going dry in the coming hundred years, threatening the very existence of mankind.

He said that only the Vedic knowledge could heal the present day technological disasters.

SUDOKU 274

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Answer 273 : Neelima, Dilukhnagar

Laugh out loud

Santa : *Roz Subha 50 ladkiya mera intezar karti hain*
man- are wah Vo kaise?
Santa: *Main Girls collage ka busdriver Hu na.*

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Santa student: *Miss, kya aap mujhe raat ko call kar rahi thi??*
Teacher: *Nahi toh...*
Santa: *Kamaal hai, subah mere mobile pe likha tha...*
MISS CALL..

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Banta Singh At Job Interview
Manager: Tell Me One Single Word Which Contains 100 Letters? Banta Singh: POSTBOX

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Santa Singh Sher Ka Sikar
Santa:Yaar Aaj Sher Ka Sikar Karne Ja Raha Tha Par Ja nahi Saka
Banta:Kyon Kya Hua?
Santa:Wo Baju Wale Ka Kutta Bahar Khada Tha.

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Santa - Phone Pe Itni Dheemi Aawaz Me Kis Se Baat Kar Rahe Ho ?
Banta- Biwi Hai!
Santa - To Phir Itni Dheemi Aawaz Me Kisliye ?
Banta- Tumari Hai Na Isliye,

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Santa Singh On Flight First Time.
As Soon As Flight Starts Running On The Road.
Santa Satarted Fighing With Pilot.
Santa:I Paied For Flying And You Are Going By Road.

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Why Wifes Hate Drinkers
First Friend:Why Wifes Hate Hard Drinks.
Second Friend:Because After Drinking It, Husband Become Strong,which They Don't Like.

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Why Girls Are So Beautiful And Pretty...
First Friend:Why Are Girls Are So Much Beautiful And Pretty?
Second Friend:So We Can Fall In Love With Them.
First Friend:Then Why They Don't Have Intelligence?
Second Friend:It's Because They Can Fall In Love With Us.

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June 16-22, 2013

Aries: You would start this week with new energy and excitement. You will be offered a dream opportunity but without too much financial gains. Efforts for a change in job are likely to meet with success. Investment recommended but seeks proper advice before you put your money at stake. Your positive outlook would impress those around you.

Taurus: Significant week when you take major decisions about the future. Opportunities to make money will keep coming one after another. You would become socially very active during this time frame. Strong romantic feelings from a member of the opposite sex will bring about new excitement in your life.

Gemini: Those employed will take up some training course or specialized study. Social activities will provide you with knowledge and amusement. Business will require a new approach if you wish to expand. You will have tremendous confidence in your capabilities. Try a few outings and short trips to cheer yourself up and boost your spirits.

Cancer: New ventures and projects are quite likely. There is possibility that you would receive a suitable job opportunity too. Your creativity will win you appreciation and rewards. Your energy and wisdom will bring good luck or good news. Very favorable week for the people who are looking for a change in career.

Leo: There will be dramatic changes in life and suddenly you will be full of energy. You should remember that you could achieve anything that you set your mind to. In the professional sector you will have lots of financial deals and agreements with clients. For those who are at job will have to put in extra hours to wind-up pending work. Travel would bring in more pleasure and monetary benefits than expected earlier. Spouse will be caring and highly romantic.

Virgo: This week you will find pleasure in unusual yet simple ways. Work and business prospects are likely to improve this week. Your sense of responsibility and ability to accept challenges will put you into a leading position. Look into project that will help you earn some extra money. Your colleagues and coworkers are not likely to extend much support. Clear thinking with a bit of diplomacy will ensure that you emerge a clear winner. New friendships are likely to convert into meaningful and long lasting relationships.

Libra: You would be able to achieve more through your routine work or business. Your knowledge about new market trends will bring you immediate gains. Planets look very favorable from financial point of view. Students preparing for their exams will need to put in extra effort to achieve the desired results. All those preparing to tie a knot can look forward to a happy relationship. There is no threat to you health except minor problems.

Scorpio: Increase in responsibility will definitely improve your monetary benefits. Reevaluate your job situation or business activities and find means to strengthen your position. The married will find their mate in a happy and cheerful mood during this week. It will be necessary that you take special care of your health and take extra rest this week.

Sagittarius: A desire to advance your career further would inspire you to work sincerely towards achieving your objectives and goals. You will achieve phenomenal success in your field of activity. Your financial position also stabilizes as past investments start raking profits. Love life will improve this week after a long spell of unpleasantness for some of you.

Capricorn: This week you'll find it easy to achieve your goals and live up to others expectations. Your pioneering efforts are bound to yield favorable results. You will also receive valuable advice about career from a matured person. Overseas travel or benefits from foreign land for some. You nurture romantic friendship by amicably resolving all conflicts.

Aquarius: You have greater opportunities coming your way in the form of a new job or work. A co-operative attitude with your colleagues would bless you with better results on the professional front. Good financial news this week would start a trend, which would continue for sometime. Those seeking employment overseas will receive favorable offers.

Pisces: A fresh approach would certainly improve your efficiency as well as profits. You will spend money on buying some unique gifts. Love life will be full of favorable opportunities for a relationship or friendship with someone you are attracted to. Health issues will come under control with new diet and exercises.

Elevating Education Standards

Vedant Birla, Director (Yash Birla Group), was in Hyderabad for the launch of 'Open Minds School' in association with DSR Educational Society. He spoke to Deccan Post about it.

What is your mission in the field of education?

We are committed towards elevating the education standards through setting up and managing world-class education delivery centers. This brings us to Hyderabad for the opening of our fourth K-12 school "Open Minds" in Hyderabad. The school has been built in association with DSR Educational Society, an educational arm of Hyderabad-based DSR Group. The other three schools are set up in Patna, Mumbai and Indore.

Is there any specific curriculum for these schools?

Open Minds curriculum draws on the best of practices in International and Indian curriculum. It offers comprehensive solution for education, with NCERT National Curriculum Framework 2005 as the benchmark. Unlike the traditional schools, Open Minds believes that creativity and innovation is equally required to nurture young minds, build greater level of learning interest and instill value-education. We have brought in a unique teaching methodology that revolves around creating student centric classrooms.'Open Minds' offers comprehensive solution for education that envelopes the individual's learning period right from the formative early years to the challenging university years.

What are the facilities available at the school campus?

The Open Minds school campus, with a total built-up area of 1,50,000 sq.ft, is spread over a sprawling 10 acres of land and is equipped with state of the art facilities such as spacious classrooms, modern computers, science and maths laboratories along with sophisticated art, music and dance studios. Classes from I to VI will have a teacher-pupil ratio of 1:30.

What are your future plans?

Field of Education is very close to my heart. We plan to open 50 schools in the next three years in India. Out of these 10 schools will be owned by us and the rest will be opened through franchise partners.

What about the higher education sector?

We are also looking at the higher education sector which includes establishment of Super specialty colleges. These super specialty colleges will help individuals hone their skills in the areas of engineering, business and finance, banking and insurance, hospitality, bio-technology,

bio-informatics, infrastructure, architecture, design, pharmaceuticals, allied health, food etc. The aim of these Super Specialty Colleges is to bridge the hitherto gap between institutions and industry. These Colleges will be set up in places where the relevant industry is located, so that the Colleges can constantly draw support from the respective industry in the form of faculty, curriculum design etc.

How do you reach out to the vast population in this country?

We have three main educational initiatives namely Shloka, Open Minds and Globe Tot'ers. While Shloka and Open Minds are meant for students at the primary and higher secondary level, Globe Tot'ers is a pre-school. Of the 50 schools we are planning to launch in the next three years, 10 will be Open Minds and the rest will be Shloka. Open Minds caters to metros while Shlokas are meant for tier 2 and tier 3 cities in the country.

Could you elaborate on your help to other schools in India?

We have a School Transformation Project wherein we work with schools across the country which are struggling with issues such as low student achievement, dissatisfied parents and disempowered teachers. Our aim is to work with these schools and transform the teaching and learning processes so as to make learning more effective and relevant for the students. To make this transformation a reality, we provide the school with detailed curriculum plans, assessment tools, teaching resources, intense teacher training and support.

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Nandita turns pricey?

There is a perennial dearth of heroines in the industry. And the one odd heroine who has a hit film in her kitty is immediately hiking her price. Same is the case with Nandita.

Nandita debuted with the film Neeku Naaku Dash Dash. Though the film failed, she managed to bag a role in

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Premakatha Chitram. Now that there is a talk of the film becoming a hit, Nandita has already started demanding Rs 20 lakhs.

Apparently, a small producer who was impressed with her work in Premakatha Chitram approached her hoping she would charge her earlier price and was promptly turned down.Her mother manages all her affairs and it is heard that she is very shrewd and does not let anyone take undue advantage of her daughter. We hope Nandita does not get too pricey for her own good.

Is Nayan charging lakh for a minute?

When it comes to remuneration, it is the top league Bollywood stars who charge a bomb for their appearances. It is heard that the likes of Salman Khan, Shahrukh, Katrina, Deepika etc charge on minute basis when they come for events or other commercial activity. But it looks like one girl from the south is also feeling the same. She is none other than Nayantara. Sources say Nayan was invited by a NRI Telugu Association based in USA. It is heard that for ten minutes of her appearance Nayan is reportedly asking a whopping ten lakhs. Incidentally, this is the same event which will also have Nandamuri Balakrishna attending.

The final touch is, the remuneration is only for her presence. Again, the business class flight fare, the five star hotel accommodation and few other expenses charges will be extra. That's the menu card for Nayan folks!

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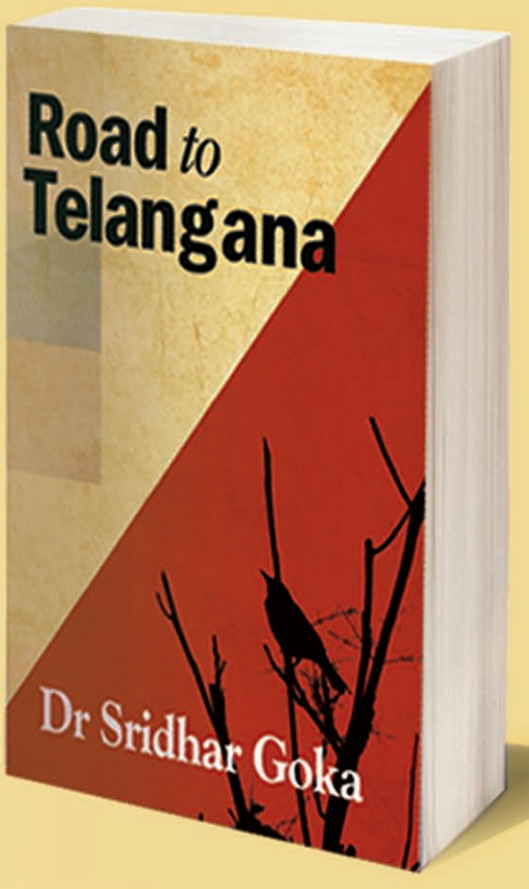


Stock Market slides further

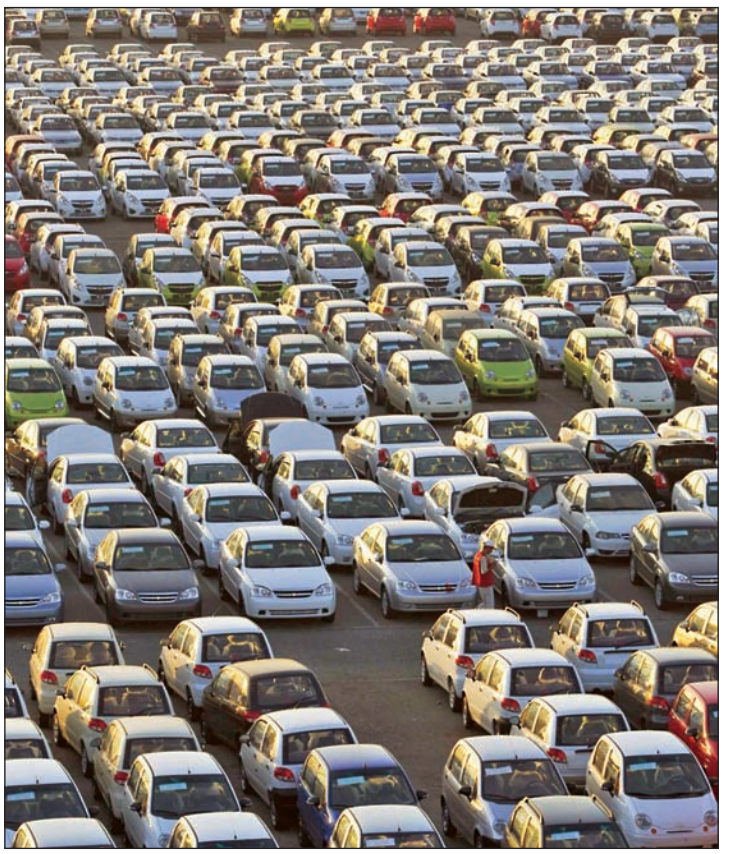
By V Sundar Raja

The stock market performance indicator Sensex continued its declining trend, and lost about 1,200 points in the last few trading sessions. Market's downtrend is due to the reports of a weakening trend in the global markets, which has raised fresh fears among the Investors.

Stocks were hammered in all sectors due to selling pressure from the foreign funds, resulting in negative sentiment in the Indian stock market. Foreign funds were reported to have sold record thousands of crores even in the debt market. The mid-cap and small-cap stocks have lost heavily in the last few days, resulting in heavy losses to the investors.

The strong momentum sectors, the Banking, Real Estate and the Automobile stocks were seen in a sharp downtrend and have led the market's bearish trend. The growth oriented Pharma stocks were seen in a minor reaction, while the metal stocks have witnessed massive losses. However, the software stocks were seen in a steady trend, as the Dollar appreciation is expected to benefit the export oriented firms.

The Industrial Production Data (IIP) that was released on 12th June has disappointed the stock markets. Market would now keenly watch the next IIP numbers, which is expected to be a major trigger, for the market. The Indian Rupee continued its weakness against the Dollar for the sixth week continuously and is now at record levels. There are reports that it could touch the major mark of 60 and then appreciate. All eyes are now on the Reserve Bank of India's meet on 17th June, which



is expected to take a decision on the cut in the banking interest lending rates. On the positive side, the monsoon is expected to be normal. Further, several reforms and policy measures were expected to be taken in this month to boost the growth of the economy.

The commodity market too witnessed subdued trend, and most of the base metals like Copper, Zinc, Aluminum, Lead, and Nickel were seen in a minor corrective trend, after an earlier rally.

The Crude Oil has advanced further and is now at the yearly highs of 5,600 levels, which is also a major concern now. The commodity has to decline now, for a positive effect on the stock market. The precious metal Gold has witnessed only a minor recovery. Technically, on the charts, the next major barrier is seen at 29,000 levels, in the MCX commodity market, for the traders to be cautious. But another precious commodity Silver has not exhibited any strength and is seen struck in a narrow range in-between 46,000 and 42,000 levels. It has to breakout of these levels, to indicate a new short-term trend.

Technically on the charts, Sensex now has the next support at 19,000 levels, where a consolidation is expected. But in-case of any further failure at this crucial support, then it indicates a further possible weakness for the short-term investors to be cautious.

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

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