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Can Kiran revolt against Sonia Gandhi?

By Our Political Correspondent

Sunken face of Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy who emerged out of Congress War Room meeting at Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Road in Delhi on Friday afternoon told the real story emerging on Telangana state formation. Congress party strategists including AICC general secretary and point's man for Andhra Pradesh affairs Digvijay Singh were present there and Kiran made another presentation before them on 26th July, a few hours before the core committee meeting of the congress party high command was scheduled. "We have decided to form Telangana state. Be ready for it and ensure that things go smooth for implementing our decision. Please don't do anything which will upset our decision for bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

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If necessary, we will send additional forces to tackle law and order problem in coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema” – this is the terse message Digvijay Singh told Kiran Reddy sternly when the latter tried to list out several obstacles.

However, after listening to the tone and tenor of the former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh Digvijaya Singh, who himself endured the bifurcation of MP state when Chhattisgarh state was about to be formed; political weakling Kiran Kumar Reddy had no other option but to nod his head and say, “Yes Sir”. His earlier presentation which lasted for 45 minutes recounted the positive results Congress got in the first phase of gram panchayat polls in the State and the threats held out by 21 ministers belonging to Seemandhra who are opposing any moves to form Telangana state have not cut any ice before the War Room panel comprising of Digvijay Singh and Union Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad.

This War Room of Congress may be new to many politicians in our state. But, this is a creation of Congress Vice-president Rahul Gandhi who wanted to have a separate brainstorming place to formulate party strategies for elections. Here, besides party official office-bearers like Digvijay Singh and Ghulam Nabi Azad, other members of think-tank - like Madhusudhan Mistry and Ahmed Patel would be present. This war room, created before 2009 general elections primarily takes care of what is good for Congress and what is not. Being a brain child of Rahul Gandhi, its significance can be understood. The three key functionaries of Andhra Pradesh – CM, Deputy CM and the PCC President were called for a session at this War Room meeting on Friday morning –on 26th July. The meetings held with each of them separately lasted for about two hours. Kiran was heard for 30 minutes and then was informed about the steps to be taken for smoothly carving out the state of Telangana from the present state of Andhra Pradesh. When Kiran pleaded for more time; he was strictly told about the inevitable



decision of the top leadership to divide the state that has been in turmoil since past several years. Chief Minister Kiran Reddy is learnt to have expressed his displeasure in associating with the unpleasant task of carrying on the state division. At this point, he was sternly warned of serious repercussions if he chooses to act in a defiant manner.

Based on the inputs of this meeting, the Congress Core Committee which met at the residence of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's 7 Race Course Road in the evening deliberated on Telangana strategy. The War Room meeting details were furnished before the core committee by Digvijay Singh and Azad. None of the AP leaders were invited to this Core Committee meeting like in the past on June 12th.

It was clear, the Congress high command, or to be precise Sonia Gandhi does not want to attach any more importance to what they have to say. It is an open secret that CM Kiran Kumar Reddy and PCC Chief Botsa Satyanarayana are against to Telangana state formation, as they are from Seemandhra regions. Anyway Damodar Rajanarsimha, who hails from Telangana is a strong supporter of Telangana state and he had best of the time as things were apparently rolling for him.

The congress high command saw no merit in another round of talks as there was nothing new to learn from these three leaders on Telangana. What mightily annoyed Kiran Reddy was the manner in which Sonia Gandhi dismissed his objections. Kiran first cited the optimistic outcome of panchayat elections where Congress stood first in the first phase. Another request he made was to put off any further moves on Telangana till the completion of local bodies elections, may be till September end.

But Sonia and her aides were not so impressed by the Congress performance in the panchayat polls, which according to them is less than one third of the total seats. If this is translated into general elections, the Congress may not get more than 8-10 MPs from AP, 23 less than the last time's tally. In their view, Kiran has grossly failed to lead the party to victory and his absolutely lack of leadership qualities have pushed the party to a poor third place even in his home district of Chittoor. As such there was no question of relying on his word any further. The Congress bosses also didn't pay heed to his request to wait till September end before announcing the party's stand on division of AP. As if understanding the game plan of Kiran Reddy, the party leaders told him clearly that if they wait

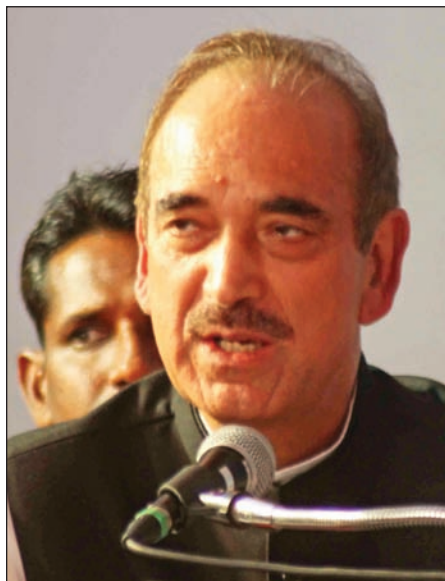
for another two months it would be difficult to initiate the process of formation of Telangana state - which has to go through several procedures prescribed in Article 3 of the Indian Constitution.

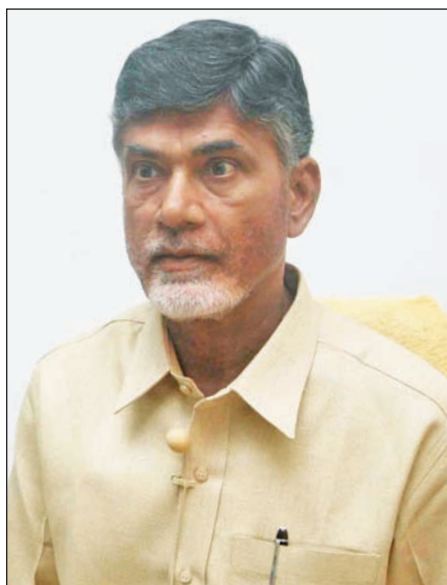
As Congress is heading the UPA's union government, any official decision of the party need not be delayed. The party is expected to initiate the governmental process to implement its political decision. Otherwise, there will be no difference between the ruling party and an opposition party. So, once Congress takes a decision to form Telangana, it cannot wait any longer to execute its decision.

Kiran Kumar Reddy's game plan is different. If he can persuade the high command to wait till September end, then it would be virtually impossible to implement the process and form Telangana state before the next general elections. The process that is strictly needs to be adhered will come in the way of moving ahead on Telangana before the general elections due in April 2014 for which the Election Commission of India will surely come out with a schedule in February-2014 itself.

This advice of the CM goes straightaway against the interests of Congress in Andhra Pradesh. Even if Congress Working Committee (CWC) takes a positive stand on Telangana, but fails to execute the process before next elections, the party cannot reap political dividend. The party may lose badly in both the regions – in Telangana for not initiating the process and in Seemandhra for saying 'Yes' to Telangana formation.

That will be a disastrous move for Sonia Gandhi, who is desperate to mop up more MP seats from 42 seats spread across three regions of Andhra Pradesh to ensure the congress does not lose power in Delhi. Even the recent CNN-IBN-The Hindu survey projected Telangana statehood issue as a serious political issue in AP in next elections. People of this region are going to vote





for the Congress, only if a new state is formed.

Now Sonia Gandhi led congress party has three major rivals and one minor rival in Andhra Pradesh. The main rivals are: Jagan of YSR Congress, Chandrababu Naidu of TDP and the Modi led BJP. The minor rival is K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) of TRS, who is struggling to survive in Telangana. If at all Sonia wants to win more than 25 seats in Andhra Pradesh, then only Telangana state is the way out for her and her party. By granting Telangana, most probably by clubbing two Rayalaseema districts of Kurnool and Anantapur, Sonia's congress can

literally decimate Jagan in the four MP seats of Kurnool, Nandyal, Anantapur and Hindupur if state is bifurcated. The son of late YSR who is dreaming of coming to power on the strength of his party in Rayalaseema and parts of coastal Andhra will be facing a tough time if a new state of Telangana which may be called simply - Hyderabad State gets carved out before general elections. Perhaps it could be the biggest blow to YSRCP even if Jagan gets bail and walks free.

Although, the case of Chandrababu Naidu is quite different from Jagan's, he too will become a non- entity in Telangana State as and when state gets

bifurcated. It's difficult for TDP to come to power in Telangana region at least for two elections, as people will be thankful to Congress for some time, and in coastal Andhra, he will face stiff opposition from Jagan. Undoubtedly, TDP will become a minor force in two districts of Kurnool and Anantapur as it will lack leadership of Chandrababu Naidu. However, Chandra Babu Naidu has a lot to gain in Coastal Andhra in view of TDP sustaining its base despite losing two consecutive general elections. As Chandrababu will lose relevance in T-state politics if he does not contend to become the Chief Minister of Telangana state, his position

could be much better in Andhra as the Reddy domination will no more trouble him there.

Another sad loser is KCR. He is desperate to merge his TRS into Congress, if the party is going to grant Telangana. Till recently, he was very popular in this region, but since June 30th when Digvijay Singh indicated that that Congress will grant Telangana, suddenly KCR lost his importance. This is the reason why the party fared poorly in gram panchayat elections. But, there is every possibility of TRS either merging or having an electoral alliance with congress.

The Modi led BJP will undoubtedly lose its magical power in Telangana, where it is hoping to win 7-8 MPs and some 30 odd MLA seats. All that will go, if Congress initiates the process of Telangana now. People like Nagam Janardhan Reddy, will not have any weapon to attack Congress and may have to realign. All these factors naturally must prompt Sonia Gandhi to go for Telangana state formation immediately. She has every reason to snub Kiran, if he comes in the way. But it appears Kiran is being asked to revolt against the party high command by some forces that have been secretly behind him all this while. Will he? Can he? Let's wait and see. ♦

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Seemandhra Congress leaders dare Sonia Gandhi

Over granting statehood to Telangana

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy-Special Correspondent

Replication of post December 9th 2009 resignation drama

YSRCP and Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy loyalists share honours-to pre-empt Congress High Command from taking a final decision on bifurcation resulting in Telangana state, the same game makers (post- December 9th 2009) plan another resignation drama to create artificial agitation to ignite emotions in Seemandhra region. Veera Shiva Reddy - Congress MLA from Kamalapur constituency in Kadapa district known as an astute follower of CM Kiran Reddy, all of a sudden enacts resignation drama stating that state should remain -'Samaikyam'.

As if in wait to seize such an opportunity; YSRCP MLAs from Seemandhra (they have no representation in Telangana) jumped in the fray to enact resignation drama for the same title-'Samaikyam'. The question is "Why did they attend an all party meeting in Delhi called by Union Home Minister remains a mystery. While their oft beat Telangana statement citing plenary decision in Kadapa even on YSRCP's honorary President Y Vijayalaxmi's recent tour of T-region for local body elections also went into

the background. Also their regular rhetoric press brief on Telangana -"it is for the union govt. (UPA) and congress in ruling to take a decision," "as they have neither power nor strength to alter any & would extend support". Then why this 'U' turn as TDP did in 2009? Political parties and their commitments to people- should that be the yardstick or individual bargains for power so shamelessly exhibited disrupting the principles of democracy?

As if this is not enough another, MLA-Congress Whip from Sangareddy writes a letter to Sonia to keep state united while requesting for granting a package of twenty five thousand crores (downsized from boss's one lakh crores) left no one in doubt as to who masterminded the show... Followed by ever enthusiastic Seemandhra bandwagon by shifting their action to Delhi AP Bhavan. The TDP too started its vicious campaign and it is for Telangana TDP functionaries to derail such activity ahead of a favourable climate for T formation.

Congress Core Committee (CCC) Meeting Ignites:

On 26/7/2013, the Congress Core Committee meeting in Delhi once again ignited inherent feelings of all stake holders involved in the bifurcation of state alongside those limited minds opposing it. Altered feelings with Seemandhra media hype tried their very best to catch the attention of one and all in Delhi ahead of the said meeting. Tempers ran high with a certain and definite leak about bifurcation (demerger) as described by T protagonists) of the state giving various connotations to the likely geography of the new states. Once again Seemandhra congress elected representatives did their solo in Delhi to stall decision on Telangana in the core committee meeting.

Telangana Congress leaders too countered by a press conference in Hyderabad addressed by State Minister Jana



Reddy exhorting all to be vigilant while cautioning Seemandhrites and at the same time urging them to cooperate. Meanwhile, T-Congress deputed Deputy CM Damodara Narasimha to visit Delhi on their behalf to appraise the

high command and UPA, about the need for an immediate decision on Telangana state formation (Hyderabad as capital with 10 districts) in the wake of needless controversies and limited time for tabling of the T- bill.





Digvijay announces that party and UPA have to take the final call and no more consultations:

Ahead of CCC meeting party high command (Digvijay, Azad etc) invited all the concerned stake holders - CM, Dy CM, and PCC Chief to present their final opinion in the party's war room with video recording facilities. After the meeting, no one was left in any doubt about the strategy of high command vis-à-vis Telangana state. The CCC meeting deliberates for more than two hours and as per indications would go for a full fledged Congress Working Committee (CWC) by month end or first week of August ahead of parliament session. As per confidential reports; a road map for Telangana state creation alongside addressing the genuine concerns of Seemandhrites is on the cards. The million dollar question is whether it would be 'bifurcation' or 'trifurcation' to placate all sections....!

Soon after CCC meeting, Digvijay categorically states that the widest consultation process spreading over three years involving all stake holders comes to an end. He further states that Congress party and UPA government

have to announce their decision as all political parties have already stated their position vis-à-vis Telangana and need no further discussion in that regard. This necessarily implies that no political party or stake holders within the congress party would in any way repeat post December 9th 2009 scenario. Then too, the decision was made only after the all party meeting preceding demands for the same from the floor of Assembly by all political parties represented by their party leaders. Credit for such a situation goes to peace loving people of Telangana who inspite of various adverse situations remained composed to agitate non-violently.

Seemandhra elected representatives including state ministers' pen a threatening letter (devoid of facts) to Sonia to stall T formation. It certainly challenged the legacy of Sonia-Rahul vis-à-vis bifurcation and Telangana. According to reliable sources, they tried their best to distort the facts by stating that 80% stood for united AP and only some power mongers are resorting to agitation. Then what about the results of by-polls in Telangana and for that matter even in Seemandhra region? Can they dare to tour Telangana with Samaikyā or united AP slogan



leave alone contesting the elections? By stating this they have cheated their own conscience by dishonouring hundreds of departed souls who sacrificed their lives for T statehood. A clear act of in-humanism and disrespect to people's mandate-democracy as time and again they were trounced even losing security deposits - very rare for a ruling party. While, exodus of elected representatives continued depriving the party of hard core followers in T region, can they dispute that all political parties and their heads tour Telangana region by reiterating and professing that they are the real protagonists and they would lead them to a T state.

Another important aspect of that letter is challenging Sonia-Rahul legacy on T by stating that Nehru-Indira Gandhi never favoured bifurcation forgetting that many agreements were wetted in the process only to be dishonoured resulting in a protracted yet peaceful Telangana struggle dictating terms in electoral battles also - as faithful of democracy. Then how can they blame Sonia-Rahul legacy rather than blame their own perverted and selfish power mindsets to loot resources of Telangana region and people of their rightful share in all respects. Is it wrong for a national party head and hierarchy to respond as many precious lives have been sacrificed in the event of consultations extending beyond three years thereby threatening the basic existence of the party in T region while threatening to disintegrate the faithful of the party in the region? Then what about Democracy, manifesto and promise to the people..?

Other aspect is the threat of resignations to destabilize the govt. - which needs to be severely condemned as they have been given enough time inspite of loss of lives and perceived agony in T region to sort out issues. Instead they allowed it to be dragged while disrespecting the withdrawal of resignations by T ministers and legislators post December 9th 2009 as a follow upto Seemandhra resignation drama. Can this threat derail T state formation? What if govt. decides to impose President's/Governor's rule by keeping the Assembly in suspended animation and goes ahead with it's perceived agenda....!

Hyderabad remains a stumbling block-

why? Did Seemandhra region contribute 60% of their revenue for developing alongside 40% from Telangana..

As the history is retraced many a failures greet the commoners as how blatantly people of Telangana region have been deprived of their natural stake since the erstwhile Hyderabad state merged with Andhra. Hyderabad was a world class capital city even before merger and as such to develop it further an agreement was reached in the way of 60% contribution from Seemandhra while Telangana accounted for the rest 40%. But, what is the factual thing? How much did Seemandhra region contribute as on date? Time and again it has been proved by the facts and figures as to how govt. and public sector organizations in erstwhile Hyderabad/Telangana region disappeared depriving secured employment to the Telanganites while allowing Seemandhrites to enjoy the large land bank and resources..! Then the talk of central status to Hyderabad on lines of Delhi-who would accept that, more so MIM? Then what..?

TJAC calls for a mass dharna on August 1st - As ignited uproar in Seemandhra region show run by elected representatives ably helped by Seemandhra media gains headlines TJAC in continuation of its agitational program calls for a mass dharna at Indira Park. Prof Kodandaram seeks cooperation of Seemandhra people to attain T state while Devisri Prasad reiterates that they would not be dragged into controversies as Andhra NGO's wily in a cunning way inciting emotions for the same. What one really fails to understand is that how students are allowed to go scot free and agitate on the roads when OU, Kakatiya students are literally caged while liberal use of force results when they threaten to move out..? Same is the case with political leaders, employees as they are allowed a free run in Seemandhra region inviting media attention contrary to the forceful confinement alongside foisting of cases in Telangana region....While BJP lays in wait for its star Modi to kick start T campaign with a meeting in Hyderabad at LB Stadium in the second week of August. So, August mania for all stake holders on Telangana.....!◆

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Kiran Kumar to be blamed for Hyderabad's bad roads

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy often claims that he was born and brought up in Hyderabad and is very much a typical 'Hyderabadi'. He has been making this statement whenever the T-issue turned hot. Recently also, he reiterated this claim while making a presentation before the Congress core committee on June 12th where he pitched for keeping the state of Andhra Pradesh united in a blatant manner almost shocking the congress high command which was shocked to hear him revealing his opposition towards formation of Telangana state.

His office (CMO) leaked the presentation to media and tried to project that Kiran Kumar Reddy loves Hyderabad City as much as any native Hyderabadi does. But, the factual position is otherwise. The sad and ghastly death of Miss Riya Gudial, a 17 year old girl due to bad road condition near Anand Theatre in Begumpet in Hyderabad on July 23rd is another example of how callous the Kiran Sarkar is. Yet, the state government administered by Kiran & Co., do not seem to feel the slap on their faces. A bright teenager she was, Riya who passed Intermediate in first class and waiting for her EAMCET counseling soon was riding on her two-wheeler and skidded on a muddy road washed off in rains and immediately was run over by a speeding RTC bus. She was taken to a nearby hospital, but it was too late as she was declared brought dead.

All of us in Hyderabad know how bad our roads are. Especially, we have seen how worse they turned after the continuous drizzle and rains in the last fortnight. While most of these roads got washed away; the



remaining roads are unfit to drive. Full of bumps and ditches, the roads have turned into death traps and most commuters suffered a lot thanks to the roads. Now let us take a look at the statistics about our roads in Hyderabad. Greater Hyderabad has a total area of 625 square km and a total length of 6,411 km roads in it. Of this, only 99 km is under the national highways purview and another 190 km under the state highways control. So, the remaining 6,100 km roads are at the mercy of Greater Hyderabad Municipal

Corporation (GHMC).

Again, of the roads supervised by the GHMC, around 2,080 km are cement roads and another 2,300 km are tar (bitumen)

roads, while 250 km roads are earthen or kutcha roads. These kutcha roads are the interior roads in upcoming colonies on the city outskirts where mostly middle class or common people live. They can also be called no-roads. Though, the GHMC was formed by late Chief Minister YSR in 2005-06, it was meant to scuttle the separate Telangana state demand and nothing to do with the desire to develop the city. Otherwise, late YSR should have allocated lots of funds for the surrounding municipalities which were merged into Hyderabad city as part of

GHMC formation. But, that has not happened even after two Andhra Chief Ministers have taken charge.

Even now, the GHMC collects every year around Rs 2,500 crores as taxes from the people. But hardly less than Rs 200 crores is spent on roads maintenance and construction. It's an open secret that most of the money goes into the pockets of municipal ward members, engineers and contractors. Only a fraction of it goes into roads. These roads are mostly in Jubilee Hills and Banjara Hills where VVIPs reside. It's not that the posh areas should be neglected, but the GHMC should do justice to other parts of the city too. CM Kiran Kumar Reddy who claims that he is a son of the city has not done anything for this city so far in his three years tenure.

This may be because of his contempt for Telangana. If read with his intentions - He once openly threatened the TRS members in the State Assembly that he would not allocate even a single Rupee, if people of Telangana apply force on him. And he even threatened "Do whatever you can", if he wouldn't allocate funds to Telangana. As Hyderabad city is an integral part in Telangana, so is he having grudge against this city too? Nevertheless, the Chief Minister must shoulder responsibility for the lapses being ignored. ♦

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Sonia decisive on Telangana this time

I am a regular reader of Deccan Post and a fan of its analytical articles, news and views. I must congratulate Deccan Post staff for their excellent skills of writing and predicting every important aspect much before it becomes reality and gets published in other media. With reference to your last week's cover story now it is becoming clear and clearer that Congress President Sonia Gandhi has made her mind and took a final decision over bifurcation of the state and soon a decision will be formally announced. Since last few weeks the things are happening with rapid pace in national capital and all the important persons have been asked to visit Delhi which included the CM, Deputy CM, PCC President, Assembly Speaker, DGP, etc. and everyone who opposes Telangana have felt that as usual the congress high command is just conducting the meetings for namesake and these meetings will end up casually. No politicians from Seemandhra region had any idea about the

mindset of the congress high command and they though this time too they and their high command can easily fool the Telangana people but it appears from the ongoing series of things happening is surely quite opposite to it. I am eagerly awaiting for announcement over Telangana by the congress party led UPA government at the earliest.

Tuniki Nagaraju, Lal Darwaza

NEET Verdict is not so NEAT

I like your magazine very much because it gives different angle to the news compared to other English print media. I must say that your last week's editorial column was wonderful and it highlighted how the students will suffer due to NEET and how the Private Medical Colleges and its Managements will benefit out of it. I feel that the decision has not taken the cognizance of the loss of the students and was just focused on the Medical Council of India and its role in the selection of the medicine students. The then Chief Justice of Supreme Court of



India Altamas Kabir has recently commented that the judgment is right in its place and nothing gone beyond the constitution. The judgment given on the last day of his being in office is going to give absolute autonomy to Medical colleges to conduct their own eligibility tests jointly or severally. The Indian lawmakers should

bring in comprehensive uniformed eligibility tests for competitive exams like NEET then only the students will get justice and their right to education will be unharmed.

Aditya Narayan, Nacharam

Are we capable of Disaster Management?

Your last week's centre page article on natural calamities and our administrative capability to tackle the menace of these calamities was very thought provoking. We are 125 crores of people and still our governments have no proper disaster management mechanism which always results in deaths of thousands of innocent citizens. The recent Uttarakhand incident is the latest one in the list. Our governments should be more serious and should have a separate ministry and department and give utmost importance to the disaster management or else we would lose many more precious human lives in the future.

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TO THE EDITOR



Congress performs poor in Panchayat Polls

By Shivkant Bichkunda

The long awaited Panchayat polls in the state of Andhra Pradesh proved to be a bitter pill for the ruling congress party. Earlier the PCC President Botsa Satyanarayana and the state chief minister Kiran Kumar Reddy were making tall claims and propagating the welfare schemes which could not yield expected results to the congress party. The statistics available till now shows that the congress party has secured about 27-28 percent of the total votes polled in the gram panchayat elections across the state. Its quite interesting that the Independents have secured more percentage of votes than the 126 years grand old party resulting in congress party derailing on poor 3rd spot in the results tally.

On the other hand Telugu Desham Party which has lost two consecutive general elections and facing its toughest

time has fared well in all the regions of Andhra, Rayalaseema as well as Telangana. The performance of TDP will surely boost its party leaders as well as the cadres as these results came for a boon for the TDP as it was being considered out of contest in any elections in the state.

The TRS led by K Chandrashekhar Rao is lagging behind and could not digest the poor show in the Gram Panchayat elections. It is noteworthy that the TRS party has not even opened its account in the whole district of Khammam and fared much worst than expected. It is believed that the congress party's efforts in Delhi for granting statehood to Telangana region has affected the chances of TRS party so badly which is beyond the imagination of the party leaders and cadres.

The remaining strong contender YS Jagan's YSR Congress Party which also

fared good in these elections and giving a tough fight to both the ruling congress and the principal opposition TDP in the Seemandhra regions. But as the YSRCP MLAs have resigned from their assembly membership, the party could not open its account in two Telangana districts of Adilabad and Medak till now. These elections have not even gave good results for BJP which was hoping for a good show in the wake of their firm stand on Telangana.

On the other hand the Left parties got their strengths limited only to Khammam and Nalgonda districts in the state and they could not even get into two digits in the remaining parts of the state.

It's a matter of concern especially for Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy as his party is on the last in the results tally in his own Chittoor District. Its important

to mention here that the congress party has got even lesser seats than the Independents leave the TDP and YSR Congress who are on the top in Chittoor District. It appears that the so called welfare schemes and programs did not appeal to the voters and the congress party completely failed in this district particular but the situation is not so different in the whole state.

Now as the decision is awaited on Telangana statehood issue, the performance in the next general elections are totally balanced on the Telangana issue and how the parties perform and what kind of strategies they are going to chalk out it will be known only after the congress announcing its decision. Hope it will do it sooner than later. ♦

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Run & Run till You can

By Jaywant Naidu

The marathon is a long-distance running event with an official distance of 42.195 kilometers (26 miles and 385 yards) that is usually run as a race. The event was instituted in commemoration of the fabled run of the Greek soldier Pheidippides, a messenger from the Battle of Marathon to Athens. The marathon was one of the original modern Olympic events in 1896, though the distance did not become standardized until 1921. More than 500 marathons are held throughout the world each year, with the vast majority of competitors being recreational athletes. Smaller marathons, such as the Stanley Marathon, can have just dozens of participants, while larger marathons can have tens of thousands of participants. The name 'Marathon' comes from the legend of Pheidippides, a Greek messenger. The legend states that he was sent from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Persians had been defeated in the Battle of Marathon (in which he had just fought), which took place in August or September, 490 BC. It is said that he ran the entire distance without stopping and burst into the assembly, exclaiming 'We Win', before collapsing and dying. The account of the run from Marathon to Athens first appears in Plutarch's On the Glory of Athens in the 1st Century AD which

quotes from Heraclides Ponticus's lost work, giving the runner's name as either Thersipus of Erchius or Euclis.

OLYMPICS AND MARATHON:

When the modern Olympics began in 1896, the initiators and organizers were looking for a great popularizing event, recalling the ancient glory of Greece. The idea of a marathon race came from Michel Breal, who wanted the event to feature in the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 in Athens. This idea was heavily supported by Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympics, as well as by the Greeks. The Greeks staged a selection race for the Olympic marathon on 10th March 1896 that was won by Charilaos Vasilakos in 3 hours and 18 minutes (with the future winner of the introductory Olympic Games marathon coming in fifth). The winner of the first Olympic Marathon, on 10th April 1896 (a male-only race), was Spyridon "Spyros" Louis, a Greek water-carrier, in 2 hours 58 minutes and 50 seconds. The women's marathon was introduced at the 1984 Summer Olympics (Los Angeles, USA) and was won by Joan Benoit of the United States with a time of 2 hours 24 minutes and 52 seconds. Since the modern games were founded, it has become a tradition for the men's Olympic marathon to be the last

event of the athletics calendar, with a finish inside the Olympic stadium, often within hours of, or even incorporated into, the closing ceremonies. The marathon of the 2004 Summer Olympics revived the traditional route from Marathon to Athens, ending at Panathinaiko Stadium, the venue for the 1896 Summer Olympics.

MARATHONS WORLDWIDE:

Annually, more than 500 marathons are organized worldwide. Some of these belong to the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) which has grown since its foundation in 1982 to embrace over 300 member events in 83 countries and territories. Five of the largest and most prestigious races, Berlin, Boston, Chicago, London and New York City, form the biennial World Marathon Majors series, awarding \$ 5,00,000 annually to the best overall male and female performers in the series. In 2006, the editors of Runner's World selected a "World's Top 10 Marathons", in which the Amsterdam, Honolulu, Paris, Rotterdam, and Stockholm marathons were featured along with the five mentioned above. Other notable large marathons include United States Marine Corps Marathon, Los Angeles, and Rome. The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon, inspired

by the success of the 1896 Olympic marathon and held since 1897.

The oldest annual marathon in Europe is the Kosice Peace Marathon, held since 1924 in Košice, Slovakia. The historic Polytechnic Marathon was discontinued in 1996. The Athens Classic Marathon traces the route of the 1896 Olympic course, starting in Marathon on the eastern coast of Attica, site of the Battle of Marathon of 490 BC, and ending at the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens. The Midnight Sun Marathon is held in Tromsø, Norway at 70 degrees north. Using unofficial and temporary courses, measured by GPS, races of marathon distance are now held at the North Pole, in Antarctica and over desert terrain. Other unusual marathons include the Great Wall Marathon on The Great Wall of China, the Big Five Marathon among the safari wildlife of South Africa, the Great Tibetan Marathon – a marathon in an atmosphere of Tibetan Buddhism at an altitude of 3,500 metres (11,500 ft), and the Polar Circle Marathon on the permanent ice cap of Greenland. The Intercontinental Istanbul Eurasia Marathon is the only marathon where participants run over two continents (Europe and Asia) during the course of a single event. In the Detroit Free Press Marathon, participants cross the US/Canadian border twice. The Niagara

Falls International Marathon includes one international border crossing, via the Peace Bridge from Buffalo, New York, United States to Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

WHEEL CHAIR MARATHON:

Many marathons feature a wheelchair division. Typically, those in the wheelchair racing division start their races earlier than their running counterparts. The first wheelchair marathon was held in 1974 in Toledo, Ohio, won by Bob Hall in 2:54. Hall competed in the 1975 Boston Marathon and finished in 2:58, inaugurating the introduction of wheelchair divisions into the Boston Marathon. From 1977 the race was declared the US National Wheelchair championship. The Boston Marathon awards \$10,000 to the winning push-rim athlete. Ernst van Dyk has won the Boston Marathon wheelchair division nine times and holds the world record at 1:18:27, set in Boston in 2004. Jean Driscoll won eight times (seven times consecutively) and holds the women's world record at 1:34:22. The New York City Marathon banned wheelchair entrants in 1977, citing safety concerns, but then voluntarily allowed Bob Hall to compete after the state Division of Human Rights ordered the marathon to show cause. The Division ruled in 1979

that the New York City Marathon and New York Road Runners club had to allow wheelchair athletes to compete, and confirmed this at appeal in 1980, but the State Supreme Court ruled in 1981 that a ban on wheelchair racers was not discriminatory as the marathon was historically a foot race. However, by 1986 - 14 wheelchair athletes were competing, and an official wheelchair division was added to the marathon in 2000.

MARATHON IN HYDERABAD:

Airtel Hyderabad Marathon will be held on the last Sunday of August – which is on 25th this year. This marathon is organized by the "Hyderabad Runners' group which has the motto "It does not matter whether you are running to keep yourself in shape or training for a marathon, running with a group always makes a run more enjoyable and running with the Hyderabad Runners more so. Learn from casual runners, marathoners, ultra marathoners and accomplished triathletes in the group. ♦

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All set for Tyagaraja festival

Sri Tyagaraja Festival Committee formed under the aegis of Tirupati-based Sri Tyagaraja Trust is going to organize the 10-day 71st annual Festival of Music and Dance-2013 from July 28th to August 6th.

Addressing a press meet, trust executive chairman K.V Ranganathan said that the TFC had been conducting the festival for the last seven decades. "The trust has come to bring a renaissance in the annals of 18th century saint-poet Tyagaraja's keertans. The 10-day festival would witness discourses and lyrical concerts of the Tyagaraja order in two sessions." For the first time, the festival committee is going to enact the Odisha-



based rare form of art. Bharatanatyam, Harikatha, Nadaswaram and light music are few other art forms in the festival. The trust has decided to accord top priority to the youth of Tirupati in music and dance performances. Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), Sri Padmavathi Mahila University (SPMU) and artistes of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) would also participate in the festival. At the Sadas, program to be scheduled on August 4th, organizers will be conferred the prestigious Saptagiri Sangeetha Vidwanmani titles on two eminent musicians from Tamil Nadu - Trichur V Ramachandran (Vocal) and Mannargudi Eeswaran (Mridangam).



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Answer 279: Mohd. Javed

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ASTRO FOCUS

July 21 - 27, 2013

Aries: You should keep an eye on bank balance on regular basis. Your confidence and energy level will be high and accomplishing difficult tasks will be much easier than you ever thought. With some overseas contacts you may like to take a trip. You may likely to attend interview and seminars. Your beloved will be caring but highly possessive.

Taurus: Mind will be full of bright ideas. Financial aspects seem to be bright. Some innovative projects will demand that you express your skills in a different way. You will attend an important meeting and receive the necessary approval instantly. Your career and your earning ability will also take an upward climb and your position will strengthen amongst your peers.

Gemini: Your high energy and dynamic approach would make you popular amongst your colleagues. Fix up something exciting and entertaining to do for the weekend. Share your problems with those you trust, to find permanent solutions. However preparations done in advance will lead you to the desired goals. A close friend may join you in completing a difficult task.

Cancer: Your creative side will grow during this period, bringing you popularity and good monetary gains. Certain changes in your look will be highly appreciated. Money wise you will meet all commitments on time. There will be several changes in your travel plans and destination also. You will be making plans for your future along with your mate or beloved.

Leo: Your optimism and positive outlook will push your career to new heights. Good rapport and support from your superiors and higher ups would help in further enhancing your stature. Some of you might experience stiff opposition from colleagues and associates. New colleague will give you very good company. You and a partner will need to discuss practical issues to avoid later misunderstandings.

Virgo: You should sign up for short courses that will help you with personality and skill development. New alliances and contacts will develop through social activities. Your consistent efforts are likely to bless you with success of a high order in your work. Students will have to work hard to achieve their objectives. Excellent cooperation is in store from your Love/spouse.

Libra: The period is favorable for renewing old contacts too. Be careful with the extra money you have on hands. Some of you will take the assignment and start preparing to move to another state. All business trips will bring instant positive results. Relationship with beloved/spouse would improve and you would get to spend some memorable time together.

Scorpio: Your ability to act as a leader will put you into strong position. Your efforts for a change in job are likely to meet with success. Financial gains are imminent through speculation, provided you are certain about where to put your money. New romance for some will be exciting, but you will take some more time to build complete trust in each other.

Sagittarius: You will be meeting new people and building new contacts. You will be feeling contented and happy with your present situation. A change of environment is indicated for some of you. You will be happy the way life is going. Your pioneering efforts are likely to earn you success and independence in your work. Your creative instincts would increase and you would take part in many activities. Students should make every effort to further their ambitions.

Capricorn: Opportunities to express your creative thoughts will bring you popularity. Your communication skill and knowledge will be highly impressive. Everybody at home will be happy and you will get the energy back. It may take some time but advance preparation would lead you to your goals. Your participation in family functions and social activities will bring you pleasure and respect.

Aquarius: The benefits that you accrue this week will double if you play your cards well. You will be in a commanding position to reap incredible financial benefits from work that depend on your good reputation. Big progress on the big-picture, long-term agenda items you've been plugging away at is a real possibility at the beginning of this week. Your relationship will give you positive result.

Pisces: You will be full of enthusiasm and will be able to handle every task deftly. Improvement in financial status is indicated but you might be required to work slightly hard. Your actions will reflect confidence. It is going to be another favorable week for Job seekers. You need to fix your eye on your goals, but take necessary precautions. Scholars and artists will gain recognition in their work.

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Dekh Ke..

Naukar Bola- Madam JUICE
Bana Rahi Ho Kya?

Mallika- NA Re Baba! Main to
Apne Kapde Dhoo Rahi Hu.

Girl: Janu kal mera b'day hai,

Boy: Drlng Advance me happy b'day,

Girl: kya gift dega

Boy: kya chaiye

Girl: RING

Boy: Ring dunga pr uthana mat
BALANCE nahi he!

Biology teacher:

Ager ladki ko Asthma attack aaye to
use der tak apne honto se sans do..

Stud: wo to thik hai, Lekin aisa kya
kre ke usey Asthma attack aaye?

Height of Embarrassment

Man sitting with his wife in park,
another lady comes to his wife & says
paise pehly le lena ye admi bad me
bohat lafdaa krta hai

Dr. Mareez ke peeche bhag raha tha,
logon ne pucha kya hua?

Dr. bola 4 bar aisa hua

sala brain ka operation karwane aata

hai aur baal katwa ke bhag jata hai

Sir- Smajh tuje 10 laddu diye.

Boy- Muje?

Sir- Samajh na tere baap ka kya jata
hai. Usse mein se 5 muje diye to tere
paas kitne bache.

Boy- 20

Sir- Kaise

Boy- Samajh na tere baap ka kya
jata hai.

Dr to Ash's baby in hospital

Dr.: who is ur grandpa?

Baby: Big B

Dr.: Who is ur Mom?

Baby: Miss World

Dr.: who is ur father?

Baby: No idea sir jee.

Produce Power And Reduce Pollution



Koichi Inoue, Deputy Director, Coal Division of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan was in Hyderabad to participate in the CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre Power Plant Summit 2013. He spoke to Deccan Post.

How is the current scenario of power industry in Japan?

After the Great East Japan Earthquake, most of the nuclear power plants in Japan have become non-functional as all the plants have been shut for the safety concerns. Power companies are using coal-fired power plants and LNG.

What is the latest technology for Coal-fired power plants?

High end technology like Ultra Super Critical is needed to reduce Carbon - di- oxide emissions. It's the most efficient technology having more than 41% generation ratio.

What are your plans in India?

Through Japan Coal Energy Center (JCOAL), we have conducted many diagnostic studies on Coal - fired power plants at Ramagundam, Kahalgaon, Unchahar, Badarpur of NTPC, Wanakbori of GSECL, NTTPS of APGENCO and Durgapur of DVC. Many Japanese power companies and equipment manufacturers participated in these studies. Fire station operation and equipment status was the main focus of all these studies.

What are the major findings of these studies?

Many recommendations have been made on the matters relating to turbine rehabilitation, boiler inspection, ESP rehabilitation, combustion, simulation and operation control.

Any other support for this sector in India?

There are many Japanese public financial schemes which would support power producing units in India with very low cost finance.

How do you see the importance of maintaining a balance in power production and the responsibility of avoiding pollution?

Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, has recently announced the 'Climate Action Plan'. This is aimed at reducing Carbon pollution and monitors the impact of Global climate change. There is a need to reduce GHG emissions. The public financing for new coal plants overseas would be done only to countries which are backward and no economically feasible alternatives exist.

What are the challenges for the future?

Power companies have to concentrate on using technology to improve their production capabilities. The life cycle costs also need to be brought down. Life cycle costs are the estimated total costs versus the electricity output over the lifetime of a new power plant. These costs include construction, operations & maintenance, fuel and decommissioning. ♦

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Poonam - from Bikini to Bollywood

Poonam Pandey has finally made it big into Bollywood after all the controversial tweets, scandalous pictures and the shower video which had went completely viral. She has ten people behind her helping her with the interviews, marketing strategies and everything else. But she's short of one thing which everybody yearns for and that's family love! The poor actress has been targeted by political parties for her outrageous movie poster where she covers only her private parts with a pair of pluckards.

She lashes out at the hypocrisy of showbiz. "I don't think I've ever crossed limits. I've always said more than I've done. I've seen so many posters and hoardings that are far more suggestive than mine. My posters have nothing scandalous in them. I haven't shown my private parts."

Poonam admits she is nervous because of the negative attention. "People in this country give so much respect to a hardcore porn actress from abroad. Whereas I have never done anything that can be considered pornographic. "Mere jaisi bechari si lakdi ko target kiya jaa rahi hai". *Nasha* is not a porn film. It's a proper mainstream Hindi film.



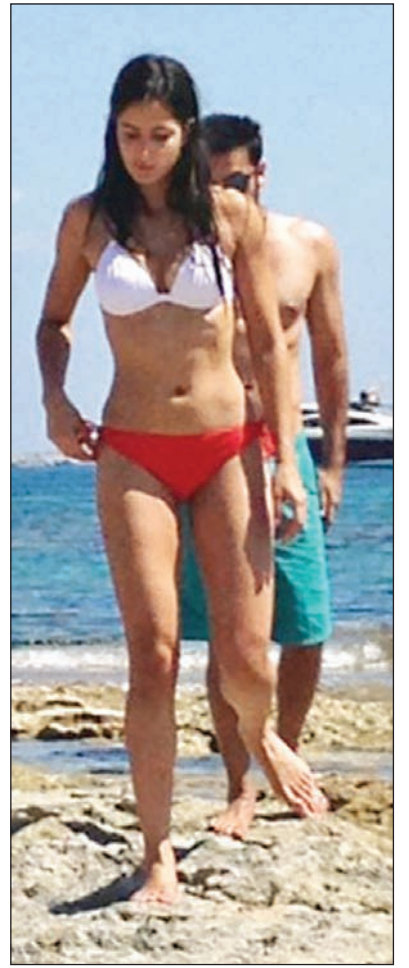
Katrina in a bikini

So finally the love birds are chirping out of their cage as Katrina and Ranbir were together spotted getting cozy in Spain earlier this month. After running from all the paparazzi in India, they couldn't probably work in stealth mode in Spain. These pictures were published in a leading magazine, who's editor says, "I think it's great that Ranbir and Katrina are coming out into the open with their romance now. It's great to be in love."



These photos speak a lot in themselves and their chemistry certainly seems on a high. Katrina Kaif spotted in a bikini with a shirtless Ranbir Kapoor, did Katrina take Ranbir for a *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara* experience? They have been spotted having dinner with each other's families, visiting rock shows and going on holidays! Recently at Katrina's birthday during the screening of Kiran Rao's *Ship Of Theseus*, Ranbir stood up and started singing Happy Birthday to Katrina in front of everybody! Now you know how it feels to be in love?

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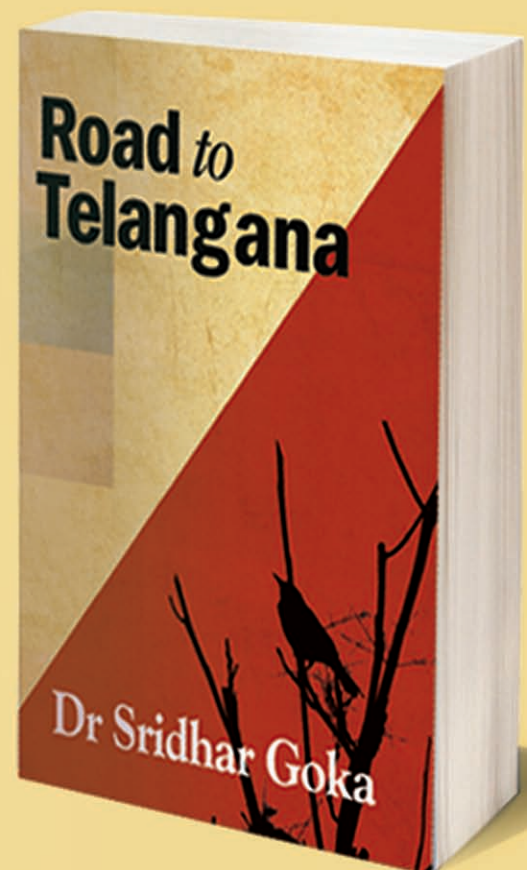
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Market turns cautious

By V Sundar Raja

The uptrend in the stock market that was seen in the last few weeks has again turned cautious. Stock market index Sensex, after an earlier bullish trend by about 1,800 points, is now witnessing selling pressure at major psychological barrier of 20,000 levels, and is showing signs of a further weakness. Even as the Index is at higher levels, there is broad-based selling in many mid-cap and small-cap stocks. The American market is still at major highs, but the FII's (Foreign Funds) are reported to be sellers in the Indian stock market. Many leading stocks have also hit the 52 week lows, indicating that the current market rally was restricted only to the select stocks and only select sectors.

The recent monetary tightening measures took up by the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) to control the depreciation of the Rupee has impacted the Market. The Banking stocks have tumbled to lower levels, while the Real Estate stocks and the Infrastructure stocks too were seen in a descending trend. However, the Rupee after an earlier depreciation has strengthened from the recent high of 61.5 to 59 levels, to five week high providing some relief.

Software sector rally was further boosted by strong quarterly financial results from the country's leading software exporters TCS. However, the Wipro's quarterly results



announced on 26th July, were seen in line with market's expectations and can lead to a consolidation in the software segment. Automobiles were seen weak and continued the earlier downtrend, as the sales are reported to be not encouraging, while the metal stocks have tanked further.

Only Pharma and FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) have continued their bullish trend, in the last few weeks, but looks overbought and can lead to a consolidation trend, in the short-term. The first quarterly results of the Indian corporate are in progress, which have seen no major surprises. The

financial results are almost in tune with the market expectations, and stock market has not witnessed any positive response to these results.

Precious metals like Gold and the silver are seen in a minor uptrend and are likely to witness sideways and a consolidation trend in the short-term. Gold has resistance at 28,000 levels, in the MCX commodity market, while Silver has the next barrier at 43,000 levels. It has to sustain above these barriers, to indicate a further uptrend. Similarly Crude Oil, after an earlier continuous bullish trend from 4,700 to the high of 6,500, it is now seen in a minor correction.

Market is now keenly awaiting the crucial RBI meet on 31st July, which is expected to take a decision on the banking lending interest rates. Market technically on the charts, has now the major support below at 19,500, where it must sustain for safety. But in-case of any further failure to sustain at this crucial support, then it indicates a further short-term correction, for the investors to be cautious. However, it is advisable for the investors to remain cautious till there are signs of a positive trend. ♦

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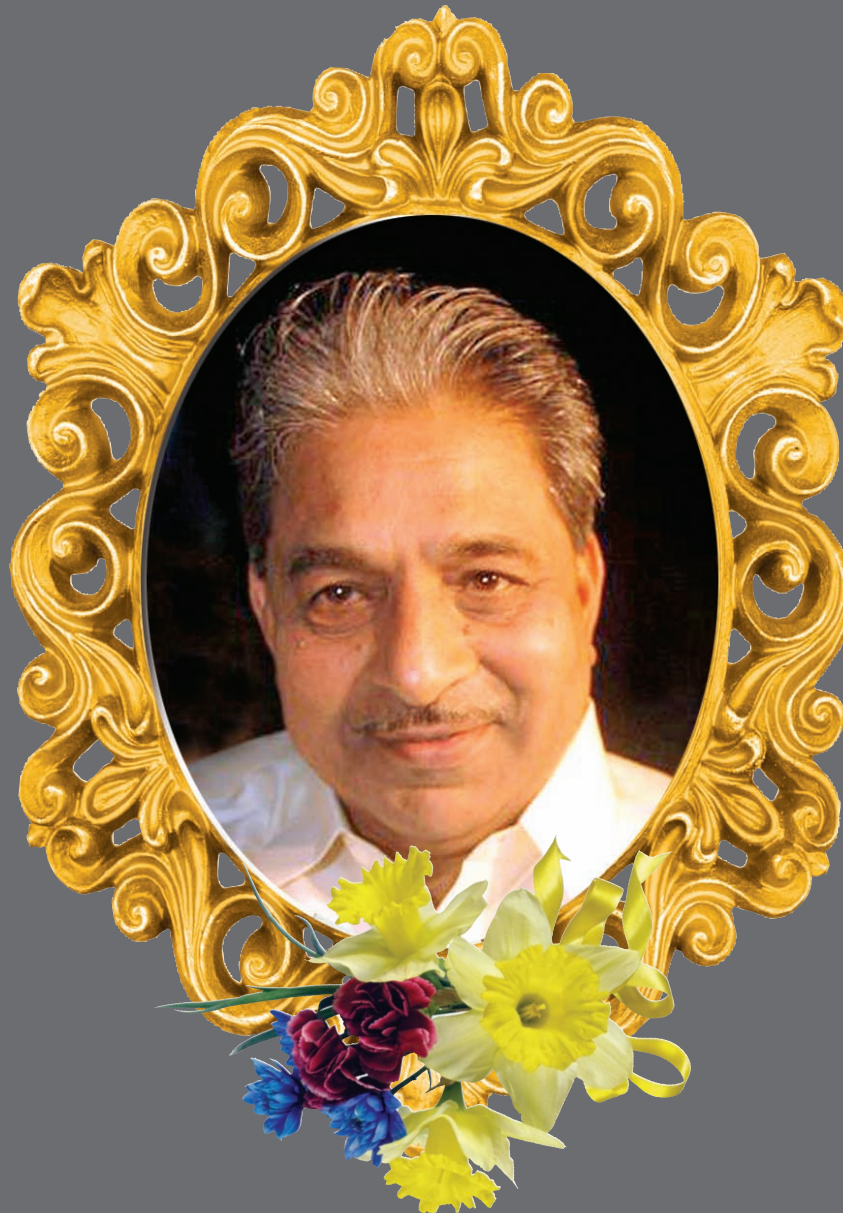
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Yours Truly,
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