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The two houses of the Andhra Pradesh State Legislature are expected to expeditiously express their views but it appears the 'Seemandhra MLAs and MLCs have other ideas...??

How long can they delay the T-bill?

By Our Political Correspondent

Despite several arguments and propositions, the Telangana Bill, designated by the Government of India as the - "Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Bill - 2013", has arrived in Hyderabad at 7pm on December 12th or Thursday. The much awaited Telangana statehood bill was finally cleared by the President Pranab Mukherjee immediately upon his arrival from South Africa on 11th December. It may re-called that the union cabinet after accepting the recommendations of the seven member Group of Ministers on 5th December sent the same for mandatory approval of the President. The proposed AP state bifurcation bill is constitutionally required to be referred by the President to the concerned state legislature for seeking its views within a specified period of time. The President adhering to the tradition however generously granted six weeks of time. The stipulated period lasts till 23rd January, 2014.

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Amidst demands and counter demands, the said T-bill finally reached the Andhra Pradesh State Legislature comprising the two houses on Friday afternoon after the two houses adjourned their business to Monday. The AP State Legislative Assembly is an elected house of 294 MLAs and the AP State Legislative Council has 90 MLCs. Showing a sense of urgency it attaches to the issue of Telangana State formation; the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) soon after obtaining the clearance from the President of India, acted in a cautious manner making sure that no untoward obstacles for the bill would be created from any quarter given the volatile political situation prevailing in the state of AP; the Union Joint Secretary (MHA) Suresh Kumar whose signature the bill carries, quite dramatically airdropped in Hyderabad by a special BSF aircraft at Begumpet airport to hand over the draft bill so that no time is wasted in enabling the state legislature that is in session to discuss the T-bill in accordance with the constitutional requirements. In fact, the MHA was more cautious to safeguard the privileges of the members of the AP state legislature who would not have ap-

preciated any untoward leaks of the bill.

There has been considerable objections and criticism by some politicians over the T-bill copies being brought in a war plane. Upon enquiry by DECCAN POST, sources in the MHA revealed that the sorties by the BSF aircraft from Delhi to Hyderabad and from Hyderabad to Delhi are quite common and nothing unusual need be attributed to the commuting of the MHA joint secretary by a BSF aircraft. The Border Security Force (BSF) is a paramilitary wing of the MHA and has nothing to do with the ministry of Defense or Indian Air Force. Suresh Kumar brought along with him 400 copies of the bill, meant for circulation among 294 MLAs and 90 MLCs. He personally handed over the bundles to the state chief secretary PK Mohanty, Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy and Governor ESL Narasimhan. A copy of the same was handed over even to the Secretary of the State Legislature on Thursday night. Obviously, it was intended to be submitted to the Speaker of the legislative assembly and Chairman of the legislative Council. This shows the importance the Congress led

UPA government gives to the passage of the Telangana bill expeditiously by the state legislature.

Not only that, AP in-charge AICC general secretary Digvijay Singh too arrived in Hyderabad as if by coincidence to coordinate with the state congress party leadership and also to oversee that the T-bill was taken up for debate in the current winter session of state assembly and council, which is scheduled to run

its winter session till December 20th so that it can be tabled in the Parliament in its extended winter session. The congress veteran Digvijay Singh met over 150 Congress MLAs & MLCs from both regions and urged them to clear the bill as early as possible so that it could be passed by the Parliament either in the winter session itself or atleast in the special session to be held in January, 2014 exclusively for passing the T-bill.

President Pranab Mukherjee who sent the state reorganization bill to the state legislature (assembly and council) as per the constitutionally envisaged procedure under article 3 therein granted 40 days time for expressing its views and revert back the same to him by January 23rd. Therefore, the coming 23rd January, 2014 is set as the outer limit for the debate on the bill and nothing stops the state legislature to send it back much before that. But, what the incumbent AP Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy and his ministers from Seemandhra are arguing is entirely a different line. They say that even the 42 days time is not sufficient to discuss the 20 pages bill clause by clause and they probably need two more weeks' time. This sort of belligerent attitude clearly indicates that this faction led by Kiran Reddy is only interested in delaying the consideration of the bill, and definitely not genuinely interested in discussing it which could otherwise lead to a decent package for the residuary state of AP after bifurcation.





If the chief minister and his confused group of cabinet ministers from Seemandhra are really confident that they can 'vote down the T-bill' they should have taken it up for debate immediately. If they are so sure that they can defeat the bill by resorting to voting; they should accept the challenge and do so, in the current session itself which is scheduled to function for another five days from 14th to 20th December. Even otherwise also, the chief minister and his group of Seemandhra ministers are telling their people that they would discuss the bill clause by clause and raise every injustice done to their region dur-

ing their own rule, the best way is to do it is of course by immediately taking up discussion over the T-bill forthwith and thoroughly debating it. But, they seem not interested in doing so, because, they are not honest with what they are telling Seemandhra people.

Jagan behind Kiran's rebellion against Sonia

In reality, the Chief Minister Kiran Reddy and his Seemandhra ministers are only interested in stalling the bill from coming before the assembly. Their game plan is to ensure that the debate

on the bill is delayed to the maximum extent possible and see to it that it doesn't get passed by the Parliament anytime before general elections scheduled in May 2014. To achieve this, their strategy is to drag the bill till end of February, 2014, when the Parliament actually is convened only to meet and to pass 'Vote on Account' for the next year, as election code of conduct comes in the way. All this indicates one thing – that a confused Kiran Reddy and his Seemandhra cabinet colleagues are more interested in safeguarding their political prospects

rather than highlighting the measures that are necessary to benefit the people of Seemandhra after state of Telangana is formed.

All politicians like Kiran Reddy, Jagan Reddy of the YSRCP and Chandrababu Naidu of the TDP know pretty well that it is not possible to defeat the T-bill by majority voting against it, as Article 3 of the Constitution doesn't permit any voting in the state legislature but these trio are keen on one upmanship in their penchant for power in the Seemandhra region.



A Thank You from the bottom of Our hearts!!

We take great pleasure in welcoming the decision of our union government for beginning the constitutional process for formation of Telangana State. We indeed feel gratified as the cabinet note on Telangana was unanimously approved by the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and his esteemed cabinet colleagues. Although there is a prescribed constitutional procedure that is required to be followed as envisaged, we have full faith in the commitment of Shrimathi Sonia Gandhi as well as the UPA government that everything needed shall be done in due course.

We celebrated the decision of the Congress Working Committee when it officially declared its stand to grant statehood to Telangana. Despite several Satanic forces making attempts to stall the process of Telangana State, we never doubted the integrity of Sonia Ji. Today, we feel vindicated for our patience and perseverance. We feel reassured that truth and justice will ultimately prevail.

The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater opportunities and achievements that await us. Yes indeed we are brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and humbly accept the challenges of the future.

We shall indeed wait for the appointed day to come - the day appointed by destiny - when India which is a Union of States now readying to give birth to yet another new State--- the State of Telangana !!! It is going to be the 29th State of the Indian Republic. The people of Telangana would forever remain grateful for the judicious acknowledgement of their decades long struggle for safeguarding their identity, self respect and right of self rule as envisaged in the federal scheme of our great Constitution. Telangana is situated in the heart of the Deccan that connects the Hindi belt of the North and the Dravidan territory of the South.

It is a fateful moment for us in Telangana, and for the rest of our fellow brothers and sisters in India who are taking part in making a dream come true for us. A new star will arise, the star of self respect in the Deccan, a new hope comes into being, a vision long cherished waiting to materialize. May the star never set and our hope never be betrayed! Thank you for not letting us down.



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So, Kiran and his Seemandhra cabinet ministers know well that even if they go for voting on the bill, it would not be considered by the President and he would only look for the views expressed by different members from different parties. Even otherwise, the constitution does not mandate any sort of obligation over the President to accept any of the views stated by the state legislature.

That means, even if Kiran and his ministers insist on voting on the bill and record that a majority of them are against it, nothing prevents the President from approving the bill and recommending the same to the union cabinet for its tabling it in both houses of the Parliament as per the Constitution requirements. Therefore, several legal experts made it amply clear that the assembly or the legislature discussion is only intended to know the perspective of the members representing different regions, in view of their state reorganization

If Kiran and his ministers from Seemandhra are really serious about the injustice that occurs to their people because of the bifurcation, they should debate, but not stall the bill. Kiran's intentions are clearly intended only to project himself as some kind of champion, seen to be protecting the interests of Seemandhra so that his own electoral interests are not jeopardized. Speculation is rife that Kiran Reddy may even go to any extent in embarrassing the party, if he is replaced by another person from Seemandhra. Although, those who know him well are completely discounting the possibility of Kiran Reddy ever daring to launch a political party on his own, many opine that Kiran is going all out against Sonia Gandhi only because of his secret pact with YSRCP and Jagan. Many in Delhi are closely watching every move of Kiran and Jagan ever since they smelt something wrong in Kiran's conduct.

CBN's poor conduct shocking

On the other hand, there is Telugu

Desam Party President Chandrababu Naidu who is raising several new issues at this stage. Instead of debating a fair deal over hefty economic package for the development of Seemandhra, Naidu is talking unnecessary and immature things like the union joint home secretary bringing the bill copies by a special aircraft, the need for amendment of Article 371-D of the Constitution and ratification of the same by half of the states etc. Keen on preserving his slender vote bank in Telangana even till today, Naidu is not saying that he opposes statehood to Telangana. But, his entire attitude and his indecent personal attacks on congress chief Sonia Gandhi reflects his impatience or deep - rooted anger against the bifurcation of the state to form state of Telangana. Otherwise, how can one describe his ill-tempered language against the Telangana bill?

Now, it is clear that there is a perfect coordination among Seemandhra leaders belonging to Congress, YSR Congress and TDP, going by their MPs giving notices for No Confidence Motion against the Congress led UPA government. Though, knowing well that they cannot muster a minimum 10 per cent of the total strength of the Lok Sabha that is 54 MPs, they brought this notice only to bluff and confuse Seemandhra people.

These leaders initially pinned their

hopes on President Pranab Mukherjee that he wouldn't send the Telangana bill so early, because he is from West Bengal where the statehood for Gurkhaland demand is persisting and also because he was not a rubber stamp president to heed to the congress high command. But their claims were proved wrong as Pranab didn't take more than five days to send the bill to the assembly. In fact, the President is known to have consulted top legal experts over the entire issue and after that had no hesitation in approving the draft bill that was sent to AP state legislature to express its views.

Telangana State inevitable

Ever since, the congress was joined by several political parties like the BJP, NCP, RLD, RJD, Akali Dal, NC, CPI, BSP, JD-U and a plethora of other parties across the nation; the issue of statehood to Telangana gained credence in the polity. The suicides by hundreds of youth belonging to the Telangana region demanding the formation of Telangana state caught the attention of all the political parties and convinced them over the genuineness of their historical demand spanning five decades. The successive elected governments headed by Seemandhra chief ministers failed to deliver the needs and also failed to stop their exploitation leading to a heightened agitation for separate state.

With congress moving ahead deci-

sively over the formation of Telangana state as expeditiously possible; the moves of Seemandhra MPs to create uncertainty in the Parliament was shot by the BJP leadership mincing no words. In fact, brushing aside all confusion sought to be created by Seemandhra MPs, Sushma Swaraj, the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha and Arun Jaitley, the LoP in Rajya Sabha both stated categorically BJP's firmness over its support to Telangana State formation and their absolute disregard for silly attempts being made to stall T-state. They demanded that the T-bill be tabled in the Parliament as soon as possible. The BJP president Rajnath Singh as if to further clarify, addressed the Telugu media in Delhi to once again reiterate his party's unstinted support to the formation of Telangana and a decent package to Seemandhra State. His clarification went beyond the general elections when he stated that "if congress for any reason fails to create T-state, then BJP would certainly create state of Telangana within 100 days of its coming to power". With this, all skeptics (like Jagan-Kiran-Chandrababu) must realize the futility of obstructing the T-bill when principal parties in the country are committed to it.

Now, the only duty of the Seemandhra legislators is to discuss the bill in the current session so that they can debate the problems of people of their region and as such seek adequate benefits and assurances to mitigate their problems post-bifurcation. Failing to do so would amount to sheer sadism intended to harm interests of T-people at the cost of jeopardizing Seemandhra people. Even if the matter is dragged on till 23rd January, 2014, the two UPA and NDA can easily resolve the issue by taking up the matter in the last week of January 2014. Therefore, saner elements anywhere would plead and pray that both people of Telangana and Seemandhra states would do well to prosper as understanding neighbours forgetting all the animosity that existed till now. ♦

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SB encouraging corrupt officials?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

With the functioning of Special Branch of Police under Hyderabad Police Commissionerate one suspects the conduct of its officials working in SOC (Special Operations Cell). This Special Operations Cell has been set up with the intention to contain anti social elements like terrorism, rowdiness, dacoits, etc. But with the latest trends it appears the SOC is trying to harass Right to Information Activists as well as people who are fighting against corruption and god only knows who is guiding them and encouraging them in doing so.

This Correspondent is associated with few societies such as RTI Activists Society and Society Against Corruption and filed petitions under Right to Information Act, 2005 to seek information from various government departments such as Police Department, Revenue Department, Municipal Administration Department, Housing Department, Registration Department, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Commission, Commercial Taxes Department, etc.

It appears that some of the allegedly corrupt officials got aggrieved and resorting to illegal, unlawful and inhuman practices of sending Benami or Anonymous Petitions to Vigilance Commission as well as the Hyderabad Police Commissioner's office and instead of taking care of possible threat to law and order situation in the city, the police officials have ordered for enquiry into the allegations basing merely upon an anonymous petition without any substantial evidences.

On the other hand thousands of victims pays a lot of visits to police stations just for registering their petty complaints like loss of bags, purses, mobile phones,



certificates or any other crime but for the police people it takes a lot of time to investigate and register a case but in the case of the people who are questioning through Right to Information Act and trying to bring out the truth it did not took much time for the Special Branch officials to harass activists in the name of benami petitions. Many suspects that if police wants to harass anybody, they will ask their own sub-ordinate officials to prepare an anonymous petition and order for the enquiry and trouble the questioner. It appears true in this case too.

Many recall that the General Administration Department has been authorized by the State Government to issue a Memo wherein it contended that any anonymous, benami or pseudonymous petitions comes against any government servant then it should be lodged at primary stage itself as it is impossible to find out the complainant and the contents of such petitions cant be verified and if the allegations are true and facts then the complainant need not to fear or hesitate to file the complaint directly with the ap-

propriate authority. But it appears that the government and its administrative officials have two laws for people. Any benami complaint in the name of government official is being lodged without even any verification and investigation and probe and investigation is going on when it comes to citizens like RTI Activists or Activists against corruption.

Interestingly, the SOC team of Special Branch of Hyderabad Police does not even disclose the purpose of the investigation and tries to sweetly threaten the RTI Activists with dire consequences if they do not stop filing RTI petitions. They also tries to convince that nobody will gain anything by going against powerful government officials even though they are allegedly corrupt and amassing huge wealth disproportionate to their known sources and they heard to claim that powerful officials have good relations with the police bosses so its better to stop filing RTI petitions.

Are we living in a jungle raaj? Is democracy prevailing in India? Is there any respect for the people who are striving

for a transparent administration and corruption free society? Why the rogues and constipated cockroaches born out of corruption are becoming so wealthy and powerful to dictate terms even in the police department? Why the government is not encouraging the RTI Activists and people who are fighting against corruption? Is it not the duty of the state government as well as the union government to eradicate corruption from the grass root level? Why the governments are shying away? What will happen to the future of India if this continues?

We only have to answer the above questions or else our coming generations will not forgive us. Its high time that the concerned police officials must wake up from the deep slumber and take appropriate action against the irregularities taking place right under their nose and follow the uniformed law which is one and equal for every one or else the people will be constrained to approach constitutional forums and courts for seeking protection to their lives and dignity. ♦

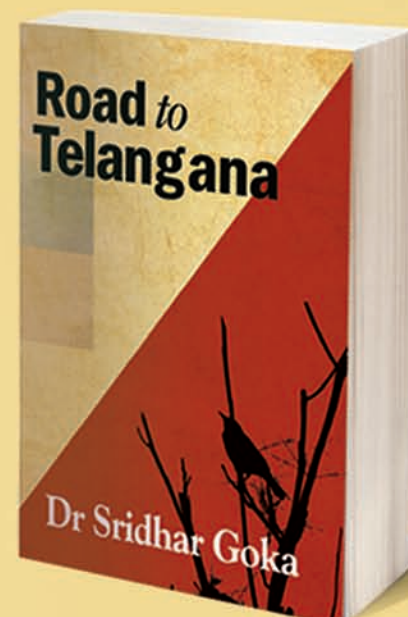
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It's time to amend Sec 377 of IPC

The debate on acknowledging the existence of gays or homosexuals in our midst is not a new thing. It has been there in our history for centuries together and while the so-called puritans always condemned such consensual physical (sexual) relationships; on the other hand liberals backed that lifestyle on the ground that it concerned the natural rights of men and women who have every right to express their personal choice. However, in the current era of globalization, the people of the modern world have been able to break their barriers and fight for their common rights. Thankfully, even India has opened up to this global phenomenon of gay rights since 1990s, ever since the voice of gays or homosexuals has grown strong over the last 20 years.

The Supreme Court judgment this week holding gay sex as unnatural sex and hence constitutes a criminal Act U/s 377 of the Indian Penal Code was actually turning down an earlier ruling of the Delhi High Court four years ago. Obviously, the apex court order came as a blow to millions of gays and homosexuals in our country. The blow was painful because of the fact that some of these people started living together in view of the Delhi HC judgment which accorded legitimacy to their status.

The apex court order created a stir, across the country, as thousands of gay groups have taken to the streets and objected to the way their personal choice has been dictated by the highest court. As this section is vocal, educated and had links with several countries



where gay rights are acknowledged, liberals, political leaders, media personnel and a score of civil society in our country too made their protests registered and called for setting aside the SC verdict.

In fact, the judgment of SC on Wednesday declaring 'gay sex as illegal' is not totally against to the interests of the homosexuals. The bench was only examining the legal aspects of the Delhi High Court order delivered on July 2nd, 2009; wherein, the HC made it clear that the Section 377 of IPC wouldn't be applicable, if two adults, though they are homosexuals, want to live together in their private confines.

This HC judgment dismissed the IPC's Section 377 (unnatural sexual offenses) which prohibits any form of sexual contact

other than two consenting adults of opposite sex. It's true that the present IPC was made by the British rulers during their colonial days, in 1860 and it came into being since 1862. At that time, the British rulers were influenced by the objections of Church to gay sex.

But, a lot of life style changes have been happening in the world and India is no exception. Even many Popes of the Catholic Church who occupied high positions at the Vatican too changed their views on this ticklish issue. Present incumbent head of the Vatican Church, Pope Francis is the one who unambiguously defended the rights of gays by stating that: "Who am I to object, if a person practices gay lifestyle and yet wants to seek the blessings of the God?"

When such is the openness of the conservative Catholic Church in view of the change that is visible; then, there is no point in our courts holding onto the same old conservative norms. Of course, it is not the job of the Supreme Court to make a judicial legislation. It only interpreted what the present law is in force. That's why the Indian Parliament must take initiative in amending the illegality of the gay sex or whatever it represents and ensures that there is proper freedom for every section of the society as long as it doesn't violate common good of the general public.

Many federal States in the USA and several countries in the conservative Europe had accepted same sex marriages and made laws to tolerate gay sex. In India, a large number of people, who claim to be gays and lesbians, have been clamouring for legal status since it's a matter of choice for two consenting individuals of the same sex and there are numerous mythological stories which support this relationship amongst the same sex.

As both Sonia Gandhi and Law Minister Kapil Sibal made it clear that the IPC Sec 377 would be amended in the current session of the Parliament, there shall not be any problem to do away with this archaic piece of law, which cannot penalize the lifestyle preferences of those comfortable with what we all along condemned as unnatural till now. Let's keep in sync with the changing times.

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Despite obstacles, only HER will prevails...

The people of Telangana awaited for formation of Telangana state by demerging the present state of Andhra Pradesh since a long time. The congress party promised in 2004 general elections to form Telangana state if they come to power at the centre. Congress party won the consecutive elections in 2004 and 2009 but the Telangana issue was on and off till December, 2009 when the then Union Home Minister P Chidambaram declared that the Telangana



state formation process is initiated but due to the pressure tactics adopted by the Seemandhra politicians especially from congress party itself has halted the process. Since then everybody was doubting the intention of Sonia Gandhi about formation of Telangana state as she was not in a haste to take up the contentious issue of Telangana. It appears true that she took her own time



and relied on her own sources and kept her word by taking steps for formation of the new state. Many leaders like Lagadapati, Rayapati, Kavuri from Congress, TDP leaders as well as YS Jagan Mohan Reddy tried their best to stop Telangana state but its just because Sonia wanted to fulfill her promise by honouring the sentiments of the Telangana people. Its very rare to see politicians with credibility these days who often change

their stands due to the fear of election results but one must respect Sonia for her courageous stand even after losing the poll battle in 4 states. Hope our leaders will learn from her.

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T-Cong MP acting?

With reference to your last week's Lens Eye article one must be shocked to know that if the powerful leaders who leads the government can go to any extent to achieve their desires. It is evident from the case of S Rajaiah, a MP from Warangal (SC) Constituency. I must congratulate the Correspondent for his investigative journalism and bringing the alleged nexus to the fore. Why YSR acted in haste and why gave clean chit and dropped all the charges and enquiries pending is a million dollar question. How can the caretaker government violate the constitution and issues GO when the model code of conduct was in force is very susceptible. It's the ACB which worked hard to unearth the disproportionate assets of people like Rajaiah but when the governments drop the charges it will demoralize the agencies like ACB. One should not forget how ACB has been sidelined from the Liquor scam when it was

about to expose the ruling party leaders who were indulged in illegalities in allotment of liquor shops. Deccan Post is known for its investigative journalism and being the regular reader I must congratulate you for unbiased journalism and hope you people continue your quality journalism.

G Sai Prasad, Marredpally

Madiba is immortal

I am a fan of Deccan Post for its publication of good articles and editorials. I must take this opportunity to give my tributes to the great leader Nelson Mandela who sacrificed his life for equality and justice. The youth of today must take inspiration from Mandela and must strive for the betterment of the country they live in. Mandela fought hard against the racial discrimination and the monopoly of the Whites over the Blacks and became an icon in the world and today many countries are mourning the sad demise of the great universal leader. We must pray that his soul must rest in peace and inspire the people who work in the interest of the society.

Simanthini, Warsiguda

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Ja-Ki-Chans to enact drama to delay inevitable T-Bill

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy - Special Correspondent

Everything went on plan as scripted by the UPA Government on T Bill except for unexpected delay because of passing away of one of the world's great black leader-Nelson Mandela who fought against apartheid. Decan Post pays tribute to such a legend who had become an Icon for those agitating for their rights in the entire world on the same lines as our Father of The Nation-Mahatma Gandhi. Our country was represented by President Pranab Mukherjee at the state funeral held in South Africa to pay last respects. Immediately on arrival, President gave a nod for the Telangana (T) draft bill which was then sent to the Union Home Ministry which in turn transported the same in 8 bundles by BSF plane officiated by a Joint Secretary Rank Official (Mr Suresh Kumar). No one was left in any doubt by UPA Govt. about the importance it gave to T Draft Bill.

When passed by Parliament indeed would be a tribute to Great Nelson Mandela as the incessant peaceful struggle for self rule by T people ran for many decades demanding demerger of erstwhile state as existed in 1956.

T Draft Bill reaches on Thursday (12/12/13) Night, but doesn't reach Assembly immediately-Ja-Ki-Chans & Co enact..... while all channels ran stories attaching significance to 12/12/13 no one in the state hierarchy including the Ja-Ki-Chans & Co had a sniff of what's going to come in the latter part of day..?! As wishful headlines along with orchestrated commentaries slotted in Seemandhrites controlled media over supposed President's reluctance to T draft bill and the cold storage of such a bill-the sudden and unexpected development of ferrying the T draft bill by a BSF transport plane shocked them to the hilt..? All the while the so called (Ja-Ki-Chans & Co) were busy in their scheduled plans to destabilize the purpose of All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary (State In-charge) Digvijay Singh's visit to the state on the very same day-post noon.

A concerted effort was on way by Seemandhra media to malign the visit of AICC-GS by planting irrational stories inviting unwanted friction and hype (a boon to T state as the divide deepened) leading to stage managed protests in Seemandhra and a token presence in Hyderabad. They have gone to the extent that he had come on a mission to bribe elected representatives from Seemandhra to toe party's line. While some like APNGO's Ahsok Babu have gone on record saying that AICC-GS is trying to threaten Seemandhra elected representatives to force them to accept party's line and they would launch an agitation to scuttle the same..!?

TDP-Babu's bandwagon did play their role to perfection in igniting the tempers leading to a showdown between Telangana and Seemandhra employees in secretariat..!

While this was on-landing of T Draft Bill the same evening has certainly raised hopes of T people while putting Ja-Ki-Chans & Co on serious not. As the T Draft Bill didn't reach

Assembly on Friday (12/12/2013) while the session was on, T legislators cutting across the party lines moved privileged motion against Chief Secretary for his role in delaying T Draft Bill (significant as it is sent by President) reaching the Assembly (Seemandhra TDP along with Ja-Ki-Chans & Co expected to.

Ja-Ki-Chans & Co insulting Telangana People while cheating Seemandhra People.. Unable to digest that scenario another game started by Ja-Ki-Chans & Co to delay the inevitable-tableting and discussion on T Draft Bill as recommended by The Hon'ble President in the midst of ongoing Winter Session of the



State Legislature. Any bill or draft etc sent by the President gain precedence over the other listed matter in the Assembly. Till recently, these groups were shouting at the top of their voice that they would take the T Bill head on on the floor of Assembly (in the vain hope that T Bill would never come out of President's office), but now when it did Ja-Ki-Chans & Co are back to their old games.

TDP-Babu on receipt of T Draft Bill reaching Hyderabad addressed a press conference wherein he once again revealed his true colours by spitting venom. He questioned the way T Draft Bill was transported by a BSF plane and the necessity for such urgency-grossly insulting the People Of Telangana who have been fighting peacefully for so many decades for the very same. Alongside Babu minces no words in attacking a Constitutional Office-President (till recently revered by him but T..) and championing Equal-Justice slogan without elaborating on how it looks like except toeing it as and when GoM or UPA moves ahead on Telangana..?

The same was witnessed in December 2009 when UPA made a statement on T state

after all demanded on the floor of Assembly and All Party Meetings including TDP-Babu only to take a U turn-with his infamous statement "how can T State decision be pronounced so late in the night" (when did India gain Freedom?-Hyderabad was a separate country then). All these out to prove that TDP & Babu are totally against T State out of their vested interests to safeguard their properties in and around Hyderabad, in T region on benami names thereby deliberately insulting People of T region while cheating the People of Seemandhra region equally by not allowing the benefits of a new state to be accrued while ignoring development of Seemandhra and

houses on the own & to..) while playing to the tunes of Seemandhra Politico-Business-Media Nexus who naturally harbor vested interests..?! All the initial good work and bonhomie vis-à-vis state and party high command by CM-KKR has gone waste as seen in after the latest deliberations with AICC-GS (who carried wishes and warnings of high command) and the delay in tabling of President's T Draft Bill....!?

Ja-Ki-Chans & Co are out to scuttle the tabling of T Draft Bill on Monday (16/12/2013) and also planning to see that it never comes for discussion in the ensuing As-

Telangana (except in and around Hyderabad) while in power..!?

The same is attributed to YSR-CP Jagan & Co, CM-KKR & Co who along with TDP Babu have masterminded the infamous post December 9th 2009 enactment of scuttling T State formation by that resignation drama..! Now Jagan goes around the country to enlist support to amend Article 3 while forgetting the essence of it in the past paving way for the Andhra State from Madras in 1953..?! He also forgets his party's past posturing in all party meetings on Telangana and YSR-CP Plenary alongside election (padayatra also) trail rhetoric by his mother and sister that Union Govt. can exercise it's powers by utilizing the same Article 3 and also insisting that they are not against T State..?

CM-KKR & Co fared no better after taking the stand on the floor of Assembly and in public that he would abide by high command's directive alongside UPA Govt.'s decision on T and also stating that he is also a 'Hyderabad' to cling onto power (making money in land deals as exposed by Ex-DGP Dinesh Reddy while Sandal-case is pending, accruing media

sembly Session. They are to move a privileged motion against AICC-GS-Digvijay Singh by TDP on non-existent issues on Monday. How frivolous it would be if one comes to know that this is just to over ride a similar motion against Chief Secretary by T Legislators and in that too from the excerpts from a press conference on the questions raised by journalists..?! Will these acts create Madras like situation...?! BJP should also be wary of TDP-Babu (past lesson-once bitten..), YSR-CP Jagan and vested politico-business interests trying to sabotage a constitutional process on Telangana. Lest AAP (Aaam Admi Party) like propositions may surface out of marked betrayals..! People of Seemandhra and country (Telangana is different as it is Demerger and not a new state..!) at large should ensure that they don't give in to selfish Ja-Ki-Chans designs of scuttling a constitutional process while subjugating the rights of peace loving people of Telangana region. It would indeed be a triumph of Democracy as and when T State happens without any further rupture (a reality sooner than later) and would be a fitting lesson to all such Ja-Ki-Chans. ♦

The National Animal Roars Again

By Jaywant Naidu

India holds over half the world's tiger population. According to the latest tiger census report by the National Tiger Conservation Authority, the current tiger population estimated is 1,706 (i.e. ranging between a minimum of 1,571 to a maximum of 1,875). The results include figures from 17 Indian states with a tiger population. In 2008, the tiger population figure stood at 1,411. The Tiger Census 2008 report had classified the tiger occupied forests in India into 6 landscape complexes; namely (a) Shivalik-Gangetic Plains, (b) Central Indian Landscape Complex (c) Eastern Ghats, (d) Western Ghats, (e) North-Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra Plains, and (f) Sunderbans. Within the Shivalik-Gangetic plain landscape, it was reported that the tiger occupies 5080 sq km of forested habitats with an estimated population size of 297 (259 to 335) in six separate populations.

In the Central Indian Landscape, tiger presence was then reported from 47,122 sq km (11.6 % of forests) with an estimated tiger population of 451 (347 to 564) distributed in 17 populations. The Eastern Ghats landscape complex had about 15,000 sq km of potential tiger habitat. Tigers occupied 7,772 sq km of forested habitats with an estimated population size of 53 (49 to 57). Tigers occupied 21,435 sq km of forests within the Western Ghats Landscape comprising 21% of the forested area. The current potential tiger habitat in the landscape complex is about 51,000 sq km. The population estimate for this landscape was 366 (297-434) tigers. North-Eastern hills and Brahmaputra plains reported tiger occupancy in 4230 sq km of forests.

Many of the tiger populations, partic-

ularly those outside protected reserves, are fragmented, suffer from intense poaching pressure, a dwindling prey base and over-used habitat. The strategy for tiger conservation in India revolves around the National Tiger Conservation Authority and the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Between the mid 1970s and mid-1980s, many protected areas (66 national parks and 421 wildlife sanctuaries)



were set aside, including large tracts of tiger habitat. They were later increased to 102 national parks, 515 wildlife sanctuaries and 44 conservation reserves and 4 community reserves. This resulted in an increase in tiger densities at many locations. There are 53 tiger reserves in India which are governed by Project Tiger which is administered by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. There were additional six proposed and four approved in principle reserves that are not yet declared. Assam was the place where this project was working since 1800 as a

foundation PSH tiger.

The largest Tiger Reserve is the 3,568 sq km (1,378 sq mi) Nagarjunsagar - Srisailem Tiger Reserve of Andhra Pradesh. The tiger-occupied area in the country had shrunk from 93,697 sq km in 2006 to 81,881 sq km in 2010. Out of 20 tiger-occupied States in the country, its population increased only in six States.

havgarh, Kanha, Bandipur, Mudumalai, Pench (Madhya Pradesh), Nagzira-Navegaon, Nagarhole and Dudhwa

VERY GOOD: Simlipal (Odisha), Annamalai, Bhadra, Dandeli-Anshi, Melghat, Kalakkad- Mundathurai, Kaziranga, Mudumalai, Parambikulam, Periyar, Bori-Satpura and Sundarbans

GOOD: Buxa, Dampa, Satkosia (Odisha), Manas, Pakke, Udanti-Sitanadi, Namdapha, Rajaji, Valmiki, Pench (Maharashtra) and Panna

SATISFACTORY: Achanakmar, Indravati, Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem, Kawal, Sariska, Nameri, Sanjay-Dubri, Sahyadri, Sunabheda and Valmiki

Project tiger in Andhra Pradesh:

'Project Tiger' has been initiated in the Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve and Kawal Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh. This project would include emphasis on spending money towards anti poaching activities & vigilance in River Krishna, maintenance (hiring and Maintenance of Botting), construction of patrolling camps, procurement of Camera traps, creation of fodder plots, compensation for Cattle kill, human injuries & crops damages, procurement/deployment of traps, cages to catch problematic animals, procurement of tranquilizing equipments & drugs, providing medicare to interior villagers, providing solar street lights to the interior villages, procurement of facilities like GPS, night vision, Range finder; computers for MIS & GIS maintaining data base, bio-diversity Research & ERM Lab maintenance, engaging PTG Chenchus as protection watchers, wages of tiger trackers, Rewards to informers, awards to staff for meritorious services, strengthening of check posts, procurement of Field Gear and night visions

Tiger reserve evaluation:

From June, 2010 to July, 2011, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in partnership with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) undertook an independent Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of all 39 tiger reserves in the country. The category-wise outcome of MEE Process is summarized as follows:

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equipments, specialized training in the use of GIS, tranquilizing, anti-poaching operation, study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves, removal of unwanted species of flora i.e. Lantana etc. and transport of water into saucer pits during summer season.

Poaching problems:

An offence committed inside the core area of a Tiger Reserve, attracts a mandatory prison term of three years, extendable to seven years and a fine of Rs 50,000 extendable to Rs 2 lakhs. In case of a subsequent conviction of this nature, there is an imprisonment term of at least seven years and a fine of Rs 5 lakhs which may extend to Rs 50 lakhs. Despite these penalties, the laws are difficult to enforce. There are more than 900 tiger-related court cases, but only a few of these have resulted in convictions and most are still pending in the courts.

Poachers use one of the following methods to kill a wild tiger:

Poison: Which is usually placed in the carcasses of domestic buffaloes and cows. During the dry, hot summer months, small forest pools are also poisoned by poachers, or depressions dug and filled with water for this purpose. There is a sophisticated and well organized supply route operated by the major traders, to distribute poison and collect tiger bones from the remotest villages.

Steel Traps: Which are made by nomadic blacksmiths. These traps are immensely strong. In a tiger poaching case near Raipur in 1994, it took six adult men to open a trap. In one area in central India, investigators found that so many steel traps had been set that the villagers were fearful of going into the forest. People have received dreadful injuries from these traps.

Firearms: Are used where hunting can be carried out with little hindrance.

Electrocution: By tapping 230 volts -11KV overhead electrical wires and laying a live wire

on animal tracts.

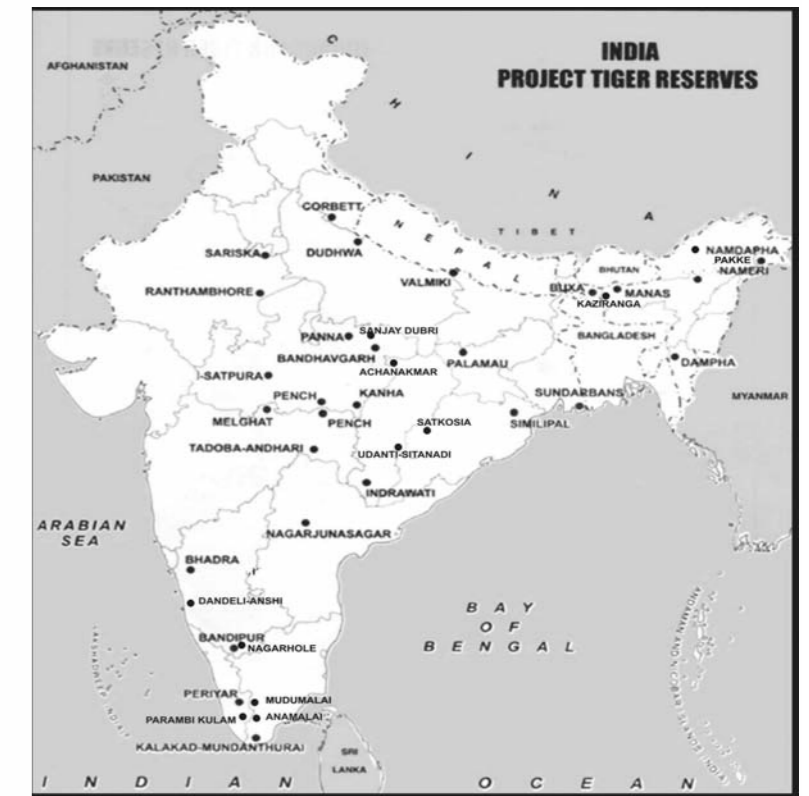
Tiger poaching occurs in all areas where large number of tigers has been recorded. Poaching is particularly prevalent in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Assam.

St Petersburg declaration:

The St Petersburg Declaration on Tiger Conservation and the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) adopted at the International Tiger Forum in Russia, November 2010, called for convening regular high-level meetings to review the implementation progress of the GTRP and its national priorities (NTRPs). The first Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation (AMC), held in Hua Hin, Thailand, in January 2010, played its critical role in preparation for the International Tiger Forum in Russia.

Tiger census in southern states:

The synchronized phase one data collection for tiger census has begun simultaneously in the four Southern States - Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka. Information on prey-base encounter rate, dung or pellet abundance, carnivore sign survey, habitat quality assessment and evaluation of anthropogenic pressure will be collected in the first phase and sent to Wildlife Institute of India. The institute would analyze the data collected by the Forest department in the first phase and work would be completed by first quarter of 2014. Then the actual density estimation of the tiger's prey base



and population estimation of tigers by using mark-recapture technique would be done. Let's preserve the species of Tigers otherwise our generations will only have to see the kind of jungle in books and magazines. ♦

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Addicted to Alcohol or Drugs?

Test for self-assessment of Substance Use Disorder

- Do you ever feel bad or guilty about your drug/Alcohol use?
- Do you need to use drugs/Alcohol to relax or feel better?
- Do your friends or family members complain or worry about your drug/Alcohol use?
- Do you hide or lie about your drug/Alcohol use?
- Have you ever done anything illegal in order to obtain drugs/Alcohol?
- Do you spend money on drugs/Alcohol that you really can't afford?
- Do you ever use more than one recreational drug/Alcohol at a time?

If your answer is "yes" to one or more of the questions, you may have a drug problem

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Laugh out loud

God to Pappu :- Beta kya chahiye??

Pappu :- Ek Job, Ek badi si gaadi.. Aur usme Dher sari ladkiya,

God :- Tathastu.

Aaj pappu Girl's school me bus driver hai...

Soch samajh k maango, God bhi smart hai.

Boy to Doctor - my girlfriend is pregnant but i used protection

Doctor: 1 kahani suno. . . . 1 sikari 1 din Gun ki jagah umbrella le gya, achanak lion samne aaya to usne umbrella ka handle khicha aur fire kiya. lion wahi mar gya !!!

boy- impossible ! goli kisi aur ne mari hogi !

Doctor: EXACTLY .

What is wife..... ?

Fauji : Sare Dushman Hum Se Darte Hai Aur Hum Bivi Se.

Judge : Main Court May Faisle Sunata Hoon Aur Ghar Mein Khud Insaaf Ki Bheekh Mangta hu..

Chakrateertha mukkoti performed with religious fervour

The annual Chakrateertha Mukkoti has been performed with religious fervour in Tirumala on Saturday. Among the 66 crore divine water falls believed to be located in Tirumala, Chakra Teertham is said to be one of the most auspicious "Saptha Teerthas" (Seven) in Seshachalam ranges. After the second bell in Srivari temple, a team of ar-



shana Chakrattalwar, Sri Narasimha Swamy and Sri Anjaneya Swamy. chakas, temple officials went to the holy Chakra Teertham which is located in Southern side to the temple in deep green forests. Special puja and abhishekam has been performed to the presiding deities of Sri Sudar-



HEALTH TIPS

Top 4 face packs for glowing skin & face

- **HONEY AND LEMON PACK:** If you have honey and fresh lemon at home, this will be a very good source of antioxidants. This also has the moisturizing properties. Take a small portion of honey and add lemon in it. Now apply it in your face to get a glowing skin.
- **Besan and turmeric pack:** Both besan or gram flour and turmeric is readily available at your home kitchen. You must make a paste with besan as well as turmeric powder with milk or water to dilute. This pack not only make your skin glowing and supple.
- **Sandalwood mask:** For years sandalwood is used to keep the skin glowing. Previously people used to rub sandalwood stick against a surface to get its extract. You can get some powder and mix it well with rose water to get a face pack. Now you can apply it well to get glowing skin.
- **Aromatic pack:** Take a small bowl and add some lavender oil, two teaspoon of gram flour (besan), a pinch of turmeric powder, butter/fresh cream. Now mix all well and make a pack to get glowing skin.

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3		2		1	6	7	8	9
7	1		2	8			3	5
4		8		7	5		2	
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		3		5			4	1
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How to play : Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You cant change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

A N S W E R S

Sudoku-299

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

Answer 298: G. Rajesh Kumar, RTC X Roads

ASTRO FOCUS

Dec 15-22, 2013

Aries: You need to focus on your business for a long term basis. Watch out for individuals who might think that you could be easily tricked. This week is definitely not good for taking any risky chances; especially where will be the money is involved. Your charisma will no doubt attract lot of attention. Time spent with partner could give you opportunity to make healthy relationship.

Taurus: There might be some new opportunity waiting to you which will enhance your business during this week. You will have to accommodate your personal life in between your busy schedule. Your attitude may remain aggressive in this week. Some of you may go abroad, and that will be a new beginning in career. A close friend will call to invite you to a small party.

Gemini: This week you will get support from influential people. You will also learn a lot even from

your opponents. Your reputation will enhance in your social circle. If you have some problem soon it will be solved. Some of your higher officials will do a favor to you.

Cancer: Your moral will be on the high during this week. You have to work-hard to get money inflow thick. New opportunity will come your way. Majority of the natives will pass time in doing routine work. Some of you will find suitable opportunity to prove your worth in your professional area.

Leo: Your moral will be on the high during this week. You have to work-hard to get money inflow thick. New opportunity will come your way. Your intuitions and forecast in the financial situation will prove accurate and you may profit by it. Majority of the natives will pass time in doing routine work. Some of you will find suitable opportunity to prove your worth in your professional area. Opportuni-

ties for new romance would come up through social get-together.

Virgo: Be proactive about maintaining motivation and a positive outlook at the beginning of this week. You will be full of energy and take some vital decisions to enhance. You will have to do much to get good at career opportunities. You may incur some expense on household gadgets. Your Love/Relationship could be better if you devote your much time with your partners.

Libra: Several good professional opportunities are likely to come your way; you may also derive the maximum benefit from the available opportunities. Some of you will make substantial gains through commission or agency work. Your love life will be quite exciting. Evenings with friends or family members would keep you in a relaxed mood.

Scorpio: You may hear some good news in this week. Money will go on buying some expensive gifts for others. If you start moving fast, you can still succeed with another ap-

proach. You will get your name boosted in your family and in society. Success is only a few steps ahead. You are required to handle the situation diplomatically. You will be able to do anything you want to do. Your patience will double your profits in your every endeavor.

Sagittarius: Your work will become much broad. Most of the time will be devoted towards studies and reading books. The married will share perfect understanding and will manage to steal a few moments together despite a busy schedule and those in love are likely to have a great deal of fun. Your health might disturb you so take care of your health.

Capricorn: This week you may make some long term planning which may helpful in future. Financially a beneficial phase begins bringing in its wake huge monetary rewards. Do not open up so quickly with new friends this week. You may be promoted to the next rank if you are in service. You will pass

your time in luxuries living/things. New friends are indicated this week and can easily lead to help possibilities.

Aquarius: A venture capitalist may encourage you to start an independent venture. You are required to take decisions after deliberating all pros and cons carefully. Your meeting with some important persons will infuse you with joy and zest for life. Distance yourselves from troublesome areas. Your abilities may take you to the peak of your professional growth.

Pisces: You may face number of problems in this week. You will have to let past go and maintains the balance in future. You have to careful about your court case. Prompt action would require, taking you closer to goal quickly. Journey made this week may prove dangerous. There will be improvements in your efforts to find another job. You could meet someone just about anywhere and don't need a romantic environment to get that loving feeling.



Do not give up your passion

Adam Foulds, recognized as one of the best British novelist (under 40 years age) by Granta magazine spoke to Deccan Post on his visit to British Library, Hyderabad on a British Council of India initiative.

Can you tell us about your tryst with writing?

I am a graduate of the Creative Writing MA from the University of East Anglia. My first novel 'The Truth About These Strange Times' was published in 2007. Then came 'The Broken Word' and later 'The Quickening Maze' about the poet John Clare.

Did you always want to be an author?

In my initial years, I took up jobs in warehouses, shops and offices. It was more like hard laborious work with very little responsibility. I used to get some time for writing. But finally, I achieved the much needed 'freedom' to work on books, full-time.

Why did you use narrative form to tell your story, than a prose narrative in one of your novel?

I tried to use the technical resources of poetry, breaking of lines to accomplish the violence theme. I also wanted the work to be maximally intense, like the experience of its central character, to be without let up or explanation. The trauma of imaginary experience of the events that we write is very painful.

Any hobbies for you?

Reading is the biggest hobby for me. And of course, social life, food and music.

What is the novel 'The Quickening Maze' about?

This is set in the year 1840 in Epping Forest, and during the period of John Clare's first incarceration in a private mental asylum there.

The novel has many elements of forest and natural world, poetry, young love, ambition, the rise of industry, enclosure and the idea of home.

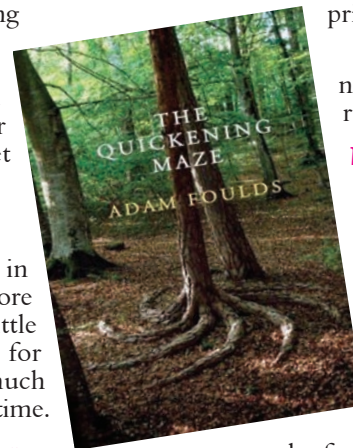
Who is your favourite author?

Homer, the Greek tragedians, Shakespeare, Tolstoy, Dickens, Joyce, Kafka, Proust, Donne, Hardy, Larkin, Eliot and Bishop. I like reading Borges's short stories, novels of Jose Saramago and Penelope Fitzgerald.

How easy is it to become a professional author?

It's not easy to become one. Not every novel of yours is accepted or could be accepted by a publisher. Be ready for a rejection. One must have a job which can give income to look after the needs of life. There is no guarantee of success in this profession. But at the same time one must not give up the passion. Be ready to take the criticism and suggestions for good. It's very important to absorb the advice of the people in publishing industry. ♦

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Is Katrina going to marry Dabang?

The first trailer of *Jai Ho* was unveiled by Salman Khan yesterday, Thursday, at Chandan cinema, in the midst of media and hundreds of fans. As usual, Salman Khan was at his charming best and he replied to every question posed to him by the media, with utmost coolness. His excited fans seemed to be in complete awe of the actor, as they went clapping and whistling at each and every shot of him during the trailer.

At the launch Salman said, "If you like the trailer, please stay here and if you didn't like it please move out," he said. Meanwhile, sometime the media does go over the top when posing questions, and this one was totally unnecessary.

They asked Salman Khan his views about Kareena referring to Katrina as her sister-in-law on 'Koffee with Karan'. However, the jolly-good man did not seem to have been pissed. Instead, he said: "Haan toh Kareena meri bhi toh behen jaisi hai. (yes, Kareena is a sister to me as well)" Very sarcastic and very witty! Well done Salman.



Praneetha rejected Raviteja?

Attarintiki Daredi film's success needs no introduction. This film has done so well that everyone involved in it are being chased with many offers. AD gave the big break to Praneetha, who did the popular *Bapu Bomma* song in it. Now she is getting numerous offers from many big films.



Despite the demand, Praneetha is being very careful with the movies she chooses. She is right now doing *Rabhasa* with NTR and is a part of *Pandavulu Pandavulu Tummeda*. Post *Attarintiki Daredi*, the beautiful damsel is not signing up roles in which she has to play second fiddle to some other actress.

Recently she was approached by Raviteja's new film's makers to play the second heroine role. Hansika is doing the main female lead in it and Praneetha rejected the offer. She is waiting for *Rabhasa* to release so that she could get even bigger offers. Praneetha, who was a Kannadiga stopped signing up new films in Sandalwood. She is right now concentrating on Telugu cinema only.

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Market turns weak at all-time high levels

By V Sundar Raja

Stock Market performance indicator Sensex after surging to historic new highs, it turned suddenly cautious, after hitting the 21,500 mark. Market index declined by nearly 1,000 points in just few trading sessions, as it failed to sustain in the new peaks and the sentiment has turned weak. The week started off on a strong note, as the market has responded positively to the recent four states polls results which gave BJP a major lead.

But, as the American stock market has reacted negatively, Indian market too has witnessed a broad-based selling pressure due to profit booking by strong players.

The key macro-economic data that was reported on 12th December has disappointed the market. The IIP data (Index of Industrial Production) showed a decline of 1.8% in October as against a growth of 2% in the previous month of September. But on the other-hand, the inflation (consumer price index) continues to climb further to 11.24% in November as compared to 10.17% for the month of October.

Market's downtrend was led by bank stocks and the infrastructure stocks, as there are reports that there could be liquidity tightening measure by the Reserve Bank, to contain the inflation that is now a major concern.

The crude petroleum prices are seen in a strong consolidation at current levels of 6,000, with a possibility of an upward bias for the traders to be alert in the MCX Commodity



market.

The precious metal Gold is seen extending its weakness, but has strong support below at 28,000 in the MCX commodity market,

where a recovery is possible, for the short-term investors to be prepared. Silver is seen consolidating at 43,000 and is attempting to stage a recovery from current levels. The leading base metals like the Copper, Nickel, Alu-

minum, Lead, and Zinc, are seen in an uptrend after an earlier stabilizing trend.

Indian Rupee is seen taking support at 61 levels, and is seen in a minor weakness as against the American Dollar. It has the next major barrier above at 64 mark.

Currently technically, market seems to have put a short-term brake to the uptrend that was seen earlier. In-case of a further declining trend, then market has the next major support below at 20,000 key psychological support level where a recovery is possible, before indicating next major direction.

Market is also now eagerly awaiting the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monthly meeting on 18th December, which announces the mid-quarter review of monetary policy.

It is also likely to decide upon the banking interest rates. Market players are now expecting that RBI is likely to hike the interest rates, and in-case of any higher than expected increase in the interest rates then market may witness a further short-term downtrend, for the investors to be cautious.

But however, market is likely to get into a consolidation trend, at 20,000 levels till there is positive macro-economic news in the coming days. ♦

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