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By Our Political Correspondent

Will YSR Congress **President and Kadapa** MP YS Jagan Mohan Reddy come out on bail before the next general elections due in Eleven months from now? This is the crucial question that is engaging the attention of all those who have been observing state politics of late. Even the 40 year old Jagan who is languishing as an under trial prisoner in the Chanchalguda **Central Prison in** Hyderabad does not know the answer to it.

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Can Jagan walk free before Polls?





agan's political future has become uncertain after the Central Bureau of Investigation which has registered a bunch of corruption cases against him is unlikely to file its last charge-sheet anytime soon, thus preventing the chances of the confident young political honcho getting bail. The CBI, six months ago, told the Supreme Court of India that it would complete its investigations by the end of March, 2013, indicating that it can file its last charge-sheet by the end of March; but then, the legal team representing Jagan felt annoyed at that time about their inability to seek bail till 31st March, 2013. The apex court on October 5th, 2012, asked the CBI to complete its investigations as early as possible and instructed the counsel representing Jagan to apply for bail only after that. The SC, however, did not prevent Jagan from applying for bail from lower courts even before that. Jagan precisely did it, seeking bail from CBI Special Court and the High Court in the last six months, albeit unsuccessfully

But now, even that time is past behind and yet there is no sign of the CBI showing any inclination to file their last charge-sheet which could enable Jagan to seek bail. Besides this, the Enforcement Directorate is making its own progress trying to unravel the mystery about foreign funds landing in Jagan's companies. Till now, the ED has shown its primary interest in seizing and freezing hundreds of crores of amounts belonging to Jagan and Co. Now, it is openly being speculated that the ED would fasten its ropes and tighten the noose. All these only suggest that the time for obtaining bail could be a long drawn affair for Jagan.

In the last few weeks, the political

activity in Andhra Pradesh has reached a crescendo as Congress government led by CM Kiran Kumar Reddy withered a No-Confidence Motion in the state Assembly last month. YSR Congress openly sided with TRS though the two parties have some differences over Telangana issue, apparently to defeat the government and force early polls.

Both Jagan and TRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao are sure that their tally will go up, if elections are held now and are very much interested in dislodging the Congress government at the earliest. But Kiran survived, thanks to the unsolicited support from Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Like Kiran, Chandrababu Naidu is also not ready to face the elections immediately.

Kiran is not even ready to face local bodies' elections immediately. He has been postponing the local polls on one or the other pretext and now the latest dates point to elections in June/July. Of course, as the Supreme Court has directed the State government to conduct polls to local bodies within three months, the government cannot escape the deadline, though it is not confident of winning any seats. However, the census operations that are likely to begin from 15th April might be used as a ruse to seek another reprieve.

Sensing the weakness of Kiran Kumar Reddy and the Congress in AP, it appears the Congress high command has decided to keep Jagan in jail as long as possible. Only that way, the Congress leadership can ward off a threat from Jagan and save the party from a humiliating defeat in elections. Obviously, the CBI is not too eager to file its last charge-sheet in Jagan cases; as otherwise, he will be eligible for bail.

Gali example:

Jagan was arrested by CBI on May 29th, 2012, two days after he was summoned for grilling at Dilkusha Guest House in the city. The agency has taken a long time to arrest him, even though the AP High Court, hearing a petition by Congress legislator P Shankar Rao ordered in July 2011 for registering a case against of appropriating illegal wealth by Jagan abusing the position of his late father YSR during his stint as the state Chief Minister.

The timing of Jagan's arrest too raised eyebrows among public, as the CBI called him for grilling at the height of campaigning going on for by-elections for 18 assembly seats held on 12th June, 2012. In spite of Jagan's arrest, the party fared exceedingly well, and the Congress and TDP bite the dust. Since then, Jagan has been moving the courts for bail, but CBI has been taking its own sweet time to file string of charge-sheets keeping the last one pending till now. The investigation is not over and it is progressing; any sort of bail for Jagan would jeopardize investigation - this is the standard response from the CBI. The Special Court trying the case feels not agreeing with the CBI is like blasphemy.

Many senior leaders in YSR Congress are of the view that the Congress governments both at the Centre and state are not willing to let Jagan walk free before next general elections. They see the example of Karnataka former minister Gali Janardhana Reddy, who is also close to Jagan being set in knots even to obtain a bail in any case registered against him. Gali was arrested in September 2011 and is still in jail. No one knows when he will succeed in getting bail.

After the murky cash for bail scam got exposed, wonder if any trial court judge would ever dare to grant him bail

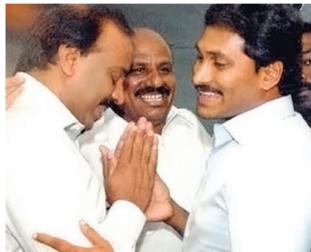
Umpteen numbers of pleas were made by Gali that he be set free so that he can contest the Karnataka assembly elections; all these have failed to impress the trial court, which has been probing an illegal mining case against him. The courts too went by the CBI argument and did not grant bail. If one were go by the example of Gali Janardhan Reddy, the chances of Jagan being obtaining bail before polls seems almost remote. Jagan's travails lie in the uniqueness of his case. This is perhaps the first of its kind that so many types of investigations are going on simultaneously to fix a person for appropriating huge wealth in a short span of time. Whether all this amounts to a classical case of witch hunting or the case of fraud detection by determined investigators will be known some time in the coming times; either way, it will have a lasting impact on Indian polity.

Is CBI at risk?

But, some political leaders and a section of general public may get a doubt that whether CBI will take the risk of keeping Jagan in jail for another one year, till April 2014, where general elections are scheduled? Will CBI not be criticized for being a political tool of Congress, if it does so? Yes, that risk is there, but nothing may be in the hands of investigating officers of the CBI, if it gets orders from the top.

Only this week we have seen how senior politician of the country and Samajwadi Party president Mulayam Singh Yadav openly stating that "No one can fight Congress, as the central government run by the congress party











will use CBI against those who oppose it". It is sad that this statement has come from a senior leader of national stature who was once 'India's defense minister and twice, the CM of UP and now desiring to become the prime minister of the country. Ironically, Mulayam is seen supporting

the congress led UPA when parties like TMC and DMK left the UPA. As if to convey something, the union finance minister P Chidambaram, dashed to Lucknow to convey something and the after effects were seen with Mulayam and his son Akhilesh, the UP chief minister both

reiterating their support to the centre.

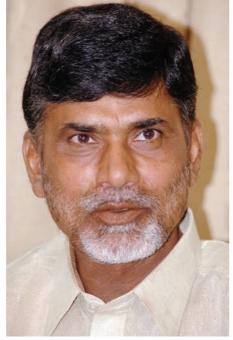
Interestingly, during the time of P Chidambaram as Union Home Minister, the CBI filed cases against Jagan. Now, the same Chidambaram is looking after the ED after taking over the Finance portfolio. So,

Chidambaram factor is continuing against Jagan. And, keeping in view, the CBI has supplied all information against Jagan to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) which directly works under the supervision of Union Finance Ministry. ED probe may further prolong the jail term of Jagan.



Quid Pro Quo between Congress and TDP:

As if Quixotically, while Jagan is facing quid pro quo cases from the CBI, for all the financial gains he had accrued during his late father YSR stint as CM who allegedly extended illegal gains to various companies during his time as a quid pro quo. But, there is a different kind of quid-pro-quo arrangement that is taking place now in Andhra Pradesh – that is between the ruling Congress



and main opposition TDP.

The TDP led by former chief minister and present leader of the opposition Chandra Babu Naidu has been extending all manner of open and tacit support to the Congress governments both at the Centre and state for keeping Jagan in jail. The Congress in return seems to be not creating any problems to the TDP in its political growth. According to one estimate, the congress high command is



not averse to the TDP picking up either in Telangana or the coastal Andhra if that ensures YSRCP led by Jagan losing its steam. To do its bit, the congress would ensure Jagan remains in jail for another one year or so. This arrangement although funny cannot be dismissed as figment of anybody's imagination because there is ample proof to the whole nexus. The manner in which TDP remained aloof during the No Confidence Motion is a first



hand proof.

Now the only `X' factor (surprise factor) in the entire scheme of things is the role of the courts, especially the Supreme Court. What will be its response, if Jagan knocks the doors of SC sometime next month, complaining that CBI is being used by Congress to stunt his political growth? Everything depends on the apex court's decision. Until then, its wait and watch. •

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Open Loot in sales of Set Top Boxes

By B Shivkant

he government has declared that if a family does not buy a set top box by 31st March, 2013 their television set will not receive the cable signals. The government is insisting on digitalization of the cable TV for better quality of picture and sound in the television programs.

This compulsion made by government came very handy for the Set Top Box sellers in Gujrati Galli in Kothi where people have to battle to buy a set top box. These crooked sellers are not even issuing proper bills and warranty cards to the purchasers and nobody is able to face their monopoly. It is being said that the original price of a Set top Box is somewhere around Rs 650/- to Rs 850/- but these rogues are selling the set top boxes starting from the range of Rs 1,250/- to Rs 1,800/- and the helpless people have to buy the same if they do not want to miss their favourite TV programs.

Another interesting factor in the selling of the Set Top Box is that there are few service providers are there in Hyderabad like Hathway, Digi Cable, In Cable, Siti Cable, etcetera who are operating in different areas and their areas have been mutually divided and nobody enters the other's territory. Most of the people are unaware of which service provider is providing the cable facility to them. As such people are buying set top boxes of other service providers unknowingly and when their cable TV operator says that the particular Set Top Box is not compatible to their service then the consumer has to return the same and buy another which is compatible to his service provider.

Here also the Set Top Box sellers are looting the people by saying that when the deadline was nearing the prices have went high and now the prices came down so they have to shell out Rs 300/- to 500/- extra. Interestingly no government department is taking cognizance of the sale of the set top boxes in the city as it appears all the officials concerned are getting their Mamools regularly to overlook and ignore the loot by the set top box sellers. It's high time that the concerned officials should wake up from their deep slumber and save the consumers from the loot.



Nagender turns Notorious yet again!



By Our Crime Correspondent

here are many sayings in Hindi which means that few people can not digest the delicious and nutritious food and they can never change their inbuilt defaults even if they are highly placed and it appears true when one sees the deeds of Danam Nagender – our Hon'ble Minister.

Danam is always in news for the wrong reasons. It has been alleged that he forcefully trespassed into a temple in Banjara Hills and locked the temple. A builder in Banjara Hills has complained that Danam has beaten him up and threatened with dire consequences. Furthermore Danam has attacked on Telangana Advocates and activists on different occasions in the past and the photographs of this notorious minister gone viral in the public. Now again a case has been registered in Banjara Hills police station

against Danam and his Driver under section 506 and 323 of IPC.

Why Danam Nagender forgets that he is now a hon'ble minister? Why he forgets that people of the state expect dignified conduct from a minister? Why Danam forgets that he has the utmost responsibility to ensure the peace and help maintaining law and order situation in the state? Why Danam forgetting that all his expenses and salary is coming from the taxes paid by the common man? It's high time that Danam should quit the bad habit of being notorious and acting like a hooligan and focus on benefitting people or else the people of Khairtabad constituency have other alternatives to serve them. Besides, Danam should think of his future too. What would happen to him when he

Casual implementation of Right to Education Act

By B Shivkant

he Union Government of India has brought the prestigious bill of Right to Education in the year 2008 to safeguard the education rights of the children of downtrodden and poor sections of the society. It was made mandatory for the reputed private schools to admit the bright and intelligent students from poor and downtrodden sections at nominal fee. But eversince, the Right to Education act came into force no student from these poor sections seems to have benefitted and the reputed private schools have not provided them with proper percentage of seats to the well deserving students of the weaker sections of the society.

Till today none among the District Educational

Officers (DEOs) of any district in the state have declared the facts and figures of the implementation of this Constitutional provision and no Education Department officials bothers about the wards of the people who are not rich and resourceful. The Right to Education Act was meant to provide quality education to the poorer sections at affordable fee but it appears the union government is also not taking this act seriously and that's why this beneficial act became meaningless. Atleast this year the officials concerned should help the bright and intelligent deserving students of poorer sections to get quality education which will enable them to contribute in the overall development of the nation and the society.

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Rahul, the Menace!

fter hearing the 70-minute long speech of Rahul Gandhi, the heir apparent of the Gandhi-Nehru political dynasty who is also the Vice President of the AICC at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)'s annual interaction session at Hotel Ashoka in New Delhi on Thursday, many must have wondered whether he belongs to the ruling party or an Opposition party. Definitely, he hasn't sounded like someone from a party that is heading a ruling coalition (the UPA headed by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh) at the centre for the last 9 years.

Much of what Rahul Gandhi spoke at the event is known to us, as he had already conveyed his thoughts on these matters through his various visits to many places in the hinterland of Uttar Pradesh and other places in the last few years. However, this is the first time that he blurted out his inner most thoughts and feelings at one place in the full glare of national and international media and he also took questions from the audience, which he never did in the past.

The entire country eagerly waited for this interaction of Gandhi scion, as he is billed as the future prime ministerial candidate of Congress in 2014. The captains of industry, of course, prefer some leader who can understand their concerns. Till now,42 years old Rahul Gandhi is seen as a person whose style of functioning is like that of a NGO and who till now seemed rather reluctant to share the company of top corporate honchos. Not that he was not meeting them in private but interacting with them at a 'corporate show' is all together a different game. One cannot escape being closely analyzed and scrutinized for the stuff he is made.

The main points of Rahul's thoughts at the CII event can be categorized into three: One, he wants to give voice to the people of this country. Two, he wants to give priority to the inclusive growth agenda

instead of alienation of a section of people. Three, any talk of his becoming the prime minister is irrelevant as of now.

Well, let us analyze what he said in detail. The first thing of giving 'voice to the people of India' is not a new thing. Even his late father Rajiv Gandhi, during his stint as Prime Minister between 1984played the same game by talking about "power to the people" and he did deliver by ensuring depositing of funds central directly into the accounts of gram panchayats, that too

25-27 years ago. Rajiv

also talked about elimination

of power brokers in the system and ironically power brokers had their way into defence purchases which haunted Rajiv till his last breath. Subsequently, as if to give impetus to Rajiv's commitment it was PV Narasimha Rao who brought constitutional binding to the Panchayat Raj and Urban local bodies in the

form of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments when he was the prime minister.

> But, nothing changed much. Scams and large scale irregularities continue to take place in the process and many gram panchayat sarpanchs lost jobs due to it. Today, Rahul Gandhi may be right in talking about giving real voice to people's representatives at the grassroots level, instead of a few hundreds of MPs and

and a few thousands of MLAs in the country. But, what stopped his party which is in power

for

the

last years? His mother (Sonia Gandhi) is at the helm of affairs all these years chairperson of the UPA National Advisory Committee. A defacto power centre.

Next point is inclusive growth agenda. By saying this, Rahul is indirectly targeting BJP's prime ministerial candidate and Gujarat CM Narendra Modi. By saying: "we cannot afford to isolate and alienate 200 millions of Muslims in India to take our country

and

forward," Obviously, Rahul is referring to the BJP's divisive agenda and Modi's past record of Godhra related riots. But, this again is a farce. Who stopped Congress led UPA government to develop Muslims in the country all these years? After all, Indian National Congress was in power for most of the time since our Independence and even currently it is ruling the country for the past nine years. Moreover, Narendra Modi or anyone who is a responsible leader from BJP has never stated that Muslims or any other section of India should be neglected.

Finally, Rahul is reluctant to answer questions on his readiness to take up PM post. It appears; he is not ready to take any responsible jobs, especially the top political executive job of the country. So how can people of this country take him seriously? On the other hand, there are many senior leaders in the congress who secretly desire to take up the job but at the same time worry about his casual attitude.

Captains of industry may have appreciated Rahul's speech and PM Manmohan Singh said he was ready to welcome Rahul as PM at any time. But, the fact is that this ever reluctant bridegroom and shy political prince is not clear in his mind on this. This way, he is proving to be the menace to the Congress party high command which is too eager to project him as PM material in next polls. •

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Third Front Revival Mulayam positioning well!

ow a days everyone is talking in every nook and corner of the country about the formation of the government. Many think that BJP led NDA will bag the power and many are of the opinion that this time it will be a hung in the parliament and it will definitely provide an opportunity for the formation of the Third Front under which a coalition government will be formed. It appears that the political parties are damn busy in chalking out strategies to win the upcoming general elections at any cost and forgot their basic responsibility of the welfare of the people and the nation. I personally believe that it does not matter whoever forms the government and runs the show but the governments should be working for the

betterment of the common man and it should not indulge in routine steep price hiking on basic needs and commodities. Coming to

TO THE EDITOR your last week's cover story, I agree with your opinion that Mulayam is positioning well and its his life time ambition to become

the prime minister of India. But at the same time it appears that Mulayam can not afford to withdraw his outside support to the congress led UPA government at the centre as he is well aware with the fact that CBI will be used against him thus he is keeping all his cards close to the chest and will reveal the same at the right time. All the best Mulavam Ii.

Vikas Yadav, Nanakramguda

TDP desperate to appease people

read Deccan Post regularly and I like the angel which Deccan Post provides to its readers. Its nothing but the hard fact of the day that Telugu Desham Party and its leader Chandrababu Naidu is dying desperate to appease the people and come back to power. Its been almost 10 years that

he vacated the Chief Minister's chair and he can not afford losing one more election and that's why taking up Yatras and not missing any opportunity to

win back the lost vote bank. Everyday TDP is conducting one or the other program with

some name and most of its leaders are busy in blaming inability inexperience of Kiran Kumar Reddy and trying to showcase themselves as the best choice for the next general elections. But the people are not so foolish as they are not able to understand why the Telugu Desham Party has not voted against this government when a No Confidence Motion was moved by the TRS Party and supported by the YSR Congress Party? TDP must clear the doubts of

the people otherwise people like me are not going to vote back to TDP.

Sadanand Goud, E-mail

Kiran turns state into

our last week's edit piece was the mirror to the existing pathetic power cut situation in our state of Andhra Pradesh. A very crucial and vital point has been raised by Deccan Post that when Sakala Janula Samme took place Kiran Kumar



Reddy blamed the strike and attributed this reason for the power cuts. Now there is no general strike, Now there is no Telangana agitation, Now there are no strikes taken up by the government employees and Singareni Collieries also producing enough coal for the production of energy but still there are heavy power cuts and moreover the CM Kiran Kumar Reddy has hiked the energy charges due to the pressures from the Discoms. Small time

business like Xerox Centres, DTP Centres, Internet Cafes, Cold Drinks shops, Photo Studios have been hit the worst and in a day they are losing a lot of customers due to four hours power cut in the city and they cannot even afford buying a generator. Kiran Kumar Reddy must understand the hardships of the people and see that there would be lesser power cuts.

Aruna Rao, Red Hills

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Suicidal apprach by Congress?

Hidden agenda behind Kiran Govt. allowing YSRCP hunger strike (6th day) to continue...

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy - Special Correspondent

y allowing the YSRCP agitation against Kumar Reddy and the cabinet are betraying none but the strong base of congress itself. Congress party cadres feel confused and are on the verge of shifting their stand in favour of other parties to tide over the popular sentiment prevailing in the public against the recent power hike. Once in an every year it has become a habit for the Govt. in the recent times to effect abnormal hike in the power tariffs by showing ERC direction as a reason instead of properly addressing the short falls ahead of every such situation. Congress while in opposition fought such a hike during TDP rule alongside communist parties resulting in change of power along with Telangana sentiment and free power to farmers in 2004. Then why congress which is in ruling now is toeing the same line as done by the TDP in 2004..?Is it not suicidal for ruling congress as all categories of consumers of power including domestic, farmers, small and medium industries are in no position to absorb such a hike then for whose benefit this hike and such a policy? When opposition parties are gunning for ruling party, how can congress as a ruling party be so complacent ahead of an election year? Why did the Govt. allow the hunger strike by YSRCP to head into 6th day when the health of many a legislators is deteriorating and that too on the close heels of agitation by TDP, Communists, BJP? How can this be continued for so long and so close to April-9-bandh call given by all parties? It is still a mystery as to how this is allowed by ruling congress when there is already a mass exodus of politicians including elected representatives into YSRCP? Now amidst a

public agitation none from the ruling party including ministers even bothered to arrest the spread by shifting the fasting members to hospitals or making a courtesy call on those fasting as was the case during fast by TDP, Communists, BJP...! Then how many from the present cabinet and the ruling legislature party are out to embrace YSRCP as being prophessed by them? Then how should one correlate such discrete silence by so many ministers except for minor grumblings even in the heat of a popular uprise..!?

Rs 6,337 crores through hike, while decrease or subsidy only 830 crores..? Tariff rise only to benefit private companies in future...?!

Spontaneous uproar by all categories of electricity consumers spearheaded by political parties within the assembly and outside forced the Govt. to concede or maintain a status quo with regards to some categories. CM Kiran Kumar Reddy along with his cabinet colleagues tried to put a bold face and reeled out a formula in his characteristic style stating that old tariffs would prevail for 0 to 50, 51 to 100,101 to 150,151 to 200 slabs and in that too majority of the consumers would be benefitted while promising to bear a subsidy of 830 crores leaving the rest of 5,637 crores to be borne by the rest. No one missed the logic behind such a statement that too when the farming, small and medium industries are out to go on a dry run turning scores of people unemployed, creating a shortage of staple food while grossly affecting the state's exchequer with the dwindling of already assured revenues. Instead of improving regular and cheap sources of generation of power (hydro-electric etc) by strategic planning entering into meaningful understanding with neighbough-ring states, the present and the preceding governments encouraged exploitation of other precious natural sources by exclusive private entrepreneurs (encouraged by politico+ administrative+ media nexus) making them expensive and unique..!? Then, how can one understand such a scenario? Why don't state and the region demand an enhanced share over and above it's share when it's other natural resource (mines-coal, gas) is utilized and distributed across the country, that too when the state and people are forced to face hardships affecting every aspect of their life..? In this context every step of the succeeding governments in this regard becomes questionable as the lead players-entrepreneurs are from all the parties- contributing to the party fund and party hierarchy's selfish needs thereby blindfolding the policy of utilization of mass and cheap sources for power generation or allowing such to rule the roost in the exploration of such natural sources..! Otherwise how can one comprehend such a

Rosaiah as CM instrumental in fixing the price for private entrepreneurs-basis..?!While TDP-Babu gifted KG Basin endorsed by....

TDP-Babu rule gave a go ahead to exploit it's KG Basin to private entrepreneurs (Reliance+BP) while in power without properly negotiating for it's rightful share even in the midst of severe power crisis then leading to loss of power. That has certainly resulted in the present stalemate as majority of such is channeled out at a monopolized price and to a selected few. Erstwhile TDP Govt. and the present ruling congress Govt.s have allowed selected few entrepreneurs like Lanco, GMR, GVK etc to utilize the natural resource gas etc

by showing the need, only to sell the same to others at a higher cost. Gas etc was allotted to all such even before commencement and commissioning on a war footing as if they are the sole succour for the depleting energy pool. But, the idea and the rationale was different as exposed by the then Rosaiah Govt. in a sudden, swift way in fixing the price/tariff for the power to be sold by such entrepreneurs ignoring the future needs of the society. This was in continuation of such policy from TDP's time. A comprehensive enquiry by vigilance or a suo-motto enquiry by HC or Lokayukta would certainly expose the under hand dealings in all such acts leading to present power crisis and the looting of the natural resources by a selected few along with such abnormal hike in the power tariffs.

Then, these regular enhancements every year(in the name of ERC-Electricity Regulatory Commission) till it reaches a stage wherein people or consumers of all categories are forced to buy directly from the private operators at their offered rates as there would be no difference between the Govt. and private.....!Then, what about the welfare activity of the Govt.? Is it for this reason, power is being offered on a platter to the opposition-YSRCP by the ruling congress led by CM-NKR taking the discomfiture of TDP-Babu's personal case-if not how can a principal opposition be so mute to non-confidence and claim to the throne which they lost through the same power crisis? Or is it the same exclusive private entrepreneurs (encouraged by politico+administrative+media nexus irrespective of political or other affiliations) ruling the roost with a....!? •

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'Insurance Pools' For Nuclear And Energy Risks

By Jaywant Naidu

he development of mankind's facility to utilize the power of the atom and the subsequent emergence of the civil nuclear energy program in the 1950's presented insurers with two entirely new perils and two separate, but inter-related problems. The perils were those of failure to control the nuclear chain reaction with subsequent damage to the plant itself and radioactive contamination. neither the effects of which could not be quantified nor the frequency of losses forecast. The problem of how to provide cover for the nuclear industry itself was particularly difficult to resolve because it involved: the impossibility of establishing accurate estimates of frequency in the absence of statistical knowledge or previous experience, the potential risk of enormous damage arising from contamination and the resulting cessation of economic activity affecting large numbers of population over widespread geographic regions, the need to amass a substantial cover capacity for the benefit of a limited number of policyholders i.e. the Nuclear power

In order to provide adequate insurance cover for the operators of the expanding nuclear energy industry, specific measures needed to be taken. By reason of their nature and size, large nuclear risks (power stations and spent fuel reprocessing plant) have been, from the outset, beyond the resources of any one national market. The insurance industries of the world have responded to these difficulties by the formation of market-wide national Pools and by the widespread adoption of exclusion clauses in their non-Pool portfolios as a mechanism to harness the greatest possible capacity commitment in support of the nuclear industry. There are now around 26 such market Pools.



A Pool is essentially a mechanism whereby a number of insurers agree to appoint a common agent to underwrite jointly a particular risk or class of business. It is a mechanism commonly employed where the risks in question are few in number, or requires a capacity beyond the individual means of the members even if arranged on a traditional co-insurance basis, or which presents some particularly hazardous aspect which would render acceptance by conventional methods difficult if not impossible. Nuclear Insurance Pools were established by the major insurance markets of the world during the mid to late 1950's in response to pressure from both Governments and the nuclear industry and have continued to develop in new markets

Radio-Active Contamination Exclusion Clauses:

Certain perils carry such a potential to cause devastation that they are not capable of coverage by the private insurance market since the 1930's. Some war risks have been held to be one such category, radioactive contamination is another. Even in those markets where nuclear Pools have not been established, insurers have found it prudent to exclude radioactive contamination, irrespective of whether or not nuclear power stations have been built in the countries concerned. It must be understood that the Exclusion Clauses usually relate only to ionizing radiation or contamination by radioactivity from nuclear fuel or nuclear waste arising from the combustion of such fuel. The clauses do not necessarily apply to other sources of ionizing radiation such as radioisotopes, X-ray equipment or particle accelerators which are normally freely insurable in the open market. These lesser sources of radioactivity are of comparatively minor significance and are frequently not classified as nuclear material under the relevant legislation. The Chernobyl accident has demonstrated that the original

> potentially unlimited compensation. World-wide inter-pool

Pools are free to reinsure their business on a facultative basis mostly with other pools. Where such facultative reinsurance does occur, Nuclear Pools have developed Standard Rules for the Exchange of Reinsurance between Pools in order to

fears of Insurers of a catastrophic exposure

were well founded and that it is not possible

for any domestic market to commit itself to

the provision of cover for immeasurable and

establish clearly the guidelines for the commonly adopted and accepted practices for the exchange of business. Reinsurance Cover Notes have been developed as the documentation for the individual risks which are ceded within the framework of the Standard Rules. Furthermore, there is an obligation for each Pool to produce a Basis of Operations document. according to a recommended format which includes the Pool's constitution, the list of its membership, and the standard policy wordings of the business which they cede and other useful information such as explanation of terms used in their policy wordings of reinsurance cover notes. These documents are circulated to all Pools with whom business is transacted. The risks presented by the civil use of nuclear power are categorized as low-frequency, high-

Position in America:

The Price-Anderson Act, which became law on September 2nd, 1957, was designed to ensure that adequate funds would be available to satisfy liability claims of members of the public for personal injury and property damage in the event of a nuclear accident involving a commercial nuclear power plant. The legislation helped encourage private investment in commercial nuclear power by placing a cap, or ceiling on the total amount of liability each holder of a nuclear power plant licensee faced in the event of an accident. Over the years, the "Limit of Liability" for a nuclear accident has increased the insurance pool to more than \$ 12 billion. Under existing policy, owners of nuclear power plants pay a premium each year for \$ 375 million in private insurance for offsite liability coverage for each reactor unit. This primary or first tier, insurance is supplemented by a second tier. In the event a nuclear accident, causes damages in excess of \$ 375 million, each licensee would be assessed a prorated share of the excess up to \$ 111.9 million. With 104 reactors currently licensed to operate, this secondary tier of funds contains about \$ 11.6 billion. If 15 percent of these funds are expended, prioritization of the remaining amount would be left to a federal district court. If the second tier is depleted, Congress is committed to determine whether additional disaster relief is required. The only insurance pool writing nuclear insurance, American Nuclear Insurers, is comprised of property-casualty insurance companies. About 13 percent of the pool's total liability capacity comes from foreign sources. The average annual premium for a single-unit reactor site is \$ 8,30,000/-. The premium for a second or third reactor at the same site is discounted to reflect a sharing of limits. Claims resulting from nuclear accidents are covered under Price-Anderson; for that reason, all property and liability insurance policies issued in the US exclude nuclear accidents. Claims can include any incident (including those that come about because of theft or sabotage) in the course of transporting nuclear fuel to a reactor site; in the storage of nuclear fuel or waste at a site; in the operation of a reactor, including the discharge of radioactive effluent; and in the transportation of irradiated nuclear fuel and nuclear waste from the reactor. Price-Anderson does not require coverage for spent fuel or nuclear waste stored at interim storage facilities, transportation of nuclear fuel or waste that is not either to or from a nuclear

reactor, or acts of theft or sabotage occurring after planned transportation has ended. Insurance under Price-Anderson covers bodily injury, sickness, disease or resulting death, property damage and loss as well as reasonable living expenses for individuals evacuated. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended the Price-Anderson Act to December 31, 2025.

Price-Anderson in Action:

When the accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant in Middletown, Pa., occurred in 1979, the Price-Anderson Act provided liability insurance to the public. Coverage was available to those in need by the time Pennsylvania's governor recommended the evacuation of pregnant women and families with young children who lived near the plant. At the time of the accident, private insurers had \$ 140 million of coverage available in the first tier pools. Insurance adjusters advanced money to evacuated families in order to cover their living expenses, only requesting that unused funds be returned; recipients responded by sending back several thousand dollars. The insurance pools also reimbursed over 600 individuals and families for wages lost as a result of the accident. In addition to the immediate concerns, the insurance pools were later used to settle a class-action suit for economic loss filed on behalf of residents who lived near Three Mile Island, Because the Price-Anderson Act allowed for a certain amount of money to be spent on each accident, it covered court fees as well. The last of the litigation surrounding the accident was resolved in 2003. To date; the insurance pools have paid approximately \$ 71 million in claims

Russia and China:

Island accident.

Leaders of Russian and Chinese nuclear insurance pools reached an agreement to insure the risks of two new nuclear reactors in China. Since the year 2009 this cooperation has received contracts for reinsurance of the civil liability of China's nuclear power plants worth almost 37 million US dollars (about 28 million Euros). Russia's nuclear insurance pool was founded in

and litigation costs associated with the Three Mile

1997 and consists of 19 member companies. China's pool was founded in 1999 and consists of 17



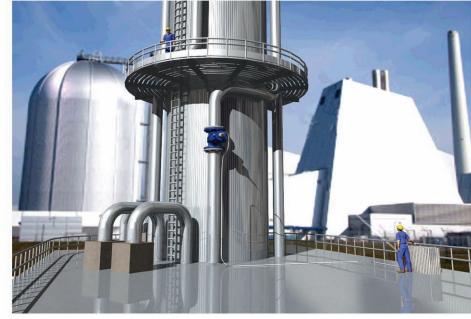
India has formed an ₹ 2,000 crore Energy Insurance Pool (EIP) fund to back Indian firms that insure domestic refineries processing Iranian crude oil. For claims beyond ₹ 2,000 crore, the Central government would extend sovereign guarantee up to Rs 10,000 crore. Indian insurance firms depend on large European counterparts to reinsure their risks as they would otherwise end up in deep financial trouble in case of large payout. With overseas reinsurers no longer willing to cover any business linked with Iran following US and EU sanctions, refining at Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd and Essar Oil Ltd have been under the threat. State-run Oriental Insurance Company and New India Assurance Company would be the initial contributors. India is Iran's second-largest buyer after China, taking a quarter of its oil exports worth \$ 1 billion a month. India's refiners have already slashed imports from Iran as they joined other major Asian buyers in reducing purchases to secure waivers from the sanctions.

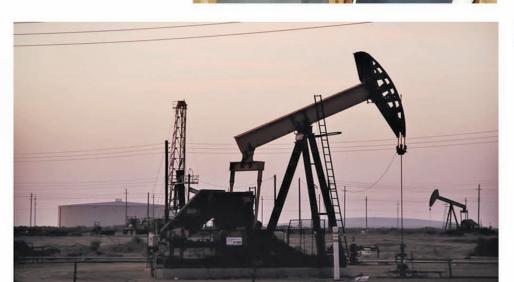
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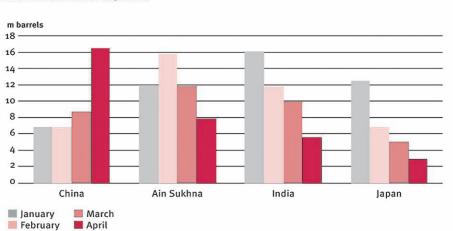








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Annual Pushpa Yagam in swamy temple

VENKATESAYA

ushpa Yaga Mahotsavam was conducted amidst religious fervour in the temple of Lord Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy, Srinivasa Mangapuram on

Friday. Generally, this utsavam was used to conduct to pray the god to save the manking from natural calamities such as cyclones, famine, earth quake etc. This utsavam is usually conducted on sravana nakshatram day the birth star of Lord Venkateswara.

Nearly 6 tons including 18 kinds of flowers are used in the Pushpa Yagam. Earlier Snapana Tirumanjanam was performed to the processional deities of Lord Kalyana Venkateswara and His Consorts at Kalyana Mandapam inside the temple premises. Later, unjal seva and veedi utsavam was conducted to the Lord Kalyana Venkateswara ______ Swamy.

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Dy EOs Sri Munirathram Reddy, Smt Reddamma, Sri Gopalakrishna, AEO Sri Lakshman Naik, Sri Nanda Gopal, Arjitham Inspector and large number of devotees took part in this utsavam.



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How to play: Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x 3 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.

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ANSWERS

Sudoku-263

Answer 263: Santhosh K, LIG Colony

Laugh out loud

Santa goes to buy a underwear. On choosing one he asks: How much for this? Shopkeeper: Rs 500 Santa: Arey bhai daily waer dikhaao, Party wear nahin chahiye.

Santa was standing in sun on a hot sunny day.
Banta asked: What are you doing?

Santa: Drying sweat

Sardar joined new job. 1st day he worked till late evening on the computer. Boss was happy and asked what you did till evening.

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Sardar: Keyboard alphabets were not in order, so I made it alright.

A Chini was in hospital.
SANTA went to meet him.
Chini said "CHING
CHONG, MOU.CHU
CHA" & died.
SANTA went china 2 know
thea meaning, that wasKUTTE OXYGN K PIPE
SE PAIR Utha.

Q: How do you recognize Santa's son, Pappu, in School? A: He is the one who erases the books when the teacher erases the board.

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Santa was drawing money from ATM. Banta, who was just behind him in the line said: I've seen ur password. It's ****. Sant: U r wrong. It's 1394.

Santa College Ki Ladki se Bola "I love U" Ab Tum Muje Bolo Girl:Me Abi Ja K sir Ko Bolti Hu Santa: pagli sir Ko Mt Bol Unki Shadi Ho Gai.

ASTRO FOCUS

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Aries: You will achieve success in your workplace which may increase your happiness. Do not try to change your jobs during the week. You will also achieve success in property related matter but do not involve in any legal mess. Those natives aspiring to go abroad will get good chances. Romance would rule your heart this week as you find immense pleasure in the arms of your beloved.

Taurus: You have a good imagination and can put forth your ideas in different formats. Your travel Program would bring much-needed change in your routine. Some of you may take step to upgrade their skills further. You will also god well in sports and games.

Gemini: You will spend some quality time with an interesting personality. Communicating with old friends would bring happiness. You will be the center of attention, and you should not waste these opportunities to revive lost contacts. Message from overseas will bring happiness. There might be some difference with your partner in this week. Minor health ailments due to untimely food habits can cause some worry.

Cancer: You will take several actions and surprise everyone around. You should talk to others about your plans. You would have benefit from an early start in new venture. College students will venture into small part time jobs or short-term courses. The environment at home front would be peaceful and prosperous. Time spent with partner could give you opportunity to make healthy relationship. You will maintain normal health during this week.

Leo: Your expertise in solving problems would be appreciated at workplace. You can ask for favour or run your ideas by those who will be able to support your objective. This would help you to attain your professional goal. Other religious activities will also take some of your time. Saying wrong things at the wrong time will bring criticism from your partner might be created problem.

Virgo: You will feel motivated and explore several opportunities. Sudden change regarding your circle of friends could prove stimulating and interesting. Your timely actions would bring in monetary gains. Some major changes are shaping up in your career. You will spend most of your time with your sweetheart.

Libra: Your versatile mind and sense will allow you to come up with various solutions. Financial gains would be to your satisfactions. You should always listen to your inner voice before making any promising anything's at workplace. Partners would be enthusiastic about your new plans and ventures. Get involved in activities that will help you keep in perfect shape during the week.

Scorpio: It is right time for you to take additional responsibilities, which would give you occasions to exhibit your skills during the week. You must devote your time to achieve the desired results. A focus on your goal and effort in the right direction will widen your income. Your wife will give her maximum cooperation to you in your efforts.

Sagittarius: You will accomplish the most in the work environment during this week. Be patient and do not take hasty decision that you will regret it later on. You will have to put-to-use your talent to fight against adverse conditions with courage and conviction. Your love life will flourish, with your beloved going out of the way to keep you happy. It will be necessary that you take special care of your health and take extra rest this week.

Capricorn: New financial schemes will lure to invest money. Keep your focus clear on your goals to reap professional benefits. The days ahead seem to be demanding and you need to keep to your commitments to reap benefits. Change in work environment for some. Partner's failure to respect your emotions is likely to create rifts in love. Little time for meditation and yoga will be important for mental as well as physical health.

Aquarius: You may call an expert for some advice and guidance also. You will be in negotiation with new groups. New aspirations and hopes would arise in this week. The day promises to bring prosperity and financial security. You need to be carefully judged into all aspects before passing a Judgment. You need to do more things that you enjoy in order to relax this week.

Pisces: You will get a chance to travel out of the country for a short period. Family contact will help you in finding suitable jobs. Your concentration will be good and others will give you the respect you deserve. A mixture of romance, pleasure and entertainment is stored for you for the next few days. There is no threat on health front and you will maintain normalcy.





mit Mishra, one of the top five bowlers in the IPL (Indian Premier League) cricket ratings exclusively spoke to Deccan Post and shared his cricketing experience.

How does it feel to be in the Hyderabad Sunrisers team this year?

We all are very positive about the new franchise. It's a good team and there is a need to improve over our past performances. We need to work on our mistakes and move forward. We have many senior players and look forward to inspiring performances from them.

What is your specialization in the bowling arena?

I work on many variations in my style of bowling. I always want to be an aggressive leg-spinner. In Twenty20 cricket, it is very important to take wickets. There is no point in trying to contain the run rate. The focus should always be on taking wickets.

What have been the immediate problems that you faced in your life?

Injuries have on many occasions kept me away from the action on field. Still I have worked my way and look forward to this season positively.

Who is your Idol in cricket?

Of course it is the Australian cricketer Shane Warne. I look forward to meeting him and enhance my art of leg-spin and work on the flipper. He has always used a lot of variation

and change in speed in his cricketing career. In the past, he advised me to focus on consistency and also ensure that the batsman is made to play every ball.

How has your cricketing career been so far?

In the year 2001 I played against the England Under-19 team. Then it was the Haryana Ranji Trophy side for which I was a regular member. Then after a big gap I performed for India 'A' team against South Africa 'A' in two four-day matches in the year 2007. That season I took 46 wickets in 11 games. I have captured 76 wickets from 55 IPL games so far. I have played 13 Test matches and claimed 43 wickets and 19 wickets in 15 One Day Internationals.

What do you feel about the 'Pitches' of today?

Generally, we find that the 'pitches' favour the batsman. There is very little help for the spinners. It is very important that 'pitches' are made in a manner that they also support spin.

What is your message to the younger generation?

On Many occasions we may be confident of making it to the national team but it does not happen always. We feel bad about it. But this should not affect our game .One must always give our 100 percent, be it during training or playing a match. Hard work always pays off in the long run. Never get disappointed in life. Keep working and performing. • mail@deccanpost.net

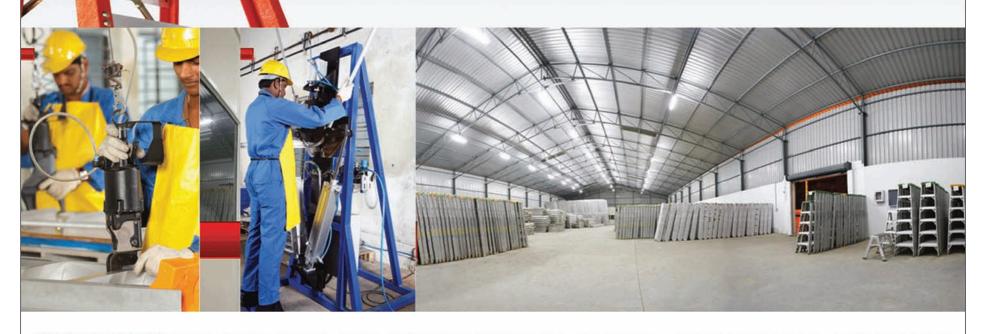
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Is Pranitha dating Virat Kohli?

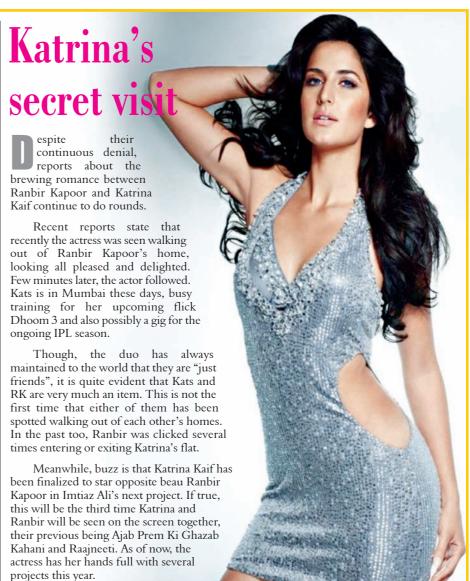
or a while now gossipmongers have been busy churning out rumours that Pranitha who is currently busy with a project that has Power Star Pawan Kalyan in the lead has an affair with Indian cricket player Virat Kohli. Gossips were making rounds that Pranitha has been constantly in the touch with Virat off late and the duo was going for lunch dates as well.



Few segments of media elevated this issue which made Pranitha feel furiousness. Responding to the news, Pranitha said "Yes, I love cricket and follows all the knocks of Virat closely. But, there is no truth in the reports which are in circulation about Virat and Me," reveals the beauty, who claims to have liked the cricketer's straight and cover drives. Pranitha is making come back to Tollywood after a long break with Pawan-Trivikram's film. She is hopeful of bagging few more big projects in Telugu after the release of this wholesome family entertainer.

-DP Desk







Market declines to four month low

By V Sundar Raja

The stock market further extended its losses. with all-around selling pressure in all the sectors. Sensex has declined by about 1,800 points, in the last few months, after crossing the major level of 20,000 earlier in January. The Foreign Institutional Funds, who have been buyers earlier, have now turned sellers in the last few days. The overall sentiment has turned negative, and the midcap and small-cap stocks have again witnessed heavy losses in the last few trading sessions. The American stock market which has been surging to the record all-time high levels is now showing signs of a correction trend, which can lead to a further correction in our stock market.

Market is now eagerly waiting for the quarterly financial performance results of the Indian companies which are expected to announce soon in the next few days. Infosys, the major software giant is expected to announce its results on 12th April, and followed by major banks which is likely to provide a trigger for the next short-term direction of the market. The political worries continue to haunt the market, while the meteorological department is expected to issue its first weather forecast for the current year 2013 in the next few days, which are expected to be the next short-term triggers for the stock market.



Banking stocks which have earlier led the market uptrend have now led the market decline. The strong Pharma stocks which have been bullish even in the current market downtrend, is now at the major highs and are expected to enter into a consolidation mode. The frontline software stocks which are in the uptrend in the last few months are now seen in technical overbought position and are now expected to get into a minor correction trend. Hence, investors may have to wait for a decline, to enter into these stocks.

The precious metals like Gold and the Silver after an earlier minor uptrend, it failed

to sustain and have again got into a downtrend. Gold has the next major support at 29,000 in the MCX Commodity market, and silver has the next major support at 50,000 levels where a recovery can be expected. Crude oil is seen reacting at 5,500 levels and is expected to find support at 5,000 levels.

The quarterly results need to be good for the market to halt its current downward trend and to stage an upward reversal. Many midcap stocks look attractive at attractive levels, but market needs to stabilize for these stocks to enter into a bullish trend. However, this may take some time and hence investors need to be cautious in entering into the market at current stage. Market also needs to receive positive news flow on the macro-economic front to get into an uptrend.

Sensex technically on the charts, is now closer to the major 18,000 psychological mark, where a support is seen and a recovery is expected. But in-case of any failure at this crucial level and if breaks down below this key support, then it indicates a possible medium-term weakness for the Investors to be cautious.

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

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