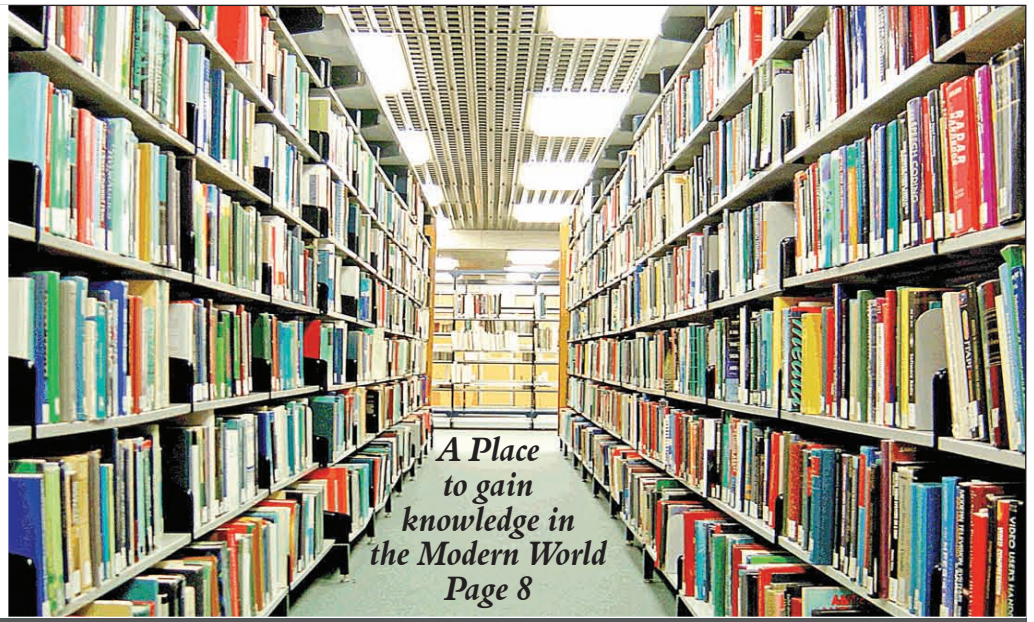


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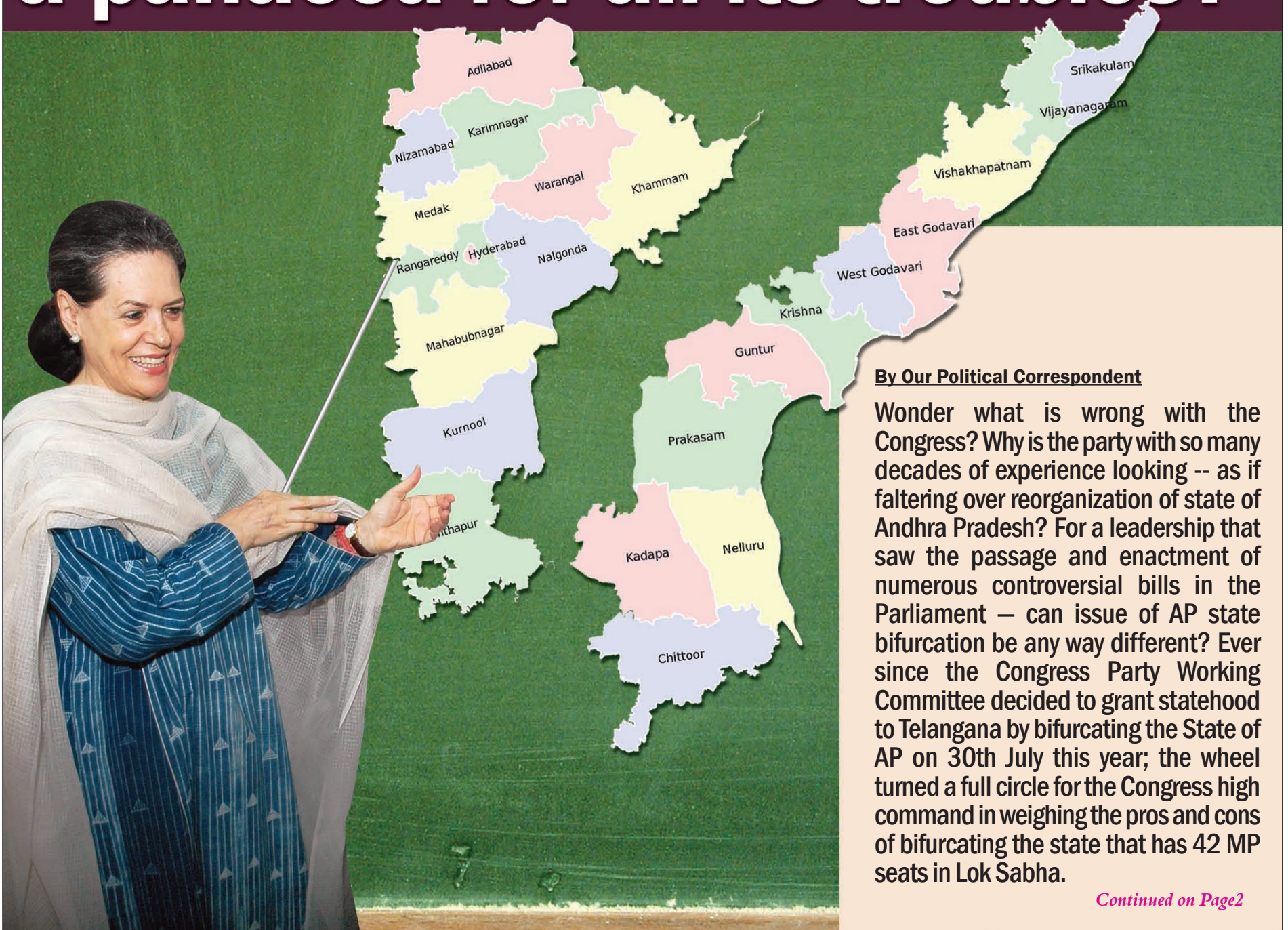
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*Congress high command mulling Telangana State
along with Kurnool & Ananthapur districts...!*

Is congress looking for a panacea for all its troubles?



By Our Political Correspondent

Wonder what is wrong with the Congress? Why is the party with so many decades of experience looking -- as if faltering over reorganization of state of Andhra Pradesh? For a leadership that saw the passage and enactment of numerous controversial bills in the Parliament -- can issue of AP state bifurcation be any way different? Ever since the Congress Party Working Committee decided to grant statehood to Telangana by bifurcating the State of AP on 30th July this year; the wheel turned a full circle for the Congress high command in weighing the pros and cons of bifurcating the state that has 42 MP seats in Lok Sabha.

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After toying with many formulae and prescriptions to ensure a smooth bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, the Congress Core Committee is now learnt to be zeroing-in on the semi-Rayala--Telangana option, which includes Telangana's 10 districts and two out of the four Rayala Seema districts – Kurnool and Anantapur which have a contiguity and proximity with State of Telangana.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi who held an hour long meeting with her core committee leaders at the 7 Race Course residence of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Friday night came to the conclusion that nothing other than Rayala Telangana would be an ideal solution to many problems faced by Congress in Andhra Pradesh.

Sonia has been spending sleepless nights for the last few years on how to improve the Congress position in the state, which sent 33 MPs in 2009 elections. The state has become a booby trap for her party with the emergence of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy as a potential rival who is out to grab political power in 2014 elections. Sonia has been pursuing the division of Andhra Pradesh to teach a fitting lesson to Jagan who has defied her and floated his own YSR Congress Party three years ago. The Telangana statehood issue has come in handy to Sonia four years ago when Jagan exhibited his greed to OCCUPY the

Chief Minister's gaddi after his father's death in chopper crash. But Sonia was not sure on how to go about it, due to many internal differences amongst the Telangana parties and its leaders; the confusion was confounding. Sonia knows pretty well that a Telangana with 10 districts won't do much benefit to her as Jagan would become a major force in the remaining Seemandhra, which commands a whopping 25 MPs, more than Telangana's 17 MPs. Sonia is not ready to concede Seemandhra to Jagan and rest content with a Telangana that is relatively smaller in numbers.

So, it seems, Sonia finally chose to go for Rayala Telangana which would snatch two districts from Jagan's home turf, Rayala Seema. Currently, Jagan's YSRCP is poised to grab Kurnool - Nandyal MP seats in Kurnool and Anantapur MP seat. In view of this and also in view of other factors it appears that something drastic and outlandish is being contemplated. It is evaluated that after Kurnool and Anantapur districts are added to Telangana, YSRCP's Jagan will be left with just two Seema districts – Kadapa and Chittoor, wherein his leadership could be questioned by leaders of the (nine) 9 coastal Andhra districts. That would surely diminish the clout of Jagan in Seemandhra which is an advantage for congress in the long run.

GoM complete their job

The Congress high command at its meeting on Friday finally went by the recommendation of the Group of Ministers (GoM) which felt that only a Rayala Telangana can really solve all or most of the problems nagging the party. If this happens, Rayala Telangana and Seemandhra would equally be divided with 21 MPs and 147 MLAs each. Besides, the river water sharing between Kurnool and Mahaboobnagar districts can easily be resolved amicably. Another strategic advantage being the entire Nallamalla forest situated in Kurnool district being held by state of Telangana. A point that concerns the state and central intelligence outfits.

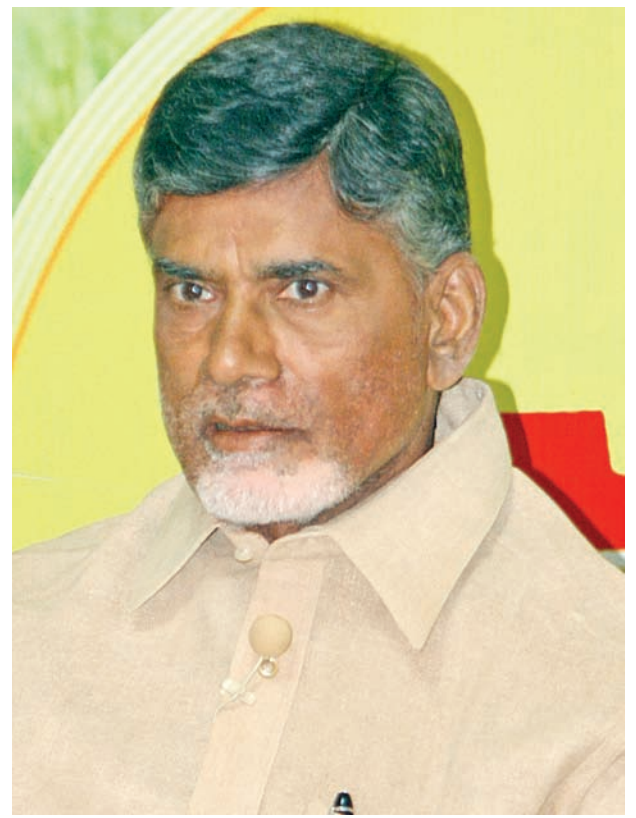
The meeting was attended by Sonia, Manmohan and other senior leaders including her political secretary Ahmed Patel, Union Ministers Sushil Kumar Shinde, Kamal Nath, Jairam Ramesh and Digvijay Singh. Till Thursday, there was no clarity among the GoM members over finding a way out to the vexed Telangana issue. The GoM members have laid the ground for Rayala Telangana for the last few days and spoken to top leaders from Kurnool and Anantapur – including Union Minister of State for Railways Kotla Surya Prakash Reddy, State min-

isters TG Venkatesh, Erasu Pratap Reddy and former minister JC Diwakar Reddy.

The GoM headed by Union Home Minister Shinde also roped in the Intelligence Bureau to sound the idea to several prominent leaders from Rayala Seema. These leaders gave their consent to the proposal, if it becomes official. This has caused some split within Seemandhra leaders who have been outright opposing the issue of state bifurcation.

Congress to checkmate rivals

If Congress can go for Telangana State with Anantapur and Kurnool, it would eliminate its two rivals at a time – both YSRCP's Jagan and TDP's Chandrababu Naidu. After Kurnool and Anantapur are merged with ten districts of Telangana, they cannot aspire to emerge as big leaders in either of the states. If Nandyal and Hindpur MP Seats are considered strongholds of TDP, Kurnool and Anantapur seats are congress's best bet. Similarly, Jagan can only dominate Kadapa and Rajampet MP seats, while Chittoor –(SC) is a stronghold of TDP and Tirupati (SC) is sure win for Congress.



With this marginalized political base, both Jagan and Naidu cannot hope to play politics in Telangana State. So, is the case with Congress that cannot ignore the fortunes of Seemandhra.

Similarly, Congress can also checkmate Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief K Chandrasekhar Rao in Telangana. After clubbing Kurnool and Anantapur, where TRS doesn't have any presence, Congress can win more seats and emerge as the front runner in Rayala Telangana too, possibly with 10 MPs and 70 plus MLAs. Moreover, Congress can try and keep Muslims votes with Rayala Telangana. Originally, MIM has suggested this idea to Sri Krishna Committee three years ago. Then, MIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi told the committee that as Muslims are dominant in Kurnool and Anantapur, their joining Telangana would ensure safety to the minorities.

This way, the Congress can also prevent BJP gaining much in separate Telangana. If it is Rayala Telangana, the BJP cannot play a major role as its presence would be minimized. Moreover, the problem of Maoists can be tackled effectively, as the entire Nallamala forest zone would be under the control of one state government.

Sensing that the Congress high command is not going to go back on its decision to split Andhra Pradesh despite any amount of efforts, the party leaders from Rayala Seema have now begun demanding for clubbing Kurnool and Anantapur districts with the proposed Telangana state to form Rayala Telangana. So, at least 25-



30 MLAs will support the Telangana Bill.

The Congress leadership has tilted towards Rayala Telangana as it would solve certain crucial issues like rights of rival states on Srisailem Reservoir which is a major power generation station. If Rayala Telangana is formed, Srisailem power houses would be in the Telangana state and take care of the Telangana, which is badly in need of power for its 21 lakh agricultural pumpsets.

The GoM it appears has conveyed its decision to go for Rayala Telangana to Deputy Chief Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha in Delhi on Friday night. Damodar later told the media that: "Definitely, the high command has been

thinking of Rayala Telangana, though we are not ready for it". But convincing Congress leaders from Telangana to the idea of Rayala Telangana is not a tough task.

As per the latest schedule, the GoM will meet for the last time on December 1st to give finishing touches to the draft Telangana Bill which would be placed before the union cabinet on December 3rd or 4th. After the Cabinet clearance, the Bill will go to President Pranab Mukherjee. Then he would send it to Andhra Pradesh Assembly for its consideration by December 10th.

If it is Rayala Telangana, the Assembly too would endorse the Bill with overwhelming support and the Parliament too

would find it easy to pass the Bill in the winter session only. So, by next New Year day, January 1st, there will be two states – Rayala Telangana and Seemandhra. If Hyderabad will be the capital of Telangana, Visakhapatnam may emerge as the capital of Seemandhra for its cosmopolitan status.

Even after the bifurcation, Rayala Telangana and Seemandhra will be big states, on par with Orissa, which has 21 MPs, and slightly bigger than Kerala with 20 MPs. If it is Rayala Telangana, there would not be any restrictions on Hyderabad and Seemandhra leaders would be too ashamed to settle down in Hyderabad. ♦

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TDP Babu Equally Responsible for allowing Alamatti on Krishna and present situation

By Dr T Siva Prasad Reddy - Special Correspondent

Brijesh Tribunal Final judgment delivered on 29/11/2013 vis-à-vis sharing of River Krishna waters between the three states - AP, Karnataka and Maharashtra is a certain reflection of interim judgment passed in 2010. The so called fondness expressed by vested Seemandhra brains, for a united state also stands exposed once again. State integration in 1956 was conditional only to assuage the feelings of Telanganites (as it had rich sources of Water and Land) and also to permanently sabotage Sribagh Pact (as signed between Andhra and Seema regions after getting separated from Madras state in 1953) came true on Krishna close on the heels of Godavari Basin witnessing similar situation...?! Telangana region bestowed with enviable treasured water resources on either side viz-Krishna and Godavari rivers dotting it's boundaries with ever growing Hyderabad-capital-a landlocked city having scope for expansion on all the sides as being witnessed now (for other reasons) obviously became the target by enterprising- business-political Andhra lobbies. For them linguistic yardstick for states reorganization became an unexpected tool to corner those resources like water, Land and they meticulously used backward Seema region pampered brains for political conveniences by allowing them to head the governments to proportionate all the valid benefits as evident at the cost of the suffering-Telangana and Seema regions...!

As the times passed by and with growing naxal menace-leadership from the two crucial districts - Mahabubnagar and Adilabad bordering two rivers-Krishna and Godavari became non-entity in the state political fiefdom yielding decision making to Seemandhra political lobbies. Here too cleverly Seema politicians were allowed to head the governments while garnering all benefits to Andhra region..? Even Seema region too was pampered with factionalism (mindless bloodshed) with life threatening infightings with chunks of large private armies with choicest weaponry to engage themselves leaving...?! Andhra Cine producers and directors meanwhile joyfully eulogized Seema factionalism to score hits to rake mind-blowing financial gains, at the same time elevating family pampered Hero business to strategic heights...! Overnight these family pampered heroes (need not doubt about these heroes-TDP, to a lesser extent congress) were made to become heartthrobs of many in both regions and made use of in electioneering to garner votes encashing on the hero-worship attitude of gullible. In the process, strategic rights of Telangana region vis-à-vis treasured water resources, Employment, land and to some extent Rayalaseema became victims of prejudiced decision making as Andhra lobby continued its dominance never allowing the victimized region leaders to have a fair say. Some suffered because of political reasons (mostly Seema) while others were allowed a free run to establish themselves, rest like in T region they were nullified because of left extremism as championed by Andhra Cine makers directed by their political lobbies...

What is the actual allotted share on Krishna vis-à-vis Telangana, Rayalaseema and Andhra Regions..?

What about Srisailam..!

Since the integration in 1956, only Andhra region and to some extent Seema (because of their bulldozing tactics) enjoyed the tactful benefits of Krishna waters. List of projects ranging from Nagarjuna Sagar, Srisailam and Jurala till the recent ones, all have been grounded to benefit one region - Andhra while forcefully accruing benefits to Seema in the way of Telugu Ganga. Tungabhadra did cater to the interests of Seema region nullifying the actual sharing rights of Telangana region; time and again as encouraged by Andhra rulers supported by their administrators and media to silently create a divide. Here too, T failed to get it's assured waters..! While not entering into the actual statistics (as DP in the past comprehensive stories reeled out the figures),



it is imperative to understand about the actual sharing of waters or as allotted by the tribunal or Bachawat award to arrive at a meaningful conclusion before the merger and after the merger..! It would certainly nail the truth as Telangana region was never allowed to utilize it's allotted share of waters on river Krishna as is evidenced vis-à-vis Nagarjuna Sagar (NS) Left Canal (Andhra) to the Right to Telangana (not from Sagar but Srisailam..but allowing Pothireddypadu to Seema..?). While the same was followed in Jurala (in construction from 1960..?) for a meager 11 TMCs (actually enjoying lesser than that) while totally neglecting power generation (till today Jurala side yet to..!) with meager flows into the canals which are not properly channelized as on today..? The quality of construction and the time taken to execute Jurala is a ghost reminder of the biased Seemandhra administration towards T region even in utilizing its assured waters..?!

Even NS dam foundation was laid during Nizam time, but after the merger designed to suit Andhra region clearly victimizing T re-

gion by allowing a big left canal in gravity flow to take waters to Andhra while Right canal to T region never allowed..? On demand a Right canal from Srisailam - (supposed to be a Hydro-Electric Project) was sanctioned after a long wait and the location through hillocks (tunnel..?) for what-reduced share..?! In the same pretext a bigger canal(against the norms) - Pothireddypadu with branching canals was sanctioned and commissioned in no time to feed Seema region from Srisailam project in comparison to the projects catering to T region..!? This is in addition to Telugu Ganga which boasted of supplying drinking water to Tamil Nadu (promise by Andhra cine lobbies and Seema business interests to safeguard their properties in TN) - with no official sanction..?! All these tactics only to garner maximum water to their

allotted) while allowing a partial benefit to Rayalaseema (converted into a maximum by YSR) by totally ignoring Telangana region deliberately..So gravity waters for them with lifts for T region..?! Same legacy was followed by TDP-Babu and YSR in contrasting styles with the same agenda of depriving T region in enjoying it's rightful share of allotted waters on River Krishna..Their motive was simple-divert the assured waters of Telangana region(but shown on paper..!?) and construct the projects as being witnessed now to cater to T needs by showcasing them as for surplus waters-while actually non-existent..?! Babu of TDP has a lot to answer for the present stalemate as he allowed Alamatti to come up then-which has now become a bane while YSR too engaged in the same - Jalayagnam to corner maximum benefit to Rayalaseema (in-

regions depriving T region of its rightful share while manfully exploiting T land for such constructions...?! A costly merger in 1956 for Telangana region..!?

So called Lift Projects by TDP and Jalayagnam by YSR only to deprive T region of it's rightful share in the name of surplus waters which never existed as by Brijesh Tribunal....

As the situation after Brijesh Tribunal verdict became clear, no one was left in any doubt about the strategies adopted by so called Seemandhra rulers, their supportive administration and the media..All the hue and cry which is being reported in the headlines is purely of their making (both Babu and YSR to some extent NTR also) by succumbing to the power syndrome as expressed above leading to the present stalemate..While NTR using his stardom could generate a sycophancy by allowing others (other than K community) to rule roost against dominant R community and in doing so meticulously planned windfall gains for Andhra region in cornering huge share of waters (over and above it's

spite of not having allotted waters) at the cost of Telangana region..!

So, the law of the land - Brijesh Tribunal verdict certainly exposes the myth of so called projects, Jalayagnam on surplus...! While T state would certainly allow this region to tap its assured water after a long wait. Meanwhile, SLP in SC should certainly take cognizance of height of Alamatti, allocation to both Karnataka, Maharashtra on backwardness while ignoring A.P. vis-à-vis Telangana region backwardness (while 4 TMC on Thunga to Seema-marginal benefit and freedom to utilize by downstream Andhra of surplus..), 75% dependability as existed before while allowing release of water ahead to cater to Kharif and by providing the so called management board (equal and adequate representation to all member states alongside central representatives) power/right to punish the erring state of any violations or tactful indulgence. Main focus should also be on a proper mechanism to counter deficit rainfall/resourceful years, so that the downstream are not deprived totally...! ♦

Lives of Life Guards have no Value?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

We have heard how many people commit suicide by jumping into Lakes, Ponds, and Rivers and get drained accidentally in the sea and lose their precious lives. Whenever somebody drains in water, the concerned police officials take the help of Life Guards who are experts in life saving and bringing the drained people safely to the surface. But these life guards are much ignored and forgotten at all times except when their services are needed to save lives.

While this Correspondent of Deccan Post was in Mumbai visited the beaches and seashores and noted that many people lost their lives on the beaches while holidaying. This Correspondent met a Life Guard Hasan Rashid Khan who is a Life Guard voluntarily serving and saving human lives at famous Mahim Darga seashore. While speaking to Rashid; it was learnt that he is now 32 years of age and began saving human lives in danger since he was around 15 years of age. Rashid studied upto Eighth class and in view of no other earning member in the family, he got the responsibility to feed his family and thus he turned into a fisherman for his livelihood.

The Mumbai police took Rashid's help to rescue and save many people but when it comes to giving him the credit; the self centered police officials take all the credit and don't even acknowledge the selfless and voluntary service of Rashid.



Finally, the Union Government of India has conferred the Jeevan Rakshak Padak in the year 2010 recognizing his commendable life saving services and recognized his courage and commitment. This award included a cash reward of Rs 30,000/- too but after that both the union government as well as the state government forgot and ignored the services of Rashid and now he is compelled to live in poverty without having a proper source of employment. It is pertinent to mention here that Hasan Rashid Khan has got no insurance and if any unfortunate thing happens while he attempts to save others lives then god alone knows the fate of his dependents.

Hasan Rashid Khan has applied for



government jobs as a life guard who are required in Fire Brigade, Police, Municipal Swimming Pools, on beaches and bridges but to no use as he has been blatantly ignored by the state administration. More pathetically Rashid is living on the verge of the seashore in a hut which is usually demolished by the BMC authorities as if he would lay a claim to the place.

Heroes like Rashid Khan are forced to live without the facility of drinking water, Electricity, sanitation which are the basic needs of every Indian citizen. Is it the treatment deserved by the people who

are dedicated to the mission of saving fellow human lives without expecting anything? Is it the way to encourage volunteers in the service of the humanity? Is it right on the part of the government to ignore people like Rashid Khan? It's high time that the governments and its functionaries must shake up from their unsympathetic attitude and righteously give proper encouragement to Life guards and make their lives livable otherwise there is every threat that volunteers like him will not be available in saving precious human lives in trouble. ♦

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BIG STATE ADVANTAGE IS HOGWASH

The final verdict of Justice Brijesh Kumar headed tribunal on inter-state utilization of Krishna River Waters is a lesson to those who are opposing bifurcation of the State of Andhra Pradesh. After the tribunal which heard all the three riparian states – Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh – for over five years came up with allocation of waters to them all.

As per the award of the tribunal, Andhra Pradesh will get 1,001 to 1,005 TMC of water, while Maharashtra will get 560 TMC and Karnataka 660 TMC. In addition, the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme right canal will get another 4 TMC of water. The tribunal award is significant because it is going to be in force till 2050, which means for the next 37 years.

As a result of this award, Karnataka State is permitted to increase the height of Almatti dam on Krishna River from the present height of 519.5 ft to 524.25 ft, which will compound another 150 TMC of water, which would be flowing into Andhra Pradesh. If the tribunal award comes into effect, no doubt it will further reduce the inflows into downstream of River Krishna, the lifeline of many Andhra Pradesh irrigation projects.

One major blow of the tribunal is its ruling that Andhra Pradesh will not have any right over the surplus water. Justice

Brijesh Kumar tribunal has restricted the availability of allocated waters to 65 per cent of the quantum of waters flowed in a period of three years. This comes as a blow to the controversial 'Jalayagnam' irrigation policy, as it is detrimental to Andhra Pradesh as most of its irrigation projects now under construction are



based on the availability of surplus waters.

The three key findings of the tribunal – i.e. the limited availability of allocated waters, absence of right to any state over surplus water and the sanction to hike the height of the dam of Almatti – all the above factors are a huge setback to State of Andhra Pradesh, which is the lower riparian State. As if shaken by the verdict; Right from the Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy to TDP President

Chandrababu Naidu, many described the tribunal award as unfortunate and it's like an absolute blow.

But, the current problem reflects the lack of vision and persuasive capabilities of Andhra politicians who have spoken much about their linguistic pride and political strength of having 42 MPs in Lok

Sabha. This arrogance has led Seemandhra politicians to care two hoots for the central water commission's advice and guidance. Political masters in Andhra Pradesh started constructing major irrigation projects on Krishna River, based on the availability of surplus waters, on which the State's rights could never be established. This practice began with later NT Rama Rao who started Telugu Ganga and Handri-Neeva projects in late 1980s.

During his stint of nine years as Chief Minister even Chandrababu Naidu continued the trend and built some more projects, without ensuring the availability of allocated waters. This trend went to peak levels during the time of late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy who commenced an ambitious Jala Yagnam project (building massive irrigation projects) costing a whopping amount RUPEES ONE LAKH CRORES from the state treasury for three dozens of projects, without any guarantee of allocated waters.

Now the fate of 32 projects that consumed an investment of around Rs 33,500 crore is in serious jeopardy. We should remember that the Inter-State Water Tribunals give their awards based on scientific reasoning taking the size of a State into consideration. The latest award of the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal also exposes the myth that a larger state like Andhra Pradesh with enormous political clout can not only get a fair deal in all issues but also leverage its political might to win a lion's share in allocation of inter-state river waters.

Of course, the injustice to state of Andhra Pradesh also impacts Telangana too. But, new State of Telangana with its committed political leadership can and is expected to fight for its own rightful share after the division of the State. ♦

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Is congress not taking BJP into confidence?

It appears true that the Congress party is not taking the principal opposition party BJP into confidence for formation of Telangana. The congress party should have appealed for the BJP's full support for bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and creating Telangana state with 10 districts with Hyderabad as its capital. The congress should not forget that BJP is continuously

convening of both the parliament houses, the Congress should invite BJP and seek their support in passing the Telangana bill whenever it comes in the parliament. It should be understood that without BJP's support, the Congress party will have lot of difficulty in legislation of Telangana state. Its obvious that congress wants all the credit for creating Telangana but it should not forget that its BJP's agenda too. So keeping apart the credit game, the Congress must act fair and take the support of the principal opposition at the earliest to make Telangana a reality.

Navin Sharma, Mangalhat

Presence of perverted minds.....

I am sad to say that women are not safe anywhere in India. With the recent unfortunate incidents of rapes by spiritual guru Asaram Bapu and latesty the allegations of molestation by a renown journalist like Tarun Tejpal on the follow woman journalist is just so condemnable. It appears that these perverted fellows don't care anyone and anything as they enjoy immense financial and political power. The victims in the hands of these people in key

positions mostly get threatened not to complain to the police and the poor victims also hesitate and shy away from complaining and that's the reason that these crooked fellows dares to indulge in such inhuman act of raping and molestation. The concerned governments must take stringent action against these people if found guilty and should conduct a fair and unbiased trial so that the victims will get justice.

Karuna Singh, E-mail

Divided we stand

Since the congress party took the decision to carve out Telangana state and started consultations and other process involved in it, there is a debate or rather an argument is going on about constitutional process involved for caring out a new state. Many politicians and leaders are misleading the people in the name of 371-D and other legal hiccups. One must understand that the Union government has got all the set up to act according to constitution and the people sitting in the ministries and other departments are not babies to act in haste. The competent departments don't need the advices of these crooked politicians and should take serious cognizance of the leaders who are misguiding and misleading the people and creating unwarranted tensions in the minds of the citizens. Everyone must remember that 'Law will take its own course' and leave it to the union government which is sincerely working on formation of Telangana state by completing all the legal formalities.

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supporting the cause of Telangana and they promised to form Telangana state within 100 days if they are voted to power in the general elections which are scheduled to be held in the year 2014. The congress led UPA-II government has very less time for completing all the process for giving statehood to Telangana region and the winter session of the Parliament is fast approaching. Atleast now, before the



How much Sachin deserves 'Bharat Ratna'?

By Shivkant Bichkunda

With the central government of India conferring the most prestigious and ultimate civilian honour in the country – the Bharat Ratna to our living legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, has become a huge controversy; with many sections of Indian society opposing this conferment on a cricketer who played for a non-government sports body. In fact, many sportsmen and civil rights activists are expressing their huge disappointment over the immature and arbitrary decision of the central government. Many have filed civil petitions before the constitutional courts to declare the conferment as 'unconstitutional'. We all know that Sachin is the first sportsman to be honoured by this prestigious award in the history.

Undoubtedly, Sachin has been a great cricketer who has served the game of cricket with dedication and always was passionate to play great innings for his team and self too. The popularity of cricket in India has been growing exponentially ever since Kapil Dev's team won the World Cup in 1983 defeating the West Indies at Lords. Sachin who was picked up to play for Indian Team at a tender age of 16 years in year 1989 went on to become a living legend. He won a lot of name, fame and money by playing cricket. Cricket's administrators often talk about the enormous wealth (Rs 1000 Crores and more) Sachin has made just by playing cricket controlled by the BCCI and being the brand ambassador to many consumer product selling companies such as Pepsi, MRF, Boost, etcetera. In fact, many are suspecting that the very same corporate lobbies might have influenced the union government to unusually confer this highest civilian award to Sachin for their professional gains.

It is pertinent to mention here that



when Ace Formula-I Racer Michael Schumacher gifted a Ferrari to Sachin Tendulkar; he was exempted from paying the customs duty too. Furthermore, Sachin has been given Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Padma Shree, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan awards in the past. Recently, he had been nominated even to the Rajya Sabha too. Is that not enough for a person coming from cricket fraternity which is not even a recognized sports or game by the Union Ministry of Sports in India? What kind of public service Sachin did to the common man of India? After all, Sachin was a professional sportsperson playing for an autonomous body like BCCI. Has Sachin not made enormous money by entering into promotion contracts with many companies? Was he not paid enough by the BCCI for playing cricket?



What is the contribution of Sachin to India as a country and its people that merits conferment of highest civilian award? Has the congress party headed government declared it in an unusual haste fearing as if the BJP and its maverick Modi would resort to such a gimmick? Many questions like this are haunting the hard working patriots of this vast nation. The conferment of Bharat Ratna on Scientist CV Rao, along with Sachin was a poor display of wisdom on the part of those who made the decision. It was like lowering the value of Bharat Ratna by putting a young lad in the company of a veteran scientist. Even in the past, we have seen the sad state of affairs like when Mother Theresa and Amartya Sen, were conferred the Bharat Ratna only after their being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and Nobel prize for Economics.

On the other hand, the same is the case with legendary playback singer Lata Mangeshkar who was also conferred with the highest civilian award of Bharat Ratna. It is a well known fact that Lata Mangeshkar is a professional singer who gets commercially rewarded for voicing songs for films?

It should be realized by one and all that people like Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar are great entertainers and they enjoyed doing what they are best at. It is needless to measure their contribution to the Indian society as they are happy doing what they are passionate about.

Interestingly, the BJP is talking about conferring Bharat Ratna to the veteran leader and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee if it comes to power. No one should be shocked if Vajpayee, a man of simple things actually refuses to accept the highest honour. Isn't the union government not lowering the prestige of the Bharat Ratna by choosing to confer it on high value entertainers, rather than on those who silently contribute to the advancement of this country in their unique way?

Many people are of the opinion that the union government must rethink its decision over conferring Bharat Ratna and should not act in haste out of misplaced political opportunism and should respect the dignity and honour associated with this highest civilian honour lest many real worthy candidates might shy away. However, it is not intended to disrespect either Sachin Tendulkar or Lata Mangeshkar but the very purpose of conferring Bharat Ratna would be lost. There is every danger that the youth of this country may not value Bharat Ratnas if the current trend continues. ♦

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By Jaywant Naidu

The National Library of India at Belvedere, Kolkata, is the largest library in India by volume and India's library of public record. It is under the Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism & Culture; Government of India. The library is designated to collect, disseminate and preserve the printed material produced in India. The library is situated on the scenic 30 acre Belvedere Estate, in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). The Library is the largest in India, with a collection in excess of 2.2 million books. It is India's only Category 6 library and is one of the four depository libraries in the country where publishers are required, under The Delivery of Books And Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954, 'to supply books published in India, by Indians abroad or any title that might be of interest to Indians'. It is also India's sole repository library where all books, publications and official documents in its custody have to be stored in perpetuity. Its role is:

1. Acquisition and conservation of all significant national production of printed material, excluding ephemera.
2. Collection of printed material concerning the country, no matter where it is published, and as a corollary, the acquisition of photographic records of such material that is not available within the country.
3. Acquisition and conservation of foreign material required by the country.
4. Rendering of bibliographical and documents services of current and retrospective material, both general and specialized.
5. Acting as a referral centre purveying full and accurate knowledge.

The history of the National Library began with the formation of Calcutta Public Library in 1836. That was a non-governmental institution and was run on a proprietary basis. People contributing Rs 300 in subscription became the proprietors. Prince Dwarkanath Tagore was the first proprietor of that Library. Rs 300 at that time was a significant amount, so poor students and others

were allowed free use of the library for some period of time.

Lord, the Governor General at that time, transferred 4,675 volumes from the library of the College of Fort William, Calcutta to the Calcutta Public Library. This and donations of books from individuals formed the nucleus of the library. Both Indian and foreign books, especially British, were purchased for the library. Donations were regularly made by individuals as well as by the government. The Calcutta Public Library had a unique position as the first public library in this part of the world. Such a well-organized and efficiently run library was rare even in Europe during the first half of the 19th century. Because of the efforts of the Calcutta Public Li-



brary, the present National Library has many extremely rare books and journals in its collection. Built after the model of the Town Hall at Ypres, the Imperial Library was formed in 1891 by combining a number of Secretariat libraries in Calcutta. Of those, the most important and interesting was the library of the Home Department, which contained many books formerly belonging to the library of East India College, Fort William and the library of the East India Board in London. But the use of the library was restricted to the superior officers of the Government.

In 1903, Lord Curzon, the Governor-General of India, conceived the idea of opening a library for the use of the public. He noticed both the li-

braries, Imperial Library and Calcutta Public Library were under utilized because of limited access and lack of amenities. He decided to amalgamate the rich collection of both of these libraries. The new amalgamated library, called Imperial Library, was formally opened to the public on 30th January 1903 at Metcalfe Hall, Kolkata. Metcalfe Hall had earlier been the residence of the Governor-Generals Wellington, Cornwallis and Hastings. After Independence, the Government of India changed the name of the Imperial Library to the National Library, with the enactment of the Imperial Library (Change of Name) Act, 1948, and the collection was shifted from the Esplanade to the present Belvedere Estate.

On 1st February 1953, the National Library was opened to the public, inaugurated by the then Union Minister of Education, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. BS Kesavan was appointed the first Librarian of the National Library. The National Library receives books and periodicals in almost all Indian languages. These are received under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act 1954. Language divisions acquire process and provide reading materials in all major Indian languages. Hindi, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Sindhi, Telugu and Urdu language divisions maintain their own stacks. Other language books are stacked in the Stack division. Language divisions are also responsible for answering reference queries. The library has divisions for Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. Sanskrit language division also collects and processes Pali and Prakrit books and English books.

National mission on libraries in India:

The National Mission on Libraries India works to modernize and digitally link nearly 9,000 libraries across India to provide readers access to books and information.

Mission has four working groups for its main advisory function. These are:

1. Upgrade of Existing Public Libraries, School/College libraries and use of school libraries as community libraries.

2. Library and Information Science Education, Training and Research Facilities.

3. Setting up the National Virtual Library, Networking and ICT applications in libraries. 4. National Census of Libraries, Content Creation and Community Information Centers, chaired by Dr Subbiah Arunachalam.

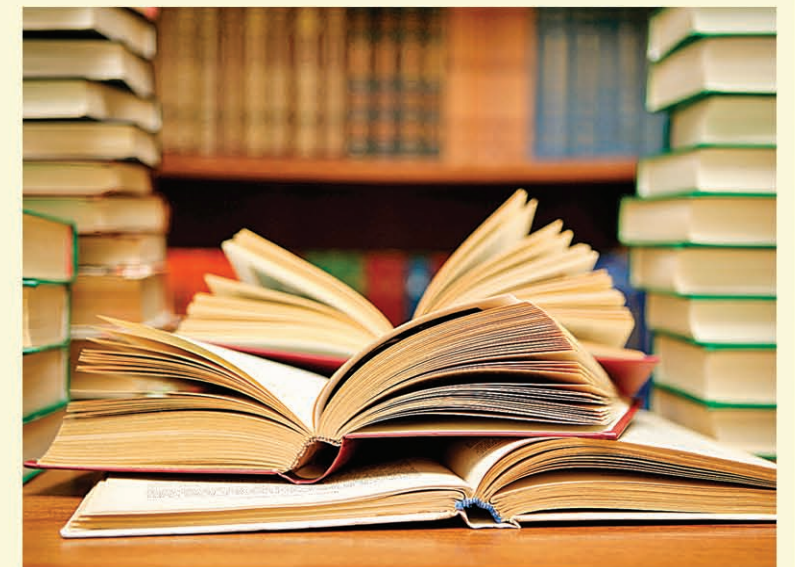
To benefit students, researchers, scientists, children, artists and disabled people, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the upgradation of libraries under



the National Mission on Libraries (NML). The scheme would cost Rs 400 crore during the 12th Plan (2012-17) period. Under the scheme, a National Virtual Library of India for facilitating a comprehensive database on digital resources on information about India would be created.

Further six libraries under the ministry of culture, 35 state libraries and 35 district libraries, with particular emphasis on economically backward districts, will be set up as model libraries under the scheme. In addition, 629 district libraries across the states would be provided network connectivity. The scheme also aims to prepare a baseline data of libraries in India and proposes to enhance the professional competence of library personnel. ♦

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BF- Arey Phirse tujhe he call lag gaya, Sorry!!!

Maa: Tu Apne Baal kyun nhi katwata?

Jack: Yo Mom it's fashion

Maa: Wo to theek he par

"Log Teri Behen k liye aate he aur Tujhe

Pasand kr jate he...

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Godess Padmavathi on Pedda Sesha Vahanam

The Divine vehicle on which Goddess Padmavathi is carried is called PeddaSesha Vahanam and is believed to be the manifestation of Adisesha, the thousand-headed serpent King on whom Lord Sri Maha Vishnu has taken ride Serpent 'Adi Sesha'. The pilgrims were blessed to see the Goddess on this celestial vahanam on the second day morning of the Brahmotavams on November 30 which took place between 8:00am to 10:00am. There is a strong belief among the pilgrims that a glimpse of Goddess on the procession of the serpent vahanam will bring salvation and that there will be no re-birth.



HEALTH TIPS

Hair Loss & Premature Graying

- Mix powdered Indian gooseberry (amla; amalaki) and sesame seeds in equal amounts. Take 1 teaspoon twice a day with water.
- Heat 250 milliliters of coconut oil in a pan, and add 3-4 Indian gooseberries cut into pieces. Heat until the gooseberries turn dark brown or black. Use the oil for a hair massage 2-3 times a week.
- Take 1 cup of curry leaves and grind them with 1 cup of buttermilk. Apply this to the hair for 1 hour, and then wash the hair with an herbal shampoo.

Diet and Lifestyle:

Avoid pitta-aggravating foods like spicy, heavy, and oily foods, as well as tea and coffee. Avoid refined foods, refined sugar, junk food, and alcoholic and carbonated drinks. Increase intake of fresh fruits, green leafy vegetables, and vegetable juice prepared from lettuce, carrot, capsicum, and alfalfa. Avoid using chemical products on the hair. Try to use herbal oils and shampoos.

SUDOKU 298

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How to play : Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

A N S W E R S

Sudoku-297

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

Answer 297: Raju Kamley, Malakpet

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ASTRO FOCUS

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Aries: Your practical and innovative nature helps you to build a new confidence with your business associates. Work completed this week will be much beyond your expectations and the result will be immediate. Home improvement projects that you undertake would run smoothly. Travel will be enjoyable but will also be expensive.

Taurus: Opportunities to express your creative thoughts will bring you popularity. Expect good news and unexpected gains later in the week. Attend seminars and exhibitions that will bring you in touch with the right kind of people. A distant trip or a visit to a religious place will be on the cards for some of you.

Gemini: Your work would get recognized and rewarded. Financial gains from unexpected sources for some. Spend some extra time with your family members. Religious feeling will arise making you seek

blessing from a spiritual person. Visit to a hill station or some recreation with your family would bring moments of happiness and better understanding.

Cancer: Your charisma and glamour will bring you popularity. Happy news from a friend or a close relative will boost your spirits and bring cheerful moments. Some innovative projects will demand that you express your skills in a different way. Rituals and ceremonies will be performed at home. Your confidence and morale will be high, as your brilliant ideas impress influential people.

Leo: A week full of surprise and mystery where new developments will take you on a voyage of discovery. Its Time for new strategies and plans. Few important purchases are likely to be made for the house towards the weekend. You will make much effort to consolidate your status. Opportunities for a part-time

job will brighten for some.

Virgo: Your partnership will bring you good profits; Gains will also accrue through information passed on by friends and associates. Educational pursuits would be high on your agenda. A desire to advance your career will inspire you to work sincerely towards achieving your objectives during this week. Financially, your position will be sound and better than you had expected. Romance would be in the air as you explore new friendship. Work pressure would add stress and tensions to your mind.

Libra: You are likely to impress your colleagues and seniors with your technical knowledge and command over your work. Good week for students and professionals as they witness steady progress in their respective fields. Some of you are likely to successfully conclude a major contract, which will generate substantial profits. Spouse will be caring and provide you with love and affection.

Scorpio: Your hard work shall show its desired results. Your convincing power will have a deep impact and people will praise for your efforts. Any result of an interview or test shall be quite favorable for you. You should have to focus your business for the long term basis. Time spent with partner could give you opportunity to make healthy relationship.

Sagittarius: Your creative contributions can be major as the week begins. Some work done earlier will bring in their benefits in terms of cash as well as kind. Work pressure would gradually increase as the week progresses. Your efforts will be lauded and you will find yourself bagging some more job offers. You will feel happy as your identify will be recognized. You will find solutions too many of your problems if you are willing to communicate and discuss.

Capricorn: You will witness improvement in all areas compared to the previous weeks. Good week to plan your savings and make future investments. If necessary take a pro-

fessional advice. Your capacity will get due recognition and in turn fetch you a new position. Your leadership qualities would be highly appreciated. You may likely to attend interview and seminars.

Aquarius: Someone is willing to give you a pretty important set of responsibilities this week. Your financial position improves boosting your confidence and morale. You must be ready to change and break with unrewarding situations. You may also derive the maximum benefit from the available opportunities. Love life promises having an enjoyable time in this week.

Pisces: You will feel quite confident and energetic. Better career opportunities are expected as many chances received for personal growth in service. Your communication skill will be on all time high. Your moneymaking ideas will be highly lucrative. This week you would gather important information while interacting with eminent people. Journeys would yield excellent returns.

Every village is a learning place

Thota Vaikuntam, eminent artist spoke to Deccan Post on his life with art.

How did art come in your life?

I was always fascinated by drawings in my school days. My drawing teacher Ramachary taught me mixing colours. For some time, I got diverted to music and learnt Violin. Finally, it was the canvas that remained in my life.

How did folk art influence you?

I have been watching many folk arts like Leather Puppetry in my childhood days. The powerful rendition of the stories of Ramayana and Mahabharata were always very inspiring. In fact, the performances used to be overpowering and awesome. Many wonderful dance programs also impressed me. In music, I have heard concerts of Ustad Bismillah Khan, Pandit Ravi Shankar and Pandit Nikhil Banerjee. I think music; dance, painting and all other art forms of this country are interlinked.

What is your view about the uniqueness of a painting?

Each painting is different from the other. In fact, it depends on how one looks at them. The painting on the wall is hung and remains in the same position. The viewer is moving around it and every viewer gets a different



image of the same painting from a different angle. That's the beauty of a painting.

How did you specialize on your subject of the Telangana folklore?

I hail from that region and have always seen the same around me. So I always wanted to depict what was my culture, the Indian

culture. We study Art from different countries, but it was always essential to keep the Indian essence in mind, especially the rural folklore which was always visible before my eyes.

Can one attempt to take Art as a career?

It's not easy. For me it was a big struggle.

I taught in Jawahar Bal Bhavan for nearly 15 years. This job took care of all my basic needs. Success, fame and money come very late in this field. That is the very reason that we should have something to fall back for our needs. Initial period in art is very a difficult one.


Why do you use bright colours?

I have always found bright colours in and around my life. Red, yellow, green have always been reflected in bright colors in my paintings. Same is the case with saffron, red and orange. Every colour has been influenced by the surroundings.


How has Hyderabad been?

Hyderabad used to be a very quiet city. Today, there is too much construction activity going around the city and most of the old rock formations are being destroyed. The greenery is vanishing and high-rise buildings are changing the landscape of the city. I used to do lot of sketch work at many places like the Nampally Railway station, Puranapul and other locales in and around the Old city. There is lot of Art buzz in the city. But all said and done, I must warn that it is a very slow process and one must not get carried away with anything that looks rosy and is short term. ♦




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Has Yami fell in love?

Mega heroine Yami Gautam, who paired opposite Allu Sirish in Gouravam, is back to B'wood. Yami is now doing Total Siyapaa after her first film Vicky Donor there. In her previous film, the actress was seen falling in love with a boy from a different caste. In Total Siyapaa too, she plays a Punjabi girl who falls in love with a Pakistani boy played by Ali Zafar.

"This time I have progressed, I have crossed the border. The story is completely different. You can't compare this with my first film. The character of Asha Singh which I play is different, it's a story based in London, and it's a love story between a Pakistani boy and an Indian girl," Yami said.

Yami thinks the script is the hero of the film. "You can never predict a hit or a flop but it's about what you are happy doing as an actor. Every actor comes with his or her own mindset," she said.



Deepika kissed forcefully?

Yes peeps, you read that right. Cocktail director Homi Adjanian was in an extremely delighted mood after having wrapped up the filming of his next, 'Finding Fanny', which features Deepika Padukone in the lead. He shared his happiness with close friends and family by throwing a wrap up party, which saw guests including Arjun Kapoor, Illeana D' Cruz, Naseeruddin Shah, Randeep Hooda, Huma Qureshi, Pankaj Kapoor, Mangesh Taurani, Vikram Aditya Motwane and CEO of Eros International Kishore Lulla.



Now coming back to the incident, it so happened that, Homi, being the host, was present at the venue much before everyone, and by the time his guests could arrive, he had already gulped down a few pegs. By the time Deepika showed up, which was pretty late, Homi was already drunk. It was then when the tipsy director, who had gone out to receive her, tried to kiss her forcefully.

Now, it's obvious that Deepika would feel a little uncomfortable, especially when the event was being covered by the media. She was horrified and simply shooed him away, without making a big hue and cry.

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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 Tèlangana State. We indeed feel gratified as the cabinet note on Tèlangana 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 Tèlangana. Despite several Satanic forces making attempts to stall the process of Tèlangana 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 Tèlangana !!! It is going to be the 29th State of the Indian Republic. The people of Tèlangana 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. Tèlangana 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 Tèlangana, 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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Market gains on fund buying support

By V Sundar Raja

Stock Market performance indicator Sensex after an earlier consolidation and sideways trend above the major psychological support of 20,000 it has turned slightly positive. Market recovery after a long indecisive phase was possible due to fresh buying by the foreign institutional funds (FIIs), who have earlier reported to have slowed down their buying few days back. The domestic institutional investors (DIIs), who were reported to have been cautious earlier, have now turned buyers. The American stock market too, is seen firm even at historic all-time high levels, which created a positive sentiment. There is broad-based buying support seen in the mid-cap and small-cap stocks too, but market is again seen coming closer to the all-time high levels, which is likely to be tested.

The Automobile sector has witnessed rebound in the last few days, with rising expectations that it could again get into a growth path after an earlier slowdown. The market leading sector and the strong momentum oriented segment, the banking segment were seen mixed and seen moving in a cautious trend. The strong performing sectors like the Software and the Pharma were seen in a reactionary trend, due to profit booking by the investors. They have been in a strong ascending trend in the last few months.

Meanwhile, there is selling pressure seen in the commodities market, where the leading base metals are seen in a minor declining



trend, as the equities are seen attractive at current levels.

Lead, Aluminum, Nickel, and Zinc declined sharply in the last few days, while cop-

per is seen stable at current levels. The crude oil has declined sharply, providing relief, but a strong support is seen at current 5,800 and 5,600 levels, where a rebound is expected.

The precious metal Gold is seen stabilizing at the current levels of 30,000 even as the international gold prices are seen in a correction trend. The yellow metal has the next barrier above at 31,000, where it has to sustain to get into a short-term uptrend.

But, another commodity Silver has declined sharply in the last few days, from 50,000 to 44,000 levels, but has the major support below at 43,000 and 40,000 levels.

The Rupee after an earlier depreciation from 61 to 64, against the Dollar, it is now seen stable at 63 levels. Any further sustaining above 64 mark, then there could be a further appreciation of the Dollar.

Market technically on the charts, it is seen struck in-between the major resistance and the major support of 20,000. Sensex has to sustain above the next barrier of 21,000 to enter into a further short-term uptrend. Market is expected to move in a sideways range, and is now seen preparing for a major direction, for the investors to be alert. The forthcoming GDP data, the inflation, American markets and the RBI's decision on the interest rates are expected to have an impact on the market and is expected to determine the next trend. ♦

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