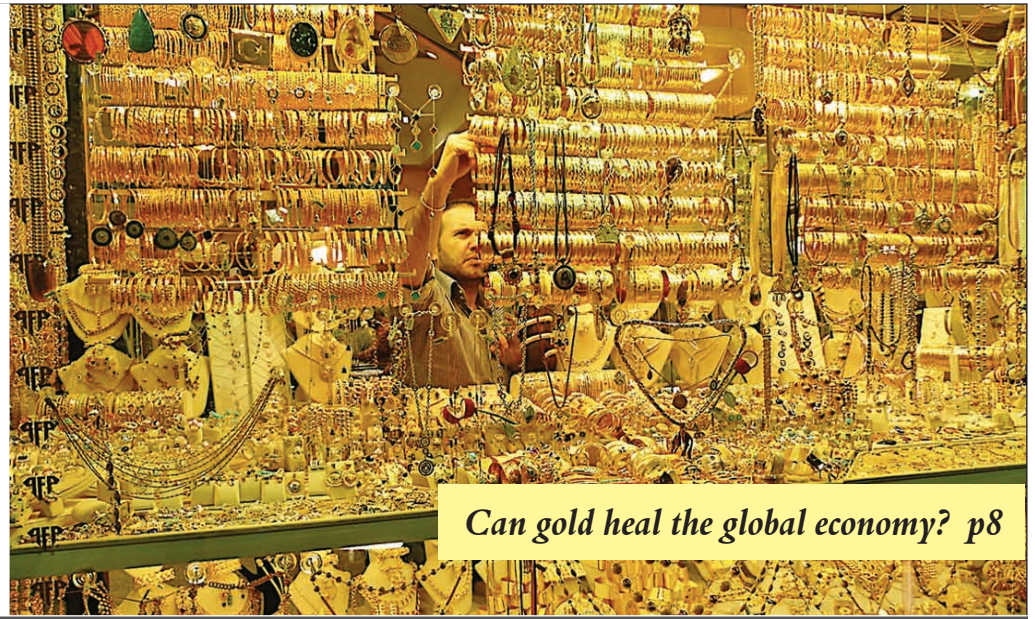


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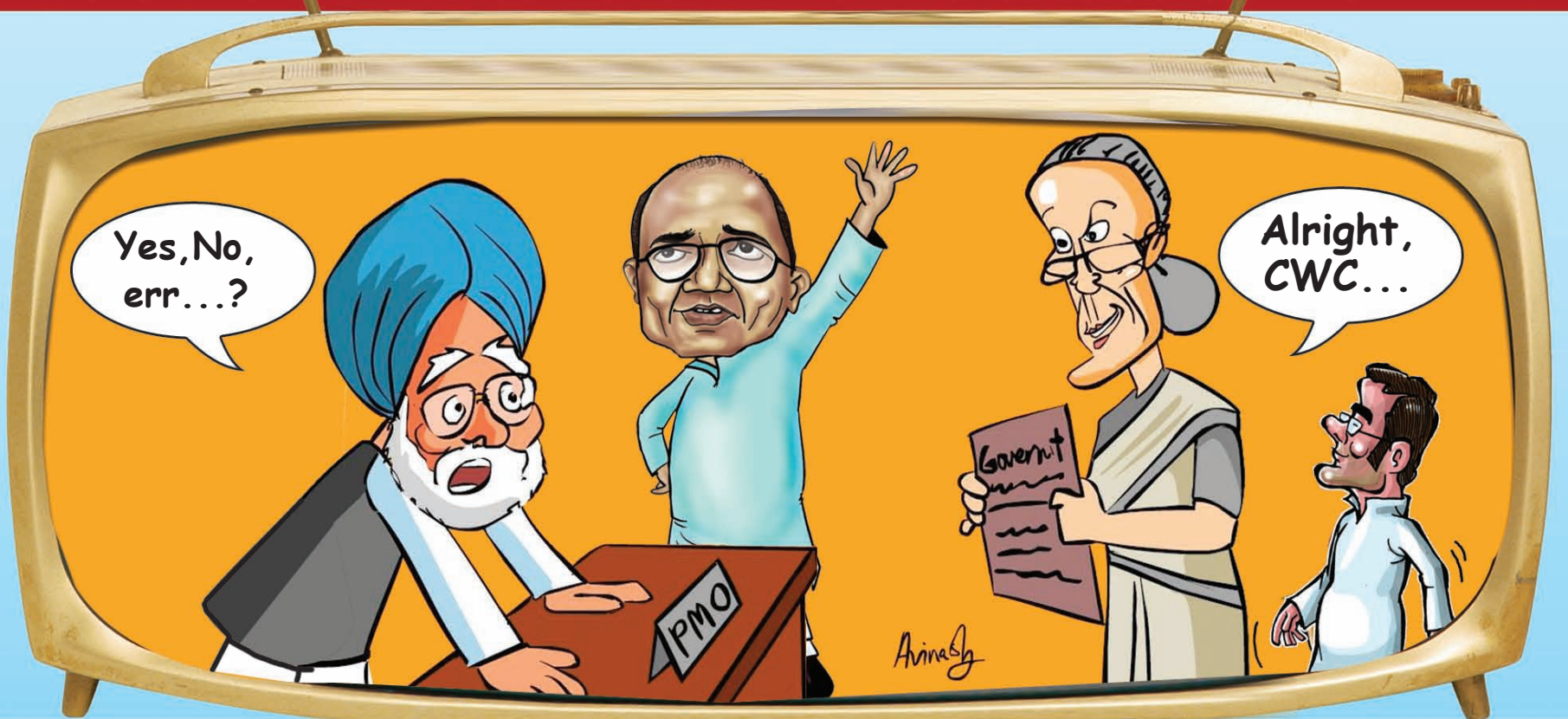
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Congress to continue its 'Soap Opera' over Telangana



After raising several expectations among the people of the Telangana region over granting statehood to Telangana region; the congress high command seems to have realized that people have lost their interest in its endless and meaningless sessions at several of its core committee meetings. That's why in its typical style to sustain the interests of the stake-holders in the withering state of Andhra Pradesh; the congress high command after failing to act boldly has once again decided to enact another drama in the name of Congress Working Committee to keep its vested political interests alive even at the cost of its waning credibility besides contributing further to the emotional drain in the minds of thousands of youth in the region leading them to the brink of more frustration.

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Kiran Reddy used 'J' card to stall Telangana?

By Our Political Correspondent

The congress leadership alone knows what it probably wants. What it seeks to gain from its indecisiveness. It does not make sense to anyone about the effectiveness of congress leadership that is seen dilly-dallying over a crucial decision that needs a closure. Congress's inability to take a decision either way by conceding statehood to T-region or maintaining the status quo without resorting to division of AP state is an indication of wanting to eat the cake and have it too.

The Congress core committee which has almost made up its mind to announce a road map to Telangana state formation on Friday was forced to defer its decision, thanks to the pleadings and desperate assurances given by the Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy that he would bring around YSRCP leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy back into the party, if the high command keeps Andhra Pradesh united. The Congress leaders of coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema who had almost lost hope of preventing Telangana state

formation had latched on to a last ditch effort – of offering a carrot of more seats to Congress in coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema regions, if AP remains united. For this, they used Jagan factor and promised Congress high command that if he joins Congress, its tally would be fantastic in AP.

The Seemandhra leaders realized that Congress has no love lost for Telangana and they were only interested in improving their seats tally in AP, like getting some where about 30 MPs just as the way it got in 2009, by carving out Telangana State. The Seemandhra leaders who gathered at the residence of KVP Ramchander Rao had also sensed that the Congress high command was tempted to give T state, only to woo TRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao into its fold just to have a free run over 15 to 16 seats in the T-region besides winning about half at least in the Andhra region that has 25 seats.

That's why, the Seemandhra leaders have decided to use the same strategy – of talking about winning more seats in next Lok Sabha election – by projecting Jagan factor to their advantage. The AP state Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy told the core committee members, especially party Chief Sonia Gandhi that if given one more chance, he would certainly rope in Jagan, if a decision on Telangana is postponed.

As it is wary of its MP seats, the Congress high command has naturally heeded to this plea and put off a decision on Telangana, on the pretext that the matter needs to be discussed at the Congress Working Committee (CWC). No exact date of next CWC meeting has been fixed, but it is expected to take a few more days so that Kiran and Co would do their level best to convince Jagan to join Congress. Thanks to the announcement of AICC General Secretary Digvijay Singh in Hyderabad on July 1st that the core committee would take a final

decision on Telangana; it has heightened the expectations among people that a decisive decision would come on July 12th congress core committee meeting. But the meeting not only disappointed the sentiments of the vast majority of the people of Telangana but exposed the congress leadership's opportunistic agenda.

Both Deputy Chief Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha and former APCC president D Srinivas told this paper that they were still hopeful that their high command would take a positive decision on creating Telangana state. "Only after a meeting of CWC, a decision on Telangana can be officially announced as it is our highest body," Srinivas said. He is right. But this time, the Seemandhra leaders rallied strongly around CM Kiran Kumar Reddy and PCC president Botsa Satyanarayana to stall Telangana. However, their last ditch attempts proved influential only because of Kiran Kumar Reddy taking responsibility to bring back



Seemandhra leaders excited about Jagan's plight...

The Supreme Court bench in its recent judgment ordered that 'if a jailed person can't vote, a jailed person can't contest elections also'. After holding that MPs and MLAs would be disqualified from fighting elections from the date of conviction, the Supreme Court has now barred jailed politicians from the poll fray even if they are yet to be convicted. The apex court said that a person, who is in jail or in police custody, cannot contest election to legislative bodies. It said only an elector can contest the polls and he/she ceases the right to cast vote due to confinement in prison or being in custody of police. A bench of justices AK Patnaik and SJ Mukhopadhyay upheld a Patna high court judgment agreeing that if a jailed person cannot vote, a jailed person cannot contest elections. The court was hearing an appeal filed challenging a Patna high court order barring people in police custody to contest polls.

Quite dramatically, this judgment of the Supreme Court is being sought to be taken full advantage by the likes of all those struggling to prevent formation of Telangana State which is round the corner. The judgment banning jailed persons from contesting elections could seriously affect leaders like YS Jaganmohan Reddy of YSR Congress Party, former state minister Mopidevi Venkatramana, besides others

like Sabitha Indra Reddy and Dharmana Prasad Rao, who are charge-sheeted by the CBI and facing criminal prosecution if elections were to be held soon and in the event of their inability to secure bail, could seriously jeopardize their political future. In the light of this new judicial pronouncement, the state Chief Minister Kiran Reddy and KVP who was a close associate of the former CM late YSR are known to be making fresh efforts to convince Jagan some how to surrender to the congress leadership in Delhi so that they can hit two birds with one stone. They can possibly prevent the formation of T-state by the congress before the scheduled general elections and also ensure assured political package to Jagan so that he would abandon his YSRCP and join the congress party and proclaim his loyalty to the Gandhi family and benefit like his father.

Several politicians like Lagadapati, Kavuri, Rayapati, Purandeshwari, Renuka are trying to do whatever they can to enhance Kiran Reddy's stature in the eyes of the party high command and go all out to woo Jagan by hook or crook. The priceless answer is will Jagan sacrifice his credibility and jeopardize his pan-India political future just to benefit the likes of Kiran and Co? People are watching.

- DP Desk



YS Jaganmohan Reddy. Unless they convince Jagan to join their party, there is no possibility of Congress high command delaying further T state formation.

It is an open secret that a section of Congress leaders including the CM are clandestinely acting very closely with Jagan and are sympathetic to his family

and party too. Many senior Congress leaders in coastal districts have expressed their solidarity with YSR's family by sending their kith and kin to join YSR

Congress party, while they tactfully decided to continue in the ruling party. Their game plan is simple, be in the ruling party until the general elections and





serve the interests of YSRCP and jump whenever required. It's a pity that the congress high command despite knowing all these continues to allow the likes of Kiran, KVP and Co to flirt both ways.

The Congress high command also is shocked and worried over the growing popularity of Jagan in Seemandhra region, even while he is in jail. "It is surprising that Jagan is still the most popular leader in Seemandhra districts even after 14 months in jail. This has alarmed the Congress bosses much to take a decision on 'Telangana,'" a political analyst observed.

But this fear factor was exploited by Kiran and Co quite well. The Kiran camp set the speculation ripe that entire Seema-Andhra ministers including the chief minister would quit their posts and also party if necessary if any favourable decision is taken on Statehood to Telangana. Such rumours were deftly played by the Andhra media channels which compelled Sonia Gandhi to summon Kiran Reddy at 1 pm, four hours before the core committee meet, and he

is believed to have told her that if the party takes any decision in favour of Telangana, at least 15 MPs and 70 MLAs of the party would quit and it would be difficult to save the government in Andhra Pradesh.

While stating that he would abide by whatever the decision Sonia Gandhi takes on the issue, Kiran made it clear that things would not be under his control, if the core committee conveys any message that united AP would be split. Moreover, Kiran Reddy who made an hour long power point presentation at the core committee which met at the PM's residence from 4pm to 6 pm strongly opposed any moves to divide the State.

Even Botsa Satyanarayana who made a presentation for about 20 minutes told the core committee members that of all the 9 Union Ministers from the coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema region had opposed formation of Telangana state and a majority of the party MPs and MLAs who met him too opposed the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Both the CM and the PCC chief had told the core committee

which included Sonia Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, Rahul Gandhi, AK Antony, Sushil Kumar Shinde, Digvijay Singh, Ahmed Patel and Ghulam Nabi Azad that there was a strong sentiment in Andhra and Rayalaseema regions against splitting the State. The two leaders referred to a Bandh in the regions on Friday protesting Telangana formation.

The only one who made a strong pitch for Telangana state formation is Deputy Chief Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, who hails from the region. Damodar who made his 25 minute long presentation first, at the start of the meeting, made it clear that nothing short of a Telangana state with 10 districts of the region and Hyderabad as its capital would be acceptable to the people of the T-region. After Damodar finished his presentation, Azad is understood to have asked him whether the TRS chief would merge his party into Congress, if the Centre takes a stand to create Telangana state. Damodar replied that: "I have no specific information on this; KCR went on record several times in the past that he

would join Congress, if Telangana is given". Damodar's answer was not exciting to the members of the core committee since equations have suddenly changed about Jagan being convinced to come back.

The outcome of the core committee meeting on Friday dampened the spirits of pro-Telangana elements and they reacted sharply to Digvijay Singh's announcement that the Telangana issue would now be decided by the CWC. Telangana students' Joint Action Committee (JAC) gave a Bandh call in the region on Saturday in protest against the Congress dithering.

According to the indications, the Congress high command at best can postpone its decision on Telangana by a two or three more weeks, but not later than that. Until then, if the CM and PCC chief can bring Jagan into Congress, the matter may be delayed further. But if it goes otherwise, which is certain to happen, no one can stop Telangana state formation. ♦

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Telangana RLD holds National Round Table conference ...

Jayanth urges youth to keep fighting for T-state

By Our Correspondent

The 34 year old Jayant Chaudhary who is currently the General Secretary of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) and a Member of Parliament representing Mathura constituency in Uttar Pradesh state in the Lok Sabha has exhorted the students and youth of Telangana to continue to fight for formation of the Telangana state. Jayanth, who is the grand son of late former Prime Minister of India, late Chaudhary Charan Singh and son of Ajit Singh present Union Minister for Civil Aviation has been working with several civil society groups, and non-governmental organizations. His passion for small states has its roots in his father's dream of "Harith Pradesh" – a western part of Uttar Pradesh that has significant presence of Jats, Dalits, Muslims and Gujjars.

Jayanth has been actively associated with all those agitating for smaller states in India. Ever since, the Telangana movement began under the TRS leadership - RLD leader Ajit Singh has been passionately lending his support to

the T-struggle having contributed in several ways to building up a consensus among various parties across the nation. Even now, his contribution is no less significant that RLD has begun a special-state unit for Telangana region according

it the status of a geo-political state. Further, the RLD has appointed a woman Indra Dilp Kumar as its president and a Muslim social activist as a working president to show their commitment for empowerment of the marginalized

sections.

Prof Bhim Singh, who has come as special invitee asked the students (especially, the Osmania University students to take lead in establishment of T-state. He aired his skepticism about the intention of the congress party to grant statehood to Telangana. Many other leaders from Vidarbha, Gorkhland, and Himachal Pradesh participated. It was urged at the meeting that T-RLD must be invited to join the T-JAC, as a gesture of its significant contribution. Congress MP Madhu Yashki explained the happenings in the congress party and assured that Congress party is committed to grant T-state despite severe opposition from Seemandhra leaders.

Some speakers expressed their appreciation for parties like RLD, NCP, BSP etcetera who have been giving unconditional support to Telangana movement and sought resolution to enable these parties to bid for seats in Lok Sabha. ♦





SC verdict needs to be specific

The Supreme Court of India has delivered two landmark orders this weekend to cleanse politics of criminal elements. The first one was delivered on Wednesday is intended to disqualify forthwith, the elected representatives like MPs and MLAs, the moment any court (beginning from Trial Court) convicts them in any criminal case. Presently, the elected people's representatives have a window period of three months to go for an appeal on such convictions. The second order which came on the next day has made under trial jailed persons ineligible to fight elections as they suffer an ineligibility to cast their vote in view of their incarceration. The SC bench comprising justices AK Patnaik and SJ Mukhopadhyaya delivered this major judgment in an appeal filed by the Chief Election Commissioner and others challenging the Patna High Court orders barring people in police custody to contest polls.

The message of the first order is clear. That the members of Parliament or Legislative Assemblies will not have the luxury or cushion of three months window period to go for an appeal against their conviction and continue in power. The new judgment puts an end to this practice and ensures that the convicted persons would immediately lose their seats. This is good, as presently the MPs and MLAs who were convicted in criminal cases are able to hang on to their posts by taking advantage of the appeal provision. As court litigation and the process of appeals is a lengthy process in our country, any MP or MLA can easily manage

to continue in the post for decades together prolonging the battle in courts just because he or she has not been found guilty by the highest court all the while fighting the prosecution's case.



For this, the SC has declared as 'ultra vires' the Section 8 (4) of the Representation of People's Act, 1951 which allows the MPs and MLAs --- three months time to prefer an appeal in the appellate courts over their convictions by the trial courts. This is not unjustified given the way our criminal legal system is functioning. If a person other than an elected representative - if convicted of a crime will lose all facilities available to him as a free man and has to go to the jail or obtain a bail and endure the sufferings. But, a MP or an MLA can continue in the post by all means

and become or continue to be a policy maker if such a one happens to be minister. In fact, there are several ministers in the union and state council of ministers.

These are absolutely double standards prevailing in our system; therefore the latest SC order is a welcome move considering the impact it is going to have on our polity. But, here too, there are some concerns over its implications to the legislatures. One such concern is the imbalances it will cause to a political party that is in power and dependent on a single member for retaining its majority.

Sometimes, a ruling government can collapse if it loses even a single member convicted in a case on the basis of the new ruling. This may lead to frequent instability both at the centre and the states. In view of these peculiarities, several suggestions for ensuring the stability of the government till the outcome of a by-poll caused by such disqualifications need to be worked out. This is not a problem, given the pre-eminence of the stability of the governments.

If the higher court acquits the concerned member in his appeal, he must be able to retain his seat or may fight the next election. Such intricacies of principles of natural justice need to be evolved.

But, the second part of the judgment which prevents an arrested person, whether in jail or police custody, from voting and fighting an election will have far reaching consequences. The SC's contention is based on a simple logic: if an arrested person is not

allowed to vote, he cannot fight an election too. This sounds good as the basic eligibility of a person to contest an election is that he should be an elector (voter).

But, Deccan Post is of the view that this goes against the spirit of the Constitution which allowed even jailed persons to fight elections and win too. We all still remember how great leaders like George Fernandez fought and won Lok Sabha elections after the Emergency in 1977 from jail, that too with a huge majority. That is the spirit of the Indian democracy. There is a vast difference in why some is jailed in the first place. There are many instances why so many politicians get arrested for other than crimes like - corruption, rapes, murders and such heinous crimes. Many politicians invite the wrath of police for indulging in agitations etcetera. There is a need to classify specific crimes which must categorize people jailed for political crimes and other general crimes although prosecutable and punishable under the Indian Penal Code.

The second part of the SC verdict might be misused by ruling parties to scuttle the prospects of its opponents, simply by foisting false cases and putting them behind bars. Then, the opposition leaders will become ineligible to contest the polls. So, the SC need to limit the contours of its verdict only to serious crimes and corruption cases or else, political vendetta might go to new heights spoiling the well intended measures by the judiciary. ♦

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Digvijay takes up T issue Will KCR be sidelined?

The much awaited change of guard in the congress state affairs in form of Digvijay Singh raked some hopes in the hearts and minds of Telangana supporters and protagonists. Former Andhra Pradesh in-charge Ghulam Nabi Azab faced the ire of the people for his One month remarks felt happy when he was relieved of the AP affairs responsibility so that the people of this region who are very much passionate and could not wait anymore for the formation of Telangana state. People started hoping Digvijay because he was the one who was the In-charge of AP affairs during 2004 general elections and his role was crucial in having alliance with TRS and keeping it in the UPA's Common Minimum Programme (CMP). But the



Congress party has forgot its promise and was dilly dallying the matter on one or the other pretext. If the congress party is in a mood to accord statehood to Telangana then KCR will be sidelined completely and he will not have any other go except to merge his TRS into Congress Party just the way cinema actor Chiranjeevi did in the past. But the dilemma of congress is beyond the imagination and understanding of even political pundits. I urge the congress leadership to end this confusion and declare its clear stand.

The congress must remember that many important decisions and bills like Nuclear Deal, 2G spectrum allocations, Commonwealth Games organization or recently the Food Security Ordinance also have not been delayed so the congress people should have uniformity in their acts and deeds.

Ghouse Mohiuddin, Nampally

Now demand for Rayalaseema State.....

With reference to your last week's story on current affairs I would like to share my views that Telangana was previously a state called Hyderabad state with specific and definite geographical boundaries and the Rayalaseema region was with Andhra region for a very long time. Even when the formation of Andhra state happened in the year 1953 Rayalaseema was an integral part of the new state and Kurnool was the capital city of the newly formed state. I would like to know from the

Rayalaseema leaders that why they have not raised their voice for a separate Rayalaseema state at that time. Why they wanted to be together with Andhra state and why today they want a smaller state like Rayalaseema and even more irony is that they claim that their region is very backward and had no water resources. Politicians should not be tricky to be an obstacle for Telangana and should remember that their deeds and actions are closely observed by the people. I think politicians should stop their dramas and be wise and take seriously the

responsibility of representing the people who have elected them.

Chandranth, Rajendernagar

Time CBI becomes apolitical

It became an open secret that the CBI became the puppet in the hands of the congress party led UPA government and being used to tame the opponents. The congress party used CBI to control Mulayam Singh Yadav (SP), Mayawathi (BSP), Lalu Prasad Yadav (RJD) and YS Jagan Mohan Reddy & Co. just not to lose the power over the respective regions. The latest target of the Congress party seems to be Gujarat CM Narendra Modi and congress wants to contain Modi too by hook or crook and off course the CBI is the way and weapon. CBI should prevent itself from indulging in politics and should not forget that it's the most respected and credible agency and focus on real issues and agendas otherwise they too will have to face the ire of the people sooner or later.

Amrutha Nair, Bollaram

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Latest SC order bans jailed leaders from contesting polls...

Jagan worried about his fate

By Shivkant Bichkunda

After holding that MPs and MLAs would be disqualified from fighting elections from the date of conviction, the Supreme Court has now barred jailed politicians from the poll fray even if they are yet to be convicted. The Supreme Court bench upheld a Patna High Court judgment that 'if a jailed person can't vote, a jailed person can't contest elections also'. The apex court said that a person, who is in jail or in police custody, cannot contest elections to legislative bodies. It said only an elector can contest the polls and he/she ceases the right to cast vote due to confinement in prison or being in custody of police. The court made it clear that disqualification would not be applicable to persons subjected to preventive detention under any law.

A bench of Justices AK Patnaik and SJ Mukhopadhyay upheld a Patna High Court judgment agreeing that if a jailed person cannot vote, a jailed person cannot contest elections. The court was hearing an appeal filed by the Chief Election Commissioner and others challenging a Patna High Court order barring people in police custody to contest polls.

This judgment of the Supreme Court could affect leaders like YS Jaganmohan Reddy of YSR Congress Party, former state minister Mopidevi Venkatramana, besides former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda, former minister from Karnataka Gali Janardhan Reddy and former Haryana minister Gopal Kanda among scores of others like Sabitha Indra Reddy and Dharmana Prasad Rao, who are charge-sheeted by the CBI and facing criminal prosecution if elections were to be held soon coupled with their failure to obtain bail.

The apex court bench, referring to the Representation of Peoples' Act, said that the Act (Sections 4 & 5) lays down the qualifications for membership of the House of the People and Legislative



Assembly and one of the qualifications laid down is that he must be an elector. It said Section 62 (5) of the Act says that no person shall vote at any election if he is confined in a prison, whether under a sentence of imprisonment or transportation or otherwise, or is in the lawful custody of the police. Reading Sections 4, 5 and 62 (5) together, the apex court came to the conclusion that a person in jail or police custody cannot contest election. 'We do not find any infirmity in the findings of the High Court in the impugned common order that a person who has no right to vote by virtue of the provisions of sub-section (5) of Section 62 of the 1951 Act is not an elector and is therefore not qualified to contest the election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of a State,' said the court. This verdict was delivered on Wednesday, on the day the apex court in a landmark judgment held

the provision -- sub-section (4) of Section 8 of the Representation of People Act (RP Act) -- ultra vires and that the disqualification takes place from the date of conviction.

Several political parties reacted cautiously on the mind boggling SC order barring jailed leaders from contesting polls, saying that while steps to cleanse politics were welcome, the judgment needed to be studied in detail. The SC ruling has put the political class in a difficult situation as a person in jail may subsequently be discharged or even be enlarged on bail. Senior BJP leader Ravishankar Prasad who incidentally comes from a state like Bihar which has a rampant problem with criminally implicated politicians said, "The details of the judgment need to be examined. However, I can see one flaw. That is a political rival in power can get a candidate

arrested around the time of nomination. There is scope of abuse of this order." However his colleague Rajiv Pratap Rudy said, "All steps to cleanse the political system of criminal elements are welcome. But we need to see if these recipes are good enough to overhaul the system. There are grey areas, but nonetheless the impulse behind the ruling is appreciated."

Reacting to the SC order, CPI national secretary D Raja said, "It is a controversial political issue. I do not understand the logic behind the judgment." Raja said in the Indian political system, it was common practice to put political opponents in jail or foist cases on them. "As political vendetta, anyone can be put in jail," he said, wondering about the rationale behind the order.

AICC General Secretary Ajay Maken said, "We are all for positive electoral reforms and transparency, but we have to study the order." The reactions of the two major political parties indicate that while the SC ruling is sure to strike a popular chord, its implications can be problematic for parties.

It appears there are several controversial aspects of the latest order emanating from the apex court and that is sure to invite quite a lot of ramifications in many states but as far as the state of Andhra Pradesh is concerned -- the man in big trouble is none other than YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the president of the YSRCP who is spending his time in Chanchalguda central jail as an under trial since past 13 months. Jagan knocked the doors of even the Supreme Court seeking the bail but denied the same. Till now, it was CBI that was accused of for heading the prosecuting agency probing illegal accumulation of assets and quid-pro-quo issue pertaining to 26 GOs controversially issued by YSR government during 2004-2009. The accumulation of wealth by Jagan and his subsequent foray into politics has been an eyesore for many. Jagan and his party men were openly accusing the CBI till now for allegedly toeing the agenda of the Congress party and Chandrababu Naidu. But, with the latest order banning those in jail from contesting could seriously harm the political prospects of YSRCP. It is to be seen how far his friends like KVP and Chief Minister Kiran Reddy would negotiate with the congress high command for an out of court political settlement. If Jagan remains to act belligerent, he will go down in history as the greatest fighter but if he surrenders and compromises all myth about his bravado would be exposed. Surely, Jagan is pushed by circumstances to face another great uncertainty. ♦



Can Gold heal the Global Economy?

By Jaywant Naidu

Gold is a chemical element with the symbol 'Au' and atomic number 79. Gold occurs in free elemental (native) form, as nuggets or grains in rocks, in veins and in deposits. Gold resists attacks by individual acids, but it can be dissolved by the aqua regia (nitro-hydrochloric acid). Gold also dissolves in mercury, forming amalgam alloys. Gold has sometimes been monetary policies, but were widely supplanted by fiat currency starting in the 1930s. The last gold certificate and gold coin currencies were issued in the US in 1932. In Europe, most countries left the gold standard with the start of World War-I in 1914 and, with huge war debts, did not return to gold as a medium of exchange. A total of 1,71,300 tonnes of gold have been mined in human history. The world consumption of new gold produced is about 50% in jewellery, 40% in investments, and 10% in industry.

Gold's healing and scientific powers:

Some gold salts do have anti-inflammatory properties and are used as pharmaceuticals in the treatment of arthritis and other similar conditions. Gold based injections have been explored as means to help to reduce the pain and swelling of rheumatoid arthritis and tuberculosis. Gold alloys are used in restorative dentistry, especially in tooth restorations, such as crowns and permanent bridges. The gold alloys' slight malleability facilitates the creation of a superior molar mating surface with other teeth and produces results that are generally more satisfactory than those produced by the creation of porcelain crowns. Colloidal gold is used in research applications in medicine, biology and material science. Colloidal gold particles coated with specific antibodies can be used as probes for the presence and position of antigens on the surfaces of cells. In ultrathin sections of tissues viewed by electron, the immunogold labels appear as extremely dense round spots at the position of the antigen. Gold, or alloys of gold and palladium, are applied as conductive coating to biological specimens and other non-conducting materials such as plastics and glass to be viewed in a microscope. Gold's very high electrical

conductivity drains electrical charge to earth, and its very high density provides stopping power for electrons in the electron beam, helping to limit the depth to which the electron beam penetrates the specimen. This improves definition of the position and topography of the specimen surface and increases the spatial resolution of the image. Gold also produces a high output of secondary electrons when irradiated by an electron beam, and these low-energy electrons are the most commonly used signal source used in the scanning electron microscope. The isotope gold-198 (half-life 2.7 days) is used, in nuclear medicine, in some cancer treatments and for treating other diseases. Gold can be used in food and has the E number 175. Gold leaf, flake or dust is used on and in some gourmet foods, notably sweets and drinks as decorative ingredient. Gold flake was used by the nobility in medieval Europe as a decoration in food and drinks, in the form of leaf, flakes or dust, either to demonstrate the host's wealth or in the belief that something that valuable and rare must be beneficial for one's health. Danziger Goldwasser (German: Gold water of Danzig) or Goldwasser (English: Gold water) is a traditional German herbal liqueur produced in Gdansk, Poland, and Schwabach, Germany, and contains flakes of gold leaf. There are also some expensive (\$1,000) cocktails which contain flakes of gold leaf. Gold solder is used for joining the components of gold jewellery by high-temperature hard soldering or brazing. Gold can be made into thread and used in embroidery.

Gold produces a deep, intense red color when used as a coloring agent in glass. In photography, gold toners are used to shift the colour of silver bromide black-and-white prints towards brown or blue tones, or to increase their stability. Used on sepia-toned prints, gold toners produce red tones. Kodak published formulas for several types of gold toners, which use gold as the chloride. Gold is a good reflector of electromagnetic radiation such as infrared and visible light as well as radio waves. It is used for the protective coatings on many artificial satellites, in infrared protective faceplates, in thermal protection suits and astronauts' helmets and in electronic warfare planes like the Prowler. Gold is used as the reflective layer on some high-end CDs. Automobiles may use gold for heat shielding. McLaren

uses gold foil in the engine compartment of its F1 model. Gold can be manufactured so thin that it appears transparent. It is used in some aircraft cockpit windows for de-icing or anti-icing by passing electricity through it.

Big import bill crisis:

Amid concerns over non-availability of gold affecting the jewellery exports including diamond studded jewellery, the public sector company Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC) has offered to supply around 50kg of gold to jewellers in Surat and south Gujarat region from its Ahmedabad facility. MMTC is planning to open new gold delivery depots across the country in tier II and III cities. Jewellery exporters are currently facing acute shortage of gold due to import restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India. The monthly requirement of gold by the exporters at SEZ and DTA area is around 150 kilograms.

Since majority of India's imports are paid in Dollars, excess imports cause higher demand for Dollars, which weakens the Rupee. The All India Gems and Jewellery Trade Federation (GJF) have asked its nearly 6 lakh members to stop sales of gold coins and bars. Sale of coins and bars account for 35% of the total gold imports. Gold is the second biggest contributor to India's import bill. As a result of high Current Account Deficit (CAD), the Rupee has been depreciating to hit fresh lows against the Dollar. After moderating to 3.6% in the quarter ended March 2013, the current account deficit is expected to jump to 4.9% in first quarter of current financial year owing to the spurt in

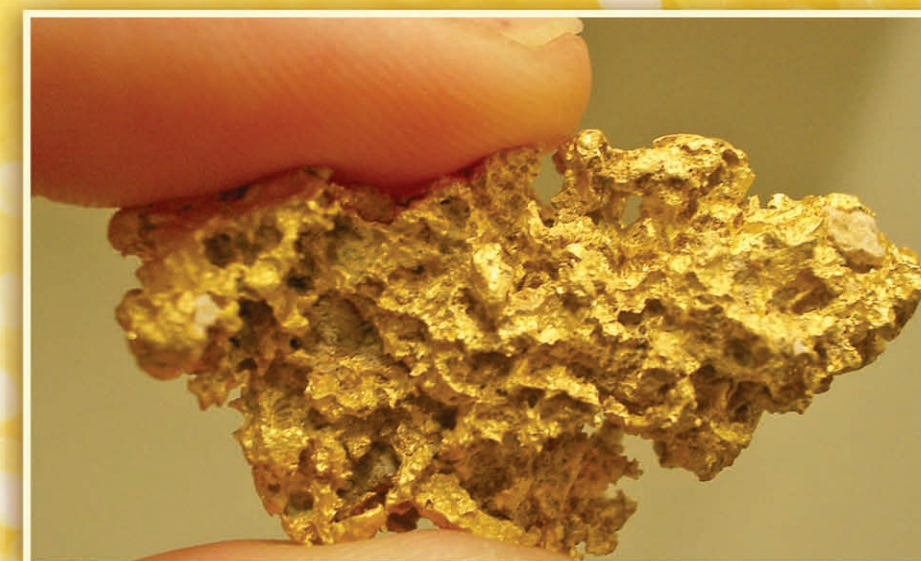
gold imports seen in May. At the end of March 2013, CAD was at 4.8% of the gross domestic product.

The future of gold:

Gold has lot of sentimental value. Apart from jewellers, several banks such as ICICI Bank and Axis Bank, Non Banking Finance Companies such as Reliance Capital have also decided to stop selling gold coins. The value of assets in gold-backed funds in India, the world's biggest consumer, fell for a third month in June 2013 as a bear market in bullion deepened. Holdings in exchange-traded funds, or ETFs, declined 9.2% to Rs 9,610 crore (\$1.6 billion) as of 30th June 2013. Gold fell 4.5% in Rupee terms in June 2013, falling for a 10th month. Global gold-backed exchange-traded products have fallen below 2,000 metric tons for the first time since May 2010 after bullion slumped on expectations the US Federal Reserve will reduce stimulus measures.

Gold in dollars slid 23% last quarter, the biggest loss since the year 1920, as some investors lost faith in the metal as a store of value on signs of an improving US economy. Indians are price sensitive, so they shy away from the market in times of higher volatility. Companies which need to deal in products made out of Gold are evaluating options to hedge gold on the international exchange (Comex), which is fairly liquid up to six months or entering an over-the-counter contract facilitated by a banker, wherein counter-party would have totally opposite hedging requirements.

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Annual Sakshatkara Vaibhavam Begins

The annual 'Sakshatkara vaibhavam' began in the form of a three-day festival at Kalyana Venkateswara temple, Srinivasa Mangapuram, near Tirupait, on Friday. Temple Priests of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy performed "SNAPANA TIRUMANJANAM" (Celestial Bath) to the processional dieties from 10am to 11.30am inside temple premises. This festival is considered to be as important on par with the Annual Brahmotsavams. The temple administration of TTD has all set to celebrate this festival in a big way this year considering its significance.



As per historical evidences, the Sasanams engraved 'on the right door-jamb wall of the entrance of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Mangapuram village, dated 22nd March, 1510A.D., the Temple was brought to worship by doing "Jeernoddarana" by Chinna Thirumalacharyulu, the grand son of Saint Poet Thallapaka Annamcharyulu. In 1940, an Archaka by name Sundararaja, from Kanchipuram of Tamil Nadu has come to the Village Mangapuram, saying that Lord Srinivasa has appeared in his dream and told to bring the temple to past glory which was in dilapidated condition by performing Dhoopa Deepa Naivedhya Aradhana and disappeared". Archaka Sundararaja then cleared all the debris in and around the Temple with the help of village elders and did First Pooja on 11th July 1940 'Ashada Suddha Sasti Day', said to be the day or muhurtham as ordered by the Lord Himself in his dream. To mark the auspicious day of revival of nitya pooja kankaryams as decided by Lord Himself, TTD has been conducting this festival as 'Sakshatkara Vaibhavamu' on Ashada Suddha Sasti Day in the month of June/July of every year. Later in the evening the Processional deities of Lord Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy along with His consorts will be taken out in a procession on Golden Tiruchi around four mada streets.

ASTRO FOCUS

July 14-20, 2013

Aries: Don't make promises to clients that you might find difficult to keep. Although your confidence and imagination runs high this week but taking important decisions might not be too easy for you. Older members of the family will pose some problems and financial position will not be very comfortable. Health might require attention so take care of your health.

Taurus: You will Focus and concentrate on your goals, but you should try not to get yourself so wrapped up in work, that you neglect your household duties. Arguments and confrontations should be strictly avoided, as emotional outburst will cause disharmony at home. A sudden romantic development with someone you have known for long might come as a surprise.

Gemini: You should disassociate with colleagues who are fond of gossip and spreading rumours. Work should be on your top priority and you have to be focus on that. Your accomplishment will bring you good results in the long run. Dealing with land and property matters will ensure gains as well. Your income will definitely improve but there will be a rise in expenses as well.

Cancer: Your practical and innovative nature helps you to build a new confidence with your business associates. Put your energy to positive use. Your positive attitude will bring you harmony and give you positive result in your work. Your Love/Relationship will give you positive indication.

Leo: The entire week will be just normal for you giving normal situation. Your financial position improves boosting your confidence and morale. Some of your higher officials will do a favor to you. Some one will help you escape from getting trapped into some trouble. Try to avoid confrontation and unnecessary discussions. Pressures of work and mental strain may affect your health during this week so take care of your health.

Virgo: You will have to do much to get good at career opportunities. Several good professional opportunities are likely to come your way; you may also derive the maximum benefit from the available opportunities. Some of you will make substantial gains through commission or agency work. Evenings with friends or family members would keep you in a relaxed mood.

Libra: There could be a technical hitch in implementing your plans initially. Since a quick solution is required. Old and outstanding or held up money will be recovered. There are indications that past efforts would bring expected success. Some of the naives will be in a position to solve the outstanding problems. There are possibilities that you may hurt the feelings of someone who cares for you.

Scorpio: You may also have a few little changes you'd like to experiment with and now is the time to try them out. Professionally you will continue to grow and will keep coming across new opportunities one after another. You may succeed in financial matters. Your Love/relationship will be better. You may have stress due to hard work or mental conflicts.

Sagittarius: Your communication skill will be on all time high. With hard work and dedication you will achieve the desired results. Several different pals may request favors or have some issues that seem 'similar' for some reason. Looking and listening will get you closer to the love you seek than talking a great deal this week. Hard work may cause physical strain.

Capricorn: Lucky openings this week for contacts abroad and opportunities for increased earnings are on the cards. Act carefully and shrewdly. There will be average gains & good progress, due to your hard work. Income will be good & take a dip thereafter. Intense loving from your spouse or beloved keeps you in an excellent mood. You'll stay well. You need to be more caring toward your family members' health.

Aquarius: Positive period for money matters. There will be rapid inflow from own as well as external fund. There will be a jump due to your own efforts. New investment should be made with caution. Just take care of business and there's a chance that romance will find you. Those of you, who had been suffering from general weakness and headaches, will find some relief in this week.

Pisces: This week you will take things lightly and will be in an easy going mood. There will be substantial progress in your area of work by doing consistent efforts. You should try to put your some extra effort and energy into learning additional knowledge and skills that may help you further in your career. The mid-week will likely feel more social and festive.

SUDOKU 278

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

ANSWERS Sudoku-277

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

Answer 277: Anitha K, Malkajgiri

Laugh out loud

Chotu : Bhai 1 Rupya Change Nahi Hai,
Ye Dekho 1 Rupye Wala Video.
Motu : Ye Le 4GB Memory Card With 1000Videos, Nikaal 1000 Ka Note..!!

India me 42 % lovers romance kyun nahi kar paate??
1)Girlfriend nahi manti ??
2)Seriousness??
3)Sexual disorder??
Nahi
Kamino ko ROOM hi nahi milta..

Boy : I Love you..
Pehli Nazar mein Hi Tumhara Aashiq Ban Gaya Hu..
Do U Love me..?
Girl : Hmmmm Main Tumhe

Ek Sawal Puchti Hu
Agar Tum Jeet Gaye To Mai Tumhe Jawab De Dungi....?
Lakda "Muskurata Hai Aur Chup Chap Jaane Lagta Hai..
Girl : Kya Hua Jawab Nai Chahiye.
Ladka : (Palat Kar Kehta Hai) Mujhe Tumhara Pyar Chahiye..
Jeet mein mila Hua Inaam Nahi.....!!

Girl Demanded for Ice Cream Boy Purchased It,,
Girl: Thank You
Boy: Sirf Thank You,,
Girl: You Want Kiss Na.??
Boy: Arrey Romance Ki Bhookhi, Aadhi Icecream De

2 girls found Rs. 1000
Girl 1: Ab is paise ka kia karainge...?
Girl 2: chalo 50 50 karlete hain..??
Girl 1: Awwwww,
aur baki 900 kya karainge..?

Santa ghehri soch main:
Wife: kya soch thay ho?
Santa: ye ABP news walon ko kaisay ptachalta hai?
Wife: kya?
Santa : yehi k
" App dekh rhe hain ABP news"..

Golden Thought of the Day
Girls Express Their Feelings With Gussa And Tears...
& Boys Express Their Feelings wid Beedi & Beers...

Open Yourself To All Visions And Ideas

Eminent Painter Anjolie Ela Menon spoke to Deccan Post at the 1st International Convention of SPIC MACAY in Kolkata.

When did painting come in your life?

I was young when I started painting at my school. Later it was JJ school of Art in Mumbai and London Art School. Susheel Mukherjee was a very great teacher for me. MF Husain always encouraged me and guided me in my work. He would always tell me to keep my vision wide open for any art form or cultural experience.

How has been your journey as a professional painter?

Painting is not an easy profession. Many a times you may feel disappointed. It's a very long journey and a difficult process. Unless you experience life in full i.e. it could include day to day work, friendship, spiritual journey, dance, poetry, music, travel and many other things; you will never be able to convey it through your painting. Without that, nothing is possible in art.

There was a big boom and a big bust in Art. How do you see that?

Actually there are very few genuine interested art collectors in this country. Many people mistook 'Art' for a commodity and started playing with it. They were never serious about the quality of the art work that was acquired. They all wanted to make quick money and operated like stock markets. They burnt their fingers badly and are in very bad shape.

Tell us about your digital expositions?

'Kitsch' is a collaboration of computer/digital painting and my works. My grand daughter is involved in this experimentation.

What inspires you to paint?

Nature is very inspiring. It could be any aspect of life which comes close to your heart and touches you. The reality of life always gets transported onto my canvas. There is no fixed formula or colour for any particular painting.

Can a youngster take this art as a profession?

If a youngster wants to make money, then he should not become a professional painter.

The job of a professional artist is to first get inspired and then send across a message to the society. It is a passion to contribute than to think of making money. The process is very slow and hard. Even in his last stage of life, I used to visit MF Husain in London and Qatar. The respect for your 'Guru' has to be there all throughout.

What is the future of Art in India?

Artists have a very big responsibility to give the true picture of art to any connoisseur. The journey is very painful but one can enjoy it as time flows. With information technology opening up the lines of communication, at least artists today have the opportunity to try and showcase their talent. Of course, this also makes things more competitive. ♦

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Katrina Kaif to romance Sushant

Sushant Singh Rajput has been steadily growing into a big figure in Bollywood and has been receiving numerous offers. He made a very impressive debut with Abhishek Kapoor's Kai Po Che and now he was bagged many important and big roles including Peekay with Aamir Khan and Anushka Sharma and Shuddh Desi Romance opposite Parineeti Chopra.

And now he has added another big film to his list. He has been selected for a film based on Charles Dicken's Great Expectations in which he will get a golden opportunity to romance Bollywood's hottest actress Katrina Kaif. According to the rumours, Abhishek Kapoor shall be directing this movie and though the title of the movie hasn't been revealed yet, the rumoured name doing the rounds is 'Fitoor'.



Kajal's Secret behind her US visit

Of late, Kajal along with her sister Nisha was seen attending the NATS festival in US which is actually planned for

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native Telugu artists. Many questioned why she was invited when she is not a Telugu girl and even cannot speak the language. However as per the sources, initially Anjali was invited for the program, but she demanded a huge price which the organizers cannot afford and hence contacted Kajal for attending the event and the lady has agreed without a second thought. The organizers choose Kajal as there is no option for them as no other Telugu girl has craze apart from Anjali.

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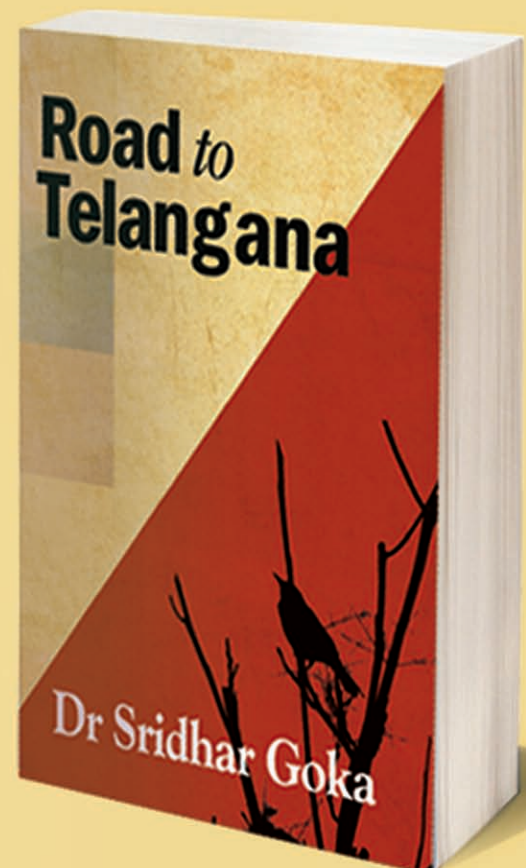
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Market awaits corporate results

By V Sundar Raja

Indian stock market continued its minor recovery trend, and the over all sentiment has now turned slightly positive. Market extended its minor gains primarily due to strength in the American market, while the Indian macro-economic conditions continue to be cautious. Global market remained strong as the American Central Bank, the Federal Reserve has stated that it would continue to support with its bond buying program. The Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were seen buying stocks in a limited way, with not much of an action in the stock market.

The major software firm Infosys has reported its first quarter results, which are better than market expectations, leading to a positive sentiment in the software segment. The first quarter financial results for the month of April to June has just begun with the results of a leading Private Bank IndusInd Bank, which is better than expected which is a positive sign for the private sector banking stocks.

But however, market is now keenly awaiting the other corporate results, which are expected to come in the next few days. This is expected to be a next major trigger for the stock market. Market is also keenly awaiting the Industrial Production Data (IIP) for the month of May, which is expected to be



announced on 12th July, which indicates the growth of the economy.

The global petroleum prices are seen continuing their ascending trend, rising concerns about the growing cost. The crude oil after an earlier bullish trend from 4,700 is

now near major record highs of 6,300 levels in the MCX commodity market. A strong run-up is seen in the last few weeks, leading to an overbought position and hence a technical correction is expected due to profit booking, for the traders to be cautious. The precious

metal Gold is seen taking support at 25,000 levels in the commodity market and is showing signs of a stabilizing trend. The commodity is seen in an oversold situation and hence a short-term relief rally is expected up-to 28,000 levels, for the short-term investors to be alert. Similarly another Precious metal Silver is seen taking support at 38,000 levels, and is headed for a minor uptrend. Rupee after a depreciation to nearly 61 levels against the American dollar from 54 levels, the currency is now poised for an appreciation in the short-term. Dollar has support at 58 levels, where it is expected to consolidate.

Stock market is now nearing to the next major psychological barrier of 20,000, where it can witness a short-term pause to the uptrend and then get into a consolidation mode. Market can move in a sideways trend, at this resistance level, till the quarterly results announcements are complete. Sensex has to sustain above the next barrier of 20,000 levels, to get into a further short-term uptrend. Major support on the other-hand is at 19,500 and only in-case of any failure to sustain at this key level indicates a short-term weakness. ♦

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

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