

Can Naidu play a decisive role at the national level?



From the time the final Lok Sabha tally was out and it was clear that Narendra Modi would fall short of a majority, all eyes have been on the role that his newly-acquired allies in the National Democratic Alliance would play. On Friday, after the meeting of the NDA members of Parliament, it became clear that both Nara Chandrababu Naidu and N. Chandrababu Naidu are now shadows of their past selves. It would, however, be unfair to criticise them for this. Age takes its toll. Politics too. Both need Prime Minister Modi as much as he needs them. And, all said and done, Mr Modi is not Atal Behari Vajpayee. NDA 2.0 is not NDA 1.0. The national media was agog with speculation that Mr Naidu would be a tough customer and would keep Mr Modi on a short leash, extracting concession after concession, dictating appointments, securing favours and so on. That was how he played it in NDA 1.0 with Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee. In 1998,

Vajpayee returned to power determined to hold on to it after having lost it in 1996, after a 16-day term. In 1999 he was voted out and regained power with the support of allies like the Telugu Desam Party that remained loyal during his one year in office.

Between 1996 and 2004, through the tenures of H.D. Deve Gowda, Inder Kumar Gujral and Vajpayee, Mr Naidu tasted the fruits of power in New Delhi. Those nine years as chief minister of united Andhra Pradesh, working with PMs dependent on his support, defined the political personality and national image of Chandrababu Naidu. He used the opportunity to lay the foundations of the Greater Hyderabad of today - adding Cyberabad to the "twin cities" of Hyderabad-Secunderabad. Mr Naidu's local, national and global image was made by that opportunity.

What today's commentators forget, however, is that not only did

Vajpayee's BJP have a mere 182 seats in Lok Sabha, but that the TDP had as many as 29, thanks to the size of united Andhra Pradesh. In the 18th Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has 240 MPs while Mr Naidu has only 16. Numbers matter. But, more than numbers, what a political leader wants to do, needs to do, has to do, with those numbers also matters. As chief minister of a truncated Andhra Pradesh, Mr Naidu needs money to deliver development and a new capital to the people of Andhra. He wants to ensure a smooth succession within his own party, helping son Lokesh inherit the mantle. Mr Naidu is older, wiser but also in some hurry. Staying with Mr Modi is what he will do.

Even so, Mr Naidu can still make a difference. Consider the message and body language of Mr Naidu and Mr Kumar at the meeting of the NDA MPs. Mr Naidu sought to ingratiate himself to Mr Modi. He behaved like a supplicant, feeding the master's ego. He pooh-poohed the INDIA constituents, desperate to remain the chief minister of Bihar. Moreover, he cannot count on the loyalty of his own 12 MPs. The BJP can easily swallow them. Mr Naidu, on the other hand, appeared confident, was poised and, while acknowledging the BJP's help in his victory, made it a point to also thank Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari. He made a political point. While Mr Naidu's demands on Mr Modi may be restricted to the

needs of Andhra Pradesh, as the seniormost chief minister in India today (he first became CM in September 1995), he can play a constructive national role as the voice of a more federal polity. Recall the fact that the TDP came into being in 1982, led by the indomitable N.T. Rama Rao, in opposition to the centralisation of power in New Delhi and the misuse of that centralised power. It was NTR who made Prime Minister Indira Gandhi appoint the Sarkaria Commission that recommended restoring balance to Centre-State relations. While NTR remained a provincial politician as chief minister, he played an important national role as the voice of the states. He reminded one and all the opening lines of the Constitution: "India, that is Bharat, is a Union of States". NTR's famous quote, that I often heard Prime Minister Manmohan Singh deploy with a smile to disarm chief ministers making too many demands on him, was: "The Centre is a conceptual myth." During Mr Modi's decade in New Delhi, he weakened India's federal structure. He wound up the Planning Commission and the National Development Council. As a CM, Mr Modi was a voice of the states against the Centre. As a PM, he has centralised power not just in Delhi but in the PM's office. Mr Naidu would have to speak for the states. He would also have to lend his voice to all those who have been demanding greater balance and

transparency in the functioning of the Union government. While Mr Naidu's role in national politics during the United Front and Vajpayee years is often commented on, few today may be aware of what it actually was. Mr Naidu was the first CM to use the space offered by Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and finance minister Manmohan Singh to directly approach the World Bank and undertake a state-level structural adjustment programme. He became the blue-eyed boy of corporate leaders in India and overseas and was the first CM to commission a long-term development strategy with his "AP: Vision 2020" report. Long before Mr Modi spoke of "Amrit Kaal" and the next 25 years, Mr Naidu worked to a plan and a strategy. The problem with Mr Naidu, as I told him at my last meeting with him a few months back, was that he is resting on his laurels. Brand Naidu was about what he did. Not what he would want to. Over the next five years, Mr Naidu will of course be judged by the administrative leadership he provides in Andhra Pradesh, building a new capital and improving state finances. However, he would and should also be judged by the political leadership he is able to provide at the national level. The former is a role he is used to and handled well in the past. The latter is a new role and he will have to play that well for him to be remembered not just as an Andhra Pradesh leader but as a national leader.

Innocent lives are openly violated

Over 5,000 pre-schools operating illegally in residential areas, mostly in leaf sheds; No BU permission or fire NOC



Ahmedabad After the Rajkot fire incident, action is being taken against properties without permission and without fire NOC in Ahmedabad city. Apart from schools and colleges, illegal pre-schools are also flourishing in the city. Most pre-schools are started by erecting houses and leaf sheds in societies. Divya Bhaskar investigated some pre-schools in the city, which run in bungalows or houses of societies. As it is a commercial activity, the construction has to get a BU certificate as commercial and the tax has to be paid as commercial. However, most pre-schools do not do commercials. continuous telephonic contact with Deputy Municipal Commissioner Vipul Thakkar in this matter, but he did not pick up the phone.

Pre-schools are started by preparing leaf sheds and gardens. There are pre-schools in every area of Ahmedabad city. Registration for pre-schools has started this year. Till today these schools were running without any kind of registration. Pre-schools are located in various areas of the city, most of which are started in houses located in any society or bungalow. Leaf

sheds have been installed in the residential area, a small front garden has been created and pre-schools have been started.

Pre-schools including Tree House on Sneha Plaza Road in Chandkheda area of the city and Tree House in Dcabin area, The Rainbow Fish in Shahibaug Girdharnagar area run in houses in societies. Some of the pre-schools do not have BU permission, while some schools have applied to IMPACT as well. Only some of these pre-schools have fire NOC and fire safety equipment installed.

Ahmedabad city has approximately more than 5,000 pre-schools, most of which do not take the commercial BU certificate required by the GDCR. BU certificate as resident. Municipal corporation has to change its purpose and make it commercial, its tax also has to be paid commercially, but schools are started only by constructing a building in the society. NOC is not taken as there is a rule of no fire NOC for buildings below 9 meters, but for safety reasons fire safety equipment is to be installed, although most of the schools do not have the equipment. There is only one door for small children to get out in case of an incident. If

any incident happens in such a house, who will be responsible for it?

B. for residential purposes. U. The certificate should be valid, otherwise 90% of the pre-schools will be closed. In the wake of the accident in Rajkot, as per the instructions of the government, each unit is being checked for BU certificate and fire NOC and sealing is being done in Rajkot within the last 10 days. Many pre-schools in the city also have B.U. Sealed for lack of certificate. However, the pre-school association has submitted that according to the rules of GDCR, residential purpose BU. The certificate must be valid, otherwise 90% of pre-schools will be closed. While the state education department has given time till February 2025, Rajkot Municipal Corporation has also requested to give time.

Chirag Sakaria, member of the pre-school association in Rajkot, said that when the pre-school is inspected by the Rajkot Municipal Corporation team, the first map is asked for and if it has residential purpose, it is immediately sealed, but Pre-schools are considered residential as per GDCR norms. For registration of pre-schools, instructions dated 17/02/2024 by the Education Department of the Government of Gujarat have been issued by February 2025 to remove the discrepancies and to revise the policies of Rajkot District Collector, Rajkot District Education Officer and Rajkot Manpana. Commissioner dt. Submissions were made on 09/04/24. With this we would like to inform that almost 90% of Rajkot's pre-school enrollment is less than 50.

We request that the system understand the difference between pre-school and school and meet our demand.

Another Swami's papalila came to light

Dharmaswarupadas Swami repeatedly committed adultery by falsely marrying a girl from Rajkot; The hostel manager administered the drug and induced an abortion

Rajkot Dharmaswarupadas Swami of Swaminarayan Gurukul in Khirsara village of Upleta taluka of Rajkot district befriended the girl through Facebook, lured her into a love trap and staged a fake marriage with her and repeatedly had sex against her will and made the girl pregnant. After which Dharmaswarupadas Swami sent a pregnancy kit and abortion medicine along with hostel manager Mayur Kasodaria and performed an abortion against the girl's will. After the girl filed a complaint at Rajkot women's police station, Bhayavadar police have



launched an operation to nab the fugitive Dharmaswarupadas Swami, Narayan Swarupadas Swami and hostel manager Mayur Kasodaria.

A 30-year-old girl living in Rajkot city said in the complaint that one of my brothers is mentally unstable. On last 25.12.2020, Swaminarayan Gurukul is situated in Khirsara village of Upleta taluka,

Dharmaswarupadas Swami, who lives there, sent me a friend request on Facebook. I saw his profile and accepted the request and then this Dharmaswarupadas Swami interacted with me on Facebook and WhatsApp and we became friends. Then he called me to meet in person, I went to Khirsara village to meet Swami in February. When I got down at the bus station of Arani village, Mayur Kasodaria, who was sent by Swami, came to pick me up. This Mayur took me to the Gurukul. I was already told by Dharmaswarupadas Swami that there is a guest

The India Opportunity Showcased at the IPEF Clean Economy Investor Forum

Over 60 participants from across global investors and financial institutions, Over 15 Indian firms participated in person to attract global investors



with investors, clean economy firms, and innovative startups to drive sustainable infrastructure, climate technology, and renewable energy projects to meet Net Zero targets. Speaking during the fireside chat titled the Charting India Opportunity, Ms Radhika Rao, Senior Economist and Executive Director, mentioned that India strength is in 4Cs - Consistency & Continuity in Policy and reforms; Increasing Capex through government, household spending and private sector; Composition of trade shifting towards manufacturing sectors; Increasing consumption over the next 5 years. Ms Sonal Varma, Managing Director, Nomura spoke in detail about the Nomura India report. The report shows that highest number of companies are looking at India than any other geography during their "Bottom's up" study, a survey of around 130 companies mapping their investments in sectors and country. India is attracting investments in broad based sectors ranging from semiconductor assembly to testing, automobiles to capital goods.

On the sidelines of the inaugural Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum, the Department of Commerce and Invest India organised a meeting to showcase various investment opportunities in India. In his inaugural address Secretary, Department of Commerce, Shri Sunil Barthwal, stressed on how India's growth rate is nearly double that of other emerging market economies. He remarked on how this strong growth is also leading to a trend of "reverse flipping", where Indian start-ups that once moved abroad for capital access and tax benefits are now returning home. He emphasised how the digital economy along with emerging technologies like AI and rise of data centres were key to future Indian growth.

Nomura, DBS Bank and Citi Bank. The Indian infrastructure and climate tech companies showcased their solutions and engaged with international investors to tap into global markets.

Indian High Commissioner to Singapore, H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule, focused on the fundamentals that are driving Indian growth. He said that the investment in physical and digital infrastructure will have multiplier effects on the Indian economy, and that the legislative and regulatory changes have created a pro-market field, providing conducive and predictable policy environment. He stressed on how shifting global supply chains and Indian efforts modernization of infrastructure will enable India to participate in them.

This was followed by an India opportunity presentation in which Invest India showcased the India's through various government flagship initiatives like a flourishing startup ecosystem, a sizable pool of skilled and talented professionals across diverse industries, a push for investments in infrastructure projects, policy reforms aimed at streamlining regulations, enhancing transparency, and improving Ease of Doing Business.

MD and CEO of Invest India, Ms Nirvuti Rai highlighted that India is keen on collaborating

and India is viewed as a secular investment opportunity. During the event, members of the industry expressed highlighted that the inaugural forum was a significant step forward in promoting economic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. They emphasized the importance of industries working together to address the challenges they faced and create new opportunities for growth. The forum also underscored the crucial nature of a clean economy and supply chain resilience. About IPEF and Clean Economy Investor Forum The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) was launched in May 2022 and currently includes 14 partners - Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United

States and Vietnam. The IPEF, comprising four pillars of cooperation, namely Trade, Supply Chain, Clean Economy and Fair Economy, provides a platform for countries in the region to collaborate on advancing resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth and aims to contribute to cooperation, stability and prosperity in the region.

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Catalogue No.	Type of contract	Category	Date & Time of E-Auction
ADI-Lease-20-24	Parcel	Parcel SLR & Parcel Van	E-Auction for lot will start from 10:00 Hrs onwards on Date 01.07.2024

Note: Prospective Bidders are requested to visit e-auction Leasing Module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in) The lot-wise details are available therein under mentioned catalogue No. Initial Cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive lot Closing interval is 10 minutes. Lot Wise closing time can be viewed in the e-auction module in IREPS. 73 Like us on: facebook.com/WesternRly Follow us on: twitter.com/WesternRly

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Catalogue No.	Type of contract	Lot No	Contract Period	Date & Time of E-Auction
E-SLR-RJT-6-24	Leasing of SLR	22960-SLR-F1-JAM-BRC-22-1	02 Years	E-Auction for all Lots will start at 10:30 hours on 27.08.2024.
		22946-SLR-R1-OKHA-MMCT-22-1		
		16734-SLR-F2-OKHA-RMM-22-1		
		22717-SLR-F1-RJT-SC-22-1		
		19575-SLR-F1-OKHA-NDT-24-1		
		16734-SLR-R1-OKHA-RMM-22-1		
		22960-SLR-R1-JAM-BRC-22-1		
		15046-SLR-F1-OKHA-GKP-24-1		
		22908-SLR-F1-HAPA-MAO-23-1		
		19575-SLR-R1-OKHA-NDT-24-1		
22969-SLR-R1-OKHA-BSSB-24-2				
16613-SLR-R1-RJT-CBE-22-1	Lot wise Closing time will be in e-Auction module of IREPS.			
16613-SLR-F2-RJT-CBE-22-1				
22908-SLR-R1-HAPA-MAO-23-1				
22969-SLR-F1-OKHA-BSSB-23-1				

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
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