



# INDIA SWINGS INTO ACTION AGAINST PAKISTAN

## Demolition of terror factories in Kashmir commences

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ Jammu

As tensions between India and Pakistan are gradually peaking in the aftermath of the horrific killing of tourists in Pahalgam, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi Friday visited the Kashmir valley and took stock of the 'operational' readiness of the troops and ongoing anti-terror operations launched to hunt down the perpetrators behind the massacre.

The visit of the Army Chief assumed significance as it was taking place after the recent meeting of the cabinet committee on Security, where a series of extraordinary retaliatory measures against Pakistan were announced. Ahead of the visit of the Army Chief in the valley, the Pakistan army late Thursday night activated the Line of Control (LoC) at various locations by resorting to 'unprovoked' ceasefire violations. According to ground reports, these

ceasefire violations were reported from the North Kashmir area of Uri to the frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region. Rattled by India's tough posturing, the Pakistan army was probably assessing the ground situation and the preparedness of the neighbouring country. On his arrival in Srinagar, the Army Chief was briefed by the senior officers of the Northern Command headquarters in the presence of Goc-in-C Northern Command Lt-Gen MV Suchindra Kumar.

The Army Chief also reviewed the progress of the anti-terror operation launched to hunt down the perpetrators behind the Pahalgam terror attack.

The security forces are searching for a group of Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) terrorists, including four foreign and three locals, responsible for the Pahalgam attack.

At least half a dozen anti-terror operations were also being conducted at multiple locations across Jammu and Kashmir.



Debris of the house of LeT terrorist Adil Hussain Thokar, which was destroyed after an explosion, in Bijnbehara, Kashmir PTI

## Identification of Pakistanis across the country announced

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Government is working on a strategy to ensure that not a single drop of water flows from India into Pakistan, Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil asserted on Friday following a high-level meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah. Paatil said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has issued a slew of directives, and the meeting was held to follow up on them and Shah made several suggestions at the meeting for their effective implementation. Earlier on the day Shah called up all Chief Ministers and asked them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in India beyond the deadline set for leaving the country.

Talking to media, Jal Shakti Minister Patil said "we will ensure that not a single drop of water flows into Pakistan from India". Government is working on a long-term plan to ensure the effective implementation of its decisions. Shah held the meeting to discuss the future course of action on the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 with Pakistan, which has been kept in abeyance following Tuesday's Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed. India has already informed Pakistan of its decision to keep the treaty in abeyance with immediate effect, as the neighbouring country has breached its conditions by targeting Jammu and Kashmir with sustained cross-border terrorism. Paatil said India has sent a strong message to Pakistan that it will not tolerate terrorism at all.

India on Thursday announced revoking all visas issued to Pakistani nationals from April 27 and advised Indian nationals residing in Pakistan to return home at the earliest, as tensions between the two countries escalated over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, on Tuesday.

The Home Minister in the morning called up the Chief Ministers of all the States and asked them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in India beyond the deadline. The Chief Ministers were also told to identify the Pakistani nationals staying in their respective areas and ensure their deportation, the

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sources said. The revocation of visas does not apply to the long-term visas already issued to Hindu Pakistani nationals, which "remain valid". Government has also formally issued a notification to suspend the Indus Water Treaty. The treaty brokered by the World Bank has governed the distribution and use of the Indus river and its tributaries between India and Pakistan since 1960. The Indus river system comprises the main river, the Indus, and its tributaries. The Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Jhelum and Chenab are its left-bank tributaries, while the Kabul river, a right-bank tributary, does not flow through Indian territory.

The Ravi, Beas and Sutlej are collectively referred to as the eastern rivers, while the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab are known as the western rivers. The water of this river system are crucial to both India and Pakistan.

At the time of Independence, the boundary demarcation between the two newly-formed nations — India and Pakistan — cut through the Indus Basin.

## UP Government serves eviction notices to Pakis

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ Lucknow

In a swift and sweeping response to the deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, which claimed 26 innocent lives, the Central Government has cancelled all visas issued to Pakistani nationals currently staying in India. This decision, aimed at tightening security, has cast a shadow of grief and helplessness over more than 1,500 Pakistani citizens residing in Uttar Pradesh.

Across cities such as Bareilly, Varanasi, and Rampur, Pakistani women can be seen with tearful eyes and packed bags, standing in queues at district administration offices or Foreigners Registration Offices (FROs), waiting for instructions on how and when to leave. Many had come to India for family functions, to meet ageing parents, or to celebrate weddings and births — never expecting their joyful visits would be cut short by violence they had no part in.

"I came to see my daughter who gave birth to a baby boy just last month," said 62-year-old Shabana Parveen from Karachi, holding her grandson in her arms outside an FRO in Bareilly. "I had planned to stay for two more months. Now I must leave in two days — how do I even say goodbye?"

The Ministry of Home Affairs has directed that all Pakistani nationals in India must return home by April 27, with a slight extension granted to those on medical visas until April 29. In Uttar Pradesh, DGP Prashant Kumar has issued orders to district officials to ensure the repatriation process is smooth and timely.

"All concerned district authorities have been directed to complete documentation and facilitate the return of Pakistani citizens by April 27. Those who

are in India on medical visas will be allowed time until April 29," DGP Kumar said. Senior police officials are coordinating closely with local intelligence units to ensure that all foreign nationals are accounted for and that there are no overstay or violations of visa norms. "This is a proactive measure. We are working in coordination with Central agencies to ensure safety and adherence to international protocols," said a senior official from the State Home Department.

This move is likely to have diplomatic implications, though the Centre has maintained that it is a security-driven

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decision in response to credible threats. The Ministry of External Affairs is expected to issue a formal statement soon regarding the broader implications of the visa cancellations.

The abrupt decision follows the Pahalgam terror attack, which Indian intelligence agencies believe was planned by Pakistan-based terror groups. In response, security has been tightened across UP, especially in areas with a history of communal tension. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath chaired a late-night high-level meeting to review security arrangements and ordered increased drone surveillance and foot patrolling ahead of Friday prayers.

While security officials stress that the move is purely precautionary, the emotional fallout is undeniable.

### The ByStander



## Former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan passes away

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday condoled the demise of former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan and remembered him for playing a stellar role in the evolution of India's space programme. Kasturirangan (84) passed away in Bengaluru on Friday.

He was conferred with Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. He headed ISRO between 1994 and August 27, 2003.

Kasturirangan was also a nominated member of Rajya Sabha. He was born on October 24, 1940 at Ernakulam in Kerala to C M Krishnaswamy Iyer and Visalakshi. Having origins in Tamil Nadu, his family had settled at Chalakudy in Thrissur district. His mother was hailing from Palakkad Iyer family.

He steered the Indian space programme gloriously for more than nine years as the chief of the ISRO, head of the Space Commission and secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Space, before laying down his office on August 27, 2003.

He was the project director for India's first two experimental earth observation satellites — BHASKARA-I and II — and subsequently, was also responsible for the overall direction of the first operational Indian remote-sensing satellite, IRS-1A.

## Delhi shuts down in solidarity with Pahalgam

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

Delhi downed its shutters to protest against the Pahalgam killings and Shahi Imam of historic Jama Masjid Syed Ahmed Bukhar said terrorists claim to be Muslims but have acted in a manner that is utterly "un-Islamic." He made this assertion in his address during Friday prayers. People gathered for Friday prayers also staged a protest at the mosque's stairs, raising slogans against terrorism and expressing their anger over the killing of 26 people, most of them tourists, at Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on Tuesday. Traders' bodies also took out an anti-terrorism march organised by Delhi Hindustani Mercantile Association, the apex body of cloth traders during the shutdown. The traders had also taken out a candle march in Connaught Place to express solidarity with the victims.

According to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), several of Delhi's busiest commercial hubs, including Connaught Place, Sadar Bazar and Chandni Chowk, were bereft of their usual hubbub on Friday as over 900 markets and 8 lakh shops downed its shutters, to an estimated trade loss of around ₹1,500 crore for the day. Shops across key sectors such as groceries, dry fruits, chemicals, grains, iron, bullion, stationery, electrical goods, textiles, spices, utensils, and bullion also joined the shutdown.



A poster put up in Janpath, Delhi, paying tributes to victims of the Pahalgam terror attack during a bandh called by city traders against the attack PTI

Sadar Bazar, one of Delhi's most prominent markets, usually bustling with activity, wore a deserted look on Friday as even vegetable vendors did not turn up, a member of the traders' association said. Paramjeet Singh Pamma, Chairperson of the Federation of Sadar Bazar, said by shutting down our shops today, we are urging the Prime Minister to ensure that justice is delivered to the victims and their families.

Asia's largest wholesale readymade garment market in Gandhinagar remained completely shut, said a statement issued by

the market association. "The shutdown was held to demand justice for the tourist who was killed and to stand united against terrorism," it said. Kashmeri Gate, Asia's largest spare parts market wore a deserted look. Traders' say, most of the markets including Sadar Bazaar, Bhagirath Place, Gandhinagar, Naya Bazar, Khari Baoli, Chawri Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Dariba Kalan, Kashmeri Gate, Kamla Nagar, Jama Masjid, and Hauz Qazi, Karol Bagh, Malviya Nagar, INA Market wore a deserted look on Friday.

## India's martyrs to be immortalised in Delhi's metro stations

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), in a unique gesture to honour Param Veer Chakra (PVC) awardees, has dedicated an entire platform wall at the Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Moti Bagh Metro station on the Pink Line. PVC is the highest gallantry medal.

"The artwork, meticulously crafted by a team of talented artists, features vivid and lifelike depictions of the Param Veer Chakra awardees, capturing their indomitable spirit and unwavering courage in the face of adversity. Each portrait is accompanied by a brief about them," said DMRC spokesperson Anuj Dayal.

Param Vir Chakra translates to "Wheel of the Ultimate Brave". It has been awarded a total of 21 times. Of those 21 awards, 14 were posthumous. This is India's highest military decoration, awarded for the most conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy, regardless of rank or branch of service.

"In a move that reflects the Delhi Metro's deep commitment to honouring the sacrifices made by our valiant soldiers, the platform walls of the station have been transformed into a breath-taking gallery

showcasing the portraits of these gallant warriors. The Delhi Metro has thereby created a unique space that fosters national pride and inspires a sense of gratitude among its commuters. This thoughtful integration within one of India's busiest metro networks highlights how infrastructure can be leveraged for cultural appreciation while enhancing community engagement through meaningful interactions with history," the Delhi Metro said.

"These heroes have received the highest military honour to protect our nation and serve as a poignant reminder of the immense sacrifices made by our armed forces in the defence of our motherland. DMRC invites the commuters to take a moment to pause and reflect on the lives of these remarkable individuals and to draw inspiration from their selfless dedication to the cause of our nation," Dayal said.

He said this art installation is not just a tribute to the heroes, but also a testament to the resilience and strength of the Indian spirit, and a celebration of the values of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism that define us as a people.

"Delhi Metro has always endeavoured to utilise its premises to pay respect to the



courage and valour of our armed forces. Delhi Metro has honoured the legacy of distinguished heroes by naming select stations after them, such as Major Mohit Sharma Rajendra Nagar Station, Arjan

Garh, and Brigadier Hoshiar Singh Station, among others," Dayal said.

In addition, a unique permanent exhibition dedicated to the Gallantry award recipients of the Indian Armed Forces has

been curated at the Rajouri Garden Metro station. This unique exhibition titled "Veerta Aur Vikas" is a tribute to the gallantry award recipients of the Indian Armed Forces who have shown exemplary courage to preserve the sovereignty and dignity of the nation.

Earlier, the Modi government has 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands after 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees in 2023. These islands have been named after the 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees, viz. Major Somnath Sharma; Subedar and Hony Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM; 2nd Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane; Nayak Jadunath Singh; Company Havildar Major Piru Singh; Capt GS Salaria; Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa; Subedar Joginder Singh; Major Shaitan Singh; CQMH. Abdul Hamid; Lt Col Ardesir Burzorji Tarapore; Lance Naik Albert Ekka; Major Hoshiar Singh; 2nd Lt. Arun Khetrpal; Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon; Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran; Naib Subedar Bana Singh; Captain Vikram Batra; Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey; Subedar Major (then RifleMan) Sanjay Kumar; and Subedar Major Retd (Hony Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav.



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# Fight against drugs must be won through united efforts of Khap panchayats, youth, women, teachers: CM Saini

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday said Khaps (Caste Councils) can play a key role in helping young people overcome drug addiction, which adversely impacts the entire society. The chief minister also assured that his government would provide whatever support the Khaps need to combat drug addiction.

Addressing khap representatives from Haryana at the PWD rest house in Jind after flagging off a cyclothon event, Saini urged them to launch a campaign to keep the youth away from drugs and support the goal of making Haryana a drug-free state. “We must save our youth from the harmful effects of drug addiction. It is crucial to engage as many young people as possible in sports, enabling them to bring home maximum medals and make Haryana proud, both nationally and internationally,” Saini said. During their interaction with the chief minister, the khap representative shared their views on various social issues.

Earlier, Saini flagged off the state-level ‘Drug-free Haryana Cyclothon 2.0’ from Jind under the pledge of a drug-free Haryana. Speaking on the occasion, Saini said the fight against drugs must be won through the united efforts of khap panchayats, youth, women, teachers, and all sections of society. “We aim to build a drug-free, healthy and empowered Haryana. This cycle rally represents the commitment to fight the drug menace, raise awareness and eliminate addiction through unity,” he said.

He further stressed the need for awareness campaigns in schools and urged panchayats, municipal corporations, and local bodies to prioritize this issue and most importantly, for everyone to lead by example. He assured that the government stands with every individual who wishes to come out of addiction and will uproot the very foundations that spread it.

Saini called upon every parent, teacher, and social organization in the state to join this fight against drugs. Talk to your children, help them understand, don't scare them, don't shame them. Embrace them with care. Drug addiction is not just one person's problem, rather it is a challenge for the whole society, said the Chief Minister.

Saini said, “The Government is fully committed to curbing drug abuse. We have made strict laws to crack down on drug trafficking. Agencies have been empowered to dismantle interstate and international networks. Special vigilance is being maintained



in border areas. But more powerful than the law is a people's movement and this cyclothon is part of that public movement. When people themselves become aware and spread awareness, real change happens.”

The chief minister also said that khap panchayats have been an integral part of Haryana's social fabric since ancient times. “History is witness to the role these (khap) panchayats have played in resisting foreign forces and making significant decisions. Today, as we battle the social evil of drug addiction, their active participation in this cyclothon proves that khaps are not only guardians of tradition but also pioneers of social change,” the chief minister said. “In the past, too, they've sent a clear message -- those

who promote drug use will face social boycott, and those who quit drugs will be welcomed,” Saini added.

Stating that the money earned from illegal drug trade fuels terrorism across the world, Saini said, the anti-drug campaign will indirectly help curb terrorism. “If you see someone trapped in addiction, don't isolate them but help them get back on the right path. Social change begins at home, so let us all take the first step from our homes,” the chief minister said.

The cyclothon, which began in Hisar on April 5, reached Jind after passing through various districts. It will now proceed to Barwala before culminating in Sirsa on April 27 via Fatehabad.

## DCs, SPs instructed to maintain strict vigilance in sensitive areas following Pahalgam incident

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Following the Pahalgam incident, Haryana Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi on Friday directed the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of all districts to maintain strict vigilance in their jurisdictional limit. He reaffirmed the state government's commitment to maintaining peace, harmony, and brotherhood across the state.

Chairing a video conference with all DCs and SPs, he emphasized that upholding law and order remains a top priority, especially in light of the recent incident in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. He directed district officials to keep a hawk's eye on anti-social elements and to take prompt action against anyone attempting to disrupt public order or social unity.

During the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sumita Misra issued a series of instructions aimed at strengthening the security apparatus. She called upon district administrations to intensify patrolling, enhance local intelligence-gathering mechanisms, and maintain constant surveillance on potentially sensitive areas.

Misra particularly emphasized the importance of monitoring social media platforms. She instructed officials to take strict legal action against individuals spreading misinformation or attempting to vitiate the communal atmosphere online. “Any attempt to disturb social harmony will be dealt with a firm hand,” she asserted.

In light of recent developments, Misra also directed all district officials to ensure full security and support for Kashmiri students studying in universities and colleges across Haryana. She urged district administrations to remain in close contact with educational institutions to address any concerns and provide a sense of safety and reassurance to the students.

The ACS (Home) also directed that regular law and order assessments be conducted and contingency plans be kept ready to respond swiftly to any emerging situation.

Director General of Police Shatruej Kapur also addressed the meeting and instructed all district police heads to identify vulnerable areas and keep a close watch on them. He emphasized the need to reactivate peace committees at the district level to foster mutual understanding and maintain communal harmony. “These committees play a crucial role in promoting dialogue between communities and can act as a bridge to defuse tension during sensitive times,” Kapur added.

# Punjab to bring all offline services on Unified Online Portal

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

For efficient and seamless delivery of citizen-centric services in a transparent manner, Punjab Government has decided to establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) to provide all services related to various government departments through a unified online portal.

Chairing the 21st meeting of the Board of Governors (BoGs) of Punjab State e-Governance Society (PSeGS) on Friday, Aman Arora, Minister of Good Governance and Information Technology, said that the main objective of the PMU is to bring all the offline services onto a unified online portal, enabling citizens to apply anytime, from anywhere. The portal will also empower applicants to track the status of their applications and facilitate monitoring of service pendency at the Head Office level to ensure greater accountability and timely resolution.

The PMU will help in integration of departmental services with the Punjab e-Sewa portal, said Arora, while adding that a total of 846 services are notified under the Punjab Transparency and Accountability in Public Service Delivery Act and out of these, only 436 services are provided through 541 Sewa Kendras. Out of these services, as many as 406 services are being provided through the “Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwaar”, under which citizens can avail the

406 citizen-centric services by just dialling helpline no. 1076 from the comfort of their homes. To provide all services through single point of contact or Door Step Delivery, the remaining notified services would be integrated to ensure online accessibility, he added.

The Good Governance Minister said that the PMU would provide technical and functional support to the departments in digitising/onboarding their notified services and ensuring seamless integration with the online Portal. The PMU will act as a central agency for designing, monitoring, and facilitating the implementation of digital services across departments.

Meanwhile, the BoG also decided to conduct a comprehensive performance and impact audit of all Sewa Kendras operating across Punjab. The audit aims to evaluate the efficiency, transparency, and service delivery mechanisms of the Sewa Kendras and Door Step Delivery, ultimately working towards strengthening citizen trust in governance.

Additional Chief Secretary Good Governance, Vikas Pratap, said that this two-pronged approach, encompassing a thorough audit of existing service delivery channels and a strong push towards online service integration, reflects the Punjab government's proactive stance in leveraging technology to improve governance and empower its citizens.

# Minister Sond lists AAP Govt's achievements in Rural Development

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Rural Development and Panchayats Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Friday said that the Aam Aadmi Party-led Punjab Government has launched several significant and innovative initiatives aimed at strengthening Panchayats and promoting rural development.

Addressing a press conference, the minister stated that the government has earmarked a total budget of Rs 150 crore for providing cheques to Panchayats elected through unanimous consensus, out of which Rs 135 crore has been allocated for the current financial year. Last year, the allocation was Rs 15 crore. He said that 3,044 Gram Panchayats were elected unanimously during the last Panchayat elections in 2024. As per the Aam Aadmi Party's commitment, these Panchayats are being given cheques of Rs 5 lakh each, and on the occasion of Panchayat Diwas, the Chief Minister personally handed over cheques to five such Panchayats.

Sond further informed that 67% increase



in the honorarium for Sarpanches was announced by the CM on Panchayat Diwas celebrations, raising it to Rs 2,000 per month. This initiative will result in an annual expenditure of Rs 31.70 crore from the state treasury, benefiting all 13,236 Sarpanches in Punjab.

He highlighted that the honorarium, which began in 2006 at Rs 600 per month and was increased to Rs 1,200 in 2012, was never paid consistently. However, the AAP government is committed to providing this monthly honorarium regularly without interruption.

As part of the government's fight against drugs, Yudh Nashiyam Virudh', Chief Minister Mann has also announced a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh for one drug-free village in each of the state's 154 blocks, a first-of-its-kind initiative.

In another move, the Chief Minister announced the formation of an Advisory Board to ensure better coordination between the government and Panchayati Raj institutions. The board will comprise 3 members from Bha Parishads, 5 from Block Samitis, and 46 Sarpanches (2 from each district).

# Himachal CM participates in candlelight march in protest against Pahalgam Terror attack

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday joined a candlelight march organized by the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee, held from Sher-e-Punjab to the historic Ridge Maidan in Shimla. The march was held in protest against the terror attack on the tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on April 22. Congress leaders paid heartfelt tributes to the victims and expressed deep solidarity with the bereaved families.

In-charge of State Congress Party Affairs and Rajya Sabha MP Rajni Patil, HPCC President Pratibha Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, Health Minister Col (Dr.) Dhani Ram Shandil, Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, Education Minister Rohit Thakur Rural Development and Panchayati Raj



Minister Anirudh Singh, Mayor Surinder Chauhan, Chairman HPTDC R.S Bali, Vice Chairman State Planning board Bhawani

Singh Pathania, Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania, MLAs, Senior Congress Party leaders and workers besides others,

also took part in the protest.

Sukhu said that any type of cowardly act won't be tolerated, as it happened in Pahalgam. The Congress Party stands united with the Union Government in the fight against terrorism. “We vow to eliminate those external forces who try to disturb the peace and pose a threat to the security of the Nation,” he said, adding that the Congress leaders, including former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, laid their lives for the Unity and Integrity of the Nation. The killing of 28 tourists in Pahalgam was yet another brutal attack on the Integrity, security and sovereignty of India, and the Congress Party stands with the bereaved family members.

He said that the All India Congress Committee and Himachal Pradesh Government paid their sincere tributes to the family members of the Pahalgam victims and stand firmly with the Union Government to deliver a strong rebuttal to any external forces attempting to undermine the Unity and Integrity of the Country.

## BRIEFS

**PUNJAB CM CONDEMNS MALTREATMENT OF GIANI RAGHBIR SINGH Chandigarh:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh on Friday sought the severest of severe action against Air India employees responsible for misbehaviour with former Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib Giani Raghbir Singh. In a statement issued on Friday, the Chief Minister said that the incident of maltreatment of the former Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh is highly condemnable. He said that this sort of irresponsible behaviour by the Air India authorities is unwarranted and undesirable. Mann said that the Singh Sahib is a respected personality of Punjab in general and the Sikh community in particular and this sought of mistreatment with him cannot be tolerated. Mann said that this unfortunate incident has bruised the psyche of every Sikh and has hurt their sentiments. He urged the Government of India to take exemplary action against the erring employees of Air India so that it acts as a deterrent for others. He said that the Union government should immediately intervene in the matter as it is directly related to the emotions of the entire Sikh community across the globe.

**HIMACHAL CM INSTRUCTS TO CLEAR FIRST INSTALLMENT OF PENDING LIABILITIES BY 28 APRIL**

**Shimla:** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over the meeting of the Finance department on Friday, instructed to clear all the pending liabilities of contractors of the Public Works Department and Jal Shakti Vibhag before 30 April. He said that the first installment of the pending liabilities will be disbursed before 28 April and the remaining amount by 30th of this month. He directed both departments to work speedily to prepare the bills and ensure their timely submission to the treasuries for payment. He also instructed the PWD and Jal Shakti Vibhag officers to present their department's bills after the 10th of every month as the state receives central taxes on the 10th of every month.

**PUNJAB GOVT LAUNCHES MASSIVE RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR 1,000 MBBS MEDICAL OFFICERS**

**Chandigarh:** The Punjab Government has announced the recruitment of 1,000 Medical Officers (MBBS) to fill long-standing vacancies in government hospitals and health centres. The move, hailed as the biggest hiring drive in decades, marked a critical step toward strengthening medical infrastructure and ensuring better healthcare delivery across the state. The recruitment process will be conducted by Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot, with online applications open from April 25 to May 15. Aspirants can apply by logging on to — <http://www.bfuh.ac.in> — where all details regarding eligibility, selection criteria, and application procedures are available. The recruitment comes after a strong assurance from the government during a meeting with members of the Punjab Civil Medical Services Association (PCMSA) on April 17. Health Secretary Kumar Rahul had assured that the recruitment process would begin shortly, and the Cabinet had already cleared the proposal earlier this month. Following approval from the Finance Department, the official notification has now been issued. The PCMSA has welcomed the move, terming it a significant and long-overdue step to strengthen general, emergency, and specialist services in public health institutions.

**TWO MINUTES SILENCE OBSERVED IN MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK IN HIMACHAL**

**Shimla:** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu led the State in paying rich tributes to the person, who lost their lives in Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. Two minutes of silence was observed in their memory in the premises of H.P. Secretariat on Friday. Sukhu said, “Today we are observing silence from the Secretariat and all the Deputy Commissioner Offices in the honour of all those persons who were killed in the gruesome terror attack. We also extend our sympathies with the bereaved families and the entire nation shares their sorrow in this dark hour.”

**REMOTE SENSING CAN PLAY CRUCIAL ROLE IN FARM SECTOR: HIMACHAL AGRI MINISTER**

**Shimla:** The remote sensing technology can play a crucial role in effectively addressing the challenges faced by the farm sector, Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar said on Friday. He was addressing a training programme organised for agricultural officers at the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun. Kumar said the Himachal Pradesh government has undertaken several innovative initiatives to strengthen the rural economy. The state has launched the Him Krishi Yojana, under which activities have commenced in different clusters in Himachal Pradesh, he added. A provision of Rs 154 crore has been made under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project for the upliftment of farmers, which will promote agricultural mechanisation and the use of modern technology, he said. **KATARIA INAUGURATES 6TH EDITION OF ‘EAT RIGHT FOOD SUMMIT’**

**Chandigarh:** Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria on Friday inaugurated the sixth edition of the ‘Eat Right Food Summit’ in Chandigarh. The summit was organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in collaboration with the Food Safety Administration and the Department of Health, Chandigarh Administration. In his address, Kataria said, “The Eat Right India movement is a commendable national effort to inspire behavioural change towards healthier food choices. It brings together science, policy, and public engagement in a unique way—raising awareness while driving actionable outcomes. It is heartening to see Chandigarh once again taking a leadership role in advancing health and wellness.” In another event, Kataria inaugurated the 11th edition of the All-Women Artists’ Art Exhibition – 2025, organized by Artscape at Punjab Kala Bhawan. The exhibition, which runs from April 25 to May 2, highlights the diverse and dynamic contributions of women in visual art from across India and abroad.

## CM Saini directs adequate measures to ensure the safety and security of Kashmiri students

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday discussed several key issues in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack at a high-level meeting held at Haryana Civil Secretariat here and condemned the gruesome Pahalgam attack, in which several innocent lives were lost, and stated that such acts could not be tolerated.

In line with the directions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, he announced that April 27 is the deadline for Pakistani nationals to leave Haryana. However, this deadline will be extended to April 29 for those holding medical visas. These timelines will not be applicable to Pakistani nationals holding long-term, diplomatic, or official visas. He directed the Deputy Commissioners



and Superintendents of Police to ensure that the above directions are implemented in letter and spirit. He also reviewed the law and order situation in the state and made it clear that anyone who attempts to disrupt peace in the state will be dealt with firmly.

Saini also directed that adequate measures be taken to ensure the safety and

security of Kashmiri students studying in various colleges and universities across the state. Currently, 1,157 such students are pursuing their education in different educational institutions in Haryana. He instructed the district administration to maintain close contact with educational institutions to address any concerns and provide students with a sense of safety and reassurance.

## Punjab Vigilance chief, 2 other officers suspended in driving licence scam

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab government on Friday suspended state Vigilance Bureau Chief S P S Parmar and two other senior officers in connection with an alleged driving licence scam. The government also suspended Assistant Inspector General, Vigilance Bureau, SAS Nagar, Swarandeep Singh, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau, Jalandhar, Harpreet Singh.

Additional Director General of Police (NRI) Praveen Kumar Sinha will hold the additional charge of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau. Parmar was placed under suspension with immediate effect under Rule 3 (3) of All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969, for "grave misconduct and dereliction of duty,"

according to an order.

The government suspended the officers for allegedly not taking action against the people involved in the alleged scam. Earlier this month, the vigilance bureau had conducted surprise inspections at regional transport authority (RTA) offices and driving test centres across the state, leading to the arrest of several people allegedly involved in bribery and malpractices.

The operation targeted RTA officials and agents who were acting as intermediaries, charging illegal fees to expedite driving licence processing or manipulate driving test results. Parmar, a 1997 batch IPS officer, was appointed as the Punjab Vigilance chief on March 26, replacing G Nageswara Rao. Before that, Parmar was serving as Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order).







### Lost and Found

I Sandeep Kumar son of Shri Ramniwas resident of Kuhad Pana, Tehsil Samalkha District Panipat, original registry related to my property whose document no. 4397 dated 24/03/2023, I had gone to Tehsil Samalkha for some work on 07/04/2025 at 03:00 pm, my original registry got lost

in Tehsil Samalkha and even after a lot of searching it could not be found, its police report Number: 132340712500888 has also been registered in Police Station Samalkha. If any common man finds my original registry, send it to the above

**नगर निगम, रोहतक**  
**सार्वजनिक सूचना**

सर्व सभागत ओ मुलत विज्ञा जेत है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक को हर मख के सम्बन्धित के लिहाई में गुं प्रोण्ड अउर निगम :- 1.HKMR/785 पुराने प्रोण्ड अउर डी.ने.से 50/221/271 बाहे नं.पद्म Mahabir Colony- हुमेन पुर-खुडौली लिहाई में Ajuar S/o Kewal र मर्द के अनुमान रूप में खंडों लिहाई में Narendar, Ajmer से देवें हो अउर नगर निगम के लिहाई में इस अउर के नं. में, प्राप्ति कियार नगर Narendar S/o Kewal, Ajuar S/o Kewal के दूना बसिया बाजारन के अध्या पर अनेन नगर वस्ती करवान बावे है किसी वाकाना प्रयेठ हवाका, रोहतक काय समझ में नूं भूं गैले लिहो नो नभामाणा ओ इमेन नगर वस्तीकरण में बाड़े भी आप्रति हे नो बिदे के अन्य ठहरा पाए निगम वस्तीकरण में आमने आप्रति हे नो बिदे के अन्य ठहरा पाए निगम वस्तीकरण का दें बाकी। सिम्के लिफ नगर निगम रोहतक बाँडे आजादी नहीं ला।

कार्यक्रम :- MCR/27/04/2025 ११:३० अप्रीम कारेशन अधिकारी दिनांक :- 23/04/2025  
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<p>interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the <b>Cent Bank Home Finance Limited</b> and the loans have been classified as <b>Non Performing Assets (NPA)</b>. The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of mortgaged Property owned by following Borrowers / Guarantors as per section 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned below within <b>60 days</b>. Details are hereunder:-</p>			
Name & Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower and Guarantor & A/c No.	Description of the Property	Date of Notice Date of NPA	Outstanding Amount
<b>Borrower:- Mr. Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh. Roshan R/o House No - 755A /29, Tilak Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana - 124001 Loan A/C No.02004020000974</b>	H No-755-A/29 measuring 111.11 Sq yards bearing MC ID no - 1H14WWJ1, comprised in Jumla Masti & Killu no - 121/2021, 2022/075, 2081/1/1, 1/2, 10/2 Situated in Mouja Bohar, Tilak Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana - 124001 Area 111.11 Sq. Yards Boundaries East - 20'0" House of Rajender Singh West - 20'0" Road 20'0" Wide North - 50'0" Road 20'0" Wide South - 50'0" House of Sumit Kumar & Vinit Kumar	25/4/2025 10/4/2025	₹ <b>30,87,610/-</b> (+) Interest (+) All Other Charges
<p>The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower / Co-Borrower and Guarantor(s) (wherever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of <b>60 Days</b> from the date of this notice under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Re-Construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.</p>			
<b>Dated : 25/4/2025</b>	<b>Place: Rohtak</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED OFFICER</b>	



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# Punjab & Sind Bank

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Branch Office: MALOUT

**Possession Notice**
**[Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **Punjab & Sind Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to borrower(s)/guarantor(s), on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section(4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below assets.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Punjab & Sind Bank** for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.

**The Borrower's/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Movable/Immovable Assets	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
M/s Jai Durga Supplier through its proprietor Sh. Ranjit Kumar, So Mangat Rai (Borrower) & Sh. Mangat Rai, Smt. Sudesh Rani & Subash Chander Galthora (Guarantors)	Equitable Mortgage of property area measuring 1/4 share of 11 marla comprised in khata no. 975/2115 khasra no. 940(0-5) min, 943(0-6)min area of Shekhu situated at Nagpal Nagri, Malout, Tehsil Malout registered vide sale deed, no. 3366 dated 01.03.1989. Bounded as: On the North by : Mangat Rai, On the South by :Ameer Singh, On the East by: Mistri Inder Singh, On the West by: Street	01.07.2024	23.04.2025	Rs. 2,07,791.04 as on 30.03.2025, less amount of recovery made, if any plus Intt and other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.

**DATE: 26.04.2025**
**PLACE: MALOUT**
**AUTHORISED OFFICER**

# STATE BANK OF INDIA

AMCC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor , Above SBI Main Branch, Amrikh Singh Road, Bathinda

<b>Possession Notice</b> [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]				
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And whereas the borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken <b>Possession</b> of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section(4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below accounts.				
The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the <b>State Bank of India AMCC, Amrik Singh Road Bathinda</b> for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.				
<b>The Borrower's/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.</b>				
Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Movable/Immovable Assets	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
1. M/s Shri Krishna Seed & Smt Village Gurtheri, Refinery road Winda, Punjab-151001 through its partners (a) <b>Sh. Amit Goyal S/o Sh. Krishan Goyal</b> Resident of H. No. 293, Near Tikri, Namdev Nagar, Bathinda, Punjab - 151001 and (b) <b>Sh. Kapil Goyal S/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar</b> Resident of Ward No. 8, H. No. 28, Near Ram Bagh, Rama Mandi, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, Punjab - 151301 ( <b>Borrowers</b> ) 2. <b>Smt. Santosh Rani W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar</b> Resident of Ward No. 5, H. No. 234, Street No. 7/1, Rama Mandi, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, Punjab-151301 ( <b>Guarantor</b> )	Property measuring 04 kanal 17 marla i.e. 97/100 of 225/100 of 149 share of 02/1 kanal 09 marla in Khewat No. 745 Khatai No. 38/2 of 1mm(7-0) 22mm(10-9) of Village Amarpura Alias Gurtheri, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, as per Jamabandi for the year 2017-18 situated Adjoining Shree Krishna Filling Station, Refinery Road, Village Gurtheri vide Title Deed No 3015 dated 09.12.2005 in the name of Smt Santosh Kumar W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar and bounded survey as East 199 Refinery Road, West-190 Pahl, North- 119 Pahl, South- 281 Bharpur Singh.	07/02/2025	25.04.2025	Rs.7,16,388.00 as on 07.02.2025, less amount of recovery made, if any plus Inft and other charges/expenses costs, thereon.
<b>DATE: 26.04.2025</b>	<b>PLACE: BATHINDA</b>		<b>AUTHORISED OFFICER</b>	

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The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken <b>Possession</b> of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section(4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below accounts.				
The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and its dealings with any third party, till the date of the charge of the State Bank of India Guruharshai (1546), Distt Ferozpur for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.				
<b>The Borrower's/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.</b>				
Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Movable/Immovable Asset	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
1. Sh Lakhdwinder Singh (Borrower) S/o Gulraj Singh Resident of Faridkot Road, Street Opposite Paras Cinema , Mandi Guruharshai Distt Ferozpur (Borrower)	Residential Property on land measuring 18/101 (101) being 167/337 share out of total property measuring 18 K – 15M, Comprised in Murabba No 183, Killa No 5 (8-0), 6/1 (7-14), 15/2/1 (3-1), Khevat No 932 Khatoni No 1351 as per jamabandi for the Year 2003-04 situated at Village Guruharshai Shamali, Tehsil Guruharshai Distt Ferozpur and bounded as under: East: Kankail Singh, West: Street, North : Street , South: Gupreet Singh as per Wasika No 1514	30.01.2024	24.04.2025	Rs. 7,36,457.00 as on 30.01.2024 less amount of recovery made, if any plus Int and other charges/expenses, cost, thereon.
2. Sh Gulraj Singh (Borrower) S/o Sh Lakhdwinder Singh Resident of Faridkot Road, Street Opposite Paras Cinema, Mandi Guruharshai Distt Ferozpur (Guarantor)	Residential Property on land measuring 18/101 (101) being 167/337 share out of total property measuring 18 K – 15M, Comprised in Murabba No 183, Killa No 5 (8-0), 6/1 (7-14), 15/2/1 (3-1), Khevat No 932 Khatoni No 1351 as per jamabandi for the Year 2003-04 situated at Village Guruharshai Shamali, Tehsil Guruharshai Distt Ferozpur and bounded as under: East: Kankail Singh, West: Street, North : Street , South: Gupreet Singh as per Wasika No 1514	30.01.2024		S/o Sh Gulraj Singh Rs. 31,90,441.00 as on 30.01.2024

# STATE BANK OF INDIA

**Branch office**  
**Saila Khurd**

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF MOVABLE PROPERTY**

public or interesting person/ parties that public auction/sale of the following Vehicle will be held on **Saturday, Saila Khurd** from 12.00 Noon to 02.00 pm.

s of Borrower	Vehicle Make & Model	Reserve Price
Ajay Singh, R/o House No. 3362, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab	Maruti EECO Model 2018, Registration No. PB65AU8259, Chassis No. MA3ERLF1S00639526, Engine No. G12BN618350, Fuel Used : PETROL, Color Silky Silver	<b>Rs.</b> <b>1,28,000/-</b>

The prospective tenderers for which they may contact at mobile No. **94656-26326**. The interested party has to deposit Amount in the shape of DD in favour of **State Bank of India, Saila Khurd** on or before **17.05.2025 up to 12.00** deposited the EMD as aforesaid will not be permitted to participate in the auction. The successful tenderer will be required to deposit within 24 hours declaration that his bid is the highest, after adjusting the EMD paid already. The balance amount to be paid within 15 days of the confirmation of the sale. If failed to pay the balance amount, the deposited 25% & delivery of Vehicle will be made after receiving of the full payment. The undersigned is free to change or to cancel the bid for any reason The Bank shall not be responsible for any error / omission in this proclamation. In case there is any error on next working day. For detail information of vehicle and terms & conditions of the auction the prospective tenderers may contact at mobile No. **94656-26326**.

**Place : Saila Khurd**

**Branch Manager**



Editor's TAKE

Lessons from Chernobyl disaster

Its remembrance day is a stark reminder of nuclear perils and human resilience

Every year on April 26, the world pauses to commemorate International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day, honouring the victims of one of the gravest nuclear catastrophes in human history. It is not just a day of remembrance, but also a solemn call for vigilance — against the potential hazards of nuclear power and the far-reaching consequences when things go wrong. On April 26, 1986, Reactor No 4 of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, located in what is now Ukraine, exploded during a late-night safety test gone wrong.

The blast released radioactive material across much of the western Soviet Union, affecting territories now known as Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia. Nearly 8.4 million people were exposed to high levels of radiation, with long-term effects on their health, environment, and livelihoods.

What made Chernobyl particularly harrowing was not just the scale of the disaster but also the delayed and inadequate response. The Soviet Government did not request international help until 1990, four years after the explosion, acknowledging only then the need for global cooperation in managing the fallout.

History records only two instances where nuclear explosions directly led to large-scale human casualties: the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, and the industrial disaster at Chernobyl in 1986. While the former were acts of war, Chernobyl was a stark reminder that nuclear technology, even in peaceful applications, can spiral into catastrophe without stringent oversight and safety protocols. Both events left indelible scars on humanity and taught us one crucial lesson: nuclear power is not merely a technological marvel — it is a profound responsibility.

In response to the disaster, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 45/190 in 1990, launching a global movement to mitigate the consequences of the explosion.

Over the years, more than 230 projects have been implemented in health, nuclear safety, environmental restoration, clean food production, and education. In 2002, the UN changed its approach, focusing not only on humanitarian aid but also on long-term sustainable development. Agencies such as the UNDP led regional recovery efforts in Belarus, Ukraine, and the Russian Federation.

The launch of the International Chernobyl Research and Information Network (ICRIN) in 2009 further reinforced this developmental vision. Perhaps the most symbolic milestone was the 2019 completion and handover of the New Safe Confinement, a \$2.2 billion engineering marvel built to encase the damaged reactor. Funded by over 45 nations, it stands as a global symbol of what international cooperation can achieve in the name of safety.

Technological advancements have significantly improved nuclear safety since 1986. Modern reactors are equipped with passive safety systems, improved materials, and fail — safes that automatically shut down operations during emergencies. International regulatory bodies have also tightened oversight, ensuring higher standards for reactor design, operation, and waste management. Yet, the core truth remains: no system is immune to human error, natural disasters, or unforeseen technical failures.

As the world grapples with climate change and searches for clean energy alternatives, nuclear power is once again in the spotlight. While it offers low-carbon energy, it also carries high risks — making it imperative that caution, transparency, and global cooperation remain the cornerstones of nuclear development.

International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is not only about looking back; it's about ensuring we never repeat the mistakes of the past. It's about remembering the lives affected, the lessons learned, and the enduring message: with great power comes great responsibility — especially when that power lies in the nucleus of the atom. Let us honour this day by committing to a future where nuclear technology is wielded wisely, ethically, and with the utmost respect for life and the planet.

A crime against humanity

As India reels from the horror, pahalgam massacre underscores the persistent threat of cross-border terror, the fragility of peace in Jammu and Kashmir, and the urgent need for a robust national and global response



nal rebellion. The terror attack in Pahalgam could be seen in the light of the hijacking of the Jaffar Express train by Baloch separatists in March, exposing the bluff and inability of the Pakistan army. The failure of Islamabad to curb the Baloch insurgency has caused great concern for China, which has significantly invested in several projects, including energy, transport, and infrastructure, in Pakistan. Pakistan's failure to engage with tribal communities has fuelled the growth of armed separatist groups, targeting security forces, Chinese interests, and migrant workers.

The growing alienation of the population, driven by the denial of democratic and economic rights, has fuelled anger, especially among the youth.

The brutal attack on tourists, which rarely happened even during the heydays of militancy in the Valley, vividly shows the frustration and desperation of Pakistan-based terror outfits.

The barbaric attack happened just ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, which attracts huge

numbers of Hindu tourists and pilgrims. The perpetrators aimed at blunting the sole growing tourist-based economy of J&K and tried to dismantle the perception that the Valley is steadily marching towards stabilisation after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

With peace limping back to the Valley in the face of a slump in terror attacks in the Valley, lakhs of tourists have made a beeline to the Valley. It prompted huge investment in the region to win the hearts of tourists.

As tulips bloom and tourism booms — this year Srinagar has witnessed huge footfalls of domestic and international tourists. The growing tourism endorses the success saga of the Government and the engagement of locals and Kashmiri youths for harvesting income, heralding normalcy in the Valley. So, the attack on tourism was the obvious choice of militants and "Mullahs."

The Government response must be befitting and multi-dimensional to give a tight lesson to evil minds.

The Pahalgam attack is the biggest since the Pulwama attack of 2019 in terms of casualties. India's past retaliatory actions are still echoing. The Uri surgical strikes (2016) and Balakot airstrikes (2019) have formed the foundation of India's punitive responses. In its full-scale diplomatic retaliation, the PM

Modi Government took a strong stand: Keeping the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in Abeyance, Shutting of Attari Integrated Check Post, Stopping of SAARC Visa Scheme for Pakistanis, Cutting of High Commission Strength to 30, and Declaration of Military Advisors in the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi Persona Non-Grata. India's military response to the Pahalgam attack appears to be another defining moment in the turbulent history of Kashmir and could add a new chapter in dealing with terrorism.

A swift and strategic response will not only deter future attacks but also reinforce India's commitment to safeguarding its citizens and restoring peace in the Valley.

By addressing the root causes of unrest and strengthening security measures, India can ensure that such heinous acts do not derail the progress towards stability and prosperity in Jammu & Kashmir.

It is pertinent to mention a famous quote of Kofi Annan to end terrorism: "The only way to deal with the scourge of terrorism is to address its root causes and unite against it with unwavering resolve."

(The author works with PRP Group as Content Head. Views are personal)

Towards economy with a conscience

SECOND Opinion

BY RAJYOGI BRAHMKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

During the last two decades or so there has been a growing trend towards globalisation of trade and commerce and a free-market economy. The academic economists believe that these steps would give a spurt to forces of competitiveness, efficiency, better job opportunities and generation of more wealth and prosperity.

But one has to take into account not just these benefits but also the overall consequences of globalisation and the free play of market forces. As everyone knows, globalisation is only a small bit of economic philosophy or policy and one must know the all-inclusive worldview or philosophy of which it forms a part. Without viewing it in the full context, one may have an erroneous view of it.

Like, the globalisation of business and trade without a global view of society as a global family would lead to social tensions and economic strife and this is what we are experiencing today.

Also, globalisation in economics is an outward-looking view and if it has no corresponding inward — looking view, it would unleash bitter competition and in the absence of the inward-looking balancing forces, it would lead to stark materialism and commercialism, diminishing or setting at nought the values of sympathy, kindness, compassion, world-brotherhood,

co-operation and so on. Thus, it would not only destabilise the financial markets but create disharmony in human relations as well. Moreover, it's a known fact that capital tends to flow from countries that have free — market economies to other countries where it has a better chance of profit by employing cheap labour, available resources, etc., whereas labour does not find it as easy to go to places where it has better prospects because labour has emotional ties with family and is affected by family circumstances.

Thus, due to better mobility and flexibility of capital in contrast to that of labour, international portfolio investors, and not the labour, would benefit the most.

Thus, globalisation would result in disproportionate profit to those who can invest capital and it would lead to uneven distribution of benefits and social and economic deprivation. Further, in a free-market economy, every player in the manufacturing sector would tend to drive others out of the market and thus competition would grow and stiffen and the financial markets, which are inherently unstable, would accentuate instability.

Thus, the whole economy would never return to some kind of equilibrium. In this state of instability, the business and industrial class would tend to adopt all sorts of unfair means to prevent any dwindling of its profit and thus, the whole atmosphere would be vitiated, for the portfolio investors would try to take the politicians and the bureaucrats also with them to survive or thrive.

This would further give rise to corruption, black money and other evils. Thus, it is strange that our leaders talk of moral

values on the one hand and of globalisation on the other hand without making any efforts to make popular a global spiritual view of society as a global family. One can see that the major economic powers today dominate the multilateral trading system. They define and redefine globalisation to suit their national interests. This leads to clashes of interests and instability. Again, to assess the merits or demerits of a system, one should also go into the ideological base of a policy and take notice of its consequences.

We should ask ourselves the question as to why we want a free-market economy or a state — controlled one. We should be clear in our mind about our desirable goal and see whether a particular form of economy takes us towards that goal. If our goal is to remove poverty and great economic disparity and to have a society based on economic justice and fair play, then we should sort out whether globalisation or a state-controlled economy can do it better.

This should be judged by those who are neutral and have no vested interests in either form of economy. So, if in the present world situation, we must have globalisation, then we should have a global open society that has some sort of state control in certain sectors and constantly strives to correct and improve. In any case, a happy blend of economics and spirituality — both based on values — is necessary and, in the process of decision-making, involvement of such institutions as are neutral would be beneficial.

(The writer is a spiritual educator and popular columnist. Views are personal)

Leaderspeak



The whole country is with the bereaved families. The Government is trying its best to ensure the well-being of those injured. Someone has lost a son, someone has lost a brother, someone has lost life partner... From Kargil to Kanyakumari, there is grief and rage. This attack was not just on innocent tourists; the country's enemies have shown the audacity to attack India's soul.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

Letters to the Editor

A selfless act of a pony operator

Madam — I wish to pay my heartfelt tribute to Syed Adil Hussain Shah, the 30-year-old pony operator who displayed unimaginable bravery during the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

Adil selflessly attempted to shield tourists he had escorted to Baisaran Meadow, ultimately losing his life in the process. Reports state he even tried to snatch a weapon from one of the terrorists before being shot thrice in the chest. His sacrifice is both heroic and heartbreaking. In a time marred by religious polarisation, Adil's actions remind us of the innate goodness and humanity that transcends faith. He stands as a beacon of courage and compassion — proof that heroism knows no religion. While extremists attempt to divide us along communal lines, Adil's martyrdom reaffirms the simple truth: humanity is our greatest religion. It is often said that a terrorist has no religion. But those who die protecting others, regardless of the victims' faiths, show us what it means to truly embody divine values.

In contrast, religious zealots who push a narrative of "our god versus their god" only undermine the very essence of spirituality. Adil's story deserves national recognition. Let us remember him not just as a brave man from Pahalgam, but as a true son of India. We must amplify such stories of unity and courage, and let them shape the discourse of our nation.

SUJIT DEI | KOLKATA

Bullish sentiment reflects optimism

Madam — The Indian stock market witnessed a remarkable upswing on April 24, 2025, with the BSE Sensex closing at 74,339.44 — an increase of 486.50 points (0.66 per cent). The NSE Nifty too mirrored this surge, climbing 167.95 points (0.75 per cent) to settle at 22,570.35.

The momentum was largely driven by robust performances in the banking, financial, and metal sectors. Investor sentiment appears buoyant, with consistent buying indicating renewed faith in India's macroeconomic outlook.

Analysts attribute this positive trend to multiple factors: stable inflation rates, proactive fiscal policies, and strong corporate earnings. Foreign investment has also shown encouraging signs, reflecting global confidence in India's economic resilience. These gains are not just numbers — they signify broader economic stability and the potential for sustained growth.

A bullish market often translates into increased consumer and business confidence, spurring spending, job creation, and infrastructural development.

However, while optimism is warranted, it's essential to remain cautious and well-informed. Markets can be volatile, and policy decisions — both domestic and international — can influence future trends. Nevertheless, this surge offers a promising indicator for investors and the economy at large.

AAMIR ZAMAN | MUMBAI

An urgent appeal against rising hate

Madam — It is deeply distressing to witness the growing atmosphere of hostility and organised propaganda against minorities, particularly Muslims, in our country. As the world's largest democracy, India should be a model of co-existence and inclusivity.

Unfortunately, a segment of political and ideological forces seems determined to distort this legacy. Every day, Muslims are subjected to suspicion, hate, and vilification — under the guise of nationalism, patriotism, or allegations of extremism. These narratives are often propagated through media, political rhetoric, and social platforms, creating an environment of fear and alienation. The consequences are grave: rising intolerance, social division, and the erosion of communal harmony.

Such developments are a betrayal of India's constitutional ideals and its centuries-old tradition of unity in diversity. When citizens are targeted based on their faith, we do not just harm the targeted community — we weaken the fabric of the nation itself.

I urge your esteemed platform to bring attention to this pressing issue. The public must be made aware of these undercurrents of hate, so they can reject the politics of division and stand up for truth and justice. Only by confronting these challenges together can we ensure that India remains a truly secular and democratic republic.

OMAR FARUQUE MONDAL | GOALPARA

PAHALGAM ATTACK: A NATION'S ANGUISH DEMANDS STRONG ACTION

This is in reference to the headlines and editorial on the Pahalgam tragedy (April 24). The entire nation is engulfed in grief and anger over this horrific attack.

While diplomatic steps such as suspending the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty, shutting down the Attari check post, withdrawing from the SAARC visa exemption scheme, recalling our diplomats, and asking Pakistani officials to leave are substantial in the long term, they fall short of addressing the immediate public outrage and sorrow. The statements of sympathy from Islamic nations to the victims' families seem, as always, perfunctory and lack meaningful substance.

These symbolic gestures do little to shake or impact Pakistan. The Jammu and Kashmir Government must accept accountability for this grave security lapse. Inviting tourists without ensuring their safety is a betrayal of trust. The popular Baisaran Valley, often referred to as "Mini Switzerland," attracts scores of tourists.

Yet, had there been adequate police or paramilitary deployment along the route, this tragedy could likely have been prevented.

Tourists were left vulnerable, ferried on ponies through remote and risky paths by pony operators, many of whom are reportedly insensitive to the needs of travellers. It is time the Government reconsidered promoting Jammu and Kashmir as a safe tourist destination.

The Northeast, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Odisha offer equally, if not more, breathtaking views without the shadow of constant threat.

Mere symbolic gestures — candle marches, market closures, and all-party condemnations — are not enough. It calls for another surgical strike echo across the nation, but the question remains — have previous strikes served as a deterrent? The public deserves justice, not platitudes.

VINOD JOHRI | DELHI



# Building a new world economic order

A new, multipolar economic order is taking shape, led by nations like India, whose demographic strength, resource wealth, and deeply rooted ethos of fairness position it as a key architect of a more just and sustainable global economy

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The world economy is in for a big churning, a severe shake-up. The reasons are primarily two — a debt-based capitalistic model of development and the dominance of the dollar as the international monetary currency, delinked from any traditional tangible material resource like gold.

In the last 75 years, the economic models of the USA, Europe, and a major part of the rest of the world have been built on a typical capitalist ecosystem in which large funds, banking institutions, and a dominant global currency — the US dollar — have been the driving elements.

This model has begun to wear out, naturally, because it was unsustainable and out of sync with the fundamental economic principles that drive the economic growth of institutions, including that of nations.

It is the widely held view in the present times that economic growth occurs through the production of valuable goods and services and their sale to those who consume such goods or services.

But this understanding or definition needs clarification. Today, the economic growth of nations is defined and measured in terms of GDP, of which trade forms a major component.

Trade here connotes exports as well as imports. However, economic status depends on accumulated wealth due to the net inflow of money.

Accumulation of money takes place through two modes — international trade and domestic production and sale. But for a nation to grow rich, it has to be sovereign and politically independent — because the terms of international trade and domestic business need to be in tune with fairness and equity.

This was not the case during the British rule in India, which was a saga of depredation and plunder. This also is not true in the wake of an inequitable global economic order where rules of business are skewed in favour of the mightier and more influential nations.

The world economic order over the last 80 years since the cessation of the Second World War has been determined and drawn by the victor block of the war — the Allied powers.

The Allied power group created vassal or semi-vassal states out of the vanquished Axis power states and other states.

Military might created political hegemony, and this gradually transformed into economic hegemony through one-sided trade rules that perpetuated the poverty of third-world countries and further enriched the first-world countries.

The establishment of the UNO and its sub-organisations did not do much to alter the tilt of the economic order towards the First World block. Things became worse 30 years later when the US dollar, the reserve currency of the world, was delinked from gold, thus giving it overriding and overwhelming dominance.

Growth potential was always with the resource-rich third-world countries, and the high econom-



ic growth of these countries through the eighties and nineties of the twentieth century could not be matched by the economically saturated and

stagnating first-world block, WTO and a set of trade rules thereunder, like GATT and TRIPS, were established.

But these also could not give the intended growth impetus to the first-world block, because of the working of immanent natural laws of economics.

It is time again today to look at the above natural laws. The capitalistic, debt-based model of growth is unnatural and unsustainable. The plunder or exploitation-based model is inhuman and naturally unsustainable too.

The world is staring at a new economic order because of the changing power equations across



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orably, see the decline and demise of the US dollar as the dominant currency and the emergence of a multiple — currency basket for trade.

The natural laws of economics are manifesting their work in the resurgence of India, and there seems to be no stopping the slow-stepped elephant after the dragon in its neighbour seems to have fagged out.

The unique positive naturally endowed features of India are its plentiful, productive Human Resources and its economically strategic agro-climatic location along with its rich mineral resources.

Today, this country is mostly free from exploitative interference and arm-twisting by global powers and is poised for rapid take-off to become a developed nation.

The new economic order will, therefore, inevitably, see a strong economic resurgence of the Indian subcontinent, regression of the euro-zone countries, and a relatively slow growth of Latin American and African countries. The latter will pick up growth led by a resurgent India in the years and decades to come.

The Indian subcontinent, in its growth and development journey, will not indulge in the exploitation of the smaller and weaker states, unlike its colonial masters and their new avatars. It is not in the DNA of India to invade, conquer, and plunder other nations.

The Indian ethos underlines the philosophy of 'live and let live' instead of 'survival of the fittest'. That is another area where India is different and unique.

In conclusion, the global economic landscape is undergoing a profound transformation driven by the unsustainability of a debt-fuelled, capitalist model and the waning dominance of the US dollar.

The era of Western economic hegemony — rooted in military might, exploitative trade practices, and the artificial supremacy of fiat currency — is rapidly eroding. Emerging economies like India, China, Brazil, and Iran, rich in resources and technological capabilities, are reshaping the balance of power.

Among these, India stands uniquely poised for sustained and inclusive growth, bolstered by its demographic advantage, strategic location, and ethical economic philosophy.

As the global order pivots toward a multi — currency trading system and more equitable partnerships, India's non-imperial ethos positions it as a natural leader in the evolving economic era.

The new world economy will not just be about wealth accumulation but about fairness, sustainability, and mutual progress — principles deeply embedded in India's civilisational values. A future rooted in cooperation, not domination, is now within reach.

(The writer is a a management consultant based in New Delhi. Views are personal)

## Ramanujan: Eternal lamp in the temple of mathematics

On April 26, 1920, the nation lost Srinivasa Ramanujan a rare mathematical genius. His mathematical consciousness illuminated the world for eternity. This is not merely his death anniversary; it is a celebration of a saint — like devotee of numbers who elevated mathematics to the realms of philosophy and the divine

When numbers resonate and equations seem to dance with the soul, one name echoes through the very fabric of creation — Srinivasa Ramanujan. On April 26, 1920, a dark day in Indian history, the nation lost this priceless gem.

Yet, in that moment, his mathematical consciousness illuminated the world for eternity. This is not merely a death anniversary; it is a celebration of a saint-like devotee of numbers who elevated mathematics to the realms of poetry, philosophy, and divine connection. Ramanujan was no ordinary mathematician — he was a mystic of numbers, a seeker of hidden truths, a visionary who saw the universe through the lens of infinite equations.

His story is a spark that turns the impossible into the possible. Born on December 22, 1887, in the small town of Erode, Tamil Nadu, Ramanujan's life was nothing short of a modern fairy tale. Raised in a humble Brahmin household, surrounded by financial hardships and lacking formal education, he faced walls that would deter most.

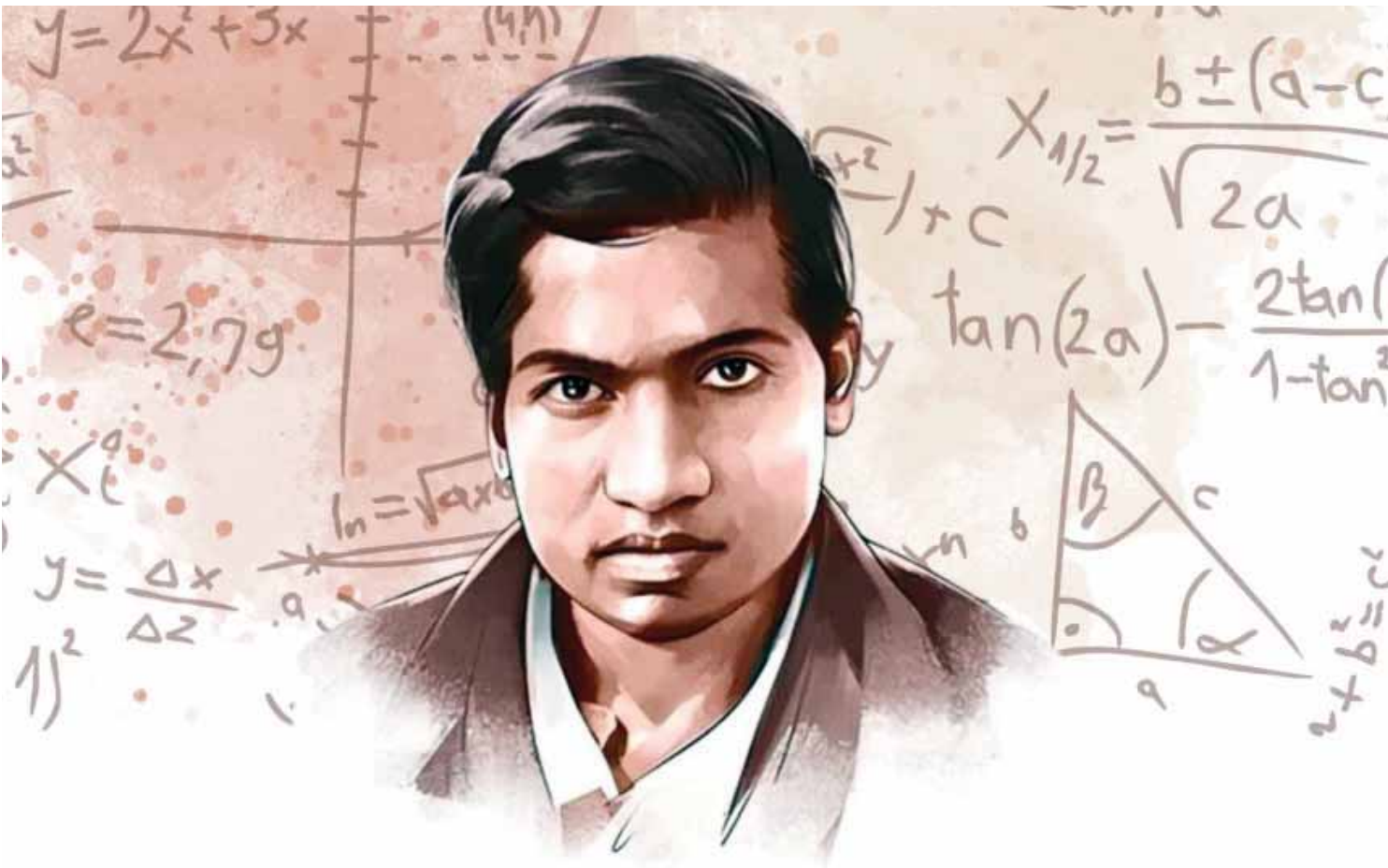
But his genius was a relentless wave that shattered every barrier. From a young age, numbers were his companions and his playground. While other children played with toys, he delved deep into the mysteries of mathematics.

School textbooks quickly proved inadequate, and he began exploring advanced mathematical concepts on his own. At the age of 15, he discovered A Synopsis of Elementary Results in Pure Mathematics by GS Carr — a book that became his sacred scripture. It fuelled his imagination and transformed his notebooks into treasure troves of original formulas and theorems.

To Ramanujan, mathematics wasn't just about calculations — it was a spiritual quest. He often credited his insights to his family deity, Goddess Namagiri, saying, "Every formula that comes to my mind is by the grace of the Goddess." To him, mathematics and divinity were two expressions of the same truth. His work — be it infinite series, continued fractions, or partition functions — read like verses of a cosmic poem.

His formulas for calculating p are so elegant and precise that they are still used by modern supercomputers. His partition function transformed number theory, and his discoveries in theta functions and modular equations have found applications in cryptography, physics, and even black hole theory. The world took notice of his genius in 1913, when he sent a letter filled with groundbreaking formulas to the eminent Cambridge mathematician GH Hardy.

Initially sceptical, Hardy was soon astonished. Upon meeting Ramanujan, he said, "Ramanujan's



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mathematics is beyond the human mind; it is divine inspiration." Ramanujan was invited to Cambridge, and his collaboration with Hardy sparked a revolution in mathematics. The Hardy — Ramanujan formula on the distribution of prime numbers, along with their other contributions, are considered monumental achievements.

Ramanujan's greatest legacy lies in his notebooks

— thousands of formulas, many without proofs, that took mathematicians decades to fully understand.

His mock theta functions, penned during his final days, baffled mathematicians for nearly a

century but are now essential in quantum physics and string theory.

His contributions to the Riemann zeta function continue to influence research on one of mathematics' most profound mysteries — the Riemann Hypothesis.

Yet, Ramanujan's journey was not without immense struggle. At Cambridge, he battled cultural isolation, dietary challenges, and the harsh English climate. Diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1917, his health deteriorated, and he returned to India in 1919.

Just a year later, on April 26, 1920, at the age of 32, he passed away in Kumbakonam. But though his mortal life ended, his spirit lives on through his work.

The discovery of his "Lost Notebook" in 1976 reignited excitement and opened new doors in mathematical research. Ramanujan's influence goes far beyond mathematics. His story is a bea-

con for dreamers and doers who dare to rise above adversity. In 1987, India marked his birth centenary by declaring it National Mathematics Year. His legacy continues in the world's top institutions, and his life inspired Robert Kanigel's biography The Man Who Knew Infinity, later adapted into a global film.

In his honour, December 22 is now celebrated as National Mathematics Day in India. Ramanujan's life is proof that genius needs no degree, wealth, or privilege. His journey is a testament to passion, faith, and the boundless potential of the human mind. His discoveries not only advanced science but also revealed a deep philosophical truth — that within each of us lies the power to touch the infinite.

Today, as we remember him on April 26, we do more than pay tribute — we renew our commitment to nurturing the spark within us. Like Ramanujan, may we turn our dreams into devotion. Equations may evolve and theorems may change, but there will never be another Ramanujan.

He is the eternal lamp in the temple of mathematics — forever radiant. His legacy is not India's alone — it belongs to all of humanity. As long as numbers are written and equations are solved, Ramanujan will remain immortal — a soul who touched infinity and offered its light to the world.

Srinivasa Ramanujan was not just a mathematician — he was a visionary who transformed numbers into a divine language. On April 26, we don't just mourn his passing; we celebrate a life that elevated mathematics into art, spirituality, and cosmic truth.

Despite humble beginnings and relentless hardships, his passion and genius blazed trails that continue to shape modern science.

His discoveries — ranging from infinite series to mock theta functions — remain cornerstones of mathematics, physics, and beyond. Ramanujan's journey proves that brilliance needs neither privilege nor pedigree.

His life is a testament to what the human spirit can achieve with faith, curiosity, and devotion. Today, his legacy lights the path for dreamers, thinkers, and seekers of truth across the world. As we remember him, we also honour the infinite potential within us all.

Ramanujan lives on, not just in equations, but in the eternal quest for knowledge he so passionately embodied. He is, and always will be, mathematics' guiding flame.

(The writer is a columnist and a blogger. Views are personal)







# ‘Will support India,’ says Tulsi Gabbard

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US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on Friday said America stands with India as it hunts down those responsible for the heinous Pahalgam attack that killed 26 Hindus. The State Department too said the US stands with India and called for Pahalgam attack perpetrators to be brought to justice.

Terrorists opened fire in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam on Tuesday, killing 26 people, mostly tourists, in the deadliest attack in the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019. The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), claimed responsibility for the attack.

“We stand in solidarity with India in the wake of the horrific Islamist terrorist attack, targeting and killing 26 Hindus in Pahalgam,” Gabbard said in a post on X.

“My prayers and deepest sympathies are with those who lost a loved one, PM @narendramodi, and with all the people of India. We are with you and support you as you hunt down those responsible for this heinous attack,” she said. Earlier on Wednesday, US President Donald Trump strongly condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam in a phone call with Prime Minister Modi and expressed full support to India to bring to justice the perpetrators of the “heinous attack.” On Thursday, State Department Spokesperson Tammy Bruce said, “As President (Donald) Trump and Secretary (Marco) Rubio have made clear, the United States stands with India, strongly condemns all acts of terrorism.”

“We pray for the lives of those lost and for the recovery of the injured and call for the perpetrators of this heinous act to be brought to justice,” Bruce added.

Responding to a question on whether the US sees Pakistan as potentially being behind the attack and if Washington is playing any role in trying to de-escalate tensions between the two South Asian nations, Bruce said the issue was highlighted due to the severity of the situation but added that no further comment would be made at this time.

“What I can tell you is, of course, as we all know, it’s a rapidly changing situation and we are monitoring it closely, as you might imagine. And we, of course, are not now taking a position on the status of Kashmir or of Jammu either, so that’s really going to be the extent of what I can say today.”

When asked if President Donald Trump had offered to mediate between India and Pakistan in his first term, she said, “I’m not going to be remarking... As I mentioned.” Meanwhile, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, who had been nominated by US President Donald Trump to be the US ambassador to the United Nations, said America is deeply saddened by the horrific mass terror attack in Kashmir, India.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that our client Mr. Ikram Ahmed Siddiqui S/o Late Tufail Ahmed Siddiqui and Mrs. Afshan Siddiqui W/o Ikram Ahmed Siddiqui both are residents of D-202/73 Vasant Kunj New Delhi-110070 have discovered/claimed their son namely Mr. Aamir Siddiqui, Daughter-in-law Mrs. Zaiban Sikandar and their child Lyah Siddiqui from all their moveable & immovable properties/assets/ business (including the abovesaid property) and severed all relations with Aamir Siddiqui & Zaiban Sikandar due to their misbehavior/ misconduct towards my clients Ikram Ahmed Siddiqui S/o Late Tufail Ahmed Siddiqui and Mrs. Afshan Siddiqui W/o Ikram Ahmed Siddiqui. He and his wife are not in control of my client, if anybody deals with Aamir Siddiqui & Zaiban Sikandar in any manner whatsoever, will do so at his/her own risk and responsibility, my clients shall not be responsible for the same.

**SACHIN DHALL (Advocate)**  
Office No.9, Pocket F-3, Sector-11, Rohini Delhi-85

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### CHANGE OF NAME

I, No.12898663K Rfn Dharmendra Dev R/o- Vill- Chainars, PO- Bin, Dist- Pitoragarh, Uttarakhand- 262501 have changed my daughter's name from Akansha to Akansha Dev vide affidavit dated 25/04/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1930)C I, Sonika Chandel, W/o No.857628H N/ Sub(DMT) Sudhir Singh, R/o-Vill & P- Nalti, Teh- Ghumarwin, Dist- Bilaspur, H.P- 174026, have changed my name from Sonika Chandel to Sonika Devi vide affidavit dated 25/04/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

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### LOST & FOUND

I, DARSHNA DEVI, wife of LATE MUKESH KUMAR have lost original Sale Deed dt. 26.11.2020, Reg. No.5821, Book No.I, Vol. No.3576, Page 150-162 SR-VA Hauz Khas, New Delhi for D-8, FIRST FLOOR, PANCHSHEEL ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110017 finder please contact: 9650061069.

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CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of CLIX Housing Finance Limited, a Housing Finance Bank Company under the National Housing Bank Act under the provision of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI ACT, 2002") having its Registered Office: W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, 110008 (hereinafter referred to as "CLIX"), is engaged in the business of providing financial assistance to meet the needs of over millions of its customers all over India, hereby issues to you the following notice:

**Name & Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower: : T. ASHOK MEHTA S/O KASTURI LAL MEHTA, 2. MAMTA MEHTA W/O ASHOK MEHTA, BOTH AT - 133, 2ND FLOOR RAM NAGAR, DELHI-110051, ALSO AT: 71 B, GALI No. 4, GOPAL PARK, KRISHNA NAGAR, EAST DELHI-110051**

**Loan A/c Number : AC200201014613, Loan Amount Availed /Date : Rs. 17,68,000/- dated 27.01.2020, Date of 13(2) Notice : 04.04.2025 NPA Date - 10-03-2025 Demand Date and Amount as Per Sec. 13(2) Act. Notice : Rs. 17,35,792.2/- as on 03.04.2025**

**Mortgage Properties : ALL THE PART AND PIECES OF ONE KITA RESIDENTIAL FLAT NO. SF-1 SECOND FLOOR FRONT SIDE R/S PORTION WITH ROOF MIG PLOT NO C 213 AREA 550 SQUARE FEET IE. S1.09 SQUARE METERS IN SLF VED VIHAR, HADBAST VILLAGE SADULLAB PARGANA AND TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, BOUNDED AS UNDER: EAST: PLOT NO. C 206, WEST: ROAD 9 METER WIDE, NORTH: PLOT NO. C 214, SOUTH: PLOT NO. C 212**

Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED with in a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower/s. Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

**Date - 26.04.2025, Place - Ghaziabad** Authorized officer, CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to be informed that Sh. Vikas Kalra is the owner of Plot No.4 Block-K, Green Park (Main), New Delhi 110016. That he have lost /Misplaced the original Sale Deed which is executed by (i) Sh. Ajatshatru Sehgal (ii) Sh. Rajat Sehgal (iii) Dr. Shobha Sehgal in favour of Sh. Bhagirthi Lal Kalra which is registered as Doc. No. 7859 dated 18.12.1981. If anyone finds this Original sale deed kindly inform me on my given mobile number 9911004142 within 7 days from the date of the notice.

**Yogesh Kumar (Advocate)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Director Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has granted In- Principle approval vide memo no. LC-5058-IV/JE(SK)/2025/15074 dated 25/04/2025 for transfer of part licensed area measuring 22.7505 acres from Yesha Developers LLP to M/s Signatureglobal Business Park Private Limited against License No. 121 of 2024 dated 14/08/2024 granted for setting up of Industrial Plotted Colony over an area measuring 125.60 acres in the revenue state of Village Bhondsi, Chamroaj & Mahendwara, Tehsil Sohna, District, Gurugram

While according the said in-principle approval, the Director Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has directed the company to inform the general public about the proposed transfer of licensed area through public notice in the leading newspapers (Two English & One Hindi) and accordingly the notice is hereby issued for their information and if there is any objection, the same may be sent to the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. The said permission granted is also being uploaded/hosted on our website [www.signatureglobal.in](http://www.signatureglobal.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

**FLAT NO-A-302, 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO - 18/C-4, SECTOR-18, VASUNDHARA, GHAZIABAD-201001.**

That our client **Mrs. Manoj Kumar Tripathi and Ms. Sunita Tripathi** proposes to purchase the above said property from **Aradhana Ahuja**, who has assured our client that she is absolute owner in possession of the said property vide **Sale deed No. 20818 dated 13.08.10** having purchased the same jointly with Ved Prakash Arora and Phoolwanti. The said Ved Prakash Arora and Phoolwanti died leaving behind two separate Will dated 13.08.10, bequeathing their share in favour of **Aradhana Ahuja**, the said Wills (s) dated 13.08.10 are the last and final will of late Ved Prakash Arora and Phoolwanti.

Under the circumstances, notice is hereby given to the General Public, Bank/Financial Institutions or other person/s, organization/s, company/ies, government authorities, having any claim, rights, title, or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property, is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned hereinbelow within 15 days of the publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of **Aradhana Ahuja** to the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any claim, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client in any manner whatsoever.

**Kumar Abhishek**  
Advocate  
Legal Access  
132A, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi

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**THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX No. 0172-5041812.66**

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<b>1. 180 ml Glass Bottle for Verka Patiala Dairy.</b>	Annual/ 1 Crore
<b>2. Visi Cooler</b> i. Minimum 200 ltr and above ii. Minimum 300 ltr and above iii. Minimum 400 ltr and above iv. Minimum 600 ltr and above	Annual/530 units
<b>3. Chest Cooler</b> v. Minimum 200 ltr and above vi. Minimum 300 ltr and above vii. Minimum 400 ltr and above viii. Minimum 500 ltr and above	Annual/ 560 units

**NOTE:**  
1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. [www.verka.coop](http://www.verka.coop) & e Tendering portal i.e. [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in).  
2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

**NA/12/29560/2023/43883** **Dy. General Manager (Purchase)**

**Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency, First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahasradhara Road, Dehradun.**

संख्या 61/आई-02(खड-2)/ITCO/गुवाहाटीराजमार्ग/25 दिनांक: 25 अप्रैल, 2025

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)**

**e-Procurement Notice-01(Relaying Works)/2025-26**

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Bageshwar** for 03 number of packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 5.73 Crore** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors(Class-A and above) registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent\*.

**Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 29.04.2025.**

**Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:** The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in [www.pmgstyendersuk.gov.in](http://www.pmgstyendersuk.gov.in). The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B (ii) of ITB with **CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid**, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No Physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

**Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-Procurement: 26.05.2025 01:00 PM**

For further details please log on to [www.pmgstyendersuk.gov.in](http://www.pmgstyendersuk.gov.in).

**Chief Engineer, URRDA, Dehradun**

\* Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

**Note : For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.**

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SRINAGAR BB, CANTT, BATWARA (J&K)- 190004**

**Website: www.apssrinagar.co.in**

**INVITING QUOTATIONS**

1. On behalf of the Chairman Army Public School BB, Cantt Srinagar invites quotations for the Printing & Supplying of various stationary and other items. Details of the same can be had from the school website.

2. The vendor may visit the school to see the printed items required to school before quoting the final rates during the office hours. Any doubt in this matter will be clarified by the Principal in person or by contacting him on below given civil telephone No. The vendor should quote basic cost inclusive of transportation for delivery with all valid taxes at the destination should also be included in the price quoted. The school reserves the right to cancel the call for quotation without assigning any reason.

3. Interested parties may submit the quotations in the school by or before **05 May 2025**. For any query contact during all working days between **10 a.m to 03.00 pm at 0194-2468224.**

**Sd/- Principal**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To be known to all that I, Smt. Harjit Kaur, W/o Late Sh. Jaswant Singh Madan, R/o- Flat No.-43, Ground Floor, Block-A, Pocket-N, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, declare that I have lost the original DDA possession letter issued by DDA in respect of Flat No.-43, Ground Floor, Block-A, Pocket-N, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, while getting the same photocopied and the same are not traceable Inspite of my best efforts. An NCR in this effect has been lodged vide **LR No. : 2785323/2025 Date 25/04/ 2025. Finder Contact: 9999209904**

**DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED**

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

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For complete details of the tender please visit following website :- <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> (Tender ID No. : **2025\_DTL\_271172\_1**) and [www.delhitransco.gov.in](http://www.delhitransco.gov.in) with Unique No. **DTL-9575-240425.**

Last date for bid submission: **10.06.2025 at 1.30 PM.**

**All Corrigendum/Addendum/Amendments/Date of Extension/ Clarifications, if any, to the above e-tenders would appear only on the above mentioned websites.**

**SUPREME HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT, 2002").

We, SUPREME HOUSING FINANCE LTD., a Housing Finance Bank Company under the National Housing Bank Act, 1987 and incorporated under the provision of Companies Act, 2013 and having its registered office presently at 2nd Floor, Block-E, Harsha Bhawan, Middle Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001 (Earlier at RD Chambers 16/11, Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005) and also having CIN: U67190DL2014PLC272457, do hereby serve upon you the following notice U/Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), the contents whereof may be noted accordingly.

**Name & Address Of Borrower/Co-Borrower : 1. Mohan Kumar S/O Sridhan Prasad, 2. Chanda W/O Mohan Kumar, Both R/O - Wz-L-66, Gali No. 7, New Mahavir Nagar, Delhi - 110018, E. No. 1 Also At - : Rhevat No. 183 Min Khata No. 291, Kila No. 6/8/1 (S-5) 28, (6-19), 21(7-27), Harjana, Also At: 2/1, Single Storey, Ramesh Nagar West Delhi, Delhi - 110015, 3. Shipra Datta W/O Sh. Deepak Dixit, R/O Wz-8C/23, Gali No. 22-A, New Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi-110018. Also At : L-8C/23, Street No. 22, New Mahavir Nagar, Tiliak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi - 110018.**

**Loan Account No(s) : LNHFO0216-170000021, Loan amount : Rs. 14,00,000/- dated 29.08.2016 Date of SARFAESI ACT, 2002 Notice - 09.09.2024,NPA Date - 10.10.2024 Demand Notice Date and Amount as per SARFAESI, 2002 : Rs. 16,57,611.00/- as on 20.11.2024**

**Mortgage Properties :** Entire Built Up Property Bearing No. Wz-8C/12, Having Plot No. 52, Built On Land Area Measuring 53 Sq. Yds., Out Of Khalsa No. 30, Situated In The Area Of Village Nangli Jailib, Locality Known As New Mahavir Nagar, In Block-L, Gali No. 19, New Delhi-110018, Duly Fitted With Electricity, Water And Sewer Connection In Running Condition, (Herein After Referred To As "Said Property") As Boundary Of Said Property - East: Remaining Portion, West: Plot No. 53, North: Remaining Portion, South: Gali 15 Ft. Total Area - 53 Sq. Yds.

Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay SUPREME HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED with in a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount along with further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which SUPREME HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower/s. Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

**Date: 26.04.2025, Place: New Delhi** Authorized officer, Supreme Housing Finance Ltd.

**IIM RANCHI**

**भारतीय प्रबन्धन संस्थान, राँची**

**Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi**

**Recruitment for the position of Corporate Relation Manager at IIM Ranchi**

**IIM Ranchi, invites applications for the position of Corporate Relation Manager at IIM Ranchi.**

For further details regarding eligibility and application process please visit the **website- <https://iimranchi.ac.in/>**

Last date for receiving online application is **01 May 2025.**

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**लोक निर्माण विभाग, रुद्रपुर (उधमसिंह नगर)**

फोन: 05944-240921 ईमेल: [sepwdusn@gmail.com](mailto:sepwdusn@gmail.com)

पत्रांक : 881 / 23 एम-04 / 2025 दिनांक : 24 / 04 / 2025

**राष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक निविदा (e-tendering)**

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, चतुर्थ वृत्त, लोन्वि० रुद्रपुर (उधम सिंह नगर) द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा टू-बिड सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा से सम्बन्धित सभी सूचनायें वेबसाइट <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> पर दिनांक 28.04.2025 से उपलब्ध होंगी।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	घरोहर धनराशि (लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु में)	निविदा की वैधता (दिवस)	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय (माह में)	टेंडरदार की श्रेणी
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**NERES XVI POWER TRANSMISSION LIMITED**

**CORE - 4, SCOPE COMPLEX 7, LODHI ROAD, DELHI, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI, INDIA 110003**

**CIN: U40106DL2023PLC409758**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

M/s. NERES XVI Power Transmission Limited having its registered office at Core-4, Scope Complex 7, Lodhi Road, Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi, India 110003 intends to apply to the Government of India to confer upon him all the powers under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for the placing of electric lines or electrical plant for the transmission of electricity or for the purpose of telephonic or telegraphic communications necessary for the proper coordination of works which telegraph authority possess under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 with respect to the placing of telegraph lines and posts for the purpose of a telegraph established or maintained, by the Government or to be so established or maintained and will undertake the survey, construction, installation, inspection, erection and other works to be followed by commissioning, operation. Maintenance and other works for the following transmission scheme.

**Name of the Transmission Scheme:**  
**North Eastern Region Expansion Scheme-XVI (NERES-XVI)**

**Works Covered under the Scheme:**  
1. Establishment of Gogamukh 400/220/132 kV substation  
2. Extension works at Geruamukh (Arunachal Pradesh) 132 kV S/S  
3. Gogamukh (ISTS) - Geruamukh (Arunachal Pradesh) 132 kV D/C (Zebra) line  
4. L1LO of One D/C line (ckt-1 & ckt-2 of line-1) of Subansiri - Biswanath Chariali 400 KV (Twin Lapping) 2X D/C lines at Gogamukh S/S

The transmission line covered under the scheme will pass through, over, around, and between the following villages, towns and cities:

**STATE - Assam**  
**District - Dhemaji**  
**Tehsil - Gogamukh**

**Name of the Villages**  
Koiyam Barpathar , No.2 Na-Nai Taring, Chauldhua, Kachutali Bali, Legachu Kachari , No.1 Lathia, Moinalpara Pathar, Ukhamati Tarajan, No.3 Na-Nai Taring, No.1 Kachutali, Mongdoloi Para, No.2 Moinalpara Miri , Na-Nai Taring, Garpara , Uriamguri, No.1 Sonapur Mazi, No.1 Gogamukh, Ukhamati Pathar, Gogamukh Pathar, No.1 Moinalpara Miri, No.2 Kachutali, Garpara, Ukhamati Nepali 1/2, Chauldhua Bali, Moinalpara Chelia 1/2, Naharbari Kachari, Purana Paraghat, Lathia Sonari, Lagachu Nepali , Mingmang Garpara, No.4 Sonapur Mazi, No.2 Sonapur Mazi, No.5 Dirpai Chapari(Rajgarh Triniali), Dhinlinga Gaon, No.4 Dirpai Chapari, Dirpai NLR Grant, Gogamukh Miri, No.3 Dirpai Chapari, Dhinlinga Pathar, Monipuri Kachari, Dakhin Nabbari, No.2 Tarajan Chapari , No.2 Dirpai Chapari (Thakurbani), Garpara Pathar, Tingiri Gaon, Goromari Bangali, Bordoibam 67 No. Amguri, Bordoibam 19 No. FC Grant, Bordoibam 21 No. FC Grant, Bordoibam 1/2 No. Sah Miyadi, Latak, Tarajan Gaon , Koiyam, No.3 Sonapur Mazi, No.1 Tarajan Chapari, Dighalipathar, Dighalipathar NC, Bhebeli, Borbila Bhebeli, Bhebeli Pathar, Chengelli Sita, Parbotipur, Sigia, Dirpai Santipur Grant, Sanapur No. 5, Sanapur No. 6, Subansiri Reserved Forest, Naharbari, Chomanigaon, Baligaon, Majgaon, Amlapati, Chengmari, Napan Baligaon, Newargaon Gogamukh, Jilikpathar, Pamua Gogamukh, Bhebeli Hamabaigaon, Rangajangaon, Jyotishpur, Brahmaegaon, Mohri, Kaligaon, Naharjan, Kanuaparajan, Nijaypur, Bishmpur, Bagchok Sonwalgaon, Halakbari, Pichala, Changlisuti No. 1, Salakbbari mirgaon, Geruamukh, Geuka, Ghasigaon, Khakishpur

**STATE - Assam**  
**District - Lakhimpur**  
**Tehsil - Kadam**

**Name of the Villages**  
Pathalipam 10/780/83, 2 No. Katari Chapori, Chinatolia Rajgarh, Gergeria, 4 no. Katari Chapori, Uriamguri, Pathalipam 314/61, 3 No. Katari Chapori, Kakoi Noi Rajgarh, Balijan Bangali, Balijan, 1 no. Rajgarh Nepali, Bakulbari, 1 no. Katari Chapori, 2 no. Dakhin Rupohi, 2 no. Senchowia, 1 no Dakhin Rupohi, Senchowia, Thekeraguri, 2 no. Rajgarh Nepali, Senchowia Pathar, 2 no. kakoi noi rajgarh, Uttar Rupohi, Dakhin Rupohi, Na Ali Bangali, Rajgarh Rupohi, Rupohi, Dholbasti, Khagori, Kathalguri, Dhol Noi Chapori, Rajga Majgaon, Dulung, Kathalguri NC, Uriamguri NC, Purana Parghat, Uriamguri Baligaon, Uriamguri Jorhotia NC, Dipa NC, Pirinkaga, Dhipagaon, Baginadiapam, Kaligaon, Dutgaon, Karkani kathangaon, Ahatguri, Haldihati, Bharatpur, Bhimpara Chapori, Dhanpur, Ghagangama, Subansirigaon, Milanpur, Adorsha, Kuliharbari

**STATE - Arunachal Pradesh**  
**District - Kamle**  
**Tehsil - Dollungmukh**

**Name of the Villages**  
Rigyu, Rigyu Rijo, Rigyu 2, Kolpatukur, North Kolpatukur, South Kolpatukur, North Paro, East Paro, West paro

Copy of the route alignment is available in the office of the undermentioned. Notice is hereby given to the general public to make observation/representation on the proposed transmission system within two months from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undermentioned in writing. For further particulars and clarifications please contact:  
Name: Dhuryyoti Chaliha (Vice President)  
Office Address: House No-02, Bishnu Path, Ghoramara Chariali, Guwahati Assam-781028  
Email Address: [dhuryyoti.chaliha@techno.co.in](mailto:dhuryyoti.chaliha@techno.co.in)  
Phone No.: 8011187572

**POWER TRANSMISSION LIMITED**

Gurugram

**Mr. Dinesh Parakh,**  
Director, NERES - XVI  
[Name and designation of the authorized signatory]



# Aim for higher production: Goyal to steel industry

PRESS TUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said the target of achieving 500 million tonnes (MT) of steel production is a 'sub-optimal' one and the industry should aim for a higher target amid increasing per capita consumption of the metal in the country. The minister was delivering his keynote address at the 6th edition of Steel India 2025 event, hosted jointly by the Ministry of Steel and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ficci), which started on Thursday.

'Clearly 500 million tonnes (of steel production) is a sub-optimal target. We should, I think aspire at least to go up to the level of our nearest competitor. And why can we not aspire to be the world's largest manufacturer of steel by 2047,' Goyal exhorted the industry.



Union Minister Piyush Goyal

FILE PHOTO

Referring to the steel industry as the 'backbone' of the country's economy, the minister emphasised the crucial role of steel in the nation's journey toward becoming a developed and prosperous country.

Steel is an essential component in nearly every sector of life, be it shipping, ship-building, railways, defence, automobiles, infrastructure across the country, it is there in every walk of life,' he said.

The minister also urged for continued growth and innovation, questioning if the country should be satisfied with its current status.

He emphasised the need for collective action within the steel sector to further elevate India's position on the global stage. Stressing the potential for expanding steel's use in new sectors, particularly in the construction of prefabricated buildings,

he pointed out that many developed nations have adopted precast prefabricated building structures and suggested that India should consider introducing such practices, especially in urban areas.

While acknowledging that prefabricated buildings may initially be more expensive, Goyal proposed that the steel industry invest in research and development (R and D) to minimise the cost differences.

# India could grow at 6.5 per cent in FY26: EY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Indian economy could grow at 6.5 per cent in the current fiscal as lower prices of crude oil are expected to ease inflationary pressure and support domestic growth, despite intensifying global trade tensions, EY said on Friday.

The 'EY Economy Watch' report for April identifies four key interlinked effects which would have a bearing on India's growth - reduced exports, global slowdown, falling crude oil prices, and the impact of global excess production capacities. 'With suitable fiscal and monetary policies, India may be able to sustain a real GDP growth at about 6.5 per cent in FY26 as also in the medium term, while maintaining a CPI inflation below 4 per cent.'

'We also expect global crude prices to remain in the range of \$ 60-65/bbl in FY26, which may be to India's advantage,' EY India Chief Policy Advisor D K Srivastava said.

It said exports may slow due to higher tariffs and weakening global demand, but the overall GDP impact may be limited, given the subdued role of net exports in India's recent growth experience. Global slowdown may constrain growth worldwide, but India's relatively strong fiscal space and monetary flexibility provide scope for calibrated stimulus.

Excess production capacities in major exporting nations could lead to dumping risks, requiring India to consider targeted anti-dumping measures.

Falling crude oil prices dropping from \$ 75/bbl in early April to \$ 65/bbl by mid-month, and remaining within an expected range of \$ 60-65 during FY26, is expected to support domestic growth while easing inflationary pressures. 'India's response to these global disruptions must be strategic and multi-pronged. We see the potential for India to emerge relatively stronger, provided it continues to manage its macroeconomic fundamentals well through a growth-oriented fiscal policy and accommodative monetary stance,' Srivastava said.

EY Economy Watch suggests that India's short-term strategy could include switching part of its crude oil imports to the US thereby improving trade balance and lowering its reciprocal tariff rate.

A comprehensive bilateral trade agreement, expected by September-October 2025, could further enhance trade stability with the US.

From a medium to long-term perspective, the EY Economy Watch underscores the importance of accelerating reforms in land and labour, investing in education, skilling and emerging technologies like AI and GenAI, and expanding PLI coverage. The EY report also recommends that India should deepen trade ties with the UK, EU, and select regional partners.

'With proactive macroeconomic management and external sector realignment, India appears well-positioned to maintain growth momentum despite global headwinds,' the report said.

EY's India growth projections for 2025-26 are within the range of 6.2-6.7 per cent projected by global agencies.

The economy is estimated to have grown at 6.5 per cent in the last fiscal (2024-25). The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank project growth to be 6.2 per cent and 6.3 per cent, respectively in FY26

While the RBI and S&P Global Ratings project FY26 growth at 6.5 per cent, the OECD and Fitch Ratings forecast GDP expansion at 6.4 per cent amid the ongoing tariff war and uncertainty over the US trade policy.

On April 2, US President Donald Trump had announced reciprocal tariffs or taxes on imports from other countries to match the duties levied by those countries on imports from the US.

On April 9, the US administration authorised a 90-day pause on the implementation of most reciprocal tariffs, reverting to a universal rate of 10 per cent on almost all targeted countries, while raising tariffs on most goods from China to 145 per cent. On April 16, the US further hiked tariffs on exports from China to 245 per cent.

# Maruti Suzuki Q4 net profit dips 1 per cent

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Auto major Maruti Suzuki India on Friday said its consolidated net profit declined by 1 per cent year-on-year to ₹3,911 crore in the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2025, on account of higher expenses.

The company's largest carmaker reported a net profit of ₹3,952 crore in the January-March quarter of FY24.

Total revenue increased to ₹40,920 crore in the March quarter last fiscal as compared with ₹38,471 crore in the year-ago period, Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said in a regulatory filing.

The company said its total expenses during the fourth quarter rose to ₹37,585 crore against ₹34,624 crore in Q4 FY24, an increase of 8.5 per cent.

On a standalone basis, the company said its net profit declined to ₹3,711 crore as compared with ₹3,878 crore in the same

# Government notifies rules for GST Appellate Tribunals

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The government has notified the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, which provide for mandatory e-filing of applications and conducting hearings in a hybrid mode.

The rules also provide that any urgent matter filed by an applicant before 12:00 noon shall be listed before the Appellate Tribunal on the following working day, if the application is complete in all respects.

In exceptional cases, the application may be received after 12:00 noon but before 3:00 pm for listing on the following day, with the specific permission of the Appellate Tribunal or President.

The benches of GSTAT, a crucial body for resolving GST-related disputes, would sit from 10:30 am to 01:30 pm and from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, subject to any order made by the President.

The administrative offices of the Appellate Tribunal will remain open on all working days from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, according to the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 2025.

In May last year, the government had appointed Justice (Retd) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as the first President of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT).

Mishra was a former Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court and selected by a Search-cum-Selection Committee headed by the Chief Justice of India.

The GSTAT is the Appellate Authority established under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, to hear various appeals under the said Act and the respective State/Union Territories GST Acts against the orders of the first appellate authority. It consists of a principal bench and various state benches. As per the approval of the GST Council, the government has notified the Principal Bench, to be located in New Delhi, and 31 state benches at various locations across the country. The process for the appointment of judicial members and technical members is already in progress.

The tribunal will ensure swift, fair, judicious and effective resolution to GST disputes, besides significantly reducing the burden on higher courts.

The establishment of the GSTAT would further enhance the effectiveness of the GST system in India and foster a more transparent and efficient tax environment in the country.

Senior Partner at AMRG & Associates, Rajat Mohan, said, with a total of 11 Chapters, 70 Rules, and 4 Statutory Forms, this legal framework covers the full procedural and administrative lifecycle of GSTAT appeals.

# UK's carbon storage project HyNet gets green light

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The UK government has given green light to a major carbon storage project, where Essar Energy Transition (EET) will play an anchor role, EET said on Friday.

The North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) has granted Eni three carbon storage permits for the Liverpool Bay CCS, a CO2 transportation and storage system designed to support the HyNet industrial cluster. It will capture CO2 from major industrial emitters in north-west England and north Wales. Phase one of HyNet aims to store 109 million tonnes of CO2 in the East Irish Sea, 20 miles off the coast of Liverpool, over the course of 25 years - equivalent to removing 60.1 million cars from the road for a year.

'EET congratulates Eni and the UK Government on achieving financial close on the core carbon transport and storage project of the HyNet Industrial Cluster (the Liverpool Bay CCS). We are delighted that Eni's construction phase will now begin on the infrastructure enabling HyNet; vital to massive reductions in carbon emissions and enabling much needed investment, protecting and growing jobs and industries across North West England and North Wales,' it said in a statement.

EET's Hydrogen Production Plant (HPP1) project is one of the four initial projects that will provide carbon to this infrastructure for permanent storage. HPP1 is expected to be the UK's first large scale low-carbon hydrogen production plant with a capacity of 350 MW and capturing some 600,000 tonnes of CO2 per annum - equivalent to taking 125,000 cars off the road.

EET's Stanlow Manufacturing Complex is located at the heart of HyNet, anchored by the EET Fuels' refinery which is a major offtake and enabler of HPP1.

EET's projects are transforming Stanlow into a world-leading energy transition hub that can capture around 2 million tonnes of carbon from the refinery through its wider decarbonisation programme, which includes electrification and carbon capture, as well as further Hydrogen Production Plant (HPP2) and development of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF).

# Assam CM, Norway discuss areas for future alliance

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Guwahati

Avenues for collaboration between Assam and Norway in sectors ranging from green energy to sustainable aviation fuel were explored in a meeting between Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and the European nation's ambassador to India May-Elin Stener.

Elin Stener had met the Assam chief minister here on Thursday evening during a visit to the state. 'Pleased to have met @NorwayAmbIndia, H.E May-Elin Stener this evening.

We discussed a wide array of issues of common interest — Bio refinery, green ammonia, etc and explored possible collaboration between Norway and Assam in areas of green energy and other emerging sectors,' Sarma said in a social media post..

Another post by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said the discussions focused on areas of mutual interest such as bio-refinery, green ammonia and sustainable aviation fuel.

Sarma highlighted Assam's green energy initiatives and explored avenues for future collaboration with Norway.

'HCM also apprised the Envoy of Assam's natural and cultural richness, including its 3 World Heritage Sites, and welcomed her keen interest in visiting Kaziranga National Park,' the CMO added. Ambassador Elin Stener, also in a post on the micro-blogging site expressed interest in future collaborations.

**Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma highlighted Assam's green energy initiatives and explored avenues for future collaboration with Norway**

'Thank you Hon'ble Chief Minister @himantabiswa for the good meeting. We look forward to future discussions in areas of common interest,' Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.

# AP government to adopt AI for better governance

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh government is identifying Artificial Intelligence Champions from 20 state departments during an AI workshop organised in partnership with Wadhvani Centre for Government Digital Transformation (WGDT), official sources said.

The selected departments will cover 80 percent of government operations with Artificial Intelligence and the officials will convert 100-150 Artificial Intelligence projects into Proofs of Concept (PoCs) and scalable solutions.

'Departments will nominate senior officers as Artificial Intelligence Champions, supported by Artificial Intelligence Catalysts,' Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) Secretary Bhaskar Katamaneni said during the workshop's second-day, according to a press release.

These officers will undergo a struc-

tured four-day training programme with support from Wadhvani Centre for Government Digital Transformation and the information technology (IT sector) Department to solve department-specific challenges through Artificial Intelligence.

Inspired by National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), this initiative aims to build a new cadre of Artificial Intelligence-driven leaders within the public administration framework for digital transformation.

Workshops, mentorship sessions, and real-time project development will empower each team, including directors and enthusiastic mid-level officers trained to implement Artificial Intelligence innovations.

This strategic move underlines the state's vision of 'Minimum Government - Maximum Governance' through ethical, efficient, and impactful use of emerging technologies in governance.

# Rupee falls 7 paise, closes at 85.40 per US Dollar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

The rupee pared its initial gains and settled for the day lower by 7 paise at 85.40 against the US dollar on Friday, amid heightened geopolitical tensions and a negative trend in the domestic markets.

Forex traders said escalated geopolitical tensions, following a terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir weighed on market sentiment.

Moreover, a muted trend in domestic equities and positive US dollar index dented investors' sentiment further.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 85.17 and moved between the intra-day high of 85.08 and the low of 85.65 against the greenback. The unit ended the session at 85.40 (provisional), registering a fall of 7 paise over its previous closing level.

On Thursday, the rupee gained 12 paise to close at 85.33 against the USD.

'We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias amid heightened geopolitical tensions and weak tone in the domestic markets. However, persistent FII inflows, overall weakness in the US dollar may prevent a sharp fall in the rupee. \$-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 85 to 85.90,' said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan.

On Tuesday, at least 26 persons — mostly tourists — were killed by terrorists at the Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam in one of the worst terror attacks on civilians in Kashmir in the past many years.

In a stern message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India will identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers who were responsible for the attack in Pahalgam 'beyond their imagination'.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.24 per cent at 99.61.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.66 per cent to \$ 66.11 per barrel in futures trade.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex slumped 588.90 points or 0.74 per cent to 79,212.53, while the Nifty fell 207.35 points or 0.86 per cent to 24,039.35.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought equities worth ₹8,250.53 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

Forex traders said a prospective trade agreement with the US boosts India's strategic edge.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has said he expects India to strike the first bilateral trade deal to avoid President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs.

# Gold prices drop to ₹95,073 per 10 grams

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Gold prices retreated by ₹839 to ₹ 95,073 per 10 grams in futures trade on Friday as the US dollar strengthened amid a potential de-escalation of the US-China trade war.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold contracts for June delivery dropped by ₹839 or 0.87 per cent to ₹95,073 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 18,007 lots.

In addition, the August contract of the precious metal dipped ₹760 or 0.79 per cent to trade at ₹95,858 per 10 grams on the bourse.

Analysts attributed the fall in gold prices to weak global cues.

On the global front, gold futures slipped by \$ 40.26 or 1.20 per cent to \$ 3,308.34 per ounce in New York.

'Gold prices are under pressure as the US dollar strengthens on hopes of progress in US-China trade talks,' Abans Financial Services' Chief Executive Officer Chintan Mehta said.

In a notable shift, China is considering exempting some US imports from its steep 125 per cent tariffs and has asked businesses to identify products that could qualify — the strongest indication yet that Beijing is growing increasingly anxious about the economic fallout of the trade war.

This development is easing safe-haven demand for gold as investors anticipate a potential thaw in tensions. If this trend persists, gold may remain on the back foot in



the near term, he said.

On the geopolitical front, escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, creating a volatile environment where investors are looking to hedge against volatility and geopolitical instability.

Mehta further said that attention will turn to the upcoming IMF's meeting this weekend, where any indications of further policy easing or extended global uncertainty could enhance gold's appeal and reinforce safe-haven demand.

According to HDFC Securities' Senior Analyst of Commodities Saamil Gandhi, traders are looking forward to US macro-

economic data, including the Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index and 1-year inflation expectations to be released later in the day. The data release will gauge the strength of the economy and potential future monetary policy decisions by the US Federal Reserve.

Additionally, trade-related comments may have an impact on the overall market direction, Gandhi said.

Meanwhile, gold prices in spot markets in Mumbai dropped by ₹655 to ₹95,631 per 10 grams (99.9 purity). The standard gold (99.5 purity) declined by ₹652 to ₹95,248 per 10 grams.

# Sensex, Nifty fall after India, Pakistan border tensions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined sharply on Friday due to selling in Axis Bank and growing tensions along the Indo-Pak border following the terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir.

Wiping out all early gains, the 30-share BSE barometer tanked 588.90 points or 0.74 per cent to settle at 79,212.53. During the day, it dropped 1,195.62 points or 1.49 per cent to 78,605.81. Falling for the second day, the NSE Nifty tumbled 207.35 points or 0.86 per cent to 24,039.35.

Experts said worries over growing geopolitical tensions after Tuesday's Pahalgam terror attack weighed on market sentiment.

'Investor sentiment turned cautious amid escalating tensions along the Indo-Pak border. Mid and smallcap stocks bore the brunt of the sell-off, driven by their elevated valuations and growing concerns over potential earnings downgrades following a muted start to the earnings season,' Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.



# A Sacred Step

A powerful dance drama that brings the Ramayan to life with grace, strength, and deep emotion, says SAKSHI PRIYA

## CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Ms. Rekha Gupta, the Chief Minister of Delhi, whose presence added prestige to the event and highlighted the cultural significance of the evening. Her support for the arts is well-known and her attendance at this dance drama reflected her dedication to promoting India's rich cultural heritage.

There are moments when art stops being performance and becomes prayer. When the movement of feet, the strength of hands, and the silence between gestures speak louder than words. **Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram**, presented by the Urvashi Dance Music Art & Cultural Society, was one such offering. The dance carried with it the weight of legacy, the fire of devotion, and the strength of truth.

It began in silence — no fanfare. Just the stage slowly lighting up to the sound of a conch, a chant rising through the Kamani Auditorium and the sight of dancers entering barefoot, as if walking into a sacred space. From that very first moment, the performance became an experience. Among the distinguished guests in attendance was Ms Rekha Gupta, the Chief Minister of Delhi, whose presence highlighted the cultural significance of the evening. Directed with remarkable sensitivity by Dr Rekha Mehra, the production traced the arc of the Ramayan from

Ram's birth in Ayodhya to his return as king, through classical dance, dramatic expression and layered symbolism. Guru Ajay Bhatt and Aamrapali Bhandari's choreography respected the epic's soul.

Every movement was chosen with care. Ram's journey began with the celebration of his birth in Ayodhya. The air was alive with movement and colour. But celebration gave way to duty. Ram's departure into vanvaas was a haunting moment, his farewell to Kaushalya staged with restraint, as dancers encircled him like time closing in. The lighting shifted to capture the weight of sacrifice.

The forest scenes were among the most visually captivating. With nothing more than cloth, shadow and body formations, the dancers created rivers, trees, and wild animals. Sita stood tall with presence and dignity, while Lakshman reflected Ram's sense of duty with measured steps.

Then came the heart of the epic — Ravan's entrance. Played with authority and presence, his character carried pride and ego that ultimately led to his fall. The abduction of Sita was staged in stillness: a tight spotlight, the sudden clash of cymbals, and her hands rising in despair.

No cries — only silence, and it was deafening. Hanuman's scenes brought a shift in energy. His entry was spirited and charged, with leaps and spins that filled the stage. The youngest performing alongside the seasoned artists, especially in the search for Sita, held their own with focus and honesty, proving that emotion carries more weight than age or training.

## AND THEN THE WEDDING SEQUENCE

Of all the moments, this stood out as the most poetic. Ram and Sita's swayamvar was staged with dignity. The breaking of Shiva's bow was done through a symbolic gesture — the clap and sudden illumination. But it was what followed that left the audience completely still: the phoolon ki baarish. There were no real flowers, yet one could see them. Each dancer opened their palms to the sky, then turned their hands downward, releasing imaginary petals in slow motion. It was the suggestion that created magic. The hall watched in stillness, as if the gods themselves were blessing the union. The battle between Ram and Ravan was marked by strong choreography, precise and deliberate, reflecting the conflict both within and around. And when Ram returned to Ayodhya, it was the sight of the people lighting lamps, forming the deepmala with their bodies that brought home the meaning of Diwali.

The dialogues were few, spoken with clarity at the right moments — Ram's declaration of duty, Sita's quiet resolve, Hanuman's pledge. The lighting throughout was purposeful — never overpowering, always in line with the mood of each scene. This was the Ramayan performed with clarity, discipline and respect. Dr Mehra and her team brought together talent, tradition and a deep sense of purpose.

## DEVOTION CAPTURED IN EVERY STEP AND MOTION

Every scene, every expression, every beat of the foot was in service of the story, what stayed was the feeling that something timeless had passed before our eyes, an offering of art, devotion and truth that will remain with those who witnessed it.

# Art as a form of Reflection

A moving journey through colour and memory, where quiet forms speak to something deeply human

BY TEAM VIVA

Art, in its purest form, communicates feelings that words cannot capture. Through the play of form, colour, and texture, it creates a space for personal reflection. The exhibition, **Beyond Myth & Metaphor** by Shabir Hussain Santosh and curated with an essay by Archana Khare Ghose, is being held at Shridharani Gallery, New Delhi and is presented by Sanchit Art.

It invites the viewer into a world where myth is not retold but felt. Santosh's paintings do not aim to deliver a heavy narrative; instead, they evoke a deeper feeling, a subtle undercurrent of emotion that emerges through his use of abstract forms. He doesn't seek to tell stories in the traditional sense. Instead, he captures the essence of myth in a way that goes beyond its literal meaning. The figures in his paintings are often soft, undefined, allowing for a sense of fluidity and openness. The colours employed are particularly striking. Warm, earthy reds and glowing yellows are infused with a quiet energy, evoking both the warmth of the earth and the depth of memory.

Standing in front of these paintings, viewers often find themselves captured by the quiet stillness of the artwork. They stare, perhaps searching for a clearer understanding of what the painting is about, but it is precisely this uncertainty that makes the work so compelling. The figures are often incomplete or fragmented, and yet they evoke such a powerful emotional response.

Artist ability to convey such powerful emotions with the simplest of forms speaks volumes about his understanding of the human condition. His work is not about spectacle but about evoking a quiet space for thought and reflection.



EXHIBITION THAT ENCOURAGES SLOWING DOWN AND ALLOWING THE EMOTIONS IN THE PAINTINGS TO TAKE ROOT. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL APRIL 30, 2025. GO SEE IT - NOT TO UNDERSTAND EVERY DETAIL, BUT TO FEEL THE MESSAGE.



# The Rediscovery of a 17th-Century Masterwork

BY TEAM VIVA

Art, in its essence, is an exploration of human emotions, experiences, and ideas. **Caravaggio's Magdalene in Ecstasy** offers a vivid representation of these elements, capturing a raw and sincere moment in a remarkable way. This painting, rediscovered after centuries, provides an intimate view into the depths of Mary Magdalene's emotional state, offering more than just a visual experience, but a deep reflection on penitence and spiritual devotion.

Mary Magdalene in Ecstasy (1606), 40.75 in × 36 in, showcases the artist's masterful use of chiaroscuro — the dramatic contrast between light and shadow — which imbues the painting with both realism and emotional intensity. Roberto Longhi, a key researcher of Caravaggio, noted that the subject was interpreted in a unique and innovative manner, with Caravaggio placing the figure in a diagonal position that draws the viewer into the 17th century.

The rediscovery of this painting is a remarkable event in the art world. Mina Gregori, an expert in Caravaggio's work, recalled the emotional experience she had when first encountering the painting, describing how it felt like an act of devotion. This painting is not only significant for its artistic merit but also for its historical value in understanding the role of images and faith during the Counter-Reformation period.

One of the most notable aspects of Magdalene in Ecstasy is the rendering of the hands. Caravaggio's attention to detail in these hands, with their vivid colours and naturalistic depiction, is considered one of the defining elements of the original painting. These hands, full of tension, convey a deep sense of emotion that goes beyond technique, showing the artist's ability to bring life into his work. The face of Magdalene is another focal point of the painting. The careful blending of light



and shadow on her face gives it an inner mobility, which, in turn, heightens the emotive impact of the piece. Caravaggio's treatment of the eyes, especially the tears, merging the emotional depth of the subject with the natural world around her. The striking red hair of Magdalene, cascading over her shoulder, is depicted with equal intensity.

Caravaggio's use of light to highlight this feature contributes to the painting's dramatic effect, and the folds of her red cloak, executed with bold, vigorous brushstrokes, further emphasise the dynamic tension within the composition. The cross and skull, symbols of death and devotion, are placed strategically in



## HISTORIC BAROQUE MASTERPIECE

In an exciting cultural milestone, **Magdalene in Ecstasy** will be unveiled in New Delhi as part of a historic exhibition. The Cultural Centre of the Italian Embassy, in partnership with The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, proudly announces the arrival of Caravaggio's masterpiece in Delhi on the occasion of the visit of Italian Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani and Minister for University and Research Anna Maria Bernini. The exhibition will be opened to the public at KNMA Saket till May 18, 2025. The rediscovery of this work is a powerful reminder of the timeless nature of Caravaggio's art. His ability to capture the essence of human emotion, through light, shadow, and form, continues to resonate with modern viewers, offering them a glimpse into the complexities of the human soul.

the painting to prompt reflection. The positioning of these elements invites the viewer to contemplate not only the life of Magdalene but also the broader themes of redemption and eternal life.

The crown of thorns, situated above Magdalene, speaks to her sacrifice and connection to the suffering of Christ, urging viewers to meditate on the spiritual significance of her actions.

Through his masterful technique and vivid portrayal of the human experience, he conveys not only the visual appearance of his subjects but also their internal emotional state. In **Magdalene in Ecstasy**, every brushstroke carries the weight of human struggle, spirituality, and devotion.



