PM Modi, HM Shah to lead BJP's high stakes Kerala push ahead of Assembly polls

Thiruvananthapuram, With the campaign for the April 9 Assembly elections entering its decisive phase, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP is preparing an all out offensive in Kerala, deploying its top national leadership in a bid to script a historic breakthrough.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and other senior leaders comprising various Chief Ministers are set to descend on the state, underscoring the party's determination to open its account in the 140 member Assembly.

According to party sources, PM Modi will undertake two whirlwind tours across key districts, addressing rallies and energising cadres.

The BJP's campaign blueprint focusses on high visibility outreach in politically significant regions such as Kasargod, Palakkad, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Thrissur.

The party draws confidence from its recent electoral gains, most notably

actor-turned-politician Suresh Gopi's emphatic victory in the Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency, where he secured a margin exceeding 70,000 votes.

This was followed by the BJP wresting control of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation in the December local body polls another first in a state where it has traditionally struggled for space. Yet, the numbers present a mixed picture. While the BJP polled 15.64 per cent vote share in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, it saw a marginal dip to 14.71 per cent in the 2025 local body polls.

Despite this, the party remains upbeat, pointing to its second place finishes in nine constituencies in the 2021 Assembly elections as evidence of growing traction.

State BJP president Rajeev Chandrasekhar has expressed confidence that the party will not only break its long standing electoral barrier but also secure multiple seats in the upcoming Assembly.

However, challenges persist. Kerala's unique demographic composition where minorities, including Muslims and Christians, account for around 42 per cent of the population remains a critical factor.

Party strategists acknowledge that sustained outreach to community leaders will be crucial as national figures step up engagement in the days ahead. As the campaign intensifies, the BJP's high voltage push signals a determined attempt to convert incremental gains into a historic electoral foothold in Kerala.

Family, locals protest after youth beaten to death in Bihar's Danapur

Patna, Local residents and family members of a young man, identified as Bittu, staged a protest on Friday to seek justice a day after he was allegedly beaten to death by a group of youths in Danapur police station area of Patna. Speaking to the media, the victim's mother, said, "Please get us justice. Whatever wrong has been done with my child, (for that) we want that at least two arrests should be made by the police. Only then will we move from here otherwise not. What wrong had my child done that he was beaten so brutally with bricks? "

Seeking justice for her son, she alleged that 20 to 25 boys attacked him. "They had attacked him from behind. The MP from here is Ram Kripal Yadav, please call him here. We want justice for my son," she said. Meanwhile, police have recovered bricks

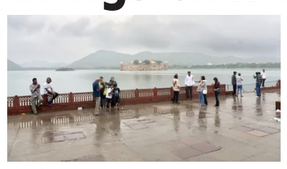
and iron rods from the crime scene. Confirming the incident, SHO Prashant Kumar Bhardwaj, said, "We had received information about a youth being attacked. Upon arrival the police found that the youth, Bittu Kumar, was beaten up my some miscreants. We immediately took him to the hospital where he died during treatment. Forensic experts have been called and we are questioning his family members. Only after that we will know the exact reason for the attack. CCTV footage of the area is also been examined." During the protest, the youth's mother further said, "We don't have any doubt, it is there in the CCTV footage. The authorities will identify (the attackers) based on that. They are only asking us to move from here. Why should we move? I have raised my son for 25 years. Shouldn't the authorities give me my right (to seek justice)?" "My younger daughter was about to get married in April. We had made all the payments. The miscreants also snatched money from my son. He was hit with the butt of the gun on his head," she said. Her daughter added, "Footage was taken yesterday night but so far no one has been arrested." Reiterating the mother's demand for justice, the youth's maternal grandmother, said, "I didn't have a son so I raised my grandson like one." His mother alleged that the administration have called female police personnel to remove them from the protest site.

Weather department issues yellow alert as rain brings chill to Rajasthan

Jaipur, As rain continued to lash the desert state for the last two days, the Meteorological Department on Friday issued a yellow alert in parts of the state, including Jaipur, Dholpur, Alwar and other places and warned of strong winds and lightning.

The MeT department said that a western disturbance has brought heavy rainfall to several districts in the morning, including Jaipur.

This continuous rain and hailstorms for the third consecutive day have brought back a chill reminiscent of February. Officials said that a minimum temperature of 11.1 degrees Celsius was recorded in Sirohi in the last 24 hours,



while the maximum temperature was recorded at 36.4 degrees. Tonk Vanasthali, Alwar and Alwar received two cm of rainfall.

Earlier on Thursday, stormy rain and hailstorms caused daytime temperatures across Rajasthan to plummet by up to 11 degrees, with Barmer and Alwar each recording over 10 mm of rainfall. Hailstorms have also caused crop damage in Tonk and Dholpur, while dense fog in Sri Ganganagar reduced visibility to under 10 metres.

The MeT Department said that light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunder was recorded across various parts of the state.

The highest rainfall was recorded in 25 mm, which was logged in Nokha (Bikaner), while the maximum temperatures in most regions fell 2 to 8 degrees below normal. Radheshyam Sharma, Director, Jaipur Meteorological Centre, said, "The primary impact of the Western Disturbance is expected to continue in parts of the Bharatpur and Jaipur divisions in North-Eastern Rajasthan.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No. 1 Plot No. B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604.

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Kausarbanu Sharifkhan Pathan & Sahavezkhan Sharifkhan Pathan & Sharifkhan Rasulkhan Pathan- LBSUR00005646544 & LBVLD00005262047 & LBVLD00004870160	Plot No.16 And 17, Green Park-4, Nizamuddin Nagar, Near Rolytechnic College, R.S. No.280/2 Paiki, Bhagdawada, Kosamba Road, Near New Masjid, Valsad- 396001/ March 17, 2026	October 13, 2025 Rs. 36,53,532.25/-	Valsad
2.	Mesiya Vijaybhai & Mesiya Ajaybhai- TBAND00006617701	Flat No. 507, Fifth Floor, Sath Landmark, Plot No. A/1 & A/2, Revenue Survey No. 2891/1, F.p. No. 287 Paikee, T.p. Scheme No. 1, City Survey Ward No. 4, City Survey No. 2168, Chalta No. 225, Sheet No. 19, Village: Kakarkhad Party, Tal.: Nadiad & Dist.: Kheda / March 18,2026	October 10, 2025 Rs. 38,76,832/-	Anand

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: March 21, 2026
Place: Valsad & Ahmedabad & Kheda

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Cong leaders appreciating PM Modi's foreign policy is welcome change: BJP on Tharoor's West Asia remark

New Delhi, BJP National Spokesperson C. R. Kesavan on Friday praised Congress MP Shashi Tharoor for his remarks on India's position in the ongoing West Asia conflict, calling it a welcome shift in the Opposition's stance.

Reacting to Tharoor's comments, Kesavan said, "Senior Congress leaders appreciating the balanced and nuanced foreign policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the current global conflict is indeed a welcome change compared to Rahul Gandhi's endless criticism of the government."

Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party MP, Rajeev Kumar Rai struck a cautious note, distancing his party from the Congress' internal differences. "It's an internal matter of the Congress. Let the Congress see and comment. The Samajwadi Party plays the role of a positive Opposition and stays within the bounds of discipline," he said.

Speaking on the West Asia conflict and Tharoor's remark, Bihar Minister Shravan Kumar said, "This is not just a matter of discussion in Parliament; similar discussions are also important in the Vidhan Sabha... When discussions take place, significant issues can be resolved, leading to the progress of the state and the country..."

The reactions come after Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Thursday described India's stance on the West Asia

conflict as an example of "responsible statecraft" rather than a "moral surrender."

In an article published in the Indian Express, Tharoor suggested that India could have issued condolences on the death of Iran's Supreme Leader, as it had done earlier when the country's president died in a helicopter crash. However, he added, "But I will not condemn the government for choosing silence over confrontation."

Tharoor's remarks stand in contrast to several leaders within the Congress party who have criticised the government's relatively muted response to the conflict, which escalated following US-Israeli airstrikes on Iran on February 28. His statement has triggered a political debate, drawing rare appreciation from the BJP while also exposing differences within the Congress on foreign policy. Observers note that the episode reflects a broader discussion on how India balances strategic restraint with diplomatic messaging in a volatile region.

Preserving culture is our responsibility, not charity: Assam CM

Guwahati, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday said that preserving the state's cultural and religious traditions remains a key priority of the government, asserting that supporting such practices is a "responsibility" rather than an act of charity.

In a post on X, CM Sarma mentioned that Assam's cultural identity is deeply rooted in its festivals, prayers and the people who keep these traditions alive.

"Our culture is not a slogan. It lives in our festivals, our prayers and our people," he wrote, adding that standing with communities that uphold these traditions is a duty the government has consistently fulfilled. Highlighting specific initiatives, the Chief Minister said the state government has extended financial assistance to various religious and cultural groups across Assam.

According to him, an amount of Rs 25,000 is being provided to every Raas Committee to support the celebration of Raas festivals, which hold deep cultural and spiritual significance in the state. Additionally, over 8,000 Puja Committees are receiving financial aid of Rs 10,000 each to facilitate the smooth conduct of religious festivities.

The government has also ensured a monthly support of Rs 1,500 for 620 Udasin Bhakats, recognising their role in preserving spiritual traditions and community practices.

CM Sarma reiterated that the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government in Assam remains committed to safeguarding and promoting the state's rich cultural heritage.

"Our Culture, Our Traditions, Our Responsibility," he said, emphasising that such initiatives will continue in the coming years.

From jail, ISI looks to Sajid Mir to drive 'Karachi Project', unified command push

New Delhi, With the terror infrastructure largely in tatters, Pakistan is likely to bring back Sajid Mir to fix the problem. Mir, who played a major role in executing the Mumbai 26/11 attacks, was handed over charge of Pakistan's ambitious 'Karachi Project'. Mir's existence was always denied by Pakistan. However, to get out of the Grey List of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), he was detained by Pakistan in 2022 and sentenced to 15 years in jail by a Lahore court.

Although he remains in jail, he has been told to oversee some important projects that the ISI wants to implement.

An Intelligence Bureau official said that he is currently in charge of reviving the Lashkar-e-Taiba's Muridke camp, which was destroyed during Operation Sindoor. Prior to his arrest, he lived at the Ganda Nala lane in Lahore. There are Intelligence inputs suggesting that Mir gets many visitors. These visits are all linked with the revival of the Lashkar-e-Taiba and other terror groups. The ISI did not want to use Mir for any of its operations immediately. However, the process to revive the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad, which faced immense losses during Operation Sindoor, has been harder than Pakistan expected. The ISI had even decided that operations by these two terror groups, and also the Hizbul Mujahideen, would be carried out under a unified command. An official said that when all these terror groups have one common

goal, and that is the destruction of India and the Kashmir issue, the ISI must have felt that it was a good idea to have these groups operate unitedly. Who better for the ISI than Sajid Mir to oversee the structural changes in these terror groups, which the ISI wants to implement. Inputs suggest that the ISI has directed Mir to coordinate from jail. For Mir, coordinating operations from jail is no big task. He has access, and there are many times that he has been allowed to leave jail and meet with operatives covertly, another official said.

When India sought his extradition in 2020 in connection with the Mumbai 26/11 attacks, Pakistan had long denied his existence, with shifting claims about his status. Pakistan said that he was dead. However, the Pakistanis brought him back to life in 2022 to lower the heat it was facing from the FATF.

Pakistan also floated a rumour that Mir had been poisoned, but Indian agencies can confirm that the news is false. The official added that roping Mir in to oversee these changes and shape the revival also fits perfectly into the larger plan of undertaking the Karachi Project.

If Mir is able to get these terror groups under one command and ensure they're seamlessly functioning, then implementing the Karachi Project becomes easier. Another official said that reaching out to Mir is a risky move, but Pakistan is ready to take it. It is Mir's experience and expertise, coupled with the fact that he is highly respected in terror circles, that led the ISI to take such a risk.

Owing to free access, he can summon anyone to jail and hand out instructions and also implement the plan.

The Karachi Project is an ambitious one which involves carrying out terror attacks at multiple locations in India. The project has been in the making for many years now. The first time the project was being discussed in Pakistan was when the Indian Mujahideen was very active. However, with the collapse of the Indian Mujahideen, work on the project also slowed down.

The idea was to have a strong homegrown terror network carry out attacks in India. For the attacks from Pakistan, the ISI had roped in the Lashkar-e-Taiba to undertake this project. Officials say that if Hizbul Mujahideen, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba are able to work together, then this project would become much stronger.

Another aspect is the homegrown terror network. The ISI has been working on nurturing a homegrown network in various parts of India.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table.
Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
1).Parmar Kamleshbhai Premjibhai, **Present & Permanent Address :- 432/35, Laxmanrao Bajirao ni chali,Opp.Vivekanand Mills, Rakhiyal Road, Rakhial, Ahmedabad-380023** **Also :-1.2).Parmar Kamleshbhai Premjibhai,** **Property Address :-Block No.E/2, Flat No.303,Swapna Sakar Residency,Opp.Lambha Lake,Behind Lambha Temple,Near Indira Nagar-1, Lambha, Ahmedabad-382405… Borrower No.1** **2).Premjibhai Dahyabhai Parmar,** **Present & Permanent Address :-432/35, Laxmanrao Bajirao ni chali,Opp.Vivekanand Mills, Rakhiyal Road, Rakhial, Ahmedabad-380023** **Also :-2.2). Premjibhai Dahyabhai Parmar,** **Property Address :-Block No.E/2, Flat No.303, Swapna Sakar Residency,Opp.Lambha Lake,Behind Lambha Temple,Near Indira Nagar-1, Lambha, Ahmedabad-382405** **Loan Account No. SHLHAHEA0001428** **Encumbranches.Not known.** **Date of Possession & Type** **27-12-2025, Physical Possession** **Encumbranches known** **Not Known**	Rs. 19,62,918/- (Rupees Ninteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Only) as on dated. 06/05/2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHAHEA0001428 with further interest and other costs, charges and expenses. 13(2) demand notice dated.12.05.2025	Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Only) **Bid Increment:** Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)** Rs.60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand Only) **Last date for submission of EMD : 11th April 2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.**	**13-APR-2026** **Auction Time: 11 AM to 1 PM.**	**Ashfaq Patka 9819415477** **Debjyoti Roy 9874702021** **Dharmendrasinh Chauhan-76007 62777** **Property Inspection date- 25.03.2026**

Description of Property

Description of Secured Asset : All that right, title and interest of Property Being Flat No. 303, in block No. E-2,having super built up area admeasuring about 85 Sq.Yards i.e.71.07 Sq.Mtrs. built up area and 35 Sq. Yards construction area in the scheme "SWAPNA SAKAR RESIDENCY", constructed on Non-Agriculture land bearing survey No. 651, situate, being and lying at mouje : Lambha, Taluka : Daskroi, in the Registration District Ahmedabad & Sub District of Ahmedabad-11(Aslali.) Boundaries of the property:- East : Stair, West : Common Area, North : Open Terrace, South : Open Terrace

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
1). Rahul Ramchandra Sharma **Present Address :- 45, Shri Gomtipur Patel Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd, Gomtipur Gate, Gomtipur, Ahmedabad–380021** **Also :-1.2). Rahul Ramchandra Sharma** **Property Address :- Flat No. E-2-44, 4th Floor, Shaan-3, Opposite Devam Residency, Near Siddhi Heights, Bhagawat Villa, Vatva, Ahmedabad–382440** **2). Rajkanya Ramchandra Sharma** **Present Address :- 45, Shri Gomtipur Patel Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd, Gomtipur Gate, Gomtipur, Ahmedabad–380021** **Also :- 2.2). Rajkanya Ramchandra Sharma** **Property Address :- Flat No. E-2-44, 4th Floor, Shaan-3, Opposite Devam Residency, Near Siddhi Heights, Bhagawat Villa, Vatva, Ahmedabad–382440** **3). Rameshkumar Ramchandra Sharma** **Present Address :- 7/1, Saraswatinagar Part-2, Near Satya Residency, Near Ranip, Ahmedabad–380007** **Also :- 3.2). Rameshkumar Ramchandra Sharma** **Property Address :- Flat No. E-2-44, 4th Floor, Shaan-3, Opposite Devam Residency, Near Siddhi Heights, Bhagawat Villa, Vatva, Ahmedabad–382440** **Loan Account No. SHLHAHMD0002734** **Date of Possession & Type** **21.11.2025, Symbolic Possession** **Encumbranches known** **Not Known**	Rs.28,41,359/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only) as on dated.09/09/2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHAHMD0002734 with further interest and other costs, charges and expenses. 13(2) demand notice dated.11.09.2025	Rs.28,72,000/-(Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Seventy two Thousand Only) **Bid Increment:** Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)** Rs.2,87,200/-(Rupees Two Lakh Eighty seven thousand Two Hundred Only) **Last date for submission of EMD : 25th April 2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.**	**27-APR-2026** **Auction Time: 11 AM to 1 PM.**	**Ashfaq Patka 9819415477** **Debjyoti Roy 9874702021** **Dharmendrasinh Chauhan-76007 62777** **Property Inspection date- 15.04.2026**

Description of Property

Description of Secured Asset : All that right, title and interest of Property bearing Flat No. 44 on the 4th floor of Block No. E/2 in the residential scheme "Shaan-3", constructed on non-agricultural land bearing Survey/Block Nos. 1410/1 and 1410/2, under T.P. Scheme No. 128, Final Plot No. 337, with a carpet area of approximately 62.62 square meters and an undivided share of 25.15 square meters in the land, situated at Mouje Vatva, Taluka Vatva, within the Registration District of Ahmedabad and Sub-District Ahmedabad-11 (Aslali);
Boundaries of the property, North : Flat No.E-1/43 South : Flat No.E-2/41, East : Block No.D, West : Flat No.E-2/43

1) **For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.**
2) **The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.**
3) **The mortgagors/borrowers are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest before auction, failing which secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.**
4) **The mortgagors/borrowers are requested to collect your all remaining movable items within period of 7 days without damages of the property. If you fail to take movable assets, then it would be deemed that you have no claim and no interest in taking back such items. In case you still prefer to ignore this notice, we shall be constrained to treat them as unclaimed and waste materials and shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever to such articles and also may sell all movable Items and adjust the amount against outstanding dues of your loan account. It will be also deemed that you have no claim and interest in taking back such items and also have no objection, if such items are disposed-off or sold by us as items are having negligible substantial value. Also note that by not taking the items within specified time, you will also relinquish any right or claim over such items in future.**
5) **NB: Please note that the secured creditor is going to issue the sale notice to all the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors by speed/ registered post. In case the same is not received by any of the parties, then this publication of sale notice may be treated as a substituted mode of service.**

Place : Ahmedabad
Date : 21-03-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited
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