India and Vietnam build a bond with the Dragon in mind, but beyond China



In Tam Giáo — Vietnam's syncretic moral tradition blending Confucian order, Buddhist balance and Taoist harmony — the ideal society is one in which different forces do not clash, but find their proper place. India and Vietnam, two civilisations shaped by invasion, ideology and geography, are rediscovering such harmony in geopolitics. The visit of Vietnamese President Tô Lâm to India marks an effort to deepen a relationship embedded in common ground against an assertive China and the reorientation of supply-chain risks. The timing is telling. Asia's strategic orchestra is increasingly dominated by a single booming instrument: China. Though both countries remain deeply entwined with it economically, an assertive Beijing is forcing a rebalance, both strategic and commercial. This is especially acute in access to critical minerals. The logic of deeper India-Vietnam ties is thus less about opposition than insulation. In Tam Giáo terms, this is balance, not confrontation. Enhanced strategic partnership - During the visit, bilateral ties were elevated to an "Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership". Diplomatic adjectives are often dismissed as inflationary. This one is not. India reserves such terminology for a small circle of partners, and Vietnam's inclusion reflects the steady deepening of ties. The upgrade places Vietnam beyond being an ASEAN partner and positions it as a durable pillar of India's Indo-Pacific strategy. Vietnam, in turn, sees India as a stabilising power — large enough to matter, but historically disinclined to dominate. That asymmetry of comfort is rare in Asian geopolitics, and valuable. Defence has quietly become the spine of the relationship. India has trained Vietnamese submarine crews and shared expertise in coastal surveillance. During this visit, India extended a robust $500m defence credit line to procure 12 fast patrol vessels, submarine batteries and upgrades for naval ships. Talks are at an advanced stage to supply Vietnam with BrahMos missiles — a likely mega-deal worth $700m. The Indian side confirmed that discussions on BrahMos are under way. President Tô Lâm's visit is likely to push the relationship decisively beyond training and capacity-building towards hardware and deterrence.

Vietnam's interest in the battle-proven system is practical: the BrahMos missile offers credible sea-denial capability. For India, the sale would mark a turning point: its most consequential defence export to date, and proof that it can supply frontline systems, not just patrol boats and radars.

Financing has been the principal hurdle. Vietnam is now working to close that gap through sovereign funding and credit arrangements. Should the deal proceed, it would anchor a broader defence-industrial relationship. Maritime convergence in the Indo-Pacific - Vietnam's decision to join India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative gives this cooperation a multilateral spine. The initiative is deliberately modular, allowing partners to cooperate on maritime security, connectivity, ecology or disaster response without subscribing to a rigid alliance structure. Vietnam's participation lends the initiative credibility in South-East Asia, where strategic autonomy remains sacrosanct.

The maritime logic is simple. Vietnam sits astride some of the world's most contested sea lanes; India commands the approaches to the Indian Ocean. Cooperation between the two shortens warning times, broadens maritime domain awareness and complicates the calculations of any power-seeking unilateral control.

Trade: ambition catching up with geography

Strategic warmth has not yet been matched by economic scale, but the gap is narrowing. India and Vietnam announced a target to expand bilateral trade to $25bn by 2030. The goal is ambitious, but not fanciful. Two-way trade currently stands at around $14-15bn, and has doubled in a decade. Vietnam is now among India's top trading partners in ASEAN. However, India is looking to revisit its ASEAN free-trade agreement, perceived as skewed in ASEAN's favour, with India's trade deficit with the bloc ballooning to $40bn in 2023. With a new, more equitable trade deal expected by the end of 2026, India's trade with Vietnam could indeed match those ambitious numbers. Complementarities are evident in trade composition. India exports pharmaceuticals, petroleum, steel, machinery, cotton yarn and IT services. Vietnam sends electronics, mobile phones, machinery, chemicals and agricultural products. Investment flows remain modest — Indian cumulative investment in Vietnam is roughly $2bn, while Vietnamese investment in India is smaller — but both governments treat this as a lagging indicator rather than a structural constraint.

The visit produced deliberately practical outcomes. India granted market access for Vietnamese durians, a politically sensitive export for Hanoi. Vietnam opened its market to Indian grapes by easing phytosanitary barriers. Such measures rarely command headlines, but they are the connective tissue of sustained trade growth. Vietnam is also synchronising India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with its own digital payments system, a move that will streamline transactions for the many Indians flocking to Vietnam — a major tourist destination, with 292,500 visitors in 2024 and numbers likely to grow as direct flights expand and middle-class travel surges. This digital bridge not only foreshadows deeper commercial integration, turning tourism into a gateway for broader economic flows. Rare earths and critical minerals - The most consequential pillar of the relationship may lie underground. Vietnam holds some of the world's largest rare-earth reserves, second only to China by some estimates. India, meanwhile, is developing processing capability, scientific expertise and a pressing need to diversify supply chains as rare earths become central to clean energy, electronics and defence systems. Both sides have expressed interest in cooperation across the rare-earth value chain — from exploration and extraction to refining and downstream manufacturing. Beyond rare earths, discussions have included lithium, cobalt, nickel and tungsten, all critical for batteries, aerospace and advanced manufacturing.

Save Turtle Futures



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To raise awareness about turtles and tortoises, their conservation needs, and the serious threats they face, we observe World Turtle Day every year on May 23rd. The day celebrates the beauty, diversity, and vital ecological roles these reptiles play in ecosystems worldwide. More importantly, it serves as a global call to action - urging individuals, organizations, and governments to step up and support conservation efforts.

World Turtle Day was founded in 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue, a California-based non-profit created by Susan Tellem and Marshall Thompson. The organization works to rescue, rehabilitate, and protect turtles and tortoises from abuse, illegal trade, and habitat loss. The day was launched to highlight how human activity, pollution, and environmental hazards have caused sharp declines in their populations. Each year on May 23rd, schools, wildlife rescue centers, zoos, and nature enthusiasts come together to educate communities, share research, and pledge to protect these remarkable animals.

Turtles and tortoises belong to the order Testudines, one of the oldest reptile groups on Earth. They have roamed the planet for over 200 million years - long before snakes, crocodiles, or alligators appeared. They survived the age of dinosaurs and multiple mass extinctions. This ancient lineage makes their conservation not just important, but urgent. If we lose them, we lose a living connection to Earth's deep past.

World Turtle Day also emphasizes the role of scientific research and sustainable habitat management. Many turtle species depend on wetlands - ecosystems that are among the most biodiverse yet most threatened on the planet. Wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests due to drainage, pollution, and development. Protecting species like the European pond turtle Emys orbicularis means protecting the marshes, rivers, and coastal zones that support thousands of other plants and animals too.

Understanding the difference between turtles and tortoises is key to protecting them. While the terms are often used interchangeably, they are distinct animals with different needs. Turtles generally live in water or split time between land and water. They have flatter, streamlined shells and webbed feet or flippers for swimming. Most species live 40-80 years, though sea turtles can live longer. Tortoises are land-dwellers with large, domed shells and sturdy, elephant-like legs. They are herbivores and some species are among the longest-living animals on Earth - with verified lifespans of 150-190 years. Claims of 300 years are myths, but their longevity is still extraordinary.

The size range is equally remarkable. The speckled padloper tortoise measures just 3-4 inches, while the leatherback sea turtle can exceed 7 feet in length and weigh over 2,000 pounds. Turtles inhabit oceans, rivers, and lakes across every continent except Antarctica. Tortoises prefer grasslands, deserts, scrub forests, and tropical islands.

Today, over half of all turtle and tortoise species are threatened with extinction. Habitat destruction, climate change, plastic pollution, illegal pet trade, and fishing bycatch are driving their decline. Because they grow slowly and reproduce late, their populations cannot recover quickly from losses.

World Turtle Day is more than a date on the calendar. It's a reminder that these quiet, ancient creatures have watched continents drift and climates shift, but they may not survive us without help. Each of us can act: cut down on single-use plastics, never purchase wild-caught turtles or tortoises, support wetland and beach conservation, volunteer with rescue groups, and teach children to respect wildlife. When we protect turtles and tortoises, we safeguard oceans, rivers, forests, and grasslands - and all the species that share those habitats. Their slow, steady pace carries a powerful message: conservation cannot wait. The choices we make today will decide whether these living fossils remain for our grandchildren to witness and wonder at. Let World Turtle Day be the start of that commitment. **(B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015)**

When bourbon barrels saved Scotch whisky: The trade twist that tamed Trump



In the chaotic world of US trade policies, where steel, aluminium, and European wine often got all the attention, a quiet, smoky revolution was brewing. The combatants? Not armies, but barrels. The prize? The hearts, minds, and wallets of American Scotch drinkers. And the unlikely heroes? The bourbon manufacturers of Kentucky. The Great Barrel Panic of 2025 - The story of how American bourbon manufacturers saved Scotch whisky from US President Donald Trump's tariffs — ultimately leading to their removal in May 2026 — is a tale of accidental diplomacy, symbiotic capitalism, and a deep appreciation for charred oak barrels. When the Trump administration imposed a 10 per cent tariff on British goods in early 2025, Scotch whisky was caught in the crossfire, causing a 15 per cent drop in exports to the US and costing the industry roughly $4.75 million a week.

But here was the catch that nobody in the White House initially understood: Kentucky bourbon needs Scotland.

For years, bourbon makers (the guys who make your favourite Kentucky straight) and Scotch makers (the guys who make your favourite single malt) have had an inseparable, almost romantic relationship. By law, bourbon must be aged in new, charred oak barrels. Once used, these barrels are useless to a bourbon distiller, but they are pure gold to Scotch distillers, who are importing roughly $265 million worth of them annually. Suddenly, the "America First" policy was creating a problem. The US was making it harder for its bourbon manufacturers to sell their used trash — sorry, precious, flavour-imparting oak barrels — to their biggest customers. The Secret Diplomacy of Whisky - As Scotch producers began to panic, the bourbon producers in Kentucky — led by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States — felt they were walking into a disaster.

Bourbon manufacturers realised their "symbiotic relationship" meant that harming Scotch was essentially shooting themselves in the foot (or, more accurately, in the barrel). They made the case that the tariff was "detrimental to the US economy".

They didn't just lobby; they probably sent a few polite notes to Washington, likely saying, "Sir, if we can't send our used barrels to Scotland, our barns are going to be full of used wood, and nobody wants that." The 'King and Queen' Factor - While bourbon distillers were explaining the finer points of cooperage (the craft of making wooden casks and barrels) to the trade department, a masterstroke—or perhaps just lucky scheduling—happened. British King Charles III and Queen Camilla visited Washington DC from April 27 to 30, 2026.

This visit was marked by typical, theatrical humour. King Charles, taking a polite poke at the American history of "not having a king", joked that if it wasn't for the British, Americans would be speaking French. Trump, in return, joked about how Charles managed to get applause from Democrats, a feat he has rarely achieved.

In a move that probably surprised most people, the President lifted tariffs on Scotch whisky, declaring it a "wonderful honour" for the King. It was a strange, boozy, yet somehow functional synergy. A president who drinks 12 Diet Cokes a day lifted barriers for a drink he doesn't touch. No doubt, it was a massive concession for the Scottish whisky industry, which had seen its US exports decline after being caught in the crossfire of international tariff disputes, but in reality, it was just a way to get Kentucky bourbon barrels back into Scotland. 'Without Even Asking' - Following the King's visit, President Trump announced on Truth Social that he was removing the tariffs. "The King and Queen got me to do something that nobody else was able to do, without hardly even asking!" Trump said. However, the bourbon industry knows the truth: it was their relentless, quiet lobbying that made the 10 per cent tariffs on Scotch whisky vanish. The Kentucky Distillers' Association had championed the removal of these barriers, emphasising that the prosperity of Kentucky's "signature industry" was linked to the ability of Scottish producers to import their used barrels without punitive taxes.

While the King provided the "royal sparkle", the bourbon boys from Kentucky had likely already done all the heavy lifting, making sure the President understood that Kentucky and Scotland should be officially "dealing again". It wasn't about protecting Scotch; it was about protecting the Kentucky jobs that make those barrels.

In the end, it was a "zero-for-zero" deal, where both sides dropped tariffs, allowing Scotch to flow back into the US without a penalty and allowing Kentucky barrels to head across the Atlantic without interruption. So, the next time Americans pour a glass of fine Scotch, they should raise a toast not just to Scotland, but to the Kentucky bourbon distillers who proved that the "special relationship" is actually just a very, very old barrel.

It was they who saved Scotch whisky by making sure America's trash stayed Scotland's treasure. The result? The Scotch flows freely again. And in a world of high stakes, the humble, one-use bourbon barrel proves that second chances — or second fillings — are sometimes the best part of the deal.

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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 Physical 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. Akshay Dahyabhai oad And **2. Pooja Akshay Oad And** **3.Bhavin dahyabhai oad** **All residing at :-4-31, Sai Residency, Nr. By Diva Road Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Gujarat-393001.** **Also at:-B-45, Brij Nagar, Station Road Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Gujarat-393001.** **Also At:-Dhruv Pan Center G-9 , Saryam Complex, Nr. Nityanand Hospital, Ankleshwar, Bharuch-393001.** **Also At-Plot No.B-12, Jay Shree Krishna Nagar, Nr.Modi Nagar, Hansot Ankleshwar Road, Moje Ankleshwar Dist. Bharuch-393001** **Also AT:-J.K.Tower Nr. Navjivan Hospital, Station Road, Ankleshwar , Bharuch-393001.** **LAN:- SHLHBRUH0000335** **Date of Possession & Type** 22.12.2024 & Physical Possession **Encumbranches known** Not Known	Demand Notice Date: 09.07.2024 of Rs. 18,51,531/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One Only) as on 08/07/2024 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHBRUH0000335. with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice	Rs.10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs Only) **Bid Increment:** Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.)** Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) **Last date for submission of EMD :08/06/2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.**	**09-JUNE-2026 & Auction Time: 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.**	**Debjyoti Roy 98797 02021** **Sandeep Mahajan- 99989 44955** **Property inspection Date.27/05/2026, Time.11 AM to 1 PM**

Description of Property

Non-agricultural plot of land in Mauje : Ankleshwar, Bharuch lying being land bearing Survey no. 286, admeasuring 7082.00 Sq. Mts., Survey No.287, admeasuring 8701.00 Sq. Mtrs., Total admeasuring 15783.00 Sq. Mtrs., Knows as " JAY SHRI KRUSHNA NAGAR " Paikki Plot No. B/12, admeasuring 43.30 Sq. Mtrs., Road Land admeasuring 91.00 Sq. Mtrs., at Registration District & Sub-District Ankleshwar -& District Bharuch. Boundaries of the property:- East: By Plot No. A-13 West: By Plot No.B-11 North: By Internal Common Road South: By Plot No. B-9.

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.**

Place : Ankleshwar
Date : 23-05-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited
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