

## *Day Not Far When Himachal Pradesh May Vanish From Country's Map": Top Court*



**New Delhi, August, 4 (UNI):** "The Supreme Court has flagged the ecological imbalance in Himachal Pradesh and cautioned that the entire state may "vanish in thin air" if the situation does not change. Observing that the situation in Himachal Pradesh has gone from bad to worse, the apex court said climate change is having a "visible and alarming impact" on the state. "We want to impress upon the state government and Union of India that earning revenue is not everything. Revenue cannot be earned at the cost of environment and ecology," a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan said. "If things proceed the way they are as on date, the day is not far when the entire state of HP may vanish in thin air from the map of this country. God forbid this doesn't happen," it said. The top court made the observations on July 28 while dealing with a petition against an order of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, which declined to entertain a plea challenging the state's June 2025 notification declaring certain areas as "green area". While refusing to interfere with the high court's order, the apex court said the obvious reason for issuing the notification was to curb construction activities in a particular area. "The situation in the state of Himachal Pradesh has gone from bad to worse. The severe ecological imbalance and other environmental conditions have led to serious natural calamities over a period of years," the bench said. It noted the nature definitely is "annoyed" with the activities that are going on in Himachal Pradesh. "It is not right to blame only nature for the disaster in Himachal Pradesh. Humans, not nature, are responsible for phenomenon such as continuous land sliding of mountains and soil, landslides on roads, collapsing of houses and buildings, subsidence of road etc.," it said. The bench said according to experts and various reports, the major causes of destruction in the state are hydropower projects, four-lane roads, deforestation, multi-storey buildings, etc. It observed that Himachal Pradesh is nestled in the lap of Himalayan mountains and it is important to seek the opinion of geologists, environmental experts and locals before any development project is undertaken there. The bench said taking advantage of the state's natural beauty, the government started constructing four-lane roads to promote it as a tourist destination. "With forests encompassing more than 66

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per cent of the total land area, Himachal Pradesh is renowned for its abundant beauty and greenery. But the danger to this natural richness is growing as a result of human greed and apathy," it said. The bench said unrelenting building, tunnel and road construction, frequently done without sufficient environmental planning, has increased the area's susceptibility to natural disasters and effects of climate change. Stating that Himachal Pradesh is often referred to as the "power state" of India due to its significant hydropower potential, the bench said, "While this form of energy is renewable and low-carbon, large-scale construction of dams, reservoirs, and tunnels comes with considerable environmental costs." It said the state has been witnessing rising average temperatures, shifting snowfall patterns and an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. "These changes threaten not only the environment but also the livelihoods of local communities dependent on farming, horticulture, and eco-tourism deforestation and forest degradation are major concerns," it said. It also flagged forest fires, encroachments, overgrazing and expansion of agricultural and urban areas as contributing factors. The

bench said pace of infrastructure development in the state has intensified in recent years, driven by the twin goals of connectivity and tourism. Projects like four-lane highways, ropeways, tunnels and urban expansions often bypass environmental safeguards, it said. The apex court also said that tourism is a major source of income in Himachal Pradesh but the uncontrolled growth of tourism has strained the state's environment. "If left unchecked, the pressure from tourism could severely undermine the ecological and social fabric of the state," it said. Referring to the peculiarities in the Himalayan region, the bench said there is a need for all the Himalayan states to collate resources and expertise so as to ensure that development plans are cognizant of these challenges. "All that we want to convey today is that it is high time the state of HP pays attention to what we have observed and starts taking necessary action at the earliest in the right direction," it said. The bench said the Centre also owes an obligation to see that ecological imbalance in the state does not get further disturbed and natural calamities do not occur. "Of course much damage has been caused but there is a saying that 'something is better than nothing'," the bench observed, as it directed the apex court registry to register a writ petition in public interest in this regard. "We expect the state to file an appropriate reply explaining whether they have any action plan to meet with the issues we have discussed and what do they propose to do in future," it said. The bench also said the registry shall notify the matter before it after obtaining appropriate order from the Chief Justice of India. It posted the matter for hearing on August 25.

# 'Ask White House': India On US' Nobel Prize Pitch For Donald Trump



**New Delhi / Washington, August, 4 (UNI):** India said the White House should be asked the question of whether President Donald Trump should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in brokering multiple peace deals and ceasefires since his return to power in January. "My view is that it would be better if you direct that question to the White House itself," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told a reporter when asked about the White House's Nobel Peace Prize pitch for Mr Trump. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt on Thursday said Mr Trump should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, claiming that the US President ended several conflicts around the world, including the one between India and Pakistan, since he returned to power in January. Mr Trump has "now ended conflicts between Thailand and Cambodia, Israel and Iran, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India and Pakistan, Serbia and Kosovo and Egypt and Ethiopia", she said at a White House

press briefing. Ms Leavitt said the Republican leader has brokered, on average, about one peace deal or ceasefire per month during his six months in office. "It's well past time that President Trump was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize," she said. The US President has repeatedly claimed that he brokered the ceasefires between India and Pakistan, a charge denied by New Delhi. Tensions between India and Pakistan increased following a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, in which 26 civilians were killed. India, after finding cross-border links to the attack, launched Op-

eration Sindoore on May 7 and struck multiple terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Pakistan then launched a massive missile and drone attack, which was intercepted by the Indian armed forces. In retaliation, Indian forces struck airfields in Pakistan. A ceasefire on May 10 ended the hostilities.

**Trump To Win Nobel Peace Prize?**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last month nominated Donald Trump, who is trying to broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, for the Nobel Peace Prize. In his letter to the Nobel Commit-

tee, which he shared online, Mr Netanyahu said Mr Trump had "demonstrated steadfast and exceptional dedication to promoting peace, security and stability around the world." Islamabad also said in June it would recommend Mr Trump for the prize for his work in helping to resolve a conflict between India and Pakistan. The Nobel Prizes are announced in October each year, but nominations close the previous January. If Mr Trump won the prize, he would become the fifth US president to do so after Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, and Barack Obama.

# J&K Officer, Son Killed, Wife Injured In Reasi Landslide

**Jammu, August, 4 (UND):** A Sub-Divisional Magistrate and his son were killed while his wife and two others were wounded, when a boulder hit the vehicle they were travelling in in Reasi district, police said on Friday. The incident occurred Thursday night in the Salukh Ikhter Nallah area when Rajinder Singh Rana was on his way to his native village, Pattian, from Dharmari, with his family. A large boulder, part of a landslide, struck their vehicle.

killing Rana, a Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service officer, and his son on the spot. The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital, and after primary treatment, the critically injured were referred to the district hospital in Reasi, an official said. Rana, a 2011 batch officer, was posted as the Ramnagar SDM. Earlier in the week, two army men were killed after a boulder fell on an army vehicle in eastern Ladakh. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha offered his con-



dolences to the SDM's family. "Extremely saddened by the landslide incident in Dharmari, Reasi, in which we have lost an outstanding officer, Rajinder Singh, SDM Ramnagar, and his son," he

said on X. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo also expressed grief at the incident. Former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti expressed her shock at the deaths and conveyed her solidarity to the survivors.

# India Opens 8 New Consular Centres in US To Expand Services For Diaspora

**New Delhi, August, 4 (UNI):** India has opened eight new consular centres across the US, significantly expanding the delivery footprint for visa, passport and other services and streamlining them to make them more accessible and efficient for the Indian diaspora in the country. India's Ambassador to the US Vinay Kwatra on Friday virtually inaugurated the new Indian Consular Application Centres (ICAC) in Boston, Columbus, Dallas, Detroit, Edison, Orlando, Raleigh and San Jose. An additional ICAC will soon open in Los Angeles. Starting August 1, 2025, all consular services, including passport, visa, OCI, surrender certificate, life certificate, birth/marriage certificate, police clearance, attestations, and more, will be provided exclusively through VFS Global Centres. The expansion brings the total number of ICACs across the US to 17, making consular services more accessible to Indian and American citizens in the country. Kwatra described this as a "very significant" expansion of the consular services delivery footprint offered by the Embassy of India across the United States, which is home to a nearly five million-strong Indian diaspora. Kwatra said that the expansion un-

derscores Prime Minister Narendra Modi's deep regard for the Indian diaspora, which the Indian leader has described as the "strongest brand ambassador of India" and is at the heart of a strong India-US partnership that is manifested through people-to-people ties between the two societies. "We are confident that these centres will play a crucial role in fostering and continuing a strong relationship with our diaspora, but at the same time also empower our diaspora to engage more deeply between our two countries," Kwatra said. He added that the diaspora plays a significant and crucial role in strengthening and contributing to the India-US relationship. Highlighting the "very strong political engagement between the two countries" in recent months, Kwatra noted PM Modi's visit to Washington in February, visits by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, as well as the visit by US Vice President J D Vance and his family to India in April. Kwatra said these visits have "really deepened not just the discussions, but also the scope and the depth of our partnership." "It is my belief, as has also been stated by the Prime Minister, that

you are a living bridge between our two societies, two countries. You contribute to the development and enrichment of this relationship, as also of the two countries. And I hope that you will continue to play this important and irreplaceable role," he said. India's Consul General in New York, Binaya Pradhan, attended the special inauguration ceremony at the Indian Consular Application Centre in Edison that was attended by Edison Mayor Sam Joshi as well as prominent members of the Indian-American community. Kwatra inaugurated the centres and addressed the diaspora who also joined virtually from across the new centres that have been opened. Head of North America and Caribbean, VFS Global, Amit Kumar Sharma told the gathering in Edison that the agency's focus has been to make "our services more convenient, comfortable and more accessible" and to serve the community better. Noting that the centres will now be open on Saturdays as well, Sharma pointed out, amid applause, that VFS has worked with 70 governments across 150 countries, and this will be the first time that it is going to work for any government on a Saturday. This commitment "reflects the mindset of the

leadership, what they want to achieve," Sharma said. "And they came up with a process that addresses these concerns," Sharma said. He stressed that various services like call centres will be improved and streamlined to ensure enhanced deliveries for the community members. "I am very hopeful that these new expansions will help the community, help the diaspora take these services in a much more efficient way. This is a testament to our commitment as well. We take pride in making these services comfortable, convenient and accessible for people, and we will continue to do that," Sharma said. In addition to the new centres, the Embassy of India is enhancing operational accessibility and service deliveries effective immediately. As part of this, all 17 ICACs will operate six days a week, including Saturdays, offering flexibility for applicants to access these consular services without causing disruption to their work schedule during weekdays. To further streamline access, a number of miscellaneous consular and attestation services will be provided through the application centres, which Kwatra said will add to the convenience and administrative efficiency of the delivery of consular services in the US.



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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 M/s 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 in e-auction on 05.09.2025 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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/<br>Co-Borrowers/<br>Guarantors/Mortgagers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Amount of<br>Recovery and date<br>of Demand Notice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Reserve Price (Rs.)<br>& Bid Increment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Date &<br>Time of<br>Auction                                     | Contact Person<br>Details – (AO and<br>Disposal team)                                                                                   |
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| <b>1. MR. JAMBARAPU NANDU</b><br><b>2. MRS. JAMBARAPU KALAVATHI</b><br><b>Both are R/O 3, 81/4 MAIN ROAD NEAR</b><br><b>SADANANDAM HOTEL WARDHANNAPET</b><br><b>WARANGAL TELANGANA INDIA 506313.</b><br><br><b>Loan Account No. SHLHWRNG0001231</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>DEMAND NOTICE</b><br><b>08-02-2025</b><br><br>Rs. 25,38,249/- (Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred And Forty Nine Only) the amount mentioned in the 13(2) demand notice you all are hereby called upon to repay in full and discharge your liabilities to Tru home finance Ltd, as on 28-02-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHWRNG0001231 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. | Rs.24,00,000/- (Twenty Four Lakhs Only)<br><br><b>Bid Increment:</b> Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples.<br><br><b>Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)</b><br><br>Rs. 24,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs forty Thousand Only)<br><br><b>Last date for submission of EMD</b><br><b>:4th Sep, 2025</b><br><b>Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.</b>                                                     | <b>05 Sep, 2025</b><br><br><b>Time : 11.00 P.M. to 1.00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mr. SATISH &amp; Anjibabu</b><br><b>9849225412(M)</b><br><b>&amp;9966365296</b><br><br><b>Inspection Date:</b><br><b>03-Sep-2025</b> |
| <b>Description of Property</b><br><br>All that the House and open land in municipal house no 16-11-300/1, plot no 442 of fort Warangal revenue village, khila Warangal mandal, to an extent of 290.00 sq.yards or 174.74 sq.mtrs situated in chital, Warangal district within limits of greater Warangal municipal corporation and with the limits of registration district of Warangal and sub district Warangal fort and bounded by: EAST : Plot no 3, WEST : Plot of B Sudha Rani, SOUTH : House of O.Jampalah & Allam Bakkalah, NORTH : 40 feet road. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                         |
| Name of Borrowers/<br>Co-Borrowers/<br>Guarantors/Mortgagers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Amount of<br>Recovery and date<br>of Demand Notice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Reserve Price (Rs.)<br>& Bid Increment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Date &<br>Time of<br>Auction                                     | Contact Person<br>Details – (AO and<br>Disposal team)                                                                                   |
| <b>MRS.YADAMMA CHILAGANI &amp; MR. NARESH KUMAR CHILAGANI</b> Both are R/O H NO 2-103/A, VIDHYA NAGAR COLONY, GHANPUR STATION, WARAN, ANGANA, WARANGAL, TELANGANA 506143 Also at H NO 2-103/A BEARING IN S.P. NO. 634/B, AND SITUATED AT GHANPUR STATION G.P AND VILL, GHANPUR STATION MANDAL, JANGAON DIST, WARANGAL, TELANGANA 506143.<br><b>Loan Account No. SLPHWRNG0001042</b><br><b>Loan Account No. SHLHWRNG0001231</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>DEMAND NOTICE</b><br><b>12-01-2024</b><br><br>Rs.29,37414/- (RUPEES TWENTY NINE LAKH THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FOURTEEN ONLY) as on 10-01-2024 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHWRNG0001042 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.                                                                                                                                                          | Rs.38,15,400/- (Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Four Hundreded)<br><b>Bid Increment:</b> Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples.<br><br><b>Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)</b><br><br>Rs. 38,1540/- (Rupees Three lakhs Eighty one Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Only)<br><br><b>Last date for submission of EMD</b><br><b>:4th Sep, 2025</b><br><b>Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.</b> | <b>05 Sep, 2025</b><br><br><b>Time : 11.00 P.M. to 1.00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mr. SATISH &amp; Anjibabu</b><br><b>9849225412(M)</b><br><b>&amp;9966365296</b><br><br><b>Inspection Date:</b><br><b>03-Sep-2025</b> |
| <b>Description of Property</b><br><br>THE PROPERTY ADMEASURING AN EXTENT OF 215-83 S.YDS., (OR) 180.45 SQ. METERS., R.C.C PLINTH AREA 54-66 SQ YRD OR 492 SQ. FTS., H. NO 2-103/A BEARING IN SY.NO. 634/B, AND SITUATED AT GHANPUR STATION G.P AND VILL, GHANPUR STATION MANDAL, JANGAON DIST., WITHIN THE SUB-REGISTRATION GHANPUR STATION, DISTRICT REGISTRATION OF WARANGAL, TELANGANA 506143 Boundaries of the said Property :- East: PLOT OF KAMALLA LINGAIAH, West : 12'-0" FEET WAY, North : PLOT OF RAMESH , South : PLOT OF KAMALLA LINGAIAH.    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.</b><br><b>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: UTI08000230.</b>                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                         |
| Place : Warangal<br>Date : 05-08-2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited<br>(Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                         |