

Equality's Pulse



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India is a source, destination and transit country for women being trafficked for the use of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation. Women's Equality Day is observed annually on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This day highlights the ongoing struggle for gender equality, acknowledging progress while emphasizing the work still needed to achieve true equality. Women are being held in debt bondage and are very vulnerable to forced labor working in rice mills, brick kilns, and agriculture and in embroidery factories. Interestingly, a television debate concluded that divorce rates and women empowerment are directly proportional. Empowered though, women's status has not been any better, thanks to honour killings, call-centre atrocities, female infanticides and you name it. Imagine a world without it! The world of work is changing, and with significant implications for women. On one hand, we have globalization, technological and digital revolution and the opportunities they bring, and on the other hand, the growing informality of labour, unstable livelihoods and incomes, new fiscal and trade policies and environmental impacts-all of which must be addressed in the context of women's economic empowerment.

It has rightly pointed out that "Single means much more than living life your way". It is found that a single woman faces many psychological and emotional hurdles because of the traditional views of society. The class of single women with a new status may be the direct result of the new concept of women's development. One would find that facilities in our country to welcome this new trend are still inadequate and young women will have to be trained for such a possibility. There are many single women who are self-confident and have a

positive self-image. Women prefer to stay single because it gives them the right to live the way they liked and utilize their income the way they wished. In India, a good number of women have begun to remain single and they have valued their independence regarding physical matters and decision making. Our society needs to change, to help the single women to stand on their feet with dignity and pride. The phenomenon of being single either by choice or by circumstances, is a deviation from traditional expectations but both the family as well as the women themselves need to redefine their concept of suitability of a marriage partner. Inter-cast or inter-religious marriages could be encouraged as this would broaden the range of choice of partners. Society should stop exploiting them and respect their right to be happy and independent.

Crimes rates against women are much higher in big cities than in either small cities or rural areas. Time has helplessly watched women suffering in the form of discrimination, oppression, exploitation, degradation, aggression, humiliation. In a country where women and girls are traditionally revered as the Mother and the Goddess, this is simply unacceptable. A society that is unable to respect, protect and nurture its women and children loses its moral moorings and runs adrift. The major lacuna in the laws is that they are not gender neutral. Many women and their family members, therefore, misuse them to settle scores, intimidate and harass the husband and his family. It is not uncommon to project self-inflicted injuries as assault by husbands. Sensitivity training and knowledge of the rights of women and children are another vital need and must be made mandatory for all law enforcement agencies. To increase the reporting of such cases at first we need to empower the women and children. They must be educate on their rights and encourage them to come forward to register the cases. There are many violent cases but due to stigma in the society very few are reported. The problem cannot be solved by the government alone but by a national awakening involving the entire country and civil society. A nationwide campaign is needed to reignite India's core values and traditions that respect and nurture women. Let us honor the progress made toward gender equality while acknowledging the continued efforts needed to create a fair and just society for all. (B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015)

Wholesome Twist: Dark Chocolate Almond Orange Cake



Ahmedabad, This New Year, add a touch of warmth and indulgence to your celebrations with a Dark Chocolate Almond Orange Cake that brings together almond flour, rich dark chocolate, fresh orange zest, and maple syrup. Thoughtfully crafted by Chef Kabita Singh, the recipe strikes a balance between festive flavours and mindful baking. Baked with ghee and eggs, and made using almond flour, the cake delivers a soft, moist crumb with rich chocolate-citrus notes, offering a nourishing yet indulgent end-of-year dessert that is easy to prepare, perfect for sharing, and a modern take on festive baking. Sharing her

perspective on festive eating, Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head- Dietetics, Max Healthcare, says, "Festive food does not have to mean excess or compromise. California Almonds are a natural source of protein, fibre, good fats, vitamin E, and essential minerals, making them a smart addition to festive recipes. They support heart health, help with sustained energy, and promote satiety, which is especially important during the holiday season when indulgence is high. Using almonds in baking allows people to enjoy celebratory foods while still supporting overall nutrition and well-being."

A hemisphere-first strategy: Ten ways America has redrawn its global role in the new NSS



The new U.S. National Security Strategy (NSS) is a wholesale reprogramming of how Washington conceives power, hierarchy, and strategic purpose. For nearly eight decades, every major NSS (Republican and Democrat alike) treated the United States as a system-stabilising actor with global responsibilities, values-based leadership, and forward military commitments designed to prevent regional dominance by "adversaries".

The new NSS departs from this consensus at every structural level. It treats the Western Hemisphere as the gravitational centre of American security, recasts Europe as both a vulnerability and an arena for political intervention, reframes Russia as an adversary to be normalised rather than deterred, and places economic leverage—not democratic alignment—the core of American foreign policy. The result is a strategy that narrows U.S. obligations, expands U.S. commercial assertiveness, and introduces a more hierarchical conception of alliances. Ten takeaways define the magnitude of this shift.

First, the NSS marks a major geographic inversion in American strategy. Earlier NSS documents, from 2002 to 2022, distributed U.S. strategic bandwidth across Europe, the Middle East, and the Indo-Pacific while describing America as a global stabiliser. By contrast, the new NSS elevates the Western Hemisphere to the status of "primary theatre," effectively

reanimating the Monroe Doctrine as the organising principle of U.S. power. This shift directs military redeployment from other regions to Latin America and the Caribbean, making hemispheric control (not global presence) the basis of American security. This reverses three decades of forward-defence logic and signals that U.S. strategic solvency is now understood as consolidation rather than global extension.

Second, the document redefines national security in economic, not military or ideological, terms. Previous strategies balanced military deterrence, alliances, and democratic norms to shape global stability. The new NSS replaces this triad with an economic toolkit centred on tariffs, supply-chain redesign, preferential contracting, and sovereign leverage. Foreign policy is re-anchored in commercial advantage. The U.S. seeks no-bid contracts abroad, emphasises industrial policy as a national-security instrument, and frames diplomatic missions as vehicles to secure American corporate access. Power is now conceptualised less as a function of force posture and more as asymmetric economic dependence.

Third, the NSS introduces an unprecedented model of political intervention inside Europe. Earlier U.S. strategies treated Europe as a co-equal pillar of the liberal order, emphasising cohesion, institutional deepening, and shared democratic values. The new NSS reverses that

logic. It depicts Europe as a continent weakened by migration, demographic decline, and institutional sclerosis, and directs the United States to "cultivate resistance" within European nations. This is the first time an NSS has authorised shaping political outcomes inside allied democracies. In doctrinal terms, it shifts the U.S. role from stabilising partner to corrective external actor—an extraordinary departure from NATO's foundational norms of sovereign equality. Fourth, the document reframes Russia from a revisionist threat to a system that can be stabilised. Every NSS since 2001 has identified Russia as a strategic adversary requiring long-term deterrence and persistent capability development. The new strategy abandons this posture. It calls for an "expeditious cessation of hostilities" in Ukraine to restore "strategic stability" with Moscow, signalling that the U.S. priority is risk containment, not adversary degradation. This reflects a belief that Russia's behaviour

is malleable through diplomatic sequencing—an assumption sharply at odds with European frontline assessments of Russia's mobilisation, industrial expansion, and long-horizon confrontation planning.

Fifth, Ukraine is repositioned from a strategic anchor of European security to a conflict Washington seeks to close. Previous NSS documents emphasised Ukraine's sovereignty, deterrence reinforcement, and integration into European structures as components of long-term stability. The new NSS focuses instead on conflict termination, reconstruction, and the diplomatic conditions of a settlement. Absent is any articulation of the force-development, deterrence, or institutional guarantees required to prevent renewed aggression. The U.S. objective becomes closure, which represents a major divergence from European expectations of Ukraine as a permanent

component of Europe's security perimeter.

Sixth, the Indo-Pacific section reveals a shift from values-based justification to economic rationalisation. Earlier strategies defined Taiwan's importance in terms of democracy, rule-of-law credibility, and Indo-Pacific balance. The new NSS highlights Taiwan's significance primarily through semiconductors, maritime infrastructure, and supply-chain exposure. Deterrence is preserved but reframed around economic disruption rather than ideological stakes. This signals a broader doctrinal move away from democratic identity as a binding element of American security commitments.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale NOTICE OF 30 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION 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 listed immovable properties ("Secured Assets") mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as SMHFC) ("Secured Creditor"), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till date of realization, due to SMHFC Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) LAN	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price : Earnest Money Deposit :	Date & Time of E-Auction	Date of EMD Submission
1.	Lan No. - 614139211582249 1. Durgesh Paswan S/o. Shyamji Paswan 2. Aarti Devi Durgesh Paswan	All That Piece And Parcel Of Non- Agriculture Property In Mauje: Village Dadhal, Bharuch Lying Being Land Bearing R.S. / Block No. 123, Old R.S. No. 9-1, Admeasuring 22539.00 Sq. Mtrs., Known As "Rameshwar Park" Plot No. 192, Admeasuring 63.52 Sq. Mtrs., Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 43.70 Sq. Mtrs., And Common Plot Admeasuring 11.93 Sq. Mtrs., Total Land Area Admeasuring 119.15 Sq. Mtrs., At Registration District & Sub District Ankleshwar District Bharuch, & Bounded As East: Plot No.193, West: 7.5 Mtrs Internal Road, North: Plot No. 191, South: 9 Mtrs Internal Road.	Rs. 14,80,000/- Rs. 1,48,000/-	05.02.2026 at 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM	04.02.2026
2.	Lan No. - 617239211859944 1. Mukesh Janti Parmar 2. Taraben Mukeshbhai Parmar 3. Kishoribhai Jentibhai Zala	Timbavadi R. S. No.143/1, Plot No.13 & 14 Paiki, Sub Plot No.11 To 15 (7), Land Area 51.42 Sq. Mtr. Takshshila Society, Anandnagar, Nr. Takhteshwar Mahadev Temple, Off. Junagadh Bypass Road, At Timbavadi, Ta And Dist Junagadh. 362015 Owner Name: Mukesh Janti Parmar Bounded As East : Adj. 6.00 Mtr. Road, West: Adj. Other's Property Land Of R. S. No.21, North: Sub Plot No.11 To 15 (8), South: Sub Plot No.11 To 15 (6)	Rs. 11,70,000/- Rs. 1,17,000/-	05.02.2026 at 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM	04.02.2026
3.	Lan No. - 600239211452286 1. Mahesh Mishri Yadav 2. Gunja Yadav	The Property Bearing Plot No.175 Admeasuring 53.33 Sq. Yard I.e. 44.59 Sq. Mts.(As Per Passing Plan Admeasuring 44.65 Sq.Mts) In "Krishna Residency" Situated At Block No.49 Totally Admeasuring 3-31-84 Sq.Mts, Of Moje Village Atodara, Ta: Oplad, Dist: Surat Bounded As East: Plot No.202, West: Road, North: Plot No.174, South: Plot No.176.	Rs. 12,60,000/- Rs. 1,26,000/-	05.02.2026 at 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM	04.02.2026

Details terms and conditions of the sale are as below and the details are also provided in our/secured creditor's website at the following link website address (<https://BidDeal.in> and <https://www.grishashakti.com/pdf/E-Auction.pdf>) The Intending Bidders can also contact : Dhaval Surati, on his Mob. No. 9328899989, E-mail : Dhaval.Surati@grishashakti.com, and Mr. Niloy Dey, on his Mob. 8655619157, E-mail : Niloy.Dey@grishashakti.com
Place : Bharuch, Junagadh, Surat, Gujarat
Date : 24.12.2025

Sd/-
Authorized Officer,
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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) Kalim Aabid Shaikh, And (2) Rubina banu Kalim Shaikh All Having address at : -C4.63, Old C type, GIDC, Gunjan Pardi, Vapi-396195 Also at:- @ Kalim Electric Works C4.63, Old C type, GIDC, Gunjan Pardi, Vapi-396195 Also at:- Flat No. 107, 1st Floor, Lotus Apartment, Chharwada Road, Nr. St Xavier School, Chharwada,Pardi, Vapi-396191. LAN:- SHLHVAPI0000280 Date of Possession & Type 11.10.2025 and Physical Possession Encumbrances known Not known	Demand Notice Date: 11.04.2025 Rs. 10,32,415/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen only) as on 09/04/2025 under reference of loan account no. SHLHVAPI0000280 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt	Rs. 5,60,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs. 56,000/- (Rupees Fifty Six Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 12th January, 2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m	13-JAN-2026 Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 p.m.	Dehviyoti Roy 98747 02021 Sandip Mahajan 99989 44955 Property inspection Date.06.01.2026, Time.11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property
All that a place and parcel of the immovable property being Residential Flat NO. 107, admeasuring about 731.00 sq.ft. equivalent to 67.91 sq.mtrs., Super Built-up area, lying and located on the 1st FLOOR of the building known as "LOTUS APARTMENT", constructed on the plot no. 73 admeasuring about 167.45 square meters, Plot no. 74 admeasuring about 167.45 square meters, Plot no. 75 admeasuring about 167.45 square meters, Plot no. 76 admeasuring about 167.45 square meters, totally admeasuring about 689.08 Square meters, bearing computerized Survey No. 161/41 having its New Survey No. 1089, of N.A. land bearing Survey No. 161 admeasuring about 32,881.00 sq.mtrs., Situated at VILLAGE- CHHARWADA, TALUKA- VAPI, DISTRICT- VALSAD, Gujarat State. And it is Bounded as Under:-
Boundaries (As per Documents) :- North : By O.T.S., South : By Flat No. 106., East : By Passage & Flat no.108. West : By O.T.S.

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) ANILBHAI A MAHATRE, And (2) SARLABEN ANILBHAI MAHATRE All Having address at : -Row House -4,Keshav Darshan, Kosamba Road,Bhagwada,Valsad, Gujarat-396001. Also at:-A401,Shree Ram Residency, Desaiwad, Kosamba,Valsad,Gujarat-396001. Also At:-@Anil Garments Row House -4,Keshav Darshan,Kosamba Road,Bhagwada,Valsad, Gujarat-396001. Also At:-Flat No.401,4th Floor,Building No.A, Shree Ram Residency, Near Mahendra Store,Kosamba Road,Mouje Kosamba Dist.Valsad,Gujarat-396001. LAN:- SLPHVAPI0000219 Date of Possession & Type 14.09.2025 and Physical Possession Encumbrances known Not known	Demand Notice Date: 15.01.2025 Rs. 16,63,292/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 09/01/2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHVAPI0000219 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice	Rs. 11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees One lakh Ten Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 12th January, 2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m	13-JAN-2026 Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 p.m.	Dehviyoti Roy 98747 02021 Sandip Mahajan 99989 44955 Property inspection Date.06.01.2026, Time.11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property
All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Flat No. A/401 admeasuring about 1050.00 Square Feets Le. 97.58 Square Meters, Super builtup area, lying and located on the 4 Floor of the "A building known "SHREERAM RESIDENCY" Constructed on Plot No 10 bearing Serial No. 45/2/10 admeasuring about 500.00 Square Meters, of N.A and bearing Bock/Survey No 45/2 admeasuring about 16596.00 Square Meters, Situated at Village Kosamba, Taluka Valsad, District Valsad Gujarat State. Boundaries of the property: -East:- By Open Space of Balcony. West:- By Common Passage after Flat No.406 North:- By Open Space of Balcony South:- By Flat No.402

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) Please note that the secured creditor is going to issue the sale notice to all the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagers 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 : Valsad
Date : 27-12-2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
Branch Address : PLOT NO 28, B & C GROUND FLOOR, HOUSE NO 2/2805/C, NEAR GOLDEN PLAZA MARKET, RING ROAD, SURAT, GUJARAT 395003
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Whereas, the authorized officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd., issued Sale notice(s) calling upon the borrower to clear the dues in gold loan availed by her. The borrower had failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the underigned will conduct online auction of the gold ornaments strictly on "As is What is Basis" & "Whatever there is Basis" & "Without recourse Basis". The auction will be conducted online through <https://egold.auctiontiger.net> on 02/01/2026 from 12.00 pm to 03:00 pm for the borrower MR. HIRPARA MITUL PARSOTTAMBHAI account number 0306653000000566.
Please contact Auction Tiger on 6352632523 for more information

Branch Manager
The South Indian Bank Ltd.