

Leaf to life

The world produces enough tea for each person on the planet to drink a cup a day. That is a remarkable outcome for what was once an obscure shrub growing wild in the Himalayan foothills of Yunnan. Early favour is attributed to Shennong, the legendary Chinese ruler from the first millennium BCE, who catalogued medicinal herbs and postulated that tea clears the mind and lightens the body. In a world replete with digital distraction and weight-loss potions, this age-old elixir feels contemporary. Tea's popularity was not inevitable. It gained scale around 1000 CE during the Song dynasty when productivity improvements in rice cultivation freed land and labour. Tea emerged as a State-sanctioned alternative crop. Over the next thousand years, this Himalayan herb did more than refresh drinkers. It shaped history. By the eighteenth century, tea had become the core business of the East India Company. Revenues from the China tea trade underwrote the Company's expansion and financed the consolidation of British power in India. The venture became more lucrative when Bengal and Bihar, already under Company administration, were redirected toward opium cultivation, with exports to China used to settle the trade for tea. Around the same time, tea was planted commercially in Assam following trials at the Botanical Gardens in Calcutta. Early plantations relied on a smuggled Chinese variety, *Camellia sinensis*, before shifting to the native *Camellia assamica*, which had long grown wild in the region. While tea entrenched imperial power across Asia, it fuelled revolt in America. A tax triggered the Boston Tea Party and set America on the road to independence. The red and white stripes of the American flag echo the East India Company's banner and, centuries later, the modern Tea Party incorporated the language of protest and taxation into contemporary conservative politics. Tea transformed business by innovating formats across operations, marketing and organisation. Its long-distance trade turned logistics into a competitive advantage, and the race to land fresh cargo drove the development of the clipper, a ship built for commerce.

Why Indian Navy must safeguard Oman's maritime interests



MUSCAT, OMAN—Omanis were happy with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to their country. Oman is peaceful and prides itself on both its moderation and its prioritisation of diplomacy above all else. Radicalism is rare. In a region blighted by war and instability, Oman relishes its neutrality. Still, Modi's visit to Sultan Haitham affirmed a relationship between the two countries and added depth to a relationship which Omanis see best fits their moderate worldview.

Tying Oman to India makes sense. While rhetorical promises accompany all visits, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement was a real achievement; Oman is now one of the free countries to enjoy free trade agreements with both India and the United States. The agreement is symbiotic. Oman has resources, space, and industrial and technological know-how; India has both plus human capital. As free trade zones at Salalah and Sohar and the Special Economic Zone at Duqm grow, the space is ripe for Indian investment and manpower.

Oman's traditional moderation is also a net positive. Too often, labour camps in Qatar and Saudi Arabia become engines for radicalisation; Oman's moderation and prioritisation of a more educated labour force lessen the ultimate security risk posed by the return of radicalised workers upon the expiration of their contracts. Simply put, Modi's meeting with Sultan Haitham already pays dividends.

Still, India could do more. It is easy to sign memorandums of understanding; it is harder to infuse them with substance. Trade requires security, and while India and Oman can flourish together, they both face common threats.

To protect its economy, India must be the major military power in the Indian Ocean Basin, if not beyond. China already contests India's role, but China's danger goes far beyond both India and the traditional military. Every Indian Ocean littoral state faces a threat from the Chinese fishing fleet. While, in

theory, Chinese fishermen remain outside Oman's territorial waters and exclusive economic zone, in reality, they often violate Omani waters at night. Whereas Oman prioritises sustainable fishing, Chinese boats destroy the marine ecosystem of the Gulf of Oman and Arabian Sea. Chinese fishing is round the clock. Fishing boats remain permanently on station, transferring their industrial-scale catch to motherships to freeze and transport.

Nor is Oman the only country that suffers from Chinese rapaciousness: Somaliland, Yemen, Kenya, and Mozambique all complain about Chinese actions. So too do the Indian Ocean island nations. China operates best in the shadows; if the Indian Navy shadowed the Chinese fishing fleet, monitoring its catch and preventing its incursions into Oman's territorial waters, China would be hard-pressed to steal. Filming overfishing with drones or video cameras would undermine Chinese influence without a shot being fired; China likes to promise and promote itself, but when the populations of Indian Ocean basin countries see the reality of Chinese behaviour, the Indian model will gain traction.

India might further augment its influence by extending coast guard partnerships to Oman and Yemen. Both countries have huge coastlines and lack the capacity to fully patrol them. Weapons smugglers take advantage of gaps; this in turn threatens freedom of navigation as Houthis use their weaponry to target shipping. India's assertiveness is even more important as the United States retrenches due to both economic and ideological reasons. Centuries of shared legacy and cultural exchange prime the Oman-India relationship to be a bedrock for 21st-century security. But free trade depends not only on treaties and agreements. While India embraces a world order based on the rule of law, such order depends on friendly militaries asserting power to prevent vacuuming revisionist states like China can fill. There are no shortcuts.

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Trump's message to Europe, Western Hemisphere: Fall in line or fall out

The encounter left me shaken. I had never seen anything like it in the Oval Office. As I found myself thrust into the Trump orbit, I once again was having flashbacks to my earlier career as a prosecutor against the mob. The silent circle of assent. The boss in complete control.

— James Comey, former FBI director, A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership (2018)

In his tell-all book, James Comey, fired by Donald Trump in May 2017 for mishandling the Hillary Clinton email probe, recalls the White House encounter with the president and his then-chief of staff, Reince Priebus, on February 14, the same year.

According to a New York Times report, the real reason for Comey's sacking was his refusal to shut down the FBI's investigation into former NSA Michael Flynn.

"I need loyalty," Trump told Comey in an earlier conversation at the White House in January.

"To my mind, the demand was like Sammy The Bull's [Gravano, the Gambino Family underboss who rattled against his boss, John Gotti, to the FBI] Cosa Nostra induction ceremony—with Trump in the role of the family boss, asking me if I have what it takes to be a 'made man,'" Comey writes. Trump has often been compared to the late Gotti, the Teflon Don, who mostly escaped conviction as witnesses turned hostile due to intimidation.

Brash, reckless, intimidating and retributive—both "Dons" share similar traits and disregard for the law. Mark Pomerantz, one of the prosecutors in the tax fraud case against Trump, compares him to Gotti in his book *The People vs Donald Trump: An Inside Account* (2023).

"He [Trump] demanded absolute loyalty and would go after anyone who crossed him. He seemed always to stay one step ahead of the law. In my career as a lawyer, I had encountered only one other person who touched all of these bases: John Gotti, the head of the Gambino organised crime family," Pomerantz writes.

And a vengeful Trump went after Comey in his second term. Comey was indicted in September on charges of making a false statement to Congress and obstructing a congressional proceeding. However, the case was dismissed in November.

The New Don of Europe During his third presidential campaign, Trump made it clear he would be on "Mission Retribution" if re-elected.

Democrats and Trump critics feared Trump would shatter conventions, abuse power, target rivals, break laws and have scant regard for the world's oldest democracy.

Those fears have come true—but now, Trump's Mafia boss-like tactics, resembling those of a ruthless enforcer under the guise of 'America First' policy, guide his foreign policy.

Even in the first term, Trump jolted the world by withdrawing from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the



Paris Agreement. The biggest shocker was in 2019 when it was reported that Trump considered withdrawing from Nato several times in private in 2018. In July 2018, he told his top security officials that the alliance was a liability. In December 2024, he said he might quit Nato due to low defence expenditure by US allies. Consequently, Congress approved a measure that prevents a president from unilaterally withdrawing the US from NATO without congressional approval.

However, Trump had his way in pressuring Nato allies in June to commit to spending five per cent of their GDP on defence over the next 10 years—3.5 per cent on procurement, paying personnel and operation costs and 1.5 per cent on Ukraine aid, cyber security and transport infrastructure refurbishment.

Now, the Pentagon has given a 2027 deadline to Nato allies to either take over the majority of the bloc's conventional defence capabilities or the US might not participate in some defence coordination mechanisms. Trump has also threatened to disrupt transatlantic ties by publicly siding with Russia, berating European allies and questioning their democracies.

Trump's sudden anti-Europe stance started in February.

First, vice-president JD Vance blasted European democracies at the Munich Security Conference by saying that the continent faced the biggest danger "from within", not from Russia and China. He alleged that America's European allies, including the UK and Germany, ignored voter concerns on migration, suppressed free speech and retreated from "some of its most fundamental values".

German defence minister Boris Pistorius said that "comparing conditions in parts of Europe with those in authoritarian regimes is not acceptable". EU's foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said that Vance was "trying to pick a fight" with Europe.

Second, Trump and Vance publicly hammered Volodymyr Zelenskyy for 10 minutes in front of the media at the White House. Trump, like a typical mob boss, and Vance treated the Ukrainian president like a minion whom they could browbeat into accepting a peace deal tilted heavily towards Russia. "You are gambling with World War III," Trump shouted.

The meeting rang alarm bells across Europe.

"Today, it became clear that the free world needs a new leader. It's up to us, Europeans, to take this

challenge," Kallas said.

Third, Trump's 2025 National Security Strategy (NSS) makes a U-turn from those of his first term and Joe Biden's, which declared China as a long-term threat and Russia an immediate one.

The NSS aims to realign ties with America's European allies by opposing "elite-driven, anti-democratic restrictions on core liberties in Europe". Don Trump wants to take charge of Europe and prevent its "civilizational erasure" and "censorship of free speech and suppression of political opposition".

According to the NSS, the EU and other transnational bodies "undermine political liberty and sovereignty". Europe's migration policies "are transforming the continent and creating strife".

"Should present trends continue, the continent will be unrecognizable in 20 years or less. As such, it is far from obvious whether certain European countries will have economies and militaries strong enough to remain reliable allies."

Trump is on 'Mission Europe'.

"We want Europe to remain European, to regain its civilizational self-confidence and to abandon its failed focus on regulatory suffocation."

The US will support only "genuine democracy, freedom of expression and unapologetic celebrations of

European nations' individual character and history".

In a boost to Europe's far-right parties, like Germany's AfD and France's National Rally, the US wants Europe "to promote the growing influence of patriotic European parties".

In his typical overbearing and brazenly mob-style way, Trump announced a European policy with the following priorities.

• Re-establishing conditions of stability within Europe and strategic stability with Russia.

Trump seeks to control Europe's Russia foreign policy. "Managing European relations with Russia will require significant US diplomatic engagement—both to re-establish conditions of strategic stability across the Eurasian land mass and to mitigate the risk of conflict between Russia and European states. Though Trump is right when he says that Europe has "unrealistic expectations" from the Ukraine War and Nato allies contribute less to defence, he wrongly assumes that European nations are subverting democracy and the desire of their populations to end the war.

FORM No. INC 26
BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
NORTH WESTERN REGION
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 13(4) OF THE COMPANIES
ACT, 2013
AND

In the matter of INNOVEA LOGITECH PRIVATE
LIMITED (CIN U72900GJ2022PTC136258) having its
Registered office at
A/FF/107 Wall Street 2, Opp. Orient Club, near Gujarat
College, Ahmedabad, 380007, Gujarat

.....Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Friday, November 28, 2025, to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from Ahmedabad to Mumbai. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change may deliver either on MCA portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, North Western Region at the address ROC Bhavan, Opp Rupal Park Society, Behind Ankur Bus Stop, Naranpura, Ahmedabad-380013, Gujarat, within 14 days of date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned above.

For and on behalf of the Applicant
Innovea Logitech Private Limited
Sd/-
Jay Deepak Parikh
Director

DIN: 09767465

January 14, 2026
Ahmedabad

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken 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. If 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 Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Amar Chandulal Karania & Chandulal Vidhubhai Karania/ LBMUM0005781067 & LBMUM00005539830	Flat No.60U5, 6th Floor, Bldg No. 02, Paramount Enclave, Village Mahim Station Road, Opp JP International School, Haranwadi Naka Palghar West, Palghar- 401404./ January 12, 2026	March 16, 2023 Rs. 17,05,463.00/-	Pulghar

The above mentioned borrower(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: January 15, 2026
Place: Palghar

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

TRUHOME FINANCE LIMITED (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Ltd.)
Head Office: Level -3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051;
Tel: 1800 102 4345 | Website: <http://www.truhomefinance.in>
Reg.Off.: Srinivasa Tower, 1st Floor, Door No.5, Old No.11, 2nd Lane, Cenatoph Road, Alwarpet, Teynampet, Chennai-600018

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) Satish Baru Ram And (2) Anil Kumar Om Prakash All Having address at :-509, Om Hari Om Residency, Kadodara, Near Balaji Nagar, Varelfi, Kadodara, Surat-394327 Also at:-Flat No.107, 1st Floor, Madhav Residency, Near Mc-Donald, N.H.No.48, Umbhel, Surat-394327. LAN:- SHLHSRAT0001429	Demand Notice Date: 19.02.2025 Rs.6,87,690/- (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Only) as on 07/02/2025 under reference of loan account no. SHLHSRAT0001429 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice	Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only) Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 1st February, 2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m	02-FEB-2026 Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 p.m.	Debjyoti Roy - 98747 02021 Sandeep Mahajan - 99989 44955 Property inspection Date. 21.01.2026, Time:11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property
All right, title and interest in Flat No.107, on 1st Floor, admeasuring 27.26 Sq.Mtrs. built up area & admeasuring 24.30 Sq.Mtrs., Carpet area, together with undivided share admeasuring 6.910 Sq.Mtrs. in underneath land in "MADHAV RESIDENCY", situated & constructed on the land bearing R.S.No.442 & 443, old block no.569/24, 569/25 & 569/26, after re-survey new block no.793, 794 & 795, total admeasuring 356.91 Sq.Mtrs., as per site Sub Plot No.23, alongwith margin land, total admeasuring 454.85 Sq.Mtrs., of Village : Umbhel, Taluka : Kamrej, District : Surat. Boundaries of the property (As per ownership documents):- East :- Adjoining Passage, West :- Adjoining Flat No.106 North :- Adjoining Open Space, South :- Adjoining Passage

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) Gopal K Purohit And (2) Purohit Santoshben Gopalbhai All Having address at :-Flat No. D-403, Everest Co-op.Hsg.Soc.Ltd. Chhiri Road, Nr. Amba Mata Temple, Vapi GIDC, Vapi- 396195 Also at :-Cold Station Shop No. 8, Parishram Complex, Chhiri Road,Opp. Amba Mata Mandir, Vapi GIDC, Vapi- 396191 Also AT:-No.7, Aradhana Society, Modasa Road, Dehgam, Gandhinagar-382305 LAN:- SHLHVAPI0000510	Demand Notice Date: 11.07.2025 Rs. 31,96,617/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen only) as on 09/07/2025 under reference of loan account no. SHLHVAPI0000510 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice	Rs.27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Only) Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.2,70,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 16th February, 2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	17-FEB-2026 Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 p.m.	Debjyoti Roy - 98747 02021 Sandeep Mahajan - 99989 44955 Property inspection Date.20.01.2026, Time:11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment/Flat No. D-403 measuring 1130.00 square feet i.e. 104.98 square meters, super Built-up Area, lying and located on Fourth Floor of "D" building known as 'EVEREST CO. OP. HOUSING SOCIETY LTD.' constructed on N.A. land being Housing Plot No. 368 and 369 admeasuring about 3344.00 Sq. Meters bearing Revenue Survey No. 101/Paikae and 102/Paikae. Situated within limits of Vapi Northern Industrial area, at Village : Chinarwada, Taluka : Vapi, District : Valsad, Gujarat State, India, and the said Flat electricity connection has been availed vide DGVC/ Consumer No. 06116197086 and the said flat registered in the records of notified area, vide Property No. Housing Society 368 369 Flat No. D-403 (Party Code 3639) together with all other rights, title, interest and benefits etc. thereto, which is bounded as follows:- As per document:- East:- By Building No. C. West:- By Flat No. D/402. North:- By Open Space. South:- By Flat No. D/404.

- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.
- 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. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.
- 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.
- 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 : Surat, Vapi-Valsad
Date : 16-01-2026

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

WESTERN RAILWAY - RATLAM DIVISION
Proforma-10.01
INDIAN RAILWAYS
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Ratlam Division of Western Railway that the overhead traction wires will be energized on 25000 Volts AC, 50 Hz, AC on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date, the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

Section	Date
Energization of OHE by 25 kV AC on Newly Constructed Additional common Loop Line in Mangalmahudi Yard from location MAM/1045 (Ch: 46.18) to KM 517A/12 (Ch: 1325.28) between Ratlam - Godhra section of Ratlam Division as regular measures.	20.01.2026

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