

ABVP workers detained after attempt to recite Hanuman Chalisa at Lucknow University

New Delhi, Tension prevailed at Lucknow University on Tuesday after members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), along with activists of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal, attempted to recite the Hanuman Chalisa at the historic Lal Baradari inside the campus.

Police intervened, detained several students, and removed them from the spot.

The protest was sparked by allegations that permission had been granted for offering namaz at Lal Baradari while Hindu students were not allowed to recite the Hanuman Chalisa at the same site. A protester said, "Permission is given to offer namaz here, but permission is not given to recite Hanuman Chalisa here."

Heavy police deployment was made at the university, particularly at Gate No. 3, in view of the protest. Three platoons of Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) and personnel from two local police stations were stationed at the entrance. The police



prevented protesting groups from proceeding further inside the campus.

Members of Bajrang Dal claimed they had gathered to recite the Hanuman Chalisa at Lal Baradari. "We have come here today to recite Hanuman Chalisa at Lal Baradari. Till yesterday it was a dilapidated structure — how did it suddenly become a mosque? Some student groups offered namaz there and some people supported them. Who was attacking them?" a Bajrang Dal activist questioned.

Reacting to the controversy, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said, "The entire

matter is under investigation. We will take care of everything and, under any circumstances, maintain law and order." The incident follows earlier protests on the campus. Earlier on Monday, students affiliated with the Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha (SCS), the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), and the All India Students' Association (AISA) staged a sit-in protest overnight outside Lal Baradari.

They alleged that the university administration had deliberately sealed a mosque inside the historic structure to prevent Muslim students from offering prayers during the holy month of Ramzan.

Traffic restrictions, security tightened for VP Radhakrishnan's visit to Kashmir on Feb 26

Srinagar, Authorities announced traffic restrictions for February 26 in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar city as security was tightened ahead of Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan's visit.

The vice president will be the chief guest at the 21st convocation of the University of Kashmir on Thursday.

Traffic Police Srinagar on Tuesday issued a detailed traffic advisory on February 26 in view of the VVIP visit to the city. Temporary restrictions and diversions have been announced on several key routes. According to the advisory, no motorist will be allowed to ply towards Nishat, Shalimar, Harwan and adjacent areas via Badyari Chowk and Gupkar on Thursday. Similarly, traffic movement from Ram Munshibagh towards Hotel Grand Palace will remain suspended, and vehicles will be diverted towards Dalgate, Sangermal and Ikhwana Chowk for onward movement. Authorities said that no traffic will be allowed on the Dalgate, Khayam, Khanyar, Rainawari, Saidkadal and Hazratbal road stretch during the restriction period. Motorists intending to



travel from Harwan, Shalimar, Nishat, Ganderbal, and adjoining areas towards Lal Chowk have been advised to adopt the Burzahama route via Chandpora, Tailbal, Zakoora, Malbagh, Illahibagh and 90 Feet Road and vice versa. Those travelling from Dalgate, Lal Chowk and nearby areas towards Harwan, Shalimar and Nishat have been directed to use the Sangermal, Ikhwana Chowk, Nowhatta, 90 Feet and Malbagh road route to reach their destinations.

Motorists heading towards Srinagar Airport from Harwan, Shalimar and Nishat will be

permitted to move through Burzahama, Chandpora, Tailbal, Zakoora, Malbagh, Illahibagh and 90 Feet Road. Vehicles travelling from Panthachowk and Pandrethan towards R M Bagh will be allowed via Peaks Motors Nowgam and the Bypass.

Officials said that medical emergency cases will be facilitated after due verification. Citizens requiring assistance may contact the Traffic Police Control Room at 103. Meanwhile, V.K. Virdi, IGP (Kashmir), took a detailed security review meeting pertaining to the VVIP visit.

Hyderabad cops bust pan-India cyber fraud syndicate; arrest 104 fraudsters in 16 states

Hyderabad, In a major crackdown, Hyderabad Police dismantled a pan-India cyber fraud syndicate with the arrest of 104 fraudsters across 16 states.

At least 32 special teams carried out 'Operation Octopus' over a span of 10 days, Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said on Tuesday.

Under the leadership of DCP (Cybercrimes) V. Aravind Babu, the police executed a coordinated operation against cybercrime syndicates operating across the country.

The apprehended individuals are linked to 1,055 cyber fraud cases registered across India, involving a total fraud amount of approximately ₹127 crore, the Commissioner said in a statement.

During the operation, the police seized 204 mobile phones, 141 SIM cards, 152 bank passbooks, 234 debit/credit cards, 26 laptops, 56 corporate/firm stamps and ₹36 lakh cash.

The operation was carried out in Maharashtra, Delhi, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, and Odisha.

The Commissioner noted that in recent times, there has been a surge in cases of victims falling prey to investment scams, trading frauds, and 'Digital Arrest' scams, resulting in the loss of their hard-earned money.

Exploiting the trust of unsuspecting citizens, cyber fraudsters have been draining bank accounts through manipulation, intimidation, and emotional coercion.

Recognising the gravity of the situation, 'Operation Octopus' was designed to deliver a decisive blow to these illegal networks. Following an intensive



investigation into the rise of such frauds, the Cyber Crime Police Station (CCPS), Hyderabad, identified a nexus of 151 bank accounts used to siphon off victims' funds, said Sajjanar.

Through meticulous Intelligence gathering and forensic analysis, 151 bank accounts were identified as conduits for laundering the proceeds of crime. To dismantle this complex network, 32 Special Teams comprising seasoned investigators were constituted. The operation was executed simultaneously across 16 states over a span of 10 days and 104 individuals who played pivotal roles in the execution of the fraud were apprehended.

A Relationship Manager from Bandhan Bank was among those arrested for colluding with fraudsters to facilitate the opening and operation of fraudulent accounts.

'Operation Octopus' is an ongoing initiative, and the investigation is progressing to dismantle the higher echelons of these syndicates.

A clear and unequivocal message is being sent: Anyone found complicit in such crimes — regardless of stature, influence, or role — will not be spared. Every lead will be pursued, and the perpetrators will face the full force of the law.

Any individual supporting cybercriminals, including bank officials, mule account holders, will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law, said the Police Commissioner.

Big relief for Vijayan govt as SC stays HC order, clears way for Nava Kerala Survey

New Delhi, In a significant relief to the Government of Kerala, the Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed the interim order of the Kerala High Court that had halted the state's proposed 'Nava Kerala Survey', allowing the government to proceed with the exercise. New Delhi, Feb 24 (IANS) In a significant relief

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The High Court had last week restrained the survey following petitions filed by leaders of the Kerala Students Union (KSU), who alleged that the data collection drive, undertaken ahead of elections, amounted to a politically motivated exercise funded by public money.

The High Court struck down the controversial 'Nava Kerala Survey', calling it unlawful and questioning how it was funded and executed. The Court had made it clear that there was neither a proper budget allocation nor a financial sanction for the programme. Challenging the High Court's stay, the state government moved an appeal in the Supreme Court.

Appearing for the state, senior advocate Kapil Sibal contended that the government has the authority to assess how effectively welfare schemes are reaching beneficiaries and to collect data for administrative evaluation. Accepting the broad thrust of this argument, the apex court observed that governments are entitled to undertake such surveys to evaluate the impact of schemes on which crores of rupees are spent.

The Bench questioned the basis for halting the exercise, asking what was wrong with gathering information to determine whether welfare programmes were yielding the intended results. It underlined that political criticism of a survey cannot be the sole ground to restrain a state from performing governance functions.

Gaurav Gogoi nominated President of India-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group

New Delhi, Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi has been nominated as the President of the India-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group for the 18th Lok Sabha, officials said on Tuesday.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has constituted Parliamentary Friendship Groups with 64 countries and appointed senior Opposition leaders to head over a dozen of them. Each of these groups have 11 members, including those from the Rajya Sabha.

The communication, issued by the Conference and Protocol Branch of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, stated that a Parliamentary Friendship Group between India and the Philippines has been constituted for the current Lok Sabha term to strengthen parliamentary-level engagement between the two countries.

"In this connection, the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha is pleased to nominate you as the President of the India - Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group," the letter addressed to Gogoi said.

The letter, dated February



23, was issued by L.V. Ramana, Director, Conference and Protocol Branch, Lok Sabha Secretariat, and carries official reference number 35/04/2026/C&P.

Parliamentary Friendship Groups are informal forums formed within Parliament to promote bilateral ties, facilitate dialogue between legislators, and enhance mutual understanding on issues of common interest.

These groups often play a key role in strengthening people-to-people and institutional linkages alongside formal diplomatic engagements.

India and the Philippines

share growing cooperation across multiple sectors, including defence, maritime security, trade, education and cultural exchanges.

Parliamentary-level interaction is seen as an important component in further deepening bilateral relations between the two democracies. The constitution of the India-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group for the 18th Lok Sabha reflects India's continued emphasis on expanding engagement with Southeast Asian nations under its Act East Policy.

As President of the Friendship Group, Gogoi is expected to lead parliamentary interactions, coordinate exchanges with Filipino lawmakers, and contribute to strengthening legislative cooperation between the two countries during the tenure of the current Lok Sabha. Further details regarding the composition of the Friendship Group and its activities are expected to be announced by the Lok Sabha Secretariat in due course.

Centre approves 5,000 PMAY-G houses for rehabilitation of violence-hit internally displaced persons in Manipur

Imphal, Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved the construction of 5,000 new houses for the rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), affected by ethnic violence in Manipur, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), officials said on Tuesday.

An official of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) in Imphal said that Chouhan approved the construction of the houses for IDPs affected by the prolonged law and order crisis for the financial year 2025-26 after a meeting with Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Monday night.

The state's two Deputy Chief Ministers -- Nemcha Kipgen and Losii Dikho -- accompanied the Chief Minister during the meeting with the Union Rural Development Minister at the latter's residence in New Delhi.

The CMO official said that Central Minister Chouhan warmly received the three Manipur leaders and assured them of all possible assistance in their efforts to restore peace and normalcy in the state.



Earlier this month, the Manipur government had submitted a proposal for a special project under PMAY-G for the construction of 5,000 houses for IDPs affected by ethnic violence, he said. Acting on the proposal, the Union Rural Development Ministry also approved a special window of the Awas Plus 2024 household survey to capture details of eligible affected families.

The state government has further been permitted to continue the registration process of eligible beneficiaries under the special PMAY-G project, the official said. However, the Union Rural Development Ministry directed the state government to ensure that beneficiaries under the special project are identified strictly in accordance with PMAY-G guidelines. The identification and uploading of details of eligible beneficiaries must be

completed through the Awas Plus 2024 mobile application. The houses will be constructed as per the provisions laid down in the Framework for Implementation (FFI) of PMAY-G. The state government has also been allowed to sanction houses for eligible beneficiaries under the special project who had earlier received one or more instalments under PMAY-G, but whose houses were destroyed during the ethnic violence that broke out in May 2023.

Chief Minister Khemchand Singh has been in New Delhi since February 21, marking his first visit to the national capital after taking oath as Manipur's new BJP Chief Minister on February 4. On Monday, the Chief Minister met Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jyotiraditya Scindia, who assured that his Ministry would coordinate with other Union Ministries to address key issues concerning Manipur. Khemchand Singh also met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who assured him of all possible assistance to revive the state's financial health and economy.

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PRIVATE TREATY SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY		
A Sale Notice is given for Sale of Immovable Asset through Private Treaty under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s and mortgagor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to The Truhome Finance Limited(Earlier known as Shriram Housing Finance Limited), The Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Truhome Finance Limited(Earlier known as Shriram Housing Finance Limited). Earlier company had issued the sale notice on 17.11.2025 and thereby fixed the e-auction of subject property in question on 19.12.2025. However, the said auction scheduled on 19.12.2025 remained failed due to want of bid. Now person have shown interest in purchasing the schedule mortgaged property. As the schedule mortgaged property could not be sold through e-auction earlier, The Truhome Finance Limited has decided to mortgage property will be sold through Private Treaty on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of balance outstanding amount due to The Truhome Finance Limited(Earlier known as Shriram Housing Finance Limited), from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. The notice is being given to the Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgagor (s) that the aforesaid secured asset shall be sold after 15 day's for the date of the notice on such terms and conditions as mutually agreed between The Truhome Finance Limited and intended purchase.		
Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Secured Debt(As per 13(2) Demand Notice outstanding Amount) 13(2) Notice date 18.06.2025 ----- Rs.44,88,610/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ten Only) as on dated. 05/06/2025 under Reference of Loan Account No. SHLHRAJK0001041	Reserve Price (Rs.) & EMD Amount Reserve Price. Rs.38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh only) EMD Amount. Rs.3,80,000/- (Rs.Three lakh Eighty Thousand Only) Date of Property shall be sold to the proposed purchaser by Private Treaty Date. 16.03.2026 Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team) Ashfaq Patka 9819415477 Dharmendrasinh Chauhan-76007 62777
Date of Possession & Type 28.12.2025 & Physical Possession	Encumbrances known Not known	
Description of Property A Residential Property of Tenement No.H-104 with land area admeasuring 101.10 Sq.Mtrs being part & parcel of Block No.22 at Gujarat Housing Board Developed under the Scheme No.HIG 120 known as "SARITA VIHAR", of Revenue Survey No.180 of Village : Motamava, District : Rajkot. Boundaries of the property :- North : Tenement No.H/105, South : Tenement No.H/103, East : Road, West : Tenement No.H/119 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 borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub- section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. 3) The intending bidders have to submit 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. Place : Rajkot Date : 25-02-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)		

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE				
ICICI Home Finance Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059 Branch Office: 1st Floor, Unit no. 317, Orion Arcade complex, near Inox multiplex, Zhadeshwar, Bharuch- 392001 Branch Office: 3rd Floor, 301, Nakshatra-3, 150 Ft Ring Road, Near Raaya Telephone Exchange, Rajkot- 360007 Branch Office: Unit No. 5 & 6, 1st floor, Shanti Complex, Plot No P-50/1, G.I.D.C. B/H, 21st Century Hospital, Rajkot- 396195				
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited 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 upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Narasi Javarsinh (Borrower), Sunita. (Co-Borrower), Narasi Flat No 411 Vinayak Palace And Vishwa Residency, Kim Kaddara Kosamba Road, At Post Kuvarda Surat Gujarat- 394110 . LHBHR00001367173 .	All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated on Revenue Survey No. 356/2, Block No. 331, Plot No. 1,2,3, 27,28,29, At Vinayak Palace, Opp Takshshila School No 411 Vinayak Palace And Vishwa Residency, Kim Kaddara Kosamba Road, Kuvarda Surat- 394110. Bounded By- North: Passage Flat No.408, South: Adj. Plot No.4, East: Falt No.410, West: Falt No. 410./ Date of Possession- 20-02-2026	11-12-2025 Rs. 4,61,545/-	Bharuch
2.	Toliya Makhabhai (Borrower), Toliya Jayadip (Co-Borrower), Toliya Kankuben (Co-Borrower), Koli Sheri Atkot Atkot Rajkot Gujarat- 360040 LHRAJ00001378195 .	All The Piece And Parcle of The Property/ Residential House Situated At Janidada Pan Street, Nr Layan Ma Mandir, And Radhakrushna Mandir, Off High School Road, Atkot, Old Gamtal, Atkot, Rajkot- 360040. Bounded By- North: House of Bhana Vira, South: House of Kasha Jagabhai, East: Street, West: House of Kishorbhai Madhav Jibhai./ Date of Possession- 19-02-2026	11-12-2025 Rs. 9,21,844/-	Rajkot
3.	Toliya Makhabhai (Borrower), Toliya Jayadip (Co-Borrower), Toliya Kankuben (Co-Borrower), Koli Sheri Atkot Atkot Rajkot Gujarat- 360040 LHRAJ00001378195 .	All The Piece And Parcle of The Property/ Residential House Situated At Janidada Pan Street, Nr Layan Ma Mandir, Off High School Road, Atkot, Old Gamtal, Atkot, Rajkot- 360040. Bounded By- North: House of Bhana Vira, South: House of Kasha Jagabhai, East: Street, West: House of Kishorbhai Madhav Jibhai./ Date of Possession- 19-02-2026	11-12-2025 Rs. 50,325.99/-	Rajkot
4.	Govind Rawal (Borrower), Vishu Rawal (Co-Borrower), Room No-1 Fellowship Mission School Near Hariya Park Vapi Gujarat- 396195. LHVP100001572023.	All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Being Situated on The Dunga New Sr No 2550 2551 2554 2555 2556 2557, Having Residential Flat No. A/403, on The 4th Floor, Magnum Square, Admeasuring 36.45 Square Mtrs., 392.00 Square Feet Carpet Area, Opp Fellowship Mission School, At Dunga, Tal Vapi, Dist Valsad- 396195. Bounded By- North: By Lift, South: By Flat No B -402, East: By Open Land, West: By Flat No A/404./ Date of Possession- 19-02-2026	11-12-2025 Rs. 10,52,663.16/-	Vapi
5.	Govind Rawal (Borrower), Vishu Rawal (Co-Borrower), Room No-1 Fellowship Mission School Near Hariya Park Vapi Gujarat- 396195. LHVP100001572024 .	All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Being Situated on The Dunga New Sr No 2550 2551 2554 2555 2556 2557, Having Residential Flat No. A/403, on The 4th Floor, Magnum Square, Admeasuring 36.45 Square Mtrs., 392.00 Square Feet Carpet Area, Opp Fellowship Mission School, At Dunga, Tal Vapi, Dist Valsad- 396195. Bounded By- North: By Lift, South: By Flat No B -402, East: By Open Land, West: By Flat No A/404./ Date of Possession- 19-02-2026	11-12-2025 Rs. 49,850/-	Vapi
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date : February 25, 2026, Place: Surat, Rajkot, Vapi Authorized Office, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited				