

# Trump kicks off 2024 prez bid with visits to key states

#### **WASHINGTON**

FORMER US President Donald Trump is set to kick off his 2024 White House bid on Saturday with visits to a pair of early voting states, his first campaign events since launching his bid more than two months ago.

Trump will be the keynote speaker at the New Hampshire GOP's annual meeting before travelling to Columbia, South Carolina, where he is set to unveil his leadership team at the Statehouse. The states hold two of the party's first three nominating contests, giving them enormous power in selecting its nominee.

Trump and his allies hope the events will offer a show of force behind the former president after a sluggish start to his campaign that left many questioning his commitment to running again. In recent weeks, his backers have been reaching out to political operatives and elected officials to secure support for Trump's reelection at a critical juncture when other Republicans are preparing their own expected challenges.

"The gun is fired, and the campaign season has started," said Stephen Stepanek, chair of the New Hampshire Republican Party and the co-chair of Trump's 2016 campaign in ing and pummeling Nichols the state.

While Trump remains the only declared 2024 presidential candidate, a host of potential challengers, including Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, former Vice President Mike Pence and former S Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, who served as Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, are widely expected to launch campaigns in the coming months. In South Carolina, Governor Henry Mc-





Demonstrators protest the death of Tyre Nichols on Friday in Memphis | AFP

# Cops struck down Nichols with fists, batons and boots

Video shows officers pummeling & leaving him on footpath propped against squad car

#### **MEMPHIS**

AUTHORITIES released video footage on Friday showing Tyre Nichols being beaten by five Memphis police officers who held the Black motorist down and repeatedly struck him with their fists, boots and batons as he screamed for his mother.

The video is filled with violent moments showing the officers, who are also Black, chasand leaving him on the pavement propped against a squad car as they fist-bump and celebrate their actions.

Protesters gathered for mostly peaceful demonstrations in multiple cities, including Memphis, where several demonstrators blocked the Interstate 55 bridge that carries traffic over the Mississippi River toward Arkansas.

In Washington, protestors gathered in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House and near the Black Lives

Matter Plaza. The lengthy video footage from police body cameras shows a group of officers detaining Nichols, attempting to take him down with the use of a Taser, then giving chase as he evades them. After the first officer roughly pulls Nichols out of a car, Nichols can be heard saying, "I didn't do anything," as a group of officers begins to wrestle him to the ground.

Two officers hold Nichols to the ground as he moves about, and then the third appears to kick him in the head. Nichols slumps more fully onto the pavement with all three officers surrounding him. The same officer kicks him again.

The fourth officer then walks over, draws a baton and holds it up at shoulder level as two officers hold Nichols upright, as if he were sitting.

The video raised questions about the role and possible culpability of the other officers at the scene, in addition to the five who were charged.

The footage shows a number of other officers standing around after the beating.

Memphis Police Director Cerelyn "CJ" Davis has said other officers are under investigation for their part in the arrest. During the traffic stop, the video shows the officers were "already ramped," she said. The officers were "aggressive, loud, using profane language and probably scared Mr. Nichols from the very beginning."

### FOREIGN LOAN INFLOWS OF PAKISTAN SLOW DOWN: REPORT

Pakistan received only \$5.6 billion in foreign loans during the first half of current fiscal year, equal to about one-fourth of the annual budget estimate, as per a media report on Saturday

Data compiled by the Ministry of Economic Affairs showed that foreign loan disbursements from July to December 2022 stood at a mere \$5.6 billion, the Express Tribune reported

The report added that the disbursements were not enough to finance the maturing foreign debt, making a severe dent in the foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank

### WHY THE LOW DISBURSEMENTS?

The key reason for the low disbursements was the government's failure to ensure the timely completion of the ninth review of the IMF programme. As a consequence, the receipt of \$5.6 billion was equal to only onefourth of the annual

budget estimate of

\$22.8 billion

# INSUFFICIENT LOANS

Pakistan received just \$532 million in loans in December, which were not sufficient for making major repayments

In the past seven days, the country paid \$828 million to Chinese financial institutions. As a result, the official foreign exchange reserves slipped to \$3.1 billion

About 44% of the loans received in December came from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which gave \$231 million. So far, the ADB has remained the largest lender with disbursement of \$1.9 billion

Against the annual estimate of \$7.5 billion, Pakistan has only received \$200 million in foreign commercial loans in the current fiscal year, the report said

The government now expects it will receive \$6.3 billion in commercial loans, which appears to be on the higher end

It had also hoped to get loans of \$1.6 billion under the most expensive Naya Pakistan Certificates. So far, \$190 million, or 11% of the annual estimate, has been received

## Must help India find substitutes to Russian arms: Biden admin

AHEAD of her India visit for 'foreign office consultations' Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Victoria Nuland, has told lawmakers that the US needs to help India find alternatives to Russian military equipment and that is part of the "job we have to do."

Nuland is travelling to India as part of a four-nation trip including Nepal, Sri Lanka and Qatar from January 28 to February 3. "I think they (India) find themselves after 60 years of entanglement having to find alternatives, and that's part of the job we have to do, is help them with alternatives," Nuland told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during a Congressional hearing on Russia.

She was responding to a question from Senator Jeff Merkley when she told law-

"I'm glad to hear that you're going to India. I would think that after the performance of Russian weapons on the battlefield has been demonstrated, they might be somewhat less interested," Merkley said.

India has faced flak from US lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, for choosing to abstain from a UN vote to rebuke Russia's invasion of Ukraine. US officials have also expressed concern over India's purchase of the S-400 mis-

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#### **WASHINGTON**

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field," Nuland said in response.

### **CZECH**

## Retd NATO gen Petr Pavel wins prez election

### **PRAGUE**

PETR Pavel, a retired army general, defeated populist billionaire Andrej Babis in a runoff vote on Saturday to become the new Czech president.

Pavel, 61, will in March replace President Milos Zeman, an outspoken and divisive politician. With the ballots from 99.5% of polling stations counted by the Czech Statistics Office, Pavel had 58.2% of the vote compared with 42.8% for Babis.

Pavel, who ran as an independent, is a former chairman of NATO's military committee, the alliance's highest military

# Second time in 3 years; UK airline Flybe collapses, all flights cancelled

### LONDON

STRUGGLING United Kingdom regional airline Flybe collapsed for the second time in three years on Saturday, putting jobs on the line and leaving passengers stranded.

The airline initially slumped into bankruptcy in March 2020, shedding 2,400 jobs, as coronavirus restrictions decimated the travel industry. However, it relaunched in April last year, flying many of the same routes out of Belfast, Birmingham and London Heathrow.

In a statement, the grounded flyer said it had called in bankruptcy accountants again, and warned passengers not to travel to airports as all flights were now cancelled, including its international routes from Switzerland and the Netherlands.



File photo of Flybe flight | AP

The UK's Civil Aviation Authority said passengers should "make their own alternative travel arrangements via other airlines, rail or coach operators," leaving customers with lengthy and potentially expensive trips to get home.

CAA consumer director Paul Smith said, "It is always sad to see an airline enter administration

and we know that Flybe's decision to stop trading will be distressing for all of its employees and

customers.' The UK government said that its immediate priority would be to support anyone trying to get home and those who have lost their jobs.

"This remains a challenging environment for airlines, both old and new, as they recover from the pandemic, and we understand the impact this will have on Flybe's passengers and staff," it said.

The Civil Aviation Authority is providing advice to passengers to help them make their journeys as smoothly and affordably as possible.

It added that most of Flybe's destinations were within the UK, so alternative means of transport were available.

## **EXPRESS READ**

#### Bangkok Design Week to be held from Feb 4 to 12

THAILAND: Bangkok Design Week 2023 is all set to take place from February 4th to 12th in nine districts under the theme "urban'NICE'zation." The event organised by Thailand's Creative Economy Agency (CEA) and 60 public partners will highlight Bangkok's role as a City of Design in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network since 2019. The theme has been divided into six aspects: Nice for Environment, Nice for Mobility, Nice for Culture Preservation, Nice for Business and Economy, Nice for Community Living and Nice for Diversity.





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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE - SUBSEQUENT SALE Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limiter (Formerly Known as DHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder which is in the physical possession, on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis', Particulars of which are

Loan Code/Branch/ Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (01-12-2022)
Loan Code No. 00002264, Kannur (Branch), Ajitha Narayanan (Borrower), Omana C (Co Borrower 1),	Dt: 27-12-2018, Rs. 7,12,931/-, (Rs. Seven lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Rs No. 200 Manatana Village, Iritty Taluk, Peravoor, Kannur, Kannur-670674 Boundaries As :- North : Josuph South : Josuph, Road East : Mathew West : Rajendran, Josuph	Rs. 6,00,000/-, (Rs. Six lakh Only)	Rs. 60,000/-, (Rs. Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs.13,06,119.72/-, (Rs. Thirteen lakh Six Thousand One Hundred Nineteen Only and Seventy Two Paise)
Loan Code No. 00008596, Kochi (Branch), Devadas K (Borrower), Surabhila K (Co Borrower 1),	Dt. 26-10-2017, Rs. 6,23,479/-, (Rs. Six lakh Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Nine Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Re Sy No. 229/1 Manakkad Village Thodupuzha Taluk, Thodupuzha, Idukki-685601 Boundaries As :- North : property of murali South : Mud road East : road West : property of kamala	Rs. 3,88,080/-, (Rs. Three lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Eighty Only)	Rs. 38,808/-, (Rs. Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Only)	Rs.12,76,117.44/-, (Rs. Twelve lakh Seventy Six Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Only and Forty Four Paise)
Loan Code No. 00008100, Kochi (Branch), Hajayakumar M K (Borrower), Lakshmy B (Co Borrower 1),	Dt: 28-11-2018, Rs. 1,08,99,898/-, (Rs. One Crore Eight lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Sy # 39/5 D/2 Kurichi Village Changanacherry Taluk, Changanacherry, Kottayam-686104 Boundaries As :- North : property of gouriamma South : Road East : property purchased By hajayakumar West : Balance property of hajayakumar	Rs. 1,09,35,000/-, (Rs. One Crore Nine lakh Thirty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 10,93,500V-, (Rs. Ten lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs.1,92,19,126.88/-, (Rs. One Crore Ninety Two lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Six Only and Eighty Eight Paise)
Loan Code No. 00003262, Thrissur (Branch), Sreeja V S (Borrower), Jinil Kumar P C (Co Borrower 1),	Dt: 24-10-2018, Rs. 10,17,861/-, (Rs. Ten lakh Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Sy No - 201/3p, Killannur Village, Thrissur Taluk Near keltron bus stop, Thrissur dt, Thrissur- 680581 Boundaries As :- North : vazhy South : gopalakrishnan East : aravindhakshan West : radhakrishnan	Rs. 4,00,000/-, (Rs. Four lakh Only)	Rs. 40,000/-, (Rs. Forty Thousand Only)	Rs.17,74,133.80/-, (Rs. Seventeen lakh Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Only and Eighty Paise)

### DATE OF E-AUCTION: 14-02-2023, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 13-02-2023, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION The sale shall be subject to the terms & conditions as described below:

In case of single bidder, the bidder/purchaser has to bid with an minimum increment amount of Rs. 10,000/- for property upto 3cr RP & More than 3 Cr (Property Reserve Price (RP) bid increment amount will be Rs. 1,00,000/-) Auction/bidding shall only by "online electronic mode" through the website of the service provider i.e Company Name: M/s. 4Closure, Name of

presentative: Mrs. Rekha Kiran; Contact Number: 8142000030; Site: https://bankauctions.in/. Care has been taken to include adequate particulars of Secured Assets in the Schedule herein above. The Authorized Officer shall not be

answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. The intending bidders are advised to go through the portal https://bankauctions.in/ for detailed terms and conditions for e-Auction sale before

submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction sale proceedings and contact the respective Authorized Officer for the concerned property

Auction shall commence at one increment above the Reserve Price and bidders shall be free to bid among themselves by improving their offer 10% Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) DD shall be deposited on or before 13-02-2023, before 4:00 P.M. to the designated Branch in favour of 'Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited' along with fully filled bid form and Tender/Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along KYC, a) Self attested true copy of Identity Card containing Photograph and Residential Address and PAN card of the intending

The intended bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact Mrs. Rekha Kiran; Contact Number: 8142000030, Help Line E-mail ID: https://bankauctions.in/ and For any property related query may contact PCHFL Authorised Officer - Ramsunder Ganesan - 9846350350 during the office hours on any working days. In case of stay of sale or Recovery proceeding by any superior court of competent jurisdiction, the auction may either be postponed/cancelled in

bidder, issued by Govt. of India. Original of the document should be made available for verification by the concerned Authorized Officer. b

compensation or cost for such postponement/cancellation etc. Only those bidders holding valid user ID and Password and confirmed payment of EMD through Demand Draft shall be permitted to participate in the online e-auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Further, the Authorized Officer reserves the

right to postpone or cancel or adjourn or discontinue the Auction or vary the terms of the Auction at any time before conclusion of the Auction process, without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. . The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase amount immediately within 24 hours (including Earnest Money Already paid) from

knocking down of bid in his/her favor, in the same mode as stipulated in clause 7 above. The balance of the purchase price shall have to be paid in the same mode as stipulated in clause 7 above within 15 days of acceptance/confirmation of sale conveyed to them. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited including earnest money deposit

Meagre deposit of 25 % of the Sale Price shall not entitle the successful bidder to get the sale confirmed in his favour. Sale shall be subject to terms and conditions applicable to this e-auction notice and confirmation by the secured creditor to that effect. The EMD (without interest) of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned on 3rd day of the closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.

14. During e-auction, in case any bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the Auction, the closing time shall automatically get

extended for another 5 minutes. 15. The sale is subject to final confirmation by the PCHFL. In case if the borrower/guarantors pays the total Outstanding due to the PCHFL before

the Date of Auction, then auction sale may be cancelled at the discretion of PCHFL. 16. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser

17. The Sale Certificate shall be issued to the highest successful bidder and in the same name in which the Bid is submitted.

18. The property is sold on "As is where" and "As is what is" basis and the Authorized Officer or the PCHFL shall not be responsible for any charge lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of properties E-Auctioned. The intending Bidder is advise

to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, search results and other revenue records relating to the property including statutory liabilities arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. and shall satisfy themselves before submitting the Bid. 9. Properties as mentioned above can be inspected by the prospective bidders at the site with the prior appointment of concerned Branch

Manager or Authorized Officer or any other officer identified for the purpose, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. on any working day before 13-02-2023. PCHFL reserves its right to accept/reject any or all of the offer(s) or bid(s) so received or cancel the sale without assigning any reason thereof. 21. In case there is any discrepancy found in Publication of Vernacular Version or English Version then in such case English Version will be

considered for the purpose of interpretation. Bidding in the final minutes and seconds should be avoided in the bidders own interest. Neither PCHFL nor Service Provider will be responsible for any failure/lapse (Power failure, Internet failure etc.) on the part of the vendor. In order to prevent such situation bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as backup power supply etc required so that they are able to prevent such situation and continue to participate in the auction successfully. 12. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to remit the TDS @ 1% as applicable u/s 1941-A if the aggregate of the sums credited or

paid for such consideration is Rs. 50 Lakhs or more. TDS should be filed online by filling form 26QB & TDS certificate to be issued in form 16B. The purchaser has to produce the proof of having deposited the income tax into the government account within 15 days of e-auction.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR he above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest til date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from

Date: 29.01.2023

Place : Kerala

(Authorised Officer)

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

# British Indian Princess Sophia Duleep Singh to get Blue Plaque

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### **LONDON**

SOPHIA Duleep Singh, the daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh, the last ruler of the Sikh empire and the goddaughter of Queen Victoria, is to be honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque in London. Princess Sophia was among the leading

suffragettes who fought for women's right to vote in 1900s Britain. The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the

English Heritage charity, honours the historic significance of particular buildings associated with historical figures and its 2023 cohort includes the 19<sup>th</sup> century home of the British Indian Princess. "Daughter of the deposed Maharajah Duleep Singh, who already has a plaque in Holland Park (London) and goddaughter of Queen Victoria, Princess Sophia Du-

leep Singh was an active suffragette and made full use of her royal title to generate support for female enfranchisement," notes English Heritage in its Blue Plaque announcement.

"She was a dedicated member of the Women's Social and Political Union and the Women's Tax Resistance League. The plaque will mark the large house near Hampton Court Palace which was granted to Sophia and her sisters as a grace and favour apartment by Queen Victoria in 1896," it notes. British Indian writer Anita Anand, the author of Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary, expressed her excitement at the historical heroine being recognised with a Blue Plaque. "Princess Sophia Duleep Singh will finally get the recognition she deserves," said Anand.

CHENNAI DIVISION - MECHANICAL BRANCH GEM Bid No: GEM/2023/B/2981236 Dated: 12-01-2023 Corrigendum No. 01 dt. 24.01.2023

Work: EMS certification - ISO 14001:2015 for 14 Stations of Chennai Division e. Jolarpettai, Arakkonam, Katpadi, Perambur, Avadi, Perungalthur, Velachery Guindy, Pazhvanthangal, Tiruvallur, Guduvancheri, Tiruttani, Singaperumal Koil Chennai Beach Railway Stations for a period of three years. Corrigendum: 01

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3	Katpadi	1700	13804
4	Perambur	100	26926
5	Avadi	109	41473
6	Perungalthur	10	12158
7	Velachery	76	27513
В	Guindy	35	31369
9.	Pazhvanthangal	14	19572
0	Tiruvallur	500	48182
1	Guduvancheri	15	15538
2	Tirutani	223	14036
3	Singaperumal Koil	25	6730
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Tender closing date and time: 02.02.2023 at 18.00 hrs. fender opening date and time: 02.02.2023 at 18.30 hrs. Details of value of tender, tender condition are given in e-portal www.gem.gov.in for details

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