

A piggy bank, a family’s gold – donations pour in for Iran in Kashmir

Naveed Iqbal
Srinagar, March 23

JEWELLERY, CASH and copper – these are some of the items being collected in different parts of Kashmir in an effort to support Iran in the aftermath of the killing of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the ongoing war in the Middle East.

Over the past week, at several mosques and street corners across the Valley, there has been an outpouring of people bringing any valuables they can donate to assist those affected by the war in Iran.

Six-year-old Syed Anam Zehra walked to one of these centres ahead of Eid and passed her piggy bank to the volunteers. When someone asked how long she had been collecting the money, she said, “For the last three years. This is for Iran.” In another instance, a woman sold her jewellery and donated the proceeds to the Embassy. “A respected sister from Kashmir donated the gold kept as a memento of her husband, who passed away 28 years ago, with a heart full of love and solidarity for the people of Iran,” the Iranian embassy’s X handle posted. “Your tears and pure emotions are the greatest source of comfort for the people of Iran and will never be forgotten.”

With a sizable Shia community, Kashmir and Ladakh first witnessed a wave of protests following the killing of Khamenei on March 1 and weeks later, the



People collect donations in Budgam on Monday. PTI

community has now come together to contribute financially and support the country, which is engaged in a war with the US and Israel.

On March 17, the Iranian Embassy in India posted a social media message thanking the people of India for their support and seeking to direct donations to the Embassy’s official bank accounts.

Kashmiri political leadership, including National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and Srinagar MP Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, also visited the Embassy of Iran in New Delhi to sign a condolence book.

President of the All Jammu & Kashmir Shia Association, Imran Raza Ansari, a former minister in the PDP government in J&K, highlighted how the community has stepped forward to help with the “rebuilding of Iran”.

However, he claimed that “some individuals involved in the collection process are reportedly receiving calls from various authorities seeking details about the funds, collectors, and contributors, etc”.

He said it is important to “reassure everyone” that these donations are purely for a humanitarian and religious cause, meant to support the people of Iran in their time of need. “I urge the authorities that such matters be handled with understanding and respect, allowing this collective act of faith and solidarity to continue with dignity,” he said.

A volunteer from Lal Bazar in Srinagar, Abrar Ali (37), told *The Indian Express*, “Since our childhood, we have had a chant of ‘*Rehbar ke farmaan par, jaan bhi qurban hai*’ (On the command of the Leader, even our lives are ready to be sacrificed) and I feel this is the time people are trying to prove it.”

‘What’s left?’: SC disposes of wife’s plea against Wangchuk’s NSA detention

Express News Service
New Delhi, March 23

THE SUPREME Court Monday disposed of the plea by climate activist and education reformer Sonam Wangchuk’s wife, Gitanjali Angmo, challenging his detention under the National Security Act, after the Centre revoked it.

A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and PB Varale remarked orally that there is nothing left in the matter to decide after the March 14 revocation. It disposed of the plea as infructuous.

As the court took up the matter for hearing, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal urged the bench to hear it after the court vacation. However, Justice Kumar declined and asked, “What is left?”

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, said, “I would request Mr Sibal, let it be.”

Wangchuk was detained in September 2025 under the NSA, and later shifted to Jodhpur.

Wangchuk was accused of playing a role in instigating the violent protests in Ladakh over demands for statehood and its inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, on September 24, 2025, which led to four deaths in police firing.

Angmo challenged this before the apex court, claiming that a “systematic campaign” had been “unleashed against” Wangchuk, accusing him of “links with Pakistan and China”.

Former minister Bhullar arrested in Punjab official’s suicide case

Kamaldeep Singh Brar
Amritsar, March 23

THE PUNJAB Police on Monday arrested former Cabinet minister and AAP MLA Laljit Singh Bhullar, accused of abetting the suicide of a state warehousing corporation official, a senior officer said.

Bhullar was arrested from Mandi Gobindgarh in Fatehgarh Sahib district and was being brought to Amritsar where he will be produced in a court on Tuesday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP)

Ravinder Pal said.

Gagandeep Singh Randhawa, the district manager of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in Amritsar, allegedly died by suicide by consuming poison on Friday. In a purported video, he claimed harassment by Bhullar, who resigned as minister on Saturday at the direction of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

The Amritsar police later booked Bhullar, his father Sukhdev Singh Bhullar and personal assistant Dilbag Singh under sections 108 (abetment

to suicide), 351 (3) (criminal intimidation) and 3 (5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Bhullar’s arrest came hours after Randhawa’s teacher wife Upinder Kaur issued an ultimatum that “if nothing is done within 24 hours, then I, along with my children (two daughters and a son), will take to on the roads”.

In a Facebook post, earlier in the day, Bhullar claimed that was surrendering voluntarily. “I will never run from the truth. I have full faith in the law

of the country, and also have unshakable faith in the justice system. I have not run away anywhere, I am in my Punjab. Believing in truth and justice, I am surrendering myself at Mandi Gobindgarh,” said Bhullar.

In a post on X, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann asserted that “strict action will be taken against anyone who violates the law, no matter what position he holds or whether he is a relative or an influential person”. He said “shielding any one” is not our party’s agenda.

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APPENDIX IV (See rule 8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Grihuh Housing Finance Limited hereinafter referred as Secured Creditor of the above Corporate/ Register office under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice below dated calling upon the below Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers 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 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this 18th Day of the March of the Year 2026. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of secured Creditor the amount and interest thereon.

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. Details of Property taken in possession are herein below.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrowers	Description of Property	Possession taken Date	Date of statutory Demand Notice	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1	ARBAB KADIR ALI, KADIR MAHEBUB ALI, CHANDBI KADIR ALI	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Grampanchayat Mikat No. 931/A-1 Admeasuring 2024 Sq.Ft. Situated At Grampanchayat Manglur Tal. Tuljapur Dist. Osmanabad. And Boundaries Of The Plot East- Road West- Plot Of Shivaji Rathod North- Plot Of Zapa Rathod South- Plot Of Lalsing Chavan.	18/03/2026	07/11/2024	Loan No. HL0057800000005022539, Rs. 612855/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred FiftyFive Only) payable as on 07/11/2024 along with interest @ 14.00 p.a. till the realization.

In any case if there is any difference between the contents of local language publication and English newspaper publication, the content, of the English newspaper language published in The Indian Express shall be prevail.

Place: MAHARASHTRA, Date: 24.03.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Grihuh Housing Finance Limited

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E-auction Sale Notice To General Public Under Rule 8 & 9 Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVABLE PROPERTIES
(STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on “**As is where is**”, “**As is what is**”, and “**Whatever there is**” on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties

Lot. No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & addresses of the Borrower/Guarantors Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on 31.12.2025 C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) B)EMD (Last date of deposit of EMD) C)Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrance s known to the secured creditors
1	Branch : PNB- Vedmandir, Nashik (084920) Borrower : M/s Dhruv Tara Developers Address: 2nd floor, Circle Plaza sarda Circle, Nashik, Maharashtra-422001 Mr. Rahul Shantaram Sawale Address: 28, Ambalika Geetanjali colony, behind Hotel Tapasvi, Indiranagar Nashik. -422009 Also at: M/s Shantusha Developers, Address: Dwaraka 2915, Old agra Road, Dwarka, Nashik-422001 Mr. Kailas Dayanand Punjabi Address: Flat no.03, Shantusha Pride Dahavirgi Society, Kathe Lane, Takli Road, Dwarka, Nashik-422001 Also at: Plot no 27A Mitrajunji Housing Society, Sakri Road Dhule-424001	Details of Asset:- Immoveable property 1. Housing+Commercial G+S+7 building named Dhruv Tara A wing Located S. No. 60/2/A/1, Dhruv Nagar, Behind Motiwala College, Off Gangapur- Satpur Link Road, Gangapur Shivhar, Nashik -422007 (Plot Area 2300 Sq. Mt. (Note: NOC issued by the bank for sale of flat No.401, 706, 606, 203, 301, 206, 701, 605, 705) 2. Housing+Commercial G+S+10 building named Dhruv Tara B wing Located S. No. 60/2/A/3, Out of Survey No. 60/3 (Part), Dhruv Nagar, Behind Motiwala College, Off Gangapur- Satpur Link Road, Gangapur Shivhar, Nashik -422007 Plot Area 4000 Sq. Mt. (Note: NOC issued by the bank for sale of flat No.512,211,514,413)	A) 02.01.2020 B)Rs.132099391.00 + Further interest + charges C) 05.01.2021 D) Physical	A) Rs. 1105.20 Lakh B) Rs.110.52 Lakh (10.04.2026) C) Rs. 5.00 Lakh	Date: 10.04.2026 From 11:00 AM to 16:00 PM	Not Known

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

- The properties are being sold on “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS” and “AS IS WHAT IS BASIS” and “WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS”
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.com> on 10.04.2026 @ 11.00AM to 4.00PM.
- Bidder compulsorily has to submit at least One Bid above the reserve price for participating in E- Auction.
- For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer www.pnb.bank.in & <https://baanknet.com>

Date : 23.03.2026
Place : Nashik

Sd/-
Mr. Venkatesh S.
Chief Manager and Authorized Officer,
Punjab National Bank, (Secured Creditor)

Empanelment of Contractors for Soil and Water Conservation and Other Construction Works

The Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from technically qualified and experienced contractors for empanelment to undertake soil and water conservation and other construction-related works under various projects being implemented during the period from April 2026 to March 2027. These works will be carried out in selected villages under projects in rural areas across various districts of Maharashtra and adjoining states.

Interested and eligible contractors are requested to contact within seven working days from the date of publication of the advertisement on the email ID- procurement@wotr.org for further process. The subject of the email should be mentioned as "EOI for Maharashtra & other states".

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Corporate Office - Muthoot Homefin (INDIA) Ltd. 19/E, The Ruby, Senapati Bapat Marg, Tulsii Pipe Road, Near Ruparel College, Dadar West, Mumbai - 400028.

CORRIGENDUM

Refer to the advertisement of the Private Treaty Auction Notice published in Indian Express (Eng.) & Daily Loksaata (Mar.) Aurangabad (Jalgaon) Edition published on 12-March-2026 under the Borrower Name Madanil Sundaram Saini, LAN No. 018-01800418. Due to an inadvertent mistake in the RP (Reserve Price) & EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) was mentioned as RP- Rs. 12,28,500/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only) instead of Rs. 8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) and was mentioned as EMD- Rs. 1,22,850/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Only) instead of Rs. 85,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Thousand Only) We therefore, request to read the correct details While the other contents in the said notice remains unchanged.

Date: March 24, 2026
Place: Jalgaon

Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

15 days Sale Notice for E-Auction Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular by the Authorized Officer, that the under mentioned properties mortgaged to Union Bank of India, taken possession under the provision of Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, will be sold by E- Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below.

The property is being sold on “**AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS**” as such sale is without any kind of warranties and indemnities. The under mentioned properties will be sold by “Online E- Auction through the website <https://baanknet.com> on 10.04.2026 for recovery of bank’s dues as mentioned below together with interest and other expenses:

S. N.	Name of Branch & Contact No.	Name of the borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of the property	Reserve price & Earnest money deposit (EMD)	Debt due	Bid Increment Amount	Type of Possession
1	ARB CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (9561610798)	Mrs. Jyoti Sunil Kapadane (Borrower) Mr. Sagar Sunil Kapadane (Guarantor)	All the piece and parcel of the Row House No. F-1, Samarth Gokul, Gut No. 124,133,134, Dnyaneshwar Nagar, Chitegaon, Patihan, (MH) owned by Mrs.Jyoti Sunil Kapadane and Sagar Sunil Kapadane. Property bounded as under:East:Row House No. E03, South: Plot No. 62, West:Road,North: Flat No. F-02	RP- 4,55,000/- EMD Rs. 45,500/-	Rs. 22,92,032.90 /- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakhs Ninety-Two Thousand Thirty-Two Rs. Ninety Paise Only) as on 31.03.2021 (plus interest and charges thereon)	5000/-	Physical
2	ARB CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (9561610798)	Mrs. Kavita Balasaheb Damale (Borrower).	All the piece and parcel of Property of House No.7, situated at Plot No. RH-70, Bajaj Nagar, Wadgaon,Kohati, MIDC Waluj Industrial Area Tq. and Dist. Chh. Sambhajnagar-431136, Maharashtra bounded as follows -East: Staircase,West: Plot No.RH-70 and then House No 06, South- Plot no RH-70 and then House No 04,North: Society side margin and then Plot no RH-69,	R.P. Rs. 24,93,000/- E.M.D. Rs. 2,49,300/-	Rs. 30,29,775.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only) as on 25.02.2025 and further interest thereon)	25,000/-	Physical
3	ARB CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (8698221258)	M/s New Gajanan Krishi Seva Kendra , Prop: Mr. Gajanan Eknath Mahajan (Borrower/Mortgagor) Estate of the deceased Mr. Eknath Vishram Mahajan, represented by 1.Mrs. Jijabai Eknath Mahajan (Wife) 2.Mr. Gajanan Eknath Mahajan (son) & others (Guarantor/Mortgagor) Mrs. Jijabai Eknath Mahajan (Guarantor)	Property No. 1: Open Plot No 4,5,18 and 19 (Total 4 plots) at Grampanchayat property Mikat No1374 (Old), New mikat No 1407, Gut No 362, collectively area admeasuring 297.39 Sq. Mtr. Ganesh Nagar, Opp. Sai leela Hotel, Ghatnandra Road, at post- Bharadi, Tai-Sillod, Dist- Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad) Owned by Mr. Gajanan Eknath Mahajan (Along with construction) Property bounded as under:East: 15 Ft. Road, South: Building of Taterao Eknath Mahajan, West: Ghatnandra Road, North: Plot of Kaduba Nagorao Mahajan Property No. 2: Commercial land and building at Grampanchayat property mikat no.797 (Old), New mikat No821, Gut no 174, area admeasuring 101.30 Sq. Mtrs. New Gajanan Krishi Seva Kendra, At Post- Bharadi, Tai-Sillod, Dist-Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad) Owned by Mr. Eknath Vishram Mahajan (since deceased) (Along with construction) Property bounded as under: East: House of Mr. Eknath Laxman Sonawane South: House of Mr. Chhagan Nevhare, West: Bharadi Ambhai Road, North:House of Mansukh Lal Khilosiya Property No.3: Residential House at Grampanchayat property Mikat No.1174 (Old), New mikat No.1212,Gut No.3,Plot area admeasuring 143.92 Sq.Mtr. And built up area 114.58 Sq.Mtrs At Ganpati colony, behind Krushi market, Bharadi, at post- Bharadi, Tai- Sillod, Dist. - Chh. Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad) Owned by Mr. Eknath Vishram Mahajan (since deceased) (Along with construction) Property bounded as under: East: House of Nagorao Vishram Mahajan, South: Road, West: Remaining land/ Plot of Suster Vishram, North:Land of Vishnu Ramchandra Mahajan Shripat Mahajan	Reserve Price- Property 1 Rs.57,85,000/- EMD Rs.5,78,500/- Property 2 Rs.48,27,000/- EMD Rs.4,82,700/- Property 3 Rs.27,86,000/- EMD Rs. 2,78,600/-	Rs.86,65,431.90 (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One and Paise Ninety Only) as on 31.01.2024 (plus interest and charges thereon)	Property No. 1. Rs. 58,000/- Property No. 2. Rs. 49,000/- Property No. 3. Rs. 28,000/-	Symbolic
4	ARB CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (9561610798)	Mr. Rajendra Vishwanath Kotambe (Borrower/Mortgagor) Mrs. Mandakini Rajendra Kotambe (Co-Borrowr/Mortgagor)	All the part and parcel of property bearing Gat No 70, Plot No 36 and 37, Vijay Rekha Residency, Dwarkadas Nagar, Flat No. 4, build up area 483.18 Sq.ft. (44.906 Sq. Mtr). Carpet area admeasuring 397.00 Sq. ft. at Satara Parisar, Tal and Dist-Chh. Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra, owned by Mr. Rajendra Vishwanath Kotambe and Mrs. Mandakini Rajendra Kotambe bounded as under: East: Flat No.1, West: Side Margin,South: Flat No.03, North: Front Margin	Reserve Price- Rs. 38,25,000/- EMD- Rs. 3,82,500/-	Rs. 24,95,735.56 (Rupees Twenty-Four Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five and Paise Fifty Six Only) as on 31.12.2024 (plus interest and charges).	Rs. 39,000/-	Physical
5	ARB CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (7588165834)	M/s. Shree Laxmi Bangles through prop. Sanjay Prabhakar Dikekar (Borrower)	All the piece and parcel of Land at C.T.S. No. 49 GPM No. 624/1 & 624/2, area 185.87 Sq Mtr situated at Rashin, Taluka Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar property owned by Sanjay Prabhakar Dikekar Property bounded by East : Common Passage, West: Property of Sanjay Sul, North: Common Passage, South: Road	RP- Rs. 12,75,000/- EMD- Rs. 1,27,500/-	Rs. 38,24,346.07 (Thirty Eight Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Rs. Seven Paise Only) as on 31.03.2021 (plus future interest and other charges)	13000/-	Physical
6	ARB CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (9561610798)	Mr. Shaikh Shahin Shaikh Naim (Borrower and Mortgagor) Mrs. Shaikh Naim Shaikh Yakub (Co-Borrower & Co Mortgagor)	All the part and parcel of Residential Flat No.07, Admeasue. 80.82 Sq. Mtrs.(870 SqFt) Super built up on first floor in the building known as “HAYAT PRIDE” constructed on CTS No. 12040/26, Situated at Altamash Colony, Jaswantpura, Near Central Naka, Aurangabad owned by Mrs. Shaikh Shahin Shaikh Naim and Mr. Shaikh Naim Shaikh Yakub. Bounded as under: East:Side Margin,South: Staircase and Passage, West: Flat No.06, North: Side Margin.	RP- Rs. 25,05,000/- EMD- Rs. 2,50,500/-	Rs.36,44,009.41 (Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine and Paise Forty One Only) as on 30.09.2024 together with future interest and other expenses.	26000/-	Symbolic

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION - 1. Auction/bidding shall only be through “online electronic mode” through the website <https://baanknet.com> who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform.2. The sale shall be strictly as per the provisions of The Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 as amended in the year 2016. 3. **Date & time of auction – 10.04.2026 between 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM.** with unlimited extension of “10” minutes each, i.e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 4. Contact details for inspection – The interested bidder may contact Branch Manager, for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property.Bidders are advised to go through the website: <https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property-view-auction-property.aspx> and www.unionbankofindia.co.in tenders for detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction sale proceedings. Successful bidder will be intimated through e-mail after the closing of the e-Bidding Process.

Place: Ch. Sambhajnagar
Date: 23.03.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Union Bank of India

From Aspiration to Achievement: A Scholar’s Journey to University of St Andrews and Beyond

In what ways has the British Council supported you during your scholarship journey?
The British Council has been very supportive throughout my scholarship journey. From the outset, they clearly outlined the scholarship process and the kind of candidates they were looking for - future leaders with academic excellence and impact potential. Their support extended beyond finances to community-building opportunities. At one scholar event, I met Mr. Ben Macpherson, Scotland’s Minister for Higher and Further Education, where I discussed concerns like the international levy affecting students. A few months later, I read an article in which Mr. Ben stated that Scotland would not be proceeding with the International Student Levy Plan which is most likely coincidental but it showed how conversations in the right spaces can travel far and spark wider dialogue among policymakers impacting millions.

What advice would you give to students across India who aspire to study in the UK?
Be clear about why you want to study abroad. Different students have different goals - some seek jobs, others research, and some yearn for cultural experience. Know your motivations, and present yourself well with honesty. What may seem ordinary to you might be fascinating to another, so don’t shy away from expressing your unique experiences. Do your due diligence by researching before you make a choice. Grades help, but involvement in communities, leadership roles, and initiatives matter too. Who knows? Maybe playing games could one day land you in a different country where you’d be studying for your degree advancing your knowledge. No experience is small. Embrace it. Presentation is all that matters.

Akash Menon, PGT student at the University of St Andrews

What inspired you to pursue your studies in the UK, particularly at the University of St Andrews?
I was drawn to the UK for its academic reputation, emphasis on independent learning and research-led teaching that values self-paced exploration. St Andrews stood out because it’s a close-knit university in a small town with a global outlook, which suited someone like me who wanted an English-speaking academic environment outside a big city. The tutorial-based system was also new to me in which small groups tackle the same material and discuss at different times which created deeper engagement. St Andrews being the home of golf added to the appeal too. I never imagined playing golf but ended up loving it even training with PGA qualified instructors.

How did it feel to be awarded the GREAT Scholarship, and what helped you secure it?
It felt both humbling and empowering. I had almost decided not to pursue a UK post-graduate degree because of changes in visa regulations and the proposed international levy, but receiving the GREAT Britain Campaign and the British Council with participating UK higher education institutions changed everything. My family, especially my mother and grandfather were strong supporters throughout. My academic performance and leadership roles particularly through my role in the undergraduate Placement Cell and various university activities helped me in getting the scholarship. A friend also suggested me to include my mobile gaming achievements, like being in the top 200 in India in Clash Royale, which probably added a unique personal touch to my application and made it stand out.

How has your experience in St Andrews shaped your academic and personal growth?
My experience at St Andrews has significantly shifted how I think and learn. The emphasis on independent thinking encouraged me not just to answer questions but to question assumptions and frame my own. This was transformative compared to my earlier academic experiences, where the focus was more about answering than exploring. Small tutorials and discussions enhanced my global awareness and analytical skills, while everyday interactions with a diverse student body broadened my perspective. On a personal level, living and studying far from home built my confidence and adaptability. I have grown into a more curious, self-driven learner and a more engaged global citizen.