

HC orders blocking of AI deepfakes in Tharoor case

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New Delhi: The Delhi high court Saturday granted interim relief to Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on his plea seeking protection of personal rights, and ordered removal of AI generated deepfakes, including fabricated videos maliciously showing him praising Pakistan, across digital platforms.

Being a "respected and recognised public figure", Shashi Tharoor holds enforceable personality and publicity rights over all identifiable aspects of his persona, Justice Mini Pushkarna ruled. The court barred anyone from reproducing, misappropriating or imitating Tharoor's name, image or visual likeness, distinct voice, signature or orator-

ical cadence, manner of speaking, and highly refined vocabulary. Justice Pushkarna said the Thiruvananthapuram MP's "reputation, goodwill, name, physical appearance, image/likeness, voice, mannerisms, styles, signature, oratorical style and other attributes are uniquely identifiable and associated with him".

The HC said no one can create, publish or disseminate any synthetic media, deepfakes, voice-cloned audio or morphed video, through the use of AI, generative AI, machine learning or any other technology for any commercial, political or malicious purpose, across any physical or virtual medium. The court directed X Corp to remove specific links con-

taining the disputed content and also instructed Meta to ensure that the identified Instagram URLs, which had already been blocked, remain inaccessible. The Delhi HC also ordered both platforms to disclose the identities and subscriber details of those who had allegedly uploaded or created the content with in three weeks.

Concern grows for 20k seafarers stuck in Gulf

No Food, No Medicine, No Escape Route

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New Delhi: Over 20,000 Indian seafarers are staring at a humanitarian nightmare in the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz amid escalating tensions, with fears of conflict spillover trapping vessels and leaving crews stranded without food, medicine or escape routes, said National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI).

The body has urged the govt to treat the crisis as a "national priority and activate urgent measures to protect the lives of the seafarers and their families."

The estimate of over 20,000 Indian seafarers remains fluid, as crews rotate daily based on vessel schedules, port calls, flag states, and security alerts. Seafarers now face missile and drone threats, operational restrictions and security advisories that have curtailed routine voyages through the technical open Strait of Hormuz into high-risk journeys marked by constant anxiety, heightened bridge alerts, disrupted sleep and mounting mental fatigue.

"We are constantly receiving calls from worried relatives asking if their family members will safely return home," Milind Kandalganekar, general secretary cum

treasurer of NUSI, told TOI on Saturday. Many Indian seafarers work aboard foreign-flagged vessels where responsibility is fragmented between ship owners, insurers, flag states and local authorities, according to Kandalganekar.

Unlike military personnel, merchant navy crews are civilian workers keeping global trade functional despite limited protection. Unlike military personnel, merchant navy crews are civilian workers keeping global trade functional despite limited protection.

These seafarers serve global trade and India's economic security under extremely difficult conditions and deserve urgent protection," said Kandalganekar. "Today's threats - missiles, drones, cyberdisruptions, sanctions, insurance complications and operational restrictions - are all intersecting simultaneously."

NUSI has activated its emergency support initiative, to respond to distress calls on safety, mental stress, repatriation, wages, abandonment and communication with authorities.

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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 9(1) & (6) of the Securitisation (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 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.

Sl. No.	Name of Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Properties	Mortgaged Owner's Name (Mortgagors of Property (ies))	Dt. of Demand Notice 13 (3) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002	RESERVE PRICE	EMD	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION	Details of the Secured Assets
1.	BO: Kalra									
			1. Mr. Abdul Ali (S/o Jahoor Hasan) (Borrower)	Entire a house west and north faced in the name of Mr. Abdul Ali S/o Jahoor Hasan which having a shop west faced total area 65 sqm which having in ground floor a shop and two rooms, bath, kitchen and first floor consists of two rooms, a balcony situated at Mohalla Aikkan word no. 2, Kalra, Pargana and Tehsil Kalra, District Shamli. The property is bounded as below: East: House Sakari, West: Rasta 15' wide, North: Rasta 12' wide, South: House Nazim		06.03.2026	Rs. 35,72,344.86/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 2.50 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
						06.01.2024	Constructive			
2.	BO: Kalra (26230)									
			1. Inam S/o Meenu (Borrower)	Residential plot now house facing north in the name of Inam S/o Meenu measuring area 175 sq. yard or 147 sq. mtrs situated at Mohalla Damangar, Pargana and Tehsil Kalra, District Muzaffarnagar, (Now Shamli). The property is bounded as below: East: Plot of Mohd. Iqbal, West: Plot of Raza, North: 6' wide path, South: Plot of Mohd. Rahman		09.10.2023	Rs. 848,101.10/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 2.30 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
			2. Rikwan Inam (Co-Borrower)							
			3. Mohd (Guarantor)							
						06.01.2024	Constructive			
3.	BO: Municipal Building Khatauli (82719)									
			1. Mr. Naresh Kumar S/o Mr. Shish Ram (Borrower/Mortgagor)	Residential house in the name of Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Shish Ram measuring area 183.94 sq. mtrs situated at Mohalla Moolchand Vihar, Ward no. 10, Khana no. 361, Town and Pargana Khatauli, Tehsil Khatauli, District Muzaffarnagar, registered as per sale deed no. 71 dated 04.01.2012. The property is bounded as below: East: Plot no. 20 of Mrs. Saran Sharma, West: Plot no. 27 of Mrs. Kalashwati, North: Plot no. 26 & 30 of Mrs. Kalashwati & Saran Jain, South: Road 20' wide		01.03.2025	Rs. 12,69,008.96/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 3.00 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
			2. Smt. Suman Devi w/o Sh. Naresh Kumar (Co-Borrower)							
			3. Mr. Raj Kumar S/o Mr. Shish Ram (Guarantor)							
			4. Mr. Gyan Singh S/o Mr. Naresh Kumar (Guarantor)							
						25.08.2025	Constructive			
4.	BO: Jalalabad (97190)									
			1. Mr. Nihal Chaudhary S/o Mr. Neeraj Kumar (Borrower/Mortgagor)	Residential plot (now house) in the name of Mr. Nihal Chaudhary S/o Mr. Neeraj Kumar measuring total area 46.34 sq. mtrs (Khana no. 230 & 231) situated at Mohalla Kailash, Pargana and Tehsil Kalra, District Shamli, as per sale deed no. 434 registered on 22.04.2021 in the office of S.R. Shamli in Bahi I Volume No. 7952 from page no. 279300. The property is bounded as below: East: Plot Deogar Malik, West: Plot of Smt. Rashmi, North: Plot of Smt. Shikha Devi, South: Rasta 13' wide		01.03.2025	Rs. 10,69,525.55/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 1.30 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
			2. Mr. Rohit Kumar S/o Mr. Satish (Guarantor)							
						26.08.2025	Constructive			
5.	BO: MMG Shamli									
			1. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar S/o Mr. Rajpal Singh (Borrower)	Residential property facing east in the name of Mr. Sanjeev Kumar S/o Mr. Rajpal Singh measuring area 78.06 sq. mtrs at Mohalla Dayanand Nagar, Pargana and Tehsil Shamli and District Muzaffarnagar (Now Shamli), registered as per sale deed no. 3868 dated 04.07.2002. The property is bounded as below: East: Rasta 12' wide, West: House of Sanjay Lal, North: House of Rajkumar, South: House of Prasad		30.12.2024	Rs. 4,07,661.47/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 3.00 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
						29.04.2025	Constructive			
6.	BO: MMG Shamli									
			Sh. Behander Pal Singh S/o Sh. Pitar Singh (Guarantor)	Residential plot (now house) facing south in the name of Sh. Behander Pal Singh S/o Sh. Pitar Singh measuring area 71.10 sq. mtrs situated at Moh. Dayanand Nagar, Town Shamli, Pargana and Tehsil Shamli, District Muzaffarnagar, registered as per sale deed no. 9555 on 15.06.2019. The property is bounded as below: East: House of Sh. Pram Chand, West: Plot of Sh. Atar Singh, North: House of Mr. Naresh, South: Rasta 6'12" wide		21.05.2024	Rs. 13,72,861.41/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 2.60 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
						04.09.2024	Constructive			
7.	BO: Jalalabad									
			1. Ms. Ujjana D/o Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary (Legal Heir of Borrower Late Mrs. Najma and Guarantor also Mortgagor Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary)	Commercial property measuring 340 sq. mtr. bear khana no. 12791 situated at village Jalalabad, Bahar Haddoo, Pargana Thanaabawan, Tehsil Shamli, District Muzaffarnagar in the name of Mr. Matloob Hassan S/o Mr. Han Zahoor Ahmad as per sale deed no. 1915 dated 23.12.2005, Bahi no. 1, 21st No. 633 from pages 229 to 232, registered in the office of Sub Registrar Shamli. The property is bounded as below: East: Chak Subotore; West: Chak Wajid Khan etc; North: Chak Kamal Khan etc; South: Jalalabad-Thana Mang		17.09.2024	Rs. 15,88,606.76/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 7.50 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
			2. Ms. Najak D/o Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary (Legal Heir of Borrower Late Mrs. Najma and Guarantor also Mortgagor Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary)							
			3. Mr. Hamid S/o Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary (Legal Heir of Borrower Late Mrs. Najma and Guarantor also Mortgagor Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary)							
			4. Mr. Fajal S/o Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary (Legal Heir of Borrower Late Mrs. Najma and Guarantor also Mortgagor Late Mr. Matloob Chaudhary)							
						12.06.2023	Constructive			
8.	BO: Kandali (97190)									
			1. M/S Satish electronics through proprietor Sh. Satish Kumar S/o Madan Lal (Borrower)	Residential house facing west situated at Mohalla Saraygan, Kandali Pargana Kandali Tehsil Kalra District Shamli, total area 179.62 sq. mtr. in the name of Smt. Shobla w/o Sh. Madan Lal, registered in the office of Sub Registrar Kalra, Shamli in Bahi I, Volume no. 3975, Page no. 95 to 126 at serial no. 3384 on 26.03.2015. The property is bounded as below: East: House of Mr. Mahendra Jain, West: Passage less than 5.00m wide, North: House of Mr. Prasad S/o Mr. Purnchand, South: Jachok		30.10.2023	Rs. 9,30,218.07/- with further interest w.e.f 01.05.2026 + DI & other charges	Rs. 5.20 Lakh	26.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
			2. Sh. Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Madan Lal (Proprietor Guarantor)							
			3. Smt. Shobla w/o Sh. Madan Lal (Guarantor/Mortgagor)							

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 2. 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. 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.com> on 26-05-2026 @ from 11:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. 4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://baanknet.com> and www.pnbindia.in, or contact Nodal Officer Sh. Davlat Ram Meena, Authorised officer of Circle Office, Muzaffarnagar, Mob. 8954460595. All concerned to note that this publication is also a statutory 15:00 days sale notice to the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors.

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) & (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date: 08.05.2026 Place: Muzaffarnagar / Shamli Authorised Officer (Punjab National Bank)

57,670 green crimes in 2024, down 16%: NCRB

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New Delhi: India reported 57,670 environment and pollution-related crimes in 2024, showing a decline of 16.4% over the total number of such crimes reported in 2023 (68,994), the latest Crime in India report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has revealed.

Over 80% (46,333) of these cases, however, pertained to only one category of offences - violation of Cigarette and Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) - that prohibits advertisements for such products and regulates their trade, commerce, production, supply and distribution.

A total of 25,082 people were arrested in all environment and pollution-related crime cases, with 42,255 of them being arrested under COTPA alone. In a significant majority of the cases, conviction led to imposition of fines (environmental compensation) as specified for violating different green laws.

Offences under Noise Pollution Act, and Forest Act and Forest Conservation Act were second and third on the list, with 8,639 and 1,425 crimes, respectively, being reported. Nearly 96% of all environment and pollution-related offences fell under these three heads.

Under Noise Pollution Act, Rajasthan alone contributed to more than 95% of such cases in 2024 - this shows state's proactive approach towards registering complaints over violations linked to use of high-decibel sound systems (loudspeakers, DJ systems, etc.) during religious events and marriage processions/corollations.

The NCRB report shows the highest number of environment and pollution-related cases in 2024 were registered in Tamil Nadu (28,753), followed by Rajasthan (8,639), Kerala (9,142), Maharashtra (8,753) and Karnataka (1,241).

Incidents in Delhi, which faces an air pollution crisis every winter due to

multiple violations of different nature, did not file a single case under Air Pollution Control Act, 1981, whereas neighbouring Haryana, Punjab and UP filed one case each under this head despite witnessing hundreds of instances of stubble burning that contribute to air pollution during the winter in 2024.

Overall, 18 cases were reported in 2024 under air and water pollution control laws, with 30% (9) of them being reported from Tamil Nadu alone.

Violations under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, were the other three heads with figures of 704, 704 and 704, respectively, being reported.



The total number of environment and pollution-related crimes reported in 2023 stood at 68,994. In 2024, over 80% (46,333) of these cases pertained to only one category of offences - violation of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, according to the latest NCRB report

'Starved, assaulted': Nanny, 23, accuses IIM-B prof & wife

Bengaluru: A 23-year-old nanny from Manipur has accused the wife of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM-B) professor of illegally confining, assaulting and starving her at their campus residence.

C Nangamam has been working since 2019 for professor Amar and wife Anshu, primarily taking care of their children while staying in their home.

Based on her complaint, Bengaluru police have registered a case under BNS sections 115 (3) (voluntarily causing hurt) and 127(4) (criminal confinement). According to the complaint, the alleged harassment began in 2021. Nangamam claimed Anshu frequently assaulted her, checked her mobile phone conversations and, at times, confiscated it.

"Even when I was ill, she would beat me. I was assaulted several times. The last assault took place on April 15, after which I was locked inside the house," Nangamam alleged in the FIR filed at Mico Layout police station.

"The neighbours provided me with bananas and parathas, besides helping me with a mobile phone through which I contacted my relatives and members of Kuki Students' Organisation Bengaluru (KSOB) for assistance," it reads.

IIM-B officials said they had extended assistance. "We remain committed to following the law, due process and doing the right thing," IIM-B said in a statement.

One killed, 3 injured in fight over 'staring'

Bhopal: A minor fight between two families over allegations of "staring" and showing disrespect resulted in a fatal clash in Kharwa village