

Mirror of truth Iran's Pakistan outreach: Analysing President Raisi's Islamabad visit and its impact on India

As artists who come from social privilege and practise art forms that cater to that same section of society, we waltz through life just doing our thing. Of course, they put in a lot of hard work and make umpteen sacrifices, and many overcome economic challenges. But if talent is so obvious that it is difficult to ignore, more often than not, such hurdles are surmounted because of the inherent social network that race, caste, gender and colour provide and the fact that the art form is performed, patronised and appreciated largely by the social elite. Once the economic threshold is crossed, there is little to be done. Upskilling is not rocket science and merely adds layers of additional ability and information that help in keeping their art 'interesting'.

Let us step back and wonder why we want to become artists. The initial drive comes from exposure, conditioning and, without doubt, from marvelling at the art and artists. This can result in young people taking the plunge into the uncertain world of art production. Family and friends are initially thrilled to show off a talented youngster. They beam with pride at social gatherings and amateur public events. But all this ceases once the individual wants to consider art as a career choice. The inner circle highlights the in-built dangers of such a decision, mainly focussing on art's long gestation period, uncertainty, and ensuing financial instability. One cannot deny any of these realities. They will convince the individual to at least complete an undergraduate degree in another field. The logic being, if everything goes south, there is a degree to fall back on. Beyond the financial fear and despite their love for 'their arts', the social elite rarely view the arts as a serious professional endeavour. They would rather have a home-grown software engineer, doctor or accountant. They will admire artists from a distance and bathe in the cultural affirmation they provide, silently glad that someone else from a different home is doing the deed. They will come to events, be it a concert or a gallery show, as aficionados. On the other hand, organisers complain that these very people are often tight-fisted when it comes to supporting the arts. Many prefer free passes rather than paying for a ticket; a different sort of entitlement! The art forms that occupy this space divorce themselves from critical thinking. This is because the privileged believe that their way of life is 'ideal'. Their lifestyle, aesthetic choices, faith, rituals and social understandings are flaunted as flawless. Their social status, thus, makes their way of life aspirational. In such an environment, it is but natural that the arts they patronise and produce are also believed to be perfect. Consequently, everything is guarded by gatekeepers who regulate entry and exit and will not shy away from insensitively using the names of 'others' who fought their way in and withstood stigma and discrimination to offer proof of their own catholicity. Listening to those voices attentively and learning to understand the subtexts of what is said or left unsaid are never considered necessities.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi began an important three-day official visit to Pakistan on April 22, against the backdrop of greater tensions surrounding the Israel-Iran dispute.

International attention was immediately diverted by Raisi's surprising diplomatic optics. Raisi is well-known for his unwavering political position and is largely seen as a strong candidate to succeed Khamenei as Supreme Leader. During his visit, President Raisi underscored the critical importance of regional cooperation and diplomatic engagement by engaging in substantive discussions with key Pakistani dignitaries, including President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Their deliberations have paved the way for an ambitious trade agreement, committing both nations to conduct ten billion dollars in trade over the next

five years, marking a significant milestone in their economic relationship.

What adds an intriguing dimension to Raisi's visit is his distinction as the first foreign leader to initiate diplomatic relations with Pakistan, particularly against the backdrop of the recent contentious general elections held in the country on February 8. This context imbues Raisi's visit with heightened significance, revealing the intricate nuances and delicate balancing acts inherent in regional diplomacy.

President Raisi's diplomatic journey warrants careful consideration, occurring amidst the backdrop of his designation as a target of sanctions under Executive Order 13876 by the US Office of Foreign Assets Control. This layer of complexity adds a nuanced dimension to his diplomatic engagements, underscoring the delicate



balancing act required in navigating international relations.

Moreover, Raisi's trip is shadowed by grave allegations of human rights abuses, with numerous international bodies and United Nations special rapporteurs highlighting these concerns. Such allegations have previously led to the cancellation of his planned trip to Geneva in 2023, indicating the significant scrutiny

surrounding his diplomatic activities and the challenges they entail. The Iranian president's visit to Pakistan arises against a background of recent hostility amid talks covering religious, cultural, investment, and diplomatic spheres. Iran reportedly launched missile strikes on two strongholds of the anti-Iranian rebel organisation Jaish al-Adl (Army of Justice) on January 16 in the province of Baluchistan, Pakistan. A major actor in the ongoing tensions between Iran and Pakistan is Jaish al-Adl, which was founded in 2012 by Abdul Rahim Mollazehi as a breakaway faction of

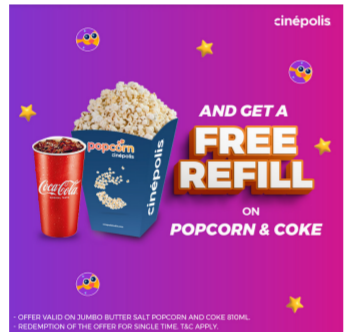
Jundullah. As an "unprovoked violation" of its airspace, Pakistan denounced the bombing. The assault posed a threat to Pakistan's formidable army chief, Gen Asim Munir, whose reputation for toughness and resolve has been a point of contention in his relations with other nations as well as at home. This made political analysts wonder if Iran respected Pakistan's sovereignty. Retaliating quickly, Pakistan launched a surprise attack two days later using fighter jets and missiles directed at the purported hideouts of anti-Pakistan ethno-nationalist insurgents in the Sistan-Baluchistan region who were allegedly operating from Iranian soil. In light of worries about regional security, these incidents do highlight the complex and unstable dynamics that define Iran and Pakistan's relationship, especially as root causes of terrorism, smuggling, and border infiltration are not addressed.

Pakistan serves as Iran's primary regional ally against adversaries such as Saudi

Arabia and other Western powers. Iran's keen interest in joining China's economic corridor initiative aligns with Pakistan's close ties to Beijing. Notably, over 70 per cent of the electricity in Pakistan's Gwadar port city is sourced from Iran. The proposed gas pipelines, including the "peace pipeline" intended to supply Iranian gas to India via Pakistan, have faced setbacks, notably India's withdrawal in 2009 due to US sanctions on Iran. However, Iran and Pakistan remain committed, signing a separate gas supply agreement. Notably, in June of that year, both nations entered into a multibillion-dollar agreement to develop a gas pipeline. However, while Tehran successfully completed construction of a 900-kilometre pipeline on its side by 2011, Islamabad still grapples with the task of installing 80 kilometres of pipeline on its territory. This discrepancy has sparked tensions, with Tehran issuing warnings of potential legal action and threats of an \$18 billion fine due to missed deadlines.

Cinépolis India Launches Democracy Delivers Initiative

Ahmedabad, Cinépolis, the first international cinema exhibitor in India, is thrilled to announce a special offer as our nation pulsates with the rhythms of democracy during this election season. As a brand deeply committed to engaging with the community and promoting civic responsibility, Cinépolis is proud to launch its Democracy Delivers initiative to incentivize and reward voters. India proudly holds the mantle of the world's largest democracy, Cinépolis is privileged to stand alongside the citizens, and invite them to revel in the magic of cinema while honouring the beauty of democracy in action. This offer entails a flat 20% discount, up to Rs. 120, on all ticket bookings made at cinema Points of Sale (PoS) when customers present their voting mark. This exclusive discount is applicable to all movies and will be valid at all Cinépolis



properties across the nation from May 9th, until June 6th, 2024. "In India, the world's largest democracy, voting holds immense power, shaping the course of our collective future. At Cinépolis, we firmly believe in the transformative power of community and the pivotal role each individual plays in the democratic process. What better way to celebrate the essence of democracy than by seamlessly intertwining the joy of cinema with the profound significance of voting and elections, empowering our people to be active participants in shaping our nation's destiny. (19-10)

StepTrade Share Services launches PMS vertical, unveils the Strategies

Ahmedabad, StepTrade Share Services, a leading investment management company, launched its SME focussed Portfolio Management Services (PMS), marking a major milestone in its journey, in Ahmedabad on Saturday. The launch of PMS services comes just over two months after StepTrade Share Services received the PMS license from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Commenting on the landmark, Kresha Gupta, Director, StepTrade Share Services, and one of the youngest fund managers in India, said, "We are thrilled to introduce Portfolio Management Services as a new vertical of StepTrade Share Services. The launch of PMS reflects our commitment to excellence in financial services and allowing additional investment avenues for our clients. StepTrade Share Services marked the milestone occasion with the launch of StepTrade PMS by unveiling StepTrade SME Fund strategy, which eyes alpha



returns in companies listed on SME exchanges, and the StepTrade Rising Star Fund, focusing on small & micro-cap companies. Yash Bhanushali, Fund Manager, PMS, StepTrade Share Services, said, "We are excited to introduce our Portfolio Management Services, a culmination of extensive research and expertise in the financial markets. With a clear focus on transparency, innovation, and client-centric approach, we are committed to redefining the investment experience for clients." (1-7)

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TRAIN NO.	ORIGINATING STATION & DESTINATION	DAYS OF RUN	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
01920	AHMEDABAD - AGRA CANTT (Tri Weekly)	17.05.2024 to 30.06.2024	17:30 hrs. (Wed, Fri & Sun)	09:50 hrs. (Next Day)
01919	AGRA CANTT - AHMEDABAD (Tri Weekly)	16.05.2024 to 29.06.2024	23:30 hrs. (Tue, Thu & Sat)	14:30 hrs. (Next Day)

Halts: Anand, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Ratlam, Nagda, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bayana, Rupbas and Fatehpur Sikri station in both directions.

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FGI Managing Committee Members, Mr. Hankey discussed potential areas

Vadodara, We are delighted to mention that the FGI Managing Committee Members had a Productive Meeting with Mr. Mike Hankey, Consul General, U. S. Consulate General, Mumbai at FGI Business Centre, Vadodara during his recent visit to the city. Mr. Mike Hankey assumed the role of Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai on August 08, 2022, following his tenure as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Amman. He has been actively engaged in U.S. relations with the Palestinians since 2019 and has served at the U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem and the U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Throughout his career, Mr. Hankey has fostered strong ties across the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Affairs and Journalism from George Washington University and a master's degree in second language education from

Indiana University. During the meeting with the FGI Managing Committee Members, Mr. Hankey discussed potential areas of collaboration between the U.S. and India, particularly Gujarat. He engaged with the committee members to gain insights into their businesses and to understand the business landscape in Gujarat and Vadodara, as well as the trade opportunities available for U.S. companies in the region. Mr. Hankey also sought feedback from the members regarding their experiences in conducting business with the U.S. and identified potential obstacles that could impede trade between the two countries. The meeting was attended by key members of the FGI, including Mr. Tarak Patel, President, FGI, Mr. Sameer Khara, Sr. Vice President, FGI, Mr. Pranav Doshi, Vice President, FGI, Mr. Rustom Patel, Hon. Treasurer, Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Priyanka Verma, FGI, and other distinguished Managing Committee Members.

realme GT 6T revealed as the Top Performer



Ahmedabad, realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, has announced that its upcoming device, the all-new GT 6T is set to launch in India on May 22nd. As a Top Performer in its segment, the realme GT 6T is poised to revolutionize the user experience by offering unmatched performance, and is the perfect choice for consumers who seek flagship-level performance in a mid-high-end smartphone.

technological excellence, with "GT" synonymous with powerful performance, superior design, and an uncompromising premium experience. With the GT 6T, realme is poised to showcase its ability to deliver cutting-edge devices that exceed customer expectations. The realme GT 6T, India's first smartphone featuring the cutting-edge Snapdragon® 7+ Gen 3 chipset, redefines excellence with its bold design and exceptional performance. Boasting an impressive Antutu benchmark score of 1.5M+*, the GT 6T empowers users to create, explore, and stay seamlessly connected. Its unique and premium Nano Design and nano-level mirror coating technology enhance the display's texture, brightness, and saturation, resulting in a smooth, radiant surface with industry-leading reflectivity. (1-7)

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(5) & 9(1)] AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

NOTE: It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022.

E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to the Shriram Finance Limited. The physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Shriram Finance Limited (Earlier known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 31st May 2024 between 11 AM to 1 PM for recovery of the balance due to the Shriram Finance Limited from the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, as mentioned in the table, Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit and increment are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Description of Property	Earnest Money Deposit Details (EMD) Details.	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person and Inspection date
1. MAHISAGAR METAL CAST PROPRIETOR KANDORIYA RAYDE S ARYAN ESTATE, PLOT NO 3 NEAR SANDHIYA POOL JAMNAGAR-361004	To pay Rs.50,36,202/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Two Only) as on 26th September 2022, under loan account No. RSJAMTF2107210001 and RSJAMTF2107240001	Property No.1 In Jamnagar City, within the limits of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation, area known as Shankar Tekri, Behind, On Indira Marg, land bearing R.S No 1406 Paiki admeasuring 21246.00 Sq. Mtr. Sub Plotted into different 1 to 124 residential plots vide Order No. JMC/TP/Le-Out/29/2402/1997-1998, dated 28 November 1997 of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation. Then after Collector Jamnagar have converted agriculture land into non-agricultural land vide Order No. JMN/2/Bi Khe/Reg. No 16/1997 dated 11 December 1997 Out of these residential plots, Plot No 33 was sub plotted and divided into 2 Sub Plots. Sub Plot No 33/A and 33/B by the order of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation.	EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/ NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below in favour of Shriram Finance Limited	31st May 2024 & 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.	Hitesh Sonara: 7777999027 Rakesh Patel: 9978973734 Mr. Debjyothi Roy - 9874702021 Property Inspection 20th May 2024 Time 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2. KANDORIYA RAYDE S KAILASH NAGAR, RADAR ROAD PANAKHAN JAMNAGAR-361004	RSJAMTF201180001 along with further interest together with cost and Charges. Demand Notice Dated: 18-10-2022	JMC/TP/Le-Out/29/2402/1997-1998, dated 28 November 1997 of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation. Then after Collector Jamnagar have converted agriculture land into non-agricultural land vide Order No. JMN/2/Bi Khe/Reg. No 16/1997 dated 11 December 1997 Out of these residential plots, Plot No 33/A admeasuring plot area 55.00 Sq.Mtrs and Construction area 45.28 Sq.Mts bounded as under	BANK NAME- AXIS BANK LIMITED		
3. ZINZUVADIYA HEMANTBHAI J A/33, SHRI BAHUCHAR KRUPA KAILASH NAGAR, NEAR SHITAL SCHOOL GOKUL NAGAR JAMNAGAR -361004	Fore Closure Amount Rs. 37,69,645/- (Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five only) as per Fore closure amount as on dated 14-05-2024	North - Sub Plot No 32/B is situated South -Sub Plot No 33/B is situated East - Sub Plot No 42/B is situated West- 6.00 Mtrs wider road is situated Reserve Price:Rs.16,25,000/- EMD AMOUNT:Rs. 1,62,500/- Last date to submit EMD: 30th May 2024	BANK NAME- AXIS BANK LIMITED		
4.DEVARAKHIBHAI PARBATBHAI DHRANGU DWARKESH 3, PLOT NO 26/2 NEAR SANDHIYA POOL JAMNAGAR-361004		Sq.Mtrs bounded as under	IFSC CODE- UTIB0000006		
5.RAMBHIBEN D DHRANGU DWARKESH 3, PLOT NO 26/2 NEAR SANDHIYA POOL JAMNAGAR-361004					
6. MAHISAGAR ENTERPRISES REP BY ITS PARTNER MR. KANDORIYA RAYADE S ARYAN ESTATE, PLOT NO 3 NEAR SANDHIYA POOL JAMNAGAR-361004					

STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the <https://www.shriramfinance.in/auction> provided in the Shriram Finance Limited website.

Place : Jamnagar Date : 15.05.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer Shriram Finance Limited