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# Blood, Billions ..

INR, this comes out to be a surplus of Rs 2.99 lakh crore to Rs 3.42 lakh crore.

**The research undertaken by The Earth News’s investigation team under the leadership of its Editor-in-Chief has found that US profits from India are further higher, at Rs 3.4–3.8 lakh crore every year.**

So who’s really gaining more? The answer is clear: the U.S. What’s more alarming is that even as American corporations profit immensely from Indian consumers and institutions, Washington continues its ambiguous stance on Pakistan, even as the US is losing money in its trade with Pakistan every year.

For the year 2024, the US incurred a loss of Rs 25,650 crore in its trade relationship with Pakistan, even though this is a conservative figure available in public domain. The US losses from Pakistan could be even higher.

Beneath the layers of this relationship, lies a hard truth: America earns handsomely from India and loses huge from Pakistan—yet it refuses to fully align with India’s security imperatives, particularly concerning Pakistan.

When it comes to standing with India on cross-border terrorism or Pakistan-based jihadist safe havens, America still hides behind the veil of neutrality.

The U.S. hesitates to call out Islamabad’s role in nurturing terror proxies—Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and the Haqqani network—even after repeated attacks on Indian soil, from Uri to Pulwama, and Pahalgam to Poonch. America’s silence on the Indian territory illegally encroached by Pakistan further compounds the diplomatic frustration.

This reflects a flawed equation: Profits flow freely, but political respect remains negotiated.

**India’s Untapped Strategic Lever**

India’s market is America’s profit machine. The USD 80-85 billion that America quietly rakes in every year from India include include over USD 25 billion spend by Indian students in US, USD 15-20 billion a year made by the US tech giants like Google, Meta, Amazon, Apple, and Microsoft in sales from India’s booming digital market, while American banks and consulting firms earn an estimated USD 10-15 billion in revenue annually from their work in India’s financial sector, advising companies, managing corporate deals, and providing high-end services.

Another major source of US income comes from Global Capability Centers (GCCs) in Indian tech hubs like Bengaluru and Hyderabad. While most work is done in India, much of the real economic value is booked in the US as GCCs earn USD 15-20 billion revenue yearly through India operations, while the American pharma firms earn USD 1.5-2 billion annually through patents, drug licensing, and technology transfer. A

At the bottom end, Auto companies and component suppliers earn USD 0.8-1.2 billion through licensing and technical services, while Hollywood and US streaming platforms contribute another USD 1-1.5 billion through Indian box office sales, subscriptions, and content licensing.

Of course, the US defence sales to India bring in billions more, although exact figures are often kept confidential.

The United States cannot continue to earn billions from India while turning a blind eye to the forces that destabilize our region.

In fact, America continues to fund Pakistan militarily, often ignoring its role in nurturing terror proxies like Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed etc. Even after repeated Indian submissions of evidence post-Uri, Pulwama, Pahalgam and Poonch attacks, the U.S. response is muted—measured statements without consequences.

This is not about hostility—it is about parity. If America wants to claim strategic partnership in Asia, it must first acknowledge the pain and concerns of its most vital partner.

**Assertive Economic Diplomacy**

India can no longer allow this one-sided dynamic. It is time we link our economic platforms to political red lines. Here is how India can go about it.

No defense deals without political clarity. If India signs billion-dollar defense agreements with the U.S., they must come with a clear American position on Pakistan-backed terror networks and their role in destabilizing the region.

No digital dominance without sovereign respect. American Big Tech earns billions from Indian users. India must regulate market access through digital sovereignty, cross-border tax enforcement, and data localization—not just in commercial terms, but geopolitical ones.

No investment comfort without strategic alignment. From semiconductors to renewable corridors, incentives must favor nations that respect India’s stance on terrorism and territorial integrity.

**Expanding Horizons**

India must also diversify its strategic earning channels. With the UAE and Saudi Arabia, India should seek energy equity, fintech leadership, and diaspora monetization.

With Europe, India must close the FTA, focusing on pharma, green tech, and design-led IP exports. In Africa, India can dominate through affordable education, solar exports, and public health consulting.

In Southeast Asia, India should offer RuPay—UPI infrastructure, digital governance tools, and AI law expertise. With Russia and Central Asia, we must build rupee-based trade, defense offsets, and EV partnerships.

India must position itself as a knowledge exporter, not just a labour source. EdTech, AI ethics, cyber governance, climate law, and satellite tech should become India’s foreign currency earners.

**India Must Set Terms**

It is time for India to turn passive diplomacy into conditional economic strategy. The tools already exist. Defense purchases like GE jet engines, MQ-9 drones, or Boeing aircraft should be tied to verifiable U.S. actions against Pakistan’s terror infrastructure.

Digital data access for U.S. firms must be linked with support for India’s sovereignty in PoK and condemnation of cross-border terror. Market access in critical sectors like AI, fintech, and semiconductors should favor those nations that support India’s national security red lines. India must use its voice in the G20, WTO, BRICS, and climate forums to extract clarity from the U.S., not just praise.

**Ending Pseudo-Supremacy**

America cannot claim strategic supremacy in Asia while riding on Indian profits and ignoring Indian pain. India is not just a rising market—it is a civilizational state that demands mutual respect. If the U.S. continues to profit from India without honoring its strategic concerns, it ceases to be a partner and becomes a beneficiary of Indian restraint.

The days of soft diplomacy alone are over. India must now behave like what it already is—a global economic power. That means making it clear to partners, especially the United States: “There can be no partnership without political respect. Strategic profits must be matched by strategic accountability. India is open for business—but not at the cost of its sovereignty or silence on its pain.”

Economic diplomacy is India’s most underused weapon. The time has come to wield it with precision, purpose, and pride.

## ‘Nations contributing ...

Whether it is about development, distribution of resources, or security-related issues," Modi said.

In his remarks at the first plenary session, the prime minister rued the Global South has often received nothing but token gestures on issues like climate finance, sustainable development and technology access.

"Countries that have a major contribution to today's global economy have not been given a seat at the decision-making table," he said.

"This is not just a question of representation, but also of credibility and effectiveness," he added.

Modi said the world today needs a new multipolar and inclusive order and this has to begin with comprehensive reforms in global institutions.

"Reforms should not be merely symbolic, but their real impact should also be visible. There should be changes in governance structures, voting rights and leadership positions," he said.

The prime minister argued that the challenges of the countries of the Global South should be given priority in policy-making.

The expansion of BRICS is proof of the fact that it is an organisation that has the capacity to change itself according to the times, he said.

"Now we will have to show the same willpower for reforms in institutions like the UN Security Council, WTO and multilateral development banks."

"In the age of artificial intelligence, where technology is updated every week, it is not acceptable for a global institution to not be updated even once in 80 years," he said.

Modi said "21st century software cannot be run by 20th century type-writers".

"India has always considered it its duty to rise above its own interests and work in the interest of humanity," he said.

"We are fully committed to make constructive contributions on all subjects, along with the BRICS countries," Modi added.

## Mookerjee’s dream, ...

Mookerjee’s dream 66 years after his martyrdom. Today, India is making exponential strides in its development journey to achieve his other resolves of building a strong, united, and developed India,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the achievements of J&K post-August 2019 are guided by the dream of Mookerjee and the resolve of PM Modi.

“Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was guided by the vision to build a discrimination-free J&K and to change its destiny by complete integration with India. He wished active participation of the people of Jammu Kashmir in the mainstream of development and nation building. With the inspiration of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and the commitment of the Prime Minister, Jammu Kashmir is setting new records of development,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted the influence of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the intellectual, political, educational, industrial and cultural landscape of India.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the chief architect of India’s industrialisation. He laid the foundation of a self-reliant India, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor impressed upon the Departments of Culture, School and Higher Education to organise exhibitions and lectures on the life and work of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in every school, every college and every university from July 2025 to July 2027.

“Dr. Mookerjee breathed his last in Srinagar. The entire Jammu and Kashmir is indebted to him. The new generation should actively engage in honouring his legacy. Week-long exhibitions in educational institutions, and theatrical performances depicting his life’s journey should be organised.

The monumental contribution of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee should be spread to every village though grand commemoration events. Our new generation should know that without the visionary leaders like Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Jammu and Kashmir would never have been able to realize its aspirations,” he further added.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor released the translation of new Criminal Laws in Kashmiri language. An exhibition on life and works of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was also organised by the IGNCA Regional Office and Culture Department.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday also paid rich tributes to Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee and remembered his contributions and sacrifices for the country, especially Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a gathering in Gujarat’s Anand, Shah asserted that Mookerjee sacrificed himself for Jammu and Kashmir, adding that the territory would never have become an integral part of India without him.

Mookerjee strongly opposed the special status and autonomy granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution. He advocated for the complete integration of J-K with the rest of India.

Shah said, “Today is a very important day. On this day in 1901, Syama Prasad Mookerjee was born. Born in the land of West Bengal, he was a nationalist leader... The people of the nation are associating him with Jammu and Kashmir. That is correct because Kashmir would never have become an integral part of India without Syama Prasad.”

“He sacrificed himself for Kashmir, raising the slogan ‘Ek desh mein do Vidhan, do Pradhan aur do Nishan nahi challenge’. The entire credit for West Bengal being a part of our nation today goes to Syama Prasad and Swami Pranavananda...” the Union Minister said..

Expressing pride, the BJP leader stated that Bharatiya Jana Sangh, started by Mookerjee with just 10 members, has now become the world’s largest political party.

Shah stated, “He had resigned from Jawaharlal Nehru’s Council of Ministers in protest against the policy of appeasement, after which he formed Bharatiya Jana Sangh, a party that was dedicated for India’s soil, culture and interest. The party he started with 10 members has today become the world’s largest political party with a membership of 12 crore people. On this occasion, I bow my head to pay tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee.”

## Toll Tensions ...

off ceremony.

Addressing the media, Choudhary asked the BJP leaders from Jammu and Kashmir to immediately approach the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to intervene and stop the ongoing construction of the Akhnoor toll plaza.

He emphasized that Jammu residents are already burdened with multiple tolls and introducing another plaza will severely impact their economic condition.

Choudhary called for a "toll-free policy within Jammu city limits" and asserted that it is the responsibility of the BJP leadership, both in J&K and at the Centre, to protect the interests of the Jammu population.

There is no doubt in saying that the issue is rapidly gaining grip and is expected to become a major point of public and political debate in the days to come.

As the work proceeds on the new toll plaza, the issue is set to remain a flashpoint and is expected to become a major point of discussion in the coming future, with residents and leaders together demanding relief from mounting road user charges in J&K union territory.

## Shri Amarnath ...

transgenders and 582 security forces, officials said. The total number of pilgrims who visited the cave shrine in the first four days of the 38-day yatra has risen to 69,484, they added.

From Jammu, amid incessant rains, a fresh batch of over 7,200 pilgrims left the base camp early Sunday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The fifth batch of 7,208 pilgrims, including 1,587 women and 30 children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in two separate convoys amid tight security arrangements between 3-35 am and 4-15 am, the officials said.

This was the largest batch of pilgrims since Wednesday, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the yatra from here.

With this, a total of 31,736 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley.

The first pilgrim convoy carrying 3,199 pilgrims in 147 vehicles left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district followed by second convoy of 4,009 pilgrims in 160 vehicles who are undertaking the yatra from the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district, the officials said.

The pilgrims braved heavy rains which lashed wide parts of Jammu throughout the night.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the ongoing pilgrimage has reached three as a pilgrim from Uttar Pradesh died due to cardiac arrest, they said.

Rakesh Kumar Soni, 49, a resident of Pant Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, fell sick at Baltal. He was referred to a hospital in Srinagar where doctors declared him dead on arrival, according to officials.

# HH Dalai ...

abroad, extended warm wishes to the Dalai Lama, and said he has been an enduring symbol of love, compassion, patience and moral discipline.

Modi said on X, "I join 1.4 billion Indians in extending our warmest wishes to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on his 90th birthday. He has been an enduring symbol of love, compassion, patience and moral discipline."

He added, "His message has inspired respect and admiration across all faiths. We pray for his continued good health and long life."

Union ministers Kiren Rijiju and Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Sikkim minister Sonam Lama, and Hollywood actor Richard Gere addressed the gathering here.

"Many lamas who spoke out during discussion ... were openly declaring that his holiness Dalai Lama does not belong to only Tibet anymore, his holiness belongs to the world," Gere said.

The opulent ceremony was held just days after his announcement that the institution of the Dalai Lama will continue and only the Gaden Phodrang Trust will have the authority to recognise his future reincarnation put an end to the speculations about the discontinuation of the Dalai Lama institution.

China insists on having a say in the choice of successor to the current Dalai Lama.

On Saturday, to irk China further, the Tibetan spiritual leader said he hopes to live for another 30-40 years.

The birthday was attended by the representatives of various Tibetan Buddhist sects, school children, dancers and singers from different countries, and Buddhists from across the world.

Speaking at the ceremony, seated in front of a nine-tier cake, Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso said that it is the love of the people that motivates him to continue on the path of serving all sentient beings.

"So on my part, I reflect on Shantideva's Bodhisattvacharyavatara, the Bodhisattva way of life, considering all sentient beings as my relatives and friends, and I always think of serving all sentient beings to the best of my ability. On this birthday celebration, you have come here with great joy. So thank you," he said.

"The more people, the more joy expressed from their hearts. I also feel inspired because I practise Bodhichitta. Instead of focusing on selfish goals to get people's admiration, my focus on serving others and holding others dearer than myself helps me gather people around and to have their admiration," the Nobel laureate said to a ground full of admirers lined up wall to wall.

The celebrations started with a song for the Dalai Lama performed by Switzerland-based Tibetan singer Jamyan Choden. It was followed by a dance performance by a group of Mongolian and Albanian artists.

As part of the celebrations, over 1,000 cultural groups will perform over the next three days across different venues in the town.

Union ministers Kiren Rijiju and Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Sikkim minister Sonam Lama, and Hollywood actor Richard Gere addressed the gathering after the performances.

Rijiju, who sat on the right side of the Dalai Lama, called him a "living bridge between ancient wisdom and the modern world."

"Your holiness, you are more than a spiritual leader. You are a living bridge between ancient wisdom and the modern world. We feel blessed by his presence in our country, which he regards as his 'aryabhoomi'," the minister said.

He said the Dalai Lama has guided for over seven decades not only followers of Buddhism but also people of all faiths and backgrounds.

"In a world at strife with conflict, your message embodied in how you continue to lead your life assumes even greater and more urgent significance. It is a matter of pride and honour for India and Indians to have you in our midst," he said.

Khandu said the assertion of a continuation of the institution of the Dalai Lama tradition has brought "clarity and comfort to millions of people."

"This decision is not spiritual, it is civilisational. It reinforces the value of religious freedom, cultural autonomy and the sacred responsibility to preserve the spiritual heritage for future generations," he said.

United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio sent a message saying the US remains "firmly committed to promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms of Tibetans."

"We support efforts to preserve Tibetans' distinct linguistic, cultural, and religious heritage, including their ability to freely choose and venerate religious leaders without interference," Rubio said.

The Tibetan leader also received birthday wishes from former US presidents George W Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama via video messages.

While Clinton called upon the Dalai Lama's wisdom and teachings at a time when "we see the forces of division tearing at the fabric of our common humanity," Bush said the world, which is a troubled place, needs his "spirit of kindness and compassion and love more than ever."

Obama thanked the "youngest 90-year-old" for "showing generations what it means to practise compassion and speak up for freedom and dignity."

Sikyong Penpa Tsering, the president of the Central Tibetan Administration, released a statement by the Kashag, the cabinet of the Tibetan government-in-exile, and announced a 'Year of Compassion' to be observed by Tibetans and "friends of Tibet" globally.

The statement said that the Dalai Lama's four principal commitments - the promotion of universal human values, religious harmony, preservation of Tibetan culture and environment, and revival of ancient Indian knowledge - offer unparalleled solutions to the issues of the world.

"In today's world, which faces interconnected crises in-

cluding violent conflicts, arms races, trade wars, social fragmentation, moral decay, and climate change, these commitments offer unparalleled and indisputable solutions," the statement read.

## Thupstan, Jora ...

Alliance for their wholehearted support during my tenure," Chhewang, a former member of Parliament who quit the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2018, said in a press release.

In his letter addressed to the LAB chairman, Jora said he is withdrawing himself from the sub-committee that is scheduled to attend meetings with home ministry officials in the coming days and from the HPC as well.

"Congress party, however, shall continue to be part of the Apex Body and support every effort towards achieving our avowed objective (Sixth Schedule and statehood) and criticise the ones that go against it," Jora said in his resignation letter.

Besides statehood and Ladakh's inclusion in the Sixth Schedule, the LAB and the KDA were also agitating for reservation in jobs for locals and two parliamentary seats for the region.

On June 3, the BJP-led Centre announced new reservation and domicile policies for Ladakh, reserving 85 per cent jobs for locals and announcing a 33-per cent quota for women in the autonomous hill development councils.

The government has also made English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi official languages of Ladakh, but said English shall continue to be used for all the official purposes of the Union Territory for which it was being used before the date of commencement of this regulation.

The announcement came close on the heels of a meeting of the HPC chaired by Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai in New Delhi on May 27. According to the LAB and KDA leadership, the issues were finalised at the meeting.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had formed the HPC to discuss measures needed to protect the region's unique culture and language, taking into consideration its geographical location and strategic importance.

In August 2024, the Centre created five new districts in the Union Territory -- Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra and Changthang.

# LG joins ...

tributes to Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Their sacrifice for peace, love, and compassion guiding us to build a society based on equality and harmony.

"Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) gave the message of selfless service and guided humanity to care for those who are less fortunate. Young generation must learn from the life and virtues of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and walk on the righteous path shown by him," Sinha said.

The chest-beating and wailing mourners passed through the city roads, eulogising Hussain's sacrifice in the fight between good and evil.

Authorities had made adequate arrangements for ensuring an incident-free Muharram procession, the officials said.

Security forces were deployed all along the route while police and volunteers had set up stalls to distribute water among the mourners, they said.

The officials said doctors and paramedical staff were also deployed along the route to attend to any emergency.

For the third consecutive year, the authorities allowed the eighth day procession from Guru Bazar locality to Dalgate on Friday.

## Will look ...

to this," he said, while addressing FTII Traders' Conclave in Srinagar.

On Kashmiri apples, he said the industry has requested for more protection on this fruit, which at present attracts a minimum import price (MIP) Rs 50 per Kg and 50 per cent import duty.

After accounting for all charges and costs, including transportation, marketing, branding, and retailing, consumers pay Rs 125-150 per kg, he said, adding that there is also a need to balance the interests of consumers and farmers.

At present, India imports 4.5-5 tonnes of apple every year to meet the shortage in the domestic market.

"I will talk to the (Union) agriculture ministry (on the issue)," he said.

Further, he said India is signing new free trade agreements (FTAs) to provide nearer market access to Indian goods and services.

He added that India will always protect the interest of Indian industry and consumers on these agreements.

"This is our priority. We will always protect the interest of Jammu and Kashmir and the county in these pacts," the minister said.

The remarks assume significance as the US is seeking duty concessions on apples in the proposed trade agreement with India.

## Musk forms...

Musk did not say where the party may be registered. To legally form the party would require it to register with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

The most recent FEC filings showed no indication that has happened, CNN said.

Musk first raised the prospect of forming a party during his public feud with Trump, which saw him leave his role in the administration's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and engage in a vicious public spat with his former ally.

During that row, Musk posted a poll on X asking users if there should be a new political party in the US.

Referencing that poll in his post on Saturday, Musk wrote: "By a factor of 2 to 1, you want a new political party and you shall have it!"

Musk, the largest individual donor to Trump’s 2024 presidential campaign, was a close adviser to Trump until recently.

Musk, who spearheaded the Trump administration’s push to cut government waste, had criticised Trump’s “big beautiful” tax and spending bill because of estimates that it would add trillions of dollars to the federal deficit.

The legislation was narrowly passed by Congress and signed into law by the president this week.

Musk’s criticism of the bill was the catalyst for a major falling out between the two men last month.

The world’s richest man has indicated he wants a party that is fiscally conservative and reins in spending, but has offered few other details about what the party’s platform would be.

The two-party system in the United States has long been criticised by both registered Democrats and registered Republicans, but efforts in the last century to form a third party have shown little success.

Musk said in other posts to social media this week that his party would become an active political force during next year’s midterm elections and that it would initially focus on supporting candidates in just a handful of House and Senate races.

Trump, in turn, has made threats against Musk and said earlier this week the government may reconsider its massive contracts with Musk’s companies.

Trump also described the Department of Government Efficiency, which the billionaire previously helmed, as a monster that may “go back and eat Elon.”