

# Blood, Billions & Blatant Hypocrisy: America Profits from India, Bleeds in Pakistan, yet chooses Silence on Terrorism



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In the age of transactional geopolitics, where even the most powerful nations base alliances on interests rather than ideals, India must shed its diplomatic caution and rise as an assertive economic power. We are not merely a growing market; we are the fourth-largest economy,



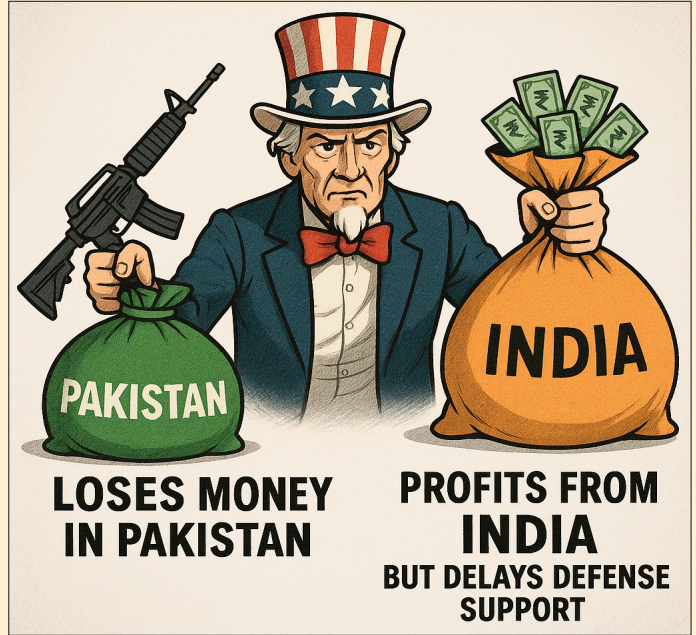
Despite earning over Rs 3.8 lakh crore annually from India, and incurring losses from Pakistan, the US turns a blind eye to Pakistan's terror exports and refuses to stand firmly with its biggest democratic partner. It's time India stopped rewarding silence with access and wields an assertive Economic Diplomacy.

the largest youth-driven tech base, a nation increasingly central to global balance, and a strategic hub that commands global attention. But despite our rise, a critical imbalance persists in our most celebrated partnership: the India-U.S. relationship. This relationship gets further skewed when we consider US' relationship with Pakistan. While India commemorates warmth and camaraderie in bilateral dialogues with the US, the cold figures tell a different story. In FY 2024-25 alone, the United States earned Rs

12.97-13.41 lakh crore from India—through digital services, defense exports, education, royalties, and FDI returns. Meanwhile, India's total gains from the U.S.—via trade surplus, remittances, and services exports—barely touched Rs 9.61 lakh crore. The economic relationship is profitable, but it is not equitable. While India celebrates diplomatic warmth with the U.S., the truth is starker: America earns more from India than India earns from America—by over Rs 3.4-3.8 lakh crore every year. India's total annual gains from

the U.S.—through trade surplus, services, remittances, and minor returns—amount to Rs 9.61 lakh crore. In the Financial Year 2024-25, the US has recorded a trade deficit of about USD 44.4 billion with India, which means Washington has imported far more goods and services from India than it exported, using this so-called gap to accuse India of unfairly benefiting from trade, even as US President Donald Trump used this opportunity to impose tariff hikes. Washington is also using the

deficit figures to push India to unilaterally lower tariffs and open its market further. However, a Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report said that this trade deficit narrative is misleading and incomplete. According to the think tank, the US quietly rakes in USD 80-85 billion every year from India through education, digital services, financial operations, intellectual property royalties, and arms sales. These massive earnings do not show up in the narrow goods trade statistics. When you factor them



in, the US isn't running a deficit with India at all - it's sitting on a USD 35-40 billion surplus. Converted into ►P11

## Will look into GST reduction on J&K's H&H products: Goyal

**SRINAGAR:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday assured apple traders in Jammu and Kashmir to look into their demand for greater protection from imports, but emphasised the need to balance the interests of both growers and consumers. Goyal also said he will take up the suggestion of stakeholders to reduce goods and services tax (GST) on handicrafts. The industry has called for a cut in GST from 12 per cent to 5 per cent. "I have asked them to share the details with the Union finance ministry also. I will also talk and see how to bring (products) in the 5 per cent (GST) bracket... we will try to find a solution ►P11

## Musk forms America Party

**NEW YORK:** US tech billionaire Elon Musk said he has formed a new political party to give Americans their freedom back, after a dramatic falling out with Donald Trump. He announced his plans on his social media platform X that he had set up the 'America Party' to challenge the two-party system in the country. "Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom," Musk said in a post on X. "When it comes to bankrupting our country with waste & graft, we live in a one-party system, not a democracy," the Tesla and SpaceX CEO said. ►P11

## HH Dalai Lama turns 90, Modi leads global leaders in wishes

**DHARAMSHALA:** Thousands gathered in the main courtyard of Tsuglagkhang, the Dalai Lama temple, Sunday to celebrate the 90th birthday of the 14th Dalai Lama, while greetings poured from across the world for the Tibetan spiritual leader. Political leaders from India and abroad also shared the stage with the Dalai Lama, throwing their support behind the Buddhist leader, who has been living in exile in India and has been fighting for the rights of the Tibetan people since the region came under Chinese occupation in the 1960s. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is ►P11



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## Global South victim of double standards: PM 'Nations contributing most deprived of high-table seat'

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** The Global South has often been a victim of "double standards" and nations that make major contributions to the world economy are deprived of a seat at the decision-making table, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday as he pressed for urgent reforms of the key bodies, including the UN Security Council. In an address at the BRICS Summit, Modi said two-thirds of humanity has not received adequate representation in the global institutions formed in the 20th century. Without the Global



South, these institutions seem like a mobile phone with a SIM card but no network, he said. The annual BRICS Summit began with a group photo of the leaders of the bloc's member nations followed by an address by Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. "The Global South has often been a victim of double standards. ►P11

## Toll Tensions Rise: New Plaza sparks outcry on 4-lane Jammu-Akhnoor NH

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**JAMMU:** Work has officially begun on a new toll plaza on the upcoming four-lane Jammu-Akhnoor national highway, sparking mixed reactions and tension among the residents and political leaders across the Jammu region. The project, which is a part of the National Highway Authority of India's (NHAI) broader expansion strategy, aims to streamline traffic between Jammu and Akhnoor stretch, but it has also triggered concerns over increased financial burden on daily commuters.

Currently, several toll plazas are operational in the Jammu division, collecting fees from vehicles moving along key national highways and major roadways. The most notable among them includes, Bann (Jammu Bypass-Udhampur), Lakhanpur/Rajbagh (Jammu-Pathankot), Mada and Nashri (Chenani-Nashri section) and Dondpur (Semi Ring Road from Raya Morh to Jagti). Pertinently, these tolls have frequently remained a subject of public unhappiness due to allegations of financial burden; high charges and poor road conditions de-

spite the hefty collections. While official toll rates for the new plaza have yet to be announced, the similar plazas in the Jammu region charge between ₹135-₹195 for single journeys by cars and light vehicles. The newly proposed toll plaza on the four-lane stretch in Jammu is positioned near the strategically significant route that connects Jammu city with Akhnoor town; Poonch, Rajouri districts, and further to the sensitive border areas in the region. Moreover, the four-lane road project itself is a long-awaited infrastructure upgrade aimed at easing traffic

## Mookerjee's dream, PM's resolve guiding achievements of J&K after 2019: LG Sinha

J&K would never have become India's integral part without him: HM

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**SRINAGAR:** Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life for unification of Jammu and Kashmir with India, a dream which was fulfilled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi 66 years after his martyrdom, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday as he paid rich tributes to one of the key architects of modern India on his 125th Birth Anniversary celebration, here.. "The achievements of Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 are guided by the dream of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and the resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the LG said,



recalling his immense contributions. "Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was a visionary statesman, educationist and fearless parliamentarian whose ideals continue to

shape the destiny of India. His profound knowledge, and resolute commitment to social cohesion and harmony will always be remembered," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the J&K has launched the 2-year celebratory campaign to honour the life and legacy of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and his role in strengthening national unity and advocating 'One Nation, One Constitution' for a brighter future of Jammu Kashmir. "Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life for unification of J&K with India. He was a proponent of "One Nation, One Constitution" and opposed Article 370. His martyrdom in Srinagar while fighting for J&K's complete integration, remained defining moment in the nation's history. "PM Modi fulfilled Dr. Syama Prasad ►P11

## Shri Amarnath Yatra nears 70k mark in 4 days, death toll three

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**SRINAGAR:** More than 21,000 devotees had a darshan of the naturally formed ice Shivaling inside the holy cave shrine of Amarnath on the fourth day of the annual pilgrimage on Sunday, taking the total number of the devotees to have visited the holy shrine so far to over 69 thousands. A total of 21,512 pilgrims paid obeisance at the 3,880-metre high holy cave shrine on the Himalayas in south Kashmir on Sunday. The pilgrims included 15,758 males, 4,723 females, 300 children, 129 sadhus, 17 sadhvis, three ►P11



## LG joins Muharram procession

**SRINAGAR:** Thousands of Shia mourners on Sunday took out an Ashura procession in the city here to mark the martyrdom anniversary of Prophet Muhammad's grandson Imam Hussain on the 10th day of Muharram. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited Bota Kadal in Lal Bazar area of the city before the procession started, officials said. Sinha distributed water among the Shia mourners before the procession began from Bora Kadala and culminated at Zadibal Imambara, the officials said.



The LG in a post on X paid tributes to Imam Hussain and his sacrifice. "On the solemn occasion of Youm-e-Ashura, joined Zuljinah procession at Botakadal, Srinagar's Downtown and paid my ►P11