

Govt under US pressure, sacrificing Indian interests: Pilot

PTI, NEW DELHI: In a scathing attack on the government over the imposition of tariffs by the US, Congress general secretary Sachin Pilot on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should have worked out a constructive solution during his last America visit rather than just indulging in "photo ops" and exchanging gifts.

He said that at a time when the world is responding to the imposition of reciprocal tariffs by the US, the Indian government is merely buying time and leaving everything to fate.

In an interview with PTI, the former minister for Corporate Affairs said the Indian government is accepting what has been given out and has not even offered a response.

"I would imagine, when the PM was in Washington (in February) and met the president of the US, instead of just photo ops and exchanging gifts, something more constructive should have come out of it," Pilot said.

"If our relations are as strong as the two leaders claim, then we would not have been slapped with these steep tariffs. Clearly, our exports will be severely hit, manufacturing will in any way on a downside, MSMEs are in for a shock..

The economy will face severe stress due to resulting layoffs and job losses but unfortunately, we have not had an adequate response or even an indication of how to navigate this situation," he said.

The government was caught napping and it seems to be under US pressure to sacrifice Indian interests, he alleged.

Pilot pointed out that many European countries have responded strongly and in fact, China will legally take action against the US in the WTO.

While European countries have spoken of similar tariffs, Canada and Mexico have also indicated reciprocal imposition of higher counter-tariffs but "we have not responded yet", Pilot said.

"So one does not know what the government intends to do but one thing is clear that these trade wars are going to pose a huge problem whether it is inflation, manufacturing, productivity, or transfer of technology- all will be impacted but despite Parliament being in session, we have not seen an adequate response or assurance from the Indian government on how it will protect Indian interests. And this silence is adding to the uncertainty," the Congress leader said.

Hindus in Europe, US mull opening Ram Naam Bank overseas

PTI, LUCKNOW: Indian origin Hindus living in Europe and US are mulling opening overseas chapters of Prayagraj-based 'Ram Naam Bank' in their countries.

On the occasion of Ram Navami on Sunday, the idea of opening a Ram Naam Bank was discussed among the devotees in Sweden.

Nityanand Sharma, an IT Solution Architect, who works for a global furniture retailer in Sweden's Almhult and manages the affairs of a local temple there, said people were enamoured by the idea of a bank that propagates the name of Lord Ram.

"The name of Lord Ram is powerful and effective enough to dispel doubts, fears and anxiety. That is why the concept propagated by Prayagraj-based Ram Naam Bank, of embracing the divine presence by writing his name 108 times a day in a booklet has many takers globally," he said.

"Apart from Almhult, we are exploring this idea with our other friends in Europe. If all goes well, 'Ram Naam Bank' will have a presence in many places across Europe," he told PTI.

The 'Ram Naam Bank' in Prayagraj is a "spiritual bank" where devotees deposit booklets after writing Lord Ram at least 108 times daily.

"The uniqueness of the bank lies in the fact that its only 'currency' is Lord Ram," said Ashutosh Varshney, who manages the Ram Naam Bank's affairs in Prayagraj.

He said the bank was originally started by his ancestors in the 1870s.

Apart from Prayagraj, such 'Ram Naam Banks' have since also come up in many parts of Uttar Pradesh, including the state capital Lucknow where a road crossing is also named after the bank. In Varanasi, a Ram Ramapati Bank is operating on the same concept.

"Earlier too, I wanted to write Lord Ram's name but was unsure about how to go about it. Now, Ram Naam Bank has provided an answer and surely we look forward to having a chapter of the bank out of India," said Nityanand Sharma.

SAD DEMISE
Basavaneyya. C. Hiremath (BASAPPA)
 Born: 18-06-1953 / Died: 06-04-2025
 Ramcons Apartment, Block-B, Flat No.:F-8/9, 1st Floor, Behind Kadar Supermarket Colva.
 Expired on 6th April 2025
 Residence: 4pm on 7th April 2025
 Funeral will be held on 8th April 2025 at 11.30am at Pajifond Margao
 Wife: Savitri Hiremath,
 Sons: Manjunath/Arthi/Elizabeth, Shivanand/Lilia
 Grandchildren: Anukul, Avinash, Anisha, Aliya, Tanishka, Bavanya, Hanisha

DEATH
MARGARIDA D'COSTA (Vaddy - Siolim)
 Born: 15/04/1966 - Died: 6/04/2025
 Beloved wife of Dexter D'Costa. Mother / Mother in law of Diana D'Costa / Late Elton Fernandes.
 Loving grandmother to Baba Daniel Fernandes.
 The Funeral cortege will leave the residence on 7th April 2025 (Monday) at 4:00 p.m. for Eucharistic celebration at St. Anthony's Church, Siolim followed by burial.
 Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
MARIA FLORA DIAS
 RATWADDO - NAVELEM
 Born: 17/07/1944
 Died: 04/04/2025
 Beloved wife of Late Augusto Antonio Victor De Martinho Menezes
 Mother/ Mother-In-Law of Martinho/Anna, Angelo/ Nicaela, Milagrina/ Menino, Johnson/Perpetua
 Doting grandma of Melwyn, Michelle/Frederick, Alviton, Alicia, Myron/Mabel, Melorie/Muram, Juvert, Beverley
 Great grand mother of Fabian, Mikayla and Kyler
 Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on 08/04/2025 (Tomorrow) at 3.00pm to Our Lady of Rosary Church Navelim, for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
 Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

LORD I'M COMING HOME
LOURENCE MANOEL PEREIRA
 (Voilo Vaddo, Sinquerim)
 Born: 30-07-1940 Died: 04-04-2025
 Husband of: Piedade Father / Father-in-law of: Dominic / Maria, Milton / Mary, Francis / Ancilla, Edwin / Preeti, Lavina / Hedwig, Telles, Patrick / Melinda. Grandfather to: Vanessa, Myron, Alyssa, Samaira, Adam, Darissa, Mercia, Melissa, Haylin and Kian.
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence (tomorrow) the 8th April 2025 at 3:30 PM for St. Lawrence Church, Sinquerim for Mass followed by burial.
 Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
REMEDIANA JOSEFA DA CRUZ
 Manza, Verna
 Born: 19/03/1936 Died: 06-04-2025
 Beloved wife of late Joao Da Conceicao.
 Loving mother/mother-in-law of Guilhermina (Givin)/Vicente, Perpetua/Micheal, Piedade, Vicentina/Francis.
 Grandmother of Fenwick/Jasmine, Flayden/Lena, Frevan, Frenia.
 Doting great grandmother of Fenishia and Jessie.
 Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, 8th April 2025, to Holy Cross Church, Verna for Eucharistic Celebration, followed by burial.
 Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
 ART TRICKS 8390897800

DEATH
Simplicia Felicia Gago
 Divar / Saligao
 Wife of late Joaquim Gago,
 mother/mother in-law of Jessica/Assumption D'Souza, grandmother of Dr Savionne/Dr Godwin Clovis Da Costa, Shauna/Karthik Khasanvis and Sheari D'Souza,
 great grand mother of Nathaniel and Sara, sister/sister-in-law of late Juliao/late Gloria de Souza, late Angela/late Antonio Rosario Pais, sister in-law of late Esther/late Joe D'Crux, late Annie/late Alfred Pinto
 The funeral cortege will leave her residence at Sonarbat, Saligao TODAY (7th April, 2025), for Mae de Deus Church, Saligao for Eucharistic Celebration at 3.30 pm followed by burial.
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'ILLEGAL' HILL CUTTING SPARKS OUTRAGE IN SIRVOI

She informed the Sarpanch about the need to contact the flying squad for an inspection, but no action was taken.

Naik said that she then contacted the flying squad, who visited the site and issued a stay order. Regardless, the illegal activity has resumed recently. She plans to approach higher authorities to address the hill cutting and determine its legality.

Xeldem sarpanch Kavita Gawas Dessai said, "The panchayat will investigate the issue and take action if necessary, since the local body has not granted permission for the activity."

It is pertinent to note that the Deputy Collector South I had issued a show cause notice cum stop work order to Santosh Phal Dessai, citing that an inspection by the flying squad revealed illegal hill cutting without the required permission from the TCP Department, violating Section 17 (A) of the TCP Act 1974.

Fal Dessai was directed to halt the activity and provide justification as to why action should not be taken against him. He was also instructed to appear before the Deputy Town Planner in Quepem with all necessary permissions, approvals, or licences within 48 hours, or face an FIR.

It may be recalled that last year, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had stated that the TCP or IPB only grants permission for hill cutting for specific projects, not for general purposes.

In September last year, TCP Minister Vishwajit Rane had also announced plans to amend regulations and impose fines up to Rs 1 crore for illegal hill cutting, following landslides in Kerala. He had noted that no permissions for hill cutting had been granted in the State in the six months.

AAP LEADER ALLEGES ASSAULT BY PSI

Following a verbal altercation, Talekar returned home. Experiencing pain and giddiness, he was taken to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Canacona and then referred to Hospicio South Goa District Hospital in Margao for further treatment.

Benaulim MLA Venzy Viegas, who visited Talekar at Hospicio, demanded PSI Reddy's immediate dismissal and arrest.

Talekar told the media that if a police officer could treat a political party leader rudely, he wondered how they must be treating ordinary citizens who visit the police station.

Talekar added that PSI Reddy later tried to apologise. Talekar also alleged that the police snatched his mobile phone.

However, Canacona police stated that they have not received any complaint regarding the incident.

Velim MLA Cruz Silva also met Talekar in the hospital to inquire about his health.

POPE MAKES SURPRISE APPEARANCE AT ST PETER'S SQUARE

Addressing the sick among the crowd, the pope said in the homily read by Fisichella that "In this moment of my life I share a lot: the experience of infirmity, feeling weak, depending on the others for many things, needing support. It is not easy, but it is a school in which we learn every day to love and to let ourselves be loved, without demanding and without rejecting, without regretting, without despairing, grateful to God and to our brothers for the good that we receive, trusting for what is still to come."

He also urged the faithful not to push the fragile from their lives "as unfortunately a certain mentality does today. Let's not ostracise pain from our surroundings. Let's instead make it an opportunity to grow together, to cultivate hope."

In the traditional Sunday blessing, he offered prayers for doctors, nurses and health care workers "who are not always helped to work in inadequate conditions, at times the victims of aggression. Their mission is not easy and must be supported and respected."

7 DIE AFTER TREATMENT BY 'FAKE' DOC IN MP

He misused the name of a famous cardiologist from the United Kingdom, Professor John Camm, to mislead the patients and they died due to his wrong treatment, the complaint alleged.

The Mission Hospital authorities could not be contacted on the issue.

Kanoongo in a post on X on Friday said a case of the untimely death of seven persons has come to light in a missionary hospital in Damoh where a fake doctor was operating on patients in the name of the treatment of heart disease.

According to the complaint, the said missionary hospital is covered under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Yojana and hence government money has also been misused. The National Human Rights Commission has ordered an investigation, he said.

"The investigation team of the National Human Rights Commission constituted on my orders to investigate the case will camp in Damoh from April 7 to 9 and investigate. If any victim or any other person wants to provide information related to the case, they can meet the investigation team in Damoh," Kanoongo said in a post on Sunday.

The investigation team will examine the institution and persons mentioned in the complaint, including administrative officials, he added.

Deepak Tiwari, a resident of Jabalpur Naka here, in his complaint alleged that between January and February this year, many people died due to the treatment by an ineligible and unauthorised doctor in the cardiology department of the Damoh's Mission Hospital.

In the last one-and-a-half months, 'Dr N John Camm' treated people in the hospital's cardiology department, the complaint said.

The real name of the said doctor is Narendra Vikramaditya Yadav, who was working in the cardiology department of the hospital under the fake name and patients died due to his wrong treatment, it alleged.

It has also come to light that the doctor concerned has been in constant controversies in the past and does not stay at any place for long, the complaint claimed.

Damoh Collector Sudhir Kochar said a complaint has been received in the matter and it is being investigated.

Further action will be taken on the basis of the investigation report, he said.

After getting information about "serious irregularities" in the Mission Hospital, a written complaint has been filed with the NHRC and an inquiry has been ordered on it, complainant Tiwari said.

PROTESTERS ASSAIL TRUMP, MUSK IN 'HANDS OFF' RALLIES

Demonstrators voiced anger over the administration's moves to fire thousands of federal workers, close Social Security Administration field offices, effectively shutter entire agencies, deport immigrants, scale back protections for transgender people and cut funding for health programs.

Musk, a Trump adviser who runs Tesla, SpaceX and the social media platform X, has played a key role in the downsizing as the head of the newly created Department of Government Efficiency. He says he is saving taxpayers billions of dollars.

Asked about the protests, the White House said in a statement that "President Trump's position is clear: he will always protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid for eligible beneficiaries. Meanwhile, the Democrats' stance is giving Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare benefits to illegal aliens, which will bankrupt these programmes and crush American seniors."

Kelley Robinson, president of the Human Rights Campaign advocacy group, criticised the administration's treatment of the LBGTQ+ community at the rally at the National Mall in Washington, DC, where Democratic members of Congress also took the stage.

"The attacks that we're seeing, they're not just political. They are personal, y'all," Robinson said. "They're trying to ban our books, they're slashing HIV prevention funding, they're criminalising our doctors, our teachers, our families and our lives."

"We don't want this America, y'all," Robinson added. "We want the America we deserve, where dignity, safety and freedom belong not to some of us, but to all of us."

In Boston, demonstrators brandished signs such as "Hands off our democracy" and "Hands off our Social Security."

Mayor Michelle Wu said she does not want her children and others' to live in a world in which threats and intimidation are government tactics and values like diversity and equality are under attack.

"I refuse to accept that they could grow up in a world where immigrants like their grandma and grandpa are automatically presumed to be criminals," Wu said.

Roger Broom, 66, a retiree from Delaware County, Ohio, was one of hundreds who rallied at the Statehouse in Columbus. He said he used to be a Reagan Republican but has been turned off by Trump.

"He's tearing this country apart," Broom said. "It's just an administration of grievances."

Hundreds of people also demonstrated in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, a few miles from Trump's golf course in Jupiter, where he spent the morning at the club's Senior Club Championship. People lined both sides of PGA Drive, encouraging cars to honk and chanting slogans against Trump.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
SALVADOR BONAPARTE BARNETO (SALY)
 - Gogol, Margao -
 BORN: 19.11.1949
 DIED: 06.04.2025
 Son of late Anthony Francis/ late Ana Margarida Barneto.
 Beloved husband of Christine. Doting father of Ritesh.
 Dearest brother/ brother-in-law of late Agnelo/ Najma, Artemon/ Meena, Fatima, Ignatius/ Hazel.
 Loving brother-in-law of Joe/ Rene deSouza, Noel deSouza, Ivo/ late Patricia Pereira.
 Affectionate uncle of Lisa, Lynn/ Kent, late Rohit, Rahul/ Leanne, Mark/ Sahana, Rovina/ John Paul, late Aaron, Luisa.
 Passed away peacefully.
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence, Flat 311, Primavera, Ferreira Gardens, Phase III, Gogol, on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 at 4.15 p.m. to Holy Spirit Church, Margao for the Eucharistic Celebration at 5.00 p.m., followed by burial at Holy Spirit Cemetery, Margao.
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
 NO CONDOLENCE VISITS PLEASE.
 Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao. Ph. 9823022194

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of
MR. PAULO MASCARENHAS
 10th January 1932 - 7th April 2024
 A silent thought, a quiet prayer for a special person in God's care
 Eucharistic Celebration for his soul, Tuesday, 8th April at 8:30 am at St. Joseph Church, Pernem Followed by prayers and blessing of the grave.
 Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

MONTH'S MIND
 In loving memory of
JONATHAN FERNANDES
 Born: 17/05/2004 Died: 30/03/2025
 (St. Joao Moll, 2nd Ward Colva)
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved son Jonathan on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 at 7:45 am at Our Lady of Mercies Church, Colva, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful parents Joe & Ildiya (Bessy), brother Jasper and family.
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 Rebelto Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 982383992

87th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
 In ever loving memory of
ARMINIO RODRIGUES
 Old Market, Margao
 (29/03/2025)
 Happy heavenly Birthday to you. We miss you dearly and cherish the memories we have shared through the years.
 There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Arminio at 4 pm on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, followed by blessing and prayers at the grave offered by his sorrowful wife: Palmira, children: Dr. Ingrid/William Pires. Dr. Astrid Rodrigues/Clyde Souza, Sheldon Rodrigues & grandchildren.

First Death Anniversary
 In Everloving Memory of
ANTONIO ROSARIO VAS
 (ALIAS JOAO ROSARIO VAZ)
 Central Horta - Navelim
 One year has passed since Heavenly abode
 The pain of your loss will last forever
 Deep in our hearts you are always treasured
 Loved and remembered every moment of the day.
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved PAI on 08.04.2025 at 8:15 am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers and blessings of the grave.
 Offered by his sorrowful family
 Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation
 Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of
ANTHONY JOSEPH SENA
 NAVELEM
 "One year has passed, since we lost you, lonely is our home without you. You are not just a memory of the past. You are ours to remember as long as life lasts."
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Joseph Sena at 8:15am on 8th April 2025 at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Lorna, children Abigail, Hailston, Adriel & family members.
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