

What SSF's disbandment tells us about Chinese policymaking under Xi Jinping



Chinese President Xi Jinping's concentration of power over the past decade has heightened concerns about the efficiency and flexibility of policymaking in China. Three questions have been key to this discourse: First, has concentration of power and centralisation of decision-making enabled breaking through bureaucratic and vested interests to enact changes? Second, what has been the impact of centralisation on the flow of information within the system, particularly to the top leader? Third, has centralisation of power led to greater rigidity in policy thinking and implementation, resulting in the persistence of evidently adverse choices? The recent decision to disband the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Strategic Support Force (SSF) and create three specialised arms offers an interesting case study in this context.

The SSF emerged as part of a sweeping reorganisation that was begun in late 2015. That process created a

new theatre command structure. It also resulted in the PLA expanding to include six forces, i.e., the PLA Army (PLAA), PLA Navy (PLAN), PLA Rocket Force (PLARF), PLA Air Force (PLAAF), PLA SSF and PLA Joint Logistics Supply Force (PLAJSF). In terms of its mandate, the SSF brought psychological warfare, information warfare, space warfare, cyberwarfare, and electronic warfare under one umbrella. China's 2019 defence white paper stated that the SSF had been created by "combining strategic support forces across the services and Central Military Commission (CMC) organs." For instance, China's space branch used to fall under the view of the now defunct PLA General Armament Department. Likewise, the network or cyber force had previously come under the ambit of the erstwhile General Staff Department's Third Department or the GSD Technical Reconnaissance Department. These two were placed within the SSF's command under the new Space Systems Department and Network Systems Department, giving them the status of operational forces. This change was a recognition of the significance of cyber, information and space domains as key to the changing nature of warfare. It was also to ensure that through the SSF, these

domains came under the control of the CMC. The SSF's primary tasks, consequently, were to support the PLA's forces for battlefield environment, information communications, information security, and new technology testing. The creation of the SSF is an example of Xi's centralisation of power enabling the leadership to cut through bureaucratic interests, and carry out much-needed reform. However, clearly the SSF's performance over the years, including persistent corruption, left much to be desired. Lt General Ju Gansheng, who was the last Commander of the SSF, has been missing from the public eye for some time now. He is rumoured to be involved in a military procurement scandal, which has also rocked the PLARF through 2023. It is worth keeping in mind that one of the tasks of the SSF is to coordinate with the PLARF with regards to using intelligence and space assets.

Another case is that of former defence minister Li Shanger, who was sacked last year and is reportedly under investigation as part of the procurement scandal. Li had previously served as the SSF's deputy commander in 2016 and as the director of the Equipment Development Department of the CMC from

2017 to 2022. It is worth keeping in mind that the recent equipment procurement scandal is the outcome of a probe launched in July 2023, examining the procurement process dating back to October 2017.

The persistence of widespread corruption is not only indicative of structural issues but also the challenges of information flow within the system. In terms of the former, it is clear that despite Xi's centralisation and consolidation of power, fragmentation, bureaucraticism and "selfish departmentalism" continue to be hallmarks of the Chinese system. With regard to the latter, consider the fact that building the PLA into a "world class" force is key to Xi's goal of national rejuvenation and important to his legacy. Moreover, given that the world is facing a cascade of conflicts and amid worsening ties with the US, the modernisation of the PLA is likely to be viewed as a more urgent requirement in Beijing. Despite this, serious corruption has persisted, potentially undermining the PLA's combat capabilities.

The fact that the individuals that are being investigated are among those at the top of the PLA's pecking order, and seen as close to Xi, is indicative of the challenges in information flow.

Celebrating Monsoon Magic: A Guide to Upcoming Festivals in Goa

Ahmedabad, As the monsoon clouds gather over the lush landscapes of Goa, the air is filled with anticipation for the vibrant festivals that mark this season. From cultural celebrations to religious rituals, each festival in Goa during the monsoon holds its own unique charm, offering visitors and locals alike a glimpse into the rich ensemble of Goan traditions. In this article, we will delve into the upcoming festivals that define the monsoon season in this coastal paradise.

Sao Joao Festival: One of the most popular monsoon festivals in Goa is the Sao Joao Festival, celebrated with great fervor across the state. Named after St. John the Baptist, this feast day is marked by water-centric festivities, where revelers jump into wells, rivers, and ponds.

The Sao Joao Festival is celebrated annually in Goa on 24th June. Colorful water floats, traditional music, and locals and tourists alike wear copels (floral wreaths) add to the festive atmosphere, making it a joyous occasion for all.

Sangod Festival: Kicking off the monsoon festivities is the Sangod Festival, a traditional boat festival celebrated by the fishing community in Goa. Annually, on June 29th, Goa commemorates the feast

of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Saint Peter, holds profound significance for the fishing community and this festival marks the commencement of the 'rampon' fishing season, prompting rituals of sea blessings and boat preparations for the impending endeavors.

In observance of this festivity, canoes are ingeniously interconnected with wooden planks, setting a transient stage atop the water. The day's festivities unfold upon this platform, adorned with embellished boats bedecked with coconut palms, bloomed, and colorful balloons. Additional boat structures reminiscent of churches grace the water's surface. Equipped with sound systems, fishermen in vibrant attire entertain the audience with folk dances, musical performances, skits, and cherished traditional melodies.

Chikhali Kalo Festival: A religious festival known as "The Mud Festival," is a traditional celebration observed during the monsoon season in Goa particularly in the village of Marcel in Ponda, this unique festival centers around the Devki Krishna Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna and his mother Devki.

While the precise origins of the festival remain unclear, the villagers commemorate it with great enthusiasm each year.



Festivities include joyous revelry, where participants gleefully roll in the mud and engage in traditional games. The grounds adjacent to the Devki Krishna Temple transform into a bustling arena, welcoming attendees. Touxeachem Festival: At the core of this elaborate feast lies an intriguing custom where devotees offer cucumbers to St. Anne as a gesture of reverence. This unique tradition originates from the abundance of cucumbers during the season, symbolizing gratitude in a spirited manner. Cucumbers also mark the first harvest of the season in Goa.

According to the clergy, individuals bring two cucumbers, placing one at the feet of Our Lady while touching the other to the sacred statue. The cucumbers presented during the festivities are then shared among the local community, visiting priests, and nearby villages. Some prefer to savor the cucumbers fresh, while others incorporate them into

revitalizing salads. Bonderam Festival: As the monsoon showers drench the landscape, the picturesque island of Divar comes alive with the vibrant Bonderam Festival. Held on the fourth Saturday of August, this festival is characterized by a colorful parade featuring mock battles between rival wards of the village.

Each group displays elaborate floats adorned with flags, vying for the coveted Trophy. The festivities are attended by tourists in large numbers, it culminates in a spirited celebration of Goan culture, complete with music, dance, and delicious food.

As the monsoon descends upon Goa, it brings with it a whirlwind of festivities that capture the essence of Goan culture and tradition. From boat processions to culinary celebrations, each festival offers a unique glimpse into the rich heritage of this coastal paradise. So, pack your bags, don your festive attire, and immerse yourself in the magic of monsoon festivities in Goa. (3-1)

Shakti Pumps Receives 14th Patent for Innovative Motor Technology



Ahmedabad, Shakti Pumps (India) Limited, India's leading manufacturer of solar pumps and motors has received a patent for inventing "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOFT START, SOFT STOP, PROTECTION & BROWN OUT OPERATION OF A GRIDCONNECTED MOTOR". The Patent Office, Government of India, has awarded Shakti Pumps this patent, fully adhering to the provisions set forth in the Patents Act of 1970. This patent is set to maintain its validity for duration of 20 years, commencing from the date of

filing. This is the 14th Patent that the company has secured. This patented technology offers several key benefits for both motor and grid electrical systems. By gradually ramping up the motor speed, the soft starter reduces mechanical stress on the motor and connected equipment, extending the motor's lifespan and reducing maintenance costs. It provides a smooth and controlled start, eliminating the sudden torque and mechanical shock associated with traditional starting methods, which is particularly beneficial for sensitive equipment. It enhances the reliability of power electronic circuits by providing input boost, thereby eliminating the risk of surges caused by voltage swells. Additionally, in pump applications, it aids in preventing water hammer and mechanical shock in piping systems. (13-9)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Home Finance Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400015
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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Rule 3 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued under notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the above mentioned property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8(f) of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Amikumar Parmar (Borrower) Parmar, Jashodaban Govindbhai (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHAHD00001418504 & LHAHD00001418504	House on Sub Plot No. 14, Riddhi Residence, R S No. 1564, Mouje Sardesar Dist. Anand, Gujarat-388001	13,54,085/- May 16, 2024	Rs. 19,41,570/- 1,94,160/-	18, 2024 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	28, 2024 02:00 PM 03:00 PM
2.	Dinesh Kumar Tailor (Borrower) Durga Bai Darji (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHAHD00001420149	Flat No.-1/605, Sixth Floor, Akkut Aangan (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHAHD00001420149 No. 68/1, 68/2, Sp No. 68/3/1, 68/3/2, Tps No. 79, Nr. Rashmi Vihar North Ahmedabad-382444	Rs. 5,20,749/- 15,203/- 16, 2024	5,46,750/- 54,680/-	18, 2024 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	28, 2024 02:00 PM 03:00 PM

The above-mentioned borrower(s) guarantor(s) is/are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date : May 25, 2024
 Place : Rajula
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

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Branch Office: Showroom No. 2, 1st floor, Office No. B-120, Shanmukhin Business Park, Gangotri Circle, Nikol, Ahmedabad-382390

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

A 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 Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder.

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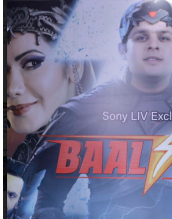
The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BestAuctionDeal.com>) of our auction agency GlobeTech. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 27, 2024 before 5:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Shop No.106, 1st floor, Shree Ram Shikhar, New Station Road, Anand-388001 on or before June 27, 2024 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Shop No.106, 1st floor, Shree Ram Shikhar, New Station Road, Anand-388001 on or before June 27, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction payable at Anand, Ahmedabad.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300 or our Sales & Marketing Partner NexGen Solutions Private Limited.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept any/all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com>
 Date : May 25, 2024
 Place : Anand, Ahmedabad
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Behind the Magic: Vipul Shah's Story of Crafting a Household Icon!



Ahmedabad, One of India's most popular superheroes, Baalveer, has returned in a thrilling new avatar on Sony LIV for its fourth season, at the demand of fans. The show features the talented trio of Dev Joshi as Baalveer, Ada as Ageel, and Aditi Sarwal as Kaashvi. But did you know that the vision for this iconic show began long before the cameras started rolling? Vipul Shah, the show's producer, and a devoted superhero fan, dreamed of creating a superhero who would resonate with audiences in India. His inspiration? The

show's very own tagline: "Dil se bulaya, Baalveer aaya!" Tune in to Baalveer 4 streaming from Monday to Friday at 7PM exclusively on Sony LIV! Like any ambitious project, Baalveer encountered its fair share of challenges along the way. Vipul Shah, the mastermind behind the series, recalls a time when people were unsure how the audience would react and connect with Baalveer. Amidst all the uncertainty, he remained steadfast in his belief that Baalveer possessed the potential to capture the hearts of viewers in every household. (13-9)

CORRIGENDUM

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1 Plot No. B3, WFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane, Maharashtra-400604

This is with reference to the captioned SARFAESI 13 (2) Notice dated May 10, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Notice') towards your aforementioned Home loan Account No. LBSUR0000591864. The borrower with DIMPLE MUKESH BHANSALI (ICICI Bank Ltd., we wish to mention that inadvertently and unintentionally Property & measuring is mistakenly mentioned FLAT NO 14, 4TH FLOOR, MODEL TOWN, BLDG. NO 3, NR MODEL TOWN, CIRCLE DUMBHAL, R S NO 62/1, GUJARAT, SURAT-395010 (Admeasuring an area of ADMEASURING 563 SQ.Ft. BUILT UP AREA, instead of FLAT NO 14, 4TH FLOOR, MODEL TOWN, BLDG. NO. 3, R S NO 62/1 Paiki, Final Plot No.: 52, NR MODEL TOWN, CIRCLE DUMBHAL, GUJARAT, SURAT-395010. Admeasuring 52.77 Sq.Mtrs. Built-up Area. Therefore request you to please read 14, 4TH FLOOR, MODEL TOWN, BLDG. NO. 3, R S NO. 62/1 PAIKI, FINAL PLOT NO.: 52, NR MODEL TOWN, CIRCLE DUMBHAL, GUJARAT, SURAT-395010. Admeasuring 52.77 Sq.Mtrs. Built-up Area. All other details mentioned in the said SARFAESI 13 (2) Notice will remain same.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to you in this regard.
 Date : May 24, 2024
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Bank Limited

CORRIGENDUM

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1 Plot No. B3, WFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane, Maharashtra-400604

This is with reference to the captioned SARFAESI 13 (2) Notice dated May 16, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Notice') towards your aforementioned Home loan Account No. LBSUR00004920414 & LBSUR00004920471. The borrower with SWATI SOLANKI with ICICI Bank Ltd., we wish to mention that inadvertently and unintentionally Property & measuring is mistakenly mentioned FLAT NO.54, "RADHIKA HOMES" NEAR SHUBH VATIKA SURVEY NO.213, DINDOLI 1 KARADVA ROAD DINDOLISHUBH VATIKA SURAT-394210. Admeasuring an area of AREA ADMEASURING 57.15 SQ MTRS. instead of FLAT NO. D 504, 5th Floor, Building No. D "RADHIKA HOMES" NEAR SHUBH VATIKA R. Survey No.141, Block No.123, T.P.S. No.62, F.P. No.17, Sub-Plot No.2, DINDOLI 1 KARADVA ROAD DINDOLISHUBH VATIKA SURAT-394210. Admeasuring an area of 57.15 sq. mtrs. of Built-up Area. Therefore request you to please read FLAT NO.D 504, 5th Floor, Building No. D "RADHIKA HOMES" NEAR SHUBH VATIKA R. Survey No.141, Block No.123, T.P.S. No.62, F.P. No.17, Sub-Plot No.2, DINDOLI 1 KARADVA ROAD DINDOLISHUBH VATIKA SURAT-394210. Admeasuring an area of 67.13 sq. mtrs. of Built-up Area. All other details mentioned in the said SARFAESI 13 (2) Notice will remain same.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to you in this regard.
 Date : May 24, 2024
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Bank Limited

What is China achieving by restructuring its military?

The article discusses the restructuring of the Chinese military, focusing on the integration of various units and the emphasis on modern warfare capabilities. It mentions the formation of new units like the 14th, 15th, and 16th Air Force Divisions, and the 14th, 15th, and 16th Air Force Divisions, and the 14th, 15th, and 16th Air Force Divisions.

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Statement of Standalone Audited Financial Results for the Quarter & Year Ended 31st March 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	Year Ended				
		31/03/2024 (Audited)	31/03/2023 (Unaudited)	31/03/2023 (Audited)	31/03/2023 (Unaudited)	
1.	Total Income from Operations	0.00	0.08	73.81	0.00	120.434
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(9.36)	(10.20)	8.92	(43.98)	(76.056)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(9.36)	(10.20)	8.92	(43.98)	(76.056)
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(9.09)	(10.91)	9.62	(46.25)	(75.776)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	(9.33)	(10.91)	9.62	(46.51)	(75.776)
6.	Equity Share Capital (Equity Shares of Rs.10/- Each)	440,560	440,560	440,560	440,560	440,560
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.	Earnings for Share (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
	1. Basic:	(0.22)	(0.24)	0.21	(1.06)	(1.72)
	2. Diluted:	(0.22)	(0.24)	0.21	(1.06)	(1.72)

Notes:
 1. The Above Financial Results have been reviewed by the Audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on 24.05.2024.
 2. The above result for the quarter and year ended on 31.03.2024 has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015 (Ind AS), prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 and other recognized accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
 3. The financial results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2024 have been audited by the statutory auditors of the Company. The Statutory Auditor expressed an unmodified opinion.
 4. The Company has Rs. Nil revenue from operations during the year, which may cast significant doubt on the company continuing as a going concern. The management has plans to carry on business and has taken steps, therefore continuing to consider it as going concern.
 5. The Company primarily engaged only in the business of real estate development. As the Company operates in a single business geography, the disclosure of such segment-wise information as defined in "IND AS108 - Operating Segments" is not required and accordingly not provided.
 6. The Fourth Quarter figures are the Balancing figures of Yearly Audited Financial Results less cumulative 9 months figures published by the company in previous December quarter results.
 7. The above financial results are available on the Company's website www.purohitconstruction.com and also on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
 NARENDRA M. PUROHIT
 (Chairman & Managing Director)
 DIN:00755195

Place : Ahmedabad
 Date : 24 May, 2024