

Tesla's India Head Resigns As Musk's Company Prepares For Country Launch: Report

Tesla's country head for India has resigned after nine years at the company and ahead of the U.S. EV maker's planned entry into the world's third-largest car market, Bloomberg News reported on Thursday, citing people familiar with the matter.

Tesla's China teams will oversee the Elon Musk-led firm's India operations, with no immediate successor named, the report said, citing unnamed sources.

Prashanth Menon is also stepping down as the chairman of Tesla India's board, the report said.

Tesla, which has for years planned an India market entry, did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

India is working on a trade deal with the US that includes lower auto tariffs, a potential win for Tesla, which has secured showroom locations to begin selling imported cars in the country this year.

The company has posted close to two dozen mid-level jobs in India, including store, service and customer relationship managers, signaling progress in its plans to launch in the country.

UK Woman Wins Rs 34 Lakh Compensation After Colleague Compares Her To Darth Vader

A UK woman has won almost 30,000 pounds (approximately Rs 34 lakh) in compensation after being compared to 'Star Wars' villain Darth Vader by her co-worker. According to the BBC, Lorna Rooke, an NHS blood donation worker, brought a complaint against her co-worker, who had taken a Star Wars-themed online personality test on her behalf and told colleagues that Ms Rooke fell into Darth Vader's category. She claimed that the comparison made her unpopular among coworkers and contributed to her decision to resign a month later.

Now, an employment tribunal in Croydon, south London, found that the incident was a "detriment", meaning it caused harm or a negative impact to Ms Rooke. "Darth Vader is a legendary villain of the Star Wars series, and being aligned with his personality is insulting," employment judge Kathryn Ramsden said, per the BBC.

The tribunal heard that in 2003, Ms Rooke began working for the NHS Blood and Transplant service as a training and practice supervisor. In 2021, members of her team took a Star Wars-themed Myers-Briggs questionnaire as a team-building exercise. Ms Rooke did not participate as she had to take a personal phone call. When she returned, her colleague Amander Harber had filled out the test on her behalf and announced she had the same personality as the 'Star Wars' villain.

The Darth Vader category was described in the quiz as a "very focused individual who brings the team together". However, the judge was not convinced that the categorisation had any positive attributes. Judge Kathryn Ramsden said that on the basis that the test was done on the perception of another colleague and then shared with the group, it was "little wonder" that Ms Rooke was upset by it. The tribunal rejected Ms Rooke's claim that the "Darth Vader incident" prompted her to quit her job.

Ms Rooke won the case for detriment after a protected disclosure but lost claims for unfair dismissal, disability discrimination and failure to make reasonable adjustments. She was awarded 28,989.61 pounds in compensation, as per The Independent.

Elon Musk Explains Why He Wants To Colonise Mars: "Life On Earth Will Be Destroyed By..."



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When Pune-based techie Pranay Pathole asked him how confident he was of completing the starship's first crew mission to Mars before 2030, Musk responded, "Still early stages on that. Getting Starship reliably to orbit, then achieving full & immediate reusability of both stages is by far top priority." Notably, if Musk's target date slips much further into the 2030s, it will be very close to when the US space agency NASA is aiming to send the first astronauts to Mars.

to make life multi-planetary so that we can expand the scope and scale of consciousness to better understand the nature of the universe and to ensure the long-term survival of civilization in the hopefully unlikely event that something terrible happens to Earth that there is a continuance of consciousness on Mars," Musk told Fox News. The billionaire explained that going to Mars served as an insurance plan for humans, predicting that Earth would somehow be incinerated by the Sun in "hundreds of millions of years". "That's one of the benefits from Mars, it's life insurance collectively. Eventually, all life on earth

will be destroyed by the sun, the sun is gradually expanding, and so we do at some point need to be a multi-planet civilisation because Earth will be incinerated," Musk said. The billionaire also estimated that we have about 450 million years "before it gets so hot that life is impossible". Notably, Musk has repeatedly said that he wants to make humanity a "multi-planetary species" by establishing a colony on the Red Planet. In 2011, he stated that he would put a man on Mars in the next 10 years. However, in 2022, he revealed that he has pushed back his target date for reaching the Red Planet. In an X post, he said that he now sees 2029 as the earliest date humans might first step on Mars.

UK Hits Russia's 'Shadow Fleet' With New Sanctions Ahead of Military Summit

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced new sanctions targeting Russia's so-called shadow fleet ahead of a military summit in Norway on Friday. The government said it was sanctioning up to 100 oil tankers responsible for carrying more than \$24 billion worth of cargo since the start of last year. Britain has already targeted dozens of "shadow fleet" vessels which it believes are dodging sanctions imposed by Western nations on oil exports after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The UK also says the ships are damaging critical subsea cables in Europe. "The threat from Russia to our national security cannot be underestimated," Mr Starmer said in a statement, adding that more measures are needed to counter Russian President Vladimir Putin. "That is why we will do everything in our power to destroy his shadow fleet operation, starve his war machine of oil revenues and protect the subsea infrastructure that we rely on for our everyday lives." Mr Starmer was due to attend a meeting of the Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) in Oslo on Friday where Ukraine and Arctic security were set to be on the agenda. The British-led military alliance is expected to announce further support for Ukraine's armed forces that will include intensive training exercises.

"None Of Our Business": JD Vance Says US To Stay Out Of India-Pak Conflict

WASHINGTON: US Vice-President J.D. Vance has said that the conflict between India and Pakistan is "fundamentally none of our business," though he and President Donald Trump are encouraging both the countries to de-escalate.



"What we can do is try to encourage these folks to de-escalate a little bit, but we're not going to get involved in the middle of war that's fundamentally none of our business and has nothing to do with America's ability to control it. You know, America can't tell the Indians to lay down their arms. We can't tell the Pakistanis to lay down their arms. And so, we're going to continue to pursue this thing through diplomatic channels," Vance, who has been a proponent of US disengagement from international conflicts, said in an interview with Fox News. "Our hope and our expectation is that this is not going to spiral into a broader regional war or, God forbid, a nuclear conflict," Vance added.

India's air defence system intercepted and neutralised at least eight missiles launched by Islamabad. Earlier, US President Donald Trump said he wants India and Pakistan to "stop" what he described as "tit for tat" actions, saying if he can do anything to "help", he will be there. "Oh it's so terrible. My position is I get along with both. I know both very well and I want to see them work it out. I want to see them stop and hopefully they can stop now. They have gone tit for tat, so hopefully they can stop now. I know both, we get along with both the countries very well."

response to a question on the "war" between India and Pakistan. Trump's remarks came after the Indian military carried out strikes against terror targets in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan's Punjab province on Wednesday. Pakistan army carried out artillery and mortar shelling targeting forward villages along the Line Of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. India launched Operation Sindoor early Wednesday hitting nine terror targets in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Punjab province of Pakistan in retaliation for the April 22 terror attack that killed 26 people in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

"Look Who's Behind Him": Indian Envoy's Photo Proof of Pak-Sponsored Terror

India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Vikram Doraiswami, held up what he described as undeniable evidence of Pakistan's complicity in sponsoring terrorism both within its own soil and across the border in India. Speaking to Sky News amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Mr Doraiswami presented a poster-sized image showing top Pakistani military brass alongside Hafiz Abdul Rauf, a US-sanctioned terrorist and brother of Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar, attending the funeral of terrorists killed by India under Operation Sindoor.



Behind Rauf in the image were uniformed Pakistani military officers, Pakistani flags were draped over the coffins of terrorists. "Let me show you this photograph from yesterday," the High Commissioner said, holding up the photo. "I believe it is for your viewers. This person here is a sanctioned terrorist under the American sanctions

regime. His name is Hafiz Abdul Rauf. He's a brother of the founder of the terrorist group that you're mentioning. Look who is behind him. Pakistani military. Look at the coffins there. They have the Pakistani national flag. If you're going to be giving terrorists state funerals, what does that make of your system?" The photograph, shared by India at a press briefing in New Delhi, was presented as visual proof of what India has for decades maintained that Pakistan, and in particular its military establishment, not only harbours but officially supports terrorists.

Masood Azhar's brother, stamped across his image. Abdul Rauf Azhar was a key figure in multiple terror incidents, including the 1999 hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814, the 2001 Indian Parliament attack, and the 2016 Pathankot airbase assault. During the Kandahar hijacking of IC-814, India was forced to release three jailed terrorists, including Masood Azhar himself, in exchange for 190 civilian hostages. The High Commissioner mentioned past cases to argue that Pakistan's calls for an international investigation were not credible. He cited the 2016 Pathankot attack, during which India permitted Pakistani investigators to access a sensitive Indian Air Force base. The cooperation, Mr Doraiswami said, was not reciprocated. He also referenced the 2008 Mumbai attacks, where Pakistani authorities were handed extensive evidence that was ignored or misused to obfuscate links between the terrorists and Pakistan's deep state.

"Pakistan Turns Guns On Minorities": Ex-US Official's Dig Amid Op Sindoor

Amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan after Operation Sindoor, former Pentagon official Michael Rubin has defended New Delhi's military response to avenge the Pahalgam terror attack and criticised Pakistan for its alleged role in "sponsoring terrorism". According to Mr Rubin, the US should "unequivocally" side with India.



"Every time Pakistan fails inwardly, in terms of corruption, economy, society, or its leadership, it turns its guns on its minorities to distract the Pakistani people from the government's failings. That is the playbook of a failed state. Fortunately, India has a different playbook in which all Indians thrive and openly discuss their issues," he said.

Mr Rubin, earlier, had condemned the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people died, and highlighted Pakistan's long-standing role in harboring terrorist groups. "We know that Pakistan is home to a myriad of terrorist groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba. Unfortunately, because of a lack of concerted counter-terror action, because Pakistani diplomats are playing the West for fools, we now have an expansion of the problem, not only in Pakistan but frankly in Bangladesh as well. What India now needs to do is to cut Pakistan's jugular. There's no ifs, ands, or buts. There are no shortcuts anymore," he had said.

Bill Gates Accuses Elon Musk Of Killing Poor Children And Pledges To Give Away \$200 Billion By 2045

Microsoft founder Bill Gates accused Elon Musk of killing poor children as he announced that he would give away 99% of his fortune over the next 20 years and that the Gates Foundation would cease operations by 2045. In an interview with the Financial Times, the billionaire philanthropist addressed Musk's recent cuts to the US Agency for International Development, the agency responsible for distributing foreign aid across the world. He criticised the shuttering of the agency and accused Musk of risking a resurgence of diseases such as measles, HIV and polio. "The picture of the world's richest man killing the world's poorest children is not a pretty one," Gates told the Financial Times. "I'd love for him to go in and meet the children that have now been infected with HIV because he cut that money," he said of Musk. Elsewhere in the interview, the 69-year-old announced that he would give up his remaining wealth to his non-profit foundation over the next two decades. Separately, in a blog post, the Microsoft founder said that his foundation would be ceasing operations by December 31, 2045.

died rich' will not be one of them," Bill Gates wrote in the blog post. "There are too many urgent problems to solve for me to hold onto resources that could be used to help people. That is why I have decided to give my money back to society much faster than I had originally planned," he added. Gates said that his foundation has already donated more than \$100 billion, and that he expects it will spend another \$200 billion over the next two decades. In the blog, he also outlined three main goals for his foundation: eliminating preventable diseases which kill mothers and children; eliminating infectious diseases, including malaria and measles; and eliminating poverty for hundreds of millions of people. Notably, according to Bloomberg's Billionaires' Index, Gates has a personal fortune of \$168 billion, which ranks him as the fifth wealthiest man in the world. "The Gates Foundation's mission remains rooted in the idea that where you are born should not determine your opportunities," Gates wrote in his blog post. "I am excited to see how our next chapter continues to move the world closer to a future where everyone everywhere has the chance to live a healthy and productive life,"

Donald Trump Names Jeanine Pirro As Top Washington Prosecutor



Donald Trump on Thursday appointed TV personality and former judge Jeanine Pirro to a key post in the US judiciary, the president's latest nomination of a Fox News on-air host to a position of government power.

by herself." Pirro briefly entered politics in ill-fated attempts to run for the US Senate and for New York Attorney General, losing the latter race to Democrat Andrew Cuomo. She began earning wider public exposure by hosting a weekday television show, "Judge Jeanine Pirro," from 2008 to 2011. That year she joined Fox News Channel to host "Justice with Judge Jeanine," which ran for 11 years, and today she is a co-host of the network's show, "The Five." Pirro has also authored several books, including "Liars, Leakers, and Liberals: The Case Against the Anti-Trump Conspiracy," from 2018. The Washington Post described the book as "sycophantic" in its support for Trump. After promoting unfounded conspiracy theories alleging election fraud in 2020, Pirro was named a defendant in a defamation lawsuit filed by Dominion Voting Systems, which said Fox broadcast false statements about the company. Fox News settled the case for nearly \$800 million.

US Investment Banker's Cause Of Death Revealed After Months-Long Investigation

Carter McIntosh, a 28-year-old investment banker at Jefferies Financial Group's Dallas office, died from an "accidental overdose" of fentanyl and cocaine, Business Insider reported. Mr McIntosh, who worked on the firm's technology, media, and telecommunications team, was found dead in his Dallas apartment in January this year. The circumstances surrounding his death were mysterious, prompting local police to launch an investigation into a "possible overdose". Now, months after his death, the Dallas medical examiner has ruled Mr McIntosh's manner of death an accident from the "toxic effects" of the drugs, the outlet reported. According to the New York Post, the 28-year-old was discovered dead on his couch in his Texas apartment on January 28, with police finding "drug paraphernalia" at the scene. At the time, investigators said they were probing a "possible overdose" and an alleged "history of illicit drug abuse". The Post also reported that the young banker was pushing 100-hour weeks before his tragic death, with his co-workers revealing that the 28-year-old "worked like a dog" with "unsustainable hours". A first-year Jefferies analyst

anonymously also shared concerns on the Wall Street Oasis forum, stating that the firm's work culture has become "out of hand" and describing the bank as "horrible right now." "Hopefully someone does something to fix this. The firm's teams are stretched too thin, timelines are increasingly aggressive, and there's a very noticeable lack of consideration for junior employees' quality of life. My friends at other banks can't believe when they hear what's going on at Jefferies," the analyst wrote. Notably, Mr McIntosh had been with Jefferies' Dallas office since September 2023, serving as an associate, according to his LinkedIn profile. Before joining Jefferies, he worked as an analyst at Moelis and Goldman Sachs in New York. He held a degree in finance from Seton Hall University. The young banker's death has yet again put a spotlight on Wall Street's ruthless work culture. The gruelling demands placed on Wall Street workers came under scrutiny last year following the death of 35-year-old Bank of America investment banker Leo Lukenas III from acute coronary artery thrombus. In the weeks leading up to his death, Mr Lukenas, a former Green Beret.