

# New oral GLP-1 pill lowers blood sugar and aids weight loss in diabetes trial

## A pill without fasting restrictions could make a powerful class of diabetes, obesity drugs easier to use

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FOR MILLIONS living with Type 2 diabetes and obesity, the future of treatment may not involve needles.

Researchers have reported encouraging results from a clinical trial of ecleoglipron, an experimental oral GLP-1 drug that not only lowered blood sugar levels significantly but also helped participants lose

weight. The findings are drawing attention because most GLP-1 therapies (which mimic the blood sugar-regulating and hunger-killing gut hormones) currently available are injectable, while the few oral versions come with strict dosing requirements that can make adherence difficult.

Presented at the American Diabetes Association's Scientific Sessions and simultaneously published in The Lan-

cet, the results suggest that a convenient once-daily pill could eventually help bridge important gaps in diabetes care.

### What is Ecleoglipron?

Ecleoglipron is a small-molecule GLP-1 drug that can be taken once daily without food or fluid restrictions, potentially making treatment more convenient for patients. Most GLP-1 therapies are administered through subcutaneous injections.

Even oral semaglutide, one of the few approved pill formulations, must be taken on an empty stomach with restrictions on food and water intake for at least 30 minutes

after dosing.

### What the SOLSTICE trial found

The Phase 2b SOLSTICE trial, sponsored by AstraZeneca, evaluated the efficacy, safety and tolerability of ecleoglipron in adults with type 2 diabetes. The study enrolled 406 participants across nine countries, including the US.

Participants were randomly assigned to different dose groups or placebo and followed for 26 weeks.

Researchers found that all tested doses of ecleoglipron lowered blood glucose levels significantly more than placebo. Up to 89.6 per cent of

participants receiving the drug achieved an HbA1c level below 7 per cent, the standard blood sugar target recommended for most adults with diabetes. In comparison, only 24.9 per cent of participants receiving placebo reached that goal. The drug also demonstrated meaningful weight-loss benefits.

Up to 72.3 per cent of participants on treatment achieved at least 5 per cent weight loss compared with 20.2 per cent in the placebo group.

### Benefits extend beyond diabetes

The promise of ecleoglipron is not limited to blood sugar control. In a separate study known

as VISTA, researchers evaluated the drug in adults with obesity or overweight who did not have diabetes. The trial found dose-dependent and clinically meaningful weight loss over 26 weeks, with benefits continuing through 36 weeks. The findings reinforce growing interest in oral GLP-1 therapies as potential tools for both diabetes management and obesity treatment.

### What about safety?

At this stage, the drug's safety profile appears broadly consistent with other GLP-1 medications.

The most common side effects were gastrointestinal, including nausea, vomiting and

changes in bowel habits. Researchers reported that overall tolerability was similar to what has been observed with existing drugs in this class.

### Why this matters for India

The potential significance of oral GLP-1 therapies may be especially important in India, which is home to more than 100 million people with diabetes.

Indian patients often develop Type 2 diabetes at lower body mass index levels than Western populations because of the so-called "thin-fat" phenotype, characterised by higher visceral fat, lower muscle mass and greater meta-

bolic risk despite a relatively lean appearance.


### Overcoming real-world barriers

Beyond biology, oral GLP-1 drugs could help address practical challenges that limit the uptake of injectable therapies.

Needle phobia and social stigma and the perception that injections represent a last-resort treatment often discourage patients from starting therapy.

Distribution challenges, including cold-chain storage requirements, can also make injectable medications harder to access in smaller cities.

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSETS UNDER SARFAESI ACT**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Secured Assets under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

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 constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS							
Sr No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & addresses of the Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged Name of Mortgagor / Owner of property	A) Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002			Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors Name & Number of the Contact Person
			B) Outstanding Amount as on SARFAESI ACT 2002	C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	D) Nature of Possession Symbolic / Physical / Constructive		
1	<b>ARMB Thane</b> <b>M/s Anagi Trading Pvt. Ltd. (Borrower &amp; Mortgagor)</b> Registered office at B-43, First Floor, Cotton Exchange Bldg, Cotton Green (E), Mumbai-400033. Mr. Veenit Rajkumar Chaudhary, (Director & Guarantor) Flat No. B-206 Monica Apts. Bakul street Near Cross Garden Bhayander, Dist Thane 401101. Mr. Vilas Ramtial Mehta, (Director & Guarantor) Kumbhar Ali, Tal Pen, Dist Raigad 402107	The Land bearing Survey No. 50,52,53, 64,70,72 & 73 situated at Village Kahir Tal- Patan Dist - Satara in the name M/s Anagi trading P.Ltd. (Land Area: 102992.50 Sq. mts)	A) 12.10.2013 B) Rs. 9,47,53,231.00 (As on 31.03.2017) plus interest & charges C) 25.07.2016 D) Physical	A) Rs. 67,00,000/- B) Rs. 6,70,000/- C) Rs. 50,000/-	(11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.)	Not Known to Us Rohit 9058763899 Rinu E. F. 8547762745 Murtaza Suratwala 9967860528	

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

- The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.com> on the date and time mentioned at the respective columns above.
- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://baanknet.com> and <https://pnbank.in>.
- The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (<https://baanknet.com>) using their email-id and mobile number. The process of eKYC is to be done through Digilocker. Once the e-KYC is done, the intending Bidders/Purchasers may transfer the EMD amount to their e-Wallet using online/challan mode before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of e-KYC, transfer of EMD in wallet and linking of wallet amount to Property must be completed well in advance, before auction. 6. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction available on the website and follow them strictly.
- The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. The minimum (first) bid would be Reserve Price Plus one Incremental bid amount. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favor of "The Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/C (Name of the A/C) Payable at. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorised Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/auction of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.
- The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. The confirmation of sale shall be subject to confirmation by the secured creditor. All statutory dues/attendances/charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. The Authorised Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc

Date: 10.06.2026  
Place: Satara

Sd/-  
Authorised Officer,  
Punjab National Bank



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**PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS FOR INTERIOR FURNISHING WORKS, ELECTRICAL WORKS, MODULAR FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS, SIGNAGE CONVERTORS AND ARCHITECTS, FOR BANK'S INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS IN NAGPUR ZONE**

Applications for Pre-qualification for Empanelment are invited from vendors engaged in Interior Furnishing works, Electrical cabling, Modular Furniture manufacturers, Signage converters, and Architects, for Bank's projects in Nagpur Zone. The pre-qualification eligibility criteria for each category of work, scope of works, general conditions, application formats, Bank's Disclaimer, etc. are hosted under "Notices & Tenders" section on Bank's website at [www.idbibank.in](http://www.idbibank.in). Interested vendors may visit the website for details and submit their applications accordingly in requisite formats. The applicants who satisfy the Pre-qualification criteria shall only be considered for issuance of Technical and Commercial Bids for the subject works. Last date of submission of applications is **June 26, 2026, by 1800 hours**. Any Corrigendum / Addendum / Extension of date / Clarifications in respect of above notice, shall be hosted only on Bank's website at [www.idbibank.in](http://www.idbibank.in), and no separate notification shall be issued in the newspaper. Bank reserves the right to reject any or all applications, without assigning any reasons therefor.


Date: 10.06.2026, Place: Nagpur **GM & Dy. Zonal Head, Nagpur**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Government of Maharashtra, Environment Department, Room No.217, 2nd Floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032, has accorded Environmental Clearance Identification No. EC26B3813MH5344733N, File No. SIA/MH/NFRA2/571037/2026 Date. 22nd May, 2026 for Proposed Project "Venkatesh Vanaya" By M/s SVBPL Homes Pvt. Ltd.

Copies of the Clearance Letter are available with Maharashtra Pollution Control Board & May also be seen at website of Government of Maharashtra, Department of Environment <https://parivesh.nic.in>

**"Venkatesh Vanaya" by M/s SVBPL Homes Pvt. Ltd.**  
At Survey No. 29/1, Kharadi, Tal. haveli, Pune - 411014.



**HDFC BANK LIMITED**

**E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through E-bidding Only)**

Branch: Mayfair Tower - Wakdevadi  
Tel: 020-25505000 CIN : L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: [www.hdfcbank.com](http://www.hdfcbank.com)

HDFC Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as "HDFC") is a Bank within the meaning of sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"). By and under an Order dated 17th March 2023 passed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai, HDFC Limited has been amalgamated into HDFC Bank Limited, as a going concern and consequently all assets and liabilities of HDFC Limited automatically stand vested in "HDFC Bank Limited". Accordingly, all contracts, deeds, bonds, agreements, arrangements and other instruments of whatsoever nature to which HDFC Limited is a party or a beneficiary, shall continue to be in full force and effect as if HDFC Bank Limited were a party. Accordingly, HDFC Bank Limited shall be legally entitled to take steps towards the Loan Agreement, including enforcement, if applicable.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in **Column (A)** that the below described immovable property(ies) described in **Column (C)** mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in **Column (D)** by the Authorised Officer of HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) (since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A)** under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in HDFC Secured Creditor's website i.e. [www.HDFCBANK.COM](http://www.HDFCBANK.COM)

Sr. No.	Name/s of Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s) / Legal Heirs and Legal Representatives (whether known or unknown) Executor(s), Administrator(s), Successor(s) & Assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s) (since deceased), as the case may be.	Outstanding Dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 sq. ft.)	i. Reserve Price (Rs.) ii. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) iii. Type of Possession	Bid Incremental Rate	Date(s) and Time of Inspection	Last Date of Submission of Bids	Date(s) and Time(s) of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	<b>Borrower(s) /Mortgagor(s):</b> Mr. Motwani Suraj Arjundas and Ms. Thorat Preeti Rakesh	<b>Rs. 44,02,852/- as on 28th Feb 2025*</b>	Flat No.302, 3rd Floor, "Armada", Building A1+A2, S.No.40, Hissa No.3+4/1+2, village Wakad, Taluka Haveli, District Pune. Carpet area Admeasuring 39.75 Sq. mtr i.e (427.71 Sq ft) or thereabouts + Adjacent Terrace Area Admeasuring 8.26 Sq. Mtr i.e (88.87 Sq ft.) or thereabouts + enclosed balcony area admeasuring 10.81 Sq. Mtr i.e. (116.31 Sq ft.)	i. <b>Rs. 58,88,000/-</b> ii. <b>Rs.5,88,800 /-</b> iii. <b>Physical</b>	20,000/-	22nd June 2026 (11.00 am to 5.00 pm)	13th July 2026 (upto 5pm)	15th July 2026 (11:00 to 11:30 Am)
2.	<b>Borrower(s) /Mortgagor(s):</b> Ms. Potdar Nilima Suraj And Mr. Potdar Suraj	<b>Rs. 35,29,514/- as on 31st Oct 2024*</b>	Flat No.1707, 17th Floor, "Vlp Aetheruse Phase 2", Tower 2, Sector R10, S.No.4111 (Part), 41/4 (Part), Village Mahalunge, Taluka Mulshi, Pune- 411045. Carpet Area Admeasuring 47.71 Sq. Mtr i.e (513.35 Sq Ft.), or thereabouts + enclose balcony area admeasuring 8.94 sq. Mtr. i.e. (96.19 sq. Ft.) or thereabouts and Terrace admeasuring 4.93 Sq Mtr. i.e (53.04 Sq. Ft.) or thereabouts	i. <b>Rs. 57,60,000/-</b> ii. <b>Rs.5,76,000/-</b> iii. <b>Physical</b>	20,000/-	23rd June 2026 (11.00 am to 5.00 pm)	13th July 2026 (upto 5pm)	15th July 2026 (11:30 to 12:00 Am)

\*together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer of HDFC, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:** 1. The particulars in respect of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset specified hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the Authorised Officer / HDFC. 2. However, the Authorised Officer / HDFC shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The Bidders are therefore requested in their own interest, to satisfy themselves with regard to the above and all other relevant details / material information pertaining to the abovementioned Immovable Property / Secured Asset, before submitting the bids. 3. Statutory dues like property taxes / cess and transfer charges, arrears of electricity dues, arrears of water charges and other charges known and unknown in respect to the secured assets being sold, shall be ascertained by the Bidder beforehand and the payment of the same shall be the responsibility of the buyer of Secured Assets. 4. Wherever applicable, it is the responsibility of buyer of Secured Assets to deduct tax at source (TDS) @ of 1% of the total sale consideration on behalf of the resident owner (seller) on the transfer of immovable property having consideration equal to Rs.50 Lacs and above and deposit the same with appropriate authority u/s 194 I/A of Income Tax Act. 5. Sale is strictly subject to the Terms, Conditions and Disclaimers stipulated in the prescribed E-Auction Bid Document. Offer Acceptance Letter, Public Notice, terms and conditions mentioned hereinbelow and any other related documents. 6. Secured Asset is available for inspection on as mentioned in column "F" of the table. 7. E-Auction Bid Document can be on-line from the website <https://assets.matexauctions.com> or can be obtained from the Authorised Officer of HDFC having his office at Office No 601 to 608, Godrej Eternia Building C, Wing B, Wakdevadi, Pune 411005, on any working day during office hours at **HDFC Bank - Wakdevadi Branch**. 8. For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the E-Auction Bid Document and for any other queries, please get in touch with **Matex Technologies Pvt Ltd (Mr. Santosh Ogale) - Telephone / Mobile Number - 7028070100 / 8925813586** or Email- [puneproperties@matextech.com](mailto:puneproperties@matextech.com). And or from **Mr. Ankit Maheshwari of Bracketbricks Asset Services Pvt Ltd (9762484797) And or from Mr. Santosh Maral of Principius Services Pvt. Ltd. (9527547902)** 9. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be deposited by the bidders through Demand Draft / Pay Order in Favour of "HDFC Bank Limited" payable at par in sealed envelope and shall be submitted at **HDFC Bank - Wakdevadi Branch**. 10. Minimum bid increment amount is as mentioned in column "E" of the table. 11. The offer amount (to be mentioned in e-auction Bid document) shall be above Reserve Price and bidders shall improve their seals in multiples of Bid incremental amount indicated above. 12. E-Auction Bid Document duly filled in alongwith the details of payment of EMD shall be submitted at **HDFC Bank Office No 601 to 608, Godrej Eternia Building C, Wing B, Wakdevadi, Pune 411005**. 13. The last date of submission of bids in prescribed e-auction Bid Documents with all necessary documents and EMD in stipulated manner in column "G" of the table. 14. Incomplete E-Auction Bid Document or bids with inadequate EMD amount or bids received after the date indicated at **Column (G)** hereinabove shall be treated as invalid. 15. Conditional offers shall be treated as invalid. 16. **Mr. Vijay Kumar (Mob No. 7200538774 and Email ID-solutions@matextech.com)** would be assisting the Authorised Officer in conducting the auction through an e-bidding process. 17. Upon receipt of Bid with the necessary documents as mentioned therein and in the sale notice within the stipulated date and time mentioned above, a password/user ID will be provided by **-Matex Technologies Pvt Ltd.** to eligible bidders / prospective purchasers to participate in the online auction at <https://assets.matexauctions.com>. 18. Necessary trainings will be provided by **Matex Technologies Pvt Ltd (Mr. Vijay Kumar Mob No. 7200538774)** for the purpose. 19. The auction by way of e-bidding will be conducted on the date and time indicated in **Column (H)**. 20. The Immovable Property / Secured Asset shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. 21. On sale of the property the purchaser shall not have any claim of whatsoever nature against HDFC or its Authorised Officer. 22. The e-bidding would commence and end at the time indicated in Column (H) above. However, if a bid is received 5 minutes prior to the closing time indicated therein, it would get extended by five minutes every time a bid is offered. The auction would end if there is no bid for a period exceeding five minutes. 23. It shall be at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to cancel the auction proceeding for any reason and return the EMD submitted and HDFC will not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders. 24. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the highest and / or all Bid(s) or postpone or cancel the sale, as the case may be without assigning any reasons thereof and also to modify any of the terms and condition of this sale without prior notice. 25. The sale shall be conferred on the highest bidder subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor i.e. HDFC. 26. EMD of successful bidder shall be adjusted and for all other unsuccessful bidders, the same shall be refunded within 10 days from the date of Auction. The Earnest Money Deposit will not carry any interest. 27. Along with Bid Documents the Bidder(s) should also attach his/her photo identity proof such as copy of the passport, election commission card, ration card, driving license, copy of the PAN card issued by the Income Tax department etc. and the proof of residence countersigned by the bidder herself/himself. 28. The successful bidder shall be required to pay 25% of the offer amount (including the amount of EMD) immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be (as per the amended provisions of Rule 9(3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) on confirmation of offer acceptance by HDFC, failing which the EMD amount remitted will stand forfeited. The balance 75% of offer amount shall be paid within 15 days of confirmation of sale by the Authorised officer. If the balance amount is not remitted within stipulated time the amount of 25% will stand forfeited as per the amended provisions of Rule 9(4) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

**Note:**  
Bidding in the last minute and second should be avoided in bidders' own interest. Neither HDFC nor the service provider shall be responsible for any lapses / failure (Internet failure, Power failure etc.) on the part of the vendor. In order to ward-off such contingent situation bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply or whatever required so that they are able to participate in the auction successfully.

**CAUTION NOTE:**  
Bidders at large are hereby informed that HDFC and its Authorized Officer does not deal in cash transaction with respect to Immovable Property mentioned in the Auction sale notice. The name and contact details of the agency / broker, if any, authorized by HDFC to deal with sale of Immovable property can be obtained only from the office of HDFC at the address mentioned above.  
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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026  
Place: Pune  
Pune Wakdevadi Office : HDFC Bank Ltd., Office No. 601 to 608, Sixth Floor, Godrej Eternia C, Wing B, Wakdevadi, Shivaji Nagar, Pune 411005.  
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For HDFC Bank Limited  
Sd/-  
Authorised Officer

## Concerned over escalation in West Asia: PM to Kuwait Amir

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New Delhi, June 9

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Tuesday spoke to the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, and expressed deep concern over the escalation of tensions in West Asia while reaffirming India's strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

This came days after an Indian national was killed in an Iranian attack on Kuwait International Airport that reportedly left more than 60 injured. According to a statement by the PM's office on Tuesday, "The two leaders exchanged views on the evolving security situation in West Asia." This discussion between PM Modi and the Amir of Kuwait took place days after Israel and Iran attacked each other over the weekend, in the first significant escalation since the fragile ceasefire was agreed in April this year.

"Prime Minister expressed deep concern over the escalation of tensions and reaffirmed India's strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty...Prime Minister reiterated the call for de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy for earliest restoration of peace and stability," it added.

"Prime Minister thanked His Highness the Amir for his personal attention to the continued well-being and the safety of the large Indian community in Kuwait," according to the PMO statement.

This is the first phone conversation between the two leaders since the war in West Asia broke out on February 28. Earlier this year, on March 3 and March 18, PM Modi had telephonic conversations regarding regional stability with Kuwait's Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

Last week, India had condemned the attack on Kuwait airport while renewing calls for an end to violence while urging strongly not to target civilian population and civilian infrastructure. "Since the onset of the conflict in West Asia, we have strongly urged that civilian population and civilian infrastructure must not be targeted. We again call upon parties to cease such attacks," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had said in a statement.

In a post on X, the Embassy of India in Kuwait said it is "closely coordinating" with the Kuwaiti authorities to extend all possible support and assistance to the bereaved family as well as those injured in the incident last Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Manzoor Ahmed, a 55-year-tailor from Madhya Pradesh. This latest death put the total number of Indian fatalities to at least 10 since hostilities broke out between Iran and US-Israel on February 28.

"We extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the deceased and his relatives, and we wish a speedy recovery to all the injured," said Colonel Saud Abdulaziz Al-Otaibi, the official spokesman of Kuwait's Ministry of Defence.

Kuwaiti Interior Ministry spokesperson Brigadier General Nasser Bousleeb said that the passenger terminal (T1) at the airport was subjected to an attack by several hostile drones. The Kuwaiti foreign ministry later summoned the Charge d'Affaires at the Iranian Embassy and handed him an official protest note regarding the attacks.