

## Dry Gujarat wastes water inflows from Madhya Pradesh

GANDHINAGAR: Water management experts say red tapism and lack of coordination is worsening the water crisis in Gujarat which is passing up a golden opportunity of recharging the state's water bodies and supplying water to farmers. A state government officer said, "The water level in Sardar Sarovar is increasing constantly, as consistent inflow of 10,000-20,000 cusecs per day is being released from the upstream dam — Indira Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh." The water level in Sardar Sarovar has already reached 120m and expected to cross 121m by first week of June. Experts fear that most of this water, if not released immediately to recharge the state's water bodies through the canals and pipelines, may have to be released into the sea in monsoon — though the state is battling a water crisis. Many believe that the state cannot continue to store the water



released by MP in Sardar Sarovar as the full reservoir level of Sardar Sarovar is 138m, and protests may commence from fear of flooding in MP once the level crosses 130m during monsoon in August. B N Navalawala, chief minister Vijay Rupani's advisor on water issues of the state, and veteran water management expert, rightly says that the Gujarat government's current outlook for handling the water crisis and ensuring water security in the state is grossly erroneous. A state government officer said, "As on Wednesday, the water level in the Sardar Sarovar is the highest in 10

years. In spite of being aware of all facts and forecasts, the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd (SSNNL) authorities are denying commencement of use of the Sujalam-Sufalam pipelines, and also not releasing the water into rivers (through escapes) of Chhota Udepur, Panchmahals and Banaskantha districts." The water being received by the Sardar Sarovar currently from upstream is sufficient to recharge and rejuvenate the majority of water bodies in the state said an expert. "If it is not used now, monsoon water may have to be released from the gates at a rate of 1-5 lakh cusecs during the last week of August, or even before," he added. A senior technical officer said, "The water is not required for drinking purpose, but will help to recharge groundwater and rejuvenate environment. The government can also release some water to rejuvenate the Narmada's dry bed."

## Ahmedabad to stay orange hot till Friday: IMD

AHMEDABAD: If Wednesday was too hot to handle, the worst is perhaps not over. There will be no respite from the blistering heat in Ahmedabad at least till Friday, as the Gujarat office of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has sounded an 'orange alert' for Thursday, and the hot weather is likely to continue till Friday. According to the IMD's bulletin, the maximum temperature in the city was 44.3°C on Wednesday, 2.6 degrees above normal.

The IMD said the maximum temperature in Ahmedabad will be around 44°C on Thursday as well.

Jayanta Sarkar, director of IMD Gujarat, said, "For the next two days, maximum temperatures will likely remain between 43°C and 44°C in Ahmedabad. As far as Gujarat is concerned, we have issued a heatwave warning for the Saurashtra and Kutch

meteorological subdivisions. Temperatures are likely to stay high in northern and central Gujarat, with maximum temperatures at least two or three degrees above normal. Northwesterly winds are constantly aggravating the summer heat, causing heatwave conditions."

The heat has caused even the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) to issue an 'orange alert'. Anticipating a rush of heat-related illnesses, AMC-run hospitals have stocked up on medicines. "All AMC-run hospitals are well stocked with ice packs and gel-packs. Oral rehydration solution (ORS) sachets have also been kept in adequate quantities. All urban health centres and community health centres have been equipped to handle heat-related emergencies," said Bhavin Joshi, AMC's additional medical officer for health.

## Surat Fire Tragedy: AMC razes 49 illegal buildings across the city

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has been on a razing drive for the past five days, demolishing illegal constructions on terraces at premises across the city in light of the Surat fire tragedy where 22 people, mostly students, lost their lives on Friday (May 24), trying to escape a massive fire that had engulfed their coaching centre. The centre was located in the illegal fiber dome built on the terrace of Takshashila Arcade.

At the end of five days, a total of 3,529 notices were issued to tuition classes, hospitals, restaurants and other commercial complexes to install and maintain fire safety systems, and get their Fire NOCs.

Illegal constructions at five different hospitals including Apollo Hospital were demolished. The same action was taken at six tuition classes including Allen Career Classes and 20 schools including Edunova in Maninagar, A-one School at Thaltej and



Udgam School in Bhaipura.

Apart from these, demolitions also took place at a college, a restaurant/guest house, five hotels and 11 commercial complexes including Sigma Business Parkon Sindhubhavan Road and D-Mart in Nikol.

AMC officials said they freed terrace space totalling 9,400.75 square metre on Wednesday. JS

Prajapati, DyMC of Estate Department said, "Illegal construction and activity on terraces and in basements are being removed from hospitals, restaurants, coaching classes and so on. We do not want any activity taking place on terraces.

The drive will intensify in the coming days and nobody will be allowed to run any businesses with Fire NOC."

## Gujarat: 'Love guru' continues to elude CBI

AHMEDABAD: A month has passed since the Gujarat high court had thrown a challenge to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in April to nab 'love guru' Dhaval Trivedi, 46, who has been sentenced to life imprisonment for raping and luring teenage girls. The agency is still in the dark about the whereabouts of Trivedi who eloped with another minor girl in 2018.

The court had transferred the probe to CBI from Gujarat Police on the basis of a habeas corpus petition filed by the minor girl's father and the CBI had registered an FIR on May 1 this year. The Gujarat high court had in 2012 convicted Trivedi to life imprisonment for

eloping with two Class XII girls. He was arrested from Punjab in 2014. Trivedi however came out on parole and assumed a false identity. Introducing himself as one Dharmendra Dave he started English teaching classes. In August last year, he eloped with another student hailing from Chotilla town in Surendranagar district. Trivedi had two failed love marriages and he is accused of abducting eight girls since 2010.

In April this year, the HC ordered CBI to take up the probe immediately and report to the court after four weeks regarding the status of investigation. The high court had termed the teacher a "maniac" and ordered the central investigation agency

to arrest him immediately and rescue the minor girl "at any cost". While transferring the investigation to CBI, the high court had stated, "It is going to be a very challenging investigation for the CBI, but the CBI is known for such challenges and, therefore, this court expects the CBI to live up to its expectation." CBI sources who preferred to remain tight-lipped about the investigation said they are working on locating Trivedi. He had managed to open a tuition class even while on parole, after being convicted for 20 years of imprisonment in connection with the abduction of two minor girls.

## Father damages CCTV cameras, son files FIR

AHMEDABAD: A 54-year-old man from the Chandkheda area of the city on Tuesday filed an FIR for theft and trespassing against his father, two sisters and a cousin, for damaging and stealing CCTV cameras from his house. The complainant, Shailesh Pandya, a land broker, in his FIR at Chandkheda police station said that he had installed three CCTV cameras at his house after his father, Dashrathlal Pandya, had in 2015 filed various complaints of criminal intimidation against him with police which later turned as mere allegations. "I had installed those cameras so that any frivolous charges against me by my father would not stand and footage could be produced as evidence in legal cases," said Pandya.

Pandya said that his two sisters, Neeta Raval and Mudra Dave, and his cousin Jigar Pandya, along with Dashrathlal, used to harass him and pick fights with him over frivolous

issues. The complainant claimed that his family had an issue with him over the construction of his house on the second floor of his father's house in Chandkheda. His sisters and their husbands had also threatened him in 2017, after which he had filed a police complaint.

"On May 26, when Pandya and his wife went to Mehstana, he saw on his cellphone, which was connected to the CCTV cameras, that his father was trying to damage the cameras installed at his house with a hammer," said the FIR.

He also saw his sisters and cousin trespassing inside his house. When he reached home, he did not find the cameras there. Pandya also alleged, "My father had once threatened to kill me while brandishing a broom."

Chandkheda police filed a complaint of theft, trespassing, criminal intimidation along with abetment charges against the four family members.

## 25% hike in medical, engineering seats to implement 10% EWS quota

GANDHINAGAR: A bonanza awaits students aspiring for medical, engineering and other professional courses in Gujarat. The state on Wednesday declared that it has approved 25% hike in seats in medical and other professional courses to implement the 10% economically weaker sections (EWS) quota cleared by the Modi-led government this year.

Deputy CM Nitin Patel said Gujarat is the first state to implement the EWS quota. "We have decided to increase medical and other professional seats by 25% to ensure it does not eat into existing SC, ST and OBC quotas," he said, adding students of non-reserved categories whose

annual family income is less than Rs 8 lakh will be eligible for admission under the quota. Giving the break-up, Patel said that 6,809 more seats will be added to the existing 31,890 seats in medical, dental and paramedical courses.

In MBBS alone, 914 new seats will be added taking the total number of MBBS seats to 5,264. Over and above this, Gujarat has got approval for a new medical college in Amreli. This college, with a sanctioned strength of 150 seats, will also now have 185 seats. The state students will get an additional 7,722 seats in engineering courses, 336 seats in pharmacy, 316 in architecture, 1,715 in MBA and 2,100-odd seats in MCA courses. Besides medical and paramedical courses, other

professional courses in engineering, pharmacy, architecture, MBA, MCA and the like will also see a hike in seats by about 25 per cent. Dental seats in the state will increase by 220 from the existing 1140 to 1360 seats. Ayurveda seats will increase by 335 from 1,780 to 2,115. Nursing seats in the state will increase from 16,240 to 19,975, an increase of 3735 seats. Physiotherapy seats will increase by 900 from 4,535 to 5,435.

Seats in degree engineering colleges will increase by 12,661, pharmacy seats by 959, MBA seats by 1715, MCA seats by 2,000, architecture seats by 316 and diploma engineering seats by 12,943.

## Scolded for playing games on mobile, boy leaves home

AHMEDABAD: A resident of Nirmaynagar on Tuesday filed a complaint at Vadaj police station, as his 16-year-old son left home as being scolded for constantly playing games on his mobile phone. Nanji Raval (54), a resident of Pancharahi Society in Nirmaynagar and an employee of a private company in Chandlodia, stated that his son, Karan, who is fondly called 'Chintu', was missing since May 25. Raval stated that he has two children, an 18-year-old daughter Bhavna,

and Karan, who dropped out from school after Class X. Karan had been working at an aluminum moulding unit near Chandlodia railway station for the last six months. "As he used to constantly play games on his mobile phone, my wife Daksha had to scold him often. On Saturday morning, Karan was again playing games on his phone. I then took away his phone, which is password protected. He asked me to return his phone and threatened to

leave the house if I did not. I still did not give him back the phone," Raval said in the FIR. After that, Raval left home with his daughter and returned late on Saturday evening. As Raval could not find his son at the home, he inquired with his wife. Raval's wife told him that Karan had left home without informing anyone and had taken his clothes with him. Raval then approached Vadaj police and filed a complaint under IPC section 363 (kidnapping).

## Retests by June 10 for Class IX, XI

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board has directed schools to conduct retests for all students of Classes IX and XI, who failed the final examination. The direction comes after a large number of parents made a representation seeking retests for failed students.

Schools have been told to conduct retests for failed students before June 10 and

declare their results before June 15. Schools will have to inform parents whose children have failed in Class IX and XI about the retest dates. As many as 51 Class XI students of St Xavier's Loyola Hall School in Ahmedabad had failed the Class XI final examination. The school conducted a retest, in which only 35 students were declared passed. This created a furore, after which an inquiry committee was appointed by the board.

## Gujarat: Jail for drunk walking, just fine for drunk driving

AHMEDABAD: In Gujarat, some prohibition laws defy sober analysis: a person walking drunk faces jail time, but someone driving under the influence - imperiling many lives - can stagger out of trouble after paying a fine. Two cases in a Dholka's court earlier this month bear testimony to the discrepancy in application of laws related to prohibition and drunk driving in the state. Cops book drunk people under the Gujarat Prohibition Act, which has minimum punishment for six

months, if caught for the first time. Ironically, for drunk driving, Gujarat police invokes only section 185 of the Motor Vehicle Act, which has a provision of maximum six months jail or fine up to Rs 2,000 or both.

State cops generally do not book those found driving drunk under special prohibition laws of the state! As a fallout of this discrepancy, a paradox played out at a Dholka court earlier this month. A labourer from Loliva village near Dholka, Chandubhai

Nayak, 40, was arrested and booked under Section 66 (1) of the Gujarat Prohibition Act for loitering drunk in his village on February 6, 2019. He was sent to jail. A court granted him bail, but the poor labourer could not afford to pay surety and languished in prison for over three months. Nayak pleaded guilty on May 9 and sought leniency. Judicial magistrate first class H B Sharma said the punishment cannot be reduced to less than three months under amended prohibition laws.

## Husband tortured me with electric shock, says women

AHMEDABAD: A 45-year-old woman from Satellite area filed a complaint of domestic violence on Tuesday against her husband alleging that she was beaten, confined to a room for many years in Malad area of Mumbai and given electric shocks.

The complainant stated in her FIR with Anandnagar police that she had wed a Mumbai-based man in 2006. It was her second marriage and her husband's third marriage. Her husband had a two-year-old son

from his previous marriage at the time of their wedding in 2006.

She stated in the FIR that her husband treated her properly for around four years, but after that his behaviour changed completely. "My husband used to ask me to bring dowry from my parents' home and told me that he had married me to take care of his son," said the complainant. He also told her that he did not need her any more as his son had grown up. "He kept me under confinement

in a room and used to give me electric shocks. He also thrashed me severely and mentally harassed me," she said. In August 2018, her husband threw her out. She fell into depression. After her condition improved, she approached Anandnagar police and filed a complaint against her husband. Police registered a case of domestic violence, assault, criminal intimidation along with charges of dowry prohibition act.

## Girl molested on morning walk, 37-year-old held

AHMEDABAD: A 17-year-old girl out on a morning walk was allegedly molested by a 37-year-old married man, the father of two children, in the Thaltej area of the city on Tuesday.

Sola High Court Police on Wednesday arrested the accused, Parshva Shreyansh Shah, who runs a garage on Ashram Road, and booked him for molestation and under the POCSO (Protection of Children against Sexual offences) Act.

According to the FIR filed by the girl's uncle, she went out for a walk on Tuesday morning and was crying when she returned. She told him that when she was near Someshwar Park society, a motorcycle-borne man suddenly slowed down when he drew near her and touched her breasts. Then the accused then fled towards Gulab Tower, the FIR states.

The girl was so traumatized that she fell sick. As she recovered on Tuesday evening, she and her parents went Sola High

Court police station and filed a complaint.

Sola High Court Police scoured through CCTV footage of the site and found the incident captured on one camera. In the video, the accused is seen molesting the girl and as he rode away, with the girl shocked, he was constantly looking back at her. Police ascertained the accused person's identity through his motorcycle number and nabbed him from his home in Thaltej.

Officials said Shah had gone out to buy medicines for his father when he allegedly committed the offence. Police sources said they also found two other pieces of footage from Someshwar Park Society, where the same accused is seen molesting other women as well. No one other than the 17-year-old girl came forward to lodge an FIR against Shah.

The complainant told TOI that while they filed the FIR, they call on others to also lodge complaints, to serve as a deterrent to such acts.

## Fire aftermath: AMC continues to raze illegal structures

AHMEDABAD: At least 43 more terraces and six basements were freed of illegal construction in the city on Friday. These premises, including those of a supermarket chain, six hospitals, 20 schools and one pre-school, had illegal structures on their terraces, which according to fire rules should be open to the sky to ensure evacuation of patients and children during fires. In all, the civic body demolished 49

structures on terraces, largely being used for commercial purposes or for running clinics.

The AMC's estate department demolished illegal constructions on the terraces of Pushya Hospital on CG Road, Avaron Hospital in Naranpura, Arogya Hospital in Navrangpura, Global Hospital on Sindhu Bhavan Road and construction in basement and ground floor at Apollo Hospital in Bodakdev.

Among commercial properties, civic staff demolished illegal construction at the D-Mart building in Nikol.

Most offenders were schools in Nikol, Bhaipura, Ramol, Amraiwadi, Vastral, Viratnagar, Anandnagar Road, Shahibaug and Naroda areas. "Many day care centres or pre-schools have classrooms on terraces. This is dangerous," an estate department official said.

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Standalone Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and year ended on March 31, 2019			
(Rs. in Lakh except EPS)			
Particulars	Quarter ended 31-03-2019	Quarter ended 31-03-2018	Year ended 31-03-2019
	Audited	Audited	Audited
Total Income From Operations (net)	1.20	0.02	2.38
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.63)	(4.09)	(8.41)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.63)	(4.09)	(8.41)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.63)	(4.09)	(8.41)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1.63)	(4.09)	(8.41)
Equity Share Capital	515.06	515.06	515.06
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)	-	-	(504.34)
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
Basic	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.16)
Diluted	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.16)

**Note:**-The above results were reviewed by the Audit committee and subsequently taken on record by the Board of Directors of the company at its meeting held on May 30, 2019. The above financial is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly Financial Results filed with the BSE Ltd.. The full format of the quarterly Financial Results are available on the BSE Ltd Website at www.bseindia.com and on the website of the Company at www.swordnshieldpharma.com.

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