

A life lost every 48 hours. Riverfront was site of 1,600 suicides in decade

Financial Crises, Relationship Issues Among Main Causes

GRIM NUMBERS FROM SABARMATI RIVERFRONT

Year	Total Calls	Saved	Deaths	Male	Female	Child
2016	399	89	310	245	61	1
2017	291	74	217	178	36	3
2018	151	35	116	90	26	0
2019	109	20	89	75	14	0
2020	142	29	113	98	14	1
2021	179	47	132	104	26	3
2022	209	28	169	145	34	3
2023	205	24	181	148	31	2
2024	193	34	158	138	19	1
2025	166	35	132	101	29	2

Ahmedabad: The Sabarmati riverfront, one of Ahmedabad's most celebrated public spaces, has emerged as the site of a disturbing trend. Since 2016, at least 1,671 people have died by suicide by jumping into the Sabarmati. That means, on average, one life has been lost every 48 hours during the 2016-2025 period.

Authorities receive one distress call a day from the riverfront stretch. Another statistic shows that men account for an overwhelming majority of riverfront deaths every year, particularly those during the 2016-2025 period.

Most of the cases are linked to prolonged illness, financial crises, and relationship problems, "a senior police officer said.

Police said that suicides involving women are often linked to harassment by husbands or in-laws, while in some cases involving women take the extreme step due to relationship issues with their partners.

"In cases involving children, we found instances of mothers throwing their children into the river, often by jumping into the water themselves," an officer said.

The lack of personnel and citizens' apathy are two reasons for lives easily going over the edge.

"An emergency bystander shot video instead of calling rescuers," said an official familiar with rescue operations.

The official added, "Many avoid calling the helpline 112, fearing legal trouble. By the time the fire brigade is alerted and rescuers are mobilized, crucial minutes are lost."

Rescuers also struggle to pinpoint the exact locations from which people have jumped into the river. "Time is the most critical factor in such cases, and delays mean that the chances of survival drop sharply," the official said.

In 2016, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation installed high grills and railings on all bridges over the Sabarmati to curb suicides. While that reduced deaths from bridges, people began jumping from the open promenades and walkways.

"The riverfront was designed to decrease sense of proximity to water. That very design has now become a vulnerability," an urban planner said.

Experts warned that without round-the-clock patrols, better lighting, CCTV monitoring, location markers, and a dedicated rescue force, the riverfront will continue to claim lives.

Consultant fined ₹5L after ineligible company qualifies

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



Ahmedabad: The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has imposed a Rs 5 lakh penalty on its appointed consultant, Multimedica Consultant Pvt Ltd, for wrongly qualifying a company in the Rs 49 crore tender to set up a 100 million litres per day (MLD) water treatment plant. The issue came up during a water and sewerage committee meeting on Monday.

The consultant was entrusted with preparing and processing the tender for the construction of an additional 100 MLD capacity water treatment plant at the Raska Water Treatment Plant premises. During the technical evaluation, five companies were declared qualified. However, it later emerged that one of the firms had been declared despite lacking the mandatory experience in constructing water treatment plants.

When the financial bids were opened, the wrongly qualified company - Skyway Infra Projects Pvt Ltd - emerged as the lowest bidder, triggering scrutiny. Subsequent checks revealed that the consultant had erroneously considered the company's experience in sewage treatment plants (STP) instead of water treatment plants (WTP), in violation of the tender conditions.

Following the controversy, Multimedica Consultant Pvt Ltd issued a letter to the city body admitting to the mistake. Based on this admission, the AMC decided to impose a Rs 5 lakh fine on the consultant for the lapse.

An AMC official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the error appeared to be unintentional but serious, as it affected the integrity of the tender process. The consultant acknowledged that STP experience was mistakenly taken as WTP experience, "the official said.

Water and Sewerage Committee chairman Dilip Bagaria confirmed the penalty and said the city body would soon decide whether to scrap the tender and invite fresh bids to ensure transparency and compliance with norms.

Banks to go on strike on Feb 12

Ahmedabad: Employees across the public sector banks in Gujarat will observe a strike on Thursday, Feb 12, in response to a call given by the Central Trade Unions for a nationwide general strike. The unions are protesting against the implementation of four labour codes and demanded their withdrawal.

In Gujarat, the strike is expected to affect the functioning of 3,678 branches of nationalised banks around 25,000 employees participating. Employees of Federal Bank, Karur Vysya Bank, Karnataka Bank, and IDBI Bank will also observe the strike. The unions stated that transactions worth around Rs 15,000 crore in the state will be affected, no

Girls' STEM enrolment increases in state

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Between 2015-16 and 2025-26, the share of girls in overall engineering seats increased from 14% (6,067 out of 43,727 seats) to 25% (10,670 out of 42,972 seats). Effective means that 1 out of every 4 admissions for engineering students in the state is a girl, busting the long-held belief of engineering as a male bastion.

Dr Nitya Bhupani, principal of LD College of Engineering and member secretary of AICTE, said that over the years, they saw a steady rise of girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) courses in the state. "More significantly, women who largely embraced tradi-

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tional branches such as computer, IT, and electronics and communication (E&C) are now also opting for mechanical and civil engineering courses. This trend, with new applications and tech-enabled workspaces," he said.

Even in specialised fields like PDEU, women enrolment in engineering courses was 14% at 123 students in academic year 2015-16. This year, the number peaked at 447, representing 26% of the total admissions.

At IIT Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn), the absolute number of female students saw a three-fold rise from 86 to 245 in a decade.

Prof Bhaskar Datta, Dean (Academics) at IIT Gandhinagar, are now also at the forefront of emerging fields like AI, while maintaining a consistent presence in advanced research at the PhD level. "Young women are aggressively staking their claim in high-tech frontiers such as AI, which will ultimately increase their left in a highly skilled workforce," he added.

Prof S Manoharan, Director General of PDEU, said they have recorded sizeable female students in emerging fields such as biotech. "When women enter engineering classrooms in greater numbers, they act as positive change agents in leadership and social impact," he said. The institute introduced merit-based scholarships for female students offering up to 25% tuition fee waiver.

Liquor worth ₹64L hidden in helmet consignment seized

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



Ahmedabad: The prevention of crime branch (PCB) on Sunday intercepted a Haryana Pradesh-registered truck on SP Ring Road near Aslali Circle and seized Indian-made foreign liquor (IMEFL) worth Rs 63.88 lakh that was being ferried under the cover of a helmet consignment.

The driver was arrested, and further investigation is on to trace the bootlegging network.

The truck was stopped in the Yashal police station area ahead of Aslali Circle, following a specific tip-off that a consignment carrying liquor was moving from Chandigarh to Junagadh. On questioning, the driver claimed the vehicle was transporting helmets.

However, a detailed check revealed liquor cartons concealed among boxes of helmets. Police identified the driver as Jooni Baldevsingh Chandel (38), a resident of Harnani village, Saranghat taluka, Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh. PCB officers recovered 10,740 bottles of IMFL valued at Rs 63.86 lakh. The truck was also carrying 1,653 metres worth of Rs 2 lakh, allegedly used as camouflage. In addition, officers seized the HP-registered truck, a mobile phone, and Rs 1,328 in cash. The total value of the seized property was estimated at Rs 84.25 lakh.

Preliminary inquiries suggest the consignment originated from Chandigarh and was meant to be delivered in Junagadh. "Liquor was dispatched by Dileram Sher Singh, a resident of Saranghat in Himachal Pradesh," said a police officer.

PCB officials registered an FIR under the Prevention of Gambling Act, 1867, against the driver, the alleged supplier, and unidentified bootleggers from Junagadh. The case is being investigated at the BNS.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding Constructed residential property of Sub Plot No. 210/3 of land bearing R.S. No. 18 and 19/1 Paiki of Village Vibhavar, Jamnagar.

NOTICE is given that Atulbhai Ranchodbhai Parmar of Jamnagar is the Owner of Sub Plot No. 210/3 which is more particularly described hereunder. Atulbhai Ranchodbhai Parmar has availed loan from Axis Bank Ltd. and has submitted Original documents to the said bank for the purpose of availing the said loan. The original documents have been lost by the Axis Bank Ltd. during the transit and hence this notice.

Description of the property: Constructed residential property of Sub Plot No. 210/3 measuring plot area 40.08 Sq. Mtrs. of land bearing R.S. No. 18 and 19/1 Paiki of Village Vibhavar, which was converted into non agricultural residential plots by the order of Jamnagar Area Development Authority and District Panchayat, Jamnagar located at Jamnagar.

List of Original document: Original Reg. Sale Deed No. 1528 Dated 28.03.2014 executed by Ashokbhai Govindbhai Domadia as himself and as a General Power of Attorney holder of Narendrabhai Govindbhai Domadia and Kiritibhai Govindbhai Domadia together with registration receipt.

All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise however are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office at 1st Floor, Shiv Hari Towers, Oils, Khamhalva Gate, Jamnagar, Gujarat within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the said loan proceedings will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and charge and encumbrance of Axis Bank Ltd. will be treated as first charge in the eye of Law and true copy of the said deed will be treated as original document in favour of Atulbhai Ranchodbhai Parmar.

Dated: 11/02/2026

Milan M. Parekh - Advocate
Parikh and Parekh Advocates

PAREKH & PAREKH ADVOCATES
"Shiv Hari" Towers, 1st Floor, 256/604 Khamhalva Gate, Jamnagar
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is Hereby Notified To The Concerned Surveyors That, In Jamnagar City, Within The Limits of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation, Out Of The Plots Revenue Survey No.31 Acres 6-20 Guntha 8-10, Revenue Survey No. 15, Plot No. 21 Out Of The Plots In The Non Agricultural Land For Residential Purposes, The Property With Construction Whose Land Area Is Sq. mtr. 112.00, Whose S.F. Is 1226.60. This Place Is Registered At The City Survey Office, Jamnagar, Ward No. 15, Sheet No.386, City Survey No.5899/3/21. This Property Is In The Hereditary Status Of Pratik Raskal Shah's Individual Ownership And Possession.

According To The Present Order, Assigning The Title Papers Of The Above Property, The Original Sale Deed And Registration Fee's Receipt Of Registered Sale Deed No.6682, Dated 19/08/1997, In Favor Of Shri Raskal Kalyani, By General Power Of Attorney Of Rajeshbhai Devabhai Savai, Shri Merambhai Hajabai Savai, And The Original Receipt Of Payment Of Registration Fees Have Been Lost Somewhere, And Which Cannot Be Found Despite Much Searching.

If The Original Registered Sale Deed Of The Above Property And The Original Receipt Of Registration Fees Are In The Possession Of Any Person For Any Reason And If Any Person, Firm, Institution Has The Right, Share, Interest, Reliance, Worklet, Or Right In The Above Property Or If Anyone Has Any Objection Or Dispute Against The Above Property, Then Within 15 (fifteen) Days Of The Publication Of This Notice, They Should Submit It To Us At The Address Below Along With Written Evidence. If No Objection Or Dispute Is Given Within The Time Period, The Original Sale Deed Of The Said Property And Registration Fee's Receipt, The Original Sale Deed And The Original Receipt Of Registration Fees Shall Be Treated As The Original, And Our Client Shall Not Have Any Liability After The Time Of This Public Notice. The Surveyor Should Take Special Note Of:

JAMNAGAR, DL 1142-2026

PIYUSH L. GODHANI (ADVOCATES)
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Adv. No: UUSDA/P-101/246 Date: 09.02.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(Rebid-1)

The "Program Director", Uttrakhand Urban Sector Development Agency (UUSDA), Government of Uttrakhand (the Employer) invites online bids through the Uttrakhand State e-governance portal <https://uktenders.gov.in> from eligible Bidders for the execution of the works as detailed below:

S. No.	Name of Work	Package No.	Last Date & Time of Submission
1.	Design and Construction of Water Supply, Sewerage System & Waste Treatment Plant, House Service Connections and Allied Works with 5 Years Operation and Maintenance Period in Jyotirmath, Town, Chamoli District Uttrakhand	WSWMM-WJ-01	11.03.2026 up to 15:00 hours IST

Date of publication of Bidding document	11.02.2026 at 16:00 hours IST
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	21.02.2026-11:00 hours IST
Last date of availability of the Bidding document	11.02.2026-16:00 hours IST
Last date for submission of original EMD and tender fee in the office of bid inviting office.	10.03.2026 up to 16:00 hours IST
Last Date and Time for opening of the Bidding document	11.03.2026 up to 15:00 hours IST
Date and Time for forwarding of the bids	11.03.2026-16:00 hours IST

The prospective bidders can download the detailed bidding document and upload the bid on the website, <https://uktenders.gov.in>.

Program Director, UUSDA reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals or to cancel the entire process without assigning any reasons thereof. Further details of the bid document including subsequent amendments can be downloaded from the website <https://uktenders.gov.in>.

Program Director
UUSDA

'5L likely to visit Somnath on Mahashivratri'

Nearly five lakh devotees are expected to visit the Mahashivratri festival this weekend, with officials also noting a surge in visitors after last month's 'Somnath Swachh Bharat'.

Preparations are in full swing at the Somnath temple for Mahashivratri on Feb 15.

Keeping in mind the massive crowd expected, the temple administration and local authorities are making extensive arrangements for security facilities. GSI Somnath district collector V Upadhyay told reporters on Monday to manage the crowd and ensure smooth darshan for devotees, the administration has taken several measures. The number of security check gates has been increased from six to ten. A special one-way entry and exit system has been planned to regulate movement of devotees, he said.

D.A.V. SCHOOLS WESTERN REGION

Managed by D.A.V. College Management Committee, New Delhi-55

D.A.V. STAFF RECRUITMENT: PHASE-3 (DEMO/INTERVIEW)
(Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff for academic session 2025-27)

Dative notice of Demo/Interview in Gujarat Zone: March 2026

KIND ATTENTION D.A.V. CBT-2025 QUALIFIED CANDIDATES
Applications are invited from the D.A.V. CBT (Computer Based Test) qualified candidates for the following vacant positions.
(For more details Please visit school website)

Name of the schools with addresses	Positions vacant	Contact details
TATACHEM D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, TML	TGT-Science (01), English (01), TGT-Computer (01), PRT-Computer (01), PRT-Social Studies (01), TGT-Physical Education (01), TGT-Sanskrit (01)	Website: www.tatsdav.com Email: info.tatsdav@gmail.com Contact No: 757304001
Mitapur, Devbhumi Dwarika District-361344	Gujarati (01), PRT-Hindi/Gujarati (02), PRT-English (01), Nursing (03), Counselor (01), Special Educator (01)	Website: http://davidcalderys.in/ Email: davidcalderys@gmail.com Contact No: 9313430291
DAV CALDERYS PUBLIC SCHOOL, Wankar	Pre Primary Teacher, PRT (English), Computer Science, Gujarati, General Music / Dance, Art /Craft, Physical Education	Website: http://davidcalderys.in/ Email: davidcalderys@gmail.com Contact No: 9313430291
Wankar State Highway, 2 Km from Amarsar Railway Crossing, Wankar, Gujarat-363621	English, Social Studies, Science, Hindi, Mathematics, Non-Teaching, Special Educator	Website: http://davidcalderys.in/ Email: davidcalderys@gmail.com Contact No: 9313430291

NOTICE : Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI (Pursuant to section 371 of the companies Act, 2013 under rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014)

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to Registrar at the Central Registration Centre, (CRC) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, that RIXON POLYPACK LLP, LLPIN ABC-7304, a Limited Liability Partnership may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a Company limited by shares, as RIXON POLYPACK PRIVATE LIMITED.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: To carry on in India or elsewhere, the business to manufacture, produce, process, job work, collaborate, sell, purchase, import, export items of different types of plastic films for packing material, such as Shrink wrap, lamination wrap film, Milk packaging film, and mulching purposes used in trade, commerce or industries.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office of RIXON POLYPACK LLP, LLPIN ABC-7304, at the office of the LLP at Raj Palace, Madhav Vatika 1, in Madhav Gate, Golderman Chowk, 156 Feet Ring Road, Mandvi, Rajkot-360004, Gujarat, India.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Central Registration Centre, (CRC) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within thirty-one days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the company as its registered office.

Dated this 11.02.2026

Name(s) of Applicant

- Manav KkVaidya, DPIN 10023819, Designated Partner.....
- Vivek K Patel, DPIN 10023918, Designated Partner.....
- Nainshi Mohi Dhruva, PAN: JMMPT42944H, Designated Partner.....

E-Auction NOTICE

For Sale of Movable & Immovable Properties Under SARFAESI Act 2002

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, that the below described immovable properties hypothecated/charged to Gujarat Gramin Bank (erstwhile Saurashtra Gramin Bank), the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Gujarat Gramin Bank (erstwhile Saurashtra Gramin Bank), will be sold through e-auction on 26th Feb, 2026 for 'As is where is' and 'Whatever there is' basis for recovery of below mentioned dues from the Borrower(s). The details of the Borrower(s) Secured debt for recovery for which the asset to be sold, Description of secured assets, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit, Date and Time of e-Auction and Bid Increase Amount is given below:

Sr. No.	Name and Address of Borrower and Name of the Party/Parties/Partners	Dues to be recovered	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Bid Increase (Rs.)
1	M/S V.P. STEEL Gujarati R. S. No. 6689/1, 2, 3, 4, Off. Bhavnagar - Ahmedabad Road, Village-Ghanghari, Tal. - Shor. Dist. - Bhavnagar - 382240(Guj.)	Rs. 2,93,24,289/- as per demand notice vide 132 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated 11.08.2025 (Interest thereon, cost, expenses etc. thereafter and less recovery made (if any))	Lot No.1: Main shed & Misc. Shed Located at unit and building at Ghanghari R. S. No. 6689/1, 2, 3, 4, Off. Bhavnagar - Ahmedabad Road, Village-Ghanghari, Tal. - Shor. Dist. - Bhavnagar - 382240(Guj.) Lot No.2: Land and Building (Excluding Main shed & Misc. shed) Land measuring 12,141 Sq. Mts. (As per Document), R. S. No. 6689/1, 2, 3, 4, Situated at Ghanghari, Off. Bhavnagar - Ahmedabad Road, Village-Ghanghari, Tal. - Shor. Dist. - Bhavnagar - 382240(Guj.)	30,00,000/-	3,00,000/-	25,000/-
				1,17,70,000/-	11,70,000/-	25,000/-

IMPORTANT DATES :

- Date & Time for inspection of Properties - For Property lot No. 1 and 2 : 17.02.2026, from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM
- Last date for depositing EMD in Bank's Internal Agency Account No. 2252001200106 (IFS Code BARB088088X) and submission of required documents to the Auctioneer: 24.02.2026 up to 5.00 PM
- Date of the e-Auction: 26.02.2026 at 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM (With auto extension clause in case of bid received in last 5 minutes before closing)

REMARKS: Disclosure in terms of final judgement and order dated 19.09.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court in Special Civil Application No.8773 of 2024:

- As per the communication dated 07.12.2024 of the State Tax Officer, Bhavnagar, a charge of the Value Added Tax Department operates on the immovable property (Lot 2), described above, vide attachment order dated 28.01.2021 read with attachment order dated 12.07.2024 passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Bhavnagar.
- Under Rule 8(b)(i) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the undersigned considers it necessary and appropriate to state/order that the Division Bench judgement of the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court dated 26.07.2024 in SCA 2527 of 2022 wherein it has been observed inter alia that the secured creditor shall have first charge in respect of the property created for the purpose of the SARFAESI Act, that the charge in respect of the property created for the purpose of the SARFAESI Act and has no efficacy in law in view of the provisions of SARFAESI Act and the RBI Act and that the successful auction purchaser would become the absolute owner of the property once a sale certificate has been issued in the purchaser's name and a (registered) sale deed is executed in the purchaser's favour. A copy of the said judgement dated 26.07.2024 is available with the undersigned for perusal of prospective purchasers/bidders.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link <https://www.gujaratbids.in> auction/pprovider by the Bank's website and also the <https://www.bankbids.com> website. If any, it will be recovered with interest and cost from the borrower(s).

Authorised Officer on Mo. No. 75748 08252 / 75748 08041 / 75748 08400. Tax/GST as per Government Rules applicable shall be payable by purchaser on sale of the Assets.

THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED AS STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS/PARTNERS UNDER RULE 6(2) AND 6(3) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE 2002.

The Borrower(s), Partner(s) are hereby notified to pay to the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold under the SARFAESI Act, 2002. If any, it will be recovered with interest and cost from the borrower(s).

Date: 11.02.2026, Place : Bhavnagar

Authorized Officer, Gujarat Gramin Bank (erstwhile Saurashtra Gramin Bank), Bhavnagar (Guj.)

In the event of any discrepancy between the English version and any other language version of this auction notice, The English Language version shall prevail.