2 women burn stray bulls with acid for 'harassing their cows'

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Rajkot: A case of animal cruelty has surfaced in Lodhika taluka of Rajkot district, where two women were arrested for allegedly attacking eight to 10 stray bulls with acid, saying "the bulls were harassing their cows".

The attack allegedly took place on March 29 near Gate 2 of the Metoda GIDC industrial estate. A police complaint was filed on Tuesday at Metoda GIDC police station by Ravi Mori, 18, a CNC operator who also volunteers with an animal welfare group.

According to Mori's complaint, he learned that stray bulls on a street near Diamond Park Society had suffered acid burns. On making inquiries, the names of Deepa Rathod and Shobhna Udesha, residents of Shrinathji Park Society, emerged as the alleged perpetrators.

DySP K G Zala of Gondal division confirmed the arrests and the motive behind the act. Speaking to mediapersons, he said both accused women, who keep cattle at their homes, admitted to pouring acid on the bulls out of frustration. The women told police that the bulls were "harassing their cows". Police sources said the accused are sisters-in-law and that both families are engaged in animal husbandry.

Police registered a case against the women under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Section 325 (mischief by maiming animal) and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The injured bulls are undergoing treatment. The incident has sparked outrage among animal welfare activists.

As LPG vanishes, kitchens return to coal and firewood

Supplies Meet Only 10% to 30% Of Daily Demand

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Coal stoves being used at a restaurant kitchen in the city

Rajkot: The ongoing war in West Asia has sharply disrupted fuel supplies, plunging Rajkot's hotels and restaurants into an unexpected crisis — while Ahmedabad has felt only limited impact due to widespread adoption of piped natural gas (PNG). In Rajkot, commercial LPG cylinders have fallen to just 10-30% of daily needs, forcing many establishments to abandon modern cooking systems and revert to age-old methods.

Bhavya Parmar, owner of Sahaj Hotel near Metoda GIDC, which serves around 500 customers daily and runs a 20-room hotel, typically uses three LPG cylinders per day. With supplies drying up, Parmar explored induction cooking but found equipment unavailable for nearly two months. "We built a kiln using an oil barrel and started using coal, since it's easily available," he said. Today, five such kilns are in operation, and staff are being trained to adapt. "We've had to simplify the menu — items like fulka roti are no longer being served," Parmar added.

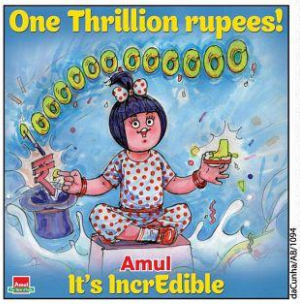
Kesar Dhani on Jamnagar Road, which normally consumes 120 cylinders monthly, has also been forced to scale down operations. Owner Naimee Khakhar said, "We are using firewood even to cook meals for our staff and have reduced the menu."

The crisis has exposed the vulnerability of businesses that had shifted away from PNG in favor of cheaper LPG. Those seeking to switch back to PNG face waiting periods of up to 45 days despite having paid deposits.

In contrast, Ahmedabad's hospitality sector remains largely insulated. "Ahmedabad city has good penetration of PNG, so the issue is much less here," said Dilip Thakkar, Ahmedabad chapter head of the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). "The organized sector is largely connected to PNG, though smaller LPG-dependent players like street vendors are feeling the impact and managing with limited menus."

Outdoor catering services, which primarily depend on LPG, are also feeling the pinch, though the lean season has softened the blow. Dishant Pullar, who runs a south Indian eatery chain in Ahmedabad, said his outlets have not faced any disruption. "We are largely dependent on PNG, so there has been no issue," he noted.

Smaller operators, however, are struggling. Sandip Patel, who runs a Bhojanalay in Kalupur, said, "We have shifted to wood-fired chulhas for a month as gas availability is an issue. At our margins, it is difficult to keep up with costs. Our staff has reduced from 9-10 to 4-5 people, and managing operations has been tough."



Trader alleges extortion, blackmail via online videos

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Rajkot: A 54-year-old transport businessman and political-social leader has filed a complaint at Gandhidham City A Division police station, accusing 14 individuals of conspiring to extort money and defame him through online videos.

According to the FIR, Juma Raima alleged that the accused uploaded false videos on a YouTube channel and threatened to release 'obscene content' unless he paid them. He further claimed that the videos were designed to hurt religious sentiments.

The incidents date back to 2025, when Raima placed advertisements in newspapers for a religious event. Ibrahim Halepotra, who runs a YouTube channel, reportedly attended the event and demanded Rs 20,000 for coverage. When Raima refused, he was allegedly threatened that the refusal could eventually cost him Rs 20 lakh.

The harassment escalated in Feb, when a video accusing Raima of misconduct in his family was uploaded. Another video on March 2 featured a woman from Anjar, alleging that Raima cheated her of Rs 20 lakh in a Mumbai land deal. According to the FIR, she later demanded Rs 20 lakh to keep the matter private and remove the video online.

The accused include Irfan Halepotra, Ismail Bafan, Sattar Manjothi, Tahir Bhatti, Ishaq Jat, Latif Gagda, Zakariya Kumbhar, Salim Jat, Amirsah Syed, Iqbal Mandhra, Suleman Rauma, Hanifsha Sheikh, Deepti Thakkar, and Adam Padeyar.

The FIR, filed under sections 61(2), 308(3), 299, 351(1), and 356(1) of the BNS, alleges a coordinated conspiracy by the 14 accused to extort money, defame Raima, and outrage religious sentiments.

'Journalist' held for extortion

Halvad police arrested Mehul Bharwad, a local journalist, in connection with an extortion case and a prior 2024 chemical theft case.

The arrest follows an FIR filed on Feb 18 by Vasudev Sonagra (40), the owner of a soap and detergent factory. According to the FIR, on Feb 13, Bharwad and his aide Lala Parmar visited Sonagra's factory, recorded a video, and threatened him. They allegedly claimed the factory's workers were involved in a cannabis case and demanded Rs 5 lakh to stop a police case and the sealing of the factory.

ACB nets ex-dy mamlatdar in ₹1.22cr DA case

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Rajkot: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a disproportionate assets (DA) case against Chandrasinh Mori, a former deputy mamlatdar in Surendranagar, following an extensive probe that revealed assets far exceeding his known sources of income.

Preliminary findings indicate that Mori allegedly amassed assets worth around Rs 1.22 crore — about 56.89% more than his legal income. The action was initiated based on inputs from the Enforcement Directorate (ED), after which a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was formed to examine his financial records.

The SIT scrutinised Mori's income and assets over nearly 12 years, from April 1, 2013, to Dec 31, 2025. Investigators found evidence suggesting that he may have misused his official position to acquire movable and immovable properties in his own name as well as in the names of family members.

Officials said this is the second offence registered against Mori. "He was earlier booked along with the then district collector and two others. We found evidence of additional disproportionate assets and registered a fresh case," said ACB police inspector P A Dekavadiya.

4-year-old to be sold for ₹1.5L rescued

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Palanpur: The abduction of a four-year-old boy and his subsequent rescue on April 6 led the Banaskantha police to bust an inter-state gang of child traffickers who sold the kids, who were then allegedly pushed into begging and other illegal activities outside Gujarat.

The police launched an elaborate 'Operation Dev' after the minor was kidnapped in a car on April 6 from Dhanpura village of Vadgam taluka by a man who lured him with food.

On being alerted, various teams of Local Crime Branch (LCB), Special Operations Group (SOG), Vadgam police station were formed, and CCTVs in an area of 70-80km up to Danta were checked.

"The child was rescued within four hours from Mepada village of Vadgam, and we arrested two accused, Shailesh Gamar and Pabu alias Babu Bhagora. The deal was struck to sell the minor for Rs 1.5 lakh outside Gujarat," said Prashant Sumbe, DSP, Banaskantha.

Sumbe told TOI that Gamar kidnapped the child in a car. The boy's family, originally from Pali in Rajasthan, was abjectly poor and was involved in begging.

On the day of the crime, Gamar approached a group of children playing near a settlement, lured one of them with Rs 10 and a biscuit packet, and abducted the boy. When the child started crying, he locked him inside the car's trunk and fled. Later, he changed the child's clothes and cut his hair to avoid

Investigators identified that the abductors had taken the child in a silver car and moved towards Danta.

Based on intelligence inputs and surveillance of bus stations, villages, hotels and other locations, more than 50 police personnel carried out continuous field operations. Ultimately, the child was safely rescued from a farm in Mepada.

Minor was sold for ₹1 lakh

Police found Pabu had earlier sold another girl for Rs 1 lakh. He was also involved in selling young girls and women for a commission. DSP Sumbe said Bhagora was also involved in selling young women and earned commission. "We are investigating if they have sold more kids and women, and we are working to nab the gang members," he added. TNN

Baby boy sold for ₹30k; parents, 2 held

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Ahmedabad: Banaskantha is in the news again for child trafficking. After news of a 10-day-old being sold by its daily wager parents, city crime branch officers on Wednesday prevented the sale of another 10-day-old boy allegedly sold for Rs 30,000. As in the earlier case, the parents, who have three other children, claimed they could not afford to raise another. The parents, residents of a village in Danta taluka, were arrested along with two middlemen, Govind Gamar and his son Shivaraj Gamar, for their alleged role in the crime. Police said the couple handed over the newborn to the agents shortly after his birth. The deal was allegedly struck for Rs 50,000, and the parents were to get Rs 30,000 after commissions of Rs 5,000 each to four intermediaries.

The agents then transported the baby from the Khandera village area in Banaskantha to give it to another handler in Himatnagar when police came into the scene. During interrogation, the parents told police that they have three other children and were unable to bear the financial burden of raising a fourth child. "They claimed poverty forced them to sell the baby," an officer said.

The arrests are part of a wider crackdown on a child trafficking racket that came to light earlier this year. On Jan 29, police intercepted four accused near Ahmedabad airport while they were allegedly attempting to transport a 15-day-old infant to Hyderabad for resale.

In Monday's case, the 10 day-old boy was the daily wagers' fifth child who they could not afford to raise. Police said at least 20 children, mostly from poor, tribal families in North Gujarat districts such as Banaskantha and Sabarkantha, have been trafficked over the past two years. The racket targeted vulnerable families.

Son of ex-IPS officer gets 3 years in jail

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Ahmedabad: A rural court on Tuesday sentenced Nirav Jebaliya, son of former IPS officer B S Jebaliya, to three years in prison in a 2023 case linked to a forged high court stay order.

Chief judicial magistrate J A Baxi convicted Nirav of cheating and acquitted him of forgery and criminal intimidation charges. The case was registered in Aug 2023 after the high court rebuked police for failing to file an FIR. According to the prosecution, Dinesh Rana alleged that he paid Nirav to get a favourable high court order staying the preventive detention of a friend from Deesa in a narcotics case. An inauthentic order was then provided.

At trial, the prosecution examined 10 witnesses and submitted 14 documents, according to the complainant's advocate, J J Abhvekar. The sentencing order stated that Nirav was 37 years old, a pilot, had family responsibilities, and had already served two years and seven months in prison. The court found these circumstances enough grounds to award less than the maximum punishment.

1,360MT beam installed near Maninagar

Ahmedabad: The National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL), in coordination with Western Railway, has launched one of the heaviest precast prestressed portal beams on the Ahmedabad–Vadodara railway line near Maninagar for the Mumbai–Ahmedabad bullet train project.

Weighing around 1,360 metric tonnes, the beam is among the heaviest ever installed over active Indian Railways infrastructure. The precast concrete structure measures 34m in length, and a total of five such beams are planned in the vicinity of Maninagar railway station.

The complex launching operation was completed in approximately 3.5 hours during a full traffic and power block, carefully coordinated with Indian Railways. Officials noted that similar work in the past required caution orders for up to six months and traffic blocks of nearly nine hours, but improved planning and execution significantly reduced the time.

The operation was carried out in a highly constrained environment. TNN

Public Notice

It is hereby informed to all that Survey No. 125/1 of Lakaddhar village of Wankaner taluka of Morbi district, open land measuring 12039-00 per acre sq.m. is owned by M/s Sandy Clay Products. The said immovable property is owned by Jashuben Gelabhai Koli Sankhe malakiya from the owner, Wankaner Sub Reg. Office Document No. 976, dated 15/7/2009, Rajeshbhai Ganeshbhai Udhareja held a sale, after which Rajeshbhai Ganeshbhai Udhareja gave the said property to the partnership firm in Sandy Kley Product Firm, after which the partners of the partnership firm Kaushik Mahadevbhai Desai and others executed a Deed of Retirement Cum Admission with Change of Partnership Constitution Document No. 1095, dated 9/6/2015, after which a loan was taken from Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited on the said property, whose mortgage No. 1499, dated 29/7/2017.

Survey No. 2 of 1121 and Survey No. 1121 out of 2 land of A. 3-24 guntha area of residential purpose has been converted in to non-cultivation. Plots have been provided in it, total open land of Plot No. 33 and 34 of which is 320-71 sq.m area of residential purpose apartment constructed in it, Flat No. 503 on the fifth floor of which, whose built up area is 78-45 sq.m area of flat Vraj Construction, partners Rajeshbhai Jivrajbhai Mendpara etc. Morbi Sub Reg. Office D. Anu. No. 6190, dated 26/5/2015, has been sold by Sanjay Chhabildas Desai with ownership. Thus, the original documents and original reg. is not found despite searching.

The said original file has been lost, therefore, if anyone has any objection, dispute or right, interest, share, interest, or claim, inheritance right outstanding debt regarding the said document or property, then inform us at the address below along with written evidence within 7 (seven) days of the publication of this notice. If no objection is received from anyone within the above period, then no one has any objection and if so, it has been dismissed.

Place:- Morbi
Date :- 08/04/2026

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SALE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER SARFAESI ACT
APPENDIX IV-A (SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8(6))

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
DATE : 29.04.2026

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(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 properties Mortgaged/ Charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** "The Secured Creditor", will be sold in **" As is Where is ", As is What is", and "Whatever is there is"** basis on **29th April 2026** for recovery of dues to Secured Creditor.

Sr. No.	Details of Property	Amt. to be Recovered	Possession Type / Date	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Title deed Holder	Reserve Price / EMD/BID Increase	Date & Time of Inspection
1	4 BHK Flat No. B-301, Area 180.32 Sq. Mtrs., 3rd Floor, B Building, 'Vasant Kunj', Pushkar Dham Main Road, Off. Kalawad Road, Nana Mava, Rajkot - 360005 **(Property ID : SBIN200044999568)**	As per Demand Notice dated 02.05.2025 for Rs. 1,65,19,188 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 09.12.2025	Payal Siddharthbhai Rawal Bhasabiniben Bhupendra Rawal	Payal Siddharthbhai Rawal Bhasabiniben Bhupendra Rawal	Rs. 1,53,00,000/- ----- Rs. 15,30,000/- ----- Rs. 50,000/-	18.04.2026 From 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
2	3 BHK Flat, Area 77.53 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Flat No. 101, 1st Floor, Vina Apartment, Jagnath Plot, Street No. 15/B, Opposite Eklavya Community Hall, Off Hemu Gadhvi Marg, Rajkot - 360001 **(Property ID : SBIN200059498065)**	As per Demand Notice dated 27.05.2025 for Rs. 43,20,194 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 22.11.2025	1. Hema Bhadresh Mashru & 2. Bhadreshbhai Harsadkumar Mashru	1. Hema Bhadresh Mashru & 2. Bhadreshbhai Harsadkumar Mashru	Rs. 44,00,000/- ----- Rs. 4,40,000/- ----- Rs. 10,000/-	18.04.2026 From 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM
3	Immovable Residential property (2BHK) Flat No. B/301, 3rd Floor, Backbone Residency, 150 Ring Road, Nr. Madhapar Circle, Rajkot - 360006, having Built up Area 54.70 Sq. Mtrs. **(Property ID: SBIN200058361096)**	As per Demand Notice dated 30.12.2023 for Rs. 17,82,744.00 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 23.04.2024	Hardik Sharadchandra Aiya	Hardik Sharadchandra Aiya	Rs. 15,50,000/- ----- Rs. 1,55,000/- ----- Rs. 10,000/-	18.04.2026 From 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM
4	Residential House in the Name of Mr. Chetanbhai Lalitbhai Adesara, Govindpara Street number 2. Near Pipaliya Hanumanji Mandir, off Gundawadi Main Road Rajkot. Rajkot R.S. No. 288/1 Paiki, Plot No. 4/C and 5/A, Sub Plot No. 4/C+5 /A-4 (southern side). Plot Area 55.06 Sq. Mtr. C.S.W. No. 10/1, Taluka and District Rajkot **(Property ID : SBIN200028859001)**	As per Demand Notice dated 31.05.2025 for Rs. 54,43,839 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 27.11.2025	1. Chetanbhai Lalitbhai Adesara and 2. Vishal Lalitbhai Adesara	Chetanbhai Lalitbhai Adesara	Rs. 53,00,000/- ----- Rs. 5,30,000/- ----- Rs. 25,000/-	23.04.2026 From 04:00 PM to 05:00 PM
5	3(BHK) Residential Property situated at Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Shukan Sanidhaya Apartment, Prahlad Plot, Taluka and District Rajkot. City Survey Ward No. 4. City Survey No. 381, Built up Area 82.09 Sq. Mtrs. **(Property ID : SBIN200050108282)**	As per Demand Notice dated 14.06.2022 for Rs. 55,27,830 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 08.12.2025	1. Dhaval Rajeshbhai Choksi 2. Sarojben Rajeshbhai Choksi 3. Nishaben Dhavalbhai Choksi	1. Sarojben Rajeshbhai Choksi & 2. Dhaval Rajeshbhai Choksi	Rs. 59,60,000/- ----- Rs. 5,96,000/- ----- Rs. 25,000/-	15.04.2026 From 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM
6	Residential Building situated at : Ravirandal Krupa, City Survey Ward No. 18, City Survey No. 712, Gaikwadi Plot Street No. 2, Opp. Shree Mahakali Krupa Building, Near Railway Station, Rajkot - 360001 Admeasuring Land 63.25 Sq. Mtrs. **(Property ID : SBIN200007995913)**	As per Demand Notice dated 10.01.2022 for Rs. 80,99,477.32 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less: Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 24.06.2023	Amul Parlour Guarantor : Shri Chetankumar Harilal Chandrani	Shri Chetankumar Harilal Chandrani	Rs. 35,00,000/- ----- Rs. 3,50,000/- ----- Rs. 10,000/-	21.04.2026 From 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
7	Residential 3 BHK Flat situated at : Flat No. 201, 2nd Floor, Aryashree-1(A, Nr. Ambika Township, Village Mavdi, R.S. No. 412 paiki, Plot No. 48 to 63, T.P.S. No. 26 (Draft), F.P. No. 85/1-2, Taluka & Dist. Rajkot. Build up Area : 70.27 Sq. Mtrs. **(Property ID : SBIN200004645730)**	As per Demand Notice dated 19.01.2024 for Rs. 42,09,530.18 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any	Physical Possession 15.09.2024	Shri Herat Rameshbhai Bhagde	Shri Herat Rameshbhai Bhagde	Rs. 27,00,000/- ----- Rs. 2,70,000/- ----- Rs. 10,000/-	21.04.2026 From 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 29.04.2026 at 11:00 AM To 04:00 PM - WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 10 MINUTES EACH. DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF REQUEST LETTER OF PARTICIPATION/KYC DOCUMENTS/PROOF OF EMD "Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with BAANKNET.COM (PSB Alliance) before the close of e-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in BAANKNET.COM Bank account and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre-bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem.".
AUTHORISED OFFICERS FOR ALL THE PROPERTIES - SHRI ARVIND KUMAR OJHA : MOBILE NO. 90063 81236 AND SHRI BHEEMA RAM JEENGER : MOBILE NO. 74120 44544
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STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

(1) The Borrower / Directors / Guarantors / Mortgagors / Legal Heirs are hereby noticed to pay the sums mentioned above before the date of Auction, failing which the property/ies will be auctioned and balance if any will be recovered from them with interest and cost by legal avenues. (2) It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to remit the TDS as applicable u/s 194 1-A if the aggregate of the sums credited or paid for such consideration is Rs. 50 lakhs or more. TDS Should be filed online by filling form 26QB & TDS certificate to be issued in form 16B. The purchaser has to produce the proof of having deposited the income tax into the government accounts within 15 days of e-auction. (3) GST applicable if any will be borne by the bidder

Date : 09.04.2026, Place : Rajkot **Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Rajkot**