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Kutch man murders lover's husband, dismembers body

Put Remains In Sacks, Dumped Them At Lake

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Rajkot: A 35-year-old man has been arrested by Kutch police for allegedly murdering the husband of a woman with whom he was in a relationship. The accused dismembered the body of the victim and dumped the remains in gunny bags near a village lake in Anjar taluka of Kutch district, police said on Monday.

The gruesome crime came to light in Varsamedi village after police recovered two gunny bags containing the dismembered body of a 43-year-old man who had been reported missing days earlier. The victim was identified as Lakhu Humbal, a resident of Varsamedi. His neighbour, Dinesh Thakor (35), has been arrested in connection with the murder.

According to police, Lakhu had gone to watch over a farm on the night of Aug 31 but failed to return home. His brother, Devji Humbal, filed a complaint on Sep 1, following which police began a missing-person investigation, including technical analysis and questioning of witnesses.

The investigation took a grim turn on the afternoon of Sep 5, when police received information about two suspicious gunny bags lying near the bank of the Varsamedi village lake. On opening the bags, police found dismembered human remains, which were later identified.

The body was sent to Anjar Civil Hospital for forensic examination. Preliminary findings indicated that Lakhu had suffered fatal blows to the head.

Based on information gathered during the investigation about an alleged relationship, police focused on Thakor, who lived near the Varsamedi bus station.

"During interrogation, Thakor confessed to the crime. He told investigators that he had been in a relationship with the victim's wife for around one-and-a-half years. Fearing that Lakhu had become suspicious and might attack him, Thakor allegedly planned his murder," said Sagar Bagmar, superintendent of police (SP), Kutch (East).

According to police, at around 11pm on Aug 31, Thakor allegedly lured Lakhu to his residence on the pretext of discussing some work. During their conversation, he allegedly struck Lakhu two to three times on the back of the head with an iron rod, killing him on the spot.

Police said Thakor then took Lakhu's mobile phone and discarded it along an unpaved road opposite the Varsamedi highway in an attempt to mislead investigators.

Unable to transport the body in one piece, Thakor allegedly used hacksaw blade fragments and other blades available at his residence to cut the body into two parts. He then packed the remains in plastic sacks and dumped them separately into the nearby village lake, police said.

Police have registered a case under Sections 103(1) and 238(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Further investigation and legal proceedings are underway, police said.

'Comfortable with face that draws stares'

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But getting herself to the library involved another kind of preparation. Kajal knew that if she were to work in a job that required interacting with people, she first had to become comfortable being out in the world with a face that drew stares.

"I never covered my face with a dupatta or hid behind a mask because I knew I had to get over the awkwardness of people staring at me. I wanted to live life on my own terms, and I could not do that if I kept hiding from people," she says.

At 28, she decided to draw a line under the surgeries that occupied much of her adult life. "I don't want any more surgeries. I want to get on with my life," she says.

She credits her family, friends and doctors with getting her this far. Her elder brother Rahul, who works at a vehicle fitness centre, has been one of her biggest supporters. "He tells everyone, 'My sister is the strongest.' That means a lot to me," she says.

Spurious liquor unit busted in Morbi; 5 held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The liquor making facility in the house in Mota Dahisara

Rajkot: Acting on specific intelligence, the Local Crime Branch (LCB) of Morbi police dismantled a counterfeit liquor production facility at a house in Mota Dahisara village of Maliya (Miyana) taluka.

Police arrested five people at the site and seized chemicals, packaging paraphernalia and a vehicle with an aggregate value of Rs 20.75 lakh.

According to police, the crackdown on liquor started in the wake of the hooch tragedy in Bhavnagar which left 13 dead.

Police got intelligence that Mahesh alias Munno Kanjiya and Ajaysinh Jadeja were making counterfeit Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) using chemical formulations inside a local house.

A raid on the premises led to the bust of an assembly-line setup where the spurious concoction was being bottled, sealed and packaged with forged brand labels, duplicate QR codes, and fake barcodes designed to mirror authentic Blenders Pride whisky bottles.

Police detained five suspects on the premises including Mahesh alias Munno Kanjiya (42), Karmarajsinh Zala (26), Ramdevsinh Zala (38), Vicky alias Kano Sindhav (25) and Vikram Dhandhukiya (25).

"Co-accused Ajaysinh Jadeja, escaped and has been named as wanted alongside any other conspirators who may emerge during the investigation," said Samir Sarda, in-charge SP, Morbi.

A case under the Gujarat Prohibition Act was registered at Maliya Miyana police station.

The seized material included 276 sealed 750-ml glass bottles of spurious "Blenders Pride Whisky", valued at Rs 3.05 lakh, and approximately 175 litres of loose counterfeit IMFL worth Rs 2.59 lakh. The authorities also seized 400 litres of a chemical solution stored in two 200-litre barrels, valued at Rs 2 lakh, 15 litres of malt, worth Rs 3,000, and two boxes of food colouring valued at Rs 2,000. Other items seized included an alcohol-measuring meter, an electric motor with piping, empty plastic carboys and barrels, along with 1,224 empty 750-ml glass liquor bottles, 1,224 branded bottle caps and 1,224 duplicate QR/barcode stickers.

Five held with mephedrone worth ₹5.5L in Mehsana

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The accused and the contraband

Palanpur: The Local Crime Branch (LCB) of Mehsana police arrested five persons and seized 183.85gm of mephedrone (MD) worth Rs 5.51 lakh from a car on the service road between Nugar Circle and Shivalaya Circle on Monday.

The total value of the seized material, including cash, mobile phones and a car, was estimated at Rs 10.03 lakh.

Acting on a tip-off that a white Maruti Swift car would deliver drugs brought from Rajasthan, an LCB team kept watch on the Mehsana bypass road and intercepted the car. Police found two plastic bags containing a white crystalline and lumpy substance. A field test conducted by an FSL officer confirmed it to be mephedrone.

The arrested accused were identified as Hareshbhai Prajapati, Bharatbhai Paramgi, Lakhabhai Rajput, Karanbhai Solanki and Kuldeepbhai Rajput. Police said one of the accused had brought the drug from Rajasthan, while others had allegedly travelled from Surat to collect the consignment.

Police have named Bhaanbhai, a resident of Sanchore in Rajasthan, as a wanted accused for allegedly supplying the seized drug. A case has been registered at Mehsana Taluka police station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and further investigation is underway.

Two held for planting ganja to frame man

Rajkot: Surendranagar police concluded that a man arrested after 7.8kg of cannabis was found on his farm in Sayla had been framed by two people over an old financial dispute.

Police arrested Arjan alias Bhuva Shivaji, 33, and Devji Meer, 48, for conspiring to frame Gopal Sabhani, a resident of Karshanpara in Sayla. After police reported that Sabhani was not involved, a court ordered his release from jail.

Surendranagar superintendent of police Premsukh Delu said police recovered 7.8kg of dried cannabis, worth at Rs 3.94 lakh, from Sabhani's farm on Aug 19. Sabhani was arrested, and an FIR was registered at Sayla police station under the NDPS Act.

Inconsistencies emerged during his interrogation, raising suspicions that the contraband had been planted. The investigation was handed over to Limbdi DySP V M Rabari. TNN

Man held with ganja worth ₹9.23L at Rajkot station

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Rajkot: A man was arrested at Rajkot railway station on Sunday after police seized 18.46kg of cannabis, valued at around Rs 9.23 lakh, from his possession.

Police sub-Inspector Jaydrath Parmar of Western Railway's Rajkot local crime branch (LCB) lodged a complaint at Rajkot Railway police station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act against Karmveer Patil and Harshsinh Lakhasinh, both 25.

18.4KG OF CANNABIS SEIZED

Western Railway Rajkot in-charge deputy superintendent of police H M Rana said an LCB team was patrolling the station when it noticed two men carrying trolley bags near the Wankaner end of platform 1. As the police team approached, one of the suspects fled, while the other was detained. He was identified as Karmveer, a native of Chhattisgarh's Surajpur. When questioned about the contents of his trolley bag, he admitted that it contained a narcotic substance. An official from the forensic science laboratory (FSL) examined the recovered material and confirmed it was cannabis.

Karmveer told police that he had travelled to Rajkot aboard the Okha-Shalimar Express. He said Harshsinh knew the identity of the person who was supposed to receive the consignment. Railway LCB has launched a search for Harshsinh, who is absconding.

According to police sources, Karmveer was to get engaged next month and needed money. Harshsinh allegedly offered him Rs 20,000 to help deliver the consignment.

Police are verifying Karmveer's claims and investigating the role of the absconding accused.

Two revenue dept officers suspended

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Gandhinagar: Two revenue officers – Bikisha Patel, a superintendent of land records in Mehsana and K N Pandya, a land records inspector in Bhavnagar — have been suspended. The action comes after complaints of irregularities were received against the two.

The two were suspended in accordance with in separate orders issued by the revenue department. Sources said that CM Bhupendra Patel, who also holds the revenue portfolio, ordered disciplinary action against the two officers.

According to the suspension order of Patel, issued on Sep 6, a state-level inspection team from the land records administration conducted a surprise inspection at offices at Mehsana and Kadi. The inspection found shortcomings in the functioning and efficiency of the officers, as well as issues concerning the processing of applications and prescribed procedures for disposal of work. The shortcomings were serious enough to warrant action.

Tablet removed from 70-year-old's gullet

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The 1.5-cm hard ayurvedic tablet that was removed from the woman's food pipe

Rajkot: A 1.5-cm hard ayurvedic tablet lodged in the food pipe of a 70-year-old woman was removed intact through an emergency endoscopic procedure by ENT surgeon Dr Himanshu Thakkar in Rajkot during the Janmashtami holidays.

The woman, Devika Vyas, was taking the tablet for knee and joint pain when it got stuck in the upper portion of her oesophagus. The tablet was extremely hard and could not be broken.

Vyas was unable to swallow even water for several hours and developed severe throat pain.

We suspected an obstruction in the upper oesophagus near the cricopharynx and performed an emergency endoscopic procedure under general anesthesia. Using an esophagoscope and specialised forceps, we carefully grasped the tablet and removed it in a single piece," said Dr Thakkar.

The woman experienced immediate relief and was able to swallow water and food normally. She was kept under observation for around two hours before being discharged. The examination also revealed narrowing, or stricture, in the upper part of her oesophagus. According to the doctor such narrowing can cause tablets or pieces of food to get lodged in the food pipe.

"Elderly people, particularly those with missing teeth or difficulty chewing, can be vulnerable to such incidents," Dr Thakkar added.

According to him a swallowed object can sometimes enter the airway instead of the food pipe and cause serious breathing obstruction.

Police team trying to stop temple blockade attacked

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The row is linked to the Kinjal Rabari controversy, after which some villagers were trying to prevent people of a certain community from entering the temple

Palanpur: A case of obstruction of police duty has been registered against two persons and a mob after a group allegedly attacked a police team deployed at Sinad village in Radhanpur taluka to prevent devotees from being stopped from entering the Lakhaneshwar Mahadev temple.

According to police, sub-inspector H V Chaudhary of Radhanpur police station and his team were patrolling Sinad to maintain peace when they received information that a group of people had gathered near the temple and was preventing some devotees from entering.

The police team reached the spot and tried to persuade the group not to take the law into its own hands. The situation escalated, with the group engaging in a heated argument and scuffle with the policemen. One of the members of the mob allegedly attacked Chaudhary with a metal chair.

Police said the incident appeared to be linked to the issue involving singer Kinjal Rabari, following which some villagers were allegedly attempting to prevent people from a particular community from entering the temple.

Based on a complaint filed by PSI Chaudhary, police registered a case under various sections of BNS against Jagdish Ishwar Makwana and Lemu Makwana, along with other members of the mob.

Radhanpur DySP Krunal Singh Parmar said the situation was under control and additional police deployment had been made in the village to maintain law and order.

Police have launched an investigation to arrest the accused who are yet to be apprehended, while the identities of other persons allegedly involved in the mob are also being ascertained.

Vasava granted bail to attend assembly session

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Gujarat High Court on Monday granted seven-day bail to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Dediapada, **Chaitar Vasava**, so that he can attend monsoon session of the state assembly from Sep 9 to 11.

Vasava was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment by a sessions court at Rajpipla in June along with his wife and seven others in connection with a 2023 case of assault on forest officials and extortion.

Justice Vimal Vyas granted bail to Vasava on the conditions of not leaving Gandhinagar, attending the assembly session and not interacting with the media. His bail period will run for seven days.

Vasava had sought bail by citing govt notification regarding the assembly session and the invitation issued to him under the assembly rules. The state govt opposed the bail plea as well as the bail period, arguing that the assembly session was only for three days.

Last week, Vasava filed an application and requested HC to grant him parole so that he could attend the assembly session. He, however, withdrew the application after HC questioned the maintainability of the parole application without first approaching the prison authorities for the same.

Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd.

R.O. & H.O.: "Arvindbhai Maniar Nagarik Sevalay", 150' Ring Road, Nr. Raiya Circle, Rajkot. Ph. 2555716

Notice for Sale

In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI Act-2002) Pursuant to the possession of the properties described herein below is **physically taken** by the Authorized Officer for recovery of the secured debts of Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd., from following borrowers. OFFERS are invited by the undersigned in sealed cover for purchase of this properties within 30 days from the date of this Notice, brief particulars of which is given hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**. For inspection of the properties and tender form, one can contact us at Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd., Arvindbhai Maniar Nagarik Sevalay, Recovery Department, Head Office, 150 Feet Ring Road, Near Raiya Circle, Rajkot Or from our relevant Branch.

-> Last Date for submission of tender: 21.10.2026 (Up to 05:00 P.M.)

-> Date, Time & Place of Opening the tenders: 26.10.2026, 11:00 A.M., at 'Arvindbhai Maniar Nagarik Sevalay',150 Feet Ring Road, Nr.Raiya Circle, Rajkot.

Sr. No.	Borrower Name & Branch Name	Description of Properties	Possession Taken Date	Total Dues	Reserve Price Deposit Amount
1	**Chavda Dipak Rajeshbhai** Junction Plot (Secu. No. 5104)	Immovable Property situated in Gujarat State, Rajkot Dist., Sub Dist. Rajkot, Rajkot City Rajkot Revenue survey no.584 Paiki 3, Land Acre 4-09 Guntha (Approx. 17089-00 Sq. Meter), T.P. Scheme No.19 (Draft) Is applicable Final Block No. allotted against Original Block No.9 is 9/2. It's Land Approx. 11627-00 Sq. Meter. N.A. Residential Plots Known as "Lord Krishna City". These Plots Paiki Plot No. 9-10-11-12-13-14 and 15 Making Total Land Approx. 1006-46 Sq. Meter Thereon Constructed Residential Cum Commercial Multistoried Building Known as "Shradhdha Apartment" Tower "A", 3rd Floor, Flat No. 301 Built-up Area Approx. 51-32 Sq. Meter Acquired vide Regd. Sale deed No.13249, Dated 28/08/2023. in the name of Dipak Rajeshbhai Chavda and bounded by as under :- North :- Open Space after that Tower-B South :- Common Passage, At that side Flat's Door East :- Open Space after that Other Owner's Property West :- Flat No.302 of Tower-A **Property Address : Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Tower-A, Shradhdha Apartment, Lord Krishna City, Railnagar, Popatpara, Rajkot (Gujarat)**	25/12/2025	**Rs. 16,48,885.42** + **Unapplied Interest W.e.f. 01/09/2026** + **Legal Expenses**	**Rs. 15.46,000/-** **Rs.1,54,600/-**
2	**Ghodasara Pravinbhai Thobhanbhai** Bhupendra Road (Secu. No. 5199)	Immovable Property situated in Gujarat State, Rajkot Dist., Sub Dist. Lodhika, Village Pipaliya Pal Revenue Survey No. 37/1 Paiki 3 (Land Acre 10-00 Guntha) N.A. and Residential purpose Building Construction approved Land Plots Paiki Plot No.1 to 254 Total Land area 24575-52 Sq. meter Land Thereon Constructed "Anand Residency" A-Type Tenaments Sub Plot No. 177 to 200 and 201 to 230/ 30 Land Approx. 50-05 Sq. Yard Equivalent to Approx. 41-85 Sq. Meter, thereon Tenament No.A-173 Acquired Vide Regd. Sale deed No.186, Dated. 21/01/2015 in the Name of Pravinbhai Thobhanbhai Ghodasara bounded by as under: - North :- At that Side Tenament No. A-172. At that Side, Measurement is 13-72 Meter. At that side Common Wall. South :- At that Side Tenament No. A-174. At that Side, Measurement is 13-72 Meter. At that side Common Wall. East :- At that Side Tenament No. A-31. At that Side, Measurement is 3-05 Meter. At that side Common Wall. West :- 9-00 Meter Road. At that Side, Measurement is 3-05 Meter. **Property Address :- Tenament No. A-173, Anand Residency, Pipaliya Pal Road, Shapar, Rajkot (Gujarat)**	31/05/2026	**Rs. 4,19,856.60** + **Unapplied Interest W.e.f. 01/09/2026** + **Legal Expenses**	**Rs. 4,02,000/-** **Rs. 40,200/-**

Terms & Conditions: 1. The immovable properties are to be sold on 'As is where is' and 'As is what is' basis. 2. The purchaser will have to pay any type of Govt. dues / Semi. Govt. dues / Municipal taxes / Electricity Bills etc., if any, due on this property. If any document relating to this property is pending for payment of stamp duty, the purchaser will have to pay the same. 3. In the court cases, if any, relating to this Properties, the orders of the court, would be binding to the purchaser. 4. The tenderer can bid for any amount, but he is to submit a Banker's Cheque/Demand draft of 10% of Reserve Price and not less than reserve price as deposit, as mentioned above payable to Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd., Rajkot with the tender. 5. One can get tender form from the undersigned or from our relevant Branch. 6. The Bank reserves its right to accept or reject any tender. Properties may not be sold below reserve price. 7. The tenderer will be required to pay 25% of the bid price on acceptance of his tender (10% of the reserve price submitted with the tender will be taken into account) within 24 hours of the approval of tender 8. if the successful tenderer will fail to pay the accepted bid price, the amount of deposit will be forfeited by the Bank. 9. On unacceptance of the tender the amount of deposit will be refunded without any interest thereon. 10. The authorized officer does hereby state that, the bank is not aware about any charge or tax or liability for the said property. However, the bidder shall ensure by his own sources to find out any charges, lien, encumbrance, property tax, Government dues in respect of the property and the same shall be the responsibility of the tenderers.

•30 days Statutory Sale notice to the Borrower, Guarantors & Mortgagor.

Dt. 07/09/2026, Rajkot. **Authorized Officer, Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd., H.O., Recovery Dept., Rajkot.**

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch : 1st Floor, SBI Gymkhana Road Branch, Jawahar Road, Nr. Tirkon Baug, Rajkot - 360 001, Ph. : 0281-2991380

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

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE DATE : 24.09.2026

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 there is there is"** basis on **24th September 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	Industrial Property situated at Plot No. 7 paiki, Rev. S. No. 800/4 paiki, Vasuki Udyognagar, Samakanthe, Jetpur Treatment Plant Road, Prakash Chowk, Near Rabarika Chowkdi, Off. National Highway - 27 (Jetpur - Gondal Road), At & Taluka - Jetpur, District - Rajkot **(Property ID : SBIN20002680463)**	**As per Demand Notice dated 25.04.2023 for Rs. 65,05,320.77 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any**	**Physical Possession 17.12.2023**	**M/s Shree Baba Ramdev Textile**	**M/s Shree Baba Ramdev Textile**	**Rs. 90,00,000/- ----- Rs. 9,00,000/- ----- Rs. 25,000/-**	**14.09.2026 From 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM**

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 24.09.2026 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

(CONTACT PERSONS FOR DETAILS - SHRI JAYANT MARATHE : MOBILE NO. 70287 89882)

TERMS & CONDITION : THE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON LINE THROUGH OUR at **BAANKNET.COM** Portal, E-Auction service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited** having its Registered Office at 4th Floor, Metro House, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Dhobi Talao, Near New Marine Lines, Mumbai - 400 020 (Helpdesk Numbers : +91 8291220220) at the web portal **https://baanknet.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor website **https://sbi.bank.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/bank-e-auctions**

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@1% 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 : 08.09.2026, Place : Rajkot **Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Rajkot**