# Call centre duping farmers busted in city

## Accused Used Loans As Bait; Gained Control Of Agri Land

Times News Network

**Rajkot:** A call centre set up to dupe farmers seeking loans against their land records was busted by Rajkot Rural Police, who raided an office on the eighth floor of Twin Star South Block on 150 Feet Ring Road and found 14 women employees working in separate rooms.

Police said the office was being operated under the names "Balaji Loan" and "Geeta Charitable Trust", with employees allegedly calling farmers and offering agricultural loans against land records. During the raid, police seized 14 mobile phones, a computer CPU, Wi-Fi router, diaries and books containing call details, land records from eight districts, four sata-khat (promise to sell property) agreements, 25 signed cheques, mostly blank, and around 400 sheets containing names and phone numbers.

**5 BOOKED**

A separate raid at an office in Gota area of Ahmedabad, allegedly being used for a similar operation, led to the seizure of four SIM cards, three mobile phones, nine signed blank cheques, notebooks, diaries, land records and other documents.



Seized phones, diaries and other material seized during raid

The police action followed a complaint by a farmer from Sardhar village in Paddhari taluka, who alleged that he was duped after approaching the accused for a loan against his agricultural land. A case was registered at Paddhari police station on Sept 22 against five people — Alpesh Donga, Akshit Akbari alias Happy Patel, Chandu Virdiya, Piyush Virdiya and Hiren Lunagariya, who allegedly acted as an intermediary.

According to the complaint, the farmer approached the accused in 2022 after suffering losses of around Rs 41.5 lakh in his garage business. The accused allegedly offered him a loan against his land. Instead, they allegedly got a registered sale deed executed for around nine vighas of his agricultural land at the Paddhari sub-registrar's office on Oct 22, 2022.

The farmer was allegedly given Rs 5.5 lakh through RTGS and charged interest at 5% per month. Police said he paid Rs 3.3 lakh as interest over a year and later another Rs 9.86 lakh towards an alleged settlement of the principal and interest. He eventually paid around Rs 1.07 crore to get his land back, according to the complaint.

Police said the accused targeted farmers through pamphlets and call-centre operations, offering loans of up to Rs 2 crore against their 7/12 land records. Callers allegedly posed as representatives of loan firms or charitable organisations and maintained records of prospective borrowers and their responses.

Instead of conventional loan or mortgage agreements, the accused allegedly got farmers to execute satakhat agreements and subsequently registered sale deeds, using the documents to gain control over their land.

Police said the accused also operated under names including "Shri Ashtalakshmi Loan House" and "Patel Investment Point". The seized documents are being examined to identify other victims and possible accomplices.

## Properties in 18 wards to be surveyed

**Rajkot:** The Rajkot Municipal Corporation's tax recovery department will begin a city-wide property survey from Sept 28 to update its property database.

The survey, covering residential and non-residential properties across all 18 wards, has been assigned to a private agency. Its employees will visit properties and use a mobile application to geo-tag them and update details such as addresses, property owners' mobile numbers and water connections. RMC said the survey is only intended to update the database of properties recorded by its tax recovery Department.

Surveyors have not been authorised to collect taxes or alter property assessments. TNN




# Car ploughs into procession in Diu

Times News Network

**Rajkot:** Twelve people were injured after a car allegedly ploughed into a Ganpati immersion procession at Ghoghla village in the Union Territory of Diu on Friday night, police said.

The driver, identified as 51-year-old Aebha Chavda, a resident of a village in Upleta taluka of Rajkot district, was arrested.

According to police, the incident occurred around 9pm when the procession was moving from Ghoghla Zampa towards Ghoghla Jetty. Near Anmol Shop, the car allegedly approached from the opposite direction at high speed and in a rash and negligent manner, hitting several devotees, including women and children.

**12 INJURED**

The vehicle then rammed into a tractor carrying the Ganpati idol, bringing it to a halt. The car was damaged in the collision. Police said an angry crowd assaulted the driver before handing him over to the authorities.



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Video grab of the car being rashly driven on narrow road where people were participating in Ganesha immersion in Diu on Friday night

The injured were taken to the government hospital in Diu. Nine people suffered minor injuries, while three sustained grievous injuries and were referred to a hospital in Una. The three seriously injured were identified as Hensi Sachin (4), Chensi Solanki (4) and Jayshree Mahendra (60).

Police said the road was narrow and crowded, making it difficult even for two-wheelers to pass when the car allegedly entered the procession.

"The driver allegedly drove the vehicle intentionally in a rash and negligent manner at high speed and drove it into a large gathering of devotees, despite being aware that such an act was likely to cause loss of human lives and serious injuries to the persons present," police said.

## 'Trustees suppressed incident'

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Instead of informing the police, the school authorities only suspended the principal and sent the girl back to her parents, thereby attempting to suppress the matter, police said.

"The girl was in the custody of the school authorities. It was their responsibility to inform the police about the sexual assault of a minor," Khattana said.

After receiving information about the incident, police, with the assistance of the Child Welfare Committee, approached the girl and her family. An FIR was registered at Rapar police station on Friday against the principal, hostel warden, core committee member and trust secretary.

The accused principal was reportedly a former student of the school and had worked there as a teacher for two years before being appointed principal.

# ₹2,300cr e-methanol plant to come up in Gandhidham

Times News Network

**Rajkot**: Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a 150-tonnes-per-day (TPD) e-methanol plant to be developed at Gandhidham as a joint venture between the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd.

The plant, estimated to cost Rs 2,300 crore, is aimed at producing cleaner marine fuel and supporting the decarbonisation of the shipping sector. The project is expected to create more than 3,500 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Patel said the project would contribute to India's green energy transition and green shipping goals. With a significant share of India's trade moving through sea routes, he said decarbonising ports and shipping was important for meeting climate targets. The plant will be accompanied by bunkering facilities at Kandla, enabling cleaner marine fuel to be made available to ships. Once operational, it is expected to produce 150 tonnes of e-methanol a day, reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels and helping lower carbon emissions from maritime transport.



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Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union ports and shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the plant in Gandhidham

Sarma said the project reflected the industrial partnership between Gujarat and Assam and could be expanded in the future to meet the fuel and energy requirements of domestic and international shipping.

Union minister for ports, shipping and waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said the project would strengthen the economic and industrial ties between the two states and create employment opportunities for the youth.

Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd chairman Bikul Deka said domestic production of green fuel could also strengthen energy security during disruptions in global supply chains.

## Three killed as mini van rams into truck

Three persons were killed after a mini van crashed into a truck parked on the roadside in Surendranagar district in the early hours of Saturday, police said.

The deceased included two occupants of the minivan and the cleaner of the truck, who got electrocuted while escaping towards a nearby farm after the accident in Dasada taluka, they said.

The crash occurred around 4.30 am near Panva village on the Sankheshwar-Panva Road when the minivan hit the rear of the truck, which was parked on the roadside after developing a puncture, an official from Dasada police station told PTI.

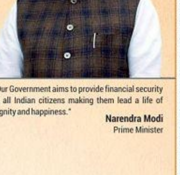
"Around six people were travelling in the minivan. The person sitting next to the driver died on the spot, while four to five others sustained injuries and were taken to a nearby hospital, where one of them died during treatment," the official said.

The occupants of the minivan were from Mumbai and were travelling towards the Sankheshwar Jain temple. PTI

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## 12 kids hospitalised for jaundice

Times News Network

**Palanpur:** Around 12 children from Chamundanagar in Badoli village of Idar taluka of Sabarkantha were hospitalized for jaundice, prompting the health department to conduct an elaborate house-to-house survey.

Nine children are undergoing treatment at Idar Civil Hospital, while three are being treated at private hospitals. Blood samples of the affected children have been collected for testing.

Health teams have also collected water samples, including from wells, amid suspicion of contaminated water. However, the exact source of the sudden outbreak is being investigated.

**-:: PUBLIC NOTICE ::-**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Immovable property of land admeasuring 23.83 sq. mt. with construction thereon 51.99 sq. mt. (as per plan) bearing City-survey No.3470, Sheet No.60, Ward No.3, situated at Danapith, Bhavnagar is belonging to Dhrumil Hareshbhai Ponda, he had acquired this property by way of registered sale deed no.5668 dated 04/07/2023 from Harshadrai Jentilal Mehta. He is not having previous original registered sale deeds No. 2835 dated 03/06/1992 in the name of Harshadrai Jayantilal Mehta and original registered sale deed No.1320 dated 16/04/1983 in the name of Shree Bhavnagar Godhari Kapol Gyati (previous owners) even after all efforts to search the same. We have been requested for title clear report for the above property. Therefore, if any persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of any right, title and interest in the above property are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at our office within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which we shall issue title clear report, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived

**Bhavnagar, Date: 27-09-2026**

**Advocate-Sharad P. Rana**
**Address-203, Swara Beyond, Vadodraiya Circle to Gulista Road Hill Drive, Bhavnagar**
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NOTICE is hereby given that my client **GIRISHBHAI BHIKHUBHAI PITHIYA** wish to availed loan from PNB Housing Finance Ltd. and has decided to purchase and the property described in more detail in the Schedule referred to herein from **PARAGBHAI GOVINDBHAI CHOTALIYA AND KAJALBEN PARAGBHAI CHOTALIYA.**

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(Detail description of the property)

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Place: **JUNAGADH**
Date: **27/09/2026**

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

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**DATE : 16.10.2026**

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| 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 |
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| 1 | All the piece and parcel of Residential Property Plot No. 147 & 148, Revenue Survey No. 114/Paiki-1, Sahajanand Park Land, Near Mehul Park, Total Plot Area is 168 Sq. Mtrs i.e. 200.92 Sq. Yards situated at Village : Mirzapar, Tal. : Bhuj (Property ID : SBIN200014458293) | As per Demand Notice dated 03.10.2023 for Rs. 39,91,898.89 plus interest thereon, cost and expenses etc. thereafter Less : Recovery, if any | Physical Possession 08.06.2024 | Mr. Arun Vishrambhai Thacker | Mr. Arun Vishrambhai Thacker | Rs. 28,05,000/- ----- Rs. 2,80,500/- ----- Rs. 10,000/- | 08.10.2026 From 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM |

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**Date : 27.09.2026, Place : Rajkot**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Rajkot**