

Gujarat HC seeks traffic police's reply over collection of Aadhaar, PAN cards from auto drivers



AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat High Court on Thursday issued notice to the Ahmedabad city's joint commissioner of traffic seeking his response over a petition filed by an auto-rickshaw drivers' union objecting to the traffic police's drive to gather personal details of professional drivers, including their Aadhaar and PAN cards.

Justice V D Nanavati has sought reply from the top cop

exception to the collection of documents from auto drivers under the name of Nirbhaya Safe City Project. It has termed the police action "arbitrary, malicious, illegal and misuse of power".

The petitioner has contended that the traffic police has got ample power to check the documents of a vehicle, driving license and identity of the driver under the Motor Vehicles Act and under the rules framed by the Centre and the state government. However, the police do not have any power to collect Aadhaar cards, PAN cards and that too by threatening the drivers that if they do not supply documents, their vehicles would be detained, the petition alleged.

Another objection against the police's data collection drive is on the ground that only auto drivers are subjected to the programme.

What hurts their pride



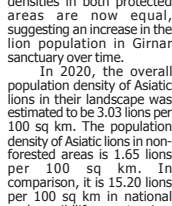
AHMEDABAD: In the heart of Gujarat's wilderness, a striking imbalance within the Asiatic lion population has captured the attention of researchers and conservationists. While everywhere else in the state, the ratio is one lion to two lionesses, in Bhavnagar's Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, the ratio is one lion to one lioness.

A research paper titled "Population status and distribution of endangered Asiatic lions in Gujarat, India," authored by Mohan Ram, Dushyant Vasavada, Shyamal Tikadar, Lahar Jhale, and Yashpal Zala highlights this skewed ratio. The study indicates that while the entire lion landscape maintains an adult male-to-adult female ratio of 1:1.61, Bhavnagar's Gir Wildlife Sanctuary exhibits the highest adult male-to-adult female ratio of 1:0.5 (adult males to adult females). This imbalance is attributed to the dispersal of males from protected areas to new territories.

The research reveals that the Mitiyala Wildlife Sanctuary exhibits the highest adult male-to-adult female ratio of 1:3.5. This is likely due to the sanctuary's smaller population of only 16 lions and lionesses within an 18.22 sq km forest patch.

The study suggests that older or territorial males, displaced for various reasons, might seek refuge in habitat patches of Greater Gir, leading to skewed sex ratios in these two smaller populations. The study further details that the adult female-to-cub ratio varies, ranging from 1:0.3 in the Mitiyala population to 1:1.3 in the Bhavnagar coast population. Earlier studies had shown lower lion densities in

Footpaths absent on 72% of Ahmedabad streets



AHMEDABAD: It is common to see pedestrians jump into busy traffic, bound over dividers, dodge cars and leap to the safety of the opposite pavement. This is not because of some subliminal death wish, but because 72% of Ahmedabad's streets don't have footpaths.

This was revealed at the civic body's general board meeting on Wednesday by leader of the opposition Shahzad Khan Pathan. "Of the road network of 2,634km in the city, only 731km has footpaths. The rest is occupied by cycle stands, vendors or nothing at all," said Pathan.

He cited a Union ministry of road transport and highways report which stated that in 2020 and 2021, 744 people died in accidents in the city, of whom 25% were pedestrians and 43% were two-wheeler riders.

"Why do these pedestrians die? Because the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has no policy for development of footpaths. They are of different widths and materials and some are older than the roads," said Pathan. Ashram Road has a 6m footpath along a service road, while Sindhu Bhavan Road and CG Road have 3m footpaths. On every road, footpaths are made using materials - tiles,



concrete or bricks. Pathan pointed out that

6.55cr Aadhaar card holders in state: Union govt

Ahmedabad: In reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, the Union government said there are 6.55 crore Aadhaar card holders in Gujarat, while the number for India stands at 130.20 crore. Gujarat MP Vinod Chavda sought to know the number of citizens in Gujarat for whom Aadhaar numbers are yet to be issued.

In a written reply, Union minister of state for electronics and information

technology Rajeve Chandrasekar, said, "As on June 30, 2023, after adjusting for the estimated number of deaths, the estimated number of living Aadhaar number holders is 130.20 crore across India, including 6.55 crore in the state of Gujarat." As of June 30, Ahmedabad district, with 78.03 lakh Aadhaar cards, has the highest number of Aadhaar card holders in the state, while Botad district has the fewest at 2.35 lakh.

"Instead, it has allowed roundabouts of arbitrary width. Accidents are inevitable when you don't know which lane to use or where to turn," Pathan said.

Woman stalked online, one held

Rajkot: The Halvad police in Morbi district arrested a 24-year-old man for sending vulgar messages to a woman relative by creating her fake profile on Instagram. The accused Mahesh Vighani (24) was arrested after the woman lodged the complaint against him on Monday. According to the police, Vighani was in one-sided love with the woman. When she got engaged, Vighani misused her social media platforms in a bid to break her engagement.

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Rajkot: Vice-president of Mangrol taluka panchayat, his father and brother were booked under the Atrocities Act for allegedly hurling casteist slurs at an employee and thrashing him. The victim Vanraj Gohel lodged a complaint against Atif Rafai, his father Bapusa, and his elder brother Rajzakk. He alleged that the accused had assigned him some work in the office. However, as he was tied up with other things, he asked them to wait. The accused got enraged and hurled casteist abuses at him.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER AND THREE MONTHS ENDED ON 30 TH JUNE, 2023. (In Lakhs)				
PARTICULARS	Quarter ended on 30/06/2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended on 31/03/2023 (Audited)	Quarter ended on 30/06/2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended on 31/03/2023 (Audited)
Revenue from operations	275.26	143.75	-	371.19
Other income	275.26	27.74	-	67.70
Total Income from operation	275.26	171.49	-	438.89
Net profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	265.74	22.29	(8.36)	44.53
Net profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	265.74	22.29	(8.36)	44.53
Net profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	236.17	20.31	(8.36)	39.08
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive Income (after tax)	240.13	(454.70)	(100.22)	590.39
Paid-up equity Share Capital	731.55	731.55	731.55	731.55
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	2904.22	2729.28	2041.17	2729.28
Earnings per Share (of Rs./- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
-Basic	3.28	(6.22)	(1.37)	8.07
-Diluted	3.28	(6.22)	(1.37)	8.07

Notice:
(1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly and three months ended Unaudited Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Unaudited Financial Results is available on the stock exchange website - www.bseindia.com & on company's website - www.disharesourcesltd.com
(2) The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 12th August, 2023.
(3) The company has adopted Accounting Standard ("IND AS") notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs with effect from 1st April, 2017. Accordingly the Financial Result for the Quarter ended on 30th June, 2023 in accordance with IND-AS and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

FOR DISHA RESOURCES LIMITED
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NOTICE OF THE 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY, RECORD DATE AND E-VOTING
NOTICE is that the Twenty Third (23rd) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members of Sikko Industries Limited will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 04:00 PM, IST through Video Conferencing ("VCF") (Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")). The venue of the Meeting shall be deemed to be the Registered Office of the Company (i.e. 508, Iscon Estate, Vejalpur, Mr. Pratishadnagar Pick Up Stand, Ahmedabad - 380051, Gujarat) in accordance with the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs followed by Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 and Circular No. 13/2021 dated January 13, 2021, Circular No. 8/2021, Circular No. 14/2021, May 05, 2022 and Circular No. 10/2022 dated December 12, 2022 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and all other relevant Circulars issued from time to time, the Notice of 23rd AGM along with Annual Report 2022-23 is being sent through electronic mode only to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories as on August 04, 2023. Member may note that Notice and Annual Report 2022-23 had been uploaded on the website of the Company at www.sikkoindia.com, website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited and www.nseindia.com and website of National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL").
In light of the MCA Circulars, the shareholders holding equity shares in demat or physical form or who have not submitted their email address in consequence of the Notice of the 23rd AGM and Annual Report 2022-23 could not be serviced, may temporarily get their e-mail address registered by following the procedure given below:
1. In case shares are held in physical mode, please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), ANDHAK (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to compliance@sikkoindia.com.
2. In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), ANDHAK (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to compliance@sikkoindia.com.
3. Alternatively member may send an e-mail request to evoting@sikkoindia.com for obtaining User ID and Password by proving the details mentioned in Point (a) or (b) as the case may be.
4. In terms of SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are required to update their mobile number and EID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.
There being no physical shareholders in the Company, the Register of members and share transfer books of the Company is not closed. Members whose names are recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on Monday, September 04, 2023 ("Cut-off date"), shall only be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting on the Annual General Meeting.
Post successful registration of the e-mail address, the shareholder would get soft copies of notice of 23rd AGM and Annual Report 2022-23 and the procedure for voting along with the user-id and password to enable them for e-voting in respect of 23rd AGM. In case of any queries, shareholder may write to the Company at compliance@sikkoindia.com. Shareholders are requested to register/ update their complete bank details and email IDs with their Depository Participant(s) with whom they maintain their demat accounts if shares are held in demat mode by submitting the requisite documents.
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules made thereunder (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 (as amended) and above mentioned MCA Circulars, the Company is providing facility of remote e-voting and e-voting on the date of the AGM to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with NSDL for facilitating voting through electronic means. The remote e-voting will commence on Monday, September 08, 2023 and will end on 5:00 PM, on Sunday, September 10, 2023. During this period, the members of the Company holding shares as on Cut-off date may cast their vote electronically (Remote e-Voting). Members may note that a) the remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL after the aforesaid date and time for voting and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. b) the facility of e-voting shall be made available at the 23rd AGM, and c) the members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the 23rd AGM may also attend the 23rd AGM in person. Participants are requested to update their mobile number and email ID correctly in their demat account in order to access e-Voting facility.
In case of any queries for e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call toll free no. 1800 1020 990 or 1800 22 44 30 or send a request at evoting@sikkoindia.com. Members may also contact Mr. Dhruv Kumar Pareeshbhai Mandliya, Company Secretary of the Company at the office of the Company or may write an e-mail to evoting@nsdl.com or call at +91 95120 22804 for any further clarification.
Members can attend and participate in the Annual General Meeting through VCOAVM facility only. The instructions for joining the Annual General Meeting are provided in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. In case any members have any queries or issues regarding participation in the AGM, you can write an email to evoting@nsdl.com or call at +91 95120 22804 and 1800 22 44 30 or attend the meeting through VCOAVM shall be counted for the purposes of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For, Sikko Industries Limited
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Company Secretary

Police van driver's death: IPS officer, PI summoned



Ahmedabad: Furious over police inaction after the suspected murder of a police van driver in Junagadh, the Gujarat High Court on Thursday ordered IPS officer Ravi Teja and police inspector M M Vadher to remain present in the court on Friday.

Justice Samir Dave questioned as to why Junagadh police did not conduct investigation and instead carried out only an inquiry into an apparent case of murder for five months.

He questioned the reason behind not lodging an FIR in a case in which a police van driver, Brijeshbhai Lavadiya, was found hanging from a tree in March during four hours at the Police Training College in March. His son has filed a petition demanding action in his father's death.

The court had summoned the SP and the police inspector, but they informed the court that they were transferred to Junagadh four days ago and hence were not well-versed with the case details. This led Justice Dave to summon IPS officer Ravi Teja, who was an SP of Junagadh district when the incident had taken place, and inspector Vadher.

While summoning the officials, Justice Dave said, "The allegations have been made against a DYP level officer. Who will investigate the case then? An FIR has not been registered and merely an inquiry is going on for five months. You don't take action in a case of murder, and merely an inquiry is going on over a case of Section 302 of IPC?" The court has sought a report from the newly transferred cop by August 18.

Air fares soar, hotels full as I-Day weekend nears

AHMEDABAD: A quick monsoon escapade over the extended weekend of August 12-13 will cost at least 50% higher than usual as hotels are nearly full and air fares to domestic and international destinations have skyrocketed. Many hotels are witnessing a double-digit increase in booking inquiries.

"There is a significant increase in customers opting for luxury and upscale accommodations during this period. Despite the skyrocketing air fares, there is a marked rise in last-minute bookings for destinations like Mount Abu, Jaipur, Kumbhalgarh, Jodhpur, Jaaisalmer, Jaipur and even Khandwala and Lonavala," said Manish Sharma, chairman, Tourism Development Society. International bookings are also high, especially to destinations like Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Phuket. "Better flight connectivity means that more people are travelling abroad for a quick break this season," said another Ahmedabad-based travel operator, City-based professional Deboshri Das is taking a road trip to Goa with her husband and her pet, Mojo. "We try to travel with Mojo at least once a year. Since the weather has cooled down, we are looking forward to trips to nearby destinations," said Das. Ambawadi resident Janki Rathod is headed to Dehradun to take in the serenity of the lush mountains. "This year, the season is buzzing. Many hotel bookings were made in June itself and overall, tariffs in hotels across popular nearby destinations have increased by 25-30%. In wake of the high air fares, which have grown by nearly 50%, many travellers are opting for road trips to nearby destinations," said Virendra Shah, chairman, Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI).

Beware! Dodgy digital deals can get your bank account frozen



AHMEDABAD: Picture this: You're enjoying a delightful family lunch at a local restaurant, ready to settle the bill using the unified payment interface (UPI), only to find yourself frozen bank accounts and police investigations. Pratishtha Shah, 52, found herself in this situation after her UPI transaction declined. A call to her husband revealed that her UPI account had been implicated in an online fraud case, a consequence of her teenage son's occasional use of the account to purchase bitcoins. As the day unfolded, she received more shocking news: Along with her account, the police also froze the bank accounts of her father-in-law to whom she had transferred money, the provision store she shopped at, and the gymnasium where she paid the membership fee online.

This unsettling experience isn't a work of fiction. It's a stark reminder of the real and increasing threat of cybercrime. In a world where digital transactions have become routine, the popular UPI payment system and peer-to-peer (P) platforms for bitcoin trading offer convenience in paying money to acquaintances and strangers. However, it could also put you in the crosshairs of the police and the banks.

In financial fraud cases, scammers often transfer money to separate bank accounts, buy products or invest in various services. Subsequently, when police receive a complaint, they quickly ask banks to freeze the accounts to which the swindled money has been

diverted. Apart from UPI payments, the police also freeze accounts that received deposits through NEFT, RTGS, and cheques. To prevent further diversion of the swindled money, all accounts linked to the one in which the money arrived or was sent are also frozen.

Every day, about 355 to 477 people are coned by cybercriminals in Gujarat. In just one week, the police froze the bank accounts of 1,065 to 1,431 individuals. Explaining the intricate web of cybercrimes, DYP of Gujarat CID's cyber cell, B M Tank, details how cybercriminals employ multiple bank accounts to obscure their money trail after swindling victims. The stolen money undergoes a labyrinthine journey, passing through layers of accounts before being withdrawn from ATMs or converted into bitcoins, he says, adding: "To trace this complex trail,

investigators often have to navigate up to 8 levels of accounts beyond the fraudster's initial account." CID (crime) inspector Pankaj Patel, who oversees the 1930 cyber cell helpline, emphasizes that freezing bank accounts pre-emptively is the primary strategy to thwart cybercriminals.

He advises individuals to exercise caution when accepting financial connections on UPI and similar platforms. "Such transactions involve risk because a link is formed between your account and theirs. So, if they do anything wrong, it might create problems for you," he warns. Tank's guidance is crystal clear: Refrain from using your primary salary account for bitcoin transactions or linking it to your UPI. He says, "Maintain some funds in an alternative bank account to avoid problems in case your account gets frozen."

Weather stations set up in AIJ, PDEU

Ahmedabad: As part of a new research initiative to map air quality and other parameters of weather, the PDEU official, Ahmedabad University officials said that Neal Phillip and Parmita Sen, part of City University of New York Remote Sensing Earth Systems Institute (CUNY CREST), are the co-principal investigators in the research. "The new weather station aligns with the work at AIJ's Air and Climate Research Laboratory that regularly monitors ambient air quality. One of the focus areas of the lab is on the usage of small, low-cost atmospheric sensor modules for investigating particulate matter," said an Ahmedabad University official.

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