### **TIMES CITY | Machchhu Tragedy 2.0**

# **MUNICIPALITY KNEW BRIDGE TRAGEDY LOOMED**

### Chief Officer's Questioning **Exposes Brazen Neglect**

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Ahmedabad/Morbi: Did the Morbi civic body officials know that bridge could turn fatal due to inferior renovation? A volte face by Morbi municipality's chief officer on Tuesday has exposed the civic body's brazen disregard for safety of people and led to the death of 135 people in the Victorian era suspension bridge collapse on October 30. Hours after

the collapse, chi-**MORBI BRIDGE** ef officer Sande-COLLAPSE epsinh Jhala had made an un-

convincing claim that the municipality was not aware about the reopening of this bridge renovated by Oreva Group, maker of Ajanta clocks. Shifting the blame to the clockmaker, he had categorically briefed media persons that the company had neither obtained fitness certification

that claimed 135 lives.

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people into the water below.



and that the renovation was nor any other permission to reopen the bridge for public. not at all up to the mark," said a senior investigating officer. "Neither did company officially inform us about the mate-"Zala also admitted they were rial used in the renovation aware that using the bridge nor about the load-bearing cacould turn fatal due to infepacity," he told journalists on rior renovation," the officer Sunday eveadded

Police also asked Zala to provide documents substantiating his claims and questioned his role in the repairing and reopening of the bridge. On Tuesday, a team of cops

led the beans and said that the visited Oreva office in Morbi civic body was aware that a catastrophe was in the making and collected some 'imporif a large number of people vitant 'documents regarding sited the bridge. "We asked the bridge contracts. However, they refused to disclose him if he was aware that the details, even as call data recontractor had not taken permission for reopening. He adcords of all accused are under mitted that no nod was taken scanner.

# mourn loss of 135 lives

Ahmedabad: Civic bodies across the state held condolence meetings as Gujarat observed state-wide mourning on Wednesday to pay homage to the victims of the Morbi bridge collapse tragedy.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel was present at the condolence meet organized by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.

Flags were flown at halfmast at the state secretariat in Gandhinagar and other Gujarat government offices. All official and entertainment programmes were cancelled. The collapse of the bridge on Sunday evening claimed 135 lives. Ahmedabad mayor Kirit

Parmar said, "We organised a meet to condole the loss of lives in the tragic incident."

Similar prayer meetings were also held in other parts of the state. The decision to observe the state-wide mourning was taken on Monday in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to review the situation after the tra-



gedy. CM Bhupendra Patel had in a tweet said no official function will be held on Wednesday. Prime Minister Modi on

Tuesday called for a "detailed and extensive" inquiry into the Morbi bridge collapse tragedy and said its key learnings must be implemented at the earliest.

He had visited the collapse site and a local hospital where the injured have been admitted. He had also chaired a high level meeting in Morbi. PTI

## Condolence meetings | Accused claims collapse 'God's will'; four remanded till Nov 5

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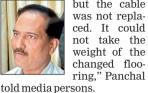
Morbi: "It (bridge collapse killing 135 people) was 'bhagwan ki ichcha' (God's will), a manager of the Oreva company that was responsible for the maintenance of the 140year-old bridge, Deepak Parekh told Chief Judicial Magistrate M J Khan during court hearing where the accused were produced for remand.

Parekh is one of the nine people arrested after the bridge crashed on October 30.

While requesting for remand of the accused on Tuesday, assistant government pleader Harshendu Panchal argued that the contractors who had assigned the bridge's renovation job were ill-qualified. "We have also submitted before the court that bridge flooring was replaced by the Oreva group



but the cable



told media persons. During renovation, the wood of the flooring was replaced with aluminium sheets, a primary forensic report

submitted to the court in a sealed cover stated. The court was also apprised that the bridge was suspended on cable sans maintenance like oiling and that the cable was also rusted. The court sent Parkeh, Dinesh Dave, Prakash Parmar and Devang Parmar on police remand till November 5. The FIR was also added with IPC section 336 and 337.

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Morbi: Caretakers of crema-Shaikh, working as grave digtoriums and graveyards in gers at that graveyard, said Morbi town of Gujarat said they dug 14 out of the 25 graves from Sunday night till Monthey never saw a huge influx of bodies in a short span of tiday evening to meet the sudme in decades, which they den influx of bodies. "This witnessed in the aftermath of was very unusual for us bethe bridge collapse tragedy cause we usually dig nearly 20 graves a month," he said.

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police on Tuesday, Zala spil-

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Bhima Thakor, caretaker The British-era suspension bridge on the Machchhu of a gas-run crematorium in river in the town caved in on Morbi town said he perfor-Sunday evening, plunging med the last rites of 11 persons on two days - on Monday and Tuesday.

Sajid Piludia of Morbi's "Nine bodies were brobiggest graveyard for Sunni ught on Monday and two on Muslims said nearly 40 members of the Muslim commu-Tuesday. Usually, only two to nity lost their lives in the inthree last rites are performed in this crematorium every we-"Of them, 25 were buried ek. I have never seen such a

here and another one at a nehigh death toll in a short span arby graveyard on Monday. in decades," Thakor said. This was the biggest tragedy Dr Pradip Dudhrejia, Su-

after the 1979 Machchhu dam perintendent of Morbi Civil breach incident," he said. It Hospital said since the cause all happened due to the negliof the death of the Morbi tragence of the administration, gedy victims was known (drowning), post-mortem proa visibly upset Piludia said. Yusuf Samada and Yunus cedureswas not conducted on



Kin carry a deceased to a local crematorium

the deceased. "A team of experts ascertained that the cause of death of

all the 135 people was drowning and some died due to drowning and associated injuries," he said.

"Since the cause of deaths was known and there was nothing more to find out, postmortem was not conducted on residents were washed away

the victims as recommended by a team of designated medical experts," Dudhrejia added

The caretakers of crematoriums and relatives of the deceased said the tragedy reminded them of the Machchhu dam breach incident of 1979 when thousands of Morbi

in flood waters.

Ramesh Patel, who lives near the hanging bridge, lost his niece and her three neigh bours.

"Out of the seven people who came to my house to enjoy the holiday, four have died, including my niece. After learning about the bridge collapse, all of us rushed to the spot and saved nearly 60 persons. It reminded me of the dam breach incident. This was the biggest tragedy in Morbi after the dam breach,' said Patel, who cremated her niece on Monday, a day after

(NDRF) and other agencies

the site. Commandant of the NDRF, said apart from drowning, peoplealso died of injuries becau-

the incident. Meanwhile, the National Disaster Response Force

continue to look for bodies at

se "floor of the river was full of rocks". PTI

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Never saw such influx of bodies: Crematorium staff

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