

Barodian owner of 7-ft Tulsi plant vies to break international record



VADODARA: The 'wild' plant in his backyard that Manoj Tripathy didn't even notice at first, steadily grew abundantly tall to not only grab the owner's attention, but also thwart his earlier plans of uprooting it until some months ago. It was also around the same time that Tripathy, a resident of Akota, realised that he was nurturing a rare Tulsi (basil) plant. He let the holy plant grow naturally and today at seven feet height, it's one of the tallest Tulsi plants in the state. The proud owner is now eyeing to break the world record of an 11-foot tall Tulsi or basil plant that was found in Greece. "I didn't sow any seeds. The Tulsi plant was just another wild plant growing by itself in my backyard about a year-and-half ago until one day I noticed it to be a Tulsi plant and also of a rare species. For the first few months, its quick growth went unnoticed and then I saw the plant flourishing," Tripathy, a retired income tax employee in Vadodara, told.

"It kept growing taller without any special care and I would water it regularly as normal and offer puja during the morning. However, to ensure its growth, I also trimmed it a few times," Tripathy said. But when it

preserved it. Though the plant may not survive in the summers, I will make efforts to ensure that it becomes the tallest Tulsi plant in the country," Tripathy added. "This particular plant is called Ram Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum) and it is commonly found in many homes. But it is rare for this Tulsi to grow this tall. Probably, it got a good environment, soil and water that not only ensured its survival but also made it this tall," said K L Dubey, a botanist and former technical officer of Gujarat Medical Plants Board.

Currently, two tall basil plants have been recorded in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala at the height of almost 11 feet.

Parts of Gujarat likely to receive unseasonal rainfall over next 4 days: IMD



AHMEDABAD: Parts of Gujarat are likely to receive unseasonal rainfall during the next four days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday. "Some districts in the state received light rains on Saturday, while areas in north and south Gujarat are likely to receive light rainfall during the next four days, the Ahmedabad centre of the IMD said. "It also forecast light thunderstorm, with lightning and surface wind of 30-40 kilometres per hour, accompanied with light rain in isolated places in Banaskantha, Patan, Dang, Tapi, Navsari and Valsad districts.

Gujarat & Riys share honours on day one

AHMEDABAD: Railways bounced back after being bowled out for 156 against Gujarat on the first day of their semifinal in the Col C K Nayudu Trophy, at the Narendra Modi Stadium ground 'B' in Motera on Sunday. At stumps, Gujarat were 156 for 7 in their first innings.

Electing to bat first after winning the toss, Railways got on to a disastrous start losing opener Anshu Singh (0) caught behind by Urvil Patel off Jay Malsure's bowling. K T Marathe tried to resurrect the innings along with Rudra Dhanday but the latter was dismissed for seven. The success of Patel off Jayveer Singh's bowling.

Marathe waged a lone battle against the Gujarat attack, even as wickets fell regularly at the other end. He hit 11 boundaries in his knock of 74. Kartikeya Kushwaha was the next best batsman, contributing 20. Only five batters managed to reach

Mumattapura flyover: Report awaited for past six months



AHMEDABAD: For the past six months the state government has been sitting on a "conclusive report" on why the Mumattapura flyover on SP Ring Road near South Bopal collapsed on December 2021, and that too just a few months ahead of its inauguration. The report was submitted in August 2022 and is yet to be revealed to the public, according to highly placed sources. The report, sources say, provided in detail the quality of construction material used by the contractor and the role of the project management consultant (PMC) that led to the flyover slab collapse.

Even questions are raised on the role of Aja Engineering Infra, the contractor for the dubious construction of Hateshwar flyover, and why no action was taken against the firm and the PMC, SGS India Pvt Ltd, the issue of Mumattapura flyover has been vexing the state government as well.

The Mumattapura flyover work was awarded by Auda to Ranjit Buildcon, which had appointed a high level committee led by secretary, housing, Rakesh Shankar, chief engineer, Gujarat Housing Board, N K Patel, superintendent engineer Roads & Buildings department government of Gujarat, GERI joint director (Road), N P Patel and director and assistant director FSL, Ahmedabad T C Joshi. But what has raised eyebrows in the issue is the fact that despite calling for tenders twice for the construction of the flyover, Auda again handed the task of construction of the damaged slab work of the flyover to the same contractor Ranjit Buildcon two months ago, but replaced the PMC

Infibeam's Bill Avenue adds 1 million agents

AHMEDABAD: Infibeam Avenues Ltd, India's first listed fintech company that owns and operates - Bill Avenue, a leading online payment platform, today announced that it had crossed the milestone of 1 million agents comprising of kirana shop, grocery shop, pan shop, small pharmacy stores and the likes across India. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vishal Mehta, Managing Director, Infibeam Avenues Ltd, said, "Bill Avenue has received an amazing response from agents, which is the catalyst behind the milestone that we have achieved. The success is a testimony to our unique business proposition and its continuous growth & adoption. We believe that as the nation further moves towards digitalisation, more people will avail our agent's services to pay their utility bills, thus facilitating a contactless and safe way of bill payments. Major growth catalysts were the Tier-3 and Tier-4 towns and cities, followed by Tier-2 & Tier-1 cities. This is a clear corroboration of growing digitalisation and its adoption in the hinterlands of the country. By 2025, we expect to scale enormously and add near to 5 million agents." Bill Avenue is a unified inter-operable online bill payments platform built on the Bharat Aam Ka Mahatma (Bharat) infrastructure developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Gujarat: Sextortion makes for 50% of cybercrime complaints

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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION
E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACTS OF 'PAY & PARK'
 Ref.: RR Letter No. 2022/27(FM)/004 dtd 13-06-2022
 With reference to above, e-Auction for the contracts of 'Pay and Park' Contract will be held on 15-03-2023. The e-auction will start at 10:00 hrs. on 15-03-2023. The catalogue has already been published on the following website. The details are furnished as under:-

Catalogue No.	Type of Contract	Lot No.	Contract Period
C481-PRKG-1503	Parking	PARKING-BRC-BRC-FW-14-23-1	18.04.2023 to 09.08.2023
		PARKING-BRC-PLJ-TW-12-23-2	03 years

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Notice for sale of immovable assets
 E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization 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) of the above described immovable/chargeable and secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured Assets with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Farman Khatib Mohnabai (Borrower)	402 Umiya Apartment Opp Water Tank Nr Ahmedvdi Temple, Shahdol Road, Navranpur - 380011	Rs. 20,84,481/-	Rs. 13,20,405/-	20, 20, 2023 11:00 AM	24, 2023 02:00 PM
2.	Kiddu Haribhai Patel/Hasmukhbhai Patel/167000150/02MEH0005593929	Kiddu Haribhai Patel, 1st Floor, Ashoptav Flat, Happy Home Chsl, Nr Cama Hotel, Ahmedabad-380001	Rs. 25,01,223/-	Rs. 1,32,050/-	03:00 PM	03:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link - <https://BestAuctionDeal.com>) of our auction agency GlobeTech. The Morgtorgs/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till March 23, 2023 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column C) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 1st Floor, 101 & 102, SPG Empressa, opposite LG Showroom, B5, Passport Seva Kendra, Near Mitakhali Six Roads, Navranpur - 380009 on or before March 23, 2023 before 04:00 PM. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer as per above mentioned time then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 1st Floor, 101 & 102, SPG Empressa, opposite LG Showroom, B5, Passport Seva Kendra, Near Mitakhali Six Roads, Navranpur - 380009 on or before March 23, 2023 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at Ahmedabad

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 7021072899 or our Sales & Marketing Partner NexGen Solutions Private Limited.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com/>

Date : March 07, 2023
 Place : Ahmedabad
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1 Plot No-53, WIFE IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane, Maharashtra - 400604

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 Notice U/s 13(2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (an underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security interest in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of loan facility obtained by them from secured creditor and loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them on their last known addresses, however, it has remained unavailed and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor / Loan Account Number (DHFL, ICICI & ICICI New Loan) & Address	Property Address / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice / Outstanding	NPA Date
1.	Deepak Natwarlal Panchal / 26800005027 / Jay Ranchoh Nagar, near Saint Mary School, Talsari, Gujarat, Vadodara - 390009	Flat No 2015, Sr No 354, Tulsi Apartment, G. I. D. C. Road, Mufe Talsari Makapuram, Gujarat, Vadodara 390011	25-01-2023 / Rs. 4,60,801/-	08-11-2022
2.	Kiddu Haribhai Patel/Hasmukhbhai Patel/167000150/02MEH0005593929	Flat No. A/9, 9th Floor, Ashoptav Flat, Happy Home Chsl, Nr Cama Hotel, C.S. No.410 to 4106, Khampur, Shapur Ward No.2, Ahmedabad 380001	25-01-2023 / Rs. 23,48,482/-	08-11-2022

The steps are being taken to substitute the payment of notice. The above borrower(s) and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : March 07, 2023
 Place : Gujarat
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Bank Limited

Ahmedabad's Hatkeshwar flyover unfit, can be tourist spot

AHMEDABAD: The dangerously built Hatkeshwar bridge seems to have met almost the same fate as that of an out-of-order treadmill in a home gym - creates a perception, but has no real purpose. The bridge now has another red flag against it: Putting public life and safety at risk. The Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SV-NIT), Surat, which was roped in by the civic body for a study, has opined that any attempt to restore the flyover "will cost nearly equal or more than the cost of new bridge," and that "...life span of old pre-stressed concrete (PSC) box cannot be predicted." Instead, SVNIT has suggested that the "beautification of existing bridge, like the cantilever cable stayed bridge, like the Sun and moon bridge, Malaysia air bridge, Satei link of Singapore or the Juscelino Kubitschek bridge of Brazil..." will earn extra revenue as tourist attraction for the AMC and serve purpose for transportation. The construction of the bridge commenced in 2015 and it was opened to the public in 2017. The report submitted by Atul Desai, a professor of civil engineering at SVNIT, says that the loss of concrete strength had caused cracking and crushing in the PSC that led to the sagging of the bridge. More distortions were generated in the bearings and cracks appear, moisture ingress may lead to corrosion of reinforcement and cause further cracking," the report had warned. An Ahmedabad Municipal corporation (AMC) report suggested that between 2017 and 2021, the flyover showed no damage. Another consultant engaged by the AMC, E-cube concrete consultants, opined that the cement content of the Hatkeshwar flyover concrete was much less than expected in M45 grade.

Unseasonal rainfall in Rajkot, Amreli districts

RAJKOT: Several parts of Amreli and Rajkot districts recorded unseasonal rainfall on Sunday. In Rajkot, the sky in the city remained cloudy and witnessed heavy lightning in the evening. Gomtal taluka of Rajkot also witnessed showers with hail being recorded in some places. Light showers accompanied by thunderstorms surprised people in Lodhika taluka of Rajkot. Farmers in the area were concerned about the unseasonal rains as it would damage the wheat, cumini and garlic crops.

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Wife's ex-lover, three more held for man's murder in Rajkot

RAJKOT: The police in Rajkot city arrested four persons on Sunday for the alleged murder of a 24-year-old man who was stabbed to death on Friday. Police said that the deceased identified as Kishan Dodia was allegedly murdered by his wife Radhika's former lover and three of his aides. The accused were identified as Hiren Parmar, Kishan Patha, Uday Bagda and Gautam Solanki. They have been charged with murder and criminal conspiracy. According to the police, Hiren was in a relationship with Radhika before she got married to Kishan six years ago. Radhika went on to marry Kishan after she broke up with Hiren. She has a five-year-old son with Kishan. In her complaint to the police, the woman said that even after her marriage, Hiren used to harass her asking her to leave Kishan and go with him, which she kept refusing every time. About four months ago, Hiren and his aides allegedly ransacked Kishan's house to On Friday, when Kishan was having tea near the gate of Gokuldhams society, Hiren and three other accused allegedly stabbed him several times. Kishan was admitted to the hospital, but he succumbed to injuries on Saturday, following which Radhika lodged a murder complaint against the four accused. Malaviyanagar police during the investigation found that all four accused had criminal pasts. They were accused in at least one or more cases. Even the deceased Kishan had a criminal case pending against him.

Medical seat racket: Scam kingpin mined data of 20 lakh NEET aspirants

VADODARA: Investigations into the medical seat racket revealed that the kingpin had data of about 20 lakh students who appeared for the National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET) in the last couple of years. Cybercrime sleuths in Vadodara said that accused Prem Prakash Vidhyarthi had illegally sourced the data from a private agency in Delhi. "It is a matter of concern. He was planning a big scam. A scamster had amassed NEET score records, Class 12 marks and contact numbers of nearly 20 lakh students aspiring to get medical seats in reputed medical colleges for a high fee. (cybercrime) told TOI. "During his interrogation, Vidhyarthi said that he had sourced the data from an agency in Delhi that in turn got it from a Pune agency. We are now inquiring about these agencies and how they got hold of the students' data. The data was leaked and it is a clear breach of privacy," Makadia said. Vidhyarthi had his targeted students with low marks in NEET. Vidhyarthi was running a racket wherein his gang used to make phone calls to the students who got low marks in NEET or were aspiring to get admission in medical colleges. He used to offer medical seats in reputed medical colleges for a high fee.