



## 2 hit by car in Satellite

Dashrath Rathod, 23, lodged a complaint with Satellite police stating that he and his cousin were hit by a car on Monday morning. The accident occurred at 10:15 am at the Ridhi Sidhi tower near Jodhpur Crossroads. Rathod stated that the driver hit the corner of the tower first and later smashed the car into the footpath where the duo was sitting. While Rathod sustained injuries in his legs his cousin too was wounded. Police said the car driver, who hit three other vehicles too, hasn't been identified yet.

# Flesh trade flourishes in city, brothels check into hotels

Recent incidents show pimps are using hotels to arrange a place for their clients

Roxy Gagdekar

Be it a hotel in the city or one near a highway, the incident on Sunday where a brothel was busted at Ambika guest house in Gomtipur and the recent prostitution racket busted in the Skyway hotel in Sola reveals how flesh trade is flourishing in city hotels. City-based pimps use hotels for arranging their customers' stay for a few hours. What's more, all this is carried out with the help of police officials.



Residents resorted to violence on Sunday after police busted a brothel in a guest house in Gomtipur. Sources said that rates at hotels that allow clients and prostitutes depend on the area in which they operate.

## Will Verma's report spell trouble?

Nikunj Soni

The Gujarat high court ruling about the Ishrat case investigation is likely to spell trouble for cops who are under scanner in the Ishrat Jahan encounter case. A bench of the HC, last week, had ordered each of the three officers of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), to file a report about the investigation conducted by them in the case.



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put a demand to file an FIR against the accused cops if it emerges that they had a role to play in the controversial encounter," said Mukul Sinha, lawyer for Javed Pillai.

"Even I can demand disciplinary action against the cops who failed to investigate the case properly," Sinha further said. A bench of justices Jayant Patel and Abhilasha Kumari, last week, annoyed over the state government's approach to throttle the investigation, had threatened to hand over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Now each three officers of the SIT will have to show the progress that they have made in the case to the HC. Verma is already facing pressure in the case as already three applications have been filed against him for allegedly pressurising some witnesses into giving statements.

Satish Verma, a member of the SIT, which was formed by the HC, has already raised doubts over the genuineness of the encounter.

He had also demanded to file a fresh FIR against cops who were part of the team that took part in the encounter.

Mumbai girl Ishrat Jahan, Javed alias Pranesh Pillai and two others were killed in the encounter.

Due to the GHC ruling last week, Verma can now investigate according to the clues gathered by him and apprise the court about the same.

Now, all eyes are set on the report to be filed by Verma about his findings in

the case. It is pertinent to note that, serious differences emerged between the three IPS officers who were part of the SIT.

Verma had earlier alleged that, Karnail Singh, chairman of the SIT, was not seeking his consensus prior to taking any decision. Earlier the GHC bench had also expressed dissatisfaction over a progress report filed by Mohan Jha, another officer of the SIT.

"We are eagerly waiting for the report to be filed by Verma and will definitely

### ISHRAT CASE

## A'bad a hub for prostitution?

THE FOREIGN ANGLE

TARGET AREAS FOR PROSTITUTION

Whenever girls/prostitutes from foreign countries come here and stay for a month, they earn good amount as they are always in demand. Changing life-style and rising income of Amdavadis has meant that the trend in prostitution business has changed. The rate for foreign girls called for special operations range from Rs5,000 to Rs15,000 as per the deal finalised by the customer.

MONEYED CUSTOMERS

Rise in income of Amdavadis and lack of red light area has resulted in concentration of prostitution dens in almost all the important areas of the city. The modus operandi of flesh trade will remain unpredictable as there is no red light area in the city. Although police officials deny any increase in such dens, prostitutes and sociologist believes that there is a sharp increase in small dens in various societies. The sex racket busted on Tuesday at Mithakhali in Navrangpura implies that prostitute dens are emerging even in posh localities of the city.

A large number of prostitutes live in Chandlodia which has become an organised red light area. Prostitute dens have been identified in Chandlodia, Vatva, Sha-herkotda, Chandola lake area, Sola, Ghatlodia, Stadium area, Naroda and Navrangpura. Following recent crime branch raids almost 200 prostitutes have either been arrested or have been interrogated by cops. "We came across many hotels on the outskirts of the city especially in the western part of Ahmedabad where visit by prostitutes is common," a police official in crime branch told DNA. "These hotels mainly survive on flesh trade."

MODUS OPERANDI IN THE FLESH TRADE

Modus operandi of flesh trade will always remain volatile as there is no organised red light area in the city, said a sociologist on condition of anonymity. "People want to spend money on luxury and as there is prohibition, the emphasis is more on prostitutes," he said. A cop in crime branch said that part of the activity is mobile, while a major sector is concentrated in slum areas.

## NSUI protests GU goof-ups

DNA Correspondent

Almost 30 members of the National Students Union of India (NSUI) on Monday staged demonstrations against the vice-chancellor of Gujarat University over the recent goof-ups by the university administration at the ongoing annual exams.

According to Hardik Dodiya, state general secretary of NSUI, the university has crossed all the limits. "University has taken no action against those who are responsible for inserting the same question paper in TY LLB," Dodiya said.

Dodiya also said that numerous exam receipts were issued with many errors, including wrong address of the exam centres. He alleged that the university changed



NSUI members protest outside the Gujarat University

the exam centre without any prior notice to the students.

These NSUI members demanded an explanation from the V-C on the missing enrollment numbers of students from their exam receipts. "About 6 students of SYB.Com

have received exam receipts without any enrollment numbers or photos on them," claimed Hardik.

The vice-chancellor, however, reportedly told them that it was only a human error and assured them that he would look into the matter.

NSUI members also extended their support to about 150 BEd students who had come there to seek their enrollment numbers. They have reportedly received receipts without enrollment numbers. "We have secured admissions in a self financed BEd college by paying almost Rs35,000. Now, our future is uncertain," said Jitendra, a BEd student at Sardar Patel BEd College, Satellite.

## From next week, no more thin plastics to be allowed in city

DNA Correspondent

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) is all geared up to ban plastics having a thickness of below 40 microns. The civic body is likely to implement the ban from the coming week. The central government has already taken the decision in this regard. The central pollution control board (CPCB) and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) have issued the notification on the same.

AMC is likely to ban plastics that are thinner than 40 microns

the people to not produce, purchase or store plastic bags below 40 micron thickness," said SP Kulkarni, AMC's medical health officer. He added that the ban is likely to come in force from next week. Meanwhile, plastic manufacturers believe that the central government should have increased the minimum thickness in a phased manner. "This will double costs and cut production by half for all plastic bags makers," said Archish Shah, a plastic manufacturer. Smaller manufacturers will be the hardest hit and the industry may experience shortage of raw materials as materials consumption would double, said Shah.

The thinner plastics are much more dangerous for the environment as they are harder to degrade.

## Sixth batch of IIMA's PGPX students welcomed

DNA Correspondent

The sixth batch of IIMA's PGPX -2011-12, the one-year postgraduate programme in management for executives, was welcomed on Monday by dean of IIMA Prof BH Jajoo. This batch of PGPX will have 102 students from various corporate backgrounds.

The students have been selected after an elaborate selection process. Ever since IIMA started this programme six years back, the number of students enrolling for the PGPX course has been on a steady rise. While in 2006, when the course was inaugurated, there were about 60 students, the number rose to 86 in 2010 and to 102 this year. There are also around 5-6 international students in the current batch.

The batch has an impressive profile with an average GMAT score of 714, an average age of 34 years, an average total work experience of 10 years, and an average international work experience of around 4.5 years. Students belong to various industries, namely financial services, telecom and IT among others.

## 'Mediation will help solve issue of pending cases'

Kinjal Desai

The Indian economy is likely to be in danger as cases continue to pile up in courts across the country. These words were uttered by Firdoshali Kassam, senior advocate of Mumbai high court who was in the city to conduct a workshop on mediation at Institute of Law, Nirma University (ILNU).

Kassam, who conducted the training programme as the master trainer, is a renowned senior mediator advocate, Mumbai high court and chairman of the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mumbai.

Explaining the importance of mediation today, Kassam said, "If students think they can earn more by being corporate lawyers, they are wrong. They will earn double the money as mediators and also help solve pending cases as fast as possible. The future of litigation is mediation and

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nothing else." Kassam said that there were 30 million cases pending in Indian courts which would take around 15-20 years to get disposed of. And hence, there was a great need for mediators.

"It is only with the help of mediation that 97% of the American cases get resolved at a faster pace than any other place across the globe. It is a serious affair. If India needs to progress further economically, they need to get the pending cases resolved at the earliest," he said.

## AMC to conduct thalassemia tests

DNA Correspondent

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has decided to conduct city-wide Thalassemia tests to eradicate the disease. AMC's health committee chairman Suresh Patel said that the corporation will spend Rs15 lakh to conduct the tests.

Initially, the tests will be con-

ducted on pregnant women at the Urban Health centres across the city, following which students will be checked. The dates for the test will be declared soon.

The health committee has also asked major hotel-cum-restaurant owners of the city to acquire health license.

This also applies to restaur-

rants running in buildings with Building Usage (BU) permission. Such notices are likely to be issued to around 25 restaurants of each zone. Also, AMC has decided to promote 33 sub-inspectors of the estate TDO department. The officials will be promoted to inspectors.

Study covering 523 police being trained at GPA finds that better pay will encourage good work

## 'Low pay leads to corruption among cops'

Prashant Thakor

According to research conducted on 523 police personnel, corruption and internal politics play a major role in spoiling the image of police among the masses. It also revealed that police personnel who are getting trained at the Gujarat Police Academy (GPA) at Karai, Gandhinagar, are paid very little. And this might be the root cause behind corruption.

The research was done by two students- Aniruddhsinh Vala and Indrajit Singh Rajpurohit -- of Gujarat University's Department of Psychology. They have recently completed their PG Diploma in Counseling Psychology and have taken up the project to know the psychological aspects of police personnel being trained at GPA. The project was conducted on the request of joint direc-

tor, GPA, VK Mall.

"The joint director wants to know the problems, both psychological and emotional, being faced by the trainees at the GPA," said Dr Ashwin Jansari, head, department of psychology. The prime reason for the training was to make them better policemen in the future. Respondents included 77 Armed PSI, 175 Unarmed PSI and 210 SRP Jawans.

When asked about their image among the masses, 211 out of 523 trainee policemen said the police have a bad name in public. Only 143 respondents felt the opposite. On being asked how to improve the image, half of the respondents said that eradication of corruption and better behaviour with the masses can help them get rid of this tainted impression.



This project is the brainchild of Gujarat University's researchers. They wanted to initiate a research project and we allowed them to conduct it with our students as subjects"

-IGP, Gujarat police academy, Karai

The findings of the research also point out the problems faced by policemen during training. Fifty per cent of them believe that

lack of proper food and too much work are the reasons behind the stress. Another finding revealed that 195 out of a total 523 respondents

feel that policemen should be paid well in order to encourage them to perform well at work. The research pointed out a few major shortcomings at the GPA. One of the suggestions was to give them training in advanced weapons and technology which at present is not provided. Another suggestion was to install more recreational equipment at the academy.

"We can say that low salary leads to corruption, which in turn leads to bad image of police among the masses. The research will help the policemen become better at performing their duties," said Aniruddhsinh who has already submitted his report to the faculty. It will be soon sent to the GPA.

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