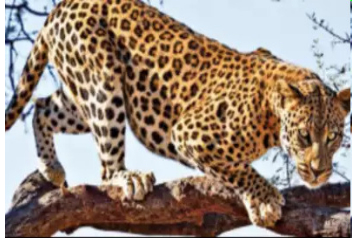


Forest dept seeks Centre's nod for actions to control leopard numbers



AHMEDABAD/RAJKOT: Looking at alarming 16 incidents of leopard attacks involving five human deaths in just one month, senior Gujarat forest officials have sought Centre's approval on leopard population control measures.

Going by man-animal conflict data, even as leopard attacks are decreasing year on year, the rising population of the wild cats in Gir area has become a matter of serious concern for human welfare.

According to the forest department data of wildlife circle comprising Junagadh, Amreli, Gir Somnath and some parts of Bhavnagar district, a total of 19 people were killed by leopards in past three financial years between 2020-21 and 2022-23.

In the same period, around 45 incidents of human-leopard conflicts reported.

Altogether 27 human deaths were reported in two years in the entire state in two calendar years 2022 and 2023.

Guestimates put leopard count at around 800 in Saurashtra region and nearly 2,000 across Gujarat. The forest officials believe that leopards are overpopulated.

This is high time that we start a popular awareness measures and we are waiting for the central government's nod. Looking at leopard distribution in the revenue

leopards, and caging all preying animals is not possible. We are ensuring that the animals involved in attacks on humans are caught."

Some of the wildlife activists who do not want to be named, however, blame forest department's mismanagement for the rising attacks on humans.

"The forest department created artificial ponds in the forest area but neglected the revenue areas considering unseasonal rain. The wild animals move in villages in search of water and enter sheds of domesticated animals to drink water.

Because of the summer heat, people tend to sleep in the open and all such reasons lead to an increase in leopard attacks on humans."

Bhushan Pandya a wildlife activist said "Leopard population is increasing along with the human population. To mitigate conflict, humans need to take some precautions like not sleeping in the open, removing vegetation to avoid ambush, not leaving children alone and staying vigilant."

area it becomes difficult to control human-leopard conflicts," a senior forest official told.

Principal chief conservator of forests Nityananda Srivastava said, "Water crisis is one issue, while another is that the fields are clear at present leaving no place for the leopards to hide and stalk prey like dogs or other small animals.

Thus, they tend to venture into human habitations. The areas where encounters with leopards are being reported are those having large numbers of

Handed over to TN forest dept: Absconding animal body parts smuggler held in Ahmedabad



AHMEDABAD : The Ahmedabad crime branch Wednesday arrested a wanted accused for alleged illegal smuggling of body parts of protected animals. The accused, who was residing in Ahmedabad, was later handed over to Tamil Nadu Forest department's Trichy range officials.

Prakash Chuniyal Kaakliya (Jain), 56, was named as the main accused in a wildlife offence report (WJOR) on April 5 filed by the Trichy range of the forest department. He was termed absconding.

Seven others were also named as accused in the case. The wildlife items seized from one of the homes of one of the accused — Duraisami — in Tiruchirappalli, included a tiger skin, two elephant ivory, two spotted deer horns and two fox tails. The eight were booked under sections 39 (b) (wildlife articles seized from government property), 44 (dealing with wildlife animal articles without licence), 49B

Student doctored screen recording of response sheet, NTA tells HC



AHMEDABAD : In a petition moved before the Gujarat High Court on behalf of an IIT-JEE aspirant alleging suspected glitch in his Mains results, the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Wednesday alleged that a screen recording of the student downloading the response sheet from the official website appears to be doctored.

The NTA made the submission based on the answer audit logs as shared over email by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), the service provider in the exam, and National Informatics Centre (NIC), the agency providing technical support to NTA for the exam.

The court went on to seek that the findings and logs of NIC and TCS, as provided to NTA over email, be put on its record by way of an affidavit by Thursday. It is expected to hear the matter again on June 1.

the petitioner — the student's father — of the student downloading the response sheet on April 20 at 7:03 am, appears to be doctored.

Shelat said, "With regard to screen recording properties show it was recorded on April 20, at 3:07 afternoon... it says media was created on April 20 3:07 pm... Screen recording does not provide date and time. Taskbar has not been covered in the recording because taskbar usually shows time of recording. Screen recording does not show mouse or screen cursor movement. These omissions raise serious doubts on the bona fide of the petitioner... It is reiterated that the copy of the response sheet (from 7:03 am) is not on the record of NTA at all and the same appears to be forged and manipulated from the original document... He must have manipulated from the answer key we provide along with the response sheets."

The student had moved HC claiming that a technical glitch could have wiped off the answers attempted by him. Submitting that the JEE Advanced exams are scheduled for June 4 and the form filling for the same ends on May 7, he had sought directions from the HC. The court on May 5 had permitted him to file the application for JEE Advanced and directed IIT-Guwahati, which is conducting the exams this year, to accept his application.

The court had, however, added that the direction to the IIT is "without prejudice to rights and contentions of respective parties and will be subject to further orders passed by this court."

Advocate K V Shelat, appearing for NTA, told the court of Justice S V Pinto on Wednesday that while it is undisputed from video recordings of the test centre that the student sat through the three-hour exam, the screen recording as shared by

Advocate Dhaval Vyas, appearing on behalf of the petitioner, suggested the court to direct for forensic examination of the computer on which the student had downloaded the response sheet at 7:03 am as well as of the screen recording. Vyas also pointed out that following the second response sheet downloaded at 1:15 pm, the student had emailed NTA on its official ID at 1:38 pm, attaching the two response sheets downloaded, and thus a doctored screen recording at 3:07 pm would not arise.

The NTA also told HC that it has been informed by TCS that the candidate logged in on April 12, visited 90 questions and did not select any of the options but clicked on 'save and next'; hence, his recorded response did not have any of the options (for answer to a question, selected).

Schedule for GU commerce, arts intake out

AHMEDABAD: Soon after GSHSEB declared the its Class 12 general stream results, the Gujarat University on Wednesday announced its admission schedule for commerce and arts. The university opened registration on Wednesday and the last day to apply is June 11. The university had started early registration a few days ago so there was no rush at the last moment.

The university said students will have to fill in their choice of college and provide marksheet and other details.

The students who did not pass their exams this year will have to get their applications verified at the nearest undergraduate college.

The university will announce its provisional merit list on June 17 and those who want to make corrections can do so on June 18-19. The university will announce the final merit list on June 23 and students will have to confirm their admissions from June 23 to 26. Students who confirm admission will have to report to the college latest by June 27.

Gujarat confidential: Passing The Buck

AHMEDABAD : At a media interaction to mark nine years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in power at the Centre, Union Minister Anurag Thakur mentioned a number of initiatives and achievements under Modi.

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The student, with a credible academic track record — as noted by the court — had cleared Class X Board examination with 90 per cent marks and Class XII science stream examination with 97 per cent marks. He also scored 91 per cent in his Class XII Board exams.

The student appeared for the JEE Mains examination this year. As per the response

Personal secretaries to Union, state ministers among 77 bureaucrats promote

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Woman kills liquor addict hubby in Bhavnagar



RAJKOT: A woman on Tuesday night allegedly killed her husband after being fed up with his liquor habit and physical torture, in a village in Bhavnagar district. The deceased was identified as Raju Joliya and police detained his wife Kajal after Raju's brother Ramesh filed a complaint at Mahuva police station.

According to police, the couple had got married for seven years and lived in Nesvad village under Mahuva taluka. They had two daughters aged 3.5 years and 1.5 years. Raju was unemployed and his wife Kajal was earning some money from diamond polishing.

Their neighbour Devuben who was a witness to the murder told police that Raju was a liquor addict and every day he used to beat up in an inebriated state. On the night of May 30, quarrel between the husband and wife started around 11.30pm and Raju started beating Kajal and also tried to choke her.

"In self defence, Kajal threw chilly powder into his eyes and as soon as she released herself from Raju's grip, she brought an iron pestle from the kitchen, sat on Raju's chest and hit him with the pestle on his head for five to six times," said deputy superintendent of police Jaydeepsinh Sarvaiya. Kajal then brought a lace and strangled Raju. According to Devuben, Kajal then set on fire the clothes she was wearing. In the morning, the neighbour informed Raju's mother and brother who rushed to the

A first generation literate from a small village in Morbi among toppers in GSHSEB Class XII exams

AHMEDABAD : It was no less than a feat at Amrabhai Ai's house in Rangpur, a small village of 1,000 people in Wankaner taluka of Morbi district.

Since Wednesday morning, the house saw relatives, villagers and leaders from the community arriving to meet Amrabhai's 17-year-old son Bharat, who scored 99.99 percentile in Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) Class XII commerce stream exams. A Gujarat medium student, Bharat secured 667 out of 700 — 95.29 per cent — in the exams.

A cattle breeder, Amrabhai said, "I am illiterate but my son got such good marks without any guidance. I am proud of him."

"Those who could come visited our home and the ones from far-off places wished us on the phone. We have been busy since morning attending to calls and guests," Kalubhai (36), Bharat's cousin, said.

Bharat, the eldest among three, after completing his primary education in the village government school, had shifted to Faiz School Wankaner, a private school around 18 km from his village. Though the school had hostel facilities, Bharat would commute more than 15 km from his village everyday by shared autorickshaws.

He wants to continue with higher studies but is not sure which field he should choose. "I will study further but have not decided which branch and where," he told The Indian Express.

Amrabhai, who owns 20 cattle, said, "With no secondary school in the village, my daughter had dropped out from school after Class VIII. We are from Maldivi community and do not know much more than rearing cattle."

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PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE
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