

CM Rupani slams West Bengal CM Mamata after JEE language clarification

VADODARA / GANDHINAGAR: Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani on Thursday slammed West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee over her remarks about the use of Gujarati language in the joint entrance examination (JEE).

This, after the National Testing Agency issued a statement on Thursday, clarifying that except Gujarat, no other state had sought JEE main question paper in regional languages.

Through a series of tweets on Wednesday, Banerjee criticised the government for ignoring other regional languages by offering the JEE (main) in just one regional language - Gujarati. "Our country is India, which is home



to so many religions, cultures, languages, creeds and communities. However, maligning all regions and regional languages is the intention of the government at the Centre," she said in one

tweet.

In the thread, she added, "Joint Entrance Exams so long were conducted in English and Hindi languages.

Surprisingly, now only Gujarati language has been

added. Such a step is not at all praiseworthy. I love Gujarati language.

But, why have other regional languages been ignored? Why injustice is being meted out to them? If Gujarati has to be there, then all regional languages including Bengali must be there. Unless this issue is decided gracefully, there will be strong protests all around as sentiments of people who speak other regional languages would be deeply hurt due to this injustice."

Following the clarification by National Testing Agency, Rupani addressed Banerjee by tweeting, "Dear #DividerDidi, people of

your state need development not such divisive stunts. Now that the facts are out, you should apologise to the people for your lies!"

VMC executive engineer denied bail again in graft case

Vadodara: Mukund Patel, the graft-accused executive engineer of Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC), was once again denied bail by a sessions court on Thursday.

Patel, who was in the water supply department, had filed for bail on October 24 on the grounds that investigation in the case was completed as the anti-corruption bureau (ACB) had filed the charge-sheet against him and circumstances have changed now. The court

of additional district judge K M Sojitra rejected Patel's arguments and turned down his plea.

"The court upheld my arguments that he had taken money for clearing bills of a contractor who was tasked to clean water tanks in the city. Being a responsible person and a class I officer, he demanded money for clearing bills rather than personally checking whether the job was done properly or not. It is like playing

with the health of citizens which cannot be tolerated," said Anil Desai, district government pleader.

Patel was arrested in August for accepting a bribe of Rs 1.5 lakh to clear bills of an agency that was hired to clean the overhead and underground water tanks in the city. In October too the court had denied Patel's bail application following which he had approached the Gujarat high court. However, before the

court could decide, he withdrew his plea.

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Hunger games pitting angry lions against human beings

VADODARA: Two lionesses killed seven heads of cattle, but went hungry. The predators' incursion into villages — and the villagers' counterattack that drove the big cats away — illustrate the escalation in human-animal conflicts.

One of the lionesses, which is radio-collared, regularly leaves its territory in Girnar and ventures into agricultural fields and human habitations at night to search for food.

She travelled about 20km covering several villages such as Akalda, Kathrota, Chok of Jetpur and Junagadh tehsils. She was joined by another lioness in killing the villagers' animals, mostly bullocks. This case is documented in a research paper titled "Ecology of Lion in Agro-Pastoral Gir Landscape, Gujarat", released re-

cently by the Wildlife Institute of India.

The human-lion conflict has become a major concern for the government and lion lovers. Union minister of state for environment Babul Supriyo recently spoke about the dangers in the Rajya Sabha.

"The Gujarat government has allocated Rs 231 crore over a period of 5 years for long term lion conservation," Supriyo said in response to a question in the Rajya Sabha on July 8. "The main focus is on reducing man-animal conflict."

The minister said that the initiative envisages a series of measures such as a rescue centre, rescue teams, rapid response teams, and the strengthening of protection and surveillance infrastructure. "Human-animal conflict to

increase'

In June this year, Devusinh Vadher, the sarpanch of Mota Barman village in Khambha taluka of Amreli district, had to take on a lion to save his calf. When the lion attacked his cows, Vadher flung a wooden staff at it. "The staff hit the lion on his head. He dropped the calf and jumped over the boundary wall of my house," Vadher said.

Since land ownership in Gir is mixed and the livelihood of people in the area depends on land, the government has limited options to stop the loss of many potential lion habitats. But experts say that community lands and fallow lands could be acquired and legally protected before they go into the hands of the land mafia.

Human-animal conflicts are bound to increase, said Kausik Banerjee, a lion expert and co-author of the research paper. According to the last census in 2015, there are 523 lions in the state out of which 40% are outside of the protected areas. Loss of patches where lions take refuge in daytime will compel lions to move to human-dominated areas, the paper said. But according to Junagadh's chief conservator of forests Dushyant Vasavada, confrontations with humans are rare as people willingly give up their cattle to the lions. However, the paper said that people living in and around the forest area give up their weak or old cattle but fiercely protect their healthy, milch animals.

NDDDB to launch phase 2 of 'Mission Milk'

VADODARA/ANAND: The National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) is gearing up to launch second phase of the National Dairy Plan (NDP) — the ambitious project to double milk production of India — which is already world's largest milk producer.

Phase two of NDP, which is being promoted as 'Mission Milk', will be spread over a period of five years with financial outlay of Rs 8,000 crore for which NDDDB is holding consultation with the World Bank.

It was in April 2012 that the Anand-headquartered dairy board had launched first phase of NDP with financial outlay of Rs 2,200 crore. NDP-1 was aimed to increase

productivity of milch animals through a scientifically planned multi-state initiative.

"NDP-1 is coming to a close this year. We have achieved the targets that were set in terms of production of high genetic bulls for semen production that will help in improving productivity of animals and strengthening semen stations," NDDDB's chairman Dilip Rath said here on Monday on sidelines of a programme to launch nutrition awareness campaign and celebrate nutrition awareness week.

Rath said that through NDP-1, the board has been able to enhance dairy co-operative's reach by adding 55,000 villages in the milk co-

operative network.

"NDP-2 which is being discussed with the World Bank will primarily focus on enhancing milk processing capacity, infrastructure and we are looking forward to establish milk quality testing equipment at critical points in procurement area," he said.

The national board also wants to expand the co-operative network further.

"There are 3.20 lakh villages that have milk potential out of which 2 lakh villages have been covered. There is potential to expand the co-operative network to 1.20 lakh villages," he said.

Talking about achievements of NDP-1, he stressed that milk production in the

last five years has grown at 6% plus rate.

"I would say that credit of this can be rightly taken by NDP," he said, adding that the second phase of NDP would also see massive expansion of embryo production capacity.

"There are 12 institutes where mass embryo production will take place. Through artificial insemination, it takes three to four generations, before the milk producer sees improvement in productivity of cattle. But with embryos using IVF, it happens in just one generation. This is the best technology for improving productivity of indigenous breeds," he said.

Police officials who flout traffic rules to be dealt with strictly

Surat: The clout of the cops who like to show off will be on test from Monday when the rules of the amended Motor Vehicles Act come into force in the city.

Traffic cops of the city police have been instructed not to spare any police person if he or she is found violating the rules. City's 500 traffic cops and 1,500 TRB jawans will be on duty from Monday and they have been instructed to strictly implement

the rules and shouldn't allow anyone to go. The cops entering the police commissionerate will be their first target.

Meanwhile, senior police officers briefed traffic cops and traffic brigade jawans on fines under the new traffic rules on Sunday.

The traffic cops were instructed on ways to handle and behave with traffic offenders during the roll call at the police parade ground. The

cops were told not to enter into arguments with offenders and tell them that if they were not ready to pay on the spot fine then they can pay it in court.

"The traffic rules of the amended Motor Vehicles Act will come into force from Monday. They were made aware about them and also given copies of the changes made in the rules and fine amount," said Sudhir Desai, deputy commissioner of police, traffic.

"We held an awareness

session in police lines for police personnel and their families. They were told that no one will be spared for traffic rule violation. Traffic cops have been instructed not to let any policeman or woman go if he/she has violated the rules," Desai said. Harikrushan Patel, in-charge city police commissioner, issued a circular instructing police personnel to strictly follow traffic rules or else be ready to face departmental action.

UK firm gets Gujarat govt nod to build Rs 1,900 crore port near Bhavnagar

VADODARA / GANDHINAGAR: The Gujarat government on Thursday formally approved a proposal of the UK-headquartered Foresight Group and Ahmedabad's Padmanabh Mafatlal group to construct a new port (terminal) adjacent to the Bhavnagar port.

The consortium will set up a CNG and other terminals at the site with an investment of Rs 1,900 crore. The proposal was given formal nod by the executive committee of Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB) headed by chief minister Vijay Rupani.

The proposed port is expected to have capacity of about 6 million metric tonne per annum (MMTPA). The London-based Foresight Group had signed an MoU with Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) during the 2019 edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit for development of a CNG terminal on the Gujarat coast.

The existing port at Bhavnagar is managed by GMB and handles 3 MMTPA, of which 2.5 MMTPA is Nirma cargo, coal, lime stone, rock



phosphate. Commissioning of the additional port facility at Bhavnagar will increase capacity considerably. GMB will continue to operate the southern section of the Bhavnagar port.

Sources meanwhile said that development of CNG and other terminals at the north side of Bhavnagar port will require considerable modification of existing marine infrastructure including dredging in port basin and

channel, construction of two new lock gates, onshore infrastructure and land development.

State government officials said the consortium has proposed an investment of Rs1,900 crore in two phases with Rs 1,300 crore in the first phase and Rs 600 crore in the second phase through the 'Swiss challenge' method. "The state government has approved the group's proposal. A detailed concession

agreement will be signed with the entity shortly by GIDB to allow the company to start ground work to construct the new port facility," an official said.

Foresight Group Services Limited (FZCO) had submitted a proposal to GMB for development of the CNG terminal and other terminals which include liquid cargo terminal, containers, white cargo terminal, Ro-Ro terminal for cars & trucks) at the northern side of Bhavnagar port under the BOOT Policy 1997.

Foresight Group and Padmanabh Mafatlal Group plan to diversify into port development by setting up Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) receiving (import) infrastructure at Bhavnagar Port. The consortium has already achieved pre-implementation requisites like pre-feasibility project report, site selection study for CNG import terminal, gas supply agreement, CNG vessel development study and the like.

Fate of 3 schools uncertain over high VMC lease rent

Vadodara: The fate of three prominent schools in the city will be decided by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) later this week. The schools are operating on land allocated to them by the civic body, but are now finding the lease rates high and were asked to pay crores towards lease for the land they stood on.

Uday Education Society that runs Tejas Vidyalaya, Kelavani Trust that operates the Maharani School and The Gujarat New Era Education Trust that runs New Era Secondary School were given land on lease for 30 years in 1978 at a token amount. The leases ended in 2008, and as per a government notification in the same year, the lease was increased to 6% of the half the

TOO DEAR	How much each school will have to pay VMC yearly
	Tejas Vidyalaya ₹15.58 crore
	Maharani School ₹17.69 crore
	New Era School ₹6.79 crore

value of the premium for these plots.

According to the new calculations in 2008, Tejas Vidyalaya will have to cough up

Rs 1.35crore per annum from 2008 along with an escalation of 3% from 2008. The amount now totals to Rs 15.58 crore. Similarly, the Maharani School's

rent was fixed at Rs 1.54crore and the dues total to Rs 17.69crore while the New Era Secondary School's lease was fixed at a rate of Rs 54.3lakh that now totals to Rs 6.79crore. The leases of these schools were renewed or a period to 10 years in 2008. Petitions were filed in the Gujarat high court regarding the high lease rates that the schools found unaffordable. The high court had asked the VMC commissioner to hear the representations of the schools and take necessary decisions. In 2018, a public interest litigation seeking higher lease amounts as per government rules was also filed by councillor Rajesh Ayre in the high court. The standing committee of the civic body will on Saturday take up a proposal regarding the renewal of the leases of these schools.

MSU gets notice on teaching post ad

Vadodara: The Gujarat High Court (HC) has issued notices to M S University, Ministry of Human Resource Development, the University Grants Commission (UGC), the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), commissioners of higher and technical education and principal secretary of higher and technical education of Gujarat. The notices to the seven respondents have been issued after Baroda University Teachers Association (Buta) challenged the notification issued by MSU for filling up 680 permanent teaching posts of associate professors, assistant professors and professors at the varsity. Buta is being represented by R N Singh in the court of justice N V Anjaria.

The notices issued by the high court are returnable on October 4. In its special civil application, Buta has contended that the MSU notification is in violation of UGC guidelines. It said that MSU has added few guidelines of minimum qualification which are inferior to the present minimum condition given for eligibility as per UGC and AICTE.

As per UGC notification, for direct recruitment for disciplines of arts, commerce, humanities, education, law, social sciences, languages, library science, physical education and journalism and mass communication for the post of assistant professor, a master degree with 55% marks is required.

But as per the notification issued by MSU, "consistently good academic record with a master degree with 55% marks" is required.

"The definition of consistently good academic record as per university notification is minimum requirement of 55% marks at masters level and at least 50% marks at bachelor's level," the petition states.

"Going by the definition, consistently good academic record shall be an average record of final year degree and master degree level assessment which would at least be 52.5% or an MPhil

or a PhD," the petition stated.

"Our contention is that when UGC has clear guidelines for 55% at master degree why does our university want some criteria of bachelors level. Secondly, why it needs to define consistently good academic record when it is nowhere mentioned in UGC or AICTE notification guidelines. The definition seems to be bypassing the

minimum qualification criteria given by UGC," said Buta president Dr K V R Murthy.

"Such guidelines are also incorporated for the post of associate professor and professor," he said. Similarly, the association has challenged the notification on the grounds that it states that "selection shall be based only on the performance in the personal interview."

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 (₹ in Lakh except EPS)				
Particulars	Quarter ended on 30/09/2019	Year ended on 31/03/2019		Quarter ended on 30/09/2018
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	
Total Income From Operations	1,113.75	5,160.81		1,351.76
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(40.34)	(919.53)		(252.65)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(40.34)	(919.53)		(252.65)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(29.43)	(733.19)		(189.75)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(28.09)	(729.22)		(187.45)
Equity Share Capital	685.00	685.00		685.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)		(363.57)		
Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-				
Basic : (not annualized for the quarter ended)	(0.43)	(10.70)		(2.77)
Diluted:(not annualized for the quarter ended)	(0.43)	(10.70)		(2.77)

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