

## Important Gujarat News

February 5, 2023

1. February 4, 2023: Morbi: **Bail application, of 7 accused in the tragedy of suspension bridge in Morbi, rejected:** Seven persons - Deepak Parekh and Dinesh Dave, Managers of the Oreva Group, Mahadev Solanki and Mansukh Topiya, Ticket Clerks of the bridge, Alpesh Gohil, Dilip Gohil and Mukesh Chauhan, Security Guards of the bridge – had moved an application for bail in the court of P.C. Joshi, the Session Judge of Morbi. The bail application of all the seven employees of Oreva Group was rejected.

Prakash Parmar and his son Devang, of Dev Prakash Solutions, the sub-contractor for maintenance of the bridge, is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023 before the same court.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT), set up by the State Government, has concluded that Dev Prakash Solutions was not qualified to carry out the repairs. It has also found that no restriction on the sale of tickets and permitting a large number of persons on the bridge were the other lapses by Oreva.



*Morbi suspension footbridge*

The Government had issued a Show-cause Notice to Morbi Municipality, about why it should not be dissolved on account of dereliction of duty. The Municipality has received the SIT Report and it should submit its response to the Notice.

The Morbi suspension footbridge had collapsed on October 30, 2022, leading to death of 135 persons, including 24 kids.

**Earlier Reports:**

- a) Please read about "Police custody of Jaysukh Patel, the Oreva Chief" at <https://diginews360.com/important-gujarat-news-feb-3-2023/> of February 3, 2023.
  - b) Please read about "Compensation for Victims of the Morbi Bridge Collapse by Oreva group" at <https://diginews360.com/important-gujarat-news-jan-28-2023/> of January 28, 2023
  - c) Please read about "Arrest of Prakash Parmar and Devang of Dev Prakash Solution, contractor for maintenance of the Morbi's Suspension bridge" at <https://diginews360.com/important-gujarat-news-jan-21-2023/> of January 21, 2023.
  - d) Please read about "Notice for Superseding Morbi Municipality" dated January 18, 2023 at <https://diginews360.com/important-gujarat-news-jan-18-2023/>.
  - e) Please read "A Bridge collapse leads to killing of 135 persons in Morbi" dated 1st November 2022 at <https://diginews360.com/a-bridgecollapse-leads-to-killing-of-135-persons-in-morbi/> .
2. February 3, 2023: **Pinalbhai Patel of Atlanta shot dead:** 52-year Pinalbhai, from Karamsad village of Anand, Gujarat, who had been staying in Atlanta and who was actively involved with Swaminarayan movement, was shot dead in his driveway on 361, Thoroughbred lane by a group of three masked gunmen. His wife and 17-year old daughter also received gun shot wounds in their legs. The assailants drove away in a dark-colored car, which was waiting across the street.
- Patel worked at Shurlington Package Store on Shurling Drive. He leaves behind his mother, Prabhatiben (living in India, with his sister in Selvas), his wife, Rupalben, his sister, Reshmaben, his son, Pujan and his daughter, Bhakti. Pinalbhai was planning to return to stay with his mother, in her old age.

Saints of the Swaminarayan movement, led by Ghanshyam Prakash Dasji, helped perform the last rites in Fort Valley.

The Bibb County Sheriff's Office has announced that one suspect, Terrell Mills, 40, has been charged with the shooting of Pinal Kumar Patel and his family. The investigators found a video with Terrell's step-nephew describing the crew following the Patel family van to their home.

3. Readers of [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) can also read the news-item 5 in Gujarati at <https://sandesh.com/entertainment/isha-ambani-reaches-jaisalmer-with-anand-piramal-to-attend-kiara-advani-sidharth-malhotras-wedding>



**4-5 February 2023:** Suryagarh hotel, Jaisalmer: **Kiara Advani and Siddhartha Malhotra Wedding:** In the presence of their friends and relatives, the two days wedding is taking place at the picturesque Suryagarh Palace. Kiara's school friend, Isha Ambani along with her husband Anand Piramal are also with Kiara at the wedding.



*Suryagarh Palace Hotel: venue of the **Kiara** and **Siddhartha** wedding*

4. February 5, 2023: **Government may raise the DA for Government employees and pensioners from 38% to 42% before 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the Holi festival:** Readers of DiGiNews360.com may like to read the news in Gujarati at <https://www.gujaratsamachar.com/news/national/the-dearness-allowance-of-government-officials-may-be-increased-by-4-percent> .
5. February 5, 2023: Ahmedabad: **More than 59,000 Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) Cards Issued in Ahmedabad during the last 10 months:** On 27<sup>th</sup> September, National Health Authority (NHA), which is part of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, had launched the scheme of Ayushman Bharat Health Account Cards. It is a **14-digit unique identification number linked to the Aadhaar card**. The Card helps individuals access healthcare benefits and store their medical information digitally in one place. Whereas free Health Insurance under Ayushman Yojana is available to only the poor, Government aims to provide to every Indian he facility of ABHA Card. According to the Government, ABHA is the “first step towards creating safer and efficient digital health records for you and your family.” It allows users to share their health records digitally with hospitals, clinics, insurance providers and others.

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