

'Arms racket linked to jailed supplier busted'

Fresh Seizure In Chotila Takes Total Arrests To 14 In Six Days

RAJKOT: A routine vehicle check on the Chotila-Anandpur road has provided investigators with another crucial lead into what appears to be one of the biggest illegal firearms smuggling networks in the Saurashtra region, allegedly linked to a jailed supplier. The seizure of two country-made pistols and three live cartridges from a 29-year-old man on Saturday has strengthened Rajkot police's investigation into an alleged arms cartel that has already led to 14 arrests and recovery of 31 illegal firearms over the past six days. The latest operation, carried out on July 18 by a team led by Rajkot Range DIG Niraj Patel, resulted in the arrest of Rupendra Patel from the Chotila police station area in Surendranagar district. Police also seized a mobile phone and a high-end SUV taking the total value of the seized property to around Rs 21 lakh.



During questioning, Patel told investigators that he had purchased the two firearms from Jyashuk alias Jaso Vaghela, a resident of Boghara village in Jasan taluka of Rajkot district who is currently lodged in Rajkot Central Jail in connection with another illegal arms case.

Based on Patel's statement, sub-inspector Yogenendrasinh Chudasama of the Rajkot Range DIG team registered an FIR under the Arms Act at Chotila police station against both Patel and Jyashuk. This is the third Arms Act case registered against Jyashuk in the past week. The latest arrest came as the Rajkot City prevention of crime branch continued its operation against an alleged illegal arms network spread across Rajkot and the Saurashtra region, which police said

was an organised supply chain catering to criminals. Speaking to TOI, Raj sub-inspector B C Miyatra acted on a tip-off and intercepted Patel while travelling in an SUV. A body search led to the recovery of a country-made pistol from Patel, while another pistol was found hidden in the dashboard compartment of the SUV. Three live cartridges were recovered from the magazine of one of the firearms. "During interrogation, Patel revealed that he had purchased the weapons from Jyashuk six months ago for Rs 95,000," Raj said. Investigating officer Bhadrakumar Diwan told TOI that the court remanded Patel to two days' police custody. Preliminary investigations indicate that Jyashuk allegedly procured the weapons from Shakti Mansuri, a resident of Mirzapur in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district, before supplying them in Gujarat. Police records show that Jyashuk has six prohibition-related cases and three Arms Act cases registered against him. Investigators are now working to identify more buyers and suppliers linked to the alleged interstate arms network across the region.

CM LIKELY TO PROMOTE VGGS IN US; SANGHAVI IN UK, JAPAN



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JAMIR MAY GET FULL-TIME CHARGE AS SURAT POLICE COMMISSIONER

Wahab Jamir (1999-batch IPS) currently holds additional charge as Surat police commissioner. It was being speculated earlier that Vadodra police commissioner Narsimha Kumar (1996-batch IPS) might be posted to Surat as commissioner after Anupam Singh Gahlot was moved from the post of Surat police commissioner to Ahmedabad as the city's top cop. After more than two weeks since the transfer, officials in Police Bhawan said they would not be surprised if Jamir is handed full-time charge of the post of Surat CP. Meanwhile, sources said the state govt is also expected to make some important changes in the IPS cadre alongside the Surat CP appointment.



Illustration: Anish Adhikari

MAJOR PUSH FOR A CLEARER AHMEDABAD AHEAD OF CWG

After focusing on reforms in the social, education, and industrial sectors, chief secretary Manoj Das has now turned his attention to urban development, beginning with city cleanliness. At the last CoS meeting, he asked all secretaries to treat urban sanitation as a top priority. Stressing the need for rapid capacity-building in city cleaning systems, he ordered an urgent review of Ahmedabad's cleanliness ahead of the 2026 Commonwealth Games and advocated for a major push to strengthen solid waste management using newer technologies.

KUMAR'S PLAN TO JUNK OLD FURNITURE, VEHICLES RAISED

Srikanth Kumar (1998-batch IAS), principal secretary to the CM, made a suggestion at last week's Committee of Secretaries (CoS) meeting that drew much appreciation. Usually reserved at such about possible changes in the cabinet, a senior minister said, "Although the 2027 assembly election is still about a year and a half away, the party leadership is concerned by grassroots feedback suggesting that some ministers are not meeting expectations in resolving public grievances effectively and promptly." Many in govt and the party now see the possibility of a reshuffle in state portfolios around Diwali.

THENNARASAN TASKED WITH SURAT FLOOD PREVENTION

M. Thennarasan (2008-batch IAS), principal secretary in the urban development and urban housing department, has been assigned to recommend corrective steps in the wake of the recent widespread flooding in Surat city. Thennarasan, who served as Surat municipal commissioner several years ago, visited the city last week. After reviewing the recent flood situation, he is expected to propose measures to help prevent similar problems in the future.

MEETINGS BY PM, HM TRIGGER UNEASE AMONG MINISTERS

Meetings held by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah with ministers of the ruling party have reportedly caused unease among ministers, fuelling speculation in the ruling party circles about possible changes in the cabinet. A senior minister said, "Although the 2027 assembly election is still about a year and a half away, the party leadership is concerned by grassroots feedback suggesting that some ministers are not meeting expectations in resolving public grievances effectively and promptly." Many in govt and the party now see the possibility of a reshuffle in state portfolios around Diwali.

50 spotted deer released

Gandhinagar: In a wildlife conservation initiative aimed at improving ecosystem health and mitigating human-wildlife conflict, the Gujarat forest dept has translocated 50 spotted deer from the Sasan Gir Wildlife Division to the Mandi forest range in Surat district.

Duo held ferrying liquor worth ₹5L

Ahmedabad: Sola High Court police in Ahmedabad arrested two Rajasthan men for smuggling Indian-made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) inside a Toyota Fortuner. Police intercepted the SUV on the SP Ring Road. A search revealed 3,012 concealed liquor bottles and beer cans valued at Rs 5 lakh.

Nine arrested in Morbi farmhouse gambling raid

RAJKOT: The Border Range police in Bhuj busted an alleged gambling den operating from a farmhouse on the outskirts of Dhuanda village in Morbi district. The team raided the den and arrested nine people. They also seized Rs 24 lakh cash along with vehicles and other property valued at around Rs 45 lakh. The raid was carried out on Saturday after a Border Range team, led by police sub-inspector A P Vaghela received a tip-off while patrolling in Morbi district that an illegal gambling den was operating from bungalow no. A-3 in Om Villa by a 45-year-old man. Acting on the information, the team raided the bungalow and found the accused along with eight others allegedly engaged in gambling. During the raid, police recovered more than Rs 24 lakh in cash and seized two four-wheelers and other property taking the total value of the seizure to nearly Rs 60 lakh. Preliminary investigations revealed that all eight gamblers were residents of Morbi district. Police alleged that the accused had organised the gambling sessions by inviting participants to the bungalow and charging them a commission for facilitating the games. A case was registered against all nine accused at Tankara police station under Sections 4 and 5 of the Gambling Prevention Act. Further investigation was under way to ascertain the extent of the gambling network and when similar operations were conducted from the property earlier.

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