

# Second marriage void if divorce appeal pending: HC

## Court Rules Banker Acted Hastily Despite Legal Bar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court has declared the second marriage of a banker "non-existent" (non-existent), holding that he remarried in haste without waiting for the outcome of his first wife's appeal against the divorce.

Along with invalidating the second marriage, the HC also quashed the family court's divorce decree that had dissolved the banker's first marriage on grounds of cruelty. The matter has now been remanded to the family



court for fresh adjudication, with specific directions to also hear the banker's second wife.

The case involves a Meh-sana-based schoolteacher and her banker husband, who married in Feb 2007 and had two children.

Following marital discord, the husband filed for divorce in the Ahmedabad family court, which on Nov

19, 2024, granted him divorce after accepting his claims of cruelty. The wife challenged this order in the HC on Dec 17, 2024. Despite being served notice on Jan 22 this year, the husband went on to marry again on March 3 to a divorcee with two children.

Quashing the divorce decree, the HC observed: "The Family Court has basically reiterated the allegations made by the husband and it has thereafter gone on to make general observations that the acts as described by the husband constituted cruelty... A mere allegation or assertion would not by itself constitute proof of cruelty and it should be established with cogent evidence."

On the man's decision to remarry during the pendency of his wife's appeal, the HC said: "In a matrimonial

dispute, having regard to Section 15 of the Hindu Marriage Act, it is incumbent on the husband to verify whether any appeal has been presented within the time and thereafter take a decision regarding marrying for the second time."

Taking note of the husband's conduct, the HC stated: "The husband has flouted the mandate of Section 15 of the Hindu Marriage Act and despite being legally barred from marrying again, has proceeded to marry for a second time. This second marriage, therefore, is non est and this improper conduct of the husband has put the second wife also in jeopardy."

The family court has now been directed to hear the divorce case afresh and include the second wife as a party to the proceedings.

## Farmer murdered in Gir Somnath

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Rajkot: A 65-year-old farmer, Ramji Cheldiya, was murdered with a bladed weapon at Niti village in Gir Gadhada taluka of Gir Somnath district on Wednesday night. The victim's son, Jagdish Cheldiya, filed a complaint of murder against an unidentified person at Gir Gadhada police station.

According to the FIR, Ramji had gone to guard their 13-

### WAS GUARDING FIELD

acre groundnut farm on the Niti-Vadli road on Wednesday night. On Thursday morning, Jagdish found his father's body in a pool of blood on a cot at the farm. He immediately alerted his family and informed police.

Gir Gadhada police, a local crime branch team and forensic experts went to the spot. An investigation is underway.

# 3 forest officials booked for cattle rearer's suicide

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Rajkot: Three employees of the forest department have been booked for abetment of suicide, after a cattle rearer in Junagadh district killed himself alleging harassment by the officials.

Visavadar police registered a case under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Section 108 against forest guard Bharat, forester Ravi and range forester officer Vala for the death of Salim Baloch on Sep 16. Baloch had ingested poison on Sep 9.

After his death, Baloch's family refused to accept his body, demanding legal action against the officials.



While police have not shared the FIR details, sources said Baloch's son alleged that the forest officials were pressuring the family to vacate forest land in Dedakdi range of Jambuthala beat, in the Gir (west) division.

The forest department had earlier filed a case under the Wildlife Protection Act against Baloch and two

others, for allegedly grazing 88 milch animals inside the sanctuary and damaging wildlife habitat. Officials also accused him of bringing in unauthorized animals from outside and told him to remove his huts from the forest area.

Former member of the Gujarat Wildlife Board Bhushan Pandya said: "The forest department officials were discharging their duty. As part of their role, they had served the notice. If anybody disagrees, they could approach a higher forum. Registering offences against field officers for doing their duty will affect their morale."

## Gujarati woman killed in US robbery

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Ahmedabad: A Gujarati woman was shot dead during a robbery attempt at her convenience store in Union County, South Carolina, late Tuesday night.

The victim was identified as Kiran Patel, 49, who ran DD's Food Mart on South Pinckney Street. Police said they received a call around 10.30pm about a man firing shots outside the store. When officers arrived, they found Patel lying unresponsive in the parking lot with gunshot wounds. Emergency medical services later confirmed her death.

According to investigators, surveillance video captured the sequence of events. A masked man entered the store with a gun and demanded money from Patel, who was working alone. During the confrontation, the assailant fired a shot, and Patel tried to resist by throwing something at him. The robber then climbed onto the cash register counter and fired multiple rounds inside the store.

Patel attempted to flee towards the parking lot, but the gunman chased her, continuing to shoot. She collapsed just 20 feet away from the store entrance after being



A CCTV grab of the killing

struck by bullets. Officers also recovered shell casings and found the store's front window shattered.

The Union County coroner's office confirmed Patel's identity and said she suffered fatal injuries from the gunfire.

This tragedy comes at a time when the US is witnessing renewed debate over gun control laws. South Carolina, like many states, allows relatively easy access to firearms, and incidents of violence at small businesses have become frequent. Community members described Patel as a hardworking immigrant who ran the store for years and was well-known in the area.

The Union public safety department has launched a manhunt for the suspect, who fled the scene after the shooting. Police said they are reviewing CCTV footage and have appealed to the public for information.

## 4 of gang held for thefts at Gomti ghat

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Rajkot: Devbhumi Dwarka police arrested four members of a Maharashtra-based gang for allegedly stealing valuables from pilgrims at Gomti Ghat in Dwarka.

The accused were identified as Vinod Shelke (37), Indrajit Parmar (34), Ganesh Shalunkhe (34) and Lakhman Gaud (47), residents of Sangli and Solapur districts. Police said the gang had no previous offences registered in Gujarat.

According to Dwarka town police inspector A L Barasiya, the men posed as pilgrims and targeted belongings left unattended on the riverbank when devotees went to bathe in the Gomti river. "They pretended to be drying themselves with towels while stealing clothes, purses, and mobile phones," Barasiya said.

The operation was launched after a pilgrim reported the theft of his purse and mobile phone. Police then deployed plainclothes personnel at the ghat and caught the gang red-handed.

Dwarka attracts nearly 10 lakh pilgrims annually, making Gomti Ghat a frequent hotspot for such thefts.

## 'Drunk' cop rams car into rickshaw, driver's ribs broken

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: A city police constable was booked after allegedly driving drunk and ramming his car into a rickshaw near Vishala Circle late Wednesday night, leaving the 60-year-old rickshaw driver with fractured ribs. The accused, identified as Prakash Rabari, was driving a sedan car when he allegedly sped recklessly from Shastrri Bridge and hit the rickshaw being driven by A S Mansuri, a resident of Fatehwadi. The impact overturned the auto. The accident occurred around 12.30 am near an ice factory close to Vishala Circle.

Mansuri suffered rib fractures and was admitted to Asarwa Civil Hospital. Doctors are awaiting CT scan results to assess further injuries. His son, Amir, filed a complaint with M Division Traffic Police.

Locals rushed to the spot, called for help, and recorded videos of the incident. Witnesses told Mansuri's family that Rabari, attached to the city police force, appeared in an inebriated state at the time of the crash. Police later seized his car, mobile phone, and a beer bottle found inside the car. Inspector U B Dhakhda of M Division Traffic Police confirmed that Rabari underwent medical tests to determine alcohol consumption.

An FIR was registered against Rabari under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for rash driving, causing injury, and damage, along with relevant sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and Prohibition Act. Mansuri remains under treatment, while further investigation was underway.

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### Rajkot to host two-day art show

Rajkot: The Rajkot Visual Artist Society will host a two-day exhibition of contemporary artworks on Sep 20-21 at the Shyamprasad Mukherjee Art Gallery, managed by the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC). More than 30 artists - from emerging talents to seasoned veterans - will showcase their creations. **TNN**

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