

PNG customer gets Rs 43k bill from Adani Total Gas, bill revised on complaint

Ahmedabad : An owner of a residential apartment in the South Bopal locality of Ahmedabad city recently received a bill of Rs 43,668 from Adani Total Gas Limited for domestic PNG (piped natural gas) consumed between December 2021 and January this year. However, the bill was revised following a complaint from the customer.

The apartment that received the PNG bill is located in Sun South Park and owned by Heena Patel. "The flat has been lying closed for the last two months. The tenant had vacated the flat in November 2021. We are surprised by the bill. I have lodged a formal complaint on Saturday with the customer care of the

company," Heena Patel told The Indian Express.

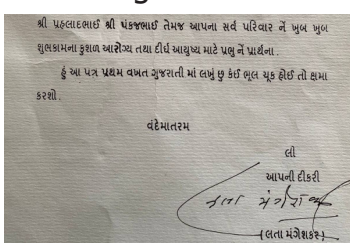
The invoice for the period between December 3, 2021, and January 30, 2022, shows gas consumption of 29.5 MMBTU (Metric Million British Thermal Unit). The payment is due on February 19. The bill, shared with The Indian Express, shows the gas consumption pattern for the earlier months. It revealed that the residents of the apartment consumed between 0.266 MMBTU and 0.87 MMBTU of PNG between June and December 2021.

"On Friday I had attended the call from an executive from Adani Total Gas Limited. The executive had called inquiring about the details of reading on the gas

meter as the apartment was locked. I had clicked a picture of the gas meter a few days ago, and so was able to narrate the reading to the executive over the phone," Patel added.

When contacted, a senior official from the company who handles customer care issues said, "When the house is locked and meter reading has not taken place, we call up the customer to tell the reading. We usually believe the reading that the customer tells us. We have done the billing based on the customer's phone call. After we received the complaint, we have revised the bill and we will be sending it to the customer."

Gujarat gov shares letter written by Lata Mangeshkar to PM Modi's mother



Ahmedabad : The Gujarat government has shared a letter written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother Hiraba in 2019 by acclaimed singer Lata Mangeshkar who breathed her

last aged 92 on Sunday.

The letter, written in Gujarati and dated June 5, 2019, congratulated Hiraba for Modi's second term as Prime Minister. "Many congratulations to you for your

JJB directs FIR against 3 papers for publishing details of juvenile accused

Vadodara : The Presiding Officer of the Juvenile Justice Board in Chhota Udepur on Friday ordered the Chhota Udepur police station to register an FIR against three Gujarati newspapers, who allegedly published personal details of three children in conflict with the law (CCL), in the news reports pertaining to the communal clash that took place near Ramji temple in Chhota Udepur on January 30.

The Juvenile Justice Board of Chhota Udepur has also directed the newspapers to remove personal details of the CCL from their newspapers.

The order issued by the Juvenile Justice Board was in connection with an application filed by the fathers of the three juvenile accused in an alleged

case of rioting filed by the Chhota Udepur police station on January 30.

The petitions filed by the parents of the three juveniles, along with the application of the District Child Protection Officer, brought to the notice of the Board that three Gujarati language daily newspapers had violated the provisions of Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) had also annexed clippings of the news reports.

In its order, the Presiding Officer of the Board in Chhota Udepur, RK Tanwar, said, "The identity of the juvenile accused to be protected and is prohibited to be disclosed in media or any newspaper."

In poll year, Gujarat gov announces yet another scholarship for higher education



Ahmedabad : The Gujarat government Friday announced the Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme (CMSS), a financial assistance programme for students pursuing higher education.

The beneficiaries will also be eligible for the existing Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojana (MSY). "This means that the (new) scheme will be a supplementary scheme of MSY," stated an official release from the state government.

Students getting admission for diploma courses after class 10 as well as those being inducted into degree

courses (D to D) after diploma are eligible for CMSS.

The scheme applies to students with an annual family income of up to Rs 4.50 lakh. Eligible students who get admission in diploma course after class 10 will get the assistance at 50 per cent of the fixed annual tuition fee or Rs 50,000, whichever is lower. On the other hand, eligible undergraduate students after a diploma will get 50 per cent of the tuition fee for engineering and professional courses or Rs 1 lakh, whichever is lower.

Currently, students who have secured 80 percentile marks in classes 10 or 12

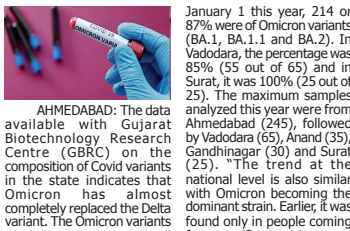
qualify for MSY.

The state government pays 50 per cent of the fee, up to a maximum of Rs 2 lakh per year, for undergraduate students of medicine in self-financed and government medical colleges, while students of dental sciences, homeopathy, nursing and physiotherapy get 50 per cent fee waiver or assistance of Rs 2 lakh, whichever is lower.

Also, students of diploma and those in engineering, science, arts, commerce and education courses in self-financed colleges will get a 50 per cent fee waiver or annual assistance of Rs 10,000, whichever is lower, in addition to the annual assistance of Rs 25,000 or 50 per cent fee waiver.

MSY scheme, which came into existence in 2015 during the Anandiben Patel government with a corpus of Rs 1,000 crore, has disbursed over Rs 1,100 crore so far. The scheme was launched in response to the Patidar agitation for reservation in college education and government jobs.

Omicron seen in almost all sequences by January-end



AHMEDABAD: The data available with Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) on the composition of Covid variants in the state indicates that Omicron has almost completely replaced the Delta variant. The Omicron variants were present in virtually all samples. On the other hand, the Delta variant that accounted for 96% of the sequencing in the first week of December was negligible in the last week of January.

Experts have indicated that while the highly infectious variant led to a high number of daily cases, far surpassing the numbers in the second wave, the mortality remained very low primarily due to the variant's concentration around the upper respiratory tract and very less involvement of lungs.

In terms of district-wise distribution, out of the 245 genome sequencing samples from Ahmedabad from

Gujarat: Dahej industrial units fined Rs 89 crore



VADODARA: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has penalised as many as 23 industrial units, the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) and even the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) at Dahej industrial area for gross violation of environment norms.

The industries, put together, have been slapped Rs 82 crore worth penalty, while the GIDC has been slapped Rs 6.19 crore worth compensation for environmental damage, and CETP, Dahej, has been fined Rs 82 lakh.

The order comes after a joint team of Central Pollution Control Board and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board carried out inspection of industries

which are discharging wastewater into the GIDC drainage system. Altogether 99 industries including those in red, orange, large, medium and small scale industries are discharging wastewater into the drainage system of GIDC. Dahej. The joint team visited 34 industries in the area, collected samples from various pumping stations and final disposal point of GIDC drainage network to check the final discharge quality. A majority of industries were not complying with the industrial waste norms. The joint team also observed that despite having good infrastructure, CETP Dahej is not functioning and lets wastewater flow straight from inlet chamber to final discharge storage tank without any treatment. It also observed that CETP Dahej is not meeting discharge standards.

"Non-operational condition of CETP since inception shows the non-utilization of huge investment," the NGT order states, adding that the installed plant, machinery and sensors will get defunct as they are non-functional.

Shockingly, the joint team observed that instead of disposing the industrial waste into the sea through a 4.5km line as suggested by the National Institute of Oceanography, the waste is being routed through a separate pipeline near the shore with extension that is limited to just 600m into the sea. "The overall non-compliance of discharge standards at final disposal point, heavy sludge deposition, overflowing of manholes due to choking or leakage problems of GIDC drainage lines, frequent overflowing of wastewater from manholes and pumping stations, contaminated run-off from industries etc is leading to storm water drain or surface drains," it states.

At Lata's side for past 27 years



Ahmedabad: "I am completely shattered. It looks like suddenly I have become very lonely in the world," wailed 46-year-old Mahesh Rathod, who had been Lata Mangeshkar's caretaker and one of the personal assistants for the past 27 years.

Rathod, a native of Morangi village of Amreli, was inconsolable on Sunday as he conveyed the news to his close friend Nikunj Pandit who also struggled to console him. "I only asked him to stay strong and gather himself as he had the responsibility due to the large number of important people coming to pay their last respects. It's a tragic day for the entire family given their bonding with Lata didi," said Pandit, a school principal.

Manisha said when Shraddha was born at around 8am, their cow also gave birth to a calf after about 20 minutes. "Lata Didi named my daughter Shraddha and she even asked us to name the calf as Saburi," she recalled.

Rathod has the distinct personal assistance to Lata. Before him, a Kolhapur man named Jainsingh was hired as her driver in 1951. He served the diva for 22 years.

"I feel extremely fortunate to have a person like Manish beside me. He was a very timid and a shy youngster from a humble background. My sister (Meena's) son Yogesh told me that I should keep him permanently as he was a nice person and very trustworthy. Mahesh constantly strives to look after my well-being and takes very good care of me and this is what we are always happy about."

1 killed as car catches fire, falls into pit



AHMEDABAD: A 50-year-old man from Dhandhuka succumbed to burn injuries on Friday after the car he was driving turned turtle and fell into a pit near Umargadh Patia in Dholka.

An FIR filed with Dhandhuka police identified the deceased as Siddiq Khalifa, a resident of Padana village. He was on his way to

a wedding in Dholka with his employee Jaydeep Vasuka, 20, when the accident occurred.

As the vehicle approached a sharp turn near Umargadh Patia, Khalifa lost control over the steering wheel.

The car dragged on for a few metres and rammed into the trees, before it caught fire, overturned and fell into a roadside pit. Vasuka had a narrow escape as he got thrown out of the vehicle when it turned turtle.

The car got stuck vertically in the pit and went up in flames. Vasuka kept screaming for help for about half an hour before locals came to their rescue.

Both Khalifa and Vasuka were taken to a nearby hospital. However, since Khalifa had suffered severe burn injuries, he was referred to Ahmedabad Civil Hospital.

The police team also sought an enroute to the hospital. His body was then taken to a hospital in Dhandhuka for post-mortem.

Dhandhuka police registered a complaint of negligent driving leading to death against Khalifa and began investigation.

Gujarat's nilgai population leaps 117% in 10 years



AHMEDABAD: The population of blue bull also known as nilgai, the largest Asian antelope, has increased in Gujarat by an alarming 117.27% in the past 10 years. The latest survey carried out by Geer Foundation has recorded 2,51,378 blue bulls against 1,19,546 in 2011.

Three surveys have been carried out so far since 2011. The maximum increase in nilgai population — 56.23% — was recorded in the 2011-2015 survey. In 2015, the nilgai population in the state stood at 1,86,770. It rose by 34.6% in the next five years. According to the

estimated data, Ahmedabad district has 9,816 blue bulls while adjoining Gandhinagar district has 3,010. At 32,021, Banaskantha has the highest population of the antelope followed by Patan with 18,584 and Amreli, 16,295. North Gujarat districts like Banaskantha, Patan, Mahisagar, Aravalli, Mehsana, Gandhinagar and Sabarkantha account for 91,244 blue bulls or 36.3% of the total nilgai population in the state. "The blue bull survey was carried out from October 2020 to March 2021 and the decadal rise is alarming. The animal, which

is a protected species, is also a menace for farmers and the cause of many road accidents," a state forest department official said.

UP man's plot to kidnap, murder 'unwanted' daughter ends in arrest

Rajkot: Not wanting a girl child, a man allegedly plotted the kidnap and murder of his four-month-old daughter, but alertness of the local Kutch police ensured that the baby was rescued unscathed. On Friday, two people with masked faces barged into the house of truck driver Rajkaran Patel, who lives in Galpadra village adjoining the port town Gandhinagar. According to the complaint lodged by his wife Shantidevi, two people barged into their house, tied up their eight-year-old son Sachin and took away the infant girl. Rajkaran, who transports

goods on Mundra-Mandvi route, returned home on Friday and told his wife to accompany him to fetch the diesel cans from the truck that was parked at a distance from their house. An unsuspecting Shantidevi went with her husband leaving the house open thinking that they would return soon. When they returned, they found Sachin's hands with his tied. He told the parents that two people abducted the infant. Rajkaran resorted to a drama by taking his wife in search for the girl.

Senior police officials said that Rajkaran confessed that it was his second

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marriage while his first wife with whom he has three children, all boys, were living in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj district. "He did not want a girl child and therefore planned the abduction drama. He wanted the two persons to kill the infant," a senior official told. However, when the female police inspector of A-division HK Humbar talked to the parents, she found Rajkaran's statements and behaviour suspicious. The police team also sought a description of the abductors and the boy said they were bearded but sported a handkerchief on their faces.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED ON DECEMBER 31, 2021
(Rupees in Lakh except EPS)

Particulars	Quarter ended on	Year ended on	Quarter ended on
	31/12/2021	31/03/2021	31/12/2020
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited
Total Income from Operations	2,011.25	1064.72	145.55
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	129.30	594.61	60.78
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	129.30	594.61	60.78
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	111.55	441.60	-4.64
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	111.55	442	42.64
Equity Share Capital	1463.34	1463.34	1463.34
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as per the audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)	-	-	-
Earnings Per Share (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
Basic (not annualized for the quarter ended)	0.76	3.02	0.29
Diluted (not annualized for the quarter ended)	0.76	3.02	0.29

Note: The above financial is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly Financial Results filed with the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarterly Financial Results are available on the Website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and Company's website at www.zodiacenergy.com.

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