

## FIVE ARRESTED IN DELHI FOR SMUGGLING SKIN OF BENGAL TIGERS

**A TIP-OFF WAS RECEIVED BY POLICE THAT THE ACCUSED WOULD COME TO THE CHHATARPUR METRO STATION TO STRIKE A DEAL**



Delhi Police on Wednesday claimed to have busted a racket involved in the smuggling of skin of Bengal tigers with the arrest of five people.

The accused have been identified as Amir Khan and Rahul Rawat, residents of Vasant Kunj; Deepak Kumar, a resident of Gurgaon; Mohit and Shivam Sisodiya, both residents of Mahipalpur, officials said. Two Bengal tiger skin were seized from their possession, they said.

According to police, the accused are members of the racket indulged in smuggling of skin of Bengal tigers and is active in the Delhi-NCR region.

A tip-off was received by police that the accused would come to the Chhatarpur Metro station to strike a deal with some prospective buyers of the tiger skin. The gang sold the same at Rs 20 lakh for each skin, a senior police officer said.

A trap was laid in Vasant Kunj and Khan was nabbed. One Bengal tiger skin was recovered from him, the officer said. The other gang member Deepak was nabbed from Kullu in Himachal Pradesh. Later, Mohit was arrested from Delhi, he said.

Police apprehended Sisodiya and one more tiger skin was recovered from a jungle area near Qutub Vihar, Goyla Dairy, police said, adding that Rahul was also arrested.

During interrogation, it emerged that Sisodia was the main supplier of the tiger skin.

Further investigation is on in the matter, police added.

## SHREYAS IYER TO UNDERGO SURGERY; MISS IPL

**SHORT BREAK FOR INDIA'S WHITE BALL PLAYERS BEFORE JOINING IPL TEAMS, IYER TO MISS ENTIRE IPL, COULD MISS WC TOO**

The Indian players, who are part of the ODI series against Australia, will get a short break for three to four days before joining their respective IPL camps with the tournament starting from March 31.

Defending champions Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings will play in the opening match of the season in Ahmedabad.

It is understood that all the players, who are in the World Cup scheme of things, will have their workload management monitored and hence the rest is going to be paramount.

"Some players might join their IPL camps directly but they will have an option of taking a three-four day break and relax at home before touching base with their respective IPL teams," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Even if the players directly join the training camp, it is unlikely that they would be training for at least next 72 hours.

Shreyas Iyer is all set to undergo lower back surgery and will not take any part in the IPL, according to sources in the board.

The decision is being taken keeping the player's best interest in mind as a surgery right now will give him an outside chance of at least making a comeback before the World Cup in October, although chances of making it for the marquee event also looks dim at the moment.

Jasprit Bumrah and Prasadh Krishna are the two players who have already undergone back surgery.

## WHATSAPP LAUNCHES NEW MULTI-DEVICE LINKING, IMPROVED CALLING FOR DESKTOP, MORE

**FASTER SPEEDS AND IMPROVED CALL FOR WHATSAPP DESKTOP**

INITIALLY LAUNCHED AS A MOBILE APP, WHATSAPP HAS EVOLVED TO INCORPORATE MORE DEVICE CAPABILITIES AND IS NOW USED BY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON COMPUTERS AND TABLETS. THE PLATFORM OWNED BY META NOW CLAIMS TO ENHANCE THE MESSAGING AND CALLING EXPERIENCE ACROSS VARIOUS DEVICES.

**NEW-MULTI-DEVICE CAPABILITIES**  
AFTER INTRODUCING NEW MULTI-DEVICE CAPABILITIES, THE META-OWNED INSTANT MESSAGING APP HAS MADE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH AS FASTER DEVICE LINKING, IMPROVED SYNCING ACROSS DEVICES, AND NEW FEATURES LIKE LINK PREVIEWS AND STICKERS.

## 'I DON'T CARE,' SAYS SARA ALI KHAN TO TROLLS TARGETING HER FOR VISITING MAHADEV TEMPLE

The gorgeous Sara Ali Khan is an avid follower of Mahadev and often visits Shiv Temples during her travel journey or before the release of her movies. She is often targeted by trolls for her devotion to the Lord.

However, the Kedarnath actress remains unfazed by the trolls and shares beautiful pictures on social media. In a recent interview, the Gaslight actress finally reacted to the trolls and gave a befitting reply. Speaking to NBT, the stunning diva said, "If the audience has any complaints about my work, it can be a problem for me too, because I only act for my fans. But if anyone has a problem with my personal things or my lifestyle, I don't care."

Sara's befitting reply came a few days after she visited a Mahadev Temple on Maha Shivratri and shared a picture on social media. Sharing a picture of her offering prayers, Sara wrote, "Happy Mahashivratri. Jai Bholenath."

"Apko Khan Parivar Me Rehna Hai Ki Nahin," commented a troll while another wrote, "Muslims Kab Se Mandir Jane Lage."

However, a few of her fans came out in her support and said that it was her belief and she was free to do anything of her choice.

On the professional front, Sara Ali Khan is gearing up for her upcoming suspense-thriller movie 'Gaslight'. She also has Ae Watan Mere Watan, Metro...In Dino and two more untitled projects.



## MUMBAI: WOMAN DUPED OF RS 17 LAKH BY FRAUDSTERS POSING AS INSURANCE COMPANY EXECUTIVES



The incident came to light on Monday evening, when the complainant along with her caretaker approached the Khar police station and lodged a complaint, an official said.

Posing as executives of an insurance company, fraudsters allegedly cheated a 93-year-old woman from Khar in Mumbai of Rs 17.74 lakh on the pretext of reviving her insurance policy that had been foreclosed, police said on Wednesday.

The incident came to light on Monday evening, when the complainant along with her caretaker approached the Khar police station and lodged a complaint, an official said.

"The victim, who was gynaecologist by profession and owns a nursing home, was interested in investing money in an insurance policy. The insurance policy had a quarterly premium of Rs 50,000," he said.

Due to the mismatch of signature, the cheques meant for two premiums got bounced, leading to the foreclosure of the policy, the official said. After a few days, a woman who introduced herself as Swati Pandey and as an executive of the insurance policy company, assured that she will help revive the foreclosed policy on payment of Rs 35,000, he said.

## NO CRIMINAL WILL BE SPARED: CM GEHLOT ON POLICE ACTION



**Jaipur:** Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that high-level training teaches to strike a balance between duties and rights. He said that the sensitive behavior of the police towards the common man strengthens the basic spirit of the constitution of 'right to equality' and strengthens the faith of the public towards the police.

"The state government is determined to provide accountable, transparent, and sensitive police administration. The police administration is discharging the responsibility of maintaining law and order in the society, curbing crime and providing security to the society with commitment," Gehlot said while addressing the convocation parade ceremony of the 53rd batch of trainee RPS at Rajasthan Police Academy on Wednesday. He took the salute as chief guest of the trainee police officers and inspected the parade.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also congratulated the new trainees and wished them a bright future.

# RAHUL GANDHI GETS 2 YEARS JAIL IN 'MODI SURNAME' CASE, 30 DAYS TO APPEAL

**THE CASE WAS FILED AGAINST RAHUL GANDHI FOR A REMARK TARGETTING PM NARENDRA MODI OVER HIS LAST NAME, WHICH HE SHARES WITH FUGITIVE BUSINESSMEN NIRAV MODI AND LALIT MODI.**

**New Delhi/Surat:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was found guilty and sentenced to two years in prison on Thursday in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's surname by a court in Gujarat's Surat. However, he was granted bail and his sentence was suspended for 30 days to let him appeal the decision.

The case was filed against Mr Gandhi by BJP MLA and former Gujarat minister Purnesh Modi for saying "How come all thieves have the common surname, Modi?"

The Lok Sabha MP from Wayanad made the remarks while addressing a rally at Kolar in Karnataka ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, targeting PM Modi over his last name which he shares with fugitive businessmen Nirav Modi and Lalit Modi.

In his first comment after the verdict, Mr Gandhi quoted Mahatma Gandhi, tweeting in Hindi, "My religion is based on truth and non-violence. Truth is my God, non-violence the means to get it."

His sister and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra tweeted, "Scared rulers are pulling out all stops to suppress the voice of @RahulGandhi ji. My brother has never been afraid, nor will he ever be. He will continue to speak the truth. Will continue to raise the voice of the people of the country. The power of truth and the love of crores of countrymen are with him."

Mr Gandhi arrived in Surat earlier in the day for the verdict and was received by top leaders of the Congress's Gujarat unit.

Supporters and members of the party turned out at various spots in the city as a show of strength and support for Mr Gandhi, with posters extolling him as "Sher-e-Hindustan" (Lion of India) and placards declaring that the "Congress will not bow before the dictatorship of the BJP" on display.

Following the conviction, Mr Gandhi earned a rare show of support from Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) boss Arvind Kejriwal, who tweeted he "disagreed" with the verdict.



# MAN HELD FROM SURAT FOR THREATENING TO KILL BIHAR CM

**Mishra works at a powerloom factory at Diamond industrial estate near Sarthana in Surat. The Surat crime branch officials arrested the accused after raiding a house at Laskana area in Surat.**



The Surat crime branch Wednesday arrested a worker of a powerloom factory in the city who allegedly called a news channel and threatened to kill Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The accused was identified as Ankit Kumar Mishra (28), a native of Thana Laigunj in Bihar's Vaishali district.

Mishra works at a powerloom factory at Diamond industrial estate near Sarthana in Surat. The Surat crime branch officials arrested the accused after raiding a house at Laskana area in Surat.

According to police, during questioning, Mishra confessed to have made a threat call to a local news channel in Patna on March 20 claiming that he will kill Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with explosives in the next 36 hours.

The accused was detained on Wednesday morning and was handed over to Bihar police who came down to Surat.

Surat Crime Branch Inspector Lalit Vaghadiya told The Indian Express, "The news channel had intimidated the Bihar CMO following which the secretariat police station registered an offence and started a probe. Bihar Police traced the phone number and found out that the accused is staying in Surat. Following this, we carried out a raid and arrested Ankit Kumar Mishra this morning."

Vaghadiya added, "The accused had been staying with roommates in Surat and was working at a private powerloom factory. The accused has not given any reason for making the threat call."

**JHARKHAND: NEWBORN DIES AFTER BEING CRUSHED UNDER POLICE BOOT, CM ORDERS PROBE**  
**The alleged incident occurred at Koshodinghi village under Deori police station when police personnel went to a house to arrest two persons in connection with a case**



**Ranchi:** In a shocking incident, a newborn baby died allegedly after being crushed under police boots during a raid in Jharkhand's Giridih district on Wednesday, prompting Chief Minister Hemant Soren to order an investigation.

The alleged incident, which occurred at Koshodinghi village under Deori police station when police personnel went to a house to arrest two persons in connection with a case, led the opposition BJP to demand the suspension of senior officials.

"It has been alleged that a four-day-old boy died when the police went there to execute two non-bailable warrants issued by the court. Prima facie, external injuries have not been found on the baby's body. It has been sent for postmortem examination," Giridih Superintendent of Police Amit Renu told PTI.

Once the postmortem report comes, the police will be in a position to say what actually happened, the SP said.

He said the autopsy will be conducted by a team of doctors under the supervision of a magistrate with proper videography.

"Right now we don't have any information that any policeman had crushed the infant. If the allegation is found to be true, the erring personnel will not be spared," Renu said.

# ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE HITS DELHI; RESIDENTS OF HIGH-RISE PACKED NCR QUESTION THEIR SAFETY

Delhi faced a 2.7 magnitude earthquake a day after a significant jolt on Tuesday. Experts said that tremor was short-term and not an aftershock of the bigger earthquake. Residents of the NCR are demanding the government take more proactive measures to monitor building safety, while experts are vetting it too.

**New Delhi:** The city was hit by a mild earthquake of 2.7 magnitude on the Richter scale at 4.42 pm on Wednesday, a day after experiencing a powerful jolt. The less-felt tremor, which originated in west Delhi, occurred after the whole NCR and other areas of north India shook for over thirty seconds on Tuesday night owing to a larger earthquake in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region.

The National Center for Seismology determined that Wednesday's tremor lasted less than three seconds after analysing an automated message. According to NCS statistics, at least 42 such mild earthquakes with a maximum magnitude of 3.8 that originated within Delhi have been detected since 2012.

However, officials said, there is no need to panic. "It was a minor quake, which was too low to be felt with the epicenter in west Delhi. It was not an aftershock of the stronger quake felt on Tuesday in Afghanistan. The aftershocks originate in the same region where the bigger quakes have happened," said J.L. Gautam, head of office and scientist-F at NCS.

"There is a faultline from Mahendragarh to Dehradun and also the Delhi-Haridwar ridge. So the region has such faults, but the region doesn't have a history of stronger earthquakes."

Residents in the highrise-dense NCR, on the other hand, are concerned about the safety of their buildings and have asked for more proactive government monitoring of a building's structural anatomy.

Delhi-NCR lies in seismic zone IV, which is classified as high-risk, and structures must adhere to National Building Code zonal standards (NBC).