

Gujarat flamingo poaching worst of its kind globally, say experts

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A cultural programme held at the inauguration ceremony

Gujarat to host next meet too

Ahmedabad: The third global bird watchers conference will be held in Gujarat in January next year. The announcement was made by state tourism minister Jay Narayan Vyasa while inaugurating the second global bird watchers conference in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

Gujarat tourism, in partnership with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), is organizing the Second Global Bird Watchers' Conference 2012 until January 22. After two days of field trips to various wetlands over the state, the delegates will share their experience at Gandhinagar on Sunday. The second conference is being attended by 360 delegates, students and researchers. About 95 delegates are attending from 38 different countries.

Eco tourism to help raise awareness: Vipul Mitra, principal secretary (tourism), strongly reproached poaching activities occurring in wetlands of the state due to lack of awareness. He said along with promoting eco tourism, the state is taking initiatives to inculcate a spirit of conservation among the masses. With an increase in tourism, local people would become conscious of the value of the birds in their locality. He also said Gujarat is emerging as the best state for tourism in the country. TNN

tarian and are for conserving wild life," added Floyd. Dr David Harper from Leicester, United Kingdom,

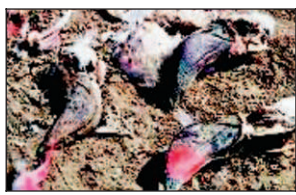
go sites. I have reports that some flamingo eggs were stolen from Kutch for consumption but never heard of poaching. Not even across the globe. It is difficult to know why the flamingos were poached as there is no major market for flamingo parts here."

Harper, an expert on Flamingos, added: "The government should involve local residents in conservation activities and should coach them on eco-tourism. If we employ them as guides, it will go a long way in convincing them that saving birds is of critical importance as then they will become part of the conservation."

Alan Davies and Ruth Miller, two British birders, feel that this "is a disturbing trend." "In Europe and Africa, we have never come across such large scale poaching of flamingos. This is really strange. If this continues then the birds will disappear. We need to make people aware and get their help to conserve these birds," they said. Miller and Davies, who have set a world record by sighting 4,341 different species of birds, said: "We have spotted half the species of wetland birds in 27 countries in the span of a year."

Controversy brews as officials ignored for global meet

Ahmedabad: The forest and tourism departments are at loggerheads over the second global bird watchers conference. The reason being, tourism officials did not invite forest officials.



The Gujarat forest officials were conspicuous by their absence at the venue for the second global bird watchers summit. Officials in the forest department said that the tourism department had invited bird watchers and experts across the globe, but did not extend the invitation to forest officials, who govern all the sanctuaries across Gujarat. "Even senior officials of the post of additional principal conservator of forest were not invited. The tourism department seems to want to promote sanctuaries without taking the forest department into confidence," said a senior officer of the forest department. "After we found that the forest department was not even invited, leave aside inviting us to jointly host the meet, all senior officials on Wednesday decided to keep away from the meet," said a forest official.

Women cops booked for illegal detention

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Ahmedabad: Three women constables have been booked for illegally detaining a man in connection with a dowry case. The constables who are posted in the women's police station at Bhadra were booked on the basis of orders issued by city police commissioner S K Saikia.

The investigation has been handed over to assistant commissioner of police, C Division, D D Chaudhary. Earlier, crime branch police inspector, Paresh Solanki, filed a complaint against the guilty - assistant



sub-inspector Nahida Kaluram, head constables Chanda Chelaram and Laxmi Rajesh. The trio has been accused of detaining Saunak Dave, a resident of Goa, in connection with a dowry case. Dave has alleged that he was illegally picked up by the women cops from Goa and then brought to the city before being arrested formally.

In August, 2011, Dave's wife Jyoti had filed a complaint against him. Jyoti had alleged that Dave was subjecting her to physical and mental harassment by staying with a foreigner in Goa. She had booked him under section 498 of IPC. "According to Dave, on August 14 three policewomen met him in Goa and brought him to Ahmedabad in a private car the next day. He claims that the three cops were accompanied by three relatives of Jyoti," said police investigators. Dave later alleged that after he was brought to the city, he was served summons by the police, and was forced to sign the notice. The notice mentioned that he was asked on August 14 to remain present

How it happened

Ahmedabad: After being arrested, the cops also accused Dave in a non-bailable offence - forcing his wife to undergo abortion. When he was produced before a court, Dave reiterated before the judge that he had been arrested in Goa and he also filed an official complaint in the matter.

Based on the court complaint, the inquiry into the matter was handed over to the DCP (crime branch) Himanshu Shukla. Shukla in his inquiry justified the police's behaviour and also stated that nothing illegal had taken place in the case.

Then in December, 2011, Dave filed a petition before the Gujarat high court. The HC directed the city police to take appropriate action in the matter within a period of six weeks. Dave had accused 11 persons, including senior officials of the crime branch, of being part of the conspiracy. In his complaint he had said that he had been abducted from Goa by city police and had been illegally detained. Based on this HC order, Saikia issued arrest orders against the three policewomen who had been part of the operation. TNN

before Ahmedabad police the next day, on August 15. This, as alleged by Dave, was done to prove that Dave had received the summons and had appeared before the police on his own.

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Architectural installations, from a woman's view

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Ahmedabad: Standing amid her creations mounted on the walls of L&P Hutheesing Visual Centre, Sheila Klein - the vibrant and vivacious visual artist from the US - talks excitedly about hierarchy in architecture.

"I tend to look at the world from a woman's perspective. So my view of architecture and art is also influenced by it. When I visited Rajasthan a few years back, I saw these perforated lacy window walls to be so much like crocheted architecture, captivating in its geometric hierarchy," said the artist, describing one of her creations in tea dyed cotton seine twine - textile wallah.

The well-known textile artist has used crochet as the material for her installations. "Crochet is much like setting posts or laying bricks, the structure of fabric relates to the built world and then reflects back," is her view.

An exhibition of Sheila's recent installations is currently on at the Hutheesing centre from January 19. Mostly works relat-



Few works by Sheila Klein at Hutheesing Visual Arts Centre

ed to her series - Hall of Architecture - are displayed here. Intricate works including a jali window and a lattice-like net, a creation which the artist describes as a version of Indra's net, an oriental concept of the infinite net reflecting the infinite reflections of the universe, are part of the exhibition. This is also based on her artistic realization that her own varied interests have deep connections to each other. Sheila had practiced architecture and has been involved in public art since 1977.

Sheila is currently in the city teaching at a two-week open workshop "Portable net" at NID in the city, where she teaches students textile art. "She calls her classes 'crochet controversy', where she provokes us with questions that are controversial, and through our shared narratives, we learn to find connect between cultures, apart from learning crochet work," says Roshini, an NID student who is attending Sheila's workshop.

The exhibition will continue at the centre till January 24, from 4pm to 8pm.

Lawyer gets more time to pay penalty

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court on Thursday granted two more weeks to the Lucknow-based lawyer Asok Pande to respond in connection with his failure to pay Rs 25,000 towards penalty for filing a frivolous PIL seeking recall of governor Dr Kamla.

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The court granted more time after it was informed that Pande has challenged the HC order before the Supreme Court. Pande had claimed that the appointment of Dr Kamla as governor of Gujarat was illegal. HC observed that within two weeks' time, the lawyer would have to tell the court if the apex court has granted any stay, else its order will be implemented. HC found Pande's PIL politically motivated, and dismissed the petition.

Earlier, HC had warned Pande of criminal proceedings against him for his failure to pay the penalty, and contemplated issuance of a non-bailable warrant against the petitioner. TNN

HC relief for Gujri Bazaar vendors

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court on Thursday stayed the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) from evacuating vendors of the Gujri Bazaar from the stretch of Khamasa police chawki to Ellisbridge when the market takes place on Sundays.

An association of 669 vendors had moved the HC demanding protection as the work for BRTS project is un-

derway, resulting in traffic congestions. After hearing them, a bench of acting Chief Justice Bhaskar Bhattacharya and Justice J B Pardiwala has asked AMC not to evacuate them till further court order. Next hearing is kept on February 2, said petitioner's lawyer UPala Bora. Meanwhile, HC disposed of the PIL filed by IIM-A faculty member Navdeep Mathur when the civic body filed an affidavit stating that the parties reached a compromise.

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Try to be emotionally independent

Do you find decision-making difficult? Do you consult others for the most mundane things? Clinical hypnotherapist

Most of us, at some point in our lives have been emotionally dependent or needy. This is natural as we are emotional beings. Detachment is not easy to master.

Leaning on someone once in a while is fine, but making a habit of it is dangerous. Research shows that people who are confirmed emotional clingers are most likely to develop dependent personality disorder or DPD. Men and women are equally prone to DPD and it can lead to depression, alcohol and drug abuse, emotional and physical abuse.

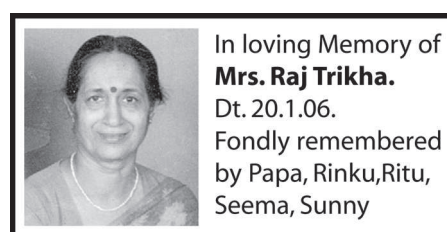
Such individuals find it difficult to take decisions. They have to consult a parent or partner even for the most mundane things. Often they suffer from an inferiority complex, run from responsibilities, are plagued by self-doubt and are unable to express emotions. **What is emotional independence?** Moving from dependence to emotional independence requires a conscious decision to break the pattern. Instead of reacting impulsively, think about a situation. This takes a lot of practice and cannot happen overnight.

Where to start The first step toward emotional independence is to 'know yourself'. Reflect on your actions and reactions to people and situations and identify needy behaviour. Observe your emotions and learn to control them. This is the key to being emotionally independent.

Spend quality time with yourself Being alone is often mistaken for being lonely. But 'me-time' has its virtues. Spend quality time with yourself doing things you enjoy. Read a book; watch your favourite soap; go on a shopping trip for some retail therapy, or pick up a new interest or work on an old one. Take a break from the daily grind to explore your own city or go trekking and camping. There are any number of things you can do on your own. **Don't be an emotional puppet** It is not natural for us to get affected by people we are emotionally involved with. We are conditioned to seek emotional support from them. But don't cling to people. Let them be. You'll notice they'll enjoy your company more when you don't drain them emotionally.

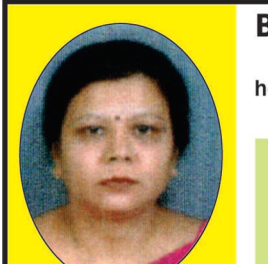
At the same time, don't become an emotional puppet in anyone's hands. Always keep the remote of your life firmly in your own hands.

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