

FROM 85,477 IN 2024 TO 11,52,671 IN 2025

13-fold increase in traffic violation cases in Surat city

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Surat city witnessed over 13-fold rise in traffic violations so far this year compared to last year. Tickets handed out for not wearing helmets rose over 60 times during the period, the data shared with *The Indian Express* shows.

From January, when police launched a drive, to the current month, the police registered 11,52,671 cases for traffic violations in the city, far higher than the 85,477 cases registered last year. The department has issued 28,340 challans for traffic violations in just 11 days ending Monday (November 28 and December 8), majority of them for over-speeding. Of this, the maximum number of tickets was issued in the areas known as the diamond and textile hubs in Surat where the traffic density is high. Of this, the highest number of 11,200 challans were issued in Region 1, that includes the areas of Varchha, Kapodara, Sarthana, Laskana, Udhna and Limbayat.

These areas see a surge in two-wheeler traffic in the morning (9 am-11 am) and around 5-6 pm coinciding with the factory shifts in diamond and textile units. Jayanti Patel, a resident of Hirabaug society in Varchha, who works in a diamond factory and hails from Amreli, goes to work around 8 am on his bike. "While returning at 6 pm, we have to make a stop at different traffic signals, which are at short distances, and it takes a long time to reach home. So people just jump the red light. Also several roads are constricted because of the ongoing work on the Surat Metro Rail," Patel says.

Majority of cases in diamond and textile hubs, tickets for not wearing helmets rise 60 times



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As per the data, 2,139 cases were registered for wrong-side driving and 7,328 for traffic signal violations during the 11 days – in both cases, nearly half of the challans were issued in Region 1.

Of 9,616 cases registered for over speeding during the period, 53% are in the region. Region 3 which covers the suburbs of Vesu, Dindoli, Sachin, Althan and the areas of Athwa, Umra, Kathodara, and Bhestan saw 84% challans issued for not wearing helmets, of the total 585 handed out during the 11 days.

'Obey traffic rules'

The traffic department has registered 797 lakh cases for helmet rule violations (against 13,379 cases in 2024), followed by 1,20,296 for traffic signal violations (16,633 in 2024), 1,85,145 for over-speeding (55,465 in 2024), and 50,230 cases of wrong-side driving in Surat so far this year.

The penalty for not wearing helmet while riding is Rs 500 per offence, while over speeding penalty ranges between Rs 3,000 and Rs 5,000, depending on the size of the vehicle. Deputy Commissioner Police (traffic), Sector 1, Ms

•Number-crunching

OFFENCE	CASES IN 2025	CASES IN 2024
Helmet rule violations	7.97 lakh	3,379
Traffic signal violations	1,20,296	16,633
Over-speeding	1,85,145	55,465

Anupam said, "We have been regularly carrying out traffic awareness drives in the city to develop traffic sense among people. This year, we have been strict against traffic rule violators, and because of that the number of cases has gone up in comparison to last year. We are registering more cases with an aim: people should obey traffic rules." According to Anupam, the traffic police with the help of the Regional Transport Office has cancelled driving licences of those who received 50 or more challans and had not paid the penalty amount. "Apart from wrong-side driving, we will also take strict action against vehicle riders who are honking unnecessarily in the coming days. Two days ago, our team caught a couple of bike riders honking regularly at the traffic signal. They were using imported bike horns." A traffic brigade personnel told *The Indian Express*: "It is difficult to work in Region 1, people mob us if anyone is caught for traffic violation. People argue with us and use abusive language. I have been working in Region 1 for last five years. For instance, three days ago, a bike rider, who was caught by a woman traffic brigade personnel for jumping the traffic lights, had a heated exchange with her. The offender was so abusive that my colleague has gone on leave". "There are around 300 traffic brigade personnel in the city

and 94 of them are women serving in the Sector 1 area. When we catch a person for violating traffic signals, the person puts blame on others. They even make videos of us and share on social media. We are helpless, but we have to work for our family, so we carry on," he said on condition of anonymity. Surat police installed 2,300 CCTV cameras across the city. The Surat city traffic area has been divided into four regions. Region 1 has Varchha, Kapodara, Sarthana, Laskana, Udhna and Limbayat, Region 2 comprises Salabatpura, Puna, Mahidharpura, SAROLI, lalgate, Katargam, Chowk Bazaar, Singhanpore), Region 3 has Athwa, Umra, Kathodara, Vesu, Althan, Dindoli, Pandesara, Bhestan, Sachin) and Region 4 has Amroli, Utran, Adajan, Jehangirpura, Pal, Rander, Ichhapore, Hazira Dumas. Meetings have also been held with the diamond bodies to tackle the traffic problem during peak hours. Surat Diamond Association president Jagdish Khunt told *The Indian Express* that in a meeting of diamond factory owners and the Surat city police, a plan to stagger the closing hours of the factories was discussed. "Over 5 lakh workers are employed in various diamond factories. The factory owners have accepted the proposals and started closing their factories at 10 to 30-minute intervals," Jagdish Khunt said.



'Flight' Club

Kite strings, popularly known as 'manja', being prepared in Rajkot on Thursday. Kite flying is popular in Gujarat, especially during Uttarayan. EXPRESS

PANDIT DEENDAYAL ENERGY UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

ChatGPT can give answers, but only you can ask right questions: Mukesh Ambani

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HISTORY SHOWS countries become true economic powers only when they are strong in science and technology, and this can happen only if nations lead in science and technology with world-class universities, Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani on Thursday said while addressing the 13th convocation of Pandit Deendayal Energy University in Gandhinagar.

A total of 2195 students, including 41 PhD scholars and several merit medal winners, received their degree certificates.

"A decade ago, the rest of India was talking about vibrant Gujarat. Today, the rest of the world is talking about vibrant India. Nevertheless, we must remember that the geopolitical situation has created certain challenges for our future progress," Ambani said.

He added that America became America because of its best-in-the-world universities. "Europe demonstrated this truth much earlier. Japan did it. China is doing it. Now, it is India's turn ... and we should do better than all the rest," he said. "There is stiff global competition in artificial intelligence, new energy and other technologies of the future. In this race, job jeeta wohi Sikkandar (winner takes all). Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Modi, Bharat jeetega. Bharat aage badhega, Bharat duniya ko badalega, aur hum Bharat ko badalenge," Ambani said.

He asked the students to be curious and dream big. "ChatGPT can give you answers, but only you can ask the right questions. In the age of AI, the person with the most answers is smart, but the person with the best questions is a leader. Never let your curiosity and your faculty of thinking

die," he told the graduating students. Chief guest Sudhir Mehta, Chairman Emeritus of Torrent Group, while reflecting on the evolution of the university, said, "What began in 2007 as a visionary initiative by our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, focused on petroleum study has today flourished into a multidisciplinary university of national and international acclaim." Mehta offered students three key principles – embellish self-reliance as a personal ethos, not just as a national goal, think big, and engage with technology but stay grounded in values.

"You are graduating at a time when the world is undergoing one of the most profound technological transformations in the history of AI, renewable energy, semiconductors and digital technology. Always remember, technology gives you power, but values give you direction. Let integrity be your compass," he added.

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AAP Narmada president Niranjan Vasava booked for issuing 'threats to merchant'

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Vadodra, December 11

THE NARMADA District police on Thursday booked Narmada district Aam Aadmi Party president Niranjan Vasava in an alleged case of criminal breach of trust and criminal intimidation after he allegedly threatened a merchant with dire consequences over an outstanding

due of Rs 1.86 lakh.

In an FIR lodged on Wednesday at Rajpipla police station, Niranjan was accused of threatening Manish Vasava – a driver by profession – who had been engaged by Niranjan for installing paver blocks in his village of Kuvarpara in the year 2023. According to FIR, Niranjan promised Manish he would pay the outstanding amount of

Rs 1.86 lakh within six months. However, the amount allegedly remained unpaid and led to a quarrel between the two. In the FIR, Manish said that when he called Niranjan over the phone to request for the payment of the outstanding amount, the latter allegedly verbally abused him and threatened him with dire consequences. Niranjan has been

booked under Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023, Sections for BNS 316(2) (criminal breach of trust), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 351(3) (criminal intimidation). The FIR against Niranjan comes a week after his brother Virbhadrasingh Vasava was booked in a Prohibition case after allegedly being found in possession of liquor.

ICG apprehends 11 Pakistani fishermen

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THE INDIAN Coast Guard (ICG) on Thursday intercepted a Pakistani fishing boat and detained and handed over 11 fishermen to the Jakhau Marine Police in Kutch.

The ICG in a post on social media site X, said, "In a swift operation on December 10, the Indian Coast Guard apprehended a Pakistani fishing boat with 11 crew inside the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)." It further said, "This interdiction underscores Bhartiya Tatrakshak's sustained maritime operations and India's commitment to securing its maritime



The boats were apprehended in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. EXPRESS

frontiers while maintaining robust enforcement of international maritime laws within the Maritime Zones of India." The post added, "Continuous vigilance across India's maritime domain remains a cornerstone of our national maritime security strategy."

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