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A student at the 24th Creativita, an annual inter-school art competition in Ahmedabad, on Sunday. ANI

Body of fisherman who died in Pak jail brought back to Una

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THE BODY of a 36-year-old Gujarat fisherman, who died in a Pakistani jail last month despite completing his sentence nearly three years ago, has been brought back to his native village in Gir Somnath district, an official said.

Bhagabhai Bambhaniya, a resident of Chikhli village in Una taluka of the district, died of cardiac arrest at a jail in Karachi on January 16, said OA Makrani, a fisheries official from Jafrabad.

"His body was handed over to a team from the fisheries department at the Indo-Pakistan border in Wagah (Punjab). It was transported by a plane to Ahmedabad and then brought to his native village via road on Saturday," Makrani said.

Bambhaniya was appre-

hended by the Pakistani authorities on February 18, 2022, after his fishing boat 'Burak' inadvertently crossed the international maritime boundary during a fishing expedition in the Arabian Sea off the Gujarat coast. He was subsequently convicted and sentenced. However, he continued to languish in jail long after serving his sentence in 2022. His health suddenly deteriorated in jail, and he died of a heart attack, officials said.

After a considerable delay, and following the completion of procedures between the governments of both countries, the fisherman's body was brought back to India, they said.

Despite the bilateral Agreement on Consular Access, 2008, between the two nations, the fisherman was kept in jail, in what peace activists have called a violation of human

rights. As per section 5 of the 2008 agreement, "Both the governments agree to release and repatriate persons within one month of confirmation of their national status and completion of sentences." The development came less than a month after a group of people from the fishing community in Diu submitted a letter to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, drawing his attention to the issue. Currently, 198 Indian fishermen, including 19 from Maharashtra, are in Karachi jail, said peace activist Jatin Desai, who has been taking up the issue of Indian fishermen jailed in Pakistan after inadvertently crossing the international maritime border during fishing trips.

According to Desai, nearly 160 of them have completed their sentence, and their nationality has been verified.

service records, the Gujarat High Court has directed that any decision taken by the government in the matter should be subject to the outcome of his petition. A division bench of Justices Bhargav Karia and L S Pirzada granted the relief to Ashishkumar Gohil, head of the college's production engineering department, in an oral order on February 4.

The bench was hearing an appeal filed by Gohil, an alumnus of IIT Bombay, challenging a December 24, 2025, judgment of a single-judge bench of the High Court that had dismissed his application seeking the quashing and setting aside of a chargesheet dated February 14, 2022, issued by the state government, as well as all further proceedings, including the showcause notice of December 12, 2025, till the final disposal of the present petition.

As per Gohil's petition, filed through advocate Utkarsh Dave, he joined Shantil Shah Engineering College in Bhavnagar, a government college under the Directorate of Technical Education, in 1991 as an ad hoc lecturer in mechanical engineering and was promoted by the Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) to the post of lecturer of production engineering in 1995, and thereafter, as assistant professor in 2006. He was then transferred to Likhdirji Engineering College, Morbi, as an associate professor and worked there until 2015, when he requested to be transferred back to SS Engin-

morbi college.

'Adverse remarks, unauthorised absence'

As per Dave, Gohil was accused of tampering with the service record in 2020, when he sought permission from the principal (of SS College) to get his service book bound afresh as it "was in tatters". However, a week after he returned the newly bound book to the institution, a junior clerk informed the administrative officer that "some of the pages were missing from the service book". The clerk noted that the pages related to "adverse remarks in the confidential record (of 2010 and 2011), notings regarding unauthorised absence for 54 days (in 2008) and notings regarding penalty of censure (2012)" were missing.

A chargesheet was issued against Gohil following a preliminary inquiry and after the completion of the disciplinary proceedings, at the advice of the GPSC. Gohil was served with a showcause notice and asked to provide his representation on the advice of the GPSC. Gohil challenged the chargesheet in the HC last year on the ground that "it was based on a preliminary inquiry, which is not permissible under law since there is no provision for preliminary inquiry under the Gujarat Civil Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1971". "The advice of the GPSC was also challenged since it is a non-speaking order, which shows non-application of

ment) in holding that a penalty of removal from service" was appropriate without directing disqualification for future service under the Government.

A single judge of the HC dismissed Gohil's petition in December 2025, on the ground that the chargesheet was "not entirely based on the preliminary inquiry" and that he had raised the issue "at a late stage". The court also held that it was "not necessary for the GPSC to provide reasons, drawing a parallel with the procedure of the Disciplinary Authority not giving any reason if it agrees with the Inquiring Officer on the finding of guilt".

Advocate Utkarsh Dave said, "Our prayer before the court is that these pages relate to old matters of the years from 2008 to 2012, which have no adverse consequence on his service after a lapse of 12 years. During this time, he had also been promoted to the rank of professor in 2016... while the incident of alleged tampering with Service Book happened in 2020. Hence, he was promoted, by selection, on the recommendation of GPSC only after considering all aspects, including adverse entries." Dave added that in submissions before the court, it has been emphasised that pages were not counted before and after the service book was taken and handed over. "Since the missing pages have no consequence on his service, there was no motive for the appellant to tamper with his Service Book," he said.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Members (Members means and includes only Ordinary/Equity shareholders) of Prasad Mills Limited will be held on Friday, 6th March, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Near Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India - 380006, to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of EGM.

Notes and Instructions:

- The Company was under liquidation since 23.08.1988 and since then was under the purview of the Official Liquidator, High Court of Gujarat. Thereafter, the Scheme of compromise and arrangement between the Company and its creditors/ members presented by Riverfront Properties Pvt Ltd ("The Sponsor") in Company Petition No.264 of 2008 got sanctioned vide the Judgement dated 10.11.2023 of the High Court of Gujarat. Subsequently the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 05.02.2024 was not inclined to interfere with the Judgement of the High Court of Gujarat. Thus, the Sanctioned Scheme attained finality.
- The Company started implementation of the Scheme and thereby the Company was brought back to life.
- A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY / PROXIES TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF / HERSELF. SUCH A PROXY / PROXIES NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. The instrument of Proxy in order to be effective, should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, duly completed and signed, not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting. A person can act as proxy on behalf of members not exceeding fifty (50) and holding in the aggregate not more than ten percent of the total Ordinary/Equity share capital of the Company. A member holding more than ten percent of the total Ordinary/Equity share capital of the Company carrying voting rights may appoint a single person as proxy and such person shall not act as proxy for any other person or shareholders.
- Proxy form, in order to be effective, must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting.
- Corporate Members: Corporate Members intending to send their authorized representatives are requested to send a duly certified copy of the Board Resolution authorizing the representatives to attend and vote at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting.
- Members / Proxies are requested to bring their Attendance Slip for attending the meeting.
- Members must bring a valid and Original photo identity proof, such as Aadhaar Card/ Voter ID/ Passport, for valid attendance at the meeting. Where a proxy is appointed, a valid and Original photo identity proof of both the Member and the Proxy is required.
- Voting at the meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 107 and 109 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- All documents referred to in the Notice and the Explanatory Statement are available for inspection by the members at the Registered Office of the Company on working days between 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. up to 05.03.2026.
- The Results of the voting shall be declared by the Chairman of the Company and the same shall be displayed at the Notice Board of the registered office of the company as well as on the website of the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
Prasad Mills Limited
Sd/-

Anand Vipinchandra Shah
Director (DIN: 00017452)

Date : 09.02.2026

Place : Ahmedabad