

Customs wing seizes boat to Dubai with 3,500 goats, sheep

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THE MARINE Wing of Pune Customs, in a joint operation with Indian Coast Guard, seized a cargo boat which was illegally transporting 3,500 goats and sheep to Dubai, by fraudulently showing it as coastal cargo between Karnataka and Gujarat.

Officers of the Marine Wing of Pune Customs had received an input last week about the coastal movement of livestock from Vijaydurg port in Sindhudurg of Maharashtra to Okha port in Gujarat. The vessel set sail from Vijaydurg at 9 am on April 20. Based on billing information, it appeared that around 3,500 sheep and goats were being transported from Karnataka to Gujarat to meet the demand of upcoming festivities, a Pune customs officer said.

"Since supply of livestock from Karnataka to Gujarat did not appear to be a general trade practice, and there was no previous history of coastal passage of livestock from Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri, the said movement appeared suspicious. Since the marine team was simultaneously processing an unconfirmed intel input on an illegal export to Pakistan, the vessel was placed under monitoring to rule out any case of illegal export," the officer added.

One team started monitoring the vessel movement through the automatic identification system (AIS), a tracking mechanism that uses transceivers on ships and is used by vessel traffic services for marine traffic monitoring. Another team was deployed at sea, such that a visual identification of the ship's passage could be established. It subsequently came to light that the AIS of the ship was switched off and the vessel was not in the expected vicinity. An alert was immediately forwarded to the joint operations centre of the Mumbai Coast Guard.

"The Coast Guard was able to detect the vessel approx 90 nautical miles in the open sea and on course to Dubai. A request was made by the customs team to intercept the vessel for further inquiry. The Coast Guard intercepted the vessel at sea at around 12:30 am on April 21," the officer said.

The vessel was escorted to Jaigad anchorage in Ratnagiri where a team of Customs officers held a search, the officer said. "The team seized fake shipping bills, invoices, fake customs clearance with use of fake seals of various authorities including Customs, fake import documents pertaining to import at Dubai, dubious emigration documents and fake animal health certificates. The vessel, along with crew and cargo has been detained for investigation," the officer added.



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12 injured as bus overturns on highway

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AS MANY as 12 passengers of a private bus were injured when the vehicle turned on its side on Pune Solapur Highway on Monday night, when the bus driver suddenly applied brakes to avoid hitting another vehicle, of-

ficials from Pune Rural Police said. The bus run by a private operator was ferrying passengers from Mumbai to Nizamabad in Telangana. The accident took place around 8.30 pm on the Pune Solapur Highway at Bhandgaon village in Daund taluka, located around 55 km from Pune City. Inspector Hemant Shendge, in-charge of Yavat police station,

Bus driver suddenly applied brakes to avoid hitting another vehicle

said, "Primary probe suggests that the bus driver suddenly applied brakes to avoid hitting a vehicle, probably a bike, and then could not control the vehicle. The

bus turned on its side, injuring 12 passengers." Officials said that while the exact number of passengers was not immediately known, the bus has a seating capacity of 40. Details of the nature of injuries to the 12 passengers also are unknown. Pune Zilla Parishad officials said that after receiving a call

about the accident, four ambulances were dispatched to the location and the injured were shifted to different hospitals. Officials said the bus was subsequently taken off the road and put back on its wheels with the help of a crane so that traffic, which had slowed down after the accident, could resume on the highway, officials said.

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Environment Sustainability at JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd and Udaipur Cement Works Ltd

The focus on environmental sustainability has taken centre stage in almost every sphere of life nowadays and for good reason. How would you put the concept of environmental sustainability in layman's terms?

In simple terms, environmental sustainability is the practice of interacting with the planet responsibly. Environmental sustainability involves making decisions and taking actions that are in the interest of protecting the natural world, with particular emphasis on preserving the capability of the environment to support human life.

In light of the growing emphasis worldwide on business practices that take environmental sustainability into account, how has JK Lakshmi Cement Limited interwoven environmental sustainability into its business operations to build a profitable business that is also responsible for the environment?

While going through the beautiful journey of our cement business for the last 4 decades at JK Lakshmi Cement Limited, we have always believed in protecting nature for our future generations. Starting from our mining operations to cement dispatch, we always believe in sustainable development. For the plastic bags, which are going to our customers through cement dispatch, we address the environmental concern of those bags by fulfilling the extended producer responsibility (EPR). This never-ending approach to environmental sustainability has helped us carve a niche for ourselves in the Indian Cement industry.

The company has always been a game-changer in the cement industry for its efforts in creating a sustainable future through its initiatives, which are taken at various levels throughout the organization. We have come a long way since our inception in creating an environment that directly benefits the ecology at large and sustains it for future generations.

During the last 4 decades, we at JK Lakshmi

I FORESEE a bright future, with a lot more companies and people coming forward to join us in this mission. I am sure we will leave a greener planet for future generations. I wish you all a very Happy Earth Day"

Smt. Vinita Singhania
Vice Chairperson and Managing Director, JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd.

units. We have also installed one solar plant at Falodi, Jodhpur, from where we are utilizing the power for our Sirohi plant operation.

At Udaipur Cement Works Limited, we have installed the first floating solar plant in the Indian cement industry. This 1 MWp power plant not only generates sustainable energy but also has started to become a tourist attraction for the local natives. The Minister of State in Rajasthan and other government dignitaries appreciated our efforts in creating a conducive foundation for renewable energy resources.

The total solar capacity of JK Lakshmi Cement as of date is 46.45 MWp. To leverage the potential of solar power, we have recently signed an MoU for a 56 MWp solar capacity for our Durg plant, which will enable the Durg unit to meet 82% of its electrical energy requirement through green power. This will probably make it the greenest cement plant in the country. We are also using 4 MW of power through wind energy.

The combined renewable energy capacity of JK Lakshmi Cement at the end of FY23 is 93.45 MW, which makes us able to fulfill our electrical energy requirement by 48% through renewable energy sources.

At JK Lakshmi Cement, we have also focused on the utilization of alternative fuels for reducing our dependency on conventional fuels. At present, our thermal substitution rate is 4.11% for Sirohi & Durg units combined. We

undertaken the membership of GCCA-India, in which we are raising our concerns and comments on the development activities and the roadmaps of being Net zero targets.

Some of the major environmental targets set by JK Lakshmi cement limited include initiatives being taken for becoming carbon neutral, meeting RE100 targets by 2040.

Please share the company's accomplishments and initiatives that have set JK Lakshmi Cement Limited in a league of its own in leading the way as an eminent business that gives precedence to environmental sustainability.

We are ranked among the top 5 cement companies in the country that are highly efficient on energy parameters according to CII benchmarks. We have meticulously worked on our operations to reduce the overall carbon footprint, which will reap benefits for our long-term goals of achieving a Net Zero Carbon Footprint. It may surprise you that our carbon emission is around 560 Kg per tonne of cement production, which is not only way above an excellent mark but also among one of the lowest in the country.

Our initiatives are not only restricted to implementing energy-efficient parameters in our manufacturing facilities and production but in our logistics as well. Recently, we have deployed a fleet of LNG-powered trucks for our transportation of raw materials that made us India's first cement company that inducted this green transportation in its fleet for the transportation of our goods.

We are also a Water Positive Company, which means we produce or harvest more water than we consume. With an average of 4.0 water positivity index, we are ranked quite higher as compared to our competition in the same regard. JK Lakshmi Cement is also registered with various Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Voluntary Carbon Standards (VCS) projects with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) working enthusiastically towards mitigating climate change and global warming.

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