

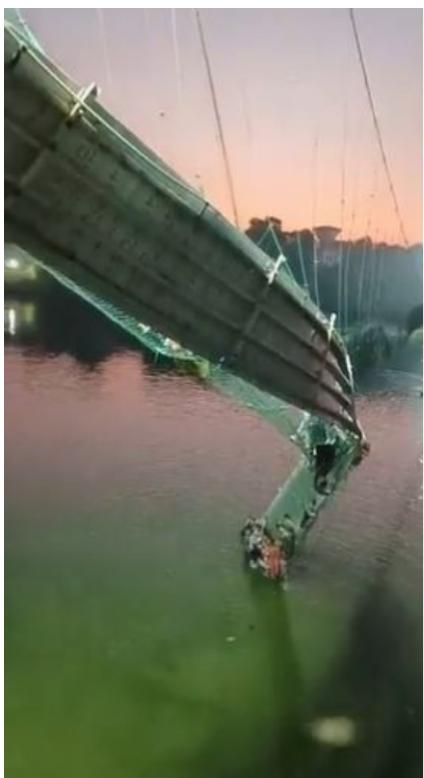
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WHAT EXACTLY HAS HAPPENED

On 30 October 2022 a pedestrian suspension bridge over the Machchhu River in the city of Morbi in Gujarat, India, collapsed, causing the deaths of at least 135 people and injuries to more than 180 others.

The 19th-century bridge had reopened five days earlier, in time for Diwali and the Gujarati New Year, following a lengthy closure for repairs.



SUSPENSION BRIDGE

A suspension bridge is a type of bridge in which the deck is hung below suspension cables on vertical suspenders. The basic structural components of a suspension bridge system include stiffening girders/trusses, the main suspension cables, main towers, and the anchorages for the cables at each end of the bridge. The main cables are suspended between towers and are finally connected to the anchorage or the bridge itself, and vertical suspenders carry the weight of the deck and the traffic load on it.



BACKGROUND OF BRIDGE

Julto Pul was a 230-meter-long, 1.25-metre-wide pedestrian suspension bridge, 15 meters over the Machchhu River, connecting the districts of Mahaprabhuji and Samakantha. It was built during British rule in India in the 19th century. Dates for its construction vary, but according to locals, it was built in the 1880s by Waghji Thakore, the local maharaja. It connected Darbargadh Palace with Nazarbaug Palace the residences of the erstwhile royal family of Morbi State. At that time, there was a limit of fifteen people on the bridge at once, as the narrow structure meant it swayed with any greater weight.



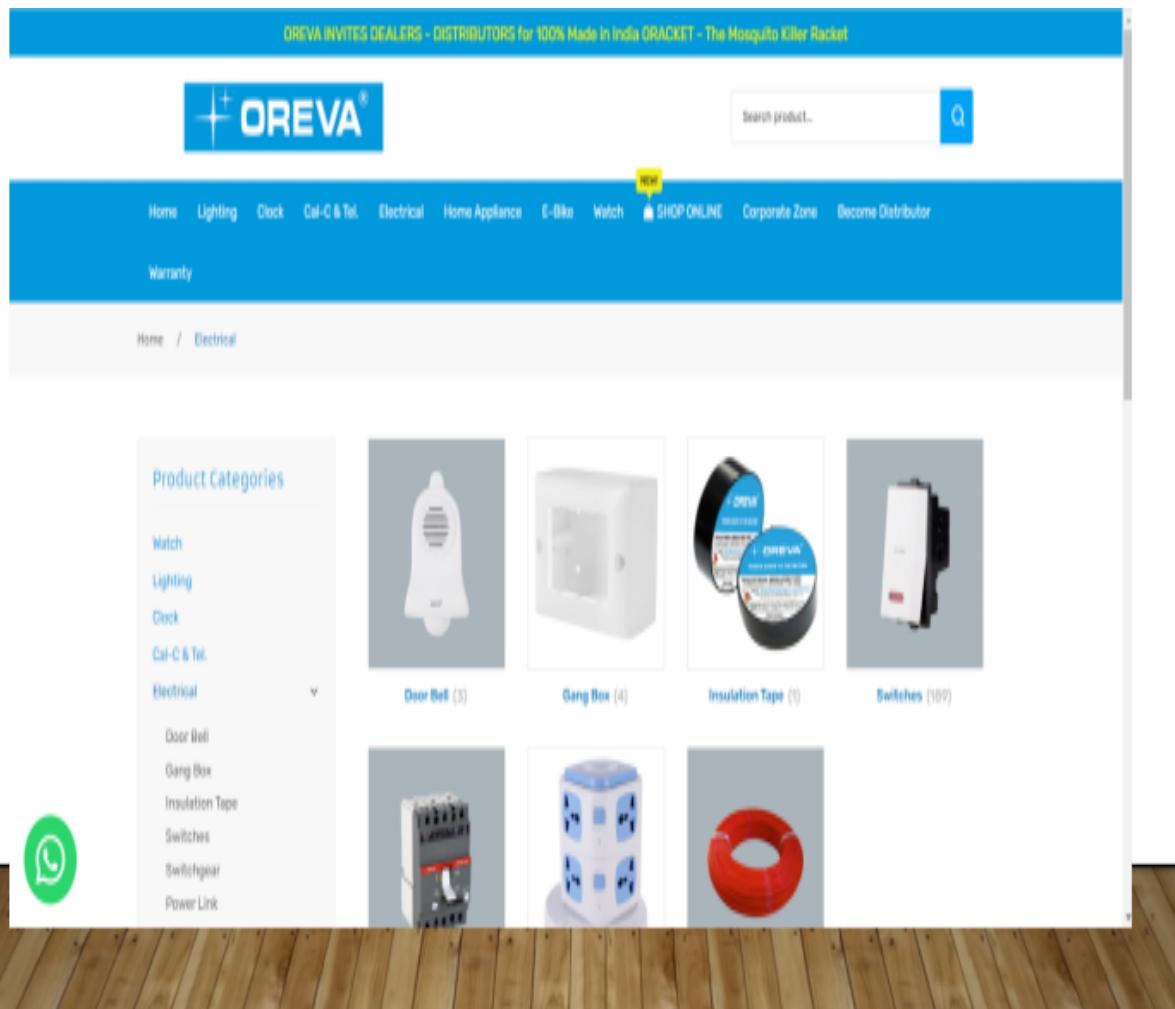
THE COMPANY AND THE AGREEMENT

In recent times the bridge was owned and operated as a toll bridge by the Morbi municipality, which signed a contract with the Morbi-based private trust Oreva – a company known for making clocks for maintenance and operations on 7 March 2022. The fifteen-year contract was with Oreva's flagship company, Ajanta Manufacturing Private Limited, which had been involved with the bridge since 2008. The agreement covered the maintenance and management of the bridge. The toll bridge reopened on 26 October 2022 on the occasion of the Gujarati New Year, after being closed for repairs for six months.



LOOPHOLES

1. WHY WAS THE CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN THE BRIDGE IS GIVEN TO COMPANY THAT USUALLY MANUFACTURE CLOCK, CALCULATOR & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT



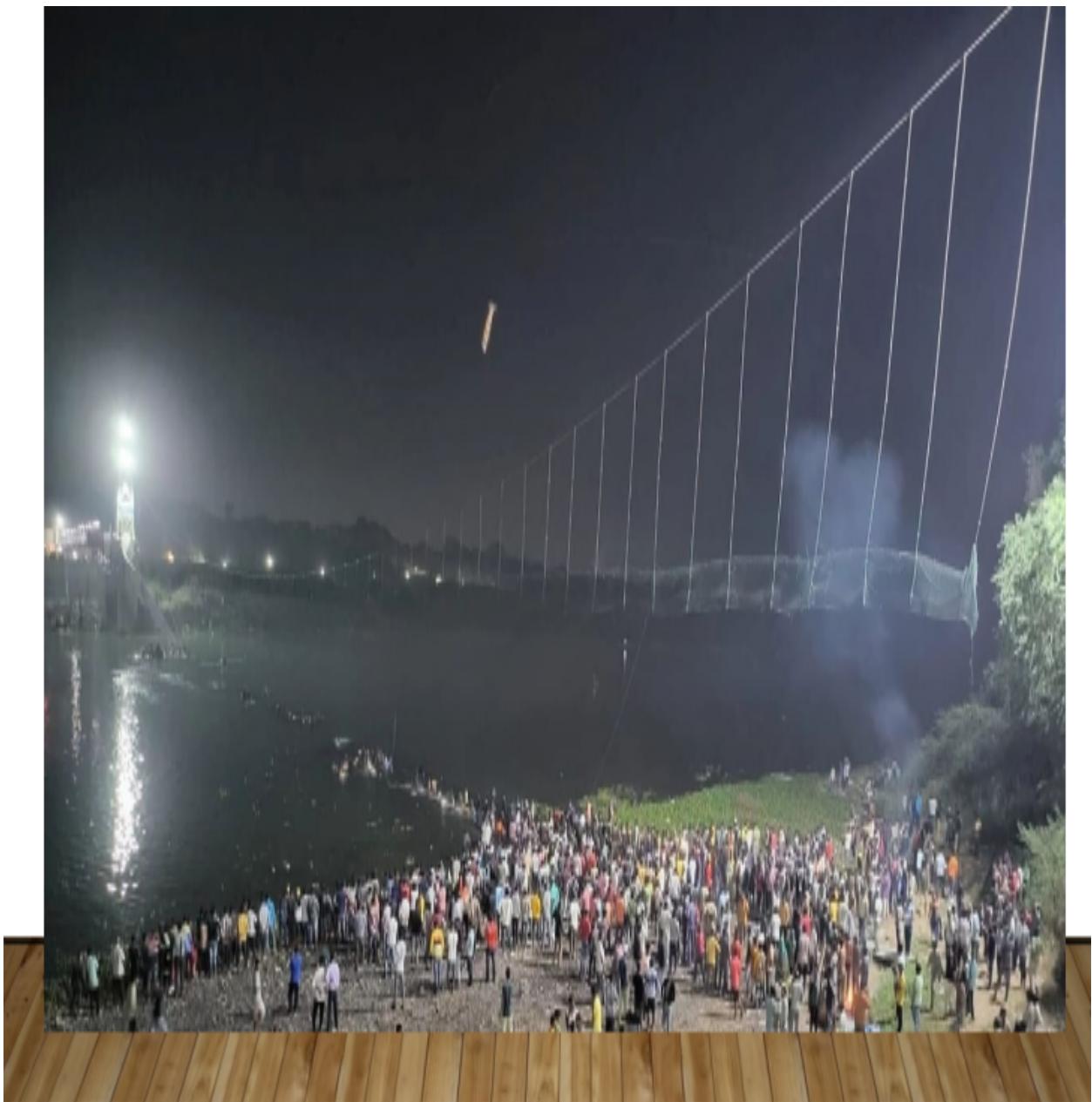
2. EVEN WITHOUT GETTING A FITNESS CERTIFICATE FROM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHY WAS THE BRIDGE ALLOW TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



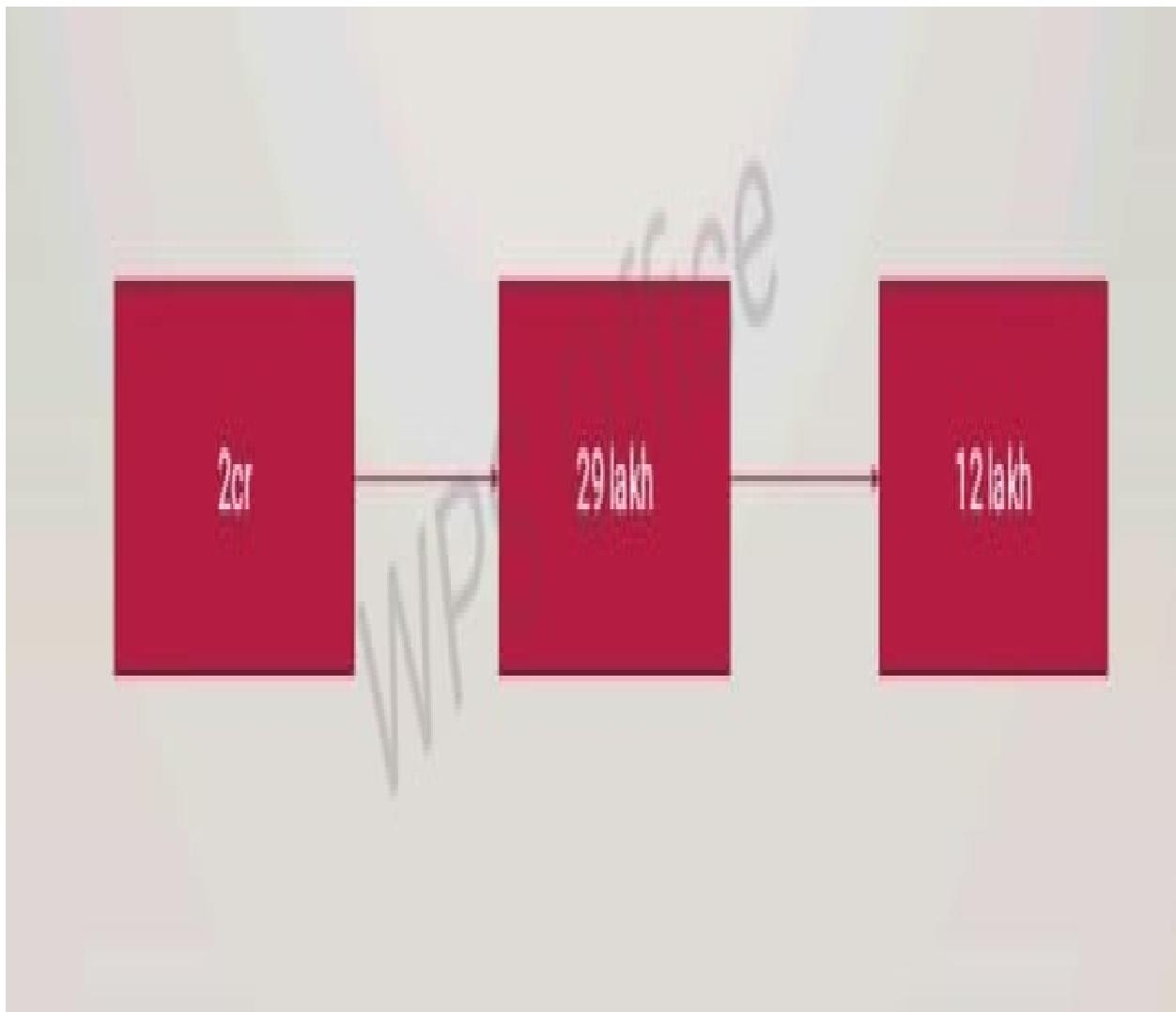
3.WHILE REPAIRING BRIDGES,WHY WERE THE RUSTED CABLES OF THE BRIDGE NOT REPLACED

The screenshot shows a Facebook page for "DevPrakash Solutions". The page header features a blue circular logo with a stylized white 'dp' monogram, followed by the company name "DEVPRAKASH SOLUTIONS". Below the logo, the page has 133 likes and 133 followers. The main menu includes "Posts", "About", "Photos", "Videos", and a three-dot menu. On the left, there's an "Intro" section with a description: "Providing Management Services , Helping to Improvement in your on going business." Below this are three contact details: a "Page · Business centre" link, a location "Dhrangadhra, India, Gujarat", and a phone number "096626 34141". On the right, a post from "DevPrakash Solutions" dated "29 January 2020" is visible, featuring the same blue 'dp' logo. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "WPS Office" is overlaid across the entire image.

4.OVERLOADING:WHY UPPER LIMIT IS NOT ALLOWED TOURISM PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS



5.WHEN THE COMPANY QUOTED 2CR BUDGET TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE BUT OREVA SPEND ONLY 12 LAKH ON MORBI BRIDGE



CONCLUSION

This is not a single incident. We witness such incidents from time to time all across the nation. Some examples are:

West Bengal bridge collapse (2011):

35 killed, 60 injured as overloaded bridge collapses in Darjeeling



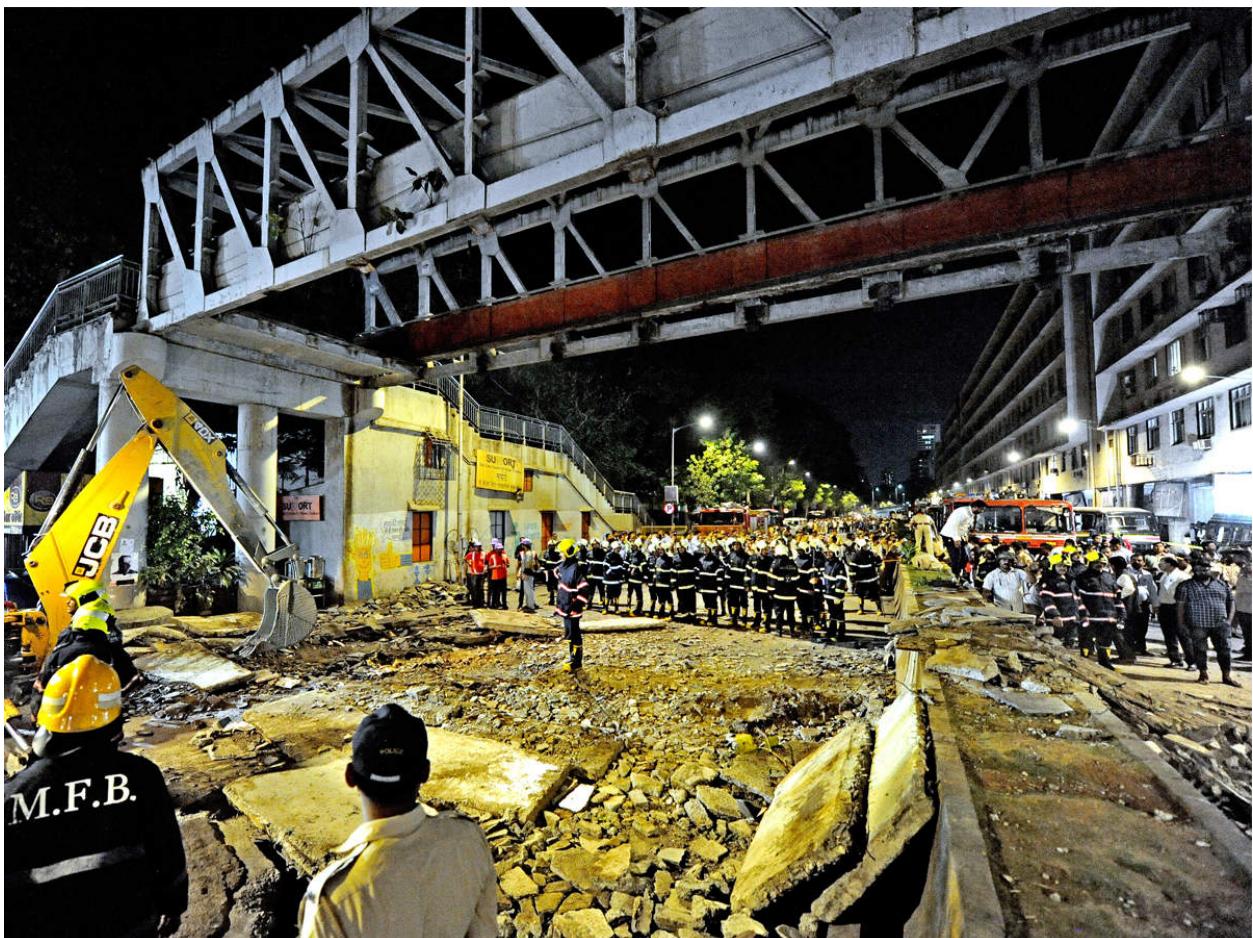
Kolkata bridge collapse 2018

20 people died more than 60 are injured



2019 Mumbai foot overbridge collapse

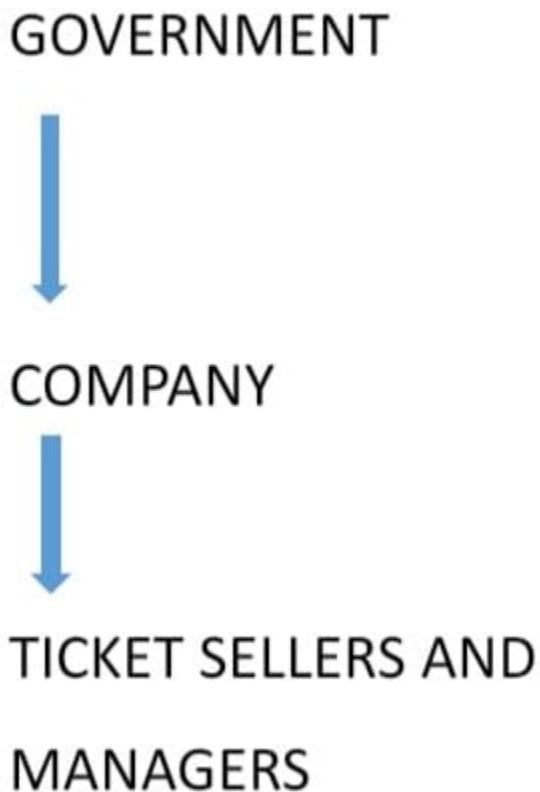
Six people died and at least 30 others were injured in the accident.



A bridge collapse due to corruption is such a common incident. These type of examples are also mentioned in some movies like



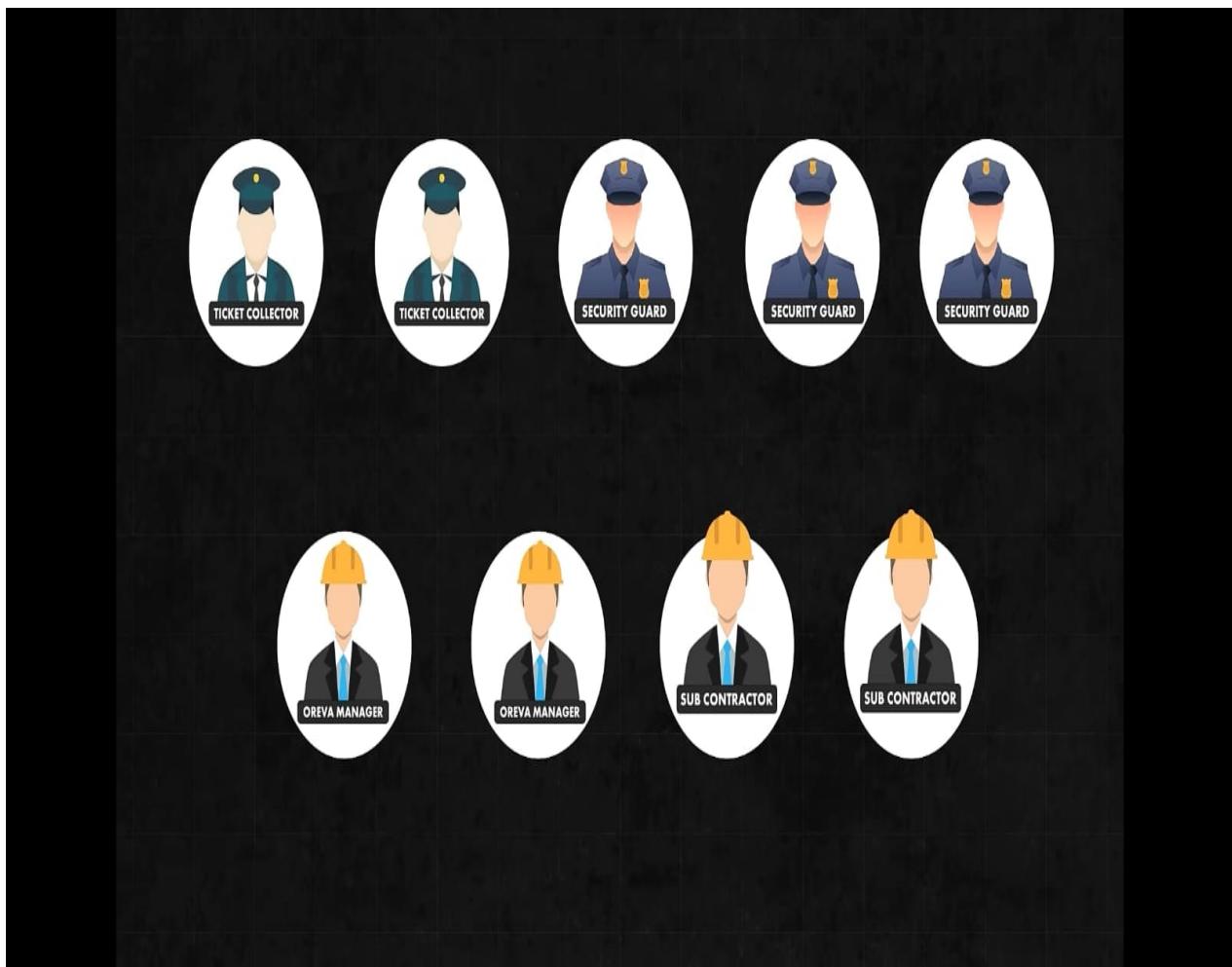
This make it necessary to examine these incidents in detail so that such incidents will not repeat in future.



Here in this case government put all its responsibilities on company. Company also shifted its carelessness on ticket sellers, security guard and managers.

Due to which-

9 PEOPLE ARE ACCUSED IN THIS CASE:



But some other doubts needs to be consider are:

1st

Are we making scapegoats out of ticket sellers?

-Because neither the company nor the municipality calculated the allowable capacity. There was no guideline on no. of people allowed on the bride. So how the people selling tickets know about these rules. They are just poor people doing the task they had been assigned by the company.

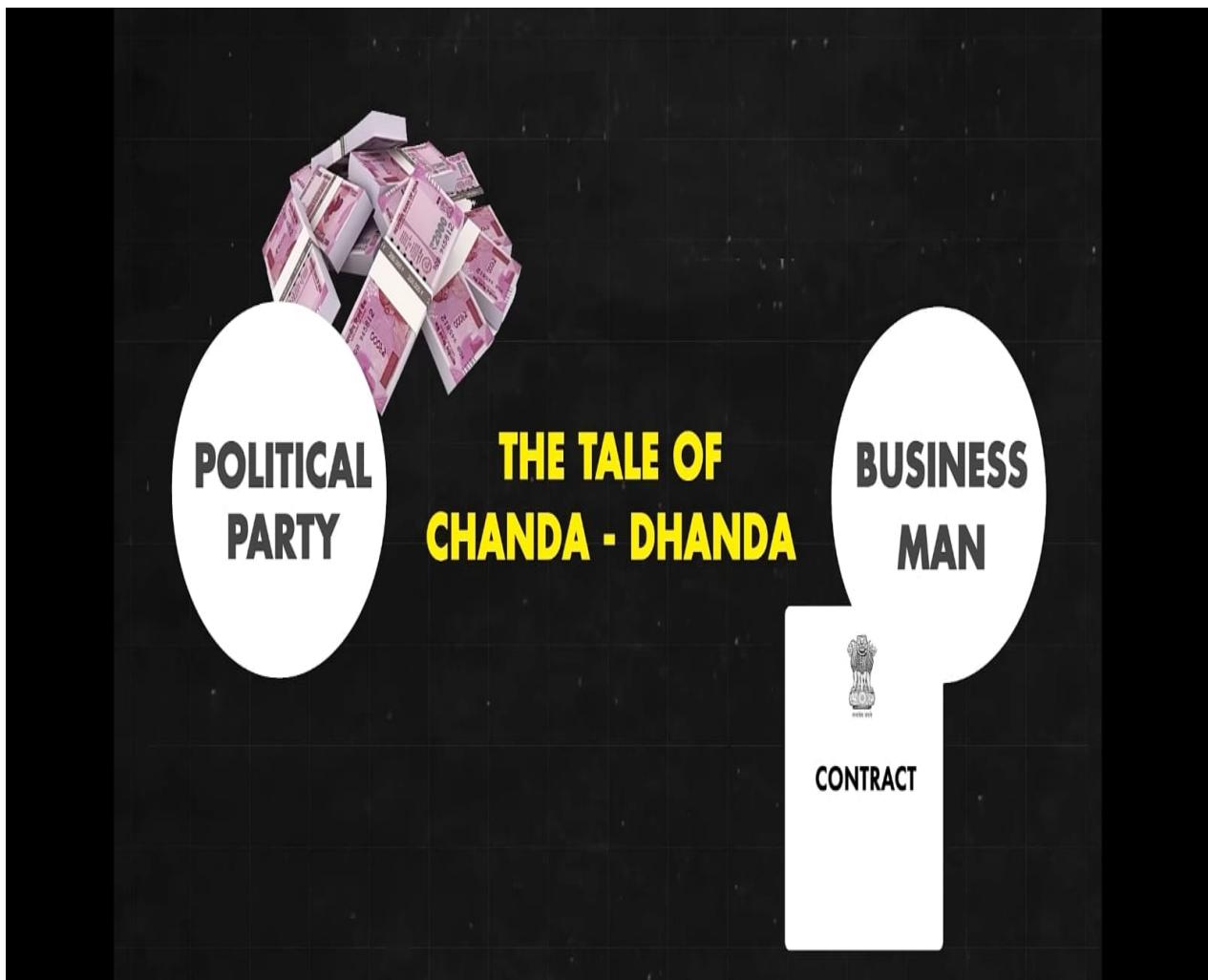
2nd

Why there is no FIR against owner JAYSUKH PATEL?



3RD

Is there any political connections like?



SOLUTION :

To get rid of corruption and these kind of incidents we have to raise our voice on these type of topics rather than participating in debate of boycotting movies and religious matters.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ACTIONS:

Gujarat government paid a total compensation of ₹10 lakh to the family of each of the deceased and a grant of ₹1 lakh to the injured in the bridge collapse incident.

Nine accused were arrested in connection with the Morbi bridge collapse.

Chief Judicial M J Khan had on November 1 remanded four of the arrested accused -- two managers of the Oreva group and two sub-contractors who had repaired the ill-fated bridge -- in police custody till Saturday