

# PROPOSED TRANSPORT ACT 'Road safety isn't even mentioned'

*It's vague, weak, lacking clear objective, say speakers at discussions*

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Vehemently criticising several provisions of the proposed road transport act, a minister, noted activists and transport leaders yesterday said the objective of the law was not clear.

They also said the law cannot achieve its goal with no mention of road safety, operations of the highways and being absurd on many counts.

The discussants also criticised "disproportionately voluminous punishment for

even petty offences" mentioned in the proposed law.

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Malik-Sramik Oikya Parishad organised the discussion titled "Things to do to check road accidents and Road Transport Act-2017" at Thai Chi Restaurant and Café while Brac and Safe Roads and Transport Alliance jointly organised another discussion on the proposed law and citizen's expectations at the Brac Centre Inn yesterday.

"The proposed law even lacks a

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# OBAMACARE REPEAL Republicans narrowly get enough votes in US Congress

AFP, Washington

The US House of Representatives yesterday narrowly passed a Republican effort to repeal and replace Obamacare, delivering a welcome victory to President Donald Trump after early legislative stumbles.

Following weeks of in-party feuding and mounting pressure from the White House, lawmakers voted 217 to 213 to pass a bill dismantling much of Barack Obama's Affordable

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# DISTORTING HISTORY House passes resolution to enact law

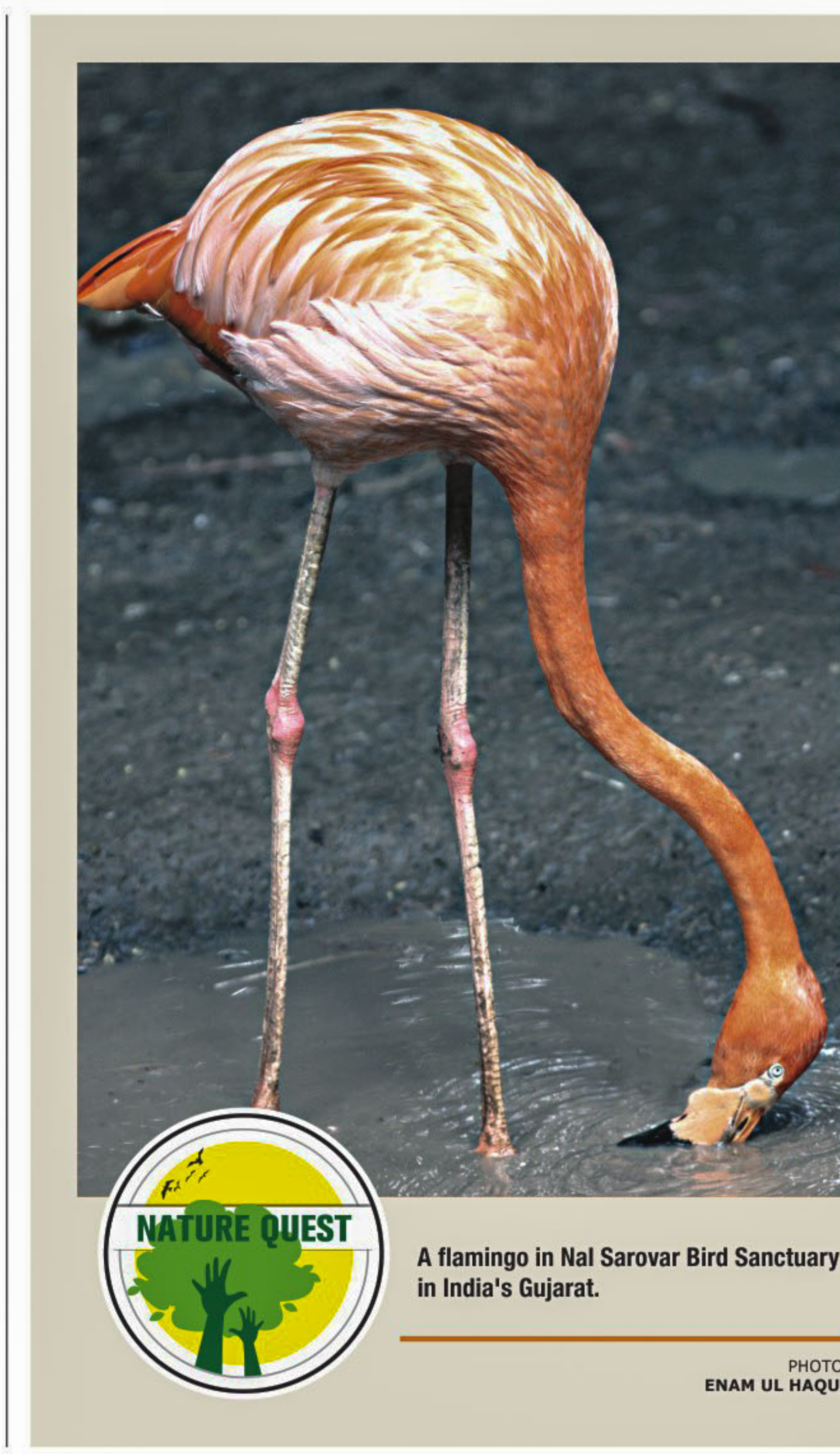
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Parliament unanimously adopted a resolution aimed at enacting a law to punish those who distort the history of Liberation War and the mass killing during the period.

Awami League lawmaker Fazilatun Nasa Bappy submitted the resolution in the House, which was adopted by a voice vote.

Law Minister Anisul Huq said his ministry had drafted a law titled

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# First flamingo in Bangladesh

ENAM UL HAQUE

A hunting party found a flock of five large birds feeding at the braided Jamuna river towards the end of December last year. For years the hunters have been shooting down migratory ducks just for pleasure.

Never before did they see such a huge bird with a strange bill. They shot at the flock and one bird fell on the ground. They collected the carcass and took their photos with it. One of them held the dead bird's bill up above his head while its feet touched the ground. They considered that extraordinary trophy a new feather in their foolscap.

Since the hunters did not have the wherewithal to identify their strange trophy, they privately sent the photo to someone they knew could identify the bird. That's how the people who study birds came to know about the first appearance of flamingos in Bangladesh. No flamingo had ever been sighted in the country before.

A rare sighting like that called for a celebration in the bird-watchers' group, but with the image of a dead flamingo in hand nobody was excited. The question they asked was how many flamingos had survived the gunshots of other

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A flamingo in Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary in India's Gujarat.

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