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Taking pictures of illegally parked cars may now get you a reward

Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari asked citizens to click picture of wrongly parked cars and send to authorities, while proposing a 10 per cent reward for them from Rs 500 fine imposed on the owner of the concerned vehicle. Gadkari said he felt “ashamed” that absence of parking lots outside his own Ministry forced “ambassadors” and “big people” to park on road blocking the way to Parliament. “In my Motor Vehicle Act, I am going to add one law (provision). Any car on road, you just take the photo on your mobile and send it to the department concerned or Police. There will be Rs 500 fine and 10 per cent will go to the complainant,” Gadkari said .

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Aadhaar data was never breached: UIDAI

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) said there has been no breach or leak of Aadhaar data. UIDAI was responding to reports of over 200 government websites displaying Aadhaar-related data of beneficiaries. “The data on these websites was placed in public domain as a measure of proactive disclosure under RTI Act by these government and institutional websites which included beneficiaries’ name, address, bank account, and other details including Aadhaar number and was collected from the third party/users for various welfare schemes,” it said.

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ISRO opens doors to private sector

In an attempt to increase the number of satellite launches and build the capacity of the private sector, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) issued a tender to the private industry for Assembly, Integration and Testing (AIT) of 30-35 satellites. “ISRO has issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) to the private industry to build 30-35 satellites over three years. Under this, 4-5 companies would be selected after evaluation and awarded parallel contracts. They would be responsible for the AIT of satellites at ISRO facilities,” said Dr. M Annadurai, Director ISRO satellite centre.

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