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News Updates 01.12.12

Dalit woman alleges gangrape, 2 accused found dead - Indian Express

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Dalit woman gang raped, 2 of five accused commit suicide - The Pioneer

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Barely hours after they were accused by a 35-year-old Dalit woman of gangrape, two men in their early twenties were found dead on railway tracks in Rohtak district of Haryana on Friday.

Although the police termed the deaths as suicide as the two were ashamed after being confronted by their family members, there was tension in Ajayab village. Members of the Jat community — to which the two belonged — accused the Dalits of murdering the two and dumping their bodies on the tracks.

Sandeep (23) and Sunil (24) were among five persons who were accused by the woman, a mother of four, of gangraping her on Thursday.

According to the woman, she was sleeping with her children at her home when the five barged into her house around 1.30 am and raped her. She named four persons — her husband's cousin Fauji, Sonu, Sandeep and Sunil. The fifth accused, later identified as Samundar, has been arrested. Fauji and Sonu are absconding, police said.

Rohtak Superintendent of Police Vivek Sharma told The Indian Express: "Five persons were involved in the alleged gangrape. Initially, the victim identified two of the accused. However, today, when we got her statement recorded before the Magistrate, she identified four out of five accused. She could not recall the other two names — that of Sunil and Sandeep — earlier as she was traumatised. We have arrested another accused in the case, Samundar. Raids are on to nab the other two."

The woman was sent for medical examination at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak and swabs were sent to the Forensic Sciences Laboratory at Madhuban. During her medical examination, doctors did not find any struggle marks on her body, sources said. However, final reports are awaited.

Initial police investigations point to certain contradictions in the woman's version to the police. Her eldest daughter, who is around 12, told the police that her mother had gone out of home Wednesday night, contradicting the woman's version. Also, the police were examining the woman's claim that her children were asleep beside her as she was raped in her one-room kutchra house.

The police have also found three of the accused were allegedly in constant touch with her, including at "odd-hours". The police are scrutinising the phone call records of the woman and the accused.

Sources said the Haryana police's Crime Branch has taken over the investigations. A Crime Branch official, who did not want to be named, said accused Sandeep and Sunil must have committed suicide after their parents came to know about the rape allegations.

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“They must have felt ashamed and took this extreme step of committing suicide,” the official said. The autopsy reports of the two were still awaited.

“We got information that two boys had committed suicide in front of a goods train on the Rohtak-Delhi stretch near Kanheli village. We informed the local police and also reached the spot. As it was the Rohtak police’s case, we confined ourselves to only getting the post mortem examination conducted,” said Hardeep Singh Doon, Superintendent of Police, Railways, Haryana.

The Pioneer

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Ravinder Saini | Rohtak

Two accused of a gang-rape case allegedly committed suicide by jumping before a moving train on the Rohtak-Delhi railway track near Kanheli village in the wee hours of Friday.

The duo, identified as Sandeep (24) and Sunil (25) of Ajayab village, along with three others were booked by the Meham police under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and SC/ST Act on Thursday evening on the charge of committing gang-rape of a 30-year-old married woman belonging to Schedule Caste (SC) at Ajayab village on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

“We had received information in the wee hours that two youths had ended their lives by jumping before a moving train near Kanheli village. The youths were later identified as Sandeep and Sunil through their mobile phones. No suicide note was recovered from their pockets,” said Ashok Kumar, an official of Government Railway Police.

Earlier, the victim in her complaint lodged with the Meham police station had alleged that two persons, identified as Kala and Fouzi, along with their three friends, had barged into her house in Wednesday night when she was sleeping alone there. They raped her and also threatened her of dire consequence before going out from the house after perpetrating the crime. Taking a swift action on the complaint, police not only registered a rape case against the accused but also started conducting raids at their possible hideouts in the village but failed to arrest any of the accused.

“During police investigation, the victim revealed on Friday morning that Sandeep and Sunil were also involved in the crime and she did not know till then that the duo had ended their lives. Since the woman was traumatised after the incident hence could not recollect the names of other accused at the time of registration of the case,” said Rohtak DSP (City) Virender Singh, who was investigative officer of the case.

News Updates 04.12.12

Tension in Naickenkottai after death of woman - DNA

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Tension prevailed in Dalit villages in Naickenkottai today following the death of a 20-year-old woman, who was on fast along with some villagers demanding among other things arrest of those behind the attack on Dalit colonies last month by caste Hindus protesting an inter-caste marriage.

The woman, Mangammal, whose condition worsened a day after the fast began on November 28, died at Mohankumarmangalam Medical College Hospital at Salem, police said.

Hospital sources said the woman had been suffering from viral fever for the past 10 days. Though "effective treatment" was given to her, she breathed her last this afternoon.

However, the protesters alleged that she died due to "inadequate treatment".

A total of 268 houses were torched, 54 vehicles destroyed, jewels and valuables looted in the violence unleashed on Nov 7 by the Caste Hindus after a man committed suicide over his daughter marrying a Dalit man of Natham Colony.

After the attack came to light, police arrested more than 90 people and National Commission for SC/ST officials and leaders of various political parties visited the colonies and condemned the violence targeting the Dalits.

Two police personnel, including an Inspector, had been suspended while the DSP of the area shifted to Salem Range office pending inquiry into alleged failure of police to prevent the attack.

Heavy police force was posted in the area to prevent any untoward incidents, police said.

News Updates 06.12.12

Woman who married dalit knocks on HC door for cover - [The Times Of India](#)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Woman-who-married-dalit-knocks-on-HC-door-for-cover/articleshow/17500084.cms>

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By A Subramani, TNN | Dec 6, 2012, 04.56 AM IST

CHENNAI: At a time when Tamil Nadu is gripped by debates on inter-caste marriages, a non-dalit girl who had married a dalit man against her family's wishes has come knocking on the doors of the Madras high court saying she faced harassment by police and threats from her father.

Kiruthika, hailing from Salem district, said in her petition she met D Vallal, a dalit, in college and fell in love. They were in love for about a year when her father came to know about the relationship. Meanwhile, Vallal completed his BBA course and joined a private company in Chennai as a sales executive. When her father kept her in confinement and made arrangements for marriage with someone else, Kiruthika fled her home and got married to Vallal on December 12, 2011. It was duly registered in Salem on December 19, 2011.

Kiruthika said her father Panneerselvam had disapproved of her marriage and even lodged a complaint with the all-woman police in Athur claiming that she was being harassed for dowry by Vallal and his father. She



denied any harassment by her husband's family and claimed that personnel from Yethapur and Ammapettai police stations harassed and threatened her. She wanted the court to direct the authorities not to harass her.

When the matter came up for hearing before Justice D Hariharanthaman, the special government pleader, however, denied any harassment from police and offered an undertaking that police would not interfere with Kiruthika or her husband.

Justice Hariharanthaman, recording the categorical undertaking by the government pleader, cited the Supreme Court rulings which noted that any form of harassment and threats issued to couples of inter-caste weddings a serious offence. Decrying brutal, feudal-minded persons perpetrating campaign against inter-caste marriages, the apex court had said such barbaric practice should be ruthlessly stamped out.

Noting that the judgment would squarely apply to Kiruthika's case, the judge said no direction was required because the special government pleader had made a statement before the court that there would not be any interference by police in the married life of the young woman.

News Updates 08.12.12

Pregnant dalit woman gang-raped - The Times Of India

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TNN | Dec 8, 2012, 01.34 AM IST

BHOPAL: A pregnant dalit woman was gang-raped by three persons in the old city area. The incident took place on December 4, but a case in this regard was registered late on Thursday.

The 22-year-old victim was returning to her in-laws place when three persons took her to a deserted area near a water tank in Ibrahimganj and raped.

Initially, the victim could not muster the courage to reveal it to anyone but when her mother-in-law pressurized, she narrated the incident after which a case was registered with the police.

The accused in the case have been identified as Majnu Gupta, Rohit and Phaddu Chouhan.

Officials said victim's mother resides in Karond. She along with her mother was going back to her in-laws place when Majnu, who resides in the same locality, told her mother that he would drop the victim to her in-laws place in Ibrahimganj.

He took the woman in an ape auto with him and two more persons joined the accused after some distance. The trio took the woman near an overhead water tank and outraged her modesty.

The police said Majnu and Rohit took turns to rape the woman while Phaddu was holding her hands so that she could not resist.

Victim later went back home and remained quiet for two days. However, when her mother-in-law pressurized her, she revealed the incident.



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The police confirmed that victim has a kid and is expecting again. Since she is a dalit, the case is being transferred to the AJK police wing, the police added.

Senior officials claimed that one of the accused was known to the victim and she had once given an application to police that he tried to exploit her in the past.

News Updates 09.12.12

Dalit girl buried in Dharmapuri - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/states/tamil-nadu/dalit-girl-buried-in-dharmapuri/article4180674.ece>

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Staff Reporter

Six days after the death of A.Mangammal, the Dalit girl was buried at Naikkankottai village on Saturday afternoon with heavy police bandobust.

After hectic parleys with the revenue and police officials in Salem and Dharmapuri districts, the body was brought from Salem Government Medical College Hospital on Friday night and buried. As a precautionary measure, the police blocked traffic on the Dharmapuri-Tirupattur Road for an hour during the funeral procession. The traffic on this road was diverted to an alternative route by the district police to avoid unnecessary tension during the procession.

About 500 people including relatives, Dalit organisations and leaders from political parties participated in the funeral. The last rites were performed by women at the Natham Colony burial ground instead of men. Later, a condolence meeting was held at the Natham colony. Mr. Velmurugan, State general secretary, Bahujan Samaj Party, M. Nandan, State deputy secretary, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi, P. Dillibabu, Harur M.L.A. and representatives from various rights groups were present.

The girl had died at the Salem Government Medical College Hospital on December 3, allegedly due to 'brain fever.' She was referred to the Salem Government Medical College Hospital from Dharmapuri Government Medical College Hospital on November 29 with high fever.

Her relatives and Dalit groups had refused to accept her body claiming that the death of the girl, presently registered under Section 174 of Cr. PC (suspicious death) be altered to 302 (Murder) of Indian Penal Code.

Earlier on Friday, the Superintendent of Police Asra Garg, reportedly told them that an inquiry would be held into the circumstances that led to the death of Mangammal, by a 'neutral' officer in the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP).

The Collector had assured them adequate compensation. Following assurance, the relatives of the deceased and Dalit outfits agreed to accept the body.

News Updates 16.12.12

Pipili gang rape: Panel quizzes forensic officer - The Times Of India

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The writer has posted comments on this article [TNN | Dec 16, 2012, 02.50 AM IST](#)

CUTTACK: The scientific officer who conducted the polygraph test of the four accused in the gang rape and murder of the 19-year-old dalit girl in Pipili last year, deposed before the Justice P K Mohanty Commission on Saturday.

Sujan Kumar Das, officer of the state forensic science laboratory, stated before the commission that lie detection test of the four accused, Prashant Pradhan, Sukanta Pradhan, Gurna Chandra Swain and Premananda Nayak, was conducted under his supervision on direction of the investigating officer. Das was also cross-examined by counsels of opposite parties.

The commission had summoned the then SP (Puri) A N Sinha, and the then SDPO (Pipili) R K Rout but both of them sought time to depose before the commission. The commission has issued a notice to the then Pipili tehsildar and doctors of SCB Medical College and Hospital to depose before it on December 21.

News Updates 06.01.13

Dalit minor raped, force fed pesticide - [The Times Of India](#)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Dalit-minor-raped-force-fed-pesticide/articleshow/17908219.cms>

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By [Mukesh Tandon](#), TNN | Jan 6, 2013, 07.09 AM IST

FARIDKOT: A 16-year-old dalit girl was abducted, raped and forced to eat some poisonous pesticide by an upper-caste man and dumped outside her house in a village in Faridkot district on Saturday morning.

According to the girl's statement, she was abducted by three men around 11.30pm on Friday night from outside her house when she was going to a relative's place nearby. Police have arrested two men, identified as Jagmeet Singh, the prime accused, and one of his accomplices Jagsir Singh. Search is on to nab Chhaina Singh, the third accused. The girl's mother had approached the Jaito police station and filed a missing person's complaint the same night.

The girl has said that Jagmeet raped her while the other two stood guard outside the room where she was taken. The girl said that she was threatened and forcibly made to eat something that made her unconscious.

She was found lying in front of her house by her parents who immediately rushed her to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and hospital in Faridkot. The hospital staff said that she probably had some pesticide. Police have registered a case of rape, abduction, and wrongful confinement against the three accused.



News Updates 09.01.13

Dalit woman raped in Bhavnagar village - The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/Dalit-woman-raped-in-Bhavnagar-village/articleshow/17945153.cms>

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Dalit woman raped in Bhavnagar village

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TNN | Jan 8, 2013, 11.13 PM IST

BHAVNAGAR: A 22-year-old dalit woman was allegedly raped in Hadadad village of Bhavnagar's Botad taluka on Tuesday.

The victim, who is married, told police in her statement that accused Mohan Koli raped her in the field where she had gone to answer nature's call. Koli also threatened to kill her if she disclosed anything to her house members.

Paliyad police station sub-inspector P K Brahmhatt is investigating the case.

News Updates 12.01.13

16-year-old rape victim sets herself afire Admitted to PGIMS in critical condition - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130112/haryana.htm#7>

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Our Correspondent
Sonapat, January 11

A Class 10 student of Kharkhoda town in the district belonging to Scheduled Caste, attempted suicide today at her home, five days after she was allegedly raped by her young neighbour.

The 16-year-old girl sprinkled kerosene and set herself ablaze when she was alone at her house. The girl is admitted to the PGIMS in Rohtak in a critical condition.

The district police has, meanwhile, arrested the accused identified as Rakesh, also belonging to the SC, within hours of the registration of case on the complaint of victim's mother.

The girl revealed the incident to her mother on being asked for her disappearance on Sunday. She alleged that Rakesh who is a taxi driver, abducted her and raped her before dropping her back the same day.

The mother decided to file a complaint about the incident against the youth.

When she went out of the house for some work in the afternoon, the girl set herself afire. The Sonapat DSP who accompanied the victim to the PGIMS at Rohtak said her condition was critical as she had suffered about 90 per cent burn injuries.



News Updates 28.01.13

Minor raped, one arrested - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130128/punjab.htm#23>

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Minor raped, one arrested

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Fatehgarh Sahib, January 27

A minor Dalit girl of Nalina Khurd village was allegedly raped by two men of the same village when she was alone at her house, the police said.

The police has registered a rape case against both the accused. One of the accused has been arrested while the other is still at large.

Fatehgarh Sahib SSP HS Mann said a minor girl from Nalina Khurd had lodged an FIR alleging that on January 21 Najam Ali, alias Raju, and Jasbir Singh Bunty, both in their twenties, scaled the wall of her house and raped her. After committing the crime, they threatened to kill her if she revealed the incident, he said.

The girl narrated the incident to her parents when they returned home. Rape has been confirmed during a medical checkup. The police has arrested Najam Ali whereas the second accused Jasbir Singh is absconding. — OC

News Updates 29.01.13

Jind: Congress councillor allegedly kills Dalit woman over a shared plot of land - CNN IBN

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/jind-congress-councillor-allegedly-kills-dalit-woman-over-a-shared-plot-of-land/369437-3-240.html>

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Haryana, Updated Jan 29, 2013 at 08:27am IST

CNN-IBN

New Delhi: In a case of land grabbing, a Congress councillor from Jind in Haryana has allegedly killed a dalit woman and severely injured her husband. The woman's family claims that the councillor shared a plot of land with the woman's husband Ramniwas.

The councillor was attempting to take over the area, said the family. The deceased's family also claimed that the councillor has been harassing the family for a while.

Also, in a previous incident the councillor injured the woman's son. The police has filed a case against the official - who is absconding. But the woman's son alleges that the police has been helping the councillor in the land-grabbing attempt.



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"They lodged an FIR, but haven't caught the councillor yet. The police repeatedly told us they would broker a compromise. The police here is making a lot of money operating a land grabbing operation," woman's son said.

News Updates 30.01.13

Dalit woman cremated after SSP's intervention - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130130/haryana.htm#8>

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Tribune News Service
Jind, January 29

Hisar SSP Satish Balan had to intervene in the cremation of a 56-year-old Dalit woman today, who was killed in a colony of Narwana subdivision last evening, after a row over property.

The victim's kin had threatened not to cremate the body in view of sloppy police action in the case, which led to her death. The police has booked over 20 persons, including a member of the local civic body.

Mallo Devi and her husband, Tara Chand (65), were allegedly assaulted at their home in the Kisanchand Colony last evening. While, Mallo Devi succumbed to her injuries before she could be rushed to a hospital, Tara Chand was injured. They were assaulted over a dispute over the ownership and possession of a plot on which the family was residing.

Ram Niwas, son of the deceased, alleged that the main accused, Ram Rati, a local councillor, her husband, Darshan and their son, Bhupinder, wanted to occupy the plot and had even threatened them earlier. He said a complaint was lodged with the police several days ago, but no action was taken. Claiming that due to failure on the part of the police, the accused along with several others barged into their house and assaulted his parents. The family members claimed that the incident could have been averted had the police acted timely and properly.

Ram Niwas declined to cremate his mother's body and demanded intervention of the Hisar SSP. The cremation followed after the SSP assured the victim of a free and fair probe into the matter.

News Updates 04.02.13

Raped and beaten, Dalit girl is firm in resolve to make it big - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/raped-and-beaten-dalit-girl-is-firm-in-resolve-to-make-it-big/article4375543.ece>

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Vinaya Deshpande

72-year-old house-owner had promised to put the domestic help in school; 18-year-old male servant also assaulted her

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The 13-year-old came here last year, resolved to study and make it big. Her 35-year-old mother of four, who is unemployed, widowed and illiterate, sent her to the city from a small hamlet in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh, hoping that her earnings would help to sustain the family. But Damayanti Koda (the name changed) is a distraught woman today.

“They promised me that they would put her in a good school if she came here and helped the family. They also got two new dresses stitched for her. I was very happy that my child would be spared the grind of poverty. I thought she would also help me feed the three mouths in the house. But look at what they have done to her. I will not send her anywhere now,” a teary-eyed Damayanti told *The Hindu*.

Her daughter Saraswati (the name changed) was gang-raped twice by the 72-year-old house-owner and an 18-year-old male servant in December last in the house where she worked as a domestic help. A family friend of the accused had brought Saraswati from the hamlet to Kalyan in Thane district in July, promising the mother that she would be sent to school, given food and shelter in lieu of some household help for the pregnant daughter-in-law of the accused.

Around eight months ago, when Damayanti had come to drop her daughter at the house, she was charmed by their riches. “They have a sprawling house with two floors. They also have land in the area. After their friend offered to pay my daughter Rs. 2, 000 a month and promised to put her in school, I said, what will I do keeping her in poverty here? How am I to feed four children when I myself cannot work?” she said.

Her husband, a daily labourer, died three years ago after undergoing an operation to remove kidney stones. Damayanti has herself undergone an operation to remove stones from her gall bladder. The surgery has left her weak and frail, unable to work, depending on her parents and brother for support. The family has already borrowed money from relatives to pay up the medical expenses.

Her eldest daughter has studied up to Standard X and works as a domestic help in the village. Saraswati studied up to Standard VII before leaving school to go to Kalyan. Her two younger brothers are in school.

“When I came here, I was in awe of the family. They are rich. They kept me well. Bhabhiji promised me that she would send me to school. But two months after my coming here, there were no signs of it. They made me work continuously, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. I did not complain,” Saraswati said.

Within two months, she started facing the lusty eyes of the house-owner, the girl alleged. He would frequent the place where she slept and touch her when she was asleep. He would even grab her when she worked alone in a room. When she complained to his daughter-in-law, she was beaten up and asked to keep quiet, Saraswati said.

Emboldened, the accused, along with an 18-year-old male servant, raped her on two occasions in December. When she cried, begging for help, they threatened her with dire consequences.

“They did not even allow me to call home ... I was beaten up and threatened. One day, I was taken in a car, and they told me that the male servant who raped me would marry me after I turned 18. I refused it. They beat me up again and threatened to kill me, so I said yes,” she said. But the feisty girl managed to call up her mother one day and asked her to take her home immediately.

“I sent my nephew from Nashik within two days after I received a call from her,” Damayanti said. While her nephew picked up Saraswati from the house on January 2 this year, she came to the city only by January-end. With the help of an organisation named Hindu Rashttrasena, the family lodged a complaint with the Kalyan police on January 28 against the alleged rapists, the daughter-in-law and the woman who got Saraswati from Madhya Pradesh. While the two men are behind bars, the two women are yet to be arrested.

The police filed a case under Sections 376(2)(g), 506, 34 of the Indian Penal Code; Sections 4 and 12 of the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act; Sections 23 and 26 of the Juvenile Justice Act; and Section 3(1)(xi) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.



A medical examination established that it was a case of rape, the police said.

Now Saraswati wants to put the past behind her. The sparkling eyes have turned dull and the smile disappears when someone talks about the incident.

When asked about it, she skirts the topic. "I want to go back to the village and study. I want to do a job and earn well," she says. She and her mother do not see any point in their staying back to get justice.

"I have four children to take care of. How can I stay back? We want to forget about it. Our family honour has been lost ... We don't want anyone to know about it," Damayanti said. Getting Saraswati married in the next three-four years is her priority.

But Saraswati is firm in her resolve to study and make a good future for herself.

News Updates 06.02.13

U-turn: Dalit girl denies in court she was raped Father too turns hostile - The Tribune

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Our Correspondent

Kaithal, February 5

The alleged rape of a Dalit girl of Kalayat town in Kaithal district on October 8, following which the SC/ ST Commission had sent a team to meet the victim, took a dramatic turn when during the trial of the case, the victim deviated from the statement given to the police and denied rape charges. She did not recognise the accused in the court.

The girl's father too turned hostile in the court and did not support the prosecution.

Resultantly, the prosecution declared the complainant and the victim as hostile.

The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge R.S. Chaudhary then acquitted the accused and ordered his release from judicial custody.

Meanwhile, another accused, a minor, is facing trial in the local juvenile court and February 6 has been fixed for producing witness.

A team of MPs had also visited Kalayat and met the alleged victim and her family members.

On October 8, a Dalit minor girl's father had lodged a complaint with the Kalayat police that his daughter who had gone to answer the call of nature in the wee hours was taken by two youths, raped and threatened with dire consequences if she reported this incident to anyone. The police had arrested both the accused.

The girl was medically examined which confirmed her rape.

News Updates 09.02.13

Minor dalit girl raped by tailor in Bikaner - The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/Minor-dalit-girl-raped-by-tailor-in-Bikaner/articleshow/18411830.cms>



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TNN | Feb 9, 2013, 06.41 AM IST

BIKANER: A minor dalit girl was raped by a tailor in a village in Bikaner district on Thursday. The accused is on the run and police have launched a search for him.

SHO P D Sharma of Panchu police station said the girl went to the tailor shop owned by one Rafiq Ahmed in Kakku village on Thursday to get back the clothes she gave for stitching.

Ahmed asked her to wait for 10-15 minutes, and in the meantime, he downed the shutter of the shop and raped her. The girl alleged that she was verbally abused for being a dalit.

On returning home, the girl narrated the incident to the family. The victim's father approached the Panchu police station where a case was registered against him under IPC section 376 and Section 3 of SC/ST Act.

The girl underwent medical examination on Friday.

News Updates 12.02.13

Dalit's gang rape: Police add stringent sections - The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Dalits-gang-rape-Police-add-stringent-sections/articleshow/18439723.cms>

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By P Singh, TNN | Feb 11, 2013, 05.31 AM IST

JALANDHAR: Even as a medical board set up to probe the alleged gang rape of a minor dalit girl is yet to finalize its report, police on Sunday added stringent sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, pertaining to 'aggravated penetrative sexual assault', to the FIR.

Sections 5 and 6 of this Act have been invoked even as police officials till Saturday had been looking into "some grey areas" in the statement of the victim's father. The Act also provides speedy trial by a special designated court.

Meanwhile, three accused arrested in the case after they surrendered before the police on Saturday were remanded in police custody till February 13 by a Nakodar court on Sunday. The three are distantly related to the girl and had pleaded innocence. However, the victim's family has been holding on to the allegations it levelled on January 6, the day when the girl was first rushed to Lohian Hospital and then to Jalandhar Civil Hospital with life-threatening septicemia.

It was only after being shifted to the hospital that the family had alleged that the girl was raped on the night of January 28 in Mandhala Chhanna village. The girl was finally operated upon in Amritsar where her badly infected and ruptured uterus was removed by doctors to save her life and her intestine was repaired.

The victim's family also alleged that on Saturday some "anganwari worker" visited their home and rebuked the girl's mother, who fainted after that. She was rushed to the Civil Hospital in Lohian with the help of police



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personnel posted in the village on Saturday where she was given treatment and could return home in the late night. The mother also told that she was threatened that she could land in jail.

News Updates 16.02.13

Dalit woman attempts self-immolation in MP CM's presence - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/madhya-pradesh/dalit-woman-attempts-self-immolation-in-mp-cm-s-presence_828945.html

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Dalit woman attempts self-immolation in MP CM's presence

http://zeenews.india.com/news/madhya-pradesh/dalit-woman-attempts-self-immolation-in-mp-cm-s-presence_828945.html

Last Updated: Thursday, February 14, 2013, 00:28

Betul (MP): A Dalit woman today made an unsuccessful attempt to immolate herself at a function where Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was present.

The incident took place in Bhainsdehi town, where Chouhan was taking part in district-level 'Antyodaya Mela' (an event highlighting various government schemes for the poor), official sources said.

Geeta Bele, wife of Sukhlal Bele, a teacher at government school at Dhamangaon, was apparently upset over disparities in service conditions of teaching staff.

She wanted to give a memorandum to the Chief Minister highlighting issues like same-work-same-pay, disparities in pay scales and implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, among others.

When she was prevented to do so, Geeta doused herself with kerosene and tried to self-immolate. Alert policewomen present at the spot overpowered and took her away, they said.

She was taken to a nearby community health centre for medical examination. Police recorded the couple's statements and allowed them to go.

Geeta later told reporters that she wanted to submit a memorandum to Chouhan drawing his attention towards disparities in service conditions of government teachers and demand salary as per Sixth Pay Commission, among other issues. PTI

News Updates 19.02.13

Three arrested for raping 16-year-old girl - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/tamil-nadu/three-arrested-for-raping-16-year-old-girl_829738.html

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Three arrested for raping 16-year-old girl

http://zeenews.india.com/news/tamil-nadu/three-arrested-for-raping-16-year-old-girl_829738.html

Last Updated: Sunday, February 17, 2013, 21:40

Dharmapuri (Tamil Nadu): Three persons were on Sunday arrested on charges of raping a 16-year-old girl near Bommidi, 48 km from here, police said.

The girl was working in a borewell-digging unit at Muthampatti village, 15 km from Bommidi and when she

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was returning home last night, the 40-year-old owner of the unit along with two others allegedly abducted and raped her.

A case has been registered under IPC section 376 (rape) and SC/ST Harassment Act, police added. PTI

News Updates 28.02.13

Dalit girls' rape, murder rock Rajya Sabha - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dalit-girls-rape-murder-rock-rajya-sabha/article4456352.ece>

The Hindu

Dalit girls' rape, murder rock Rajya Sabha

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dalit-girls-rape-murder-rock-rajya-sabha/article4456352.ece>

Sandeep Joshi

The brutal rape and murder of three minor Dalit girls in Maharashtra's Bhandara district rocked the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, with all political parties seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry into the heinous crime.

Seeking a reply from Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde, MPs expressed anger and dismay that the State police have failed miserably, as the accused are still roaming freely.

Raising the issue during zero hour, Bharatkumar Raut of the Shiv Sena said all talk of women's empowerment was meaningless when the girl child wasn't safe, and asked the Centre to intervene.

"Three Dalit sisters were raped and murdered and their bodies thrown into a well. Under whose protection are these culprits, with the police hesitating to arrest them, when all the villagers knew who they were?," he asked. The bodies of three missing minor girls, all below 11 years, were found in a well at Murwadi village in Bhandara district in Nagpur on February 16.

Calling it a shameful incident, Rajni Patil of the Congress said the case should be speeded up, besides seeking protection and relief for the victims' mother. The issue of rape of another Dalit minor, allegedly raped by her teacher, was also brought up, and proper investigation sought.

Seeking a CBI inquiry, Hussain Dalwai and Bhalchandra Mungekar, both from the Congress, said people have lost faith in the Maharashtra police, and hence the probe should be done by the CBI. "Where is the conscience of the middle class, which surfaced during the 'Nirbhaya' case (the paramedic who was gang-raped last month) and resulted in them thronging India Gate and Parliament? Are you dividing rape on caste lines?" Mr. Mungekar asked. He alleged that atrocities against SCs/STs weren't looked into seriously, and as per the National Crime Records Bureau data, there were 1,000 rape cases annually, and the victims were girls belonging to such communities.

News Updates 05.03.13

80% dalit women face violence in inter-caste marriage - Deccan Herald

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/130304/news-current-affairs/article/80-dalit-women-face-violence-inter-caste-marriage>

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Chennai: Contrary to the claims of non-dalit groups led by PMK founder Dr S. Ramadoss blaming dalit men for luring caste Hindu women into pseudo love marriages, an RTI query has revealed that mostly dalit women were at the receiving end in the inter caste marriages and the perpetrators are none other than the caste Hindu men themselves.

Moreover, the caste Hindu men are biggest perpetrators of domestic violence against women belonging to their intermediate caste, said a reported released by NGO Evidence based on RTI data received from the districts.

According to police cases registered in the state between 2009 and 2012, over 80 per cent of women who had faced domestic violence in the inter-caste marriages were dalits. Of the 20 per cent of other caste women, 76 per cent of them faced domestic violence in the hands of the caste Hindu men.

Across the state, 84 women had filed cases of domestic violence against their husband and family members, husbands who deserted them after marriage and men for sexually harassing them by making false promise of marriages. Of the 84 women, 67 were dalits and 17 were caste Hindus.

Out of the 67 affected dalit women, 52 were lured by caste Hindu men on false promise of marriage and sexually harassed them, the data revealed. Among the 84 complaints, in 95.2 per cent cases perpetrator of violence is caste Hindu men.

Evidence executive director A. Kathir said that the RTI info exposes the false campaign carried out by the caste outfits post-Dharmapuri violence that dalit youths lure caste Hindu women into a wedlock in the name of love marriage only to blackmail the latter's family for money.

He urged the state government to issue a special order to punish those who are sexually assaulting women on false of promise of marriage. In case of dalit women, case should be registered under Section 3 (2) (5) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, he said, demanding the government to strengthen the Act by amending it.

He also asked the government to bring special schemes to rehabilitate the women affected by the inter-caste marriage and violence against them.

News Updates 06.03.13

'Molested' by neighbours, Dalit girl sets herself afire - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130306/punjab.htm#23>

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'Molested' by neighbours, Dalit girl sets herself afire

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130306/punjab.htm#23>

Tribune News Service

Faridkot, March 5

Fed up with "repeated molestation and harassment" by five youths, a Class X Dalit girl set herself afire in Ambedkar Nagar area of Faridkot today.



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Daughter of a rickshaw-puller, the victim sustained 90 per cent burns and is battling for life at the local Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital. The police has arrested three of the accused, who lived in her neighbourhood, while two others are absconding.

In their complaint to the police, the victim's family members alleged that when the girl objected to their behaviour today, they beat her up. After the incident, the girl allegedly sprinkled kerosene on her clothes and tried to immolate herself.

She was rushed to the hospital by her family members and neighbours. Her condition was stated to be critical.

The victim's parents alleged that the girl was scared even to step out of her house due to constant harassment and molestation by the accused.

News Updates 17.03.13

Elderly Dalit woman killed in Haryana - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/haryana/elderly-dalit-woman-killed-in-haryana_835190.html

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Elderly Dalit woman killed in Haryana

http://zeenews.india.com/news/haryana/elderly-dalit-woman-killed-in-haryana_835190.html

Last Updated: Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 22:03

Rewari (Har): An elderly woman was allegedly beaten to death by two persons after she lodged a case against their brother for attempting to molest her daughter-in-law in Asalwas village here, police said on Wednesday.

Todi Devi (70) was mercilessly beaten up by Hukam Singh Gujjar(40) and his younger brother Satish Gujjar(23) last night at her residence when she refused to withdraw the case against their brother, they said.

The woman died on the spot.

The duo's brother Dhani Ram Gujjar had allegedly attempted to molest the 40-year-old daughter-in-law of Todi Devi on the night of March 9.

He was later arrested and remanded in 14-day judicial custody by a local court yesterday.

Meanwhile, efforts are on to nab the absconding accused while the further probes are on, police added. PTI

News Updates 30.03.13

Four posing as cops gang-rape Dalit girl - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/four-posing-as-cops-gangrape-dalit-girl/article4561387.ece>

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The four accused persons attempt to murder 17-year-old girl

A 17-year-old Dalit girl survived a murderous attack after sexual assault, allegedly by four persons, who posed as plainclothes policemen at Singarakonda under Addanki police station limits in Prakasam district in the wee hours of Thursday.

Two of the accused were nabbed. Based on the information given by them, their associates were held later in the day, Superintendent of Police K. Raghuram Reddy said. The four followed the girl and her male relative after noticing that they were moving away from the crowd of devotees towards a hillock. Posing as plainclothesmen, they persistently questioned the two, including about their caste, and intimidated them. They then took the girl to a secluded place near a Gurukula Patasala and committed the offence, Dr. Reddy said.

They tried to strangle her, but fled after some devotees raised an alarm and alerted two police constables, he said.

Based on the complaint lodged by the girl and her relative, the four accused were booked for gang—rape under Section 376 of the IPC and under relevant sections of the SC/ST (Prevention) of Atrocities Act.

News Updates 31.03.13

Women activists protest 'murder' of Dalit woman - [The Hindu](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/women-activists-protest-murder-of-dalit-woman/article4565054.ece>

[The Hindu](#)

Women activists protest 'murder' of Dalit woman

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/women-activists-protest-murder-of-dalit-woman/article4565054.ece>

Activists claim their colleague was brutally raped and murdered

Women's groups staged angry protests on National Highway 28 in Muzaffarpur district after a Dalit woman activist was found dead at Mandai village.

According to Rinku Devi of the Janwadi Mahila Samiti — a group that the victim was a member of — the woman was raped and murdered.

"The activist was raped and murdered in a brutal fashion. According to the family, sticks and mud were found in her private parts and her mouth was stuffed with a cloth. Her body was found near a cycle shop in the village. When we protested, the police slapped cases on us," Ms. Devi told *The Hindu* after speaking to the victim's family members.

The victim was fighting alleged irregularities in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the public distribution system.

"Earlier, the police picked up the victim's husband and son. But we put pressure on them to release them. Family members cannot [carry out] an act so brutal. Everyone in the village knows who the perpetrators are but their lips are sealed in fear," Ms. Devi said.

The SP and the DSP paid a visit to the site on Saturday. The police said they were awaiting the post-mortem report and investigating the case. No arrests have been made yet.



News Updates 04.04.13

Woman dubbed as witch in Jharkhand, tongue pierced with needle - [Zee News](#)

http://zeenews.india.com/news/jharkhand/woman-dubbed-as-witch-in-jharkhand-tongue-pierced-with-needle_839548.html

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Woman dubbed as witch in Jharkhand, tongue pierced with needle

http://zeenews.india.com/news/jharkhand/woman-dubbed-as-witch-in-jharkhand-tongue-pierced-with-needle_839548.html

Last Updated: Wednesday, April 03, 2013, 22:38

Medininagar: Four persons were arrested on Wednesday for allegedly piercing the tongue of a woman with a needle after dubbing her a witch in Jharkhand's Latehar district last Sunday, police said.

The four, Subhash Mehta, Arvind Bhuiyan, Dulal Bhuiyan and Bijan Bhuiyan were arrested after the woman Kalawati Devi filed a FIR naming 12 persons yesterday, the sources said.

The woman was beaten up last Sunday at a meeting called by villagers for allegedly practicing black magic at Piprakala village under Maneka police station.

The villagers also fined the woman Rs 10,000 and forced her husband to sell his land to pay the fine, the police said.

The four also pierced the woman's tongue with a needle, they added. PTI

News Updates 06.04.13

Minor dalit girl gang-raped - [The Hindu](#)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/varanasi/Minor-dalit-girl-gang-raped/articleshow/19404839.cms>

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Minor dalit girl gang-raped

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TNN | Apr 5, 2013, 10.59 PM IST

VARANASI: A minor girl from dalit community was allegedly gang-raped by three teen aged boys at Mahjooda village under Suriyawan police station in Bhadohi district on Thursday evening.

The police, however, denied gang rape and said that the girl was raped by a boy of the same community while two others were also present at that time.

All the three were arrested on Friday. According to reports, the 16-year-old girl had to go to field on Thursday evening when three boys Jogi Chamar (18), Sarvjit Chamar (17) and Chandra Srivastava (18) dragged her away to a lonely place and raped her. After returning home girl narrated her agony to family members.

The Bhadohi SP Ashok Kumar Shukla, when contacted over phone, told TOI that Jogi Chamar, who raped the girl, is the main accused, while two others helped him to overpower the girl. The matter is being investigated, he said.

News Updates 08.04.13

Dalit minor raped in Bhiwani - [The Tribune](#)

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130408/haryana.htm#3>

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<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130408/haryana.htm#3>

Tribune News Service
Bhiwani, April 7

A Dalit minor girl (15) was raped by a man at Badrai village in Bhiwani. The girl had gone out of her house to answer the call of nature on the April 3 night, when Zile Singh (31) allegedly gagged her and took her away to some secluded place in his car. The accused raped the girl there and then left the victim in the village next morning. The hapless girl narrated the incident to her family, who decided to approach the police.

However, the village panchayat intervened and pressurised the family to settle the matter. A panchayat of elders was called where the accused was made to apologise for his act and the victim's father was told to forgive the accused and forget the episode.

However, the persecution of the family continued and finally, they approached the police with a complaint today. Ramesh Kumar Alawadhi, SHO of the Badhra police station in Bhiwani, said the accused had been booked and arrested. He said the police acted swiftly after getting the complaint and recorded the girl's statement in the presence of a woman advocate. The girl's medical examination had confirmed rape.

News Updates 12.04.13

Dalit girl raped in Odisha, four held - [The Times Of India](#)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/Dalit-girl-raped-in-Odisha-four-held/articleshow/19507757.cms>

Dalit woman killed in AP, incident assumes political overtones - [Zee News](#)

http://zeenews.india.com/news/andhra-pradesh/dalit-woman-killed-in-ap-incident-assumes-political-overtones_841229.html

[The Times Of India](#)

Dalit girl raped in Odisha, four held

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/Dalit-girl-raped-in-Odisha-four-held/articleshow/19507757.cms>

IANNS | Apr 12, 2013, 11.04 AM IST

BHUBANESWAR: Four men were arrested in Odisha's Jajpur district for the rape of a 15-year-old Dalit girl two days ago, police said on Friday.

The victim is a resident of Pahanga village, over 100 km from Bhubaneswar.

The incident occurred when she had gone to a nearby area to attend the call of nature Wednesday night, the inspector in charge of the local police station, Ashwini Sahu, told IANNS.

The men dragged her to a secluded place and one of them raped her while the others watched, he said.

Police arrested all four men, including the main offender, a day later on the basis of the complaint lodged by the victim. The four were remanded to judicial custody after a local court rejected their bail plea, he said.

The girl would be sent for medical examination Friday, he added.

In a separate incident, a man was arrested Thursday in Jeypore town of the state's Koraput district for raping an 11-year-old girl.

The 24-year-old offender had allegedly gone to the girl's house and asked for drinking water. Seeing the girl alone, he raped her, local police said.

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Dalit woman killed in AP, incident assumes political overtones

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Last Updated: Thursday, April 11, 2013, 08:

Guntur: The incident in which a Dalit woman was killed after she was allegedly roughed up and pushed under the wheels of a speeding truck at Tenali town by drunk miscreants, has now assumed political and caste overtones.

B Susheela, a 45-year-old housewife paid with her life on Monday night when she tried to rescue her teenaged daughter, who is a B Tech student, after seven drunken motor mechanics aged below 20 years attempted to molest her.

Susheela's husband, a municipal school teacher B Babu Rao has alleged that the police control room which is about 300 metres from the scene of the tragedy, did not respond to the commotion and that the police inspector with whom a complaint was lodged, played a partisan role.

All the seven persons have been arrested.

The incident occurred when Susheela and her daughter were returning home after shopping at around 10 pm, when the seven men who had just come out of a liquor bar owned by an affluent and upper caste Congress leader, began heckling them.

The housewife shouted at them, which infuriated the seven men who allegedly roughed her up and pushed her under the wheels of a speeding truck, police said.

Due to the public outcry after television news channels reported the incident, Guntur's Superintendent of Police, initiated damage control measures by transferring the case to the Deputy Superintendent of Police and arresting the liquor bar owner's son Nagaraju.

When the incident took place, neighbours and passersby reportedly remained passive spectators and did not even bother to extricate the injured woman from under the wheels of the truck until her husband arrived, though observers have attributed it to the fear of hoodlums of the notorious liquor bar owner, who is also a Congress leader. PTI

News Updates 13.04.13

Dalit girl allegedly raped by forest guard in Bihar - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dalit-girl-allegedly-raped-by-forest-guard-in-bihar/article4611311.ece>

13-year-old Dalit girl gang-raped in Bhiwani - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130413/haryana.htm#10>

Alleged gang-rape survivor's family attacked in Rajasthan - NDTV

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/alleged-gang-rape-survivor-s-family-attacked-in-rajasthan-353575>

The Hindu

Dalit girl allegedly raped by forest guard in Bihar

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dalit-girl-allegedly-raped-by-forest-guard-in-bihar/article4611311.ece>

Staff Reporter

Intiaz Ali, a forest guard at the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district of Bihar, was arrested for allegedly raping a seven-year-old Dalit girl on Thursday night.



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The victim's mother worked as a cook at Ali's place. When she went out to buy some provisions, Ali raped the girl who was alone at his house, Shailesh Kumar Sinha, subdivisional police officer at Bagaha Sadar, told The Hindu.

The victim belongs to a poor family. Her father works in a local music band.

A case under IPC Section 376 (punishment for rape) and the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was registered against Ali, Mr. Sinha said.

The Tribune

13-year-old Dalit girl gang-raped in Bhiwani

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130413/haryana.htm#10>

Tribune News Service
Bhiwani, April 12

A Dalit minor girl was allegedly raped by three youths in the village school at Kharar Khurd in Bhiwani today.

The 13-year-old girl's father has lodged a complaint in the Sadar Police Station, Bhiwani, that Chulbul, Rahul and another, all residents of the same village, lured his minor daughter to the village school in the morning today. He alleged that the three raped her in the school, which is closed due to harvesting vacation these days.

The girl somehow came home and narrated the incident to her family, who approached the police.

The police said that a case has been registered under Section 376 (D) of the IPC, SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and efforts were on the arrest the accused.

Sister-in-law among 4 booked in gang-rape case.

The police has booked four persons, including a woman, for gang- rape. The victim alleged that she was raped by a kin and two others at Kaluwala village in Bhiwani

The three men have been charged with gang-rape and criminal intimidation, the woman has been accused of helping them in the crime.

The woman, a resident of Singhnawa village, alleged that she had gone to Kaluwana village to meet her sister-in-law.

She alleged when her sister-in-law went out for some work, her husband and his two friends raped and threatened her with dire consequences, if she narrated the incident to anyone.

She alleged that her sister-in-law was also behind the conspiracy. The police has registered a case .

NDTV

Alleged gang-rape survivor's family attacked in Rajasthan

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/alleged-gang-rape-survivor-s-family-attacked-in-rajasthan-353575>

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Alwar: Eight members of a gang-rape survivor's family, including three women, were injured near Alwar when they were attacked, allegedly by relatives of the accused in the case.

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The attack came after the woman, who is married, and her family refused to compromise, according to reports. The village panchayat has allegedly asked the woman to accept money in return of dropping the case.

According to reports, after the 25-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly gang-raped, the police took three days to register a complaint.

News Updates 14.04.13

Class X Dalit minor girl kidnapped, raped - The Tribune
<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130414/haryana.htm#5>

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- **Class X Dalit minor girl kidnapped, raped**

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Tribune News Service
Fatehabad, April 13

In a shocking incident last night at Birabadi under Ratia police station of Fatehabad, two persons related to each other as uncle and nephew allegedly kidnapped a Dalit minor girl and while one of them raped her by taking her to a secluded place, the other stood guard outside.

In a complaint to the police, the victim's mother alleged that her 16-year-old daughter, a student of class X in the village school, was going to the fields with meals for her grandfather, when the accused Buta Singh and his uncle Sukhwinder kidnapped her.

The accused allegedly put a blanket on the girl, forced her in a car and took her towards a secluded place in the fields, where Buta Singh allegedly raped her and Sukhwinder stood guard.

They showed her a pistol and threatened to eliminate her if she narrated the incident to anyone and dropped her in the village at night and fled.

The police said that a case has been registered.

News Updates 24.04.13

Distressed over girl's kidnapping & rape, poor family consumes poison Mother, another girl dead, father, 2 boys in ICU - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130423/haryana.htm#2>

Dalit woman raped in Odisha, one arrested - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/odisha/dalit-woman-raped-in-odisha-one-arrested_844093.html

Two minor girls raped in Uttar Pradesh - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/two-minor-girls-raped-in-uttar-pradesh/article4646587.ece>

The Tribune

Distressed over girl's kidnapping & rape, poor family consumes poison Mother, another girl dead, father, 2 boys in ICU

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130423/haryana.htm#2>

Sushil Manav
Tribune News Service
Hisar, April 22



Distressed by the rape and kidnapping of their minor daughter, tormented by the police and loss of livelihood due to frequent visits to courts and police stations allegedly drove a poor Dalit couple along with their three children from Bhairi Akbarpur village in Hisar to consume celphos poison in the early hours today.

The man's 13-year-old daughter Sandhya (names of the victims have been changed to protect their identity) died on the spot and his 38-year-old wife Sunita died at the General Hospital, Hisar. Family head Mohan (40) and his sons Rajiv (11) and Amit (9) have been shifted to the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Rohtak.

The couple's eldest daughter, aged 15, was allegedly kidnapped by a villager, Rohtash, on May 15, 2012, and raped for two days.

The police had booked Rohtash for kidnapping and rape on May 17.

However, she was again kidnapped on July 6, 2012, and the police registered a case against unknown persons in this connection.

There is no clue to the girl's whereabouts so far.

Mohan eked a living by pulling a rickshaw before the crime against his eldest daughter. However, ever since her disappearance, the family has been totally devastated.

Visiting police stations and courts, Mohan has had to skip pulling the rickshaw and, in the process, has been unable to feed his family.

The family, according to sources, is under debt.

The sources said the family has been under severe stress since their daughter's disappearance. Also, the local police has allegedly been harassing them to find her as it wanted to take her to the court for evidence later this month.

Sources say that Mohan had informed his family about his intention to commit suicide as he was unable to take the pressure. The others too reportedly expressed their desire to end their lives with him.

He allegedly mixed celphos tablets in a bottle of water and offered it to all members in the early hours today.

Sandhya, a student of class VIII in the village school, was found dead in the house.

Villagers rushed the family to the General Hospital, Hisar, where Sunita died.

However, the hospital authorities expressed their helplessness to provide treatment to the victims and referred them to the PGIMS, Rohtak. Civil surgeon Ashok Chaudhary said the hospital did not have an intensive care unit.

The condition of Mohan and his two sons Rajiv, a student of class V, and Amit, a student of class III, is stated to be critical. The incident has sent shockwaves across the district.

Ram Bilas Sharma, president of the state unit of the BJP, alleged that while on the one hand a poor Dalit family had been forced to commit suicide due to poverty and highhandedness of the police, the Haryana government was spending crores of rupees on advertisements, projecting the state as the best in the country.

A police spokesperson, however, denied any excesses by the police.



Zee News

Dalit woman raped in Odisha, one arrested

http://zeenews.india.com/news/odisha/dalit-woman-raped-in-odisha-one-arrested_844093.html

Last Updated: Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 12:37

Bhubaneswar: A 50-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday for raping a Dalit woman in Odisha, police said.

The incident took place Sunday in a village near Nandapur town of Koraput district, about 700 km from here, but came to light after the woman lodged a complaint with the police Monday night, HK Padhi, chief of Nandapur police station, said.

Citing the woman's complaint, Padhi said she was guarding a cashew farm at Mundagada village when the accused, who belonged to the same village, raped her in the presence of another person.

The attacker, who is a habitual offender, had threatened the woman of dire consequences if she reported the incident, the police officer said.

While the woman has been sent for medical examination, search is on to apprehend the other person who was present at the crime spot, Padhi said. IANS

The Hindu

Two minor girls raped in Uttar Pradesh

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/two-minor-girls-raped-in-uttar-pradesh/article4646587.ece>

PTI

A five-year-old was among two minor girls raped in different parts of Uttar Pradesh, police said here on Tuesday.

A 14-year-old Dalit girl was abducted and raped allegedly by one Meraj (22) in Leharpur area in Sitapur district on Sunday night, they said.

Police said that an FIR was lodged after which Meraj was arrested on Monday.

In Deoria district, a five-year-old girl was raped allegedly by a 15-year-old in Bhatparani area on Sunday evening, police said.

The victim's family members informed police about the incident on Monday after which the teenager was arrested, they said.

News Updates 24.04.13

Dalit woman abused, attacked in Virudhunagar village - The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/Dalit-woman-abused-attacked-in-Virudhunagar-village/articleshow/19705105.cms>

Times Of India

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TNN | Apr 24, 2013, 07.03 AM IST

MADURAI: A case has been registered against a couple near Aruppukottai for allegedly attacking a dalit woman and abusing her for wearing slippers within the village.

The incident happened last week when the victim Iruli (52), a resident of Melakurunaikulam in Virudhunagar district, was on her way to shop in the village, accompanied by her granddaughter. On seeing Iruli a non-dalit woman, Satya (24), made some derogatory remarks against her. Satya's husband Suresh (29) allegedly attacked the middle-aged woman with a slipper when she asked Satya why she was abusing her. The couple even asked Iruli how she dared to wear chappals within their part of the village, according to Iruli's complaint.

Iruli, wife of one Perumal, sustained injuries and had to be treated in hospital. Police registered a case against Satya and Suresh under the IPC and the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act.

A fact-finding team from an NGO called Evidence, found out that a village feud existed between the dalits and non dalits over a temple issue at Aruppukottai. It was the practice of dalits to invite one Ettu Naicker, who lived in the non-dalit zone of the village, to participate in their Kaliamma temple festival. As Naicker had passed away last year, the non-dalits told dalits that they should not come to their village for the ritual hereafter. Though, this upset the dalits, the issue was resolved in a peace meeting of both the parties and dalits decided to give up the traditional practice. Earlier, dalits used to come in a procession to invite Naicker.

The NGO has demanded that Iruli be compensated and that the accused be arrested immediately.

News Updates 25.04.13

Dalit woman gang raped, 3 arrested - The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/Dalit-woman-gang-raped-3-arrested/articleshow/19718184.cms>

The Times Of India

Dalit woman gang raped, 3 arrested

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/Dalit-woman-gang-raped-3-arrested/articleshow/19718184.cms>

Mohammed Akhef, TNN | Apr 25, 2013, 03.41 AM IST

AURANGABAD: A 19-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly gang raped on Tuesday night after being abducted while waiting for public transport in front of Dhoot hospital on Jalna road. Three men have been arrested, while another is absconding.

The arrested men are Sangharsh Bhusaheb Landge, Sagar Baban Dalvi and Vinod Salve, while the absconding accused has been identified as Manoj Ramlal Jadhav.

The woman, married eight months ago, had come to her parents' house at Sanjaynagar in Mukunwadi on April 14 and was returning to her in-laws' house in Masnatwadi, when she was allegedly abducted and gang raped.

News Updates 26.04.13

HARYANA'S SHAME Minor Dalit girl of Meham gang-raped, 5 arrested - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130426/haryana.htm#3>

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HARYANA'S SHAME Minor Dalit girl of Meham gang-raped, 5 arrested

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130426/haryana.htm#3>



Tribune News Service
Rohtak, April 25

The police has arrested five youths accused of gang-raping a 15-year-old minor Dalit girl at Meham on Monday night. They were remanded to judicial custody after they were produced before the court here this morning. This is the second such incident in the district in the past about 48 hours.

The police said the accused -- Vinod, Satawan and Balwan of Imligarh village and Sandeep and Vikas of Meham --allegedly accosted the Dalit girl to a secluded place on Monday and gang-raped her. She was later dropped near her house.

The matter was reported to the police on Tuesday evening and the accused were arrested last night. The police said the medical examination of the victim confirmed the rape and the department was providing her counselling. The accused hail from different communities.

A case has been booked against the accused in this connection.

The police had booked five youths on charges of abducting and raping a 28-year-old married woman from Bhainsru Khurd village of the district on April 23.

News Updates 29.04.13

Minor Dalit girl raped in UP - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/uttar-pradesh/minor-dalit-girl-raped-in-up_845370.html

Police insensitivity again comes to fore Gangraped migrant women approach Delhi Police for justice - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130429/haryana.htm#1>

Zee News

Minor Dalit girl raped in UP

http://zeenews.india.com/news/uttar-pradesh/minor-dalit-girl-raped-in-up_845370.html

Last Updated: Monday, April 29, 2013, 12:

Sitapur: A minor Dalit girl was allegedly raped by her neighbour in Misrikh area of Dighia village, police said on Monday.

According to FIR lodged by victim's father yesterday, his 12-year-old daughter was allegedly raped by Akhilesh, his neighbour on Saturday night, police said.

A case has been registered in this regard while the further probes are on, they said, adding search is on to nab the accused. PTI

The Tribune

Police insensitivity again comes to fore Gangraped migrant women approach Delhi Police for justice

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130429/haryana.htm#1>

Sushil Manav, Tribune News Service
Bhiwani, April 28

The Haryana Police's sensitivity towards crimes against women has once again come under scanner, after two migrant Dalit women, who were allegedly gang-raped and paraded naked by their employer at a brick kiln in



Dhanana village of Bhiwani district, had to approach the Delhi Police through an NGO headed by Swami Agnivesh for getting justice.

The victims, a 33-year-old woman and her 22-year-old sister-in-law, who were being kept as bonded labourers in the brick kiln, had approached the Bhiwani police last Saturday with a request for their release as bonded labourers, but the police allegedly turned a deaf ear to their complaint.

A policeman allegedly told the women that they deserved this treatment and “something bigger could happen to them by the evening.”

On the same night, they were allegedly gang-raped by the brick kiln owner and two others.

The women, who belong to Budelkhand, alleged in their complaint to the Delhi Police that they were gang-raped by three men, including the brick kiln owner for two days.

"My employer used to beat me with sticks and torture me regularly when I used to ask for wages. He and two of his brothers even forced me to parade naked. They fractured my fingers and bruised my body. And this has been happening for the past six months," one of the victims alleged.

Bandhua Mukti Morcha, an NGO to help bonded labour and headed by Swami Agnivesh, helped the women approach the Delhi Police and narrated their tale of woes.

The Delhi Police registered an FIR under Section 376-D of the IPC on the complaint of the women and informed the Bhiwani police last night.

Bhiwani Superintendent of Police (SP) Simardeep Singh said the victims were being brought to Bhiwani for recording their statements.

He said the police would incorporate relevant sections of the IPC in the FIR after recording the statements of the victims.

Simardeep Singh said the police would verify the allegations against the local police and would take action if anyone was found guilty.

News Updates 04.05.13

Court holds four youths guilty of Dalit girl's rape Quantum of punishment to be announced today - The Tribune
<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130504/haryana.htm#23>

The Tribune

Court holds four youths guilty of Dalit girl's rape Quantum of punishment to be announced today
<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130504/haryana.htm#23>

Tribune News Service
Hisar, May 3

Additional District and Sessions Judge Madhu Khanna Lalli today convicted four youths in the infamous Dabra gangrape case in which 10 persons had allegedly raped a 16-year-old Dalit girl and in the wake of subsequent apathy by the police, the victim's father had committed suicide by consuming poison.

The court acquitted four other youths charged with the gangrape and absolved two others from the charge of harbouring the rapists.



The court will announce the quantum of sentence tomorrow.

The rape victim fainted and was shifted to General Hospital, Hisar, in an unconscious condition after knowing the court verdict.

She was later discharged from the hospital in the afternoon, where she said she was not satisfied with the court's verdict.

Even the counsel for the convicts said he would appeal against the order once the court announced order on the quantum of punishment.

Those convicted are Pawan, Vikas, Baljit and Raj Kumar, all residents of Dabra village. The court acquitted Anil, Mohinder and Kuldeep of the village and Sunil from Mangali village from the charges of rape.

Suresh from Thua and Rajesh from Sultanpur, who were booked for harbouring rape accused, were also acquitted by the court.

As per an FIR registered by the police on September 19, 2012, the victim had taken an auto to go to Patel Nagar, Hisar, on September 9.

On her way, a village youth Mohinder met her and offered to drop her at Patel Nagar on his motorcycle. However, he took the girl to the fields of Satrod village, where some other youths came and gang-raped her.

News Updates 06.05.13

Another minor raped in Bihar - [The Hindustan Times](http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/patna/Another-minor-raped-in-Bihar/Article1-1054797.aspx)

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/patna/Another-minor-raped-in-Bihar/Article1-1054797.aspx>

[The Hindustan Times](http://www.hindustantimes.com)

Another minor raped in Bihar

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/patna/Another-minor-raped-in-Bihar/Article1-1054797.aspx>

Prasun K Mishra , Hindustan Times Sasaram , May 04, 2013

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An 11-year-old dalit schoolgirl was brutally raped by her neighbour late on Friday night in Rohtas district of south-western Bihar.

The incident took place at Kochas market, about 50km north-east of the Rohtas district headquarters town of Sasaram.

"An FIR has been lodged at the Kochas police station by the victim's mother against a name accused, who is absconding," Kochas SHO Rajiv Nayan told HT, confirming the incident.

Informed sources said the girl's parents had gone to attend a marriage at their relative's house in a nearby village and had requested the neighbour, Manoj Chauhan (40), a stone trader, to look after the girl.

However, on Friday night, Chauhan took the girl to his rented house, where he is alleged to have raped her. "He fled from the spot after the girl fell unconscious," said an official.

The girl regained consciousness on Saturday morning and reported the matter to her cousin, who in turn informed girl's parents on the phone.



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The parents rushed back to Kochas market, after which the mother lodged the FIR. The police later took the girl to the Sadar hospital, Sasaram for medical examination. The rapist is still absconding.

Rohtas superintendent of police Vikas Verma did not respond to repeated calls placed on his official mobile.

News Updates 08.05.13

Dalit girl attempts suicide as parents fail to deposit fees - The Hindustan Times

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/UttarPradesh/Dalit-girl-attempts-suicide-as-parents-fail-to-deposit-fees/Article1-1056908.aspx>

The Hindustan Times

Dalit girl attempts suicide as parents fail to deposit fees

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/UttarPradesh/Dalit-girl-attempts-suicide-as-parents-fail-to-deposit-fees/Article1-1056908.aspx>

PTI Muzaffarnagar, May 08, 2013

First Published: 17:22 IST(8/5/2013) | Last Updated: 17:24 IST(8/5/2013)

An undergraduate dalit girl student allegedly attempted suicide after her parents failed to deposit her college fees at Athai village, police said on Wednesday.

Anita, 20, jumped into Ganga canal on Tuesday after her parents, who are farmers, failed to submit her second semester college fees due to financial problems, they said.

The girl, a student of BCA at local S D Management college, was rescued from the canal by villagers and handed over to her parents, they added.

News Updates 13.05.13

Dalit girl raped in Punjab - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/dalit-girl-raped-in-punjab_848319.html

Minor Dalit girl raped by two brothers in Punjab - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/minor-dalit-girl-raped-by-two-brothers-in-punjab_848085.html

Tarn Taran girl complains to SC/ST panel on security - The Hindustan Times

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Punjab/Amritsar/Tarn-Taran-girl-complains-to-SC-ST-panel-on-security/SP-Article1-1059167.aspx>

Zee News

Dalit girl raped in Punjab

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/dalit-girl-raped-in-punjab_848319.html

Last Updated: Monday, May 13, 2013, 16:

Moga (Pb): A minor Dalit girl was on Monday allegedly abducted and raped by a youth in the Ghalkalan village, 7 km from here today, police said.

The 12-year-old victim was recovered within five hours after registration of the case by her parents.

However, the accused Mangat Singh managed to escape after seeing the police, leaving the girl on the Moga-Ferozepur road, where he raped her.

The victim was admitted to civil hospital where her condition was stated to be stable.

Police is conducting searches to nab the accused. PTI

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Zee News

Minor Dalit girl raped by two brothers in Punjab

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/minor-dalit-girl-raped-by-two-brothers-in-punjab_848085.html

Last Updated: Sunday, May 12, 2013, 14:

Moga: A 17-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped by two brothers, also related to the victim, police said on Sunday.

Joginder Singh and Swaran Singh, both residents of Rauwal village, allegedly raped the girl on the evening of May 10 when she was alone in her house, they said.

The duo escaped after the victim's mother arrived in the house and caught them in the act, police said, adding that the accused were relatives of the girl.

A case has been registered and a special investigation team has been constituted to probe the case in which no arrests have been made so far. PTI

The Hindustan Times

Tarn Taran girl complains to SC/ST panel on security

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Punjab/Amritsar/Tarn-Taran-girl-complains-to-SC-ST-panel-on-security/SP-Article1-1059167.aspx>

HT Correspondent , Hindustan Times

Amritsar, May 12, 2013

Last Updated: 22:39 IST(12/5/2013)

The young girl from Usma village in Tarn Taran district who along with her father was mercilessly beaten up by Punjab Police personnel on March 4 appeared before National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Tribes vice-chairman Dr Raj Kumar Verka on Sunday and complained about her security apparatus.

She maintained that the Central Reserve Police Force men deputed for her security had restricted her and her family's movements to a large extent. The CRPF personnel question her as well as her family's movement and do not allow them to even meet their relatives, she told Dr Verka.

The 22-year-old victim also told the commission vice-chairman that while the Supreme Court had directed that two vehicles be deputed with the security detail, they have been given only one vehicle.

Following the meeting, Dr Verka took up the matter with CRPF commandant in Amritsar and asked them to instruct their men to behave appropriately with the family. He also contacted the Tarn Taran deputy commissioner for providing the family one more vehicle and urged the department of social welfare to provide them financial help too.

NewsUpdates 14.06.13

Dalit girl raped in Sirsa-The Tribune

http://www.indiapress.org/gen/news.php/The_Tribune/400x60/0

2 men allegedly abducted, raped 13-yr-old Dalit girl -IBN Live

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/2-men-allegedly-abducted-raped-13yroid-dalit-girl/398685-3-239.html>

The Tribune

Dalit girl raped in Sirsa

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A minor Dalit girl was raped by a youth at Chautala village in Sirsa last night. The accused Satpal, a resident of the same village, enticed away the girl who had gone to the fields last evening. The accused allegedly took her to a secluded place, where he raped her.

The police has booked the youth under Sections 363, 366 and 376 of the IPC, relevant provision of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

VikramNehra, SHO of DabwaliSadar Police Station, said the Dabwali DSP was probing into the matter, as the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was involved in it.

IBN Live

2 men allegedly abducted, raped 13-yr-old Dalit girl

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/2-men-allegedly-abducted-raped-13yroid-dalit-girl/398685-3-239.html>

A 13-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly kidnapped and raped by two men in Churu district when she had gone outside her house to relieve herself, police said here on Thursday.

The duo abducted the girl on Wednesday, took her to an isolated place and raped her, they said. An FIR was registered with Sadulpur place station, they said, adding that the matter was being probed.

NewsUpdates 15.06.13

Youth held for raping a dalit minor-The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/gurgaon/Youth-held-for-raping-a-dalit-minor/articleshow/20598025.cms>

Dalit girl report missing from Noida- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/noida/Dalit-girl-report-missing-from-Noida/articleshow/20598429.cms>

The Times Of India

Youth held for raping a dalit minor

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/gurgaon/Youth-held-for-raping-a-dalit-minor/articleshow/20598025.cms>

SIRSA: The police on Friday arrested an upper-caste youth on charges of raping a dalit minor girl in a village in Sirsa district.

The accused, identified as SatpalBishnoi, had raped the 16-year-old girl on Wednesday, said a police officer. The victim and her family had approached the police on Thursday and a case of rape was registered against the accused on Thursday after medical examination of the victim confirmed the crime.

The accused, a resident of the same village, has also been booked under various sections of SC/ST Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. According to the police complaint, Satpal had forcibly taken the girl to an isolated place near the village on Wednesday evening after finding her walking home alone and raped her there. The accused had also threatened the victim of dire consequences if she revealed the incident to anyone, the complaint states.

The Times Of India

Dalit girl report missing from Noida

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/noida/Dalit-girl-report-missing-from-Noida/articleshow/20598429.cms>



NOIDA: A 14-year-old Dalit girl has been reported missing from the city for almost a week. Her mother has alleged that she has been kidnapped by some youths who live in the nearby Chowda village. Police have lodged an FIR for abduction and are probing the case.

Police said the girl and her younger sister had gone out of their house in Sector 24 after a fight with their mother. After some time, during which the mother looked for her daughters, some youths brought back the younger girl home. "I knew one of the two boys who came to drop her. I sensed they had abducted my older daughter, but when I told this to the police they took no action," she alleged.

Police said they had brought in the accused for questioning after the woman's allegation. "There is no evidence to link the boys to the abduction. We'll soon find the girl as we have some very solid leads," said a senior police officer.

News Updates 21.06.13

Minor Dalit's rape: Haryana Police under NCPCR scanner 'Take action against delinquent police officials in 15 days' - The Tribune

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130621/haryana.htm#4>

The Tribune

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<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2013/20130621/haryana.htm#4>

Pradeep Sharma, Tribune News Service
Chandigarh, June 20

The inept handling of a minor Dalit girl's gang rape in Shekhupur Daroli village of Fatehabad district in January by the Haryana Police has come under the scanner of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights(NCPCR).

On a complaint filed by ML Sarwan, a former Haryana bureaucrat and secretary-general of the Haryana Valmiki Mahasabha, the NCPCR has sought an action-taken report from the Haryana Police within 15 days.

"You are required to get the matter investigated and take necessary action in accordance with Section 21 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences(POSCO) Act,2012, and refer the child to the authorities concerned for substantial compensation and rehabilitation," an official communication from NCPCR member Nina P Nayak, asked the Haryana DGP.

Sarwan had sought the dismissal of then Bhattu Kalan SHO Jagdish Prasad and ASI Devi Lal for dereliction of duty, including alleged delay of 12 days in filing an FIR in the case .

However, the NCPCR was all praise for the judiciary which ensured justice for the victim through speedy trial . However,the commission regretted that no action was taken against the delinquent police officials.

Even in his judgement, LN Jindal, Additional Sessions Judge, Fatehabad, had noted that "the prosecutrix and her father had to run from pillar to post to lodge a report but they were not heard and it was eventually on January 21,2013 (12 days after the crime) when their complaint was taken and the FIR registered."

On May 1, 2013, the court sentenced four persons to imprisonment for 10 years each and sent a woman to jail for five years for helping the accused.



NewsUpdates 23.06.13

Minor raped, murdered in Barmer-The Times Of India

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Jaisalmer: Tension prevailed at Samdadi village in Barmer on Saturday after a 10-year-old dalit girl was kidnapped, raped and murdered by some unidentified men. Her body, with throat slit by a sharp-edged weapon, was found in a hilly area near the town.

According to the police, the girl had left for the market to buy mobile recharge coupons on Friday morning, but she didn't return. The family members kept searching for the girl for a few hours, but when they could not find her anywhere they lodged a complaint with the police.

"However, someone spotted the bodies in the hills some 10 kilometres from the town and informed the police. A police team was immediately rushed to the spot and the body was found," said a police officer.

The family members alleged that her body was found in a naked condition and her throat was slit with a sharp-edged weapon. Police suspect that some men kidnapped her and then threw her body after murdering her somewhere else.

According to SDM ChanchalVerma, after murdering, the body was thrown in the hills. The police have formed separate teams to nab the culprits and instructions have been given to arrest the culprits at the earliest.

On getting information about the incident, hundreds of people gathered in the town demanding to arrest the culprits, shouted slogans and jammed the roads.

"We have registered an FIR for kidnap, rape and murder. Further investigation is on. We have got some clues about the identity of the culprits," said the officer.

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Dalit woman raped in Haryana-The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Dalit-woman-raped-in-Haryana/articleshow/20729544.cms>

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REWARI: A 25-year-old dalit woman was allegedly raped by a person for three years on the pretext of marrying her, police said on Sunday.

The woman, a divorcee and resident of Qutubpur colony here, in her complaint on Saturday alleged Jhajjar district native Vipin Kumar of raping her, they said.

Medical examination of the woman confirmed rape following which Vipin was arrested, police said.

According to the complaint, about three years back the woman went to Jhajjar to appear in an exam, where she met Vipin and developed a friendship with him.



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On the pretext of marrying her, Vipin allegedly exploited the woman, police said.

Vipin got married to another woman on June 1, this year, they said.

On her complaint, a case under relevant sections of IPC and SC/ST Act was registered against Vipin, they said, adding the accused was produced in local court, which sent him to judicial custody.

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Dalit woman fights house demolition-Deccan Chronicle

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/130629/news-current-affairs/article/dalit-woman-fights-house-demolition>

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Hyderabad: A Dalit woman from Mahbubnagar district has approached the Andhra Pradesh Information Commission against panchayat officials for submitting fake records in connection with a house allotment made to her under the Indiramma housing scheme.

The victim, Pochamma, complained that certain individuals had demolished her house, when she was not in her village, and constructed another structure in its place. When she approached the village panchayat secretary for records, there was no response. Following that, she filed a complaint with APIC against the panchayat secretary for denial of information.

The commission summoned panchayat secretaries on June 19, who submitted records stating that the house was not allotted on her name. But Pochamma smashed their claim by submitting original records. The case has been posted to July

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Dalit women seek special bill for protection and justice- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/Dalit-women-seek-special-bill-for-protection-and-justice/articleshow/20837168.cms>

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MADURAI: The dalit women who faced atrocities at the hands of higher castes urged the centre to draft a special bill to protect them. At a state-level review meeting on 'Atrocities againsts Dalit Women - Legal & Rehabilitation Measures' they passed a resolution seeking for the special bill with stringent punishment for offenders, long-term rehabilitation measures for victims and action against officials who failed to act on the complaints filed by affected dalit women.

The meet organised by Evidence - a Madurai-based NGO -- here on Saturday.

also sought the National Human Rights Commission to establish counselling and rehabilitation centres to help the victimised women and protect the witnesses in such cases. All sexually assaulted dalit women should be given a compensation of Rs 10 lakh under Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The other resolutions included the statistics on dalit women and children, report on their status once in two years and reservation in government and private jobs as well as representation in parliament, assembly and

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panchayats.

Advocate Nirmala Rani who presided over one of the technical session pointed out the failure of legal system in ensuring conviction of accused in cases against Dalit women. She also pointed out how SC/ST Act is not invoked in many of the cases and the legal technicalities prevented the talented lawyers from representing the victims.

A Kathir, executive director of Evidence, said the purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm on policies that will ensure coordination among various government bodies in delivering justice. The meeting was also to discuss the participation of civil groups in the process of getting justice for women.

During the meeting, children of women who suffered atrocities were provided educational aids sponsored by P Manikandan, a hotelier in Coimbatore.

Dalit women, who faced attacks from the caste hindus, shared their experiences during the meeting. "I was attacked by caste hindus for walking down the street with slippers," said Iruli from Trichy district. Divya from Dindigul district shared how she was cheated by a higher caste boy who refused to marry her after she became pregnant. She was rejected by the family and now living alone with her daughter in poverty, she said.

She is yet to get justice as not even a charge sheet was filed in the case. P Vasanthi of Theni narrated police atrocities in Kadamalaikundu station and how after a long struggle, CBCID took up the case to prove the offence, but the offenders - the police inspector and sub-inspector - are yet to be arrested.

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Dalit woman axed to death after rape-Hindustan Times

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/Haryana/Dalit-woman-axed-to-death-after-rape/Article1-1084873.aspx>

Hindustan Times

Dalit woman axed to death after rape

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A 35-year-old Dalit widow was allegedly axed to death after being raped by a man of upper caste at Rambas village of Mahendergarh district on Saturday.

The accused identified as Satbir Thakur, 36, a resident of the same village, who was arrested by the police on Saturday. The police have booked him for rape and murder, besides provisions of the SC/ST Act.

The accused had visited the house of victim in the wee hours of Saturday and asked the victim to accompany him to the jungle on pretext of searching his goats. The police said that the accused allegedly raped the victim in the jungle and then axed her to death.

The body was first spotted by women of the village who had gone to the jungle for attending nature's call. The police reached the spot and sent the body for autopsy. Narnaul DSP Jaipal Singh said, "We have recovered the axe used in the crime from the spot designated by the accused and are interrogating him."

NewsUpdates 02.07.13

Divya to stay with mother till family accepts Dalit husband - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/divya-to-stay-with-mother-till-family-accepts-dalit-husband/article4870383.ece>

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Weeks after informing the Madras High Court that she had left her matrimonial home to live with her mother only to avoid caste tensions, Vanniyar girl N. Divya of Dharmapuri on Monday told a Division Bench that she would continue to stay with her mother until her family accepted her Dalit husband Ilavarasan, with whom she is still in love.

In remarks that seemed to dispel the impression that she had completely sacrificed her inter-caste marriage to Ilavarasan, Ms. Divya told Justice M. Jaichandren and Justice M.M. Sundresh, in a hearing held in the judges' chamber, that she wanted her mother to accept her love.

"My mother has not accepted my marriage with him. But for the time being, I will be with her until she accepts my love."

Her marriage to Ilavarasan of Natham Colony near Naikkankottai in Dharmapuri district had led to a mob fury against Dalits there last November. Her father committed suicide and a mob set fire to houses in the colony.

After living with him for eight months, Divya left him a month ago. On June 5, she appeared along with her mother before the judges hearing a habeas corpus petition filed by Ilavarasan's mother.

With moist eyes, she had told the judges then that she wanted to go with her mother for the time being as she was unable to cope with the mental stress caused by caste tension.

When the matter came up on Monday, the judges heard her alone in their chamber first, keeping lawyers of both sides out.

Later, they briefed the advocates on what Divya had told them. The lawyers then briefed the media.

News Updates 03.07.13

Dalit girl humiliated, ends life - The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/dalit-girl-humiliated-ends-life/article4874141.ece>

The Hindu

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A Dalit teenage girl, a victim of alleged sexual harassment, committed suicide following humiliation and threats to her family. The 16-year-old girl of Kokkaneri village near Pazhavor is said to be the second victim in the family.

The FIR says Krishnamoorthy (30) and Rajesh (26) of the same village humiliated the girl by tying her up and beating her.

According to Madurai-based NGO Evidence members who had conducted a field enquiry, Krishnamoorthy, belonging to Nadar caste, asked the girl's mother to get her daughter married to him. However, she refused stating that the girl was a minor.

The girl consumed poison on June 22, three days after Krishnamoorthy and his friend Rajesh allegedly tortured her.

A.Kathir, Executive Director said five years ago, her sister committed suicide following sexual harassment.

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Girl married to Dalit refuses to go back to husband- The Indian Express

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/girl-married-to-dalit-refuses-to-go-back-to-husband/1137325/>

Fair probe sought into Dalit woman's rape, murder- The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/fair-probe-sought-into-dalit-womans-rape-murder/article4880746.ece>

The Indian Express

Girl married to Dalit refuses to go back to husband

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The girl, whose marriage to a Dalit boy triggered anti-Dalit violence in three villages of Dharmapuri district in November last, today said she would never go back to her husband. Speaking to reporters outside the High Court, Divya said she has been under tremendous pressure all these days. She said she is unable to forget her father who committed suicide after her marriage and now she does not want to live with her husband, but wants to stay with her mother.

The matter pertains to a Habeas Corpus Petition filed by the mother of Divya to produce her before the Court and set her at Liberty. On July 1, she had told Madras High Court that she would go with her mother "for the time being". She had also said she had no problems in the house of her husband or with her mother-in-law, but was being haunted by incidents of her father's death who committed suicide after her marriage with Ilavarasan of Natham village.

Divya's mother too had opposed the inter-caste marriage which was held on October 14. Three villages of Dharmapuri district-- Natham, Kondamapatty and Annanagar-- witnessed violence and about 296 huts belonging to Dalits were torched on November 7 after the girl's father committed suicide.

Several writ petitions were filed and the Court has ordered a probe into the rehabilitation measures taken in Dalit colonies under the committee headed by IAS officer Vaski which submitted a 5000-page report to the High Court. Earlier, when the petition came up for hearing, the bench comprising Justices M Jayachandran and M Sunderesh reserved the orders for Friday.

The Hindu

Fair probe sought into Dalit woman's rape, murder

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/fair-probe-sought-into-dalit-womans-rape-murder/article4880746.ece>

A delegation of Dalit leaders has urged Prakasam district Collector G.S.R.K.R.Vijaykumar to ensure a free and fair probe into the alleged gang-rape and murder of a Dalit woman in K.V. Palem village near Chimakurthi last week.

They tried to impress upon the Collector, who is also Chairman of the SC/ST Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, to ask the Superintendent of Police to handle the sensitive case personally and render justice to the victim's family.

Briefing newsmen on Wednesday, Dalit Hakkula Parirakshana Samiti district president N. Nagendra Rao said the police should move the court seeking custodial interrogation of the seven persons arrested to unravel the conspiracy and book all the persons behind the attempts to set the woman's body ablaze to suppress evidence.

News Updates 09.07.13

Teen girl attempts suicide after rape- The Times Of India

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-07-09/lucknow/40468352_1_teen-girl-15-year-old-girl-monday-morning-the-girl

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LUCKNOW: A 15-year-old girl, who was allegedly raped by a neighbour, attempted suicide by consuming poisonous substance on Monday morning. The girl is battling for life in Civil Hospital in the city. The incident took place on the outskirts under Nigohan police station on early Monday.

The accused, Ashok Pal, 25, gagged the girl while she was asleep in the front portion of her house, dragged her to a field and allegedly raped her. He also thrashed the victim to intimidate her. When the girl was found missing in the morning, her parents started a search for her.

Meanwhile, the girl gained consciousness and reached home. She narrated the incident to her family members and asked them to leave her alone for sometime. She then consumed peppermint oil kept in the room to end her life. The girl was taken to a community health centre around 7am from where she was referred to government female hospital in Hazratganj. When her condition did not improve even then, she was referred to Civil Hospital. Doctors have described her condition as "extremely serious".

Meanwhile, her father lodged an FIR with Nigohan police against the accused Ashok Pal. He has been booked under rape charges and SC/ST Act. Police have arrested Pal and taken his clothes into custody.

"The girl's condition is serious and Pal will be sent to jail for assaulting her," said Saumitra Yadav, additional superintendent of police (rural). Victim's father and Pal had clashed about six months ago, added Yadav. Both are farmers and own tracts of land in the same village, Yadav added. Pal has a child and his wife is a shiksha mitra.

News Updates 13.07.13

Dalit minor girl raped in Punjab- ZEE News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/dalit-minor-girl-raped-in-punjab_861960.html

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Dalit minor girl raped in Punjab

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/dalit-minor-girl-raped-in-punjab_861960.html

Moga: A Dalit minor girl was allegedly raped by a man here when she was on her way to a school, police said on Saturday.

Sewak Singh of Ghall Kalan allegedly kidnapped the victim yesterday when she was going to school. He then raped her and fled from the spot.

A case has been registered and a hunt is on to nab the accused, police said.

News Updates 15.07.13

Dalit woman allegedly raped, neighbour held- ZEE News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/haryana/dalit-woman-allegedly-raped-neighbour-held_862236.html

ZEE News

Dalit woman allegedly raped, neighbour held

http://zeenews.india.com/news/haryana/dalit-woman-allegedly-raped-neighbour-held_862236.html

Rewari: A Dalit woman has alleged she was raped by her neighbour when she was alone at her parental house in Buroli village, some 15-km from here, police said today.



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42-year-old Ajit had been arrested in this connection, they said adding he was produced before a Magistrate who had remanded him in judicial custody.

In her complaint, the woman, who was separated from her husband, alleged Ajit, her neighbour, had forcibly entered her parental house in March this year when she was alone and raped her.

The woman was staying with her parents after separation from her husband in January this year, police said. A case of rape had been registered against Ajit last Friday.

News Updates 19.07.13

Man gets 7-year RI for raping minor Dalit girl- Business Standard

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/man-gets-7-year-ri-for-raping-minor-dalit-girl-113071800888_1.html

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A special court here sentenced a man to ten years' rigorous imprisonment for raping a minor Dalit girl.

Special Judge (Atrocities) Vibhawari Joshi awarded ten-year rigorous imprisonment to Kishan Lal Tanwar for raping a 12-year-old girl when she went to the forest for grazing her domestic animals on June 28, 2011, special public prosecutor Girish Gupta said today.

The court, while announcing the sentence two days back, also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on Tanwar.

After raping the victim at Sangi village in the district, the accused fled from there following which she narrated her ordeal to her parents.

Later, a case was registered against Tanwar and he was subsequently arrested.

News Updates 22.07.13

Youth arrested for allegedly raping Dalit woman - Zee News

http://zeenews.india.com/news/madhya-pradesh/youth-arrested-for-allegedly-raping-dalit-woman_863807.html

Zee News

Youth arrested for allegedly raping Dalit woman

http://zeenews.india.com/news/madhya-pradesh/youth-arrested-for-allegedly-raping-dalit-woman_863807.html

Indore: A youth was arrested by the police today for allegedly raping a married Dalit housewife after threatening her with dire consequences.

The accused has been identified as Suraj Pawar (19), Kudail police station in-charge Rajiv Tripathi told reporters. Pawar allegedly entered the house of the 22-year-old victim on July 17 when she was alone and raped her after threatening her and fled the spot.

The accused used to visit her residence quite often and also used to call her up over phone. A case was registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code.

News Updates 24.07.13

Child, woman hurt as dalits attacked in Dindigul-The Times Of India

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Child, woman hurt as dalits attacked in Dindigul

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/Child-woman-hurt-as-dalits-attacked-in-Dindigul/articleshow/21290116.cms>

DINDIGUL: A group of non-dalitvanniyar youth allegedly attacked two dalit

youths of Kariyampatti village near Nilakottai in Dindigul district for wearing t-shirts bearing the picture of freedom fighter Ondiveeran, who is celebrated as a dalit icon. A child and a woman were also injured after the non-dalit youths ransacked the houses of the dalits for lodging a police complaint.

Police have arrested eight vanniyars on Monday night for attacking the youth and later ransacking their houses. Cases have been registered 84 non-dalits and a search is on to arrest them. Police said the situation is under control now and a peace committee meeting between the dalit arunthathiyars and Vanniyars has been scheduled for Wednesday.

"All the accused should be arrested immediately and the victims should be given a solatium of Rs 60,000 each. The damaged houses must also be renovated," said A Kathir, executive director of Evidence, an NGO that made a fact-finding visit to Kariyampatti.

The trouble started on July 16 in the village, the last day of the three-day Kaliamma temple festival celebrated by dalits. Two dalit youths had worn t-shirts bearing the picture of Ondiveeran during the festival. A group of non-dalit youth picked up a quarrel with them and forced the dalits to remove the t-shirts.

Again, on July 21, two more dalit youth were spotted by the non-dalits wearing similar t-shirts with Ondiveeran's image. When the dalits refused to remove the t-shirts, they were allegedly assaulted by five non-dalit youth. The same day, a case was registered in Nilakottai police station but the accused were not arrested.

However, a large group of non-dalits who turned furious after the case was registered barged into the dalit residential area and damaged four houses there. A three-year-old child and a woman were injured in the attack.

Immediately, police rushed to the spot and arrested eight of the accused while others escaped.

"T-shirts were only the immediate provocation. There was simmering tension between dalits and non-dalits even before that," said a police officer.

News Updates 25.07.13

Mentally challenged girl raped by teachers in Haryana; one held- Hindustan Times

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/Haryana/Mentally-challenged-girl-raped-by-teachers-in-Haryana-one-held/Article1-1097772.aspx>

Hindustan Times

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A mentally challenged student of Class 9 was allegedly raped by two of her teachers at Dudwa village near Dadri of Bhiwani district.



The victim, 14, who hails from dalit community was being allegedly raped for last six months by her physical training instructor and a junior basic training teacher.

According to complaint, the victim was mentally challenged girl and got pregnant after being sexually exploited by duo, who have been identified as Rafiq (JBT teacher) (48) from Lohar community and Vinod Kumar (PTI) (in mid twenties) of Chiri village of Bhiwani district.

As per details of complaint, the accused used to threaten her of striking off her name from school, if she did not give in to their undue favour. When victim got pregnant, they got the pregnancy terminated with the help of same village ANM and ASHA worker. Sources said that the accused teachers did not show the attendance of victim after 28th March, the day, they got to know about her pregnancy to evade police action.

The matter came to light, after the termination of pregnancy and residents of Dudwa village got wind of the matter, who reached school and locked it demanding action against the accused teachers. After a protest of three hours, Dadri deputy superintendent of police Vijender Singh and district education officer, Nirmla Sheoran reached the spot and assured the protesters of arresting the perpetrators with immediate effect. Alleging the nexus of all teachers of school, the protesters demanded transfer of all staff members.

Talking to Hindustan Times, Bhiwani SP, Mitesh Jain said, "The accused were booked under 376(rape), SC/ST Act and Prevention of Children From Sexual Offences Act". On the arrest, he said: "We are investigating the matter". But sources added that one of the accused Rafiq has been arrested by police.

On the action taken against accused teacher, Bhiwani district education officer, Nirmal Sheoran said, "According to norms, the arrested teachers are suspended within 24 hours of registration of FIR". She said: "In my opinion, we should not directly jump on the conclusion and brand them as criminals and let police investigate the reality behind the incident".

News Updates 26.07.13

Bangalore: Korean man accused of sexual exploitation at his orphanage- [IBNLive](http://ibnlive.com)

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/bangalore-korean-man-accused-of-sexual-exploitation-at-his-orphanage/409325-62-129.html>

Karnataka shocker: Dalit woman raped and filmed at Buddhist ashram for six years; alleges other girls face 'similar treatment'- [Daily Bhaskar](http://dailybhaskar.com)

<http://daily.bhaskar.com/article/BAN-karnataka-dalit-woman-raped-at-buddhist-ashram-for-six-years-alleges-other-girls-4330323-NOR.html>

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Bangalore: Korean man accused of sexual exploitation at his orphanage

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/bangalore-korean-man-accused-of-sexual-exploitation-at-his-orphanage/409325-62-129.html>

Bangalore: A case of sexual exploitation has been reported in Bangalore where a Dalit girl has alleged that she and several others were repeatedly sexually abused at an orphanage run by a Korean national. She has claimed that the abusers' associate is blackmailing her for sexual favours.

"I stayed in the orphanage from the time I was 3-years-old till I turned 19. He started abusing me when I was 9 years old and even gave us our baths. He later began abusing another girl. Whenever she wasn't around he wanted me. We had no choice but to do what he asked us to do," recalls the complainant.

An FIR has been registered against the Korean national who is the founder of the orphanage. The girl who has filed the complaint has been a former inmate in the orphanage.



A regional TV channel had also reportedly procured videos showing the accused sexually abusing a minor. The orphanage has now been shut down.

She approached the police after moving out from the orphanage. Joint Commissioner crime, Hemant

Nimbalkar, has assured the girl that the accused will be tried under the law of the land as he is staying in India. "We have received her complaint and registered an FIR against the accused. We are investigating the matter in detail. He is staying here so law of the land will apply to him," says Joint Commissioner, Crime, Bangalore Police.

The girl has alleged that she was not the only victim facing sexual assault in the orphanage. Several other girls also had to face the trauma. The police has said that they are questioning every person related in the case and will ensure that the accused he will be arrested if found guilty.

Daily Bhaskar

Karnataka shocker: Dalit woman raped and filmed at Buddhist ashram for six years; alleges other girls face 'similar treatment'

<http://daily.bhaskar.com/article/BAN-karnataka-dalit-woman-raped-at-buddhist-ashram-for-six-years-alleges-other-girls-4330323-NOR.html>

Bangalore: Making her plight which she encountered for over six years known to police, a Dalit woman has accused an owner and workers of a Buddhist ashram in Kothanur of raping her since she was thirteen.

DNA reports that she approached Kothanur police on July 17 with the help of a Dalit organisation and alleged in the complaint that she was in the Peace House Ashram at Bhairathi Bande since she was nine years old, until her marriage at the age of 19.

She said Do Woong Choie, a director of the ashram, started to harass her when she was 13-year old. She alleged that he raped her regularly till she was 19 and got married. She alleges that another employee of the ashram, Manual Joysing, told her to co-operate with the director and also threatened her against revealing the matter to anyone.

He allegedly also recorded the rapes with his handycam. She remained quiet about the abuse. At the age of 19, she fell in love with a construction labourer who came to ashram for work.

She married him and left the ashram. Her husband came to know that several girls and women were allegedly raped in the ashram and suspected that his wife too might have been sexually abused. Owing to repeated questioning by him in this regard, she separated from him a few months ago.

A Dalit organisation came to know about her and advised her to complain about the matter with police. The police have registered a case of rape and threatening against Choie and Joysing. Both are said to be absconding. Kothanur police said a manhunt has been launched to nab the accused.

News Updates 27.07.13

Gang-raped Dalit girl commits suicide in Ghaziabad- NYDaily News

<http://india.nydailynews.com/newsarticle/6622b3673d3b11149a346e630b54d0dd/gang-raped-dalit-girl-commits-suicide-in-ghaziabad>

Dalit girl goes missing, family alleges kidnapping- Business Standard

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Ghaziabad, July 26 — A minor Dalit girl, allegedly gang-raped by four people earlier this week, committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in Farid Nagar town of Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad district, police said Friday.

The 10th standard student committed suicide Thursday morning at her relative's house where the family had taken shelter, a police officer said.

According to the victim's father, she was depressed over the mounting pressure on the family to arrive at a compromise with the accused. He also accused police of arresting only one of the four accused in the case.

"We had to leave our village as police arrested only one person involved in the crime while the other three were allowed to roam free," he said.

He also alleged that a Samajwadi Party legislator has been protecting the accused.

"They are being protected by the local Samajwadi Party MLA. They were pressurizing us for a compromise. Even after shifting to my sister's house in Farid Nagar, the pressure continued," he added.

Terming the incident a "very sensitive matter", Ghaziabad Senior Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh Yadav said: "I am going to visit the police station where the case was registered and get all the details related to it."

According to the victim's complaint, she was abducted from her house in Galand village under Masuri police station of Ghaziabad and gang-raped by four people Monday night. She was later dumped by the accused, police said.

Business Standard

Dalit girl goes missing, family alleges kidnapping

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A 15-year-old dalit girl went missing from her home in Chughe Basti area here, with her family members alleging that she was abducted by a youth who wanted to marry her.

Victim's father said the teenager was found missing this morning when the family members woke up, police said.

In his FIR, the father accused a youth and his three family members of the same locality of being involved in his daughter's kidnapping, police said.

Search for the missing girl is on and a manhunt has been launched to nab the four accused who are absconding, police said.

News Updates 28.07.13

Abducted girl rescued, one held- Business Standard

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A 16-year-old Dalit girl, who was allegedly abducted and raped, was rescued from Ambala railway station and one person arrested in this connection.



She was abducted from Lopon village here by Satnam Singh of the same village on July 21, police said.

Singh had lured the girl on the pretext of marrying her, they said.

Acting on a tip off, police team rescued the girl and arrested the kidnapper from Ambala railway station yesterday, SSP Surjit Singh Grewal said.

Satnam was produced in a local court which remanded him in three-day police custody.

The medical examination of the victim has confirmed rape, the police official said.

News Updates 31.07.13

'Harassed' Dalit woman sarpanch to face no-confidence motion on Aug 1- The Indian Express

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/-harassed--dalit-woman-sarpanch-to-face-noconfidence-motion-on-aug-1/1149060/>

Family ostracized for inter-caste marriage in TN- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Family-ostracized-for-inter-caste-marriage-in-TN/articleshow/21499196.cms>

Protect Dalit woman, Dharmapuri SP told- The New Indian Express

<http://newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/Protect-Dalit-woman-Dharmapuri-SP-told/2013/07/31/article1710391.ece>

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A dalit woman sarpanch from Chadasana village of Becharaji taluka in Mehsana district, who had earlier this month written to various authorities complaining about alleged caste-based harassment by other "upper caste" members of the panchayat, is now facing a no-confidence motion from the other members of the panchayat on August 1. She has also alleged that the no-confidence motion is nothing but a ploy to remove her as sarpanch.

The dalit woman sarpanch has been identified as Santok Solanki. According to the details, Solanki was selected as the sarpanch of the village in December 2011 under the Samras Yojna of the Gujarat Government where instead of electing, villagers select the sarpanch and other members of the Gram Panchayat. And in turn, the panchayat gets special benefits from the state government. The seat of sarpanch was reserved for the Scheduled Caste as per the roster of the state Government then.

Earlier, in April this year, another dalit woman sarpanch in Lakhvad village of Mehsana district had alleged harassment by her predecessors belonging to "upper castes". In fact, the woman was arrested by police in connection with a criminal case of breach of trust and criminal intimidation lodged by one of the persons against whom she had lodged multiple complaints of harassment.

Like Chadasana, Lakhvad is also a Samras village. The all-women panchayat of Chadasana consists of six members apart from the sarpanch. Apart from Solanki and one other dalit woman, rest of the members are belonging to "upper castes".

According to Solanki, she started a lot of developmental works in the village. "However, a majority of these upper caste members did not like it when I started some works in the dalit dominated areas. And then they started scuttling all my proposals of developmental works and started approaching authorities against me," Solanki said.

Following this, on July 5, Solnaki had written to different authorities complaining about the caste-based harassment she was being subjected to.



"However, now one of my opposites has brought a no-confidence motion against me on the grounds of mismanagement and irregularities voting on which is on August 1. This is a ploy to remove me as sarpanch," Solanki said.

According to Solanki, the opposition against her is led by the Deputy Sarpanch Kaliben Desai and her husband Vasibhai. When contacted, Kaliben asked to talk to her husband and Vasibhai, in turn, denied the allegations saying, "They have committed irregularities and therefore the no-confidence motion has been moved. We are not discriminating against her on her caste. As, there is one another dalit member who is with us against her (Solanki)."

When contacted, District Development Officer H N Thakkar said, "I have inquired into this issue. I have got an impression that the woman sarpanch is not being discriminated against." And so far as the no-confidence motion is concerned, it's an internal matter of the panchayat being governed under the provisions of the Panchayat Act."

The Times Of India

Family ostracized for inter-caste marriage in TN

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Family-ostracized-for-inter-caste-marriage-in-TN/articleshow/21499196.cms>

CHENNAI: A couple in has been ostracized for marrying outside their caste in Tamil Nadu, three years after the marriage following controversy and violence after a similar inter-caste marriage in the state. S Sudha, a dalit, married a vanniyar man in April 2010 at Kadaiyampatti village in Dharmapuri district. She has now approached the Madras high court saying that the family, including her in-laws have been excommunicated and sought protection from 'community leaders'.

Justice K K Sasidharan directed the Dharmapuri district administration to provide police protection to Sudha and her family members, and ensure that they lived peacefully without any threat or attack. Justice Sasidharan said, "This petition projects a sorry state of affairs in Tamil Nadu, and Dharmapuri district in particular. The petitioner (Sudha) had a love affair with a man of another community resulting in their marriage. She now wants to live in the village along with her in-laws. In a matter of this nature, the court has to strike a balance between the right of the petitioner to live in the village and the need to preserve peace and tranquility in the area."

Sudha said that after the Divya-Elavarasan episode, violence broke out in Dharmapuri district. She claimed that members of the vanniyar community in the village boycotted her family. Life became so miserable that she was forced to leave the village, she said, adding that 21 local leaders conducted a katta panchayat (kangaroo court) and excommunicated her and the family. She wanted police protection to live in the village. The government lawyer told the court that police have been providing protection to her and that two sub-inspectors and eight constables have been posted for their protection.

Justice Sasidharan asked the Dharmapuri superintendent of police to ensure that Sudha's family was able to live peacefully in the village, and was allowed to use the village well and other common amenities without any problem.

The New Indian Express

Protect Dalit woman, Dharmapuri SP told

<http://newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/Protect-Dalit-woman-Dharmapuri-SP-told/2013/07/31/article1710391.ece>

The Madras High Court has directed the Dharmapuri district Superintendent of Police to provide protection to Dalit woman S Sudha, who married an upper-caste man and thereby earned the wrath of the villagers and was ex-communicated.



This writ petition projected a sorry state-of-affairs prevailing in the State in general and more particularly in Dharmapuri, Justice KK Sasidharan observed on July 26. In a matter of this nature, the court had to strike a balance between the right of the petitioner to live in the village and the need to preserve the peace and tranquility in the area, the judge added.

It was open to Sudha to enter her village and live along with her in-laws. The police should ensure that she lived peacefully without any threat or attack by 21 persons named in her affidavit, or their men.

The police protection must be meaningful and they should ensure that the petitioner was permitted to take water and use other common amenities without any problem, the judge said while passing interim orders on a writ petition from Sudha. The judge also issued notices to the 21 persons, returnable by August 19.

News Updates 01.08.13

Minor girl killed, one injured in firing in UP- [India Today](#)

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/dalit-dalit-girl-killed-budha-saifi-uttar-pradesh/1/297408.html>

Another dalit-vanniyar couple run into community hurdle- [The Times Of India](#)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Another-dalit-vanniyar-couple-run-into-community-hurdle/articleshow/21499544.cms>

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A 17-year-old Dalit girl was killed and a youth was injured when two groups opened fire at each other over a land dispute in Budha Saifi village in Bharthana area, police said on Thursday.

Alka died on the spot while Indresh, of the other group was injured and rushed to a local hospital, they said.

His condition is stated to be stable, police said, adding an FIR has been lodged in this connection.

[The Times Of India](#)

Another dalit-vanniyar couple run into community hurdle

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CHENNAI: The ill-fated Divya-Elavarasan marriage, and the violence it triggered, has shattered peace in another household where a dalit-vanniyar couple was leading a peaceful life for more than three years.

Now the dalit woman, S Sudha , who married a vanniyar man in April 2010 at Kadaiyampatti village in Dharmapuri district , has come knocking at the doors of the Madras high court, claiming that the entire family, including her in-laws , had been excommunicated. She sought protection from 'community leaders' .

Justice K K Sasidharan, before whom the matter came up for hearing, directed the Dharmapuri district administration to provide police protection to Sudha and her family members, and ensure that they lived peacefully without any threat or attack from the 21 identified individuals of the village.

Lamenting the lack of camaraderie among people from different castes, Justice Sasidharan said: "This petition projects a sorry state of affairs in Tamil Nadu, and Dharmapuri district in particular. The petitioner (Sudha) had a love affair with a man of another community resulting in their marriage. She now wants to live in the village along with her in-laws . In a matter of this nature, the court has to strike a balance between the right of the petitioner to live in the village and the need to preserve peace and tranquillity in the area."

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When the matter was taken up, the government pleader informed the court that police were already providing protection to her and that two sub-inspectors and eight constables had been posted for their protection.

Recording the submissions, Justice Sasidharan asked the Dharmapuri superintendent of police to ensure that Sudha's family was able to live peacefully, and was allowed to use the village well and other common amenities without any problem.

It was murder, Elavarasan's dad says in plea

Chennai: Dalit youth E Elavarasan's death was a case of murder, not suicide, said his father T Elango in a petition filed in the Madras high court. Raising serious doubts about the suicide theory circulated by police, he has sought a stay on all ongoing investigations in the case and demanded that a special investigation team be set up.

Elango said there was no suicidal tendency in Elavarasan. He said police were circulating the suicide theory to close the case early and also to appease 'communal forces'. Elango also raised doubts over the nature of injuries on Elavarasan's body, and the position and location where it was discovered on July 4. He rejected the police claim that Elavarasan had written a suicide note, which was released a week after he was found dead near a railway track in Dharmapuri.

Taking exception to the alacrity with which police declared that forensic tests had confirmed it was a case of suicide, Elango said Elavarasan could not have jumped in front of the train without anyone noticing it, as it happened around noon. He also referred to the different conclusions arrived at by doctors and forensic experts who examined the body. The matter is likely to be taken up on Wednesday.

News Updates 03.08.13

Girl's death sparks tension- The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/girls-death-sparks-tension/article4984360.ece>

Youth kills self in dalit wife's house- The New Indian Express

http://newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/Youth-kills-self-in-dalit-wife%E2%80%99s-house/2013/08/03/article1715605.ece

The Hindu

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The suspicious death of a Dalit girl triggered tension in Tuticorin on Friday.

Twenty eight-year-old D.Selvakani, of Three Cent Anthoniyarpuram, allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the railing of a staircase at her workplace. Angered over the girl's death, her relatives blocked traffic at the four-road intersection on the Palayamkottai Road, seeking action against those instrumental for the death.

The girl, whose parents were deceased, was working in a private mobile phone distribution agency on Anna Nagar Main Road here. The Tuticorin South police were informed of the apparent suicide around 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Based on a complaint preferred by D.Kaniraj (24), brother of the deceased, the police filed a case under Section 174 (suspicious death) of the Indian Penal Code. Superintendent of Police M.Durai said the girl, who had worked at the agency for close to a year, reportedly had an affair with her relative and colleague Vijay.



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When it resulted in a family dispute recently, the agency dismissed Mr. Vijay and asked the girl to leave the office after collecting her salary dues. This drove her to take her life, he said.

The girl's relatives questioned the police action of removing the body without informing them.

The girl's body has been sent for post-mortem.

The New Indian Express

Youth kills self in dalit wife's house

http://newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/Youth-kills-self-in-dalit-wife%E2%80%99s-house/2013/08/03/article1715605.ece

A 19-year-old Vanniyar youth who married a girl belonging to Adi Dravidar community committed suicide at the latter's house here on Thursday night.

Vinod Kumar, son of Chandran of Vellalagundam village in Valapady taluk took his life by consuming poison, police sources said.

Vinod married Sasikala (18) a few months back after courting her for sometime.

Since Kumar's family opposed the marriage the couple was staying with Sasikala's family at Nehru Nagar in Karipatti.

Both of them got acquainted while working in private firms in Salem.

He consumed poison at the house on Thursday and died later in the day.

The reason behind his suicide is yet to be ascertained by the police and investigations are going on in this regard. Police recovered the body and sent it to Salem Government Hospital for autopsy.

According to police, a case under Section 174 of the CrPC (unnatural death) has been registered and investigations are on.

However, sources said the parents of the youth, who have already forsook him, and that of the girl have not filed any complaint regarding the death.

News Updates 04.08.13

Family, relatives cry foul over Thoothukudi Dalit girl's death- The New Indian Express

http://newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/Family-relatives-cry-foul-over-Thoothukudi-Dalit-girls-death/2013/08/04/article1717190.ece

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The trouble over conducting a post-mortem of the body of a dalit girl, who was found dead at a cell phone company showroom on Thursday, finally came to an end on Saturday as relatives accepted the procedure.

The body was later handed over to family members after the post-mortem.

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Relatives earlier refused to agree to the post mortem procedure alleging foul play in the death of the girl and demanded the police to interrogate the owner of the showroom in the case. According to police, Selvakani, a Dalit girl working at Aircel showroom, had hung herself on Thursday afternoon and her body was taken to Thoothukudi GH for post mortem.

But, the girl's relatives were informed about Selvakani's death only after the body was taken to the GH.

Alleging foul play in the death of Selvakani, family members and relatives refused to agree to the post mortem procedure on Thursday and demanded the police to file an FIR and interrogate the owner of the showroom.

Despite the protests police did not file an FIR. Relatives alleged that the owner of the shop was a relative of a political bigwig and that was why police were refusing to take action on him. But Thoothukudi DSP, Francis Pesky, claimed that the girl was in love with one Vijayakumar, who was also an employee of the showroom.

But he ditched Selvakani and married another girl. Even after the youth's marriage, Selvakani was in touch with him, said Pesky.

The DSP said that Vijayakumar was dismissed by the owner two weeks back over some reason. After this, Vijayakumar did not come to the showroom.

Upset over not being able to meet the youth, Selvakani committed suicide, Pesky claimed and said that unless the post mortem was done, it could not be confirmed whether the girl was murdered or she committed suicide.

After hectic talks on Saturday, family members finally agreed for the post mortem.

Dismissing the allegations of relatives that FIR was not filed, sources said that it was registered on day one itself under section 174 of IPC.

News Updates 05.08.13

Assault on Dalit girls over dress raises tension in SC/ST meet- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangalore/Assault-on-Dalit-girls-over-dress-raises-tension-in-SC/ST-meet/articleshow/21607679.cms>

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MANGALORE: A July 17 incident at Guruvayanakere where two dalit girls were assaulted for being 'indecently' dressed resulted in open fissures among community leaders at the monthly SC/ST meeting held here on Sunday.

While there was unanimity in that those who assaulted the girls should be booked, leaders were divided on police action on the girls. While a section favoured A July 17 incident that took place at Guruvayanakere in which two dalit girls were assaulted for being 'indecently' dressed created fissures among community leaders at the monthly SC/ST meeting held here on Sunday. police in that girls had a track record of behaving so, others were critical of police 'inaction' against those who assaulted them.

Asking if a section of society could impose a dress code on rest of society in general and dalit girls in particular, Honappa Kunder, convener of SC/ST Cell of District Congress Committee said workers of Bajrang Dal and a local Mescom lineman had taken on themselves to 'moral police' these girls over their dress and molest and beat them in public. The police rather than initiating an action against these persons booked a case against the victims, Kunder said.

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Claiming that the two girls were made to sit in their undergarments in the station and beaten up by women police constables, Kunder said police personnel at Belthangady station even questioned their dressing sense.

Claiming that one of the girls assaulted by the group was a minor, Kunder urged the superintendent of police Abhishek Goyal to book the accused under The Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

However, Shekar Laila, a dalit activist from Belthangady supported the police pointing that the girls had long history of behaving indecently in public. "These girls need counselling on how to conducting themselves in public," he said, adding if police action fails to slow them down, they should be referred to healthcare professionals. Shekar cited an incident where these girls were allegedly caught in compromising position at Panambur.

However, his statement riled other dalit leaders including P Keshava, Girish Kumar, Parvathi and Geetha SP, who questioned if there was separate dressing code for dalits and those from other castes. When girls from upper caste dress skimpily in the manner they choose, it is deemed fashionable and the same deemed indecent when dalit girls do so, Geetha said and demanded that the district police crack down on people who 'policed' these girls in public.

Abhishek Goyal said he has received three sets of representations from dalit leaders - one for and the other against the girls, and a complaint from the girls themselves. He directed additional superintendent of police T P Shivakumar to carry out an independent probe and initiate action against whomsoever be guilt - including the police.

"Public sentiments for or against the girls will not help and the action will be dependent on findings in the probe," he said.

News Updates 08.08.13

Ragging drives girl student to suicide- The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/ragging-drives-girl-student-to-suicide/article5001646.ece>

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She would have turned 18 on Independence Day. Her last wish, before she hung herself in her bedroom on Tuesday night, even as her nephew watched TV in the next room, was to be dressed in pink when cremated.

In her four-page suicide note, this young girl blamed her seniors -- female students of RKDF College of Pharmacy for humiliating her during ragging -- for her extreme step.

Police sources quoted her note to say that she was asked to sing and dance in the college canteen and even give her mobile number. She refused, thereby inviting more ragging from her seniors. She wrote that teachers knew of the ragging but did nothing for one-and-a-half years.

The girl's sister and parents had planned to complain to authorities soon. They didn't expect her to take such a drastic step, neighbours said. "She told the boy [her nephew] not to enter the room as she had to wear a sari," said a neighbour. "When her sister came home, she found the girl hanging in her room."



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In her letter, she asked her parents not to mourn her death and said she had left pocket money of Rs. 2000 for her younger brother, in her purse. RKDF's media head Ravi Khare did not respond to calls and text messages from this paper.

Last weekend, the alleged ragging of a girl led to a massive clash in Seva Sadan College, Burhanpur, between Dalits and non-Dalits.

News Updates 09.08.13

HR-RAPE- The Hindu

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22-YEAR-OLD DALIT GIRL ABDUCTED, RAPED

A 22-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped by a youth, who abducted her on the pretext of marriage and held her captive at a relative's house for over a month, the police said on Thursday.

Accused Pawan Kumar (23) of Maset village has been booked on charges of kidnapping, rape, wrongful confinement, administering sedatives and criminal intimidation on a complaint filed by the victim, who is a resident of Gindokhar village, they said. According to the police, the victim was abducted on July 5, as per a complaint filed by her family members. —PTI

News Updates 10.08.13

Dalit Girl's Death: Villagers Demand Death Penalty- Out Look

<http://news.outlookindia.com/items.aspx?artid=806580>

Rape victim lives in fear, doesn't name panchayat- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/Rape-victim-lives-in-fear-doesnt-name-panchayat/articleshow/21737502.cms>

Out Look

Dalit Girl's Death: Villagers Demand Death Penalty

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The residents of a seaside village, from where a minor dalit girl died 12 days after being set on fire after attempted rape, today demanded capital punishment for the perpetrators.

With the Kharinasi village under Mahakalpara block in Kendrapara district in mourning, villagers who visited the home of the 14-year-old victim to pay condolence demanded that the rapists be hanged.

"We are moved by the outpouring of grief and emotion by people all over the state after the death of the girl," Kharinasi GP Sarpanch Sumitra Manna said, adding that a condolence meeting was held in the victim's memory.

There were reports of roads being blocked in places like Kendrapara, Ramnagar, Mahakalpada and Rajnagar, NH-5 (A) in the district.

The blockades for an hour were symbolic and no untoward incident occurred, Sub Divisional Police Officer, Nrusingha Charan Swain said.

The dalit victim, a student of a government-run school, was set on fire on July 28 after she rejected the advances of one of the accused persons.

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Rape victim lives in fear, doesn't name panchayat

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BHOPAL: Five days after a caste panchayat in Tikamgarh district ordered a gangrape victim to undergo abortion, the police finally swung into action and arrested five people. But the prime accused, who repeatedly raped the Class VII student for four months, is still on the run.

The Dalit girl, a resident of Syawani village, recorded her statement with the police, but denied the caste panchayat ordered her abortion. Villagers say the girl was too terrified to take on the powerful caste panchayat and feared she could be ostracized.

Lidhora police station in charge, Dilip Pandey, said, "The girl said she was summoned to the house of a quack, Nakta alias Swapan Vishwas, 33, by his wife for domestic work. But when she went there, his wife Hema, went out and locked the room. Nakta and his aide, Surendra Ahirwar, gangraped her."

"She kept mum out of fear as her parents were away. Both work as labourers in Delhi," Pandey said.

She feared she could be pregnant and went to the quack, who gave her medicines.

After several doses, she underwent a urine test and discovered she was four months pregnant, the victim told police.

"The victim said the accused took her to another quack, who performed the abortion," Pandey told TOI.

"On Sunday, she gained consciousness and came to know about the abortion. She informed her parents who rushed to Tikamgarh," Pandey said.

Police have arrested, Nakta, his wife Hema, Gora, Kishan Ahirwar, and Bhuri Ahirwar. They are now searching for the prime accused Surendra Ahirwar.

News Updates 11.08.13

Normal life hit in Odisha over death of Dalit girl- Business Standard

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Normal life was hit in Odisha today during a dawn-to-dusk hartal called by BJP blaming the BJD government for the death of a minor Dalit girl, who was set ablaze after a rape bid.

Commuters were stranded as BJP workers resorted to road blockade and rail roko at many places during the 12-hour hartal as the party alleged that the 14-year-old girl from Mahakalpada area of Kendrapara district died on Thursday night due to the government's apathy.

In the state capital, BJP activists blocked the track at Bhubaneswar railway station putting passengers into immense difficulty. The station was flooded with passengers with luggage as several long distance trains were stopped.

BJP workers also blocked roads at different areas including Khandagiri, Baramunda, Jayadev Vihar, Master



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Canteen, Rasulgarh square and Vani Vihar. Vehicles were stopped by the protesters who also burnt tyres on the roads at several places to stall vehicular movement.

Shops and business establishments were closed in many localities during the hartal which remained peaceful so far with no untoward incident reported from any place, a senior police official said.

Similar reports were received from places like Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Balasore, Baripada, Puri, Bhadrak and Rourkela.

The impact of the hartal was felt more in some areas of western Odisha and Mayurbhanj district where life was paralysed. Besides closure of shops and disruption of public transport, schools, colleges, offices and banks remained closed in these areas, sources said.

Elaborate arrangements were made by the police to deal with any eventuality during the hartal. Police personnel were deployed at all sensitive areas to prevent any untoward incident, they said.

News updates 13.08.13

Minor dalit girl murder issue: Controversy sparks over the age of rape accused in Odisha - Odisha Today

http://www.odishatoday.com/viewnews.php?news_id=5121#sthash.MuRM2cOA.dpuf

2 accused of girl burn case are juveniles- The New Indian Express

<http://newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/2-accused-of-girl-burn-case-are-juveniles/2013/08/13/article1732179.ece>

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Kendrapara (Odisha): Police have been investigating to ascertain the age of the two accused in the rape and murder of a dalit girl following a complaint to the Kendrapara Juvenile Justice Board today on a claim that both were minors.

"As per school records both are minors and despite grave nature of offence allegedly committed by them, law does not permit police to send them to jail," human rights activist B K Pati said.

Pati said he had lodged a complaint with the chairman of the district juvenile justice board this morning.

"Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) will take up the matter as juveniles deserve a chance to reform instead of punitive action," said district JBB member Bipin Bihari Barik.

Section 16 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act provides that a juvenile can only be kept at the special home till he attains 18 years, he said.

The 15-year-old school girl was allegedly raped and set ablaze by two youths in seaside village Kharinashi on July 28.

The girl succumbed to burn injuries on August 8.

Kendrapara Superintendent of Police Sarthak Sadangi said the matter was being investigated. Police was also verifying school records to ascertain the age of the accused.

Till date, nobody stated before police about the minor status of the accused. "We initially booked both under sections - 307 (attempt to murder), 376 (rape), 34 (common intention) of the IPC and a section of the SC and ST (Atrocity Prevention) Act," he said.

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Both the accused are currently in jail.

The New Indian Express

2 accused of girl burn case are juveniles

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By Express News Service - KENDRAPARA

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In a new turn to the case of burning of a minor Dalit girl in the district, the accused persons whom the police arrested and sent to jail as major, have been found to be juveniles.

Claiming that his son was innocent, Ratneswar Das, the father of Ekadashi Das, one of the accused said, "My son was born on 20.3.1996. He is a juvenile. He is falsely implicated in the case."

Alapana Das, Headmistress of Kharinashi primary school, where Ekadashi had studied, also confirmed that he is a minor. She said his date of birth as claimed by Ratneswar matches with school admission register.

Ekadashi was 17 years, four months and nine days on July 28 when the crime was committed.

The other accused, Pradip Das, is also a minor as he was born on 12.3.1996 as per the admission register of Kharinashi high school where he studied. The headmaster of the school Himanshu Das confirmed it after referring to the admission register.

Ekadashi and Pradip had allegedly set fire to a 15-year-old girl in Kharinashi village on July 28. The girl succumbed to serious burn injuries on August 8.

Since both the accused are 17-year-old, they deserve a chance of reformation instead of punishment, said Bipin Barik, member of district Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) in Kendrapara. The Board will take up the case soon, he added.

Section 15 (g) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act mandates that if a juvenile is convicted in any case, he can be sent to a special home for a period of three years at the maximum and thereafter, released on probation. However, section 16 of the Act also provides that a juvenile can only be kept at the special home till he attains 18 years of age and cannot be sent to jail thereafter, which in effect will result in his release, added Barik.

"As per Section-2(K) of Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, a 'Juvenile' or 'child' means a person who has not completed 18 years of age. The police have violated the Human Rights Act and Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 by arresting both juveniles and lodging them in jail. A child cannot be lodged in jail, police lock-ups and hazat. Police should arrest the police officials who arrested both the children without verifying their age," said Binayak Swain, a human rights activist.

Santanu Kumar Padhi, SDPO, Human Rights Protection Cell (HRPC) said, "We will investigate whether both the accused are minor or not. The police are also verifying school records to ascertain their age. Till date, nobody has stated before the police about the minor status of the accused."

News Updates 17.08.13

15 Year Old Dalit Girl Gang-Raped in Haryana- Out Look

<http://news.outlookindia.com/items.aspx?artid=807240>

Dalit girl beaten up and gang-raped in Noida- The Times Of India

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'Dalit Girl in Odisha Wasn't Raped Before Being Burnt' - Out Look
<http://news.outlookindia.com/items.aspx?artid=807227>

Out Look

15 Year Old Dalit Girl Gang-Raped in Haryana

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A minor Dalit girl was allegedly gang-raped by two youths at Basdooda village, around 30 km from here, police said today.

The incident took place on Wednesday when the 15-year-old victim was on her way to a private school in the village, where her mother has been employed as a sanitation employee, they said.

The accused- Praveen Yadav and Mahender Yadav, who were in a car, forcibly abducted her and took her to an isolated place where they took turns to rape her.

Later, she managed to escape from their clutches and reached home where she narrated her ordeal to her parents.

A case has been lodged and efforts are on to apprehend the absconding duo, police added.

The Times Of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/noida/Dalit-girl-beaten-up-and-gang-raped-in-Noida/articleshow/21872677.cms>

GREATER NOIDA: A dalit girl was gang-raped by three youths at a village in Dadri area on Thursday. The victim, a student of Class X, was picked up by the three youths when she went to a field to relieve herself, police said. The accused cornered and beat her up badly when she resisted their attempts to rape her. After overpowering her, the three took turns to rape her and fled leaving her in a half-dead and brutally battered state, police said. Cops have arrested one of the three culprits while the other two are absconding.

Police said the incident occurred on Thursday evening. The three accused had allegedly followed the victim to the field and after raping her left her in a semi-nude condition. She later managed to alert the villagers and her family. The girl has been sent to a hospital for medical examination and treatment.

Cops said the girl has identified the three accused - Mohit, Sumit and Sunil - who are residents of the same village. While Sumit was nabbed after the victim's family members lodged a complaint at the Badalpur police station, the other two remain at large. Cops have launched a manhunt for the other accused and said they will apprehend them soon. TNN

Out Look

'Dalit Girl in Odisha Wasn't Raped Before Being Burnt'

<http://news.outlookindia.com/items.aspx?artid=807227>

The minor dalit girl, who died on August 8 after being set on fire by two local youths in Kendrapara district's Kharinasi village, was not raped, according to the latest police findings.

The perpetrators of the crime had attempted to rape her. But the victim had put up brave front and had thwarted the rape bid on her. The offenders had failed to sexually abuse following strong resistance by the victim girl, police said.

"Failure on their parts provoked the duo to burn alive the victim girl," police said today citing the dying declaration made by the victim.

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The 13-year-old school girl of a local government-run school was allegedly gang-raped and set ablaze by two youths in seaside village Kharinashi on 28th July. Later, the victim girl succumbed to burn injuries on her way to a hospital in Delhi on August 8.

FIR lodged in this connection had charged that the girl was raped. However the rape was not perpetrated as mentioned in the FIR, said Sub Divisional Police Officer (human rights protection cell), Shantanu Kumar Padhee.

The victim's dying declaration was recorded by Kendrapara police in presence of a magistrate in SCB Medical College and Hospital at Cuttack on July 29.

Earlier, the District Child Protection Unit (DPCU) had found that both the accused to be minors after verifying the school admission registers.

Police are looking into the 'age-angle' of the accused persons. If they are found out to be minors, they would be sent to child reform home. Their trial would take place at juvenile court, said Kendrapara Superintendent of Police, Sarthak Sarangi.

News Updates 21.08.13

Dejected woman consumes poison, dies- The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/dejected-woman-consumes-poison-dies/article5043646.ece>

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A 25-year-old Dalit woman, who allegedly consumed poison after her boyfriend refused to marry her citing caste differences, died at the Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS) on Monday. The police gave the name of the deceased as Komala, a native of Irukaravalli village in Belur taluk.

According to the police, Komala and her boyfriend, Kiran, had checked into a lodge on August 15. On August 16, the couple had an argument after Kiran told her he would not marry her. A distraught Komala then allegedly consumed poison following which, Kiran admitted her at HIMS and went away.

The Hassan city police took her statement on August 18 while she was being treated at the hospital. She said that she and Kiran, a resident of Chikkole village in Belur taluk, had been in a relationship for over four years.

Kiran, who belonged to an 'upper' caste, had assured her that he would marry her. However, when the subject came up at the lodge, Kiran reportedly refused to marry her, saying that she belonged to a lower caste. In her statement, Komala appealed to the police to book a case against Kiran and take action.

News Updates 26.08.13

Dalit girl 'raped', killed in Jind, mob goes on rampage- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Dalit-girl-raped-killed-in-Jind-mob-goes-on-rampage/articleshow/22056412.cms?>

The Times Of India

Dalit girl 'raped', killed in Jind, mob goes on rampage

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Dalit-girl-raped-killed-in-Jind-mob-goes-on-rampage/articleshow/22056412.cms?>



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JIND: Tension prevailed in Haryana's Jind on Sunday after a group of villagers pelted stones and blocked traffic at the bus stand following the alleged rape and murder of a dalit woman.

The 20-year-old woman had come to the town to appear for the junior basic teachers' test on Saturday.

The police resorted to lathicharge to disperse the crowd which pelted stones at the police and several buses.

The protesters including the family members of the woman staged a dharna at the bus stand with the girl's body and blocked the Jind-Gohana road.

The girl had come to Jind for the exam on Saturday and did not return home. The police on Sunday found her body.

Once they heard the news, the parents of the girl came to Jind with other villagers and took the body to the bus stand before started a dharna blocking the traffic.

The villagers alleged that the girl was kidnapped, raped and murdered and demanded immediate arrest of the culprits. With the protesters resorting to violence, the police caned the crowd.

DSP Adarsh Singh said, "We found the body and sent it for autopsy but the villagers refused to bury the body and started a protest. A case of murder has been registered against unidentified people."

News Updates 27.08.13

Man gets life imprisonment for repeatedly raping minor Dalit girl in 1994- IBN Live

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/man-gets-life-imprisonment-for-repeatedly-raping-minor-dalit-girl-in-1994/417551-3-242.html>

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<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/man-gets-life-imprisonment-for-repeatedly-raping-minor-dalit-girl-in-1994/417551-3-242.html>

A man, on Tuesday was sentenced to life imprisonment by a local court for raping a minor Dalit girl.

According to prosecution, in January 1994, the 15-year-old victim was raped for several days by Kunwar Sen and Hawaldar Singh in Kadarchowk town. Based on the evidences, Special Judge (SC/ST) Harihar Prasad sentenced Hawaldar Singh to life imprisonment, they said.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 2,500 on the accused. Another accused Kunwar Sen died during the course of trail, they said.

News updates 28.08.13

Petty quarrel snowballs, 4 dalit women attacked- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/Petty-quarrel-snowballs-4-dalit-women-attacked/articleshow/22109392.cms>

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MADURAI: Four dalit women were assaulted by a group of non-dalit men in Thodaneri village near Samayanallur in Madurai district on Tuesday after a petty quarrel snowballed.

A five-month-old infant was also injured when its mother was being attacked. The four women and the infant

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have been admitted to the government hospital with severe injuries. While the prime accused has surrendered, police have launched a hunt for two of his friends who allegedly assaulted the women.

Police said that Meenammmal, 65, a non-dalit woman residing in North Street of Thodaneri village passed away on Tuesday morning and her grandson Ranjith, 27, was making arrangements for her cremation. "Ranjith, who was allegedly in an inebriated state was speeding through the dalit-populated Kalliamman Kovil street on his motorcycle. Palaniammal, a 70-year-old dalit woman, chided him for riding the bike on the narrow street at high speed. This infuriated Ranjith, who abused her in inappropriate words," said the police officer. Palaniammal's daughter-in-law Easwari who heard Ranjith using foul language, came to the rescue of the former and picked up a quarrel with him. Soon, women from neighbouring houses also joined Easwari, who allegedly slapped Ranjith.

Ranjith hurried from the place but returned with two of his friends identified as Vivek and Kumar. "According to the complaint, they started assaulting the women indiscriminately. They also pulled out wooden logs and beat the women," police said. One of the women suffered a fracture on her hand.

News Updates 30.08.13

New Delhi: Daughter gang-raped, wife killed; man moves SC seeking protection- Bellvision

<http://www.bellelevision.com/belle/index.php?action=topnews&type=6953>

Dalit girl rape & murder: Protest continues, committee formed- Business Standard

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/dalit-girl-rape-murder-protest-continues-committee-formed-113082901112_1.html

Bellvision

New Delhi: Daughter gang-raped, wife killed; man moves SC seeking protection

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New Delhi, 29 Aug, 2013 : The gruesome gang-rape of Nirbhaya and a Mumbai photographer shook the nation's conscience but equally disturbing is the suffering of a dalit family residing in a Haryana village just 150 km from Delhi.

A school-going 15-year-old girl was kidnapped and repeatedly gang-raped in a car by the sons of influential persons in village Chotikalasi in Haryana's Nilokheri tehsil on August 6 last year. The accused released her with a warning that if she did not return to them every 10 days, her parents would be killed.

The girl told her mother about the incident who in turn informed the father. A case was lodged and tests confirmed sexual assault. On learning about the incident, the school principal, instead of taking steps for the girl's rehabilitation, struck off her name from the school rolls.

Less than a month after the assault, the accused carried out their threat by kidnapping the rape survivor's mother and allegedly shot her dead. A distressed father went to the local police to register FIRs for the rape of his daughter and murder of his wife. The police tore up his complaint.

Finally, on September 24 last year, the rape survivor's father travelled to the Bhutana police station in Karnal to register complaint about gang-rape of his daughter, subsequent threat and kidnap and murder of his wife. A chargesheet was filed by police on November 1 last year.

Filing of chargesheet did not end the woes of the dalit family as the father and daughter were constantly targeted by the dominant caste to which the accused belonged. Fearing for life because of constant pressure from the family of the accused to withdraw the cases, the father was left with no option but to move the Supreme Court seeking protection.



"The uncle and father of Aman (one of the accused) - Joginder Singh and Sultan Singh - threatened the petitioner that just as his wife was killed, he too would be killed," the petition said.

Though the police arrested the uncle and father of the accused, the threat persists, petitioner's counsel Colin Gonsalves said and requested a bench of Justices R M Lodha and Madan B Lokur to protect the man.

The bench reacted with disgust and shock. "Something appears to have broken down in society and in the law-enforcing machinery. The authorities need to explain," it said and issued notices to chief secretaries of states and administrators of Union Territories asking them to detail remedial measures taken so far.

The petitioner said the Haryana government has paid Rs 60,000 to his daughter for the gang-rape and Rs 3.75 lakh for the murder of his wife.

Business Standard

Dalit girl rape & murder: Protest continues, committee formed

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/dalit-girl-rape-murder-protest-continues-committee-formed-113082901112_1.html

The protest over the alleged rape and murder of a 20-year-old Dalit girl continued on the fifth day here today, with the protesters staging a dharna in the premises of local general hospital.

The protesters have been sitting on a dharna since Sunday. Their main demands include arrest of those who had allegedly raped and killed the girl, action against police officials who resorted to lathicharge on protesters, withdrawal of police cases lodged against villagers during the course of protest and monetary compensation to the victim's family.

A 45-member committee has been constituted for deciding future course of action in this regard.

Speaking at the dharna site, Dharampal Singhmar, spokesman of the committee served ultimatum to the administration that if their demands were not accepted by tomorrow, they would start an agitation by placing the body of the girl on the local Gohana road.

He appealed to the people to join the agitation in large number.

The body of the girl of Baniakhera village was found on Jind-Amarheri village road on Sunday.

She had been to Jind town to appear for her Junior Basic Training examination on Saturday, but failed to return home.

The family members of the victim alleged that she was raped and murdered.

They had placed the body of the girl on the main road in-front of the local bus stand and held a demonstration against this crime.

Two post-mortem examinations were conducted at Jind and at PGIMS Rohtak, but these failed to satisfy relatives of the victim. They refused to believe the theory of police that the girl may have committed suicide.

They wanted a third post-mortem conducted at AIIMS, New Delhi. The body of the girl has been sent to AIIMS for the third post-mortem, whose report was still awaited, sources said.

News Updates 31.08.13



Dalit girl gang-raped brutally in Pratapgarh- The Times Of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/allahabad/Dalit-girl-gang-raped-brutally-in-Pratapgarh/articleshow/22152195.cms>

Two women gangraped in Bihar- PTI

http://www.ptinews.com/news/3937813_Two-women-gangraped-in-Bihar

The Times Of India

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ALLAHABAD: A 17-year-old dalit girl was allegedly gang-raped by seven people in Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh district.

After raping the girl on Monday, the accused took the profusely bleeding survivor to a local quack and threatened her family. Her condition deteriorated on Thursday and she was shifted to Allahabad.

The girl was staying with her parents at a makeshift one-room hut as their house in the village was in danger of collapsing due to floods. At 10.30 pm on Monday the accused abducted her from outside her house and forcibly took her away to a desolate spot where they gang-raped her.

The culprits then took the unconscious girl back and threatened her parents of serious consequences if they opened their mouth. They later took her to a quack with her mother where the girl was administered injections.

On Tuesday the girl and her parents told her brother who lodged an FIR. A medical examination confirmed rape.

Her brother said that the girl had identified three of the seven accused. No arrests were made so far.

"A case has been registered against the accused and efforts are on to arrest them," a police officer said.

PTI

Two women gangraped in Bihar

http://www.ptinews.com/news/3937813_Two-women-gangraped-in-Bihar

Begusarai, Aug 30 (PTI) In a shocking incident, two women, including a Dalit, were gangraped today in Bihar's Begusarai district, police sources said.

A 30-year-old Dalit woman lodged an FIR under sections of the SC/ST Act and other provisions of the law alleging that she was gangraped by three persons in Mushari tola this morning when she had gone in field to attend to nature's call, the sources said.

News Updates 01.09.13

Third accused in Dalit girl burning case nabbed- The New Indian Express

<http://newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/Third-accused-in-Dalit-girl-burning-case-nabbed/2013/09/01/article1762521.ece>

Body of Dalit girl cremated- The Hindu

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/body-of-dalit-girl-cremated/article5081084.ece>

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By Express News Service – KENDRAPARA



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One Gouranga Das (19) of Kharinashi village under Mahakalapada police limits was arrested on Saturday by police for his alleged involvement in the burning of the 15-year-old Dalit school girl on July 28 here.

Pradip Das and Ekadashi Das were arrested by police on July 29 and July 31 respectively for their alleged involvement in setting fire to the girl after the latter spurned Pradip's advances. The victim, also a resident of Kharinashi suffered 70 per cent burn injuries, and died 12 days later on August 8. Police said the three youths were involved in pouring kerosene on the girl and setting her afire in the house of Pradip. Some locals, who reached there after hearing her cries, took her to the district headquarters hospital at Kendrapara. Later, she was shifted to SCB Medical in Cuttack.

SDPO (Human Right Protection Cell) SK Padhi said the girl had given a dying declaration as per the Section 32(2) of Indian Evidence Act, 1872, to the Magistrate on July 29 at the SCB Medical.

As per her declaration, Gourang Das was arrested, he added.

The Hindu

Body of Dalit girl cremated

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/body-of-dalit-girl-cremated/article5081084.ece>

Family still to get third autopsy report done at AIIMS

Body of the 20-year-old Dalit girl who was allegedly abducted, raped and murdered in Jind, Haryana, was cremated by family members in her village Baniyakheda on Saturday morning. The decision to cremate the body was taken after the third autopsy was performed on the body at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences here.

The family members along with villagers had been sitting on a week-long agitation at the Jind civil hospital with the body and refused to cremate it till justice was done. A committee comprising of villagers, who are mostly from the backward castes and scheduled castes, had been formed to look into the matter.

Though the report of the autopsy had been handed over to Jind police late on Thursday evening but till Saturday night it was not handed over to the family despite continued attempts.

The first two autopsies that were performed, one at Civil Hospital Jind and the other at Rohtak PGIMS ruled out rape but the family and women from the village who had seen the body refused to believe it.

"It is definitely a rape case, I can testify. The body and private parts were mutilated badly, we have seen it with our own eyes," said a woman from the village to *The Hindu*.

Last Saturday, the girl had gone missing after she headed to the district headquarters in Jind to appear for a Junior Basic Training exam. The next morning her body with grievous injuries and burn marks was found thrown next to a canal.

The police have not reported any headway in catching the culprits but they beat up the villagers when they were protesting with the body. On Saturday evening, a candle light protest was organised by All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch and other human rights activists in Delhi.

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