

Toddler girl was playing in her house near Kapashera when the accused kidnapped her
Man held for raping, killing minor

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

A 3-year-old girl child was allegedly kidnapped, raped and ultimately strangled to death in southwest Delhi's Kapashera area by her neighbour, who later dumped the child's body in a marshy drain, an official said on Friday.

The accused, identified as Anil (34), was caught from a bus while he was on his way to Kanpur. Later, when cops took him to recover the deceased's body, Anil snatched their pistol and attempted to flee but was shot by the police.

Sharing details of the sensational case, DCP (South West) Rohit Meena said the kidnapping of an infant girl child by a neighbour was reported from Kapashera by the victim's father. Cops immediately rushed to the location and initiated searches for the missing girl.

The victim's family told cops that they had been staying in Kapashera for the past five years at a rented accommodation. On May 22, their toddler daughter was playing in front of their home. "At that time, one Anil who lives in their neighbourhood kidnapped the girl," the family told cops.

Accordingly, the police registered an FIR under section 363 (kidnapping) of the IPC and launched a massive search op-

Snatches pistol, fires at cops

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"Initially, he denied having played any role whatsoever in this kidnapping. But on sustained interrogation he broke down and admitted having killed and dumped the little girl in a marshy drain located at the border of Gurugram and Kapashera," the DCP said.

The accused led the police team to the said drain; the police conducted a search for the body of the victim girl in a vast expanse of marshy drain adjoining dense bushes and heaps of garbage. The search operation, which extended over an hour, that too in the dark, led the cops to the deceased's body dumped in the drain.

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The police have registered an FIR under sections 363 (kidnapping), 376 (rape) and 302 (murder) of the IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act and a separate FIR lodged under sections 353 (Assault or criminal force on public servant), 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC.

eration to trace the girl.

"The police obtained CCTV footage of the cameras in the vicinity and on one camera, at 7:05 pm, the accused Anil could be seen with the girl, going towards Ganda Nala. The same camera captured him returning alone, without the girl at around 7:25 pm," the senior officer said.

On further probe, cops found that the accused Anil was leav-

ing the city. "He was moving towards Sohna so we dispatched a team immediately in that direction with pictures of the accused," the officer said, adding that multiple buses and vehicles were checked on the route.

Finally, the suspect was apprehended at about 11.55 pm from inside a bus heading towards Kanpur, UP. The police interrogated the accused Anil on their way back to Delhi.

Two suffocate to death while cleaning septic tank in Jasola

SAURAV SINGH @ New Delhi

TWO people died after falling unconscious while cleaning the septic tank in southeast Delhi's Old Jasola Village on Friday. One of the deceased has been identified as Rajprakash Singh (60), resident of Molband Extension. The identity of other deceased is yet to be verified.

According to DCP (South East) Rajesh Deo, at about 1 pm, a PCR call was received about "two men who had fallen into a sewer in Old Jasola Village." A police team rushed to the scene to find the two deceased trapped in the septic tank.

Preliminary enquiry into the incident revealed that the two persons were hired for cleaning a septic tank on the premises of one Iqbal Singh, resident of Old Jasola Village. While working at the site, both men fell unconscious and died of suffocation on the spot, police said.

Sharing details, the senior officer said the deceased sanitation workers were cleaning the tank with the help of tractor tank, but were not getting results. Twice, the waste was sucked through the pipe into the tractor tank. On the third occasion, both persons entered the septic tank to manually fix a valve that was coming off. On



Representative image

entering the tank, they both fell unconscious, he added.

The fire department was called and both persons were taken out from the septic tank and rushed to the hospital where they were declared brought dead.

The police have launched an investigation and a case is being registered, the DCP said, adding that police is investigating the premises of Iqbal Singh. The facts related to the incident are also being verified.

According to the Government of India data, more than 400 people have died while cleaning sewers and septic tanks in the country between 2018 and 2023. Even after 75 years of Independence, the in-

humane practice of manual scavenging persists in our nation, the Supreme Court had gravely noted during a hearing in October 2023.

In 1993, the government enacted the "Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Toilets (Prohibition) Act," which outlawed the employment of individuals as manual scavengers. In 2013, the government brought the "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Rehabilitation Act."

Despite such provisions, manual scavenging persists, with several people dying down in sewer shafts and septic tanks while cleaning without proper security cover.

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Delhi Police

Nurses flag ministry on 'derogatory language' by Rishikesh doctors

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

TROUBLED with the targeted social media attack after a sexual harassment case, the All India Govt Nurses Federation on Friday wrote to the Ministry of Health to intervene in the matter. According to the nurses' body, the residents' doctors of AIIMS Rishikesh are using derogatory language and spreading false statements against the nurses to express their anger.

In the backdrop of this clash between resident doctors and nurses is an incident reported by a junior female medico against a senior nursing officer accusing him of sexual harassment. Reported in AIIMS Rishikesh, the incident led to protests in the institute and social media confrontation between both professional communities.

After videos of medics using 'unparliamentarily' language against the nurses came into light, the institute issued strict warning to the resident doctors and also served show cause notices to two medics.

"We are writing on behalf of the nursing professionals working at AIIMS Rishikesh to express our grave concerns regarding the recent develop-

ments. Series of events happened following the allegation made on a nursing officer. We expect the administration of AIIMS Rishikesh to initiate a fair and transparent investigation and whoever is at fault should be punished as per the IPC," the letter read.

"But we are deeply troubled by the actions of certain other professionals which is harming the reputation of the nursing community. They have spread false and damaging statements about all nursing cadres in the media. This misinformation is detrimental to our profession and needs immediate rectification and strict action in a defined time frame," it added.

"There are widespread threats against nurses circulating on social media, creating a hostile and fearful working environment. This mob interference is severely disrupting the smooth functioning of wards and effective patient care," the letter added.

The nurses' body urged the ministry to take immediate steps to stop threatening actions against the nurses. "The investigation into the allegation is ongoing, and the dignity and morale of nursing professionals must be upheld during this period," it said.



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BANQUET HALL FIRE
Smoke billows out after a fire broke out at a banquet hall in outer Delhi's Alipur area on Friday | PTI

Seven killed, 20 injured as truck hits minibus on Ambala-Delhi Highway

AGENCIES @ Ambala

SEVEN people, including an infant, died and 20 were injured when a minibus collided with a truck here in the early hours of Friday, police said.

The accident took place near Mohra village on the Ambala-Delhi Highway. The bus was carrying around 30 people from Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr who were going to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir. All of them were relatives. Due to the impact of the collision, the front portion of the minibus was badly damaged.

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the passengers, passers-by pulled the injured out of the mangled bus. Later, with the help of police, the injured were admitted to two nearby hospitals, they added.

The bodies have been kept in a mortuary for post-mortem examination. The truck driver fled from the spot, leaving behind his vehicle. A case has been registered against the driver and efforts are being made to nab him, police said.

One of the injured told reporters that all passengers were relatives and they left for the Vaishno Devi shrine on Thursday evening.

Two held for duping man on pretext of investment

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

THE Delhi Police has arrested two men for allegedly duping a person of ₹23.30 lakh on the pretext of investment in share market and stocks, officials said on Friday.

The accused have been identified as Jai Pal (26) and Bhupendra (24), the officials said, adding both are residents of Rajasthan and government job aspirants. "We received a complaint from Sumit Sharma that he was duped of ₹23.30 lakh when he was searching for trading work," DCP (north) Manoj Kumar Meena said.

The officer added that initially the man invested small amounts and started getting refund which built his trust and led him to invest a larger amount. "He got to know about the fraud when he asked the accused to withdraw his profit and they asked him to pay more Rs 35.33 lakh as tax. An FIR was registered and an investigation was launched," Meena said.

The team checked details of the bank accounts and money trail, police said. "Later we arrested two accused -- Jai Pal and Bhupendra from Jaipur. They admitted their involvement, revealing that they worked with a larger network of fraudsters," the DCP said. "Teams have been formed to nab other accused. Two mobile phones and debit cards were recovered from the accused," he added.



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HC asks school to charge fees permitted by education dept

IFRAH MUFTI @ New Delhi

IN a case filed by 87 students of GD Goenka School, the Delhi High Court directed the school to charge only fees permitted by the Directorate of Education. The school has been charging an exorbitant amount in the name of orientation charges for new admissions, health and hygiene charges, security charges, scholastic charges, and a late fee of ₹50 per day.

Despite challenging the fee hike permission granted up to 14 per cent by the DOE, parents have been protected from paying over and above the three heads permitted by the DOE. Additionally, the payment of hiked tuition, annual, and de-

Fee rolled back

The Delhi High Court stayed the operation of a circular by the government's Directorate of Education (DoE), which restrained 'unaided private schools' located on land allotted by government from increasing fees without prior sanction. In 2016, GD Goenka had to roll back the fee hike for the 2016-17 after a lot of protests from the parents.

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velopment fees would be subject to the outcome of the proceedings before the court.

The DOE, despite serious allegations of charging capitation fees, profiteering, and commercialization of education, permitted a 7 per cent and 14 per cent hike in fees within 6 months to the school.

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