

After Kathua, Unnao, 9-year-old girl raped in Surat, body found with 86 injuries

SURAT, Apr 15 On the heels of the brutal gang rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua in Jammu and the rape of another minor in Unnao in UP allegedly by a BJP MLA, comes another shocker from Surat where police found the body of a nine-year-old girl with over 80 injuries.



identification process."

The body of the unidentified girl was found near a cricket field in Bhestan area of Surat on April 6. The post-mortem revealed that the girl was raped and tortured for at least eight days before being strangled to death, news agency ANI reported.

The police are going through the list of the missing persons to see if the girl was listed among them.

"The girl's body had 86 injury marks including ones on her private parts. Samples have been taken for forensic test to ascertain whether she was drugged or not," ANI quoted Ganesh Govekar, Forensic Head, Civil Hospital as saying.

Police inspector BK Jhala said, "Even after eight days, the parents of the girl are yet to be identified. The police also believe that she was murdered somewhere else and the dead body has been thrown here. The victim's picture has been sent to the state police control room for

will get justice.

"As a country, as a society we all are ashamed of it (rapes)," Modi said in his address while inaugurating the Ambedkar memorial in Delhi. "I want to assure the country that no culprit will be spared, complete justice will be done. Our daughters will definitely get justice," he added.

In the Kathua case, the police charge sheet says the girl from the Bakarwal nomadic tribe was kidnapped, held in a temple in Kathua's Rasana village, drugged, repeatedly raped and then murdered to scare her community out of the neighbourhood. Her body was found on January 17, seven days after she went missing.

In the Unnao case, the Yogi Adityanath government has come under fire for allegedly trying to shield the influential party MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar who was accused of raping a 17-year-old girl in June last year. The girl's father was beaten by the MLA's brother and sent to jail. He died on Monday, while in police custody.

The Unnao case hit the headlines after the girl attempted to immolate herself in front of Adityanath's residence on April 8, a day before her father died.

Agencies

In Bastar, PM Modi invokes Ambedkar, appeals to Naxals to give up arms

CHHATTISGARH, Apr 15

On the 127th birth anniversary of Bhimrao Ambedkar, Prime Minister on Saturday invoked the Dalit icon multiple times in a speech in the Maoist-hit Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh. Leading the crowd into chants of 'Jai Bhim' as early as the fifth minute of his 58-minute speech, PM Modi said, "Bastar aur Bijapur ke aasman mein Babasaheb ke naam ki goonj humein, aap sabhi ko dhanya kar rahi hai. Unke goonj mein jo aasha judi hai, jo ankusha judi hai, main pranam karta hoon (The chant of Babasaheb's name in Bastar and Bijapur has made me and all of you blessed. I bow to the hope and aspiration that's associated with that chant)."

The prime minister was in Bijapur to inaugurate a health and wellness centre at the primary level, the first of 1.5 lakh such proposed centres at the village level across the country under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. PM Modi said the Central government had in the last four years worked for "garib, Dalit, soshit, pidit, vanchit, piche, mahilaon, aur adivasi (poor, Scheduled Castes, downtrodden,



den, oppressed, deprived, backward, women and Scheduled Tribes)."

"We want the benefits of our schemes to reach the last person and that is why the Gram Suraj Abhiyan will be held from today to May 5. I have confidence that on Babasaheb Jayanti, the schemes that we have launched will create new frontiers of development," he said.

Apart from the health and wellness centres that will offer free checkups for diseases such as cancer, diabetes and hypertension, these centres are to be equipped with teleconferencing technology so that mid-level medical professionals posted at these centres can consult with doc-

tors at the district headquarters.

Apart from inaugurating phase 1 of the Bastar Net programme, he also flagged off a train from the Bhanupratappur railway station in Kanker district via video conference. Keeping the focus on Ambedkar, Modi said, "Babasaheb could have lived a life of great comfort. But he did not do this. After studying in a foreign land, he came back and he gave his life for the backward classes, Dalits and Adivasis. He wanted to give Dalits their rights, and the opportunity to live an equal life... Aapka saathi agar aaj desh ka pradhanmantri hai, to woh bhi Babasaheb ki den hai (If your friend is today the country's

PM, it's thanks to Ambedkar)."

Appealing to Maoists, Modi referenced Ambedkar and said, "I want to tell the youth who have taken to the path of violence that Babasaheb has given us the Constitution, all the protection you want is in the Constitution. To worry about your rights is the responsibility of the government. You do not need to ruin your life. I want to say to your mothers and fathers, your daughters and sons have walked down this path. But ask who their head is. Not one of them is from your area. They have not been born on your soil. They have come from outside. They don't fight. They live in the forests and hide while your children are out and die. Do you want to trust such people and ruin your children's lives? The government is duty-bound to protect your interests. We have to go on the path of development."

Prime Minister Modi said he had chosen Bijapur to celebrate this day because as one of the NITI Aayog's 115 "aspirational districts", it had performed the best in a three-month span. Indian Express

Arun Jaitley takes oath as Rajya Sabha member

NEW DELHI, Apr 15

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Sunday took oath as a Rajya Sabha member for a new six-year term.

He was re-elected to the House from Uttar Pradesh on April 3. Jaitley was unable to take oath during the recently-concluded budget session of Parliament due to his ill health.

He was administered oath by Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu this morning at the latter's Chambers in Parliament in New Delhi.

The ceremony was attended by Leader of Opposition in the Upper House Gulam Nabi Azad, BJP's Ananth Kumar and several other senior leaders.

Following his re-election to the Upper House, Jaitley was appointed Leader of the Rajya Sabha.

Earlier this month, the senior BJP leader underwent dialysis at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the national capital. He was discharged last week. Sources told The Indian Express that Jaitley is still under observation and may undergo renal transplant soon. He has been executing his official business from his residence.

He underwent heart surgery several years ago. Express Web Desk

6 injured as passenger train derails in MP

JABALPUR, Apr 15

Five coaches of the Katni-Chaupan passenger train derailed on Saturday between the Sahnua and Piparia Kalan stations in Madhya Pradesh, leaving at least six people injured, a railway official said.

The derailment occurred around 10 pm, about 30 km away from the Katni railway station, Railway Protection Force Inspector Virendra Singh said.

West Central Railway's Chief Public Relation Officer Gunjan Gupta confirmed the derailment and said that further details were awaited. Singh said at least six passengers sustained injuries in the incident. A relief train had reached the site.

The reason for the derailment is not yet clear. PTI

Rahul Gandhi to launch 'save the Constitution' campaign on April 23

NEW DELHI, Apr 15

Seeking to reach out to Dalits, Congress president Rahul Gandhi will on April 23 launch his party's nationwide 'save the constitution' campaign, aimed at highlighting alleged attacks on the Constitution and the community.

The Congress' present and former Dalit lawmakers, those holding offices in zilla parishad, civic bodies and panchayat samitis, will take part in the launch event, aimed at sensitising the attendees on the current state of affairs with regard to the community.

Besides, the Congress' office-bearers attached to its regional units, its youth, women and Seva Dal wings will also attend the event, to be held here at the Talkatora stadium. The attendees are expected to take the message



istier Narendra Modi's reported remarks that he could be elevated to the coveted post because of the Dalit icon BR Ambedkar, Raut asked why then the Constitution and Dalits were allegedly under attack under his dispensation.

Raut further claimed that such a situation did not prevail when the Congress was in power.

"The Congress has delivered for the community. Those attending the convention will highlight that too in their areas," he added.

Dalits form roughly 17% of the country's electorate. There are 84 Parliamentary seats reserved for candidates belonging to the scheduled castes. The BJP had bagged nearly half of the seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, reflecting in its success in politically key states such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. PTI

5 Maoists, 18 supporters surrender in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur



RAIPUR, Apr 15

Five Maoists and 18 supporters, including five women, have surrendered in Chhattisgarh's insurgency-hit Narayanpur district, police said on Sunday.

They turned themselves in before police and Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) officials at Kukdajhor police station here on Saturday, Narayanpur Superintendent of Police Jitendra Shukla told PTI.

The 5 Maoists were active as jan-militia members of the proscribed outfit while the remaining were supporters, he added. They were associated with the Maoist movement for a long time and were tasked with arranging meetings and

food for Maoists, putting up pamphlets, posters and banners, collecting information besides planting IEDs (improvised explosive devices) to target security forces, he said. "Those who surrendered were in contact with police for the past one year and were willing to come to back to the mainstream. After noticing their activities and willingness to quit the outlawed movement to lead a normal life, their surrender was accepted," he said. Police said that those who have surrendered have given statements that they were frustrated with the exploitation, violence and atrocities perpetrated in the name of the Maoist movement. PTI

Unnao rape case: BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh claims was in Kanpur at time of rape

LUCKNOW, APR 15

The CBI is trying to verify the claim of BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar that he was attending a birthday function in Kanpur city at the time he was alleged to have committed rape on June 4, 2017. On Saturday evening, the agency arrested Shashi Singh, who is the mother of one of the Unnao gangrape accused, Shubham, and who is alleged to have lured the 17-year-old girl to the MLA's house before the rape.

During his interrogation, the MLA has said that his claim of being at a Kanpur function on June 4, 2017, at 8 pm, the time of the alleged rape, could be verified from video footage of the event, from policemen in his security detail, and from his cellphone records. He said he was in Naubasta in Kanpur to attend a birthday at a friend's place.

Sengar was on Saturday remanded to CBI custody for

seven days in the case by a Lucknow court. CBI officials said they would question the MLA at length and would take him to Unnao to reconstruct the scene of the crime and to collect evidence against him. He is also likely to be confronted with the 17-year-old and her family. Shashi Singh, 52, was questioned at the CBI's Lucknow office before her arrest. She has been named as co-accused for allegedly taking the 17-year-old girl to Sengar's house on the promise of a job. Her son Shubham is currently on bail.

CBI sources said Shashi too has claimed that she was in Kanpur with her husband on the day of the rape. The 17-year-old's mother, who is the complainant in the case, has alleged that Shashi was present in the courtyard of the house when the MLA raped her daughter. Like the girl, Shashi's house is located quite near Sengar's residence. On Saturday, the 17-year-old was brought to Lucknow from Unnao for medical examination. Express News Service

2-day-old girl's body found stuffed in toilet duct; parents on run

Palakkad (Kerala), Apr 15

A two-day-old girl in Palakkad, Kerala, was flushed down a toilet and recovered when plumbers tried to clear the clogged passage.

Dr Abdul Rehman, who runs a clinic next to his house, noticed an obstruction in the toilet bowl and called the plumber on Friday morning, according to a report in NDTV. On trying to unblock the passage, the plumbers noticed an obstruction that looked like a ball. When they tried to pull it out, they were shocked to see her head pop up.

The newborn's body, the placenta still attached, was

stuck in the duct, the police said. The police also added that the matter is being investigated and the records of all the patients are being checked. The baby, investigating officers suspect, was brought into the clinic on the pretext of a consultation and flushed down the toilet. The attached placenta, however, also suggest that the mother had given birth inside the washroom. A case of unnatural death was filed on the doctor's complaint, but the parents have not been identified yet. The infant's body has been sent to Thrissur medical college for postmortem. Deccan Chronicle

Notification

For those expelled VVF members

A clarion call is being served to those Village Volunteer Force (VVF) members who were dismissed from the Association for working against the welfare of the Association. However, the Association once again, on humanitarian ground urged the expelled VVF members to clear their names from exclusion and to clarify at the Association office on or before 30th April 2018. This ultimate call is serve so that their (expelled complainants) names may be included in the Pension Scheme process. Thereafter, no appeals or complaint will be entertain. Sd/- L.R. Maki President, All Manipur V.V.F. Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association

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NAME CHANGE

I, Loktongbam Rojikumar Singh, S/o Loktongbam Birachandra Singh of Bamdiar Makha Leikai, P/O, P/S, Nambol, District Imphal West, Manipur is presently residing at 8 Assam Rifles, Manipur.

My wife's name has been recorded as Konsam Ronibala Devi but she will be known as Loktongbam Ronibala Devi vide as affidavit made before the notary published on - 13/04/2018. Sd/- Loktongbam Rojikumar Singh

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I thank whole hearted and sincerely Laishram Sudhakar

Laishram Sudhakar s/o L. Nabakishore renowned urinary tract and stone case treatment residing at Sagolband Khamnam Leirak near I.T.I. by his treatment of 4 (four weeks), 4.8 mm stone at my left kidney after taking ultrasound have disappeared and I am feeling quite happy and well. I thank whole hearted and sincerely. May God bless with long life and good health. Haobam Ajit Singh Pishum Chingamathak Near, Hao Ground Imphal-795001, Manipur

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Advertisement for CFC Centre for Competitors, located at Old Lambulane, Jail Road. It offers a General Foundation Course for SSC, Banking, and Others, an SBI & IBPS PO Course, and a Computer Short Term Course. It also lists various exam preparation services.

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Advertisement for an affidavit before the Oath Commissioner, Imphal West, Manipur. It details the affidavit of Seram Shantibala Devi regarding her name change and the legal process.

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