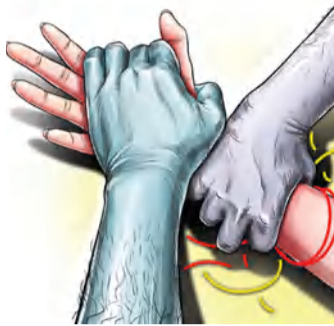


7, including 2 minors, held for raping 16-year-old girl

Filmed, blackmailed girl; 25-year-old boyfriend is the main accused

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IN yet another horrific crime against women, the North East division police have arrested seven persons, including two minors, in connection with the gang rape of a 16-year-old minor girl. The police are on the lookout for one more accused.



Going by the change in her behaviour as she was always crying, her parents persuaded her and learnt about the horrific incident.

shared the videos have been seized. The phones will be sent to cyber police to check if the content has been shared with anyone else.

After her mother persuaded the victim, the gang rape incident came to light. Her parents immediately approached the police.

The police are checking the birth proofs of the two juveniles to confirm whether they are still minors.

The Yelahanka police have registered a case under different sections, including POCSO.

Min: Booster dose for all to strengthen Covid fight

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HEALTH and Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar said the booster dose of Covid-19 vaccine, for those aged above 18 years, will be another step towards strengthening the battle against the pandemic.



cautionary dose, 14 lakh (57.6 per cent) have been vaccinated, he said. Of those above 18 years of age, the state has administered more than 4.97 crore of the first dose vaccine.

Pvt hospitals can create slots on CoWIN

More than 800 private hospitals in Karnataka, including 100 in Bengaluru, have geared up to administer booster doses to those above the age of 18 from Sunday.



A fire personnel tries to douse the fire after a BMTC bus caught fire at KR Circle in Bengaluru on Saturday. All 35 passengers aboard the bus escaped unhurt

THIRD BMTC BUS UP IN FLAMES IN 79 DAYS!

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THIRTY-FIVE passengers of a Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) had a narrow escape when the bus which they were travelling in caught fire in front of SJP Polytechnic near KR Circle on Seshadri Road on Saturday afternoon.

This is the third incident involving the BS4 midci BMTC buses since the last three months. The bus (route number 43B of depot number 20) was heading towards Vidyanagar from Majestic when the fire broke out.

hurriedly alighted the bus. Within minutes the bus caught fire. Soon after the incident, the fire control room was informed and a fire tender from Seshadri Road was pressed into service.

It may be recalled that on February 1, another BMTC in which 25 passengers were travelling in had caught fire near Nanda theatre. On January 21, another BMTC bus with 25 passengers caught fire near the Makalalkoota in Chamrajpet area.

Immediately after the first two incidents, the BMTC had stopped the operation of all the 186 midci buses that were procured in 2014 by Ashok Leyland. There was a joint inspection carried out by the technical team of Ashok Leyland and the mechanical engineering division of the BMTC to check the fitness of these buses.

found to be fit were sent on route. The BMTC has around 340 midci buses which are operated in the interior parts of the city on smaller roads.

"The bus which caught fire on Saturday is also the same model as the buses involved in the two previous incidents. There is a problem with the design of the starter assembly. Suddenly there will be short circuit in the starter assembly which results in fire. After the first two cases, all midci buses were checked and those found to be fit were operated after the change in the faulty starters.

The jurisdictional police have registered a case.

Parkinson's among youth on the rise

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GENETICS, poor quality of life, stress, sleep deprivation, environmental factors are leading to increase in the incidence of Parkinson's disease among youngsters, particularly among the IT professionals as they spend 12 to 14 hours in front of machines.

The symptoms have also aggravated among those suffering from Parkinson's since they were confined to home due to the pandemic.

Dr Prashanth LK, Parkinson's disease and Movement disorders specialist at the Center for Parkinson's disease and movement disorders, Manipal hospitals, Bengaluru informed this during an interaction with the media on Saturday ahead of World Parkinson's Day.

He pointed that incidents of Parkinson's have increased to 300 to 400 per lakh in the past two decades, while it was prominently found only in Western countries, mainly among those above 60 years.

Now, it is found among those between 20 and 40 years. According to a research conducted in Bengaluru, Mumbai and Kolkata, by Dr Prashanth LK, Hrishikesh Kumar, Pottaraju M Wadia, Uday Muthane, 65 per cent of the people coming to movement disorder clinics had Parkinson's disorders, Dr Prashanth said. He said that they need dedicated funding for specific disorders to conduct meaningful research.

EXPRESS READ

Undertrial charged with rape, murder, ends life in jail

Bengaluru: A 31-year-old undertrial prisoner died by suicide inside the Parappana Agrahara central prison at 5.25 am on Saturday. The police have identified the deceased as T Deepu, 31, a resident of Athibele. He was arrested on charges of raping and killing a three-year-old girl. The Athibele police arrested him and he was remanded in judicial custody on March 28.

"He used a bedsheet to hang from the bathroom window of the new quarantine jail. He is married. The victim has written on his hand saying 'miss you Jyothi and to excuse him,'" said the police. ENS

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