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'HONOUR KILLING'

Victim's family members blame security breach, PGI says unfortunate incident, tightens checks

SAURABH PARASHAR
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

A DAY after the alleged honour killing of 24-year-old Harmeet Kaur, who died on Sunday after being given a poisonous injection in PGI last month, her family members blamed the security breach at the hospital for her death.

The family also maintained that many missing links in this case are yet to be connected with the deep-rooted conspiracy to kill Harmeet Kaur for her inter-caste marriage.

Gurwinder Singh, husband of the victim, said, "I brought my wife to PGI in the hope of getting the best treatment on November 7. She was stable but the assailants exploited the hospital negligence which claimed her life. The authorities had tried their best to hush up the matter but the patients and their attendants in my wife's ward raised their voice in my favour which put pressure on the authorities to act on November 15."

Talking to media persons outside the morgue in PGI, Gurwinder Singh said, "Police should investigate the negligence on the part of PGI authorities. Four people, including the woman who had injected an unknown substance into my wife and brother of my wife, were arrested. I wanted the police to investigate the lapse on the part of PGI security. Such



things happen in TV serials and movies. I did not expect that this would happen to me and at a place like PGI."

Amar Singh, father-in-law of Kaur, said, "There are several missing links which are yet to be connected with the murder of my daughter-in-law. My daughter, Jatinder Kaur, who was present with Harmeet Kaur when the latter was given an injection, had clicked the picture of the female paramedic. My daughter had also given a picture of another suspect who was a male to the police but we were not given any information about the male suspect. PGI authorities should investigate how this happened."

"There is a medical file of Harmeet Kaur running into

around 142 pages. The PGI staff did not allow me to take its photocopy. The staff members told us that the file should go to the police. We want to study the file," said Rajan, a relative of Gurwinder Singh.

The body of Harmeet Kaur was handed over to her family after a postmortem examination on Monday.

The police investigation had revealed that a paramedic, Jaspreet Kaur, had injected a mixture of sanitiser, mosquito killer spray (Hit) and sleeping pills to the victim on the instructions of the victim's brother, Jasmeet Singh. Two other accused -- Buta Singh and Mandeep Singh -- were arrested for assisting them.

Although Prof Vivek Lal, PGI

director, did not make any direct comment on the matter, PGI issued a statement which said, "The toxicology report by the PGI to ascertain the components that were injected into Harmeet has been sent to the police. The Investigating Officer (IO) from the police station, Sector 11, Chandigarh, in the matter of Harmeet had requested PGI to constitute a medical board to conduct the postmortem. Accordingly, a medical board was constituted comprising doctors from different specialties and the postmortem was duly conducted today. After the completion of the post-mortem, the body was handed over to the family."

On the allegation by Harmeet's husband that the in-

cident was a security lapse by the PGI, Dr Vipin Koushal, Medical Superintendent, PGI, said that this was an unfortunate incident and on the night of November 15, a security guard was present on duty.

According to Dr Koushal, security has been strengthened in all the areas of PGI, and the staff has been asked to be more vigilant, with all PGI employees being told to wear their identity cards. Checking has also been enhanced at the institute.

As per the official spokesperson, Kaur already had acute kidney injury, absent urine output, and multi-organ dysfunction, a result of complications of delivery on November 4, that is excessive bleeding (PPH) and severe infection (puerperal sepsis),



Kin of Harmeet Kaur sitting outside the administrative block of PGIMER in Chandigarh; (above) Harmeet Kaur

and she had already received dialysis before a referral to PGI.

Last year five deaths had rocked PGI

In September 2022, the issue of five deaths had rocked the PGIMER administration. Amidst reports of five deaths before the surgery after giving Propofol injection, an anaesthetic given before any major surgery, the UT health department had withdrawn the drug from hospitals and pharmacies in Chandigarh. The patients who had to undergo orthopaedic and neuro surgeries were suspected to have died after the drug was inoculated to them in PGIMER. The injections were procured from a private pharmacy situated inside the institute's emergency block.

Owner booked as his pit bull dogs bite housemaid

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THE KHARAR police Monday booked a man after his two pit bull dogs bit his housemaid. The victim is hospitalised.

The complainant, Kallu, stated to the police that his wife Rakhi was working in the house of Parkash Singh, a resident of Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar.

He stated in the complaint

that on December 8, his wife had gone for work at Parkash Singh's house but his two pit bull dogs attacked his wife and kept biting her for 20 to 30 minutes but nobody saved her.

Acting on the complaint, the police booked Parkash Singh under sections 289 (negligent conduct with respect to animal) and 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) of the Indian Penal Code at Kharar (city) police station.

Foreign delegations visit PGI telemedicine dept

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

THE DEPARTMENT of Telemedicine at PGIMER has garnered international attention, attracting delegates from various countries. Representatives from African, South American and South Asian nations visited the department in December this year.

Following successful visits by delegations from Fiji and the Philippines, the Department of

Telemedicine hosted a group of health experts from Guatemala, Trinidad and Tobago, Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania, Syria, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Argentina, Kenya, Thailand, and Sri Lanka. This visit was conducted under a programme organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with CDAC, Mohali.

Dr Amit Agarwal, project lead and consultant in the Department of Telemedicine, welcomed the delegation, providing insights into the ongo-

ing activities. Emphasis was placed on the development of the learning management information system (LMIS) for undergraduates, tele-education initiatives, and the significance of Clinicopathological Conferences (CPCs), a unique feature of PGIMER. The telecasts of these CPCs will be made available to the visiting countries.

Dr Agarwal also explained that the Department of Telemedicine has been designated as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for artificial

intelligence in healthcare and centre of excellence for telepathology by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, running several projects under these CoEs.

Dr Richa Gupta, consultant in the AB-HWC project, highlighted the teleconsultation services offered through e-Sanjeevani 2.0 under the AB-HWC project, NHM Haryana. The delegation was informed about the tele-consultation process and witnessed live demonstrations of e-prescription generation.

40 victims, including 15 from Thailand, rescued from flesh trade this year

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

AS MANY as 40 victims including 15 foreign nationals have been rescued as at least seven organised immoral trafficking rackets in the last 11 months in Chandigarh have been busted. Twenty five other rescued women belong to the states including Assam, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Delhi, and Punjab. All foreign nationals belong to Thailand. All the rescued victims had been sent to shelter home, Nari Niketan from where they have been sent to their kin after completion of legal formalities. The victims were rescued between the months of March and November.

"In many of the cases, victims reportedly confessed to the investigator and counselors that they were lured and brought to Chandigarh promising hefty salaries for doing work in body massage centres without giving them hint about any flesh trade," one of the sources said. They were rescued under Section 17 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 which mentions the rescue of victims from Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE). In one of the cases, a kingpin, Nagraj Charles, tried to secure bail in the local

court producing affidavits reportedly signed by the victims that they did not want action against the kingpin but the court refused to accept. "The court had taken a strong objection to the common surety of a man in all the affidavits signed by the victims who belong to different states," the source added.

Charles was arrested after flesh trade racket was busted in Sector 35 in July this year. He had escaped and approached the apex court seeking anticipatory bail. The apex court had directed him to join the police investigation subsequent to which he was arrested. He is still languishing in Model Burali Jail. A chargesheet against him is likely to be filed in the court in a day or two.

"Almost all the victims are from the underprivileged section and some even from below the poverty line category. Among them are some married and mothers also. During their statements they claimed that they were promised high salary, but given merely a handful of that amount every day," the source further said. The 15 victims from Thailand were brought to Chandigarh under a well-planned strategy. Before handing over to their kin, the UT Social Welfare Department conveyed its counterpart in the concerned states to which victims

were belong, the source added.

"We have been following zero-tolerance policy on the organised immoral trafficking rackets in Chandigarh. The crackdown was launched following the feedback of the general public. Many rescued victims were from far away places including the northeast and Thailand," SSP (UT) Kanwardeep Kaur, said.

The SSP further said that she had received anonymous letters, confidential inputs which were verified further and found to be true. "In most of the cases, arrested suspects are still behind bars. The process to submit chargesheets in all of these cases in the concerned courts is under process," Kaur added.

Meanwhile, Dr Palika Arora, Director, Social Welfare Department said that it is their "responsibility" to take care of the victims handed over to them at Nari Niketan shelter home. "Each victim was given intensive counselling. The feedback was shared with the counterparts of other states. The victim only allows to go when someone responsible to her comes and goes through under the legal proceedings. In this process, the victim's consent is necessary. So far, all victims have gone from the shelter home," Arora added.

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4 involved in 19 cases of ATM fraud held

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

THE CYBER Cell has apprehended four individuals involved in at least 19 cases of ATM fraud across Chandigarh, NCR, Punjab and Haryana.

The suspects, identified as Bittu Kumar (27), Vimlesh Kumar (33), Dharmender Kumar (27) and Rohit Kumar (27) are natives of Gaya district in Bihar. Bittu Kumar and Vimlesh Kumar have studied up to Class 8 while the other two have cleared Class 12.

The arrests were made in Gurdaspur district based on technical surveillance and human intelligence. The investigation was necessitated by a complaint from Jagpal Singh of Sector 39, who reported a fraudulent incident at a Canara Bank ATM in Sector 39 Bon December 6. He reported that when he inserted his card in the ATM machine, it got stuck in the ATM Machine. On this, he approached the customer service number, which was pasted in the ATM booth. The voice at the other end asked him to enter his ATM PIN number and press cancel button. Again it repeated enter PIN no. and press enter button. But all in vain. When the complainant again called on the same number, he was told to wait for some time. He stepped out and came back after some time. He was shocked to see that the ATM machine was open, his card was missing and Rs 71,000 had been deducted from his SBI bank ac-

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count. He called customer service number which was switched off.

"The criminals' modus operandi involved selecting ATM booths without security guards, pasting fake pamphlets inside with a mobile number labelled as a customer service number. One person kept the mobile phone and stayed away from the booth, while another, posing as a mechanic, used tools to open the ATM machine. After pasting a fake pamphlet with a mobile number, they caused the victim's card to get stuck in the machine. The victim would call the given number, and the fraudsters would instruct them to enter their PIN. Simultaneously, one of the accused would observe the PIN from behind. The card wouldn't be returned, and the victim would be told to wait while another person claimed to be working on another ATM. Eventually, the fraudsters would retrieve the card and use it to withdraw funds from a different ATM," a police officer said.

The recovered items included two mobile phones, a knife, a screwdriver, a needle-nose plier, four SIM cards from different service providers, and 10 ATM cards from various banks.



Chandigarh Police's cyber cell with four accused. Express

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