

30 FALL INTO STEPWELL AT INDORE TEMPLE, RESCUE OPS ON

THE INCIDENT HAPPENED ON THE OCCASION OF RAM NAVAMI AS THE TEMPLE WITNESSED RUSH.

Indore: More than 30 people fell into a stepwell at an Indore temple this morning after the roof over it collapsed amid heavy footfall on the occasion of Ram Navami.

Nine devotees, including two children, have been rescued and rushed to a hospital. About 25 people could still be trapped inside. Police and rescue teams are at work and at least 12 ambulances are at the spot to shift people to hospitals when they are rescued.

The incident at Beleshwar Mahadev temple took place amid a rush of devotees on the occasion of Ram Navami. Visuals from the spot indicate that the floor of the temple caved in owing to heavy footfall, throwing people into the stepwell. The videos showed devotees being brought out from the well using ropes.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said 10 people have been rescued so far and efforts are on to move the others to safety..

"It is an unfortunate incident but the rescue operation is underway. Till now, 10 people have been rescued. 9 more are still trapped but safe. Efforts to rescue the rest are also on. I believe we'll be able to rescue everyone," said Mr Chouhan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed concern over the incident. In a tweet, he said, "Extremely pained by the mishap in Indore. Spoke to CM @ChouhanShivraj Ji and took an update on the situation. The State Government is spearheading rescue and relief work at a quick pace. My prayers are with all those affected and their families."

Indore collector T Raja said rescue work is on and the administration is closely monitoring the situation.



MAN CONVICTED OF RAPING DANISH WOMAN IN 2014 BEATEN TO DEATH

THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE EARLY ON THURSDAY NEAR THE RAILWAY TRACKS AT PAHARGANJ. TWO GROUPS OF MEN BROKE INTO A FIGHT OVER A PETTY ISSUE LEAVING 1 PERSON DEAD AND THREE OTHERS INJURED, THE POLICE SAID.

A 31-year-old man, who was out on parole after being convicted in a case of raping and robbing a 51-year-old Danish tourist in New Delhi, was beaten to death allegedly by a group of men in Paharganj Thursday, said police.

The incident took place near the railway tracks. The deceased, Mohd Raza, and three of his friends were attacked allegedly by the accused in a fight over "supremacy" in the area, police said. Two of the accused have been apprehended and are being interrogated, police said.

As per sources, Raza was held in 2014 along with eight others for allegedly raping and robbing the woman. She asked the men for directions but they allegedly took her to a secluded spot and raped her. In 2016, all accused, including three juveniles, were convicted by the court. Raza was released on parole in 2021.

On Thursday around 9 am, a PCR call was made by locals complaining about a fight and a person's death. "The SHO along with other staff reached the spot and found a man, with a head injury, on the ground. Three other men were found injured. They were shifted to a hospital where Raza was declared dead on arrival," DCP (Central) Sanjay Sain said.

The injured, Vijay (52), Sunder Lal (51) and Rafiq (42), are undergoing treatment. A case of murder and attempted murder was lodged on their complaint. "The deceased, the injured and the apprehended persons are ragpickers. Raza was convicted in a rape case and was out on parole," the DCP said.

'MODI KA NAAM DE DO': AMIT SHAH REVEALS HOW CBI 'PRESSURED' HIM

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI AND UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH.(FILE) SPEAKING AT NEWS18 RISING INDIA SUMMIT ON WEDNESDAY, SHAH RECALLED THE SOHRABUDDIN SHEIKH ENCOUNTER CASE FILED AGAINST HIM WHEN HE WAS THE GUJARAT HOME MINISTER. HE WAS RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ON OPPOSITION'S CHARGE THAT THE NARENDRA MODI GOVERNMENT IS "MISUSING" CENTRAL AGENCIES TO TARGET THEM.

SHAH ALSO SPOKE ON RAHUL GANDHI'S CONVICTION IN A CRIMINAL DEFAMATION CASE BY A COURT IN SURAT AND SAID THE CONGRESS LEADER WAS NOT THE ONLY POLITICIAN WHO WAS CONVICTED BY A COURT AND LOST MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATURE.

GERMANY REACTS TO RAHUL GANDHI CASE: 'JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND...'

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Germany said on Wednesday the "standards of judicial independence and fundamental democratic principles" should apply in the case of opposition Congress leader Rahul Gandhi following his disqualification as a Lok Sabha MP after his conviction in a defamation case.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrives at Parliament House complex in New Delhi on Wednesday, (PTI)

A spokesperson for the German foreign ministry said the government had "taken note of the verdict of first instance" against Rahul Gandhi and the "suspension of his parliamentary mandate". This was the first response by Germany or any other European country on the case of Gandhi.

"To our knowledge, Mr Gandhi is in a position to appeal the verdict. It will then become clear whether this verdict will stand and whether the suspension of his mandate has any basis," the spokesperson told a regular media briefing, speaking in German.

"We expect that the standards of judicial independence and fundamental democratic principles will equally apply to the proceedings against Rahul Gandhi," the spokesperson said in her remarks, which were beamed on public broadcaster Deutsche Welle.

There was no immediate response from Indian officials.



THIS INDIAN COURT HAS USED CHATGPT ON A CRIMINAL CASE



Perhaps for the first time in India, a court has used artificial intelligence for taking opinions on a criminal case. The high court used ChatGPT for validating its opinion regarding the bail application of an accused. This is the first instance ChatGPT has been used to decide on a bail application in India.

A Justice Anoop Chitkara led bench was hearing a bail petition of an accused arrested in June 2020 on charges of rioting, criminal intimidation, murder, and criminal conspiracy.

The bench sought the opinion of ChatGPT regarding the legal jurisprudence around the world on granting bail in a case where the accused has been charged with a crime involving cruelty. However, the

intended to present a broader picture of bail jurisprudence in cases where cruelty is a factor.

The Judges finally asked ChatGPT, "What is the jurisprudence on bail when the assailants were assaulted with cruelty?"

As per a report in the Indian Express, the chatbot replied, "Jurisprudence on bail for cases where the assailants have assaulted with cruelty will depend on the specific circumstances of the case and the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction."

It added, "However, in general, if the assailants have been charged with a violent crime that involves cruelty, such as murder, aggravated assault, or torture, they may be considered a danger to the community and a flight risk. In such cases, the judge may be less inclined to grant bail or may set the bail amount very high."

After hearing from ChatGPT the bench rejected the bail application of the accused. In its order, the bench said, "To inflict death is cruel in itself, but if cruelty leads to death, then the situation changes. When a physical assault is committed in a brutal manner, the parameters of bail also change."

Ever since its launch in November last year, ChatGPT has taken the world by storm, with new ways of utilizing the chatbot still being discovered. OpenAI, the company responsible for ChatGPT, has recently unveiled its latest language model, GPT-4, which they claim is even more reliable, and accurate, and has the capability of comprehending more nuanced inputs.

DELHI GOVERNMENT'S COVID MEET TODAY AS DAILY CASES, POSITIVITY SPIKE

ON WEDNESDAY, DELHI'S COVID-19 CASES CLIMBED TO 300 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE AUGUST 31 LAST YEAR,

New Delhi: Delhi government has called for an emergency meeting today over the alarming rise of coronavirus cases in the national capital. Tomorrow at 12 pm, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will chair another meeting with officials from the Health Department. Yesterday, Delhi's COVID-19 cases climbed to 300 for the first time since August 31 last year, while the positivity rate climbed to 13.89 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department. In view of the rapid rise in cases, Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj will today hold a meeting with specialist doctors, health department officials, and directors of several hospitals in the afternoon.

"We have called an emergency meeting today at 12 pm at the Delhi Secretariat. All officers have been called in despite a public holiday. We have asked them for a status report on whether the Delhi government needs more preparations," Mr Bhardwaj said.

"Today we will review if our oxygen plants run properly and whether ventilators are in sufficient numbers. Beds too are reserved in large numbers," he added.

The Delhi Health Minister ruled out any restrictions at this moment. The daily Covid count in the city dropped to zero on January 16, the first time since the outbreak of the disease in 2020. However, in the last few days, Delhi witnessed an increase in Covid cases amid a sharp rise in H3N2 influenza cases across the country.

With the addition of 300 more cases, Delhi's Covid tally climbed to 20,09,361 while the death count stood at 26,526. According to data shared by the city health department, 54 of the 7,986 beds in the dedicated COVID-19 hospitals in the city are occupied, while 452 patients are in home isolation.



MAMATA BANERJEE 'CLEANS' DIRTY LAUNDRY WITH 'BJP WASHING MACHINE'

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a two-day agitation against the Central government by staging a dharna in front of the Ambedkar statue on Red Road in Kolkata.



By Anupam Mishra, Raajnandini Mukherjee: With all eyes on the panchayat polls, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday launched a two-day agitation against the Central government for not disbursing funds due to the state for the MNRREGA scheme and several housing and development projects.

The TMC supreme and her party workers adopted the Bharath Rashtra Samithi's style of protesting against the BJP. At the agitation in front of the Ambedkar statue on Red Road in Kolkata, what stood out was a washing machine with a placard that read "BJP washing machine".

As TMC workers shouted "washing machine Bhajpa (BJPP)", the Bengal chief minister put black clothes into the machine, which symbolically turned white. The chief minister's act of 'laundering' was a reflection of the allegation often raised by her that charges against corrupt leaders are dropped the moment they join the BJP.

"The BJP has become a washing machine. I am giving you a list of all the thieves and robbers - they are all sitting there (with the BJP). I have to listen to their sermons about the Constitution?" asked Mamata Banerjee as she protested against the Centre's alleged discriminatory attitude towards the state.

Around the time when BRS MLC and Telangana Chief Minister KCR's daughter K Kavitha was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate for questioning about the Delhi liquor policy, BRS workers put up a hoarding of 'washing powder Nirma' replacing the face of the Nirma girl with politicians, who had switched over to the BJP.

When Lalu Prasad Yadav and his family was summoned by the CBI for questioning in the land-for-jobs scam, his daughter Rohini Acharya launched a similar attack on the BJP, calling the party a "washing powder", which removes all corruption charges once a politician joins the saffron party.

During the agitation, Mamata Banerjee made it clear that she was fighting on behalf of her party, the Trinamool Congress, and not the state government.

"People were asking me whether I am demonstrating on behalf of the state government or the TMC. I would like to tell them that I have two responsibilities.

I am the CM of West Bengal and also the TMC chairperson...Since this is the government of the TMC, I will say that I am conducting this demonstration on behalf of my party and not for the state government," said the CM.

Talking about her two-day sit in agitation, Mamata Banerjee said,

IN DRISHYAM-INSPIRED ROBBERY, 3 HELD FOR STEALING RS 47 LAKH



THREE PERSONS have been arrested for allegedly robbing Rs 47 lakh from an employee of a marketing agency. The staffer was threatened with a machete-like sharp weapon, locally known as 'koyta', police said. The accused - one of them previously associated with the agency - were inspired by the Bollywood movie Drishyam, officials added.

Cops collected videos captured by about 500 CCTV cameras from different locations to solve the case.

Mangalपुरi Goswami, the man who was targeted, has been working with the Panna Marketing agency at Pimpri Chowk for 30 years. He lodged the first information report (FIR) in the case on March 23. Rushikesh Gaikwad, Kiran Ashok Pawar, and Akash Kapil Gorad, all residents of the same locality, were identified as the accused.

On the day of the robbery, Goswami told police, he was on his way to the bank with the cash on a scooter. Around 11.30 am, two persons allegedly stopped him near Azad Chowk in Nana Peth. One of them pointed the sharp weapon at him and then snatched the cash. The men then escaped on a two-wheeler, police said.

After receiving the complaint, Assistant Commissioner of Police Satish Govekar formed teams for the manhunt. Cops zeroed down on an auto rickshaw seen moving suspiciously in a CCTV footage. Gaikwad was seen sitting in the auto. He was arrested from Upper Indira Nagar on Tuesday. The other two men were held in the early hours of Wednesday.

Gaikwad, the probe revealed, worked as a salesman for the marketing agency due to his association with a tobacco firm. But he was removed in October 2022 after alleged involvement in some quarrel.

"Gaikwad worked with the Panna Marketing agency. So, he was aware that complainant Goswami carried huge cash to the bank daily. Gaikwad hatched a conspiracy to loot the cash with the help of Pawar and Gorad," said Deputy Commissioner of Police Sandip Singh Gill in a press conference on Wednesday.

Pawar and Gorad were also nabbed later.

On March 23, Gaikwad came to the Panna Marketing agency in an auto rickshaw around 9 am, officials said. Pawar and Gorad also reached the spot. Gaikwad showed the man (Goswami) carrying the cash to the bank. He went to his home later and sat in front of a CCTV, apparently drawing inspiration from Drishyam.

AFTER THE RALLY IN CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, THE SITUATION WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL, WITH THE INTERVENTION OF THE POLICE TO DEFUSE THE TENSION

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar Ruckus: A minor dispute broke out between two groups of youths around midnight in Kiradpura area of Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar town. After this, the crowd became aggressive and a pre-tense situation was created.



Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar : After a minor dispute between two groups, a big fight broke out in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar. At this time, the miscreants burnt 8 to 10 police vehicles. The police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd. The incident took place around midnight in Kiradpura area of the city. But the police brought the situation under control by calling for more help and now there is complete peace in the area.

The preliminary information received in this case is that a minor dispute took place between two groups of youths in the Kiradpura area of Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar city in the middle of the night. After this the crowd started pelting stones. The police present repeatedly appealed to the crowd to remain calm. But the crowd had become more violent. The mob started burning parked vehicles in the area until more police arrived. As soon as the incident was reported, leaders of various political parties including Minister Atul Save, MP Imtiaz Jilil, MLA Pradeep Jaiswal rushed to the spot and appealed to the crowd for calm. Attempt to spoil the atmosphere of the city - Ambadas Danve

SAMANTHA RUTH PRABHU WAS ASKED NOT TO DO OO ANTAVA. "YOU SIT AT HOME," SHE WAS TOLD

"WHILE I WAS OFFERED OO ANTAVA, I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL OF THE SEPARATION," RECALLED THE ACTRESS

NEW DELHI: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE THE SMASH HIT PUSHPA SONG OO ANTAVA WITHOUT SAMANTHA RUTH PRABHU AND ALLU ARJUN, RIGHT? HOWEVER, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE ACTRESS WAS ADVISED BY HER FRIENDS, FAMILY AND WELL-WISHERS NOT TO BE A PART OF THE DANCE NUMBER. SAMANTHA, DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH MISS MALINI, REVEALED THAT THE SONG CAME OUT JUST AFTER HER AND NAGA CHAITANYA'S SEPARATION IN 2021 AND HER WELL-WISHERS DID NOT WANT HER TO FEATURE IN THE SONG. "WHILE I WAS OFFERED OO ANTAVA, I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL OF THE SEPARATION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AND EVERY FRIEND OF MINE EVERY WELL-WISHER, AND MY FAMILY WERE LIKE 'YOU SIT AT HOME, YOU WILL NOT DO AN ITEM SONG NOW JUST AFTER YOU ANNOUNCED A SEPARATION AND YOU WILL SAY NO TO THIS'," SAMANTHA TOLD MISS MALINI.