

Woman, paramour arrested for murder

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Thursday, December 15, 2005 (Katra):

Just days after her wedding, a newly-wed woman along with her paramour allegedly killed her husband in Katra in Jammu.

Harish came to Katra on a pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi shrine to seek blessings for a happy married life.

But destiny and his new bride Rachna had other plans.

Rachna and her paramour Ramesh killed Harish by suffocating him with a pillow and a blanket in a hotel room. After committing the crime, they dumped Harish's body in the hotel and fled to Delhi.

"The room boy had come to clean the room. When he was clearing the things around he saw a pair of shoes and he saw the feet of the body," said Kuldeep Raj, hotel receptionist.

Shocking incident

Within 24 hours, the Katra Police identified both the culprits. But it took them three days to trace the Rachna and Ramesh in Delhi and bring them back to Katra, where the crime took place.

"With great difficulty we got a clue. Based on that our enquiry intensified and on the clues gathered during this enquiry our team reached Delhi," said Rajesh Kumar, SSP, Udhampur.

Rachna's father, who has been summoned by the Katra police, says the murder has shocked the entire family and no one had a clue about the affair.

"We are shocked. We have been ruined from all spheres of home, society and the girl. We have lost our prestige," said Narain Singh Parihar, the girl's uncle.

With some luck and obvious clues, the police has solved the case in less than a week.

But nothing can change the fate of Harish who ended up paying a heavy price for his marriage.



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