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## Wife slept with dead body for 30 minutes

By: Vaishnavi Kanvinde  
May 13, 2006



Police inspector Y L Jadhav of Deonar police station

It was the perfect murder — a devoted wife, a helpful neighbour (she called him bhau) and an unsuspecting husband. In fact, the case was going to be closed.

But an alert cop, saw through the 'grieving widow' act and finally, after 10 hours of interrogation, arrested the wife and her lover for murder. This is their story.

For two days, Pramod Gawli (24) and his lover, Ashwini Sakpal (20), plotted and planned. Then on the midnight hour of May 3, Pramod strangled Ashwini's husband, Ganesh, and killed him. A worried, Ashwini, ensured that Ganesh was dead by yanking the dupatta even tighter around his neck.

The task was done easily enough. A few hours earlier, Ashwini, a nurse, added sleeping pills to her unsuspecting husband's dinner. The potent dose put him to sleep quickly, and all the lovers had to do, was tie the dupatta around his neck and pull.

Ashwini removed the dupatta from around Ganesh's neck and slept next to his dead body for over half an hour, before calling out to her neighbours.

Ironically, Ganesh and Ashwini defied their parents and wed a year ago. But within a year, Ashwini realised she did not love Ganesh as he did not have a job and was living off her income.

Ashwini fell in love with Pramod who lived in the opposite hutment. Gawli too, was not happy with his marriage and wanted out. They hatched a plan to remove the first obstacle — eliminate Ganesh. The police believe they intended to murder Pramod's wife, later.

### The incident

On May 3, after the murder, Ashwini told her neighbours that her husband wasn't breathing. She called out to Pramod (whom she called Bhau) to help her rush Ganesh to Shatabdi Hospital in Govandi. She told everyone that as she was a nurse, she thought her husband might have died of a heart attack. Ganesh was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

The doctors at the hospital, however, suspected something amiss as they had noticed ligature marks and advised post-mortem, which revealed that Ganesh was strangled. The police grilled Ashwini for 10 hours and she spilled the beans, said police inspector Y L Jadhav, of Deonar police station.

### Unusually quiet

"Ashwini was unusually calm after her husband's death. For over a week, after the incident, she played the role of a perfect widow, wailing and crying, but immediately after her husband's death, she was completely calm. That raised our suspicions," said Jadhav.

Ashwini even tried to tell the police that her husband had actually committed suicide and that she removed his corpse from the ceiling before calling her neighbours.

But this did not convince the police either, as she weighed only 40 kilos, while her husband, at 80 kilos, was too heavy for her to carry. Both Ashwini Sakpal and Pramod Gawli have been arrested and booked under section 302.

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### Wife arrested for poisoning husband in Kharar

*She allegedly had an illicit relationship with her brother-in-law; her brother also booked*

#### Express News Service

**KHARAR, JUNE 19:** KHARAR police today arrested a Kharar resident for allegedly poisoning her husband to death. Parkash Singh, about 30-years-old, was living at Ranjit Nagar here. He was poisoned on June 12 and he died at PGI, Chandigarh, on late Sunday night, police said this evening.

Parkash's wife Jaswinder Kaur, who is in her mid-twenties, brother-in-law Raju (a resident of Bhaironmajra village in Chamkaur Sahib) and Jaswinder's brother Molu have been booked for abetment to suicide and acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention, said police personnel, while citing Jaswinder's alleged illicit relations with Raju as the reason behind the incident.

The charge of murder, which was initially levelled against the suspects, was dropped and replaced with abetment to suicide after preliminary investigations conducted by ASI Iqbal Singh, police said, while adding that Raju and Molu were yet to be arrested in the case.

Parkash's father Jeewan Singh had reportedly told the local police that Jaswinder had married Parkash almost four years back and they had a 10-month-old baby girl from the wedlock.

Jeewan alleged that Jaswinder had developed illicit relations with her brother-in-law Raju (Jeewan's son-in-law), following which they (Jaswinder and Raju), in connivance with Molu, allegedly hatched a plan to kill Parkash, whom they deemed as an obstacle in perusing their 'illegal relations', police said.

Police added that as per the conspiracy, Jaswinder allegedly gave some poisonous substance to Parkash on June 12 and subsequently, he was rushed to PGI, where he died last night.



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Nilesh Nikade

Nashik police recently said that they had found the body of a 25-year-old Thane resident who had gone missing nearly two years ago.

The body was found two years ago in the jungles near Ghoti village but the police were not able to identify the same. A post-mortem had revealed that he was strangled.

They came across his case while reviewing unsolved cases of murder in their area.

**THE BACKGROUND**

Yogesh Pawar, a textile engineer, went missing in January 2004. His family tried every possible way to find him, including by putting up posters all over the city.

His father Madhukar Pawar who operated a canteen in a textile mill in Thane said, "We had registered a complaint at the Thane Nagar Police station on January 29, 2004 when Yogesh did not return from office. When we could not find any clue, we opened his drawer.

"It revealed that he was secretly married to Meghna Jadhav, a girl who was earlier living in our colony. We were astonished to see their marriage certificate and photographs. Our son had got married on May 29, 2000 but kept us in the dark for four years."

Yogesh's close friends told the family that the secret marriage had fallen apart.

"Meghna, who had shifted to Pune after the marriage, had fallen in love with another person named Ramesh Shinde.

They even got engaged on November 10, 2003. Yogesh was terribly upset," said Madhukar.

After that Meghna started asking Yogesh for a divorce. Yogesh had even received a court notice from a Thane magistrate court.

"Even a local goon, Sugriv Chavan, who works as a driver at a dairy, threatened Yogesh at his residence to release Meghna from the relationship. Later, police found out that Chavan was a relative of Ramesh Shinde," said Madhukar.

"Just 10 days before Yogesh went missing, Meghna had made regular calls to our residence. She asked his mother about his schedule and office timings. We suspect Yogesh was abducted and murdered," said Hemant Pawar, Yogesh's uncle.

Police had filed cases against Meghna Jadhav and three others. But the investigation did not proceed further.

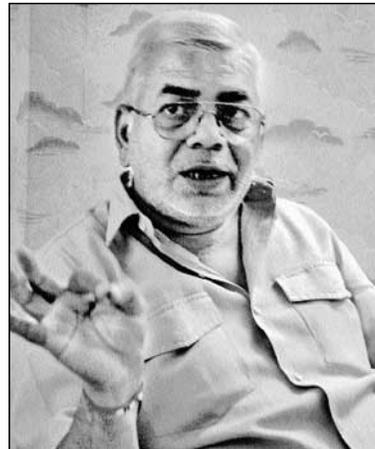
On November 29, 2005, Nashik police reported that they had found the body.

His family now expects the investigation to proceed but it won't be easy for the police.

Senior Police Inspector Nalawade of Thane Nagar said, "We have reopened the case. We are gathering more proof so we can arrest the accused. As the murder had taken place two years back, it is difficult to find proof and witnesses."

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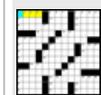
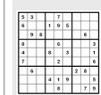
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**Alka Rastogi**

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Out of sheer jealousy and possessiveness, a mother put her son on fire! Reason: The lady could not tolerate her mother-in-law cuddling with her one-year-old tot.



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According to a report reaching the state police headquarters, the gory incident occurred in Meerut.

After fighting bitterly with her mother-in-law, Parul was so incensed that she snatched her one-year-old baby from the lap of the former, threw the infant on the ground with a bang, poured kerosene oil and set her ablaze.

The little girl obviously died. While Parul set her kid on fire, she too got hurt. When her husband, Hemendra, tried to save the kid he too got burnt.

The girl died while the husband and wife are undergoing treatment in the hospital.

According to the state police, the woman will soon be put behind bars.

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Sangeeta Devi, 23, was convicted by the additional district and sessions judge of a fast track court in Sitamarhi district Monday for the murder of her husband Mithlesh Paswan July 7, 2003, in Mahishari village.

According to a police complaint filed by Paswan's father, Sangeeta killed her husband, angry that he had refused to let her go to her parents' house. "She killed Paswan with a sharp-edged weapon when he was sleeping," the complaint stated.

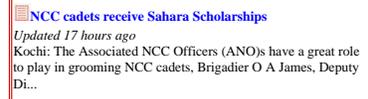
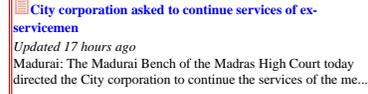
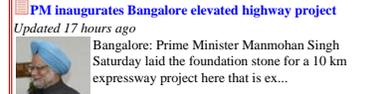
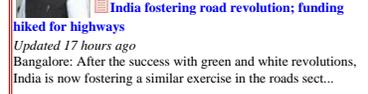
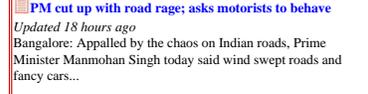
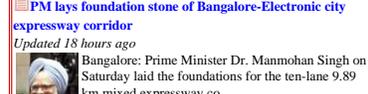
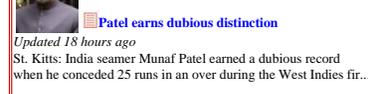
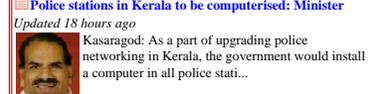
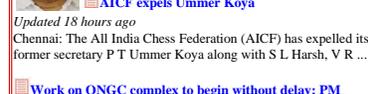
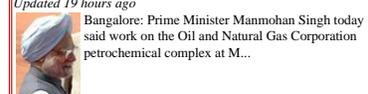
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BANGALORE: A security supervisor, who was hit by his wife with an iron rod on his head in Kadugodi on Monday night, died at a hospital on Tuesday.

The police have registered a case of murder. The deceased, K R Sreenivas (52), worked at ITPL. According to the police, his wife, a mentally ill person, hit him in a fit of rage.

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Manjunath was walking back home on Dr Rajkumar Road when four unidentified persons waylaid him and decamped with Rs 5,000 cash and a mobile phone before stabbing him.

Manjunath was shifted to hospital where his condition is said to be stable, police said. In the other incident, Kamalamma, a housewife waiting for a bus, was accosted by an unidentified woman who snatched her gold chain worth Rs 45,000 and escaped in the crowd on Wednesday in JC Nagar.

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**Woman kills son to hide illicit relations**

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**IANS**

BHOPAL: A woman in Madhya Pradesh allegedly drowned her six-year-old son in a well to hide her illicit relations with a relative, police said.

The 25-year-old woman, a resident of Sarangpur village in Hoshangabad district, murdered her son as per instructions from her paramour Devi Singh and then lodged a police complaint saying her son was missing, police said.

Devi Singh used to visit her frequently in the absence of her husband, Kamal, who has a job in Indore. The woman, police said, was afraid that her son who had seen her in a compromising position with Devi Singh may reveal all to the father.

"The murder was allegedly committed to prevent the revelation of the love affair the woman was having with Devi Singh who lived in her neighbourhood," police said.

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## Woman sets husband on fire after quarrel

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A Delhi housewife who suspected that her husband had plans to kill her by burning, on Wednesday took the lead by setting him ablaze.

According to police, Suman, 25, attacked her husband Ajay Mishra, 28, at their home in Brijpuri in east Delhi at 6.30 p. m. on Tuesday. She allegedly doused her husband with kerosene and set him on fire following a quarrel. Ajay had bought the kerosene for filling his bike.

Ajay married Suman about 2 years ago and they have a 9-month-old son. The couple reportedly had strained relations and frequently fought over petty issues. Police sources say Suman felt deceived because the particulars of the groom furnished to her family before the marriage had proved incorrect.

Suman, who is a postgraduate, was told by her in-laws that Ajay was well settled and was drawing more than Rs 7,000 every month. She later discovered that this was untrue.

Police say Ajay, who worked as a technician with a private firm in Noida, returned home at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday. He had brought along a can containing approximately two and a half litres of petrol for filling his motorbike.

Suman apparently thought there was a conspiracy afoot to burn her alive and the fuel had been bought with malafide intentions. Her suspicions were strengthened when Ajay asked her to hand over their son saying he wanted to play with him. She assumed it was only a matter of time before her husband murdered her.

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When Suman refused to part with the child, a minor altercation took place between husband and wife. Finding an opportunity, Suman allegedly poured petrol over Ajay and set him ablaze.

Neighbours rushed to help Ajay after hearing his cries for help. He was admitted to the nearby Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital with 95 per cent burns and his condition is stated to be critical.

Suman is meanwhile in police custody and has been charged with attempt to murder.

"After her arrest, Suman confessed that she had attacked her husband," a police officer said.

Police have not ruled out the possibility that the fights between Ajay and Suman were triggered by demands for dowry, as Suman had reportedly been involved in fights with her in-laws.

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## Woman stabs lover to death

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AHMEDABAD: A woman has been arrested for allegedly stabbing her lover to death after his refusal to marry her, police said Monday.

The woman was nabbed by police late Sunday night when she, along with three of her aides, were trying to dispose off the body of the youth, identified as one Devang Joshi, in Sabarmati river in Ellisbridge locality, police said.

The suspects, travelling in an autorickshaw, were stopped by two constables. On seeing the policemen, the three men, including the autorickshaw driver, fled from the scene leaving the woman alone.

A search of the autorickshaw led to the recovery of the body kept in a sack. The woman, identified as a resident of Juhapura locality, was immediately taken into custody.

According to police, the victim allegedly had an affair with the woman for the past five years.

When Joshi refused to marry the woman, she called him to her residence Sunday night and with the help of her brother's friend stabbed her lover to death, police said.

A case has also been registered against three aides of the woman, including her brother's friend and the autorickshaw driver.

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## 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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A newly-married couple was lynched in broad daylight in Patna City on Friday. They had to pay with their lives for daring to fall in love and eloping, which the girl's family was not ready to accept.

The couple — Shailendra Mishra and Pushpanjali alias Juli — had returned on Thursday after getting married in Hajipur court against their families' wishes. The girl's father, Umesh Mishra, an astrologer, visited Shailendra's house at Machharhatta on Friday morning and asked him to accompany him.

An unsuspecting Shailendra stepped out of his house with his father in-law and was surrounded by Umesh's accomplices armed with lethal weapons. They held him captive and escorted him to the girl's house at Keshav Rai Ki Gali nearby.

What followed was macabre. Shailendra was assaulted by Umesh and his henchmen with sharp weapons and pelted with stones till he succumbed to his injuries. A distraught Julie rushed to her husband's rescue, but her world crashed when she found that her family had already killed Shailendra.

Juli asked her father to kill her too as life without Shailendra seemed "worthless". An enraged Umesh retorted, "Tum bhi maro (you also die)." The girl was meted out the same treatment as Shailendra. The entire drama ended in 10 minutes. As Juli crumpled within five metres from her husband, the "killers" fled. But the police arrived on time and managed to arrest them. A case has been lodged against the assailants.

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## Sex, murder, wives

**M BHASKAR SAI**

Chennai, June 20:

The two shocking pieces of crime ? husbands killed by their wives to continue with their illicit affairs ? have shocked the conservative Chennai out of its slumber as the cloak of prudery has been ripped apart with dramatic and disturbing force.

The shock here is on two counts: The first one is the cultural one, a sense of disbelief as what is happening to the the good old tradition that the city prides itself on. And the second is psychological, due to extreme kinkiness in the crime and that too women being behind the brutality.

In the first incident that took place amidst the cool quietude of Munnar on Sunday, a Chennai-based newly married man, who had been there for honeymoon, was killed by his new wife and her paramour. The wife had tipped her illicit suitor about their tour programme, and the man too obligingly arrived to violently bump off the unsuspecting husband, in order to lead an 'uninterrupted life of love and bliss'.

In the second in Madhavaram yesterday, a lawyer's wife heartlessly killed him to pursue her affair with his nephew. The woman, who first gave sleeping pills to him, later attacked him with an iron rod.

In both the cases, the wives initially told the police that their respective husbands could have been killed for jewels and money. Only after repeated interrogation and investigation could the police zero in on the real motive and the criminals.

But the two incidents do not seem isolated. It points to a new trend, and also women, long romanticised and almost deified in the local context, may not be as docile as was made out. Gender quality has arrived pretty fast into the portals of crime and kink.

Noted sexologist and psychotherapist Dr D Narayana Reddy says, 'apart from sex, one should see this as a mental imbalance, as there should definitely be a reason that had provoked the wives to take such a decision. Either it could be the torture of the husband, motivation of the paramour or some unavoidable family problems. Persons who are forced to kill their husbands cannot be mentally equilibrated persons. They are certainly abnormal.'

Many others says it is not love that drives them blind. 'True love will never hurt anyone,' says R Ramakrishnan, a sociologist. 'For love to end in brutal murders is paradoxical'.

But are there any other 'abetting' reason? Yes, says city-based psychologist and sociologist C R Celin. 'Other than motivational factors, our films and TV serials play a major role in changing the attitude of women. Most of our television soaps are based on illicit affairs only. Also, there can be other factors like sex.' Her point is if you bring in promiscuous women to your house through TV, she will soon show up in reality too.

But filmmakers don't buy this idea of 'morally corrupting' the masses.

Susi Ganesan, director of the movie '*Thiruttu Payale*', which was based on the storyline of a wife having an affair with a friend of her husband, says, 'I have taken the knot of the story from the day to day real life stories which appears regularly in news papers. Nothing is my imagination and just a reflection of the happenings of the society.' He says reel reflects the real, and not the other way round.

Maybe. Or may not be. True, most wives still are truthful and caring, and the two incidents of the week may not reflect a larger trend.

Yet, deep down, most agree that women of today are made of different mettle. As a wise man said in a Tamil movie several decades ago, kolaiyum seival pathini. Indeed.

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## Life sentence for killing husband

Faridabad, April 28

A woman, convicted for murdering her husband last year, was sentenced to life term by the Court of Additional Session Judge, Mr S. S. Lamba. Her brother-in-law and son, however, were acquitted due to the lack of evidence. According to the prosecution, the accused along with her son, Mahesh, had lodged a complaint with the police on September 26, 2001, that Jeetram (woman's husband) was murdered by three persons. His body was found in a field.

The FIR named Darshan, Sudesh and Mamman as the main accused. The woman, identified as Chanderwati, "helped" the police to recover the pistol that was used to kill Jeetram. However, there was some dispute over the money deposited in a bank by the deceased. Later, in a dramatic twist, the woman changed her statement and told the Panchayat of Manpur village that Jeetram was mentally upset and had committed suicide by using the firearm. Subsequently, the suspicion was directed towards the woman, who admitted during interrogation that she killed her husband for the money and disposed of the body with help of her son and brother-in-law. **TNS**

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HYDERABAD: A minor, who was forced to marry against her wishes, allegedly stabbed her husband to death at Ramanthapur in the city. The ninth-standard student from Peddamamidi village in Mahbubnagar district was coerced into marriage by her parents last year.

"I did not want to marry. But my parents forced me into it," the accused told reporters after she was taken into custody by the Uppal police. She showed little remorse for the crime she committed. The 16-year-old girl had married G Shiv Raj, 30, a native of Polepalli village of the same district on May 29 last year.

Shiv Raj owned a sweet shop near Ramanthapur and the couple were staying in a house at Vasavi Nagar Colony. The girl had stayed back with her parents till she completed her SSC.

Having cleared the exam with 320 marks, her parents insisted she stay with her husband. Thus, much against her wishes she was packed off to Hyderabad on April 23 this year.

She, however, reportedly maintained a distance with her husband and the couple quarrelled regularly over the issue frequently. Her in-laws also admonished her for her behaviour. The couple's neighbours also claimed that their relationship was strained.

The girl tried to run away to her parents once, but was brought back. On Friday night, the couple reportedly attended a wedding and returned home at around 10.30 pm.

Uppal police inspector A Muthyam Reddy said the couple might have had an argument over some issue following which she stabbed her husband in the chest with a kitchen knife. Hearing Shiv Raj's cries the neighbours came to his rescue and shifted him to a hospital.

The girl also accompanied her husband and remained in the hospital while he underwent treatment. Shiv Raj died in the wee hours on Saturday following which the girl was taken into custody.

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## Rape: Minor girl murders husband

DH News Service Hyderabad:

A minor girl, who was forced into marriage by her parents and who was raped by her husband, killed him when he tried to rape her again here on Saturday. She is in police custody.

The girl, who is said to be around 15 or 16 years old, told the police that she wanted to study and was against marriage. But her family forced her and married her off to her cousin Shivraj (30) last year.

But she insisted on finishing her school and remained in her village in Mahbubnagar to finish the 10th class. She passed with Second Class last month.

Her husband who runs a mithai shop in Ramantapur locality, pressurised her parents to send her to him as she had finished school. Her pleas to study further were rejected and she was forcibly brought by her parents to the city and left with her husband. She tried to run away but was again brought back.

According to the girl, she was raped by her husband a few times. On Friday she kept a knife with her and wanted to threaten him with it to keep him off.

However, she told the police she did not remember how it happened. When he tried to force himself upon her she stabbed him. When he collapsed she ran to the neighbours and with their help took him to Osmania Hospital where he died. Police said autopsy showed there was alcohol in Shivraj's stomach.

According to legal experts here, since the girl is a minor she will be tried in a juvenile court under Juvenile Justice Act. If proved guilty she will be sent to special schools for reformation or put in a juvenile home and would be allowed to continue her studies.

Women's activists said the marriage is null and void since the girl is a minor and she should be treated as a victim of rape who acted in self-defence.

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Students through the open air theatre in Lyallpur Khalsa College to watch the cultural meet—Galaxy 2006— in Jalandhar on Sunday. The event was organised by the college's Commerce Department. — Tribune photo by Pawan Sharma

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## Principals' Association writes to PU VC

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The Principals' Association of the Non-Government Colleges affiliated to Panjab University has written to the Vice-Chancellor of the university demanding a probe into the state of the sports hostel that has been constructed on the campus for sportspersons from the affiliated colleges.

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### **Over 2 lakh children given polio drops**

Jalandhar/ Phagwara, January 15

Over 2 lakh children under the age of five were administered polio drops under the polio mop-up drive in the Jalandhar district today.

According to Dr S.P. Sharma, Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar, 70 per cent of the total 29,5402 children in need of polio drops in the district, were vaccinated.

**A month-old baby being administered polio drops during the pulse polio campaign in Jalandhar on Sunday. — A Tribune photo**



### **Unidentified body found, murder suspected**

Phagwara, January 15

An unidentified body of a youth was recovered by the local police from a deserted house in the middle of a field in Chaheru village here last night.

### **Three killed in separate incidents**

Phagwara, January 15

Three persons were died in three separate accidents here in the last 24 hours. Parsani Devi (70) from Sant Nagar in Chachoki village died after being hit by an unidentified vehicle on the G.T. Road.



## **What's making these femmes fatal? Majority of the murder cases have roots in extramarital affairs**

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Kapurthala, January 15

It is a revelation that is baffling the district police more and more everyday. Investigations into the murder cases reported recently from the area have revealed that majority of these had roots in women having extramarital affairs and some of them wanting to get rid of their husbands.

As such, the Kapurthala SSP, Mr Rajeev Ahir, said he had ordered reinvestigations into all those unsolved murder cases and the reports of missing persons where the wives of the victims did not "seriously" pursue the cases after lodging their complaints.

The SSP said the motive behind the murders pointed to a depletion in social values in the region. "In many cases, the police found that the murder plans were hatched by women wanting to preserve their extra-marital relations."

Days before the arrest of a granthi in Phagwara on charges of killing a youth whose father, he suspected, was having an affair with his wife, the police here cracked the mystery behind the disappearance of a man and his son from Tanda Ram Sahai village in Mukerian and one Rawail Singh from Tandi village in Kapurthala.

In the first case, Daljit Singh, the paramour of Paramjeet Kaur, allegedly killed her husband, Gurtaj Singh, and even his father, Mohinder Singh, to make the extra-marital relation hindrance-free, the

police said.

The officials added that Daljit Singh, the accused in the first case, also extended a helping hand to one Kuldeep Kaur by allegedly killing her husband, Rawail Singh. The woman here was a distant relative of Paramjeet Kaur and she too wanted to get rid of her husband to maintain her alleged illicit relations in the village, the police added.

Sometime before this, Dimple, a resident of Jalandhar, was held with two persons on charges of murdering one Gurmit Singh, a resident of Rasoolpur village in Nakodar.

The police said all the accused and even the victim were found to be involved in illicit relations.

Another interesting aspect of these cases, sources in the police said, was that the victims as well as the male accused were found to be drug addicts.

Another aspect, they added, was that the husbands of the accused women habitually remained absent from their homes for long durations.

A government official here, Mr Nath Singh Buttar, said that the number of men who had settled abroad from the region was vast. "The long spell of separation between a man and his wife here results in the extra-marital relations. It also becomes a root cause of acrimony between the couple when the man returns home."

The drug menace prevalent in the Doaba region could also be one of the major reasons behind this "femme fatale" phenomenon, Mr Ahir said.

"All the three persons whom Daljit Singh allegedly shot, were found to have taken heavy doses of drugs and liquor."

A member of the Drug De-addiction Society here, Mr Naveen, said there was a strong possibility that majority of the drug addicts might have remained unsuccessful in satisfying their wives and led their women turn towards other men.

But Mr J.J.S. Arora, President of the Bar Council in Kapurthala, said the search for more comforts was pulling some women into the world of crime.



## **PCCTU to observe 'Protest Week'** **Our Correspondent**

Phagwara, January 15

The Punjab and Chandigarh College Teachers Union (PCCTU), the apex body of over 5000 college teachers working in 170 non-government affiliated colleges of the state and the Union Territory, has decided to launch an agitation to press for their demands.

The PCCTU teachers would observe a 'Protest Week' from January 19 to 24. During the agitation, they would resort to "two periods peak-time strike," and hold dharnas and rallies in the campus, Prof R.S. Brar and Dr Jagwant Singh, president and general secretary of the association, respectively, today told this correspondent.

This would be followed by a statewide mass casual leave and "Cease Work Protest Action' on January 31, the PCCTU leaders said, adding that they would also organise a state-level demonstration and rally at Matka Chowk at Chandigarh the same day.

They alleged that even though a budgetary provision of Rs 8.68 crore was made for giving 50 per cent DA from April 2004, yet the DA had not so far been merged.

Despite announcement by the Chief Minister on October 10 last year, Pension cum Gratuity issue was still hanging fire. The other poll promises mentioned in the party manifesto had not so far been fulfilled, they alleged.