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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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