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Top Stories

Man attempts suicide outside PM's residence

New Delhi, May. 3 (PTI): In a high-voltage drama, a man going through a troubled marriage shot himself outside Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's high-security residence in the national capital, triggering panic for sometime.

Kishori Lal Sehgal, a resident of Dwarka in southwest Delhi, was rushed to the Ram Manohar Lohia hospital with a bullet injury on the right side of his upper chest after his unsuccessful suicide bid at around 2.30 p.m.

Sehgal later told police that he was troubled over his wife Reena's "illicit relationship" and had chosen the spot for committing suicide to sensationalise the death and to attract maximum publicity, a senior police official said.

A case of attempt to suicide has been registered against 42-year-old Sehgal, a property dealer, Deputy Commissioner of Police Anand Mohan said.

Police said Sehgal reached the area in his Maruti Zen car and parked it outside the Jaipur Polo grounds, across the road from Prime Minister's 7, Race Course residence, before opening fire at himself.

Interestingly, he fired one shot at himself, got out of his car, locked the vehicle and then moved towards a Police Control Room van before collapsing. Police have recovered a suicide note and the weapon from his car.

Sehgal had married Reena four years ago after divorcing his first wife. He accuses Reena of having an illicit affair with one Jeetendra Singh Ahluwalia and claims that she is at present living with him.

Initial investigation revealed that Sehgal had tried to reach a compromise with his estranged wife this morning to bring her back into his life, but it failed after she refused to go with him.

"Sehgal attended a hearing at the office of Crime Against Women Cell in Nanakpura, where Reena and Ahluwalia's wife Surender Kaur was also present, to arrive at a compromise," Mohan said.

What irked him the most was Kaur's consent to accept Reena as her husband's second wife after which Sehgal decided to commit suicide. .

He then went to Nehru Park, prepared the suicide note and reached the Jaipur Polo Ground area at around 2 p.m.

"His condition is stable though he is still in the ICU," Mohan added.

Police was investigating the claims made by Sehgal and is also planning to question Reena, Kaur and Ahluwalia, a resident of Tilak Nagar in West Delhi.

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"We are inquiring all aspects of the incident," Mohan added.

This is not the first time somebody has attempted suicide outside the Prime Minister's residence. A man had faked self immolation outside the PM's house on January 26, 2006.

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