

Rape - a highly gendered violent behaviour in India



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Don't we think that violence against the weaker sex brings out the manly demeanor of our society where oppression of women is deemed as a custom? Women were silently suffering earlier but due to presence of media and sensitization of police, they are now coming forward to speak against all types of crime. While serious law reform is the need of the hour, it also should be taken into consideration that the planners, administrators, and law enforcement agencies work efficiently and diligently in that direction. This diminishing social protection has made vulnerable, especially working and college going women in the city to crimes like eve-teasing, molestation and rape. It is noticed that the prevalence of crimes against women in a certain place depends on a large extent to the social ambience of that place. The punishment for battering, molestation, sexual molestation and unlawful threat must be increased. Projects must be launched for a better cooperation between the police, the social services and other relevant parties. Government should come out with much more essence and urgency to check the indecent behaviour against women folks, and the need to chart out stern measures on the part of administrative authorities for curbing down such events. People also need to come out with determination against such evils and not be a moot

spectator wherein a daughter, or a sister, or a wife, or a mother is crying for alms.

One would find that the scenario for women seems grim indeed and this will continue so long as the basic social and economic structures remain unchanged and the implementing and law and order agencies show indifference. Public display of big hoardings only serves to excite the young minds. Laws alone cannot put an end to evils that are endemic in the social structure; the government can at least make some attempt to take its own enactments seriously. Crime is endemic to the human condition, but a crime specifically directed at one sex is most despicable and unfortunately, the one that is punished least. According to the Government's statistics twenty five rapes are committed in the country everyday but the unofficial record is in very large number. One would find that Rape is a sexual as well as cultural attack which has become a great social problem today. There are many rape cases which have become the headlines of the leading newspapers but the timely actions are not taken.

It is obvious that there is much to be done to change our laws on rape. While Sections 375 and 376 of the Indian Penal Code are the major laws dealing with rape, they have failed to match the international standards of addressing the crime. Making tougher laws will only be as effective as its implementation. Violent assaults, rapes and murders of women are symptomatic of a deep societal dysfunction. Any new law on rape should include the conduct of the defence lawyer and bar unethical questions against the rape victim. If an FIR is registered against a person in a rape case, he should be automatically disqualified from contesting elections. The prosecution for rape and sexual harassment

should have toughest lawyers pleading the case to have 100% conviction and not one in over 1000 cases.

In view of the increasing incidence of the rape incidents, it is absolutely necessary to review the rape law humanely and progressively as the existing law is not only partial but also outdated. The subject needs a comprehensive review and should include various types of assault, violence and torture, and with gender neutrality. Indian women are far too vulnerable to violent assaults. Sexual violence in villages, though little reported, keeps girls and women indoors after dark. The pity is that to change attitudes to rape so many young women have had to suffer and die. An act the police never prosecute and the public ignores. Women are routinely groped and harassed by men on buses and trains. The reason behind is the vulgar display by even top grade heroines in the form of 'item numbers' has become a must for any successful movie. All these adds to the frustration where the age of sexual maturity does not match with the permissible age for marriage. A piece of fool-proof legislation is needed to safeguard innocent victims. One should see that by giving a deterrent punishment to the rapist this evil of rape would not be solved. Once it is proved that the person is guilty of rape he should be hanged and the women for their self-defense should learn the art of Karate, Judo and if not they should keep a chilly powder in order to escape from the rapist. Before the dignity of more women is sacrificed, we need to have a real change for the better democracy, greater freedom, full transparency, strict law enforcement, and mandatory punishment for heinous crimes against women.

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Asaram witness murder case accused arrested from Karnataka



Ahmedabad, An accused in the murder of Dr Amrut Prajapati, the key witness in the Asaram case who was murdered 10 years ago in Rajkot, has been arrested. Kishore Bodke, a resident of Ahmedabad was arrested by the Rajkot Crime Branch. He had been absconding for 10 years and was staying at an Asaram ashram as a servant in Karnataka's Kalaburgi district On May 23, 2014, Dr Prajapati, a former follower of Asaram and a witness in the Asaram case, was providing medical treatment to patients at Shanti Ayurvedic Hospital in Rajkot. At that time, a person disguised as a patient shot him. Dr Prajapati was seriously injured and was taken to the hospital, where he died after 20 days of treatment. At that time, he had named Asaram's followers as the accused. A case was registered in the B-Division police station. Later, the investigation of this high-profile

case was handed over to the CID Crime Branch. So far, three accused have been arrested by the CID Crime Branch.

Among the remaining seven accused, Bodke, who originally hails from Maharashtra's Solapur district, had been absconding. He was staying as a servant in the Asaram ashram in Kalaburgi district of Karnataka. The Crime Branch team, led by PSI A N Parmar, received specific information that Bodke was staying in a certain Asaram ashram in Karnataka. Based on this information, the team travelled to Karnataka and, with the help of local police, arrested him. He was then brought to Rajkot and handed over to the CID Crime Branch.

Asaram has been serving life imprisonment in Jodhpur prison following his conviction under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and other offences by a trial court in 2018, for raping a minor girl.

Husband dies by suicide in Ahmedabad after wife allegedly locks him in room, starves him

Ahmedabad, A man in Ahmedabad died by suicide after his wife Manisha allegedly locked him in a room and starved him. The incident took place at Arohan apartments in Ranip, Ahmedabad. Ashish and Manisha had been married for 10 years, and they had frequent arguments. As per reports, Manisha suspected Ashish's character and neglected his needs. Frustrated, Ashish had attempted suicide by consuming poison a month-and-a-half ago.

Tragically, on January 4, Ashish died by suicide by hanging himself. Following his death, it was discovered that he had sent an audio recording of a heated argument with Manisha to his friend Ranvir Singh. The audio recording revealed that Manisha had locked Ashish in a room and refused to provide him with food or water. When Ashish threatened to take his own life, Manisha reportedly told him he would die of starvation.

7-year-old child tests positive for HMPV

Child on ventilator at Babycare Hospital in Sabarkantha, Health Department on alert

Sabarkantha The increase in cases of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) in China created a stir all over the world. At that time, after the report of a 7-year-old child from a village in Prantij taluka of Sabarkantha was received, the health authorities sent the sample to Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar for testing. The HMPV report has come positive, although the child is currently on a ventilator at Babycare Hospital. On the other hand, an 80-year-old man living in Vastrapur, Ahmedabad, has been admitted to the hospital after the report of HMPV virus came positive.

Cases of this virus have been reported in four states of India including Gujarat. All the patients of this virus are children. The health department of Gujarat has become alert to deal with the possible situation of HMPV and necessary preparations have been started in different hospitals of the state.

Currently, the child's condition is critical.

Regarding this, Medical Officer Dr. Smriti Mehta said that the child has been admitted for three days. On the first day when the child was admitted, he had difficulty breathing.

Currently, the child is on a ventilator in the ICU and is being treated as per the government's guidelines. But currently, the child's condition is critical. The X-ray shows that the child has pneumonia. Samples sent to Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad after suspected cases were found

Three days ago, a 7-year-old son of a laborer family working in a farm in a rural area of Prantij taluka was brought to Babycare Hospital

in Himmatnagar for diagnosis due to fever, cold, and cough. Where the doctor, during an X-ray, diagnosed him with pneumonia and sent the sample to a private laboratory, the report of which came yesterday evening, showed that HMPV virus was found in it. The district health department was informed about this.

The Sabarkantha district health department reached the hospital and took samples and sent them to Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad. The report of which has come positive for HMPV virus. The 7-year-old child is currently in Babycare Hospital, who has been kept on a ventilator in the ICU, and treatment is ongoing, said Intiazbhai Memon, a pediatrician at the hospital, in a telephonic conversation.

HMPV report of 80-year-old man comes positive in Ahmedabad

Another case of HMPV virus has been reported in Ahmedabad city. An 80-year-old man living in Vastrapur area has been admitted to Sterling Hospital in Memnagar for treatment. The old man was admitted to the hospital for treatment on January 8, whose report came positive today. The patient has been found to be suffering from asthma for the last several years. He has no travel history abroad or anywhere else. The process of testing the patient's sample will be carried out in the coming days.

Patient's samples will be sent to Gandhinagar laboratory

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation's Health Department Head Dr. Bhavin Solanki said in a conversation with Divya Bhaskar that the condition of the patient who tested positive for HMPV is currently stable. His samples

will be sent to the Civil Hospital as well as the Gandhinagar laboratory for genome sequencing. Earlier, the samples of a two-month-old child who tested positive in Chandkheda have also been sent to the Gandhinagar laboratory.

The first case of HMPV virus was reported in Gujarat 4 days ago. The child was admitted to a private hospital in Chandkheda, Ahmedabad for treatment, although he has now been discharged.

A two-month-old baby admitted here for treatment after his health deteriorated due to cold and fever for the last 15 days. The baby was kept on a ventilator for five days, where the report was revealed to be HMPV. Earlier, two babies aged 3 and 8 months were infected in Karnataka.

Cases of the coronavirus-like virus that spread in China are now being seen in India. The name of this virus is Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV). In India, one case has been found in Ahmedabad and two cases in Karnataka. The infected include a 2-month-old baby, an 8-month-old baby and a 3-month-old girl.

The education department has not made any guidelines regarding the HMPV virus, but some schools in Ahmedabad and Rajkot have made guidelines for the school as a precautionary measure, in which students with symptoms like cold, cough or fever have been asked not to come to school.

Apart from this, if any student is found to be showing symptoms in the school, he/she should be sent home. Students are also being appealed to wear masks in schools.

Three more flyovers will be built in Bhavnagar to ease traffic problems

Bhavnagar: The Municipal Corporation's Standing Committee has given in-principle approval to build three more flyover bridges to ease the growing traffic problems in the city. However, the work of the first overbridge, which was previously approved in Bhavnagar city and is being built between Shastrinagar and

Desainagar, has been underway for four years. And out of which, the road from Desainagar to Shastrinagar has been opened by the administration with the aim of easing traffic.

But the work of the remaining overbridges towards RTO and Gadchhi is still not completed, while the authorities are considering building

three more overbridges. Also, since the in-principle approval has been given, many questions have been raised by the opposition. They are asking whether the work of three more overbridges will be a waste of time and public money if the government could not complete the overbridge on time.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction and Enforcement of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to The Shriram Housing Finance Limited, The Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Shriram Housing Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction for recovery of the balance due to The Shriram Housing Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit, Date and Time of Auction are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Earnest Money Deposit Details (EMD) Details.	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person and Inspection date
1.Rathod Vasantben Bharatbhai 2.Rathod Suresh Bharatbhai, 3.Rathod Yashvant Bharatbhai, Present Address :- Quarter No.14, Slum Quarter, Near Sandhya Pul, Jamnagar Road, Ramapir Road, Rajkot	Rs.35,22,528/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on 06/12/2023 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHRAJK0001004 & Rs.2,12,008/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twelve Thousand Eight Only) as on 06/12/2023 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHRAJK0001005 with further interest and other costs, charges and expenses within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.	Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Only) Bid Increment Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs. 1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD 29th January, 2025, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m	EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/ NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME- AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH- BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO - Current Account No. 911020045677633 I F S C CODE - UTIB0000230	30th Jan 2025, Time. 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.	Ashfaq Patka-9 8194 15477 Moh'd Shafiq M.Shaikh- 99786 24614 Hiteshkumar Joshi- 98799 40713 Dharmendrasinh Chauhan-76007 62777 Customer Care Number :- 022 - 40081572 Property Inspection Date:18th January 2025, Time.10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m

Description of Property

Residential House/Block No.1 on Plot no.32 paiki, with land admeasuring 103-59 sq.mt area known as parsananagar of Rajkot, Revenue Survey No.575 paiki, CSW-18. Boundaries of the property (As per Documents) :- East :- Road, North :- Others's property, West :- Others's Property, South :- Block No.2, joint wall

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, bid form, training & others may also visit website of Shriram Housing Finance Limited at http://shriramhousing.in/e-auction-Residential provided in the Shriram Housing Finance Limited website.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE FOR SUBSEQUENT SALE UNDER RULE 8(6) AS PER AMENDED SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

The mortgagors/borrowers are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest before auction, failing which secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The mortgagors/borrowers are Request to take back all movable items which are inside the property.

NB: Please note that the secured creditor is going to issue the sale notice to all the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors by speed/ registered post. In case the same is not received by any of the parties, then this publication of sale notice may be treated as a substituted mode of service.

Place : Rajkot
Date : 13-01-2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Shriram Housing Finance Limited