GUARD WAS CO-CONSPIRATOR BUT ACCUSED KILLED HIM TOO: POLICE

Security guard's son among 7 held for killing 4 women at Mansarovar Park

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TWO MONTHS after four women and a security guard were murdered at a sprawling Mansarovar Park mansion, the Delhi Police Crime Branch said it had cracked the case with the arrest of the guard's son, son-inlaw and five associates.

Police claimed the guard was one of the conspirators, but the accused killed him too, fearing he might confess during questioning.

The women — Urmila Jindal (78) and her three daughters, Sangeeta Gupta (52), Nupur Jindal (48) and Anjali Jindal (45) — lived with about 40 members of their extended family at the residential complex, spread over 24,000 sq feet. They were found with their throats slit on October 7. Their first-floor flat had been ransacked.

The body of the security guard, Rakesh (56), was found on the ground floor.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Alok Kumar identified the accused as Vikash (26), Anuj (25), Sunny (22), Vikas (23), Neeraj (37), Nitin and Deepak. Anuj is a resident of Baghpat, while the others are residents of Ghaziabad.

Police said they have recovered jewellery and Rs 50,000 from their possession.

JCP Kumar said Rakesh's sonin-law Vikash and son Anuj hatched the plot after the guard suggested the idea. "A few days before the murder, Rakesh visited his home in Baghpat and told the two that they could barge into the women's house and decamp with cash and jewellery. They did a recce 10 days

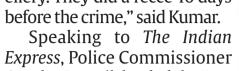
Speaking to *The Indian* after the murders.

Since about 40 family members live in the mansion, police had initially probed the property dispute angle as the motive for the murders. The family members were questioned by at least 25 teams of the Delhi Police.

"Subsequently, injuries inflicted on the victims and the autopsy report suggested the killer was familiar with the human anatomy," said Kumar.

"While probing this lead, it came to light that Vikash worked at GTB Hospital as a sweeper. His movements were tracked and the persons he was in touch with were questioned by the police. Subsequently, he broke down during questioning and confessed," said Kumar.

According to police, Vikash, Anuj and their associates came to Jindal's house around 2 am. Rakesh opened the gate and he took Vikash and Anuj to Urmila's flat. When Nupur came to the door, Vikash overpowered her and dragged her to a room, where he allegedly slit her throat. The six others then entered the flat, while Rakesh stood guard outside.



Express, Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik lauded the "excellent piece of work by his team in solving a blind case". "I have felicitated the team and will reward them as well," said Patnaik, who had visited the crime spot

Police said the men allegedly stabbed the women to death. broke open the almirah and took the cash and jewellery. Before fleeing, however, Vikash slit Rakesh's throat.





mansion about 10 days before the murders. They fled the mansion on foot and divided the loot at a **park later.** Express

Accused switched off phones on day of murders, but recce gave them away

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THE ACCUSED in the Mansarovar Park murders were aware their cell phones can give away their location, so they left the gadgets switched off at home when they went to commit the crime, police said Wednesday.

This, they thought, would ensure that police have no way to link them to the murders. What they didn't remember, though, was to leave their phones at home when they conducted a recce of the spot 10 days before the crime.

During the investigation, the Crime Branch thoroughly studied a one-month 'dump data' of mobile phones active in and around the house. Police found that the mobile phones of Vikash, Anuj and Neeraj were active near the house on September 25, 10 days before the murders.

"During questioning, when they were asked to clarify about their movements 10 days before the incident, they failed to explain why they were near the house," said a police officer.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Alok Kumar said that in March, Vikash and Neeraj had allegedly robbed a liquor godown in Faridabad. At the time, their group members had told them to switch off their mobile phones while committing the robbery.

"Even while committing the robbery at MS Park, they did not steal any electronic gadgets such as laptops and mobile phones," said Kumar.

The expertise of Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) G Ramgopal Naik, who is also a doctor, also helped crack the case. After seeing the manner in which the injuries were inflicted, Naik concluded that the accused

would have some knowledge of the human anatomy.

"I read the report and found that knives were pumped into vital organs. Many of them had seven-eight inch deep wounds," said Naik. Eventually, it turned out that Vikash was a sweeper at a hospital.

Anjali sustained 30 injuries, while the others had 10-12 injuries, said Naik.

Police said the accused fled around 4 am on foot, and distributed the cash and iewellery at a park near GTB Hospital. They switched on their phones the next day.

1 killed, 3 injured as scaffolding gives way

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, DECEMBER 6

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A LABOURER was killed and three others injured at a construction site in Gurgaon's Badshahpur area on Wednesday morning, after they fell from the 17th floor as the scaffolding they were standing on gave way.

Police said the incident took place around 10.30 am at a construction site belonging to the Advance India Project Limited (AIPL) company.

"Four labourers were standing on a scaffolding and plastering cement when the driver of a ICB machine lost control of the hydraulic boom of the vehicle. The boom hit the scaffolding and

it fell apart," said inspector Vishnu Prasad, Station House Officer of Badshahpur police station.

Tanjum Ahmed, a labourer who hailed from Bengal, died on the spot, while three others -Liyakat, Rajesh, and Hussain suffered serious injuries.

"The victim's body has been moved to the Civil Hospital and sent for post-mortem examination. The injured have been admitted to Ekta Hospital in Badshahpur. They are out of danger," Prasad said.

"A case has been registered, based on Livakat's statement under relevant sections of the IPC and we are conducting further investigations," he said.

Company officials could not be contacted for a comment.

Ryan murder: Juvenile produced before JJB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, DECEMBER 6

THE CLASS XI student accused of murdering seven-year-old Pradvuman Thakur was produced before the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) again on Wednesday afternoon, and remanded to another 14 days in judicial custody. He will be lodged in an obser-

vation home in Faridabad during this period, and produced before the board on December 20.

The board on Wednesday also set December 8 to hear arguments regarding the three pending applications in the case "in totality" — the CBI application requesting for fingerprints of the 16-year-old accused, his father's application alleging the boy was questioned beyond the hours set by the board while in CBI custody, and Pradyuman's father's application requesting that the juvenile be considered an adult during his trial.

"The sociological and psy-

chological report of the student has been submitted to the board in a sealed cover. It will be taken into consideration and all three pending applications, including regarding his trial as an adult will be heard in totality on Friday," said Sushil Tekriwal, counsel of Barun Thakur, Pradyuman's father.

The teenager had been apprehended two months after Pradyuman was killed in a ground floor bathroom of Ryan International School, Bhondsi.

SC verdict on bail to trustees on Dec 11

The Supreme Court will pronounce on December 11 its order on a plea seeking cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to three trustees of the Ryan International Group, which runs the Gurgaon school where Pradyuman was murdered.

AN APPEAL



My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Government of NCT of Delhi has established 248 Night Shelters for homeless people with basic facilities such as clean drinking water, toilets, blankets, bedding etc. These Night Shelter are open twenty four hours and are free of charge.

The Government is taking all necessary steps to ensure that people are not forced to sleep outside in the open during winters. It has been observed that public and the other charitable institutions are donating blankets, mattresses, quilts, warm clothing and money to homeless people particularly those who are found sleeping in the open. I appeal to such citizens and organizations to donate these items at the nearest Night Shelter or Control Room, DUSIB at Punarwas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 only, and not on the streets or roads. This will encourage people to use the Shelters and not sleep in the open which is extremely dangerous in these winter months.

I appeal that if you find homeless people sleeping in the open, please do motivate them to shift to the nearest Night Shelter or send photograph through DUSIB "Rain Basera" App which can be downloaded by giving a missed call at

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You may also contact the Control Room of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) at Phone No.011-23378789, 8527898295 and 8527898296.

> **Arvind Kejriwal** Chief Minister, Delhi

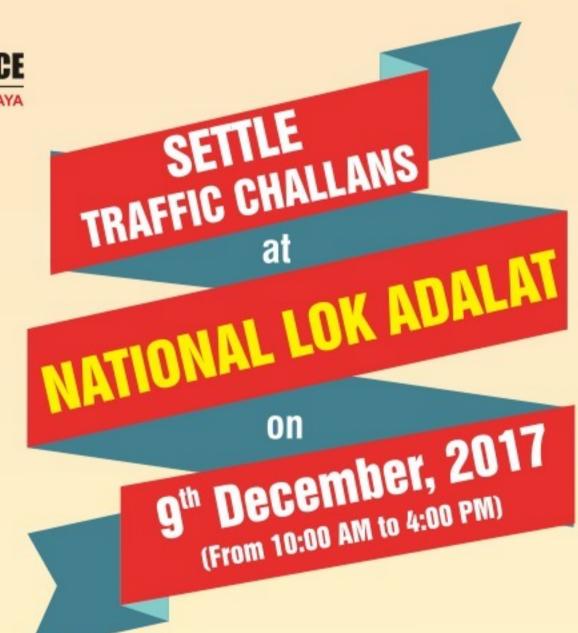


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