



Hubby, in-laws arrested for abetting suicide

Raina Assainar. KALAMBOLI

Ramesh Lende (30), his brother Balu (34), sister-in-law Manisha (28), father Namdev (59) and mother Meena (46) have been arrested on Monday after Ramesh's wife Nimisha (24) committed suicide. The five of them have been arrested for allegedly harassing Nimisha for dowry and then abetting her suicide.

According to police, Nimisha completed her B.Sc Nursing from Vapi and married Ramesh on May 20, 2009. After two months of marriage, her in-laws and husband started harassing her for dowry. Her husband, who was employed with a private firm in Airoli, was an alcoholic and would beat Nimisha under the influence of alcohol. Her in-laws had been demanding for a washing machine and a television set from her which was promised by her parents during the marriage.

Nimisha joined MGM College in Kalamboli as a lecturer and the salary earned by her was always taken away by her husband. She left the job after four months and then took education loan to pursue M.Sc in Nursing. She was not even given any money for travelling and her husband used to harass her for bringing money from her father for buying a vehicle to trav-

el, an official from Kalamboli Police Station said. On Sunday night, Nimisha committed suicide by hanging herself to the ceiling fan. Meanwhile, Nimisha's parents claimed the incident to be a murder and not a suicide.

"Nimisha committed suicide at around 11 pm and we were informed by around 2 am on Monday when she was being taken for post mortem. My daughter was well educated and there was no chance that she

Nimisha's in-laws demanded TV set and washing machine from her

would commit suicide. I am sure she was killed by her husband and in-laws. Many a times she has told us that her in-laws have tried to strangle her and threaten to kill her if she did not bring money," Nimisha's father Dilip Ghorpade said. "We have arrested five persons for harassing Nimisha and abetting her suicide. We are investigating the matter further," the police official said. All the accused have been arrested under sections 498 (a) and 304 (b) of the IPC. They were presented before the court on Tuesday which remanded them to custody.

APEX BODY MAKES ONE OF THE THREE BASIC BRANCHES OF ENGINEERING BINDING ON NEW COLLEGES

AICTE sticks to basics for Engg

Eknath Makne. NERUL

In view of the huge manpower required for the industries requiring personnel from civil, mechanical and electrical streams of engineering, considered as the basic branches, the All Indian Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has made it mandatory on opening at least one of the three branches for new colleges from next year onwards.

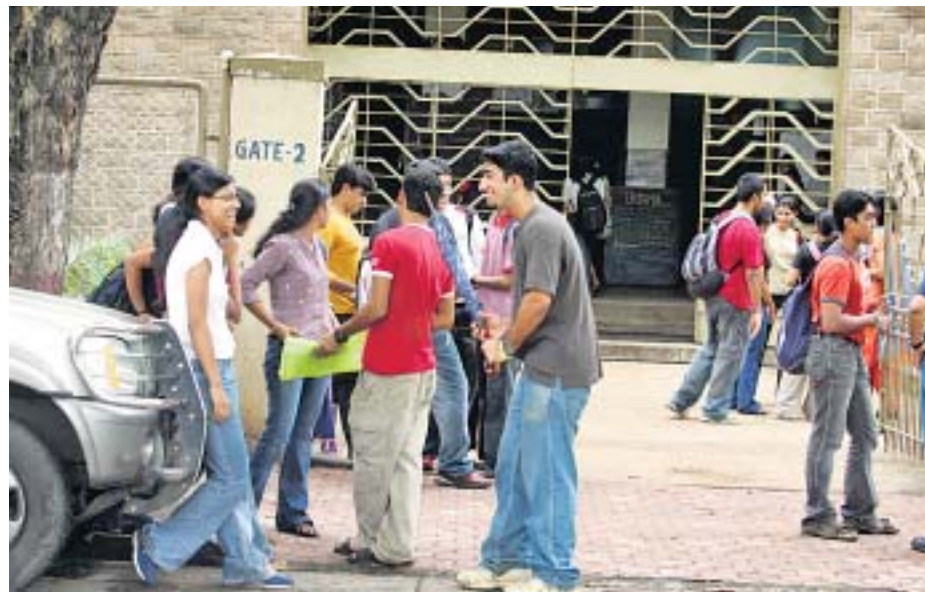
SS Mantha

AICTE, Acting Chief

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branches, while for the proposed colleges with two or one branches, it will be necessary for the institutions to have one of the three streams," AICTE Acting Chairman SS Mantha said.

Explaining the move, Mantha said, "The decision has been taken keeping in mind the usefulness of the three branches. Infrastructures of civil, mechanical or electrical branches are very useful for any other branch like infor-



The norms will be applicable from next year onwards to new applicants

mation technology at an engineering college. Apart from this thing, there are around 300 auxiliary industries related to the basic branches. For developing any local industry,

we need mechanical engineers. Civil engineers are need of the construction world, while electrical engineers are also essential. If we are not going to promote these branches, these

THE DECISION

If a new applicant wants to open a college with five or four streams, then they must have all the basic branches as per new norms

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many industries are going to be hampered in several ways. Therefore, we as a planning and co-ordinating agency have made it mandatory for the new institutes to have the courses."

"The decision will benefit the industry directly. Until few years ago, the civil stream saw slack period and not many people were interested in joining the course. However, with increasing constructions these days the field requires huge manpower to carry out the works, but less people are available. Therefore, making at least one of the courses mandatory for new colleges is a good move," principal at Terna Engineering College Dr KTV Reddy said.

MELODY WITH A MISSION



LENDING A VOICE: Singer Usha Uthup was in the city to record a song for forthcoming album Sweet 16 and Beyond. The proceeds of this song will go for the betterment of lives of cancer patients -UMESH PAWAR.DNA

Students run from pillar to post for papers

DNA Correspondent. VASHI

Imagine the horror of finding that the university, the educational body which issues your passing certificates, has misplaced your marksheets - your ticket for future flight. Such was the fate of Tanmay Patil and nine other students of Pilal's Institute of Information Technology, Engineering, Media Studies and Research in New Panvel. Though it is not clear whether the college or the university is at fault, the situation has caused much agony to the students whose career is at stake.

Patil, Plawang Shishu and other students had submitted the marksheets in the college at the time of admission. Patil passed BE (Mechanical) from the institute in August 2009. He said, "While taking admission in the academic year 2005-06, we deposited our class XII marksheets in college and that was sent to the Mumbai for verification as per rules".

After completion of course, the marksheet is to be returned to the candidate but Patil and others are yet to get their certificates. On enquiring, Patil was told that his marksheet did not exist in the college records. The college authorities then asked him to enquire with the university and get a copy of the marksheets. They even issued him a letter requesting the University authorities to return the original documents to him. Luckily for Patil, he had se-

rox copies of the marksheet and leaving certificates with him. Patil's enrolment number was 185, as informed by college authorities. Since then, Patil and others have been running from pillar to post and meeting university officials with the hope to finding their lost documents, but with no success.

"I went to the University on several occasions and each time, the officials spoke to me arrogantly and flatly refused to help. They said they had no records of my marksheets whatsoever. One of the officers even questioned how I got a degree when my enrolment number is not even listed in their records. I have been spending sleepless nights as my career is at stake," he said. To add to his trouble, the university asked Patil to sign an acknowledgement letter, which states that he has received the original documents but Patil has refused to sign the same. "How can I sign that letter when I have not received my certificates," he asked.

When contacted, Pranesh Shah, one of the officials from the institute said, "We forwarded the certificates to the university and have been following it up with them. There may be some administrative error or the person-in-charge may not be present. For so many years, the marksheets are being submitted there. There may be a delay but I am sure the marksheets will be returned in due time." Efforts to reach the concerned staff in the university failed.

Divisional status for Thane soon!

Eknath Makne. BELAPUR

The Thane district sports department has proposed to create a separate sports division in the wake of tougher competitions witnessed at tournaments and the number of participating schools and colleges increasing.

"There are six municipal corporations in Thane district. We are likely to have one more civic body in the region soon. So, the activities related to sports are also bound to increase and subsequently the competition," Thane Districts Sports Officer Ramesh Pelu said adding, "Currently, the Thane district, Navi Mumbai, Raigad, Kalyan-Dombivli, Mumbai and Mumbai Suburbs fall under the Mumbai division. So, the competition within this large division is intense and many times players miss opportunity to play at divisional or state levels despite being talented."

RH Gurav

Sports Officer

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"The department will be holding a meeting of officials to discuss the issue after the ongoing tournaments are concluded by February-end. Then we will send a proposal in this regard to the Directorate of Sports in Pune," he added.

NMMC Sports Officer RH Gurav said, "The move to have Thane as a separate division will benefit those students who fail to qualify for next rounds by a whisker."

Apart from Mumbai, the state sports directorate has divisions in Nagpur, Pune, Latur, Amravati, Aurangabad, Kolhapur and Nasik.

Sportspersons from Thane district, particularly Navi Mumbai, have brought many laurels to the state in the past. Swimmers, hoopsters and spikers are sweating it out for hours to perform to the best of their abilities in various state as well as national events helping the city emerge as the sporting power.

It's destination Kharghar for archers

Greenfingers School is a strong promoter of the Olympic sport

Eknath Makne. KHARGHAR

In a country like India where the game of cricket is followed by huge population, the sports like archery, known traditionally to the nation, has very few takers. However, at Kharghar-based Greenfingers Global School, only institute from the city to have game-related facilities, archery is most preferred sports by the students.

"We made available the facilities of archery at our school since 2006 and so far, are the only school in the city to have such equipment. Our students are doing well in other sports as well, but popularity of archery has been increasing with time," principal of the school Vanita Gambhir said.

Gambhir added, "Sports help in physical and mental growth of the



Students participating in an archery competition at Greenfingers

students. But with a game like archery, which has concentration at its core, our students have benefited like anything. So, we are

promoting the game to help them do well at an age when they can be cultured most."

The principal said that playing

the game had also brought laurels to her school. "It is not that we have facilities only here, but our students are doing better at various stages including district, division and state levels. They have won prizes in districts competitions as well," she said.

Gambhir informed that the school has been planning inter-school archery competition in a bid to promote the game in the city schools and added that the institution had recently hosted senior state competition wherein 230 players from 20 districts participated.

Appasaheb Chinchkar, physical instructor at the school, said, "The game has developed to a great extent in other countries. But here in Navi Mumbai, we would not get students to participate in the competitions until few years ago. Now, the things have changed and hopefully, we will have more talent coming up for the higher levels."

DAV athletes excel in state sub-jr meet

New Panvel school bags laurels in the tourney held at Satara

Sushma Pawar. NEW PANVEL

Five students from DAV Public School, New Panvel bagged medals at Maharashtra State Sub-Junior Athletics Championship held at Shahu Maharaj Sports Complex in Satara. A total of 800 athletes from 19 districts participated in the event. Ishita Deshmukh, second standard student of the school bagged gold medal in 100m clocking 17.8 seconds in the under-8 girls' category while in the same age category she finished second in the 50m sprint with 8.8 seconds. In the boys' under-10 category, standard fifth student Siddhesh Thakur bagged bronze medal in



The triumphant athletes with their school coach

100m with timing of 8:15seconds. The relay team comprising fifth standard students Siddhesh Thakur, Sarthak Kawanpure,



Tanmay Patil and others are waiting for reply from varsity



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