

Autopsy report of BSF constable who died in NCB custody reveals 34 wounds

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Amritsar, April 23

THE AUTOPSY report of Border Security Force (BSF) constable Jaswinder Singh, who died while in custody of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) a month ago, has revealed 34 injuries on his body.

The report further states that while 24 wounds were found to be approximately 2 to 4 days old at the time of his death, nine other injuries were inflicted within 24 hours of his death.

The medical examination, conducted at Civil Hospital, Amritsar, details that the body was ravaged by blunt force trauma from head to toe. The report mentions that doctors found massive bluish-purple bruises on the flanks and gluteal regions, including one on the left buttock measuring 27.5 cm by 17.5 cm.

"The violence was not limited to the limbs and torso. The 34th and most serious injury was a large collection of blood (a severe bruise) trapped between the scalp and the skull on the left side of his head. This was accompanied by a swollen, fluid-filled brain and tiny, pinpoint spots of bleeding inside the brain tissue, all of which indicate that the head suffered a very violent impact," the report states.

Internal examinations further revealed that the blunt force was strong enough to contuse internal organs, causing a 16.5 cm bruise on the right lung and a contusion on the superior pole of the left kidney. Even the victim's stomach wall showed signs of internal bleeding.

The incident dates back to

March 3 when Jaswinder, 30, who was on leave from his posting in Tripura, was picked up from Miran Sahib town of Jammu while returning home to Diwangarh village near the international border with Pakistan.

He was detained by the NCB's Jammu unit on allegations of having links with Pakistani drug smugglers. The NCB claimed that during his interrogation, they gathered information regarding narcotics hidden in the Patti area of the Tarn Taran district in Punjab.

Following his death on March 20, the NCB issued a statement on March 23 saying that on March 19, Jaswinder was taken to Amritsar for further investigation but had developed chest pain and was admitted to a private hospital. "He suffered two cardiac events and died on the morning of March 20 in the hospital."

While Jaswinder's mother and wife allege he was falsely implicated in the case, dating back to 2024, and tortured in custody, the NCB says he died of "cardiac events" while under arrest.

Rights activist and lawyer Sarbjit Singh Verka said that the 16-page post-mortem report has described a systematic "third-degree" assault. "The physical evidence of torture is overwhelming, with injuries spanning every major muscle group. These marks are recognised forensic indicators of a victim being struck repeatedly with a rod or cane," he said.

Jaswiner was arrested based on "technical analysis" allegedly showing he was in contact with smugglers in Pakistan, Punjab, and J&K, the NCB said.

India, UK vow cooperation amid 'turbulent geopolitical environment'

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NATIONAL SECURITY Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Thursday held extensive talks with his British counterpart Jonathan Powell focusing on addressing New Delhi's concerns related to terrorism, extremism and pro-Khalistan elements operating from the UK.

The two sides also agreed to further strengthen the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership against the backdrop of a "turbulent geopolitical environment", officials said.

NSA Doval and Powell also exchanged views on the volatile situation in West Asia and its impact on maritime security and trade.

Doval highlighted that dialogue and diplomacy was the only way forward to resolve the conflict, the officials said.

The talks were held under the framework of annual India-UK Strategic Dialogue.

The two NSAs reiterated the significance of moving forward on the goals envisaged in the India-UK Vision 2035 Document, including in technology, defence and security domains for enhancing long-term bilateral strategic cooperation, the officials cited above said.

Both sides noted the need to deepen cooperation to address security concerns related to terrorism, extremism and pro-Khalistan elements, they said.

NSA Doval thanked the UK government for the continued support on these matters and highlighted the need to maintain the momentum through further deepening cooperation between law enforcement agencies of the two sides, they added.

SABARIMALA REFERENCE

Women allowed in mosques, but not through main door, AIMPLB to SC

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WHILE THERE is no bar in Islam on Muslim women visiting mosques to pray, they cannot demand entry through the main door or to not have a barrier inside separating them from the men, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) told the Supreme Court on Thursday. "There is no quarrel among the religious denominations in Muslims that women can enter into mosques. And that too for prayer... But there is certain discipline that has to be followed," Senior Advocate MR Shamsad, appearing for the Board, told a nine-judge bench hearing the Sabarimala reference.

Shamsad said this in response to a query by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, presiding over a nine-judges' bench hearing constitutional questions arising out of petitions seeking a review of the SC's September 28, 2018, judgment that had struck down age restrictions on the entry of women to the hill shrine in Kerala. "For factual clarity, are women allowed to enter the mosque?", the CJI had asked.

The bench also comprises Justices B V Nagarathna, M M

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Sundresh, Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Aravind Kumar, Augustine George Masih, Prasanna B Varale, R Mahadevan and Joymalya Bagchi.

The decision given by the court will also have a bearing on a petition filed by a Pune-based couple, Yasmeen Zuber Ahmad Peerzade and her husband Zuber, seeking permission for Muslim women to enter mosques and offer prayers.

During the hearing, Justice Amanullah said the reason there is no mandatory requirement for women, as against men, to

visit mosques to pray is that they may be needed at home "to look after the children" when others go for prayers.

Earlier, responding to the plea by the Pune couple, Shamsad said while the Board had no issues with the prayer, the pleas urging the court to issue direction "to permit Islamic women to enter through main door, have an Islamic right to visual and auditory access to Musallah (main sanctuary)" and "to pray in the Musallah without being separated by barrier" deserve to be rejected.

The counsel said that the petitioners "have tried to give inference that inside the mosque, there is some place which is equivalent to sanctum sanctorum." He said, "Sanctum sanctorum has no place in a mosque." He added, "If the religion believes that there is no sanctum sanctorum inside the mosque, then nobody can insist that I have to stand at a particular place' or I have to be first to lead the namaz."

Justice Amanullah then told Shamsad, "You should elaborate for everybody's consumption that right from the beginning, there is also no dispute (that women can enter), that it started from the holy Prophet

himself." Agreeing, the counsel said, "Prophet Mohammed himself said, 'don't stop women coming to the mosque'... And many of those who have recorded the hadith (sayings of the Prophet)... have recorded this narration that the Prophet instructed that 'don't stop women coming to mosque'."

He said, "There is consensus among all the religious denominations among Muslims that it is not essential for women to be part of congregation to offer namaz... There is Hadith on this, that a woman is free, preferably at home, to offer namaz, because if some believer of Islam has to offer namaz, it is obligatory of him to be part of the congregation. There are certain exceptions."

He added, "As far as men's position is concerned, it is obligatory for him to be part of the congregation. For that you need a mosque. For women, it is preferable that she stays at home and she gets the same religious reward which the man gets in the mosque. But at the same time, if a woman wants to come, (according to the Hadith) 'come to the mosque. Don't stop her'."

The hearings will continue next week.

New Delhi to host fourth India-Africa Forum Summit end of next month

Divya A
New Delhi, April 23

AFTER A gap of 10 years, New Delhi will host the India-Africa Forum Summit next month, bringing together leaders from across the African continent and charting a roadmap for further cooperation.

To be held on May 31, this will be the fourth edition of the summit, after earlier editions held in 2008, 2011, and 2015, and will be significant in the present geopolitical and geo-economic context.

Speaking at the unveiling of the logo, theme, and website of the summit on Thursday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar emphasised that the two regions are not merely partners in development, but also "in shaping a better world".

Jaishankar said, "As the world navigates through complex geopolitical and geo-economic challenges, our partnership assumes particular significance. It will be a message of stability in a turbulent world, of reliability in an uncertain one and of solidarity in difficult times."

Jaishankar said, "Together, India and Africa are not just partners in development, we are partners in shaping a better world."

DALIT MAN DIES AFTER BEING BEATEN FOR 'WASTING FOOD'

Gujarat court asks for FSL report to decide on adding murder charge

Brendan Dabhi
Ahmedabad, April 23

THE SPECIAL Atrocity Court in Amreli district on Thursday directed the police to submit the FSL report on the cause of death of Mahesh Premji Rathod before it on May 1 to help decide whether murder charges be included in the FIR, which was filed against seven persons for allegedly thrashing him following an argument over "wasting food".

Rathod, a 24-year-old Dalit man from Gopalgram village of Amreli, had collapsed on the floor of Shantabaa General Hospital and died on April 20 during treatment, three days after he was allegedly assaulted by about seven men at the free-food counter of an organisation on the premises of the hospital.

His family has refused to take his body for final rites since, and has been protesting outside the hospital demanding that murder sections be added against the accused.

Seven persons have been booked for the assault, and sections of rioting and unlawful assembly for allegedly repeatedly hitting Rathod with plastic pipes on April 17.

Speaking to The Indian Express, advocate Navchetan Parmar, who is representing the family, said, "The court of judge D S Shrivastava instructed the investigation officer to take this



Mahesh Premji Rathod

up as a special case and urgently seek the report from the FSL about the cause of death of Mahesh Rathod and submit it in court on May 1."

D S Shrivastava is the 4th Additional District & Sessions Judge in Amreli who presided over the Special Atrocity Court.

Investigating officer DySP Chirag Desai of Amreli Division told The Indian Express, "We informed the court that we do not know the cause of death of Mahesh Rathod as the FSL report is still pending. The court has given us time to present the report on May 1. We will be writing a priority letter to the Forensic Science department of Sir Takhtasinhji Civil Hospital in Bhavnagar."

7 booked for April 17 attack

On April 17, Mahesh Rathod, who worked as a rector at Gyan Shakti School in Dhari, had taken his septuagenarian uncle to Shantabaa General Hospital in Amreli town, which is about

32 km from their village Gopalgram. After admitting his uncle to the hospital, Mahesh Rathod went to get some lunch and saw that an organisation was serving food free-of-cost to families and caregivers, behind the hospital building and sat to eat. According to the FIR filed on the basis of the complaint of Rathod, he could not eat the dal-rice and was feeling nauseous, so he decided to throw the rest of the food. When Bharat Acharya, the head of the organisation, saw him "wasting food", he allegedly asked Rathod to finish the food or pay a fine of Rs 50. The FIR stated that Rathod told Acharya that he would pay the fine. Rathod stated that he gave a Rs 500 currency note as he did not have any change. Acharya then refused to return the balance amount and allegedly asked Rathod about his caste and village, according to the complaint. When Rathod told him that he was a Dalit, Acharya allegedly called three men from his group and asked them to thrash Rathod, the FIR said, quoting the complainant.

Family to continue protest, at village

While the panel postmortem of Rathod was completed on April 21, the family has refused to receive his body for final rites. On Thursday, they reiterated that they would not receive the body till they get justice for Rathod. Their protest, which was at the hospital till April 23, will now continue at their village, said Premji Rathod, father of the deceased, on Thursday.

'35 years and zero witnesses': SC may close 1989 case against police officer

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THE SUPREME Court recently indicated that it may close a 35-year-old criminal case against a police officer in which no prosecution witness has been examined so far, terming the prolonged pendency a key factor for consideration.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Vijay Bishnoi, however, said it will first hear the Uttarakhnad Government before passing a final order.

On April 20, the court issued notice to the state on an appeal filed by accused Kailash Chandra Kapri challenging a February 23, 2026, Allahabad High Court order that had refused to quash the case.

Kapri is facing charges under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 147, dealing with punishment for rioting, section 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), and section 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and Section 120 of the Railway Act which deals with the mode of inquiry into accidents not covered under other provisions of the Act.

Trial in the case in which a First Information Report (FIR) was registered with the Government Railway Police, Rambagh Police Station in 1989, is currently pending in the Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (Railway), Prayagraj,

Trial in the case in which an FIR was registered with the GRP in 1989 is currently pending in the Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (Railway), Prayagraj, since 1991

since 1991. Appearing for him, Advocates Rajesh G Inamdar and Shashwat Anand pointed out that 5 accused were charge-sheeted in the case. Of these, two co-accused passed away and the other two co-accused were acquitted on the ground that the prosecution failed to produce any of the prosecution witnesses for the purpose of recording oral evidence.

Posting it for further hearing on April 29, the bench said, "In the meantime, there shall be stay of the further proceedings of the case... pending before the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (Railway), Prayagraj."

Rejecting Kapri's plea to quash the criminal proceedings, the HC had said, "from the perusal of the material on record and looking into the facts of the case at this stage it cannot be said that no offence is made out against the applicant at this stage."



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