Drowning doesn't rule out murder: SC

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NEW DELHI: A death by drowning cannot automatically be treated as a natural accident, the Supreme Court has held, cautioning that even a postmortem confirming drowning cannot rule out foul play and that the circumstances surrounding the death must be investigated.

A bench of justices JB Pardiwala and K Vinod Chandran set aside a Patna high court order quashing criminal proceedings against a man accused of murder in the drowning death of a boy, holding that the high court had casually brushed aside compelling circumstances warranting a trial.

"Merely because the postmortem indicated death by drowning, it cannot be assumed that there was absolutely no foul play," said the bench in its recent order, emphasising that even if a person is deliberately pushed into water with the intention of drowning him, a postmortem examination may reveal nothing suspicious.

The court was hearing an appeal filed by the boy's father, challenging the high court's May decision to quash the cognisance of offences under Sections 302 (murder) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code against the accused.



Even in a drowning case, the circumstances surrounding the death must be investigated, the SC said.

According to the father's complaint, the accused, Kumar Gitanshu, had taken his son from their home for a walk on May 12, 2020. A short while later, a man informed the family that the boy was drowning near a state boring facility and that, despite his efforts, he could not save him. The father rushed to the spot and arranged for boatmen to search the river, but the efforts proved unsuccessful as the boy had been swept away by the current.

The bench noted that two witnesses had also stated that they saw the accused fleeing from the scene. These circumstances, it said, made the case suspicious and warranted a trial to unravel the mystery surrounding the boy's death.

"Especially when the 2nd respondent (accused) who took the deceased from his house, with whom he was last seen, should proffer an explanation, more so, when he was found running away from the spot," noted the court.

The Supreme Court faulted the high court for relying on the postmortem finding that the death was caused by asphyxia and ventricular fibrillation resulting from drowning, treating it as a reason to rule out anything sinister. Such a conclusion, the bench said, failed to account for the possibility that drowning itself could have been the means by which a person was deliberately killed.

The court also rejected the high court's reasoning that the first information report had been lodged after the father received information about the drowning without adequately disclosing how that information reached him.

A reading of the FIR, the bench pointed out, clearly showed that the information had been conveyed to the family by the man who reported the incident, following which the father rushed to the spot and arranged a search.

"The finding of the High Court is flawed insofar as the documents having not been read properly," the order said.

The case had earlier seen a judicial magistrate accept the police's final report, which effectively closed the investigation, and direct that the father's protest petition be registered as a complaint. In revision, a Darbhanga court directed the magistrate to reconsider the closure report, pointing to circumstances that could justify taking cognisance.

On reconsideration, the magistrate took cognisance of the offences. The Patna high court subsequently quashed that decision, prompting the father to approach the Supreme Court.

The top court said the high court had failed to properly examine the detailed revisional order, which had considered statements recorded during the investigation and found prima facie material warranting a trial.

Reiterating the law on police closure reports, the bench said a magistrate is not bound to accept the police's conclusion that no offence has been made out. The court can accept the closure report and end the proceedings, take cognisance on the basis of the material collected, or direct further investigation.

"The primacy of the Court to take cognizance or deny it is the law discernible from the very provisions of the CrPC," said the bench, quoting an earlier Supreme Court judgment.

K'TAKA SANCTIONS PROSECUTION OF IAS OFFICER IN KPSC PAPER LEAK

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BENGALURU: Karnataka chief minister DK Shivakumar has sanctioned the prosecution of senior IAS officer Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar in the alleged leak of a question paper and recruitment irregularities in the Karnataka Public Service Commission's (KPSC) veterinary officers' examination.

The move comes as the Criminal Investigation Department's Special Investigation Team (CID SIT) and the ED continue separate probes into the alleged recruitment scam, which has triggered widespread concern over corruption in public appointments. The sanction order reportedly invokes Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

In a statement on X, the MC said the government would not tolerate corruption or actions that jeopardise the future of young people. The ED investigation reportedly found that the question paper, along with its answers, was leaked a day before the examination.

Gangwar, then examination controller, is accused of misusing his official position and passing confidential examination material to prime accused Basavaraj Kannale.

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Name: Naresh
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 17 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: By the order of CWC-X (North Dist., Delhi, Alipur)
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 23/6/2025
Identification Marks:- Raised scar marks on left shoulder



Name: Unknown @Sagar
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: DOB- 8.5.2013 (12 yrs 6 months)
Sex: Male
Brought By: By the order of CWC- North East & Shahdara, Dilshad Garden
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 28/12/2020
Identification Marks:- Black mark on neck



Name: Manni
Father's Name: Nandu
Age: DOB- 01/07/2012 (13 yrs)
Sex: Male
Brought By: By the order of CWC-1 (Nirmal Chhaya Complex)
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 11/4/2025
Identification Marks:- Black mark on chest



Name: Danish
Father's Name: Shahzad
Age: DOB- 03/08/2008 (17 yrs)
Sex: Male
Brought By: By the order of CWC-X (North Dist., Delhi, Alipur)
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 9/5/2025
Identification Marks:-



Name: Akshay
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: DOB- 18/2/2009 (16 yrs)
Sex: Male
Brought By: By the order of CWC-1 (Nirmal Chhaya Complex)
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 23/2/2015
Identification Marks:- Nil



Name: Raj
Father's Name: Shyam Lal Yadav
Age: DOB- 17/9/2014 (11 yrs)
Sex: Male
Brought By: House Mother, Nirmal Chhaya, Children Home-II
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 16/9/2020
Identification Marks:- Nil



Name: Unknown@ Deepak
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 12 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: SI- Surender Singh, By the order of CWC-IX, Jam Nagar
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 6/8/2025
Identification Marks:- Nil



Name: Unknown@ Aman
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 12 yrs
Sex: Male
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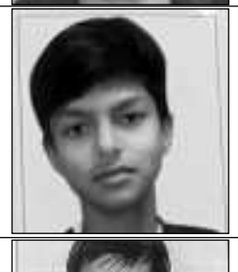
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Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 07 yrs
Sex: Male
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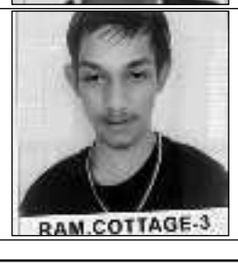
Name: Unknown @Bharat
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 10 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC-VI, Rohini, Sec-22, Delhi-86
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 08/4/2026
Identification Marks:- Black mole near nose.



Name: Unknown @Shivam
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 15 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC-IX, New Delhi
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 27/1/2026
Identification Marks:- Nil



Name: Unknown @Ram
Father's Name: --
Age: 15 yrs (declared by CWC)
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC-V, South-East Dist., New Delhi
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 19/2/2026
Identification Marks:- Scar near left wrist



Name: Sahil
Father's Name: Sh. Pradeep
Age: 12 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC-III, Kingsway Camp, New Delhi-09
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
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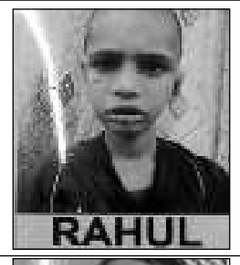
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Father's Name: Unknown
Age: 6 yrs
Sex: Male
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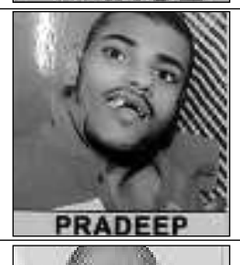
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Father's Name: Unknown @Danny
Age: 6 yrs
Sex: Male
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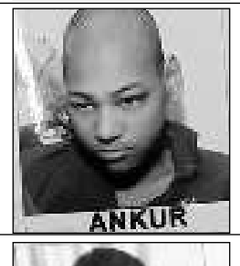
Name: Rahul
Father's Name: Budhi Lal
Age: DOB- 7/9/2009, 16 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC, Asha Kiran Complex, Avantika, Sec-1, Rohini, Delhi
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 7/9/2015
Identification Marks:- Black spot on face.



Name: Pradeep
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: DOB- 10/12/2008, 17 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC, Kingsway Camp, Delhi
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 9/12/2016
Identification Marks:- Nil



Name: Ankur
Father's Name: Unknown
Age: DOB- 13/02/2011, 15 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC-III, Kingsway Camp, Delhi
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 27/3/2017
Identification Marks:- Nil



Name: Suraj
Father's Name: Sh. Dihu
Age: DOB- 07/12/2007, 18 yrs
Sex: Male
Brought By: CWC-I, Nirmal Chhaya Complex, Delhi
Address: Asha Kiran Home, Rohini, Sector-1, Avantika, Delhi-85
DATE OF ADMISSION: 22/7/2022
Identification Marks:- Nil



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