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Thanjai woman gang-raped, four detained

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THE Orathanadu all-women police on Tuesday detained four people, including a minor, for allegedly gang-raping a 22-year-old woman the previous day.

According to sources, the victim from a village falling under Pappanadu police limits and who had been working in Chennai returned to her native recently. On Monday, S Kannan (25) from another village and an acquaintance of the woman called her over to a thatched shed to discuss something. When she entered the shed, Kannan and three others - C Divakar (27), M Praveen (20) and a 17-year-old - who were already there - sexually assaulted her, sources said.

Based on her complaint, the police registered a case under Sections 70 (gang rape), 118(1) (grievous hurt) and 351(3) (criminal intimidation) of the BNS and detained the four. The woman has been admitted to the Government Thanjavur Medical College Hospital.

'Underpass near NH intersection only solution to our traffic woes'

P THIRUSELVAM @ Tiruchy

ALARMED by the accidents taking place "every day" at the intersection on the Tiruchy-Chennai national highway at Sanjeevi Nagar despite a traffic signal installed at the spot, vehicle users and locals reiterate the "immediate" need for a vehicular underpass on the stretch. Mentioning several protests having been staged over the demand, they stress that the construction of the underpass at an elevated portion of the highway a few hundred metres away from the accident hotspot is the lone solution.

Hundreds of residents from localities like ARK Nagar, Panayakurichi, Sarkarapalayam and Muttakurichi heading to the city for work and other reasons cross the national highway at the intersection in Sanjeevi Nagar. They also return home through the same intersection.

Considering the vehicular flow on the highway adding to the traffic pile-up at the intersection, vehicle users have been demanding an underpass for the stretch for the past several years.



Motorists ignoring the traffic signal at Sanjeevi Nagar intersection | MK ASHOK KUMAR

Heading to their demand, the police designated the Sanjeevi Nagar intersection a hotspot and installed an automated traffic signal at the spot in May 2024. Despite this, the stretch witnessed at least three fatal accidents between 2023 and 2024, locals said. While locals claimed a protest by the kin of a youth from Sarkarapalayam, who was killed in an accident in January 2024, led to the authorities assuring of the construction of an underpass in the stretch, they said no visible action has been taken yet.

S Muruganandham of Sarkarapalayam said, "Officials assure of action on the issue

whenever we meet them or stage protests. No progress is, however, made on the matter. While there is a traffic signal, all vehicles pass by without stopping. As a result, minor accidents occur every day. The underpasses must be constructed without further delay."

J Udhayan of ARK Nagar, who said he submitted a petition on the matter with the chief minister's special cell in 2022, added, "Commuters from six directions use the intersection." When contacted, a TNHAI official in Tiruchy told ANI, "The stretch is uneven. We will study whether the underpass can be constructed there."

GI tag for Thanjavur cut glass work, seevali sought

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THE Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (Poompuhar) along with the Thanjavur Handicrafts Workers Cottage Industrial Co-operative Society Limited recently filed applications for obtaining Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Thanjavur cut glass work (Thanjavur kannadi kalai-poruli) and the Tiruvavuthurai seevali used in nagaswaram.

Disclosing this, P Sanjai Gandhi, the intellectual property attorney who facilitated the process of filing the applications with the Geographical Indications Registry (GIR), explained that the "Thanjavur kannadi kalai-poruli is a special art form of Thanjavur taluk in Thanjavur district. It uses mainly glass mirrors, and gold and silver glitter paper to decorate various articles. The base for the articles may be wood or metal.

A coloured foil is made by mixing dye and other materials, and is put under the glass and heated. The colour sticks to the glass in the process. The



Thanjavur kannadi kalai-poruli for which GI tag has been sought | EXPRESS

coloured glass is then cut to the required measurements and shapes, Gandhi said.

Mentioning the Thanjavur kannadi kalai-poruli as originally used in decoration of temples, 'durbars' and the 'pooja mandanam' of palaces, Gandhi added that the modern version came in use during the Maratha reign of King Serfoji II, who ruled Thanjavur from 1767 CE to 1832 CE. On the Tiruvavuthurai seevali, Gandhi pointed out that seevali is a type of double reed used to produce sound in wind instrument nagaswaram. Seevali is made of a reed found in Thanjavur district, he said.

Two killed, 2 injured in bike collision

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TWO persons were killed while two others sustained injuries after two bikes collided head-on near Pappanadu in Thanjavur district in the night hours of Sunday.

According to sources, M Vimal (35) of Kannukudi Estate was returning to his village from Pappanadu on Sunday night. While riding his bike on the Pappanadu-Madukkur road near the direct paddy purchase centre (DPC) in his village, a bike coming from the opposite direction with three persons hit Vimal's bike.

In this, Vimal and P Manibharathi (22) of Andani riding the other bike died on the spot, sources said.

The other two riding pillion, D Deepak (16) and S Muhendiran (21) of Karuppur, were grievously injured and admitted to a private hospital in Thanjavur and the government hospital in Pattukkottai respectively, sources added. The Pappanadu police have registered a case.

Chola-era inscriptions identified in Nagapattinam temple

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A HISTORY researcher-led team from Thanjavur has identified "Chola era" inscriptions "dating back to 11CE" at a Shiva temple in Keezhaiyur of Nagapattinam district.

Mani Maran, a Tamil pundit at Saraswathi Mahal Library and a history researcher, told TNIE that he was approached by a few residents of Keezhaiyur seeking the history of a Shiva temple in their village.

Following this Maran along with G Thillai Govindarajan, a

government school headmaster, and G Jayalakshmi, a schoolteacher, visited the temple. The temple, known as Semmalai Nathar temple, was a place of importance during the Chola period, said Maran. The temple was renovated by Thanjavur Nayak rulers and later by Maratha rulers, he added.

Mentioning the presence of inscriptions on the hall's walls in front of the sanctum, as well as inside it and on its outer wall, Maran further said the oldest one was inscribed during the reign of Rajendra Chola

I (1014-1044CE). It was on a pillar located in the hall in front of the sanctum. The outer wall has inscriptions of Kulotunga Chola I (1070-1122CE), Raja Raja II (1150-1173CE) and Parakrama Pandyan II (1212-1215CE). The inscriptions touch upon the citizenship rights of Brahmins and Vellalas and land transaction agreements, he added. The names of water-bodies and the coins in circulation, among others, are also in the inscriptions, Maran said, adding that efforts are on to take their estampages for further research.



An inscription at the Shiva temple in Keezhaiyur of Nagapattinam district | EXPRESS

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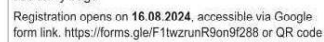
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Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board under Meendum Manjappal campaign holding a Bag-althon challenge for finding the creative ideas and developing cost effective cloth bags that appeal to a wide range of people to eradicate the use of single use carry bags.

Registration opens on 16.08.2024, accessible via Google form link: <https://forms.gle/F1twznR9on9288> or QR code



Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-52

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