

Behind name on wall, tale of deception

Vasudev's Brother-in-Law, His Mother Booked Biz manager was married to Vasudev, claims her brother

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The note they left on the wall suggested financial trouble had driven them to this and Rakesh was the source of it. Police said the 49-year-old property dealer was nabbed near Mohan Nagar junction around 6am as soon as he had reached the city from Chandigarh. He was produced in a city court later in the day and sent to judicial custody for 14 days. On his way to the court, Rakesh told this reporter, "I was neither present at the crime spot nor had anything to do with the tragedy. Whatever I have to say will say in court."

He has been charged under sections 306 (abetment to suicide) in the FIR filed at Indrapuram police station. "His cellphone was under surveillance. As soon as we were alerted about his movement, a team intercepted his cab near Mohan Nagar junction and arrested him. He and his mother Phulan Devi (64) have been booked for abetting the suicide of Gulshan Vasudev, Parmeen and Sanjana," SSP Sudhir Kumar Singh said. Sources, however, said Rakesh returned to Ghaziabad to surrender after getting to know his mother and wife had been detained on Tuesday. A resident of Shalimar Garden in Delhi, Rakesh runs a property business. Police said Rakesh had taken a loan of Rs 2 crore from Gulshan Vasudev in 2015 at an interest of 5%

TOOK ₹2CR, RETURNED HALF

- Rakesh took a loan of ₹2 crore from Gulshan at 5% pa in 2015
- Told Gulshan he would also share profits he would earn from investing the money in his property dealings
- Rakesh could pay Gulshan back only ₹98 lakh
- For the remaining amount, he promised him a two-storey flat in Shalimar Garden



But in 2018, Rakesh and his mother Phulan Devi sold the flat to another person and later issued cheques to Gulshan. All the cheques bounced

per annum to expand his business and also influenced him to persuade his friends to invest. "Of Rs 2 crore, Rakesh returned only Rs 98 lakh to Gulshan Vasudev," the SSP said. For the remaining amount, Rakesh and his mother had promised to give a two-storey building on a 165 square metre plot in Shalimar Garden that was in the name of Phulan Devi. "The mother-son duo kept on giving false assurances to Gulshan Vasudev, and instead sold off the property to someone else for Rs 1.40 crore in 2018. When Gulshan Vasudev came to know about it, Rakesh and his mother promised to refund the remaining amount within a month and issued post-dated cheques but all bounced," the SSP said. Gulshan Vasudev was under pressure to pay back his friends. "Some of his friends

were pestering him to return their money. That was why the family took the extreme step and wrote with a black marker on the wall, blaming Rakesh for their deaths. The family posted a few Rs 500 notes and bounced cheques on the wall," he said. Rakesh, according to investigators, owns several properties in NCR, Chandigarh, Bihar and Kolkata. He used to purchase properties at low rates and sell them for a profit. He and his mother were arrested in 2015 when one of Gulshan Vasudev's friends filed a case of cheating. A year before, another fraud case was registered against them. On a complaint by Praveen Bakshi, an FIR had been lodged against Rakesh and his mother under sections 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of IPC in 2015.

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Ghazalbad: Friend? Business partner? More?

The tragedy that wiped out the Vasudev family has left in its wake many questions, and a key one to understanding the equations within the house is the identity of Sanjana — the 26-year-old who lived with the Vasudev couple in their flat at Krishna Apra Sapphire in Indrapuram. She jumped to death with them on Monday morning.

The history, and now a mystery to many, of Sanjana goes back just one and a half years, before that, she was Gulshan Vasudev's girlfriend. A middle-class family who was brought up in Delhi in the family house at Rampura in Ashok Park, her brother Firoz said on Wednesday. Her father, now retired, worked as a clerk at a factory in Delhi.

Things changed after she met her namesake, garments trader Gulshan Vasudev, in 2015. He employed her and they became close associates when he started his Delhi store-cum-workshop in 2016. She rose from an employee who cut and stitched jeans and helped with sales to the manager of his business, ONZ Dentim. Gulshan Vasudev subsequently converted, changed her name to Sanjana and mar-

ried Gulshan Vasudev, her elder brother said. This, according to him, happened one and a half years ago, after which she left her Ashok Park home.

This would explain why a 'business manager' was living with the Vasudev family but little remains known about the equations within the family, between Gulshan Vasudev and his wife Parmeen, between Gulshan Vasudev and Sanjana, between Sanjana and Parmeen, and all of them with the Vasudevs' two children — Hritik and Kritika.

The Vasudev family refused to cremate Sanjana with other members — a final wish of the Vasudevs that they scribbled on their flat's wall

The feelings of the extended Vasudev family was evident on Wednesday when they refused to cremate Sanjana with other members, a final wish of the Vasudevs that they had scribbled on the wall and for which they'd left Rs 10,000.

Sanjana was laid to rest by her family. They requested the Vasudev family to cremate everyone together, in line with their last wish, but were turned down. Her body was

handed over from the mortuary to her mother and brother.

Urmila Deewan, an aunt of Gulshan Vasudev, said they didn't agree as Sanjana was from another community. "We don't know how she adjusted with the family. Whenever we went to Gulshan Vasudev's office in Delhi, he introduced her (Sanjana) as a business partner," she said.

Deewan, however, said Sanjana had moved in with the Vasudevs only a month and a half ago. "Before that, Gulshan Vasudev's father used to live with them. But he received some injuries two months back, after which Gulshan Vasudev's elder brother Vipin took him to his house at Jhilmil Colony in Delhi," she said, adding the rest of the family was aware of Gulshan Vasudev's financial problems.

"Gulshan Vasudev had shared his problems with the family, especially Vipin (who he appears to have been close to and who cremated him on Wednesday). Everyone told him to have patience and that things would get sorted out with time," Deewan said.

Firoz, Sanjana's elder brother, said, "As she had married Gulshan Vasudev one and a half years back, we wanted to fulfil their last wish but the Vasudev family didn't agree to it."

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Vegetable seller offers to hang Nirbhaya convicts

Shimla: Following reports of Thar Jail not having any executioner to hang Nirbhaya case convicts, a Shimla resident has volunteered to be the hangman. Vegetable-seller Ravi Dahi has written to the President, saying that seven years had elapsed since Nirbhaya died, and he would like

to ensure that she gets justice by giving death to the perpetrators of the heinous crime. "I am not offering to do this for money, but to send out a message to perpetrators of such heinous crimes that they cannot escape punishment just because there is no executioner for the job," he said.

22KM APART, PROTESTS IN TWO CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES

JNU and DU: No change in exam schedule

Times News Network
New Delhi: About 22km apart, the teachers of two central universities were on strike on Wednesday against common causes — adverse policies of the government and the administration. While Jawaharlal Nehru University teachers were on a hunger strike in protest against the hostel fee hike, their counterparts in Delhi University were fighting for their careers. The teachers expressed their sentiments through posters put up at the charncha site. A book sharing desk was organised to protest against commodification and commercialisation of education. A large number of students, karacharis and others came in solidarity with the ongoing struggle at JNU. JNU Teachers' Association extended its support to DU teachers, who are protesting against the university's circular regar-

ding ad hoc and contractual appointments. JNUTA appealed to MPs to raise this concern in Parliament and demand answers from MHRD. The ministry is yet to submit a report on the recommendations of the high-powered committee on the JNU hostel fee issue. A statement issued by JNUTA stated: "Today, two of the major universities in Delhi are in a state of turmoil. This is symptomatic of the crisis facing Indian higher education where administrators and vice-chancellors have discarded all academic, social and human considerations in favour of a purely accounting approach towards running of their institutions. If over 4,000 teachers are facing a severe crisis about their careers and salaries while the DU vice-chancellor simply looks on, in JNU, the VC himself is threatening to destroy the academic futures of thousands of students."

Times News Network
New Delhi: The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration has asked the agitating students to call off the strike in interest of "bona fide" students. Quoting the letters written by students, the administration urged the protesting students to end their strike against the increased hostel fee. The university also said that there will be no change in the examination schedule. Several groups of students have called for boycott of the end semester examination as part of the ongoing protest against the increased hostel fee. "The JNU administration has been receiving messages and letters from several bona fide students who have expressed their anguish over the persistent agitation, lockdown of the administration building and closure of some schools by agita-

tors," said the statement issued by the university registrar Pramod Kumar. The letter referred to by the administration read, "I am a law abiding physically challenged student. I have never participated in any kind of protest and have always wanted to attend classes. I humbly request you to please ensure early resumption of classes and timely conduct of end semester examination as per the university academic calendar. My academic rights of attending classes and taking examinations should not be allowed to be compromised because of coercive methods adopted by those who wish to disrupt the academic environment in the campus." Another letter cited by the administration demands strict action against the students who have stopped the university's academic and administrative activities.

DU teachers protest inside VC's office



UP IN ARMS: Close to 5,000 teachers entered the premises of the Historic Vice Regal Lodge

Times News Network
New Delhi: With the message "It was stormed in 1857 and then again in 2019," the teachers of Delhi University rose in "revolt" on Wednesday. Close to 5,000 teachers entered the premises of the historic Vice Regal Lodge, which is now the office of Delhi University vice-chancellor, and occupied the central council hall. They shouted slogans against the administration as their protest reached a crescendo. The walls of the VC's office were painted with "Our right to absorption," "#VC Down," and "Thank you VC for not thinking about 4,500 families". Teachers are up in arms over a letter dated August 28, which has asked Delhi University colleges and departments to fill vacancies with guest faculty till permanent appointments are made. The order is affecting over 4,000 ad hoc teachers working in the varsity, as their rejoining has been kept in abeyance. Salaries of ad hoc teachers have also been put on hold in several colleges.

at Mottlal Nehru College, said: "This historic building was once a lodge of the British empire. The empire was stormed in 1857, and our message to the administration is that this movement is as big and powerful as 1857." On the call of the Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA), teachers have also started an indefinite hunger strike. They have announced that they will be boycotting invigilation and evaluation duties until the August 28 letter is withdrawn. "The chaos and crisis can only be ended through an unconditional withdrawal of the unjust and illegal letter. It has no basis and the matter was never brought to the Academic Council or Executive Council for discussion," read a statement issued by Delhi University Teachers' Association. Meanwhile, students from different colleges also supported the protesting teachers. The students' union of Lady Shri Ram College wrote: "Will admin and library staff teach us next semester? Will they evaluate our papers? For how long will you substitute non-teaching staff for professors?"

Sanction to prosecute Kanhaiya AAP gov't call: HC

Times News Network
New Delhi: Emphasising that grant of sanction is the remit of a state government, Delhi high court on Wednesday refused to direct the AAP government to direct the AAP government to direct the prosecution of former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar in a sedition case. A bench of chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar made it clear such a direction cannot be passed and it was for the state government to decide as per existing rules, policy, law and facts of that case on whether to grant approval for prosecution. The court, while disposing of the petition, chided the petitioner — former BJP MLA Nand Kishor Garg — saying it seemed he had some personal interest in the FIR against Kumar and others in relation to the JNU sedition case of 2016. The plea had sought guidelines from the court "for expeditious disposal of criminal cases of serious nature where there is involvement of the influential persons as accused." The high court, however, said it saw no reason to direct the government for such guidelines over and above the existing law, adding that there was adequate number of judgments by various courts on the matter. The petition alleged that Kumar's case highlighted the lack of judicial approach of the government as it had "failed" to grant the sanction letter, which was required prior to taking cognisance of the chargesheet.

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