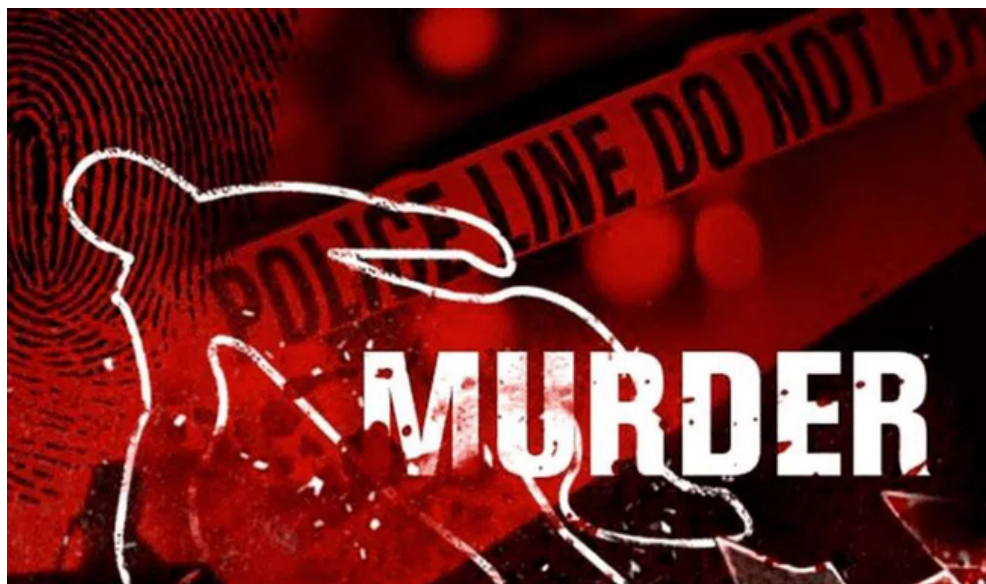


MAN KILLS SIX PERSONS INCLUDING 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL



The police said the suspect allegedly entered the girl's house in the early hours of Saturday and attacked members of her family. Investigators suspect that he took the minor girl to a nearby agricultural field, where she was allegedly sexually assaulted and murdered. He then allegedly killed her mother, Chityala Lakshmi (45), and grandmother, Chityala Rukkamma (65). In a separate incident soon afterwards, the suspect allegedly killed his wife, Parvathi Saritha (30), and their two children, Parikshit (3) and Daivikshit (2), at their residence.

Hyderabad: In one of the most gruesome crimes reported here in recent years, six persons, including a 17-year-old girl, a woman and two toddlers, were allegedly murdered by a man in Shabad mandal of Ranga Reddy district early on Saturday. The police said the killings were linked to a POCSO case registered against the suspect earlier this year. According to

the police, Raj Kumar, a resident of Daivalaguda village in Shabad mandal, had been arrested in May after a 17-year-old girl lodged a complaint alleging that he had been harassing her. Based on the complaint, police registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act on May 16. He was later released on bail.

The motive behind the killing of his own family members is yet to be established. The police said the suspect allegedly called up his parents after the murders and admitted that he had killed six people at two different locations before stating that he intended to end his own life.

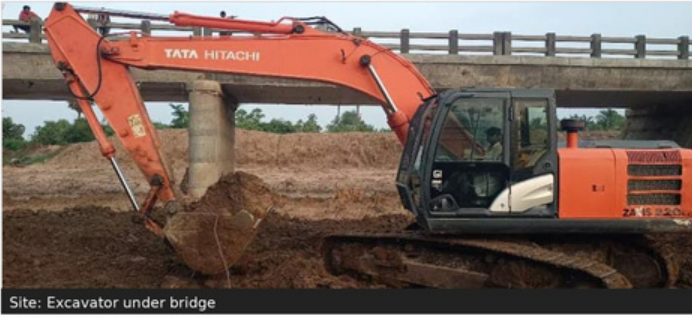
His parents immediately informed the police. By the time police teams reached the crime scenes, the suspect had fled.

The bodies were shifted for post-mortem examination, and a case has been registered. Police have launched a manhunt to trace the absconding suspect.

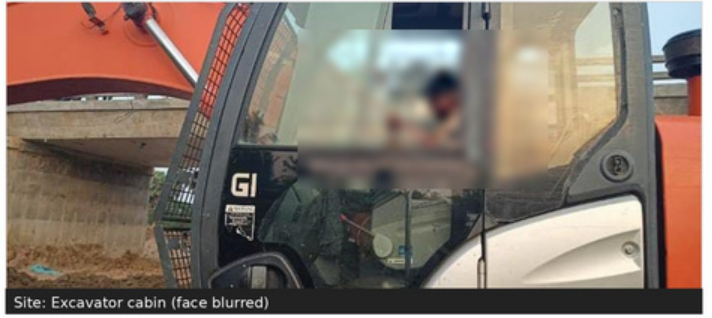
Senior police officials including Future City Commissioner Tarun Joshi and other officials visited the scene. Further investigation is on.

ASWARAOPETA - Field Photo Documentation

Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist. | Photos: 10 July 2026



Site: Excavator under bridge



Site: Excavator cabin (face blurred)



Site: Excavated soil mound



Location: Aswaraopeta board

Aswaraopeta, Bhadradi Kothagudem | Documentation collage - 4 original photos only | No newspaper article included
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- Illegal exploitation of the Jinnelagudem stream exposed.
- Allegations of illicit soil removal during the construction of a bridge costing over ₹2 crore.
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ARE OFFICIALS SHIELDING THE SOIL MAFIA..?

Illegal exploitation of the Jinnelagudem stream exposed.

Khammam - Bhadradi District: Is soil from a public stream being converted into private property? Why is the official machinery remaining silent while natural resources worth crores of rupees are being illegally siphoned off under the pretext of government construction projects? Bridge construction work costing over ₹2 crore—spanning the Jinnelagudem stream on the Keshappagudem - Alladigumpu road in Ashwaraopeta Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem district—has become the center of a major

controversy. According to local villagers, soil excavated from the stream for the bridge project was removed using heavy JCBs—in violation of government regulations—and transported to the fields of a wealthy landlord; the volume is estimated at 300 to 400 tractor-loads. Villagers are... [See PAGE 3](#)

CLARIFICATION FROM IRRIGATION DE AND MRO

When the Irrigation Department's Divisional Engineering (DE) was contacted regarding this matter, he clarified that his department had not granted any permission to transport soil from the stream; he stated that if illegal soil transportation had occurred, the Mining or Revenue departments would need to take action. Meanwhile, the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) reportedly assured that, acting on the villagers' complaints, officials such as the Revenue Inspector (RI) or Panchayat Officer (GPO) would be sent to conduct an inquiry and that action would be taken against those involved in the irregularities.

furious that officials failed to take action despite this process occurring on two or three separate occasions. 'No' for small farmers... hundreds of tractor-loads of soil for a big landlord... Villagers are questioning the motives behind a contractor—who refused to provide even a small amount of soil for leveling their fields—transporting hundreds of tractor - loads of that same soil to the lands of a single individual. They are demanding a disclosure regarding whose permission was obtained and which regulations were followed to transport soil excavated during government works to private lands.

MINOR OPERATING A JCB... SHOCKING VISUALS CAUGHT ON CAMERA...

Furthermore, locals report that this construction activity is taking place across survey numbers 283 and 279. Allegations have surfaced that owners of nearby shrimp ponds are excavating soil to depths of several meters, constructing embankments for canals, and completely removing the excavated soil. Cameras even captured footage of a shrimp pond operation where a borehole was drilled outside the fenced boundary, with the motor installed inside to pump water into the pond. Although the Irrigation Department previously issued two or three notices, the concerned landowners reportedly have yet to submit the necessary permits. The absence of strict action despite these violations raises suspicions regarding the role of the officials. People are questioning whether the authorities failed to notice these large-scale illegal activities occurring right next to the village or if they are deliberately turning a blind eye. Villagers are demanding a joint inquiry by the District Collector and the Mining, Revenue, Irrigation, and Labour Departments into issues such as illegal soil removal, alteration of the stream's natural course, encroachment of canals, expansion of shrimp ponds, and the use of a minor to operate heavy machinery, urging that strict action be taken against those responsible. To the concerned officials: Will you finally pay attention, or will you just turn a blind eye? You draw your salaries from public funds, after all—it remains to be seen whether you will actually serve the people.



Villagers distressed over hundreds of tractor-loads of soil being diverted to a wealthy landlord's fields.

Another shocking aspect of these construction works has come to light. Visuals captured by the Navataram camera show a minor boy, aged approximately 16, operating a massive JCB machine. Although a worker representing the contractor claimed the boy was 18, when questioned directly, the boy operating the JCB stated in Hindi that he was 16 years old. Questions are now being raised about the legality of allowing minors to operate heavy machinery that poses a risk to life. It is noteworthy that while the Labour Department declares the employment of child labour a punishable offense, the contractor for this bridge project is engaging child labourers to operate hazardous heavy machinery. Villagers are earnestly pleading with officials to intervene and prevent these boys from being exposed to the dangers associated with such heavy earth-moving operations.

Journalists Seek Free Travel on RTC Buses

* TWJF submits representations to RTC and Transport officials

Hyderabad, July 10: Journalists across the state submitted representations to RTC and Transport officials on Friday, requesting free travel facilities on RTC buses.

Responding to a call from the Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) state committee, journalists in all district headquarters handed over petitions to senior RTC officials and depot managers. Federation State President Mamidi Somayya, General Secretary Tanniru Srinivas, and others submitted representations to State Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar in Husnabad and to Sunita Devi, Additional Secretary of the State Transport Department, at the Hyderabad Secretariat.

Subsequently, they submitted a representation to Y. Nagi Reddy, the RTC Managing Director and Vice-Chairman, at Bus Bhavan in RTC Cross Roads. Speaking on the occasion, Federation State President Mamidi Somayya urged authorities to take measures enabling journalists across the state to travel for free on RTC buses. He noted that journalists serve as a bridge between the government and the public, and expressed disappointment that the government—which has already provided free travel for women in Telangana—has not extended the same facility to the relatively small number of journalists. Mamidi Somayya stated that although the government and the RTC have long provided a facility allowing journalists to travel on RTC buses at one-third of the fare, in reality, 50 percent of the fare is being collected from them. Noting that travel costs have become a burden for journalists who use RTC buses for news gathering, he demanded that free travel be provided to journalists across Telangana, along with the existing one-third fare concession for travel to other states.

