

Teenage Dalit girl battles for life in ICU after 4 upper-caste men gang-rape, try to strangulate her

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A Dalit girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by four upper-caste men in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh on September 12.

Girl hospitalised after gang-rape in UP [Representative image]

Agra (Uttar Pradesh-India): In yet another incident of sexual assault, a 19-year-old girl, who belonged to the Dalit community, was allegedly gang-raped by four upper-caste men in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh. After the heinous crime, the accused also attempted to murder the teenager by strangulating her which left her battling for her life in a hospital's ICU for several days.

The incident happened when the teenage girl had gone to gather fodder for her animals.

The teenage survivor's condition is said to be stable now, but she is still being administered care in the ICU. Police recorded her statement on Tuesday. She stated that the accused sexually assaulted her on September 14 when she had gone to gather fodder for her animals.

Two accused arrested

On the basis of the complaint lodged by the survivor's brother, police had earlier registered a case against a man, identified as Sandeep, for attempt to murder and under sections of the SC/ST Act. However, after recording the survivor's statement on Tuesday, police added charges of gang-rape to the FIR and booked three more people. So far, police have arrested two of the four accused and efforts are on to nab others, according to a report by *The Times of India*.

Another incident

In another incident, two unidentified men, wearing masks, barged into a 45-year-old married woman's house in Kanpur district's Bidhnu area on Tuesday night and raped her. On hearing the noise, the affected woman's son woke up following which the accused fled. Police have registered a case and efforts are on to establish the identities of the culprits, the SHO Pushpraj Singh said, adding that some people have been detained in this connection.

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