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## SIT to scan Nari Niketan rape

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More than two weeks after the sensational rape of a teenaged girl in Nari Niketan, the Chandigarh Police has finally woken up and formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the incident.

According to officials, SIT, to be headed by DSP Kulwant Singh, will comprise an SI Kulbir Kaur and the present investigating officer, SI Uday Pal, and its task will be to expedite the investigations on a day to day basis. The team will work under the direct supervision of SSP S S Srivastava, who will submit a weekly report to IG SK Jain.

However, the shoddy investigations and the dilly dallying tactics adopted by the police till now, which have been criticised even by the UT's senior standing counsel Anupam Gupta in the High Court, have again come to fore with officials failing to send the blood-stained bed sheet, recovered from the institute's premises, for CFSL tests.

While the police had initially made no disclosures about the seizure of the sheet, a senior police official had mentioned about its existence for the first time during a meeting of senior officials with Home Secretary Ram Niwas, which was held three or four days after the arrest of prime accused Bhupinder Singh on May 18.

According to sources, the officer was literally "pushed" to disclose the information about the bed sheet after the Director, Social Welfare, Amandeep Kaur, kept on insisting that nothing could have ever happened at Nari Niketan.

Later, the police had even confirmed to the media that a bed sheet, with both blood and semen stains, was recovered from the spot. However, the cops are now denying it.

According to the officials, the sheet had not been sent for examination as they were waiting for the DNA test, which will be conducted only after the High Court decides on the issue of the medical termination of the pregnancy of the teenaged mentally challenged girl. Contrary to this stand, legal experts feel that there is no need to stop the investigations and the police can go ahead with the matching the blood samples.

In her statements to doctors of GMCH 32 and other attendants, the victim has repeatedly stated about the use of a bed sheet by the suspect. In the circumstances, the delay is incomprehensible, feel experts.

## India must show wisdom at global climate talks: Expert Tribune News Service

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As the United Nations mandated global negotiations on climate change get underway in Bonn next week, India must show the same wisdom, maturity, sagacity and vision that has characterised its transformation into one of the fastest growing economies.

Stating this while addressing the media on the launch of Global Human Chain to pledge Proactivate, a business model that minimises carbon emissions and drives profits through innovation, Dr Madhav Mehra, president, World Council for Corporate Governance, said capping emissions was not a death sentence. On the other hand, this was the only opportunity for generating employment, reviving economy and regenerating the planet through business innovation and differentiation.

"Our emissions are way below China or the US. We have to recognise that climate-change crisis is an opportunity for businesses who love change and like to stand up and be counted," he said. "Our only condition for capping greenhouse gas emissions should be that the West give us technology for adaptation strategies," he added.

Dr Mehra said the conclusion of a comprehensive global climate change agreement to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012, was essential. If well designed, it would ensure long-term competitiveness of Indian business and unlock the potential of a low-carbon future.

A robust agreement could create a market for low-carbon technologies worth about one trillion billion dollars in the first five years of its implementation.

"India has a crippling energy deficit. There is no way India can meet its energy requirement through conventional sources. Our only sensible and viable alternative is to go aggressively for solar technology," he said.



## 500 shooters trained at NCC camp Tribune News Service

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As many as 500 shooters from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh NCC Directorate were trained in basic marksmanship during a 10-day camp at Patiala-ki-Rao Ranges here, which concluded today.

Brig Rajendra Singh, Deputy Director General, NCC, who visited the camp to assess the shooting standards, said the aim of the camp was to prepare the NCC team for participating in various national and international championships, with special focus on Mission Olympics. He added that complete support in terms of weapons, ammunition and logistics for the NCC shooters, besides technical guidance from experts, would be provided.

The NCC has already procured state-of-the-art rifles to train cadets with latest equipment being used at the international level. An indoor shooting range with advance facilities has already come up and is ready for use.

During the camp, NCC officers identified raw talent from the region, who would be put through another camp starting from June 22.