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Dawn 'Encounter' At Hyderabad Crime Site Sparks Celebrations, Concerns Four accused of raping vet snatched 2 guns from 10 cops, shot dead: Police

Preserve Bodies, Submit Video Of Postmortem: HC

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Hyderabad: Just eight days after the rape and murder of a veterinary doctor on the outskirts of Hyderabad, the four men suspected of the crime were shot dead in an early Friday morning "encounter" by the Cyberabad police, which claimed the unarmed men had somehow managed to snatch two guns from their escort of 10 policemen, all of whom were armed.

The killings occurred at

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Chattanpally village near Shadnagar, a stone's throw from where the suspects allegedly set the woman's body on fire after killing her. Police had taken the accused to the spot to recover the veterinarian's mobile and accessories. The rape and murder on Nov 27 night had outraged people across India and led to an outcry for the death penalty for the accused after a speedy trial.

Acting on a PIL filed on the police killings, the Telangana HC on Friday evening directed the state to preserve the bodies of the accused till December 9, videograph the postmortem and submit the video to the district judge in Mahabubnagar.

Earlier, as news of the encounter spread, a large crowd gathered at the spot and cheered the cops and the govern-

SUSPECTS WEREN'T HANDCUFFED

4.30am, Friday | 4 accused taken to rape-murder site (Chattanpally village on Hyd's outskirts) from undisclosed location. None of the accused is handcuffed

5am | 10 armed cops, along with accused, reach spot, start looking for veterinary doctor's mobile, power bank & wristwatch

5.45am | 2 accused allegedly snatch two firearms from cops, open fire, say police. Other 2 pelt stones, attack cops with sticks. Police fire back as accused 'try to escape'

6.15am | Police find 4 accused lying dead in the fields, 400m from Chattanpally underbridge, where vet's body was found



The bodies, 400m from where the vet's remains had been found

“ I congratulate the Hyderabad police and the leadership that allows police to act like police. Let all know this is the country where good will always prevail over evil

RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE | BJP MP

“ What happened was horrifying... You can't kill people because you want to. You can't take law in your hands, they (accused) would have been hanged by court anyhow

MANEKA GANDHI | BJP MP

Top cop led similar 'encounter' op in '08 when 3 accused were killed

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Hyderabad: In 2008, three men threw acid on 20-year-old Pranitha and her friend, Swapnika, in Warangal. S Srinivas, 25, D Sanjay, 22, and P Harikrishna, 24, attacked the women because Swapnika had spurned Srinivas. Protests demanding justice for the two gripped the then undivided Andhra. Three days after the attack, the accused were killed in an 'encounter'.



VC Sajjanar is from Karnataka, and studied in Hubballi

ment for killing the four men. Many in the crowd distributed sweets among police and showered them with flowers.

Taking suo motu cogni-

sance of the killings, NHRC said it would send a team led by a senior police officer to Telangana to probe the matter and prepare a report soon.

VC Sajjanar was Warangal SP then. Eleven years later, the four men accused of raping and murdering the veterinarian near Shamshabad in Cyberabad, which Sajjanar heads now, has met the same fate. A 1996-batch IPS officer, the mild-mannered Sajjanar was a low-profile policeman till the Warangal episode, after which he earned the sobriquet of an 'encounter cop'.

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Cyberabad police chief VC Sajjanar, during whose tenure in Warangal a similar "encounter" had taken place in 2008, told reporters that the

Reject Nirbhaya rapist-killer's mercy plea, MHA advises Prez

New Delhi: The home ministry has recommended to President Ram Nath Kovind that the mercy petition of Vinay Sharma, one of the convicts sentenced to death in the

'Deny Pocco convicts plea against death'

President Kovind has said the law should be amended to deny convicts sentenced to death under Pocco Act the option of filing mercy plea. He said he has made the suggestion to Parliament. P 10

Nirbhaya case, be rejected. MHA conveyed its stand in a file on the Delhi government's recommendation to reject Sharma's mercy plea. The decision is likely to lift the suspense over the fate of the convicts in the case.

Although the President has the power to pardon, Rashtrapati Bhavan usually goes by MHA's recommendation. The decision has come two days after the file rejecting the mercy plea was sent by Delhi lieutenant governor Anil Bajjal to the ministry. The file has been forwarded to Kovind for consideration and final decision. TNN

accused were killed after they attacked police accompanying them and tried to escape.

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