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Auto driver hangs self to death in city

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PATNA: An autorickshaw driver allegedly committed suicide inside his residence at Jaganpura Shahpur under Gopalpur police station in Patna late Saturday night. Financial crisis during the lockdown is stated to be the reason behind the incident. Family members rushed Pradeep Kumar (25) to PMCH where doctors declared him brought dead.

This is the fourth suicide case in Patna either due to job loss or suffering from financial crisis during the lockdown.

PMCH temporary police outpost in charge Amit Kumar said Pradeep's father Vijay Singh in his statement on Sunday said his son was in extreme financial crisis due to the lockdown as autorickshaws were not allowed on roads. "He even tried to work as a labour whenever got an opportunity to meet his family's needs," he said.

Kumar, quoting Vijay, said Pradeep did not open his bedroom's door for several hours late Saturday night after which the family members forcibly entered inside to found him hanging from the ceiling fan with a bedsheets.

On Wednesday, a 55-year-old man, who used to work as a dishwasher at a restaurant before lockdown, was found hanging at CID Colony under Jakkanpur police station. Police suspected financial crisis as the reason behind suicide as he had lost job.

On May 25, an autorickshaw driver, Rajesh Pandey, had also committed suicide at Khajekala in Patna City due to financial crisis in the lockdown period, as per Patna Autorickshaw Association.

On April 21, 35-year-old Dhananjay Kumar died during treatment at PMCH after attempting suicide at Jagdeopath under Rupasur police station. His wife Khushi Dutt alleged that he was in tension after loosing job in the lockdown. Kumar had started working as a project manager with a private firm in Patna after leaving job with a telecommunication firm in Delhi.

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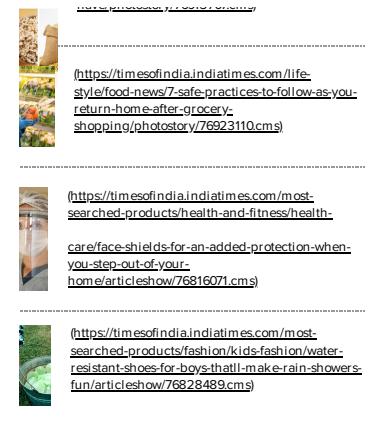
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