

MURDER STRUCTURE - TIMELINE OVERVIEW

चार गावे - The Three Timelines

SUMMARY TABLE

Timeline	When	Victims	Ages	Killer	Motive	Staged As
T1	15 years ago	Ira & Asha	8, 8	Vasundhara via Raghoba	Silence heirs named in a hidden land deed	Drowning accident
T2	8 years ago	Neelam & Omkar Karande	14, 12	Madhav Gokhale	Found a survey report on talbed encroachment	Suicide (curse)
T3	4 months ago	Gauri & Aarav More	12, 8	Madhav Gokhale	Witnessed illegal medical waste burning at Tal	Suicide (curse)

CRITICAL REVELATION: TWO SEPARATE CONSPIRACIES

This is the core mystery structure:

- Timeline 1 is **COMPLETELY ISOLATED** from Timelines 2-3
- Different killers
- Different motives
- Same cover story (the curse)
- Madhav did NOT create the curse legend - he exploited one that already existed
- Vasundhara created the curse legend to cover her crime
- Investigators will initially assume one killer - this is wrong

Why this matters for gameplay: - Players looking for one mastermind will hit dead ends - Evidence for T1 doesn't connect to T2-T3 - Must solve BOTH conspiracies separately - Final revelation is that the "curse" was invented once, then copied

TIMELINE 1: THE TWINS (15 years ago)

Victims:

- **Ira** - age 8, twin girl
- **Asha** - age 8, twin girl

True Identity:

- Illegitimate daughters of Zamindar Gadkari Saheb
- Mother: Kalyani (then a young woman, affair with zamindar)
- Officially: Children of Kalyani and her husband Gopal (kiln worker)
- Names also appear in a hidden trust deed tied to Korde Tal land

The Killer:

- **Mastermind:** Vasundhara (zamindar's wife)
- **Executor:** Raghoba (trusted old servant)

Motive:

- A dormant trust deed listed the twins as beneficiaries of Tal-adjacent land
- A new irrigation proposal meant land records would be scrutinized
- Vasundhara feared losing estate control and public exposure of the deed
- She chose to erase the heirs and bury the paper trail

How It Happened:

1. Vasundhara instructed Raghoba to "take care of it"
2. She gave him money (more than he'd ever seen)
3. Raghoba took the girls for a "walk" at dusk
4. They trusted him - called him "Raghoba-kaka"
5. At the lake, he held them underwater
6. Asha saw what happened to Ira first
7. He drowned both, left bodies
8. Returned to Wada wet, shaken
9. Vasundhara paid him again the next morning

The Cover-Up:

- Bodies found next day
- Vasundhara started the curse rumor through servants
- "The lake is cursed now"

- “Twin spirits live there”
- Flash flood season made drowning plausible
- No one investigated - tragic accident

Who Knows:

Person	Knowledge Level
Vasundhara	Full truth - she ordered it
Raghoba	Full truth - he did it
Kalyani	Knows it was murder, doesn't know who
Gadkari Saheb	Nothing - believes accident, believes curse
Sarla	Hears about the deed rumor, suspects foul play
Haribhau	Heard whispers, noticed Raghoba's behavior
Kisan	Notices Raghoba's nightmares, doesn't understand

Evidence Trail:

- Raghoba's ongoing guilt (nightmares, calls out names)
- Haribhau's observation (came back wet, paid next day)
- Kalyani's silence (trauma, but also knowledge of the deed)
- Talathi's mutation entry filed soon after the deaths
- Old trust deed in Gadkari family records

TIMELINE 2: THE KARANDE SIBLINGS (8 years ago)

Victims:

- **Neelam** - age 14, girl
- **Omkar** - age 12, boy

Background:

- Children of Harish and Nirmala Karande
- Good students, curious, adventurous
- Older brother Ritesh was already working in Pune

The Killer:

- **Madhav Gokhale** (kiln operator)

What They Found:

- Exploring abandoned survey office near Babhul

- Found Raghav Nimkar's half-burned survey report and a talbed map
- Report documented illegal talbed encroachment and boundary-stone removal
- Named names (Ajit Sawant, implied kiln involvement)
- Children didn't fully understand but started asking about land deeds

How Madhav Found Out:

- Teacher Shaila Jore mentioned children asking about boundary stones and land papers
- Word reached Madhav through network
- He investigated, realized they had the report
- Couldn't let them show it to anyone

How It Happened:

1. Madhav (possibly with help) intercepted children
2. Took them to the lake at night
3. Drowned them, staged as suicide
4. Used the existing curse legend as cover

The Cover-Up:

- "Curse struck again"
- "Siblings drowned just like the twins"
- Police ruled suicide (Constable Mohan Ghadge bribed/scared)
- Parents too broken to push investigation
- Curse narrative reinforced

Who Knows:

Person	Knowledge Level
Madhav Gokhale	Full truth - he did it
Harish Karande	Has the report (found after), doesn't understand it
Teacher Shaila Jore	Remembers children asking questions, afraid to connect
Constable Mohan Ghadge	Suspects something, too scared/bribed to act

Evidence Trail:

- Raghav's survey report (still exists, hidden by Harish)
- Teacher's memory of children's questions
- Talathi's entries show encroachment around Korde Tal
- Pattern: curious children → questions → death

TIMELINE 3: THE MORE SIBLINGS (4 months ago)

Victims:

- **Gauri** - age 12, girl (died)
- **Aarav** - age 8, boy (SURVIVED)

Background:

- Children of Raghunath and Meena More
- Normal village children
- Father Raghunath sometimes worked for kiln

What They Witnessed:

- Playing/wandering near lake at dusk
- Saw Madhav and Prakash with truck
- Witnessed illegal medical waste burning at Korde Tal
- Were seen by Madhav and Prakash

How It Happened:

1. Madhav and Prakash were burning medical waste at Korde Tal (regular operation)
2. Children stumbled upon them
3. Children recognized Madhav (known figure)
4. Madhav decided they couldn't be allowed to talk
5. Chased children, caught Gauri
6. Drowned her in the lake
7. Aarav escaped into the mist (Dhuke area)
8. They let him go - a child, traumatized, who would believe him?

Aarav's Experience:

- Saw "two shadows" - Madhav (tall) and Prakash (shorter)
- They had cloth over faces (gamcha)
- Smelled burning plastic and disinfectant on them
- Sister said "it smells like a clinic" before they came
- Ran, hid in mist, found by farmer next day
- Traumatized, thinks he saw "twin ghosts"
- Hidden by Sarla in Vasti

The Cover-Up:

- "Curse continues"
- "Twin ghosts took another pair of siblings"
- Aarav's testimony dismissed as trauma
- "He saw the ghosts"

- Police ruled suicide again

Who Knows:

Person	Knowledge Level
Madhav Gokhale	Full truth - he did it
Prakash Kore	Full truth - he helped
Aarav More	Witness, but traumatized/misinterpreting
Sunita Dhere	Overheard Madhav and Prakash discussing it
Dinesh Pote	Saw burning at night, thought it was ghosts

Evidence Trail:

- Aarav's testimony (two figures, chemical smell, gamcha)
 - Sunita's overheard conversation ("those children saw us")
 - Dinesh's night sightings
 - Medical waste residue/ash at the Tal (physical evidence)
 - Truck tire tracks (if searched)
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CONNECTION POINTS

What Links T2 and T3 (Madhav's crimes):

- Same killer (Madhav)
- Same motive pattern (children discovered something)
- Same staging (curse, lake, drowning)
- Same cover-up (suicide ruling)

What Links All Three (The Curse):

- All staged as curse-related
- All at the same lake
- All involved siblings/twins
- All ruled accident/suicide
- All reinforced the legend

What Separates T1 from T2-T3:

- Different killer (Vasundhara vs Madhav)
 - Different motive (estate control vs illicit operations)
 - Different origin (T1 CREATED the curse, T2-T3 exploited it)
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INVESTIGATION IMPLICATIONS

If Investigators Assume One Killer:

- Evidence from T1 won't connect to T2-T3
- Zamindar household has no connection to kiln crimes
- Kiln network has no knowledge of T1 truth
- Will hit dead ends

The Correct Approach:

1. Investigate T3 (most recent, best evidence)
2. Discover kiln connection
3. Find pattern to T2
4. Realize T1 is different (different method, different evidence trail)
5. Investigate T1 separately
6. Discover T1 was the ORIGIN of the curse
7. Final revelation: Two conspiracies, one fake legend

Key Insight Moments:

- “The twins” everyone fears are from T1, but their death was about a land deed, not business
- Madhav didn't know the truth about T1 - he just used the existing story
- Vasundhara has no idea Madhav used her cover story for his own murders
- The curse was manufactured once, then copied