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Beautification drives are good, but what about maintenance, ask city artists

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Recently, a young city artist [Priyanka Wankhede](#) gave a wonderful makeover to [Ajni](#) Railway Station through her magnificent paintings made at various parts of the premises. Many such [beautification](#) drives are organised by colleges, art groups, social activists and Municipal Corporation for various causes. While the objective behind such creative endeavour is appreciated by everyone, some of the city artists question why such beautified spots are ruined soon after...



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Veteran artist [Chandrakant Channe](#) says that it is quite disheartening to see the ‘beautified’ sites not being maintained well. Without mincing words, he says, “Artists put in their creativity, heart and soul to rejuvenate that particular place. But how long does that stay in a good state? If such place is not maintained properly post the makeover; it is a disrespect to the artist. And that is why, when someone approaches me or my students for such endeavours, I prefer to refuse.”

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Once the drive is over, along with the paintings, even the purpose behind it fades after some time, expresses another well-known artist Tanul Vikamshi. He adds, “Post the beautification activity, people do refrain from spoiling it for the initial few days. But as the paintings fade, the place too turns into an eyesore. To retain its beauty as well the cause associated with it, artists should keep adding new paintings on regular intervals.”

People must take responsibility

Newly-appointed dean of Government College of Art and Design, [Ramesh Wadje](#) feels that the onus lies on people to ensure such places are not ruined. He adds, “The paintings or sculptures made with the purpose of beautifying a particular area, need to be maintained. It is our responsibility to let them stay the way they are. There is a strong need to sensitise people in this regard. One should avoid spiting in such places or sticking posters there. In fact, miscreants should be penalised for spoiling such beautified spots.”

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Gym trainer ends life after being thrashed by khaki-clad man

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NAGPUR: A trainer working at an upscale gym in [Byramji Town](#) hanged himself on Tuesday after being thrashed twice by a khaki-clad man. Closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras at the gym captured clear images of the assailant.

Sources said that the victim, 31-year-old Prakash [Jakhur](#), who preferred being called James and also had another alias Patrick Joseph, resorted to the extreme step as he felt insulted after being beaten up twice in front of his gym clients and colleagues. Other trainers said he was depressed since a couple of days.

James was in a romantic relationship with 26-year-old Suzy James, who stayed in his neighbourhood, since a year. However, sources close to James's family claimed that she was in a relationship with the unknown man who was caught on camera. Hence, a love triangle could be the reason behind James's death, added sources.

James committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling rod with a nylon rope at his home at [Martin Nagar](#) on Tuesday around 5:30pm while his mother [Elizabeth](#) (58) was not at home. It was Elizabeth who saw James, her only son, hanging and alerted the neighbours. Police were also summoned to the spot. No suicide note was recovered, police said. An accidental death case was registered at Jaripatka police station on Tuesday.

However, on Wednesday, police registered an offence of abetment of suicide against Suzy, her mother Jyoti and the unknown man who would probably be arrested on Thursday.

James's colleagues told [TOI](#), "A man wearing khaki trousers and shoes generally worn by police personnel came to the gym on Monday evening and Tuesday morning and badly thrashed James in the parking area, in full public view. We asked James what the matter was but he didn't reveal it. He shared the accused's number which showed the name 'Dheeraj' on a caller ID app."

On Tuesday, Suzy, who is probably also a cop, and Jyoti, went to James's place and snatched his mobile phone which had their private chats and call recordings. Soon after they left the place, James hanged himself. A female gym staffer, who shared the CCTV footage with [TOI](#), claimed it was James's personal matter.

“We have seized CCTV video clips from the gym and would shortly arrest the trio. Elizabeth claimed James’s cell phone was missing from home and was stolen by Jyoti who wanted to destroy the evidence,” PI Mukhtar Sheikh told TOI.

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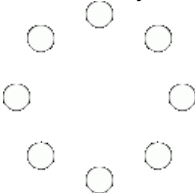
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Runaway girl gang-raped twice in 48 hours

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NAGPUR: The 16-year-old runaway girl, who had escaped from the government observation home on Katol Road, was allegedly gang-raped twice, at Khamla and Jaripatka, in a span of 48 hours between April 20 and 22.

Police, on Wednesday, arrested Krishna Dongre and Jitu Manglani, both auto-rickshaw drivers, and slapped gang rape charges against them. The duo was produced before the court which remanded them to police custody till May 3.

With this, the total number of arrested in the case rose to nine. Another accused, identified as Sachin Bawne, is absconding.

Four girls fled the government home on the morning of April 20. They walked for a long time and reached Mor Bhavan Square where they hired an auto-rickshaw, driven by Dongre, and headed to Deekshabhoomi. Later, Dongre took them to Ambazari Lake where one of the minors (13) met her male friend. While she got onto his two-wheeler, the other three girls, including the survivor, travelled in the auto-rickshaw towards Pandharabodi where they had snacks.

Since the survivor wanted to return, Dongre brought her to Mor Bhavan. He informed Bawne, a Starbus driver, who called up Manglani. The trio took the survivor to Manglani's place in the auto-rickshaw. It's learnt that his father [Ramesh](#) was present at the place but he did not intervene.

The trio raped her at night, cops said. The next morning, Dongre and Bawne left along with survivor. Dongre paid for her breakfast and approached Feroze Ahmed, the shoe vendor at Variety Square, and told him to take the minor along but he refused.

Then Dongre roamed around with her in the city. In the night, he again met Ahmed and handed over the survivor to him at Variety Square.

Ahmed and his employee Mayur Barsagade, Atul Janbandhu, Swapnil Jawade, Pralay Mesharm and Soumil Narkhedkar then gang-raped her at an under-construction building in Sugat Nagar in Jaripatka. The accused also consume biryani and beer at the place before raping the girl.

The other two accused — Suresh Bharsakale and [Sakhre](#) babaji — kept watch after being paid Rs50. The accused dropped her back to Variety Square where she was found by a traffic cop on April 22. Sitabuldi police arrested all accused except Sakhre as he was an old man. The court has remanded them to police custody for 10 days.

The remaining three girls were found at Wathoda on Monday morning. All four girls were brought back to the government home.

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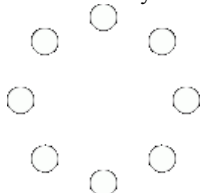
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Kamptee Road Metro stations work from mid-May

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NAGPUR: [Mahametro](#) has awarded the work of five Metro stations on Sitabuldi-Kamptee Road stretch to construction firm ITD and the work on three of them is expected to begin in mid-May.

“ITD has already begun work on [Zero Mile Metro](#) station. Now it has been also awarded the work of Kasturchand Park, Automotive Square, Nari Road and Indora stations. We are awaiting permission from traffic police for the latter three stations and the work will start in 10-15 days,” said a source in Mahametro.

ITD is also building all the ten Metro stations in the [Sitabuldi-Hingna](#) depot stretch and work has already started on stations at Rani Jhansi Square, Institution of Engineers and Ambazari Lake View.

Meanwhile, about 50% work of Metro Rail’s Mihan depot is over. The depot is expected to be complete by mid-July. Completion of the depot is vital for the trial run in second half of the year. The coaches borrowed from Chennai or [Hyderabad Metros](#) will be kept in the depot.

The source said that the depot was a complex structure and would house several facilities. “It will have an inspection bay, which will have facilities for servicing of cars for 15 days and inspection for 45 days. It will have scope of expansion for three more lines,” he added.

“It will also have a repair bay where major repair and overhaul of wagons, diesel shunters, electric tractors and tower wagons will be done. Space for stabling of 20 wagon rakes, which will be required in the year 2041, will be provided. There will be an electric substation and diesel generator for emergency supply,” he further said.

“The other facilities include traction repair depot, auto coach washing plant, a traction substation, repair shop for signalling and telecom and an automatic train protection (ATP) and automatic train operation (ATO) room,” the source added. The depot will also have a mini-sewage treatment plant (STP).

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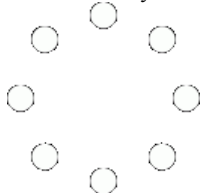
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