

CID's Call for Victims

No medical test was done on him. Instead the police went on open appeal on newspapers, social media like Facebook, television, asking for 'victims' to come forward and promising even financial assistance for the same.

'Paisa feko, tamasha dekho'

CID chief goes on Facebook and appeals to victims to come forward and depose against Swami Nithyananda. So far, no one has bothered to respond to his pokes

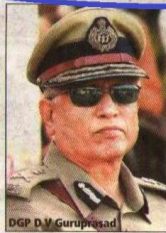
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Director General of Police (CID) D V Guruprasad is looking to Facebook for help in nailing Swami Nithyananda, kicking up a flurry of online activity in the process.

After Nithyananda's release on bail, DGP posted the following on the social networking site: "Swami Nithyananda got bail. In his complaint Shri Lenin accused the swami of rape, unnatural sex, criminal intimidation and hurting religious sentiments. Despite our best efforts, not a single victim has come to us stating that the swami had unnatural sex with him/her or raped her. We got some emails from persons living abroad but they have not provided any evidence".

He also wrote, "Why can't you people motivate the 'victims' of swami to come out and give statements to us? So long as they keep quiet, what can the investigation do? The women in the tapes should depose that they were victimised. So far, this has not happened." He also said that the probe into irregularities in funds was on.

The DGP's rather innovative methods has had comments coming thick and fast on Facebook, some filled with contempt, some sympathetic.



DGP D.V. Guruprasad

SWAMI OR MINISTER?

Harsha Raju wrote that the Swami had gone on record to say that he was neither a man nor a swami. "The CID has no evidence against him, it seems. What is a video tape, then? If he was not guilty, why was he hiding then? I guess this is India. Same will be the case with Halappa (former BJP minister) — he will also come out on bail as no evidence will be found against him also. And people who call themselves his devotees will be happy — wow! Time to become a swami or a minister."

PAISA BOLTA HAI

Vishal Diggeewadi was contemptuous about a corrupt sys-

tem. "Paisa feko tamasha dekho, paisa feko tamasha dekho. Everything happens for money. Pay millions in India and do anything, you will get bail. Or else have links with big ministers... hmmm... I agree... India is great... someone said if you don't believe in God, come to India... only God can run this country."

However, the DGP's post did find some sympathetic Facebookers. Radhe Shyam said the bail was not unexpected. "It was question of when rather than whether. No wonder, public opinion has softened its stand on the swami's deeds. And if some sensational news surfaces, this swami will go free. Yes, the police are the victims of low conviction rates and all their efforts [will go in vain] with such judgments. But still, the police will have to work within the system."

Writing in a similar vein, Anita Mendonca Mathias said, "Let us work towards forming a better and less corrupt system."

The DGP also found a staunch supporter in Anoop S N who wrote, "This is happening because of us... not because of the money... not because of the police... not because of the system. We have developed this culture! We have no brains to fight for justice and we blame the system for every-

thing. And so-called society, they will screw the lady who comes forward against the swami :(. And they might even worship the swami again."

Anoop backs Guruprasad to the hilt, saying, "Don't give up, sir... there is always hope... all this crap will go away when a generation awakes!" And then comes a word of advice for the top cop: "DGP CID, sir, pinpointing the issue will not work... you should try and restore faith in the police... only then will people desist from writing emails from a fake account. Facebook is a good step but caters to a small set of people. Only criminals should be scared of the police, not other people!"

And then, surprise, surprise, Shweta Srinivas rooted for the swami: "You can never believe in demigods... after all they are also human... so no harm in them acting as one."

Guruprasad, for his part, said he had created the Facebook account to be "people-friendly".

"Whenever possible, I try to solve problems. The idea of this site is to make people aware of what we are doing at the CID and to take their help in solving the cases we are investigating."



Swami Nithyananda

Times of India publicized that the topmost State police official Director General of Police (DGP) of Crime Investigation Department (CID) Guruprasad made a Facebook post asking for victims to come forward and give their statement.

CID seeks info from victims

The Crime Investigation Department has sought information from all those affected and victims of the self-styled godman. The CID Superintendent of Police Yogappa said the victims of Nithyananda's alleged dodgy activities could contact and depose before him.

The Department would not reveal the names and addresses of such persons, Yogappa, who is also CID's Special Investigator, said in a press release.

Cases against Nithyananda were handed over to the CID after Tamil Nadu police transferred them to Karnataka. Currently, there are two cases against the 'godman' at Bidadi police station in Ramanagar district. Yogappa can be contacted on 9480800123 or 080-22381894.

Deccan Herald national daily publishing about Investigating officer Yogappa publicizing his phone numbers on

Swami case: CID seeks more info

The CID has invited more information about cases lodged against Swami Nityananda's ashram in Bidadi. The sleuths have promised to protect the informants' identity. Travel and other cost will be provided too. Call 080-22381894, 9480800123. TNN

Times of India also displays the ad for "victims" in its columns.

newspapers so the “victims” could come forward. However, not one “victim” came forward to do this as no crime was done in the first place.



A tamil TV channel displays “ Anybody who is interested in reporting about Godman approach Bangalore Crime Branch Police”

And - “ The ones who wants to report will be sponsored with travel charges and their information will be kept confidential “



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