

# PUC student takes out dad's car at night, killed in accident

When a taxi rammed into his car, Rishabh reportedly pressed the accelerator instead of the brakes

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**A**n underage teenage driver pumped with the adrenalin rush of having sneaked out of home and taken his father's car to meet a friend, and a rash cab driver with a need for speed — these were the ingredients of the deadly cocktail leading to a gruesome hit-and-run accident that left a 17-year-old Christ College student dead and his friend injured in the wee hours of Friday in Madiwala traffic police limits.

The deceased has been identified as Rishabh Shetty, the younger son of Ashoka K Shetty, a resident of BTM Layout II stage. Rishabh was a second year PUC student at Christ College, police said. So horrific was the impact of the crash that the victims' car, a white-coloured Maruti Suzuki Swift Dzire (KA-51-P-2949), rammed into an electric pole and got wedged vertically along it, with steel rods piercing the driver's body, killing him instantly.

Wasting no time, the Madiwala traffic police, led by police inspector R Vasu, conducted a combing operation in the dead of night — lasting three-and-a-half hours — until they recovered the car of the accused abandoned a few kilometres from the spot. This too, was a white-coloured Maruti Suzuki Swift Dzire, bearing registration KA-51-B-6968. Although the scene of the accident made it look like the victims had lost control of the vehicle and driven their car into the pole, the police suspected something amiss and found small broken pieces of a bumper that — though coloured the same — did not match the victims' car. A detailed inspection revealed that they belonged to another car, which had hit the victims' car from behind, causing them to accelerate into the pole.

## VICTIM SNEAKED OUT OF HOME

Around 12.30 am, Rishabh received a call from his friend Aaron, a resident of Jayanagar, who lives in a hostel. Aaron claimed he was hungry and wanted something to eat, so the friends came up with a plan to go out for a late-night bite to eat. Ensuring his



(Above) The mangled remains of the car that rammed into an electric pole; (right) the accused's car that the police found at an under-construction site in HSR Layout



parents and older brother were fast asleep, Rishabh reportedly sneaked out of the house with the keys to his father's Swift Dzire, and drove to Jayanagar to pick Aaron up, police said. The duo then drove towards Iblur, where they reportedly had omelettes, tea, and other snacks from a roadside shop.

The accident occurred around 2.30 am as Rishabh and Aaron were returning home via the service road. As they reached the junction on 5th main, Outer Ring Road, a speeding taxi rammed into them from behind; a panicked Rishabh is thought to have pressed the accelerator instead of the brakes, causing the car to crash headlong into an electric pole in front of them. The impact of the crash was so severe that the car then got stuck vertically alongside the pole with its rear wheels in the air, and steel rods pierced through Rishabh's body, killing him on the spot. Aaron, meanwhile, escaped with minor injuries and managed to wriggle out.

Passersby and locals who heard the crash immediately informed the police control room, who directed the Madiwala traffic police to rush to the spot. Seeing the mangled remains of the car and realising that the top portion had been completely crushed, the police sought the help of fire and emergency services personnel who brought a crane to dislodge the vehicle from the electric pole.

Personnel then used metal cutters to extricate the body from the driver's seat in a process that took two hours. Aaron, meanwhile, was too traumatised to recount the accident properly, and was rushed to a nearby hospital for first-aid.

## HOW COPS FOUND THE ACCUSED DRIVER'S CAR

Despite receiving initial reports that the incident was a 'self-accident', the Madiwala traffic police smelled a rat. Finding shards of broken white-coloured plastic that did not appear to match the victims' car, police realised the accident was actually a hit-and-run. Thus began the combing operation to find the accused's car, which they realised could not have travelled too far. A team of our traffic police immediately began scouting the area and nearby six sectors of HSR Layout, spread over eight square kilometres. Beginning 3.30 am, the operation lasted till 6 am, with us stopping to check every single parked car in the area. We finally chanced upon an abandoned white Swift Dzire parked at an under-construction site at 17th cross, 9th main, HSR Layout, with only its rear portion showing towards the road. A closer look revealed that the front portion of the car was completely busted, and the driver was missing," Madiwala traffic police inspector R Vasu told Mirror. The car was towed away to the station, and police traced its owner based on the registration details to one Suresh, who was called to the station. He divulged details of the accused who was driving the vehicle. He has been charged under section 304 (A) of the IPC. Later in the evening, the driver, Paul, was arrested and produced before the magistrate.

# 18-yr-old killed in car crash

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## TECHIE MUGGED AT KNIFEPOINT

Three men on a bike waylaid a 29-year-old software engineer and robbed his valuables after threatening him with a knife in HSR Layout on Friday. The victim, Sriram, is a resident of KPC Layout in HSR Layout. When he was returning home, the three men threatened him and snatched away his gold chain, mobile and other valuables before fleeing. He then approached HSR Layout police and lodged a complaint. The police have obtained the CCTV footage and have launched a hunt to trace the culprits.

shifted to St John's Hospital for the post-mortem and was later handed over to his family members. Aaron is in shock, said his friends who were at the St John's Hospital morgue.

The Madiwala traffic police traced the car that caused the accident 2 km away from the accident spot where the driver had abandoned it. The police have registered a case of hit and run.

An 18-year-old second PU student died on the spot, while his friend had a miraculous escape after their car was rammed into by another rashly driven car on a service road near Outer Ring Road in HSR Layout early on Friday morning.

The deceased, Rishab A.K., was a student of Christ University and a resident of Vijaya Bank Colony in Bilekahalli, the police said. Rishab's friend Aaron escaped without even a scratch.

Rishab, along with Aaron, was returning to BTM Layout from Iblur after having dinner. Around 2.30 am, when they reached near the 5th Main junction on the service road near the Outer Ring Road, a Maruti Swift DZire (KA-51-B-6968) that was being driven rashly, rammed into Rishab's car, which lost control and crashed into an electric pole, killing Rishab on the spot.

His body was trapped in the mangled remains of the car and could be extricated only after the Fire and Emergency services arrived at the spot.

Aaron escaped unhurt miraculously, the police said. Rishab's body was

## Student dies in road accident

BENGALURU, DHNS: An 18-year-old student was killed on the spot after his car rammed into an electricity pole near HSR Layout under Madiwala traffic police limits. According to police, the deceased has been identified as Rishabh, a second PU student and a native of Kundapur in Udupi district. He was residing with his parents in Bilekahalli. On Friday around 2.30 am, he, accompanied by his friend Aaron, drove a car to Iblur to have dinner.

On their way home, another vehicle rammed into their car. Rishabh lost control over the vehicle and crashed into an electricity pole. Due to the impact of the collision, Rishabh suffered head injuries and died on the spot. Meanwhile, Aaron, who was scared, fled the spot. The police, who were alerted, rushed to the spot and shifted Rishabh's body for post-mortem. A few clues have been obtained about the unidentified vehicle which rammed into the student's car from the rear. Efforts are being made to trace the vehicle and the police

case has been registered in Madiwala traffic police station.

## Intolerance is in Congress, says Joshi

HUBBALLI, DHNS: State BJP president Jagdish Joshi has said that intolerance is in Congress and the good job being done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking at a meeting here on Friday, he said that the Congress was speaking about intolerance since it had no other issue. "Out of around 1,200 people who were conferred with civilian awards, only 49 have returned awards, while others are leading their life peacefully," he said. The Congress does not want Modi's success at any cost and hence was raking up 'intolerance' blaming the prime minister for everything, Joshi added.

Karnataka has failed to utilise the funds released by the Centre. Though the Union government is ready to provide more electricity, the State is yet to secure a power corridor, he said.

Leader of the Opposition in Assembly Jagadish Shettar claimed that Siddaramaiah and Lokayukta Justice Y Bhaskar Rao have an agreement to protect each other.

SUHASINI HAIDAR &  
VIDYA KRISHNAN

**NEW DELHI:** Lauding India for doubling its funding for research and development of climate change technology, the former Microsoft CEO and co-founder of the world's biggest charitable foundation, Bill Gates, said technological innovation was the only way to fight climate change. "If we are going to make the cost of clean energy as inexpensive as hydrocarbons, or coal energy today, we will need innovations. That will mean you won't have to think about this huge trade-off between 'Should I be clean' or 'Should I electrify?'" he told *The Hindu* in an exclusive interview.

Mr. Gates was in Paris for the COP21 summit, where he launched a multi-billion dollar 20-nation 'Breakthrough Energy Coalition,' and has met Prime Minister Narendra Modi twice this week, both in Paris and in Delhi on Friday.

Backing India's stand on 'climate justice' or the need for the developing world to be financed for cutting emissions, Mr. Gates said that un-



Unless clean energy is made cheaper, countries like India will be in an 'impossible' situation, says Bill Gates.

less clean energy was made cheaper, it put countries like India in an "impossible" situation.

"I can't comment on climate justice, I don't know what the definition of that is. I think while the premium cost of clean energy is very high, you force an almost impossible trade-off between two very important goals. My belief is that if you increase the R&D that will lower the price of energy," he said.

However, Mr. Gates indicated that solar and wind energy, which formed the bulk of India's clean energy mix, may not be the most viable sources of electricity in future. The government had an-

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former Microsoft CEO

nounced it would raise its renewable energy production from the current 38 Gigawatts to 175 Gigawatts by 2022, 100 GWs of which would come from solar energy alone.

But Mr. Gates said the "intermittency" of solar and wind made it unviable, compared with other sources like nuclear energy and new tech-

nologies for storage.

"Energy has to be reliable, and when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing, you still need energy. So the whole system designed in terms of storage and transmission gets quite complex. Wind and solar can be a part of your mix, but you can't do much with them without a storage miracle."

His words were significant as it ran counter to the solar alliance of countries with hot climates, which Mr. Modi launched at the Paris summit

To the criticism of "philanthro-capitalism" that the Gates foundation funded programmes tied to technologies and companies wherein Mr. Gates had interests, he said he found the allegations "amusing". "If you think the way to make money is to come to India and help people get healthcare, that is one strange way to make money," he said.

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**Nuke power crucial for climate goal: top scientist**

**LE BOURGET, FRANCE, AFP:** Capping global warming at two degrees Celsius, the UN goal, would require a massive scaling up of nuclear power, a top climate scientist said Thursday.

But even if humanity meets the target (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), we are unlikely to avoid catastrophic climate impacts, mainly from rising oceans, James Hansen said.

One of the most influential climate scientists over the last three decades, Hansen's testimony before the US Congress in the 1980s that warming had

begun, made headlines around the world.

"Two degrees is definitely very dangerous," Hansen said on the margins of fraught UN negotiations in Paris for a deal to keep earth liveable and help vulnerable countries cope with climate impacts.

"Two degrees Celsius warming above pre-industrial levels would put us at least at the temperature of the last inter-glacial period - sea level was six to nine metres (20-30 feet) higher then," he said.

Half of the major cities in the world are on coastlines.

"If we let ice sheets become unstable, the world may become ungovernable because the economic consequences would become so great."

The Greenland and West Antarctic ice sheets together contain enough frozen water to raise sea levels 13 metres.

Hansen ran Goddard Institute for Space Studies in Maryland, a major centre for climate science, from 1981 to 2013.

For nearly a decade, he has called for a tax on carbon, suggesting that the proceeds be redistributed to consumers based on how much greenhouse gases they emitted.

Hansen said Thursday that nuclear power, a controversial source because of safety fears, must become a core part of the global energy mix in order to rapidly draw down the greenhouse gases that drive global warming.

"The solution of the climate problem has to be carbon-free electricity. And you simply can't get there in China and India without the help of nuclear."

Currently, 80 pc of energy production and consumption



**Journalists' arrest: Probe under way**

By Arun Menka Bhatnagar

**BELAGAVI/BELAGAVI** The Internal Security wing continued to question three journalists in Belagavi, Karnataka, for their role in the arrest of Mohammed Hussain (22) in Belagavi on Tuesday. Police Commissioner S. Ravi said "investigations are under way".

**Elephant electrocuted in Bandipur**

R. KRISHNA KUMAR

**MYSURU** The scourge of man-elephant conflict has manifested again with a wild elephant being electrocuted in Haadanuru village, in the Mediyala range of Bandipur National Park on Friday. The tusker, which strayed from its habitat, approached an agricultural field and came in contact with an illegal electrical fence and died instantly. The honorary wildlife warden of Chamarajanagar, Naveen Kumar, who was at the

place, confirmed the incident to *The Hindu* and said *prima facie* the death was due to electrocution. He would be conducting a laboratory test to confirm the cause of death. This is the 11th elephant electrocuted in Bandipur so far this year, said Mr. Kumar. The agricultural field belongs to a farmer by name K. Channa. The veterinarian Nagara, who conducted the post-mortem, said there were fences in the vicinity of the field and traces of injuries on the elephant.



The tusker came in contact with an illegal electrical fence at Haadanuru village. — PHOTO: BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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**Climate accord: India input retained**

**Le Bourget, Dec. 4:** India has expressed satisfaction with the first draft of the climate change accord released, with the new document retaining all its inputs as negotiators made "some progress" in hammering out a deal. "At the moment this is a shorter draft but everything which we (India) got inserted is still there. It's five pages shorter," India's key negotiator Ajay Mathur said at the UN climate conference. He said French President Francois Hollande has spoken of "urgency" of moving ahead in resolving issues and India will continue to work together to get closer to an agreement. Following three days of

**C**limate change negotiators in Paris are focused on trying to bring everybody together and the substantial commitment made by every country, including India, prior to the conference will be an important factor in the success of the summit, the White House said, adding that it does not agree that India is the only stumbling block in successful climate change negotiations.

hectic parleys over a complex 54-page draft pact, negotiators released a document five pages shorter but still there was reportedly no agreement on about 250 undecided options across the text. This is the more or less the same text which was released in the Bonn conference, officials said. India also sought global support for bringing

down the cost of renewable power to reduce reliance on coal. Elaborating on the process in talks, Mathur said the negotiation text as evolved by the various discussion groups would be consolidated and handed over to the presidency who will then create spin off groups on various unresolved issues that will then be the focus of negotiations. —PTI

**India vulnerable to coal mining: Report**

**F**orest area across the globe larger than the size of a country like Portugal is at risk from coal mining with 5 countries, including India being "particularly vulnerable", according to a report. *Double Jeopardy: Coal's threat to Forests*, by forests and rights NGO Fern said in "India and Colombia, coal mining threatens more than 250,000 hectares of forest." Overlaying coal mining concession and forest cover data for 4 of the world's 5 biggest coal producers, among other countries, the report shows at least 11.9 million hectares of forest area threatened.

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**SOLAR PARKS: SJVN Inks MoU with Saurya Urja Co. of Rajasthan**  
NEW DELHI: SJVN, a public sector company, in a BSE filing, said "The company has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on December 2, 2015, with the Saurya Urja Company of Rajasthan Ltd. for allocation of land in the solar parks being developed by them at Jodhpur and Jaipur in Rajasthan. SJVN has plans to set up cumulative 300 MW solar capacity in these solar parks, the company added. According to the company, SJVN is also executing a 5 MW solar PV plant in Gujarat, Rajasthan and has been allotted at Charka Solar Park. The plant has a provision for 25 MW capacity. —PTI

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**CLEAN ENERGY**

Is it time to say goodbye to burning coal to generate electricity and switch over to cleaner forms of electricity? Yes, says author C.B. Ramkumar, an energy expert (*Is clean electricity a reality? —DC, Dec 3*). Surely we have reached a stage when cost-effective solar power and wind energy which are clean forms of electricity and are available in abundance, can replace coal-combustion based power. There should be no delay in switching over to clean energy sources to save the environment.

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