

# City police claim to solve six cases with arrest of four

Accused were involved in robbery, snatching, vehicle-lifting, drug-peddling cases

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The Crime Branch of the Chandigarh Police arrested a gang of four persons who were allegedly involved in robbery, snatching, vehicle lifting and drug peddling cases. The accused have been identified as Vikram, alias Vicky (23), and Devinder Singh (19) of Mohali, along with Abhishek Chaudhary, alias Avi, alias Badri (20), and Arun Kumar (24) of Chandigarh. The police have claimed to have solved six cases with these arrests.

On April 17, the police team acting on a tip-off, apprehended Vikram and Devinder while they were coming from the Dhanas lake side on a motorcycle. During search of both accused, one mobile phone was recovered from their possession. The phone was found to be a snatched one and a case in this regard was registered in Sarangpur. Further, during interrogation of the accused, it was



One of the accused in police custody in Chandigarh. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## All accused are drug addicts

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revealed that they are also involved in another case of vehicle theft involving an Activa scooter.

On Friday, Abhishek was

arrested at a checkpoint near the Sector 14/25 road to Dhanas. During the search, a mobile phone and a knife was recovered

from his possession. The phone was found robbed in a case registered in Sarangpur. Further, during the course of investigation, two cases, one of snatching of a mobile phone and another of vehicle theft of a Hero Splendor motorcycle, were also worked out by recovering the stolen property from the possession of Abhishek.

In an another incident, on April 18, while a team was on a patrolling duty in the market of Sector 44-D, Arun was apprehended and was in possession of 21 gm of heroin without any license or permit. A case under Section 21 of the NDPS act was registered against him. Vikram and Arun were produced in a court and sent to two-day police remand.

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# Soon, snatching to invite stricter punishment in city

On HC order, ASG asks Centre to take call on UT proposal to amend IPC

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In what appears to be a step forward for much-awaited harsher law provisions for snatchers, who are striking at will in the city for the past some time, the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) of India, Satya Pal Jain, has asked the Union Government to amend the law provisions for enabling a stricter punishment to snatchers in Chandigarh.

The development assumes significance as the UT Administration had been seeking addition of Sections 379-A and 379-B in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in Chandigarh on the pattern of Punjab and Haryana but the Centre was sitting on the matter.

It was on April 3 that the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which is hearing a petition on the increasing chain snatching incidents in Chandigarh, had directed the UT Administration to supply to the ASG for taking up with the Centre the set of papers regarding enhancing the punishment for snatch-



## WHAT THE PRESENT LAW SAYS

Presently, the snatchers in Chandigarh are booked under Section 379 of the IPC, which provides the maximum punishment of three years in jail or with fine or both.

## PROPOSED LAW

As per the state amendments made by Punjab and Haryana in the IPC for their respective states, Section 379-A provides for a minimum jail term of five years and the maximum of 10 years with fine (Haryana ₹25,000) (Punjab ₹10,000) for snatching while Section 379-B provides for a minimum jail term of 10 years (Haryana maximum 14 years) and fine (Haryana ₹25,000 and Punjab ₹10,000) for also causing hurt to the snatching victim.

## FLASHBACK

October 16, 2017	The UT DGP writes to the UT Home Secretary
December 6	The UT Legal Remembrancer amends proposal; the UT Administration sends it to the Union Home Ministry
March 13, 2018	The Union Home Under Secretary replies to the UT Adviser, seeks copies of the official gazette notification of Haryana and the proposed draft notification with modification for the UT
March 26	The UT Home Secretary refers the matter to the UT DGP
April 2	The UT SSP provides copies of the desired documents to the UT Home Secretary, who forwards these to the Union Home Ministry

ing, which according to the UT counsel were lying pending before the Union Home Ministry.

After getting the copies of

the communications exchanged between the UT and the Centre in this regard, Jain has written to Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba

to look into the matter personally and take appropriate decision in the matter and convey the same to him by

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