

Missing girl found after 200 police personnel go on night-long search

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AROUND 200 UT Police personnel, including three DSPs, four inspectors and officers of other rank searched for a missing nine-year-old girl throughout Sunday night, only to be spotted by her younger brother sleeping in the open 200 metres from her home on Monday.

The girl had gone missing around 10 pm. A resident of the colony, on the outskirts of Chandigarh, made a call to the police control room, while the mother lodged a missing complaint at the Sector 61 police post. With the uptick in crimes

against women and girls, UT Police decided to take no chances and scrambled to look for her across two sectors, one of them a forest.

DSP Harjeet Kaur said, "Around 100 police personnel were involved in the search operation along with local residents. We searched all of sectors 52 and 53, including the nearby forest area of Kajheri, checked every house in the locality, in which the girl was residing with her family, but all in vain."

Police personnel, both men and women, woke up sleeping households in the entire colony of double and triple-storey houses as they searched for the girl. People were sleeping out in the open and

on their terraces because of the heat. Carrying big searchlights, the police woke them up and searched inside their homes.

"We did not leave out any house and even vehicles. We searched every parked four-wheeler, even water tanks,"

Finally, on Monday morning at 9 am, after an 11-hour search, the girl was found fast asleep near her home. Police officials said the girl was a student of Class III at a local government school and she was one of five children. Her father works in Saudi Arabia. Her mother, a domestic help, is strict with her children and did not allow them to stay out too long, the officials said. "She was spotted by her

younger brother. When I received the information, I immediately ran to the spot," said Om Parkash, sub-inspector at the local police post.

The girl told the police and her parents that she had gone to her school friend's house in the vicinity. Police said she may have been scared to return home late at night and ended up sleeping outside, giving her family, the entire residential area and the police a sleepless night.

Police said the girl was medically examined before being handed over to her family.

"The medical examination of the girl has ruled out any injuries and physical harm to the girl," DSP Kaur said.



Man held for molesting minor

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A 23-year-old man was arrested for outraging the modesty of a 15-year-old girl after barging into her house in Sector 56 here on Sunday night.

According to the police, the accused, identified as Arsad Ali, is married and father of a child. He allegedly entered

the house of the victim, who lived in his neighbourhood, and outraged her modesty while she was sleeping with her mother.

The victim's kin raised the alarm and the accused was caught. The police were informed about the incident. The accused, who works as a safai karamchari, was arrested.

A case under Sections 354

(assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 452 (house trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restraint) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was registered against him at the Sector 39 police station.



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