

# Autowala held; driver, conductor **hailed**

DGP AWARDS  
CTU DRIVER AND  
CONDUCTOR WHO  
RESCUED A GIRL  
FROM THE CLUTCHES  
OF AN ACCUSED AUTO  
DRIVER WHO TRIED TO  
RAPE THE VICTIM



DGP Tajender Singh Luthra honouring CTU bus driver, in Chandigarh. DP

**CHANDIGARH:** The Chandigarh Police have arrested an auto driver who had allegedly tried to rape a girl on the night intervening Saturday and Sunday. The police officials said that the victim was going by walking from Sector 35, while she reached near South End Hotel, Chandigarh, and an auto-rickshaw stopped and approached her.

The driver of auto asked her to drop her at the destination. On this, the girl hired the auto. The

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driver drove his auto towards slip road near Attawa Chowk and suddenly stopped the auto in dark and tried to rape the girl. The girl started shouting loudly to save herself.

While listening to the shouting of girl, the CTU bus driver and conductor stopped there and rescued the girl and nabbed auto driver on the spot. They informed the police. In this regard, a case under Section 354,376,511 of the IPC has been registered in police

station Sector 36 Chandigarh. Meanwhile, the Director General of Police, UT, Tajender Singh Luthra, on Sunday awarded CTU driver Mohit Thakur along with bus conductor Ravinder Singh for rescuing the girl.

The cash reward of Rs. 5,000 along with memento was given to both the driver and the conductor for showing exemplary courage, saving victim girl and apprehending accused on the spot. DP

# शराब पीकर हंगामा करने वाले 12 दबोचे

चंडीगढ़, 20 मई (सुशील राज): शहर के अलग-अलग सैक्टरों में शराब पीकर हंगामा करने वाले 12 शराबियों

को पुलिस ने दबोच लिया।

इनका पुलिस ने मैडीकल करवाया,



जहां इनके शराब पीने की पुष्टि हुई। सैक्टर-3 थाना पुलिस ने एक, सैक्टर-11 थाने में दो, सैक्टर-17 थाने में दो, सैक्टर-19 थाने में तीन, मनीमाजरा थाना में एक, सैक्टर-36 थाना में एक, सैक्टर-39 थाना एक और मलोया थाना पुलिस ने एक शराबी युवक को दबोचा।





# Auto-rickshaw driver arrested for rape attempt on Dehradun woman

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

POLICE ARRESTED an auto-rickshaw driver for attempting to rape a woman in Sector 35 in the early hours of Sunday. The accused was nabbed with the help of a CTU driver and conductor who caught the man while he was trying to commit the crime.

According to police officials, the woman, a resident of Dehradun, came to Chandigarh on May 18 to attend a seminar on fashion technology in a hotel in Sector 10. The woman told the police that she went to meet one of her friends in Sector 42 on Saturday.

"The woman told us that she was going to Sector 42 on Sunday to meet her friend again and when she reached South End hotel in Sector 35, an auto driver identified as Mukesh, 30, approached her and offered her to drop in Sector 42," said Inspector Ranjodh Singh, Sector 36 Station House Officer.

Sources in the police said that the woman was standing near the diving road of Sector 34/35 and Mukesh saw her. He then approached her and offered to drop her at her destination. Mukesh is a caterer but drives an auto for extra income; the auto is owned by one of his friends.

The SHO said that when the woman sat inside the auto, the accused took his auto on a slip road near Attawa chowk and took the auto to a secluded place where he allegedly attempted to rape the woman.

"The woman resisted and shouted for help. At that time, CTU bus driver Mohit Thakur and conductor Ravinder Singh were passing from that side. They saw a man was trying to pull the hair of a woman and was trying to put her inside the auto-rickshaw," added the SHO.

Mohit said that he and Ravinder were on night shift and after noticing the woman in that situation, they stopped the bus and came out to help her.

"I asked the auto driver what was going on. He told me that the woman was not giving his fare, but the woman told us that the auto driver wanted to rape her. We caught him and also called the police," Ravinder said.

The woman belongs to Dehradun and has been separated from her husband. She is a fashion designer.

Mukesh was booked under sections 376 (rape), 354 (outraging the modesty of a woman) and 511 of the Indian Penal Code at the Sector 36 police station.

Sources told Chandigarh Newslite that in the past Mukesh was booked for drinking and gambling at a public place.

Meanwhile, Director General of UT Police Tajender Singh Luthra honoured both Mohit and Ravinder for saving the woman.



DGP Tajender Singh Luthra honours CTU driver Mohit Thakur in Chandigarh on Sunday. *Express*

# HP youth sentenced to 18-month jail in four ATM fraud cases

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

A 25-year-old youth was sentenced to 18 months and 19 days in jail for duping gullible people by swapping their debit cards at ATMs.

Nikhil Thakur, a resident of Sector 45, was convicted in four cases. Nikhil was in jail

ever since he was arrested in November, 2016, so his sentence was considered served.

Nikhil, who is a native of Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, used to target people who didn't know how to operate an ATM. He used to stand outside the ATMs and approach people who didn't know how to operate

the ATM.

Nikhil used to ask for the PIN from the victim and helped them in withdrawing the money.

Meanwhile, after the transaction was made, he used to exchange the ATM card and later withdraw money using the victim's card. Nikhil was active in various parts of the city.

