

## SERIAL OFFENDER

# Convicted 11 times, woman held for possessing 10-gm heroin

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**CHANDIGARH:** A woman already convicted in at least 11 cases was arrested by the Chandigarh Police for possessing 10-gram heroin near Sarangpur on Monday.

As per the police records, the history-sheeter woman, Bala, 50, has been convicted in cases, including those of burglary, house trespass and theft. Majority of the cases against her have been registered in Sector 39 police station, and also at sectors 11 and 17.

**THE HISTORY-SHEETER WOMAN, BALA, 50, HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN CASES, INCLUDING BURGLARY, HOUSE TRESPASS, THEFT AND DRUG SMUGGLING**

Police said the accused is a resident of Sector 38. Bala has nearly six drug cases pending against her. Investigating officials claimed that Bala was apprehended when she was standing near HBC Colony adja-

cent to main road in Dhanas.

Bala was convicted 10-year imprisonment in a drug case. However, after spending four years in jail, she was granted bail by the Punjab and Haryana high court. She was first booked under the NDPS Act in 1999 and is also an accused in multiple cases of theft and other offences.

Police said Bala is a major player in the drug supplying network in Chandigarh and neighbouring areas.

She has been sent to two-day police remand by a court. Police said more recoveries are likely to be made after her questioning.

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# 2 bludgeon daily wager to death near Sec 44, held

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**Chandigarh:** Police on Monday arrested two persons for bludgeoning a 25-year-old daily wage labourer to death with wooden sticks at the Sector 44-45 light point in the early hours of Sunday.

Lalit Kumar Mandal, a resident of Burail, and his friend Guddu Kumar, who resides in a jhuggi near Sector 44, were walking back home after purchasing new clothes. When both reached near the Sector 44-45 light point, Sandeep and Monu, the accused, met them and started arguing with Mandal over an old enmity. Kumar went inside his jhuggi



The two accused in police custody on Monday

to keep the clothes, when heard the sound of Sandeep and Monu thrashing Mandal. When he stepped out, he saw the two were attacking Mandal with sticks on his

head. Both fled on spotting Kumar. Kumar took Mandal to Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, where he was declared brought dead.

A case under Sections 302 (punishment for murder) and 34 (act done by several person with same intention) of the IPC (Indian Penal Code) was registered at the Sector-34 police station.

A team of ASP (assistant superintendent of police), south sub-division, and SHO, Sector 34, was formed. The team caught Sandeep, 23, working as daily wager, a resident of Sector 44 and Monu, 19, a resident of UP working as daily wager in Chandigarh.

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