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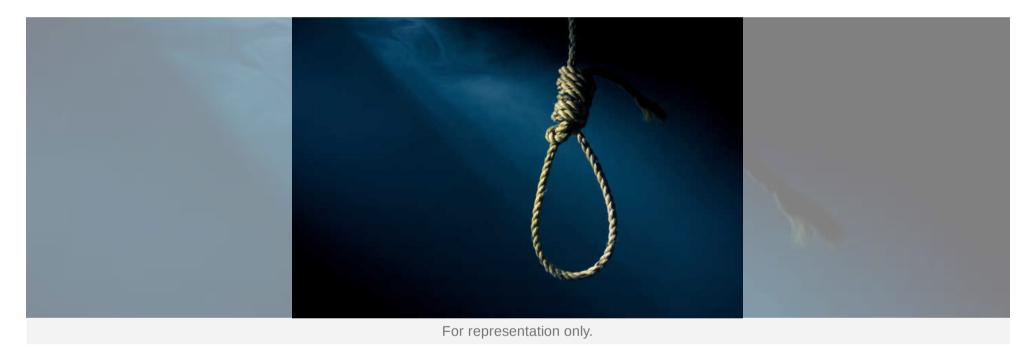


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Gurugram youth, Nuh driver kill themselves amid ongoing lockdown



Sanjay Yadav Gurugram, April 15

Gurugram and Nuh districts both reported suicides ostensibly in connection with the ongoing nationwide lockdown on Tuesday, sources said.

In Gurugram, an 18-year-old student of Class 10 jumped killed himself after his father forbade him from going out of the house to learn to drive, police sources said.

Krishan Kant, who's from Gurugram's Garhi Harsaru, had turned 18 recently and wanted to learn to ride a two-wheeler, sources said. His father however told him he could not leave the house during the lockdown and that he should use the time to study instead.

Enraged, he allegedly left the house while his parents were busy with a phone call and jumped in front of an oncoming goods train near Dhanwapur junction.

"He was getting restless sitting at home and would look for excuses to step out. Today, he said that he wanted to learn driving bike as roads were empty but I snubbed him. I never imagined he would react this way," his father said.

The second incident was from Nuh, where a 40-year-old driver under home quarantine in Kirodi villahe in Tauru block hung himself after he was unable to get alcohol because of the lockdown.

He was under home quarantine and away from his wife and children, villagers said, adding that he struggled to get essentials.

His wife and children lived with his in-laws, the villagers said.

The district health authority meanwhile claimed health teams who visited him regularly reported back saying he was doing fine.

"He was an alcoholic. He was getting food and medicines on time. Our investigation suggests there could be domestic dispute that made his family leave him. We are investigating the death" said Nuh CMO Dr Virender Yadav said.

The district health authorities said they had sent his body for testing and that they would hand over the body to his family only after they got the report.

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