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Lockdown side-effects: Unable to repay loan, couple commits suicide

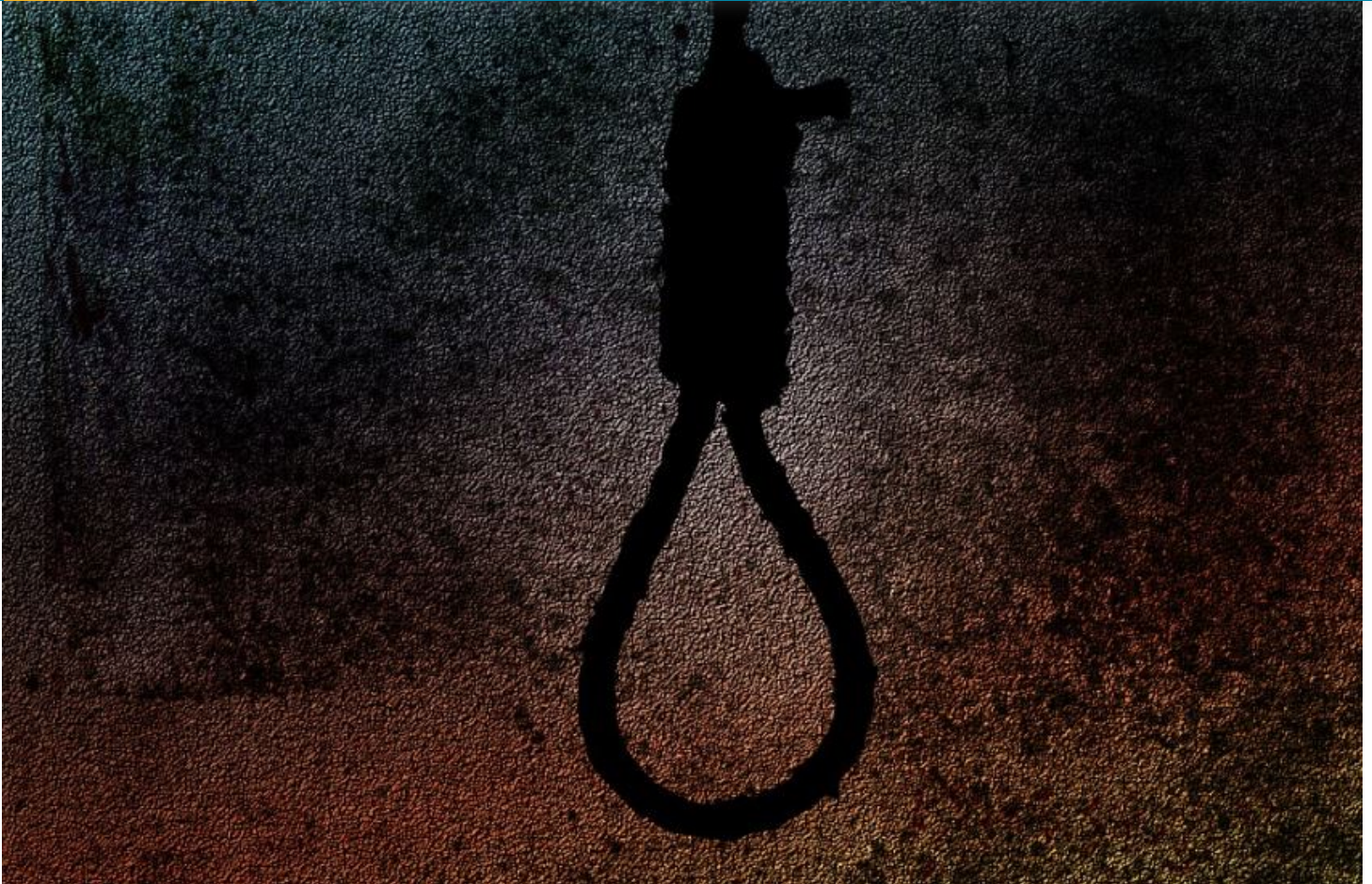


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Representational Image-- couple commit suicide in Bihar (Picture credit: Pixabay)

The extended lockdown is now having its cascading effect. A young couple in Bihar committed suicide after they failed to repay their loan.



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The couple had borrowed a loan of Rs 5 lakh to hire a truck. The heavy motor vehicle was used for commercial purposes and helped the couple eke out their livelihood. Suman, through her earnings from the truck, used to repay the installment of her loan.

However, ever since the lockdown came into force on March 24, her commercial activities took a nosedive. The ban on plying of vehicles only added to her woes. So much so that the couple faced acute hardship in running their household.

In the meantime, lenders mounted pressure for early repayment of the loan. With no money to pay the loan installment, Suman and Ramesh had a verbal altercation.



In a fit of rage, Suman set herself on fire. The husband made his best efforts to rescue her but Suman, by then, had suffered 90-percent burn injuries. She succumbed while being rushed to the hospital. Shocked over his wife's death, Ramesh hanged himself to death.

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(SHO) of Sarai police station, Sunita Kumari. "The bodies have been sent to Hajipur Sadar Hospital for post-mortem," the SHO added.

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