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Depressed Ajmer family consumes poison after failing to pay loan instalments amid lockdown

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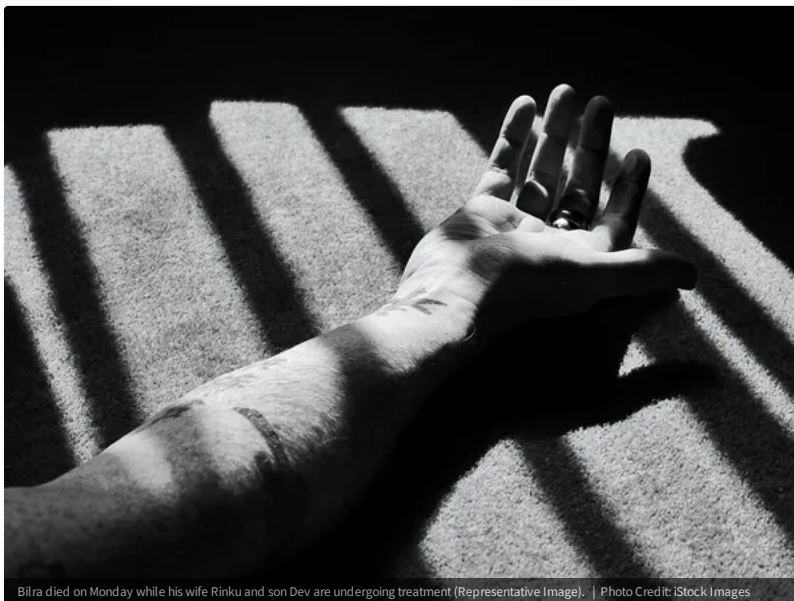


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A textile shop owner in Ajmer, Rajasthan consumed poison with his family as he was unable to pay his loan installments.



Bilra died on Monday while his wife Rinku and son Dev are undergoing treatment. (Representative Image). | Photo Credit: iStock Images

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- On Monday, a 45-year-old businessman consumed poison with his family in Ajmer, Rajasthan
- The businessmen died on the same day while his wife and 17-year-old son are recovering
- Allegedly, the businessman and his family were depressed as they had facing financial problems

Ajmer: To prevent the further spread of coronavirus, a lockdown was imposed across several states in the country. During the lockdown, only a small number of shops were allowed to operate and several businesses took a hit due to the same. Several businessmen faced losses as their lives came to a standstill during the pandemic.

A businessman and his family attempted suicide as they were struggling financially. The family took the drastic step on Tuesday at their residence in Shahpura, Bhilwara area of Ajmer. The businessman died while his wife and teenage son are said to be recovering.

The deceased was identified as Mohit Bilra. Bilra died on Monday while his wife Rinku and son Dev are undergoing treatment.

Struggling to pay loan instalments

An investigation revealed that Mohit had taken a loan worth Rs 12 lakh and was struggling to repay it. As his business had taken a hit during the lockdown, Mohit was unable to pay three instalments of his loan.

Disturbed over the same, the 45-year-old man consumed poison along with his family in a bid to end his suffering.

The police told *The Times of India* that Rinku was unable to speak to the police as she had not recovered completely. The police said that the family had been struggling with depression due to their financial position.

The deceased's 17-year-old son Dev was recovering but was unable to speak to the police. The doctors also prevented the police from speaking to the 17-year-old boy.

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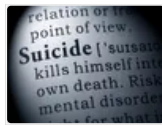
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