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PRESS NOTE

- Two Latvian Nationals came to India on 03/02/2018 via Cochin International Airport. They came to Alappuzha and stayed at 'Orchid Home Stay' on 4th February. Both of them went to Matha Amruthanandamayi Ashramam, Vallikkavu and stayed there till 08/02/2018. Then they stayed at 'Mad about Co-Co' a resort at Varkala till 21/02/2018. Thereafter as per the request of the foreigners, the Ayurvedic Healing Centre arranged a vehicle to bring them to Pothencode. Both of them stayed in a double room for Ayurvedic treatment.
- The victim, aged 32, was found missing at 07.00 am on 14/03/2018 while she was on treatment at Dharma Ayurveda Healing Centre, Aruvikkarakonam, Pothencode in Thiruvananthapuram Rural. The matter was reported to Pothencode Police Station.
- All the belongings, that is, her Passport, Mobile Phone, Dresses etc. were in her room. She had not attended Yoga Class on that day. Even she didn't take enough money to travel.
- Based on the statement of Manager, Dharma Ayurveda Healing Centre, Pothencode, FIR was registered as No. 354/2018 by Assistant Sub Inspector of Police, Sri. Prabhakaran at 19.45 hrs on the same day.
- The Manager stated that he got information that the victim had gone in an autorikshaw to Kovalam. Then information was sent to Kovalam Police Station. Thiruvananthapuram City Police Control Room received the information

and it was communicated to all Mobile Patrols and Police Stations in Thiruvananthapuram City.

- The Investigation was taken by Sri. B.S. Sajan, Sub Inspector of Police (Crime) of Pothencode Police Station.
- He immediately conducted search on the Beach, Hotels, Home stays and enquiry was conducted among autorikshaw taxi drivers, Merchants and fishermen and other Tourist Guides at Kovalam Beach till late night.
- He prepared the Lookout Notice having the photograph of the victim and pasted on main junctions, notice boards of hotels, resorts, home stays, in front of Shops and conveyed to all fishermen members of 'Kadalora Jagratha Samithi'. Information was passed on to all Print and Visual Media.
- The City Police Commissioner directed the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Control Room, Thiruvananthapuram City and Police Officers of Kovalam, Vizhinjam and the Shadow Police to assist the investigation in order to trace the missing person.
- The Tourist Guides, Swimmers, Rescue Operators, Boat Drivers, Fishermen, Street Vendors and helpers of tourists were interrogated and informed about the missing of the missing person.
- The State Police Chief convened a meeting at Police Headquarters and reviewed the investigation. He constituted a team comprising of Sri. Jaidev IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, (L & O), Thiruvananthapuram City, Sri. G.Suresh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Control Room, Thiruvananthapuram City, Sri. P. Anilkumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Attingal, Sri. R. Dethan, Deputy Superintendent of Police, CBCID, STATS, Thiruvananthapuram, Sri. Arun Raj, Circle Inspector of Police, Control Room, Thiruvananthapuram City, Sri. N. Shibu, SHO, Vizhinjam Police Station, Sri. Jayachandran, SHO, Coastal Police Station, Vizhinjam and other 3 Sub Inspectors of Police. P. Anilkumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Attingal, is

assigned as the Chief Investigating Officer on 23/03/2018 as per the Order No. D5/44087/2018/PHQ.

- An FIR was registered as Crime No. 471/2018 u/s 174 CrPC on 20/04/2018 at Thiruvallam Police Station in connection with the reporting of an unknown dead body which is found over creepers in a bushy and marshy place at Chenthilakkari Kadavu near Vazhamuttom in Thiruvallam Police Station limit.
- A Special Investigation Team was constituted to investigate the Case assigning Assistant Commissioner of Police, Fort Sub Division as Chief Investigating Officer.
- Various Police Officers from Thiruvananthapuram City Police were pooled to assist the investigation.
- Post Mortem examination was conducted by Team of Doctors. In the report the doctors opined that the death was due to blunt injury sustained on the neck.
- An exhaustive examination of Crime Scene was done by scientific experts from various branches of FSL.
- DNA Finger Printing was done on the remnants of the dead body by comparing with the blood of the sister of the victim at Rajiv Gandhi Bio Technology Research Centre. It confirmed the identity.
- A thorough search of the entire crime scene was done by Police Officers and collected so many evidences.
- So many CDRs of various Phone Numbers of different persons were verified.

- The drug peddlers, Anti socials and persons having shady characters were short listed and thorough interrogation was done.
- Finally, the youths who have access to that particular place were identified and interrogated them by the Police Officers.
- One Mr. Umesh and Mr. Udayan were arrested in connection with this incident.
- The above persons had enticed her, drugged her by using Ganja and abused her sexually. When she resisted them physically, they strangled her and hanged the lady using creepers.
- Offences U/s. 328, 342, 366, 376, 302, 201 and 34 IPC and 20(b) of NDPS Act were committed.
- Report from Forensic Science Lab and Chemical Examination lab are awaited. Further investigation is under progress.
