

## **Hyderabad Teen Allegedly Raped, Blackmailed For Four Years**

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Three persons have been arrested for allegedly raping a 16-year-old girl on multiple occasions over the last four years, the city police said on Sunday, 13 January.

A demonstration was held in the Kamatipura area of Hyderabad on Sunday after the girl alleged that apart from the three arrested men, she was sexually harassed by eight others including a "panch" witness.

The police arrested three persons, including a relative of the girl on 31 December, after she filed a complaint against them. The relative who was living on the first floor of her house gave her a soft drink spiked with sedatives in 2015 and raped her, she said.

*Later, he and two of his friends raped her on multiple occasions and also blackmailed her after recording the act, she alleged.*

They are now in judicial custody, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Charminar Division) B Anjaiah told PTI.

The girl later alleged that eight more persons, including a man who acts as a "panch" witness (a witness used by police to sign on crime spot inspection reports) had also exploited her sexually.

In view of the fresh allegations and to ensure better probe, a woman police officer of the ACP rank has taken over the case, Anjaiah said.

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