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### **Two held for outraging women's modesty**

#### **Assam Police launches crackdown against cattle smuggling**

**Dispur, June 25:** Acting swiftly on the directive of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and showing no leniency to any action purported to outrage women's modesty, the Crime Branch of Assam Police with the help of Jammu and Kashmir Police, arrested one Mohammad Abbas Bhat alias Syed Abbass for allegedly passing obscene comment on the widow of slain CRPF jawan Sunil Kalita who was killed in the militant attack in Jharkhand recently.

It may be noted that the accused Syed Abbass made discourteous comment on slain Sunil Kalita's wife on the face book page of News Live while she was paying her tributes and saluting her slain husband during last rites. In view of this, one Ramen Barua lodged an FIR with Kamalpur Police Station on 15 June. Accordingly, a case was registered and the Officer in charge of Kamalpur PS inspector Mrinal Das was directed to lead a three-member team to Jammu and Kashmir.

The team left for Kashmir on 17 June and the accused person was arrested with assistance from Jammu and Kashmir Police, Central and State intelligence agencies. The accused was produced at Damhal Hanji Pora Court in Kulgam district on 22 June and he was sent to eight days transit remand to Assam Police team as the accused is being brought to Guwahati by flight via New Delhi.

Making its intent clear of showing zero tolerance on any action leading to the atrocity on women, the State Police apprehended Jawed Ahmed in Siddharth Nagar of Nashik District, Maharashtra for allegedly kidnapping a girl.

It may be noted that pursuant upon the complaint of Joykumar Das who lodged a missing complaint of his daughter at Jamunamukh Police Station, the Office in Charge of the PS registered a case. In course of investigation one accomplice namely Rubul Islam was arrested. During further interrogation, it came to light that the accused fled Assam and with the kidnapped girl headed to Maharashtra. A team was constituted which rushed to Nasik and with an active support of its counterpart in Maharashtra the Assam Police pinned down the accused and arrested him and rescued the girl on 23 June. Meanwhile the police team along with accused and rescued girl are in transit and will reach Hojai by 27 June.

On the other hand, following a direction from Chief Minister Sonowal, the Assam police has launched major crackdown against cattle smuggling and arrested its kingpin Mohammed Sarfaraz from Pandey Parsa under Phulbaria PS of Gopalganj district in Bihar.

A team of the Crime Branch of City Police with the help of the Bihar Police arrested Sarfaraz on Saturday and brought him to the city on Monday. The police have arrested

Sharfaraz on charges of smuggling cattle to Bangladesh on the basis of the confessional statement of another accused Dildar Hussain, who was arrested earlier.

It may be mentioned that earlier a case was registered at Basistha Police Station in the city against cattle smuggling on the complaint of one Salim Javed Hazarika of Guwahati. The complainant alleged that Mohammed Sarfaraz of Hastinapur, 9 Mile, Jorabat and Dildar Hussain of Sonapur Balighat along with fourteen other accused were running a racket involving transportation of cattle illegally and same were smuggled across Bangladesh border. It was also alleged that payment of the transactions were made through hawala transactions running through Fancy Bazar area of the city.

The Assam Police have continued its investigation further on the complaint.

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