

Kerala godman charged with rape

Controversial Kerala godman Swami Amritananthaacharya alias Santhosh Madhavan was Tuesday arrested and charged with three offences, including rape of a teenager.

Inspector General of Police Vincent M. Paul told reporters that three cases have been filed against Santhosh Madhavan and his driver Thomas.

'Both were taken into custody while travelling in a black Lancer car this morning. He has been charged in different cases, including raping a 15-year-old girl in his flat here seven times. We received a complaint from the Class 10 girl today,' said Kochi City Police commissioner Manoj Abraham.

He added that Madhavan has also been charged with possessing 'ganja' (marijuana) while the forest department has registered a case against him for keeping a tiger skin.

A large number of pornographic films were also recovered from his flat here.

'Madhavan and his driver will be produced before the court tomorrow,' said Abraham.

The police also paraded both men in front of the media. Madhavan, who is in his early 30s, was seen smiling.

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