

## Murdered Andhra student's body to arrive Saturday

The body of an Indian student murdered in Birmingham will be brought here Saturday and will be cremated the same day at her home town Vijayawada.

V.S. Jyothirmayi's family members in Vijayawada, about 300 km from here, said they received the information that the Indian consulate in Birmingham has handed over the body to the European Telugu Association (ETA).

The ETA, which has been authorised by the girl's parents to collect the body, has made the arrangements to send it to India.

Jyothirmayi, 23, a postgraduate student in public health at Wolverhampton University, was found murdered in her flat on the outskirts of Birmingham on May 6.

N. Nagaraju Kumar, 24, who was sharing the apartment with her, was found there injured. Two days later, the police arrested Kumar, charged him with the murder, and alleged he had injured himself to mislead the investigators.

The motive behind the murder, however, remains a mystery. The victim's family has repeatedly denied that she was in love with Kumar.

Jyothirmayi's father N. Saibabu said the body would arrive in [Hyderabad](#) at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday by a KLM flight via Amsterdam.

Saibabu's brother V. Kanaka Durga Prasad will receive the body in Hyderabad. It will be immediately taken to Vijayawada by road. The family members said the body would be kept at the house for two to three hours to enable the family and friends to pay their last respects. The funeral will take place the same day.

According to information received by Jyothirmayi's parents, the coroner's court in Birmingham released the body after two autopsies.

The Andhra Pradesh government has already announced that it will bear the expenses of bringing the body to India.

Saibabu, his wife and their younger daughter dropped their plans to travel to Birmingham to catch a glimpse of Jyothirmayi's body after they were informed that it would not take four to six weeks to send the body to India as anticipated earlier.

Representatives of Wolverhampton University will also attend the funeral. A three-member delegation from the university had visited Vijayawada last week and met the parents of the victim to offer condolences on behalf of the university authorities.

The delegation announced that they would refund the fee paid by the student. Jyothirmayi had joined the university last September and her parents said they spent Rs.600,000.

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