

Woman burnt alive by priest in Madhya Pradesh town

A woman was allegedly burnt alive by a priest after she resisted his advances in a village in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh district. The woman succumbed to her injuries in a hospital Friday evening, police said.

The woman, Vinita Patel (27), in her dying declaration to the police said, 'The priest, Devki Prasad Tiwari, entered my house in a bid to outrage my modesty and when I protested, he doused me with kerosene and burnt me.' The incident took place in village Piprodha Chakkar in Damoh, 280 km from here.

'She was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to Jabalpur medical hospital where she died this evening,' a police official said.

'We have registered a case on the basis of the dying woman's declaration and are investigating the matter,' Damoh police superintendant Dilip Arya told IANS.

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