

## **SAMBAD -- 12TH October 2004 -Youth arrested for raping a minor**

Bhubaneswar: 11/10/2004 The Nayapalli Mahila Police station today arrested a local youth named Ajay Behera(19) from Mundasahi locality on charges of allegedly raping a minor. Reports reveal that the accused alias Ajay came to his sister's house in Mundasahi where he had his eyes on the 9 year old daughter of a local trolley puller. On Saturday around 6 pm in the absence of the victims parents Ajay sneaked into her residence and raped her. The police have arrested Ajay after receiving written complaints from the victim's father.

## **SAMBAD-14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2004 -Teenager (Schoolgirl) abducted and raped: ITI student arrested.**

Kalyansinghpur 12/10: The Kalyansinghpur block police today rescued a 9<sup>th</sup> standard girl from the clutches of a 19 year old local ITI student alias Sankar Sethi , [ Karapa grampanchayat,Village-Bijaynagar]who has been accused of abduction and repeatedly raping the girl at different places over the last 5 days. The girl after being rescued has been sent for medical examination and the accused has been forwarded to court after the people in the area turned violent. Such a heinous crime has raised questions regarding the safety of girl child in the area. It has been reported that previously the local Panchayat had taken up the issue to solve the problem by acting as a bridge between the 2 families but when they failed the matter was reported to the police.

## **SAMBAD---- 12<sup>TH</sup> Oct04 ATTEMPT TO RAPE OF A MINOR CREATES VIOLENCE IN MOB**

KUJANG: It has been reported that a 70 year old alias Gopi Behera of Mangarajpur village has eluded the local police and has vanished from the village premises after a case was registered in the Mangarajpur police station against him for attempting to rape a minor after he had lured the girl to the nearby isolated garden in order to show him some attractive flowers, where he attempted to rape the child. But when the girl shouted and yelled all his evil intentions went in vain. Gopi then threatened the girl to choke her to death if she reported the matter to the police. But Gopi was still afraid of and he registered a false FIR against the girl and her uncle as a result of which the police refused to register the FIR against Gopi when the victim's uncle brought the matter to the police. But the local villagers turned violent on the issue and they manhandled Gopi. When the situation went from bad to worse the police intervened and registered a case against Gopi. But when Gopi came to know about the situation he cleverly escaped from the clutches of the police and the villagers. Here it may be noted that Gopi had similar charges pending against him since last year. Such an activity by an older

citizen in the village has not only raised question marks about the safety of the girl child in Orissa but also on the moral values of the people.

### **14 Year Old Girl Pregnant; Ditched by her Boyfriend.**

**Pragatibadi : 13<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

Banki: It has been reported that a 14 year old teen aged girl (Lily) who was ditched by her boy friend alias Kulu of Dansar village is now pregnant of a 4 month old baby after the latter refused to accept Lily after he came to know about the issue. Sources reveal that Kulu had earlier promised Lily to marry her and also kept physical relations with her. When the matter came to limelight the villagers tried to pacify the issue by getting both of them married but Kulu refused to accept her in public, but Lily is adamant on giving birth to the child and also to bring her up despite all her family members are against it. Here it may be noted that this is not the first case of its kind in the area but before this 5 such cases have been reported from the particular village. Further the police dairy reveals that over the past 6 months about 32 unmarried teenaged girls have given become pregnant and are now nursing their babies. Such cases are at an alarming rise in the area and it can be easily assessed that illiteracy and poor livelihood status of the people in the region are the only reason for the rise in such cases. In this context one can easily assess what is the fate of the newborn babies in future. A few more potential child labourers are in the making.