

Chaubisi khap to boycott rape accused

Appeals to all panchayats to stop crime against women in their areas

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The Chaubisi khap panchayat of Meham has imposed social boycott of anyone accused or convicted in rape or molestation case in the region.

This was declared at the meeting of the panchayat members held at Meham town, 30 km from here today.

A spokesperson said the decision comes in view of the rising incidents of this nature.

He said the recent incident in New Delhi had shaken the society and it was time that all right thinking people vow to fight against such heinous crimes.

He said the two-hour long meeting was held under the chairmanship of Tulsi Grewal.

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Heads of several tapas (cluster of some villages), including Surajmal of Meham tapa, Jaiveer of Samain tapa, Jagdish Rathi of Balamba tapa, Bhim Singh Nehra of Nindana, Satbir of Bhaini Chanderpal and several prominent residents of the Meham Chaubisi took part in the meeting.

The panchayat members expressed concern over the rising incidents of crime against women in the both the urban and rural areas and resolved to stick to the traditional system of imposing a ban or boycott those responsible for such crimes.

The Chaubisi khap panchayat also appealed to all the panchayats in the region to adopt a strict stance to check such incidents in their respective areas.

24 VILLAGES AGREE

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