

**Government of Karnataka
(C.R.P.67)**

**IN THE COURT OF 1st ADDL. DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS JUDGE, CHIKKAMAGALURU.
S.C.No.54/2025**

PW- 07

CW-12

Duly Sworn on: 27-10-2025

Witness Name : Dr.Santhosh Kumar
Father's Name : Shivanna.B
Age : 41 years
Occupation : Senior Specialist, District
Hospital , Hassan
Place of Residence : Hassan

(The accused is in judicial custody and today he is produced through video conferencing from District Prison, Chikkamagaluru and before recording the evidence of witness, it is got confirmed from the accused that the voice is clearly audible to him.)

Examination in Chief by Public Prosecutor:-

I am working as Senior Specialist at District Hospital, Hassan since 2016. I am specialist in forensic medicine.

2. Upon the requisition submitted by Tahasildar of Hassan Taluk pertaining to Crime No.07/2025 on the file of Women Police Station, Chikkamagaluru, I

conducted postmortem examination on the dead body of one Sharada W/o Manjunatha, aged about 28 years, R/o 2nd cross, Shankarapura, Chikkamagaluru Town on 21-01-2025 from 7.10 p.m to 8.10 p.m. Said body was identified by WPC.No19 Sunitha.

3. On examination, the dead body was of female with light brown complexion, it was poorly built and nourished. Rigormortis was present in the neck region and was setting in. Postmortem staining was present over the back and it was not fixed. Horizontally placed sutured wound measuring 12 c.m. in length was present over the lower part of abdomen in the midline.

4. I noticed following external injuries on the dead body

1. Laceration measuring 1 c.m x .04 c.m x mucosa deep was present over the lower lip.
2. Abrasion measuring 1 c.m. x 1 c.m was present over the right knee.
3. Abrasion measuring 1 c.m. x 1 c.m was present over left great toe.
5. On further dissection of the body,I noticed

that all organs at the head and thorax region were intact and pale. In the abdomen region, right anterior wall showed resolving contusion measuring 4 c.m x 3 c.m. Mesentery showed resolving diffuse contusion. Other organs at abdomen region were intact and pale. The genito-urinary organs were intact and pale. Uterus contained product of conception. The external injuries as well as the internal injuries noted by me were ante-mortem in nature. The external injuries were covered with black scab that indicates that the age of said injuries were 4 to 7 days prior to death. The time since death was 4 to 8 hours prior to the body being kept in cold storage. The deceased was treated at HIMS hospital prior to her death and after her death, her deadbody was kept in the cold storage of said hospital. I kept my opinion regarding cause of death pending for want of the hospital reports regarding treatment administered to the deceased.

6. Later on 27.01.2025, I received the reports from HIMS hospital regarding the treatment administered to the deceased. On the basis of the

postmortem examination conducted by me as well as on the basis of the aforesaid reports, I am of the opinion that the death was due to complications consequent to blunt abdominal injury sustained with complications of pregnancy being significant contributory factor.

7. The deceased was poorly built and nourished, when she received blunt abdominal injury, she could not sustain the injury that too when she was pregnant and died due to its further consequences. In the said regard, I issued postmortem examination report on 27.01.2025. Now I see said report and it bears my signatures. The postmortem examination report issued by the witness is marked as Ex.P11 and the signatures of the witness are marked as Ex.P11(a) to (c).

Cross Examination by Sri.GSS Advocate for accused:

8. At the time of conducting autopsy except me and the attending staff, no one were present.

Question : If a person is anemic and poorly built, there is possibility of he / she sustaining death.

Ans: Only when a person is severely anemic and

not properly treated, then there is possibility of death due to anemic and its sequelae.

9. It is true to suggest that if a person is not treated for seizure, there is possibility of death due to seizure and its sequelae. It is false to suggest that there is possibility of a pregnant woman sustaining death only because of accidental slip and fall. It is false to suggest that all the internal organs of the deceased were intact. It is false to suggest that I have not conducted autopsy on the deadbody of Sharada. It is false to suggest that I have issued false report as per Ex.P11 and deposed falsely at the instance of police.

Re-examination: Nil.

(Typed to my dictation in Open Court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

Sd/-

(BHANUMATHI. B.C.)

1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge,
Chikkamagaluru.

