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## **Teenage Dalit girl gang-raped**

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AHMEDABAD: A Dalit girl (17) was allegedly gang-raped by four persons in Limdi in Surendranagar district in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat.

The police said on Monday that the girl, a 12th standard student in Limdi, suffered the trauma on January 11, but did not disclose it to anybody till Sunday, when she broke down and narrated the incident to her relatives and some local social workers.

Acting quickly, the police arrested three of the alleged rapists and a woman who was instrumental in taking the girl to a desolate spot where the four men, already dead drunk, were waiting. The girl too was forced to consume alcohol and was raped by the four. One of the accused, the only non-Dalit among them, was absconding.

The police said the girl was checked by the Gandhi hospital in Limdi and was later referred to the Ahmedabad civil hospital for psychiatric treatment as she reportedly had lost her mental balance due to the trauma.

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