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Teacher booked for sexual assault on four-year-old

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NAVI MUMBAI: The parents of a four-and-half-year-old girl have lodged a complaint against a 27-year-old teacher working at a playschool in Nerul, accusing him of sexually assaulting their daughter. The parents, in their complaint, have also accused the playschool principal of threatening them against approaching the police and lodging a case.

The police said that an FIR was lodged on Saturday under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Section 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code. The crime took place at the playschool on February 23 when the teacher allegedly touched the girl inappropriately. The victim later told her parents about the incident.

The minor's father said, "On learning about the sexual assault, we immediately contacted the principal. However, instead of informing the police, he threatened us with a defamation suit if we went ahead and lodged an FIR against the teacher."

A medical examination of the girl at a civic hospital had shown some injuries to her private parts, said the father. The police said that the accused teacher had been booked under sections 4, 8 and 10 of the POCSO Act. He has not yet been arrested, as soon after the incident, he left for his hometown in Bihar. The police are trying to trace him.

The playschool could not be contacted for comments as it was closed on Sunday.

"I had accompanied the girl's parents to the police station. The management of the playschool is also to be

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No room for homeless patients in hospitals, alleges citizen activist

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NAVI MUMBAI: A citizen activist and lawyer, Siddh Vidya, had a bitter experience while trying to help an injured homeless man get proper treatment in several hospitals since March. The 22-year-old patient, Krishna Mane, passed away after he was admitted to Dr D Y Patil Hospital in Nerul on Friday.

"I have submitted a complaint letter against Dr D Y Patil hospital to Nerul police. When I visited the ICU on Friday, I did not see any senior doctor attending to the patient, who died the same night," said Vidya.

However, spokesperson for Dr D Y Patil Hospital, Dr S More, said, "We have treated the patient here for nearly 90 days. We did our best, but it is sad that he could not make it."

Dr More added that the patient was initially admitted in Terna Sahyadri Speciality Hospital in Nerul, then shifted to Vashi civic hospital, from where he was transferred to Sir JJ hospital in Mumbai, before being sent to Dr D Y Patil hospital.

Vidya had earlier complained to the office of charity commissioner in Mumbai about the 'negligence' on part of Terna hospital.

The charity commissioner has summoned representatives of the hospital for an inquiry on July 18.