

Freak mishaps haunt city roads man dies in car fire, truck top

44-yr-old charred to death as car catches fire

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Chennai: A 44-year-old businessman was found charred to death in his car near the toll gate on the Maduravoyal-Tambaram bypass road on Wednesday after the vehicle caught fire below the 'Rettai Eri' flyover around 2 am. The police said it was a case of accidental death.

After the personnel manning the toll gate alerted the police control room, a team led by Porur inspector Durai Raj rushed there and conducted an inquiry. Fire tenders from Kilpauk and Poonamallee put out the fire in an hour.

According to the police, Rajendra Kumar of Vepery, who owns a plastic manufacturing company in Puducherry, was

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on his way there after visiting his friends in Vadapalani when the incident occurred.

Kumar passed the toll gate at 2.03am and had gone about half a km, when the car went up in flames. Kumar is survived by his wife Sangeetha (40) and children Kushboo and Ronak.

Suburban police commissioner S R Jangid who inspected the accident spot said, "It was a case of an accidental fire and the central locking system getting activated. Even the gold chain worn on his person was intact. Before he could act, the engine caught fire, the central locking system activated and he was trapped. He died of asphyxiation. The autopsy report received on Wednesday evening from the SRMC Hospital said that Kumar had died of asphyxiation.

Fire officials said the mishap could have been the result of a leak in the cylinder.



METAL TRAPS: (Top) The car caught fire on the Maduravoyal-Tambaram bypass trapping the occupant inside; (above) a state transport bus, which tried to overtake another bus on the left hit a protruding branch of a tree on Ashok nagar 1st Avenue on Wednesday evening. The driver and conductor suffered injuries in the accident. The residents in the area said that since one side of the road has been blocked for Metro Rail works, accidents have become rather common in the area, especially because of a tree which is leaning on to the road

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