

Case Study: Jobandeep Singh & Sukhpreet Kaur (Amritsar, Punjab)

A) Case Background and Family Structure

Jobandeep Singh (24, Jaat caste) worked in soil filling, while Sukhpreet Kaur (21, Pachbir caste) belonged to a different caste background. The two had known each other for nearly three years. Their relationship was hidden from Jobandeep's family.

B) Incident Summary

The couple married secretly in a Gurdwara, later attempting a court marriage in June 2025. When Sukhpreet's father learned about it, he allegedly persuaded them to return home under the pretext of arranging a proper marriage. Upon return, both were brutally assaulted by Sukhpreet's father, son, nephew, and son-in-law. After they fell unconscious, their throats were slit, resulting in a **double honour killing** on 04.06.2025.

Two accused—the girl's father and nephew—have been arrested; the father has surrendered.

C) Analysis of the Case (Key Points)

- The couple belonged to different castes, contributing to family opposition.
- Their independent decision to marry appears to have triggered violence driven by honour and control.
- The assault involved multiple family members, showing collective intent.
- Key accused (father and nephew) have been arrested, but the survivor's family still lacks a copy of the FIR.
- The case fits established patterns of honour-based violence seen when families reject inter-caste relationships.

D) Conclusion

The murders of Jobandeep and Sukhpreet clearly reflect an **honour-based double killing** rooted in caste, family control, and societal pressure. While two accused are in custody, the family still lacks basic documents like the FIR. Continued monitoring, legal support, and psychological assistance are essential to ensure justice and prevent intimidation.