

Court to hear Jiah mom's plea seeking test reports on Sat

Mumbai: An Andheri court on Saturday will hear a plea made by Rabia Khan, mother of actor Jiah Khan. Rabia has sought scientific test reports conducted after her daughter was found hanging from a fan in her Juhu flat in June. Rabia's advocate Dinesh Tiwari said, "We have sought the toxicology report and the post-mortem video."

"Crime scene management is taking momentum and forensic science is increasingly being used to recreate crime scenes," said Dr Rukmani Krishnamurthy, former director, directorate of state forensic science labs. "In a suicide or homicide case, study of clues is crucial to decipher the truth, especially in sensitive cases. Nails normally come out with flesh, but DNA tests must be done to rule out if it belongs to a suspect."

"Tongue position depends on type of hanging," she said. "Retrieval of digital data, finger prints—with use of nano technology if necessary—and check of door or windows are mandatory in any indoor crime scene to rule out entry of possible suspects, and along with authorized polygraph tests would lead to a total scientific reconstruction of the case."

Dr Krishnamurthy is chairperson of Helix Advisory, which with Gujarat Forensic Science varsity seeks to bring advances in science to greater use by nationwide launch of mobile forensic vans. — Swati Deshpande