

Pastor held for raping church shelter inmate

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Chennai: A 60-year-old pastor, who is running a charitable trust in a village near Minjur in Tiruvallur district, 55 km from Chennai, was arrested for raping a 20-year-old girl. The girl, an orphan, was staying in a shelter on the church premises. Police are also inquiring into the probability of the pastor sexually abusing the children staying in the orphanage. Police said inquiries had revealed that pastor Sadhu Immanuel had sexual-



ly assaulted another 22-year-old girl staying in the same shelter and had taken her to a private hospital in Red Hills for abortion six months ago.

"Whenever his family was away, Immanuel used to ask the girls, who call him 'father', to clean his house and then sexually assault them. He used to do this inside church too. We have rescued eight girls and two boys from the home," Tiruvallur SP Sarangan said.