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Doctor killed in robbery: Police

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Police in Mumbai, India, have settled on robbery as the motive behind the slaying of the chief of obstetrics at an Orangeville hospital who was visiting an ailing brother. Dr. Asha Goel, 62, was found early Saturday in a pool of blood on the floor of a bedroom at her brother's house in the upper-class suburb of Malabar Hill. A preliminary autopsy report said she had been beaten to death.

Yesterday, the city's top detective said theft was the motive.

"It was a murder while committing a robbery," S.P. Singh, the city's joint commissioner of police, said in an interview.

Singh said there had been some initial confusion in the investigation because police in the city are also dealing with the two bomb blasts on Monday that claimed more than 50 lives.

Goel had come from Canada to Mumbai a few days before her death to visit her brother, Suresh Chandra Agarwal, who had recently started kidney dialysis, and his wife, who recently suffered a stroke.

Colleagues at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville, where Goel's husband, Dr. S.K. Goel, is a general surgeon, said she joined the staff in 1987.

Before going to Orangeville, she spent 17 years at Pasqua Hospital in Regina.

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: Dr. Asha Goel worked with her husband at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville.