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Killed At Seventeen In Ayodhya, His Family Still Struggled

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Rajendra Prasad Dharkar's nephew holds his uncle's picture

CASE SUMMARY

Age at death	A 17-year-old karsevak died during the 1990 events in Ayodhya.
Date of firing	Police opened fire on karsevaks on 30 October 1990, the first of two days of firing.
Uncle's account	His uncle said the teenager was hit by a bullet and fell into a dry well while trying to escape.
Recovery	Police recovered his body that evening.
Cremation	His uncle said the administration refused to hand over the body to the family. It was cremated in Faizabad after a post-mortem.

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