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Mumbai Crime Report Increase Rape Molestation And Cyber Crime NGO Claimed Ann

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Mumbai News: Cases of crime and cyber crime are increasing every day across the country. Meanwhile, social organization Praja Foundation has launched a white paper on Mumbai's policing and law and order on Thursday (23 November). Many big things have come to light in this report, which indicate how much immediate attention and reforms are needed in Mumbai's policing and law and order system.

Increasing crime graph in Mumbai

This report covers issues related to crime incidents, Protection of Children Act (POCSO) cases, cyber crime, forensic department and police personnel. Praja

Foundation CEO Milind Mhaske said, "To improve the maintenance of law and order, the Supreme Court in 2006 had issued directions for seven police reforms in the 'Prakash Singh vs Union of India' judgment."

In this report, it has been told that in the last 10 years in Mumbai, registered cases of rape have increased by 130 percent (391 to 901) and molestation cases have increased by 105 percent (1,137 to 2,329). Apart from this, 61 percent (615) of the total rape cases registered in Mumbai are against minor girls.

Yogesh Mishra, head of research and analysis at Praja Foundation, said, "This data has been recorded in the report under the Protection of Children Act, 2012 (POCSO) from the data available on the website of Mumbai Police."

Shortage of policemen in the state

Apart from this, there is a shortage of 30 percent policemen in Mumbai Police by July 2023. Apart from this, a decrease of 22 percent was also seen in the posts of Police Inspector, Assistant Police Inspector and Police Sub Inspector. At the end of 2022, 73 percent of the POCSO cases registered were pending investigation. The status of pending investigation of other registered criminal cases in 2022 is not available. This National Crime Records Bureau's Crime in India - 2022 report has not been published yet.

How much has cyber crime increased?

Cyber crime is increasing all over the world and Mumbai is no exception to this. Cyber crime cases registered in Mumbai increased by 243 percent from 2018 (1,375) to 2022 (4,723). The highest number of cyber crime cases reported were credit card fraud, which has increased by 657 percent from 461 in 2018 to 3,490 in 2022. However, to curb this issue, mitigating steps have been taken by Mumbai Police, such as formation of cyber cells in police stations.

Policing and law and order report

In the last 10 years, registered molestation cases have increased by 105 percent (1,137 to 2,329). In 2022, 63 percent of the total rape cases involving victims were minor girls and were registered under the POCSO Act. At the end of 2022, 73 percent of POCSO cases are pending investigation. The vacancy in the posts of policemen has increased from 22 percent in 2018 to 30 percent in 2023.

There is a 22 percent shortage of officer designations involved in investigation by July 2023. At the end of 2022, 44 percent of forensic investigation cases were pending and by March 2023, there is a shortage of 39 percent staff in the

forensic department. Cyber crime cases increased by 243 percent from 1,375 in 2018 to 4,723 in 2022. During the same period, credit card fraud cases increased by 657 percent (461 to 3,490).

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