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West region, with Bandra in it, worst affected by crime

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MUMBAI: The west region (Bandra-Jogeshwari belt) recorded nearly 19,000 crime cases last year, the highest among all city regions. The west region also recorded the highest number of rioting and theft cases for five years till 2022. The region's citizen associations are vigilant and well networked, ensuring complaints are registered. "West region is home to the well-heeled which could explain the highest number of thefts.

Also, a large number of senior citizens live here, many of them in row houses and bungalows that may not be well guarded. The police need to restart their scheme of getting beat constables to visit homes of senior citizens," said advocate Trivankumar Karnani who runs a citizens' forum called MNCDF.

Only last week, actor Pooja Bhatt tweeted about a spate of robberies on Bandra's Rebello, Veronica and St Roque's roads. Karnani said more police patrolling was required as many buildings are under repair and burglars use scaffoldings to gain access to higher floors. The data, by Praja Foundation, showed that overall in the last 10 years, some offences such as chain-snatching have reduced drastically across the city. Between 2013 and 2022, chain snatching cases reduced by 91%.