Crimes against women: Delhi tops metros

Despite the marginal dip it witnessed in crime against women, Delhi continued to record the highest number of such cases in 2016 among metropolitan cities in the country, according to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau on Thursday.

The city ranked no. 1 in terms of crime rate that accounts for 33.1% share among metropolitan cities when it comes to women's safety.

Delhi accounted for the maximum number of rape cases among 19 major cities, at 40%. The figures for 'cruelty by husband and his relatives' and 'dowry deaths' stood respectively at 29% each.

Overall, crimes against women in Delhi only marginally decreased from 17,222 cases in 2015 to 15,310 in 2016.

In year 2016, Delhi accounted 2,155 cases of rape, 669 cases of stalking and 41 cases of voyeurism, followed by Mumbai where 359 cases of stalking and 28 cases of voyeurism were reported.

"We have introduced e-FIR and always convert complaints into FIR for proper action. The last three years' figures reflect that there is a continuous downfall in cases of crime against women in the city. And women's safety is top priority for Delhi police," said Deependra Pathak, spokesperson of Delhi Police.

Top in total crimes

The data released by the NCRB also showed that Delhi has topped the charts among metropolitan cities with 38.8 % of the total crimes reported under the Indian Penal Code in 2016.

Murder, kidnapping, abduction, economic offences, offence against property are a few heads where Delhi stands at number one.