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BOMB BLASTS ON THE RISE IN J&K, SAYS REPORT

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Jammu and Kashmir has seen a steady increase in IED and other blasts over the past five years, with 2018 witnessing a 57% jump, a new report says. In areas affected by Left-wing extremism and the northeast, the number has gone down.

Thirty-five blasts took place in J&K in 2014, 46 in 2015, 69 in 2016, 70 in 2017 and 117 last year. The report was presented by the National Bomb Data Centre of the National Security Guard during an international conference here on the IEDs.

The report made a special mention of J&K and the growing threat posed by IEDs and similar explosives.

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