

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor
Pioneer,
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi.

Subject: - Regarding news item titled “Rising crime in Delhi” appeared in the Pioneer on 16-10.2008

Sir.

The caption of the news item “ **Rising crime in Delhi**” appeared in the Pioneer on 16.10.2008 is found factually incorrect and misleading.

The reporter has not taken care to verify the record of solving crimes by Delhi Police. The overall incidence of crime showed a declining trend. Heinous Crime has also declined. There has been a decline of 33.52% in the total cognizable crime in the year 2008 (upto 30th Sept.). The increasing trend of IPC crime has also been reversed in 2008 with a decline by 12.42% cases in comparison of last year. Heinous crime has also declined by 9.57%. The crimes have declines under the heads Dacoity by 48.28%, Attempt to murder 26.01%, Robbery by 3.63%, Riot by 9.23%, Kid. For ransom by 26.09%, Rape by 16.98% and Extortion by 22.22%. The rate of solving cases has improved from 85.84% to 86.35% in heinous cases and also under the heads rape by 2.99%, Dacoity by 10.57% and robbery by 2.17%.

Similarly in crime against women in year 2008 (upto 30th Sep.) crime under the head rape declined by 16.98%, molestation of women by 25.72% , dowry death by 8.03%, kidnapping/abduction of women by 3.06% and eve teasing by 8.13% in comparison of last year.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority before publishing such sensitive matters which tend to cause alarm among the general public.

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