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A1 Incidents like Kathua (minor girl was raped in Temple) and Tappal recently, shook the entire nation. Rape of girl child has been increasing in India.

According to a website, India was called unsafest for women in the world. Many factors are responsible for it —

- Patriarchal Nature of society, and blaming the girl for incidents. Ex. Commenting on their clothes. (girl is considered a burden)
- Police insensitivity towards children and low conviction rate (less than 3%).
- Most often families do not report the incidents fearing family dishonour. In majority of cases, the accused is known relative of victim. With stringent punishment in place, family often abstain from reporting cases.
- Lack of awareness about women rights too a concern.

• Growing insensitivity of society shown by lack of protests and reactions signifying a degree of acceptance

Solution —

Police should be sensitised and rape cases should be disposed within 6 months, so that confidence in the system is increased.

Behavioural change is required. Initiatives like - Beti Bachao Beti Padao, Selfie with Daughter can help and girls in school required.

- Creating awareness about rights of women, required.
- Increasing number of women personnel in police.
- Victim should be provided with Counselling to help her overcome trauma.
- Easy filing of cases like online FIR can help.
- By keeping the identity of family and girl victim secret, can help overcome fears of family dishonour.
- NGOs, SHGs too can play a positive role.

An advanced Society is identified by the Status and treatment women are subjected to, in it. NCRB data too suggest that incidents of sexual assault are increasing. The need of the hour is active participation of government, Civil Society to address this growing menance.