

Insecurity still prevails...

Coimbatore, March 12 2013: Women insecurity is at its height in the city even though, the nation still feels the heat of Delhi gang rape case. Women are still insecure at public places in the city.

One of the worst places is the Coimbatore railway junction where women harassment cases happen every now and then. The worst part of this is very fewer cases get registered. Most of them are feared of the future consequences and the legal procedures.

TR. M Lawrence of INS, railways said, "The change in culture has brought in many negative effects in the society." He feels that school students are getting addicted to alcohol at a very young age. "The change in women culture and the extensive use of mobiles are a reason for increase in women harassment cases."

Women harassment cases include cases of eve – teasing to rape cases. Attempts of rape also happen against differently abled women. Recently a 25 year old dumb and deaf women was a victim of attempt to rape, when she travelling back in train to Coimbatore from Madras. She feared to register the case as the accused was a married person and a renowned personality in Coimbatore.

One of the passengers who did not wish to disclose his name said, "These days, especially late night passengers have to be so vigil that if they are travelling with their family then a man has to be with them till they reach the destination". One of the railway officials said that recently a passenger from Kannur misbehaved with a woman waiting in the platform in the short span of time when her husband went to the ticket counter. He felt that the law and order has to be implemented and followed more strictly. Even in this case, though he was arrested and remanded, he has absconded, getting bail after spending three months in jail.

The Railway Station falls under the jurisdiction of Race Course police station and Mr. V Giriswamy, constable at the Race course police station was worried when he said that there is an increase in the rape cases. "Over the years, though only few cases get reported, still there is an increase in the number." Based on the crime statistics of previous year he said, "Last year two rape cases were registered here, while two years before only one case was registered."

The mindset of youngsters is so different now that they don't even respect women for their age. A recent case reporting the misbehavior of a 23 year old boy towards a woman in her mid forty's speaks lot about this changing attitude of the new generation.

The Coimbatore police are trying very hard to make the city safe for women. Giriswamy wants to make Coimbatore a city in which he can leave his daughter out 'peacefully, with no worries.' All are hoping for such a safe city.