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'Women behind 33 pc of crimes in Meerut'

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MEERUT: A recent study conducted by a PhD student has found that 33 per cent of crimes recorded in this city during the past three years were committed by women.

In her thesis "Increasing tendency among women in committing crimes", Ruchi Garg, a student of Chaudhry Charan Singh University, found that 400 women had committed various crimes in 2002, and this figure rose to 800 in 2005.

Her study said the tendency to commit crimes was greater among women in rural areas. The study also found that married women committed more crimes than single women.

Giving a break-up, Garg claimed that 75 per cent of the crimes were committed by married women, while unmarried girls accounted for 15 per cent and widows 12 per cent.

In several cases, women were found to have killed their husbands for having extra-marital affairs whereas in some women have even killed other women to keep their "illicit relations" a secret.

Another reason for crimes by women, the research showed, was marriages between people of different backgrounds that gave rise to extra-marital affairs.

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