



Police Torture | Uttar Pradesh | 30 Sep 2021

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Recently a businessman resident of Kanpur died due to torture inflicted by Gorakhpur police. This death has again made topics such as the use of **violence against people by the police** in India and **custodial death** a topic of discussion.

Key Points

- According to the '**Status of Policing in India**' report released by the non-governmental organization '**Common Cause**', **3 out of every 5 police officers believe that the use of violence against criminals is justified**. According to another report, **between 2000 and 2018, more than 2000 human rights violation cases were registered against the police**.
- Factors responsible for violence by police-
 - Absence of laws against torture in India.
 - Non-action of policemen in case of violation of human rights.
 - Slow pace of **police reforms**.
 - Low conviction rate.
- Provisions to prevent police torture-
 - In **DK Basu vs West Bengal**, the Supreme Court held that protection against torture is a **fundamental right** under **Article 21** of the **Right to Life**.
 - Under the **Code of Criminal Procedure**, logical grounds and rules for arrest and detention have been laid down in **Section 41A, 41B, 41C, 41D**.
 - Sections of the Indian Penal Code- 330, 331, 348
 - Indian Evidence Act Section- 25 and 26
- It is noteworthy that **despite India's signing of the 'United Nations 'Convention against Torture'**, it has not been ratified yet.

'Nirbhaya: Ek Pahal' | Uttar Pradesh | 30 Sep 2021

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On September 29, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched '**Nirbhaya: Ek Pahal**' to encourage entrepreneurial skills among women.

Key Points

- In order to ensure safety and dignity of women and girls, **Mission 'Shakti'** was launched by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in 2020. **In the third phase of this mission, 'Nirbhaya: Ek Pahal' campaign has been started**, which will be financed from **Nirbhaya Fund**.
- Under this, **training kits will be distributed to about 1000 women from each district of the state** i.e. a total of 75,000 women.
- The implementation of this three-day special training campaign will be done by the state **Department of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**. Women will be made aware of the central and state government schemes pertaining to entrepreneurship.
- Assistance will be given by the state government in providing capital through various schemes in the next three months after providing training to start the enterprise.
- Apart from this, the helpline number 18002126844 and website **<https://msmemissionshakti.in/>** and a mobile app were launched by the Chief Minister so that women entrepreneurs can get all the information related to entrepreneurship at one place.