

## Special Police Teams Already In Action At Public Places

# SHE is set to rein in eve-teasers

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**Ahmedabad:** All 49 police stations in the city will get the SHE power. The SHE squads, consisting of 4-5 women cops and two male policemen, have already started test runs in some 15 police stations. The teams have been formed specially to keep an eye on stalkers and eve-teasers at work places, colleges and other educational institutions.

City police chief A K Singh said that instances of ogling women at any place, if not stopped in time, sometimes lead to bigger crimes such as molestation and even rape. "The idea is to reach out to women to know who these elements are and the spots where such elements operate," he said. Wearing uniform is not mandatory for the members of the squad. They will try to develop a bond with college and school students, who will ultimately act as their 'eyes' and 'ears'.

"Members of the SHE squads will be equipped with body-worn cameras and other surveillance equipment so that ample evidence can be gathered

### HOW SHE TEAMS WORK

- > SHE teams identify places and timings where eve-teasing is prominent
- > Places are put under surveillance
- > Stalkers are identified and brought to police station
- > His activity sheet is prepared and kept in central data base and his activities are monitored on a daily basis
- > Legal action taken and stringent action initiated under the Nirbhaya Act if he repeats the offence
- > The victim's identity is kept confidential

### PATROLLING ON SCOOTERS:

Under the SHE initiative, Kolkata Police in March 2018 created a squad of 20-odd women officers, who patrolled on scooters to watch over women in places where they are likely to need help

against the culprit against whom they would be acting," said joint commissioner of police Amitkumar Vishwakarma.

Deputy commissioner of



**"SEVERAL PUBLIC PLACES ON OUR RADAR":** One of the members of the SHE squad constable Neelam Makwana said that along with schools, colleges and identified notorious spots, the members of the squad will scan several other public places. "We will patrol at malls, temples and other public places and try to catch eve-teasers red handed," she said

**SHE SHIELD:** In Telangana, SHE was launched on October 24, 2014 with an aim to curbing eve-teasing in all aspects, in all forms, at all places, providing safety and security to women in the society, facilitating healthy environment for women's mobility



**IN ODISHA:** In June 2019, SHE was launched in Odisha's Gajapati district. Teams were formed to patrol schools, colleges, other local institutions and public places, where young girls and women are allegedly subjected to eve-teasing, stalking and harassment

police zone 6, Bipin Ahire, said the women, who are to be posted in the squad, are being trained on the behavioural aspects so that a bridge of trust and

confidence is built between the cops and the victims. "We want the victims to share their ordeal with the police without any hesitation," he added.