Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR) 2026

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The Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR) 2026 investigates the processes through which cybercrime victims pursue police redressal.

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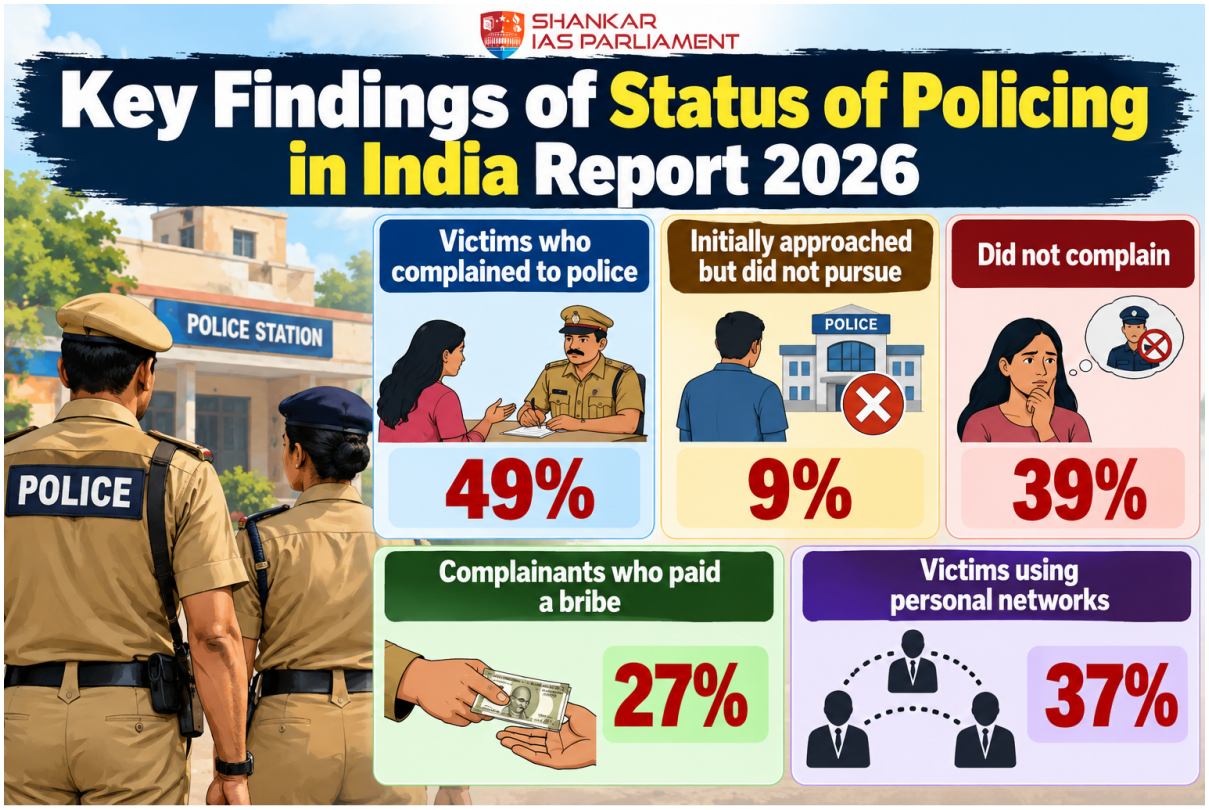
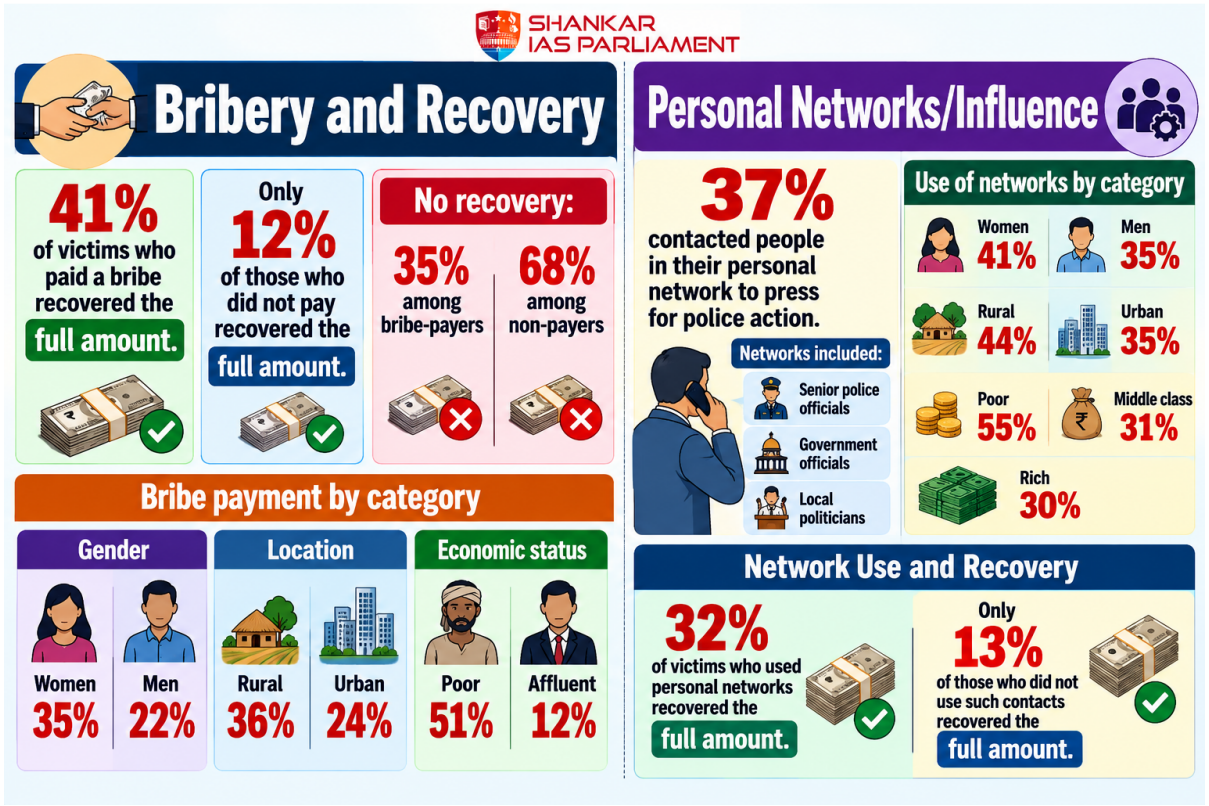
- **Survey conducted by –** **Lokniti-CSDS and Common Cause** across **16 States**.
- **Sample –** 8,306 citizens.
- **Focuses on –** The role of bribery and personal networks or influence in facilitating police action and the recovery of lost funds.
- **Issue addressed –** To access to justice in cases of cybercrime.





- **Key findings –** The study examines the following informal mechanisms:
  - Bribery
  - Personal influence/networks
- Marginalised groups were found to rely more heavily on these informal channels:
  - Women
  - Poor
  - Rural population
- The report underscores the significance of the following factors:

    - FIR registration
    - Police response
    - Bank–police coordination
    - Formal and enforceable cybercrime redressal mechanisms
- The survey identified a correlation between informal interventions, including bribery and personal contacts, and increased rates of fund recovery.
- However, this correlation does not demonstrate a causal relationship between these interventions and improved recovery outcomes.

Reference

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