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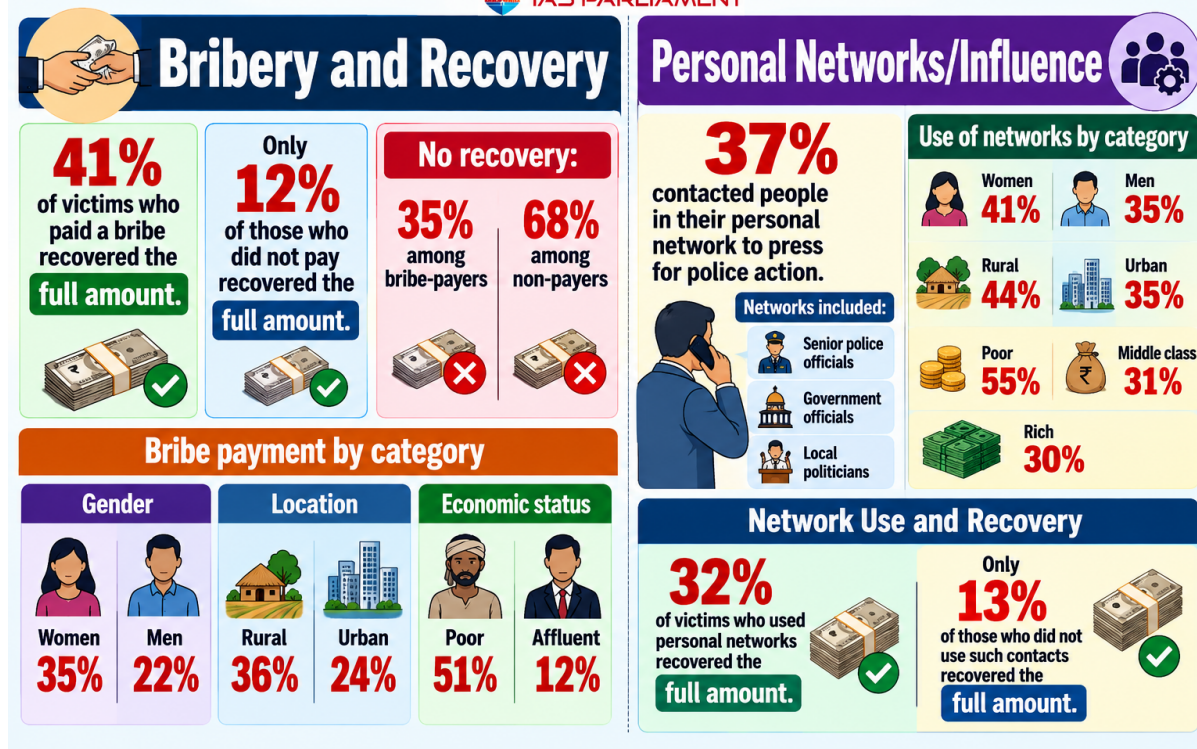
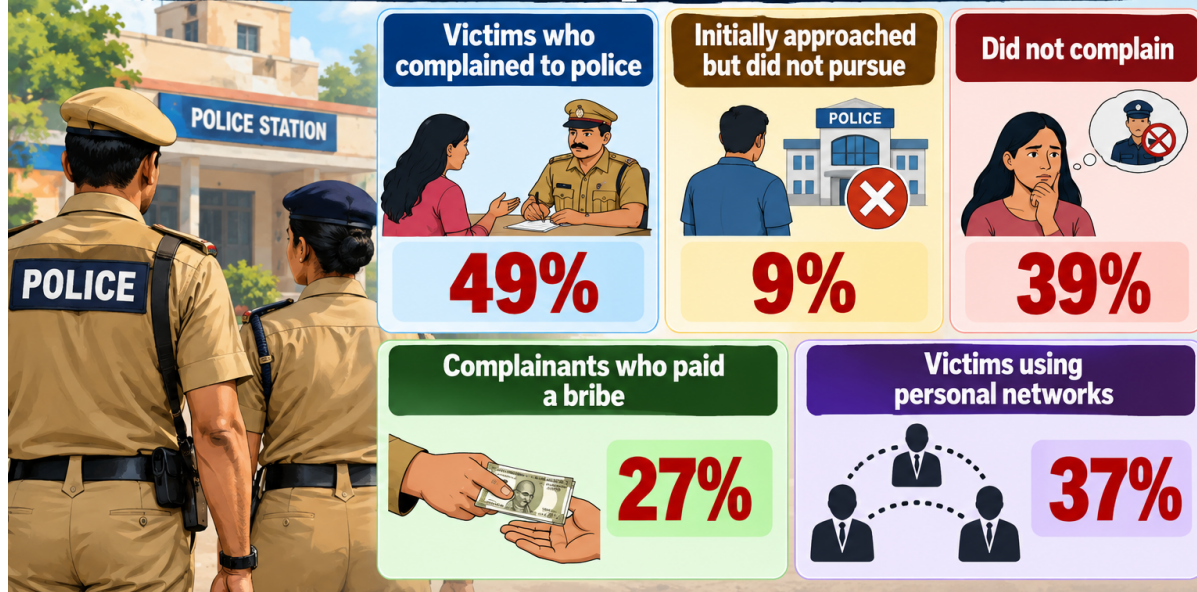
Why in News?

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 of Status of Policing in India Report 2026



- **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

[The Hindu | Status of Policing in India Report \(SPIR\) 2026](#)

