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Lockdown leads to dramatic increase in incidents of domestic violence in UP

While most cases are of minor tiffs between married couples, serious cases of murder and suicide have also been reported



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A week after lockdown, a WhatsApp message went around saying that while the number of theft cases had gone down to zero per cent and crime too was reduced to zero per cent, the incidents of domestic violence had gone up by 87 per cent. This was a joke but nobody realized that it will come true in Uttar Pradesh where police is grappling to resolve clashes between married couples.

Suresh Mukund, a police officer says that almost all the police stations are now getting complaints about domestic violence where husbands are even beating up wife for not putting garlic in the daal. The wife dialed 112 and police was forced to intervene.

“Earlier too we used to get reports about domestic violence but it has gone up by almost 69 per cent. Many incidents are trivial,” Mukund said.

In Fatehpur, a 19-year-old youth, pursuing an ITI course, and a 17-year-old girl studying in class 11 in Rajkiya Inter College, were found hanging from a tree in Malwa police station area. The police said that due to the lockdown all institutions were closed indefinitely and hence they were unable to meet as a result of which they became depressed and ended their lives.

Dr S K Pandey, of Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow said that continuously staying put because of Coronavirus pandemic in home can be tedious. At times, it could lead to depression and anxiety.

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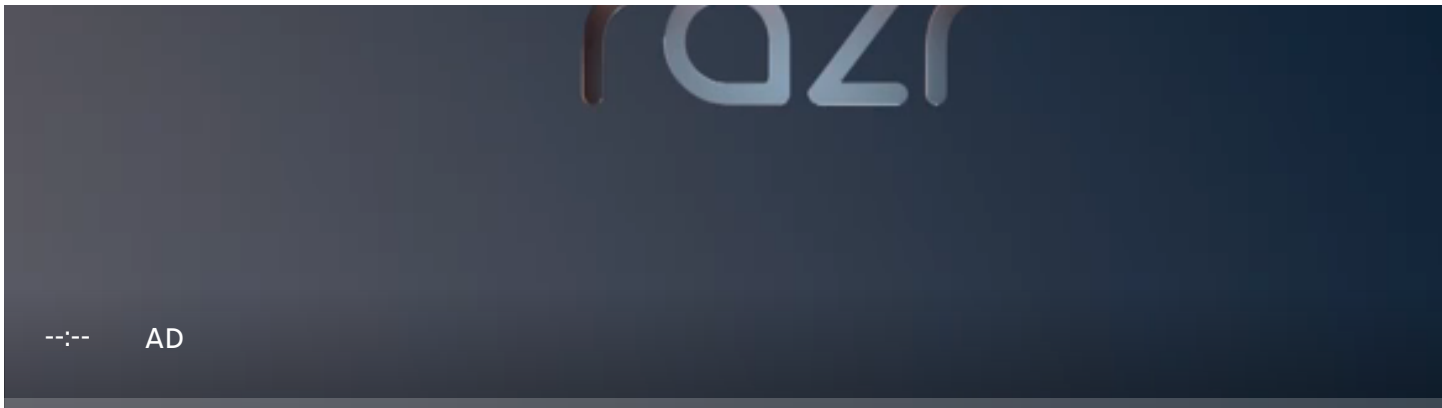




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