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SHILLONG: Slow trial and conviction due to inadequate number of judicial officers in the State has emboldened the criminals resulting in a rise in the number of cases of crimes against women.

In an interview to The Shillong Times, Thanu Phanbuh, Chairperson, State Women’s Commission, has expressed her dissatisfaction on the slow trials for conviction that lead to high incidences of violence against women.

She maintained that the police department was doing its part, the process of conviction is slow as “there is less number of judicial officers in the court slowing down the trial process.”

“It is a letdown because of less conviction cases and the accused get the opportunity to go scot-free,” she added.

Moreover, less number of convictions has also affected the justice delivery system adding to the miseries of women victims of various crimes in State, she stated.

There are 62 recorded cases of violence against women in the State since January till date, the MSCW chief informed.

Speaking on the reasons behind crimes against women, Phanbuh said, “Crimes against women are committed within the family, also and due to prevalence of drug addiction, easy access to the internet and pornography which affect the young minds.”

On being asked as to which district was more vulnerable to such crimes, she said, “I cannot pin-point any district or place. There is no difference between urban and rural crime figures. She, however, emphasized that... (Contd on P-16)