

12- What are the ways to make digital space safer for all, particularly women? Elaborate

There are 800 million Indians online due to the measures taken for digitalisation. The number of cyber crimes are also on the rise particularly against women. The cyber attacks and crimes cost 1% to the global GDP

Critical cyber space

As the National Crime Record Bureau the number of cyber crimes in 2021 was 52,000 and 10,000 cases were cyber crime against women such as cyber bullying, cyber stalking and creating false profiles.

The number of cyber crimes jumped by 18% from 2019 to 2021 and cases against women up by 28% since 2019.

Conviction rate

Given the increased number of cases, the conviction rate is also reasonable. cyber crime conviction rate

increased from 35% to 42% and cyber crimes against women conviction increased from 10.8% to 35%.

Making safer digital space

① Law The Information Technology Act provides suitable penal actions for cyber crimes section 66E - violation of 'privacy' 67 - sending obscene material 67-B child porn.

② The Draft Digital India Act aims to replace Information Technology Act to regulate cyber space more strictly in congruence with Central Data Protection Rules.

③ Odisha's MOSAATHI scheme to help women in difficult situation as a success MOSAATHI inspired schemes can be implemented by states.

As digital space is scheduled to take further in reach a cyber hygiene environment is inevitable for socio-economic development.