

## **Man masturbates in autorickshaw while staring at woman co-passenger; arrested**

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The incident took place when the woman was going to a hospital in an autorickshaw. The woman informed the cops, following which the accused was arrested.

*Representative image*

**Maharashtra (INDIA):** In yet another incident of sexual harassment, a woman was masturbated at in Pimpri Chinchwad area of Pune district in Maharashtra.

On Saturday morning, the woman took an autorickshaw to take her son to a hospital for treatment. On the way, she found herself in an uncomfortable situation as she saw her male co-passenger masturbating in the vehicle while staring at her.

The affected woman, after arriving at Yashwantao Chavan Memorial hospital, narrated her harrowing ordeal to the cops deployed on the medical facility's premises. Following this, the cops sprang up in action and nabbed the accused, identified as 30-year-old Soheb Qureshi.

Speaking to The Times of India, a police officer said, "After getting down from the autorickshaw, the woman immediately alerted the policemen at the police chowkey on the premises of the hospital. The suspect Soheb Qureshi was taken into custody with the help of locals."

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This comes days after a 35-year-old man masturbated at a 40-year-old woman at a hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad near Delhi.

According to reports, the woman was standing in a queue at the MMG district hospital to get medicines. The accused, identified as Arshad, stood behind her in the queue and started masturbating. Some people sighted him engaged in the deplorable act. The accused was nabbed and handed over to the police. Based on a complaint lodged by the woman, the police charged the accused with molestation under IPC Section 354.

In yet another incident, a 24-year-old scooter rider allegedly flashing his private parts to a 21-year-old law student after asking her for an address in Gujarat's Ahmedabad.

After being arrested, the accused, Chirag Bhati, cited his wife's pregnancy as the reason for the act. "He told the cops during primary questioning that he hadn't had sex for the past three months as his wife was pregnant, and that is why he had committed the offence," a police officer said.

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