

Decline in moral values has led youth astray

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IN the past few months, more and more educated youth have been found to be involved in crimes taking place in the city. They prefer to resort to chain-snatchings, theft and robbery — mainly to satisfy their girlfriend's needs, addiction to drugs, call-

girls or just easy money. Over the past few days or so, the police have detected crimes ranging from snatchings, auto-thefts and robberies in various parts of the city where educated boys were involved.

Dr Harjeet Singh, psychiatrist at KGMC for troubled youth, says "Lack of adequate opportunities frustrate them to an extent where they will use any

means to get success. We are not making excuses for them, but people must understand that these are troubled youths and must be helped."

SP (City) Dr Dharamveer said, "Youngsters come to the city to strike it rich, want quick money, guns and girls. For this to be tackled there must be a joint initiative by the law, the youth and their families."

The depreciation in the moral values and high rate of unemployment are primarily responsible for pushing the youngsters into the world of crime. The nefarious activities like chain-snatching etc helps the youngsters to make quick bucks, which otherwise they are not able to earn. It is only because of all this, 'Siksha-Sopan', an IIT-K run social organisation educates a set of students (of Class IX and onwards) and ensures that apart from imparting them basic bookish knowledge, the moral values are also inculcated in them as a part of the syllabus so as to make them responsible citizens of

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The youngsters are unable to meet their needs with the pocket money given to them by their parents. When they want to maintain a lavish lifestyle and are unable to do so, they indulge in criminal activities, and thus, auto-lifting, chain-snatching have become very common nowadays. Parents are responsible for all this and said that a child learns from his home only and if no check is kept on his/her activities, it is for sure that the child will misuse the

freedom given | **Dr Pratibha
Asthana**, THE PRINCIPAL OF A
LEADING ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

The rage to buy the latest gizmos, swanky bikes, branded apparels etc have raised the aspirations of these youngsters to an extent that they have entered into the crime world and thus, the youngsters do not hesitate to commit a crime. This way they supplement their income but there are no shortcuts for making money and these youngsters just do not want to work hard | **Capt Chopra**, A RETD ARMY OFFICER AND A RESIDENT OF TILAKNAGAR

There is no easy access to the jobs nowadays, with a result there is an increase in the crime of such type. Also, for the youngsters honesty is a personal virtue which has nothing to do with the society but in reality honesty is a social virtue. With this degradation in the human values, these boys involve themselves into activities like auto-lifting, eve-teasing, chain-snatching etc but when they are caught red-handed everybody is left astonished like it happened when BTech students of a prominent engineering college were caught with narcotics on Monday last | **Dharmendra Singh**, ASP, KANPUR POLICE

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