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Ganga Kumari becomes first transgender to be appointed in Rajasthan Police

She could have become the country's first transgender to join the police force, but fate had other plans for 24-year-old Ganga Kumari. Following a protracted two-year battle in the Rajasthan High Court, Kumari became the first transgender to be inducted into Rajasthan Police . The Rajasthan High Court had directed the police department to appoint Ganga Kumari as a constable, after officials denied her a post due to her gender and reported lack of clarity of rules in 2015. Terming it a case of "gender bias", Justice Dinesh Mehta asked the force to appoint Kumari within six weeks from the date of the order along with the notional benefits from year 2015.

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MAHARASHTRA

Conviction rate in Maharashtra 56.87 per cent in 2015-2016

Maharashtra's conviction rate in 2015-2016 was 56.87 per cent, according to statistics released by the Home ministry. The data shows the state has made a jump in improving its conviction rate between 2013 and 2016. According to the report, the average conviction rate in the state between 2003 and 2013 was as low as 13.6 per cent. In 2014-15, it was 51.49 per cent and in 2015-16, the conviction rate went up to 56.87 per cent. The data analysis by the department indicated that high conviction rate was an outcome of reforms undertaken by the home ministry, led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, in the past three years.

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