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NAVI MUMBAI: A Navi Mumbai based lawyer, Siddh Vidya, has formally complained to the police that she did not get proper assistance from the cops attending to the 100 emergency phone line on New Year's eve when she had called up to report an incident of sexual harassment she suffered at a traffic junction at Seawoods.

"At exactly 10.44 am on December 31, I noticed a motorcycle with pillion rider rashly jumped the red traffic light near the Delhi Public School traffic junction in Seawoods. The duo who were speeding towards Vashi would have crashed into my car if I had not applied brakes on time. I therefore honked at them to protest

She added that the pillion rider made an obscene gesture towards her before fleeing from there. "However, when I called up the 100 emergency number to request the police to quickly trace these rash and obscene bikers, a woman police official nonchalantly told me to go to the nearest police station to report the matter. I asked her to at least provide me the bike's registration number by looking at the CCTV surveillance cameras, but I got no help at all," said Vidya.

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Navi Mumbai: Caged parrots set free by forest officials

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NAVI MUMBAI: The caged parrots which were seized by the forest department from a school campus in Nerul in October last year, were successfully set free on Friday.

Nerul based advocate Siddh Vidya, who is the main complainant in this case, said: "I had complained to the forest department that a few caged parrots were seen inside the school campus of Delhi Public School in Nerul. The officials had then seized three caged parrots from the backside area of the school and also booked a school caretaker in this case."

Under the guidance of range forest officer N Muthe, the caged

parrots were taken to an avian training centre where the experts checked if the seized birds are fit enough to fly in the open sky.

"After keeping the three parrots for eight months at the training centre, they were declared fit to be released from captivity. Hence, on Friday they were released in the open at Seawoods area," said Vidya, who was also present at the time.

Since Indian parakeets are protected wildlife species under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, it is illegal to keep parrots as pets inside cages.

