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**Incidence of sexual harassment of young women in public transport in Prayagraj District of Uttar Pradesh, India**

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**Introduction :** The daily activities of people from all walks of life in cities demonstrate that the majority of working women choose public transportation. Unfortunately, during their trip, they are open to harassment from both passengers and bus drivers, including verbal, physical, psychological, and financial abuse. Since cases of this kind are infrequently documented, the current study is important.

**Material and methods:** In this regard, an assessment through a questionnaire based on cross-sectional study of the prevalence and factors associated with sexual harassment while utilizing public transit in the Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh. A stratified random sample of 200 young women who used public transportation was recruited.

**Results:** Total 79.83 % of all young women study participants have been harassed in last six months. Unmarried women 76 % travelling by bus 76.67 % in the evenings 79.67 % were more vulnerable to being harassed by middle-aged 55 % fellow passengers 92 %. Such incidents were higher in festive seasons 69 %. Unfortunately, the cases were not reported.

**Conclusion:** Sexual harassment on the transit is a major setback for working women and indirectly affects the country's growth and development. This menace needs to be addressed aggressively.

**Keywords:** Sexual harassment, women, public transport.