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Cops open counselling centre for city women

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Chennai, Aug. 17: Exasperated by the large number of relationship-oriented complaints received on a daily basis during the grievance hour, the Chennai city police on Monday opened a counselling centre for women complainants at the commissionerate in Egmore. "We receive almost 50 grievance petitions a day and most of them are related to family issues. Since it cannot be considered a law and order problem, we have started a counselling centre to approach such complaints with a social perspective," he said.

There would be three counsellors in the centre from 10 am to 5 pm everyday and petitions regarding family and relationship related issues would be forwarded to them. "If every minor family problem is taken to the police station, then it can never be solved. The petitioners should approach counselling centers and try to sort out such issues," said social welfare committee chief, writer Salma alias Ms Rokkaiah Malik. The department also plans to set up similar counselling centers in some of the all women's police stations. The counselling centre, which was started exclusively for women, will deal with marital issues between couples.