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The rate at which the number of divorce cases have been increasing in the last few years is say marriage counsellors. While in 2002, there were 1,819 cases, the number went up to : Currently, there are a whopping 6,000 petitions pending in the family courts.

"The number of divorces has been almost doubling annually. There are 6,000 cases curren family court," said Sunanda Joshi, Principal Judge, Bandra family court. About 30-35 coupl every day, she added.

Other than incompatibility and infidelity, marriage counsellor Rukhsana Ayaz said impulsiv reason for broken families. She said couples gave up on their marriages very easily.

Sexologist Rajan Bonsle said problems with in-laws was a also a major causes for the brea relationships. "Usually, the couple functions better in isolation. In-laws tend to inflict exter misunderstandings between spouses. When in-laws don't influence the marriage, a couple reduced almost by 80 per cent," he said.

The counsellors also noted that more and more couples in the city were opting for divorce

"There is a speedy rise in divorce by mutual consent among urban couples because it is m obtain. As both spouses are financially independent, they prefer to end the association wit Ayaz.

Considering the sharp increase in divorces many in the legal fraternity feel that the time h nuptial agreements to become acceptable.

"Judicial activism can introduce new laws that accommodate pre-nuptial agreements. Thes the process and settle matters in an amicable way," said Justice Joshi.

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