

# Crime in India – 2021

## SNAPSHOTS (States/UTs)

### A) Overall Crime

- i. Total of 60,96,310 cognizable crimes comprising 36,63,360 Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes and 24,32,950 Special & Local Laws (SLL) crimes were registered in 2021. It shows a decline of 5,04,975 (7.6%) in registration of cases over 2020 (66,01,285 cases). Crime rate registered per lakh population has declined from 487.8 in 2020 to 445.9 in 2021. During 2021, registration of cases under IPC has declined by 13.9% whereas SLL crimes have increased by 3.7% over 2020. Percentage share of IPC was 60.1% while percentage share of SLL cases was 39.9% of total cognizable crimes during 2021. **[Table –1.1]**
- ii. Major decline was seen in the cases registered under Disobedience to order duly promulgated by Public Servant (Sec. 188 IPC) from 6,12,179 cases in 2020 to 3,22,115 cases in 2021 and under 'Other IPC Crimes' from 10,62,399 cases in 2020 to 4,96,535 cases in 2021 **[Table 1A.4]**. Similarly under SLL category, major increase was under cases registered under Prohibition Act (State)' from 5,62,215 cases in 2020 to 6,78,998 cases in 2021. This has resulted in an increase of 1,16,783 cases in SLL during 2021 as compared to 2020. **[Table 1A.5]**.
- iii. During 2021, total of 58,10,088 IPC cases (21,42,907 cases pending from previous year + 36,63,360 reported during the year + 3,821 cases re-opened for investigation) were under investigation, out of which total of 37,64,632 cases were disposed of by police including 27,20,265 cases which were charge sheeted, resulting in the charge sheeting rate of 72.3%.

### B) Offences Affecting the Human Body<sup>1</sup> - Summary

A total of 11,00,425 cases of offences affecting the human body were registered which accounted for 30.0% of total IPC crimes during 2021, out of which hurt (5,85,774 cases) accounted for maximum cases i.e. 53.2%, followed by cases of causing death by negligence (1,46,195 cases, 13.3%) and cases of Kidnapping & Abduction (1,01,707 cases, 9.2%). **[Table – 1A.4]**

The cases registered under offences against human body depict an increase of 5.1% in 2021 over 2020 (10,47,216 cases) and the crime rate has increased from 77.4 in 2020 to 80.5 in 2021. **[Table – 1A.4]**

### C) Murder

- i. A total of 29,272 cases of murder were registered during 2021, showing a marginal increase of 0.3% over 2020 (29,193 cases). **[Table – 2.A2]**
- ii. 'Disputes' (9,765 cases) was the motive in highest number of murder cases during 2021 followed by 'Personal vendetta or enmity' (3,782 cases) and 'Gain' (1,692 cases). **[Table – 2A.2]**

## **D) Kidnapping & Abduction**

- i. A total of 1,01,707 cases of kidnapping & abduction were registered during 2021, showing an increase of 19.9% over 2020 (84,805 cases). **[Table – 2C.1]**
- ii. A total of 1,04,149 (17,605 male, 86,543 female and 1 transgender) victims were reported kidnapped or abducted during 2021, out of which 69,014 (10,956 male and 58,058 female)<sup>2</sup> victims were children and 35,135 (6,649 male, 28,485 female and 1 transgender) victims were adult. **[Table – 2C.2]**
- iii. During 2021, a total of 99,680 kidnapped or abducted persons (17,477 male, 82,202 female and 1 transgender) were recovered out of which 98,860 persons were recovered alive and 820 persons were found dead. **[Table – 2C.4]**

## **E) Offences against Public Tranquillity**

A total of 63,391 cases of offences against public tranquillity were registered under various sections of IPC during 2021, out of which rioting (41,954 cases) accounted for 66.2% of total such cases. The cases of offences against public tranquillity have declined by 10.9% in 2021 over 2020 (71,107 cases). **[Table – 1A.4]**

## **F) Crime against Women**

- i. A total of 4,28,278 cases of crime against women were registered during 2021, showing an increase of 15.3% over 2020 (3,71,503 cases). **[Table – 3A.1]**
- ii. Majority of cases under crime against women under IPC were registered under 'Cruelty by Husband or His Relatives' (31.8%) followed by 'Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty' (20.8%), 'Kidnapping & Abduction of Women' (17.6%) and 'Rape' (7.4%). The crime rate registered per lakh women population is 64.5 in 2021 in comparison with 56.5 in 2020. **[Table – 3A.2]**

## **G) Crime against Children**

- i. A total of 1,49,404 cases of crime against children were registered during 2021, showing an increase of 16.2% over 2020 (1,28,531 cases). **[Table – 4A.1]**
- ii. In percentage terms, major crime heads under 'Crime Against Children' during 2020 were Kidnapping & Abduction (45.0%) and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (38.1%) including child rape. The crime rate registered per lakh children population is 33.6 in 2021 in comparison with 28.9 in 2020. **[Table – 4A.3]**

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Note 1: Chapter XVI of IPC covers gamut of cases relating to "Offences Affecting the Human Body"

## H) Juveniles in Conflict with Law

- i. A total of 31,170 cases have been registered against Juveniles during 2021, depicting an increase of 4.7% over 2020 (29,768 cases). The crime rate depicts an increase from 6.7 in 2020 to 7.0 in 2021. **[Table – 5A.1]**
- ii. A total of 37,444 juveniles were apprehended in 31,170 cases, out of which 32,654 juveniles were apprehended under cases of IPC and 4,790 juveniles were apprehended under cases of SLL during 2021. **[Table – 5A.4]**
- iii. Majority of juveniles in conflict with law apprehended under IPC & SLL crimes were in the age group of 16 years to 18 years (76.2%) (28,539 out of 37,444) during 2021. **[Table – 5A.4]**

## I) Crime against Senior Citizens

A total of 26,110 cases were registered for committing crime against Senior Citizens (aged above 60 years), showing an increase of 5.3% in registration over 2020 (24,794 cases). **[Table – 6A.1]**

Crime head-wise cases revealed that simple hurt with 28.3% (7,396 cases) formed the highest chunk of cases of crimes against Senior Citizens followed by Theft with 13.5% (3,531 cases) and FCF (Forgery, Cheating & Fraud) with 11.3% (2,948 cases) during 2021. **[Table – 6A.2]**

## J) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs)

A total of 50,900 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Castes (SCs), showing an increase of 1.2% over 2020 (50,291 cases). Crime rate registered showed an increase from 25.0 in 2020 to 25.3 in 2021. **[Table – 7A.1]**

Crime head-wise cases revealed that simple hurt with 30.4% (15,485 cases) formed the largest chunk of cases of crimes/atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs) during 2021. It was followed by cases under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with 10.3% (5,269 cases) and cases under Criminal Intimidation with 10.1% (5,130 cases). **[Table – 7A.3]**

## K) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs)

A total of 8,802 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs), showing an increase of 6.4% over 2020 (8,272 cases). Crime rate registered increased from 7.9 in 2020 to 8.4 in 2021. **[Table – 7C.1]**

Crime head-wise cases revealed that simple hurt (2,358 cases) formed the highest number of cases of crimes/atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs) accounting for 26.8% during 2021, it was followed by rape with 15.0% (1,324 cases) and assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty with 10.0% (881 cases). **[Table – 7C.3]**

## **L) Economic Offences**

A total of 1,74,013 cases were registered under economic offences, showing an increase of 19.4% in registration over 2020 (1,45,754 cases). Out of three specified category of economic offences viz. criminal breach of trust, FCF (forgery, cheating & fraud) and counterfeiting, FCF accounted for maximum of such cases, with 1,52,073 cases, followed by criminal breach of trust (21,241 cases) and counterfeiting (699 cases) during 2021. **[Table – 8A.2]**

## **M) Prevention of Corruption Act**

A total of 3,745 cases have been registered in 2021 by State Anti-Corruption Bureaux (ACBs) as compared to 3,123 cases in 2020, showing an increase of 19.9%. Out 3,745 Cases, majority, i.e., 67.6% were Trap Cases (2,532) followed by 13.6 % of Criminal Misconduct (511 Cases). A total of 4,420 persons were arrested, 482 persons were convicted and departmental action was taken against 303 persons. **[Tables – 8C]**

## **N) Cyber Crimes**

A total of 52,974 cases were registered under Cyber Crimes, showing an increase of 5.9% in registration over 2020 (50,035 cases). Crime rate under this category increased from 3.7 in 2020 to 3.9 in 2021. During 2021, 60.8% of cyber-crime cases registered were for the motive of fraud (32,230 out of 52,974 cases) followed by sexual exploitation with 8.6% (4,555 cases) and Extortion with 5.4% (2,883 cases). **[Table – 9A.3]**

## **O) Offences against State**

A total of 5,164 cases have been registered in 2021 as compared to 5,613 cases in the year 2020, showing a decrease of 8.0%. Out of 5,162 cases, 79.2% of cases were registered under The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act (4,089 Cases) followed by 814 (15.8%) cases under The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. **[Table - 10A.2]**

## **P) Environment Related Offences**

During the year 2021, a total of 64,471 cases were registered under Environment Related Offences as compared to 61,767 cases in the year 2020, showing an increase of 4.4%. Crime head-wise cases revealed that the cases registered under The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) with 83.8 % (54,024 Cases) were the highest followed by Noise Pollution Acts (State/Central) with 11.2% (7,217 Cases). **[Table – 11.2]**

## **Q) Crime against Foreigners and Crime by Foreigners**

A total of 150 crimes were registered for crime against foreigners (Tourist and Resident) as compared to 191 cases in 2020, showing a decrease of 21.5%. Most of the cases registered were under Theft (23) and Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty (15). Out of 171 victims in 150 registered cases, 58.5% of the victims were from Asian Continent (100) followed by 9.4% of victims from Europe (16). **[Tables – 13A.1-6]**

A total of 2,585 cases were registered in 2021 against foreigners as compared to 1,937 cases in the year 2020, showing an increase of 33.5%. Crime head-wise cases revealed that 65.3% of the cases registered were under Foreigners Act & Registration of Foreigners Act (1,688 Cases), followed by 13.7% of Cases under NDPS Act (354 Cases) [Tables – 13B.1-6]

## R) Human Trafficking

A total of 2,189 cases of Human Trafficking were registered in 2021 as compared to 1,714 cases in the year 2020, showing an increase of 27.7%. A total of 6,533 victims have been reported to be trafficked in which 2,877 children and 3,656 adults were trafficked. Apart from this, 6,213 victims have been rescued from clutches of traffickers. A total of 5,755 persons were arrested in 2,189 cases of trafficking. [Tables – 14.1-7]

## S) 1) Missing Persons

A total of 3,89,844 persons (1,24,177 male, 2,65,481 female and 186 transgender) were reported missing in 2021. The number of persons reported missing has increased by 20.6% in 2021 from 3,23,170 persons missing during 2020. [Table – 15.2]

During the year 2021, a total of 3,85,124 persons (1,23,716 males, 2,61,278 females and 130 transgender) were recovered/traced. [Table – 15.2]

## 2) Missing Children<sup>2</sup>

A total of 77,535 children (17,977 male, 59,544 female and 14 transgender) were reported missing in 2021. The number of children missing has increased by 30.8% in 2021 from 59,262 children missing during 2020. [Table – 15.1]

During the year 2021, a total of 76,827 children (17,845 male, 58,980 female and 2 transgender) were recovered/traced. [Table – 15.1]

## T) Offences against Property

- i. The cases registered under offences against property have increased by 18.5% from 6,43,583 cases in 2020 to 7,62,368 cases in 2021. During 2021, maximum cases reported were of theft (5,86,649 cases), followed by burglaries (97,792 cases), accounting for 77.0% and 12.8% respectively. [Table – 1A.4]
- ii. During 2021, Properties worth Rs. 5,173.2 Crores were stolen and Properties worth Rs. 1,561 Crore were recovered accounting for 30.2% recovery of stolen properties. [Table – 20A.1]
- iii. During 2021, 2,81,602 cases of property crimes registered took place at residential premises. However, majority of robberies registered took place on roadways (includes highways and roads) with 19,008 cases. [Table – 20A.2]

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Note 2: The Hon'ble Supreme Court direction on Writ Petition (Civil) No. 75 of 2012 on 10.05.2013, Bachpan Bachao Andolan vs Union of India - In case of complaint with regard to any missing children; made in a police station, the same should be reduced into a First Information Report with an initial presumption of either abduction or trafficking.

## U) Offences Relating to Documents & Property Marks

As compared to 1,28,396 cases in 2020, 1,52,772 cases were registered under offences against documents & property marks in 2021 comprising of counterfeiting and FCF (forgery, cheating & fraud), out of which, FCF (1,52,073 cases) accounted for 99.5% of total such cases. [Table – 1A.4]

## V) Seizures under Arms Act

As compared to 68,463 cases under arms act during 2020, 74,482 cases were registered during 2021 in which 84,623 Arms were seized, comprising of 4,044 arms as licensed/factory made and 80,579 Arms as Unlicensed/ improvised/crude/country made. A total of 86,572 number of ammunitions were also seized during 2021. [Table – 20B.1]

## W) Seizure of Explosives

As compared to 68,312 Kgs of Explosives recovered in 2020, a total of 1,42,914 Kgs Explosives (RDX, TNT, Plastic Explosives, Gun Powder, Pyrotechnic/Fireworks etc.) have been seized during 2021. This comprises of seizures from Extremists/Insurgents/Terrorists (195 Kgs) and seizures from Other Criminals including smugglers (1,42,719 Kgs).

A Total of 8,78,293 Number of explosive devices (Detonators, Gelatin Sticks, Grenades, Landmines & IEDs etc.) have also been recovered during 2021, as compared to 8,01,046 number in 2020. [Table – 20B.4]

## X) Seizure of Fake Indian Currency

A total of 3,10,080 fake Indian currency worth ₹ 20,39,29,260 were seized during 2021. [Table – 20B.2(ii)]

## Y) Disposal of IPC Cases by Police & Court

S. No.	Crime Head under IPC	Total Cases for Investigation	Cases Charge-Sheeted	Charge-sheeting Rate	Total Cases for Trial	Total Cases Convicted	Conviction Rate
1.	Murder	51,540	26,382	83.8	2,48,731	4,304	42.4
2.	Rape	46,127	26,164	80.4	1,85,836	3,368	28.6
3.	Kidnapping & Abduction	1,72,302	38,141	36.8	2,92,473	2,665	29.3
4.	Rioting	75,937	41,422	87.1	5,44,184	2,964	21.9
5.	Hurt (including acid attack)	8,22,384	5,26,994	88.3	32,78,679	54,707	37.1

## Z) Disposal of SLL Cases by Police & Court

S. No.	Crime Head under SLL	Total Cases for Investigation	Cases Charge - Sheeted	Charge-sheeting Rate	Total Cases for Trial	Total Cases Convicted	Conviction Rate
1.	The Excise Act	3,92,635	3,41,961	98.9	11,47,664	1,82,062	92.2
2.	Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985	1,15,417	71,490	98.3	3,25,841	20,747	77.9
3.	The Arms Act	90,402	73,511	98.3	4,97,387	28,076	81.8

## AA) Arrests, Convictions & Acquittals

A total of 58,09,380 persons were arrested under IPC & SLL cases combined, as follows:

- i. A total of 34,92,436 persons were arrested under 36,63,360 cases of IPC crimes. A total of 44,18,024 persons were charge-sheeted, 8,85,842 persons were convicted, 7,30,778 persons were acquitted and 1,12,009 persons were discharged. **[Table – 19A.6]**
- ii. A total of 23,17,005 persons were arrested under 24,32,950 cases of SLL crimes. A total of 27,91,827 persons were charge-sheeted, 13,28,465 persons were convicted, 3,16,578 persons were acquitted and 54,694 persons were discharged. **[Table – 19A.8]**

The State/UT reporting highest Charge-sheeting Rate under IPC Crimes are Gujarat (95.9%), Puducherry (93.0%) and Andhra Pradesh (92.9%).

