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## **FOREWORD**

It is my proud privilege to present the 69<sup>th</sup> edition of our annual 'Crime in India' report for the year 2021. The report published since 1953, covering various aspects of crime, is a principal reference document for the stakeholders for evaluation of the prevalent situation, planning policies and creating deterrence for future occurrence of crime in the society.

Crime is a highly complex phenomenon that changes across cultures and across time. Increased population, technological advancements and heightened competition for economic resources have brought about change in crime and its pattern as well and this has thrown new challenges to the law enforcement agencies. The concern with crime is well justified given its pernicious effects on economic activity and formulation of effective policies is a vital corollary to prevention of crime. The statistics in the report are essential in formulation of policies on the basis of quantitative facts.

The Bureau has been collecting data on various aspects of crime from States/UTs and collating it in a form of a report. Over the years, the report has proven itself to be a reference publication for evidence based policy formulation. The data is also used by researchers for in-depth analysis of the subject for developing theories for better understanding of criminogenic factors.

The Bureau has been once again successful in timely publication of the report. This could not have been possible without the support and co-operation extended by States/UTs. I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Heads of States/UT Police, Directors of SCRBx/CID and their teams for their efforts in timely sharing of data with the Bureau.

I also take the opportunity to appreciate the Officers and staff of Statistical Branch, NCRB for their hardwork and dedication, that has resulted in the timely publication of the report.

Like previous years, the Crime in India-2021 report is available in digital format and it can be freely accessed by all the stakeholders by accessing our website <https://ncrb.gov.in>.

Any suggestions and feedback for further improvement in content and quality of the publication would be highly appreciated.

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