Crime in India – 2023

SNAPSHOTS (States/UTs)

A) Overall Crime

Total of 62,41,569 cognizable crimes comprising 37,63,102 Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes and 24,78,467 Special & Local Laws (SLL) crimes were registered in 2023. It shows an increase of 4,16,623 (7.2%) in registration of cases over 2022 (58,24,946 Cases). Crime rate registered per lakh population has increased from 422.2 in 2022 to 448.3 in 2023. During 2023, registration of cases under IPC and SLL Crimes have increased by 5.7% and 9.5% respectively over 2022. Percentage share of IPC was 60.3% while percentage share of SLL cases was 39.7% of total cognizable crimes during 2023. **[Table –1.1]**

Major increase is seen in the cases registered under Obstruction on Public way (Sec.283 IPC) from 93,548 cases in 2022 to 1,51,469 cases in 2023 and under 'Thefts' from 6,52,731 cases in 2022 to 6,89,580 cases in 2023 **[Table 1A.4]**. Similarly under SLL category, major increase is in cases registered under Motor Vehicle Act from 94,450 cases in 2022 to 1,91,828 cases in 2023. This has resulted in an increase of 97,378 cases in SLL during 2023 as compared to 2022. **[Table 1A.5].**

During 2023, total of 53,61,518 IPC cases (15,84,912 cases pending from previous year + 37,63,102 reported during the year + 13,504 cases re-opened for investigation) were under investigation, out of which total of 37,85,839 cases were disposed of by police including 27,53,235 cases which were charge sheeted, resulting in the charge sheeting rate of 72.7%.

B) Offences Affecting the Human Body[1] - Summary

A total of 11,85,915 cases of offences affecting the human body were registered which accounted for 31.5% of total IPC crimes during 2023, out of which Hurt (6,36,767 cases) accounted for maximum cases i.e.53.7%, followed by Causing death by Negligence (1,65,971 cases, 14.0%) and Kidnapping & Abduction (1,13,564 cases, 9.6%). **[Table – 1A.4]**

The cases registered under offences against human body depict an increase of 2.3% in 2023 over 2022 (11,58,815 cases) and the crime rate has increased from 84.0 in 2022 to 85.2 in 2023**. [Table – 1A.4]**

C) Murder

A total of 27,721 cases of murder were registered during 2023, showing a marginal decline of 2.8% over 2022 (28,522 cases). **[Table – 2A.1]**

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

'Disputes' (9,209 cases) was the motive in highest number of murder cases during 2023 followed by 'Personal Vendetta or Enmity' (3,458 cases) and 'Gain' (1,890 cases). **[Table – 2A.2]**

D) Kidnapping & Abduction

A total of 1,13,564 cases of kidnapping & abduction were registered during 2023, showing an increase of 5.6% over 2022 (1,07,588 cases). **[Table – 2C.1]**

A total of 1,16,404 (24,285 male, 92,114 female and 5 transgender) victims were reported kidnapped or abducted during 2023, out of which 82,106 (16,033 male and 66,072 female and 1 transgender)[2] victims were children and 34,298 (8,252 male, 26,042 female and 4 transgender) victims were adult**. [Table – 2C.2]**

During 2023, a total of 1,40,813 kidnapped or abducted persons (31,837 male, 1,08,971 female and 5 transgender) were recovered out of which 1,39,164 persons were recovered alive and 1,649 persons were found dead. **[Table – 2C.4]**

E) Offences against Public Tranquillity

A total of 58,247 cases of offences against public tranquility were registered under various sections of IPC during 2023, out of which rioting (39,260 cases) accounted for 67.4% of total such cases. The cases of offences against public tranquility have increased by 2.0% in 2023 over 2022 (57,082 cases)**. [Table – 1A.4]**

F) Crime against Women

A total of 4,48,211 cases of crime against women were registered during 2023, showing an increase of 0.7% over 2022 (4,45,256 cases).**[Table – 3A.1]**

Majority of cases under crime against women under IPC were registered under 'Cruelty by Husband or Relatives' (1,33,676 cases, 29.8%) and 'Kidnapping and Abduction of Women' (88,605 cases, 19.8%), followed by 'Assault on Women with intent to outrage her modesty' (83,891 cases, 18.71%) and 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)' (66,232 cases, 14.8%). The crime rate registered per lakh women population was 66.2 in 2023 in comparison with 66.4 in 2022. **[Table – 3A.2]**

G) Crime against Children

A total of 1,77,335 cases of crime against children were registered during 2023, showing an increase of 9.2% over 2022 (1,62,449 cases). **[Table – 4A.1]**

In percentage terms, major crime heads under 'Crime Against Children' during 2023 were 'Kidnapping and Abduction of Children' (79,884 cases, 45.0%) and 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)' (67,694 cases, 38.2%). The crime rate registered per lakh children population was 39.9 in 2023 in comparison with 36.6 in 2022. **[Table – 4A.2]**

H) Juveniles in Conflict with Law

A total of 31,365 cases have been registered against Juveniles during 2023, increase of 2.7% over 2022 (30,555 cases). The crime rate increased from 6.9 in 2022 to 7.1 in 2023. **[Table – 5A.1]**

A total of 40,036 juveniles were apprehended in 31,365 cases, out of which 34,674 juveniles were apprehended under cases of IPC and 5,362 juveniles were apprehended under cases of SLL during 2023. **[Table – 5A.4]**

Majority of juveniles in conflict with law apprehended under IPC & SLL crimes were in the age group of 16 years to 18 years (79.0%) (31,610 out of 40,036) during 2023. **[Table – 5A.4]**

I) Crime against Senior Citizens

A total of 27,886 cases were registered for committing crime against Senior Citizens (aged above 60 years) in 2023, showing a decline of 2.3% in registration over 2022 (28,545 cases). **[Table – 6A.1]**

In Crime head-wise cases, highest number of cases (7,608, 27.3%) were registered under Simple Hurt followed by Theft (4,130, 14.8%) and FCF (Forgery, Cheating & Fraud) (3,473, 12.5%) during 2023. **[Table – 6A.2]**

J) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs)

A total of 57,789 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Castes (SCs), showing an increase of 0.4% over 2022 (57,582 cases). Crime rate registered showed an increase from 28.6 in 2022 to 28.7 in 2023. **[Table – 7A.1]**

In Crime head-wise cases, highest number of cases (18,437, 31.9%) were registered under simple hurt followed by cases under Criminal Intimidation with 7.8% (4,486 cases) and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with 7.5% (4,345 cases). **[Table – 7A.3]**

K) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs)

A total of 12,960 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs), showing an increase of 28.8% over 2022 (10,064 cases). Crime rate registered increased from 9.6 in 2022 to 12.4 in 2023. **[Table – 7C.1]**

In Crime head-wise cases, highest number of cases (2,757 cases, 21.3%) were registered under simple hurt followed by Riots with 13.2% (1,707 cases) and Rape with 9.2% (1,189 cases). **[Table – 7C.3]**

L) Economic Offences

A total of 2,04,973 cases were registered under economic offences, showing an increase of 6.0% in registration over 2022 (1,93,385 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 1,81,553 such cases, Criminal Breach of Trust with 22,759 cases followed by Counterfeiting (661 cases) during 2023. **[Table – 8A.2]**

M) Prevention of Corruption Act

A total of 4,069 cases have been registered in 2023 by State Anti-Corruption Bureaux (ACBs) as compared to 4,139 cases in 2022, showing the decline of 1.7% Out 4,069 Cases, majority, i.e., 70.7% were Trap Cases (2,875 cases) followed by 13.8% of Criminal Misconduct (560 Cases). A total of 4,759 persons were arrested, 976 persons were convicted and departmental action was taken against 638 persons. **[Tables – 8C]**

N) Cyber Crimes

A total of 86,420 cases were registered under Cyber Crimes, showing an increase of 31.2% in registration over 2022 (65,893 cases). Crime rate under this category increased from 4.8 in 2022 to 6.2 in 2023. During 2023, 68.9% of cyber-crime cases registered were for the motive of fraud (59,526 out of 86,420 cases) followed by Sexual Exploitation with 4.9% (4,199 cases) and Extortion with 3.8% (3,326 cases). **[Table – 9A.3]**

O) Offences against State

A total of 4,873 cases have been registered in 2023 as compared to 5,610 cases in the year 2022, showing a decline of 13.1%. Out of 4,873 cases, 81.9% of cases were registered under The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act (3,989 Cases) followed by 750 (15.4%) cases under The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. **[Table - 10A.2]**

P) Environment Related Offences

During the year 2023, a total of 68,994 cases were registered under Environment Related Offences as compared to 52,920 cases in the year 2022, showing an increase of 30.4%. Crime head-wise cases revealed that the cases registered under The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) with 85.9% (59,279 Cases) were the highest followed by Noise Pollution Acts (State/Central) with 9.6% (6,640 Cases). **[Table – 11.2]**

Q) Crime against Foreigners and Crime by Foreigners

A total of 238 crimes were registered for crime against foreigners (Tourist and Resident) as compared to 192 cases in 2022, showing an increase of 24.0%. Most of the cases registered were under Theft (46) and Rape (27). Out of 266 victims in 238 registered cases, 53.8% of the victims were from Asian Continent (143) followed by 20.7% of victims from European Countries (55). **[Tables – 13A.1-6]**

A total of 2,546 cases were registered in 2023 on crime by foreigners as compared to 2,100 cases in the year 2022, showing an increase of 21.2% Crime head-wise cases revealed that 48.5% of the cases registered were under Foreigners Act & Registration of Foreigners Act (1,234 Cases), followed by 17.7% of Cases under Passport Act (451 Cases) **[Tables – 13B.1-6]**

R) Human Trafficking

A total of 2,183 cases of Human Trafficking were registered in 2023 as compared to 2,250 cases in the year 2022, showing a decline of 3.0%. A total of 6,288 victims have been reported to be trafficked in which 2,687 children and 3,601 adults were trafficked. During the year, 6,043 victims have been rescued from clutches of traffickers and 6,024 persons were arrested for trafficking. **[Tables – 14.1-7]**

S) 1) Missing Persons

A total of 4,84,584 persons (1,59,811 male, 3,24,763 female and 10 transgender) were reported missing in 2023. The number of persons reported missing has increased by 9.5% in 2023 from 4,42,572 persons missing during 2022. **[Table – 15.2]**

During the year 2023, a total of 4,60,886 persons (1,55,283 males, 3,05,585 females and 18 transgender) were recovered/traced. **[Table – 15.2]**

2) Missing Children[2]

A total of 91,296 children (22,460 male, 68,835 female and 1 transgender) were reported missing in 2023. The number of children missing has increased by 9.5% in 2023 from 83,350 children missing during 2022. **[Table – 15.1]**

During the year 2023, a total of 89,809 children (22,838 male, 66,965 female and 6 transgender) were recovered/traced. **[Table – 15.1]**

T) Offences against Property

The cases registered under offences against property have increased by 4.7% from 8,39,252 cases in 2022 to 8,78,307 cases in 2023. During 2023, maximum cases reported were of theft (6,89,580 cases), followed by burglaries (1,07,573 cases), accounting for 78.5% and 12.2% respectively. **[Table – 1A.4]**

During 2023, Properties worth Rs.6,917.2 Crores were stolen and Properties worth Rs.2,065 Crore were recovered accounting for 29.9% recovery of stolen properties. **[Table – 20A.1]**

During 2023, 3,01,082 cases of property crimes registered took place at residential premises. However, majority of Robberies registered took place on roadways (includes highways and roads) with 15,193 cases. **[Table – 20A.2]**

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 1,71,571 cases in 2022, 1,82,214 cases were registered under offences against documents & property marks in 2023 comprising of FCF (forgery, cheating & fraud), out of which, FCF (1,81,553 cases) accounted for 99.6% of total such cases. **[Table – 1A.4]**

V) Seizures under Arms Act

As compared to 80,118 cases under arms act during 2022, 73,388 cases were registered during 2023 in which 82,756 Arms were seized, comprising of 2,153 arms as licensed/factory made and 80,603 Arms as Unlicensed/improvised/crude/country made. A total of 1,09,254 number of ammunitions were also seized during 2023. **[Table – 20B.1]**

W) Seizure of Explosives

As compared to 88,987 Kgs of Explosives recovered in 2022, a total of 10,09,627 Kgs Explosives (RDX, TNT, Plastic Explosives, Gun Powder, Pyrotechnic/Fireworks etc.) have been seized during 2023. This comprises of seizures from Extremists/Insurgents/Terrorists (1,303 Kgs) and seizures from Other Criminals including smugglers (10,08,324 Kgs).

A Total of 4,49,768 Number of explosive devices (Detonators, Gelatin Sticks, Grenades, Landmines & IEDs etc.) have also been recovered during 2023, as compared to 2,79,986 number in 2022. **[Table – 20B.4]**

X) Seizure of Fake Indian Currency

A total of 3,51,656 fake Indian currency notes worth ₹ 16,86,23,100 were seized during 2023. **[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**	45,544	24,575	85.7	2,72,198	7,181	37.7
2.	**Rape**	40,393	24,582	80.3	2,03,067	4,464	22.7
3.	**Kidnapping & Abduction**	1,80,591	42,635	37.0	3,51,090	3,541	20.2
4.	**Hurt (including acid attack)**	8,65,112	5,85,413	90.7	39,43,129	90,900	36.2
5.	**Rioting**	66,876	32,876	89.2	5,70,044	4,591	17.4

Note : Chargesheeting Rate = Cases Chargesheeted / Total Cases Disposed off by Police * 100
Conviction Rate = Cases Convicted / Cases in which Trials Completed * 100

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	Convi-ction Rate
1.	**The Excise Act**	4,00,658	3,56,881	97.3	14,22,143	2,49,982	83.2
2.	**Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985**	1,71,030	1,13,868	98.1	4,74,167	50,982	83.7
3.	**The Arms Act**	88,860	71,288	98.8	5,81,935	27,615	65.9

Note : Chargesheeting Rate = Cases Chargesheeted / Total Cases Disposed off by Police * 100
Conviction Rate = Cases Convicted / Cases in which Trials Completed * 100

AA) Arrests, Convictions & Acquittals

A total of 51,28,163 persons were arrested under IPC & SLL cases combined, as follows:

A total of 30,03,024 persons were arrested under 37,63,102 cases of IPC crimes. A total of 47,66,289 persons were charge-sheeted, 11,37,639 persons were convicted, 11,84,027 persons were acquitted and 98,372 persons were discharged. **[Table – 19A.6]**

A total of 21,25,139 persons were arrested under 24,78,467 cases of SLL crimes. A total of 28,17,073 persons were charge-sheeted, 16,98,457 persons were convicted, 4,60,268 persons were acquitted and 32,220 persons were discharged. **[Table – 19A.8]**

The State/UT reporting highest Charge-sheeting Rate under IPC Crimes are Kerala (95.6%), Puducherry (92.5%) and Andhra Pradesh (91.6%).