Crime in India – 2024

SNAPSHOTS (States/UTs)

A) Overall Crime

Total of 58,85,867 cognizable crimes comprising 35,44,608 Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) crimes and 23,41,259 Special & Local Laws (SLL) crimes were registered in 2024. It shows a decrease of 3,55,702 (6.0%) in registration of cases over 2023 (62,41,569 Cases). Crime rate registered per lakh population has decreased from 448.3 in 2023 to 418.9 in 2024. During 2024, registration of cases under (IPC and BNS) and SLL Crimes have decreased by 5.8% and 5.5% respectively over 2023. Percentage share of IPC and BNS was 60.2% while percentage share of SLL cases was 39.8% of total cognizable crimes during 2024. **[Table –1.1]**

Major decline is seen in the cases registered under Hurt (Sec. 325-326,329-335 IPC and Section 117-122 BNS) from 6,36,767 cases in 2023 to 4,41,996 cases in 2024 and an increase in seen under 'Wrongful Restraint/Confinement' (Sec.341-348 IPC and Section 126-127 BNS) from 32,575 cases in 2023 to 50,881 cases in 2024 **[Table 1A.4]**. Similarly under SLL category, major increase is in cases registered under Prohibition Act (State) from 7,81,910 cases in 2023 to 7,97,026 cases in 2024. This has resulted in an increase of 15,116 cases in SLL during 2024 as compared to 2023 **[Table 1A.5].** The decrease in cases of 'Hurt or Grievous Hurt' may be attributed to the changes in BNS, where the Sections of 'Hurt or Grievous Hurt' have been merged and exclusion Simple Hurt being a non-cognizable offence.

During 2024, total of 51,24,205 IPC and BNS cases (15,75,201 cases pending from previous year + 35,44,608 reported during the year + 4,396 cases re-opened for investigation) were under investigation, out of which total of 35,21,488 cases were disposed of by police including 25,40,668 cases which were charge sheeted, resulting in the charge sheeting rate of 72.1%.

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

A total of 8,72,228 cases of offences affecting the human body were registered which accounted for 24.6% of total IPC and BNS crimes during 2024, out of which 'Grievous Hurt' (4,41,996 cases) accounted for maximum cases i.e. 50.7%, followed by 'Causing death by Negligence' (1,69,493 cases, 19.4%) and 'Kidnapping & Abduction' (96,079 cases, 11.0%). **[Table – 1A.4]**

The cases registered under offences against human body depict a decrease of 26.5% in 2024 over 2023 (11,85,915 cases) and the crime rate has decreased from 85.2 in 2023 to 82.3 in 2024 **[Table – 1A.4].** The decline may be attributed to the inclusion of new category 'Offences affecting Women and Child' in new criminal law 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita(BNS)', where heads

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

of 'Offences affecting Human Body' have been taken out to define/notify a new category 'Offences against Women and Child'. Combined offences of both the categories have also shown a decrease of 29,157 (2.5%) Cases from 11,85,915 Cases in 2023 to 11,56,758 in 2024 **[Table 1.2].**

C) Offences against Women and Child

A total of 2,84,530 cases of offences against women and child were registered which accounted for 8.0% of total IPC and BNS crimes during 2024, out of which 'Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives' (1,20,227 cases) accounted for maximum cases i.e. 42.3%, followed by 'Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty' (48,303 cases, 17.0%) and 'Rape' (29,536 cases, 10.4%). **[Table – 1A.4]**

D) Murder

A total of 27,049 cases of murder were registered during 2024, showing a marginal decline of 2.4% over 2023 (27,721 cases). **[Table – 2A.1]**

'Disputes' (9,607 cases) was the motive in highest number of murder cases during 2024 followed by 'Personal Vendetta or Enmity' (3,638 cases) and 'Gain' (1,460 cases). **[Table – 2A.2]**

E) Kidnapping & Abduction

A total of 96,079 cases of kidnapping & abduction were registered during 2024, showing a decrease of 15.4% over 2023 (1,13,564 cases). **[Table – 2C.1]**

A total of 98,054 (28,010 male, 70,043 female and 1 transgender) victims were reported kidnapped or abducted during 2024, out of which 76,761 (18,470 male and 58,291 female and 0 transgender)[2] victims were children and 21,293 (9,540 male, 11,752 female and 1 transgender) victims were adult**. [Table – 2C.2]**

During 2024, a total of 1,10,433 kidnapped or abducted persons (28,707 male, 81,725 female and 1 transgender) were recovered out of which 1,10,087 persons were recovered alive and 346 persons were found dead. **[Table – 2C.4]**

F) Offences against Public Tranquillity

A total of 44,349 cases of offences against public tranquility were registered under various sections of IPC and BNS during 2024, out of which rioting (30,348 cases) accounted for 68.4% of total such cases. The cases of offences against public tranquility have decreased by 23.9% in 2024 over 2023 (58,247 cases)**. [Table – 1A.4]**

G) Crime against Women

A total of 4,41,534 cases of crime against women were registered during 2024, showing an decrease of 1.5% over 2023 (4,48,211 cases).**[Table – 3A.1]**

Majority of cases under crime against women under IPC and BNS were registered under 'Cruelty by Husband or Relatives' (1,20,227 cases, 27.2%) and 'Kidnapping and Abduction of Women' (67,829 cases, 15.4%), followed by 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)' (67,809 cases, 15.4%) and 'Assault on Women with intent to outrage her modesty' (48,303 cases, 10.9%). The crime rate registered per lakh women population was 64.6 in 2024 in comparison with 66.2 in 2023. **[Table – 3A.2]**

H) Crime against Children

A total of 1,87,702 cases of crime against children were registered during 2024, showing an increase of 5.9% over 2023 (1,77,335 cases). **[Table – 4A.1]**

In percentage terms, major crime heads under 'Crime Against Children' during 2024 were 'Kidnapping and Abduction of Children' (75,108 cases, 40.0%) and 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)' (69,191 cases, 36.9%). The crime rate registered per lakh children population was 42.3 in 2024 in comparison with 39.9 in 2023. **[Table – 4A.2]**

I) Juveniles in Conflict with Law

A total of 34,878 cases have been registered against Juveniles during 2024, increase of 11.2% over 2023 (31,365 cases). The crime rate increased from 7.1 in 2023 to 7.9 in 2024. **[Table – 5A.1]**

A total of 42,633 juveniles were apprehended in 34,878 cases, out of which 34,648 juveniles were apprehended under cases of IPC & BNS and 7,985 juveniles were apprehended under cases of SLL during 2024. **[Table – 5A.4]**

Majority of juveniles in conflict with law apprehended under IPC & BNS and SLL crimes were in the age group of 16 years to 18 years (77.7%) (33,129 out of 42,633) during 2024. **[Table – 5A.4]**

J) Crime against Senior Citizens

A total of 32,602 cases were registered for committing crime against Senior Citizens (aged above 60 years) in 2024, showing a rise of 16.9% in registration over 2023 (27,886 cases). **[Table – 6A.1]**

In Crime head-wise cases, highest number of cases (4,786, 14.7%) were registered under Theft followed by FCF (Forgery, Cheating & Fraud) (4,451, 13.7%) and Murder (1,229, 3.8%) during 2024. **[Table – 6A.2]**

K) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs)

A total of 55,698 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Castes (SCs), showing a decrease of 3.6% over 2023 (57,789 cases). Crime rate registered showed a decrease from 28.7 in 2023 to 27.7 in 2024. **[Table – 7A.1]**

In Crime head-wise cases, highest number of cases (6,963, 12.5%) were registered under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act followed by cases under Grievous Hurt with 7.7% (4,302 cases) and Rape with 7.6% (4,262 cases). **[Table – 7A.3]**

L) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs)

A total of 9,966 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs), showing a decrease of 23.1% over 2023 (12,960 cases). Crime rate registered decreased from 12.4 in 2023 to 9.5 in 2024. **[Table – 7C.1]**

In Crime head-wise cases, highest number of cases (1,375 cases, 13.8%) were registered under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act followed by Rape with 12.7% (1,268 cases) and Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty with 6.2% (613 cases). **[Table – 7C.3]**

M) Economic Offences

A total of 2,14,379 cases were registered under economic offences, showing an increase of 4.6% in registration over 2023 (2,04,973 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 1,92,382 such cases, Criminal Breach of Trust with 21,251 cases followed by Counterfeiting (746 cases) during 2024. **[Table – 8A.2]**

N) Prevention of Corruption Act

A total of 4,053 cases have been registered in 2024 by State Anti-Corruption Bureaux (ACBs) as compared to 4,069 cases in 2023, showing a marginal decline of 0.4% Out 4,053 Cases, majority, i.e., 69.0% were Trap Cases (2,796 cases) followed by 14.3% of Criminal Misconduct (579 Cases). A total of 4,042 persons were arrested, 978 persons were convicted and departmental action was taken against 560 persons. **[Tables – 8C]**

O) Cyber Crimes

A total of 1,01,928 cases were registered under Cyber Crimes, showing an increase of 17.9% in registration over 2023 (86,420 cases). Crime rate under this category increased from 6.2 in 2023 to 7.3 in 2024. During 2024, 72.6% of cyber-crime cases registered were for the motive of Fraud (73,987 out of 1,01,928 cases) followed by Sexual Exploitation with 3.1% (3,190 cases) and Extortion with 2.5% (2,536 cases). **[Table – 9A.3]**

P) Offences against State

A total of 5,194 cases have been registered in 2024 as compared to 4,873 cases in the year 2023, showing a rise of 6.6%. Out of 5,194 cases, 84.6% of cases were registered under The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 4,395 (84.6%) Cases followed by 649 (12.5%) cases under The Unlawful Activities (P) Act. **[Table - 10A.2]**

Q) Environment Related Offences

During the year 2024, a total of 57,670 cases were registered under Environment Related Offences as compared to 68,994 cases in the year 2023, showing a decrease of 16.4%. Crime head-wise cases revealed that the cases registered under The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) with 80.3% (46,333 Cases) were the highest followed by Noise Pollution Acts (State/Central) with 15.0% (8,639 Cases). **[Table – 11.2]**

R) Crime against Foreigners and Crime by Foreigners

A total of 257 crimes were registered for crime against foreigners (Tourist and Resident) as compared to 238 cases in 2023, showing an increase of 8.0%. Most of the cases registered were under Theft (62) and Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (25). Out of 317 victims in 257 registered cases, 64.0% of the victims were from Asian Continent (203) followed by 15.1% of victims from African Countries (48). **[Tables – 13A.1-6]**

A total of 2,792 cases were registered in 2024 on crime by foreigners as compared to 2,546 cases in the year 2023, showing an increase of 9.7% Crime head-wise cases revealed that 46.6% of the cases registered were under Foreigners Act & Registration of Foreigners Act (1,301 Cases), followed by 19.5% of Cases under Passport Act (544 Cases) **[Tables – 13B.1-6]**

S) Human Trafficking

A total of 2,135 cases of Human Trafficking were registered in 2024 as compared to 2,183 cases in the year 2023, showing a decline of 2.2%. A total of 6,018 victims have been reported to be trafficked in which 2,297 children and 3,721 adults were trafficked. During the year, 5,839 victims have been rescued from clutches of traffickers and 5,904 persons were arrested for trafficking. **[Tables – 14.1-8]**

T) 1) Missing Persons

A total of 5,20,164 persons (1,67,414 male, 3,52,729 female and 21 transgender) were reported missing in 2024. The number of persons reported missing has increased by 7.3% in 2024 from 4,84,584 persons missing during 2023. **[Table – 15.2]**

During the year 2024, a total of 5,03,602 persons (1,65,465 males, 3,38,116 females and 21 transgender) were recovered/traced. **[Table – 15.2]**

2) Missing Children[2]

A total of 98,375 children (22,768 male, 75,603 female and 4 transgender) were reported missing in 2024. The number of children missing has increased by 7.8% in 2024 from 91,296 children missing during 2023. **[Table – 15.1]**

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.

During the year 2024, a total of 98,826 children (23,902 male, 74,919 female and 5 transgender) were recovered/traced. **[Table – 15.1]**

U) Offences against Property

The cases registered under offences against property have decreased by 7.3% from 8,78,307 cases in 2023 to 8,14,003 cases in 2024. During 2024, maximum cases reported were of theft (6,21,945 cases), followed by burglaries (1,07,532 cases), accounting for 76.4% and 13.2% respectively. **[Table – 1A.4]**

During 2024, Properties worth Rs.5924.3 Crores were stolen and Properties worth Rs. 2073.7 Crore were recovered accounting for 35.0% recovery of stolen properties. **[Table – 20A.1]**

During 2024, 2,76,387 cases of property crimes registered took place at residential premises. However, majority of Robberies registered took place on roadways (includes highways and roads) with 13,447 cases. **[Table – 20A.2]**

V) Offences Relating to Documents & Property Marks

As compared to 1,82,214 cases in 2023, 1,93,128 cases were registered under offences against documents & property marks in 2024 comprising of FCF (forgery, cheating & fraud), out of which, FCF (1,92,382 cases) accounted for 99.6% of total such cases. **[Table – 1A.4]**

W) Seizures under Arms Act

As compared to 73,388 cases under arms act during 2023, 63,564 cases were registered during 2024 in which 71,261 Arms were seized, comprising of 1,537 arms as licensed/factory made and 69,724 Arms as Unlicensed/improvised/crude/country made. A total of 89,212 number of ammunitions were also seized during 2024. **[Table – 20B.1]**

X) Seizure of Explosives

As compared to 10,09,627 Kgs of Explosives recovered in 2023, a total of 3,59,085 Kgs Explosives (RDX, TNT, Plastic Explosives, Gun Powder, Pyrotechnic/Fireworks etc.) have been seized during 2024. This comprises of seizures from Extremists/Insurgents/Terrorists (2,304 Kgs) and seizures from Other Criminals including smugglers (3,56,781 Kgs).

A Total of 4,02,611 Number of explosive devices (Detonators, Gelatin Sticks, Grenades, Landmines & IEDs etc.) have also been recovered during 2024, as compared to 4,49,768 number in 2023. **[Table – 20B.4]**

Y) Seizure of Fake Indian Currency

A total of 8,21,100 fake Indian currency notes worth Rs. 54,61,56,060 were seized during 2024. **[Table – 20B.2(ii)]**

Z) Disposal of IPC & BNS Cases by Police & Court

S. No.	Crime Head under IPC & BNS	Total Cases for Investigation	Cases Charge-Sheeted	Charge-sheeting Rate	Total Cases for Trial	Total Cases Convicted	Conviction Rate
1.	Murder	43,973	22,963	84.7	2,74,814	8,627	43.8
2.	Rape	39,274	24,614	81.3	2,06,777	5,032	24.4
3.	Kidnapping & Abduction	1,43,154	28,889	30.9	2,17,710	2,973	26.8
4.	Hurt or Grievous Hurt	5,76,032	3,73,041	92.9	24,03,960	44,022	29.6
5.	Rioting	59,411	27,340	87.8	5,67,660	4,521	19.7

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

AA) 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	3,66,549	3,27,110	97.4	14,35,424	2,06,432	80.6
2.	Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985	1,65,036	1,02,435	97.9	5,13,364	52,126	81.9
3.	The Arms Act	80,270	61,996	98.7	5,95,436	26,940	63.2

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

AB) Arrests, Convictions & Acquittals

A total of 45,38,046 persons were arrested under IPC & BNS and SLL cases combined, as follows:

A total of 26,72,112 persons were arrested under 35,44,608 cases of IPC and BNS crimes. A total of 43,11,655 persons were charge-sheeted, 10,71,441 persons were convicted, 11,36,282 persons were acquitted and 91,233 persons were discharged. **[Table – 19A.6]**

A total of 18,65,934 persons were arrested under 23,41,259 cases of SLL crimes. A total of 27,01,371 persons were charge-sheeted, 17,21,658 persons were convicted, 4,22,535 persons were acquitted and 42,159 persons were discharged. **[Table – 19A.8]**

The State/UT reporting highest Charge-sheeting Rate under IPC and BNS Crimes are Kerala (94.5%), Puducherry (91.0%) and West Bengal (90.6%).