

## Crime in India Report

### What is the issue?

The annual report, '**Crime in India**' was released by NCRB to provide insights on the patterns of crimes that were registered in 2020.

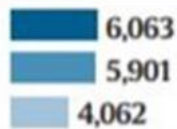
### What does the report say?

- **Crime rate** - States/UTs such as Tamil Nadu (1808.8), Kerala (1568.4) and Delhi (1309.6) recorded the highest crime rate (crimes per one lakh people) overall.
- **Crime against women** - There was an 8.3% decline and out of the total registered cases, 30.2% were of the category "cruelty by husband or his relatives".
- **Crime against Children**- A decline of 13.2% has been reported in cases registered for committing crimes against children.
- **Crime against SCs and STs** - An increase of 9.4% and 9.3% respectively have been reported in 2020.
- **Economic offences** - There was a reduction in the registered number of economic offences (by 12% since 2019) but cybercrimes recorded an increase of 11.8%.
- **Sedition** - Cases related to sedition declined from 93 in 2019 to 73 last year having Manipur and Assam with leading cases.
- **Communal riots** - communal riots registered an increase of 96% in 2020 over the previous year and caste riots saw an increase of close to 50%.
- **Violent crimes** - violent crimes decreased by 0.5% but murder has registered a marginal increase of 1%.
- **Offences against the State** - It include cases related to sedition, waging war against the nation, provisions of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Official Secrets Act and Damage to Public Property Act.
- 2020 saw a 27% drop in cases over 2019 related to offences against the state.
- **Agrarian riots** - It saw a 38% increase over 2019 due to unprecedented protests against the three farm laws passed by the Centre.

## 2019 VS 2020: CRIMES ARE DOWN

■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020

### KIDNAPPING



### CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN



### CYBER CRIME



### MURDER



	2018	2019	2020
Offences against the state	11	26	18
Juveniles involved in crimes	2,727	2,783	2,455

## A JUMP IN NUMBERS

OFFENCES	2019	2020	% increase
Communal riots	438	857	96%
Caste riots	492	736	50%
Agrarian riots	1,579	2,188	38%
Andolan/Morcha riots	1,442	1,905	33%
Promoting Enmity Between Groups	1,058	1,804	70%
<b>TOTAL RIOTS (including other causes)</b>	<b>45,985</b>	<b>51,606</b>	<b>12%</b>

Offences Against The State decreased by 27%, but UP only major state where they increased  
Source: NCRB

## What is the impact of pandemic on the pattern of crimes?

- The year 2020 saw prolonged lockdowns which coincided with a high number of complaints of domestic violence.
- The lockdown also led to an overall fall in crime related to theft, burglary and dacoity.
- The COVID-19 related disruption led to a greater registration of cases due to disobedience to government order and violations of other State local laws.
- As lockdown has led to increase in digital transactions, cybercrimes also saw a rise.

**Source: The Hindu, The Indian Express**

