Crime in India Report, 2023

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Why in news?

Recently, the National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) released the Crime in India 2023 report, show a clear rise in reported cases across most categories.

- The report shows in India where crime is both rising and being reported more openly.
- **Released by –** National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
- **Key findings –**
- **Overall crime rate** – Crime rate per lakh population climbed from 422.2 in 2022 to 448.3 in 2023 (Crime rates – Crime per lakh population)
- **Total Cases –** 6.24 million cognizable crimes were recorded - 3.76 million cases under IPC and 2.48 million cases under Special and Local Laws (SLL).
- **High-volume crimes** –
    - **Theft –** Accounted for the largest share of property offenses, with 689,580 cases.
    - **Simple Hurt –** With over 636,000 cases, it was the most common IPC offense.
    - **Motor Vehicle Act Violations –** More than doubled, contributing heavily to the overall increase in crime
- **Crime against children –** In 2023, a total of 1,77,335 cases, showing an increase of 9.2% as compared to 2022.
- **Crimes against Scheduled Tribes (STs) –** Increased 28.8% in 2023, with 12,960 cases registered.
- **Worst affected state –** Manipur (ethnic violence), followed by Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan.
- **Crime against Scheduled Castes (SCs) –** In 2023, there were 57,789 cases registered, Uttar Pradesh accounting for highest, followed by Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh (8,232).
- **Cybercrime –**
    - The crime rate ***increased steadily*** from 27,248 in 2018, 44,735 in 2019, 65,893 in 2022 and 86,420 cases in 2023.
    - **Majority of cases –** Fraud, extortion and sexual exploitation accounting for the.
    - **Most cases -** Karnataka, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Crime against women –**
    - A total of 4,48,211 cases were registered, marking an increase of 0.7%.
    - **Highest no of cases –** Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, West Bengal.
    - **Majority of cases –** Cruelty by husband or relatives (29.8%), kidnapping and abduction of women (19.8%), assault on women with intent to outrage her

modesty (18.71%), Acid attack (0.04 %).

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