

[GS-2] - Government policies.

2. There is a need to bring effective tourist police in the country. DO you agree with this view? Comment:

Few days ago, '2' rape convicts were sentenced to life imprisonment for raping & murdering a Latvian woman in 2018. This is only 1 example of rising crimes against tourists in India.

Crimes against Foreigners - Crim

Crimes are rising, but reporting has declined mainly due to 'fear factor'. National Crime Records Bureau data shows - ^{eg:} Crime cases ^{reporting} in delhi → declined from (against foreigners) [62 to 23]

In last 3 years, 29 foreigners, has been murdered.

Impact.

1. Crimes against foreigners will seriously dent the image of India globally
2. Directly impact the foreign exchange reserves as ~~to tourists~~ ^{sector is} foreign exchange earner.

2019 = \$30 bn $\Rightarrow$ forex was earned; 2020 due to COVID - \$6.5 bn & increased only marginally to \$8.7 bn in 2021.

Measures taken.

1. M/o Tourism Bureau of Police Research & Development
in conference - come out with 'uniform Tourist police scheme'
to sensitise crimes against foreigners & for protection to them.

currently $\rightarrow$ States - U.P, M.P, Andhra etc. has such scheme.

2. G20 Initiative - there will be huge influx of tourists. i) currently booklet has been prepared regarding preparedness for the scheme $\rightarrow$ uniform police stations recruitment etc.

ii) 30% - deputational allowance - for tourist policing
What further is needed?

1. Major common crime - is theft $\rightarrow$ hence.
Constant surveillance of thieves in & around tourist spot

2. Fast track court eg: Rape convict Mohanty was given 7 year imprisonment within 22 day trial.

Such fast disposal of cases, needs to be priority.

Such measures has to be implemented at pan India level, to ensure justice to foreigners