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Crime in India Report 2020: NCRB

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Why in News

Recently, **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** released the **Crime in India Report 2020**.

While 2020, a year marked by months of a national **lockdown** due to the **pandemic** saw **fewer traditional crimes** such as those committed against women and children, among others, it witnessed a **big spike in civil conflicts**.

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%
TOTAL RIOTS (including other causes)	45,985	51,606	12%

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

Key Points

- **Riots (Civil Conflicts):**
 - **Communal riots** registered an **increase of 96% in 2020** over the previous year. **Delhi Police alone registered the highest** i.e. 520 cases of communal riots in the year and **Uttar Pradesh (UP) did not record a single case** of communal violence in 2020.
 - **Caste riots** saw an increase of close to **50%**, **agrarian riots 38%** and **riots during 'andolan/morcha' increased by 33%**.
- **Traditional Crimes:**
 - The number of cases registered for crimes against women, children and senior citizens, theft, burglary, robbery and dacoity, among others, **dropped by about 2 lakh**.
 - **Murder** registered a marginal **increase of 1%** even as offences falling under the category of **"violent crimes" decreased by 0.5%**.
 - **Delhi** is the **most unsafe city for women**. More than **10,093 cases of crimes against women** were registered in the capital in 2020.
- **Environment Related Offences:**

Cases under the 'environment-related offences' category **increased by 78.1%** in the country in 2020.
- **Cyber Crime:**

The rate of cyber crime (incidents per lakh population) also **increased from 3.3% in 2019 to 3.7%** in 2020.
- **Offences Against State:**
 - The year also saw a significant **drop in cases related to Offences against the State**, with a drop of **27% over 2019**.
 - **UP**, however, was the **only major state to record an increase in this category**, mostly **due to the large number of 'Damage to Public Property' cases** registered by the state, many of them during the **anti- CAA (Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019) protests**.
 - Offences against the State' include cases related to **sedition** and **waging war** against the nation, those falling under provisions of the **Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) 1967**, **Official Secrets Act 1923** and **Damage to Public Property Act 1954**.
- **State Wise Data:**



National Crime Records Bureau

- NCRB, headquartered in New Delhi, was set-up in 1986 under the Ministry of Home Affairs to function as a repository of information on crime and criminals so as to assist the investigators in linking crime to the perpetrators.
- It was set up based on the recommendations of the National Police Commission (1977-1981) and the MHA's Task Force (1985).
- NCRB brings out the annual comprehensive statistics of crime across the country ('Crime in India' report).
Having been published since 1953, the report serves as a crucial tool in understanding the law and order situation across the country.
- The inaugural function of the 2nd CCTNS Hackathon and Cyber Challenge 2020-21 of NCRB was held in New Delhi.

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