



37th Foundation of National Crime Records Bureau

For Prelims: NCRB and its functions, E-Prison, E-Forensic, E-Prosecution, E-Court, Artificial Intelligence, Block Chain.

For Mains: State of Crime in India and related issues.

Why in News?

Recently the **37th Foundation Day of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** was celebrated (11th March 1986) .

What is the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)?

▪ About:

- 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)**.

▪ Functions:

- The Bureau has been entrusted to maintain **National Database of Sexual Offenders (NDSO)** and share it with the **States/UTs on regular basis**.
- NCRB has also been **designated as the Central Nodal Agency** to manage technical and operational functions of the '[Online Cyber-Crime Reporting Portal](#)' through which any citizen can lodge a complaint or upload a video clip as an evidence of crime related to child pornography, rape/gang rape.
- The responsibility of implementation of the [Inter-operable Criminal Justice System \(ICJS\)](#) has also been given to the NCRB.
 - ICJS is a **national platform for enabling** integration of the main IT system used for delivery of Criminal Justice in the country.
 - It seeks to integrate the **five pillars of the system** viz Police (through Crime and [Criminal Tracking and Network Systems](#)), e-Forensics for Forensic Labs, [e-Courts](#) for Courts, e-Prosecution for Public Prosecutors and [e-Prisons](#) for Prisons.
 - The Government of India has set a target of the second phase of ICJS (Inter-operable Criminal Justice System) by 2026 with an expenditure of about Rs. 3,500 crore.

▪ Major Publications:

- [Crimes in India](#)
- [Accidental Deaths and Suicides](#)
- [Prison Statistics](#)
- [Reports on Missing Women and children in India](#)

What is the State of Crime in India?

- According to the [Crime in India Report 2020](#):
 - [Communal riots](#) registered an **increase of 96% in 2020** over the previous year.
 - 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**.
 - Cases under the **'environment-related offences'** category **increased by 78.1%** in the country in 2020.
 - The rate of [cyber crime](#) (incidents per lakh population) also increased from 3.3% in 2019 to 3.7% in 2020.

How can the Functioning of the NCRB be Strengthened?

- States should **use NCRB's data in formulating their annual police strategy**, it should have a **multi-dimensional and multi-purposed use in crime control**, only then will this institution become result-oriented.
- 16,390 police stations in the country have been connected on CCTNS, but **Central agencies** such as the [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#), the [Narcotics Control Bureau \(NCB\)](#) and the [National Investigation Agency \(NIA\)](#) are still not connected with it.
 - All Agencies must join the CCTNS as soon as possible and make data 100 percent complete.
- After the completion of phase 2 of ICJS, it should be made increasingly useful by using [Artificial Intelligence](#), [Block Chain](#), analytical tools and [fingerprint system](#).

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