



# Operation Conviction

## Why in News?

**Uttar Pradesh** has witnessed a transformation in its law and order situation through a strict [zero-tolerance policy](#), including **Operation Conviction**, which focuses on securing swift convictions and tackling serious crimes.

## Key Points

### ▪ Operation Conviction & Impact:

- Launched in **July 2023**, **Operation Conviction** has emerged as a key strategy to ensure swift justice by **focusing on fast-track prosecution**, leading to significant improvements in conviction rates.
  - In crimes against children, several received the death penalty under [Protection of Children from Sexual Offences \(POCSO\) Act, 2012](#) and more than 600 were sentenced to life imprisonment.
  - Significant convictions have been secured in cases involving top criminals and notorious mafias, underscoring the **focus on organized crime**.
- **POCSO Act, 2012:**
  - **About:**
    - The **POCSO Act** was enacted to address **sexual exploitation and abuse of children**, defining a child as anyone **below 18 years**.
    - It was enacted in consequence to India's ratification of the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child \(1992\)](#).
  - **Key Features:**
    - The Act is **gender-neutral**, protecting **both boys and girls** from sexual abuse. It provides for **interim compensation** by Special Courts and **immediate relief** through the **Child Welfare Committee (CWC)** for urgent needs.
    - A **support person** is appointed to assist the child through legal proceedings. **Section 23** ensures **confidentiality** by prohibiting disclosure of the victim's identity in the media.
- **Organised Crime:**
  - Organised crime is defined as illegal activities carried out by groups or networks working together, often involving violence, corruption, or **related actions to gain financial or material benefits**.
  - Transnational organised crime (TOC) occurs when activities or groups **operate in multiple countries**.
  - Different forms of organised crime include:
    - [Money Laundering](#), [Drug Trafficking](#), [Human Trafficking](#), [Illicit Firearms Trafficking](#), [Trafficking in Natural Resources](#), [Fraudulent Medicines](#), [Cybercrime](#) and [Identity Theft](#).

