

Crimes in India Report 2019

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Crimes against women increased 7.3% from 2018 to 2019, and crimes against Scheduled Castes also went up 7.3% in the same period, according to the annual **National Crime Record Bureau's "Crime in India" Report 2019.**

Highlights of the Report

- In terms of absolute numbers, **Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of cases in both these categories (against women and SCs)**
- UP was followed by Rajasthan (41,550 cases; 10.2%) and Maharashtra (37,144 cases; 9.2%) for crimes against women in absolute numbers.
- **Assam reported the highest rate of crimes against women** (per lakh population), while Rajasthan had the highest rate of crimes against Scheduled Castes.
- Majority of cases under crime against women under IPC were registered under
 - . **cruelty by husband or his relatives** (30.9%)
 - . **assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty** (21.8%)
 - . **kidnapping & abduction of women** (17.9%)
 - . **rape** (7.9%)
 - Rajasthan reported the highest number of rapes with 5,997 cases, followed by UP (3,065) and Madhya Pradesh (2,485).
 - In terms of **rate of rape cases, Rajasthan was the highest** at 15.9 (per lakh population), followed by Kerala (11.1) and Haryana (10.9).
 - **UP also had the highest number of crimes against girl**

children under the POCSO Act with 7,444 cases, followed by Maharashtra (6,402) and MP (6,053).

- The **highest rate of these crimes were in Sikkim** (27.1 per lakh population), MP (15.1), and Haryana (14.6).
- UP had the highest number of dowry cases (2,410), at a rate of 2.2 (per lakh population), followed by Bihar (1,120).
- According to the report, **150 acid attacks were reported in 2019**, of which 42 took place in UP and 36 in West Bengal.
- Crime head-wise cases revealed that **simple hurt** with 28.9% (13,273 cases) formed the largest chunk of **cases of crimes/ atrocities against Scheduled Castes** during 2019.
- It was followed by **cases under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act** with 9.0% (4,129 cases), and **cases under rape** with 7.6% (3,486 cases).
- UP was followed by Rajasthan (6,794 cases; 14.8%) and Bihar (6,544; 14.2%) for crimes against SC/ ST in absolute numbers.
- The **rate of rape against Dalit women was highest in Kerala** at 4.6 (per lakh population), followed by MP (4.5) and Rajasthan (4.5).