

# Global Threat Assessment Report 2021

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**In news-** The We Protect Global Alliance has launched the Global Threat Assessment Report 2021 recently.

## **Key findings of the report-**

- As part of the report, a global study of childhood experiences of more than 5,000 young adults in the age group of 18-20 across 54 countries was completed by Economist Impact.
- The findings show that **in the past two years, the reporting of child sexual exploitation and online abuse has reached its highest level.**
- COVID-19 created a **'perfect storm' of conditions that fuelled a rise in child sexual exploitation** and abuse (online) across the globe'.
- The rise in child 'self-generated' sexual material is another trend that challenges the existing response, with the **Internet Watch Foundation observing a 77% increase in child 'self-generated' sexual material from 2019 to 2020.**
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) reported that during the COVID-19 lockdown in India, there was a 95% rise in searches for child sexual abuse material.

## **We Protect Global Alliance-**

- It is a global movement of more than 200 governments, private sector companies and civil society organisations working together to transform the global response to child sexual exploitation and abuse online.
- The Alliance relaunched in 2020 as an independent organisation and is the combination of two initiatives:

- The European Commission and US Department of Justice's Global Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse Online; and
- WePROTECT, established by the UK Government as a global multi-stakeholder response to combating online child sexual abuse.