

Crime Challenges for Most Marginalized in Madhya Pradesh

Status Report of NCRB 2008

The recent report released by The National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs for 2008 has presented a wretched condition of the safety nets for various vulnerable groups like women & children, dalits & tribals in Madhya Pradesh. They are exposed to crime at every walk of life. Madhya Pradesh depicts-

- ***Highest Rape and Molestation cases against Women in India***
- ***Highest number of crime against Children in India***
- ***Highest number of cases of Hurt and holds second position in Murder & Rape against Dalits in India***
- ***Highest number of Murder, Hurt, Rape, Kidnapping, Abduction & Arson against Tribals in India, are in Madhya Pradesh***

A comparative analysis of crime has been done including 35 States and Union Territories in India. Also, the analysis of crimes in 35 mega cities has been included in the report, "The city of Bhopal"

Crime against women & girls

Madhya Pradesh has revealed that the state bags the 5th position in terms of total incidences of crimes against women and girls. Crime against women as an expression of uneven distribution of power between men and women and gender inequality is present in all the stages of development of a society has become a customary affair in Madhya Pradesh. During 2008, Madhya Pradesh accounted for 14908 incidences of crime against women which contributes 7.6 percentages of total crimes against women in India.

Among the cities of Madhya Pradesh, the commercial city Indore, the State capital Bhopal and Jabalpur were included in the list of 35 mega cities selected for crime

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analysis and it has been reported that crime rate against women in Indore has increased as Indore has switched 11th rank with 698 total incidences of crimes against women from 15th rank in 2007. Indore & Bhopal contributes 2.8% & 1.9% of crime against women respectively in India. Bhopal & Jabalpur are at 18th & 20th position respectively for overall incidences crime against women.

Table showing total crimes against women in India & top 3 States				
Incidences	Total Number of Crimes	Top 3 States with total number of Crime Incidences		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Rape	21467	Madhya Pradesh 2937 (13.7%)	West Bengal 2263 (10.5%)	Utter Pradesh 1871 (8.7%)
Kidnapping & Abduction	22939	Uttar Pradesh 4439 (19.4%)	West Bengal 1907 (8.3%)	Rajasthan 1863 (8.1%)
Dowry Deaths	8172	Uttar Pradesh 2237 (27.4%)	Bihar 1210 (14.8%)	Madhya Pradesh 805 (9.9%)
Torture	81344	West Bengal 13663(16.8%)	Andhra Pradesh 10306 (12.7%)	Uttar Pradesh 8312 (10.2%)
Molestation	40413	Madhya Pradesh 6445 (15.9%)	Andhra Pradesh 4730 (11.7%)	Maharastra 3619 (9%)
Sexual Harassment	12214	Andhra Pradesh 3551	Uttar Pradesh 3374 (27.6%)	Maharastra 1091 (8.9%)

Every day eight women in Madhya Pradesh forced to bears suffering for rape. During 2008, 2937 women were raped in the state which accounts of 13.7% of total rape cases in India. And similarly 17.65 women every day face molestation in different forms. With 2937 incidences of rape and 6445 molestation cases Madhya Pradesh accounts for highest scores.

Also, the state is at third slot in the cases of dowry deaths by following Uttar Pradesh & Bihar to haul its brides over the burning coals of dowry with 9.9 women here have slayed for dowry. Further Madhya Pradesh shares 6.2% incidences of sexual harassment in the country.

Crime Against Children

A total of 22,500 cases of crimes against Children were reported in the country during 2008 as compared to 20,410 cases during 2007, suggesting an increase of 10.2%. Madhya Pradesh (4,259), Uttar Pradesh (4,078), Maharashtra (2,709) and Delhi (1,854) have accounted for 18.9%, 18.1%, 12.0% and 8.2% of total crimes respectively against children at the National level. Indore, known as business capital of Madhya Pradesh slot first position as per the rate of total cognizable crime against the children & stands second with regards to percentage share to the total crimes in 35 big cities of India. Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh is at 13th position for high percentage sharing on overall crime against children.

Table showing States and Cities with highest & lowest number of crime cases against children		
Rank	States with Highest Number of crimes against Children*	States with Lowest Number of crimes against Children*
1	Madhya Pradesh (4259)	Nagaland (3)
2	Uttar Pradesh (4078)	Daman & Diu (4)
3	Maharashtra(2709)	J&K (10)
	Cities with Highest Number of crimes against Children	Cities with Lowest Number of crimes against Children
1	Delhi (1577)	Bengaluru (4)
2	Indore (440)	Jabalpur (6)
3	Mumbai (364)	Dhanbad (8)

Madhya Pradesh with total 22 cases reported follows Uttar Pradesh (60) for the case of infanticide in the country. Madhya Pradesh accounting for 15.7% of 140 infanticides registered in during 2008. Similar situation do exist for the ruthless crime of sexual abuse on children. A total of 5,446 cases of child sexual abuse were reported in the country during 2008 as compared to 5,045 in 2007 accounting for an increase of 7.9% during the year. Uttar Pradesh has reported the highest number of cases (900) followed by Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. In our state 892 sexual abuse incidences were reported during the year 2008. These three States taken together accounted for 45.6% of the total child sexual abuse cases reported in the country.

Madhya Pradesh (5,214), Maharashtra (4,597), Chhattisgarh (2,836), Gujarat (1,693), Rajasthan (1,542), Andhra Pradesh (1,170), Haryana (1,155) and Bihar (1,141) have reported high incidence of juvenile crimes under IPC. These eight States taken together have accounted for 78.8% of total juvenile delinquency cases under IPC reported in the country.

Crime against Dalits (SC) in MP

Although there are number of laws & policy measures to prevent atrocities & crimes against the schedule caste, still the year 2008 has witnessed an increase of 11.9% in crime against Scheduled Castes against the 10.9% increase in 2007. In 2007, 30,031 cases that reported which have increased to 33,615 cases in 2008.

S. No.	Incidences	Total number of crimes in India (2008)	Top 3 States with number of crimes		
			1st	2nd	3rd
1	Murder	626	UP (239)	MP (87)	Rajasthan (53)
2	Hurt	4216	MP (706)	AP (651)	Rajasthan (498)
3	Rape	1457	UP (375)	MP (357)	Rajasthan (153)
4	Kidnapping & Abduction	481	UP (219)	Rajasthan (36)	Haryana & Orissa (32)
5	Robbery	85	Gujarat (24)	Bihar (17)	UP & MP (10)
6	Dacoity	51	Maharashtra (17)	Gujarat, Bihar & Orissa (7)	Assam (5)
7	Arson	225	UP (53)	Bihar (44)	MP (41)
8	Protection of Civil Right Act	221	AP (123)	U.P (49)	Maharashtra (20)
9	SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act	11565	UP(3072)	Bihar(2426)	AP (1383)
10	Others	14622	UP (3542)	Rajasthan (3450)	MP (1763)

The rate of crime against Scheduled Castes in India increased from 2.6 in 2007 to 2.9 in 2008. Madhya Pradesh reports crime rate against SC higher than the national average of 2.9. It is 4.3 for the state. The situation of Madhya Pradesh shows little better off situation as its percentage share to the total incidences of crime against SC has decreased to 8.8% in 2008 from 13.67% in 2007 & its all India ranking has also slipped off positively from third to fifth position.

However, Madhya Pradesh registers highest number of incidences of hurt & stood second highest for incidences of Murder & Rape against Schedule caste. The state is also among top three states for incidences of Robbery, Arson and other crimes on Scheduled Caste communities.

Crime against Tribals (ST) in MP

S. No.	Incidences	Total number of crimes in India (2007)	Top 3 States with number of crimes		
			1st	2nd	3rd
1	Murder	128	MP (45)	C.G (21)	Rajasthan (15)
2	Hurt	873	MP (169)	Rajasthan(130)	Andhra Pradesh (123)
3	Rape	585	MP (234)	CG (100)	Maharastra (46)
4	Kidnapping & Abduction	93	MP (20)	Gujarat & Assam (13)	Orissa (9)
5	Robbery	18	Orissa (8)	Assam (6)	Bihar, C.G., Gujarat , Maharastra (1)
6	Dacoity	14	Assam(5)	Gujarat & Maharashtra (3)	M.P,C.G & Jharkhand (1)
7	Arson	49	M.P (11)	Rajasthan (9)	Maharastra (8)
8	Protection of Civil Right Act	6	AP (5)	Gujrat (1)	NIL
9	SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act	1022	AP (258)	Karnataka (172)	Orissa & CG (141)
10	Others	2794	Rajasthan (819)	MP (591)	AP (316)

- A total of 5,582 cases against Scheduled Tribes were reported in the country during 2008 as compared to 5,532 cases in 2007 showing an increase of 0.9% in 2008.
- MP being at top slot accounts for 19.2% (1071) of the total crimes against Scheduled Tribes in India.
- In MP highest number of incidences of murder (45), hurt (169), rape (234) and kidnapping & abduction (20), Arson (11) has been reported during the year 2008. Crime portrait of MP- A challenge for most marginalized