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FOREWORD

'**Crime in India**', an annual publication of the National Crime Records Bureau, contains detailed statistical information on various aspects of crime and criminal justice system of the country. The present issue, which relates to year 2008, is the 56th in the series that started in the year 1953.

Crime is an integral part of the society. In the context of evolving the societal response to the crime in society, formulating data driven policy making and evolving effective intervention strategies and for undertaking actionable and policy-oriented research by the academia and other stakeholders of the criminal justice administration, we require a vast amount of data on various aspects of the crime, including the nature and emerging patterns of crime.

This annual publication of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) seeks to fulfill these requirements of policy makers as it contains detailed statistical information on not only the incidence of crime but also on the profile of criminals. The information contained in this publication has been arranged in chapters for easy reference of users. Separate chapters have been included for crime against certain vulnerable sections of the society – women, children, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Some improvements have been attempted in the maps. This publication has been found useful for preparing replies to Parliament Questions relating to various Ministries, research purposes, media appraisals etc.

With a view to benefit the stakeholders from all walks of life, this Bureau has, on its own initiative, initiated the mammoth process of digitization of Crime in India Reports pertaining to previous years (1953 onwards) and the same have been made available on the website of NCRB (<http://www.ncrb.gov.in>).

I am grateful to the heads of Police of all the States, UTs and Mega Cities for making publication of this report possible by their cooperation in providing the data to us. We have been striving to reduce the time-lag in publishing this report as much as possible so that the utility of the information contained in the report may be enhanced. However, this can be done only with the cooperation of States/UTs. I will take this

opportunity to request the Police authorities of States/UTs to provide us the complete and consistent data by the month of May so that the report may be published by June every year.

I hope this issue will meet the requirements of various stakeholders. I also take this opportunity to record my appreciation of the sincere efforts of the officers and staff of the Statistical Branch of the NCRB who have worked diligently to collect, validate and collate the data and prepared this report.

I would appreciate if the readers could kindly send their suggestions to us in the feedback form attached at the end of this report to further improve the content and quality of the publication.

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