

Chapter 6

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The society needs to grow in balance for both men and women for overall sustainable development of the Nation. The empowerment of women gets jeopardized due to various crimes against them.

In India, crime against women has been broadly categorised under 10 heads, namely, Rape, Kidnapping & Abduction, Dowry Deaths, Cruelty by Husband and Relatives, Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty, Insult to the modesty of women, Importation of Girls from foreign country, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act, 1986 and Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

In this Chapter, a study on time series as well as state-wise occurrence rate of various crimes have been done, including the status of disposal of cases of crime against women by Police as well by Courts of Law. A special focus on rape victims have been laid and also sex-wise profiles of suicide victims have been provided. The Chapter has following tables-

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Crime against Women

It has been observed that 'Cruelty by husband and relatives' continues to have the highest share (38%) followed by 'assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty' (23%). There has been a phenomenal increase (157%) in reporting of 'Indecent Representation of Women' Cases in 2013 over 2012. Five percent of the total cognizable crime falls under the category of crime against women in 2013 against 4% of 2012.

86% of the complaints lodged in respect of Indecent representation of women get investigated by the police, of which 85% get chargesheeted. 25% of cases under this crime are tried under count of law, out of which 21% cases get convicted (details may be seen in Tables 6.1,6.2 and 6.3).

Rate of incidence of Crime

The rate of incidence of crime against women per lakh women is reported maximum (11%) in the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. 11% of the total crime is towards women in Assam which is the maximum among all States/Uts (for details refer Table 6.4).

Rape Cases

The number rape case victims have increased 50% in the age group of 50+ whereas 5% of all rape victims are under 10 years of age. 13% of the rape victims were in the state of Madhya Pradesh in 2013 and 46% of the total rape victims in India were in the age-group 18-30 years (details in Tables 6.5 and 6.6)

Suicide Cases

The suicide rate among females is approximately half that of males and there has not been much variation in the suicide rates over the last 10 years. The prevalence of suicides is maximum in males having middle level of education whereas for females it is the primary level of education. Family problem is the major cause of suicides among both the sex (details maybe seen in Tables 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9).

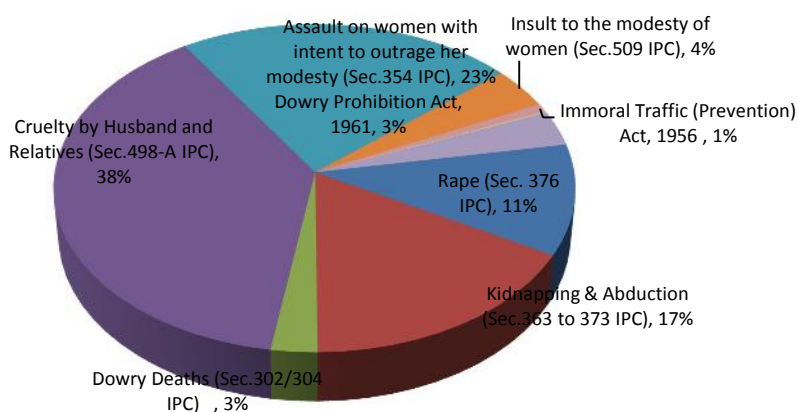
6.1 : Year-wise Status of Crime Committed Against Women

Crime Head	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Share in 2013	% Increase in last 1 year
Rape (Sec. 376 IPC)	16496	18359	22172	24206	24923	33707	11%	35%
Kidnapping & Abduction (Sec.363 to 373 IPC)	15023	15750	29795	35565	38262	51881	17%	36%
Dowry Deaths (Sec.302/304 IPC)	6995	6787	8391	8618	8233	8083	3%	-2%
Cruelty by Husband and Relatives (Sec.498-A IPC)	45778	58319	94041	99135	106527	118866	38%	12%
Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty (Sec.354 IPC)	32940	34175	40613	42968	45351	70739	23%	56%
Insult to the modesty of women (Sec.509 IPC)	11024	9984	9961	8570	9173	12589	4%	37%
Importation of Girls from foreign country (Sec.366-B IPC)	64	149	36	80	59	31	0%	-47%
Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	9515	5908	2499	2435	2563	2579	1%	1%
Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act, 1986	662	2917	895	453	141	362	0%	157%
Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	2876	3204	5182	6619	9038	10709	3%	18%
Total Crime Against Women	141373	155552	213585	228649	244270	309546	100%	27%
Total Cognizable Crimes Under IPC + SLL	5938104	6675217	6750748	6252729	6041559	6640378		10%
% Crime Against Women to Total Crime	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%		

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

IPC : Indian Penal Code & SLL : Special and Local Laws

Share of Crimes against Women in 2013



6.2 : Status of Disposal of Cases involving 'Crime against Women' taken up by Police

Crime head	Statistics	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Rape	No of Cases	22129	25953	33436	36156	38144	47457
	% Investigated	72.1	67.3	64.0	63.3	63.9	68.5
	% Chargesheeted	63.6	61.8	55.8	54.7	56.5	60.6
Kidnapping of Women & Girls	No of Cases	24139	24373	46664	55107	60202	76231
	% Investigated	61.3	56.7	57.7	59.8	59.4	59.3
	% Chargesheeted	36.8	35.2	34.1	33.8	34.5	31.8
Dowry Death	No of Cases	9238	9828	13248	13638	12987	12500
	% Investigated	72.7	62.7	61.9	65.1	66.0	62.9
	% Chargesheeted	66.4	59.1	54.6	56.4	58.0	56.1
Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty	No of Cases	37701	39636	50768	54378	57096	84318
	% Investigated	85.0	83.2	77.4	78.4	76.2	77.1
	% Chargesheeted	78.7	77.1	70.1	70.8	68.7	69.1
Insult to the modesty of women	No of Cases	12317	11042	11807	10443	11196	15184
	% Investigated	92.1	87.1	84.1	80.6	76.8	78.2
	% Chargesheeted	83.5	87.1	70.3	74.2	70.9	72.1
Cruelty by Husband & Relatives	No of Cases	56695	75115	127270	133544	147329	162238
	% Investigated	79.1	77.6	72.8	69.3	70.5	69.1
	% Chargesheeted	65.4	63.7	61.8	58.2	59.5	57.6
Importation of Girls from foreign country	No of Cases	64	236	87	127	94	92
	% Investigated	-	33.8	40.2	72.4	35.1	80.4
	% Chargesheeted	100.0	22.5	33.3	59.1	28.7	28.3
Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act	No of Cases	10602	7218	3856	3807	4033	4376
	% Investigated	89.3	23.8	64.3	61.2	55.4	56.8
	% Chargesheeted	89.2	82.7	63.0	59.9	54.8	55.9
Dowry Prohibition Act	No of Cases	3851	5025	9254	10483	12833	15506
	% Investigated	75.3	55.9	57.8	63.7	62.5	61.0
	% Chargesheeted	55.8	48.2	49.8	56.1	54.5	53.9
Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act	No of Cases	720	3065	934	503	185	416
	% Investigated	80.1	94.3	94.6	91.3	70.8	85.8
	% Chargesheeted	76.8	96.1	94.3	87.9	65.9	84.4
Total	No of Cases of Crime against women	177456	201491	297324	318186	344099	418318
	Total Crime Cases	5868362	5792104	7743178	7338967	7150500	7746365
	%age to total crime	3.02	3.48	3.84	4.34	4.81	5.40

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

No. of cases include pending cases from previous years.

6.3 : Status of Disposal of Cases involving 'Crimes against Women' taken up by Courts of Law

Crime head	Statistics	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Rape	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	58655	72929	89707	95065	101041	114785
	Percentage of cases tried	16.6	19.6	15.9	16.2	14.6	16.4
	Percentage of cases convicted	4.4	5.0	4.2	4.3	3.5	4.4
Kidnapping of Women & Girls	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	46165	53949	74506	82654	91827	104834
	Percentage of cases tried	14.5	12.8	13.7	13.7	11.9	12.0
	Percentage of cases convicted	4.0	3.2	3.9	3.8	2.5	2.5
Dowry Deaths	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	22055	29220	34332	35805	37206	38901
	Percentage of cases tried	15.2	19.1	17.8	16.9	14.0	13.6
	Percentage of cases convicted	4.9	6.4	6.0	6.0	4.5	4.4
Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	105204	146766	182736	192860	201501	229829
	Percentage of cases tried	14.1	13.9	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.0
	Percentage of cases convicted	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.0	3.1
Insult to the modesty of women	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	16945	30189	36383	34564	33034	35696
	Percentage of cases tried	23.9	25.4	23.1	23.2	21.1	18.5
	Percentage of cases convicted	14.4	13.6	12.0	10.6	7.8	5.9
Cruelty by Husband & Relatives	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	127691	228525	357343	387690	426922	466079
	Percentage of cases tried	13.2	13.1	11.4	10.4	10.8	9.7
	Percentage of cases convicted	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.6
Importation of Girls from foreign country	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	0	214	304	358	321	276
	Percentage of cases tried	0.0	10.7	6.6	17.9	19.3	9.4
	Percentage of cases convicted	0.0	3.7	1.3	1.4	3.1	1.8
Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	14302	12913	8183	12127	12325	12949
	Percentage of cases tried	56.8	42.0	17.1	16.5	14.7	12.6
	Percentage of cases convicted	53.1	34.5	9.4	7.6	6.1	5.2
Dowry Prohibition Act	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	8974	11825	19269	21709	24461	28073
	Percentage of cases tried	17.8	16.1	15.8	16.6	17.3	15.0
	Percentage of cases convicted	5.7	4.1	3.2	3.5	2.8	2.2
Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	625	3612	1830	1435	1128	1348
	Percentage of cases tried	13.4	77.9	45.7	29.9	11.6	25.4
	Percentage of cases convicted	7.4	73.5	42.6	25.9	7.0	20.8
Total	No. of cases of crime against Women for trial including previous cases	400616	590142	804593	864267	929766	1032770
	No. of cases for trial including previous cases	12740514	14263759	17864580	17412083	17579374	18758191
	%age to total crime	3.14	4.14	4.50	4.96	5.29	5.51

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.4 : State-wise Rate (per Lakh Women) of Incidence of Various Crimes Committed against Women during 2013

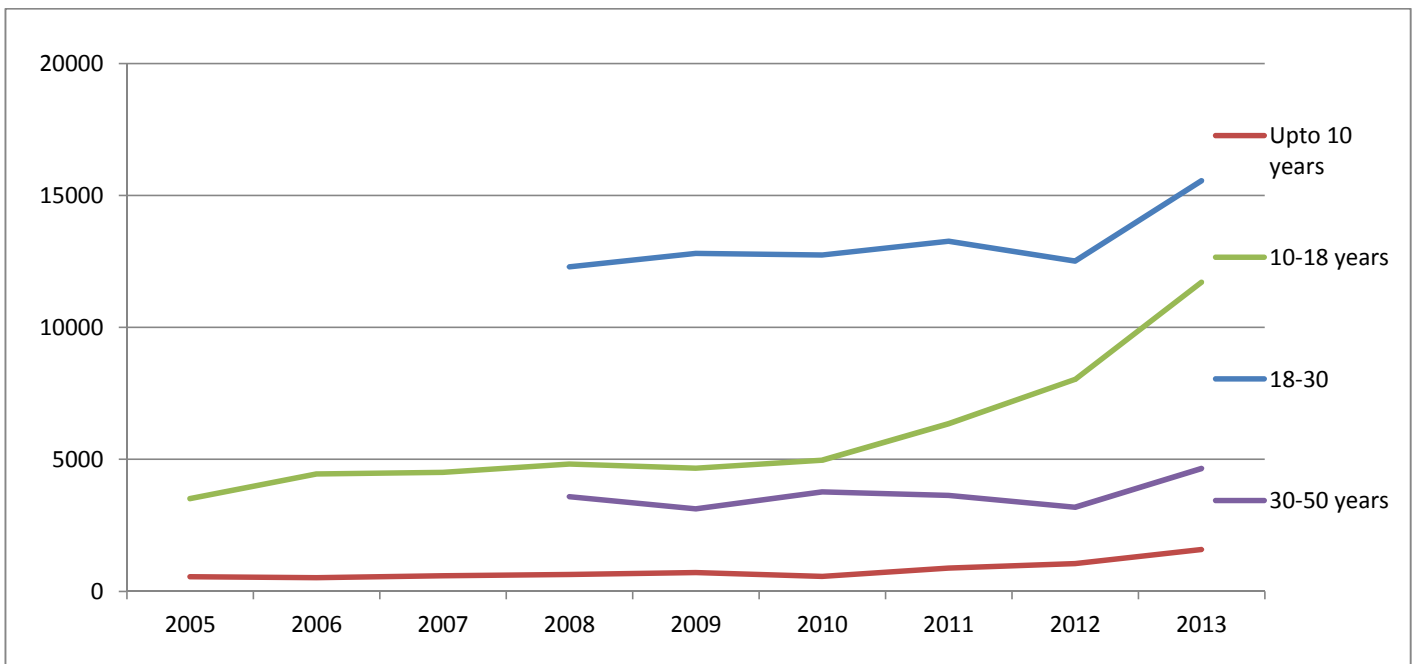
State/UTs	Rape	Kidnapping & Abduction	Dowry Deaths	Cruelty by Husband And Relatives	Assault with intent to outrage her modesty	Insult to modesty	Importation from foreign country	Immoral Traffic Prevention Act	Indecent Representation	Dowry Prohibition Act	Total crimes against women	Total cognizable crimes	% of All India Crime against Women	% of Crime against women to Total Crime within State	
A & N Islands	10.67	4.74	0.4	3.56	17.79	3.16	0	1.58	0	0	106	41.9	30359	0%	0%
Andhra Pradesh	3.8	3.71	1.14	35.06	16.11	10.93	0	1.14	0.58	3.79	32809	76.25	553541	11%	6%
Arunachal Pradesh	12.42	14.24	0	4.8	15.4	0.5	0	0.33	0	0	288	47.68	19439	0%	1%
Assam	12.65	27.57	1.11	56.39	15.73	0.09	0.01	0.12	0.01	0.26	17449	113.9	156009	6%	11%
Bihar	2.32	9.09	2.43	9.33	0.68	0.11	0.01	0.13	0	3.9	13609	28.0	831930	4%	2%
Chandigarh	6.74	26.05	0.15	13.77	21.41	3.89	0	0.9	0.15	0	488	73.1	11519	0%	4%
Chhattisgarh	11.08	15.1	0.87	9.48	18.15	1.44	0.01	0.06	0	0.09	7012	56.3	514315	2%	1%
D & N Haveli	2.75	6.04	0	0.55	0.55	0.55	0	1.1	0	0	21	11.5	2818	0%	1%
Daman& Diu	8	6	0	2	2	0	0	6	0	0	24	24.0	688	0%	3%
Delhi	18.63	41.1	1.64	34.54	40.03	10.43	0	0.23	0	0.17	12888	146.7	346818	4%	4%
Goa	9.67	7.87	0	4.5	18.22	6.07	0	3.15	0	0	440	49.5	17719	0%	2%
Gujarat	2.54	7.74	0.1	27.11	4.31	0.27	0	0.26	0	0.29	12283	42.6	2764998	4%	0%
Haryana	8.02	16.16	2.17	29.86	12.88	5.31	0.02	0.52	0	0.11	9089	75.0	255523	3%	4%
Himachal Pradesh	7.38	8.56	0	9.68	14.55	3.28	0	0.12	0	0.06	1478	43.6	99236	0%	1%
Jammu & Kashmir	6.57	16.5	0.12	7.44	24.14	6.15	0	0.02	0	0.05	3509	61.0	118213	1%	3%
Jharkhand	7.64	5.87	1.95	13.22	3.32	0.11	0.01	0.07	0.01	9.06	6506	41.3	107423	2%	6%
Karnataka	3.44	4.53	0.92	10.93	13.05	0.46	0	1.13	0.01	5.65	12027	40.1	439107	4%	3%
Kerala	6.8	1.03	0.12	26.83	24.28	2.25	0	1	0.11	0.02	11216	62.4	1513763	4%	1%
Lakshadweep	5.13	0	0	0	2.56	0	0	0	0	0	3	7.7	214	0%	1%
Madhya Pradesh	12.11	8.03	2.17	13.94	23.06	2.06	0.02	0.06	0	0.2	22061	61.6	926526	7%	2%
Maharashtra	5.52	3.38	0.58	15.41	14.67	4.75	0	0.52	0	0.08	24895	44.9	2758714	8%	1%
Manipur	5.77	10.02	0	2.32	4.73	0	0	0	0	0	285	22.8	5400	0%	5%
Meghalaya	13.74	2.48	0.15	1.73	7.36	0	0	0.3	0	0	343	25.8	12754	0%	3%
Mizoram	17.8	0.4	0	1	16.2	0	0	0	0	0	177	35.4	3786	0%	5%
Nagaland	2.82	1	0.09	0.36	1.64	0.09	0	0.09	0	0	67	6.1	2939	0%	2%
Odisha	8.91	10.05	1.92	13.57	22.45	2.07	0	0.13	0.01	9.79	14173	68.9	519043	5%	3%
Puducherry	2.4	3.53	0.14	1.13	1.69	1.13	0	0	0.14	1.98	86	12.2	13159	0%	1%
Punjab	6.78	7.54	0.96	13.3	7.98	0.51	0	1.05	0	0.02	4994	38.2	196727	2%	3%
Rajasthan	9.78	12.04	1.35	44.92	14.37	0.07	0	0.22	0.2	0.17	27933	83.1	715245	9%	4%
Sikkim	14.58	5.42	0	1.69	9.83	0	0	0	0	0	93	31.5	2300	0%	4%
Tamil Nadu	2.71	4.45	0.35	7.25	3.73	0.92	0	1.61	0.03	0.89	7475	21.9	876699	2%	1%
Tripura	12.84	6.84	1.6	45.59	22.44	0.39	0	0	0	0.06	1628	89.8	19900	1%	8%
Uttar Pradesh	3.09	9.85	2.36	8.88	7.39	0.03	0	0.04	0	1.29	32546	32.9	3752263	11%	1%
Uttarakhand	4.53	12.59	0.86	8.65	5.87	1.43	0	0.26	0	0	1719	34.2	222968	1%	1%
West Bengal	3.79	8.62	1.08	40.78	11.06	1.3	0.02	0.23	0.01	0.24	29826	67.1	946136	10%	3%
All India	5.69	8.76	1.36	20.06	11.94	2.12	0.01	0.44	0.06	1.81	309546	52.2	18758191	100%	2%

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.5 : Year-wise Statistics of age-group-wise Rape Victims

Year	Upto 10 years	10-18 years	18-30	30-50 years	Above 50 years
2005	557	3518			111
2006	512	4445			94
2007	589	4507			133
2008	639	4827	12299	3584	136
2009	710	4672	12812	3124	95
2010	571	4974	12749	3763	136
2011	875	6353	13264	3637	141
2012	1051	8031	12511	3187	135
2013	1584	11720	15556	4648	256
% change over last Year	51%	46%	24%	46%	90%

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.



6.6 : State-wise and Age-wise Rape Victims during 2013

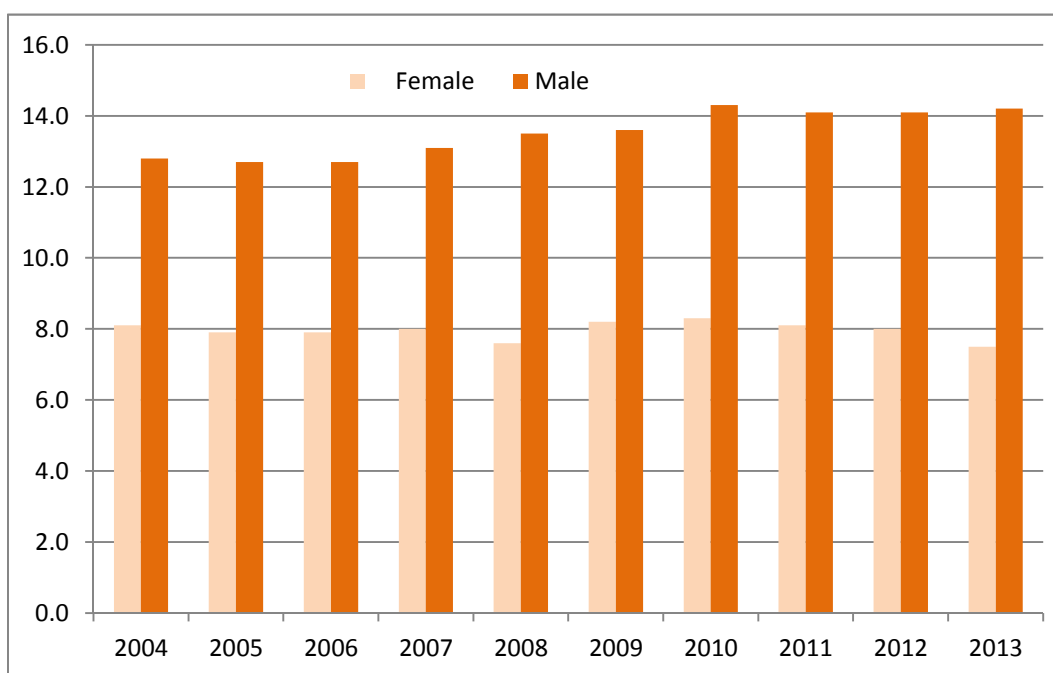
State/Union Territory	Upto 10 years	10-14 years	14-18 years	18-30 years	30-50 years	Above 50 years	Total	% to All India Victims
A & N Islands	4	4	15	4	1	1	29	0%
Andhra Pradesh	119	148	535	644	145	45	1636	5%
Arunachal	6	14	15	40	0	0	75	0%
Assam	16	39	175	1246	457	4	1937	6%
Bihar	30	29	186	706	171	6	1128	3%
Chandigarh	7	4	9	22	3	0	45	0%
Chhattisgarh	86	144	549	485	110	6	1380	4%
D & N Haveli	0	1	3	0	0	1	5	0%
Daman & Diu	1	2	1	4	0	0	8	0%
Delhi	165	178	449	660	188	7	1647	5%
Goa	5	6	48	15	11	1	86	0%
Gujarat	35	66	164	385	78	5	733	2%
Haryana	37	94	257	414	163	6	971	3%
Himachal Pradesh	9	27	102	82	28	2	250	1%
Jammu & Kashmir	1	5	19	268	88	1	382	1%
Jharkhand	1	11	70	950	172	0	1204	4%
Karnataka	50	102	396	375	91	16	1030	3%
Kerala	67	132	454	390	160	16	1219	4%
Lakshadweep	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0%
Madhya Pradesh	109	494	1509	1629	569	27	4337	13%
Maharashtra	242	336	986	1192	316	12	3084	9%
Manipur	10	12	19	25	4	2	72	0%
Meghalaya	45	42	27	58	12	1	185	1%
Mizoram	19	19	20	22	15	2	97	0%
Nagaland	3	6	6	14	2	0	31	0%
Odisha	63	93	353	1038	265	20	1832	5%
Puducherry	0	3	6	6	2	0	17	0%
Punjab	38	93	359	286	110	2	888	3%
Rajasthan	50	156	686	1657	697	40	3286	10%
Sikkim	4	16	18	5	0	0	43	0%
Tamil Nadu	61	80	283	396	93	16	929	3%
Tripura	18	24	58	114	17	2	233	1%
Uttar Pradesh	254	395	787	1307	302	5	3050	9%
Uttarakhand	3	13	16	152	44	0	228	1%
West Bengal	26	55	296	965	333	10	1685	5%
All India	1584	2843	8877	15556	4648	256	33764	
% to All Age	5%	8%	26%	46%	14%	1%		

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.7 : Year-wise Sex-wise Incidence of Suicides per One Lakh Population

Year	Female	Male	Total
2004	8.1	12.8	10.5
2005	7.9	12.7	10.3
2006	7.9	12.7	10.5
2007	8.0	13.1	10.8
2008	7.6	13.5	10.8
2009	8.2	13.6	10.9
2010	8.3	14.3	11.4
2011	8.1	14.1	11.2
2012	8.0	14.1	11.2
2013	7.5	14.2	11.0

Source: Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India, National Crime Records Bureau,



6.8 : Sex-wise Profile of Suicide Victims by various Parameters during 2013

Profession	Female	Male	Total
House wife	22742	-	22742
Service:	2349	14357	16706
(i) Government	292	1519	1811
(ii) Private	1658	10697	12355
(iii) Public Sector Undertaking	399	2141	2540
Student	3789	4634	8423
Unemployed	1497	8271	9768
Self-employed:	6901	44333	51234
(i) Business activity	490	6478	6968
(ii) Professional Activity	315	3631	3946
(iii) Farming/Agriculture Activity	1283	10489	11772
(iv) Others	4813	23735	28548
Retired Person	201	916	1117
Others	6777	18032	24809
Total	44256	90543	134799

Marital Status	Female	Male	Total
Never Married	10766	21062	31828
Married	29491	64098	93589
Widow/ Divorcee/Separated	3999	5383	9382
Total	44256	90543	134799

Educational Level	Female	Male	Total
No Education	9425	15579	25004
Primary	10322	19502	29824
Middle	10095	21679	31774
Matriculate/ Secondary	8180	19416	27596
University	4305	9544	13849
Diploma	452	1204	1656
Graduate	1270	3110	4380
Post Graduate and above	207	509	716
Total	44256	90543	134799

Source: Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.9 : Distribution of Suicides by Causes during 2013

Causes	Female	Male	Total
Bankruptcy or Sudden change in Economic Status	317	2361	2678
Suspected/Illicit Relation	501	654	1155
Cancellation/Non-Settlement of Marriage	503	578	1081
Not having Children (Barrenness/Impotency)	423	230	653
Illness	8896	17530	26426
(i) AIDS/STD	170	420	590
(ii) Cancer	211	570	781
(iii) Paralysis	213	511	724
(iv) Insanity/Mental Illness	2798	5208	8006
(v) Other Prolonged Illness	5504	10821	16325
Death of Dear Person	424	572	996
Dowry Dispute	2202	65	2267
Divorce	203	162	365
Drug Abuse/Addiction	112	4479	4591
Failure in Examination	1079	1392	2471
Fall in Social Reputation	455	1011	1466
Family Problems	11229	21096	32325
Ideological Causes/ Hero Worshipping	82	139	221
Illegitimate Pregnancy	153	0	153
Love Affairs	1930	2565	4495
Physical Abuse (Rape,Incest, etc.)	196	74	270
Poverty	446	1420	1866
Professional/Career Problem	148	1163	1311
Property Dispute	227	889	1116
Unemployment	288	1802	2090
Causes not known	6261	14704	20965
Other Causes	8181	17657	25838
Total	44256	90543	134799

Source: Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home