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MESSAGE

It gives me pleasure to present the annual report “**Crime in India**” for the year 2015 published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). This report is 63rd in the series; first report having been published in the year 1953. A lot of changes have been made to widen the scope and coverage of the report and it continues to be the principal reference for crime statistics in India, since 1953.

Criminals nowadays are more organized than ever before due to better communication technology and are continually adopting new techniques and modus operandi and developing new network that go beyond the national boundaries. This poses a serious challenge to the law enforcement agencies, policy makers and other stakeholders of the criminal justice system. An exhaustive information base on every aspect of criminality in the society is required to properly analyse the emerging trends and patterns of crime, plan suitable strategies and appropriate interventions and measures for the future. The annual report of the NCRB aims to fulfill these data requirements of various stakeholders.

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