

1. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

Prelims: Governance

Mains: GS-II- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-Judicial Bodies

Why in News?

- ▶▶ The Minister of State for Home Affairs inaugurates the 20th All India Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureaus being organised by the NCRB.

National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB):

- ▶▶ NCRB was set-up in 1986 to function as a repository of information on crime and criminals so as to assist the investigators in linking crime to the perpetrators.
- ▶▶ It was established based on the recommendations of the National Police Commission (1977-1981) and the Ministry of Home Affairs' Task force (1985).

NCRB works under the Home Affairs Ministry.

- ▶▶ The body monitors, coordinates and implements the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) project.
- ▶▶ The project connects 15000+ police stations and 6000 higher offices of police in the country.
- ▶▶ In 2017, the NCRB launched the National Digital Police Portal, which allows search for a criminal/suspect on the CCTNS database apart from providing various services to citizens like filing of complaints online and seeking antecedent verification of tenants, domestic helps, drivers, etc.
- ▶▶ The NCRB also maintains the National Database of Sexual Offenders (NDSO), which it shares with states/UTs regularly.
- ▶▶ It has also been designated as the Central Nodal Agency to manage technical and operational functions of the 'Online Cyber-Crime Reporting Portal' through which any citizen can lodge a complaint or upload a video clip as an evidence of crime related to child pornography, rape/gang rape.
- ▶▶ NCRB also deals with associated work of Cyber Crime Prevention against Women & Children (CCPWC) through this portal.
- ▶▶ The National Crime Statistics data is published by the NCRB. These publications serve as principal reference point by policymakers, police, criminologists, researchers and media, both in India and abroad.

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- ▶▶ NCRB has also floated various IT-based Public Services like Vahan Samanvay (online matching for Stolen/Recovered vehicles) and Talash (matching of missing persons and dead bodies).
 - ▶▶ The Central Finger Print Bureau under NCRB is a national repository of all fingerprints in the country and has more than one million ten-digit fingerprints database of criminals both convicted and arrested and provides for search facility on Fingerprint Analysis and Criminal Tracing System (FACTS).

