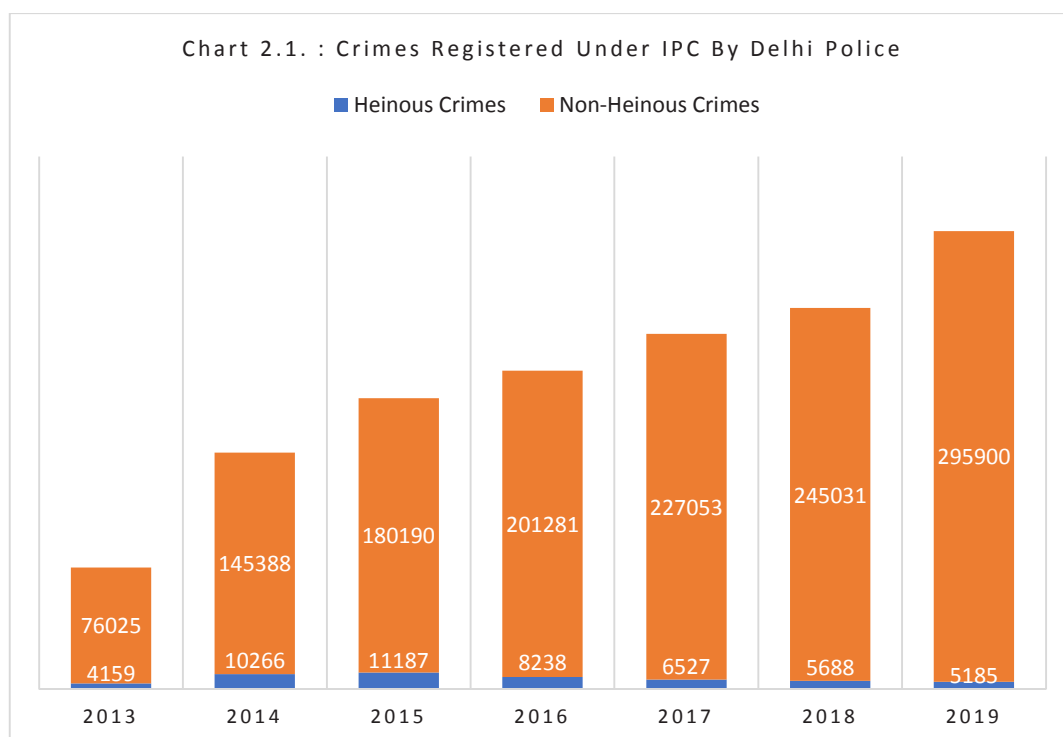## 2.   Crime Incidence in NCT of Delhi

Prevention of crime and protection of life, liberty, property, human rights and dignity of members of the public are amongst the main functions of the police. The incidence of crime registered under the Indian Penal Code[2] (IPC) in the NCT of Delhi during 2019 increased by 275 *per cent* from that of 2013, as depicted in chart 2.1 and 2.2.

Chart 2.1. : Crimes Registered Under IPC By Delhi Police

■ Heinous Crimes   ■ Non-Heinous Crimes

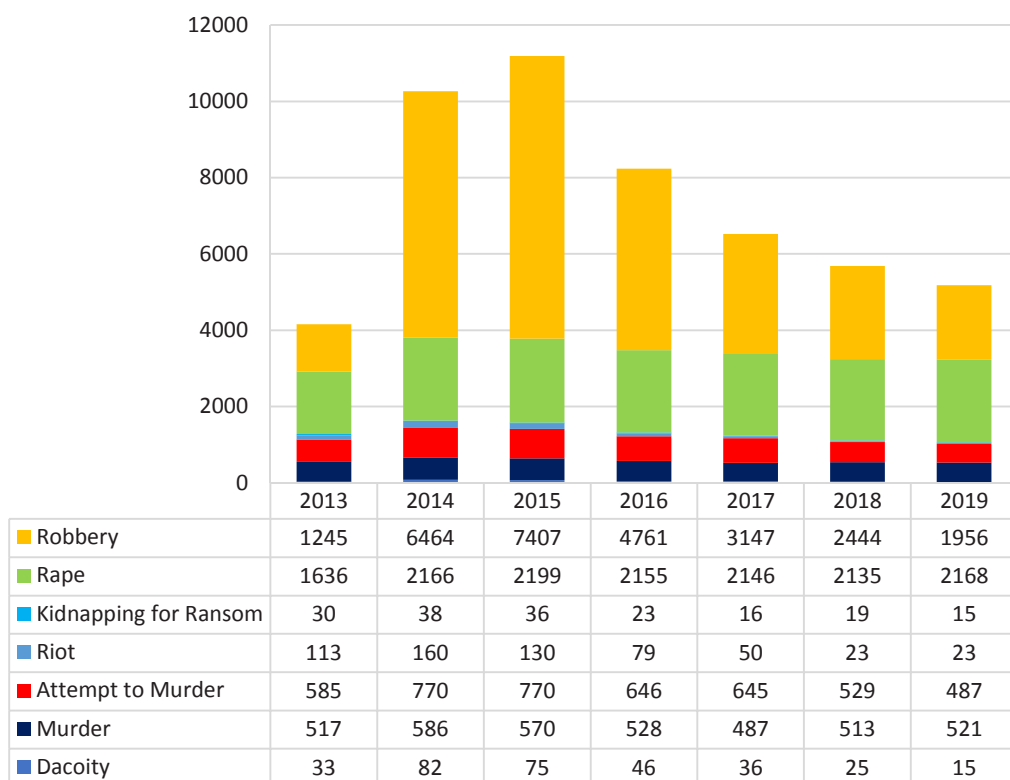|	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Non-Heinous	76025	145388	180190	201281	227053	245031	295900
Heinous	4159	10266	11187	8238	6527	5688	5185

Source: Statistics given on Delhi Police website

Audit observed that the sharp increase in total number of IPC crimes registered was largely due to huge increase in crimes registered under "Other Theft" from 0.12 lakh in 2013 to 1.91 lakh in 2019 and "M.V. Theft" from 14,916 in 2013 to 46,215 in 2019. Delhi Police attributes this sharp increase in "Other Theft" and "M.V Theft" to better reporting of crimes and facility to lodge e-FIRs for theft of Motor Vehicles and other properties without visiting Police Stations. Meanwhile, the number of crimes registered under "Snatching" also increased by 72 *per cent* from 2013 to 2019.

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[2]   The various crime heads covered under IPC are murder, attempt to murder, rape, riot, kidnapping and abduction, arson, preparation and assembly for dacoity, robbery etc.

Chart 2.2. : Heinous crimes registered under various categories

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Robbery	1245	6464	7407	4761	3147	2444	1956
Rape	1636	2166	2199	2155	2146	2135	2168
Kidnapping for Ransom	30	38	36	23	16	19	15
Riot	113	160	130	79	50	23	23
Attempt to Murder	585	770	770	646	645	529	487
Murder	517	586	570	528	487	513	521
Dacoity	33	82	75	46	36	25	15

Source: Statistics given on Delhi Police website

Audit further noticed that there was an increase in heinous crimes from 4,159 in 2013 to 5,185 in 2019, as seen in Chart 2.2 above. However, the total number of heinous crimes registered had sharply increased from year 2013 to 2015 and then continuously decreased during 2015-2019, i.e. a positive trend. Meanwhile, crimes under 'Riot' category significantly decreased from 113 in year 2013 to 23 in year 2019[3].

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[3] However, crimes under 'Riot' category sharply rose to 680 in January-April 2020 as against only two such cases during the same period in 2019.