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Sub : Grave Crime List 2026 - according to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 - reg.

Ref : (1) PHQ Circular No. 06/2017, Dated: 02/02/2017.

(2) PHQ Circular No. 16/2018, Dated: 12/06/2018.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, has replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC) with effect from July 1, 2024. In this context it has become imperative to revise the 'Grave Crime List' with due regard to the new provisions in law. In order to ensure effective investigation and supervision of important crimes, the revised list of 'Grave Crimes' is elucidated below :

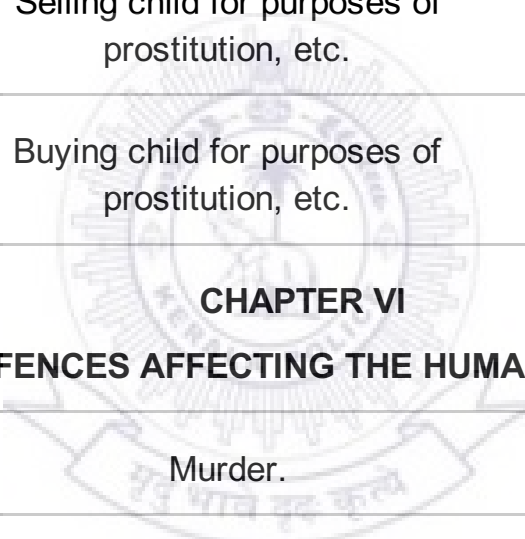
GRAVE CRIME LIST - 2026			
Sl. No.	Offences under BNS, 2023	Description	Remarks
CHAPTER V			
OFFENCES AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN			
1	64	Rape.	
2	65	Rape on minors.	
3	66	Rape resulting in the victim's death or causes them to be in a persistent vegetative state.	



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4	68	Sexual intercourse by a person in authority	
5	69	Sexual intercourse by employing deceitful means, etc.	
6	70	Gang rape.	To be investigated by DySP/ASP level officers
7	71	Rape by repeat offenders.	
8	80	Dowry death.	To be investigated by DySP/ASP level officers
9	85	Cases U/s 85 in which victim happens to die.	To be investigated by DySP/ASP level officers
10	98	Selling child for purposes of prostitution, etc.	
11	99	Buying child for purposes of prostitution, etc.	
 <p>CHAPTER VI OFFENCES AFFECTING THE HUMAN BODY</p>			
12	103	Murder.	
13	104	Murder by life-convict.	
14	105	Culpable homicide not amounting to murder.	
15	106	Rash & negligent acts causing death in which accused is not identified in 48 hours of registration of the crime.	All cases U/s 106 involving loss of more than 2 lives shall be investigated by Inspector of Police though it will not be treated as a grave crime.



16	107	Abetment of suicide of child or person of unsound mind.	
17	109	Attempt to murder.	
18	113	Terrorist Act.	To be investigated by DySP/ASP level officers.
19	121(2)	Grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty.	
20	124	Acid attack.	
21	139	Kidnapping or maiming a child for purposes of begging.	
22	140 (1) 140 (2) 140 (4)	Kidnapping for murder / for ransom / to compel the government to take a decision / to cause grievous hurt / to subject to un natural lust / slavery, etc.	
23	141	Importation of girl or boy from foreign country.	
24	143	Trafficking of persons.	
25	144	Exploitation of a trafficked person.	

CHAPTER VII

OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE

26	147	Waging, or attempting to wage war, or abetting waging of war, against Government of India.	
27	148	Conspiracy to commit offences punishable by section 147.	
28	149	Collecting arms, etc. with intention of waging war against Government of India.	



29	150	Concealing with intent to facilitate design to wage war.	
30	151	Assaulting President, Governor, etc., with intent to compel or restrain exercise of any lawful power.	
31	152	Act endangering the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.	
CHAPTER XI			
OFFENCES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRANQUILLITY			
32	196 197	Offences against communal harmony and national integration in which grievous hurt or PDPP offences are involved.	
CHAPTER XVII			
OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY			
33	310	Dacoity.	
34	303 304 308 309	Snatching, HB & Theft, Extortion & Robbery, cases where in the value of the property involved is 50 Lakhs and above and cases of ordinary theft in which the value of property involved is 75 Lakhs and above.	
35	314 316 318	Offence of misappropriation, breach of trust or cheating involving property wherein the amount exceeds Rs. 1 Crore.	

Other crimes which are to be considered as Grave Crimes

- (1) Railway accidents involving loss of human life, suspected sabotage, serious accidents, and offences under Section 150 of the Railways Act.
- (2) Cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
- (3) Cases of penetrative sexual assault and aggravated penetrative sexual assault



registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

(4) Scheduled offences under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 other than those specifically mentioned.

(5) Cyber fraud cases where the amount involved exceeds Rs. 2 crores generally or if it exceeds 1 crore in case of Government/cooperative sector.

(6) Cognizable offences registered against police officers of and above the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police.

(7) Cases under the Abkari Act where the quantity of contraband seized exceeds 10,000 litres or the value of the contraband exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/-.

(8) Offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, where there is a commercial quantity seizure of contrabands.

(9) Counterfeit currency cases in which the printing is of high quality.

(10) Cases of negligent handling of explosive substances resulting in death.

(11) Cases of attacks on foreigners resulting in grievous hurt.

(12) Missing of minor persons registered under Kerala Police Act, 2011.

General Instructions to be followed.

(1) 'Grave Crimes' shall normally be investigated, at least, by an officer of the rank of Inspector of Police. However, the District Police Chiefs are free to co-opt senior officers whenever they consider that such investigation would yield better results.

(2) Wherever any offence, is mandated in a statute or rules, to be investigated by an officer of a particular rank, it shall be investigated in accordance with the provisions of such statute/rule, irrespective of whether the offence is categorized as a Grave Crime or not.

(3) UA(P)A cases shall be investigated by Deputy Superintendents of Police/Assistant Commissioners of Police.

(4) As far as cases in Crime Branch are concerned, they will be investigated, following the Standard Operating Procedure prescribed for the Crime Branch.

(5) Cognizable offences registered against police officers below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police are excluded from the list of Grave Crimes. However, they shall be investigated by Inspectors of Police.

(6) All medical negligence cases shall be investigated by an officer of the rank DySP.

(7) Final reports in grave crimes under section 193 BNSS shall be submitted only upon the approval of the factual report by DySPs in cases investigated by Inspectors and by Superintendent of Police's in cases investigated by DySPs'.

The above referred Circulars are modified to this extent.





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(4) Circular Register.

