ABSTRACT

Aware of the fact that CRIME poses serious issues for developed and developing countries alike, we need to look deep into the factor that has lead to rampant increase in crime rates. Developing countries face many hurdles in the way of developing their economy, be it economic or social, both are very crucial for a nation to progress and prosper. No country can develop by ignoring the social issues like health, education and many more. And curbing crime rates is equally important to provide better growth prospects for firms and individuals. There has been dearth of empirical exercise on study of factors influencing crime rates.

This paper makes an attempt to study the trends and factors causing crime rates and ends up recommending some policy prescription for the government on curbing crime rates. Specifically this work makes a panel data regression, (Of fifteen major states from the period 1993 to 2010) on important variables affecting crime rates.

The work showed surprising outcome with some factor showing unexpected results for Crime against Women, Property Crime and Total Crime Rates. At the end my work suggests few policies for the government on important factors that should be given priority in handling crime related issues.