# ROLE OF POLICE IN INVESTIGATION OF ORGANIZED CRIME

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This article looks at the complicated world of organized crime in India. It highlights just how important police investigations are for fighting these criminal activities. In the beginning, there's a historical look at the issue, giving context to why law enforcement plays such a vital role in reducing organized crime. The study dives into what organized crime really is, how big it is, and its different forms such as drug trafficking, economic crimes, & cybercrime. Then, it talks about how organized crime affects society and provides case studies on various gangs operating across India. The main focus is on police work in investigating these crimes. Different techniques are discussed, along with challenges that law enforcement faces. Also, working together with other agencies is super important. The article includes case studies showing both successful & failed investigations, offering insights on how police efforts impact dismantling these criminal networks and getting convictions. Public trust in police investigations matters too; there's even a look at the media's role in shaping those opinions. Lastly, by comparing India's methods to international practices, this study identifies lessons learned and possible improvements for the future.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Organized crime in India includes many types of criminal activity that groups plan out for money. Think of extortion, drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms smuggling, & other racketeering forms. This issue has grown over time due to social issues, political factors, & new technologies.<sup>1</sup>

**Historical Evolution of Organized Crime** The start of organized crime in India goes back to colonial times but really picked up after independence, especially in big cities like Mumbai and Kolkata. In the past, criminal acts were often about bootlegging & smuggling especially when

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mahawar, S. (2022) *All you need to know about organised crime in India*, *iPleaders*. Available at: https://blog.ipleaders.in/all-you-need-know-about-organised-crime-india/ (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

prohibition was around. Over time, things changed a lot. Now gangs are involved in drug trades and contract killings too. The rise of "Dons," or gang leaders who are very influential even in politics makes the situation even trickier.<sup>2</sup>

Different gangs like the Dawood Gang & Chaddi Baniyan Gangs show that organized crime can vary quite a bit from one place to another. These groups often fight over territory and have ties with local politicians this blurs lines between crime & governance.

Importance of Police Investigation in Curbing Organized Crime Police investigations are super important for fighting organized crime in India. These criminal networks are complex and huge, that's why law enforcement needs to be strong. But police deal with corruption and lack resources sometimes, plus criminals often have political connections that slow things down.<sup>3</sup>

Police don't just catch criminals. they need to break down their networks. This involves gathering intelligence, conducting undercover work, & collaborating with other agencies. Recent efforts aim to boost police skills and improve teamwork among different agencies to tackle organized crime better.<sup>4</sup>

In short organized crime in India is a big challenge that keeps changing over time and needs coordinated responses from law enforcement to lessen its impact on our communities.

#### NATURE AND EXTENT OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN INDIA

**Legal Definitions of Organized Crime in India** In India, organized crime is seen as a complex group of criminals doing illegal stuff for money on a regular basis. The Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act (MCOCA) defines it as ongoing illegal activities carried out by individuals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Organised crime in India. Available at: https://unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS\_No54/No54\_10VE\_Sharma.pdf (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> RFPPL. Available at: https://www.rfppl.co.in/subscription/upload\_pdf/Monika Sharma-IJLHB VOL.5 NO.2 MAY-AUG 2019 (Special Issue) 9626.pdf (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Criminality in India - the organized crime index* (no date) *The Organized Crime Index* | *ENACT*. Available at: https://ocindex.net/country/india (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

or groups using violence or threats to gain money or promote insurgency.<sup>5</sup> This description shows that these criminal acts are planned out rather than just random crimes happening here and there.

One key part of legislation the BNS 2023 is Section 111 specifically aimed at tackling organized crime. It helps outline how to define and punish these activities while working alongside laws related to terrorism and cybercrime. By focusing on organized crime as its own threat, Section 111 gives law enforcement clear rules & tools to tackle these complicated networks.<sup>6</sup>

**Key Characteristics of Organized Criminal Groups** Here's what makes up organized crime groups:

- **Hierarchy & Structure:** These groups usually have ranks with specific roles assigned so they can operate smoothly.
- **Continuity:** They stick around for long periods even longer than some members helping them stay active in illegal markets.
- **Profit Motive:** Their main goal. Making money through illegal means like drug trafficking & extortion.
- Use of Violence & Corruption: They often use violence or threats to keep control while corrupting officials helps them escape law enforcement.
- Secrecy & Loyalty: Members keep their operations secret & usually stay loyal to the group over personal ties.

**Types of Organized Crime** In India, you can find many types of illegal activities under organized crime:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Organized crimes: Meaning, history, causes, and characteristics. Available at: https://thelegalquotient.com/criminal-laws/criminology/organized-crime-organized-crimes/1310/ (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ezyLegal .*Section 111 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS): Combatting organized crime, EzyLegal.* Available at: https://www.ezylegal.in/blogs/section-111-of-bharatiya-nyaya-sanhita-bns-2023-organized-crime (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

- **Hierarchy & Structure:** Organized crime groups often have a clear hierarchy and division of labor, with specific roles assigned to members. This structure allows for efficient operation and the ability to carry out complex criminal activities..<sup>7</sup>
- **Continuity:** These groups operate over extended periods, often outlasting individual members, which allows them to establish a persistent presence in illicit markets.<sup>8</sup>
- **Profit Motive:** The primary objective of organized crime is profit generation through various illegal means, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, and extortion. This profit-seeking behavior is central to their operations.
- Use of Violence & Corruption: Organized crime often employs violence or the threat of violence to enforce compliance and protect their interests. Additionally, they may corrupt public officials to facilitate their activities and evade law enforcement.
- Secrecy & Loyalty: Members of organized crime groups maintain secrecy about their operations and exhibit strong loyalty to the group, often prioritizing the organization over personal relationships.

# types of organized crime

- Organized crime in India encompasses various illicit activities, including:
- **Drug Trafficking:** India is strategically located between major drug-producing regions, making it a significant hub for drug trafficking, particularly from the Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent areas.<sup>9</sup>
- **Human Trafficking:** This includes the illegal trade of individuals for forced labor or sexual exploitation, which remains a critical issue in many parts of India.

bymanishsiq, P. (2023) *Organised crime in India*, *StudyIQ*. Available at: https://www.studyiq.com/articles/organised-crime-in-india/ (Accessed: 14 August 2024).

<sup>8</sup> Organized crime and terrorism - daily current affair article for UPSC, IAS, Civil Services and state PCS examinations | Dhyeya IAS® - best UPSC IAS CSE Online coaching | best upsc coaching | top IAS coaching in Delhi | top CSE coaching. Available at: https://www.dhyeyaias.com/current-affairs/perfect-7-magazine/organized-crime-and-terrorism (Accessed: 14 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> India, legal S. *Organized crime in India*. Available at: https://www.legalservicesindia.com/article/1290/Organized-Crime-In-India.html#google\_vignette (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

- Arms Smuggling: The illegal arms trade is prevalent, often linked to conflicts and organized crime syndicates.<sup>10</sup>
- **Economic Crimes:** This category includes money laundering, where illegal profits are disguised as legitimate income, and extortion, where individuals or businesses are coerced into paying for protection.<sup>11</sup>
- **Cybercrime:** With the rise of technology, organized crime has expanded into cyber activities, including identity theft, online fraud, and hacking 12

# **Socio Economic Impact**

The effects of organized crime touch many parts of Indian life, society, economy & governance. It hurts legal systems and makes people more corrupt. Trust in our institutions goes down, Economically, organized crime can take away resources from the honest businesses, push prices up, and scare away foreign investors. Socially. Communities deal with more violence and fear because of what these crime groups do.<sup>13</sup>

# Case Studies of Organized Crime Syndicates in India

Several notorious organized crime syndicates have shaped the landscape of crime in India:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Dinesh VermaWriter at WritingLawDinesh has written this article. He is pursuing B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) from Panjab University Swami Sarvanand Giri Regional Centre (PUSSGRC) Hoshiarpur (2024) What are organised crimes and their characteristics?, WritingLaw. Available at: https://www.writinglaw.com/organised-crimes-and-their-characteristics/ (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> ForumIAS (2017) *Organized crimes in India: An overview, Free UPSC IAS Preparation For Aspirants*. Available at: https://forumias.com/blog/organized-crimes-in-india-an-overview/ (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

Discuss the types of organised crimes. describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels. (150 words, 10 marks) (no date) PWOnlyIAS. Available at: https://pwonlyias.com/pyq/discuss-the-types-of-organised-crimes-describe-the-linkages-between-terrorists-and-organised-crime-that-exist-at-the-national-and-transnational-levels-150-words-10-marks/ (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Tarver, E. What is social economics, and how does it impact society?, Investopedia. Available at: https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/social-economics.asp (Accessed: 26 August 2024).

**D-Company:** Led by Dawood Ibrahim, this syndicate is involved in drug trafficking, extortion, and terrorism, operating both within India and internationally.<sup>14</sup>

**The Chhota Rajan Gang:** Once a part of the D-Company, Chhota Rajan's group is known for its involvement in extortion and contract killings, primarily in Mumbai. 15

**The Sandalwood Smuggling Case:** Involves organized crime linked to the illegal trade of sandalwood, highlighting the intersection of environmental crime and organized crime syndicates in India.<sup>16</sup>

**Veerappan case:** The Veerappan case is one of the most infamous sandalwood smuggling cases in India, centered around the notorious bandit and smuggler Veerappan, who operated primarily in the forests of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.<sup>17</sup>

These examples show just how complex organized crime is in India and how it's rooted deeply across society.

#### THE ROLE OF POLICE IN INVESTIGATING ORGANIZED CRIME

The police have a super important job. They detect, investigate & catch members of organized crime groups. These groups are all about illegal activities like kidnapping, robbery & drug trafficking. To fight back against these crimes, law enforcement uses lots of different methods:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Dawood Ibrahim: Mumbai mobster, drug dealer, and terrorist (1955-) | biography, facts, information, career, wiki, life. Available at: https://peoplepill.com/i/dawood-ibrahim/ (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Chhota Rajan Wikiwand / articles. Available at: https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Chhota\_Rajan (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Staff (2017) *Two men arrested for smuggling sandalwood, The Bhutanese*. Available at: https://thebhutanese.bt/two-men-arrested-for-smuggling-sandalwood/ (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Profiling a poacher: The rise and fall of Veerappan IPCS. Available at: https://www.ipcs.org/comm\_select.php?articleNo=1547 (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

Philosophy: Organized crime in Michigan - essay sample SpeedyPaper. Available at: https://speedypaper.com/essays/philosophy-organized-crime-in-michigan (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

# **Investigative Techniques and Tools**

**Undercover operations:** Officers sometimes pretend to be part of criminal gangs to get their trust and learn all their secrets. For example, an officer might act like they want to buy drugs just to catch them selling it.<sup>19</sup>

**Surveillance:** investigators watch organized crime groups using cameras and CCTV or cyber tech.<sup>20</sup>

**Forensic analysis:** Police look at physical & digital evidence from crime scenes to make strong cases.<sup>21</sup>

# **Challenges in Police Investigations**

the police face some tough challenges:

**Corruption:** is a big issue Sometimes organized crime has friends inside the police force which makes it hard to investigate properly.<sup>22</sup>

**lack of resources:** can be a problem. Investigating these serious crimes takes a lot of time & money.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Organized crime investigation (2021) Private Investigator. Available at: https://www.private-investigator-info.org/organized-crime-investigation.html (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Corporate Author Canadian Centre for Justice Organized Crime in Canada: An Investigation into the Feasability of Collecting Police-Level Data | Office of Justice Programs. Available at: https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/organized-crime-canada-investigation-feasability-collecting-police (Accessed: 27 August)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Introducing the future of digital forensics and evidence ... Available at: https://www.delltechnologies.com/asset/ja-jp/solutions/infrastructure-solutions/briefs-summaries/delltechnologies-digitalforensics-evidence-management.pdf (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sadulski, Dr.J. (2024) *Organized crime groups: The battle to stop their activities, Edge*. Available at: https://amuedge.com/organized-crime-groups-the-battle-to-stop-their-activities/ (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Dawood Ibrahim: Mumbai mobster, drug dealer, and terrorist (1955-) | biography, facts, information, career, wiki, life. Available at: https://peoplepill.com/i/dawood-ibrahim/ (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

Witness protection: That's tough too since criminals might retaliate against those helping the police.<sup>24</sup>

# **Coordination with Other Agencies**

**Central and state agencies:** In the U.S., agencies like the FBI work with teams focused on stopping organized crime by tracking important members together.<sup>25</sup>

**International cooperation:** Because organized crime isn't just local police often need to team up with foreign agencies for evidence gathering & arrests.<sup>26</sup>

# **Effective Methods of Combating Organized Crime**

When police find businesses linked to crime groups? They prosecute owners & even take their properties. This cuts off money for criminal operations. Also, they target gang leaders directly to bring charges against them.<sup>27</sup>

Police are busy fighting against organized crime. it's not easy though. It takes modern techniques, enough resources, and strong teamwork among lots of different agencies at various levels both national and international.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The challenges of witness protection (no date) FasterCapital. Available at: https://fastercapital.com/topics/the-challenges-of-witness-protection.html (Accessed: 27 August 2024).

<sup>25</sup> Attorney General Announces Center to Fight International Organized Crime (2009) FBI. Available at: https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/pressrel/press-releases/attorney-general-announces-center-to-fight-international-organized-crime (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Anamaria.cobucci (no date) *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*, *International cooperation*. Available at: https://www.unodc.org/lpo-brazil/en/crime/international-cooperation.html (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

Investigative techniques in combating organized crime FasterCapital. Available at: https://fastercapital.com/topics/investigative-techniques-in-combating-organized-crime.html (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Admin (2023) *The power of data: Leveraging Analytics to combat organized crime and improve public safety, Govjobs.lk.* Available at: https://govjobs.lk/the-power-of-data-leveraging-analytics-to-combat-organized-crime-and-improve-public-safety/#google vignette (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

#### IMPACT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS ON ORGANIZED CRIME

When we talk about breaking down criminal networks:

Success Stories show real progress. Investigations have led to breaking up organized crime networks thanks to task forces that focus on specific groups like those involved in human or drug trafficking. These teams use controlled deliveries and secret operations to gather proof & disrupt them<sup>29</sup>

Metrics for assessing success can be tricky but important. Common measures include how many arrests were made or how much illegal stuff was taken away. But also looking at community safety perceptions matters seeing if people feel safer after.<sup>30</sup>

Police investigations help create strong cases for prosecution. They gather crucial evidence which supports what happens in court later making sure everyone has what they need for trials.<sup>31</sup>

But still it's not always easy. Convicting people involved in organized crimes has challenges too; these cases can get complicated fast There's a need for lots of evidence which isn't always easy to collect; plus witnesses might be scared <sup>32</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Fromiti (no date) Organized crime module 8 key issues: Investigators of organized crime, Organized Crime Module 8 Key Issues: Investigators of Organized Crime. Available at: https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/organized-crime/module-8/key-issues/investigators-of-organized-crime.html (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

Measuring police impact on organised crime: Performance ... Available at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/235314466\_Measuring\_police\_impact\_on\_organised\_crime\_Perfor mance management and harm reduction (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Author(s) R W Davis; C H Rogovin and Corporate Author Temple University Address Box 143 NCJRS Virtual Library, Indicators of the Impacts of Organized Crime | Office of Justice Programs. Available at: https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/indicators-impacts-organized-crime (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Gehl, R. and Plecas, D. (2017) Chapter 1: Introduction, Introduction to Criminal Investigation Processes Practices and Thinking. Available at: https://pressbooks.bccampus.ca/criminalinvestigation/chapter/chapter-1introduction/ (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

And remember laws must be followed closely; one tiny mistake might ruin everything for justice<sup>33</sup>

So there you have it a friendly look into human trafficking, arms smuggling & all those tough issues surrounding organized crime in India today.<sup>34</sup>

## **Public Perception and Trust**

**Public Confidence in Police Handling of Organized Crime** How people see police effectiveness when it to organized crime can really change a lot. Many things, like how visible the police are, how they engage with the community, and what the media says, shape this view. If the police do well in their operations, trust usually grows.<sup>35</sup> But if they fail or if there are big trials where criminals get set free, that trust can seriously drop.<sup>36</sup>

Media Representation of Police Investigations in Organized Crime The media has a huge hand in how folks feel about police investigations. When you see good news stories about successful operations, it makes people believe in law enforcement more. However, if the media focuses on failures or corruption and they often do many start to feel skeptical and distrustful toward police.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Fromiti (no date) Organized crime module 6 key issues: Structural factors, Organized Crime Module 6 Key Issues: Structural Factors. Available at: https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/organized-crime/module-6/key-issues/structural-factors.html (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Admin (2024) *Analyzing boston's Legal Strategies Against Organized Crime*, *The Fernandez Firm*. Available at: https://thefernandezfirm.com/organized-crime/ (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Public confidence in the police: A new low for the service (2022) Royal United Services Institute. Available at: https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/public-confidence-police-new-low-service (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Author(s) Judith Dubois (no date) NCJRS Virtual Library, Media Coverage of Organized Crime -- Police Managers Survey | Office of Justice Programs. Available at: https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/media-coverage-organized-crime-police-managers-survey (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

Media coverage of organized crime—police managers survey. Available at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/241342799\_Media\_coverage\_of\_organized\_crime-police managers survey (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

Balancing these stories is super important for keeping community support strong for police work against organized crime.<sup>38</sup>

#### **CASE STUDY**

## **Landmark Investigations in Combating Organized Crime**

**Operation Onymous** (2014)<sup>39</sup> Operation Onymous was a big deal back in 2014. It was an international effort to go after Silk Road 2.0 and other shady online marketplaces. Europol & the FBI took charge and arrested over 400 people Plus, they seized more than \$1 million in bitcoins along with drugs, weapons, and other illegal stuff. <sup>40</sup>Some key tactics included:

- Lots of countries working together and sharing info.
- Secret surveillance & undercover missions to sneak into these darknet markets.
- Financial investigations & blockchain checks to follow those tricky cryptocurrency movements.

**Operation Lionfish (2013-2014)**<sup>41</sup>So, then there was Operation Lionfish a partnership between U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Colombian National Police aimed at taking

Role of media in criminal justice system.pptx (2022) SlideShare. Available at: https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/role-of-media-in-criminal-justice-systempptx/254087258 (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>39</sup> Operation onymous: Available at: https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Operation-Onymous.pdf (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Organized crime module 8 key issues: Special investigative techniques (no date): Available at: https://sherloc.unodc.org/cld/en/education/tertiary/organized-crime/module-8/key-issues/special-investigative-techniques/intro.html (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Record seizures in Interpol operation against drug trafficking (no date) INTERPOL. Available at: https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2024/Record-seizures-in-INTERPOL-operation-against-drug-trafficking#:~:text=poly%2Dcrime%20approach.-,More%20than%2056%20tonnes%20of%20cocaine%20and%2052%20tonnes%20of,5%2C617%20arrests% 20in%20108%20countries. (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

down the Oficina de Envigado crime group. This operation led to more than 100 arrests and captured over \$7 million in various assets<sup>42</sup> They used some smart techniques like:

- Wiretaps & electronic spying to listen in on the syndicate's chatter.
- Controlled deliveries of drugs to follow where everything was going.
- Asset forfeiture laws helped seize properties and mess with their finances.

### **Failed Investigations and Lessons Learned**

The Pizza Connection Case (1980s)<sup>43</sup> This case was about drug trafficking using pizza parlors as front businesses Sadly, it didn't go well because law enforcement didn't work together enough. The main issues were:

- Poor communication between DEA, FBI, & Italian authorities made things tough.
- There wasn't enough specialized training for those tricky financial investigations.
- Legal restrictions made getting wiretaps & monitoring electronic communications pretty difficult.

So what do we learn? We definitely need:

- Better teamwork across agencies dealing with organized crime cases.
- More training & tools for tackling financial inquiries & asset seizure.
- Updated laws so special investigative methods can work effectively.<sup>44</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Free Essay on role of the police in combating organized crime and methods used SpeedyPaper. Available at: https://speedypaper.com/essays/role-of-the-police-in-combating-organized-crime-and-methods-used (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> The pizza connection (2019) FBI. Available at: https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/the-pizza-connection-35th-anniversary-040519 (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Fromiti (no date) Organized crime module 8 key issues: Investigators of organized crime, Organized Crime Module 8 Key Issues: Investigators of Organized Crime. Available at: https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/organized-crime/module-8/key-issues/investigators-of-organized-crime.html (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES

**United States vs. Italy**<sup>45</sup> When it comes to fighting organized crime, the U.S. and Italy approach things differently:

- The U.S. leans on RICO laws, asset seizure, & witness protection programs.
- Italy focuses more on anti-mafia laws, justice collaborator programs, and giving police extra powers.<sup>46</sup>

Both countries have had their wins & losses Key differences include:

- The U.S. has more resources & specialized teams just for organized crime.
- Italy owns strong anti-mafia laws plus loads of experience dealing with mafia groups.

Teamwork between both nations really helps when it comes to international cases<sup>47</sup>

# **CONCLUSION**

In wrapping everything up, diving into organized crime in India shows us how complicated this issue truly is it affects society, economy, and politics alike The history and different forms of organized crime include not just drug trafficking but also human trafficking and arms smuggling this all highlights how majorly threatening it is to our way of life.

The police play such a crucial role in tackling this kind of crime using various investigation techniques but they've got hurdles. Corruption, not enough resources, or sneaky political interference create obstacles that make catching criminals tough.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Matza, M. (2023) *International Mafia bust shows US-italy crime links still strong*, *BBC News*. Available at: https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-67387249 (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> RoleCatcher.com (no date) Lead police investigations: A comprehensive guide to mastering this essential skill, RoleCatcher. Available at: https://rolecatcher.com/en/skills/hard-skills/information-skills/conducting-studies-investigations-and-examinations/lead-police-investigations/ (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> The International Criminal Police Organization INTERPOL. Available at: https://www.interpol.int/en (Accessed: 29 August 2024).

Even though police often do a good job disrupting criminal networks there's still plenty holding them back from getting convictions more easily. Learning from both the triumphs and letdowns of different cases helps improve law enforcement strategies

Importantly though how the public feels about law enforcement's ability to fight organized crime matters big time to their success. Media coverage impacts this view heavily as well which is why we need openness and responsibility along this fight against crime

Ultimately, ongoing improvement in investigation methods as seen across both India and globally is essential for effectively combating organized crime everywhere