Snapshots - 2014

Total number of jails in the country : 1,387

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Total capacity of jails in the country : 3,56,561

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<td>1,52,312 (42.7%)</td>
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Total number of jail inmates as on 31.12.2014 : 4,18,536

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<td>Male : 1,31,517 (95.8%)</td>
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<td>Female : 1,26,114 (95.9%)</td>
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Occupancy rate

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<td>Male : 2,308 (0.1%)</td>
<td>Female : 187 (0.1%)</td>
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Foreigners

No Borstal School, Open Jail and Other Jail existed in any of the UTs at the end of 2014.

The highest number of 88,221 inmates (84,649 male : 3,572 female) were reported from Uttar Pradesh followed by Madhya Pradesh 36,433 (35,283 male : 1,150 female), Bihar 31,295 (30,204 male : 1,091 female), Maharashtra 27,868 (26,438 male : 1,430 female) and Punjab 26,007 (24,703 male : 1,304 female) at the end of the year 2014.

D&N Haveli reported the highest overcrowding in prisons (331.7%) followed by Chhattisgarh (258.9%) and Delhi (221.6%).

A total of 390 women convicts with their 457 children and 1,172 women undertrials with their 1,320 children were lodged in various prisons in the country at the end of 2014.

A total of 5,394 inmates having mental illness out of 4,18,536 inmates, accounting for 1.3% of total inmates, were lodged in various jails at the end of 2014.

Maximum number of 25,566 (24,596 male : 970 female) convicts lodged in jails were reported from Uttar Pradesh (19.4% of total convicts in the Country) followed by Madhya Pradesh 17,088 (16,567 male : 521 female) accounting for 13.0% of the total convicts in the country at the end of the year 2014.

Murder alone accounted for 60.9% (69,773 out of 1,14,584) of the total convicts under IPC Crimes. The highest percentage of murder convicts was reported from Uttar Pradesh (21.3%) followed by Madhya Pradesh (15.9%) of the total murder convicts at the end of the year 2014.
21.0% (1,862 out of 8,879) of convicts under rape cases were reported from Uttar Pradesh.

The highest percentage (27.3%) (63,225 out of 2,31,962) of undertrials under IPC crimes were charged with murder. Uttar Pradesh has reported 17.9% of such undertrials (11,326 out of 63,225) followed by Bihar 8.8% (5,558).

A total of 6,274 convicts were habitual offenders/recidivists which accounted for 3.3% of total convicts admitted (1,87,418) during the year 2014.

**Period of detention**

Maximum number of undertrials (34.8%) were detained for up to 3 months at the end of 2014.

A total of 3,540 undertrials (1.3% of total undertrials) were detained in jails for more than 5 years at the end of the year 2014. Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of such undertrials (1022) followed by Rajasthan (523).

A total of 318 convicts including 8 females lodged in different jails of the country were awarded capital punishment at the end of the year 2014.

A total of 71,632 convicts including 3,176 women convicts accounting for 54.5% of total convicts in the country were undergoing sentences for life imprisonment at the end of the year 2014.

A total of 95 prisoners were awarded capital punishment and capital punishment of 112 inmates was commuted to life imprisonment during 2014.

No convict awarded capital punishment was executed in the country during the year 2014.

**Inmates released**

A total of 13,95,121 undertrials were released, out of which 64,216 undertrials were acquitted, 3,733 undertrials were transferred to other States and 64 were extradited during the year 2014.

A total of 1,87,269 convicts were released during the year 2014.

**Demographic particulars of inmates**

Out of 1,31,517 convicted inmates, majority of inmates are either illiterate (35,202) or educated upto Class X (56,469).

The highest number of graduate (1,522) and post graduate (539) convicts were reported from Uttar Pradesh at the end of the year 2014.

Out of 1,31,517 convicted inmates 1,20,844 belong to the same State, 8,142 inmates belong to other States and 2,531 inmates belong to other countries.

Out of 2,82,879 undertrial inmates, 82,735 were illiterates, 1,19,370 were educated upto Class X, 55,605 having education of above Class X & below graduation, 17,000 were graduates and 5,202 were post graduates.

**Deaths in jails**

A total of 1,702 deaths in jails were reported (1,507 natural and 195 un-natural) during the year 2014.
A total of 51 deaths of female inmates were reported during 2014, wherein 46 deaths were natural and 5 deaths were unnatural during the year 2014.

**Number of convicts and undertrial prisoners in different age-groups**

At the end of 2014, 67,913 (51.6%) convicted prisoners were in the age group of 30 - 50 years, 40,419 (30.6%) convicts were in the age-group of 18 - 30 years and 23,185 (17.8%) convicts were in age group of 50 years and above.

At the end of 2014, 6 undertrial prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 1,35,315 (47.8%) in the age group of 18 - 30 years, 1,17,143 (41.4%) undertrials were in the age-group of 30 - 50 years and 30,415 (10.8%) undertrials of 50 years or more.

Only 8 States have reported the lodging of civil prisoners. A total of 158 convicted and 187 undertrial civil prisoners were reported at the end of the year 2014.

**Rate of change in number of convicts**

The number of convicted prisoners has increased by 1.5% in 2014 (1,31,517) over 2013 (1,29,608).

Number of persons convicted for murder charge increased by 2.3% in 2014 (69,773) over 2013 (68,199).

Number of persons convicted for attempt to murder increased slightly by 0.1% in 2014 (7,015) over 2013 (7,010).

Number of persons convicted for rape charge increased by 8.4% in 2014 (8,879) over 2013 (8,188).

**Rate of change in number of undertrial prisoners**

The number of undertrial prisoners increased by 1.6% in 2014 (2,82,879) over 2013 (2,78,503).

Number of undertrial prisoners facing murder charge increased by 5.2% in 2014 (63,225) over 2013 (60,110).

Number of undertrial prisoners facing attempt to murder charge increased by 1.1% in 2014 (23,955) over 2013 (23,688).

**Training**

A total of 63,256 inmates were trained under various vocational training programmes in various jails during the year 2014.

Like previous year, maximum number of training (6,232) was imparted in weaving followed by tailoring (4,919), agriculture activities (4,556) and carpentry (3,303) during 2014.

The highest number of inmates trained in canning, making of soap & phenyl and handloom were reported from Madhya Pradesh which stood at 136, 132 and 717 inmates respectively.

**Prison administration and Earning by prison inmates**

A total of 38,420 jails inspections were done in country in which 41.2% of jail inspections were done by medical officials. However, 12,496 judicial officials and 4,554 executive officials also inspected the prisons during 2014.
The highest gross earning by producing goods by inmates trained in various vocational programs was reported from Tamil Nadu (₹ 3,697.3 lakh) followed by Kerala (₹ 2,143.6 lakh), Bihar (₹ 1,574.7 lakh), Maharashtra (₹ 1,434.9 lakh) and Uttar Pradesh (₹ 1,232.6 lakh) during the year 2014.

The highest earning per inmate was reported from Kerala (₹ 30,285) followed by Tamil Nadu (₹ 23,291), Chandigarh (₹ 16,709) and Delhi (₹ 10,630) as compared to All-India average of ₹3,628 during the year 2014.

The highest annual expenditure per inmate was reported from Delhi (₹ 85,193), followed by Telangana (₹ 81,551), Nagaland (₹ 75,886) Arunachal Pradesh (₹ 71,878.0), Bihar (₹ 57,507.4) Jammu & Kashmir (₹ 42,556.0), Andaman & Nicobar Island (₹ 42,532.9), Sikkim (₹ 39,272.3) and Kerala (₹34,496.7) as against All - India average of ₹ 29,538 during the financial year 2014-15.

Inmate population and strength of jail officials

The prisons have a staff strength of 52,666 jail officials to take care of 4,18,536 inmates which amounts to 1 Jail Official per 8 inmates.

The highest number of inmates per prison staff was reported from Jharkhand (20) followed by Chhattisgarh (16), Bihar (13), Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand (11 each) and Delhi (10).

Miscellaneous

A total of 402 inmates escaped from different prisons, wherein 96 inmates were reported escaped from inside prison during 2014.

A total of 16 incidences of jail break and 255 clashes/group clashes were reported during the year 2014 in which 3 inmates were killed and 233 inmates were injured in such clashes.

Total of 4,479 jail officials (1,244 Officers and 3,117 Staff) had attended various training programs during the year 2014.

A total of 938 convicts were provided with financial assistance on release, 2,196 convicts were rehabilitated and 79,121 prisoners were provided legal aid during the year 2014.

The State of Kerala, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and UT of Chandigarh disposed off all the complaints (100% disposal) received through National Human Right Commission (NHRC) during 2014.

A total of 32,890 inmates were released on parole. However, 374 inmates were reported as parole absconders out of which 225 parole absconders were re-arrested during 2014.

Among all the States / UTs, Puducherry has provided highest wages of ₹ 170, ₹ 160 and ₹ 150 per day to skilled convicts, semi-skilled convicts and unskilled convicts respectively during 2014.