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## **FOREWORD**

It is my proud privilege to present the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bureau's annual report 'Prison Statistics India' for the year 2021. Since its inception in the year 1995, the report has been putting forward comprehensive and detailed statistics on the prisons and its administration in the country. The statistics published in the report covers a wide range of data on various aspects of prisons, which is of utmost national and international importance.

Prison is an integral part of the criminal justice system and its administration has evolved from retributive approach to the concept of reformation and rehabilitation of the offenders as one of its objectives to re-integrate them with the society after their release as potential contributor to the economy.

The Bureau, in this publication, is presenting data on various facets of prison administration (viz. type of jails & occupancy, types of prisoners & demography, Indian & foreign prisoners, releases, transfers, movements, rehabilitation and welfare of prisoners etc.) which is definitely a useful and

important resource document to be used as an input tool by policymakers, Parliamentarians and other stakeholders for policy formulation, budgeting & resource allocation, rehabilitative services etc. and effective functioning of the prison administration.

I express my sincere gratitude to all Directors General/ Inspectors General of Prisons and Prison Department of all States/UTs for the co-operation extended to the Bureau in ensuring timely publication of the report, which is quintessential in maintaining reliability of the report.

I take this opportunity to commend the efforts put in by the Officers and Staff of the Statistics Branch of the Bureau in co-ordinating with States/UTs, collection and collation of data and its final publication in the form of a report.

Like previous years, the report for the year 2021 is being made available in digital format on NCRB's website <https://ncrb.gov.in> and can be freely accessed.

NCRB welcomes your valuable suggestions and feedback in the attached form, for further refinement in the content and quality of the report.

  
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