

SNAPSHOTS

Total Number of Jails in the country : **1,147**

Central Jails : 107	Women Jails : 14
District Jails : 270	Open Jails : 26
Sub Jails : 686	Other Jails : 44

Total Capacity of Jails in the country : **2,35,012**

Central Jails : 1,08,899 (46.3%)	Women Jails : 2,085 (0.9%)
District Jails : 77,405 (32.9%)	Open Jails : 3,586 (1.5%)
Sub Jails : 35,311 (15.0%)	Other Jails : 7,726 (3.3%)

Total Number of Jail Inmates as on 31.12.2004 : **3,31,391**

Male : 3,18,421 (96.1%) Female : 12,970 (3.9%)

Convicts : 98,527 (29.7% of total inmates)	Undertrial Prisoners : 2,17,130 (65.5% of total inmates)
Male : 95,169 (96.6% of total convicts)	Male : 2,09,278 (96.4% of total undertrials)
Female : 3,358 (3.4% of total convicts)	Female : 7,852 (3.6% of total undertrials)

Detenues: 4,491 (1.4% of total inmates)	Others : 11,243 (3.4% of total inmates)
Male : 4,287 (95.5% of total detenues)	Male : 9,687 (86.2% of total others)
Female : 204 (4.5% of total detenues)	Female : 1,556 (13.8% of total others)

Foreigners

Convicts : **785**

Undertrials : **1,602**

Detenues : **145**

(Male : 614, Female : 171)

(Male : 1,314, Female : 288)

(Male : 145, Female : 0)

- ❖ No Borstal school exists in any of the UTs
- ❖ The highest number of 51,706 inmates (50,554 male : 1,152 female) were reported from Uttar Pradesh (15.6%) followed by Bihar 33,073 (32,200 male : 873 female) at the end of the year 2004.
- ❖ Jharkhand reported the highest overcrowding of prisons (300.9%) followed by Delhi (249.7%) while the least occupancy was reported from Daman & Diu (22.5%).
- ❖ 332 Women Convicts with their 346 children and 1,073 Women undertrials with their 1,081 children were reported in the country.
- ❖ Maximum number of 13,066 (12,797 male : 269 female) Convicts were reported from Madhya Pradesh (13.3% of total convicts in the country) followed by Maharashtra 8,931 (8,447 male : 484 female) accounting for 9.1% of the total convicts at the end of the year 2004.
- ❖ The highest number of Graduate and Post Graduate Convicts were reported from Punjab (712) and Madhya Pradesh (128) respectively at the end of the year 2004.
- ❖ Murder alone accounted for 60.2% of the total Convicts under IPC Crimes. The highest number of 7,884 Murder Convicts were reported from Madhya Pradesh (15.6% of total Murder convicts) followed by Maharashtra (8.6% of total Murder convicts) at the end of the year 2004.

- ❖ The highest percentage (27.8%) of undertrials were charged with Murder. Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of 6,627 such Undertrials (14.3%) followed by Bihar 6,084 (13.1%).
- ❖ 563 Convicts including 55 females lodged in different jails of the country at the end of 2004 were awarded capital punishment.
- ❖ 51,825 Convicts accounting for 52.6% of total Convicts in the country were undergoing sentences for Life Imprisonment at the end of the year 2004.
- ❖ 2,069 Undertrials (1.0% of total undertrials) were detained in jails for more than 5 years at the end of the year 2004. Bihar had the highest number of such undertrials (628) followed by Delhi (344).
- ❖ 14,361 Convicts were habitual offenders which accounted for 7.0% of total convicts admitted during the year.

Earning by Prison Inmates

- ❖ The highest earning by inmates trained in various vocational programmes was reported from Maharashtra (Rs.2,746.2 lakh) followed by Gujarat (Rs.562.3 lakh) during the year 2004.
- ❖ The highest earning per inmate was reported from Maharashtra (Rs.11,019) followed by Gujarat (Rs.4,860) as against All-India average of Rs.1,773 during the year 2004.
- ❖ 2,518 (i.e. 5.3%) staff members were women out of the total 47,340 staff manning jails in the country during the year 2004.
- ❖ The highest expenditure per inmate was reported from Manipur (Rs.40,215) followed by Nagaland (Rs.34,975) as against All-India average of Rs.10,320 during the year 2004-05.

Rate of change in number of Convicts

- ❖ Number of persons convicted under Murder charges increased by 7.2 percent in 2003 and 9.9 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.
- ❖ Number of persons convicted under Attempt to Murder increased by 40.8 percent in 2003 and 19.4 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.
- ❖ Number of persons convicted under Rape charges increased by 36.1 percent in 2003 and decreased by 0.9 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.
- ❖ Number of persons convicted under Dacoity decreased by 14.4 percent in 2003 and increased by 50.9 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.

- ❖ Number of persons convicted under Robbery decreased by 26.3 percent in 2003 and increased by 57 percent in 2004 over respective previous years.

Rate of change in number of Undertrial prisoners

- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners under Murder charges decreased by 11.4 percent in 2003 and 0.7 percent in 2004 over respective previous year
- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners under Attempt to Murder charge increased by 5.4 percent in 2003 and 6.0 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.
- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners under Rape charge decreased by 7.9 percent in 2003 and 1.2 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.
- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners under Dacoity charge decreased by 6.9 percent in 2003 and increased by 2.0 percent in 2004 over respective previous year.
- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners under Robbery charge decreased by 8.2 percent in 2003 and increased by 2.2 percent in 2004 over respective previous years.
- ❖ One prisoner was executed in West Bengal during the year 2004. This was the first execution since 1997.

Number of convicted persons in different age-groups

- ❖ 120 convicted prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 36,657 convicts were in the age group of 18-30 years, 47,431 convicts were in the age-group of 30-50 years and 14,319 convicts were above 50 years of age.
- ❖ 871 undertrial prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 1,00,601 undertrials were in the age group of 18-30 years, 93,600 undertrials were in the age-group of 30-50 years and 22,058 undertrials were above 50 years of age.

Literacy among the prisoners

- ❖ 33,507 of total convicted prisoners were illiterate, 43,587 had education upto Xth class, 15,850 had education above Class X but below graduation, 4,072 were graduates, 953 were post graduates and 558 were holding some technical degree.
- ❖ 83,572 of total undertrial prisoners were illiterate, 89,000 had education upto Xth class, 33,984 had education above Class X but below graduation, 7,936 were graduates, 1,690 were post graduates and 948 were holding some technical degree.