

Snapshots - 2015

❖ Total Number of Jails in the Country : **1,401**

Central jails : 134	Open jails : 63
District jails : 379	Borstal schools : 20
Sub jails : 741	Special jails : 43
Women jails : 18	Other jails : 3

❖ Total Capacity of Jails in the Country : **3,66,781**

Central jails : 1,59,158 (43.4%)	Open jails : 5,370 (1.5%)
District jails : 1,37,972 (37.6%)	Borstal schools : 1,830 (0.5%)
Sub jails : 46,368 (12.6%)	Special jails : 10,915 (3.0%)
Women jails : 4,748 (1.3%)	Other jails : 420 (0.1%)

❖ Total Number of Jail Inmates as on 31.12.2015 : **4,19,623**

Male : 4,01,789 (95.7%)	Female : 17,834 (4.3%)
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❖ Occupancy Rate

2013 – 118.4%	2014 – 117.4%	2015 – 114.4%
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Convicts : 1,34,168 (32.0% of total inmates)	Undertrials: 2,82,076 (67.2% of total inmates)
Male : 1,28,428 (95.7% of total convicts)	Male : 2,70,160 (95.8% of total undertrials)
Female : 5,740 (4.3% of total convicts)	Female : 11,916 (4.2% of total undertrials)
Detenues : 2,562 (0.6% of total inmates)	Others : 817 (0.2% of total inmates)
Male : 2,490 (97.2% of total detenues)	Male : 711 (87.0% of total others)
Female : 72 (2.8% of total detenues)	Female : 106 (13.0% of total others)

Foreigners

Convicts : 2,353	Undertrials : 3,795	Detenues : 37
(Male : 2,154 , Female : 199)	(Male : 3,276 , Female : 519)	(Male : 36 , Female : 1)

- ❖ No Borstal School and Open Jail existed in any of the UTs at the end of 2015.
- ❖ The highest number of **88,747** inmates (**85,214 Male : 3,533 Female**) were reported from Uttar Pradesh followed by Madhya Pradesh **38,458 (37,136 Male : 1,322 Female)**, Maharashtra **29,657 (28,321 Male : 1,336 Female)**, Bihar **28,418 (27,527 Male : 891 Female)** and Punjab **23,645 (22,510 Male : 1,135 Female)** at the end of the year 2015.
- ❖ D&N Haveli reported the highest overcrowding in prisons (**276.7%**) followed by Chhattisgarh (**233.9%**) and Delhi (**226.9%**).
- ❖ A total of **374** women convicts with their **450** children and **1,149** women undertrials with their **1,310** children were lodged in various prisons in the country at the end of 2015.
- ❖ A total of **5,203** inmates having mental illness out of **4,19,623** inmates, accounting for **1.2%** of total inmates, were lodged in various jails at the end of 2015.
- ❖ Maximum number of **25,917 (24,884 Male : 1,033 Female)** convicts lodged in jails were reported from Uttar Pradesh (**19.3%** of total convicts in the country) followed by Madhya Pradesh **17,058 (16,455 Male : 603 Female)** accounting for **12.7%** of the total convicts in the country at the end of the year 2015.
- ❖ Murder convicts accounted for **59.6%** (**70,827** out of **1,18,746**) of the total convicts under IPC Crimes. Maximum murder convicts were lodged in Uttar Pradesh (**15,516**) followed by Madhya Pradesh (**11,207**) these two States accounting for **21.9%** and **15.8%** of the total murder convicts at the end of the year 2015 respectively.

- ❖ Majority of rape convicts were lodged in Uttar Pradesh accounting for 19.6% (1,944 out of 9,908) of total such convicts.
- ❖ The highest percentage (26.5%) (61,190 out of 2,31,340) of undertrials under IPC crimes were charged with murder. Uttar Pradesh has reported 19.7% (12,035 out of 61,190) of such undertrials followed by Madhya Pradesh 8.5% (5,210).
- ❖ A total of 5,576 convicts were habitual offenders/recidivists which accounted for 3.0% of total convicts admitted (1,86,566) during the year 2015.

Period of Detention

- ❖ Maximum number of undertrials 99,398 (35.2%) out of 2,82,076 were detained for up to 3 months at the end of 2015.
- ❖ A total of 3,599 undertrials (1.3% of total undertrials) were detained in jails for more than 5 years at the end of the year 2015. Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of such undertrials (1,364) followed by West Bengal (294).
- ❖ A total of 325 convicts including 10 Females awarded capital punishment were lodged in different jails of the country at the end of the year 2015.
- ❖ A total of 74,821 convicts including 3,398 women convicts accounting for 55.8% of total convicts in the country were undergoing sentences for life imprisonment at the end of the year 2015.
- ❖ A total of 101 prisoners were awarded capital punishment and capital punishment of 49 inmates was commuted to life imprisonment during 2015.
- ❖ 1 convict awarded capital punishment was executed in the country during the year 2015.

Inmates Released

- ❖ A total of 12,92,357 undertrials were released, out of which 82,585 undertrials were acquitted, 5,097 undertrials were transferred to other States and 39 were extradited during the year 2015.
- ❖ A total of 1,83,653 convicts were released during the year 2015.

Demographic Particulars of Inmates

- ❖ Out of 1,34,168 convicted inmates, majority of inmates are either illiterate (36,406) or educated upto Class Xth (57,610).
- ❖ The highest number of graduate (1,553) and post graduate (566) convicts were reported from Uttar Pradesh at the end of the year 2015.
- ❖ Out of 1,34,168 convicted inmates, 1,24,407 belong to the same State, 7,408 inmates belong to other States and 2,353 inmates belong to other countries.
- ❖ Out of 2,82,076 undertrial inmates, 80,528 were illiterates, 1,19,082 were educated upto Class Xth, 58,160 having education of above Class Xth & below graduation, 16,365 were graduates and 5,225 were post graduates.

Deaths in Jails

- ❖ A total of 1,584 deaths in jails were reported (1,469 natural and 115 un-natural) during the year 2015.
- ❖ Out of 51 deaths of female inmates, 48 such deaths were natural and 3 such deaths were unnatural during the year 2015.

Number of Convicts and Undertrial Prisoners in Different Age-groups

- ❖ As on 31.12.2015, out of 1,34,168 convicts lodged in various jails, 67,838 (50.6%) convicts were in the age group of 30 - 50 years, 42,295 (31.5%) convicts were in the age-group of 18 - 30 years and 24,035 (17.9%) convicts were in age group of 50 years and above.
- ❖ A total of 1,35,634 (48.1%) undertrial inmates were in the age group of 18 - 30 years, 1,15,181 (40.8%) undertrials were in the age-group of 30 - 50 years and 31,229 (11.1%) undertrials of 50 years or more.
- ❖ 9 States have reported the lodging of civil convict prisoners and 8 States have reported the lodging of civil undertrial prisoners. A total of 205 convict and 279 under-trial civil prisoners were reported at the end of the year 2015.

Rate of Change in Number of Convicts

- ❖ The number of convicted prisoners has increased by 2.0% in 2015 (from 1,31,517 in 2014 to 1,34,168 in 2015).
- ❖ Number of persons convicted for murder charge increased by 1.5% in 2015 (70,827) over 2014 (69,773).
- ❖ Number of persons convicted for attempt to murder decreased by 4.2% in 2015 (6,720) over 2014 (7,015).
- ❖ Number of persons convicted for rape charge increased by 11.6% in 2015 (9,908) over 2014 (8,879).

Rate of Change in Number of Undertrial Prisoners

- ❖ The number of undertrial prisoners decreased by 0.3% in 2015 (2,82,076) over 2014 (2,82,879).
- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners facing murder charge decreased by 3.2% in 2015 (61,190) over 2014 (63,225).
- ❖ Number of undertrial prisoners facing attempt to murder charge decreased by 4.0% in 2015 (23,002) over 2014 (23,955).

Training

- ❖ A total of 52,105 inmates were trained under various vocational training programmes in various jails during the year 2015.
- ❖ The maximum number of inmates 8,473 were imparted with training in weaving followed by carpentry (5,762), tailoring (4,744) and agricultural activities (3,660) during 2015.
- ❖ The highest number of inmates trained in tailoring, weaving and making of soap & phenyl were reported from Punjab which stood at 906, 2,919 and 214 inmates respectively.

Prison Administration and Earning by Prison Inmates

- ❖ A total of 41,542 jails inspections were done in country in which 43.4% of jail inspections were done by medical officials (18,047). However, 12,792 judicial officials and 5,789 executive officials also inspected the prisons during 2015.

- ❖ The highest gross earning by producing goods by inmates trained in various vocational programs was reported from Tamil Nadu (₹ 4,787.5 lakh) followed by Delhi (₹ 3,113.6 lakh), Kerala (₹ 2,290.2 lakh), Bihar (₹ 1,950.3 lakh), Maharashtra (₹ 1,945.9 lakh) and Uttar Pradesh (₹ 1,485.9 lakh) during the year 2015.
- ❖ The highest earning per inmate was reported from Tamil Nadu (₹ 33,901) followed by Kerala (₹ 31,265.5), Delhi (₹ 21,953) and Telangana (₹ 12,402.8) compared to all India average of ₹ 4,811.4 during the year 2015.
- ❖ The highest annual expenditure per inmate was reported from Bihar (₹ 83,691.4), followed by Delhi (₹ 73,543.9), Nagaland (₹ 65,468.6) Daman & Diu (₹ 58,695.7), Manipur (₹ 42,715.3) Andhra Pradesh (₹ 42,432.1), Jammu and Kashmir (₹ 41,090.7), and Kerala (₹ 37,084.2) as against all India average of ₹ 31,631.7 during the financial year 2015-16.

Inmate Population and Strength of Jail Officials

- ❖ The prisons have a staff strength of 53,009 jail officials to take care of 4,19,623 inmates which amounts to 1 jail official per 8 inmates.
- ❖ The highest number of inmates per prison staff was reported from Jharkhand (22) followed by Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand (13 each), Bihar & Punjab (11 each) and Delhi, Assam & Chhattisgarh (10 each).

Miscellaneous

- ❖ A total of 371 inmates escaped from different prisons, wherein 89 inmates were reported escaped from inside prison during 2015.
- ❖ A total of 15 incidents of jail break and 187 incidents of clashes/group clashes were reported during the year 2015 in which 9 inmates were killed and 201 inmates were injured in such clashes.
- ❖ Total of 7,826 jail officials (1,256 officers and 5,173 staff) had attended various training programs during the year 2015.
- ❖ A total of 416 convicts were provided with financial assistance on release, 1,286 convicts were rehabilitated and 94,673 prisoners were provided legal aid during the year 2015.
- ❖ The State of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, UT of Chandigarh and Delhi disposed of all the complaints (100% disposal) received through National Human Right Commission (NHRC) during 2015.
- ❖ A total of 39,199 inmates were released on parole. However, 501 inmates were reported as parole absconders out of which 209 parole absconders were re-arrested during 2015.
- ❖ Among all the States / UTs, Puducherry has provided highest wages of ₹ 180, ₹ 160 and ₹ 150 per day to skilled convicts, semi-skilled convicts and unskilled convicts respectively during 2015.

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