

The prisons have been operated since long in the modern state of Himachal Pradesh. Most of the princely states had their law enforcement and prisons departments. The prisons departments were headed in certain cases by the Raja himself and the prisons were looked after by the State Medical Officer who acted as Superintendent of Jails. The oldest available record of a proper jail is from the State of Chamba. According to the gazetteers of Chamba State, the jail was constructed during the reign of Raja Sham Singh in 1890. The old prison which stands vacated now is among the 42 heritage landmarks identified by the Department of Town & Country Planning.

Raja Shamsher Prakash of Sirmour is credited for constructing of a jail at Nahan by 1904. That jail could accommodate 100 male and female prisoners. The daily average of the prison population at that time remained 56. The Raja was himself the Inspector General of Prisons. Later this jail became a District Jail and a Central Jail w.e.f. 01st April, 1962.

By 1910 a jail with a capacity of 50 male and 08 female prisoners was built in Bilaspur. The average daily number of prisoners was 36 which rose to 54 by 1942. The Bilaspur jail has the distinction of becoming the first Open Air Jail on 24th October, 1960. Forty convicts from various jails of Himachal Pradesh were transferred to this novel jail. The Superintendent of this jail was specially trained in Uttar Pradesh to execute the new scheme. The prisoners were sent out to work on the Public Works Department project under the supervision of jail warders.

The details of prisons in the princely state of Suket, Rampur, Kullu, Kangra, etc., are not available.

The date/year of establishing/setting up of each Prison in Himachal Pradesh are as under: -

Sr. No.	Name of Prison	Date/Year of Establishment
1.	Model Central Jail, Nahan	1904
2.	Model Central Jail, Kanda (Shimla)	15/02/2002
3.	District Jail, Dharamshala	1968
4.	District Jail Shimla (Kaithu)	1880-90
5.	District Jail, Mandi	30/09/1944
6.	District Jail Kullu	28/08/1986
7.	District Jail, Una	1971
8.	District Jail, Hamirpur	1965
9.	Open Air Jail Bilaspur	24/10/1960
10.	District Jail, Solan	State Time
11.	District Jail, Chamba	1890
12.	Sub Jail, Nurpur	22/07/2009
13.	Sub Jail, Kalpa	28-04-2021
14.	Sub Jail, Nalagarh	24-04-2021

(i) Introduction: -

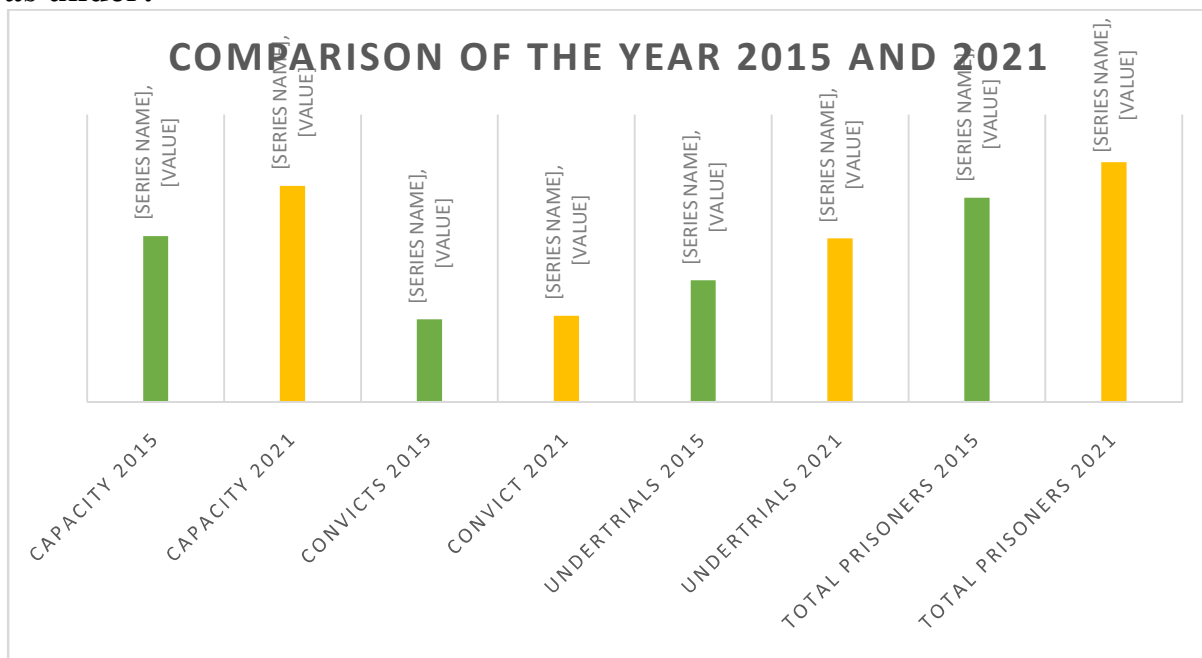
The Directorate of Prisons & Correctional Services came in existence in the year 1966. The Inspector General was the Head of the Department. The Department of Prisons was managed by on the lines of the Punjab Jail Manual and the Indian Prisoners and Prisons Act.

At present the Department of Prisons & Correctional Services is headed by Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, who, subject to the orders of the State Government, exercises the general control and superintendence over all prisons in the State.

At present the following prisons are sanctioned in the state:

Sr. No.	Name of the Jail and Place		Existing Numbers of Jails
1.	Model Central Jails (with one barrack each as Open Air Jail)	02	One at Nahan & another at Kanda (Shimla).
2.	District Jails (with one barrack each as Open Air Jail at Dharamshala, Chamba, Mandi, Shimla, Hamirpur and Solan)	09	Dharamshala, Shimla (Kaithu), Hamirpur, Mandi, Bilaspur, Una, Kullu, Solan and Chamba.
3.	Open Air Jail	01	Bilaspur
4.	Borstal Jail	01	Mandi
5.	Sub Jails	03	One each at Nurpur, Nalagarh and Kalpa.
	Total	16	

Prisoner population and prison capacity as on 01.04.2015 and 31.03.2021 are as under: -



(Figure-I)

The authorized capacity of all Jails in Himachal Pradesh is 2256 including 141 female prisoners. However, there are 2584 number of prisoners including 104 women prisoners. The prisons-wise detail of capacity and population as on 31/03/2021 are as under: -

The Prisons-wise details of Capacity and population as on 31/03/2021 are as under:-

Amended Daily Situation Information Report of all Jails in Himachal Pradesh 31/03/2021													
Sr. No.	Name of the Jail	Jail Wise capacity			Number of inmates lodged in the Jail		Number of Convicts		Number of Under trials		No. of Foreigners prisoners		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1	Model Central Jail, Kanda Shimla	408	30	438	477	24	236	7	241	17	23	1	
2	Model Central Jail, Nahan	456	15	471	518	16	309	11	209	5	36	0	
3	Open Air Jail, Bilaspur	80	0	80	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	
4	District Air Jail, Bilaspur	154	10	164	205	5	11	0	194	5	5	0	
5	District Jail, Chamba	128	19	147	151	3	80	2	71	1	0	0	
6	Lala Lajpat Rai, District & Open Air Correctional Home Dharamshala	295	8	303	365	18	149	4	216	14	13	0	
7	District Jail, Hamirpur	58	9	67	59	2	7	1	52	1	2	0	
8	District Jail, Kullu	28	5	33	40	8	0	0	40	8	4	0	

9	District Jail Kaithu	113	10	123	113	5	32	4	81	1	1	0
10	District Jail, Mandi	113	12	125	208	10	8	0	200	10	2	5
11	Sub Jail, Nurpur	26	3	29	27	3	6	0	21	3	0	0
	Grand Total of Sr. No. 1 to 11	2115	141	2256	2480	104						

STAFF POSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT AS ON AUGUST, 2021

Category wise detail of total sanctioned and filled posts/staff in the Himachal Pradesh Prisons Department is as under:-

SR NO	CATEGORY	SANCTIONED POSTS	FILLED UP POSTS /INCUBENCY	VACANT POSTS
1.	Director General of Prisons	01	01	00
2.	Deputy Inspector General of Prisons	01	01	00
3.	A.I.G. of Prisons/ Supdt. of Police (Prisons)	01	01	00
4.	Chief Welfare Officer (Prisons)	01	01	00
5.	Deputy/Assist. District Attorney (Prisons)	01	01	00
6.	Section Officer (Local Audit Department)	01	01	00
7.	Superintendent Model Central Jail	02	02	00
8.	Superintendent Distt./Sub Jail (Part Time)	07	07	00
9.	Superintendent District Jail	01	00	01
10.	Dy. Superintendent Jail	09	08	01
11.	Assistant Superintendent Jail	23	10	13
12.	Welfare Officer-cum-Assist. Supdt. Jail	04	04	00
13.	Medical Officer	04	02	02
14.	Office Supdt. Grade-II	02	01	01

15.	Personal Assistant	01	01	00
16.	Steno- Typist	02	02	00
17.	Senior Assistant	08	07	01
18.	Junior Office Assistant (IT)	19	09	10
19.	Junior Assistant/ Clerk	11	09	02
20.	Dispenser	19	09	10
21.	Head Warder	73	61	12
22.	Female Head Warder	11	09	02
23.	Warder	463	389	74
24.	Female Warder	37	25	12
25.	Driver	06	02	04
26.	Factory Supervisor	01	01	00
27.	Store-Keeper	01	00	01
28.	Male Social Worker	01	00	01
29.	Female Social Worker	01	00	01
30.	Multipurpose Worker	01	00	01
31.	Junior Technician (Weaving Master)	03	00	03
32.	Junior Technician (Carpenter Master)	02	01	01
33.	Junior Technician (Tailor Master)	01	00	01
34.	TGT	01	00	01
35.	JBT	01	00	01
36.	Peon	07	03	04
37.	Chowkidar	01	01	00
38.	Mali	01	01	00
39.	Turnkey	15	04	11
40.	Cook	01	01	00
41.	Sweeper	16	16	00
	Total:-	762	591	171