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## AN OVERVIEW OF DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF PRISONERS IN INDIA

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### **Abstract:**

Prisons serve the public by keeping in safe custody those committed by the courts and treating them with humanity and helping them lead a useful life in society as law abiding citizens after their release from the prison. Prison in India is an age old concept. In the early periods, unused old forts were used as prison where the persons who acted against the government were lodged. Studying the demographic profile of prisoners is unique in nature and it involves social understanding of the prisoners in the jail. This paper makes an attempt to explore the demographic status of prisoners in the country.

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