CHAPTER VII

SUMMARY
The present research work was an attempt to study the Personality, Adjustment and Values of different types of criminals and non-criminals. The total sample comprised of two groups of 160 subjects each viz. criminals and non-criminals i.e. 320 in all. A factorial design of $2 \times 2$ was used for the selection of criminals. The criminals were further ramified into four subcategories according to the type (body and property offenders) and degree of offence (major and minor offenders). Personality was assessed in terms of Extraversion, Impulsivity, Sociability, Psychoticism and Neuroticism dimensions as defined by Eysenck. These variables were studied with the help of PEN (Eysenck and Eysenck 1968) and E scale of EPI (Eysenck and Eysenck, 1971). Various dimensions of adjustment i.e. Home, Health, Social and Emotional were studied with the help of Bell's Adjustment Inventory. Rokeach Value Scale (1967) was used for measuring values in terms of instrumental and terminal values. For the present sample Hindi adaptations of all these scales was used.

Means and SDs were calculated for criminals and non-criminals, body and property offenders and major and minor criminals on all the variables of personality and adjustment. To gauge the significance of difference between the means of criminals and non-criminals, ratios were found out on each variable studied. A $2 \times 2$ ANOVA was used for computing the significance of difference between the cell means of criminals.
For analysing values a method adopted by Rokeach (1973) was used. Median ranks and composite rank orders were calculated separately for all the instrumental and terminal values of Rokeach Value Scale (1967). Separate chi-squares were then computed to check the significance of difference between the median ranks.

The findings of the present study may be summarized as follows:

(A) **Differences on Personality**

(1) The overall results for personality of criminals and non-criminals indicated that criminals have scored significantly higher on Impulsivity, Psychoticism and Neuroticism than non-criminals.

(2) Non-criminals on the other hand have shown significantly higher scores on Extraversion and Sociability than criminals.

(3) On Lie-scale the differences between criminals and non-criminals failed to reach any significance level.

**Type of Crime and Personality**

(1) For type of crime body offenders were found scoring significantly higher on the Eysenckian dimensions of Impulsivity, Psychoticism and Neuroticism as compared to property offenders.

(2) Property offenders have shown higher scores on Sociability and Lie-scale than body offenders.

(3) On Extraversion the ANOVA for type and crime failed to reach any significance level.
Degree of Crime and Personality

(1) The results for degree of crime and personality depicted that major offenders have contained significantly higher scores on all the dimensions of personality i.e. Extraversion, Impulsivity, Sociability, Psychoticism and Neuroticism.

(2) On Lie-scale the differences between major and minor criminals were insignificant.

Differences of Non-criminals and different types of Criminals on Personality

The t-ratios computed between the four type and degree group of criminals i.e. body major, body minor, property major and property minor and non-criminals subjects have shown the following differences.

(1) On Extraversion body major group of criminals scored significantly lower than non-criminals. Significant differences could not be obtained for the remaining three groups.

(2) On Impulsivity body major and body minor groups have obtained significantly higher scores as compared to non-criminals. Property major and property minor groups failed to depict any significant differences with non-criminals on Impulsivity.

(3) Body major and body minor group of criminals have scored significantly lower scores on Sociability than non-criminals. Property major group of criminals have scored
significantly higher scores on sociability as compared to non-criminals. The differences between property minor criminals and non-criminals on sociability were insignificant.

(4) On the dimensions of Psychoticism and Neuroticism and body major, body minor and property major criminals have shown significantly higher scores than non-criminals.

(5) The differences between property minor criminals and non-criminals on Psychoticism and Neuroticism were insignificant.

(6) On lie-scale body major group scored significantly lower than non-criminals. The remaining three groups failed to reach any significance level.

(B) **Differences on Adjustment**

Results regarding adjustment of criminals and non-criminals depicted that criminals have shown poorer home, health, social and emotional adjustment as compared to non-criminals. The results were statistically significant.

**Type of Crime and Adjustment**

(1) The results relating adjustment to type of crime, have shown that body offenders had poorer home, social, emotional and total adjustment as compared to property offenders.

(2) Property offenders have shown poorer health adjustment as compared to body offenders. These differences were statistically significant.
Degree of Crime and Adjustment

The results for degree of crime and adjustment revealed that major offenders had poorer home, social and emotional adjustment than minor offenders.

Minor offenders have shown poorer health adjustment than major offenders.

Differences of different types of Criminals and Non-criminals on Adjustment

The four criminal groups i.e. body minor, body major, property minor and property major have shown significantly poorer adjustment in the areas of home, social, emotional and total adjustment than non-criminals. On health adjustment property minor criminals have shown poorer health adjustment as compared to non-criminals. For the remaining three groups the differences on health adjustment with non-criminals were insignificant.

(C) Differences on Values

Instrumental Values

The median ranks and chi-square values for criminals and non-criminals on instrumental values have shown that criminals have rated significantly higher the instrumental values of "Courageous, Independent, Imaginative, Intellectual, Ambitious, Clean, Broadminded, Cheerful and Capable." The non-criminals have rated significantly higher for the values
of Forgiving, Helpful, Honest, Polite, Responsible and Self controlled. The composite rank order for instrumental values of criminals and non-criminals have shown that the four most important instrumental values for criminals were respectively Courageous, Independent, Imaginative and Intellectual. The four most important instrumental values for non-criminals as indicated by their composite ranks were Honest, Forgiving, Self-controlled and Helpful respectively.

Terminal Values

On terminal values criminals have rated significantly higher for the values of Freedom, An Exciting life, Pleasure, A comfortable life, True friendship, Wisdom, A World of beauty, A sense of accomplishment and Mature love. Terminal values which were rated higher by non-criminals were Equality, Family security, Salvation, Social recognition, Self respect and True friendship.

The composite rank order for terminal values of non-criminals have shown that the four most important terminal values perceived by criminals were Freedom, An Exciting life, Pleasure and A comfortable life. The four most important terminal values for non-criminals were Equality, Family security, Salvation and Social Recognition.

Type of Crime and Values

Instrumental Values

Significant differences in the value rankings of body and property offenders have emerged on six of the instrumental
values. The results indicated the body offenders have rated significantly higher for the values of "Broadminded, Honest, Independent and Responsible" than property offenders. Property offenders have shown more preference towards the instrumental values of "Ambitious and Imaginative".

**Terminal Values**

For terminal values significant differences have emerged on seven values. The results indicated that body offenders have attached more relative importance to the values of: "A sense of accomplishment, Freedom, Mature love, and Self respect" as compared to property offenders. Property offenders have rated significantly higher the values of "A comfortable life, Equality, and True friendship".

**Degree of Crime and Values**

**Instrumental Values**

The results obtained for degree of crime and instrumental values indicated that major offenders have rated significantly higher for the values of "Broadminded, Cheerful, Imaginative and Intellectual" than minor offenders. Minor offenders on the other hand have rated significantly higher for the values of "Forgiving, Independent, and Self controlled" as compared to major offenders.

**Terminal Values**

On terminal values major offenders have rated significantly higher the values of "A sense of Accomplishment, A world of beauty, Freedom, Inner harmony, National security,
and wisdom than minor offenders. Minor offenders have shown higher preference towards the values of 'A world at peace, and Pleasure'. For the remaining terminal values the differences between major and minor offenders were insignificant.

Differences of Non-criminals and different types of Criminals on Values

Instrumental Values

Major property offenders differed significantly in their median rankings on all the instrumental values of Rokeach Value Scale (1967) except for "Independent and Logical". Major property offenders rated higher for the instrumental values of "Ambitious, Broadminded, Capable, Cheerful, Clean, Courageous, Imaginative, and Intellectual" as compared to non-criminal subjects. Non-criminals on the other hand rated higher for the values of "Forgiving, Helpful, Honest, Independent, Logical, Loving, Obedient, Polite, Responsible and Self-controlled," than major property offenders.

Median rankings for non-criminals and minor property offenders have shown significant differences on fourteen of the instrumental values. No significant differences could be obtained between minor property offenders and non-criminals on the values of "Ambitions, Forgiving, Logical and Self-controlled".

Minor property offenders rated higher for the instrumental values of "Broadminded, Capable, Cheerful, Clean, Courageous, Imaginative, Independent, and Intellectual" than non-criminals.

Non-criminals have rated higher for the values of "Helpful, Honest, Loving, Obedient, Polite, and Responsible"
as compared to minor property offenders.

There were significant differences on median ratings of major body offenders and non-criminals on all instrumental values except for "logical".

Major body offenders rated higher for the values of "Ambitious, Broadminded, Capable, Cheerful, Clean, Courageous, Imaginative, and Independent".

Non-criminals have rated higher on the values of "Forgiving, Helpful, Honest, Intellectual, Loving, Obedient, polite, Responsible and Self-controlled" as compared to minor property offenders.

Minor body group of criminal subjects and non-criminals differed significantly on all the instrumental values except for "logical".

Minor body offenders have rated higher for the instrumental values of "Ambitious, Broadminded, Capable, Cheerful, Clean, Courageous, Imaginative, Independent, Intellectual, Loving, Obedient, Polite, Responsible and Self-controlled" as compared to non-criminals.

Non-criminals have rated higher for the values of Forgiving, Helpful, and Honest than minor body offenders.

Terminal Values

On terminal values significant differences have emerged on the median rankings of major property offenders and non-criminals on all the instrumental values except for "Happiness and National security".
Major property offenders have rated higher for the terminal values of "A comfortable life, An exciting life, A sense of accomplishment, A world at peace, A world of beauty, Freedom, Mature love, Pleasure, and Wisdom."

Non-criminals have rated higher the values of "Equality, Family security, Inner harmony, Salvation, Self-respect, Social recognition and True friendship" as compared to major property offenders.

Minor property offenders and non-criminal subjects have shown significant differences in their median rankings for fourteen of the terminal values.

Terminal values rated higher by minor property offenders were namely, "A comfortable life, An exciting life, A world at peace, Freedom, Happiness, Mature love, and Pleasure."

Non-criminals have rated higher for values of "A sense of accomplishment, Equality, Family security, National security, Salvation, Self-respect and Social recognition," as compared to minor property offenders.

Significant differences have emerged between the median rankings of major body offenders and non-criminal subjects on all the terminal values of Rokeach Value Scale except for two values viz. "Inner harmony and National security."

Terminal values which were rated higher by major body offenders were namely, "A comfortable life, An exciting life, A sense of accomplishment, A world at peace, A world of beauty,
Freedom, Happiness, Mature love, Pleasure and Wisdom.

Non-criminals have rated higher for the terminal values of Equality, Family security, Salvation, Self respect, Social recognition and True friendship as compared to major body offenders.

There were significant differences in the median rankings of minor body offenders and non-criminals for all the terminal values except two namely 'Inner harmony and National security'.

Minor body offenders have rated higher for the values of 'A comfortable life, An exciting life, A sense of accomplishment, A world at peace, Freedom, Happiness, Mature love, and pleasure' than non-criminal group of subjects.

Non-criminals on the other hand have rated higher for the values of 'A world of beauty, Equality, Family security, pleasure, Salvation, Self-respect, Social-recognition, True friendship and Wisdom' - as compared to minor body offenders.