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Prison as an organization and the conditions of the prisoners has acquired a crucial importance during recent years in India. Unfortunately, there are many speculative and bizarre ideas prevalent about prison system, not merely among ordinary citizens but also even among highly educated and learned groups in the country. One gets a very impressionate contradictory picture about both the prison as a social system and for reformation purpose and the prisoners who inhabit them from the literature available till now. One impression gives a glowing picture of, how prisoners are happier, well placed, and more secure than overwhelming citizens in this country. There is a contrasting picture also, prevalent wherein those who are condemned to live in prison are believed to be living in a situation where they are supposed to be constantly humiliated, tortured and live a very degrading abominable existence. Both the impressions are founded on lack of information about interventions taking place in the prisons.

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