

BRIDGING THE GAP: NEEDS OF CORRECTIONAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR WOMEN PRISONERS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The effective role of prison education is becoming increasingly crucial as more prisons are constructed and the prison population rises in parallel. Prison education aims to address the problems associated with correctional facilities, emphasizing the role of education in this setting and its effects on the formation of human personalities. Education helps to shape a person's lifestyle.

The paper is based on an analysis of various research articles that aim for in-depth exploration of the complexities and objectives of prison education, including reducing recidivism, offering professional training, and calming them down. The article offers in-depth information about the detrimental effects of education programs on a person's personality development. The study addresses the effects of prison education on personality development and recidivism, as well as its capacity to transfer information and skills. The research shows the benefits and need for effective prison education and the need for effective correctional educational facilities for women prisoners in India. The study shows the effect of correctional educational facilities on reducing recidivism rates by equipping prisoners with the skills necessary to obtain work.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Modern prison institutions have elevated correctional education. It aims to discipline and authorize prisoners (Foucault, 1977; Morris & Rothman, 1998). Over the past two decades, the prison institution has transformed into an educational and rehabilitation center because of the recurring theme of reform (Gehring & Eggleston, 2007). Correctional education has a broad role and has become a top priority in the reform process for adults in prison (Luminița, 2023). Prison education should be comprehensive and concentrate on 'domains' that apply to all prisoners, like reintegration or rehabilitation knowledge (Flynn, Rachel, and Nick, 2022).

Prison education can potentially transform prisoners by giving them knowledge and skills. Behan (2014) claims that education is more than just an academic activity; it amplifies personal transformation, increasing self-efficacy and self-awareness among prisoners. Wilson's (2016) research shows that when education is combined with vocational training and mental health support, the rehabilitation potential of prisoners increases. Hall (2015) emphasizes that effective

correctional education and mental health support are vital in reducing recidivism by providing prisoners with coping mechanisms and resilience strategies to tackle challenges encountered post-release. Koo (2015) demonstrates that addressing mental health issues and the psychological needs of prisoners is essential for reducing recidivism.

Prison education varies by region and country, encompassing basic education, vocational training, and higher education programs. Gawande (2022) indicates that inmates in various countries engaged in higher education via classroom instruction, remote learning, private grants, or a combination of these methods. Prison education programs are typically administered and financed by correctional institutions and governmental bodies; however, in some instances, inmates must cover the costs of distance learning (Gawande, 2022). Reese (2019) posits that increasing awareness and promoting prison educational programs can lead to significant institutional reforms emphasizing rehabilitation rather than punishment.

Education can restore convicts' self-esteem and identity after trauma. It might supplement or replace the formal education someone previously obtained. Training, apprenticeships, and education help inmates gain new skills and certifications. Education facilitates personal growth, broadens opportunities, and influences prisoners' attitudes and behaviors beyond the academic domain. This personal development allows individuals to engage fully in society and enhance their prospects.

2. RELEVANCE OF PRISON CORRECTIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Education programs play a significant role in facilitating the effective rehabilitation of prisoners. Education provides prisoners with the essential set of skills and opportunities for successful reintegration of prisoners into society. Several studies from various countries, including Kenya, Malaysia, and Pakistan, demonstrate the favorable effects of education and vocational programs on prisoners (Ahmed et al., 2022). According to Ahmed (2022), prison education programs raise self-esteem and improve employment skills in prisoners, resulting in lower recidivism rates. Providing various educational and skill development programs helps break the cycle of poverty and incarceration. Bozick et al. (2018) found in a meta-analysis that prisoners who participate in correctional education are less likely to return to prison than non-participating inmates.

Several modalities of intervention rehabilitation, education, vocational training, and mental health support have distinct impacts on US prisoners after release. The goal of prisons across the globe is to lower recidivism and reform the inmates. However, recidivism is the biggest issue that prison systems face worldwide. Carcach and Leverett (1999) define recidivism as "subsequent offending by a person who has been convicted of a prior offense." Providing systematic education has always been a practical approach to lowering criminal activity. It enhances the chances of individuals to be a positive contributor to society and escape the cycle of poverty and incarceration.

3. STATE OF CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION IN WOMEN'S PRISONS

Prison correctional education is critical in the rehabilitation and reintegration of women prisoners. The challenges associated with the implementation and accessibility of correctional education for women prisoners continue to exist. Despite variations in quality and accessibility between facilities, correctional education is frequently employed to reduce recidivism and empower women prisoners.

3.1. GLOBAL CONTEXT

Prison education is acknowledged worldwide as a vital instrument for rehabilitation and reducing recidivism (Davis, 2019). Studies from the Global North that is, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Europe stress the need for formal and vocational education in enabling prisoners to reintegrate into society (Sokoloff & Schenck-Fontaine, 2017). Despite its importance, women in prison have fewer educational opportunities than males. Prison education programs often emphasize "feminine" skills like sewing and cooking rather than academic or vocational opportunities (Farley & Willems, 2017).

The digital divide makes it even harder for women to get education in prisons. Due to security rules and lack of funds, many students in prison cannot use computers or the internet, making it hard to learn at a distance (Behan, 2021). Some countries, like Norway with its rehabilitative approach, the U.S. with its Second Chance Pell Program, and the U.K.

with its Open University initiatives, have successful prison education programs that show the benefits of organized correctional education (McCorkel & DeFina, 2019).

3.2. LOCAL CONTEXT (INDIA & SOUTH ASIA)

Prison education in India and other South Asian nations is inadequate, with female inmates encountering even fewer options than their male counterparts. Many schools emphasize the instruction of fundamental reading and writing skills rather than college or career readiness (Mdakane, Ngubane, & Dhlamini, 2021). According to Johnson (2021), inmates are rarely provided with the necessary support for their recovery.

Justice Amitava Roy's Committee report on Prison Reform 2022 by the Supreme Court of India pointed out that women in prison often do not have access to essential services like medical care, legal help, and fun activities. The report stressed that these problems are worse for women who live in sections of larger prisons instead of in prisons just for women (Khan, 2023).

Non-governmental organizations are critical in providing education and vocational education; systemic aid is typically inadequate. Several distance education programs have been established; however, their effectiveness is hampered by insufficient internet access and financial constraints (Moore, 2016; Quan-Baffour & Zawada, 2012). Digital education in prisons is improving, but fair access and policy support remain issues (Johnson, 2021).

Despite its benefits, gender bias, inadequate resources, and technological barriers keep women out of correctional education. Systemic reforms, digital solutions, and gender-sensitive policies are necessary in India and other developing countries to address the educational gap for female offenders (Mdakane et al., 2021; Behan, 2021).

4. SUCCESSES STORIES OF CORRECTIONAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Davis et al. (2014) indicated that correctional education improves prisoners' academic skills and job prospects after release. Pompoco et al. (2017) found that educational programs lower prisoner misconduct and return rates. Wilson (2016) notes that vocational training programs can bridge the gap between incarceration and reintegration into the workforce by teaching marketable skills to prisoners. Dewey et al. (2020) noted that higher education programs can give prisoners a sense of purpose and critical thinking skills for social reintegration. Successful prison rehabilitation programs reduce recidivism and help ex-offenders reintegrate into society. Notable cases are:

4.1. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE'S INCENTIVE-DRIVEN SYSTEM

According to Dathan (2025), in 2011, Texas established an incentive-based justice system, which resulted in a significant fall in jail population and crime rates. This strategy enables offenders to earn "good time" credits by demonstrating constructive behavior and participating in educational and rehabilitative activities, enhancing their release from jail eligibility. Because of this, there is less violence and drug use in jails, making them a better place to be.

4.2. NEW YORK'S OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Starting in 2022, New York's correctional facilities provide evidence-based medicine and treatment for those afflicted with opioid use disorder. Initially, they had extensive waitlists and inadequate staffing; however, there are now effective models, such as the recovery unit in Saratoga County jail. These programs provide medication, therapies, and peer support by prioritizing education and rehabilitation over punishment, notably reducing recidivism rates¹.

4.3. THE LAST MILE (TLM) PROGRAM

Founded within the confines of San Quentin State Prison in California, The Last Mile offers technology training to inmates, providing them with web development and audio-visual production skills. The program features an impressive 85% employment rate for graduates within six months of completion, with some prisoners landing roles at well-known

¹Commentary: How to fix opioid use disorder treatment for people behind bars

<https://www.timesunion.com/opinion/article/fix-opioid-use-disorder-treatment-people-behind-20202472.php>

companies such as Slack, GoodRx, and Adobe. Furthermore, 75% of TLM graduates continue their education after release, underscoring the program's success in decreasing recidivism and facilitating effective reintegration².

4.4. OPERATION GATEWAY

Located in Asheville, North Carolina, Operation Gateway supports incarcerated men in their reintegration into society by connecting with them prior to their release. The program offers: Comprehensive Assistance: Offerings encompass securing housing, acquiring identification documents, tackling mental health and addiction challenges, and linking clients to job training and prospective employers. Philip Cooper, who has been imprisoned and rehabilitated, developed Operation Gateway to emphasize mental health for long-term success³. Participants' low re-offense rate shows the program's success in reintegration.

4.5. CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Justice Health NSW's Connections Program supports drug users by connecting former convicts with community health practitioners. Important findings include:

Decreased Overdose Rates: In comparison to more general data, 2.7% of participants were overdose victims within four weeks of their release. This represents a decrease from the previous rate of overdose death. Personal Transformations: Participants have discovered new hope and optimism for avoiding relapse and staying out of jail. The program emphasizes structured and access to healthcare services, as they provide prisoners with opportunities for personal growth and skill enhancement⁴.

These programs demonstrate the substantial impact of targeted rehabilitation initiatives in correctional facilities. They offer incarcerated individuals' opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and successful reintegration into society.

5. METHODOLOGY

The present qualitative study used a documentary analysis approach to gather knowledge from multiple studies in prison education programs. The present article is based on a paper based on the original research, scholarly studies, literature reviews, national policies, and reports at the international, national, and regional levels focused on the impact of prison education programs. The purpose of the study is to explore relevance and need of prison education for women prisoners. The study aimed to investigate the impact of prison education on providing necessary work skills to women prisoners, making them employable and ultimately reducing recidivism rates, and the effect of education on employment and social re-entry. The study reviewed and analyzed existing reports and documents related to prison education, socialization, and recidivism rates in prison to gather data and insights for their qualitative study.

6. FINDING AND RESULT

An educational curriculum in prison includes various projects such as rehabilitation programs, arts and crafts, and physical education activities. In most cases, prison education programs are typically funded and overseen by the institution and government (Gawande, 2022). Restorative justice conferences promote healing and accountability, reducing the probability of reoffending, according to Sherman et al. (2015), Recidivism is a multidimensional phenomenon; thus, a comprehensive correctional plan is necessary.

² Texas-style' courts will offer criminals rehab instead of jail <https://www.thetimes.com/uk/crime/article/texas-style-courts-will-offer-uk-criminals-rehab-instead-of-jail-ks89gwjns>

³ Philip Cooper Gives Former Inmates the Tools to Start Over
<https://time.com/7210617/philip-cooper-operation-gateway-inreach/>

⁴ The one thing keeping Dean out of prison after 15-year spiral
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6.1. NEED OF CORRECTIONAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Prison education rehabilitates and redirects. "Rehabilitation is the process of providing basic skills to an individual to reenter society or restore their prior position or status in society" Campbell (2010). The goal of rehabilitation is to improve the prisoners' abilities to interact with others after release.

Globally, prisoners typically have below-average academic achievement and negative experiences with required schooling (Tett et al., 2012). Compared to the general community, convicts have a much lower average education level (Morgan & Kett, 2003). In England, 47% of convicts reported having no formal education, compared to 15% of the general working-age population (Prison Reform Trust, 2015). Compared to non-school leavers, 7% of early school leavers in the Netherlands reported suspicions of having committed a crime at some point (GHK, 2013). In India, only 10.59% prisoners are graduates. Sixty-five percent of prisoners lack education or possess education levels below Class 10 (Mohan, 2023). More resources and educational opportunities are required to improve the educational attainment of convicts.

Prison overcrowding undermines fundamental human dignity and raises the risk of mental health issues for inmates. The detrimental effects of confinement circumstances on inmates' mental health have been repeatedly demonstrated by research (Sharma, 2021; Awasthi & Goyal, 2021). With limited access to mental health services, prisoners experience more significant anxiety, depression, and a myriad of other psychological disorders. This crisis has pushed requests for reforms aimed at mental health care and rehabilitation within the correction system (Narang & Das, 2023). Analyzing these problems reveals the urgent demand for reform and improvement in existing correction institutions.

The apparent reality of prison life led to accusations of cases of abuse of substances since prisoners often turn to drugs as a form of escape from prison environment (Mishra et al., 2021). The interaction between imprisonment, mental health problems, and substance abuse establishes a vicious circle that further complicates the role of corrective structures in promoting rehabilitation rather than punishment. Various studies have proposed that correctional organizations should prioritize treatment and reform to satisfy the psychological requirements of encouragement (Mishra et al., 2021). The emphasis on rehabilitation is not simply a humanitarian consideration; It is a pragmatic approach to social reintegration, reducing recidivism, and improving public security (Prakash et al., 2015). This evolution requires a movement of the paradigm in conceptualizing correction structures, enabling them to work as spaces for healing and growth rather than punishment.

The evidence suggests that well-structured rehabilitation programs can considerably reduce recurrence (Visser et al. 2017; Prakash et al., 2015). Improving prison conditions may reduce recidivism, according to Tobón (2022), underscoring the importance of program quality outside of a person's incarceration. Visser et al. (2017) highlight that specialized educational services, including mental health support and vocational training, play a crucial role in reducing recidivism rates for individuals who have been incarcerated.

The analysis of the need for correction structures in India reveals multifaceted issues, including the increase in prison populations, an alarming percentage of Undern prisoners, chronic overcrowding, and terrible living conditions, which all contribute to mental health crises and the abuse of substances in prisons. The reform must address these widespread challenges through comprehensive legal frameworks and innovative rehabilitation programs prioritizing the dignity and potential for reintegration of all individuals within the correctional system (Bangarh et al., 2023; Mishra et al., 2021). The Indian criminal system can align with contemporary human rights standards and effectively fulfill the dual objectives of public safety and social justice through systematic reform.

6.2. GANDER SPECIFIC NEED OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN PRISON

Gender-sensitive prisoner correctional facilities are increasingly needed to address the unique issues and encourage the successful reintegration of women prisoners. Gender-sensitive rehabilitation programs target women in prison's psychological and emotional needs and the societal causes that lead to their crime (Van Wormer & Bartolas, 2021). Research shows that imprisoned women have distinct needs, conditions, and experiences than men (Barlow, 2014). Understanding these differences is essential to creating and implementing effective criminal rehabilitation programs that address individual needs and vulnerabilities (Lewis, 2015; Miller, 2021).

The reintegration of previously imprisoned women into society is a multifaceted issue, frequently obstructed by social stigma, inadequate education, and restricted employment opportunities (Wendt & Fraser, 2019). Addressing socioeconomic barriers encountered by women post-imprisonment is crucial for successful reintegration (Mak et al., 2018).

Programming that responds to gender must include vocational training and education adapted to the unique challenges faced by women. This facilitates better employment results after liberation (Lese, 2018). These initiatives can provide women with the tools to develop sustainable livelihoods, which is crucial to preventing recidivism.

Women prisoners often have a history of trauma, including physical and sexual abuse, which significantly affects their psychological well-being and behaviors while imprisoned (Pitts, 2022). Traditional rehabilitation programs, which are designed mainly with male prisoners in mind, often do not explain these different experiences and the consequent mental health needs that arise (Ilieva-Petkova, 2016).

The stigma associated with female offenders intensifies feelings of isolation and worthlessness, rendering conventional rehabilitation approaches ineffective (Williamson, 2014). The necessity for targeted gender treatment options is apparent, as these programs offer a more supportive and contextually relevant environment for individual healing and development. In addition, research indicates that when women feel that their specific needs are addressed, they demonstrate a better commitment and participation in rehabilitation programs (Pitts, 2022). Gender-sensitive approaches contribute to creating a safe and supportive environment where women can participate in personal development (Lewis, 2015). These settings foster frank discussions about experiences and difficulties, strengthening the participants' sense of belonging and reducing the negative emotions frequently experienced in prison (Ilieva-Petkova, 2016).

To address the difficulties that inmates confront, it is essential to incorporate gender-sensitive rehabilitation programs. Various research demonstrated that programs focusing on a woman's family and social and psychological aspects of her life aid in her reintegration into society (Miller, 2021; Wendt & Fraser, 2019). Recidivism remains high without these personalized strategies. This emphasizes the necessity for extensive and nuanced rehabilitation programs that meet offenders' requirements (Barlow, 2014; Williamson, 2014). These programs benefit participating women and improve community safety and social acceptance by supporting a triumphant return.

6.3. ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF A GENDER-RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM

In correctional education, a gender-responsive curriculum considers female prisoners' educational, social, and psychological needs. The various routes that female offenders have taken to prison have been influenced by trauma, abuse, and socioeconomic difficulties (Agboola, Appiah, & Linonge-Fontebo, 2022). The universal approach of prison education ignores these gendered realities, necessitating the development of a trauma-informed, skill-oriented, and rehabilitative curriculum (Artz, Hoffman-Wanderer, & Moul, 2012). Essential Components of a Gender-Responsive Curriculum are;

Trauma-Informed Education: A significant number of incarcerated women have encountered gender-based violence, resulting in mental health challenges that impact their learning (Yingling, 2016). Educational engagement is improved when self-empowerment classes, counseling, and psychosocial support are included (Ginsburg, 2019). **Flexible Learning Models:** A gender-responsive curriculum must include part-time, distance learning, and e-learning options because many female inmates serve as mothers or caregivers (Mdakane, Ngubane, & Dhlamini, 2021). In order to maintain archaic gender roles, traditional jail education strongly emphasizes household skills, including cooking, sewing, and beauty services (Ryder, 2020). STEM education, digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and vocational training in industries with high demand should be included in curricula (McCorkel & DeFina, 2019). Women are better prepared to handle life after jail through classes in financial literacy, legal rights, parenting techniques, and conflict resolution (Johnson, 2021).

6.4. EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF INCARCERATED WOMEN

Women prisoners face distinct educational needs compared to men, influenced by their unique pathways to incarceration, experiences of trauma, and responsibilities as primary caregivers (Agboola, Appiah, & Linonge-Fontebo,

2022). Most women prisoners are from marginalized backgrounds, such as poverty, abuse, and low formal education; basic literacy and vocational training is essential for their rehabilitation (Artz, Hoffman-Wanderer, & Moul, 2012).

Higher education, mainly digital learning, has the potential to empower women by equipping them with essential job skills upon graduation. Many correctional education programs focus on domestic skills rather than market-driven competencies and lack a gender-responsive approach (Ginsburg, 2019). Education in STEM fields, computer literacy, and entrepreneurship training can assist inmates in achieving economic independence and successfully reintegrating into society (Mdakane, Ngubane, & Dhlamini, 2021).

6.5. CHALLENGES TO EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

Women prisoners encounter various obstacles in obtaining education, including Correctional education programs often prioritize male prisoners, resulting in limited opportunities for women (Fair & Walmsley, 2022). Digital exclusion persists in higher education, particularly affecting incarcerated women who frequently lack access to technology and the internet despite the growing prevalence of online and distance learning programs (Farley & Willems, 2017). Prison administration emphasizes security more than education, leading to insufficient funding for women's correctional education (McCorkel & DeFina, 2019). Prison security can significantly restrict the availability of accessible materials (Behan, 2021). Mental health issues, caregiving responsibilities, and trauma hinder the learning potential of women in prison (Yingling, 2016). Numerous correctional education programs promote traditional female roles by focusing on sewing, cooking, or beauty services rather than offering technological or digital skills that could enhance career opportunities (Ryder, 2020).

To meet the educational needs of incarcerated women, a gender-responsive approach that guarantees equal access to postsecondary education, digital literacy, and vocational training aligned with labor market demands is essential (Mdakane et al., 2021; Behan, 2021). Without significant changes, imprisoned women will face challenges reintegrating into society (Johnson, 2021).

7. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The article highlighted the positive impact of prison education programs. Prison education should be all-encompassing and focused on domains relevant to the prisoners, such as knowledge about rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives. Prison education and rehabilitation initiatives must address not just the behavior modification of prisoners but also their influence on their community and society. Giving people work skills that make them employable is the best strategy to keep them out of jail when released. This study suggests that inmates participating in educational programs may enhance prison security by reducing boredom and fostering critical thinking, which in turn reduce recidivism. This piece demonstrated how inmates can optimize their time and cultivate positive mindsets to replace criminal behavior with creativity. In addition to these programs, support systems in correctional facilities play a vital role. However, there is still much room for improvement.

It is evident that locking someone up and keeping them quiet does not reduce recidivism; perhaps prison education is a successful strategy for lowering post-release recidivism (Farley & Pike, 2016). Recidivism increases when ex-offenders return to the same place where they committed the crime (Msoroka, 2018). While it is not possible to anticipate or stop all recidivism, it can be significantly reduced by addressing the issues that ex-offenders face when they are released from prison, such as difficulty obtaining work and a lack of education and trade skills. Recidivism rates should decrease if correctional facilities create and effectively administer programs meant to address these issues.

Prison education offers several benefits, but it may not be a cure for all the negative consequences of incarceration (Muñoz, 2009). Some utilize it to learn new skills and obtain knowledge. Some people take advantage of the opportunity to pursue lifelong learning or a second chance at school. Correctional education is essential for the rehabilitation and reintegration of incarcerated women; however, systemic barriers restrict their access to quality educational opportunities. Prison education programs worldwide frequently overlook gender-specific needs, neglecting factors such as prior trauma, caregiving duties, and lack of access to digital resources for women. Correctional education in the Global South, particularly in India, is characterized by underdevelopment, inconsistent policies, and insufficient funding. In the absence of targeted reforms, women prisoners will persistently encounter educational inequality, which will limit their opportunities for rehabilitation and economic independence following release. The relevance of prison education is

underscored by its alignment with the needs of prisoners, as it provides a pathway to livelihood post-release (Kakupa & Mulenga, 2021). However, there is a noted lack of involvement from prisoners in selecting educational content, which could enhance the effectiveness of these programs (Kakupa & Mulenga, 2021). Integrating gender-responsive policies into prison education programs is essential for addressing the educational gap. Governments must enhance access to digital learning by ensuring secure internet connectivity and implementing e-learning platforms within correctional facilities. Vocational training must transcend gender stereotypes by providing STEM, digital literacy, and entrepreneurship programs to improve employability. Partnerships with NGOs and funding incentives can potentially enhance prison education systems. Mental health support and trauma-informed teaching methods should be implemented to improve learning outcomes. Post-release support, including educational continuation programs and job placement services, is crucial for successful reintegration. Addressing these challenges can foster equitable learning opportunities, empowering incarcerated women to achieve self-sufficiency.

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