

Conjugal Visits in Prisons

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The Delhi Government is reconsidering a proposal to allow conjugal visits for prisoners.

- Conjugal Visits:
 - It is a **private family visit** where **inmates spend time,** including intimate moments, with their legal spouses within the **prison**.
 - It promotes inmate rehabilitation and long-term recovery, enhancing psychological well-being and sustaining marital ties of prisoners.
- Judicial Landmarks:
 - Punjab & Haryana <u>High Court</u> in 2014 has upheld the <u>right to procreation</u> (reproduction) for prisoners.
 - Madras High Court in 2018 allowed parole for conjugal relations.
 - In July 2023, Justice S.M. Subramaniam of the Madras High Court urged the Tamil Nadu government to consider allowing conjugal relations for prisoners within prison precincts.
- Other Countries: Conjugal visits are allowed in some US states but not federal prisons.
 - In Europe, countries like Spain, France, Sweden, and Denmark permit such visits, with Spain offering monthly and Sweden up to 9 hour sessions.

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