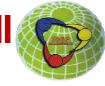




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Title:	UP: 12 inmates of Mainpuri jail tested positive for HIV			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Mainpuri, SSU-Uttar Pradesh			

A dozen inmates of the Mainpuri district jail in Uttar Pradesh have been tested positive for HIV in the past six months. This comes a year after 24 prisoners were tested positive for HIV in Gorakhpur district jail.

However, it was not immediately known whether these inmates were infected before or after being lodged in the prison. According to officials of the health department, since the disease can be detected after a window period of 90 days, they were taking details about the dates on which these inmates were lodged in the jail.

After the Gorakhpur incident last year where 24 prison inmates were tested positive for HIV, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had directed the prison department to take immediate preventive measures so that other prisoners do not fall prey to the infection and those who were suffering are provided necessary medical treatment. Since then, health department has started regular screening in the jail. Jail superintendent, Hari Om Sharma, claimed that no one had been



infected inside the jail. He said that all inmates diagnosed for HIV positive are under treatment.

They have been put in a separate barrack, he added.

Narsingh Rathore, a lab technician, who conducts Whole Blood Finger Stick Test (WBFST) for HIV in the jail told TOI that during screening of 119 inmates on the last Saturday, five were detected with HIV symptoms. Earlier seven inmates were confirmed for HIV virus, he added. He said, "We hold two camps every month on 2nd and 4th Saturdays in the jail, where we conduct screening of the inmates.

If an inmate is tested positive in preliminary test, a second test is conducted at ICTC (Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre) for confirmation and then the patient is recommended to the ATR (Anti-retroviral therapy) centre for treatment". In the tests conducted by the Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society in 70 jails of the state, 265 prisoners were tested HIV positive till December 2017. These cases were reported from the jails in Bareilly, Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Faizabad, Agra, Meerut, Varanasi and Kanpur.

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