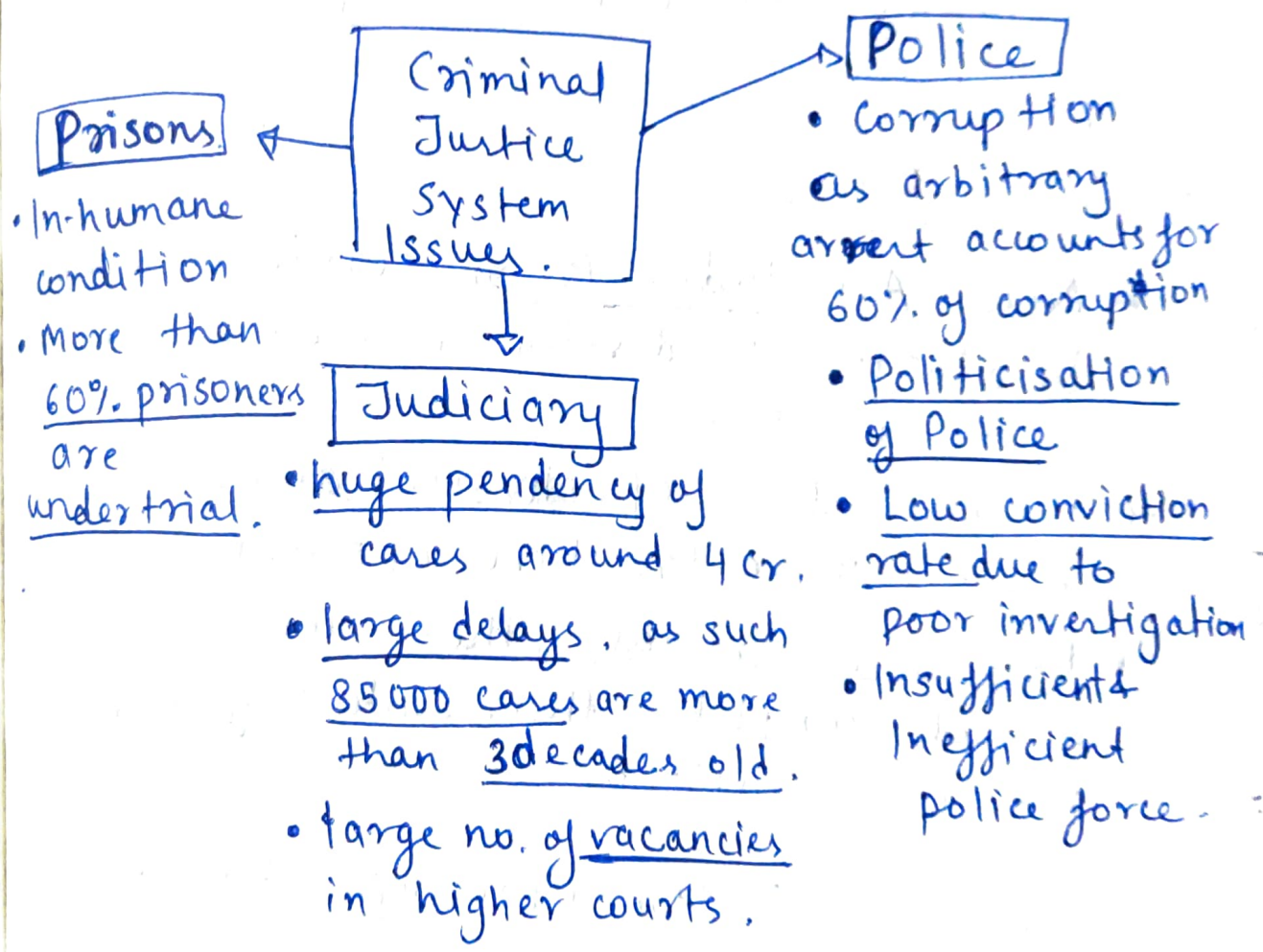


Q → The problems in India's criminal justice system must be addressed comprehensively to help the people repose faith in governance. Analyse.

A → The prime responsibility of the state is maintaining law & order and policing, but the Indian criminal justice system has failed due to inherent issues in all 3 components ~~Police~~ Police, Judiciary & prisons.



Way forward

• Police Reforms

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following

↳ Recommendation given by National Police Commission in its 3 reports such:

- fixed tenure for senior position like Inspector General, DGP, .
- Separation of law & order from investigation

↳ Guidelines given by SC in Prakash Singh case, 2006 should be strictly implemented

Separate

• Prison Reforms

↳ New All India Prison services should be started to develop an independent cadre of staff.

↳ Augmentation of physical as well as digital infrastructure of prisons

↳ Release undertrials „ those who have already completed their sentence if they have been convicted.

↳ Gender sensitization workshops should be conducted on a regular basis for all 3 components

• Judicial Reforms

- ↳ NCRWC recommendation to increase the retirement age of HC Judges from 62 to 65 years & SC Judges from 65 to 68 years.
- ↳ Promoting Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism for out of court settlement.
- ↳ Leveraging ICT to handle petty cases like cheque bounce cases, & digitisation of court procedures.

Lastly, a comprehensive review of all laws & rules by an expert committee consisting of individuals from many fields to remove redundant laws, segregate multiple laws which are similar in nature.

Addressing these prevailing issues will help the people repose faith in governance.