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Bangalore surpasses Chennai as the top city for women to work

- ◆ In this ranking, Bangalore, belonging to Karnataka, has secured the first place. Chennai, which was in the first position in last year's list, has been pushed to the second position.
- ◆ Cities such as Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Gurugram, and Coimbatore have followed in the top 10 rankings.
- ◆ Cities need to ensure safer streets for women, proper healthcare, and access to educational facilities. Moreover, they should also provide opportunities for women's professional success, competitive career paths, and an environment conducive to the growth of female business leaders, it was stated.

Central Government's directive to states to reduce overcrowding in prisons

- ◆ States must ensure that undertrial prisoners, except those sentenced to death or life imprisonment, who have already served half of their maximum sentence in jail, are released on bail.
- ◆ To emphasize this, under Section 476 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (Indian Penal Code), prison superintendents must apply to the court for the release of such prisoners.
- ◆ First-time offenders who have served at least one-third of their maximum sentence should be released on bail after paying the prescribed conditions, according to the instructions.

