



PRISONS CHRONICLE

(Telangana Prisons - Transforming Lives)



MESSAGE FROM DG PRISONS & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

I am pleased to present the inaugural edition of the Telangana Prison Department's Annual Prisons Chronicle. This publication serves as a platform to enhance communication, share significant updates, and highlight the tireless efforts of prison personnel in advancing correctional practices under the theme of 'Transforming Lives.' It aims to keep our officers informed about departmental progress, upcoming initiatives, and the broader aspects of the criminal justice system, including the experiences of inmates and their families.

Stepping into the role of Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services on December 23, 2023, has been both a privilege and a profound responsibility.

My foremost objective is to work closely with our dedicated teams across the state to develop a correctional framework that not only stands out as a model in India but also meets international standards. Our mission is anchored in the fundamental principles of the 3R's—Reform, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration—ensuring that every initiative aligns with these core values.

A major area of focus will be the welfare and empowerment of women prisoners, ensuring they receive the necessary training and support to successfully reintegrate into society. We are committed to equipping them with essential skills that will enable them to lead independent, dignified, and productive lives beyond incarceration. Through a holistic approach, we strive to create an environment that fosters personal development, reduces recidivism, and upholds the dignity of every individual on their path to transformation.



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Telangana Prisons Department

Custody With Care



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



The Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Department, in collaboration with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, is working on the "Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2024" to replace the outdated Prisons Act of 1894. Additionally, the department has formed a committee to draft a new Telangana Prison Manual as per guide lines of the Model Prisons Manual of the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, which will be submitted to the Telangana Government for approval upon completion.

PRISONERS WELFARE

The Telangana Prisons Department has started a welfare program to help prisoners reconnect with their families and return to society. As part of this program, eligible prisoners are given parole or furlough to spend time with their loved ones. This helps strengthen family bonds and reduces the chances of prisoners committing crimes again. By focusing on family support and social reintegration, the department aims to create a safer and more supportive community.

PAROLE & FURLOUGH

Parole is a conditional suspension of sentence granted for an initial period of 30 days to enable a prisoner to attend to domestic necessities. This facility is granted to all Convict Prisoners after undergoing a certain period of sentence. The Government is the authority to sanction Parole.

Furlough is another form of temporary release for 14 days which is granted as an incentive for good conduct once in 2 years. The period spent by the Prisoner is treated as sentence. The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services is the authority to sanction Furlough.

Year	Total no. of convicts availed	
	Furlough	parole
January 2024 to December 2024	247	368

INTEREST FREE LOANS TO INMATES

The Department has taken an initiative to provide loans to the convict prisoners who completed three years of conviction, for the purpose of education of children, daughters' marriages, businesses capital, etc. The Loans are issued interest free on installment basis and are recovered from the wages earned by the prisoners. So far, about 552 prisoners were sanctioned a loan amount of Rs. 1,73,08,500/-

PREMATURE RELEASE

The Telangana Government issued a grant of Special Remission vide G.O. Ms. No. 37, Home (Services-V) Dept., Dated: 02.07.2024. The Government has taken a policy decision and issued G.O. for grant of Special Remission to 205 Life & 08 Non-Life Convicted Prisoners. Based on their behaviour, jail term period and gravity of the cases the Government identified and released 213 prisoners, among which, 35 were women convict prisoners.

As a part of the Rehabilitation Program, the Prisons Department has provided jobs in the 'My Nation' Fuel Outlets to 70 convicts including 03 women convicts who were Prematurely Released, while 08 women convicts were provided with sewing machines so that they could take up tailoring and earn a livelihood.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, addressing and Motivating the inmates and their family members and friends to accept the released Prisoners at Pre-mature release event



Distribution of Sewing machines to released women prisoners by Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, DG Prisons & CS

TRAINING PROGRAM

The Telangana Prisons Department, in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), conducts sensitization programs on new criminal laws for prison personnel. These sessions are held at the State Institute of Correctional Administration and involve participation of officers and staff from Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, J&K.

The training program aims to provide prison personnel with critical insights into the new criminal laws and equip them with the necessary skills to efficiently manage the State's Prisons and Correctional institutions. The training planned in light of the significant changes in India's Criminal Justice System following the introduction of three new laws:

1. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita - 2023 (replacing the Indian Penal Code, 1860),
2. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita - 2023 (replacing the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973), and
3. Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam - 2023 (replacing the Indian Evidence Act, 1872).



Photos taken during the sensitization program conducted by Telangana Prisons Department at SICA in Collaboration with BPR&D, New Delhi.

RECRUITMENT

During the year 2024, Deputy Jailors-5 & Stipendiary Warders -84 male & 8 Female have completed training and posted in various jails. Appointments of Junior Assistants Group -IV were given to 18 members. Vacancies of Deputy Superintendent of jails-5, Junior Assistants Group III- are notified through the Telangana Public Service Commission.

Along with Telangana Jail Warders, Andaman & Nicobar Island Jail Warders and Tihar jail warders from Delhi were also given training in State Institute of Correctional Administration, Telangana.

CREATION OF NEW POSTS IN PRISONS DEPARTMENT

A total of 12 New posts have been created, of which 6 at Central Prisons Sangareddy and 6 at Central Prison Nizamabad were sanctioned and issued vide G.O. Ms. No. 42, Finance (HRM-I).

TRAINING PARTICULARS

Detailed training particulars during the year 2024 are as follows:

Training Particulars	No of Prison Personnel attended
BPR&D Training	71
Basic Induction Training to Warders of Telangana, New Delhi (Tihar)& Andaman Nicobar	252
Training on Criminal Laws	95
Other Trainings	402
Total	820

ENHANCED STIPEND FOR TRAINEES

The monthly stipend for trainee warders and deputy jailors has been increased as per G.O.Ms.No.10, Home (General) Dept., Dated: 16.03.2024 as follows

Stipendary Trainees	Previously Existed stipend in Rs.	Enhanced stipend in Rs.
Deputy jailors	Rs.7,500.00	Rs.16,875.00
Warders	Rs.4,500.00	Rs.13,500.00



ENHANCEMENT OF WAGES

In the past, prisoners incentives per day were low ,now the Telangana Government Orders in G.O. Ms. No. 871, Home (Services-V) Dept., Dated: 01.10.2024 have enhanced the incentives to prisoners as follows:

Level of Skill	Previously Existed Incentives per day(Rs)	Enhanced Incentives per day(Rs)
Highly Skilled	0	RS.200.00
Skilled Prisoners	RS.70.00	Rs.150.00
Semi-Skilled Prisoners	RS.50.00	Rs.125.00
Un-Skilled Prisoners	RS.30.00	Rs.100.00

PRAJA PALANA DINOTSAVAM

The Prison and Correctional Services Department Participated at Praja Palana Dinotsavam (Home Department Day) on 06.12.2024 on completion of One Year for the New Government of Telangana with great enthusiasm and commitment to public welfare. This significant day serves as a reminder of our dedication to ensuring justice, safety, and the rehabilitation of those in our care.



Telangana Prisons Stall was visited by the Honorable CM Shri A. Revanth Reddy as a part of celebrations of Praja Palana Dinotsavam



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services Launched the program **"Waste to Wealth"** initiative as a part of Green Prisons Project, along with Sri Y. Rajesh, IG of Prisons, Sri N. Murali Babu, IG of Prisons, Sri Dr.D.Srinivas, DIG of Prisons (Hyderabad Range), Sri M. Sampath, DIG of Prisons (Warangal Range)

NUMAISH

Every year from January 1st to February 15th, Telangana Prisons Department has its own 'My Nation' stall at the Annual Numaish, where all of the products made by the Prison Industries are displayed. This year, our department set up the My Nation Stall at the 83rd Numaish (All India Industrial Exhibition), continuing on the same custom. (The Numaish began in 1938, under the reign of Mir Osman Ali Khan, the last Nizam of Hyderabad. In addition to traders from all around India, the Numaish also receives traders from other countries such as Bangladesh, Iran, and Turkey).



Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister the 'Best Exhibition Stall from Government Sector' to the Telangana Prisons Department



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana inaugurated Prison stall at Numaish

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Republic day celebrations was celebrated at State institute of correctional Institute, Hyderabad . On this auspicious day Dr.Soumya Mishra I.P.S, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, Was attended as the chief guest at SICA.



TELANGANA FORMATION DAY

The Prisons and Correctional Services Department joined the state in celebrating Telangana Formation Day with great zeal and pride. The day was observed across all Prison facilities, reflecting the unity and cultural essence of Telangana.



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GANDHI JAYANTHI

Gandhi jayanti celebrations were held in all Jails of Telangana. It is customary to celebrate Prisoner's welfare day in Jails on 2nd October every year. High Court Judge Sujay pal, Dr.Soumya Mishra I.P.S, Director General of Prisons & CS, Magistrate Sri Panchakshari, Secretary, TSLA, participated at CP Hyderabad & SPW Hyderabad. Prisons DG Dr. Soumya Mishra stated that "Telangana Prisons are Ideal for all the state prisons in the country, reforms and welfare programmes are being followed by all the states, reforms are being continued here, recently they have convinced the government and released the prisoners who have behaved well and the prisoners working in the prisons.



High Court Judge Sujay pal, Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Magistrate Panchakshari attended as chief guest on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.



On the auspicious occasion of Gandhi jayanti, Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services commenced the event by lighting the lamp.

PASSING OUT PARADE



Sri Ponnamm Prabhakar, Honarable Minister of Road transportation and B.C Welfare attended the graceful event of passing out parade of newly recruited trainee warders(3rd Batch) at State institute of correctional services.



Honarable Minister along with Dr.Soumya Mishra IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS was receiving greetings during the inspection of parade from trainee warders.

The Telangana Prisons Department recently marked a significant milestone with the Passing Out Parade of the 3rd batch of prison trainee warders at the State Institute of Correctional Administration (SICA). The event was graced by Sri Ponnam Prabhakar, the Hon'ble Minister for Transport & B.C. Welfare, Telangana, as the Chief Guest, and Sri Ravi Gupta IPS, the Special Chief Secretary to Home, Government of Telangana, as the Guest of Honour. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services. During the event, the dignitaries congratulated the new warders and emphasized their crucial role in strengthening the prison administration and ensuring the effective functioning of the correctional system in the state.



Best All-rounder was awarded to Kumari.Prashanthi Reddy on the day of Passing Out Parade by hon'ble minister, Ravi gupta IPS & Dr.Soumya Mishra IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS.



A memento presenting to Hon'ble Minister Sri Ponnam Prabhakar, by Dr.Soumya Mishra IPS, DG Prisons & CS, in recognition of his gracious presence at the Passing Out Parade



A memorable photographic moment capturing all the dignitaries alongside the trainee award winner, celebrating their achievement and dedication.



A Beautiful Moment Of trainees at Passng Out Parade

PETROL BUNK OPENINGS

Telangana Prisons Department, is having one-of-its-kind partnership with the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. and other oil companies (BPCL & HPCL) and established 29 Fuel Outlets fully operated by the semi-open prisoners and released inmates. This idea was implemented as a rehabilitation measure to provide the inmates with an opportunity of employment to stay self-reliant post their release from the prison.



Inauguration of fuel outlet by Sri Ponnam Prabhakar at Chanchalguda as a part of rehabilitation to the released inmates



Sri Ravi Gupta IPS, Special CS to Home, at the Inauguration of fuel outlet at Chanchalguda

At present Telangana Prisons department is providing employment to 500 prisoners in 29 fuel outlets. The Semi Open Prisoners, Released Prisoners and other Staff who are working as Pump Attendants at the Fuel Outlets are paid an amount of Rs. 15,000/- to 18,000/- per month.



Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, at the Inauguration of Fuel Outlet.



Fuel outlet inauguration at **Suryapet** by Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, Director general of Prisons & CS. District collector Tejas NandLal Pawar IAS attended this inauguration.



Fuel outlet inauguration at **Adilabad** by Dr.Soumya Mishra IPS, Direrctor General of Prisons & Correctional Services

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "UNIFORMED WOMEN IN PRISON ADMINISTRATION"

The 4th National Conference on 'Uniformed Women in Prison Administration' was organized by BPR&D in Jaipur. The conference brought together officers and experts to discuss innovative practices and critical topics, including the role of women officers in prison reforms, rehabilitation of inmates, and mental health care. Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS has presented on the theme of 'Status of Gender Equality in Prison Administration, its Extent and Conformity with International Standards set by the United Nations'.



Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services attended 4th National Conference on 'Uniformed Women in Prison Administration' was organized by BPR&D in Jaipur.

Hongkong visit

42nd Asian and Pacific conference of correctional administration 2024, covered topics in five specialised areas, namely "Challenges and initiatives in corrections", "Training, fostering and developing staff: Ensuring a professional, accountable and supportive culture", "Technology as an aid to reducing prison violence, and to managing and rehabilitating offenders in prison and the community", "Working with families and communities to improve rehabilitation and reintegration", and "How to design, construct and operate prisons in a more environmentally friendly way". During the Conference, participants actively engaged in discussions and exchanges among one another.



Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, sharing thoughts at conference



Interaction in the 42nd Asian and Pacific conference of correctional administration

STUDY VISIT TO THE PRISON INSTITUTIONS IN AUSTRALIA

The prison systems in India are facing unprecedented challenges due to a significant rise in the confinement of high-risk offenders such as terrorists, gangsters, drug peddlers, and cybercriminals. This situation necessitates upgrades in areas like maximum-security protocols, de-radicalization, and treatment programs for drug offenders. Recognizing the need for improvement, the Central Government and judiciary have emphasized better prison conditions and enhanced training for prison officers.

To address these needs, the Board of Management (BOM) of the Academy of Prisons & Correctional Administration (APCA), Vellore, TN, proposed engaging with advanced correctional systems abroad, particularly in countries like Australia, renowned for their exemplary practices. Therefore study visit to Australian prisons was identified as an opportunity to gain insights into international best practices and implement qualitative improvements in Indian prisons.



Dr.Soumya Mishra IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services visit to Corrections Victoria



Sharing the vision and mission of Corrections Victoria by Ms. Larissa Strong, Commissioner of Corrections Victoria



Visit to Marngoneet Correctional Centre (Karreenga), Lara, Victoria, by Dr.Soumya Mishra IPS, along with the Board of Management of APCA, Vellore, TN



Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, accompanied by the Board of Management of APCA, Vellore, TN, visited Dillwynia Correctional Centre in Berkshire Park, NSW.



Dr. Soumya Mishra IPS, accompanied by the Board of Management of APCA, Vellore, TN, visited Parklea Correctional Centre, Sentry Drive, Parklea, NSW



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