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UTKAL DIVAS 2025

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, attended on the occasion of Utkal Divas, the Odisha State Formation Day, celebrated at the Telangana Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad. The event was attended by esteemed dignitaries and guests, including **Hon'ble Governor Sri Jishnu Dev Varma Garu**, Governor of Telangana; **Shri. SN Panigrahi**, General Manager, NTPC Maredpally; **Shri. Akhil Patnaik**, Assistant General Manager, NTPC Maredpally; **Smt. SnehaLata Patnaik**, NTPC Maredpally; **Prof. Dr. Vikash Bhatia**, Executive Director of AIIMS Bibinagar; **Smt. Pamela Satpathy Garu**, IAS, Collector, Karimnagar.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services addressing on the occasion of Utkal Divas.



Utkal Divas celebrations took place at Raj Bhavan in Telangana.

IAS TRAINEE OFFICERS VISIT TO CENTRAL PRISON, CHERLAPALLI

As part of Practical Training Programme, the 2023 Batch of IAS Officer Trainees Ms. Uma Harathi, Assistant Collector (UT), Vikarabad; Sri I E S S D Manoj, Assistant Collector (UT), Sangareddy (Assistant Collectors Under Training) of the Telangana Cadre visited Central Prison, Cherlapalli to gain firsthand insights into prison operations, inmate welfare programs, and rehabilitation initiatives. The visit, which included an interactive session with Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, and was attended by Dr. D. Srinivas, DIG of Prisons (Hyderabad Range), Telangana; G. Ramachandram, Superintendent, Central Prison Cherlapalli & senior Prison officials, provided the trainees with valuable exposure to the administrative and operational aspects of the correctional system, enriching their understanding of governance and public administration.



DG PRISONS VISIT TO DISTRICT JAIL KHAMMAM

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, visited District Jail Khammam to inspect the facility and review the welfare measures in place for both inmates and prison staff. During the visit, Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS interacted with the prison authorities and emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards in security, hygiene, and rehabilitation programs. She also took note of the staff's concerns and assured them of necessary support to enhance their working conditions and overall Security & Custody

In this Visit **Sri M.Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Warangal Range); **Sri A.Sreedhar**, Superintendent, District Jail Khammam also followed the inspection round.



DG PRISONS VISIT TO SPECIAL SUB-JAIL BHADRACHALAM

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, visited Special Sub-Jail Bhadrachalam, and inspected the jail and reviews about the security and welfare of both Inmates & Prison Staff. In this visit **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG of Prisons(Warangal Range) also Present in this visit.

Sri G.Venkateshwarlu, DSJO Khammam along with **Sri J.Upender**, Jailor presented a photo frame of **Lord Seetha Ramaswamy** on the occasion of **Sri Ramanavami**.



**BUDGET MEETING WITH SMT. SANTHI KUMARI GARU, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY &
SRI. K. RAMAKRISHNA RAO GARU, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETERY OF FINANCE**

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, met with **Smt. Santhi Kumari Garu**, IAS, Chief Secretary and **Shri K. Ramakrishna Rao Garu**, IAS, principal secretary of finance to discuss budget-related matters concerning the development and modernization of the Telangana Prisons Department. The meeting focused on strengthening infrastructure, enhancing rehabilitation initiatives, and ensuring the overall improvement of correctional facilities across the state.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS, Smt. Santhi Kumari Garu, IAS, Chief Secretary and Shri K. Ramakrishna Rao Garu, IAS, principal secretary of finance discussing budget-related matters regarding development and modernization of the Telangana Prisons Department

TELANGANA YOUNG INDIA POLICE SCHOOL INAUGURATION

The **Telangana Young India Police School** was formally inaugurated at Manchirevula, Hyderabad, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, **Sri A. Revanth Reddy Garu**. In his address, the Chief Minister emphasized that the school should aspire to match prestigious institutions like the Sainik Schools. He expressed that this initiative was born out of his personal commitment to nurturing future generations of responsible and service-oriented citizens. The establishment of this school reflects the government's focus on innovative educational models that combine academic excellence with physical training, discipline, and national spirit, aiming to shape young minds into future leaders of the nation. Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS also attended this event with Prison Officers and Staff. Prison department staff expressed happy and thanked the honorable CM for his vision towards children of uniformed staff



HANDMADE QUILTED TOTE BAG MADE BY PRISONERS

A prison stall was set up at Shilparamam showcasing handmade products crafted by female inmates of the Special Prison for Women, Hyderabad and other Inmates. Among the items, the quilted tote bags drew special attention and were particularly popular with visitors, including several foreign tourists who praised the creativity and craftsmanship of the inmates. The stall received an overwhelming response from the public, with many visitors showing enthusiastic interest and taking photographs in front of the Prisons Department stall, highlighting the positive reception and appreciation for the rehabilitation efforts through skill development.



FORIEGNS VISITING PRISON STALL AT SHILPARAMAM.



QUILTED TOTE BAG MADE BY FEMALE INMATES AT SPW, HYDERABAD.

DLSA VISITED SPECIAL PRISON FOR WOMEN, HYDERABAD

The Hon'ble Secretary of Legal Aid, DLSA, Nampally Courts, visited the Special Prison for Women in Hyderabad to review legal support for convicted inmates, especially in cases pending before the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court. The visit included interactions with inmates, inspection of facilities, and assessment of counter submission readiness, aiming to ensure inmates' legal rights are protected and access to justice is upheld.



TELANGANA WOMEN'S COMMISSION CHAIRMAN VISIT TO SPW HYDERABAD

Telangana Women's Commission Chairperson, **Smt. Nerella Sharada Garu**, visited the Special Prison for Women in Hyderabad, welcomed by **Smt. Venkatalaxmi Srinadh**, Superintendent, SPW, Hyderabad. During her visit, she inspected the prison and reviewed the welfare measures and facilities provided to the female inmates. She expressed her satisfaction with the standard of care and amenities offered, and appreciated the efforts of the Superintendent and the dedicated female staff for their commendable work in ensuring the well-being of the prisoners.



SHRC CHAIRMAN VISIT TO DISTRICT JAIL NALGONDA

Telangana State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) Chairman, **Shri Justice Shameem Akther**, visited the District Jail, Nalgonda to inspect the premises and review the facilities provided to the inmates. During his visit, he expressed his appreciation for the standard of amenities and care extended to the prisoners. **Shri G. Pramod**, Superintendent, District Jail Nalgonda, briefed the SHRC Chairman on various aspects of the jail's operations and the measures in place to ensure the welfare of the inmates.



Shri Justice Shameem Akther receiving "Guard of Honour" from Prison staff at District Jail Nalgonda.



Shri Justice Shameem Akther knowing about the welfare of prisoners at District Jail Nalgonda

RETIREMENT

The Prison Department organized a heartfelt retirement ceremony on April 30, 2025, to honor **Sri G. Ramachandram**, Superintendent of Central Prison, Cherlapalli, on the occasion of his superannuation. The event was a tribute to a distinguished officer whose unwavering dedication, integrity, and exemplary service have left a mark on the department. Throughout his illustrious career, Sri Ramachandram upheld the highest standards of professionalism and compassion, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and inmates alike. He was presented with a welfare cheque, memento & felicitation by **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS presented a welfare cheque to **Sri G. Ramachandram**, Superintendent of Central Prison, Cherlapalli.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS presented a memento to **Sri G. Ramachandram**, Superintendent of Central Prison, Cherlapalli..

SECURITY AUDIT IN ALL JAILS, TELANGANA

Telangana Prisons Department Conducts Comprehensive Security Audit Across All Prisons in the State, Covering Central Prisons, District Jails, Special Prisons for Women, Special Sub Jails, and Sub Jails.

One of a kind initiative in the country to strengthen prison security and operational standards, a large-scale Security Audit of all prisons in Telangana is currently underway under the guidance of **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services

As part of this initiative, the DIG of Prisons are auditing Central Prisons, Superintendents of Prisons are auditing District Jails, and Deputy Superintendents of Prisons are auditing Special Sub Jails and Sub Jails. They are actively visiting facilities to ensure adherence to best practices and to enhance overall security.

The audit focuses on critical areas such as Main Gate Security, Surveillance Systems, Structural Security, Security Equipment & Armory, Staff Supervision, Inmate Management, Searches and Contraband Control, Health & Hygiene, Record Management, Welfare and Rehabilitation, Incident Documentation, Infrastructure Safety & Emergency Preparedness



Dr. D. Srinivas, DIG of Prisons (Hyderabad Range), conducting Security Audit at Central Prison Cherlapalli.



Sri M. Sampath, DIG of Prisons (Warangal Range), conducting Security Audit at Central Prison Nizamabad.



Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud, Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad conducting Security Audit at District Jail Nalgonda .

Sri. Santosh Roy, Superintendent, Central Prison Sangareddy conducting Security Audit at District Jail Mahabubnagar



Sri D. Bharath, Dy. Supdt., Central Prison Sangareddy conducting Security Audit at Sub Jail Parigi .



Sri Pramod, Superintendent, DJ Nalgonda conducting Security Audit at Sub Jail Jangaon .



Sr. CH. Dasaratham, DSJO. Sangareddy conducting Security Audit at Sub Jail Nagarkurnool.



Police Officers conducting Security Audit at Sub Jail Huzurabad .



SWACCH JAILS

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, has launched an innovative and impactful initiative titled "Swachh Jails" aimed at promoting cleanliness, sustainability, and efficient resource management within all prisons across Telangana. As part of this project, scrap materials, ranging from old, unused furniture and broken equipment to metal waste and other non-functional assets, were systematically identified, collected, and consolidated from all correctional institutions, including Central Prisons, District Jails, Special Prisons, and Sub Jails. These scrap items were then auctioned in a transparent manner, and the proceeds from these auctions were duly deposited into the government account, ensuring financial accountability and proper utilization of resources.

The "Swachh Jails" initiative not only contributes to environmental sustainability by encouraging recycling and waste reduction but also transforms the physical environment of prisons by removing clutter and maintaining clean, green, and organized premises. This project reflects the Department's broader vision of creating more humane and rehabilitative correctional facilities, where cleanliness and order are integral to discipline and well-being. By integrating waste management into prison administration, the Telangana Prisons Department is setting an example for eco-conscious governance and efficient public sector practices.



Scrap accumulated from many years sold during Swacch jails program conducted at Central Prison, Cherlapalli.

INMATES ENROLEMENT FOR X EXAMS THROUGH NIOS

In a significant move toward Prisoners rehabilitation, the Telangana Prisons & Correctional Services, under the leadership of **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, has launched the Enrollment of Inmates to appear for “Class X”, in collaboration with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

This program fills a key educational gap by introducing Secondary Course equivalent to Class X for inmates, building on prior literacy program “**Thumb In - Sign Out**” initiated by Telangana Prisons Department and higher education program in partnership with BRAOU. launched the Enrollment of Inmates to appear for “Class X”, in collaboration with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). For the academic year 2024–25, a total of 108 inmates have enrolled across five prisons:

Cherlapalli: 73, Nizamabad: 20, Karimnagar : 5, Mahabubnagar : 2, Women’s Prison, Hyderabad: 8

The curriculum includes five core subjects: Social Science, Economics, Business Studies, English, Second Language (Telugu, Urdu, or Hindi). These Courses are offered in three mediums of instruction—Telugu, English, and Urdu. Textbooks, video class materials, guides, and other study resources are being provided to all enrolled inmates. The examinations are scheduled in October 2025, with results expected in January 2026, and certificates to be awarded in February 2026.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services Lighting the Lamp along with Sri. Param Preet Singh, Director (TG & AP) NIOS, Hyderabad.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services addressing at the inauguration of NIOS Program.

Indian professional female boxer 2012 Olympic Bronze medal winner & Six time world champion Mary Kom is also an alumni of NIOS, which highlights how alternative and inclusive education systems like NIOS can pave the way for remarkable achievements, regardless of background or circumstance.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS distributing textbooks to Female Inmate.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS distributing textbooks to Male Inmate.

At the inauguration ceremony, Shri Parampreet Singh, NIOS Director for Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, applauded the Telangana Prisons Department for its forward-thinking approach. He assured full support to the program and highlighted the transformative power of education in correctional settings.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, reaffirmed the department's commitment to the 3Rs: Reformation, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration, stating that education remains the most powerful tool for transformation



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