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Ganesh Pooja Celebrations & Inauguration of Annadhaanam program at CP Hyderabad

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, graced the Ganesh Pooja celebrations held at the Central Prison, Hyderabad, on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. The event was organized with deep devotion, meticulous planning, and enthusiasm by the prison authorities, showcasing the department's commitment to preserving India's rich cultural and spiritual heritage. The Central Prison premises were beautifully decorated, creating an atmosphere of reverence and festivity. Dr. Soumya Mishra offered prayers to Lord Ganesha and formally inaugurated the Annadhaanam (community meal) program, marking the commencement of a noble initiative that embodies compassion, sharing, and collective well-being.

In her address, Dr. Soumya Mishra highlighted the significance of celebrating such festivals within the institutional environment, stating that spiritual and cultural observances play a vital role in promoting positivity, inner peace, and moral strength among staff. She emphasized that these events bring people together, reinforce team spirit, and nurture a sense of belonging and purpose within the department. Dr. Mishra commended the sincere efforts of the prison officials for organizing the celebrations with devotion, discipline, and decorum, reflecting the professionalism and unity that define the Telangana Prisons Department.

The Annadhaanam program, launched as part of the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations, aims to spread the message of selfless service and kindness. It serves as a reminder of the department's broader mission to combine reformative, rehabilitative, and humane approaches in all its endeavors. Through such initiatives, the Prisons Department continues to strengthen its role not only as a law enforcement body but also as an institution rooted in compassion and community values.

The ceremony was also attended by Sri Y. Rajesh, Inspector General of Prisons; Sri N. Murali Babu, Inspector General of Prisons; Dr. D. Srinivas, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Hyderabad Range); Sri M. Sampath, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Warangal Range); Sri N. Shiva kumar Goud, Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad; and other senior prison officials and staff members. Their presence added grace and significance to the occasion, reinforcing the collective commitment of the Telangana Prisons Department toward fostering harmony, service, and spiritual enrichment within the organization.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, graced the Ganesh Pooja celebrations held at the Central Prison Chanchalguda Staff residential quarters and Inaugurated Mahaprasadham distribution.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPORTS KIT TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING TELANGANA

The Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Department is hosting the **7th All India Prison Duty Meet** from **9th to 11th** September 2025 at the RBVRR Telangana Police Academy, Hyderabad. The national-level event will see over **1,300** participants, including **184 women**, from **21** States and **3** Union Territories, competing in **36** professional, sports, and fine arts events ranging from first aid, medical and computer skills, and quiz to kabaddi, volleyball, athletics, badminton, dance, music, and painting. Telangana is hosting the meet for the **second time** after 2015 and proudly emerged as the **Overall Champion** in the **6th Meet** held in 2022 at **Ahmedabad**. Preparations have been underway for three months in coordination with the **BPR&D** and the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. Ahead of the event, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, along with senior officers, reviewed the final arrangements and **distributed sports kits and accessories to all the players** representing **Telangana**, motivating them to excel with discipline and confidence. A **major highlight** this year is the **first-ever All India Techno Expo and National Prison Product Stalls**, showcasing **prison technologies and products** from **13** States. The three-day programme will include an inaugural ceremony, cultural evenings, medal presentations, and conclude with the traditional Bada Khana (Grand Dinner).



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana distributed sports kits and accessories to all the participants representing Telangana



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services with the participants representing the state of Telangana.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELCOME KITS TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF DIFFERENT STATES ACROSS INDIA

The Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Department extended a grand and warm welcome to the participating contingents from various states across the country for the **All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025**, hosted at **RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy**, Hyderabad. The event, take place from **9th to 11th September 2025**, is conducted under the supervision of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India.

The **welcoming of participants** from **21 states** and **3 Union Territories** was graced by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Telangana**, who **personally distributed welcome kits**, specially curated by prison inmates, to all state participants. The kit included a **wooden model of the iconic Charminar** symbolizing Telangana's rich cultural heritage and the spirit of camaraderie.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services distributed welcome kits, curated by Telangana prison inmates to the state of Rajasthan.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services distributed welcome kits, curated by Telangana prison inmates to the state of Odisha.

REVIEW AND COORDINATION MEETING WITH TEAM MANAGERS, TEAM LEADERS & NODAL OFFICERS OF PARTICIPANTS STATES AND OFFICIALS BPR&D, NEW DELHI

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, **received the official flag** of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) from **Sri K.K. Meena**, Assistant Director, BPR&D, and the **flag of the previous host state, Gujarat** - thereby formally accepting the mantle of hosting the event on behalf of Telangana.

A comprehensive review and coordination meeting was subsequently held with the **Team Managers, Team Leaders, and Nodal Officers of all participating states**. During the meeting, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, expressed her **heartfelt gratitude to the respective State Heads of Prisons** for sending their teams to participate in this prestigious national event and also conveyed sincere thanks to BPR&D for entrusting Telangana with the responsibility of hosting the **All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025** and for approving the arrangements and competition regulations.

The meeting also featured a detailed briefing on the rules and regulations governing various competitions, as framed by BPR&D, along with clarifications on queries raised by team leaders. Extending her best wishes to all participants, **Dr. Soumya Mishra** congratulated them on being selected to represent their respective states and encouraged them to uphold the values of **discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship** that define the prison services and urged everyone to perform with **dedication, pride, and a true spirit of camaraderie**.

The event was attended by several senior officials, including **Sri K.K. Meena**, Assistant Director, BPR&D; **Sri Y. Rajesh**, Inspector General of Prisons, Telangana; **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons, Telangana; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Hyderabad Range; and **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Warangal Range. Also in attendance were Inspector Generals (IGs), Deputy Inspector Generals (DIGs), and Superintendents of Prisons from various states, along with Team Leaders and Nodal Officers of all participating contingents, who expressed appreciation for the excellent arrangements made by the Telangana Prisons Department.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, receiving the flag of the previous host state, Gujarat



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, receiving the official flag of the BPR&D from **Sri K.K. Meena**, Assistant Director, BPR&D

INAGURATION OF 7th ALL INDIA PRISON DUTY MEET 2025

The **7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025** commenced with grandeur and dignity at the **RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy**, Hyderabad, marking a landmark occasion in the history of Indian correctional services. The event is hosted by the **Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Department** in collaboration with the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The meet has drawn participation from **21 States** and **3 Union Territories**, with **1,222 participants** and **144 supporting staff** competing in **36 professional, sports, and fine arts** events. It serves as a platform to showcase the professional skill, physical endurance, and creative spirit of prison personnel across the nation.

The **Opening Ceremony** was graced by His Excellency **Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana**, as the **Chief Guest**, and attended by **Sri Ravi Joseph Lokku, IPS, ADG, BPR&D**; **Dr. Jitender, IPS, DGP Telangana**; **Sri Ravi Gupta, IPS, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Telangana**; and **Sri K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS, Chief Secretary, Telangana**.

Following the Telangana State Anthem and a March Past by all contingents, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General, Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana**, delivered the welcome address.

In her speech, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants, expressing immense pride in hosting the **7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025** in **Telangana** and highlighted that the meet is not merely a sporting and cultural event but a symbol of national unity, camaraderie, and professional excellence among prison personnel.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General, Prisons & Correctional Services expressed deep gratitude to the **Governor of Telangana**, the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, and the **BPR&D** for reposing faith in the Telangana Prisons Department, assuring that every effort had been made to make this the most memorable and largest duty meet so far and acknowledged the guidance and support of **Sri Ravi Gupta, IPS, Dr. Jitender, IPS, Sri B. Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**, and **Smt. Abhilasha Bist, IPS**, whose cooperation made the event possible.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS underscored the importance of **discipline, teamwork** and **fair play**, quoting **Swami Vivekananda** to emphasize that **sports build character and resilience** and also **encouraged participants to take back with them not just medals, but friendship, learning, and inspiration**.

A key highlight of her address was the **introduction of a Technology Expo—for the first time in the history of the Prison Duty Meet—featuring AI-driven surveillance systems, drones, contraband detection tools, robotics, and prison information management software** and also announced the exhibition of prison-made products from various States, reflecting the creativity and skill-development of inmates.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS appreciated the **efforts of Cherlapally and Chanchalguda inmates**, who crafted over **1,200 miniature Charminar replicas** as souvenirs for visiting participants, symbolizing Telangana's hospitality.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS concluded her address by reaffirming the department's commitment to professionalism, reformation, and unity, urging participants to "compete with passion and perform with honour."

The Chief Guest, **His Excellency the Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma**, praised the **discipline, determination, and commitment of prison forces** and noted that prison personnel, though working away from public view, **play a critical role in maintaining internal security and enabling reformation and congratulated Telangana Prisons Department** for meticulously organizing the event and for setting a new benchmark by introducing a **Technology Exhibition**, which was followed by the **Oath of Sportsmanship, the release of balloons, and the lighting of the ceremonial torch**, marking the symbolic inauguration of the competitions.



Chief Guest, His Excellency the Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma
addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, DG Prisons & CS, Telangana, addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Sri K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS, Chief Secretary, Telangana addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025

Sri Ravi Gupta,IPS emphasized that the meet is more than a competition—it is a platform for unity, learning, and innovation, praising Telangana's leadership in prison reforms.

Dr. Jitender,IPS lauded the Telangana Prisons Department for efficiently hosting a national event of such scale, noting the transformation of prisons into centres of reformation and skill development.

Sri K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS highlighted the vital role of prison staff and appreciated the introduction of the Technology Exhibition and Prison Product Stalls, blending modernization with rehabilitation

A major highlight was the inauguration of the Technology Exhibition and Prison Product Stalls, showcasing AI-driven surveillance systems, drones, contraband detection technologies, and innovative prison-made products from various states.



Dr. Jitender, IPS, DGP Telangana addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Sri Ravi Gupta, IPS, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Telangana addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025

To enhance the participants' experience, Telangana Tourism organized special sightseeing tours, while Handicraft and Handloom stalls at the venue promoted local artisans and correctional initiatives.

The meet featured diverse competitions celebrating discipline, endurance, and creativity, while fostering national integration and professional collaboration among correctional services.



Sri Ravi Joseph Lokku, IPS, ADG, BPR&D addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Sri Jitendra Singh Meena, IPS, IG, BPR&D addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Chief Guest Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana Inaugurating Tech Expo-2025 at AIPDM-2025



Cultural performance at the inauguration of AIPDM 2025



Women Volleyball



Dr.Soumya Mishra,IPS Conveying Best wishes to the participants



A Group photo with Kabaddi players



Shotput Competition

SECOND DAY OF 7th ALL INDIA PRISON DUTY MEET

The **second day** of the **7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025** witnessed spirited celebrations at the **RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy, Hyderabad**, with **participants from 21 States and 3 Union Territories** competing with **enthusiasm, discipline**, and a shared sense of pride.

Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, expressed delight at the vibrant participation and the energy displayed throughout the day. Welcoming the dignitaries – **Hon'ble Minister Sri D. Sridhar Babu Garu**, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Telangana; **Sri Avinash Mohanty, IPS**, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad; and **Smt. Harichandana Dasari, IAS**, District Collector, Hyderabad – **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** noted that the day had been a true celebration of fitness, teamwork, and professional camaraderie.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS shared that **from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM**, a series of sports and games were conducted, with **teams from across the nation displaying strength, discipline, and perseverance** and remarked that the **competitions were not merely about winning or losing, but about building unity, resilience, and well-being among correctional personnel**. **"As correctional officers, our duties demand both physical stamina and mental resilience. Sports provide the balance, confidence, and strength that are essential in our profession,"** - Dr. Soumya Mishra said.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS also highlighted key milestones achieved during this edition of the Meet, including the **introduction of a Technology Expo for the first time in the history of Prison Duty Meets**, featuring **AI-driven surveillance systems, drones, scanners, contraband detection technologies, robotics, and advanced information management software** and further emphasized that **prison-made products from various States had been showcased**, reflecting the **creativity, discipline, and rehabilitation-oriented skill development of inmates across India**.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS underscored that the Meet embodies the spirit of unity, fitness, and resilience – the very essence of correctional services and also **appreciated the tireless efforts of participants, organizers, and support staff** in making the event a grand success. **"With 21 States and 3 Union Territories coming together, we are not just celebrating an event, we are shaping history and setting new milestones in correctional service excellence,"** Dr. Soumya Mishra, concluded.

The evening was graced by **Sri D. Sridhar Babu Garu**, Hon'ble Minister for IT, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, who **presented medals and trophies to the winners**. In his keynote address, the Minister **recalled his earlier visit to Cherlapalli Central Jail**, where **he witnessed the transformative power of reformation** and commended the Telangana Prisons Department for organizing the event with such scale and vision, stating: **"This Duty Meet goes far beyond the boundaries of competition—it strengthens professional bonds, fosters national integration, and showcases the humane and progressive face of Indian correctional services."**

The evening concluded with **vibrant cultural performances**, including **classical and folk dances, instrumental music**, and a **thematic skit on reformation**, reflecting India's unity in diversity and the creative spirit of prison personnel.

The celebrations on **Day 2 reaffirmed that the All India Prison Duty Meet stands not merely for competition, but for unity, discipline, and humanity, embodying the true spirit of correctional services in India**.



High Jump Competition



Karate competition



Kabaddi match



Dr.Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services presented memento to Chief Guest Sri D. Sridhar Babu , Hon'ble Minister for IT, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs



Smt. Harichandana Dasari, IAS, District Collector, Hyderabad receiving memento from **Dr.Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services** at AIPDM 2025



Sri Avinash Mohanty, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad receiving memento from **Dr.Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services** at AIPDM 2025

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY OF 7th ALL INDIA PRISON DUTY MEET - 2025

The historic **7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025 concluded** at the RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy, Hyderabad, with a **grand valedictory ceremony** graced by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, **Sri Bandi Sanjay Garu, as Chief Guest**. The event was also attended by **Sri Ravi Gupta, IPS**, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Telangana; **Sri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy**, Hon'ble Minister for **Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations**; **Dr. Jitender, IPS**, Director General of Police, Telangana; and several senior dignitaries from across India.

The Meet saw the participation of over **1,200 officers** and staff from **21 States** and **3 Union Territories**, supported by more than **140 personnel**, making it one of the largest gatherings in the history of Prison Duty Meets.

In a proud moment for the host state, Telangana emerged as the **Overall All-Rounder Medal Winner**, securing top honours for its outstanding performance across sports, cultural, and professional events. The achievement drew loud applause from the audience and brought the Meet to a celebratory close.

Delivering the valedictory address, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, expressed immense pride in Telangana's successful hosting of the **7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025** and the enthusiastic participation of officers from across **21 States and 3 Union Territories** and emphasized that the Meet reflected the **unity, discipline, and resilience** that define **India's correctional fraternity**. Highlighting Telangana's reformatory vision, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** spoke of the successful introduction of the **Technology Exhibition and Prison Product Stalls**, featuring **AI-driven surveillance systems, contraband detection tools, drones, and innovative inmate-made products** from across the country and presented **key proposals to the Ministry of Home Affairs**, including the establishment of a **National Prison Academy** in Hyderabad, **sanction of modernization funds for AI-based reforms, creation of five new De-Addiction Centres**, and the **construction of a High-Security Prison at Warangal**, reaffirming that prisons must evolve into centres of correction, rehabilitation, and skill development, guided by the principle of **"Hate the crime, not the criminal."**

In his address, **Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Sri Bandi Sanjay Garu**, lauded the **Telangana Prisons Department** for its **meticulous organization, innovation, and reform-oriented approach** and praised the dedication and silent service of prison officers, describing them as vital pillars of internal security and social transformation. Commending Telangana's reform initiatives such as the **Technology Exhibition, Vocational Training, and De-Addiction programmes**, and noted that they represent a humane and progressive vision of correctional administration. The Minister **assured full support from the Ministry of Home Affairs** for the proposed reforms and **congratulated Telangana for setting national benchmarks in professionalism, innovation, and humane correctional practices**.

Addressing the gathering, **Hon'ble Minister for Information & Public Relations, Sri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Garu**, applauded the **Telangana Prisons Department** for its **transformation from traditional prison management to a model of reformation and rehabilitation** and observed that the Duty Meet showcased a remarkable blend of **discipline, fitness, skill development, and cultural unity, strengthening the spirit of cooperation among correctional officers nationwide**. Commending the leadership of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, he highlighted that Telangana's initiatives – **including prison industries, skill-based education, and technology integration** – are turning inmates into productive and responsible citizens, thereby reinforcing the moral and social fabric of society and setting a new example for correctional services across the nation.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of **medals, trophies, and the Overall Championship Shield to the winners**. **Telangana proudly received the Overall All-Rounder Trophy**, marking a historic achievement for the host state. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks, followed by the **National Anthem**, bringing the curtains down on a truly momentous and inspiring national event.

The **7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025** will be remembered as a landmark occasion that celebrated the values of **discipline, unity, and humanity**, reaffirming that **correctional services are not just about confinement – but about transformation, dignity, and hope**.



400 M Run Competition



Volleyball Finale



Sri Bandi Sanjay, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Sri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, DG Prisons & CS, Telangana, addressing the participants at AIPDM-2025



Receiving **Overall Championship** by **Telangana state** at AIPDM- 2025

AIPDM TELANGANA STATE PARTICIPANTS MEET WITH CM

The winners of the All India Prison Duty Meet (AIPDM) from Telangana State met the **Hon'ble Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy Garu** at his residence, congratulated and appreciated the winners and the Telangana Prisons Department for securing the prestigious All-Rounder Medal at the national event.

The Chief Minister lauded the Department's outstanding performance, teamwork, and commitment to excellence, which brought pride to the State.

The event was attended by **Sri Ravi Gupta, IPS**, Special Chief Secretary (Home); **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services; **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri Nawab Shivakumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad; and **Sri S. Srinivas Reddy**, Principal, SICA, along with other senior officers and the AIPDM winners.



PrajaPalana Dinotsavam Celebrations at Jail Bhavan

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended the Prajapalana Dhinotsavam celebrations on September 17 at Jail Bhavan, Hyderabad. The event, organized with patriotic fervor, celebrated the spirit of governance and public service. Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, unfurled the National Flag, symbolizing the Department's commitment to duty and national ideals.

In her address, Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, emphasized that Prajapalana Dhinotsavam reminds every government servant of their responsibility toward citizens and the nation. She highlighted the need for transparency, empathy, and accountability, and appreciated prison staff for their dedicated and humane service.

Senior officers including Sri Y. Rajesh, Sri N. Murali Babu, Sri M. Sampath, and Sri N. Shivakumar Goud attended the program. The event concluded with a renewed sense of unity and commitment to public service and institutional excellence.



VISIT TO DISTRICT JAIL SIDDIPET

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited the newly constructed District Jail at Siddipet and inspected the entire complex, including the Administration Building, Hospital, Reception Area, Women and High-Security Barracks, Meditation Hall, Kitchen, Quarters, and other key infrastructure and appreciated the quality of construction and emphasized the importance of maintaining a humane, secure, and reform-oriented prison environment. The visit focused on reviewing security, welfare, and rehabilitation arrangements for inmates. Developed as a modern correctional facility, the Siddipet District Jail is equipped with advanced medical, accommodation, and reformatory amenities, and is now ready for inauguration. The inspection was attended by Sri N. Murali Babu, IG Prisons; Sri M. Sampath, DIG Prisons; Sri T. Kalasagar, Superintendent, Central Prison Sangareddy; and officials from the Police Housing Corporation and local administration.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited the newly constructed District Jail at Siddipet

VISIT TO DISTRICT JAIL KARIMNAGAR

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS visited the **District Jail, Karimnagar**, where Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOCL**) extended significant support under its Corporate Social Responsibility (**CSR**) initiative, reflecting a strong partnership of over **12 years**. IOCL's earlier collaboration in establishing petrol bunks has provided employment opportunities to released prisoners, aiding their **rehabilitation** and **resocialisation**. Continuing this association, IOCL donated a **Tata Winger 14-seater vehicle**, **10 desktop computers**, a **xerox machine**, and an **automatic agarbathi-making machine**, which will benefit the District Jail by enhancing inmates **digital skills** and creating sustainable employment through a **"waste-to-wealth"** project converting **temple flowers into incense sticks**. The DG Prisons expressed heartfelt gratitude, noting that such initiatives transform lives, build confidence, and enable reintegration into society. IOCL officials reiterated their commitment to community development and prison reforms as part of their CSR vision. The programme was attended by **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons; **Sri Vijaya Deni**, Superintendent, District Jail Karimnagar; **Sri B. Swaminadha Rao**, Chief Manager, IOCL; **Sri Shafeek S.**, Manager, IOCL; jailors, prison staff, and media representatives, who highlighted these positive reformatory measures. The Prison Department conveyed sincere gratitude to IOCL and the media for supporting prison rehabilitation initiatives.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & CS visited the District Jail, Karimnagar

INAUGURATION OF COURSE ON CUSTODY OF PRISONERS AND SEARCH

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, inaugurated the Training Course on Custody of Prisoners and Search at the State Institute of Correctional Administration, Telangana, bringing together 23 prison personnel from 10 States. Sponsored by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, the course aims to strengthen professional skills, promote knowledge sharing, and improve efficiency in prisoner custody and search procedures. The inaugural address emphasized that lawful custody, discipline, prevention of escapes, and respect for human dignity are central to prison administration, while searches—especially for narcotics—are critical to maintaining security and order. The DG highlighted that the training will enhance participants' knowledge, skills, and professionalism, enabling them to perform their duties with greater efficiency, sensitivity, and responsibility, and acknowledged the contributions of expert faculty and BPR&D for sponsoring the programme.



A Group Photograph with Prison Personnels from 10 different States at State Institute of Correctional Administration Hyderabad during the inauguration of course on Custody of Prisoners and Search.

CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT DR.B.R.AMBEDHKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended the 26th Convocation Ceremony of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) on 30th September 2025, where 28 inmates from various prisons across the State successfully completed their undergraduate programmes, including 25 male and 3 female inmates. Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS commended the graduates for their determination and hard work in transforming their lives through education, emphasizing that such achievements embody the mission of correctional services—reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration. A total of 13 participants, including 9 inmates and 4 released prisoners, received their graduation certificates from His Excellency, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma Garu, reflecting the success of correctional education through the study center at Central Prison Cherlapalli. The Telangana Prisons Department expressed immense pride in this milestone, noting that the success of these graduates stands as an inspiring testament to its vision that true transformation is achieved through knowledge, dignity of labour, and opportunities for a better future.



Received graduation certificates from His Excellency, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma Garu, on convocation ceremony at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University.

PRIDE OF TELANGANA AWARDS AT HICC, NOVOTEL HYDERABAD

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, was honored with the prestigious “Public Services – Special Jury Award” at the 6th edition of the Pride of Telangana Awards, organized by Round Table India. The award recognized her exemplary leadership, dedication, and outstanding contributions in the field of public service, particularly in the areas of prison reforms, human rights, and institutional excellence. Under her dynamic stewardship, the Telangana Prisons Department has implemented numerous progressive initiatives that focus on rehabilitation, gender sensitivity, skill development, and community engagement, reflecting a holistic approach to correctional administration. Her visionary approach and unwavering commitment to creating a more compassionate and efficient correctional system have set new benchmarks in governance and public administration, making her a deserving recipient of this distinguished accolade.

The recognition not only celebrates her personal achievements but also highlights the transformative impact of her efforts on the prison ecosystem, inspiring her colleagues and fellow public servants to strive for excellence and uphold the highest standards of integrity, empathy, and service to society. Through her initiatives, Dr. Mishra has fostered an environment where discipline, education, and reform go hand in hand, emphasizing the humane treatment of all individuals under the department’s care. This honor at a prestigious platform like the Pride of Telangana Awards underscores her enduring dedication to public service and her role as a beacon of leadership, innovation, and social responsibility in the state of Telangana, motivating future leaders to pursue excellence in governance with compassion and vision.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, honored with the prestigious “Public Services – Special Jury Award” at the 6th edition of the Pride of Telangana Awards

INAUGURATION OF PPP PROJECT AT PAC CHERLAPALLI

The Telangana Prisons Department today inaugurated the **Public Private Partnership Project** at the Prison Agriculture Colony, Cherlapalli, marking a milestone in innovation, social responsibility, and community engagement. The facility was formally inaugurated by **Dr. Jitender, IPS**, DGP, Telangana, & **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, DG Prisons & CS, and creating a unique initiative blending learning with entertainment for children, students, and families. This innovative idea, conceived as the **brainchild** of **Dr. Jitender, IPS**, reflects a forward-looking approach towards community engagement and social responsibility. Designed with a **Yoga Centre, Adventure Zone, Mini Golf Court**, and **'Farm-to-Plate'** activities, the **Adventure Park**, a **unique reformatory project** aimed at **providing employment to Open Air Jail prisoners** as well as to **released prisoners** through **recreational and educational engagement**, adds further value to the initiative. The project includes farming awareness programmes to teach young visitors the value of agriculture, sustainability, and food security. **Dr. Soumya Mishra** highlighted that the initiative will provide employment and skill training to over 30 inmates from open-air jails, offering meaningful wages and economic support to their families. **Dr. Jitender** emphasized the project's potential to inspire the younger generation and foster hands-on learning about cultivation and food security. This programme is envisioned as a learning hub and source of rehabilitation, helping inmates acquire life skills for smooth reintegration into society. The inauguration was attended by senior officials including **Sri G. Sudheer Babu, IPS**; **Sri M. Ramesh, IPS**; **Sri Kartikeya, IPS**; **Tafseer Iqbal, IPS**; **Smt. P.V. Padmaja, IPS**; retired IGs **Sri M.R. Ahmed** and **Sri A. Narasimha**; **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Sri N. Shivakumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Cherlapalli; and **Sri D. Kalidas**, Superintendent, Prisoners Agricultural Colony (FAC)



Inauguration of Public Private Partnership Project at the Prison Agriculture Colony, Cherlapalli by Dr. Jitender, IPS, DGP, Telangana, & Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, DG Prisons & CS



RETIREMENT FACILITATION OF Dr.JITENDER, IPS, DGP

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended the retirement felicitation ceremony of **Dr. Jitender, IPS**, Director General of Police, held on **30th September 2025** at the **RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy**. On this occasion and conveyed her warm wishes and heartfelt appreciation for his exemplary service, visionary leadership, and immense contributions to the Telangana Police Department. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, lauded his remarkable journey marked by dedication, integrity, and a deep commitment to public safety and institutional excellence.

Dr. Soumya Mishra highlighted his role in fostering innovation in policing, strengthening law enforcement through technology-driven reforms, and promoting a culture of discipline and compassion among the ranks and also acknowledged his constant encouragement and guidance to the Prisons Department, particularly in advancing rehabilitation, correctional reforms, and welfare-oriented initiatives aimed at transforming lives. Expressing admiration for his inspiring leadership and humane approach,

Dr. Soumya Mishra wished **Dr. Jitender** good health, peace, and fulfillment in the years ahead, noting that his legacy will continue to inspire generations of police and correctional officers to serve with dedication and purpose. She concluded by expressing her gratitude for his unwavering support, his visionary contribution to building a progressive and people-centric policing system, and his lasting impact on the policing and correctional ecosystem of Telangana, which will be remembered with deep respect and admiration by all.



Retirement Felicitation of Dr.Jitender, IPS, DGP, Telangana on 30.09.2025

RETIREMENT

On **26th September 2025**, a **warm retirement** function was organized at the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Hyderabad, to honor the retiring officer **Sri T. Srinivasarao**, Assistant Deputy Jailor, Central Jail, Warangal **retired** on **30th September 2025** upon reaching the age of superannuation.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS **felicitated** the retiring and **presented a cheque** from the departmental Welfare Fund, in appreciation of his decades of sincere and unblemished service. Family members of the retiring officer were present, adding warmth to the occasion. The heartfelt speeches and collective goodwill made the farewell a memorable and inspirational event.



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