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Custody With Care

Courtesy Call on the Newly Appointed Director General of Police, Shri Shivadhar Reddy, IPS

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, paid a courtesy call on the newly appointed Director General of Police, **Sri Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**, on 01.10.2025. During the meeting, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, warmly congratulated **Sri Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**, on taking charge as the DGP of the state and conveyed her best wishes for his tenure. The interaction focused on strengthening coordination between the Police Department and the Prisons & Correctional Services to enhance security, rehabilitation initiatives, and streamlined prisoner management across the state. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, was accompanied by senior officers of the Prisons Department, including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons. The courtesy visit reflected a shared commitment to maintaining law and order while advancing progressive reforms within the criminal justice system. Both departments emphasized the importance of technology-driven initiatives to improve transparency and efficiency. The meeting concluded on a positive note, reaffirming continued collaboration for effective criminal justice administration in the state.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services paid a courtesy call on the newly appointed Director General of Police, **Sri Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**

“Prisoner’s Welfare Day” celebrations at CP Hyderabad

On the occasion of Prisoners Welfare Day, celebrated on October 2nd at Central Prison, Hyderabad, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, addressed officers, staff, and inmates, highlighting the importance of welfare and reform-focused initiatives within prisons and noted that the day is observed on Mahatma Gandhi’s birth anniversary as a tribute to his ideals of truth, non-violence, and human dignity, reminding all that even Gandhiji had spent time in prison and proved that confinement can become a phase of reflection, strength, and transformation. Emphasizing that prisons are not merely places of custody but centres of change, and urged inmates to make meaningful use of opportunities in education, vocational training, cultural programmes, yoga, and prison industries to rebuild their lives with responsibility and dignity. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** also spoke about the newly inaugurated De-Addiction Centre, stressing the urgent need to combat drug abuse and encouraging inmates to undergo treatment and counselling to return to society as healthier individuals, assuring them that they or their families may directly approach prison officers or her office for any assistance. Adding encouragement, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** announced the upcoming “**Manchahe Geet**” cultural programme to provide inmates a platform for expression and emotional well-being, and presented gifts to winners of the sports competitions held on the occasion and appreciated the dedicated efforts of officers and staff, particularly **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG (Hyderabad Range), and **Sri N. Shivakumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad, and congratulated inmates striving sincerely to transform their lives, urging everyone to draw inspiration from Gandhiji’s enduring principles of truth, non-violence, and self-reform.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services paying Tribute to **Mahatma Gandhiji** on the Occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti**



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services distributing Gifts to the prisoners on the occasion of **Prisoners Welfare Day**

“Prisoner’s Welfare Day” celebrations at SPW Hyderabad

On the occasion of Prisoners’ Welfare Day and Gandhi Jayanti, a special programme was organized at the Special Prison for Women, Hyderabad, where **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended as the Chief Guest and addressed the officers, staff, and inmates. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, emphasized that prisons are not merely places of confinement but centres of change where correction, reformation, and rehabilitation begin, urging women inmates to make the best use of the skill development and vocational training programmes offered by the department so they can build sustainable livelihoods after release instead of returning to crime and advised them to utilize their time productively by pursuing education or vocational training for a dignified future. Highlighting the importance of celebrating Gandhi Jayanti inside prisons, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, noted that Gandhiji’s ideals of truth, non-violence, and self-reform remind every individual of their capacity to change and rebuild their lives. Various indoor and outdoor games were conducted on this occasion, and distributed prizes to the winners, encouraging engagement in positive activities. Cultural performances, including dances and Bathukamma celebrations by the inmates, added vibrance to the event. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, appreciated the dedicated efforts of the officers and staff, particularly **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Hyderabad Range, and **Smt. B. Amaravathi**, Superintendent, Special Prison for Women, Hyderabad, for strengthening welfare and reform initiatives, and she congratulated the inmates striving to transform their lives, urging all to draw inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi’s principles of truth, non-violence, and self-transformation.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS participated in Dandiya with Female Prisoners at SPW Hyderabad on the Occasion of Prisoners Welfare day



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS Lightening the Lamp at SPW Hyderabad on the Occasion of Prisoners Welfare day



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS distributing prizes Female Prisoners at SPW Hyderabad on the Occasion of Prisoners Welfare day

Building Justice Capacity for Tomorrow – Telangana in Dialogue at NALSAR

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended the National Conference on “**Building Justice Capacity for Tomorrow: Telangana in Dialogue**,” jointly organised by the India Justice Report (IJR), NALSAR University of Law, and the Access to Justice for Prisoners (AJP) initiative. The event, graced by **Hon’ble Justice Sam Koshy** (TSLSA), **Ms. Nayanika Singhal** (IJR), **Sri Mudigonda Raju** (SLSA), and **Prof. Vijay Raghavan** (TISS & IJR), brought together legal experts, correctional leaders, and civil society representatives to strengthen justice delivery and legal aid collaboration. Accompanied by **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons, and **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, highlighted Telangana’s commitment to humane, reform-oriented correctional governance, emphasizing the expansion of video conferencing systems for court production, integration with e-Courts and e-Prisons through ICJS, and moves toward complete legal aid coverage and noted that Free Legal Aid Services were provided to 1,045 prisoners in 2024 and 972 in 2025 (till September), and that Jail Adalats have delivered swift justice—releasing 376 inmates in 2023, 483 in 2024, and 460 in 2025 (up to September). Under the Smart Prisons Initiative, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, stressed the role of technology such as biometric systems, digital inmate records, and virtual legal aid platforms in enhancing transparency and efficiency. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, commended the coordinated efforts of the Prisons Department, Judiciary, Police, and Legal Services Authorities, noting that these partnerships have strengthened Telangana’s performance in the India Justice Report and concluded by reaffirming the Department’s commitment to building a modern, evidence-based, and compassionate correctional ecosystem.



Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs Sri Bandi Sanjay garu visited CP Cherlapalli and PAC Cherlapalli

The Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, **Sri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu**, visited the Prisoners Agriculture Colony (PAC), Cherlapalli, and the Central Prison Cherlapalli, where he was received and accompanied by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana. During his visit to the Prisoners Agriculture Colony, the Minister inspected various innovative and reformatory initiatives of the Telangana Prisons Department, including the Adventure Park, a unique project providing employment and skill-building opportunities to Open Air Jail prisoners and released inmates and also reviewed the organic cultivation units, marigold flower farms, and the newly introduced beekeeping initiative aimed at developing vocational skills and promoting eco-friendly practices among inmates. At the PAC Dairy Farm, **Sri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu** appreciated inmates' involvement in livestock management and symbolically named a newborn calf "**Krishna.**" Later, at the Central Prison Cherlapalli, **Dr. Soumya Mishra,IPS** presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting best practices, reformation programmes, educational and welfare initiatives, and healthcare systems across Telangana prisons, earning praise from the Minister for the department's progressive, reform-oriented approach. The Minister visited various industrial units, examined prison hospital facilities, and interacted with inmates to understand their experiences. Commending the humane and reform-driven efforts under the leadership of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, **Sri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu** assured full support from the Government of India to further strengthen prison reformation and rehabilitation programmes in Telangana. The visit was also attended by senior officers, including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons; **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons; **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Cherlapalli; and **Sri D. Kalidas**, Superintendent, PAC Cherlapalli



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services welcoming Sri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu, Minister of State for Home Affairs



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, explained the organic cultivation of fruits and vegetables to **Sri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, during the visit to the Prisoners' Agriculture Colony.



Sri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu visited the Prisoners Agriculture Colony (PAC) and observed the **Apiculture Unit**, interacting with officials and trainees to learn about the ongoing **Bee-keeping** activities.

Visit to District jail Siddipet

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited the newly constructed District Jail at Siddipet today and conducted an extensive inspection of the entire campus. The inspection covered all major units, including the Administration Block, Hospital Barrack, Reception Area, Women's Barrack, High-Security Barrack, General Inmates' Barracks, Meditation Hall, Inmates' Kitchen, Officers' and Staff Quarters, Perimeter Wall, Watch Towers, and other essential facilities. During the visit, clear instructions were issued to complete all pending minor works promptly and ensure that the institution is fully ready for inauguration.

The Siddipet District Jail has been developed as a modern and reformatory correctional facility, equipped with strong security systems and well-planned welfare, medical, educational, and rehabilitative amenities aimed at supporting inmate reformation. The inspection was attended by senior officers including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG of Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG (Hyderabad Range); **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG (Warangal Range); **Sri S. M. Vijay Kumar, IPS**, Commissioner of Police, Siddipet; **Sri Ch. Kushalkar**, Additional DCP; **Sri M. Ravinder Reddy**, ACP, Siddipet; **Sri G. Ratnam**, Deputy Superintendent of Jails; **Sri Sadanandam**, RDO; **Sri Hari Kiran**, MRO; and **Sri Y. B. Srinivas Rao**, Executive Engineer, Police Housing Corporation, along with supporting staff. **Sri Sudhakar**, D.E. (Retd) and **Sri Kantha Rao**, Project Manager, D.E.C Company, were also present.

With major works nearing completion and strong inter-departmental coordination supporting the project, the Siddipet District Jail now stands ready to function as a secure, efficient, and reform-oriented model correctional institution.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, inspecting the Newly constructed District Jail Siddipet



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, inspecting the CCTV Cameras at Newly constructed District Jail Siddipet

Inauguration of De-Addiction Centre & Apiculture at CP Sangareddy

The Telangana Prisons Department advanced its reformatory mission by inaugurating the De-Addiction Centre “NIVRUTTI” at Central Prison, Sangareddy, aimed at supporting inmates battling substance abuse through counselling, medical care, and rehabilitation. The centre was inaugurated by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, in the presence of senior officers including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG (Hyderabad Range); and **Smt. P. Abharna**, President, Vision NGO. An inmate shared a heartfelt testimony on the damage caused by addiction and the hope such initiatives bring. Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, expressed deep concern over rising drug abuse and stated that **“De-Addiction Centres bear a larger responsibility—not merely to cure addiction, but to reshape and reintegrate individuals as responsible, contributing members of society.”** **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, emphasized that prisons are evolving into centres of transformation, helping **build a crime-free and drug-free society**. Adding further strength to rehabilitation efforts, an **Apiculture (Bee-keeping)** Training Programme was also launched, marking the first such initiative in Telangana Prisons after the successful pilot project at the Prisoners Agriculture Colony, Cherlapalli. This programme not only provides sustainable livelihood skills to inmates but also contributes to environmental conservation and natural farming practices. Through such visionary steps, the Department continues to redefine correctional spaces as platforms for healing, growth, and meaningful reintegration. Dignitaries present included **Sri T. Kalasagar**, Superintendent, Central Prison Sangareddy; **Sri MD Akthar**, Assistant Director, Industries Department; and **Smt. P. Abharna**, President, Vision NGO.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana inaugurated De-Addiction Centre “NIVRUTTI” at Central Prison, Sangareddy



Apiculture (Bee-keeping) Training Programme was also launched by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, marking the first such initiative in Telangana Prisons after the successful pilot project at the Prisoners Agriculture Colony, Cherlapalli

69th Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji Thirunakshatra Mahostavalu

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, was honoured with the prestigious **Seva Shiromani Award** at the **69th Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji Thirunakshatra Mahotsavalu**, an occasion that celebrates service, spirituality, and the highest ideals of human upliftment. This distinguished recognition underscores the extraordinary dedication, integrity, and humane vision that define **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, leadership in transforming the Telangana Prisons Department into a model of progressive and compassionate correctional administration. Under dynamic guidance, the Department has implemented pioneering initiatives in inmate welfare, de-addiction, skill development, mental health support, environmental sustainability, and rehabilitation-focused reforms that transcend traditional correctional boundaries.

The award stands as a tribute to unwavering commitment to public service and the relentless pursuit of societal advancement, reflecting a leadership philosophy rooted in empathy, transformation, and responsibility towards the most marginalized populations.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, recognition at such a revered spiritual gathering not only honours personal excellence but also brings national focus to the far-reaching impact of reformative work being carried out within Telangana's prisons. It reinforces a vision where correctional spaces evolve into centres of healing, learning, dignity, and reintegration—empowering individuals to rebuild their lives with renewed purpose.

This honour also symbolizes the growing national appreciation for correctional reforms that prioritize humanity over punishment, and rehabilitation over retribution. It serves as an inspiration for continued innovation, motivating the Department to further strengthen its reform-driven governance model. The recognition of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, contributions stands as a reminder that visionary leadership can influence systems, uplift communities, and create lasting positive change—turning prisons into platforms of hope, renewal, and meaningful transformation.



Inuaguration of Psychotherapy TOT program to Pisoners at CP Cherlapalli

A special and reformative initiative, the Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme on Psychotherapy for Inmates, was inaugurated at Central Prison, Cherlapalli, by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana. The programme aims to train **60 inmates** from nine prisons across the State in the **Phyllis Krystal Method of Healing**, a psychotherapy technique inspired by the ideas of **Carl Jung**, focused on emotional healing, self-understanding, and personal growth. Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, emphasized that the Telangana Prisons Department is moving beyond confinement to truly supporting inmate reform, noting that every individual deserves a chance to heal and improve. Appreciation was extended to Devas Unlimited for partnering in bringing this scientific and emotional wellness initiative into prisons. **Ms. Charu Sinha, IPS**, Additional Director General, CID & ACB, attended as the Guest of Honour and commended the Department for prioritizing mental and emotional wellbeing through meaningful and transformative programmes. The first healing session was conducted by **Ms. Shivani Sola**, Co-Founder of Devas Unlimited, along with **Ms. Shaguna Sinha**, who introduced and demonstrated the Phyllis Krystal Method, supported by clinical insights from **Dr. Nissi Rufus** of Aasha Hospital. Senior officers including **Sri Y. Rajesh**, Inspector General of Prisons, **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons, **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG (Hyderabad Range), and **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Cherlapalli, coordinated the programme. A total of **60 inmates** from Cherlapalli, Hyderabad, Sangareddy, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Khammam, Karimnagar, and Adilabad prisons will undergo the training and later serve as trainers in their respective prisons, helping fellow inmates in emotional healing and mental wellbeing. This initiative marks another significant step in transforming Telangana's prisons into centres of healing, hope, and positive change, enabling inmates to rebuild their lives with dignity and inner strength.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, lamping the Light at Inuaguration of Psychotherapy TOT program to Pisoners at CP Cherlapalli



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, addressing the Prisoners at Inuaguration of Psychotherapy TOT program to Pisoners at CP Cherlapalli



Ms. Charu Sinha, IPS, Additional Director General, CID & ACB,, addressing the Prisoners at Inuaguration of Psychotherapy TOT program to Pisoners at CP Cherlapalli

Success meet of AIPDM-2025 at PAC Cherlapalli

The Telangana Prisons Department organised a grand “**Success Meet**” at the Prisoners’ Agricultural Colony, Cherlapalli, to celebrate the outstanding success of the 7th All India Prison Duty Meet – 2025, hosted by Telangana in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D). Presided over by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, the event brought together senior officers, retired officers, judges, referees, sponsors, exhibitors, coaches, medal winners, working committee members, liaison officers, RBVRR officials, and prison staff from across the State. The programme recognised the teamwork, dedication, and meticulous planning that led Telangana to secure the Overall Championship for the third time, marking a historic hat-trick in the seven editions of the meet.

Speakers including **Sri Y. Rajesh**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad; **Smt. Venkata Lakshmi Srinadh**, Superintendent of Jails; Sri D. Bharat, Deputy Superintendent; **Sri B. Ramesh**, Jailor; and **Sri Samuel**, Head Warder, highlighted the exceptional leadership of the DG Madam and the unparalleled execution of the event. They noted that the meet introduced several new features such as the Techno Expo, Prison Innovations Showcase, and displays of reformatory programmes including the De-Addiction Stall—initiatives that elevated the event to national standards and left a lasting impression on participants from all over India.

Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, congratulated all officers and staff, remarking that “**this success belongs to every one of you**” and expressed heartfelt gratitude to retired officers whose experience, guidance, and standard-setting for the competitions helped the Telangana team deliver a professionally organised and memorable event and also fondly shared the proud moment when the Hon’ble Chief Minister **Sri A. Revanth Reddy garu** personally joined the Telangana team for a photograph after receiving the Championship Trophy—an honour that reflected the State Government’s recognition of the department’s effort, discipline, and teamwork and noted that such acknowledgment from the highest levels of leadership stands as a morale booster for the entire prisons fraternity.



Sri Y. Rajesh, Inspector General of Prisons welcoming **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services at Success meet of AIPDM-2025 at PAC Cherlapalli



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services addressing judges, referees, sponsors, exhibitors, coaches, medal winners, working committee members, liaison officers, RBVRR officials, and prison staff at Success meet of AIPDM-2025 at PAC Cherlapalli

Dr. D. Srinivas, DIG (Hyderabad Range), delivered the Vote of Thanks, describing the accomplishment as a “**never-before and ever-after**” milestone and acknowledging the collective effort of officers from all ranges, units, and committees.

Dr. D. Srinivas, DIG (Hyderabad Range) appreciated the sleepless nights, continuous coordination, and commitment shown by staff who worked behind the scenes to ensure flawless execution of the seven-day national event.

The programme concluded with distributing appreciation certificates and mementoes to committees, teams, and individuals who played key roles in the event’s success, marking a celebratory and inspiring close to the gathering. With the Success Meet ending on a proud, emotional, and joyful note, the Telangana Prisons Department reaffirmed its commitment to discipline, teamwork, professionalism, and reformative excellence—setting a powerful benchmark for future national-level events hosted by the State.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, expressed heartfelt gratitude with distributing appreciation certificates and mementoes to committees, Coaches, teams, and individuals who played key roles in the event’s success



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, distributed cheques to the winners of AIPDM-2025 as a mark of appreciation for their outstanding performance.

Vanamahotsavam at PAC Cherlapalli.

The Telangana Prisons Department celebrated **Vanamahotsavam** at the Prisoners Agricultural Colony (PAC), Cherlapalli, in a vibrant and green setting. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, attended as the **Chief Guest**, along with senior officers from various departments as Guests of Honour. Several dignitaries from GHMC, the Forest Department, Horticulture, Fisheries, and other wings, as well as senior prison officers, jail staff, and trainees, actively participated in the programme. The event featured large-scale plantation of saplings by the Chief Guest, dignitaries, and staff, along with the release of fish breeds into the two lakes inside PAC to support the ecological balance.

In her address, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** highlighted the significance of **Vanamahotsavam** as a festival dedicated to protecting nature and urged everyone to plant and nurture at least ten saplings this year and also appreciated the eco-friendly initiatives undertaken by the Prisons Department, such as bee-keeping and seed-ball distribution, and requested the Forest Department's support in providing bio-fencing to safeguard new plantations.

The Guests of Honour praised the Department for maintaining a clean, green environment, noting that the PAC resembled a resort more than a prison. They lauded the commitment of the staff and assured continued support for future green initiatives. The programme concluded with all participants taking a pledge to care for every sapling planted, reflecting the strong commitment of the Telangana Prisons Department towards building a greener, cleaner, and healthier environment.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS also emphasized that such initiatives serve as a model for other correctional institutions across the country. The event reaffirmed the Department's resolve to transform PAC into a centre of environmental excellence and inspire society at large to adopt sustainable practices.



Vanamahotsavam program Mass plantation at PAC Cherlapalli by Telangana Prisons Department

**Inaugurated Fuel outlet at Mallaram, Nizamabad, Apiculture farming & De –
Addiction Center Inauguration at CP Nizamabad.**

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited Nizamabad today and inaugurated two major reformatory and livelihood-generating initiatives of the Telangana Prisons Department—the **31st BPCL Fuel Outlet** at Mallaram and the **3rd Apiculture (Honey Bee Farming) Unit** within the Central Prison premises. The programmes were attended by several dignitaries, including **Sri P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS**, Commissioner of Police, Nizamabad; **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons; NGO representatives; BPCL officials; prison staff; and media representatives.

Speaking after inaugurating the BPCL Fuel Outlet, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** said that such outlets are not only income-generating ventures but also powerful symbols of trust, discipline, and genuine reform among inmates and noted that many former inmates working in similar outlets across the state are now earning stable livelihoods and reintegrating into their families with dignity. BPCL officials, including **Sri B. Sravan Kumar** and **Sri Ch. Venkata Karthik**, appreciated the department's reform-oriented approach and assured continued cooperation in expanding this model to more districts.

Later, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** inaugurated the **Apiculture Unit** and interacted with inmates undergoing training and highlighted that beekeeping is a nature-friendly, low-investment, and high-value occupation that promotes patience, emotional balance, and responsibility, qualities essential for personal transformation. **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG, (Warangal Range) added that the existing apiculture units at Cherlapalli and Sangareddy have already produced high-quality honey and generated strong interest among inmates, and the new Nizamabad unit will further strengthen the department's commitment to sustainable rehabilitation. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** appreciated the enthusiasm shown by the inmates and encouraged them to take up such skills seriously for a better future and stated that these initiatives reflect the department's continuous efforts to transform prisons into centres of learning, productivity, and positive change.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services inaugurated 31st BPCL Fuel Outlet at Mallaram



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services inaugurated 3rd Apiculture (Honey Bee Farming) Unit at Central Prison Nizamabad.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS inaugurated the **4th NIVRUTTI – De-Addiction Centre** at **Central Prison, Nizamabad**, established under the **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan** with support from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. The programme saw participation from NGO representatives from **WORD, Vikram Surya Health Organization, I Care**, and **Prakruthi NGO**, along with senior officers and experts in counselling and behavioural rehabilitation. **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and highlighted that trained counsellors and carefully selected prison staff have been deployed in all four central prisons to ensure the consistent and professional functioning of **NIVRUTTI** Centres. Psychologist **Smt. Sravya** explained that the centre follows a structured counselling model covering 7–8 modules that include emotional regulation, critical thinking, meditation, empathy-building, group activities, and personalised counselling sessions aimed at holistic recovery. A reformed inmate also shared his heartfelt experience, stating that the programme helped him regain confidence and emotional stability. Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** expressed satisfaction that three key reformatory programmes—the fuel outlet, bee-keeping unit, and de-addiction centre—had been launched on the same day in Nizamabad, making it a historic milestone for the prison and explained that the name “**NIVRUTTI**” was chosen after extensive consultations with NGOs and signifies liberation from addiction, negativity, and self-destructive habits. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** urged inmates to use this opportunity to rebuild their lives, assuring them that the department would continue supporting their rehabilitation even after release by linking them with training programmes, livelihood schemes, and community support networks. Appreciating the commitment of NGOs, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** said that compassion, understanding, and continuous guidance are essential in transforming lives. The event concluded with inmates collectively assuring DG Madam that they would utilise the programme sincerely and work towards becoming responsible, self-reliant citizens. The inauguration of the **NIVRUTTI** Centre stands as a testament to the Telangana Prisons Department’s vision of transforming prisons into spaces of psychological healing, behavioural reform, and dignity-based reintegration.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services inaugurated the **4th NIVRUTTI – De-Addiction Centre** at Central Prison, Nizamabad,



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services **Lamping the Light** at the inauguration the 4th **NIVRUTTI – De-Addiction Centre** at Central Prison, Nizamabad,

RETIREMENT

On 30th October 2025, a warm retirement function was organized at the O/o Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Hyderabad, to honor the retiring officer **Sri M. Panthu**, Assistant Deputy Jailor and **Sri P. Ramana reddy**, Driver (HMT) retired on 31st october 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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