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Custody With Care

Visited Bee Keeping at Vikarabad Jail Land

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, visited the beekeeping unit established at the jail land in Vikarabad as part of the department's reformatory and skill-development initiatives aimed at promoting productive engagement for inmates. The visit was undertaken to review the progress of the beekeeping activity being developed on the prison agricultural land and to encourage innovative livelihood-oriented programmes within correctional institutions. Beekeeping has been introduced as an eco-friendly vocational activity that provides practical knowledge in honey production, bee colony management, and sustainable agricultural practices.

During the visit, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** reviewed the functioning of the beekeeping unit and interacted with the officials and staff associated with the initiative, appreciating the efforts made to introduce sustainable livelihood practices within correctional institutions. The activity is designed to equip inmates with useful vocational skills that can support self-employment and income generation after their release. The initiative also contributes to environmental sustainability by supporting pollination and biodiversity, thereby aligning correctional programmes with broader ecological objectives.

On the occasion, **Dr. D. Srinivas**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, **Sri S. Srinivas Reddy**, Principal, SICA, and **Sri S. M. Khalid Akther** were also present and participated in the inspection of the beekeeping unit. The officials reviewed the operational aspects of the project and discussed ways to strengthen vocational training activities within prison institutions.

During the interaction, the officials also explored the possibility of expanding beekeeping units to other prison agricultural lands in the state as part of a broader strategy to enhance inmate skill development programmes. Such initiatives help create opportunities for productive engagement while instilling discipline, responsibility, and environmental awareness among inmates. The programme reflects the progressive approach of the Telangana Prisons Department in promoting correctional reforms that combine vocational training, sustainability, and meaningful rehabilitation for the successful reintegration of inmates into society.



Meeting with Various Bank Officials

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, convened a meeting with officials from leading banking institutions including **State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, and Axis Bank** regarding the opening of salary accounts with special benefits for the staff of the Prisons Department. The meeting was organized to explore improved banking facilities and customized salary account packages aimed at enhancing the financial convenience and welfare of prison personnel.

During the discussion, representatives from the banks presented various proposals offering benefits such as zero-balance salary accounts, concessional interest rates on personal and housing loans, insurance coverage, credit card facilities, and digital banking services. The banks also highlighted additional facilities including overdraft options and priority banking services designed specifically for government employees.

Addressing the officials, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** emphasized the importance of providing reliable banking support and attractive financial benefits for prison staff, recognizing their dedicated service in maintaining correctional administration. The discussions focused on ensuring that employees across various prison establishments receive convenient and efficient banking services through well-designed salary account packages.

The meeting also served as a platform to strengthen coordination between the department and banking institutions and to identify the most suitable banking partner that can provide comprehensive financial services to prison personnel. The initiative reflects the department's continued commitment to improving employee welfare by facilitating better financial services and ensuring that staff members benefit from competitive and secure banking solutions.

On the occasion, Y. Rajesh, N. Murali Babu, Dr. D. Srinivas, M. Sampath, S. Srinivas Reddy, K. Sreeman Reddy, and B. Amaravati were also present and participated in the meeting. Their presence highlighted the collective effort of the department in strengthening employee welfare initiatives and ensuring improved financial facilities for prison staff.



Inauguration of Medical camp

The Telangana Prisons & Correctional Services Department organized a reform-focused programme at the Special Prison for Women (SPW), Hyderabad, with **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services**, gracing the occasion as Chief Guest. The programme underscored the Department's commitment to inmate health, skill development, and rehabilitation. The day began with a Mega Health Camp, exclusively organized by the Lions Club, in the presence of **Sri K.Inna Reddy, District Governor, Lions Club Hyderabad**, offering blood tests, pathology services, gynecology consultations, eye care, and dental check-ups. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** emphasized that good health forms the foundation of a dignified life and appreciated the dedicated service of doctors, nurses, and volunteers, noting the camp's positive impact on inmates wellness, confidence, and morale



Inauguration of Honey Packing & Labeling unit at SPW Hyderabad

The Telangana Prisons & Correctional Services Department, as part of skill development initiatives, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** inaugurated the **Honey Packing and Marketing Unit at SPW Hyderabad**, where honey sourced from beekeeping units at **PAC Cherlapalli, Central Prison Sangareddy, Central Prison Nizamabad, District Jail Khammam, and Vikarabad Jail** land will be packed and labelled by **women inmates, promoting vocational skills, financial independence**, and the ethos of **“Correction, not mere Confinement.”**

The programme was attended by **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons (Hyderabad Range); **Sri S. M. Khalid Akther**, Assistant Director of Industries; **L. Devla Naik**, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad; and **Smt. B. Amaravathi**, Superintendent, Special Prison for Women Hyderabad, along with senior prison officials and staff. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** commended the continuous efforts of the Department in creating a progressive, humane, and reform-oriented correctional system and encouraged inmates to fully utilize these opportunities to prepare for successful reintegration into society.



Inauguration of Paper Bag Manufacturing unit at Central Prison Hyderabad

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, inaugurated the **Paper Bag Manufacturing Unit at Central Prison, Hyderabad**, as part of the innovative **“Waste to Wealth” initiative**, in the presence of **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons (Hyderabad Range); **Sri S. M. Khalid Akther**, Assistant Director of Industries; **L. Devla Naik**, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad; and **Smt. B. Amaravathi**, Superintendent, Special Prison for Women Hyderabad, along with other senior prison officials and staff.

The unit has been established with a clear objective of promoting environmental sustainability while simultaneously advancing inmate rehabilitation through skill development. By utilizing recycled newspapers and waste paper materials, the initiative contributes to reducing plastic usage and encourages eco-friendly alternatives, aligning with broader environmental conservation goals. Inmates are being provided with structured, hands-on training in various stages of production, including sorting of raw materials, precision cutting, folding, pasting, designing, and final packaging of paper bags, ensuring both quality output and skill enhancement.

This initiative is expected to serve as a sustainable livelihood model within the prison system, offering inmates meaningful engagement and an opportunity to earn while they learn. It not only helps in developing entrepreneurial and vocational capabilities but also instills discipline, responsibility, and a strong work ethic among inmates. The exposure to such productive activities is anticipated to significantly improve inmates' self-esteem, reduce idleness, and contribute to their psychological well-being.

Addressing the occasion, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** emphasized that correctional institutions must go beyond mere confinement and actively function as centres of transformation and empowerment. Such initiatives, are instrumental in equipping inmates with market-relevant skills, thereby enhancing their chances of successful reintegration into mainstream society after release. The Paper Bag Manufacturing Unit stands as a testament to the Department's progressive and humane approach, reinforcing the vision of “Correction, not mere Confinement,” and paving the way for a more inclusive, skill-oriented, and reform-driven correctional system.



Training Program at Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended a three-day executive training programme titled **“Leadership Competencies in Complex Organizations”** at Indian Institute of Management Indore from **09 to 11 December 2025**. The programme focused on strengthening leadership capabilities required to effectively manage large, diverse, and complex institutions. It emphasized key aspects such as strategic thinking, adaptive leadership, decision-making in dynamic environments, stakeholder engagement, and building collaborative organizational cultures.

The training programme brought together senior officers and professionals from various sectors, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and experiential learning. Through a combination of expert lectures, case study discussions, leadership simulations, and interactive group exercises conducted by distinguished faculty members of IIM Indore, participants explored contemporary leadership frameworks and practical strategies for addressing institutional challenges.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS participation in this prestigious programme reflects the commitment of the Telangana Prisons Department to strengthening professional leadership, improving institutional governance, and adopting innovative management practices in correctional administration. The insights gained from the programme are expected to further support ongoing reforms and capacity-building initiatives within the prisons and correctional services system in Telangana, reinforcing the department’s vision of progressive, efficient, and human-centered correctional management.



Inauguration of Swagatham Portal & Visitors Lounge

The Swagatham Visitors Portal, inaugurated on the occasion by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General Of Prisons & Correctional Services is a digital platform designed to facilitate a structured, transparent, and convenient appointment system for citizens seeking to meet officers at Jail Bhavan. The portal enables visitors to schedule appointments in advance through an organized online system, thereby ensuring clarity, efficiency, and a well-regulated process for interactions with officials. By introducing this platform, the Directorate of Prisons aims to streamline visitor management, reduce waiting time, and promote a transparent and accountable system of public interaction. The initiative reflects the department's commitment to adopting technology-driven solutions to improve administrative functioning and strengthen citizen-centric service delivery.

Along with the portal, the **Visitors' Lounge** was also inaugurated to provide a comfortable, organized, and welcoming environment for citizens visiting the Directorate of Prisons.

The lounge has been designed to offer a dignified waiting space where visitors can be accommodated conveniently while awaiting their scheduled meetings with officers. This facility highlights the department's emphasis on professionalism, courtesy, and public convenience in its day-to-day functioning. By creating a dedicated and well-maintained visitor space, the Directorate aims to ensure that members of the public experience a respectful and orderly administrative environment. These initiatives together signify an important step towards improving transparency, accessibility, and efficiency in the functioning of the Prisons Department while reinforcing its commitment to responsive and citizen-friendly governance.

This programme was 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 Mohd. Yousuf**, Administrative Officer, **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Centra Prison Hyderabad; **Smt Venkata Lakshmi Srinath**, Superintendent, SPW Hyderabad **Sri S. Srinivas Reddy**, Principal, SICA; **Sri K. Sreeman Reddy**, Deputy Superintendent of Jail and **Sri V. Srinu Naik**, Deputy Superintendent of Jails, IT Cell



Inauguration of **SWAGATHAM** portal by **Dr.Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General Of Prisons & Correctional Services



Inauguration of **VISITORS LOUNGE** by **Dr.Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General Of Prisons & Correctional Services

Inauguration of Biometric Attendance System

The **Biometric Attendance System** was inaugurated by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General Of Prisons & Correctional Services, marks an important step towards strengthening administrative discipline, transparency, and accountability within the department. The system has been introduced to ensure accurate and reliable attendance monitoring, promote punctuality among staff members, and enhance overall operational efficiency in the functioning of the Directorate of Prisons. By replacing conventional attendance registers with a technology-driven biometric system, the department aims to maintain precise attendance records while fostering a culture of responsibility, professionalism, and time management among employees.

Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General Of Prisons & Correctional Services emphasized that the adoption of modern technological solutions is essential for effective governance, transparency, and improved public service delivery. It was noted that digital systems such as biometric attendance help minimize manual errors, ensure authenticity in record keeping, and streamline administrative processes. The initiative also reflects the department's broader efforts to integrate technology into routine administration to improve institutional efficiency and accountability.

The implementation of the biometric system is expected to contribute to better workforce management and improved organizational discipline within the Directorate of Prisons. By ensuring a transparent and standardized attendance mechanism, the system supports the department's objective of maintaining professional work standards while strengthening internal administrative practices. This initiative represents another step in the Directorate's ongoing commitment to modernizing its functioning and aligning departmental operations with contemporary governance practices.

This programme was 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 Mohd. Yousuf**, Administrative Officer; **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad; **Smt Venkata Lakshmi Srinath**, Superintendent, SPW Hyderabad; **Sri S. Srinivas Reddy**, Principal, SICA; **Sri K. Sreeman Reddy**, Deputy Superintendent of Jails; and **Sri V. Srinu Naik**, Deputy Superintendent of Jails, IT Cell



Inauguration of "BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE SYSTEM" by Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General Of Prisons & Correctional Services

Conference at Rastria Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, attended the **Round Table Conference of Inspector Generals on Correctional Administration** held at **Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat**, representing the State of Telangana. The conference brought together senior correctional administrators and prison leaders from various States and Union Territories to deliberate on emerging challenges, policy perspectives, and best practices in correctional administration. The event provided a valuable platform for sharing experiences and exchanging professional insights on strengthening prison management, improving institutional security, and enhancing rehabilitation and reformation programmes for inmates. Discussions during the conference focused on modernization of prison infrastructure, adoption of technology in prison administration, and strengthening training and capacity building of prison personnel to ensure more efficient and progressive correctional systems.

On the occasion, **Dr. D. Srinivas**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, also attended the conference as part of the Telangana delegation. Their participation in the round table discussions enabled the sharing of Telangana's initiatives and experiences in correctional administration while also gaining insights into innovative practices followed in other States. The conference served as an important forum for collaborative dialogue among senior prison administrators and contributed to the broader goal of strengthening correctional systems through knowledge exchange and policy discussions. Such national-level interactions help promote cooperation among States and encourage the adoption of best practices for improving correctional administration across the country.



Retreat-2025

Regional Retreat-2025 commenced at the State Institute of Correctional Administration (SICA), Hyderabad, bringing together prison personnel from Warder to Deputy Jailor cadres from various correctional institutions across the State. The programme marks a significant initiative of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, who conceptualized the idea of conducting a State-level retreat by assembling field-level staff from across Telangana on a single platform. This initiative is being organized for the first time in the history of the Telangana Prisons Department, reflecting a progressive administrative approach that recognizes the importance of engaging directly with frontline personnel. In the past, similar interactions were generally held at the range level, which limited broader exchange of experiences and ideas among staff from different regions. By bringing together officers and staff from across the State, the retreat aims to create a meaningful platform for open dialogue, collective reflection, and constructive engagement on matters relating to prison administration. The programme has been structured as a five-day retreat, with three days dedicated to personnel from the Hyderabad Range and two days to personnel from the Warangal Range, conducted on alternate days to ensure effective participation and focused discussions. This arrangement enables wider representation from different prison establishments while maintaining an environment conducive to meaningful interaction and deliberation.



Retreat-2025

Day 2 of the retreat was marked by deeper engagement, reflective discussions, and a continued focus on strengthening professional competencies and collaborative learning. The sessions commenced with an interactive review of key takeaways from Day 1, setting the tone for a more focused and participative approach. Emphasis was placed on practical problem-solving, leadership in challenging environments, and enhancing institutional effectiveness through innovative strategies.

Participants actively engaged in group discussions, case study analyses, and experience-sharing sessions, which provided valuable insights into best practices and real-time challenges faced in the field. The exchange of ideas fostered a spirit of teamwork and collective responsibility, encouraging participants to explore solution-oriented approaches and adaptive leadership styles.

Special sessions on stress management, emotional resilience, and decision-making under pressure added significant value, highlighting the importance of mental well-being alongside professional efficiency. The day also included interactive activities aimed at building trust, communication skills, and coordination among officers, reinforcing the importance of cohesion within the system.

Overall, Day 2 of the retreat proved to be highly productive and enriching, further strengthening the participants' commitment towards professional excellence, ethical practices, and a reform-oriented approach in their respective roles.



Retreat-2025

Here are selected glimpses from the Retreat 2025, capturing key moments of engagement, collaboration, and insightful deliberations :





Retreat-2025

The retreat has been designed to encourage participatory administration by providing an opportunity for field-level personnel to voice their experiences, share practical challenges encountered in their day-to-day duties, and propose innovative ideas for strengthening the correctional system. During the sessions, participants engaged in structured discussions on several critical aspects of prison administration, including strengthening institutional security, promoting staff discipline and welfare, addressing the issue of drug addiction among inmates and the need for establishing de-addiction centres, safeguarding the welfare of women and children in prisons, developing future-oriented correctional institutions, and expanding the use of technology in prison management and service delivery. To ensure inclusive and meaningful participation, the attendees were divided into six teams comprising officers and staff from Deputy Jailor to Warder levels, enabling interaction across different cadres and encouraging collaborative problem-solving. The suggestions, observations, and practical issues raised during these discussions will be carefully documented, reviewed, and consolidated for further examination by senior authorities so that appropriate policy measures and administrative improvements can be undertaken. The inaugural programme was attended by **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Warangal Range; **Smt T. Venkata Laxmi Srinadh**, Superintendent of Jails; **Sri S. Srinivasa Reddy**, Principal, SICA; **Sri A. Sreedhar**, Deputy Superintendent; and **Sri G. Vijaya Deni**, Deputy Superintendent, along with officers and staff of the department. The Regional Retreat represents an important step in fostering open communication, strengthening institutional coordination, and encouraging collective thinking aimed at enhancing the efficiency, professionalism, and modernization of the Telangana Prisons Department while reinforcing its commitment to progressive correctional administration.



Retirements

On 30th December 2025, a warm retirement function was organized at the O/o Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Hyderabad, to honor the retiring Staff **Sri V. Narender Rao**, Senior Assistant, DSJO Karimnagar and **Ms. A.D.Chandrakala**, Senior Assistant, CC to DG Prisons 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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