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NEW YEAR WISHES TO HONORABLE CM

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana State, along with senior officers, called on **Sri A. Revanth Reddy**, Honorable Chief Minister of Telangana, at **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat** on the auspicious occasion of New Year-2026 and conveyed warm New Year greetings on behalf of the Prisons & Correctional Services Department. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister graciously and formally inaugurated the Prisons Department Diary and Wall Calendar for the year 2026.

The delegation was led by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, and included **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons, and **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, who expressed their deep respect and appreciation for the Hon'ble Chief Minister's continued guidance, encouragement, and support to the Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the Prisons & Correctional Services Department towards reformative administration and inmate welfare. He also extended his best wishes to the Department for continued progress and effective implementation of correctional reforms in the coming year.



INAUGURATION OF PRISON STORE AT ALL INDIA INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION (NUMAISH)

The Telangana Prisons Department Store at **NUMAISH-2026 (All India Industrial Exhibition)**, held at Nampally, Hyderabad, was inaugurated by **Sri Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Garu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance, Planning & Energy**, in the esteemed presence of **Sri D. Sridhar Babu Garu, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology, Electronics, Communications, Industries and Commerce**, and **Sri Ponnam Prabhakar Garu, Hon'ble Minister for Transport & BC Welfare, Government of Telangana**. **Sri C. V. Anand, IPS, Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana**, and **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services**, along with other senior officers of the Prisons Department, were present on the occasion. The Telangana Prisons Department has been participating continuously for over **five decades** in this prestigious exhibition by setting up a dedicated stall showcasing and selling articles manufactured by prisoners, which over the years has become a much-anticipated attraction for the public and **has won the Best Stall (Government Sector) award** on multiple occasions for **excellence in presentation, product quality, and public engagement**. This enduring initiative has built a meaningful bridge between prisons and society—**"Behind the bars and beyond limits"**—highlighting the transformative power of reformation through **skill development, livelihood creation, and economic rehabilitation**, while also **promoting innovation and environmental sustainability**. The prison-made products reflect structured vocational training and organised prison industries that **empower inmates as skilled artisans, provide wages to support their families, and enable dignified reintegration into society**. A special highlight of the prison store at **NUMAISH** this year is the **heritage-themed stall, conceptualised as a replica of the historic Central Prison, Chanchalguda, built during the Nizam era**, symbolising the evolution of the prison system from colonial structures to modern centres of correction, reformation, and rehabilitation, and offering visitors a powerful visual and cultural experience. The initiative also reinforces the Department's core philosophy of correction through compassion and opportunity. It stands as a testament to inclusive governance and the State's commitment to transforming lives through reformation and social reintegration.



Unit Officers Review Meeting at SICA

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, chaired a comprehensive **review meeting** with **Unit Officers** at the **Staff Institute of Correctional Administration (SICA)**. The meeting focused on assessing the overall functioning of various prison units, reviewing ongoing reformatory and welfare initiatives for inmates, and strengthening administrative efficiency across the Department. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, emphasized the importance of discipline, accountability, and proactive implementation of correctional programs aimed at rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates into society. The Unit Officers presented updates on **institutional management, security measures, skill development programs, and welfare activities** being undertaken in their respective units. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, appreciated the efforts of the officers and encouraged them to continue working with dedication towards achieving the goals of modern, reform-oriented prison administration.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, also advised the officers to focus on innovative correctional practices, capacity building of staff, and effective monitoring mechanisms to further strengthen the prison administration system. Special emphasis was laid on improving vocational training, educational opportunities, and mental health support for inmates as part of the rehabilitation process. The meeting also highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts among all prison units to maintain high standards of security, transparency, and effective correctional management. The meeting concluded with a collective commitment from all officers to uphold the values of professionalism, integrity, and service in the effective functioning of correctional institutions across the State.



New Year Wishes to Sri C.V Anand, IPS, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Govt.of telangana

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, paid a courtesy call on **Sri C.V. Anand, IPS**, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Telangana, and conveyed warm New Year greetings on behalf of the Prisons & Correctional Services Department. On this occasion, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, extended best wishes for a prosperous and successful New Year and expressed gratitude for the continued guidance and support extended by the Home Department towards strengthening correctional administration in the State.

Sri C.V. Anand, IPS, appreciated the reformatory initiatives and progressive measures undertaken by the Prisons Department under the leadership of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** and encouraged the Department to continue focusing on modernization, effective prison management, and welfare-oriented programs aimed at rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates into society. The interaction reflected the strong coordination between the Home Department and the Prisons & Correctional Services Department in advancing the goals of professional, transparent, and reform-driven prison administration in Telangana.

During the meeting, matters related to strengthening correctional services, improving institutional management, and enhancing staff capacity building were also discussed. Both officers reiterated the importance of adopting innovative and reform-oriented approaches to further improve prison administration in the State. The meeting concluded on a positive note with mutual commitment towards strengthening the correctional framework and ensuring efficient and humane prison management across Telangana.



SRI C.V ANAND, IPS, SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY HOME, VISITED CP CHERLAPALLI.

Sri. C. V. Anand, IPS, Special Chief Secretary (Home) to the Government of Telangana, visited the Central Prison, Cherlapalli, where he was received by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, who accompanied him throughout the visit and made a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation highlighting best practices, reformative activities, educational initiatives, welfare measures and healthcare facilities across Telangana prisons, underscoring their transformation into centres of correction, rehabilitation and skill development. Recalling his tenure as DCP, Central Zone, Hyderabad City, during the inauguration of Central Prison, Cherlapalli in 2000, the Special Chief Secretary (Home) noted that the present visit offered a far more in-depth understanding of the institution's functioning and inspected the prison hospital, stores, Annapurna central kitchen and the industrial complex, where inmates are engaged in soap and home-care product manufacturing, durries and weaving, carpentry, steel fabrication, tailoring and waste-to-wealth initiatives, and appreciated the quality of products, wages paid, nutritious food and medical care. During his visit to the Annapurna kitchen, he reviewed the menu, quantities and food preparation process, personally tasted the lunch served to inmates, expressed satisfaction with its quality and commended Sri. Vijay Kumar, Deputy Jailor, for efficient kitchen management. The Special Chief Secretary (Home) also interacted with inmates to assess living conditions, food, healthcare, education, vocational training and grievance redressal, described the visit as a valuable learning experience, and lauded the officers and staff for their dedicated service, while specifically appreciating reforms under the leadership of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, including the **NIVRUTTI** de-addiction centre for drug-related cases. He congratulated **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, **Sri. N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons, **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons, **Sri. N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, and the entire team for maintaining Central Prison, Cherlapalli in an exemplary manner and for their sustained efforts towards humane and reformative prison administration.



ANNUAL PRESS MEET - 2026

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, announced the progress and key initiatives of the Telangana Prisons Department at the **Annual Press Meet**, stating that during 2025 the Department placed strong and sustained emphasis on **humane correction, prisoner welfare, and staff wellbeing**. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, highlighted that prisoners benefited from expanded **legal aid services, Jail Adalaths, improved court production through video conferencing, comprehensive healthcare, education, skill development, de-addiction programmes, and innovative rehabilitation initiatives** such as fuel outlets, sentence planning, waste-to-wealth projects, and eco-friendly livelihood programmes. Simultaneously, **staff welfare** was strengthened through **health insurance, regular medical check-ups, loan facilities, improved salary packages, sports meets, and enhanced working conditions**. Supported by **major technology upgrades, infrastructure development, and digital governance reforms**, the Telangana Prisons Department has emerged as a national model, earning prestigious awards for hygiene, rehabilitation, and correctional excellence. The Annual Press Meet 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; **Sri M. Sampanth**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, and other senior officials of the Department. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, reaffirmed the Department's commitment to strengthening correctional outcomes through innovation, accountability, and compassion. The initiatives, noted, aim to ensure safer prisons while enabling inmates to return to society as responsible and productive citizens.



DG PRISONS VISITED PRISON STORE AT ALL INDIA INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION (NUMAISH)

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited the Telangana Prisons Department stall at **NUMAISH-2026**, where she reviewed sales performance, product range and public response, interacted with officers and staff, appreciated the quality, affordability and social relevance of prison-made products, and issued valuable suggestions to further enhance sales and visitor facilities and also held a meeting with the exhibition organisation members—**Sri R. Sukesh Reddy**, Vice President; **Sri B. N. Rajesh**, Secretary; **Sri T. Chandrashekar**, Joint Secretary; **Dr. N. Sanjeev Kumar**, Treasurer; and **Smt. D. Sandhya**, Club Convener—to improve coordination and visitor engagement. During the first **18 days** of the exhibition (**1–18 January 2026**), the Department recorded sales of **₹25.43 lakh**, surpassing the total sales of **₹23.64 lakh** in 2025 and **₹20.96 lakh** in 2024, reflecting a strong upward trend and growing public trust, with **4,450** transactions from **19,990 visitors**. Weaving and handloom products emerged as the major contributors, while the newly introduced Prison Honey received an encouraging response, accounting for **7%** of total sales, alongside eco-friendly paper bags made by prisoners reinforcing environmental sustainability. The visit reaffirmed the Department's vision of transforming prisons into centres of correction and rehabilitation and was attended by **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri N. Shivakumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad; **Sri S. M. Khalid Akther**, Assistant Director of Industries; and other senior officers and staff.



INAUGURATION OF 6 WEEKS' FOUNDATION COURSE FOR GROUP-1 OFFICERS AT MCRHRD, HYDERABAD.

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, was prominently present at the flagging-off of the 6-week Combined Foundation Course for Group-I Officers–2026 at **Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana, Hyderabad**, an intensive programme aimed at orienting newly recruited officers to the administrative and governance framework of the State. The course, scheduled from 19 January to 28 February 2026, brings together 274 Group-I officers for a blend of classroom learning, field exposure, inter-service coordination and technology-enabled training. Chief Secretary **K. Ramakrishna Rao**, IAS, inaugurated the programme and called upon the trainees to contribute with commitment, integrity and leadership towards Telangana's vision of inclusive development and a trillion-dollar economy, while **Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**, Director General of Police, emphasised ethical and people-centric governance. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, interacted with the trainees and faculty, highlighting the importance of collaborative governance and holistic training in shaping effective public servants.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Republic Day celebrations 2026 at the SICA Parade Ground were conducted with patriotic fervor, with **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, DG Prisons & Correctional Services as the Chief Guest. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, DG Prisons & CS unfurled the National flag.



As part of Republic Day the "PRISON EXCELLENCE AWARDS" were presented to the Prison Personnel.
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9th National Conference of Correctional Administrators at Vishakapatnam

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, attended the 9th National Conference of Correctional Administrators on the theme **“Towards Humane and Reformatory Correctional Administration in Amrit Kaal”** held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on **28th and 29th January 2026**. The conference brought together senior correctional administrators, policy makers, and prison officials from various States and Union Territories across the country to deliberate on strengthening correctional systems and promoting humane and reformatory approaches in prison administration. The deliberations focused on important aspects such as modernization of prison management, improving rehabilitation and reformation programmes for inmates, strengthening prison security, adoption of technology in correctional services, and enhancing institutional capacity for effective prison governance. The conference provided a valuable platform for participants to share experiences, discuss emerging challenges in correctional administration, and explore innovative strategies for building a progressive and reform-oriented prison system in the country.

On the occasion, **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Warangal Range), also attended the conference as part of the Telangana delegation. Their participation enabled the sharing of Telangana's initiatives and experiences in correctional administration while also gaining insights into best practices adopted by other States. The conference facilitated meaningful discussions on improving inmate rehabilitation programmes, promoting humane prison management practices, and strengthening coordination among correctional institutions across the country. Such national-level forums play an important role in encouraging knowledge exchange, policy dialogue, and collaborative efforts aimed at advancing efficient, humane, and reformatory correctional administration in India. The insights gained from these deliberations are expected to contribute to the continued strengthening and modernization of correctional practices within the Telangana Prisons Department.



Visit to Sub Jail Bhongir

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, visited **Sub Jail Bhongir** as part of the ongoing review of prison administration and correctional facilities in the State. During the visit, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** inspected various sections of the jail premises and reviewed the overall functioning of the institution, including security arrangements, inmate management, sanitation, and welfare measures being implemented for the inmates. The visit provided an opportunity to assess the infrastructure and administrative practices while emphasizing the importance of maintaining discipline, security, and humane treatment of inmates in line with correctional objectives. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** also interacted with prison officials and staff, appreciated their efforts in managing the institution effectively, and encouraged them to continue working with dedication to ensure a secure, well-managed, and reform-oriented correctional environment.



Visit to Sub Jail Parkal

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, visited Sub Jail Parkal as part of the ongoing inspections aimed at reviewing prison administration and the functioning of correctional institutions in the State. During the visit, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, inspected different sections of the jail and assessed the overall management of the facility, including security arrangements, maintenance of the premises, inmate management, and welfare measures available for inmates. The visit provided an opportunity to review the infrastructure and operational practices of the institution while emphasizing the importance of maintaining discipline, proper security protocols, and humane treatment of inmates in accordance with correctional principles. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** also interacted with the prison staff and officials, acknowledged their efforts in effectively managing the institution, and encouraged them to continue working with dedication to maintain a secure, orderly, and reform-oriented correctional environment.



PRESIDENT MEDAL-2025

Dr.Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services presented the Presidential meritorious Medal Awards which was announced by Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi on the Occasion of Republic Day - 2025 to **Sri Y.Rammaiah**, Deputy Superintendent, DJ Karimnagar and **Sri A.Sreedhar**, Superintendent, DJ Khammam on 26.01.2026.



Retirements

On **30th January 2026**, a **warm retirement** function was organized at the Sub Jail Parkal, to honor the retiring officer **Smt Dyanamma**, Assistant Deputy Jailor, Special Prison for Women, Hyderabad **retired** on **31st January 2026** 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.



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