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Presentation of Research Paper at IRCC–2026, Auckland, New Zealand

The research paper was presented at the **International Research in Corrections Conference (IRCC)–2026**, held from 2nd to 5th March 2026 at **Auckland, New Zealand**. A research paper titled **“Breaking Chains: Evaluating the Effectiveness of NIVRUTTI Drug De-Addiction Centres in Central Prisons of Telangana, India”** was presented at the conference. The paper, presented by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, along with co-authors **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG (Warangal Range), and **Dr. T. Hameed Ansar**, highlighted the growing global and national concerns of substance abuse, particularly among prison populations. The presentation focused on the innovative **NIVRUTTI De-Addiction Centres, established in July 2025** across Central Prisons in Telangana. These centres adopt a holistic, multidisciplinary approach involving medical treatment, psychological counselling, social rehabilitation, and post-release support. The research study evaluated the effectiveness of these centres using empirical data collected from **four Central Prisons—Hyderabad, Cherlapalli, Nizamabad, and Sangareddy**. Out of **5,578** inmates admitted during the study period, **75% were screened, and approximately 18.7% were diagnosed with substance use disorders**, indicating a significant prevalence. The study also identified a **“confidence gap”** post-release, highlighting the need for stronger aftercare systems, community linkages, and sustained rehabilitation support to prevent relapse. The paper concluded that prison-based de-addiction programmes like NIVRUTTI are not only therapeutic interventions but also effective crime prevention strategies. It recommended scaling up the model, strengthening medical infrastructure, enhancing staff training, and establishing robust post-release support mechanisms. The presentation was well received, showcasing Telangana’s progressive, evidence-based correctional practices on a global platform.





Premature Release Review Meeting

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, participated in a meeting held at the Secretariat with **Sri C. V. Anand, Special Chief Secretary (Home)**, and **Sri B. Papi Reddy**, Secretary to Government, Law Department, **Sri N. Murali babu**, IG Prisons, and **Sri Y. Rajesh**, IG Prisons regarding the premature release of prisoners in Telangana. The State Level Standing Committee reviewed **case-wise proposals of 102 life convicts (96 men and 6 women)** identified as eligible for premature release under **Government Order No.126** and the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The proposals were examined after a **thorough verification process involving prison authorities** and legal services institutions. Following detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended the eligible cases for further consideration. The proposals have been forwarded to the Government for Cabinet approval and will subsequently be submitted to the Hon'ble Governor for final orders. It may be noted that **in 2024, a total of 213 life convicts** were released through a similar process, with necessary rehabilitation support extended through employment and livelihood initiatives, reflecting the State's continued focus on reformation and reintegration of inmates into society. The review process underscores the Government's commitment to ensuring that justice is balanced with compassion, while maintaining public safety and adherence to legal provisions. Such periodic reviews play a crucial role in recognizing reformed individuals and facilitating their transition back into society as responsible citizens.



Meeting held at secretariat on premature release of prisoners of Telanagana with Sri. C V Anand, IPS, Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPSand Sri B. Papi Reddy

World Book of Records Honour to DG Prisons

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, was honoured by the **World Book of Records, London**, at Jail Bhavan, Hyderabad, in recognition of outstanding contributions to police services and correctional administration. The honour reflects **exceptional leadership in advancing prison reforms, modernization of correctional systems**, and welfare-oriented initiatives, aimed at transforming prisons into centres of reformation and rehabilitation. The award was presented by **Vikram Trivedi**, Director General, World Book of Records and **Shakti Tiwari**, Adjudicator & Secretary, World Book of Records, London in the presence of Representatives from the World Book of Records, London, including **Dr. Ulazi Eliyazar**, Coordinator and **Akansha Shah**, of the organization along with other dignitaries. The World Book of Records London has referred **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, to the **London Parliament for Appreciation and Recognition of contributions to police services and welfare reforms**. On the same occasion, **Sri C. Vamsi Mohan Reddy**, Deputy Superintendent of Police, received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the World Book of Records, London for his multifaceted contributions to sports, religious service, public administration, and social welfare. The recognition serves as a testament to Telangana's commitment towards **innovative governance, public service excellence, and reform-driven correctional administration**, while also motivating continued efforts in strengthening rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives. The occasion marks a significant milestone in showcasing Telangana's achievements on an international platform and reinforces its position as a model for progressive prison reforms. It also inspires continued dedication among officers and staff towards achieving higher standards of excellence in public service.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS receiving World Book of Records honour at Hyderabad for prison reforms.



Sri Vikram Trivedi presenting Certificate of Excellence to Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS with Sri Vikram Trivedi, Sri Shakti Tiwari, Sri C. Vamsi Mohan Reddy and other officials

Pre-Inauguration Preparation For Siddipet Jail Opening

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited the newly constructed District Jail at Siddipet on **21.03.2026** ahead of its inauguration by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. During the visit, **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, reviewed the preparedness for the inauguration, supervised arrangements at the venue, and issued necessary instructions to ensure the smooth conduct of the programme. Coordination with **Sadhana Rashmi Perumal, IPS**, Commissioner of Police, Siddipet, was undertaken to ensure comprehensive security and seamless execution of the event. **The DG Prisons** also inspected the jail premises along with senior officials, including **N. Murali babu**, IG Prisons, **D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons (Hyderabad Range) and **G. Ratnam**, Superintendent, District Jail Siddipet as well as engineers from the Police Housing Corporation, reviewing the quality and progress of works. The Siddipet District Jail, with a **capacity of 415 inmates**, is equipped with modern infrastructure and **high-security "Swastik Cells,"** aimed at enhancing prison security and management. The facility is expected to play a key role in reducing overcrowding and strengthening correctional infrastructure in the State. The visit ensured that all arrangements were in place and reflects the department's commitment to developing modern, secure, and efficient correctional facilities aligned with best practices. It also highlights the **proactive approach of the department in ensuring timely completion and operational readiness** of new infrastructure projects.





Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS with officials during inspection of Siddipet District Jail.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Inaugurates Siddipet District Jail

The **Siddipet District Jail** was inaugurated on **22.03.2026** by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy**, marking a significant milestone in strengthening correctional infrastructure in Telangana. The newly established facility represents a major transition from a **sub-jail to a state-of-the-art correctional institution**, developed with modern infrastructure and a strong focus on security and rehabilitation. Spread over an **area of 32 acres**, the jail has an **accommodation capacity of 415 inmates**, including a dedicated women's block, and is designed to meet contemporary standards of prison administration. The prison is equipped with advanced security systems, surveillance mechanisms, healthcare facilities, educational programmes, and vocational training units, aimed at fostering a reformatory environment. These initiatives are intended to support inmates in acquiring skills, improving mental well-being, and preparing for successful reintegration into society. A notable feature of the facility is the **Swastik Model High Security Barrack**, which enhances monitoring, regulates inmate movement, and strengthens internal security management. This modern design reflects the evolving approach towards efficient and secure prison administration, placing Siddipet among the **progressive high-security correctional institutions in the country**. The project was implemented under the guidance of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, ensuring timely execution, adherence to modern correctional standards, and operational readiness of the institution. The inauguration underscores the **Government's commitment to modernization of prisons**, strengthening of security infrastructure, and promotion of reformatory and rehabilitation-oriented practices, thereby contributing to a more humane and effective correctional system in the State.





Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS with Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy and other dignitaries.



Special Jury Gaddar Award–2025 Event For 23 A Film Based On Unnathi Program Of Telangana Jail Department

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended as the **Chief Guest at the Movie-23 programme held at Press Club, Hyderabad, on 29.03.2026**, on the occasion of the film receiving the **Special Jury Gaddar Award–2025**. The event was attended by prominent personalities from the film industry, media representatives, and members of the public, celebrating the film's recognition for its impactful narrative and social relevance. The programme highlighted the growing influence of cinema as a medium to address contemporary issues and engage audiences meaningfully. During the event, **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, appreciated the efforts of the film team for their **creative excellence and meaningful contribution to society**. She emphasized that cinema plays a vital role in raising awareness, shaping public opinion, and inspiring positive social change, particularly when it reflects real-life challenges and human experiences. Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, underscored the importance of using creative platforms responsibly to promote values of inclusivity, empathy, and social responsibility. The event served as a platform to recognize **artistic achievements** while reinforcing the role of films in fostering constructive dialogue and cultural expression.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS with filmmakers and dignitaries at the Telangana Gaddar Film Awards–2025 event at Press Club, Hyderabad.

Retirement Felicitation Ceremony

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended a **Retirement felicitation** held on **30.03.2026** at the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Hyderabad, **in honour of Sri Pakanati Srinivasa Reddy**, Assistant Deputy Jailor, Central Prison Cherlapalli, on the **occasion of superannuation**. The event was attended by senior officers, staff members, and family members, who gathered to acknowledge and celebrate the dedicated service rendered over the years. The occasion was marked by expressions of appreciation and recognition of commitment towards duty and discipline. The felicitation served as a tribute to the officer's contributions to the department and highlighted the values of dedication, integrity, and professionalism upheld during the tenure of service. The gathering also reflected the **department's culture of honouring its personnel and recognizing their invaluable service**, while extending best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling post-retirement life.



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