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International Conference on Correctional Reforms Inaugurated at ICFAI Law School

A three-day International Conference on “**Correctional Reforms: Novel Vistas**” was inaugurated at ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, from 01.04.2026 to 03.04.2026, in collaboration with the **Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration**. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, attended as Chief Guest and delivered the inaugural address. She highlighted the shift in correctional administration from a punitive approach to one focused on reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration, emphasizing humane treatment and structured support for inmates. She also spoke on key themes including **transformative jurisprudence, institutional efficiency, rehabilitation, mental health**, and the role of technology in prisons, stressing the need for multi-stakeholder collaboration. The conference will cover areas such as correctional psychology, women in corrections, aftercare services, recidivism, and technology in prison systems, with participation from national and international experts. The inaugural session was attended by **Prof. (Dr.) T. Koti Reddy**, Vice Chancellor, IFHE; **Prof. (Dr.) S. Vijayalakshmi**, Registrar, IFHE; **Prof. (Dr.) Y. Pratap Reddy**, Dean, ICFAI Law School; **Dr. K. S. Rekharaj Jain**, Conference Co-ordinator; **Dr. M. R. Ahmed**, Former IG Prisons & Director, APCA; **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons (Warangal Range); along with faculty, academicians, legal experts, researchers, and students.



Dignitaries and officials at the International Conference on “Correctional Reforms: Novel Vistas,” ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad.



Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, speaking at the Correctional Reforms Conference, ICFAI Hyderabad.



Special Chief Secretary Inspects Prisons Department and Government Printing Press

Sri C. V. Anand, IPS, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Telangana, visited the Office of the **Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services and the Government Printing Press**, Malakpet, and reviewed their functioning. He was received by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana. During the visit, he inspected key sections, reviewed administrative systems and infrastructure, and interacted with officials. The Director General briefed him on **ongoing reformation initiatives, institutional management, and measures aimed at improving inmate rehabilitation and welfare**. At the Government Printing Press, he reviewed printing operations and emphasized the need for efficiency and modernization. He reiterated the importance of adopting technology-driven solutions and strengthening administrative efficiency across departments. He appreciated the reform-oriented approach of the Prisons Department and encouraged continued efforts to strengthen correctional administration and rehabilitation initiatives. Senior officers, including **Sri Y. Rajesh**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons; **Sri D. Srinivas**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Hyderabad Range); and **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Warangal Range), were present.



Special Chief Secretary during inspection visit to the Prisons Department, welcomed by Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS.



Inauguration of “NIVRUTTI” De-Addiction Centre at Cherlapalli Central Prison

The “**NIVRUTTI**” De-Addiction Centre was inaugurated at Central Prison, Cherlapalli, by **His Excellency, the Hon’ble Sri Shiv Pratap Shukla**, Governor of Telangana, in the presence of **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, DG Prisons & Correctional Services, and other dignitaries. The Governor highlighted substance abuse as a major public health concern and stressed the need for structured rehabilitation, while appreciating Telangana Prisons for its progressive initiatives aligned with “**Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan**”. **Dr. Soumya Mishra** termed the initiative a milestone in correctional reforms, noting that dedicated de-addiction centres are now operational in all Central Prisons and the Women’s Prison with professional support. She informed that **2,915 inmates** have been screened and **590** have received counselling and therapy, with post-release follow-up ensuring continuity of care. The Governor later visited the Prisoner Agricultural Colony and “**Area 77**” Nature Camp, appreciating vocational, agricultural, and rehabilitation initiatives promoting skill development, self-reliance, and reintegration. The initiative reflects the department’s commitment to transforming prisons into **centres of reform and rehabilitation**. The visit underscored the importance of integrating correctional administration with public health and social reintegration strategies. Senior prison officials, dignitaries, and staff were present.



His Excellency Sri Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurates the “NIVRUTTI” De-Addiction Centre at Cherlapalli Prison in the presence of Dr. Soumya Mishra and other dignitaries.





RETREAT-2026 Inaugurated at SICA Chanchalguda Emphasizes Progressive Prison Reforms and Rehabilitation

RETREAT-2026 of the Telangana Prisons & Correctional Services Department was inaugurated at SICA, Chanchalguda, in the presence of the **Hon'ble Chief Guest Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS**, Special Chief Secretary to Government, Metropolitan Area & Urban Development Department, Government of Telangana, who was received by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, DG Prisons & Correctional Services. The Retreat saw participation from officers across the State, including the IG Prisons. **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, presented the department's best practices and reform initiatives, covering correctional programmes, skill development, education, welfare, healthcare for inmate rehabilitation and outlined major discussion themes drug de-addiction under "**Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan**", prison security and technology, skill-based rehabilitation, futuristic prisons, and issues concerning women and children in prisons. Addressing the gathering, **Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS**, shared his administrative experience, highlighting contributions such as **T-Hub, TS-iPASS, the trifurcation of GHMC, and the Velugu programme**. He encouraged innovative approaches like **branding, marketing, and white-labelling of prison products**, citing examples such as **IKEA** establishing its presence in Hyderabad and referring to his role in overseeing the **GHMC trifurcation**. The Chief Guest stressed teamwork, modern management practices, transparency, and accountability for institutional growth. **Dr. Soumya Mishra** noted that Telangana Prisons is unique in consistently organizing such Retreats, reflecting its commitment to institutional learning and capacity building. The event concluded with a **vote of thanks** to the Chief Guest and participants, expressing confidence in achieving meaningful outcomes from RETREAT-2026. Senior officers including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG of Prisons (Hyderabad Range); and **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG of Prisons (Warangal Range) were present.



“Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, and senior officers during RETREAT-2026 of Telangana Prisons Department.”



Valedictory Session of RETREAT-2026 Held at SICA, Chanchalguda

The **Valedictory session of RETREAT-2026** of the Telangana Prisons & Correctional Services Department was held at SICA, Chanchalguda, in the presence of the **Hon'ble Chief Guest Sri C. V. Anand**, Special Chief Secretary for Home, Government of Telangana, who was received by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services. Superintendents of various prisons presented key aspects of prison administration, including security, rehabilitation, de-addiction, and inmate welfare, reflecting the department's reform-oriented approach. Addressing the gathering, **Sri C. V. Anand** shared his administrative and policing experience, highlighting initiatives such as the **Krusha Venkateshwar Rao bank fraud case, Lake Police, and the SHE App for women's safety**, and recalled appointing the first woman **Station House Officer** in Hyderabad City Police. He appreciated the conduct of RETREAT-2026 and commended the establishment of **de-addiction centres**, suggesting their expansion to district jails. He emphasized strengthening prison security through modern technologies like drones, enhancing family counselling, and expanding video conferencing facilities. He also stressed the principles of **"Cure, Pure, and Rare"** with a focus on environmentally sustainable, carbon-neutral prisons. He encouraged officers to adopt innovative and proactive approaches in addressing emerging challenges in correctional administration. In her concluding remarks, **Dr. Soumya Mishra** expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest and appreciated the active participation of officers, reaffirming the department's commitment to a secure, humane, and reform-oriented correctional system. The session marked the successful conclusion of RETREAT-2026, reinforcing the vision of transforming prisons into centres of reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration. Senior officers including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG of Prisons (Hyderabad Range); and **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG of Prisons (Warangal Range) were present.



“Sri C. V. Anand, Special Chief Secretary (Home), Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, and senior officers during the valedictory session of RETREAT-2026, Telangana Prisons Department.



Mega Health Camp at Central Prison, Chanchalguda under Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika

A **Mega Health Camp** was organized at Central Prison, Chanchalguda under the Government of **Telangana's Praja Palana – Pragati Pranalika**, marking the rollout of medical camps across 35 prisons in the State. The **Hon'ble Minister for Health, Sri Damodar Raja Narasimha**, attended as Chief Guest and was received by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons. The event was attended by senior officials including **Dr. Christina Z. Chongthu, IAS**, Secretary (Health); **Smt. Hari Chandana Dasari, IAS**, District Collector, Hyderabad; **Dr. S. Sangeetha Satyanarayana, IAS**, Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare; **Dr. A. Narendra Kumar**, Director of Medical Education; **Dr. B. Ravinder Naik**, Director of Public Health; and **Dr. J. Ajay Kumar**, Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, along with **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons; and **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison, Chanchalguda. The Minister announced an **MoU for conducting quarterly health check-ups in all prisons** under DM&HO supervision, covering comprehensive screenings. He also assured treatment support for inmates with addiction issues and filling up of medical vacancies in prisons. **Dr. Soumya Mishra** emphasized that regular health camps will aid early diagnosis, timely treatment, and better rehabilitation of inmates. The event concluded with appreciation for all stakeholders involved.





Enhancement of Inmate Accommodation with New G+1 Barrack at Central Prison, Cherlapalli

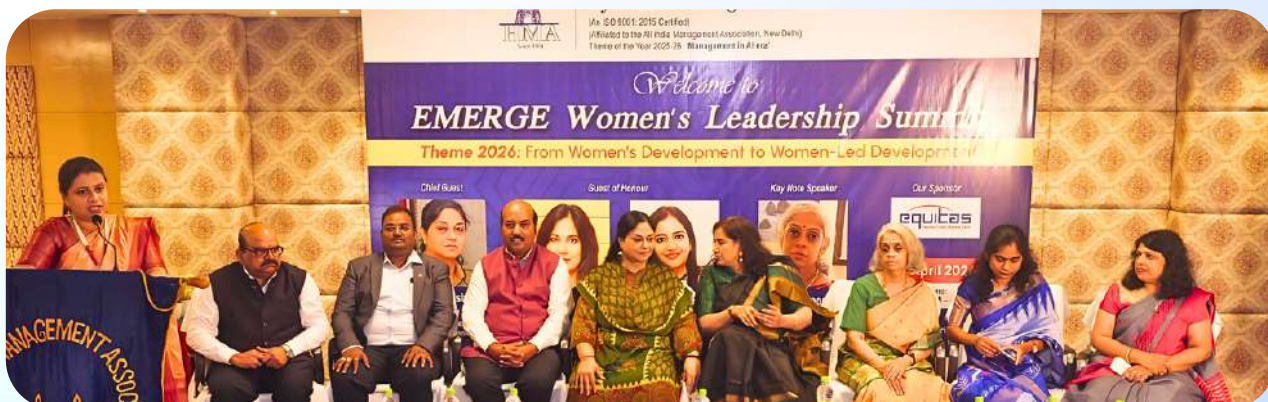
A newly constructed G+1 barrack was inaugurated at **Central Prison, Cherlapalli** by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, adding accommodation for **108 prisoners** and easing congestion. **Dr. Soumya Mishra** stated that the long-pending construction was completed within six months, significantly strengthening infrastructure and improving living conditions. During the visit, the prison garden, industries unit, proposed ITI training centre in collaboration with the Directorate of Employment and Training, prison library, and **NIOS classroom facilities were inspected**, highlighting focus on rehabilitation, education, and skill development. The Department reiterated its commitment to infrastructure development and inmate welfare. The event was attended by **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons (Hyderabad range); **Sri S. M. Khalid Akthar**, Assistant Director of Industries; **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Chanchalguda; and **Sri G. Pramod**, Superintendent, Central Prison, Cherlapalli.





“EMERGE” Women’s Leadership Summit

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, attended the **“EMERGE” Women’s Leadership Summit** as **Chief Guest**, organized by the Hyderabad Management Association, centered on the theme **“From Women’s Development to Women-Led Development.”** Addressing a distinguished gathering including **Karuna Gopal**, President of the Foundation for Futuristic Cities, **Dr. Ch. Preeti Reddy**, Vice-Chairman of **Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth**, and **Chitra Sood**, Director – Product Operations at Google Cloud Operations, **Dr. Soumya Mishra** emphasized that the shift represents a paradigm transformation in policy, leadership, and societal mindset. Drawing from her public service experience, she shared insights on reformative initiatives in Telangana Prisons & Correctional Services focusing on skill development, education, mental well-being, and rehabilitation of women inmates for dignified reintegration. **“When a woman is empowered, she becomes a catalyst for change within her family and community,”** she remarked. The event concluded with a shared commitment to building inclusive ecosystems and recognizing women-led development as a key driver of sustainable and equitable growth.



Enhancement of Capacity at Chanchalguda Central Prison

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, inaugurated a **newly constructed barrack at Central Prison, Chanchalguda**, Hyderabad, enhancing accommodation capacity for **84 additional prisoners** and easing overcrowding. The project, pending for five years, was completed within six months, reflecting the Department's focused efforts to strengthen infrastructure and improve inmate living conditions. Emphasizing a humane and reform-oriented approach, **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, highlighted the importance of such initiatives in ensuring better prison management and welfare. During the visit, **Dr. Soumya Mishra**, inspected the prison hospital, reviewed pathology and blood testing laboratories, **checked the medical store including disposal of expired medicines, and interacted with medical staff and prisoners.** Reviewing the outcomes of a recent medical camp, she directed timely analysis, follow-up treatment, and continuous monitoring of identified health conditions. The Department reiterated its commitment to infrastructure development, decongestion, and rehabilitation of prisoners. The programme was attended by **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons (Hyderabad range); and **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison, Chanchalguda, along with other officials.



“Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, inaugurating a new barrack at Central Prison, Chanchalguda, in the presence of Prison officials.”



Inspection of Sub Jail, Suryapet

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, visited **Sub Jail, Suryapet** and conducted a comprehensive inspection of the institution. During the visit, key aspects of prison administration **such as food quality, security arrangements, sanitation, and inmate facilities** were reviewed. Dr. Soumya Mishra also interacted with inmates, enquired about their well-being, and gathered feedback on the services being provided. The **DG Prisons** emphasized the importance of ensuring proper care, safety, and welfare of inmates, while focusing on effective correctional practices for reformation and rehabilitation. The inspection was attended by **D. Srinivas**, DIG (Hyderabad Range), **R. Shoban Babu**, and **B. Sudhakar** along with other prison staff. The visit reflects the department's continued efforts towards maintaining high standards of prison management and inmate welfare across all institutions.



On the same day, **Dr. Soumya Mishra** launched the “**Arrive Alive**” programme and urged collective efforts to make the district accident-free, citing overspeeding, drunken driving and non-use of helmets and seat belts as major causes, with **4.5 lakh** deaths reported nationwide in 2023. **District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar** said **45 black spots** have been identified, with **78 deaths** in 2026 (till April), while DIG **Dr. D. Srinivas**, Additional SP **Ravinder Reddy**, RTC DM **Sunitha**, RTO **Jayaprakash Reddy**, MLA **Nalamada Padmavathi Reddy**, SP **K. Narasimha** and others attended.



Field Training Visit of Trainee IPS & DSP Officers to Central Prison, Cherlapalli

Trainee IPS officers of the **RR 77th Batch** from the **National Police Academy**, along with **102 Trainee Deputy Superintendents of Police** from **RBVRR Telangana Police Academy**, visited **Central Prison, Cherlapalli** as part of their field training programme. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, briefed the trainees on prison administration and reformatory initiatives, including **de-addiction centres under "Nivrutti,"** emphasizing the transformation of prisons into correctional institutions guided by the motto **"Custody with Care."** A detailed presentation on administration, welfare activities, and new initiatives was delivered by **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons. The trainees were taken on a comprehensive tour of facilities including **Sanjeevani (Prison Hospital), Prison Industry units, Annapurna (Prisoners' Kitchen), the Library, Prisoners' Barracks, and the Prisoners' Agricultural Colony at Cherlapalli**, where inmate-driven activities such as poultry, dairy farming, fishery, and agriculture were observed. The visit concluded with a debrief session at **PAC Cherlapalli**, where all queries of the trainees were addressed. Senior officials present included **Sri N. Murali Babu**, Inspector General of Prisons, **Sri D. Srinivas**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Hyderabad Range), **Sri G. Pramod**, Superintendent, Central Prison Cherlapalli, **Sri D. Bharath**, Superintendent, Prisoners' Agricultural Colony Cherlapalli, **Sri Satish Kumar**, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and **C. Deva Reddy**, Deputy Superintendent of Police from Telangana Police Academy.





Interactive Session on Drug Abuse & Rehabilitation at SICA

An interactive session on **Drug abuse and Rehabilitation** was conducted at **SICA** with **Sri Sandeep Shandilya, IPS (Retd.)**, Director of **EAGLE Force**, for staff of **Nivrutti De-Addiction Centres from four Central Prisons** and the **Special Prison for Women**, Hyderabad, during which **216 drug testing kits** were distributed to strengthen monitoring and control of substance abuse within prisons. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, highlighted that de-addiction centres have been established in all Central Prisons and the Special Prison for Women under the **“Nasha Mukht Bharat”** initiative, making Telangana the first State to implement such a model within prisons. Presentations on Nivrutti initiatives and impact studies were delivered by **Ms. Samhita**, Project Director, and **Sri M. Sampath**, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (Warangal Range). The session featured practical insights by **Sri Sandeep Shandilya** on managing substance abuse, emphasizing counselling, behavioural change, and rehabilitation. Senior officials including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons, **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG(Warangal Range), **Sri Santosh Kumar Roy**, **Smt. T. Venkata Lakshmi**, **Sri G. Pramod**, and **Sri S. Srinivas Reddy** were present.



Felicitation of Meritorious Children of Prison Personnel at SICA

A **Felicitation programme** was held at SICA, Chanchalguda, to honour **19 meritorious** children of prison personnel who secured **90% and above in SSC, Intermediate, and B.Tech during the 2024–2025** academic year. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons, felicitated the students and interacted with them, encouraging higher academic and professional goals while appreciating the efforts of parents serving in demanding prison duties. She shared inspiring instances of past awardees who later joined the IAS and IPS, expressing confidence that these students would achieve similar success. The programme created a motivating atmosphere, with parents expressing gratitude for the initiative. Senior officials present included **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) and **Sri S. Srinivasa Reddy**, Principal, SICA, along with other staff members.





Telangana Prisons Unveil Jail Museum at SICA, Chanchalguda

The Telangana Prisons Department announced the establishment of a **Jail Museum** at the State Institute of Correctional Administration (SICA), Chanchalguda, marking a milestone in preserving the history and transformation of prison administration. This becomes the **fifth Jail Museum in India** after those in **Andaman & Nicobar, Alipore (Kolkata), Bangalore (Karnataka), and Goa**. An earlier museum at Sangareddy had collapsed a few years ago; the concept was revitalized and expanded by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, DG Prisons & Correctional Services, with the support of senior officials **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons, **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons(Hyderabad Range), **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons(Warangal Range) and **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad, relocating and curating earlier exhibits into a **modern museum at SICA, Chanchalguda**. The museum presents the evolution of prisons from ancient to modern times through thematic paintings, installations, and curated exhibits depicting historical crime and punishment practices, alongside displays of shackles, chains, fetters, recreated prison cells, and original artefacts reflecting earlier prison conditions. It highlights the shift of the Telangana Prisons Department from a punitive to a correctional system. The museum offering a real-time experience of Jail life "**Jail Anubhavam**", enabling visitors to gain a comprehensive understanding of prison systems.





DG Prisons Inaugurates “My Nation” Filling Station and Administrative Block, Reviews Facilities in Warangal

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons, Telangana, visited Warangal district on 27.04.2026, inaugurating the **32nd “My Nation” Filling Station of Indian Oil Corporation Limited** at Khanapur, Narsampet, aimed at providing sustainable livelihood opportunities to reformed and released prisoners for their reintegration into society, and appreciated Indian Oil Corporation for its partnership in promoting inclusive initiatives. During the visit, she inspected the **Special Prison for Women (SPW), Narsampet**, reviewing security arrangements, inmate welfare, food quality, healthcare services, and hygiene, and interacted with women inmates, encouraging participation in rehabilitation and skill development programmes. She later inaugurated the **newly constructed administrative building at Central Prison, Warangal (Mamnoor)**, enhancing administrative efficiency and infrastructure, and reviewed overall prison functioning, stressing improvements in security, modernization, and welfare measures. The visit reflects the Telangana Prisons Department’s focus on balancing custodial responsibilities with reformatory and rehabilitative efforts. Senior officials present included **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons, Warangal Range; **Sri S Ankit Kumar, IPS**, DCP Warangal, **Sri T. Kalasagar**, Superintendent, Central Prison Warangal at Mamnoor; **Sri P. Venkateswara Swami**, DSJO Warangal, and Indian Oil Corporation representative **Sri Y. Sarath**, Divisional Retail Sales Head, Warangal.





Induction Training Programme at SICA for Capacity Augmentation of Delhi Prisons

“Strengthening Correctional Leadership: DGP Telangana Inaugurates Induction Training for Delhi Prisons Personnel at SICA” – The Basic Induction Training Programme for personnel of Delhi Prisons was formally inaugurated at the State Institute of Correctional Administration (SICA), Chanchalguda, by the **Hon’ble Chief Guest B. Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**, Director General of Police, Telangana, who was received by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General, Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana, along with senior officers and SICA faculty; the initiative reflects strong inter-state collaboration in correctional administration, with **381 Delhi Prisons personnel** nominated for phased training in 2026, and **Phase-I commencing with 62 trainees** (61 from Delhi Prisons and 1 Warder from Telangana), comprising **18 Assistant Superintendents** (15 men, 3 women), 43 Matrons/Women Warders, and 1 Male Warder from Telangana; in his address, **Sri B. Shivadhar Reddy** emphasized that prison service extends beyond lock-and-key duties, focusing on reformation and reintegration, and urged trainees to uphold discipline, integrity, and dignity towards inmates; addressing the gathering, **Dr. Soumya Mishra** highlighted institutional training and inter-state cooperation, noting the trust reposed by Delhi Prisons in SICA’s capabilities; On the occasion, the officers and staff of the Prison Department also **celebrated the 60th birthday of Sri B. Shivadhar Reddy, IPS**, marking the moment with gratitude for his leadership and service. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks in the presence of senior officers including **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons; **Dr. D. Srinivas**, DIG Prisons, (Hyderabad Range), **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG Prisons (Warangal Range), **Sri N. Shiva Kumar Goud**, Superintendent, Central Prison Hyderabad; **Sri G. Pramod**, Superintendent, Central Prison Cherlapalli; **Sri D. Bharath**, Superintendent, PAC Cherlapalli; **Smt. Venkata Lakshmi Srinath**, Superintendent, Special Prison for Women, Hyderabad; and **Sri S. Srinivasa Reddy**, Principal, SICA, **Sri Subbi Rami Reddy**, ACP Malkpet along with other officers, staff, and trainees.







Grand Farewell to Shri B. Shivadhar Reddy, Hon'ble DGP, Telangana

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Telangana attended the retirement ceremony of outgoing **Shri B. Shivadhar Reddy, honourable DGP**, held in a cordial and emotional atmosphere at the **State Police Headquarters**. The ceremony marked the culmination of Shivadhar Reddy's distinguished **32-year service** in policing. **Dr. Soumya Mishra's** presence reflected the strong coordination and professional camaraderie between the Prisons Department and the Police Department, and interaction with senior officers underscored continued commitment to collaborative efforts in strengthening correctional administration and public safety. Speaking on the occasion, **Shri C. V. Anand, IPS** praised Shivadhar Reddy's invaluable service and highlighted contributions in **tackling Naxalism as District SP and SIB officer**, including efforts in Maoist encounters and surrenders, while **Shri Shivadhar Reddy** expressed gratitude to all who supported professional journey and advised young officers to uphold the reputation of the police department. Senior IPS officers, including **TG CSP Director Shikha Goel, Prisons DG Soumya Mishra, TSLPRB Chairman V.V. Srinivasa Rao, SPF DG Swati Lakra, Intelligence Additional DG Vijay Kumar**, and several other IPS officers participated in the event. The event featured a ceremonial parade and the traditional farewell procession, where IPS officers pulled the decorated vehicle carrying Shivadhar Reddy up to the main gate as a mark of respect.



**DGP Shri B. Shivdhar Reddy with Senior IPS Officers and Telangana Police Officials
at Farewell Ceremony**

Utkal Divas Celebrations at Lok Bhavan

Odisha State Formation Day (Utkal Divas) was celebrated at **Lok Bhavan**, Hyderabad, as part of the '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**' programme, with active participation of the Odia community residing in the city. The **Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla**, attended as the Chief Guest and described Odisha (Kalinga) as a symbol of courage, bravery, and rich cultural heritage, highlighting its global cultural significance through references to the Puri Jagannath Temple, Rath Yatra, Odissi dance, Ikkat textiles, and the Konark Sun Temple. **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, participated in the programme, which was also attended by **Smt. Janki Shukla, Shri M. Dana Kishore**, Special Chief Secretary to the Governor, and **Shri K. Shashikiranachari**, Joint Secretary, along with representatives of Odisha communities. The event featured ceremonial lamp lighting and cultural interactions, reflecting the spirit of national integration and cultural unity. The Governor emphasized strengthening cultural bonds between states to foster mutual understanding and harmony.



Retirement Felicitation at DG Prisons & Correctional Services

A **retirement felicitation function** was organised on 30th April, 2026 at the Directorate General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Hyderabad, to honour the dedicated services of staff members retiring upon attaining the age of superannuation, namely **Sri Kethavath Badar Singh**, Assistant Deputy Jailor, District Jail Adilabad, **Smt. Pabathi Anitha**, Senior Assistant, O/o DG Prisons & Correctional Services, **Sri Sursani Giri Vardhan Reddy**, Head Warder, District Jail Mahabubnagar, and **Sri M. Madhusudhan**, Head Warder, Central Prison Nizamabad; the programme was graced by **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS**, Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, along with senior officers including **Sri Y. Rajesh**, IG Prisons (Welfare), **Sri N. Murali Babu**, IG Prisons (Admin), **Sri M. Sampath**, DIG of Prisons (Warangal Range), **Mohd. Yousuf**, Administrative Officer, and other senior officers, staff members, and family members of the retiring employees, making the occasion warm and memorable; speaking on the occasion, **Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS** felicitated the retiring officials and commended their unblemished service, sincerity, and dedication to the Department, and as a token of appreciation, a cheque from the **Welfare Fund accumulated through monthly salary contributions** was presented to the retirees.



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