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Creation and augmentation of correctional wing in prisons: An introductory note

According to NCRB's Prisons Statistics India-2015, there are 1,34,168 convicts confined in Indian prisons as on 31 December 2015.

Except the convicts awarded death sentence (and given the current situation where actual executions have become extremely rare), almost all convicts will be released back into the society at some time. Our prison services are mandated to ensure that the causes of those prisoners' criminal behaviour are addressed, and that prisoners receive the treatment, care and support they require, for their successful reformation and meaningful rehabilitation and effective reintegration upon their release. That is, prisons and correctional services must succeed in their stated goal, i.e., 'correction'. Only then prisoners will re-enter the community with the capacity to live independently and in a law-abiding manner.

However, a close examination of contemporary realities reveals a different picture. The system now does not seem to be doing much 'correcting' due to several structural, procedural and functional anomalies in our correctional administration. The All India Committee on Jail Reforms, way back in 1980s rightly opined as follows: *Prisons are expected to re-educate one who has been declared a criminal in order to help him eventually to be rehabilitated in an atmosphere of healthy social interactions and to promote the prospects of his reclamations in the social milieu. The existing prison conditions in general are, however, not conducive to the fulfillment of this objective...there is no clarity regarding the contents of correctional treatment.*

It is high time we need to acknowledge that as long as we keep the correctional system as it is, statements on papers and declarations will do no further good. What is required is a comprehensive overhaul of the system, with an emphasis on 'correction'. It is meaningless to go on proclaiming that 'correction is the main purpose of imprisonment' while the key focus of prison administration continues to be on safe custody of inmates alone.

Correctional work is a specialized job and should be performed by personnel with essential qualification and adequate training. Lack of sufficient number of correctional staff is a major obstacle in achieving the objectives of correctional administration. States like Uttar Pradesh, where there is only one correctional cadre staff to take care of 88747 inmates, as per PSI-2015. States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand etc do not have correctional cadre staff at all. The all India average of correctional staff v/s inmate ratio is one officer per 703 inmates. This is a clear indication of the sad state of affairs, as correctional work is mentioned as one of the main objectives of prisons, whereas, in most of the States the correctional wing is either poorly staffed or do not exist at all. Added to this, the issue of rehabilitation of prisoners after release and their subsequent reintegration into society also needs attention.

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Sri. N.S. Meghrikh IPS, took over as ADGP & IG Prisons in Karnataka



Sri. N.S. Meghrikh IPS, took over as new ADGP and IG Prisons of Karnataka on 18.07.2017. He was born on 10th July, 1960, and hails from Nimaj, Rajasthan. He has obtained his M.Com from Rajasthan University. He joined the Indian Police Service in the year 1987 and was allotted to Karnataka State Cadre. After completion of training at National Police Academy, Hyderabad, he served as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hospet; Superintendent of Police of Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada Districts, CID, Lokayukta; Deputy Commissioner of Police, East and South Divisions in Bengaluru City. He also served in Government of India as Superintendent of Police, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He was Deputy Inspector General of Police (Administration); Director (Personnel & Environment), Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation; Additional Commissioner of Police (C.A.R); Inspector General of Police (Vigilance), Water Resources Dept. and Karnataka State Human Rights Commission; Commissioner for Youth Services & Sports. He was promoted to the rank of Additional Director General of Police on 01.01.2012 and served in C.I.D., Crime and Technical Services and Law & Order. He was Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City from 31.07.2015 to 01.01.2017. He was Additional Director General of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru from 02.01.2017 to 18.07.2017. He is a recipient of Police Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day, 2003 and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service on the occasion of Independence Day, 2012. The Academy welcomes him to its Board of Management.

Special Events

Sri. V.S.K. Kaumudi IPS, A.D.G of BPR&D, visited the Academy



Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, honoring Sri. V.S.K. Kaumudi IPS, A.D.G of BPR&D during his visit to APCA. Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director is also seen.

Sri. Varun Sindhu Kul Kaumudi IPS, Additional Director General of BPR&D visited the Academy on 21-22, August 2017. During the visit, the ADG has reviewed the Training Manuals for prison officers and warders being prepared by APCA. He also examined the layout and designs of Central Prison, District Prison and Residential Quarters for Prison Officials submitted by Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation. He also had detailed discussions about key administrative and training matters of APCA. The ADG also addressed the trainee officers of APCA during this visit. Further, he has visited Central Prison and Special Prison for Women, Vellore, along with Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director and faculty members of APCA.

Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, panelist in a One-Day Seminar Organized by ICA, Chandigarh



Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, APCA, receiving a memento from Dr. Harish Ranga, Addl. I.G. of Prisons, Haryana, during the occasion.

Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, APCA, attended and served as panelist in a one-day National Seminar on 'Prison Reforms: Need for Paradigm Shift' organized by the Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Haryana Prisons Department on 18th July, the Nelson Mandela International Day, observed in honour of Nelson Mandela.

The seminar was inaugurated by Sri. Krishan Lal Panwar, Hon'ble Minister for Jail, Haryana. His Excellency Sri. K.S. Solanki, Honorable Governor of Haryana, graced the valedictory function as the chief guest. There were three technical sessions on the themes: (1) Living Conditions in Indian Jails; (2) Health and Well-Being Issues of Prisoners and Staff; and (3) Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Prisoners. Director, APCA was a panelist in the first session on 'Living Conditions in Indian Jails'. After attending the seminar, Director, APCA arranged an interaction meeting for the faculty members and trainee officers at APCA to share the key discussion points of the seminar and also the seminar experiences.

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What needs to be done?

Attention of stakeholders is invited to the importance of 'correction' laid down in the Model Prison Manual (2016). Chapter III of the Manual on 'Headquarters Organization' prescribes as follows: There shall be two main wings at the headquarters level: (i) the Executive Wing; and (ii) the Correctional Wing. The Executive Wing will be headed by an officer not below the rank of Inspector General or equivalent rank and such officer may be assisted by officers of different ranks from the prison department. The Correctional Wing will

be headed by a Joint Director (Correctional Services), assisted by Deputy Director/Assistant Directors, Chief Psychologist and Chief Welfare Officer. The Joint Director (Correctional Service) will be responsible for probation services, welfare services, educational services, vocational training/ skill development, premature release, recommendation of parole, leave, rehabilitation services, etc.

Similarly Chapter IV on 'Institutional Personnel' prescribes that in prisons there shall be Welfare Units (comprising of Assistant Director, Correctional Services; Welfare Officer; Law Officer; Counsellor; Probation Officer; Psychologist), Educational Personnel (Teachers; Physical Training Instructor), Technical Personnel (Instructors; Foremen etc.), Agricultural (Supervisors; Agricultural Assistants). It further prescribes that the Welfare Unit personnel will primarily be concerned with the wellbeing of prisoners, undertaking individualised care for those needing institutional adjustment and responsiveness through correctional programmes.

Creation and augmentation of correctional wings in prison department is an essential priority in today's atmosphere. We may need to examine the good practices and systems available in other countries. For instance the Singapore Prison Services have exclusive divisions such as Division of Rehabilitation and Reintegration (responsible for rehabilitation policy and planning, programme management etc.), Division of Psychological and Correctional Rehabilitation (responsible for psychological programme development, correctional rehabilitation planning and services etc.). In United States, the Federal Bureau of Prisons have divisions such as Correctional Programs Division (CPD) and the Reentry Services Division (RSD). The CPD develops activities and programs designed to appropriately classify inmates and develop the skills necessary to facilitate the successful reintegration of inmates into their communities upon release. The RSD provides enhanced oversight and direction in the critical area of offender reentry by focusing on reentry programming and community resource transition. The RSD is comprised of various branches such as Education Services, Chaplaincy Services, Residential Reentry Management and Psychology Services. Together these branches plan and implement strategies for effective reformation and rehabilitation of prison inmates. Similar examples are available in other countries also.

Hence it is understood that the 'correcting' function of the prisons will be possible only through creation and augmentation of correctional wing supported with necessary policy guidelines, infrastructure, staff, and other resources. Without performing any correctional function, how can the system be called 'correctional services'? The three important goals of correctional administration, i.e., reformation, rehabilitation and reintegration will be achieved only when there are enough infrastructural support. The prison services should appoint correctional cadre staff such as welfare officers, counselors, psychologists, etc. Not only that, whatever efforts taken inside the prison towards reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners will be meaningful only when there are sufficient mechanism for reintegration and aftercare. Hence the issue of aftercare also needs attention. In brief, there must be a concerted effort from all stakeholders to enable our correctional administration to serve its purpose in an effective manner.

Courses and Programmes Conducted During July-September 2017

Inauguration of 16th Batch One Month Refresher Course, 4th July 2017



Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, inaugurating the 16th Batch Refresher Course for Prison Officers.

Inauguration of 16th Batch One Month Refresher Course for prison officers was held on 4th July 2017 at the Academy. Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, inaugurated the course. A total of 8 officers including Deputy Jailors and Probation Officers from the states Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu reported for the course.

Visit to Central Prisons Complex, Puzhal, Chennai, 6th July 2017



Trainee officers of APCA along with Sri. Murugesan, Superintendent of Central Prison and DIG i/c, Chennai.

Trainee officers of 30th Batch In-service Course and 16th Batch Refresher Course, and 2nd Batch Basic Course for Psychologists visited Central Prisons-I, II and Special Prison for Women, Puzhal, Chennai on 6th July 2017. During the visit, they have interacted with Sri. Murugesan, Superintendent of Central Jail and DIG i/c. Dr. T.H. Ansar, Research Officer, APCA led group.

Two-week long internship of Madras University students concludes, 7th July 2017

The Academy has hosted a two-week long internship programme for 5 students of M.Sc. Criminology and CJS, Department of Criminology, University of Madras, Chennai. The students were exposed to various training, field visit, research and allied activities of the Academy.



Student interns from Department of Criminology, University of Madras along with Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director, and faculty members of APCA.

Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director, APCA, presented the certificate of completion to students. Dr. A. Mathan Raj, Lecturer, APCA coordinated the internship programme.

One-day training on 'First Aid CPR Techniques', 13th July 2017



Dr. K. Moses, Associate Professor, CMC, taking a session during the training programme.

A one-day training programme on 'First Aid Management and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Technique' was organized for the trainee officers of Academy by the Department of Emergency Medicine, Christian Medical College, Vellore on 13th July 2017. Dr. Reginald Alex, Professor; Dr. K. Moses, Associate Professor; Dr. Rishal Rahman, Asst. Professor; Sri. John Samuel, Lecturer; and Sri. Yuvaraj, Lecturer, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, CMC, Vellore have handled sessions on how to provide primary level care during medical emergencies like cardiac problems and chest pain, scalds and burns, seizures, snake bites etc. Demonstrations on artificial breathing methods and other emergency care protocols were conducted to provide the trainees hands on experience to handle similar situations.

Training on 'Electricity and safety measures', 19th July 2017

A training session on 'Electricity and safety measures' was organized for the trainee officers of the Academy on 19th July 2017. Sri. Arutchelvan, Executive Engineer, Electrical Safety Dept., TANGEDCO, handled the session. He explained the possible threats and dangers while handling electricity and the necessary safety measures and precautions to be taken while handling such occasions.

3-day 'Life Style Management Course for Prison Officers', 24th -27th July 2017



Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, addressing the participants of 'Lifestyle Management Course for Prison Officers'.

A 3-day 'Lifestyle Management Course for Prison Officers' was organized in collaboration with Auxilium College, Vellore from 24th-27th July 2017 at the Academy. Sri. V.S. Raja, Director inaugurated the course. Sessions on topics such as Personality Management, Stress Management, Etiquette Management, Relationship Management, Creativity Management, Time Management, Emotional & Spiritual Management, Problem Solving, Conflict Management, Decision Making, Health Management, Nutrition Management etc. were included in the training programme. Dr. Beulah Suresh, Asst. Professor & Head, Dept. of Business Administration, Auxilium College; Dr. Jayaprakash Jala, Asst. Professor (Senior), Academic Staff College VIT University, Vellore; Dr. Sr. Jeyaceli, Asst. Professor and Head, Dept. of Tamil, Auxilium College; Ms. Preethi and Sr. Sagayamary, Asst. Professors, Dept. of Business Administration, Auxilium College; Dr. Priscilla Snahalatha, Senior Medical Officer, Drug Resistant TB Centre, Govt. Vellore Medical College; Dr. Amudha, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English, Auxilium College; Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Head, Department of Management Studies & Training and Development, CMCH, Vellore etc. were the resource persons. A total of 23 prison officers in the cadre of Assistant Jailor, Jailor, Chief Warder, Deputy Jailor, Assistant Superintendent Gr.II, Psychologist etc. from the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, and Telangana attended the course.

3-day 'Change Management Course for Prison Officers', 27th -29th July 2017



Dr. B. Prabu Christopher, Assistant Director, ASC, VIT University inaugurating the course.

A 3-day course on 'Change Management Course for Prison Officers' was organized in collaboration with VIT University, Vellore from 27th-29th July 2017 at the Academy. Dr. B. Prabu Christopher, Assistant Director, Academic Staff College, VIT University, inaugurated the course. Sessions on topics such as, The Process Of Change Management; Group Discussion on 'Areas that need change in Prison Administration; Prisons & Change -The Mission of the Prisons; Motivating employees to accept change; Creativity and Innovation; Action plan on effective Management of Prisons-Changes needed; Personal Effectiveness based on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People; Financial Management and the changes needed in Prisons Leadership styles; Professionalizing the Prison Administration; Individual change (Johari Window); Personal Finance etc. were included in the programme. Sri.V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director, APCA; Prof.H.Ramaseshan; Dr.TNVRL Swamy; Prof. Padmavathy; Sri. Gemini V.Joy; Prof.M.Manoharan; Prof.Seetharam; Prof.Visalakshmi; Prof.Himanshu Tandon etc. were the resource person. A total of 23 prison officers in the cadre of Assistant Jailor, Jailor, Chief Warder, Deputy Jailor, Assistant Superintendent Gr.II, Psychologist etc. from the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, and Telangana attended the course.

Valediction of 16th Batch One Month Refresher Course, 2nd August 2017

The valediction of 16th Batch One Month Refresher Course for prison officers was held on 2nd August 2017 at the Academy. A total of 8 prison officers in the cadre of Deputy Jailors and Probation Officers from the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh attended the course.

Trainee officers visited DPA Society and attended distribution of financial assistance to ex-prisoners function, 2nd August 2017



Trainee officers of APCA along with Smt. S. Anandhi, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director, Sri. T.M. Vijayaraghavalu, Vice President, DPA Society, and faculty members during their visit to DPA society.

Trainee officers and faculty of the Academy visited Discharged Prisoners Aid Society, Vellore and attended a function organized to distribute financial assistance to released prisoners on 2nd August 2017. Smt. S. Anandhi, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Vellore distributed the funds. Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, and Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director, APCA were the guests of honor. Sri. T.M. Vijayaraghavalu, Senior Advocate and Vice President, DPA Society, presided over the function.

Study tour of 30th Batch In-Service Course & 2nd Batch Basic Course for Psychologists, 4th-10th August 2017

15 trainee officers of 30th Batch In-Service Course and 2nd Batch Basic Course for Psychologists visited various prisons and correctional institutions in the states of Goa, Karnataka and Kerala from 4th to 10th August 2017. As part of their tour they visited Central Prison, Colvale, Goa; District Prison, Uduppi, Karnataka; Open Prison, Cheemeni; SICA Regional Centre, Women Prison, and Central Prison, Kannur, Kerala. Sri. R. Kanagaraj, Lecturer led the tour.

Independence Day Celebration, 15th August 2017



Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, hoisting the national flag during the occasion.

The Academy has celebrated 70th Independence Day of the nation on 15th August 2017. Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day message. The Director also presented a certificate of appreciation and cash award to Sri. Nakkeeran, Junior Assistant, for rendering commendable service to the Academy. Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director was also present during the occasion.

10-Day Computer Course for Prison Staff, 1st – 11th August 2017



Trainees of Computer Course along with Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director, and faculty members of APCA.

A 10-day computer course for prison staff was organized by the Academy from 1st-11th August 2017. A total of 15 prison personnel from ministerial cadre attended the course. Sri.V.S.Raja, Director distributed the certificates to the participants on completion of the course.

Convocation of 30th Batch In-service Course and 2nd Batch Basic Course for Psychologists, 4th September 2017



Smt. M.Jeyagowri, Assistant Jailor, Tamil Nadu, receiving the Best All Rounder Medal and Certificate from Sri. R. Kanagaraj, DIG of Prisons, Madurai Range, Tamil Nadu during the convocation function. Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director are also seen.

Convocation of the trainee officers of 30th Batch of In-Service Course and 2nd Batch Basic Course for Psychologists was held on 4th September 2017. Sri. R. Kanagaraj, DIG of Prisons, Madurai Range, Tamil Nadu was the chief guest for the function. He congratulated the trainee officers and motivated them to make a progress in prison system. Sri.V.S.Raja, Director gave the welcome address and presented the course report. Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director proposed vote of thanks. A total of 15 prison officers in the rank of Assistant Jailor, Chief Warder, Jailor, Deputy Jailor, Assistant Superintendent Gr.II, and Psychologist from the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala successfully completed the course and received their certificates during the function. Smt. M.Jeyagowri, Assistant Jailor from Tamil Nadu received Best All Rounder medal. Sri. K. Subhash, Deputy Jailor from Telangana, received the medal for Best in Outdoor and Sri. M. Krishnamurthy, Jailor from Telangana received Best in Subjects medal.

News from Participating States

Andhra Pradesh

Skill Development Centre inaugurated at central jail

Rajamahendravaram: A Skill Development Centre (SDC) was inaugurated at the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison on 15th July 2017. Sri. Nagesh, Deputy General Manager (HR) of HPCL and Secretary of Skill Development Institute (SDI), Visakhapatnam was the chief guest in the inaugural function. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. M. Varaprasad, Superintendent of Central Prison, said that SDI will impart training to 400 inmates in trades like welding, plumbing and fabrication. He said that this is part of prisoners' rehabilitation and reformation programme for their livelihood after their release.

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Nagesh said that the SDC will promote awareness among the prisoners. The centre imparts soft skills in addition to training in respective trades that the prisoners opted. He said that this centre got approval as the special project under the Pradhan Mantri Kausal Vikas Yojana by the National Skill Development Corporation. (Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/>, 15.07.2017)

Karnataka



Sri. M.S. Husur, Chief Warder, Central Prison, Bengaluru, was awarded with the prestigious 'President's Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service' on the occasion of Independence Day, 2017.

Kerala

Community Development through Polytechnic Centre was inaugurated at Central Prisons and Correctional Home



Sri. Kadakampally Surendran, Honorable Minister for Co-Operation, Tourism and Devaswoms, Kerala, inaugurating the Community Development through Polytechnic Centre. Sri. O. Rajagopal, MLA, Smt. R. Sreelekha IPS, DG Prisons and CS etc. are also seen in the picture.

Thiruvananthapuram: Sri. Kadakampally Surendran, Honorable Minister for Co-Operation, Tourism and Devaswoms, Kerala, inaugurated a sub-centre of Community Development through Polytechnic Project in collaboration with Government Central Polytechnic, on 6th Sep 2017 at Central Prisons and Correctional Home, Thiruvananthapuram. The key objective of the centre is to provide vocational training in trades such as welding, plumbing, steel furniture fabrication, DTP etc. to prison inmates. Sri. O. Rajagopal, MLA, presided over the function and Smt. R. Sreelekha IPS, DG Prisons and CS delivered the keynote address. Sri. S. Venkataraman, Chief General Manager, SBI, was the guest of honor. Sri. B. Pradip, DIG of Prisons, Sri. S. Santhosh, Superintendent, Sri. K.A. Kumaran, Chief Welfare Officer etc.

Tamil Nadu

Prisoners, cops run in Puzhal marathon

Chennai: A mini marathon for prisoners was conducted in Puzhal prison on the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day on 10th September 2017.



Prisoners in Puzhal along with Tamil Nadu prisons ADGP C. Sylendra Babu IPS participate in the mini marathon.

Tamil Nadu ADGP & IG Prisons C. Sylendra Babu joined the prisoners in the event held on Puzhal campus. More than 60 prisoners participated in the event in which a few prison officers too ran, prison sources said. "Running every day, apart from keeping oneself fit, will also boost morale and clear your head," ADGP Sylendra Babu said. (Source) www.deccanchronicle.com, 12.09.2017

Drama and street play training workshop organized at Central Prison, Puzhal



Participants of drama and street play training workshop with Sri. Nazar, film star, and Smt. V. Rukmani Priyadarshini, Superintendent of the Prison.

Chennai: A training workshop on drama and street play was organized at Central Prison-I, Puzahl, Chennai on 14th September 2017. 25 inmates participated in the training and they also performed a street play inside the prison premises. Renowned film actor Sri. Nazar was the chief guest for the programme. V. Rukmani Priyadarshini, Superintendent of the Prison also attended the function.

Telangana

Cherlapally inmates to grow herbs: Telangana State Prison Department

Hyderabad: As a part of the Inmate Skills Development (ISD), training will soon be provided to the prison inmates at Cherlapally central prison. The inmates will be trained to cultivate medicinal herbs. The training is a part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Telangana State Prison Department and Himalaya Drug Company. As a part of the training, 5 acres of land within the prison will be used to cultivate Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) and Tulsi. Himalaya will provide the inmates with seeds. This is being done with the aim to re-skill the inmates before their reintegration into society.

(Source: <http://www.newindianexpress.com/>, 24.08.2017)



Sri. A Narashima, Inspector General of Prisons, Telangana State Prison Department and Dr. SVG Krishna Sastry, Head of Agrotech Operations, Himalaya Drug Company exchanging MoUs. (Source: <http://www.bbnnews.in/>)

News from other States

BPR&D organized a two-day National Conference on "Uniformed Women in Prison Administration", 14th-15th September 2017

New Delhi: The Bureau of Police Research and Development, New Delhi organized a two-day National Conference on "Uniformed Women in Prison Administration" from 14th-15th September 2017. The Minister of State for Home Affairs Sri. Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Conference. Ms. Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Chairperson, National Commission for Women addressed the Valedictory Session.

During the two-day Conference a panel of distinguished speakers, comprising Smt. R Sreelekha, DG Prisons and Correctional Services, Kerala, Prof. G S Bajpai, National Law University, New Delhi and Prof. Sabiha Hussain, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi addressed the following issues –Bangkok Rules and Role of Woman Prison Officers; Role of Woman Prison Officers in Rehabilitation of Prisoners; Gender Neutrality among Prison Officers – A Woman's Perspective; Prisoners with Special Needs (Juvenile, Transgender and Senior Citizen); Duties of Prison Officers. Dr. M. C. Borwankar, DG, BPR&D and senior officers were present on the occasion. Shri Sudhir Yadav, DG Prisons, Tihar, Shri V K Singh, DG Prisons, Telangana and Shri R P Agrawal, DG Prisons, Meghalaya were among the dignitaries who deliberated during the two-day conference.

International News

There's a long line to get into prison in Iceland – up to 5 years waiting time

Reykjavik: 560 people are waiting to go to prison in Iceland after being convicted of crimes. If more than 5 years pass after sentencing without people going to prison, the sentence becomes invalid and they don't need to serve time. According to RÚV (The Icelandic National Broadcasting Service) so far this year, 17 sentences have become invalid, 34 last year. Páll Winkel, Director of prisons in Iceland, tells RÚV that the overcrowding problem isn't new, and for the last 10 years the waiting list has become increasingly long. And that more sentences will become invalid unless the Parliament gives permission to hire more prison guards.

He added that dangerous criminals are incarcerated sooner than those who are considered less dangerous, as well as those who continue committing crimes after their sentence. (Source: <http://www.icenews.is/>).

Thailand is the first country in the world to embrace the United Nations' Nelson Mandela Rules to improve the quality of life of prisoners

Bangkok: The Corrections Department and Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) launched the one-year pilot project on the implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules at the remand prison in Bangkok's Bang Bon district. The fundamental principles of Nelson Mandela Rules include the protection of human rights and dignity of inmates, abolition of torture and inhumane punishment, and overall good treatment of prisoners. The new rules will guide and improve prison management, said Somchai Sianglai, adviser to the minister of justice. Introducing best practices would not only benefit the inmates, but also help improve the reputation and performance of the Thai justice system, he added. (Source: <http://www.nationmultimedia.com/>)

Inmates get mail from home on tablets

Singapore: The Singapore Prison Service (SPS) has launched a new programme on experimental basis wherein about 800 inmates across four prison institutions can now access a suite of mobile applications on shared tablets. The tablets are connected to a secure internal network and can be used by inmates in their cells. Sending and receiving e-letters takes only about four days, while handwritten ones could take several weeks. E-letters are digitally screened by prison officers using a content search function before they go to the inmates' accounts with a click of a button. Inmates are allowed to send four letters a month and each e-letter can take up to 20,000 characters. Besides reading letters, the tablet allows inmates to catch up on current affairs. The inmates can also read one of the 600 e-books available on the tablet, instead of waiting to visit the prison library escorted by prison officers. (Source: <http://www.straitstimes.com/>).

Photo Feature



Sri. K. Subhashm, Deputy Jailor from Telangana, receiving the medal for Best in Outdoor from Sri. R. Kanagaraj, DIG of Prisons, Madurai Range, Tamil Nadu during the convocation function. Sri. V.S. Raja, Director, Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director are also seen.

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Participants of 3-day 'Change Management Course for Prison Officers' along with Chief Guest, Director, Deputy Director and Faculty Members of APCA.

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