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Prof. (Dr.) T.H. Ansar, hails from Ernakulum District of Kerala, is currently working as Professor of Prison Administration at the Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration (A joint establishment of the Govt. of India and Govts. of Southern States to train uniformed and non-uniformed prison officers from across the Country), Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

He has obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the M.G. University, Kottayam in 2004 and M.A in Criminology with first rank and gold medal in 2006 and Doctorate in Criminology in 2013 from the University of Madras, Chennai and a PG Diploma in Human Rights from M.K. University, Madurai in 2014.

He was a university sponsored Visiting Scholar in Criminal Justice Science at the Illinois States University, Normal, USA in the year 2011. He has also completed seven short-term online Courses offered by the UNODC, UNITAR, University of Pretoria, S. Africa etc. on various prison and human rights related subjects.

He has served as the Summary Presenter for the 33rd Asian & Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators (2013) hosted by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India; served as Research Coordinator of APCA for the Major Research Project on Abolition of Death Penalty in India (2014) sponsored by the Penal Reform International, UK; served as a Member in the Committee Constituted by the Government of Goa to study Prison Administration in Goa (2015); served as a member constituted by the BPR&D, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India to prepare Model Training Manual for Prison Officers and Warders (2017); served as Member in the BPD&D Sub Committees for Research and Prison Journals (2018-2020). In the year 2021 he has been invited by the Prisons Department of Karnataka to review the revised version Karnataka Prison Manual-2021. He has completed four major research projects and authored articles on criminology and allied areas. At APCA he handles modules on Prison Administration and Human Rights for various basic and in-service courses. Altogether he has trained around 1500 prison officers from across the Country. At present he is engaged in reviewing certain chapters of the new Model Prison Manual (2023) being prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

He is married to Adv. Dana M. Thajudheen and the couple has a nine year old son.