

BPR&D to bring out a Newsletter on Prisons

Taking up the proposal floated during the Conference of Ministers, Secretaries and DG/IG (Prisons) in Delhi, DG, BPR&D accepted the offer to bring out a quarterly Prison Newsletter to disseminate information about the good practices in different Prison Administrations in the country. Smt. Anita Chaudhary, Additional Secretary(CS), MHA, while speaking on the issue requested the delegates to send self contained write-ups and photographs about the good practices in prisons to DG, BPR&D on regular basis for this purpose.

पं गोविन्द वल्लभ पंत पुरस्कारों की घोषणा

पुलिस अनुसंधान एवं विकास ब्यूरो, गृह मंत्रालय भारत सरकार द्वारा पुलिस तथा न्यायालयिक विज्ञान से संबंधित विषयों पर वर्ष 2007-08 के हिन्दी में उत्कृष्ट लेखन को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए पं गोविन्द वल्लभ पंत पुरस्कारों की घोषणा की गई है। ब्यूरो में इन पुरस्कारों के लिए गठित मूल्यांकन समिति की अनुशंसाओं के अनुसार वर्ष 2007-08 के लिए मार्च 2008 में निम्नलिखित लेखकों को पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

पुस्तक का नाम लेखक का नाम पुरस्कार राशि (रूपये में)

1. अपराध निरोध	श्री हाकिम राय	30,000
2. पुलिस विज्ञान	डा. एस.अखिलेश	30,000
3. भारतीय पुलिस व्यवस्था एवं विवशता	डा. सुरेन्द्र कटारिया	30,000
4. आधुनिकता और महिला उत्पीड़न	श्रीमति मीनाक्षी सिंह	30,000
5. किमीनल मेजर एक्टस	डा. बसंती लाल बाबेल	14,000

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National Conference on Prisons

National Policy on Prison Reforms. He also shared with the Conference some of the notable initiatives taken by BPR&D towards the Correctional Administration in terms of Research, Training, Publication, etc.

Shri N.S. Kalsi, Joint Secretary (CS) MHA, described the efforts made by MHA for modernization of prisons in collaboration with States. He highlighted the progress made by the States in the first phase of Modernization of Prison Scheme and presented outlines of Phase-II of the Scheme.

The technical session of the Conference was presided over by Smt. Anita Choudhary, Additional Secretary (CS), MHA. The DsG/IsG (Prisons) / Secretaries and other representative from different States expressed their view points on the Model Prison Manual and Draft National Policy and on other relevant issues.

While concluding the session, Smt. Anita Choudhary, AS(CS), MHA said that there was need to change the public perception of prison through positive media coverage. She expressed hope that MHA and the States shall be working sincerely with the spirit of cooperation to promote the Prison Reforms in the country at faster pace. The Conference ended with a positive note that most of the States were in agreement with the underlying spirit of Model Prison Manual and the Draft National Policy on Prison Reforms.

Notable Deliberations

- ◆ To set up a special purpose vehicle for quick disbursement of funds to the States.
- ◆ Proper and regular training for prison staff.
- ◆ Developing a database of prisons.
- ◆ To set up separate high security jails.
- ◆ Provision of Rs. 3500 crore for the second phase of Modernization of Prison Scheme.

Shri Madhukar Gupta, Union Home Secretary, in his welcome address, emphasized upon the importance of bringing reforms in prison administration which have been a long neglected area of criminal justice system. He underlined the ad-hoc approach of the Prison administration towards the prison related problems. He added that though prison is a state subject, the Union Government has been actively helping the State governments under the Modernization of Prison Schemes both financially and training supportwise.

Shri K. Koshy, DG, BPR&D apprised the Conference of the major recommendations of the Draft

**Our Prime Focus must be on Reforming Prisoners : HM**

National Conference on Prisons and Correctional Administration



Inaugural Session of Conference :Smt. Anita Choudhary, AS(CS),MHA,Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Hon'ble Minister of State, Hon'ble Shri Shivraj V. Patil, Union Home Minister, Sh.Madhukar Gupta, Union Home Secretary, Sh.K.Koshy, DG,BPR&D.

An All India Conference of Ministers, Secretaries & Directors/Inspectors General In-charge of Prisons was jointly organized by the MHA and the BPR&D on 25th April, 2008 at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi to discuss the draft National Policy on Prison Reforms and Correctional Administration, Model Prison Manual for the Superintendence and Management of Prisons in the Country and also to review the progress of Prison Modernization Scheme.

Shri Shivraj Patil, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, while addressing inaugural session of the Conference, emphasized that our prime focus must be on reforming prisoners. While dwelling upon the concept of Open Prison System, he maintained that its full implementation would promote the cause of correctional philosophy in a big way. He, therefore, called upon the States to expand system of open jails to the extent feasible by making use of Modernization of Prison Scheme.

Shri Patil, while focusing upon the Draft Policy Document, appreciated its well-researched recommendations for amending the existing laws and upgradation of prison infrastructure to translate the modern day philosophy of reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners into action. He urged all the participants to express their considered views before it is finalised.

Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, in his address to the Conference observed that prison administration has on its hand the challenging task to maintain a delicate balance between the safety and security of the society on one hand and to preserve the human dignity of the prisoners on the other. He hoped that with the implementation of many a measure contemplated in the Draft National Policy and Modernisation of Prison Scheme the prison administration all over the country shall get strengthened adequately to perform their expected role effectively.

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CDTS Training

The Central Detective Training School(CDTS) at Chandigarh, Kolkata and Hyderabad conducted the following courses during the months of March-April, 2008 for the Investigating Officers of the States and Central Police Organizations:

Course on Investigation of NDPS Cases

A five-day Course was conducted at CDTS, Chandigarh from 3.3.2008 to 7.3.2008. Police officers from different parts of the country and abroad (Bhutan, Bangladesh and Maldives) attended the course. Out of 34 officers who attended the course four were from



"Crime Scene Investigation" Course conducted by CDTS, Kolkata



Course on Investigation of NDPS cases held at CDTS Chandigarh

abroad. The Narcotics Control Bureau and Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh conducted the theory and practical sessions of the course.

Course on Crime Scene Investigation: This Course was also conducted at CDTS, Chandigarh and Kolkata from 10.3.08 to 14.3.08. Thirty Police Officers from India and countries like Afghanistan, Maldives and Pakistan attended the Course. Various simulation exercises were conducted during the course.

Course on Counter-insurgency and Jungle Warfare

Four courses on Pre-Induction Training on "Counter-insurgency and Jungle Warfare" for the police personnel of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar were organized. The courses were conducted with the help of Indian Army.

Workshops on "Trafficking in Persons and role of Police"

Two Workshops- cum- Seminars on "Trafficking in Persons respectively and role of Police" held on 3rd and 25th March, 2008 at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban and Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur were organized for the IPS Officers and DSPs. Thirty seven Police Officers including the SPs, ASPs, and DSPs participated in the Workshop- cum -Seminar.

Workshop on VIP protection Management

"ATA-6546 India VIP Protection Management Workshop cum Seminar (VIPWS)" was held at National Industrial Security Academy, CISF, Hyderabad from 10-14 March, 2008 with the help of U.S. Trainers. In all, 24 Officers from Central Police Forces and State Police Forces attended the workshop. The major topics discussed in the seminar were the Leadership basics; Organization and Supervision of details; Formations and Motorcades; Conduct of Advances and Command Post and Communications Centre set up; Management of Protective Intelligence; Administration and Training and Supervision & Coaching for the VIP Protection Manager.

Programme for women Police Officers

BPR&D conducted its first Programme for Women Police Officers of the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police/Assistant Commissioner of Police to Assistant Sub-Inspector on "Self Development and Conflict Management" at the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi from 31st March, 2008 to 2nd April, 2008. In all, 28 police Officers participated from different State Police Forces.

Training of Trainers

A training course for Trainers was organized at Panaji (Goa) from 24-29 March, 2008 with the help of National Resource Persons. Fifteen officers from Goa Police participated in the course.

Expert Committee meeting

BPR&D organized a meeting of the Expert Committee on "Mid Career Training for IPS Officers" at the BPR&D Headquarters in New Delhi on 28th April 2008.

BPR&D also coordinated the following specialized training courses at the Central Training Institutes for State Police personnel:

- Unarmed Combat Course
- Anti-Terrorist and VIP Protection Commando Course
- Identification and Handling of explosives Course

Development Division



Seminar on Road Safety

BPR&D joined as one of the partners in the Seminar-cum-poster making Competition on Road Safety Education held at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi on 25th April, 2008. The function was jointly organized by Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti and Human Foundation & Universal Helpage Trust. Shri Sanjay Baniwal, Deputy Director, BPR&D co-chaired the event on behalf of the Bureau. The Police representatives from the States of Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttrakhand attended the Seminar.



Up-Armoured Scorpio

Mine Protected Vehicle

A demo-cum-presentation was made on the features of Mahindra Specialized Vehicle called RG-31 Mine protected vehicle and Up-Armoured Scorpio in the BPR&D Headquarters on 9th April 2008. The main features



RG-31 Mine protected vehicle

of both the vehicles were discussed in the meeting. The representatives from CPMFand State police attended and interacted with the company official in the presentation chaired by Shri R C Arora, Director (R&D).

Research Division

Standing Committee Meeting on Police Research

Meeting of the Standing Committee on Police Research in BPR&D was held on 4th April, 2008 at BPR&D Headquarters under the chairmanship of Shri Madhukar Gupta, Union Home Secretary. Shri Sanjay Baniwal, Deputy Director, BPR&D made a presentation on the Research activities of the Bureau in the meeting. The progress made by the Research Division of the Bureau was appreciated by the Chairman and the members of the Committee. A number of important decisions were taken in this meeting which will have significant bearing on the expeditious review and approval of research proposals received in the Bureau.

Presentation on Doctoral Research fellowships

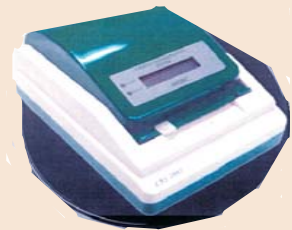
BPR&D reviewed presentation on Ph. D study titled "A Victim of Crime and Compensation laws" by Shri P. G. Phani, a research fellow from Sri Krishna Devaraya University, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh on 4th March, 2008 at the BPR&D Headquarters, New Delhi.

Prison Management System

A presentation was made on the features of Prison Management System developed by Aim Global Solutions Ltd. on 29-04-2008 at the BPR&D headquarters. The management system also can be upgraded to include features like Security and Surveillance, Perimeter Zone sensor alarm, Complete ID Card management, access control and other internet based communication.

Counterfeit Currency Detector (CAS-2002)

BPR&D organized demo-cum-presentation of the Counterfeit Currency Detector(CAS-2002) by the Signature Automation Technologies on 28-03-2008. This device can detect the currency of 20 countries. The system has an embedded micro controller, IR-UV-Magnetic plus metal thread detectors and optical sensing mechanism.



Counterfeit currency Detector

Another Research fellow Shri Ashish Chaddha from the Lucknow University, Lucknow,(UP) also presented his doctoral study on " Impact Analysis of Prison Reforms" on 27th March, 2008 at BPR&D Headquarters New Delhi. Both the studies were rated good by the experts present during the reviews.

MoUs with Unversities

- 28 Universities since signed the MoU with BPR&D
- Six Doctoral fellowships awarded during 2007-08
- 13 Research proposals received from Universities in pursuance to the MoU
- Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi, recently signed an MoU with BPR&D.