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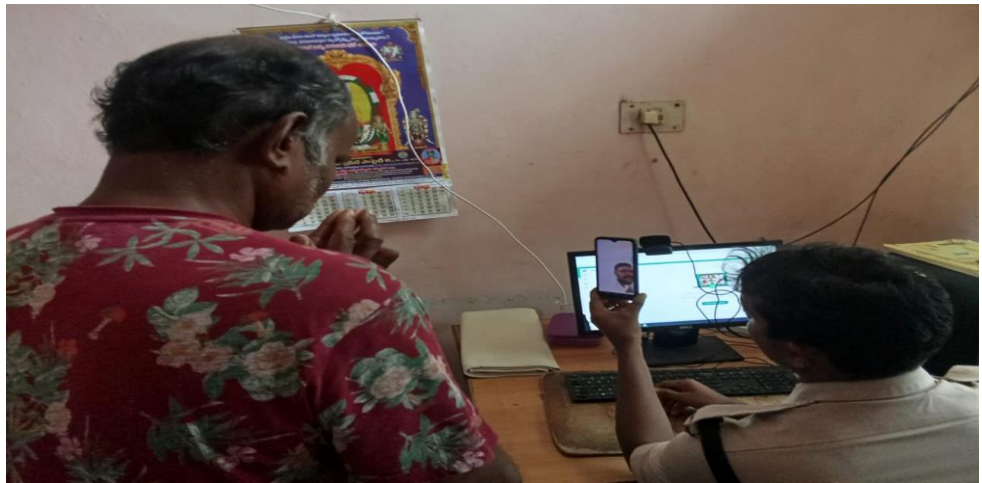
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1. **Andhra Pradesh**

(i) **Use of Technology to enhance accountability and transparency :** E-courts, e-Mulakat, e-office, e-prisons, digital health ATC, digital library have been implemented at Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.

(a) **e-Courts:** With the use of digital technologies, e-courts process has been implemented at Central Prison, Visakhapatnam to conduct court proceedings remotely within prison facilities. The prisoners are being produced before the Hon'ble Courts by utilizing the digital facilities, enhancing the accountability and transparency.



(b) **e-Prisons:** The data of every prisoner who is confined in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam has been entered in PMIS portal. It helps to find out the details of the each -and every prisoner, whenever necessary.

(c) **e-mulakaths:** With the use of Digital Technology, prisoners are permitted e-mulakaths. With e-mulakaths, the family members of the prisoners are able to communicate with the prisoner by the use of digital technology.



- (d) **Digital Health ATC:** A Digital Health Any Time Clinic has been established in Prison Hospital and through the ATC, prisoners are able to take tests with in short span of time with the help of technician. With the help of test reports, the prisoners are able to get proper medication and treatment.



- (e) **Digital Library:** With the help of Digital Library, literate and illiterate prisoners are learning education and skills for their rehabilitation purpose so as to be able to eke out their lively hood after their incarceration is over.



(ii) **Positive engagement of Prisoner-**

- (a) **Establishment of HPCL Retail Outlets:** Andhra Pradesh Prisons Department is establishing petroleum retail outlets in collaboration with HPCL and IOCL authorities for effective usage of prison lands and for the purpose of rehabilitation of inmates. Prisoner are being skilled in these retail outlets. Released prisoners and retired employees of prison department are being provided employment in these petroleum outlets.

District Jail, Guntur



Training classes were conducted to the Prisoners District Jail Guntur on handling of Dispensary Unit (DU) by the HPCL officials



At Sub jail, Sattenapalli, Palnadu District, HPCL Retail Outlet has been established. This facilitates in providing job skills and work experience to the prisoners and enables their re-integration with society



Sub jail, Polavaram, and Special Sub Jail, Bheemavaram



HPCL Retail Outlets have been established for rehabilitation purpose of the inmates

(iii) Facilities for women Prisoners-

(a) Social Incubation Center: Counselling is being given to the inmates with the support of NGOs to give moral support to the female inmates.



(iv) **Skill Development and Capacity building of Prisoners-**

- (a) **Skill Development Centre:** A Skill Development Centre has been established in the year 2017, in Central Prison Rajamahendravaram under a centrally sponsored scheme to impart skills to the inmates in various trades. The Prisoners were trained in the trade of Plumbing, Welding and Fabrication, Tailoring, Electrician, Painting, Plumbing, Hair style and Beautician courses etc. along with life skills training. The Prisoners are also being issued uniform, Tool kit, Training related books, certificates to be used in their future employment.



- (b) **Social Incubation Centre:** The objective of the Social Incubation Centre in the jail is counselling the prisoners and to bring out changes in behaviour patterns of prisoners.



Certificate distribution to the female inmates on Completion of Skill Development Course(Maggam Work)

(v) **Reformation and Rehabilitation-**

- (a) **IOCL Petrol Retail Outlet:** is running in District Jail, Ongole with (06) six Life Convict Prisoners by paying wages of Rs.200/- per day besides one Bakery unit and Book Binding unit have also been established for Prisoners reformation



2. Assam

(i) Skill Development and Capacity Building of Prisoners-

(a) **Karagar Se Karigar:** The Government of Assam has launched "Karagar Se Karigar" Scheme on 15th August 2024 across various jails of Assam under Assam Skill Development Mission for skill training of jail inmates in various fields inside the Jail premises.



Inmates engage in manufacturing Cane and Bamboo items



Inauguration of "Karagar se Karigar Scheme" under the Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM) at District Jail Nalbari by Sh. Jayanta Malla Baruah, Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development.

3. Bihar

(i) Innovative journey of literacy in prisons-

The literacy program conducted in the state's prisons has established a new dimension of dissemination of knowledge through its special achievement. In the year 2023, Mandal Jail, Ara created a new dimension of 100% literacy. From January 2024 to 31 July 2024, a total of 888 prisoners passed the literacy test conducted by the Government of Bihar



(ii) Nai Udaan of education in Bihar jails-

There has been remarkable progress in the field of education in Bihar jails. In the year 2023, 1,907 prisoners have enrolled in the programs of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and 1,218 prisoners have enrolled in various educational programs of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).



Smart class facility is available in 28 jails of Bihar. Inmates willing to appear in competitive exams in Bihar jails were identified and provided necessary books for preparation of the respective exams. 5 prisoners (under trial) from 4 jails of Bihar passed the Teacher (10+2, and 1-5) exam in BPSC. In the year 2023, 198 prisoners passed the NIOS exam and 112 prisoners passed the IGNOU exam.



(iii) Jail Radio:

Under the ongoing reformatory program in jails, a unique initiative of 'Jail Radio' in the jails of Bihar: Under the ongoing reformatory program in jails, various reformatory programs are being broadcasted through sound broadcasting by installing radio in jails, so that better mental development of prisoners can take place. Jail radio is being successfully operated in all the central jails and divisional jails (total 42 jails) of Bihar, out of which 'Radio Dosti' started in the model central jail Beur is exemplary. This initiative is not only a medium of information and entertainment for the prisoners, but it also provides them opportunities for mutual communication and expression. This effort to promote creativity and activism in prisoners through jail radio has infused new energy and enthusiasm in their lives.

(iv) Skill Development of Prisoners in Bihar Jails:

The Prisons and Correctional Services is committed to ensure skill development of prisoners so that they can earn their livelihood after returning to the society. From January 2023 to 31 July 2024, a total of 7,243 prisoners have been trained in various skills in Bihar jails. This effort not only leads them towards self-reliance but also helps in rehabilitating them in the society. Through skill development, prisoners get a new hope and an opportunity to take important steps towards self-reliance which ensures their overall development and their positive contribution to the society.



(ii) Actions taken and achievements in the field of prisoner health in 2023

(a) Mental health initiative: Jail staff (Assistant Superintendents and Wardens) have been trained as counsellors by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru. A total of 480 staff have been trained so far.



(b) Prisons- The daily monitoring of prisoners with mental health is done by the headquarters through the “Ongoing Correctional Program Dashboard in Prisons”. Mental health camps are organized every month for the prisoners, in which facilities for mental health checkup and treatment are provided to the prisoners.

(iii) MUKTI Brand- Innovation through manufacturing; 'MUKTI', the brand of Bihar prison industry, is the result of the inspiration and leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar. The MUKTI brand, launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 3rd October 2023, is in itself the story of the survival of prison manufactories and prison industry. Through this brand, the prison system of Bihar has undergone a unique transformation, where prisons are not only places of

confinement but have also become centres of skill development. With "MUKTI", prisoners have got an opportunity to mold their talent and skills into high quality products. This change is especially visible in 10 prisons of the state, where prison manufactories are being operated. Through these manufactories, about 1000 prisoners serving rigorous imprisonment are being provided employment and skill development opportunities.



(iv) Prison Industry: Centre for Skill Training-

In an effort to reach out to the general public, Mukti Bazaar has been opened as a pilot project in 5 central prisons. Special attention has been paid to the quality of products and ease of access in Mukti Bazaar so that not only curiosity can be aroused in the minds of the people about the products made in prisons but also a step can be taken towards reform.



(v) **Mukti-Bazaar:** Mukti-Bazaar is spreading the message to every section of the society that every person has a unique talent inside him which needs to be recognized and nurtured. This market not only sells products but also

sells the hope and dream of a better tomorrow. Every purchase here is a step towards improvement.

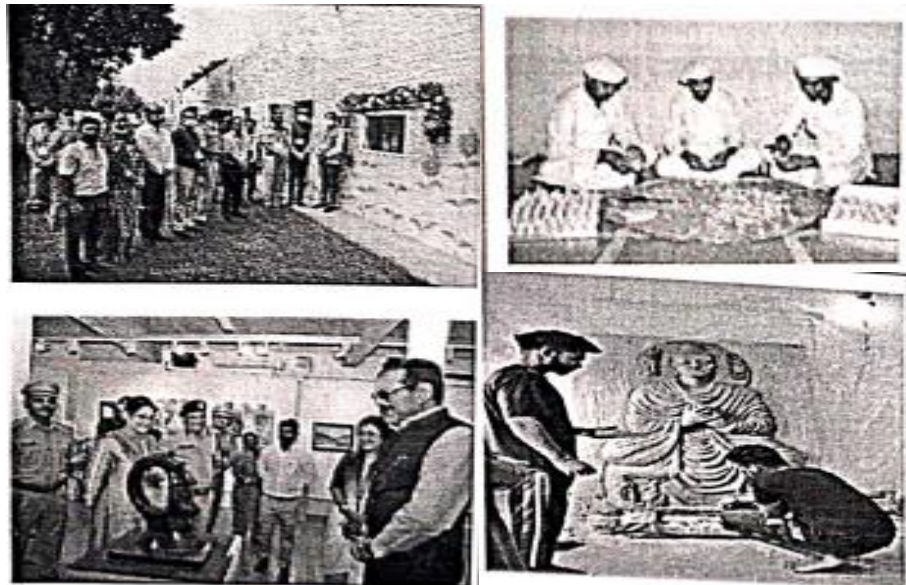


Image: Mukti Bazar was inaugurated by Smt. (Dr.) N. Vijaya Lakshmi, Principal Secretary, Animal and Fisheries Resources Department on 19.01.2024. On this occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Inspector General, Prisons and Correctional Services visited Mukti Bazar.

4. Chandigarh

(i) Positive Engagement of Prisoners

- (a) **Painting:** The Department of Prison & Correctional Administration has set up Paintings, Sculptures and Art & Craft unit in the Model Jail, Chandigarh. The inmates are provided in the training in the Art & Craft skills through a professional Art Teacher.



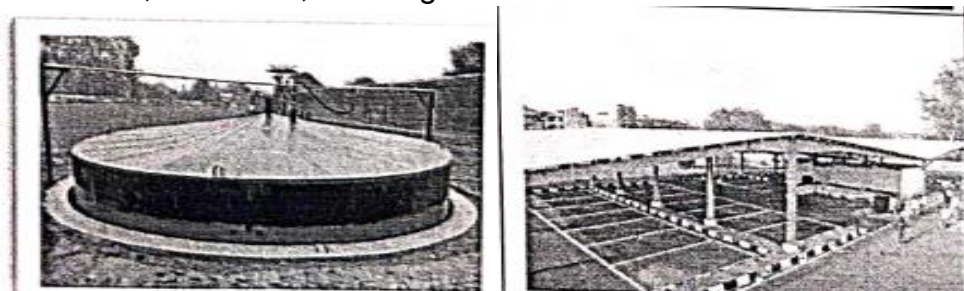
The Art works include exquisite canvas paintings, intricate waste paper sculpture art, unique waste wood lampshades, and beautifully painted planters, all created by the talented hands of the inmates.

- (b) Sweet / namkeen making skills are also taught to the inmates and sweet/ namkeen items (khoya barfi, besan barfi, laddoo, sandwiches, samosa etc.) are supplied to the jail canteen and sold through the outlets of the Jail at Gate no. 1 at Model Jail, Chandigarh and Nav Srijan (Showroom) at Sector-22 D, Chandigarh.
- (c) **Candle Making Unit:** A Candle making unit has been set up in the Model Jail, Chandigarh. Special perfume/ scented candles are being prepared by the inmates.
- There is huge demand of candles on the occasion of Diwali festival. The candles are sold to the general public at Nav Srijan Chandigarh Showroom, Sector-22.
- (d) **Gulal Making Unit:** The Gulal Making Unit was started in the jail on 07.03.2017.

- The inmates are provided training for Gulal making trades. These items are prepared on festival seasons and inmates are encouraged to get training in these small skills so as to make them self reliant.
- (e) **Stitching:** The uniform of the inmates are stitched and the stitched kurta pajama are also supplied to the Khadi Ashram and sold to Nav Srijan Store. Uniforms of more than 6000 of Anganwari children is being stitched.
- (f) **Carpentry:** The inmates are taught skills of carpentry in the jail. Furniture items such as office furniture, commercial furniture and replicas of furniture designed by Le-Corbusier are made by inmates. The furniture is supplied to the govt. offices and also sold to the public through outlet available at gate no. 1 in Model jail and at Nav-Srijan (Showroom), SCF No. 6, Sector-22-D, Chandigarh.
- (g) **Grinding Unit:** Grinding Unit has been set up in the Jail where spices like Turmeric powder, Coriander Powder, Garam Masala are being grinded. The spices are used in the Jail and also sold to the General Public at our outlet Nav Srijan, Showroom, SCF No. 6, Sector-22, Chandigarh. Flours like Raggi Atta, Besan, Chana Atta, Bajra Atta, Wheat Atta are also been grinded in the Grinding Section and sold to the General Public at above said outlet.

(iii) **Environment Friendly measures-**

- Model Central Jail, Sector-51, Chandigarh has now become self-reliant and meets all its energy requirements through solar power with a total Capacity kWp (On-Site Power Solar of 710 Plant installation of 360 kWp under the net metering arrangement and Off-Site Solar Power Plant installation of 350kWp at Outer parking area under Virtual Net- Metering.
- A Biogas Plant has been set up in the Model Jail, Chandigarh with the capacity of 200 CCU.
- By setting up above said Bio Gas plant Agricultural/ Food waste of Jail are also used in the Biogas Plant and 75-90 kgs gas is being produced daily. Presently, Cow Dung is being supplied by the Gaushala, Sector-45, Chandigarh.



5. Gujarat

(i) Positive Engagement of Prisoners-

(a) **Sports & Games:** Prisoners are encouraged to exercise and engage in sports. Arrangements have been made for inmates to play volleyball, tennis, cricket & other outdoor sports. Arrangements for indoor games such as chess, ludo and carom are also in place.

Intercontinental **“Chess for Freedom”** online chess championship was also organized in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

In addition to it, various types of spiritual, cultural, moral and religious lectures/Programmes are organized regularly in the state prisons to help the inmates stay stress-free, abandon criminal life and stay away from addictions. Apart from this, yoga, Vipasana, indoor and outdoor games are also being organized.



Skill Development & Capacity Building of prisoners-

(b) Diamond Polish, Two Wheeler Repairing Training, Sanitary Napkin, Voice Recording, Agarbatti Making, RCC Bench Making, Basic Computer Training, Masonry Training, Carpentry Training, AC Repairing, Painting, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrician, Waste Plastic, and Charkha Training are being taught in state jails on a training-co-production basis so as to provide inmates with job-oriented training. As a result, offenders, learn skills while in jail and can re-establish themselves as good citizens in society, upon release. Along with employment-oriented training, they are also paid an honorarium at a defined amount.



(ii) **Prisoner Health Care**

- (a) **E-Mulakat**: Telephone facilities have been made available in jail premises free of cost so that they can stay in touch with their families and be aware of their situation. E-Mulakat System has also been started free of cost so that inmates can stay in touch with their kith and kin.



- (b) **Mental health and wellbeing**: Forensic Mental Health Unit cum De-radicalization center at Ahmedabad Central Jail in association with RRU was started as a pilot project - involving psychologists - to identify mental health issues & offer Psychological therapies - like mental health examination, forensic psychological assessments, psychological therapies, psycho-education and need based interventions.
- (c) **Socio Psychological Care Centres**: have been set up at Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Vadodara Jails by the State Legal Services Authority and the District Legal Services Authority in association with RRU to help the prisoners in the state jails to come out of their mental stress.
- (d) **“Samarth” Psychological Care Centre**: A mental Welfare Programme for inmates has been started in Central Jail, Ahmedabad.



(iii) **Environmental Friendly measures-**

Organic Waste Machine has been installed at Ahmedabad Open Jail in collaboration with Astral Foundation through which organic manure is made from vegetable waste and food waste which helps in organic farming in the open jail. Also additional manure is sold in the market, and the amount is being used for the welfare of the inmates.



(iv) **Reformation & Rehabilitation-**

(a) **EK Nayi Ummeed Scheme:** एक नई उम्मीद scheme has been implemented on the auspicious occasion of 15th August to encourage the education among the prisoners as well as their children. This scheme encourages the inmates as well their children for higher studies to help them to come out from their criminal mentalities and re-integrate themselves into the society after being released from Jails. Inmates also get prize money of Rs.1001 and Rs. 1501 respectively for completing the Std-10 and Std-12 or higher studies from jails. Children of inmates are also eligible to get the prize money under the said scheme.

(b) **Rehabilitation:** Industries like weaving, bakery, carpentry, tailoring, Bhajiya house, laundry, printing press, chemical etc. are run in the jails of the state on a training-cum-production basis to provide job oriented training to the prisoners.

Ahmedabad	Vadodara	Rajkot	Surat	Junagadh	Bhavnagar
Weaving	Weaving	Weaving	Weaving	Weaving	Weaving
Carpentry	Carpentry	Carpentry	--	Carpentry	--
Tailoring	Tailoring	Tailoring	Tailoring	Tailoring	--
Bhajiya House	Bhajiya House	Bhajiya House	Bhajiya House	--	--
Bakery	Bakery	Bakery	Bakery	Bakery	Bakery
Laundry	Laundry	Laundry	Laundry	Laundry	Laundry
Press	Press	--	--	--	--
--	Chemical	--	---	--	--

(v) **Infrastructural reforms-**

Gujarat Institute of Prisons & Correction Administration ;
The state's first institute **Gujarat Institute of Prisons & Correction Administration** is coming up Near RTO Circle, Behind Metro Bridge, Gujarat, Ahmedabad.



It will have all modern facilities and a sports complex along with research and publication wing. A miniature jail will also be made at the institute to provide practical training.

Besides Gujarat, employees and officers from neighboring states too are also proposed to come here for training.

(vi) **Any other best practices adopted and found useful in prisons-**

Radio Prison : Inmate's very own radio station has been started at all 04 Central Jail. All popular radio programmes including music, educational, psychological counselling, entertainment, skill development training courses as well as Hon'ble Prime Ministers "Man Ki Baat" is aired regularly in 4 Central Prisons across the State. The inmates are also being made aware of various Government Welfare Schemes for their benefit. Following the grand success of above project at four central jails, State Prison Department is in process of implementing Radio Prison at District and Special Jails also.



6. Haryana

(i) Positive Engagement of Prisoners -

- (a) **Gaushala:** A Gaushala has been established at District Jail, Karnal for stray cows so that prisoners can be trained to upkeep/maintain cows (Gaushala) and earn wages by doing the same.
- (b) **Miyawaki:** In District Jail premises Rohtak a "Miyawaki" forest has been developed at one acre land. The same is also scheduled to be developed in other Jails in the State.
- (c) **Bakery units:** Bakery units have been established in all the major jails in the State like Central Jail, Ambala, Hisar-I, Hisar-II, District Jail, Rohtak, Karnal, Gurugram, Bhiwani, Sirsa, Sonipat, Jind, Kurukshetra, Narnaul, Kaithal, Faridabad, Yamunanagar, Panipat, Jhajjar and Nuh, where convicts are being trained in making bun, bread, and biscuits. Sweets and namkeen making skill are also taught to the inmates etc. The Sweets and namkeen items (Khoya, Barfi, laddoo, Samosa) etc. are supplied at the jail canteen and sold through the outlets of the jails gate.
- (d) **Fuel Station:** One Fuel Station at District Jail, Kurukshetra has been established and operationalized since June, 2022 with the collaboration of Indian Oil Corporation Limited. Proposal for establishment of eleven more similar petrol pumps at various Jails is under active consideration.
- (e) **Jail Radio:** Jail Radio Station through which the prisoners will get a chance to put out their hidden talent like singing, poetry etc was inaugurated on 16.01.2021 by the Hon'ble Jail Minister, Haryana in District Jail, Panipat. Till now, 10 out of 20 jails in Haryana already have prison radio stations where more than 100 inmate have been trained as radio jockeys, including women inmates.
- (f) **The Oil / Flour Mills:** Five Oil flour mills have been installed in the five jails of Haryana State ie District Jail, Gurugram, Faridabad, Jhajjar, Rohtak and District Jail, Nuh.
- (g) **Details of Factory Productions:** Various items have been made in the factory section of the Jails of Haryana state including Carpentry, Tailoring, Tents, Canning, Printing work, Electric work, Bag Making, Welding work, Polishing work etc.
- (h) **Sale Figure of Suraj Kund Mela for the Year 2024:** The total sale of Suraj Kund Mela, Faridabad held in February 2024 is Rs. 1,00,77,120/- (Rupees one crore seventy seven thousand

one hundred twenty only). The products from various jails as made by prisoners are displayed in the Mela.

- (ii) **Skill development and capacity:** IGNOU and NIOS Centres have been established in most of prisons and the prisoners are encouraged to enhance their education. "Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan" is also being run with the help of educated prisoners. Vocational Training is also provided in various trades. Candle making, pickle making and painting units has been set up in the jails of Haryana where inmates are being provided training through professional trainers.

- (iii) **Environmental Friendly measures Solar Power Plants:** the Haryana Prison Department has now become self-reliant and meet all its energy requirements through solar power with a total capacity of these Solar grid power plants being about 4.5 MW. Grid Connected Roof-top Solar Power Plants have been installed at various jails of Haryana, (except two small jails, District Jail, Rewari and District Jail, Palwal), as well as Head Office

7. Himachal Pradesh

- (i) **Positive engagement of Prisoners:** Himachal Pradesh has taken innovative steps to positively engage prisoners :
- (a) **Vocational Training:** Inmates are provided with opportunities to learn various vocational skills such as carpentry, tailoring, welding and agriculture, etc. This helps them acquire skills that offer them skills once they are released, facilitating their reintegration into society.
 - (b) **Education Initiatives:** Several prisons in Himachal Pradesh offer formal education programs, including literacy classes for those who have not had the chance to complete their education, Inmates are encouraged to pursue education up to higher secondary levels and even beyond.
 - (c) **Spiritual and Mental Wellness Programs:** Yoga, meditation, and counselling are incorporated into daily routines to help inmates manage stress, anger, and depression. These practices are aimed at improving their mental health and overall well-being.
 - (d) **Productive Employment:** Some prisons have initiated schemes where inmates engage in producing goods like furniture, textiles, and handicrafts. These products are sold, and inmates can earn wages, which gives them financial support for the future.
 - (e) **Cultural and Recreational Activities:** Sports, music, and arts are promoted as part of the rehabilitation process. Inmates are encouraged to participate in cultural programs and competitions that help them channel their energies positively.
 - (f) **Open Jail System:** Himachal Pradesh also has an open jail system, where inmates who exhibit good behaviour are allowed to live and work outside the prison walls under minimal supervision. This system promotes trust, responsibility, and gradual reintegration into society.
- (ii). **Facility for women Prisoners:** Himachal Pradesh Prisons are the only such organization in the country that has taken the bold initiative of finding jobs for incarcerated women outside the prisons. The Open Air Jail program is working in all the prisons of Himachal Pradesh. Alive to the health and hygiene requirements of women inmates, the Prisons Department has started a Sanitary Napkin making unit in Model Central Jail, Nahan and napkins are being provided to all women inmates of Himachal Pradesh, free of charge. Crèche has been opened for proper development of children of female prisoners.

- (iii). **Reformation and Rehabilitation:** Under Himakara Unnayan Samiti, Pehal Store, Agriculture, Canteen Unit, Welding Unit, Soap Unit, Establishment of Plant Nursery, Weaving & Handlooms, Dairy Farming Carpentry. Tailoring, Bakery etc have been started. The prisoners are earning wages and also being trained as per their interest and skills in the field of various ventures. During the year 2022. 330 inmates were trained in various ventures.
- The Department of Prisons & Correctional Services has established first of its kind waste management facility/system in Lala Lajpat Rai, District & Open Air Correctional Home, Dharamshala. The two-pronged initiatives includes leading waste segregation and up cycling of different waste materials to the prisoners.

8. KARNATAKA

(i) Use of Technology to enhance Accountability and Transparency

- Video Conference Units are installed at all Prisons for production of inmates to various Hon'ble Courts. Around 75-80% of inmates are produced through VC.
- CCTV Cameras have been installed in all Prisons for effective monitoring of movements of inside and outside area of the prison premises.
- X-Ray Baggage Scanners, HHMD, DFMD, NLJD, MESA, FG 01 Security Pole, Body Worn Cameras have been installed for effective screening and searching of contraband articles in prison.
- For effective blocking of mobile signals inside the prisons the department installed 03 T-HCBS(Towers of Harmonious Call Blocking System) at Central Prison, Bengaluru and steps have been initiated to install at remaining 07 central prisons and 01 district prison.
- Necessary action has been initiated to upgrade the existing mobile jammers from 2G/3G to 5G technology through TCIL.
- e-Prisons application is implemented in all the Prisons for maintaining the details of all prison inmates and the data available in e-Prisons are being fetched by all the stakeholders of ICJS(Inter Operable Criminal Justice System)
- e-Mulakhat and Prison Call System facility has been provided to prison inmates to communicate with their family as well as advocates

(ii) Skill development and Capacity Building of Prisoners

- Skill development programs are being organized to prison inmates in co- ordination with the State Skill Development Corporation and National Skill Development Corporation as well as Non - Government Organizations (NGO's) to enhance the skills of inmates making them to become self- reliant after their release from prison. Extensive skill development program has been started in all the prisons in the various 25 trades like electrician, carpentry, Gardener, Tailoring, IT, Apparels, Hospitality, etc.

9. Kerala

(i) Precision Farming and mechanized farming practices

- District Jail, Viyyur, with the assistance of Kerala Agriculture Engineering Department implemented Precision Farming and mechanized farming practices during the year 2023-24. For the financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rupees 1,50,000/- was allotted to District jail Viyyur for the implementation of Vocational Training to Prisoners. Training in "Drip irrigation and Precision farming" is imparted in the jail with the help of Kerala Agricultural Engineering Department. Around four acres of land outside the jail, which was un used for decades, was turned into a farm called "Puthiyedam Krishi Bhoomi" by building a wall and protecting the existing trees from the attacking of wild animals.
- The inmates were trained in various agricultural implements such as tractors, tillers, lawn mowers, drip irrigation and cultivated various types of vegetables. A well was also constructed by utilizing the man power of the inmates, for water for agricultural purposes.
- At present, about half a ton of vegetables are being produced from this farm. As a model of sustainable development, "Puthiyedam Krishi Bhoomi" will continue to be an asset to the food security of District Jail, Viyyur. It also excels in the production of natural curry leaves, green chillies, mint and coriander etc.

10. Madhya Pradesh

(i) Jaadu Ki Jhappi-Jail Ki Saugat:- Jaadu Ki Jhappi-Jail Ki Saugat, Santan

Sparsh meeting was organized with the children aged between 03 years to 13 years of convicted prisoners in the district jail and sub jails under Circle Jail Narsinghpur. The love of the family and the smile of the children in this dimension not only removes every tension, but also inspires a good life. People avoid doing many wrong deeds so that the family does not face any crisis. The happiness of hugging the children, making them sit on the lap and feeding them is so satisfying that it is many times more than any medicine for depression.

(ii) The jail administration started “Kanha Jail Cafe” in Central Jail Narsinghpur.

The mothers, sisters and other relatives of the prisoners who come to meet them from far-flung areas, get proper place to sit, clean environment for food and the relatives of the prisoners do not face any problems.



(iii) **Kaidi Ki Baat-DG Ke Sath:-** In order to listen to the problems of prisoners lodged in Madhya Pradesh jails and solve them in a proper manner, the practice of communicating with prisoners through video conferencing (VC) on a weekly basis was started. Undertrial and convicted female and male prisoners are selected through e-prison software at the jail headquarters level. This type of program provides a platform to the prisoners in the jail to connect with the department, express their views, share their problems and suggestions. Through this new initiative, the top officials of the jail headquarters are helped in preparing and implementing new reform plans for the jails.

11. **NAGALAND**

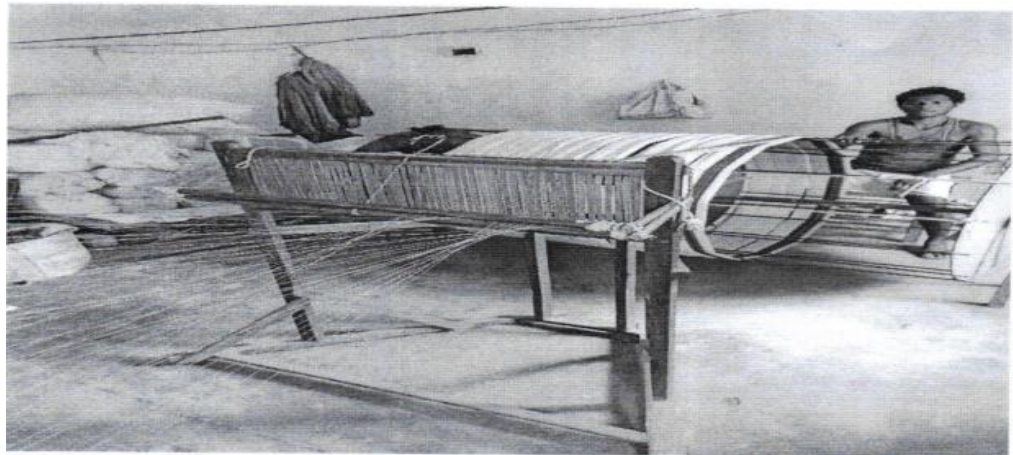
- (i) **Skill Development & Capacity Building of prisoners:** Inmates of various jails are imparting training on tailoring, Basket making, painting Mura (Traditional stool) making & other handicraft making. The jails offer training in masonry & painting jobs through the jails renovation works. These programs provide inmates with practical skills that are in demand in the market preparing them for self-employment once they are out from jails. A sanitary manufacturing unit is established at Central Jail Dimapur involving the inmates in the manufacturing process.

- (ii) **Environmental Friendly measures:** In order to promote environmental sustainability, inmates are engaged in gardening activities, where they cultivate organic vegetables and fruits. Bee keeping is also taken up in some jails.

12. Odisha

- (i) Skill development training on Assistant Beauty Therapist (for female) and Assistant Hair Stylist (for male) is being imparted to the inmates of different jails of Odisha through an outside organization 'Indulge the Salon'.
- (ii) One Community Radio Station has been set up at Spl Jail, Bhubaneswar with collaboration with '**Amulya Jeevan Foundation (AJF)**' for Skill Development of the inmates. Technicians and experts are also engaged by the **AJF**.
- (iii) One Recreation Center has been set up in the Spl.Jail, Bhubaneswar to impart training on Wall Art/ Drawing/ Music/ Drama etc to the inmates of Spl Jail, Bhubaneswar through eminent resource person.
- (iv) Apart from that, the inmates of Jails are provided with different skill development training through the District Authorities on making of Phenyl, Sabai grass furniture, craft and weaving, Welding mushroom cultivation, candle, textile printing, soap, LED Bulb, Computer Application, Bakery product etc.
- (v) Vocational training on Agarbati making, Papad making, pickle making, vermin compost, Dairy farming, mobile phone repairing, poultry farming, electrical work, Bee keeping, Fish processing, Goat and Sheep farming etc is being imparted to the inmates of different Jails through the District Authorities.

- (vi) **Skill Development and Capacity Building of prisoners.** Near about 50 Numbers of convict prisoners were engaged in different works inside this Special jail, Rourkela. Weaving, tailoring, LED bulb making, phenyl manufacturing, agriculture and handloom are major training areas.



- (vii) **Durry making Unit of Special Jail, Rourkela:** The final goods of those industries are supplied to prison inmates and also sold to the public. The profits are deposited into the government account through the Treasury Challan.



13. **PUNJAB**

(i) **Use of Technology to enhance accountability and transparency.**

(a) **Prison Inmates Calling System (PICS):** To enable the inmates to establish contact with outside world i.e. their relatives/family/advocates, PICS has been installed in all prisons of Punjab. Through this system, all the prisoners are allowed to make audio calls on 5 pre-sanctioned number for 10 minutes daily. The calls made through PICS are recorded and can also be monitored by the officers/officials of the prison at any time.

(b) **Canteen Management System (CMS):** For the Welfare of the inmates, Welfare Canteens have been established in the prisons in order to enable them to purchase authorised daily use items. To bring transparency accountability and to ensure cashless transactions, CMS has been installed in the canteens. During admission, the prisoners issued with a canteen card through CMS to purchase any item from the prison canteen during their stay at prison and all the transaction are done through the card only. Upon release, the balance amount is returned to the concerned prisoner.

(ii) **Measures to reduce overcrowding**

(a) **Camp Courts.** Camp Courts are held regularly in coordination with DLSA to support inmates who are unable to meet bail conditions and providing bail to first time offenders involved in petty offences.

(iii) **Positive Engagement of Prisoners**

(a) **Radio Ujala Punjab.** A Prison Radio System named as 'Radio Ujala Punjab' is also operational in various prisons of the state and these radio stations are run by prisoners under the supervision of prison officials. Motivational/devotional music is played on the radio which acts as a stress reliever for the prisoners.

(iv) **Reformation and Rehabilitation**

(a) **Sikhya Daat.** Through this programme, formal education programmes are offered to the prisoners with the help of National Institute of Open Schooling. IGNOU and Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Open University. The student prisoners have been divided in three categories i.e. Foundation Functional Literacy, 10th/12th- NIOS and Graduation-State Open University.

(v) **Other Best Practices found useful in prisons**

- (a) **T-HCBS:** To prevent use of unauthorised/smuggled mobile phones in prisons, Tower- Harmonics Call Blocking System (T-HCBS) has been installed at Central Jail Amritsar and Central Jail Kapurthala. This has proved to be very useful in preventing unauthorised use of mobile phones in jails

- (b) **Research, Analysis and Intelligence Wing:** To address the issue of organised crime and for collection of intelligence and strengthening the security of prisons, a Research, Analysis and Intelligence Wing has been established at Punjab Prisons. RAI Wing developed intelligence and collate/analyse data generated on e-Prisons, PICS, 181 Helpline and other data sources for generating actionable intelligence. RAI Wing also monitors social media related to prisons and High-Risk Prisoners and work as the nodal point of liaison with the Punjab Police Intelligence Wing and monitor all matters related to notorious criminals particularly gangsters, drug smugglers and anti-national/subversive elements.

14. Uttarakhand

(j) Use of technology to increase accountability and transparency:

- CCTV cameras have been installed in all the prisons of the State and the prisons are monitored from the CCTV control room.
- Data of all the prisoners of the prison is uploaded on the e-prison portal. The records of all the prisoners lodged in the prisons of the state are preserved on the e-prison portal and biometric records (fingerprints) of the prisoners are taken after coming to the prison. The process of linking the Aadhaar number, FIR number and CNR number of all the prisoners on the e-prison portal is in progress.
- Prisoner welfare canteens (Canteen Management System) have been set up for prisoners in prisons, which are completely cashless. Also, the relatives of the prisoners are also depositing the money through Online Payment Gateway.
- Hand Held Metal Detector, Pole Base Ferrous Metal Detector, X-Ray Baggage Scanner are being used for thorough and transparent search of the visitors (prison staff, visitors, prisoners returning from outside and prisoners returning from honourable courts and outside hospitals after appearance) coming to the state's prisons.

(ii) Skill Development and Capacity Building of Prisoners:

- Bakery units have been set up in the State prisons under the Jail Development Board. The buns and biscuits produced in the said bakeries are being given to the prisoners for use, and the buns, biscuits, pastries and cakes etc. produced in the bakeries are being sold to the general public through outlets set up in the prisons.
- Skill development programmes are being conducted in prisons through different institutions, in which prisoners are being trained in computer, electric wiring, flower pots, furniture, candle making, poly bag making, carpet making, envelopes, mushrooms, bamboo crafts, LED, cloth stitching, bakery product making etc. and made skilled, so that the prisoners can take up self-employment and support themselves and their families after being released from prison.
- Training for making wire harnesses is being provided by Minda Corporation in Central Jail, Sitarganj, in which prisoners are being given training and job work.

- Training for Nursery and Pot making - A nursery has been set up in 5 acres of land under the Jail Vikas Ward in Central Jail, Sitarganj, in which prisoners are being given training in floriculture and horticulture by the Horticulture Department.

- Agriculture Work - Wheat and paddy are cultivated by prisoners on 650 acres of land in Central Jail, Sitarganj, which is used for the use of prisoners in Central Jail, Sitarganj. Along with this, the said wheat and rice are also sent to other jails of the state for the use of prisoners for food.

15. **UTTAR PRADESH**

(i) **Prison Administration**

- (a) **Contributive Cooperative Society:** has been setup for jail staff to provide them with financial help in case of untimely deaths, accidents, etc. New Jail Manual also provides for a Staff Welfare Committee to resolve their grievances.



- (b) Separate enclosure and toilets for **Transgenders** have been provided by UP Prison Administration in line with Model Prison Act 2023 Jail staff has also been sensitised towards them.

(ii) **Positive Engagement of Prisoners**

- (a) **Each One Teach One** - already educated and disciplined prisoners are involved to make every prisoner literate. They are given daily wages for teaching.



Dedicated primary teachers from Basic Shiksha Parishad (BSP) teach prisoners on working days of week. For classes 5 and 8, they are also enrolled in schools of BSP. Prisoners who pass in exams are given certificates, with no mention of jail anywhere.

For classes 10th and 12th, prisoners are enrolled and are felicitated on passing exams with good marks. For degree level education, special study centres of IGNOU and UP Rajarshi Tandon Open University have been started in many jails.

Prisoners studying in high school are made to participate in the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister. Prisoners have received participation certificates from NCERT and **Hon'ble Prime Minister's Office (PMO)** many times.

Female literacy is given special focus with smartboard installed in female enclosure in more than 10 jails of UP.

(b) Jail Premier League - To keep the prisoners physically and mentally healthy continuous sports and competitions are organised in prisons in form of **Jail Premier League** and a week-long sports league during Basant Panchami.

(iii) Facilities for Women Prisoners

(a) Sanitary vending machines and even incinerators for disposal are installed within female enclosure.



To secure the future of their small children, they are being taught in prep and nursery within jail. Many jails have even enrolled them and send them to schools

outside. Some have **Anganwadi/Balwadi Centres** established inside female enclosure for child's education



(iv) **Skill Development and Capacity Building of Prisoners**

(a) **OJOP** - under the Skill Development Mission and on the lines of the Uttar Pradesh Government's scheme "One District One Product", prisoners were trained to manufacture the main product of each district. It has been translated into the concept of OJOP - "One Jail One Product" for each jail. **22 jails** are making products under OJOP. Some examples **Tufted carpet in District Jail Gyanpur, Tarkashi works in District Jail Manipuri, Leather shoes in District Jail Agra, Dari works in Central Jail Fatehgarh, Block Printing in District Jail Farrukhabad, Wheat Straw Painting in District Jail Bahraich**



- (b) **Kaushal Vikas Mission:** Prisoners have been skilled under **Kaushal Vikas Mission** in skills like stitching, data entry operator, electrician etc. Many jails in coordination with **RSETI (Rural Self Employment Training Institute)**, **NRLM (National Rural Livelihood Mission)**, **ITI** and **NGOs** have imparted training in skills like mushroom farming, jute products etc. In total, around **15833 prisoners** have been skilled (since Jan 2022).
- (b) **Capacity building:** of prisoners is done not only by means of skill development but also by means of education, religious and spiritual programmes.
- (c) **Outlets:** outside almost all the prisons, display the reformatory image of the prison among the general public by selling the products manufactured by prisoners.

(v) **Sanitation and Drinking Water-**

In-house production of **phenyl and soaps in Naini Central Jail and Agra Central Jail** is used amongst all UP jails to keep premises germ free.



(vi) Environmental Friendly Measures

Central Jail, Fatehgarh has received ISO certification (14001:2015) for its environmentally friendly balance. Keeping in view its environmental friendly measures, a large pond has been constructed in an area of 8 acres in Central Jail, Fatehgarh.



(vii) Any other Best Practices

(a) UP Prison Cooperative System: Drawing inspirations from our Constitution, Articles 19(1)(c) (Fundamental Rights) and 43B (Directive Principles of State Policy), Government of India's vision of 'Sahkar Se Samridhi' ("Prosperity through Cooperatives") is followed. In line with this vision, Cooperative Societies in every Central jails of Uttar Pradesh and some district jails (21 jails in total) have been established :

Unique features of this system are as under :-

- Voluntary membership of prisoners.
- Jail officials act as facilitators and have supervisory authority only.
- Capital contribution by members.
- Provision of raising loan from internal/external source but no private investment allowed.
- Democratic decision-making process.
- Elimination of Red Tapism.
- Every society is an independent unit.
- Along with wages, bonus is also distributed in proportion to their shareholding. 15% of the profit is diverted for prison welfare



(b) Some case studies

(aa) Naini Central Jail, Prayagraj

- Established on 05.03.2010.
- Initial Industries: Iron and Wooden Furniture; and Dairy
- Membership - Currently 40 (started with 17)
- Starting capital as member's contribution - Rs. 2250/-
- Total Capital available - Rs. 44,83,601/-
- Total Current assets - Rs. 5,47,729/-
- Fixed assets include Plant and machinery, e.g. wood working machine - welding machine, grinder machine, air compressor machine, etc.

(ab) Central Jail Varanasi

- Established in 21.03.2012.
- Starting Capital Rs. 7750/-
- Total Cooperative Capital - Rs. 1,03,73,976/-
- Total assets - Rs. 23,44,276/-
- Current members - 61
- Industries - Furniture, Iron and Steel fabrication, Bakery, Motor Garage, Dairy, Food Processing
- Food products are FSSAI registered